



Lanark Rocks

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The Carmichael Galloway Trophy

The new trophy for this season was competed for within the Biggar District and Upper Clydesdale.

The history of this new trophy was provided within Lanark Rocks (See Issue 2) so it is a delight to report that this magnificent rose bowl was won by Lanark CC in its first year of competition.

Lanark faced Biggar in the final and emerged as 6-4 victors.



Congratulations to the Lanark team ie, Richard Gray (skip), Donald MacRae, Bob Thomson
Seona Hutton (President and Lead)

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IN-TURNS

JOLIPESTAL 2008

Sandra Carruthers (Vice President) MC'd the Jolipestal Competition extremely well. Another eventful day flowed successfully with Dippool CC winning the trophy after a 23-year gap from their last successful victory.

An oversight resulted in us missing the Jolipestal's 50th birthday so we held a 'belated birthday celebration' this season. Biggar CC was the first ever winner of the Jolipestal so Andy (from Biggar) cut the birthday cake. Another change to arrangements this season saw all teams being treated to sandwiches (and birthday cake) after their game. The winners went away with the trophy plus a bottle of whisky each.

Richard Gray's rink were the winners of the 'highest up team outwith the winning club' so they left with a bottle of wine each—you just cannot hold a good club down!

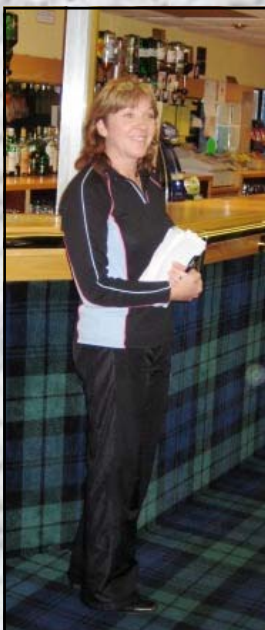
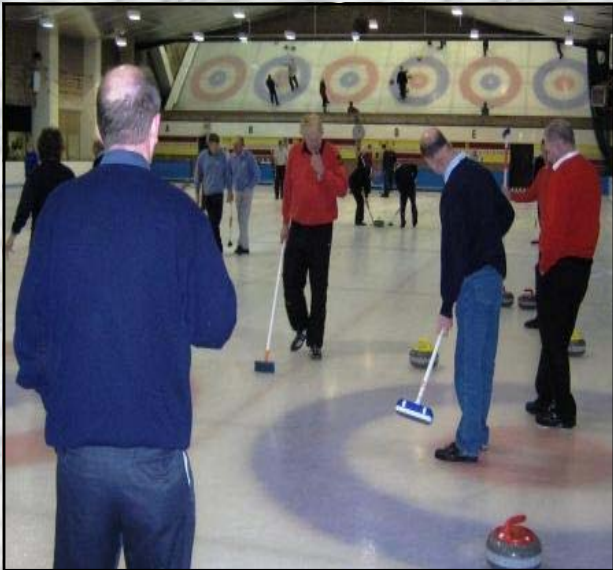


The highest-up rink outwith the winning club

Dippool CC—winners!



Who can you spot curling in the Jolipestal competition?



Sandra officiated during the 'Jolipestal Day'. The day ran very smoothly.....well done Sandra.

"I'm missing a wife"!





Anne was part of Tommy Campbell's team—we lost our game. Anne using the cue—it is not as easy as it may look!

Wheelchair Curling Bonspiel

On 3 February an open invitation/challenge was given by the wheelchair curlers to all able-bodied curlers ie come and curl with us at our game ie no sweeping and you need to use the cue/stick. Not one to walk away from any challenge, Anne Hood attended.

I have heard debates about the advantages gained from the use of a cue but, believe me, one can still deliver the stone wide, tight, light or heavy with the cue as well! In my opinion I definitely feel it is more disadvantageous not to sweep and to deliver from the wheelchair without one's delivery momentum. The wheelchair curlers most certainly have a harder job than us 'able bodied'!

A great day was enjoyed by all those attended—no sweeping meant that we ladies had time to indulge in our other passion ie talking during the game. The number of skips who could not stop themselves from shouting "sweep" was hilarious and it was a delight to ignore their calls.

The able-bodied curlers just beat the wheelchair curlers on shots but the wheelchair curlers indicated they aim to win the trophy next year. I would encourage anyone to join in this fun day.....keep your eye on the noticeboard within the ice rink bar

Martin—if you took part you would be forced to stay in the head!

Stranraer - here we come!

Now Lanark CC is a club who likes to socialise; to have fun; to curl and to support our fellow members therefore we always look forward to our Weekend Away at Stranraer because we know it will not disappoint. This year was no exception.

Lanark fielded 4 rinks—skipped by Donald MacRae, Anne Ramsay, Bob Thomson and Anne/Jack Hood. Donald and Anne Ramsay met in the semi-finals with Donald's team emerging through to the final. Unfortunately they just lost out to The Alternatives in a closely fought final but it was nice of Gail Munro to invite both the finalists back to the winners weekend in April 2008.

