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Front Page Photo: Sandra presents the Vassie Medal to winning Skip Martin Yuill & Iain Hutton- The Vassie Medal having been won on outside ice.....

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President - Jane Morton



Presidential Musings

October

Well here we are again, already! Welcome to a new curling season. We had fabulous weather in early summer and a warm July and August. Good gardening weather for me! Although it seems such a short time since the last curling season finished, I'm sure that we've all had great times and got lots of things done!

I've been out and about in the Lake District, Inverness, Perth and Ullapool. One sunny Saturday, I even found myself in a windowless room in the Ice Rink, learning about the RCCC's child protection policy. I've traded-in my car for a new kitchen, and missed rolling fleeces on Dad's sheep-clipping day because my house was full of Polish workmen!

Dorothy Noble and Sandra Carruthers kindly accompanied me to Upperward Ladies fundraising quiz night. It was a very enjoyable evening for us and was very successful in raising funds for their forthcoming anniversary events! We got lots of good ideas, but no prizes!

Lesmahagow's get-together quiz night and supper was another successful occasion. Long ago, when I first went, this event was a summer evening supper-dance. Since then it has also taken the form of a family barbeque or a car treasure hunt and supper. Obviously, apart from bringing the kids, the common thread of the "Get-Together" is the food and the distribution of syllabuses.

Thank you to all those who were able to compete in our Opening Bonspiel. It was fun, but hard work with three in each team. Only twelve members were able to, "boldly go" and curl that night. Three sheets of ice had been booked and twenty-five people had expressed an interest in playing. Because it was a Wednesday evening, that created a clash with the Shareholders' League game.

Eight of us are now looking forward to this year's Indoor Grand Match, after last winter's disappointment. This new Grand Match format seems like a good idea to me because "Health and Safety," and lack of insurance, would appear to have finished off the possibility of ever having a "real" Grand Match again. We're going to have a "real" good time at Greenacres and Perth! I look forward to telling you all about it.

Keen & Clear!

Jane - el-presidente





October

Secretary - Anne Hood



Editorial (Rants)

My BIG news, as if nobody is yet aware of this fact, is that I am retiring from my place of work next month. I am clearly excited about this change and will not miss anything about the Easterhouse culture except for its own language ie:

- > What do you call a dwarf who falls into a cement mixer?
- > A wee hard man
- >
- > What do you call a man who takes a small size in a shoe ?
- > Wee Shooley.
- >
- > What do you call a man who takes a small size in a shoe and can't find his dog ?
- > Wee Shooley Douglas.
- >
- > A guy walks into a GP's surgery.
- > 'Doctor , Doctor! He cries , 'you've got to help me, I feel like I'm turning into coconut'
- > Says the doctor, 'You're bountae '
- >
- > What did Dracula get when he came to Glasgow ?
- > A bat in the mouth.
- >
- > There were three coos in a field. Which wan wis oan its hoalidays?
- > The wan wi a wee calf.
- >
- > The man in the clothes shop insisting on a maroon jacket.
- > 'Fur ma roon shooders'
- >
- > Hear about the stupit skindiver?
- > He didn't have a scuba.
- >
- > Did you hear about the London criminal who fell foul of the Glasgow Mafia?
- > Apparently they made him an offer he couldn't understand.
- >
- > What's the difference between a Rottweiler and a social worker ?
- > Ye can get yer wean back aff a Rottweiler



Editorial - cont'd

A wee Glesga boy comes home from school and tells his mother he's been

> given a part in the school play. 'Wonderful. Whit part is it?' she asks

> The boy says, ' I play the part of the Scottish husband ' .

> The mother scowls and says,

> 'Go back an' tell that teacher you want a speaking part!

>

> A wee Glesga woman and a baby were in the doctor's examining room,

> waiting for the doctor to come in. The doctor arrived, examined the

> baby, checked his weight, found it somewhat below normal, and asked if

> the baby was breast fed or bottle fed.

> 'Breast fed,' she replied.

> Well, strip down to your waist,' the doctor ordered. She did.

> He pressed, kneaded, rolled, cupped, and pinched both breasts for a

> while in a detailed, rigorously thorough examination.

