



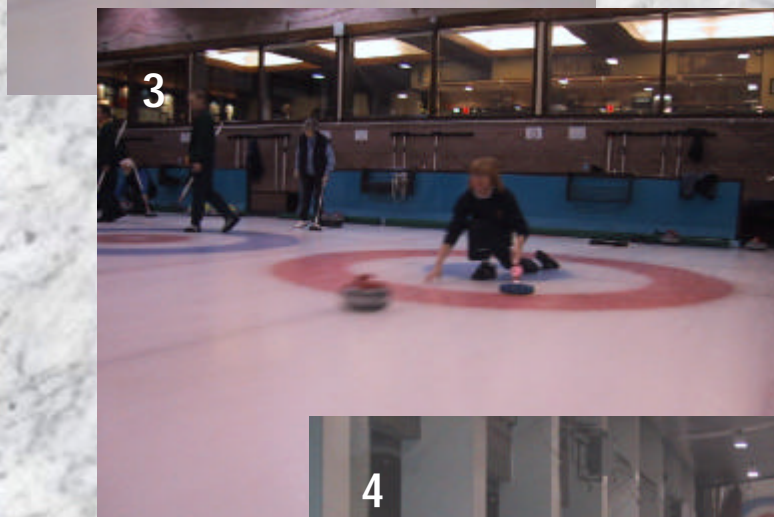
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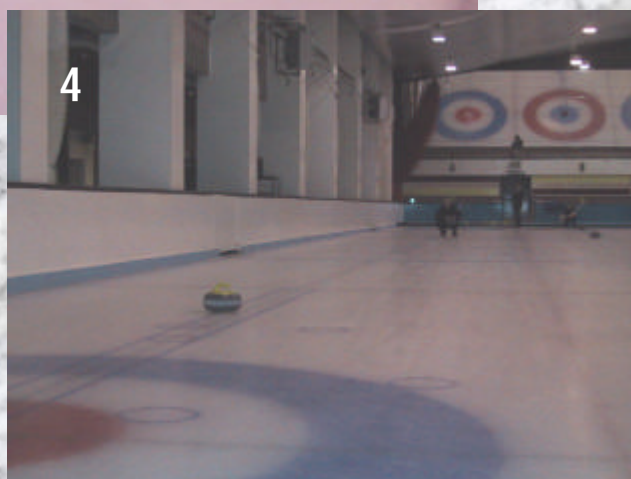
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POINTS COMPETITION - 23 March



So, from the blurred photos - can you name the curler(s)?

Answers on page Seven.



A great night was had by all at the points competition with Richard Ferguson the worthy winner. Well done Richard.

Now, not having the photographic prowess of Richard Gray, I have decided to make this into a mini photographic competition called - 'Name The Player' (:>)

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Pick-ups:

- Forrest Hills curling rink is to close. The Forest Hills Forum, set up by interested parties to try and keep the rink open, have failed to change MacDonald Hotels decision to close it.
- Hamilton Sports Council has lifted the Inter District Youth Curling competition held at Hamilton.



<http://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/lanark/newlanark/hotel.html>

DINNER DANCE - 24 March

For those of you who couldn't make it to the Annual Dinner & Dance you missed an excellent evening. The raffle had almost sufficient prizes for everyone to win something but, naturally, that never actually happened - as usual, some tables were luckier than others - just as some tables had more than their fair share of trophies! [could that have been where members of Donald MacRae's rinks were sitting?!!]

The 2005/6 Season Prizewinners





DINNER DANCE - 24 March



The Fergussons had sent their elder daughter out to work again, and she, and the rest of the New Lanark staff, ensured that our food was promptly served. The meal was excellent, the bar never ran dry, the trophies were gleaming [except for the Frame Shield and Wooden Spoon] and Jack was a welcoming host, accompanied by his lovely assistant [Moray's words, not mine!]



Jack's speech, complete with props which appeared as if by magic from a Tesco bag - well, you really needed to have been there - showed hidden talents which might help supplement the day job.