Donald's team consisted of himself, Sandra Carruthers, Anne MacRae and Keith Carruthers. They won the Heatlie Silver Scuttle.

It is true to say that the ice was “not as we knew it”. The hotel experienced plant failure resulting in the complete loss of their ice during the week prior to our arrival. New ice was made for Saturday but 2 of the 3 compressors failed hence we had the equivalent of ‘outside ice’ ie full strike weight to get your stone to the front of the house. Eric Gray stated he had never seen so many stones hogged before in the one competition.....no wonder! The paint came off the ice also so all players had red embellishments to their shoes, gloves and trousers (for those whose knees touched the ice).

However, no club allowed this to spoil their weekend—indeed, everybody made the best of what was available. I leave you with some pictures of the weekend (some pictures not yet seen by some members)! I hope this brings back nice memories to all those who attended. Seona Hutton is organising next year's event so if you wish to go then please submit your name to Seona.



Bob and Eric looking very pleased with themselves. Why?



EK&Haremyres had already begun joking about Anne's jacket ie where's your horse? When is th hunt? This lasted all weekend.....

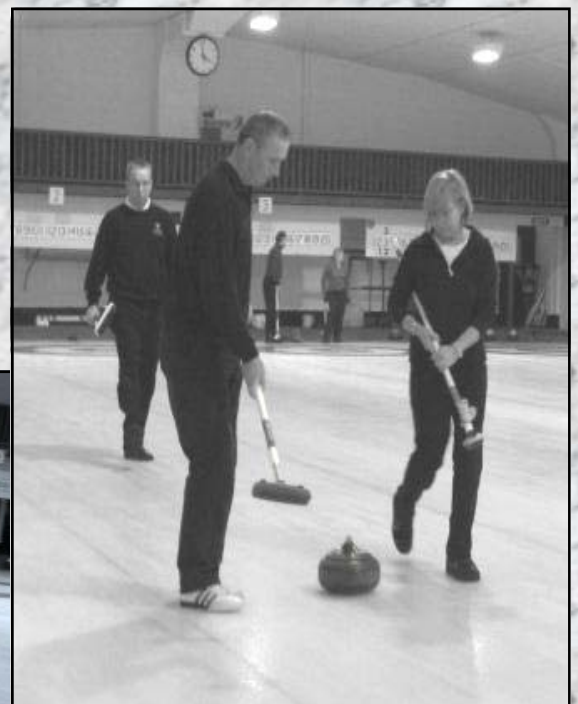


Awaiting the next edition of Lanark Rocks to read with their coffee perhaps?

Members enjoy the good food and wine that North West Castle continues to offer.....



Game On!



Keith and Anne watching Donald's stone closely.....(so is Donald)



Donald with
"Auntie Anne"



The Semi-Finalists

The Finalists



Gail Munro presents the prizes to Lanark (Gail is the skip whose team are current Scottish Champions). Two bottles of whisky for each household...

INTERCLUB

On 4 March another successful, and different, Interclub Evening was held. Our invited guests were one rink of the wheelchair curlers and two rinks from Boswall CC (Wilson's other club).



Members of Boswall CC and the wheelchair curlers



Photo shoot for some players....



A big end for the wheelchair curlers is on its way.....



Another photo of two teams



Seona presenting the wheelchair curlers with their wine. The wheelchair curlers were fine winners of the Interclub event.

All skips were asked to tell a story or relate their thoughts of the game. Richard Ferguson informed the company that he had a good game but that he had just returned to curling following a long-term injury. Jack Hood stated "you and your gammy leg too" - well, that set off the wheelchair curlers. They quickly responded with "We're the ones with the gammy legs—sometimes, no legs". After that the conversation was filled with laughter and if there had been any previously PC politeness then it was quickly dissipated. Everybody was trying to vie for the next joke.....

The wheelchair curlers have invited Anne Hood to participate in their Bonspiel on Monday 7th April. When David Morgan (Secretary of wheelchairs) called I asked "how many teams do you wish" - he said "just you"!

"I'm flattered" I responded and I quickly accepted on behalf of Lanark.

David was worried as the Bonspiel was being held during the day—he was concerned about me being at my work (school). "Not a problem" said I, "as we're on holiday". (I can already hear Bob Thomson laughing! - Anne)

Wilson was playing for Boswall CC.....



BOSWALL CC

The Boswall CC has already invited Lanark to field two rinks on 23 March 2009 at 5.30 pm at Murrayfield for their Interclub Match.

(Your secretary has accepted this invitation). If you wish to play then please let Anne know.

The '3 Annes' who were the first to hold the rose bowl (We had faith in our team).....



Photo of the Month 'The Winners' by Anne Hood
Canon Digital IXUS70, ISO—what's that?

