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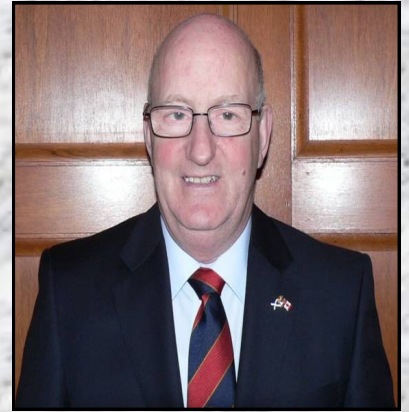
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There is a special curling diary and the club is thinking about buying one for Donald McCrae. You may think "Why"? Go to page 4.....

President: Alistair Mackintosh

Presidential Musings



Dear Brother and Sister Curlers

Well, once again, we have a wonderful end to a season full of travel, fellowship and curling outwith the club.

It always seems right to end the season at the time of the year we do because it allows us to reflect on what has happened as well as to look forward to longer days and, hopefully, some heat.

This year Margaret and I will be heading to Canada (Vancouver) prior to heading to Europe in August for a family wedding.

I believe the club is in reasonable health re membership ie we have retained most members and are seeing some new faces this season so the hope is that these new players will become new members. Your committee will not be complacent in mapping out a forward plan to strengthen our programme and to tap into other resources that are available. The committee will continue to work hard over the summer for the club and that includes a re-run of the successful B-B-q/ Garden Party. Please put forward to any committee member any ideas for the club or issue(s) you would like discussed—it is your club so don't be shy!

I ask that members fully support our annual prize-giving and dinner which, again, will be held at New Lanark Hotel on Friday 21 March.

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Alistair Mackintosh

President





Secretary - Anne Hood

Editorial

Hi

Let me tell you a story.....

On Thursday 23 January Donald McCrae was seen running into the Ice Rink at approx 5.35pm dressed in full highland dress as he had just been piping at a Burns Supper. Donald did not have time to eat his neeps and haggis and had to rush from the Burns Supper to the ice rink for a 5.45pm game. His team ie Brian, Hugh and myself were waiting in the Bar area and when Donald came in, now dressed accordingly for curling, a few minutes before 5.45pm we applauded him. Donald smiled and said "thank you". The Lesmahagow team were sitting next to us and thought we were applauding Donald for his quick change act. NO—we had another reason. We discovered that our gathering, as per Skip's instruction, saw us at the Ice Rink 7 days early. Lanark had received a Bye in the first round of the Galloway Cup but this had not been noticed by the Skip because "he had not been sent the draw". "Oh yes, you were" said I : "Oh no I wasn't" said Donald who then went through his pockets and proceeded to pull out all the draw sheets he had for the season. Donald looked at each sheet of paper announcing that this wasn't the draw—until he got to the last one. YES—there it was! Donald proceeded to the Bar asking if there was anything we wanted—"a game of curling would be nice", said Brian. The banter was brilliant it had to be said—luckily we had a Glaister League game at 8pm so we just watched the curling until then. When our own club members arrived they enquired how we fared—Donald's standard reply was "We're in the next round"!

Donald not only missed his Burns meal but he missed dinner at home that was being made by young Charley. "I got a pie instead" said Donald later.

Donald has been a sport taking the banter that came his way—we all had a good laugh about it.

Needless to say we also received a very good win the following week when we did eventually play.



PAIRS

By Anne Hood

The Pairs Championship took place on Sunday 24th November at Hamilton Ice Rink.

Twelve members participated giving the club 6 'Pairs'.

Anne calculated that we need 2 sections—3 'pairs' in each section. Each 'pair' would play 2 games thus taking us to semi-finals for 8 'pairs'. The final was played thereafter.

We all enjoyed ourselves and good curling was praised by members.

The finalists were Ian Reid and Frank Caddell who were against Anne and Jack Hood.

Tom Steele kept the score sheet which is printed for your perusal.

Congratulations to Anne and Jack Hood for winning the Pairs Championship this season.