All Photos Courtesy of Diana , Marian & Richard Gray

DINNER DANCE - 24 March



The band played on and all the usual suspects danced with enthusiasm. The evening went really quickly, just as the curling season itself has done once again - and it will probably be the same in 2006/07. So, to those of you who weren't there, and those who were, "diarise" the date for next year and help to make it even better than this year.

By Diana Deane



During the dinner, president Jack had the delightful task of presenting Margaret Sommerville (a long standing member of the club) with honorary membership

GLAISTER FINAL - 21 March

A curling game is never won until the final stone has rested. This is what makes curling such an exciting game which resulted in a terrific final being played in the Glaister League this season.

The final was contested by the two teams skipped by Richard Gray and Donald MacRae.

Donald's team had not lost a game throughout the entire Glaister League which, in previous years, would have earned them the Glaister title immediately. However the play-offs were quite a different story proving that curling matches are not won until that last stone has been delivered!

Throughout this nail-biting final both teams were remaining neck-to-neck with their scores. It could have been anybody's game and the spectators in the gallery were provided with an entertaining and enjoyable match. It took the final stone, at the eighth end, to draw the match so an extra end had to be played. All team members were playing well so the final had to be won with tactics, skill and that little bit of luck.

It all came down to the skips' stones. Having last stone advantage, Donald clinched the title for his team. However, both teams thoroughly enjoyed this final which was played with good spirit and passion.

Anne H

And How Everyone Finished

Glaister League Table:

<u>Skip</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Shots</u>	<u>Points</u>
Donald MacRae	6	6	0	0	+33	12
Richard Gray	6	5	0	1	+17	10
Bob Thomson	6	3	1	2	+7	4
Angus Law	6	2	0	4	-12	4
Ivan Strachan	6	2	0	4	-14	4
Bill Jackson	6	1	1	4	-21	3
Gregor Noble	7	6	0	2	-7	2

Play-Off's Bob v Richard & Donald v Angus
Richard v Donald

CLOSING BONSPIEL & AGM - 30 March



From the position of 'winning' the Wooden Spoon, Gregor went on to skip the winning team in the closing bonspiel.

Due - we believe - to family commitments (namely that Dorothy wants a shot this year), Gregor will not be skipping next year. We all look forward to Gregor's early return.



*Gregor & His Team Win
The Closing Bonspiel*

At the AGM Jack duly installs Moray as the new president by pinning the badge of office. I think there was a muffled 'ouch' heard?

We all wish Moray best wishes for next season and are confident he will make an excellent president.



Moray Is Our New President for the 2006/07 Season



And How Did You Fair This Season?

Season 2006 - 2006 Results

Glaister Trophy – League Winners:

Donald MacRae, Anne Hood, Bill Tennant, Jill McNally

Johnston Trophy – League Runners-up:

Richard Gray, Moray Deane, Diana Deane, Anne MacRae

President's Prize:

Donald MacRae, Jack Hood, Ian Reid, Lorna Gray

Fanackapan Trophy:

Sandra Carruthers, Alistair Mackintosh, Frank Caddell, Gregor Noble

Grierson Trophy - Pairs:

Bill Jackson, Alistair Mackintosh

Frame Shield – Xmas Bonspiel:

Richard Gray, Anne Hood, Eric McGuinness

Donald Steele Trophy – Opening Bonspiel:

Donald MacRae, Alistair Mackintosh, Hugh Campbell, Anne MacRae

Silver Shovel – Stranraer:

Donald MacRae, Richard Fergusson, Marion Fergusson, Anne MacRae

Points: Richard Fergusson

Vassie Medal – Closing Bonspiel: Gregor Noble, Hugh Campbell, Eric McGuinness

Wooden Spoon:

Gregor Noble, Sandra Carruthers, Alastair Mackintosh, Frank Caddell

CLUB RESIGNATION

Diane Laing has resigned from LCC. With their second child due in August, Diane will have her hands full for the next few years so curling will have to wait. Diane hopes to meet the club members at social events etc.....