> Motioning to her to get dressed he said, 'No wonder this baby is under

> weight. You don't have any milk !'

> I know,' she said, 'ah'm only his Granny, but noo I'm glad I came son!'

>

> A wee woman from Glasgow 's West End was staying in a hotel in

> Edinburgh , she phoned room service for some pepper.

> 'Black pepper, or white pepper?' asked the concierge.

>

> 'Toilet pepper!' yelled the woman

>

Now that I will have more time at my disposal I may even manage to get a Newsletter out to members on time!

I hope you like the new-look format of the Newsletter and thanks to Jack for doing this—however, honestly Jack, is this really the best photo you have of me? Hmmm.....

Anne



From The Counting House



Treasurer - Richard Gray

And for those members who were not able to make the AGM in March, just to show that the Club's finances continue to remain in a fairly healthy state:

LANARK CURLING CLUB

Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2010

	2010	2009
Assets		
Bank	2,058	1,665
Stock of Badges (26)	66	131
Lanarkshire Ice Rink Shares	1,000	1,000
Ice Preparation Equipment	69	69
Curling Stones	802	802
Debtors & Prepayments	<u>598</u>	<u>846</u>
	4,593	4,513
Liabilities		
Creditors & Accruals	<u>442</u>	<u>207</u>
	<u>4,151</u>	<u>4,306</u>
Financed by:		
Capital Reserve	700	700
Reserves brought forward	3,606	3,353
Current Year Deficit	<u>-155</u>	<u>253</u>
	<u>4,151</u>	<u>4,306</u>

Auditor's Report

To the members of Lanark Curling Club

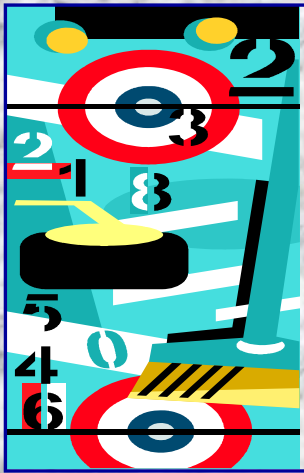
I have examined the attached financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2010.

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the club as at 28 February 2010 and of its deficit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared from its accounting records.

Gregor Noble
Honorary Auditor

March 2010





In-Turns

Competitions

Glaister Final - March



Fanackapan - March

OPENING BONSPIEL - Sept

Despite the clash with the Shareholders Opening League Game, our Opening Bonspiel was played and enjoyed by those members who participated. Congratulations to Donald MacRae, Jane Morton and Lorna Gray for winning the first silver of the season.



The President's Prize *A New Trophy For The Club*

In 2009 the curling stone handles which make-up the main feature of the 'President's Prize' - Trophy, were donated by Miss Mary Paton of Woodstock Road, Lanark.

She had no further details about the handles other than the information that was already engraved upon them. It is thought that R Barrie was the winning skip (were another 6 handles produced for the remaining members of the rink? Unfortunately the club's minutes of that year do not shed anymore light) .

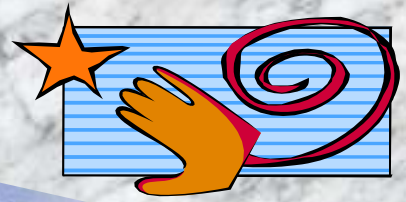
During the 2009 AGM, club members decided to have a new trophy created to supplement the prizes normally given by the President to the winning rink. As the handles formed part of the Presidents Prize of 1953 it was felt appropriate to in-corporate them into the new trophy.

Jack Hood was tasked with the job and the result of his labours is this splendid new trophy which appropriately enough was presented for the first time to Anne and her rink for winning the Presidents League 2009.

Using the handles to depict the 8' circle in the 'house' the trophy depicts a Centre Line Guard position - or is it?



In-Turns Events



Stranraer - February



Keith provided the St Valentine's hugs and chocolates to the ladies whilst the men were content with their 'wee dram'. A lovely gesture Keith—thank you.



