

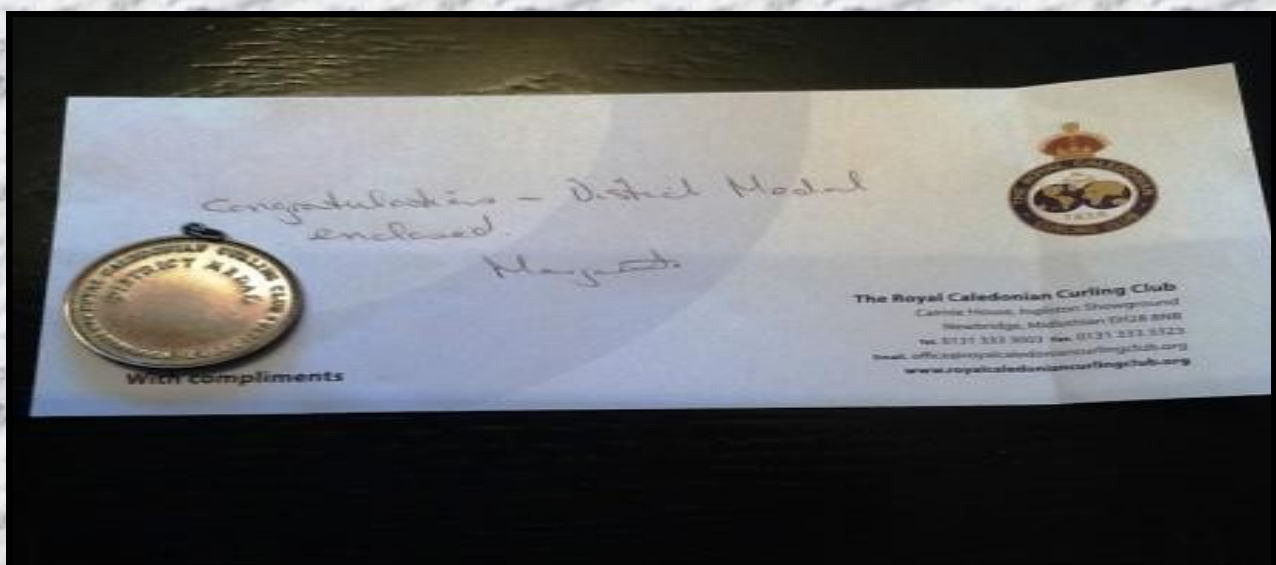
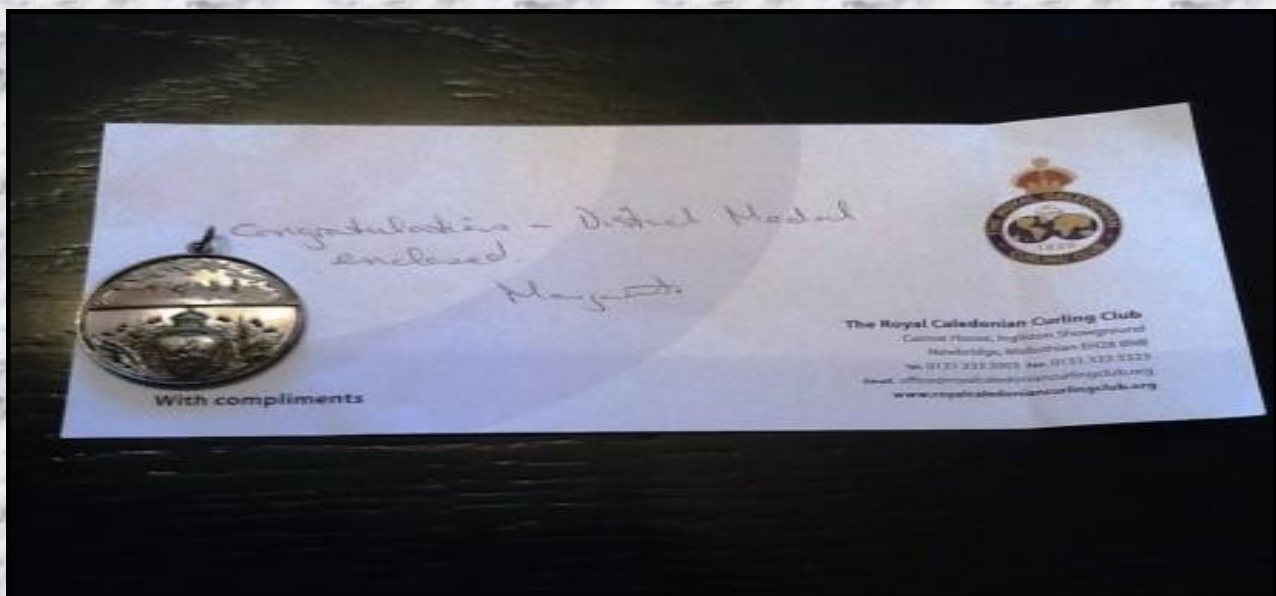


