



Lanark Rocks

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XMAS BONSPIEL

Tuesday 22 December 2009.....

The weather forecast proved correct when a snow storm arrived on our doorsteps from mid-afternoon onwards. Many members were keeping an eye on how the roads were coping with the snow, slush and slides but by 4 pm the Secretary began receiving phone calls from members indicating they were unable to get to the ice rink. The Secretary started to make a few calls to other members and a picture began to emerge that few, if any, members would actually get to the ice rink to curl at the Xmas Bonspiel. This snow storm arrived on the back of the previous evening's snow blizzard and Lanark was particularly hard hit—with cars being abandoned in streets—ask Bill Tennant and Bill Jackson about their experiences. However, credit must be given to Tom Steele (alias Ray Mears) who not only went to his golf club in the afternoon but then made his way to the Ice Rink for the Xmas Bonspiel. Coulter were also playing so Tom was asked to stay a while to see if he could substitute any members who were unable to get to their game—however, all 24 Coulter men walked onto the ice (so we need to prepared ourselves from the Coulter banter when we next see them!). Tom left the ice rink at 6.30 pm and actually got home at 10.30 pm. There was definitely an east/west divide because Wilson left Edinburgh (with only snow covering on the side streets) but it took him 2hrs 15 mins to reach the ice rink—the Lanarkshire boundary and M8 became Wilson's problem.

The Secretary managed to telephone the ice rink to inform them of our dilemma and to cancel down our table bookings for the restaurant.



Now there is always a silver lining to every tale.....this tale means no-one is the winner of the Frameshield.

See you all in January 2010. Have a good new year everyone.

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IN-TURNS



President's League

This League was closely fought with 3 rinks emerging as possible winners ie the rinks of Bob Thomson, Donald MacRae and Anne Hood.

Each rink had lost only one game as we entered the closing stages of the competition—and the loss was against each other ie Bob beat Donald who beat Anne who beat Bob. The only big difference was that the rinks of Bob and Donald were very high on shots with Donald being the lead rink within the League at the closing stage.

The expectations as we played our closing game were:

- Donald just had to win his final game to win overall.
- Anne had to win her final game and hope that Donald was beaten to win overall
- Bob had to win his final game hoping that Anne was beaten with Donald ending up with less shots than himself (even if Donald lost his game or not)

As the games progressed there was never as much interest shown in other rinks' scoreboards—all other members of the rinks were continually undertaking mental arithmetic exercises. Tough competition was provided by the other rinks making this quite an exciting finale. However, Anne and Bob won their games with Anne's rink scoring higher than Bob's rink. Donald, who had been winning against Ivan in the earlier stages of the game, found Ivan's team resilient to defeat and the score was level as they entered the final end—the hammer lay with Donald. Ivan blocked and guarded his stone thus leaving a very difficult wick and roll for Donald with his final stone. All eyes were on Donald as he delivered his stone—unfortunately it was not the result he desired and Ivan beat Donald by one shot.

Congratulations to the following for winning the President's league—Anne Hood (Skip); Anne Ramsay (third), Bill Tennant (second) and Frank Caddell (lead).