Prize-Giving - March



 Fiona & Brian - Pairs Winners



The Wooden Spoon - Ah!



@The Popinjay



 The Presidents Winners



 Opening Bonspiel Winners



Glaister Trophy – League Winners:

Donald MacRae, Gregor Noble, Keith Carruthers, Margaret Reid

Johnston Trophy – League Runners-up:

Bill Jackson, Anne Ramsay, Brian Stephenson, Iain Hutton

President's Prize:

Anne Hood, Anne Ramsey, Bill Tennant, Frank Caddell

Fanackapan Trophy:

Alistair MacKintosh, Marian Fergusson, Iain Hutton, Jack Hood

Grierson Trophy - Pairs:

Brian Stephenson & Fiona Main

Donald Steele Trophy – Opening Bonspiel:

Jack Hood, Marian Fergusson, Wilson Heatlie

Heatlie Scuttle – Stranraer:

Bob Thomson, Seona Hutton, Jane Morton, Iain Hutton

Points

Richard Fergusson

And how did you fare?

Vassie Medal

Martin Yuill, Tom Steele, Alan Sellars, Iain Hutton

Wooden Spoon

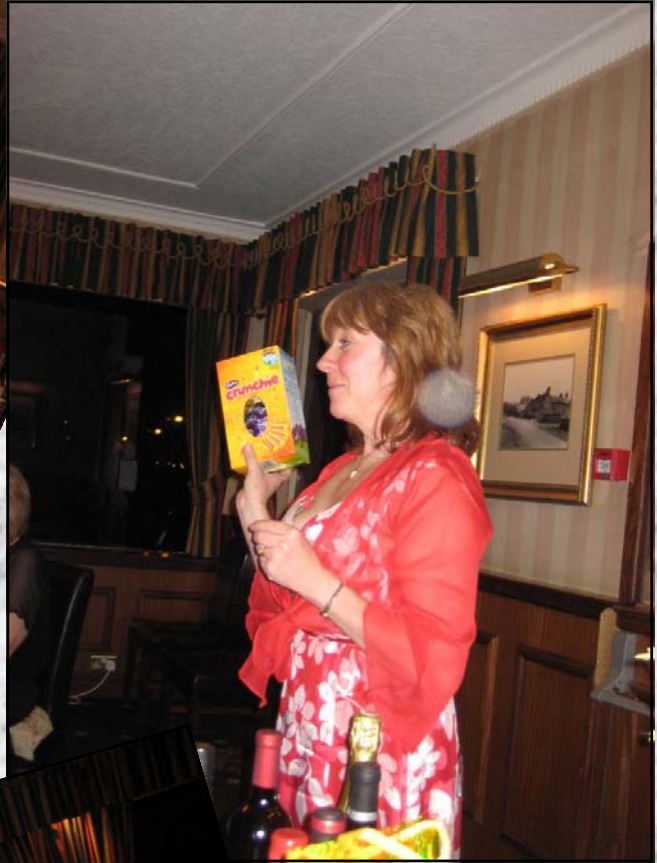
Sandra Carruthers, Martin Yuill, Bill Tennant, Eric McGuinness



And from the Fotie collection



So that's where I
left my Lottery Ticket



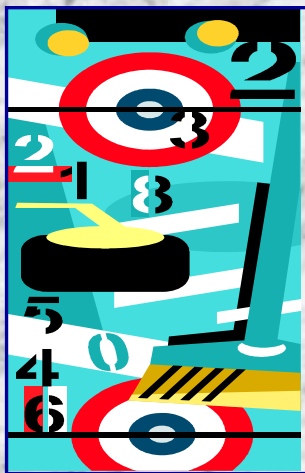
So how much
am I bid for
this box of
bird seed?
Going Cheep!
(Unless you
won the Lottery?)



Told ye I
dinnae like ye for
winning the Lottery

Remember to keep
Friday 1 April free
in your diaries for
the annual prize-
giving and end-of-
season event. A
venue has still to be
decided but the
President will be or-
ganising this.





