



Lanark Rocks

DONALD STEELE TROPHY



The first piece of silverware was won by Bob Thomson's team in the Opening Bonspiel of the season—congratulations to Bob, Hugh Campbell and Anne MacRae.

This trophy was donated to Lanark CC by Donald Steele, father of Tom and Charlie whom we all know very well.

I asked the "boys" what they knew of the history of the trophy and Charlie emailed the following response:



Hi Anne

The old memory is not so good these days!

I think my Dad donated the trophy simply to give something back to the Club because of the fun he had had. I do not believe there was an opening bonspiel at the time, certainly not a competitive game, and it was decided to use it for this purpose.

As you probably know he was Treasurer of the Club for many years, then gave up (and I took on the role) to become President. He was President the year Tom and I became made curlers, the Court being held at Lanark Golf Club. Must have been around 1985. I remember he had a great deal of work to organise the Court. It maybe he donated the trophy after he was President or perhaps when he was no longer a skip. I think he played in his own trophy, but maybe was winding down the curling by that time. Hope that helps a little. Best regards

Charlie

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Thanks Charlie for your response—it is always good to hear about the history of the club.

The Secretary consulted the Club's archives and found the following information:

- 1983-84 was the season that Donald Steele was President of Lanark CC
- From the Minutes, "In taking the chair, Mr HTD Steele said it was a great honour to be elected President of such an old established club and that he would do his utmost to uphold the good name and traditions of the club. He then thanked Mr W Criggie for his services to the club during his term of office and continued by explaining that with the Past Presidents' unfortunate illness immediately after last years AGM he had gained some experience of the Presidents office taking the opportunity to thank the management committee for their valuable help over that period. Mr Steele indicated his intention to relinquish position as Treasurer after 13 years and mentioned the possibility of donating a trophy to be played for in an opening of season Bonspiel dependant on the availability of Ice (*reference being made to outside ice*). He then intimated that with the approval of the club we would like as Vice President Mr Baxter Ferguson. This was unanimously approved".

The above said trophy was truly donated and, Charlie, your memory is not too bad! It is pleasing to note that the trophy is still being played in the Opening Bonspiel as Mr HTD Steele had intended.

We start with a brief history lesson.....

THE CARMICHAEL GALLOWAY TROPHY

This solid silver trophy known as the Tenants Cup was originally presented by Sir Wyndham Anstruther in 1892 to one of his tenants, Mrs James Galloway of Bagmoors farm, Pettinain, who on his behalf, had reared the coursing dog that had won for him the premier race at the Carmichael Autumn Coursing Meeting.

Sir Wyndham Charles James Carmichael Anstruther, born in 1824 was the only son of his father's first marriage. He was very well liked and respected for taking great interest in his Estates and the community.

He was elected Member of Parliament for South Lanarkshire from 1874 to 1886 and held the position of Hereditary Carver to the Royal Household in Scotland.

In local interests, he was Chairman of the Upperward District Committee of the County of Lanark, Governor of the Lanark Education Trust, Chairman of the School Boards of Carmichael and Pettinain and an Elder of Carmichael Church.

Of social pursuits, he was the Honorary President of the Clyde Angling Association, Vice President of Lanark Golf Club and President of the National Coursing Union, which was evidently his greatest passion, for his was recognised as one of the finest coursing dog studs and the Carmichael Spring and Autumn Coursing Meetings were reputedly the finest in the country.

Last year, following the death of Dr James Galloway, last direct surviving member of his line, this Trophy was inherited by the Galloway family of Lochlyoch, Carmichael who have most generously donated it to the Upperward District of Lanark Curling Club. (The 'laird' often curled with his tenants and workers on the Carmichael Pond).

Mr Alec Lamb, Secretary of the Upperward District, gladly accepted the Trophy noting that the trophy was originally donated in 1892 (the same year as the Upperward District was constituted) and that the Carmichael Curling Club was one of the founder Clubs of the Upperward District.

This new competition will be competed within the Upperward District and takes the form of a knock-out format. Lanark plays against Dippool on Friday 29th February at 5.45 pm so please come along and support the team if you can.

Good luck to Lanark's team ie Richard Gray, Donald MacRae, Bob Thomson and Seona Hutton.

