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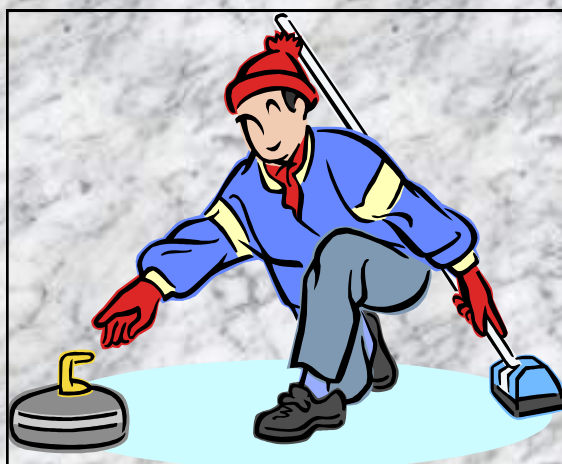


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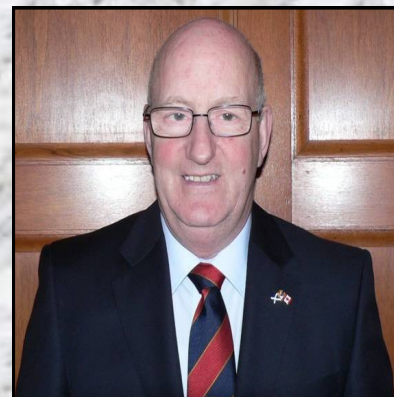
This must be a new record for Lanark CC—7 editions of Lanark Rocks within the one season! I hadn't realised how busy I had been—hi hi.

Many thanks to those who contributed tales so keep the stories coming—I only 'publish' when I have material to use.

Have a nice summer and until next season.....

President: Alistair Mackintosh

Presidential Musings



Dear Members

Once again we have a wonderful ending to a wonderful season of curling.

This curling season was full of travel, fellowship and curling both outwith and within the Club. I feel that the curling season seems right to end at this time of year as it gives us a chance to reflect back on the last 6 months and provides us with hope as we look forward to longer days and perhaps a wee bit of heat!

This summer Margaret and I will be heading back to Canada (Vancouver) then onto Europe—we also have a big family wedding in August so the year is full of promise.

Lanark Club is in good shape with the retention of most members and the possibility of a few more joining. Your committee will not be complacent in mapping out a way forward to strengthen our programme and tap into other resources. Change, as they say, is the only constant. Therefore over the summer we will do all of that and more which will include a re-run of the successful B-B-Q/Garden Party.

Please put forward any request to any committee member that you feel needs discussing or action—it's your club.

I truly hope you had a good time at the prize-giving dinner (including the stories from the Cuddling Tour). If you did then please tell others. In the unlikely event that you didn't, please tell me.

Enjoy your break—see you next season.

Alistair Mackintosh

Club President





Secretary - Anne Hood

Editorial

Hi

One evening last August, whilst eating my evening meal and watching the BBC news at the same time, I heard an interesting story about a bunch of young men climbing up a mountain called Quirang, near Staffin, on the Isle of Skye while carrying a table, chairs, food and table settings etc. Why would anybody do this? Well, it was a 'stag party' and the young men were having a 'stag dinner' on top of a mountain. This was a formal dinner as all men were in kilts and the table was also bearing a tablecloth with proper place settings. I nearly dropped my own knife and fork when I saw a photo of the young men as I instantly recognised some of our former junior curlers. The groom was Bob Gray who sat resplendent at the top of the table whilst everyone ate a 3-course dinner—just have a look at the front cover.



The boys stated their ascent was tough—but enjoyable! I sometimes accompany Jack on his hillwalking ventures but the Cuillins are not an easy walk and walking to the top of any mountain is difficult enough without carrying furniture and a hot meal—well done boys!



Why is Bob smiling?



The table and chairs are being carried by David and Douglas Toy.



I then noticed young David and Douglas Toy—so we now have 3 former young curlers in the group. No—4 actually—because Michael (Bob's brother) was there also.



The Skye mist never fails but the lads eventually mount their summit then sit down for a well-earned dinner.

Apparently Bob did not know what the others lads had planned—he was 'kidnapped' from his flat in Glasgow and then taken to the Isle of Skye—I understand other activities were on the agenda so this mountain climb was just one. It's well seeing they are young and fit! Richard Gray simply stated "that boys will be boys" - Richard also added that the best man, when they got back to the mainland, cycled home to Glasgow via the West Highland Way!

Bob is getting married in April 2013 and from Lanark Curling Club we send you, and your future wife, all our best wishes.

Thanks for a great story lads!