PRESIDENT'S LEAGUE - 2009/10																
PRESIDENT'S LEAGUE (Winners): Anne Hood, Anne Ramsay, Bill Tennant, Frank Caddell																
SKIP	MATCH SHEET	RICHARD FERGUSSON			MATCH SHEET	RICHARD GRAY			MATCH SHEET	ANNE HOOD			MATCH SHEET	BILL JACKSON		
Date & Time		Score	Points	Shots		Score	Points	Shots		Score	Points	Shots		Score	Points	Shots
29/9/09 7:55	OFF				OFF				Bill-F first	5/2	2	3	Anne-F first	2/5	0	-3
8/10/09 10:05	Jack-first	4/7	0	-3	OFF				OFF				OFF			
20/10/09 7:55	Bill-second	6/6	1	0	OFF				OFF				Richard-second	6/6	1	0
29/10/09 7:55	Bob-first	2/8	0	-6	Ivan-Second	5/8	0	-3	Jack-third	8/2	2	6	OFF			
5/11/09 7:55	Donald-second	1/17	0	-16	Bill-first	5/11	0	-6	Bob-third	5/4	2	1	Richard-first	11/5	2	6
10/11/09 7:55	Richard-third	4/4	1	0	Richard-third	4/4	1	0	Ivan-second	7/5	2	2	Jack-first	6/10	0	-4
17/11/09 7:55	OFF				Jack-first	2/5	0	-3	Donald-second	5/10	0	-5	Ivan-third	8/1	2	7
24/11/09 7:55	Ivan-second	2/5	0	-3	Bob-first	9/7	2	2	OFF				Donald-third	8/14	0	-6
1/12/09 7:55	Anne-first	4/7	0	-3	Donald-second	2/6	0	-4	Richard-first	7/4	2	3	OFF			
8/12/09 7:55	OFF				Anne-second	6/7	0	-1	Richard-second	7/6	2	1	Bob-first	4/10	0	-6
RUNNING TOTALS			2	-31			3	-15		W/Incess	12	11			5	-6
SKIP	MATCH SHEET	DONALD MACRAE			MATCH SHEET	JACK HOOD			MATCH SHEET	IAN STRACHAN			MATCH SHEET	BOB THOMSON		
Date & Time		Score	Points	Shots		Score	Points	Shots		Score	Points	Shots		Score	Points	Shots
29/9/09 7:55	Jack-second	8/4	2	4	Donald-second	4/8	0	-4	Bob-Third	2/11	0	-9	Ivan-Third	11/2	2	9
8/10/09 10:05	OFF				Richard-first	7/4	2	3	OFF				OFF			
20/10/09 7:55	Bob-first	2/11	0	-9	Ivan-Third	4/5	0	-1	Jack-third	5/4	2	1	Donald-first	11/2	2	9
29/10/09 7:55	OFF				Anne-third	2/8	0	-6	Richard-second	8/5	2	3	Richard-first	8/2	2	6
5/11/09 7:55	Richard-second	17/1	2	16	OFF				OFF				Anne-third	4/5	0	-1
10/11/9 7:55	OFF				Bill-first	10/6	2	4	Anne-second	5/7	0	-2	OFF			
17/11/09 7:55	Anne-second	10/5	2	5	Richard-first	5/2	2	3	Bill-third	1/8	0	-7	OFF			
24/11/09 7:55	Bill-third	14/8	2	6	OFF				Richard-second	5/2	2	3	Richard-first	7/9	0	-2
1/12/09 7:55	Richard-second	6/2	2	4	Bob-third	5/8	0	-3	OFF				Jack-third	8/5	2	3
8/12/09 7:55	Ivan-third	5/6	0	-1	OFF				Donald-third	6/5	2	1	Bill-first	10/4	2	6
RUNNING TOTALS	0		10	25			6	-4			8	-10		Runners Up	10	30

PAIRS COMPETITION

The Pairs Competition was enjoyed by the 9 'couples' who competed and, again, comments were favourable about this competition being held on the same day.

We all played 2 games of 4 ends (with 3 stones each) leading into a Semi Final and Final (where we played 6 ends with 4 stones each).

We certainly missed Richard Gray for organising the scoring but we took his template which he arranged last year and scored on ends, points and shots. The format of play enabled members to have a rest and to enjoy watching other members play—it is very true, no mistakes are ever made from the gallery and the comments were hilarious as usual.

We have new champion this year—with new names on the trophy—**congratulations** to Brian Stephenson and Fiona Main for winning the Pairs Competition. They definitely outplayed Anne and Jack Hood in the final.

