



Lanark Rocks

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PRESIDENT’S LEAGUE 2008

Congratulations to Richard’s Gray rink for winning the above League who amassed 10 points with 33 shots up.

Richard Gray—skip

Ian Reid—third

Richard Fergusson—second

Lorna Gray—lead

In the main, the League was closely fought with the overall result being:

2nd place—Donald MacRae’s rink

3rd place—Bob Thomson’s rink

4th place—Anne Hood’s rink

5th place—Gregor Noble’s rink

6th place—Bill Jackson’s rink

7th place—Martin Yuill’s rink

8th place—Ivan Strachan’s rink

For those members who are interested in number crunching the scores then please read the Results Sheets overleaf.

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IN-TURNS

CANADIAN TOUR 1

By Frank Caddell

Curling and non-alcoholic drinks advised!

This should, perhaps, have been the motto of the tour. All the way from Montreal to Niagara and Toronto (including nine other main towns and cities) it was curling, curling, curling. 19 games in total in 22 days. Glad to say that over 15 of these games the Scots came out victorious with an accumulated points score of 547 to the Canadians 420 which meant that we won the Bob Mackintosh Quaich. We also beat the 2006 Canadian curling touring team in the final match of the tour to win the Duddingston Trophy. Other friendly games were won and lost as this entailed a bonspiel of 4x4 ends for individual rinks from the team.

The principal ploy used by the Canadians to try and put us off our game was to entertain us with feasting and drinking. Most of this took place in the evenings but it was not unusual for us to be fed, with good solid meals, and watered, with good volumes of beer, prior to curling. However, the main target time was in the evening when banquets involving quite large amounts of food and bottles of wine were dished up. This was normally followed by retiring to one of our hosts' house to be topped up with further quantities of beer and single malt. Wine was available for those who didn't indulge in either of these, or in addition to!!!

Another of the ploys used on occasion was to include ringers in the Canadian teams, wome of whom were of County standard and were not Rotarians. One or two of them were very attractive ladies but we were very focussed on winning and the sight of them didn't put us off our game, well, not all the time!



President's Prize 1953

A most unusual, yet delightful, surprise occurred at our Opening Bonspiel.

Moray Deane stated that Diana was speaking to an elderly lady in Lanark who, upon hearing of the Deanes' involvement with Lanark CC, decided that a previous award should return to the Club. Miss Mary Paton duly gave Diana a set of curling stone handles which were presented as a President's Prize in 1953.

It was quite awesome to handle a fabulous piece of memorabilia and what a treasure for the Club.

The Secretary has officially sent a 'thank you' note to Miss Paton but has asked to meet her to gather as much information about the curling handles as is known so watch out for further edition of 'Lanark Rocks'.

The committee would wish members' views on what to do with them—**please send suggestions to the Secretary. Thank you.**



Members' News.....

Congratulations to Sandra and Keith Carruthers who are due to become grandparents in 2009.

Congratulations also to Martin and El-speth Yuill who will become grandparents in November.

Congratulations to Neil and Diane Laing on the birth of their third child—Kirsten



Since being a member from 1994, Wilson-Heatlie would like to highlight that, **for the very first time**, he was first to arrive at the Opening Bonspiel.

Well what can one say?.....

FOREIGN SLIDES....

Best wishes to Marian and Richard Fergusson who are about to depart on a Canadian Tour with the Police.
(The Editor wishes a picture of one of the Mounties).....

Best wishes also to Frank Caddell who is about to depart on a Canadian Tour with Rotary Club.

We sincerely hope you all have a fabulous tour.

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 **January 2009**, 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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