



# Lanark Rocks

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Will members who are currently holding a trophy (or trophies) please return them to Bill Jackson or Anne Hood.

Please remember the case for the trophy also.

Thank you.



# Presidential Musings



Hi

Are you all sitting comfortably? Well, I have a story to tell and it involves Lanark CC and a dinosaur.

As President of Lanark CC I was looking forward to receiving invitations from other clubs inviting me to attend functions on behalf of our club and, at the start of the season, the first invitation arrived from Cambusnethan CC. They were about to celebrate their 250th anniversary and had planned to invite 6 clubs to lunch, curl then enjoy an evening meal with after-dinner speaker. Within the invitation it stated that they were hoping that club Presidents would attend, as would officers from the RCCC, so I was fair 'chuffed' that Lanark was one of the 6 clubs invited. However, on reading the letter further, I saw a paragraph which stopped me in my tracks. Cambusnethan stated they were "dinosaurs" as they remain a male-only club therefore this invitation was for men only! Now,, to be fair, I do not have a problem with single gender clubs as, I myself, belong to a few Ladies Curling clubs but I was a bit miffed at not being able to represent Lanark so I devised a cunning plan.

The word 'dinosaur' stood out in the letter so off I went to Argos and bought a Chad Valley dinosaur toy. I then went to our engraving firm and asked them to mount the dinosaur and to insert a plaque stating "The Dinosaur Trophy". The firm were so taken by this story that they gave me an old plinth free of charge and only charged me for the plaque. When I picked the trophy up from the engravers the young salesman stated "The kids who win this trophy will love it" - I said, "Indeed they will"!.

I got Bill Jackson to say a few words on my behalf at the Cambusnethan function and to present the trophy to them. As I thought, it was well received with good humour and the trophy was duly placed on the prize-giving table. This trophy will now be presented at the annual Cambusnethan -v- Lanark curling match so here is a new trophy for Lanark—all we need to do is win the match next month. My grateful thanks go to Bill Jackson for presenting this at the function which I believe was a great success (from those who can remember something of the evening) - hi hi.

As female President, I think I made a statement in the nicest possible manner.....by the way, if you touch the arm of the dinosaur it roars and its eyes light up!



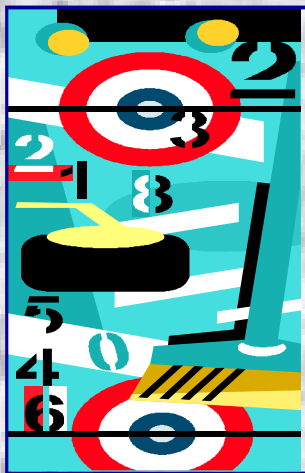




**Bill Jackson presenting the trophy to Cambusnethan.**

**The base of the trophy**





# In-Turns

## Competitions

### TB Dick

CONGRATULATIONS to the rink of Bob Thomson, Ian Reid, Hugh Campbell and Alan Sellars who made it through to the Final of the T.B.Dick Competition. In a hard fought battle they were beaten by Dippool CC but it was quite an achievement to get to the final. This is only the second time that Lanark has made it through to the final—the last time being in 1996 when Bill Jackson skipped his rink to victory.

### INTERNATIONAL GATHERING - 2015

Once again, Lanark CC has been invited to the International Gathering at Murrayfield from 27-29 March 2015. If any member wishes to play in this competition then please advise Anne Hood. Lanark will field one rink so even if you only wish to play for one day then this is OK and can be accommodated. This competition is fantastic and it provides a wonderful opportunity to meet other club curlers from Europe, Canada and USA—Lanark is always hopeful to receive an overseas invitation.....perhaps this year?

### GLAISTER LEAGUE

It is all coming down to the final game of the league to decide not only the League Winners but who will get the Wooden Spoon. It's all to play for next week.....good luck to all the teams.

### GALLOWAY CUP

Good luck to Bill Jackson, Bob Thomson, Tom Steele and Anne Hood who are through to the SF's of the Galloway Cup.



# In-Turns Events



## Stranraer - February 2015

This coming weekend will see 13 of us going to Stranraer for our annual weekend away. Three rinks will play for the Heatlie Scuttle as well as for the weekend trophy. North West Castle now have cameras situated in the bar so you can watch the curling quite comfortably from all the chairs. Good luck to Lanark—let's hope you make the play-offs.