(PS: The winning individual members cannot compete for the next 5 years therefore no club can field 'a strong rink' repeatedly.....unless there are many good players!)



12th November 2007

Lanark CC received a lovely invitation from Cramond CC (Edinburgh) for 2 rinks to go to Murrayfield to play a friendly match against Cramond on Monday, 12th November.

Each team played 4 ends before swapping to continue the game so that everyone played all members from each club.

We had a great time—fun was had by all. The evening ended very pleasantly with a lovely meal and fine chat. Lanark finished up overall shots (but Cramond had overall ends). Here are some pictures which represent the evening.....



Bill Jackson's team score with Lanark playing red stones (top).



Donald's team score with Lanark playing yellow stones (bottom).



Lanark members who went through to Edinburgh were:

- The Hannays
- The Hoods
- Donald MacRae
- Wilson Heatlie
- Bill Jackson





Charity Day at Greenacres.....

For a second year, Lanark CC was invited to Greenacres on Tuesday 13 November where we would have a fun day in playing two 5-end games against other clubs. All money raised was for charity as nominated by the host rink.

Lanark CC was represented by Alistair Mackintosh (skip); Jack Hood; Anne Hood and Moray Deane.

Alistair used to curl at Greenacres and his contacts created this invitation through not only his previous curling connections but also through his rotary network.

Alistair won a bottle of whisky and found that only Moray drank this liquid—so a good win for Moray! Unfortunately for Moray he was the driver for the day so the cap was kept firmly secured until he got home. Here are some more pictures of the outing:



Hic Hic.....



The team waiting to go on to the ice

A lot of raffle prizes and Lanark managed to win one. (That's one more than last year)...





Scottish Night

Some Lanark members supported the 'Scottish Night' that was held at LIR on Saturday 24th November.

We were entertained by a young ceilidh band; some well known Dippool curlers sang for their supper; community singing by all and ceilidh dancing. Also, a lovely supper was provided and all for the princely sum of £10 each. A bargain if ever there was one!



All smiles from the Mackintosh's

The Dippool boys giving it lalldy...



Marian was not under the influence! - honestly.... which is not what we can always say for Jack....



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Jim, the ice man, as you've never seen him before!

A BIKING TALE

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The Secretary drove into the car park, parked the car, collected her curling gear and was walking towards the front door of the Ice Rink when she saw HIM! There was the vision of a biker, fully leather clad on a shining new bike. Immediately the image of Steve McQueen shot to mind—he knew how to handle a bike in *The Great Escape*.

This biker kept his identify concealed behind a full helmet as Anne walked towards him—she was looking around thinking he must be waiting for someone else, but no, the car park was quite empty. When the biker gestured to sit behind him I thought “Oh, similar to the ending of the movie *An Officer and a Gentleman*”. Steve McQueen or Richard Gere—who cares, I was there!, so I quickened my pace towards the bike.....

“Hello” said Alistair Mackintosh—“like my new toy”? “Not quite what I was expecting” I laughed “but that’s another story”. This led Alistair to inform me of a tale of one of his biking experiences - enjoy the read.

PS: Girls—it only happens in the movies!.....



One of these is Alistair's machine—or perhaps he thought like a woman ie can't make up my mind about the colour so I'll take both!

WASHOUT IN FRANCE

by Alistair Mackintosh

Not having long started motorcycling, I was keen to get some big miles under my belt and decided to travel to France on my Suzuki Bandit to watch the Moto gp boys in Le Mans where the 24-hour race is held.

I got off to a poor start as the ticket I had ordered over the web ended with me meeting with the courier in Hamilton Services. From the start of the journey it rained continually all the way 'til I reached the ferry.

France was nice and dry but the race itself was wet meaning that the riders had to come into the pits to change bikes making the race a 'washout' for me. From being stuck on the noisiest campsite on the planet and having my wallet stolen I began to think that there is hell on earth! However I had planned a 4 day bike drive through Sens, Reims and the Ardveche valley so matters were much better with real French hospitality and some of the best roads to bike upon. The holiday ended back in Calais only to meet other riders from Bellshill and Hamilton—it's a small world! On the way home I stopped at the Ace Café in London where Fifth Gear is filmed for Channel 5. When I arrived a photo shoot was already in progress with some interesting girls. The girls are roller blade enthusiasts with a difference ie they roller blade around an oval wooden track (with air cushions in the middle) and the aim is to shove other contestants off the track as they roller blade—the last girl left roller blading is the winning. A bit like a human car derby but with venom and attitude. The girls insisted on having their photo taken with me—so who was I to object!

