

Lanark Rocks

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JOLIPESTAL WINNERS



Team 1 = Bill Jackson, Tom Steele, Miller Bowie and Frank Caddell

Team 2 = Bob Thomson, Ivan Strachan, Moray Deane and Lorna Gray

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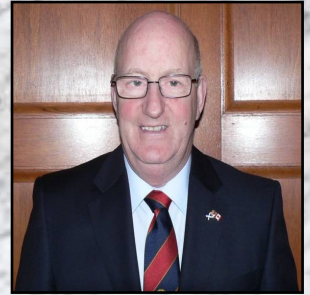
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Vice-President - Alistair Mackintosh



Vice-Presidential Musings

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From Behind The Glass

It was a case of serendipity that I happened to be around and about when the Scottish Seniors were on at the ice rink. It's never really been something of an interest to myself, if only from an ignorance point of view, as I always thought it was something that the team 'Lockhart' always entered to win which then qualified them to go on and represent Scotland; how wrong I was! The thing that started it all for me was a contact from Castle Douglas (Kenny Murray) whom I have been dealing with on the phone about hosting Canadian golfers. He mentioned he was playing in the competition so I dropped by to see him play. Of course I looked at the other teams playing - another team from Braehead, with Gary MacFarlane (Runner up), happened to be there and having won 2 lost 2 at the time, I thought I would not see him much more. As we had toured with the Renfrewshire Province to the Ottawa valley in 2002 it was nice to catch up on old times and what had happened to us both in the years since! Well, all of this gave me an interest to see at least the semis because, after consulting the RCCC website with live updates, I could see Gary had qualified. Therefore, I duly turned up on Sunday morning hoping to look at how their slide techniques were set up and how their tactics would play out. This plan soon got lost in the ebb and flow of the games but I was most surprised by the good humoured banter that was evident from the partners and supporters of one team or another; the collective intake of breath when an open guard was missed (not often) or when a shot was hogged - this was met with derision from some to delight from others. Best of all, from behind the glass, we never got a shot or a tactic wrong that could have won the game if only they had played it like we planned! All in all I met friends from Greenacres and Gleniffer curling club where I first started curling 12 years ago; made some new contacts and really enjoyed the atmosphere of a skilful and hard fought competition that was an eye opener to me. If you can spare the time and want to be entertained by good company and maybe learn a thing or two, dip yourself in and out between taking the other half shopping and you might get more than you bargained for.

Happy curling

Alistair Mackintosh VP





Secretary - Anne Hood

Editorial

Hasn't this been a quick season?

Lanark has involved itself in competitions both within Biggar & Upperward and Lanarkshire Provinces—this has also included playing with Americans who were part of the incoming RCCC tour. I feel it is also appropriate to mention the retirement of Alec Lamb as Secretary of the Biggar & Upperward Province after a spell of 30 years! Alec tells the story that he only agreed to be Secretary for one year to allow another member to complete his one year of Presidency and that he would revert back to Secretary once his Presidential year was complete. However, the poor gentleman died thus leaving Alec holding the post and it took him 30 years to eventually find a replacement!

Four members of Lanark also visited Prague at the start of the season and this was reported in an earlier edition of Lanark Rocks. Anne and Jack also enjoyed curling in Zermatt and, if you can stand further holiday snaps, this will be reported soon.

Lanark has received invitation matches from Ayr CC and Cambuslang CC—we again play host to Boswall CC at our annual Interclub event.

Our own fixtures booklet saw changes with the birth of a league for the Fannackapan. We are busy completing our fixtures but the Glaister League still awaits the playing of the final game before we know which teams are in the play-offs.

Our AGM takes place on 29th March following the Closing Bonspiel—apparently the restaurant has taken too many bookings from clubs so we are having our meal in the Bar Area -(it will be screened off for us). I will seek the use of the Cafe for our AGM. I will send out AGM documentation by email prior to the 29th and ask that members read and print off their own copy please. If any member wishes to add an item to the AGM Agenda then please let me know asap.

Thank you for your continued support.





CONGRATULATIONS to Lanark CC for winning the Jolipestal this season. Many thanks to the 8 members who represented their club and succeeded in bringing the trophy back to Lanark.

Alistair Mackintosh, Vice President, had a very busy day MC'ing the event, taking photographs, working out the scores, presenting the prizes and welcoming all clubs who took part. Well done, Alistair.

Our first team was Bill Jackson (skip), Tom Steele, Miller Bowie and Frank Caddell. They presented a very impressive +13 shots to team 2.

Our second team was Bob Thomson (skip), Ivan Strachan, Moray Deane and Lorna Gray.

In the end Lanark CC won with an overall +14 shots with East Kilbride and Haremyres close behind with +13 shots and Coulter CC were still in the frame with +12 shots. What a close competition!

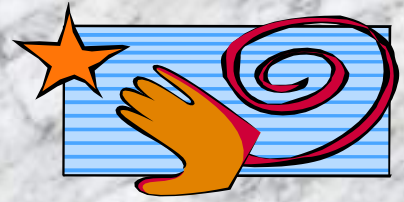
East Kilbride and Haremyres won the wine for the highest up rink outwith the winning club.

FACTS:

The Jolipestal was first presented in 1957 and Lanark CC has won it 11 times in total ie in 1963, 1965, 1975, 1982, 1986, 1989, 1995, 2001, 2003, 2009 and 2012.



In-Turns Events



Prize-Giving - April

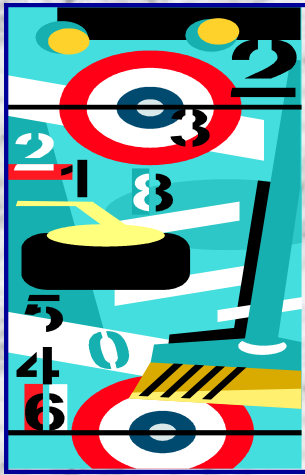


There has been a change of date re the annual dinner and prize-giving.

The new date is now **FRIDAY 6 APRIL** 2012 at The Popinjay Hotel..

The President hopes that there will be a good turnout of members.





Out-Turns

Competitions

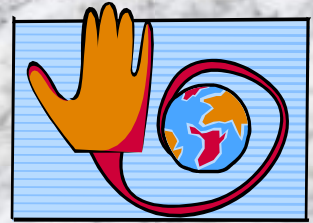
CONGRATULATIONS to Bob Thomson who also skipped the club to success in the Lanarkshire Province League. Lanark won this League and Bob wishes to thank the members who played in his rink throughout the stages of the competition.

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Pick-Ups

Members' Snippets



Well done to Anne Ramsay and her gang of cyclists who raised over £500 for charity.

Anne is always willing to take up a challenge and facing a 'cycle-a-thon' 'did not put her off at all.

As they say in Glasgow Anne "you still have a rerr perr a' pins fur a granny".....



From left to right: Hazel Cameron, Barbara McMillan (Anne's sister), Anne Ramsay, Christine O'Neill and Mary Tweedie.

The 'girls' cycled as a relay team for several hours to raise the money. WELL DONE GIRLS—you're all magic!

Anne wishes to thank everybody who sponsored the 'girls'.