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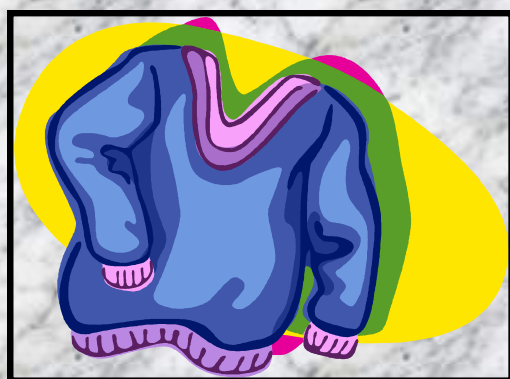
District Medal for Lanark



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CLUB JUMPERS:

DOES ANYONE REQUIRE TO ORDER A CLUB JUMPER?

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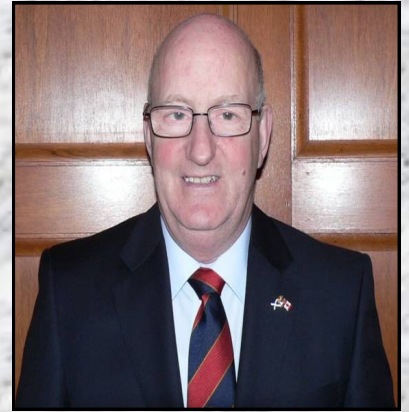
PLEASE GIVE ALL RELEVANT DETAILS TO ANNE HOOD.

THANK YOU

Anne Hood (Club Secretary and Vice President)

President: Alistair Mackintosh

Presidential Musings



Dear Brother and Sister Curlers

A wonderful piece of news to share with you at the start of the season is that Lanark has already won its first piece of silver! I hope this is a good omen for the rest of the season.

During the summer break both myself and Martin Yuill received emails indicating we had a game of curling at The Peak, in Stirling, at the beginning of September. Naturally we contacted our Secretary to see what this was all about ie what competition, who was playing etc. Anne had no idea either and confusion lay in whether this game was a Lanark Club game or a Rotary game. As President of Lanark Rotary last year I was convinced it was not a Rotary Game—Anne was equally convinced it was not a Lanark club game. Anyway we all got caught up in summer activities and this was ‘put on the back burner’ until I received a reminder about the game in September. I telephoned the RCCC to be told it was a District Medal game—still no clue as to how we were entered. Therefore myself, Bill Jackson, Martin Yuill and Frank Caddell went off to play at The Peak which is a very nice venue indeed. The score card was detailed Lanark Rotary CC so, as President, I decided this was going to be a Lanark CC game as there is no distinct Lanark Rotary CC.

Our game was exceedingly close and in the middle of the game the opposition, with last stone, had to tap back our stone to take 5 off us. We could only look on expecting the worse but, no, there was a huge pick up and the opposition missed allowing us to take one. This would deflate any team as you can imagine, and Lanark steadily gained more shots so that we were 4 up going into the final end.



Confidence was high but the opposition made a come-back and a lovely head was built up against Lanark. Bill Jackson, with his first stone, wanted to move some of the opposition stones out. Now we all know how Bill likes to play the take-out game so we couldn't believe our eyes when Bill's stone missed everything—the ice played straight with the weight used. The opposition put in another stone and the danger was that the opposition now had a chance of peeling the game. Bill played very tactfully with his last stone where his stone lay against one of the opposition's back stones. To remove our stone required the finest of hits—however, the opposition skip attempted the shot: caught too much of our stone thus jamming our stone against their pack of stones resulting in them only taking 3 off us. The score finished 9-8 to Lanark.