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## Prize-Giving - March 2015

It is hoped that a good turnout will come to our annual dinner and prize-giving which is being held in New Lanark Hotel on Friday 20th March .

Cost is £27.50 per person

If you are going please submit your name to Anne Hood together with your choice from the menu—see next page.



**LANARK CURLING CLUB**

**PRIZE-GIVING DINNER**

**At New Lanark Hotel on Friday 20 March 2015**

**Chef's Homemade Soup of the Day**

**Chicken Liver Pate, Red Onion Marmalade, Mixed Leaf Salad and  
Crispbreads**

**Classic Smoked Salmon, Baby Capers, Red Onion, Lemon and Dill  
Dressing**



**Grilled Breast of Chicken Supreme, Dauphinoise Potatoes, Seasonal  
Vegetables and Thyme Essence**

**Braised Scotch Beef, Pomme Puree, Seasonal Vegetables, Bourginon  
Sauce**

**Pan Seared Sea Bass with Herb Butter**



**Tipsy Trifle, Berries, Custard Sponge, Jelly, Cream, Topped with Choco-  
late Shavings and a Cherry**

**Warm Sticky Toffee Pudding, Butterscotch Sauce, New Lanark Vanilla  
Ice Cream**

**Chilled Lemon Slice, Berry Coulis, New Lanark Pistachio Ice Cream**

**Tea/Coffee with Mints**

**COST: £27.50 per person**







## Lanark Rocks On-Line

The Website Of Lanark Curling Club

[lanarkcurlingclub.org](http://lanarkcurlingclub.org)

*Web'y - Jack Hood*

**Well it happened after all.** Years of procrastination from yours truly and a fair amount of work in the latter half of last year have eventually paid off with the launch of the Club's new website just before Christmas. So have you tried it yet?



### Site Concept

In thinking about what the members would wish from their site turned out to be not such a simple task - Easy access? Fast? Easy to get-around? Historical? Interesting? Up-to-date? Resource Centre, Links? Mobile Access? Pictures?....and so on & on - phew!

Considering these aspects, and longevity of the Club - one of our strengths, this was my basic template, but the best-laid-plans have a habit of shifting.....





.....members mentioned that one area of the Site that would be handy is having access to the current competition results as pinned up on the Ice Rink's notice board. So this was again a starting point? Consequently at the same time it made sense to write-up the historical aspect of a trophy /cup / medal placing them within the overall context of the Club> So again this was the starting point!

So an effort was made to research outside competitions that the Club played in and their associated awards putting these into context along with Standings - before start-

LAWRIE TROPHY - Previous Winners			
2013	Lesmahagow	2014	Dippool
2011	Coulter	2012	Coulter
2009	Lanark Ladies	2010	Coulter
2007	Lanark	2008	Lesmahagow
2005	Lesmahagow	2006	Upperward Ladies
2003	Lanark	2004	Lanark
2001	Douglas	2002	Lanark Ladies
1999	Coulter	2000	Upperward Ladies
1997	Lesmahagow	1998	Lesmahagow
1995	Douglas	1996	Dippool
1993	Lanark	1994	Lesmahagow
1991	Lesmahagow	1992	Symington
1989	Lanark	1990	Lanark
1987	Lesmahagow	1988	Coulter
1985	Lanark	1986	Douglas
1983	Lesmahagow Ladies	1984	Lanark
1981	Lanark Ladies	1982	Lesmahagow
1979	Douglas	1980	Coulter
1977	Biggar	1978	Carstairs
1975	Biggar	1976	Carstairs
1973	Dippool	1974	Biggar
1971	Lesmahagow	1972	Dippool
1963	Lamington	1970	Blackwood
1923	Douglas	1927	Kirkfield
1907	Liberton	1903	Braidwood
1900	Dippool	1899	Mossplatt
1893			

STANDINGS to 2014	
Lesmahagow	10
Lanark	8
Coulter	6
Dippool	5
Douglas	5
Biggar	3
Lanark Ladies	3
Carstairs	3
Upperward Ladies	2
Lesmahagow Ladies	2
Blackwood	1
Braidwood	1
Kirkfield	1
Lamington	1
Liberton	1
Mossplatt	1
Symington	1

Another feature that was felt beneficial was a calendar where the Club's future competitions could be listed. Wow!!

