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A NEW TROPHY FOR LANARK



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DINNER AND PRIZE-GIVING

NEW LANARK HOTEL

FRIDAY 21st MARCH 2014—7 for 7.30pm





Secretary and Vice-President- Anne Hood

Editorial

Hi

Now that we are approaching the end of yet another curling season I thought it would be a good idea to highlight the success of Lanark CC during season 2013-14.

I would like to thank all members for participating in all competitions.

Please don't forget the Closing Bonspiel and the AGM which will take place on Thursday 27th March 2014. I will email everybody with the Agenda and Minutes for the AGM in due course—kindly print off your own copy and bring it with you to the meeting.

If you would like any item to be discussed at the AGM then let me know and I will add it to the Agenda.

Many thanks.

Anne



BRECHIN AND ALLCOMERS

20TH ANNIVERSARY

By Hugh Campbell

Lanark received an invitation to participate in the above at Braehead on Sunday 2nd March. The Secretary emailed all members but only two positive responses were received—myself and Brian Stephenson. As this competition was a Mixed Competition I then approached the organisers who organised two lovely ladies, from Glasgow Ladies club, to play with myself and Brian. I must thank Meta and Sandra for their involvement.

A total of 14 teams took part—each playing 4 x 5-end games with the High Road and Low Road participants being decided after the first game. Unfortunately we lost our first game so we headed for the Low Road. (We found the huge curl on Braehead's ice astonishing and our first game suffered from this lack of knowledge—and that is our story!) However, we did win all remaining 3 games in the Low Road thus making us overall Low Road Winners. We were presented with this lovely trophy which, we are told, is over 100 years old. Our members will be able to see this trophy as we are being allowed to bring it to our Prize-giving.

Brian and I had a lovely day's curling at Braehead. We were well looked after with a delicious lunch and tea/coffee and cakes provided within the fees.

We would hope to defend our trophy next year with a full Lanark rink.

I have detailed some history of this trophy—I hope you enjoy the read.





The Brechin Trophy was presented by Avril Brechin in memory of her husband Robin who was a very keen curler and well known to all Glasgow families (Brechin the Butchers) and to all curlers having served as RCCC president 1988-88

It was first played for at the Summit Centre over the weekend 3-5 Nov 1994. The owner at the Summit put in a lot of work to make it the big social event of the curling calendar and it was very popular. Hospitality was lavish ! People stayed the whole day to watch the games and socialise in the bar when not playing.

Summit closed in 1998 and Braehead opened in 1999 and the trophy came to Braehead. They tried to run the weekend format but there was no support, so they ran it as a one day event which we now enjoy.

Teams are mixed , not more than 2 men per team, and one player should be a member of Braehead but this rule was relaxed this year as we were short of teams . I don't see a problem in Lanark entering a team next year that does not include a Braehead member ,

The Allcomers trophy was presented by Kirsty and Jimmy Letton who were stalwarts of the Brechin . They felt it a shame that there was no prize for the ones who slipped down the ranks .

So a High Road and Low Road system was introduced with the Allcomers trophy being awarded to the Low Road winners.

Avril Brechin used to come and present the Brechin trophy , but she died some years ago.

The Lettons used to present the Allcomers but they now live in Troon and curl at Ayr ice rink , so they don't come to the event either.

So it's purely a Braehead event now.

From the Editor: What a lovely trophy and congratulations to Brian and Hugh. Doesn't it look similar to our Fannackapan trophy?



BOSWALL/LANARK CUP



Boswall CC and Lanark CC held their annual friendly match, at Hamilton Ice Rink, on Friday 14th March. Two rinks were fielded by each club.

Lanark swapped places half-way through the game so that we all had a chance to play everybody—it was pleasing to note that Lanark secured the trophy this year with +8 shots.

We all enjoyed a meal after the game with some jokes being told also.

Since the trophy was acquired it has always been the host club who has won the trophy—obviously a home rink advantage. However, as Brian stated to Boswall, “we look forward to retaining the cup next year at Murrayfield”.

Now, there's a challenge.....



GALLOWAY CUP

In the last edition of Lanark Rocks I told you the story when Donald had his rink turn up for a competition one week early. Well, you know what, it was worth it because Donald then led his rink to victory in the competition.

The final was against Dippool who were the defending champions. The final started off very tight but Lanark started pulling away from the 4th end onwards.

The price of winning this trophy is that the team is now barred from entering it again within the next 5 years. However, all names will be engraved on the trophy—this is the second time Lanark has won this cup. So, we need another good team to defend the cup next year.

Well done to Donald MacRae, Brian Stephenson, Jack Hood and Hugh Campbell.



Galloway Cup finalists

Galloway Cup Victors



West of Scotland Division B Champions

Lanark CC emerged victors in the West of Scotland 'B' League this season—
congratulations to all those involved.

Our rink comprised of:

Bill Jackson (skip)

Bob Thomson

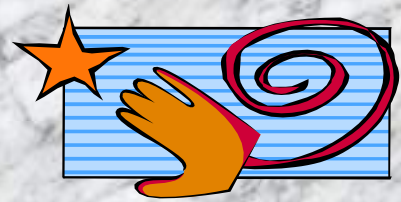
Alistair Mackintosh

Martin Yuill

There should be a lovely prize to pick-up at the Ice Rink's prize-giving night then boys!



In-Turns



Lanark CC were Runners-Up in the following competitions:

CAMBUSNETHAN CUP:

Tom Steele, Brian Stephenson, Miller Bowie and Alistair Mackintosh

LANARKSHIRE PROVINCE KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION:

Donald MacRae, Brian Stephenson, Jack Hood and Hugh Campbell

LANARKSHIRE PROVINCE BONSPIEL:

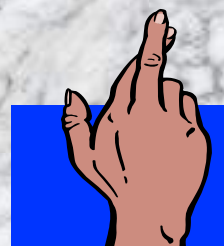
Bob Thomson, Anne Hood, Moray Deane and Anne Ramsay were highest-up rink (outwith the winning club) and received the sweepstake.

And not forgetting our remaining competitions:

GOOD LUCK to those who play in the final of the Fannackapan on Tuesday evening (18th March)

And

To those participating in the Points competition on 25th March.



Out-Turns



CONGRATULATIONS to Hugh Campbell on the safe arrival of another grand-daughter.

Baby Sara-Jane was born on 4th February.

More babysitting then, Hugh?

New Monklands/Lanark Challenge Shield

After a closely fought contest New Monklands won the above shield.

The score was 5-4 to New Monklands.

Alistair presented the shield to Sandy Miller.



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