What a match!

I then discovered, to my delight, that in the District Medal a club is drawn against another—it is a one-game event—and our district medal was duly posted to me the following day. We only get one medal for the team!

Our first piece of silver for the season.

Thank you to Bill, Martin and Frank for helping secure this lovely win.



Alistair Mackintosh
President





Secretary - Anne Hood

Editorial

Hi

Firstly, congratulations to our District Medal winners—what a story.

During the summer recess I received emails from David Sidney and Anne MacRae who, for personal reasons, have had to resign from the club. We hope that they will return to us whenever it is possible and we wish them both well.

Thank you to Dorothy Jackson and Jane Morton who will take David's place within the President's League and also to Tom Wilson who was sharing a rink position with Anne but who will now play all the games for this league also.

I had several news stories carried forward from the end of last season so I'm publishing these now—hope you enjoy the read. As always, I ask members to send me anything that would be of interest to our members. It would seem that Lanark Rocks is valued by members and is viewed as a good club asset so please keep it going.....

Here's to a good season. I look forward to seeing you on the ice shortly.

Anne Hood

Secretary and Vice-President



DALRYMPLE CUP

By Moray Deane

At our club's annual visit to North West Castle in February 2013 I was pleased to be part of the team that made it through to the Finals. Our skip was Bob Thomson with myself, Jane Morton and Mary Tweedie making up the rink. Unfortunately we were Runners-Up but it did mean that we were invited back to the Winners Weekend in April. Hooray! However Bob was on holiday during April so Anne Ramsay stepped in and off we all went to Stranraer.

We knew we would have 3 tough games and indeed we did. We played against Peter Wilson who was soon to depart for Canada to play in the World Seniors championships! Despite losing our 3 games we all enjoyed ourselves immensely. All games were played in the very best of spirits with good shots being complimented and poorer shots being lamented.

I was intrigued when I saw the Hamilton/Thornhill team wearing polo shirts with the acronym 'WOHFTF' written on them. After enquiring I found it stood for 'We're Only Here For The Food' - fabulous!!

The prize-giving dinner on Saturday was held downstairs where the dance hall is. We enjoyed a champagne reception followed by the usual high standard of food and drink. The prize-giving was accompanied by some very good stories and excellent 'crack'. We then went into the downstairs bar where Tommy Campbell had organised some 'entertainment'. Our own Anne Ramsay and Mary Tweedie put on a great show with 'The Midgies' and 'There's a Little Yellow Idle'.



Many other clubs demonstrated their entertainment skills and before we knew it the time had raced on—it was well past the witching hour but, boy oh boy, did we all enjoy ourselves.

Gail Munro and her staff are to be congratulated upon the excellent service and cuisine that was provided. As usual, North West Castle did not disappoint.

If you ever get a chance to attend a Winners Weekend I can only urge you to go—it is simply splendid.



***Winners of the Heatlie
Scuttle 2013.***



International Gathering

By Wilson Heatlie



Unfortunately this year the Gathering, in which Lanark CC has participated within for several years, clashed with the club dinner and prize-giving, so Lanark had to withdraw.

However, in my other guise as a member of Boswall CC, Edinburgh, I skipped a team made up from a pool of nine players.

In the first 3 games we played a group of Dutch students, whose fashionable curling pants challenged everyone's vertical hold, but unfortunately outclassed their curling skills. However, they were delightful young men and over here to enjoy themselves, armed with a bottle of 'Corenwyn' (corn wine) spirit which they shared generously.

Next came a tense game with Kelso Reivers, who pushed Boswall into second place, followed by an encounter with



Lanark's old friends, The Queens from Sweden. Another close encounter resulted, but in the 5th end a good take-out and lie from Boswall was left too exposed and The Queens made no mistake, scoring a 5. Ouch! To rub salt in, the ladies from Queens had spent so much time talking (amazing!) about their shots that the bell prevented a 6th end being played!

This put Boswall into the relatively lowly Group E (out of 7) for the second round of 3 games.