Best wishes
Diane/Neil for the safe arrival of baby no. 2



PHOTO ANSWERS:



1. Richard F & Angus



2. Wilson



3. Anne MacRae



4. Donald



NEW MEMBERS:

Next season LCC will see plenty of new faces. Welcome all.

New curlers: Iain Hutton (Seona's husband).
Maddy and Andrew Thompson

Returning curlers: Dorothy Noble, Tom Steele, Stewart Toy
Anne Ramsay will be a full-time playing member next season also.

LCC can now comfortably increase playing rinks from 7 to 8.

THE JOLIPESTAL TROPHY

Isn't it a lovely trophy?

Yes – Lanark Curling Club organises the competition each year. The Jolipestal competition is always in our club booklet each year. The competition is keenly contested.

Yet – where did it all start from?

Five local farmers agreed to establish a curling competition for an interclub social curling event. The name of this trophy is derived from the surnames of those 5 farmer members ie



JO – Johnston: **LI** – Lindsay: **PE** – Pettigrew: **ST** – Struthers: **AL** – Alexander
(Mr Soutar, a bank manager, suggested they use their surnames to form the word JOLIPESTAL)

Around the mid 1960's a new fangled idea was being introduced into curling. It was a 'slide delivery'. Well, these farmers were having none of that! They didn't like the idea of 'take outs' either as this was deemed aggressive curling. The Jolipestal was established as an interclub social curling event with no take-outs and no slide deliveries – a traditional curling game known and practised by the curlers around this time. We only have to look at Lorna Gray's delivery to see how the game was played prior to the 'slide delivery'.

Prior to the Hamilton Ice Rink all Lanark games were played at the Haymarket in Edinburgh. The Jolipestal's first game was played at Haymarket and there it remained until Hamilton Ice Rink opened.

(A very reliable informant indicated that the ladies – who played at Crossmyloof – transferred immediately to Hamilton when it opened. The men however took a few more years before they fully committed to Hamilton so at Haymarket they stayed).

The original 5 farmers above are no longer with us but their legacy lives on.

The Jolipestal is keenly contested annually by 6 clubs who need to field two rinks each. The scores from both teams are amalgamated and the club with the highest 'shots up' are the winners.

Many thanks to Lorna Gray for providing us with the knowledge to write this article. Lorna's knowledge of curling is quite extraordinary.



SALT LAKE CITY - EASTER 2006

As is the tradition of the last few years, the Hoods and part of the Jacksons family (Dorothy and Andrew) headed off at Easter for an exciting ski holiday.

Dorothy gets to choose where - as time is moving on and there may not be many ski holidays left for her! So, this year it was Utah.

These holidays are not just about skiing. We also do a bit of sight-seeing too. We managed to visit Salt Lake City and Ogden (where Rhona Martin won her gold medal). Anne and Dorothy spoke with the ice man who was present at the final. He still remembers it as being very exciting.



Dorothy managed to persuade Jack that a "little trip" to Arches National Park would be a good idea. Jack's "nae daft" so he thought he'd indulge her. It was quite a distance but worth every mile. (almost 800 miles round trip - phew!! Jack)