Out-Turns

Competitions

Lake of Menteith - January



*Our Very Own
Grand Match -
Featuring Water
Curling*



GRAND MATCH



What a contrast to our wonderful day on Lanark Loch in January when you look at the photographs on page 13 involving Martin, Moray, Jack and Iain. Lanark, despite instructions to the contrary, went to the Lake of Menteith to play against our opponents, Forteviot CC, drawn in the Grand Match that should have been but wasn't! However, it was more curling gliding as the thaw had indeed taken hold. Undaunted, the two teams arrived with wheelbarrow, drink, crampits, drink, curling stones, drink, brushes and more drink! Even the BBC had turned up to film what should have been a Grand Match for a series they were compiling about Scotland so we could have small screen stars in our midst.

However, the RCCC held the Indoor Grand Matches in October 2010 and one Lanark team went to Greenacres while the other team went to Perth.

Jack, Anne H, Jane and Anne MacRae made their way to Greenacres for a 10 am game. We were playing against the Orwell men (from Kinross) and we were 4-1 up as we stacked the brooms. Lanark was 5-2 up after End 6 but then lost a disastrous 5 at End 7. We could only gain one back at End 8 as the Orwell skip played a marvellous last stone which could not allow Lanark to gain any more than 1. Final score—6-7.

Martin, Moray, Alistair and Frank travelled to Perth and won their game 6-3 against Falkirk Ladies.

I know that other members eg Anne R and Lorna were playing for Lanark Ladies at Hamilton and Wilson was playing for Boswall at Kinross.

Despite it being an Indoor Grand Match the hospitality, the camaraderie and the good spirit of curling made it a thoroughly enjoyable time for all who took part. We do it all again in 5 years time.....



A Decade On!

It does not seem like 10 years since the Royal Club agreed to have a Grand Match, albeit, Indoors, to unite the Scottish curlers in celebrating the Millennium.

When the initial moves were made I had a feeling that should 500 curlers take part and play in 10 ice rinks, the day would be a success. The thrill of 2424 curlers taking to the ice in every ice rink for two sessions, some even had three sessions to provide ice for all the entrants, was much more than very rewarding. Even the Minister of Sport came along and joined the outdoor game played in Princes Street Gardens.

The day was a success, so much so that when the proposal was made at the AGM to hold the Indoor Grand Match every five years, there was no debate, it was passed unanimously.

What I will remember particularly from that day were the side stories, the phone call to an old friend, George in St. Andrews and in asking where we had sent his club, 'Kelso' came back the answer, 'oh that's a long distance', 'no its doon tae the bridge, roond the bye-pass, doon tae yon pub, turn left an' yer there'. On the day, the good ladies from Edinburgh took their picnic basket on the early morning train to Pitlochry and when they enjoyed their breakfast, the champagne was an excellent vintage.

And so, five years on and back in the body o' the kirk, my own club, Dunfermline, had been asked to represent the North at Brora and in selecting their teams, I was chosen to have what is now in the pages of curling history, 'the Brora experience' and it was and it is a great pity that it is not being repeated.

The second Indoor Grand Match was another success thanks to Ian Turnbull, whose knowledge of the clubs was absolute and the work of Bill Balfour and yourselves – it worked again!

The key factor however, in all of this is YOU... YOU made it work, enjoy today, good luck and good curling.

Donald L. Whyte
Convenor of 2000 Indoor Grand Match.



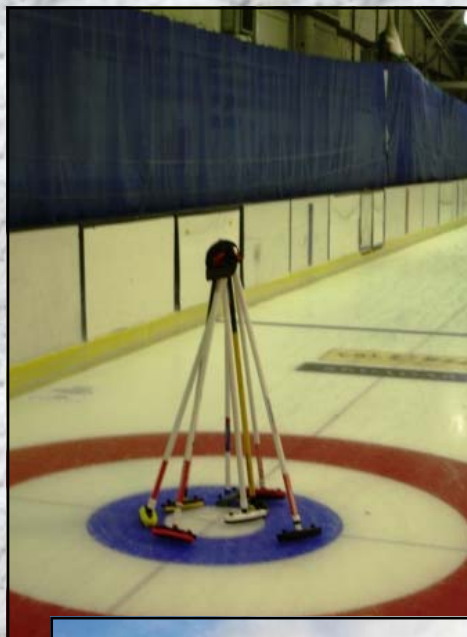
GRAND MATCH

2010 October



The South Beat The North
379 Shots Up!

