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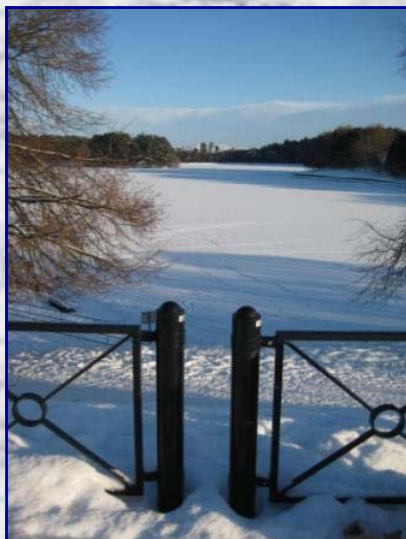
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OUTSIDE CURLING HAS RETURNED.....

Saturday 11 January 2010

The last time Lanark CC enjoyed outside curling was in 1995. That was my first season as a full-playing member so I thought this was an event, held every year, by the Club. How naive!

Following the big freeze this year I was aware that Lanark Loch was holding its ice but the man to ask was Martin Yuill. The Secretary telephoned Martin (not long after the New Year) and he had indi-



cated that he had been checking the ice often but didn't think it was safe. However, a lot can happen in a week, and the ice kept nice and thick (7"+) for the remainder of the next week—Martin called the Secretary and "game on" was the result.

Martin required assistance to prepare Lanark Loch and an email was sent out. Martin was ably assisted

Lanark CC on Lanark Loch



IN-TURNS

by Jack Hood, Iain Hutton, Bill Hannay Moray Deane, Tom Steele and Alistair Mackintosh. They swept the ice creating a 'curling sheet' - they measured, they scraped the ice to smooth it out (all hard work) and then Martin had



the idea of flooding the ice. He hired a water pump and Jack and Martin then cut the ice and flooded our 'rink' on Friday afternoon prior to Saturday curling. You can imagine the hard graft that was given by these members so THANK YOU to all concerned.



Meanwhile, the Secretary was trying to retrieve the handles for our curl-



ing stones. Unfortunately, our President was on holiday and, as keeper of the handles, they were stored in her house. Jane Morton made a telephone call and managed to track down Sandra's son who was able to find the handles for her.

An email went out to all members informing them that the Vassie Medal would be played for on Saturday 11 January, 2010 at Lanark Loch and what a day it was. We had the most fabulous weather for our outside curling ie cold crisp air, clear blue skies and nae wind! Snow flakes lay on the branches of trees, snow lay thick on the ground and it was just a beautiful scene.



Moray, Anne and Jack went to Martin's house to collect the stones—we all loaded the stones into Moray's jeep before Martin and Jack set off to make final preparations for the ice leaving Moray and Anne to help themselves to a pot of tea. Elspeth joined us—we felt so guilty because poor Elspeth was ill. Sorry Elspeth but thank you for your hospitality. Martin's final instruction to Moray and Anne was to bring the leathers and pins for the stones.



We all congregated at Lanark Loch and Anne and Moray started to put the handles onto the stones—the handles did

not fit! The handles kept on rotating and did not grip the stones—why? Martin said “use the leathers” :“What is that” asked Moray :“The coloured rings that grip the stones to the handles” said Martin. “Oh” said Anne to Moray —“I saw them, didn't know what they were so left them in Martin's garage”. Anne and Moray hastily departed to go back to Martin's house to





collect the 'leathers' - laugh as you may, but who else would have known what 'leathers' were? Anyhoo, we eventually returned and the job of fixing the handles to the stones commenced.

Other members had started to arrive so plenty of help available to set everything up—instruction was then given in how to use the crampit and a little practise took place by all members.

For the Vassie Medal we had 5 teams who played 4 ends each in a mini round robin. The two highest up rinks would go through to the Final. Our finalists were the rinks of Donald MacRae and Martin Yuill—Martin's rink becoming the victors.

I think it is an understatement to say that everybody thoroughly enjoyed the day—it was just perfect. Perfect weather: perfect companionship: a perfect opportunity to capitalise on the big freeze into making a perfect curling day. We even had the traditional drink, post match, in Lanark Golf Club—thanks to Tom Steele for signing us all in. However, during the curling matches we provided our own hip flasks, food and mulled wine from Anne and even the spectators enjoyed Lanark CC's hospitality. Between the matches spectators had the opportunity to 'have a go' and they enjoyed their wee experience.



I leave you with some photos of our perfect day—many thanks to Richard Gray, Wilson Heatlie, Dorothy Jackson, Jack Hood and Alistair Mackintosh for providing the photos





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What a Great Day
Well Done
Everyone!



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 **April 2010**, then please contact me. It is always interesting to hear about your activities out-with the Club. So don't be shy! And of course we are always interested

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