In-Turns

Lanark CC won the Biggar and Upperward Province President's Cup this year—yippee! This was a bonspiel where we changed at every end and we never lost an end so by the time we were playing the 7th end (which was the last of the bonspiel) we knew we were 2 shots up with Lesmahagow Men behind us. Unfortunately we dropped two shots at the final end—miraculously, so did Lesmahagow Men but it was not until the winning scores were declared that we found out that Lesmahagow Ladies stormed back to equal us on shots. It then had to go to 'ends' and we won because we won 6 ends to their 5. Phew!

It was an exciting win for Alistair as this was his first year of Presidency within Lanark CC. Well done to Tom, Alistair, Anne and Dorothy.





In-Turns

BMW

Lanark CC participated again within the BMW Invitation Day—this being 3 x 4 end games using the schenkel system for scoring.

Our team was Bill Jackson, Bob Thomson, Anne Hood and Anne Ramsay.

Lanark played all 3 games against other curling clubs and won them all but we only managed to secure 2nd place (no mean feat I quickly hasten to add). There was a team from BMW themselves who were not curlers but simply wanted to take part and the teams that were drawn against them all came out with huge wins (especially the number of 'ends' which count in the schenkel system). However, the poor BMW lads lost an 8-ender in their very first end to the eventual winners of the trophy. Controversy only raised its head when the winning curling team were planning to claim the 8-ender officially—I don't know what they eventually did and I think that's a road we don't want to go down because, overall, it was a great day with the curling, bar and a lovely 3 course lunch being provided by BMW. I think it's great that the BMW boys give curling 'a go' but my opinion would be that no official curling team could, in the name of fellowship and fairness, claim an 8-ender against a team of non-curlers!

Here endeth the lesson.....

It is true to say that Bill Jackson was a bit 'squiffy' for his games, post lunch, following the flow of wine at lunchtime..





In-Turns



The Runners-Up

The Winners
and the Runners
-Up.





In-Turns

INTERCLUB GAME

Lanark enjoyed an interclub game against Ayr and Alloway CC who travelled to Hamilton recently. Two rinks, from each club, were represented and Charlie and Tom Steele played against each other in their 'friendly' match. Do not believe it—each brother was trying so hard to beat the other brother and some terrific shots were made. Their game ended in a peel which would fairly reflect the quality of play so, thankfully, the other Lanark team managed to secure a win thus giving Lanark the overall winning score. We all had a lovely meal afterwards with some funny stories being told. Thank you to everybody who took part.





In-Turns

New Interclub Cup

Lanark CC members received a lovely surprise at the end of our annual friendly match with Boswall CC which was held at Murrayfield this year. The clubs have held an annual match for several years now and John Ross, President of Boswall CC, generously donated a Cup for the occasion—it is known as The Boswall-Lanark Cup. It was a lovely gesture so thank you John.

Next year we will hold our friendly match in Hamilton and I told John that “we would be more than keen to take the Cup out of Boswall’s hands” - hi hi.

Isn't this a lovely trophy?





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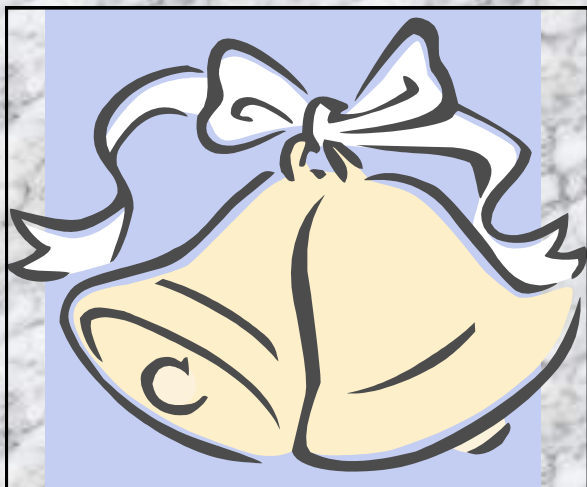


Everybody who took part in this year's Boswall-Lanark match.

John Ross is the person on right hand side of picture—he and Anne are holding the Cup.



Out-Turns



Three of our members will enjoy seeing their off-spring being wed soon:

1. Miller Bowie will walk his daughter down the aisle next week
2. Richard Gray will also see his son married in April
3. Alistair will see his son being married in August.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lorna Gray who will soon be celebrating her 50th year as a RCCC member.

What an achievement.



MANY HAPPY RETURNS to Anne Ramsay who will be celebrating a big birthday in May.

Happy 21st Anne.



Out-Turns



Bob Thomson is retiring
from his post at Easter.

Enjoy.

More time for curling then!



Anne, with her two sisters,
attending the christening of
their great nephew—yes,
GREAT nephew. (Actually the
sister in the middle is the
Grandmother—the others are
the Great Aunts). Nobody tells
you these things when you get
older!

Meet little Liam. Isn't he lovely?

PS: Jack was there also.



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I NEED SOME NEWS AND STORIES!!!

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