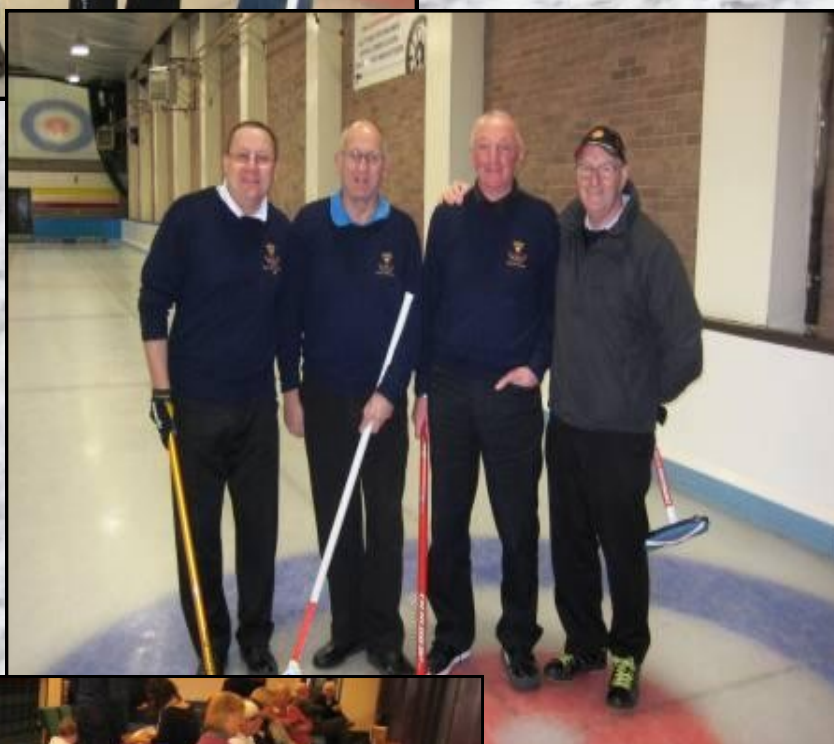
We have noted that less members are participating in the Pairs competition and our Treasurer is indicating that this competition is expensive re ice fees so, as a club, we need to re-think how we undertake this competition. This will be discussed at the AGM but we do need more members participating so please think about how you would like to see this competition operate and bring your ideas to the AGM.

Thank you to those members who did participate—we had a lovely Sunday afternoon together and the banter was certainly very good. I leave you with some pictures which help capture the moment of this competition.





THE PLAYERS



Oh dear—we have a
'bye' so we need to
start our competi-
tion in the Bar.





THE FINALISTS



Lanark Curling
Club Pairs
24 Novem-
ber2013

Section A	Moray/Kathleen				Ian/Frank				Tom/Fiona				Points	Shots	Ends
	Shots		Ends		Shots		Ends		Shots		Ends				
Moray/ Kathleen					2	5	2	3	1	6	1	4	0	-8	-4
					0				0						
Ian/Frank	5	2	3	2					6	0	5	0	4	9	6
	2								2						
Tom/Fiona	6	1	4	1	0	6	0	5					2	-1	-2
	2				0										

Section B	Brian/Hugh				Al/Miller				Anne/Jack				Points	Shots	Ends
	Shots		Ends		Shots		Ends		Shots		Ends				
Brian/ Hugh					1	6	1	4	2	8	1	4	0	-11	-6
					0				0						
Al/Miller	6	1	4	1					3	9	1	4	2	-1	0
	2								0						
Anne/Jack	8	2	4	1	9	3	4	1					4	12	6
	2				2										

Play-offs	Score	Score	
Ian/Frank	5		Win- ners
		Ian/ Frank	
Al/Miller	2		Anne/ Jack
Anne/Jack	8		
		Anne/ Jack	
Tom/Fiona	3		

Score sheet maintained by Tom Steele. Thanks Tom.



JOLIPESTAL

By Anne Hood

This is a tale of how one should never feel too smug.

There I was, as Secretary of Lanark CC, feeling good because I had sent out invitations to other clubs re the Jolipestal competition and had received their acceptances to participate. I had even bought all the prizes prior to Xmas and when the draw was made in January, I forwarded a copy to all clubs concerned. All the sweeties were bought: the iceman was alerted to the draw sheet for him to complete the blackboard so what else was there to do but to go along and enjoy the competition. I was feeling very smug.

