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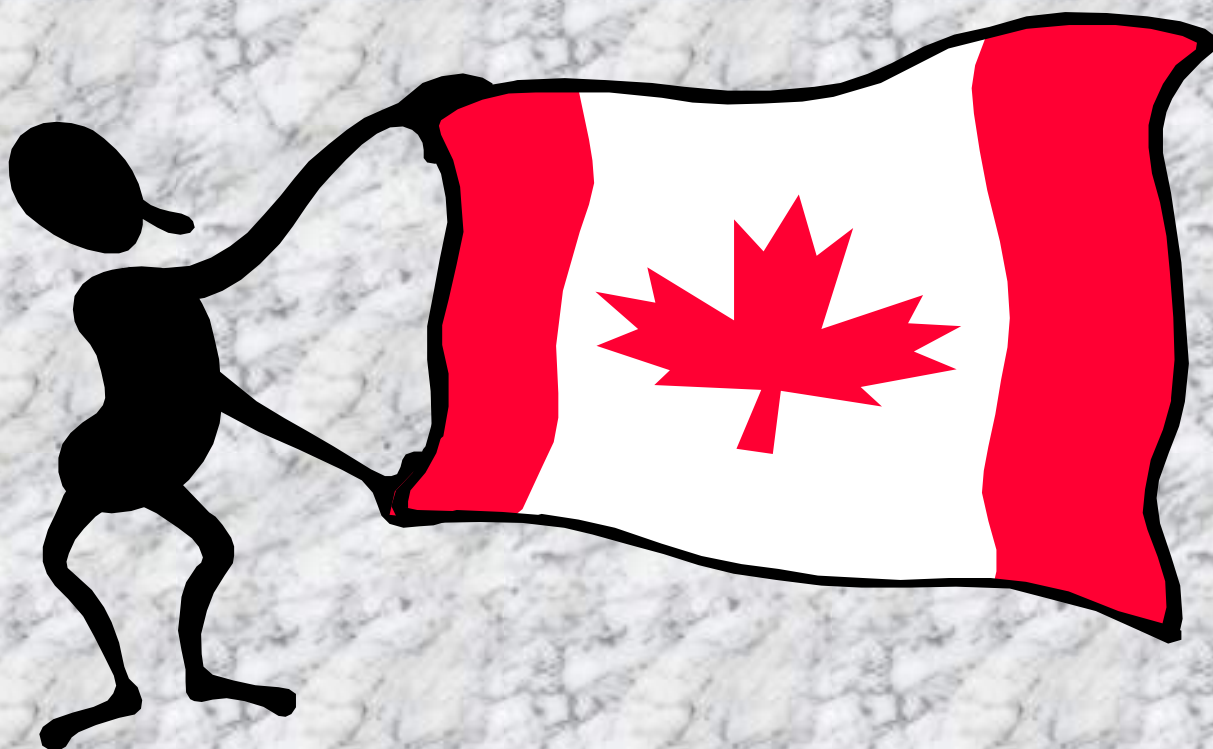
ROTARY CANADIAN TOUR



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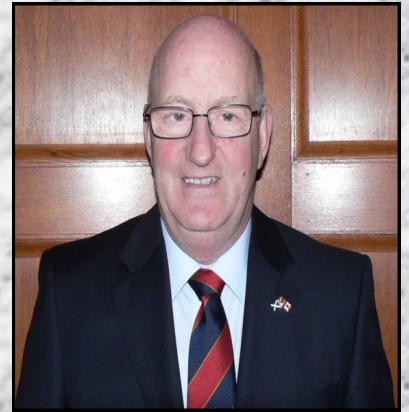


Our President, Alistair Mackintosh, and Bill Jackson embarked on a Rotary Curling Tour in November 2012. This edition gives their story.

The Rotarian Scots brought back the trophies—well done!