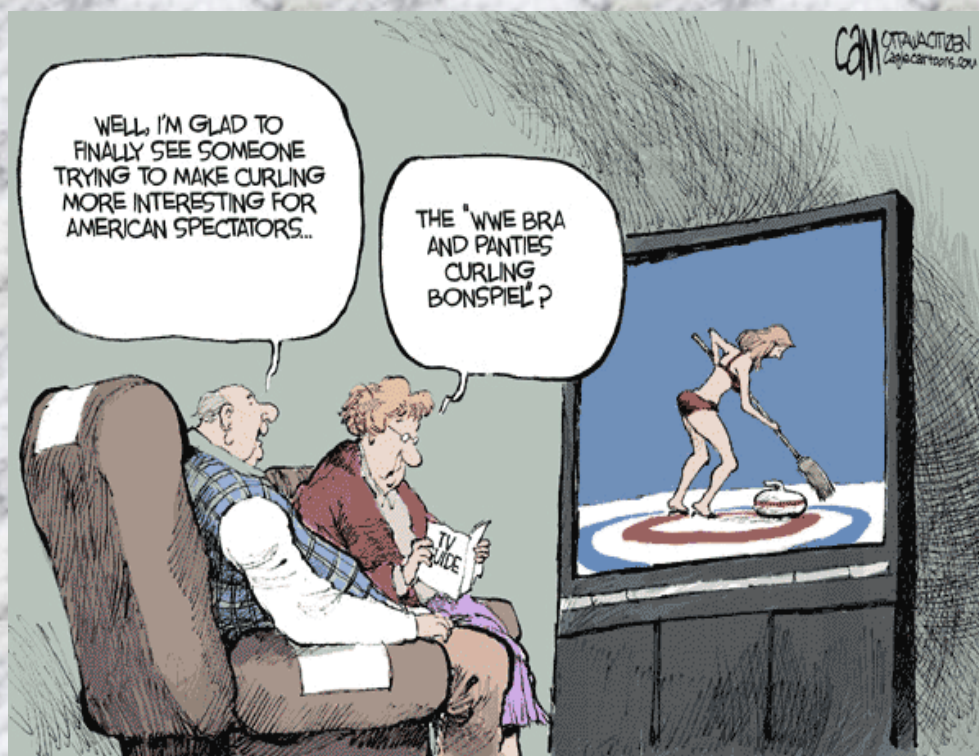
Andrew completed his first "black run" appropriately called "Double Jack". We enjoyed all the skiing and were very impressed with Deer Valley as, not only do they not allow snowboarders, they also transport your skis to the lift and give you hankies to blow your nose on!

The weather was spectacular. One day it was snowing heavily (something like 11 inches fell) and the next day it was like summer. We had great snow conditions because of the spring snow and enjoyed the sharp increase in temperature when we ventured down to Arches National Park. The temperature then was 85° F.



Dorothy's highlight of the holiday was the sheer volume of snow! Andrew's highlight was being upgrade on the flight from Manchester to Chicago!!

Dorothy Jackson



I hope you enjoyed the article by Dorothy of her trip to Utah. It is always interesting to hear from members of their experiences off the ice. So if you would like to let other members hear of some of your more interesting exploits, and don't mind writing an article with possible pictures, I would love to hear from you.

HAMILTON WINS MAXWELL - 7th March

Congratulations to our 'lads' from Hamilton winning the Maxwell Trophy, beating Lockerbie by two games to one.

In the semi's Hamilton had beaten Forfar by two games to one. Likewise Lockerbie beat Ayr by the same score.

THE WINNING TEAM ARE PRESENTED WITH THE TROPHY AT HAMILTON'S PRIZE GIVING - 22nd April

<http://www.royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org/competitions/dyncat.cfm?catid=21263>

The Maxwell Trophy, for competition between Curlers of Scottish Ice Rinks, is played annually in sections, each Ice Rink being represented by three teams in the play-off stages and the Finals. There may be a maximum of two ladies in each team. All players shall be eligible Members of the Royal Club.

Checkout the RCCC website for further details



THE MAXWELL TROPHY



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www.lanarkcurlingclub.org (still under construction)



LANARK PRESENTED WITH THE CALEDONIA TROPHY AT HAMILTON PRIZE GIVING



THE CANADIANS ARE A-COMING!

There is an incoming Canadian tour scheduled for November 2006 which is being hosted by Renfrewshire Province.

Our member, Alistair Mackintosh, is involved with this tour and has invited Lanark to field one rink to play the Canadians. No problems at all Alistair – Lanark Rocks!

Further details about this will be provided to members at the start of next season.

I do hope you have enjoyed the second issue of **Lanark Rocks**. If you have any items for inclusion, or features you would like to see included in the next issue which is scheduled for Sept, then please contact me. Do have a great & safe summer and see you in Sept – 'roaring to go'!

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