Sandy Grierson Trophy	GAME ONE				GAME TWO				TOTAL				OVERALL	PAIRS
PAIRS - 13th December 2009	ENDS WON	SHOTS +/-	SHOTS SCORED	POINTS	ENDS WON	SHOTS +/-	SHOTS SCORED	POINTS	ENDS WON	SHOTS +/-	SHOTS SCORED	POINTS	POSITION	FINAL
Richard Fergusson & Jane Morton	1	-3	1	0	3	2	3	2	4	-1	4	2		
Sandra Carruthers & Iain Hutton	1	-3	1	0	1	-2	1	0	2	-5	2	0		
Jack Hood & Anne Hood	3	3	4	2	2	3	4	2	5	6	8	4	1	1
Seona Hutton & Keith Carruthers	2	-1	5	0	2	-2	2	0	4	-3	7	0	V	V
Alistair Macintosh & Martin Yuill	2	1	6	2	2	0	5	1	4	1	11	3	4	
Brian Stephenson & Fiona Main	2	0	5	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	9	3	3	Winners 3
Donald MacRae & Anne MacRae	1	-5	2	0	3	4	5	2	4	-1	7	2	V	
Ian Reid & Eric MacGuinness	3	2	3	2	1	-4	1	0	4	-2	4	2		
Wilson Heatlie & Marion Fergusson	3	5	7	2	1	-2	1	0	4	3	8	2	2	



PROVINCE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Pairs Competition had been changed from its original date as it clashed with the above competition in Greenacres—Bob Thomson had skipped a Lanark team to this final.

Bob's team—consisting of Donald MacRae, Jack Hood and Alistair Mackintosh—were up against some really top class curlers but they held their own. Only the top two teams from each section made it into the semi finals and Bob's rink finished 3rd in their section—what a pity!

Thank you all for representing Lanarkshire Province and, better still, thank you for flying the Lanark flag. Better luck this season boys!

Section D							Section E						
Standings - Game 4							Standings - Game 4						
		PL	Po	E	S/U	T/S			PL	Po	E	S/U	T/S
Midlothian	QH	4	8	20			Wales	QH	4	8	17		
Dunbartonshire	QL	4	8	15			Stirling	QL	4	8	16		
North Eastern		4	4	11			Upper Strathearn		4	2	17		
Stewartry		4	2	14			East of Fife		4	2	13		
England		3	0	16			Central		4	1	13		

Section F						
Standings - Game 4						
		PL	Po	E	S/U	T/S
Ireland	QHS	4	8	20		
Moray	QL	4	4	17		
Lanarkshire		4	4	17		
Rhins O Galloway		4	4	11		
Peeblesshire		4	0	12		

Standings After Play-offs

INNERKIP CHARITY BONSPIEL

Alistair Mackintosh, a former member at Greenacres, receives an invitation to the above Charity Bonspiel which is held every November. For 3 years Jack, Anne, Alistair and Moray played in this bonspiel and last year we actually thought we won it—only to discover that for 3 years when we were playing for shots, the score relied on actual ends won! So this year we read the rules, understood the rules and off Lanark set again—with one change of member, Anne couldn't play so Frank Caddell was now part of the team.

What a difference it makes when rules are understood—the boys played out of their skins and walked away with the coveted trophy.

Congratulations to Alistair (skip), Jack (third), Frank (second) and Moray (lead) for bringing another piece of silverware to Lanark CC.



HOZIER TROPHY

The Biggar and Upperward Annual Bonspiel took place on October 15th and two teams are required from each club. Sandra Carruthers skipped the first rink at 3 pm for Lanark and won her game with a margin of +4. Ivan Strachan skipped the second Lanark team at 5.45 pm and won comfortably with a +10 margin. Overall, this convincing lead did not win the trophy outright as Lanark 'peeled' with Dippool on shots up therefore it had to go to number of ends won. Fortunately, Lanark beat Dippool with one extra end—how close was that?

Congratulations to Sandra Carruthers, Ivan Strachan and their rinks for bringing another piece of silverware to Lanark CC this season.

Aren't we doing well so far?





Stranraer Weekend—12-14 February 2010.

Seona is organising this weekend so any queries to her please. It is hoped that this weekend will be well supported. A good time is anticipated by all—as usual.



Fanackapan competition.

The fixtures booklet has the wrong rinks printed for the above competition ie the Presidents rinks are listed instead of the Glaister rinks. Please use the name of the 'third' as listed within the dates for the Fanackapan as a guide when all rinks are due to play.

Sandra Carruthers has been substituted by Richard Fergusson within the 'third' names as Sandra is skipping.

I hope you like puzzles.....

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 **March 2010**, 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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