Events Calendar						
February 2015						
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Glaister - 1955	Province League - 1430 - BJ MY AM MB Crookedstone - 1800 MD JH BT	1000 Galloway Trophy - 1745 BJ BT TS AH v Douglas	Jolipestal - 1215 & 1430 - AH & BT		1245
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1955		Lanarkshire Province Bonspiel - 1215 AM ??? (-3) & 1430 BS AH JH LG (-3)	BD & UCP - Presd's Cup - 1430 BS AH JH AR (+3) Glaister - 1955			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
West Of Scotland - 1430 New Monklands - 1955 BT BS TS	Glaister - 1955	SCOTTISH CURLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS @ LIR Crookedstone - 1800 BT JH	SCOTTISH CURLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS @ LIR	SCOTTISH CURLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS @ LIR	SCOTTISH CURLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS @ LIR	SCOTTISH CURLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS @ LIR Stranraer Weekend Scottish Curling Championships - Perth 1245
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Scottish Curling Championships - Perth	Scottish Curling Championships - Perth Fanackapan - 1955	Scottish Curling Championships - Perth Crookedstone - 1800	Scottish Curling Championships - Perth BMW Bonspiel @ LIR - 1000	Scottish Curling Championships - Perth	Scottish Curling Championships - Perth	Scottish Curling Championships - Perth
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
Henderson Bishop Trophy @ Kelso Senior Men's - 1430	Henderson Bishop Trophy @ Kelso Fanackapan - 1955	Henderson Bishop Trophy @ Kelso The Rink Championships @ Forfar	Henderson Bishop Trophy @ Kelso The Rink Championships @ Forfar Galloway Trophy - 1745 BJ BT TS AH - S/F - v - Dippool	The Rink Championships @ Forfar	The Rink Championships @ Forfar Burns Supper - Please Support	The Rink Championships @ Forfar BRECHIN AND ALLCOMERS @ Braehead - 1000 - BS DR AH HC

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**Categories**  
 COACHING LANARK LIR OTHER PROVINCE RCCC SHAREHOLDERS UPDATED - 26/01/15

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An area on the Site for 'Members Only' was thought necessary. Within this area information that we do not want 'broadcast' to the wider world would reside, but would be handy for members to be able to access. Aaaaarrrrrrggggghhhhhh!!!!

Finally – phew! In the construction of the Site use was made of existing 'blogging' CMS software (A way of managing all the pages and other features within a website). One of the bonuses of this approach is the in-built Posting capability which I thought might be useful in Post'ing curling news from within and out-with the Club and Comments. We shall see?

Home About Us & The Site Blog-On! Competitions Lanark Rocks -

## Members – Only





## So What Did We End Up With?

Well taking the previous topics into consideration I eventually settled on a Site structure/plan, which was built & tested and eventually launched just before Christmas last year. (A deadline I set myself and thought was really feasible) So.....

The **HOME** Page [www.lanarkcurlingclub.org](http://www.lanarkcurlingclub.org)

The Site consists of three main areas - **Games, News & General Information**.

Keeping things simple, as with most websites ours relies on starting from the Home Page to navigate. (CLICK on the blue Home tab above to open in your browser).

Now if you look at the adjacent page (**switch to two page viewing**) this is the **Home Page** that will be presented to you when you arrive at the Site. The Page is picture/image driven (as with a lot of the Site). Basically if you 'hover' your mouse over a picture or image (graphic) your pointer will change to a finger – Click it! Basically the Home Page is divided into two main areas. On the left hand side is **NEWS** and the right **GAMES**. Other areas around the page cater for **INFORMATION** and a mixture of all three.

The **Tickers** are designed to be the most up to date with Club News & Games News (but not always - for more General News keep an eye on the **Picture Posts** – and when you go into a Page on the Side Menu you will see Recent Posts – keep an eye on these as well). When the Tickers are coloured **BLUE** they have a link for you to go to for more information. Click it!

Below the Picture Posts you will see a big **BLUE BUTTON** - **\*\*\*QUICKLINK\*\*\***.

Some older mobiles' internet browsers do not allow the **Site Menu** to expand fully. This restricts navigation to a specific Page. Basically it's a shortcut to a Page Listing to ALL the accessible pages on the site. Once within the Page Click the relevant blue **PAGE HEADING** and it will take you directly to it and its sub sections.