And yes! - it rained all the way back home to Scotland. HAPPY DAYS.....



Alistair with his new-found roller blading friends.

Scary or what?

And finally.....

Congratulations to The MacRaes and the Hoods who were the winners of the Low Road at the Clydesdale Sports Bonspiel on 28th December 2007.



Congratulations to Bob Gray (skip), Jack Hood, Anne MacRae and Frank Caddell for being the Frameshield Winners during the Xmas Bonspiel.

Congratulations to the Gray family for being 3rd in the Yett Competition on 27th December. (They missed the final by one end).

YETT³ d

Congratulations to Bill Jackson (skip), Anne Ramsay, Alan Sellar and Lorna Gray for winning the President's League 2007. It was a close fought challenge between Bill and Richard and the audience were thrilled with watching the final games of both skips as there was not an outright winner until the last stone was played and calculations completed to see who had most shots! Well done.....

THE FINALISTS OF THE PAIRS COMPETITION

Congratulations to Richard and Lorna for retaining their Pairs title.

(NB: Anne was substituting for Carolyn Hannay)



PRESIDENT'S LEAGUE (Winners 2006): Richard Gray, Jack Hood, Marian Ferguson, David Toy

PRESIDENT'S LEAGUE 2007

SKIP	MATCH SHEET	MARTIN YUILL		RICHARD GRAY		ANNE HOOD		MATCH SHEET	BILL JACKSON	
		Score	Points	Shots	Score	Points	Shots		Score	Points
Date & Time										
02/10/08 7:55	OFF				8/5	2	3	Richard-First		
11/10/08 10:05	Bob-First	3/7	0	-4	10/7	2	3	OFF		
23/10/08 7:55	Ivan-Second	8/8	1	0				Donald-Third	6/8	0
01/11/08 7:55	Angus-Third	4/6	0	-2	13/4	2	9	OFF	Void	2
13/11/08 7:55	Anne-Second	6/3	2	3	4/6	0	-2	Martin-Second	5/6	0
20/11/08 7:55	Bill-Second	6/9	0	-3				Angus-First	6/4	2
27/11/08 7:55	Richard-First	4/11	0	-7	11/4	2	7	Ivan-Second	9/6	2
04/12/08 7:55	OFF				4/8	0	-4	Bill-Second	12/6	2
06/12/08 7:55	Donald-Second	5/7	0	-2				Angus-Second	5/7	0
11/12/08 7:55	OFF				6/7	0	-1	Bob-First	13/6	2
Running Totals			3	-15		8	15	OFF		10
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SKIP	MATCH SHEET	ANGUS LAW		DONALD MACCRAE		IVAN STRACHAN		MATCH SHEET	BOB THOMSON	
Date & Time		Score	Points	Shots	Score	Points	Shots	Score	Points	Shots
02/10/08 7:55	Donald-Second	6/11	0	-5	11/6	2	5	4/7	7/4	2
11/10/08 10:05	Ivan-Second	3/9	0	-6	7/10	0	-3	9/3	7/3	2
23/10/08 7:55	OFF				8/6	2	2	8/8	Void	0
01/11/08 7:55	Martin-Third	6/4	2	2				6/5	4/13	0
13/11/08 7:55	Bob-First	7/3	2	4				OFF	3/7	0
20/11/08 7:55	Anne-First	9/6	2	3	8/7	2	1	OFF	7/8	0
27/11/08 7:55	OFF				6/12	0	-6	Anne-Second	OFF	
04/12/08 7:55	Richard-Third	8/4	2	4	7/6	2	1	Donald-First	OFF	
06/12/08 7:55	OFF				7/5	2	2	OFF	Anne-First	7/7
11/12/08 7:55	Bill-First	6/13	0	-7				Richard-Second		1
Running Totals			8	-5		10	2			5
										-13

Our Xmas Bonspiel



Booby prizes to Donald's team for being last in the Frameshield competition.



Anne and Dorothy en route to the Theatre with Lanark Rotarians in December.

Bill was playing in the Pairs Competition so Anne got his theatre ticket..