Stacking the
Brooms at Perth



A Curling Fling (Not!) at
Greenacres



LIR - Opening Bonspiel - Sept

Being the first night of curling for this season congratulations to Jack Hood who was part of the winning team for this competition.

Shareholders Opening Bonspiel - Sept

Congratulations to Anne Hood who was part of the winning team of the Shareholders Opening Bonspiel.



...and from a dear member who has cause to celebrate a special birthday recently.....

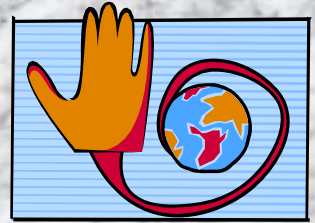


51, Station Road,
Carlisle ML8 5AD
May 15th 2010.
Dear Jane,
A very big thank you to you and Lanark CC for the beautiful floral arrangement. It has come as a complete but wonderful surprise and your good wishes are much appreciated.
Many many thanks
Very sincerely,
Lorne.



Pick-Ups

Members' Snippets



When Size Matters!

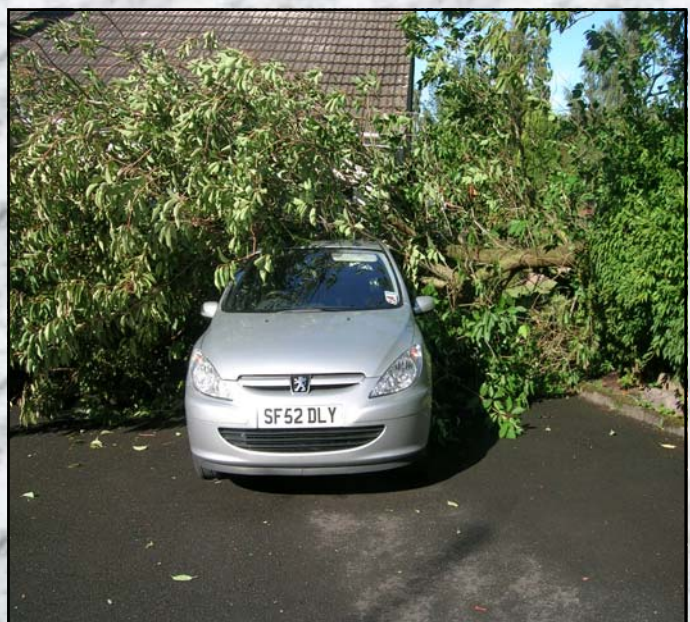
What is the significance of the above picture? Well, imaging the scene.....Frank Caddell is at home and needs to jump into the car to run an errand. His wife's car is at the top of the drive so he uses Marilyn's car. On his return he is met with this scene involving his own car.....



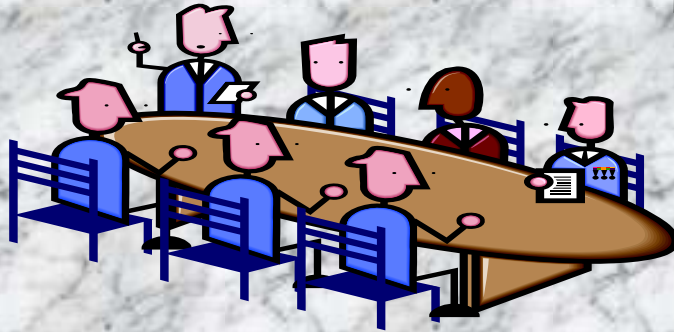
Yes Frank - Size Matters

However, isn't it fortunate that Frank saved Marilyn's car?—what a gentleman!

You must have earned lots of brownie points!



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Final Ends -

Final Ends - For Your Diary:

16th Dec - Xmas Bonspiel & Supper

21st Jan - Jolipestal - 1230/1500 hrs - LIR

11-13th Feb - Stranraer Weekend