The **Events** Calendar is accessible from two locations. The top right hand corner will take you straight to the current month and the 'Widget' area at the bottom left hand will take you to the Event's Calendar Page in which it explains how to use the Calendar features. And remember those with smart phones can use the I-Cal facility to download the contents of the Calendar straight into your phone (getting tech-y you might like to set-up within your phone a separate curling only calendar).

The **Menus** Area is fairly simple to use as they are in the usual 'pull-down' format with the sub-menus opening up when you navigate further into the site.

So I think that will do for your first introduction to our new site. It gives you a flavour as to how to get about - initially, and of course if you have any further queries please use the **CONTACT** form on the website or direct to [jack-](mailto:jack-hood@btinternet.com)

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Happy browsing

Jack (;>]





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**\*\*\*QUICKLINK\*\*\***

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# It can only happen to Lanark.

## Tale 1

Anne Hood, Anne Ramsay and Mary Tweedie enjoyed a bridge weekend away at Coupar Angus recently. Anne Hood accidentally set off the fire alarm on Sunday morning when she was blow-drying her hair when her hair-dryer decided to go 'kaput' and reeked out smoke. Where was Anne standing? Yes, directly under the smoke detector. Anne Ramsay was enjoying her morning bath when the alarm went off and, on hearing the noise, she shouted to Mary (her room mate) "What's that noise"? Mary replied "It's the fire alarm". "Oh well", said Anne, "I had better put more water in my bath"!.

It can only come from Lanark.....

## Tale 2

At the Jolipestal competition it was left to Jack and Bob to tally up the final scores and give out the prizes (because I had to dash to Coupar Angus to attend the above bridge weekend)!. After the curling was over Jack duly gave an update of our web-site esp re the old clubs that no longer exist within the province eg Braidwood CC was the first winner of the Lawrie trophy in 1903 when played on Braidwood curling pond. Jack noticed that this pond was not listed within Sheriff D Smith's book but duly noted that Douglas played Lanark on Langloch in 1783. This information raised a lot of questions from the 'audience' and great discussion apparently took place about how clubs met: where they played: how they travelled (as Hyndford Bridge was not built until 1750). Jack then sat down pleased with this discussion but Bob turned to him and said "What about the presentation Jack"? Jack jumped to his feet and reconvened the meeting for the presentation of prizes much to everyone's amusement. The winners were Coulter: Douglas were 2nd with Lanark in 3rd place. There is wine for the highest up rink (outwith the winning club) but Jack forgot this and duly presented the wine to Douglas as runners-up. When I heard this I thought "Which poor rink lost out on their wine" so I checked when I got home from Coupar Angus. Guess what? - Yes, it was Lanark (Team 1) with +6 shots. The wine losers were Bill, Jack, Anne H and Anne R.

It could only happen to Lanark.....



## Tale 3

In December 2014 there was a reunion with the RCCC American 2007 Tour (Jack being part of this tour) in Tigh Mor (Trossachs) and all wives and partners were invited. The organiser, Bryce Smith, had obviously negotiated a deal with this timeshare complex and booked out most of the flats. It was a great weekend. However, prior to the weekend, I had received a telephone call from Tom Steele stating he could not take part in an invitation curling event as he normally went away with friends that weekend but, inexplicably, they could not get booked so Tom was now asking about the curling competition.

I asked Tom if he went to Tigh Mor—"Yes" was his response: "Why do you ask"? "Well", said I, "I can tell you why there isn't any room at the inn"!

So, I wish to thank Tom for his 'flat' at Tigh Mor which was extremely comfortable. Sorry about you missing out on your weekend Tom but we all had a great time.

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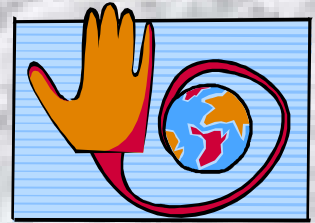
Checkout the full story [HERE](#)

**Tom's flat**



# Pick-Ups

## Member's Snippits



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**GREGOR NOBLE WHO**  
**CELEBRATES HIS 50th YEAR**  
**THIS WEEK.**



**CONGRATULATIONS to**  
**Dot Moran who has just become**  
**a grandmother to twin girls.**



# And That's All Folks

## For This Editon Of The 'Rocks'

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**I NEED SOME NEWS AND STORIES - Please!!!!**

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