Another team familiar to Lanark, the Swedish men from IKEA (or some of them) held Boswall to a peel. Then 'Caledonia' - a select group of Penicuik players, provided a stiff challenge until the very end, when their skip missed a take-out to allow Boswall to steal a 5—a better feeling than losing one!

Finally, one of four teams from Chateau d'Oex, in Switzerland. Their entire small club has come over to Edinburgh to celebrate their club's centenary, fielding 4 rinks, including a high quality youth team. Boswall had a comfortable win but not without the odd scare from some odd fluke shots on both sides.

Thus Boswall won their group so are now upsides with Lanark. Queens, elevated to Group C, came last as did Kelso, who had made it to the top group. For the record, the winners of Group A, and thus overall, were once again The Ice Technicians (TITS) from Murrayfield who had also done a great job in preparing the ice.

Of the 5 gatherings I have taken part in (3 with Lanark, 2 with Boswall) I felt that this was the best ever. This was in no small measure due to the Chateaux D'Oex visitors, including their musical contributions at the excellent dinner/ceilidh on Saturday evening, when they appeared in traditional Swiss costume – some even played in these on Sunday.



They were acknowledged by being presented with the 'Friendship Quaich', which is given each year to the group which has made the greatest contribution to the weekend's activities. In return, they presented a painting by one of their members, which will be displayed at Murrayfield Ice Rink.

This year's organisation, led by Ken and Linda Hunter of Penicuik CC, was outstanding, as always.

With 28 visitors going for an early morning flight on Monday, I was asked to help out as chauffeur. I landed up with 3 non-English speaking Swiss players, and with a broom bag at my left ear I had to negotiate rush hour traffic through Corstorphine and the Gyle while conversing in French. I'm not sure if I'm up to Richard's standard, but it certainly woke me up!

It was a great pity that Lanark was not able to be part of such a great weekend's curling and socialising, but I very much hope that they will be able to return in 2014, which will be the 10th time the gathering has taken place.



Note from Secretary:

**Next year our dinner/
prizegiving does NOT
clash—yippee!**

**If you wish to partici-
pate in this event then
please let Anne know.**



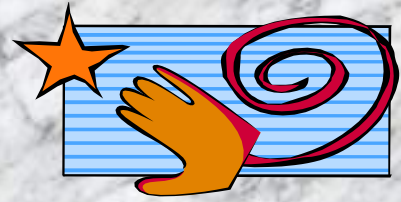


The young Dutch team who named themselves 'Awesome Sauce'.

The writing on the back of their jumpers translated as 'My take out is served with Awesome Sauce'



In-Turns



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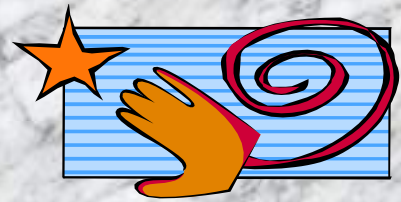
Bill and Carolyn Hannay who celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary
on 16th September.



To Lorna and Eric who
celebrated their
Diamond anniversary
recently.



In-Turns



Lorna Gray was President of Lanark CC in 1987-88 and, as we all know, the President donates the prizes for the President's League. Well, I was shown what Lorna donated as President—do you remember Lorna?



It's a lovely glass curling stone engraved with the winner's name. It also has engraved around the side 'President's Prize'.

I can just hear Lorna saying 'how did you find out about this' - well, the answer is below.....

Hazel Steele was part of the winning rink in 1987-88 and she still displays the curling stone in her home to this day.

Now, that is a legacy.....

NB: Perhaps we can do a feature of past President's prizes? If you have a picture of your President's Prize then please let me know.



Out-Turns



A piece of news from the Ice Rink is that Maggie, our Bar Manageress, is leaving at beginning of October.

Now, she will be missed.....

Interviews are currently being held for her replacement. This will not be an easy task for the Directors!

At the Ice Rink's opening bonspiel which was held on Monday 16th September Tom Steele showed Alistair Mackintosh and Anne Hood how to succeed.

Tom was part of the winning rink at the Opening Bonspiel—Alistair and I didn't come away empty handed either—we were part of the team that won the 'booby'. So, Lanark 'topped and tailed' the opening bonspiel then..!

HAVE A GOOD SEASON



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I NEED SOME NEWS AND STORIES!!!!

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