BOB MACKINTOSH COMPETITION

The MacRaes and The Hoods were the Lanark team in the above competition on Sunday 2 March. Using the schenkel system we were winners of the High Road and played against Hamilton/Thornhill in the final for 1st/2nd place. What a match it turned out to be—it was equal scoring as we entered the final end with Ham/Thornhill holding the hammer. Lanark had managed to sink a shot and had plenty of guards protecting it but one stone in the right hand wing (promoted by Ham/Thornhill who hit one of the guards) meant that the final stone by them would require a hit and roll to win. The shot was taken but it still resulted in a measure to see who were the winners. Hamilton/Thornhill won the game by an eighteenth of an inch! It couldn't have been closer.....



NEW MONKLAND/LANARK CHALLENGE

Lanark were winners of the above challenge match for the season 2007-08 (6-3 in total). Teams were skipped by Tom Steele, Jack Hood and Bob Thomson. Thanks to Moray Deane for organising the event along with co-organiser Sandy from New Monklands.

INTERCITY MATCH

Lanark were invited to field one rink to play for Hamilton against Murrayfield on 20 February. Thanks to Anne Hood, Anne MacRae, Alistair Mackintosh and Wilson Heatlie for forming the Lanark rink.





International Curling Gathering

Following the Intercity match at Murrayfield Wilson and Anne were talking to one of the Murrayfield players who was telling us about the above event which he organises. This would be the 4th year such an event was organised—a truly international gathering of curlers who come for a social weekend (including the curling). “I like the sound of that” said Wilson and the next thing I knew was I was giving my email address to this Murrayfield curler.

One week before the event I received a phone-call to state that Lanark was involved in this year's International Curling Gathering. It would involve 6 games over a 3-day weekend (Friday-Sunday) so off to Murrayfield went The Hoods, Wilson Heatlie, Anne Ramsay (who played on Friday + one game on Saturday), Moray (who played 2 games on Saturday) and Frank Caddell (who played 2 games on Sunday). Lanark played against 2 local rinks, 1 from Sweden (men from Ikea), 1 from Spain, 1 from Slovakia (who were aiming for the Olympics) and one mixed European team. It was a fabulous weekend (albeit a tiring one) but many countries were represented eg Canada, Denmark, England to mention just a few. Canadians were curling in kilts: Swedish ladies were curling in mini kilts and Spanish ladies were curling in pelmits (it must be warmer ice over in Spain)! The Danes were trying to drink their way through the whisky gantry in-between their games but, overall, the fellowship of curling could not have been more intense. I was trying to get invites to Spain but I think this fell on stony ground (lack of their English/our Spanish) but I am quite optimistic about a Lanark trip to Sweden (with the Ikea boys). Their skip has my name, address, telephone number and email address—there is no more I could give him! He indicated that his club is having an anniversary in October (35th or 45th anniversary—can't quite remember) and I think we may get an invite. There are direct flights from Prestwick to Gothenburg so I'm trying to develop LANARK CC INTERNATIONAL. Let's keep our fingers crossed.....

Next year's International Curling Gathering is being held on 20, 21 and 22 March 2009 so I hope we keep our place. Who would like to experience this event? Names to Anne..... I leave you with some pictures of this event (overleaf). Bill Jackson—take care of your blood pressure when you see the mini skirts.



The Lanark team with the Swedish team
(boys who work for Ikea).

Glencorse Pipe Band providing entertainment
on the ice.....



One of the Spanish ladies (now residing in
Andorra) who played wearing a mini skirt..
The skip (far left) lives in Switzerland but is
from Aberdeen. The man between Jack and
Wilson now lives in Andorra (husband of the
mini skirted curler) but he originated from
England.

The International Curling Gathering was split
into groups (4 teams per group) and the win-
ner of each group each received a trophy—see
picture.



LANARKSHIRE PROVINCE KNOCK-OUT

Lanark were finalists in the above competition and met Bellshill in the final. Bellshill were the ultimate victors but Lanark put up a good fight. Many thanks to the Lanark team for participating.



PICK-UPS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our out-going President. I believe Seona will be 50 in the next few weeks.



Congratulations to Moray who proudly walked his daughter up the aisle on her recent marriage.



GOOD LUCK to 3 of our members who will be embarking on forthcoming Canadian Tours in November 2008. The Fergussons are off to Ottawa/Montreal/Quebec and Toronto with the mounted police.

Frank is touring Canada with Rotary.

ENJOY.....please submit photos/stories for a future Lanark Rocks.

Did you spot some in-house jokes? If you don't understand them then ask the person named...



I do hope you have enjoyed this issue. If you have any items for inclusion or features you would like to see included in the next issue, scheduled **October 2008**, then please contact me. It is always interesting to hear about your activities outwith the Club. So don't be shy! And of course we are always interested in 'Pick-ups' (Curling Gossip)!!

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