President: Alistair Mackintosh

Presidential Musings



**Montreal-Ottawa-Kingston-Peterborough-Oshawa-Toronto-Barrie
-Thornbury**

Fergus-Kitchener-Stratford-Simcoe and Burlington

Well, like the 29 tours that have been before us felt, as we landed at Glasgow airport after a gruelling four weeks curling in Canada, that this was the tour to end all tours, we had been treated to fellowship that can only be described as mind blowing. All this on the back of tours that have been coming back and forth since 2 Rotarians, Bob Mackintosh from Scotland travelled to Montreal in Canada in November 1956 on a business trip where he met Aubrey Legge, whereupon they hatched a plan that has seen a Rotary curling exchange since 1957. It takes a lot of organisation on both sides of the pond to set up for a tour. Meetings for our tour were held in Perth, Stranraer, Stirling and Edinburgh, this involved all the aspects such as uniforms, travelling, curling gear and gifts as well as setting a budget and some curling practice, all overseen by our Captain Matt Murdoch from the Lockerbie club. Use was made of the talents that the 22 in the team, from all over Scotland covering 3 districts, had and some didn't know they had. We also had some social sides to this that involved our significant other halves, taking our wives to the meetings, so that we could all get to know each other. Curling matches were also played, enabling us to form teams for the task ahead, Scotland Must Win, that helped in our training for the eating and drinking department that we knew would be important in the 28 days to come on the tour.



On the other side the 2010 Canadian team led by their Captain John Dunsford were setting up venues, hosts and transport, this involved new hosts and previous tours a total of some 34 Rotary clubs a massive task even with all the modern communication facilities. Having had the goodwill from the tour in Scotland 2010, the team actually couldn't wait to help in any way they could. It was a pleasure to see them all again after a 2 year gap. Greeting us at the airport in Montreal, it was as if time had flown by and acquaintances were soon rekindled, it certainly made the tour seem a lot more real after talking about it for so long. It is hard to put into words the effort that the Canadian Rotarians made to make our tour run seamlessly, our huge thanks go to the men and women who did so with little fuss on their part, no request seemed too much.

To be considered for the tour, you have to have hosted before and you will then have a small idea of what's involved, the curling, the parties the fellowship it is amazing how close you can get to hosts/ guests in 2 to 3 days, some of whom will remain lifelong friends. You will also need stamina because believe me after 7 or 8 days of this hedonistic lifestyle and visiting so many Rotary clubs you won't know what day it is or who your next hosts names are. What you will have is a sense of camaraderie as you knit into a team of Scottish Rotary curlers most of whom you will never have met before this tour. You will also marvel at the hidden talents of your team mates that come out at parties and social events, such as poetry, singing or general entertainers telling jokes and becoming larger than life.

Another facet of the tour is that money is raised for charities in the country that is being toured, we picked the two charities, the first being **the Sandra Schmirler Foundation**—Sandra was a three times world curling champion who sadly died of cancer in her early 30s. Sandra believed that Champions Start Small and her foundation is in her memory to help premature and critically ill babies. The second was for **the Kids Ability Centre in Waterloo** which was founded by local Rotarians in 1957 and now has a government budget of several millions per year and a staff of 200 full and part time. Staff who give day care and treatment to children with learning difficulties and speech therapy. We had a full tour of the facilities, we were never more proud to be Rotarians than we were that day.

The way the money is raised is through a system of small fines dished out by our Sergeant At Arms (Jean Lennie from the Penicuik club on our tour) for misdemeanours such as forgetting your kit in some location such as a changing room or your hosts house, or wearing the wrong uniform at the wrong time, these are minor but can be woven into a whole host of other things that happen but you will have to go on your own tour to find out. Our Canadian counterparts were delighted by the sum we raised.