On the morning of the Jolipestal competition I received a call at 11 am from Douglas CC indicating they could not field a rink for the second session. They gave their profound apologies but they obviously had a grave mis-communication problem. However it meant we were a team down with no time to find 4 players! So, there I was, the calm Secretary was no longer calm! "Two minds are better than one" I thought so I phoned the Treasurer for advice—Bob was no use at all but he listened to me (twice I pestered Bob on the Phone—bless him). In the end I decided that, as hosts, Lanark would need to stand-down their second rink (which was mine!) so I frantically phoned those members to stop them making a wasted journey. I then made my way to the ice rink and the competition began.

Bob's team provided an impressive +8 shots which added a bitter taste to the mouth knowing that we didn't have a second rink to capitalise upon this. However the story of the competition must lie with Lesmahagow men who provided a +15 shots after the first game. They confidently walked off the ice stating to the 2nd rink of Lesmahagow men "Well, it's in the bag then". During the second session Lesmahagow men were playing Coulter. Not an easy match but what a powerful lead they were given by their first team.

Interest was focussed on the Lesmahagow –v– Coulter game and after 4 ends Coulter were 10-1 up. What a turn up for the books.. As we all watched the fantastic comeback from Coulter I also became aware of the quiet lead Lanark Ladies were making and right up to the end the competition could be won by Coulter or Lanark Ladies. The scores were ping-ponging from Coulter to Lanark Ladies etc and, for the spectators, we had sore heads trying to keep up with the mental arithmetic. However, in the end Lanark Ladies finished +12 shots (well done ladies) to Coulter who finished +14 shots and who retained the trophy. Lesmahagow men finished +4 overall! Yes—it doesn't do well to feel smug after handing over +15 shots to your second team.



JOLIPESTAL

At least the first team of Lesmahagow men got a consolation prize—they got the wine for being the team with the highest-up shots outwith the winning club.

The final scores for all clubs were:

Coulter +14 shots

Lanark Ladies +12 shots

Lesmahagow Men +4 shots

Dippool +1 shot

Biggar –15 shots

Lesmahagow Ladies-8 shots

East Kilbride and Haremyres –4 shots

New Monklands –1 shots

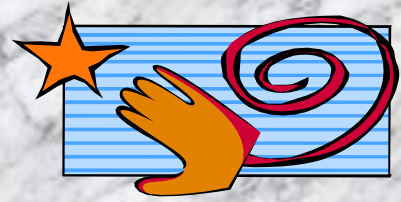
(Douglas and Lanark had no 2nd rinks therefore couldn't compete)



Coulter CC being presented with their prizes and trophy.



In-Turns



GOOD LUCK to the rink of Donald McCrae, Brian Stephenson, Jack Hood and Hugh Campbell who have made it to the Finals of the Lanarkshire Province Knockout competition.

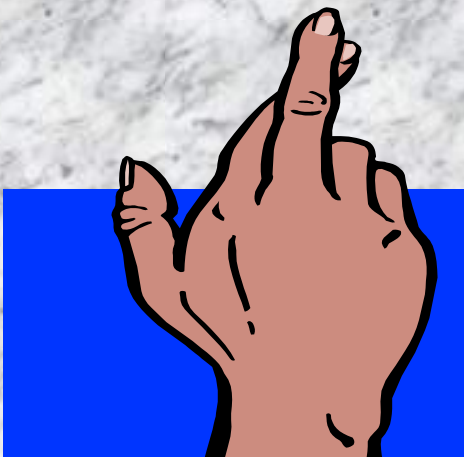
The final is being held on Monday 17th February at 7.55pm.

If you can come along and watch then please do so—I'm sure the team would welcome encouragement from fellow members.

Donald:-

The date is 17th February.

DO NOT BE A WEEK EARLY!



PLAY WELL IN THE FINAL BOYS.



In-Turns



STRANRAER WEEKEND

This weekend will see two rinks from Lanark going to Stranraer for the club's weekend away visit.

Bob and Jane Thomson: Anne Ramsay: Mary Tweedie: Kathleen and Moray Deane: Jane Morton with Anne and Jack Hood will all enjoy the social side to Stranraer. Of course, we will try to do well in the curling also.

Thanks to Jane Morton for organising the weekend away.



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I NEED SOME NEWS AND STORIES!!!!



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