Highlights are hard to define, but up there must be the time we were invited to a party for all tourists , hosts and guests in a funeral home run by Graham Giddy from the Fergus club, we were a little apprehensive about this as we met at the curling club to be transported by coach to the venue. Sure enough when we arrived in the front of the building our entrance was greeted by rows of chairs for a small funeral party on the left and if you were looking for the cloakroom on the right and opened what you thought was the right door a row of show coffins greeted you, but as you hurried upstairs a lively party ensued with lots of nice food and drink. Best of all was the entertainment provided by Graham, a fiddle combo under the name of **Scott Woods** (Please look up on you tube) He did a 360 degree flip whilst playing a tune on the fiddle, so **we have seen the flipping fiddler in the funeral home in Fergus**, after this the Oktoberfest night where we had the beer hall to ourselves, was pretty special too. A tour of their Parliament and lunch in the senate dining room, Niagara falls, progressive dinners and too many other events to mention, remember your tour maybe different. Many more happy memories.

The curling also saw plenty of highlights in some of the best curling rinks Canada has to offer, with our team building up a steady head of wins as we went along giving the Scots an overall win of 645 shots to Canada's 505 in the **Mackintosh Quaich**. This was backed up on the last day at the Burlington Golf and Country Club when the **Duddingston Trophy** is played for by the 2012 Scots team and the 2010 Canadian team. Again an overall win to the Scots by 42 shots to 23 and by winning the **Cutler Trophy** before we went, from the 2008 Scottish tour, we had a clean sweep of the board. All the trophies were then presented to us at the final banquet , where a lot of our hosts turned up Having driven for up to 3hrs from all over our stops on the tour.

A picture of all 3 trophies is shown on the front cover of this edition of Lanark Rocks.

We hope that Richard Gray and Wilson Heatlie have just as much fun and enjoyment on their RCCC Canadian Tour and we look forward to hearing their story.

Alistair Mackintosh
President





How many Lanarkshire curlers can you spot?





Secretary - Anne Hood

Editorial

Hi

I hope you enjoyed reading Alistair's account of their Canadian Tour—I did but what I got, that Alistair didn't include within his story, was an interesting photo. Have you ever seen our President dressed like this?

NO—I thought you hadn't and let's hope we don't see him dressed like that again!

The Jolipestal competition took place recently and despite the forecast for snow—that didn't materialise—everybody made an effort and turned out to play. Coulter CC and Dippool CC both had very large leads after the first Round but, fortunately, they were drawn against each other in Round 2 so that gave the rest of us a chance to regain some ground. East Kilbride and Haremyres did their best and nearly caught up but Coulter edged with another large win hence the winners this year were Coulter CC. They received bottles of port plus the special commemorative tin of biscuits which was an initiative between Lanark Rotary and Border Biscuits Ltd. Dippool CC received the wine for being the highest up rink outwith the winning club (+17 shots).

Coulter CC won with +18 shots with East Kilbride and Haremyres having +15 shots. I leave you with some photos of the winners.





Anne with the winners—
Coulter CC
above.

Dippool CC re-
ceiving the wine
for being the
club with the
highest shot up.





The trophy table—we actually got a protective case for the Jolipestal Trophy. It has only taken us 55 years to do this!

Here are some club rinks prior to play, below:



East Kilbride & Haremyres with Lanark

Lanark Ladies and Dippool.





In-Turns



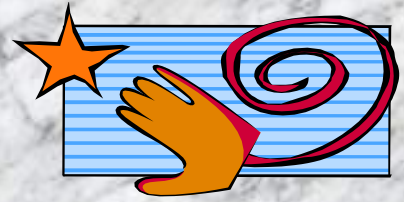
ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING AND DINNER

A reminder that the 2013 Dinner and Prize-giving will be held in New Lanark Hotel on Friday 22nd March.

Alistair will be looking for names quite shortly!



Out-Turns



MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO
FRANK CADDELLWHO CELE-
BRATES HIS 70th BIRTHDAY
IN MARCH.

Frank will be in Oz for his birth-
day so have a good birthday
Frank.



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