



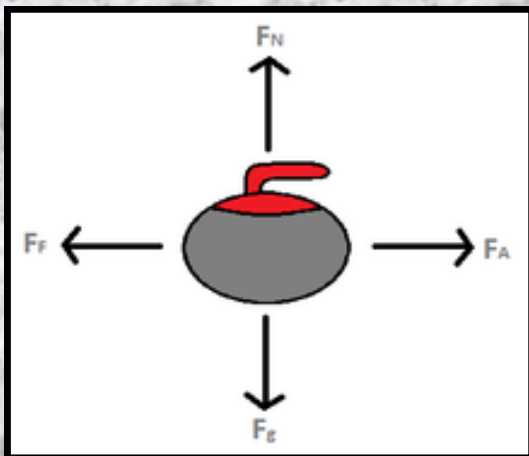
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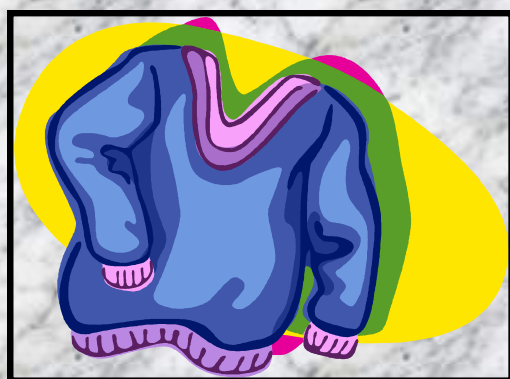
GRAND MATCH 2015



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CLUB JUMPERS:

DOES ANYONE REQUIRE TO ORDER A CLUB JUMPER?

I NEED TO KNOW YOUR SIZE AND WHETHER YOU PREFER A ROUND OR V-NECK JUMPER.

PLEASE GIVE ALL RELEVANT DETAILS TO ANNE HOOD.

THANK YOU

Anne Hood (President)

President: Anne Hood



Presidential Musings

Hello

Welcome to the start of another curling season. I hope you had, and are still enjoying, the summer break but it is time to take out and dust down those curling shoes!

A big welcome to our new members this season—Gordon Fraser, Peter Kerbey and Bill Stewart with Martin Anderson waiting in the wings as a 'sub' if work commitments allow. We welcome you all and hope you enjoy your time with Lanark CC.

Farewells were said to Moray and Kathleen Deane during the summer break as they have relocated to England. I invited them to supper just before their move and we had a lovely night together. They will both miss their curling but Moray requires to travel North on business so will hopefully arrange it that he can 'sub' for us some evenings. Hard to stay away, isn't it?

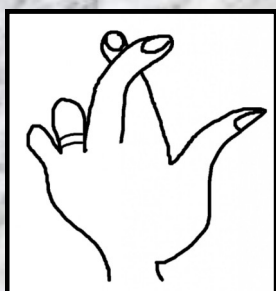
The Grand Match will take place on Saturday 24th October and Lanark has 2 teams entered—one team will play at Hamilton while the other will play at Perth. If you wish to be considered to play in the Grand Match then please let myself, or Secretary, know asap. The Committee will ultimately decide the make-up of the two teams. For newcomers to the sport, the Grand Match is held every 5 years and consists of North Scotland –v– South Scotland (all scores are accumulated). It is competitive yet friendly. It provides opportunities to play at different ice rinks which is always a pleasure.

Our own opening bonspiel is being held on Wednesday 23rd September at 5.45pm (with a meal to follow). It is a time where we can bring friends/family along to try their hand at curling so please feel free to bring along your pals. All are welcome.

Please keep an eye on the club's website—all information is updated frequently and we have received much praise for the quality of our site. Well done to our Webmaster, Jack.

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I wish all members a good season—let's hope Lanark CC picks up several trophies this season also.



.A story to tell is that of the T.B.Dick competition held by Lanarkshire Ice Rink. As you know, this competition is competed by a winning rink from every club and, for Lanark CC, it has always been our Glaister League winners. Last season I noticed that some clubs had 2 rinks competing in the competition so, as I do, I enquired about this when I was talking to the Ice Rink Manager. He explained that some of the small clubs do not wish to compete in the T.B.Dick therefore this allowed 'bigger' clubs to field 2 rinks. "I can understand that", I said, "however, this has never happened to Lanark".

Well, when the draw arrived during the summer break our Secretary noticed that Lanark had 2 rinks in the T.B.Dick. Guess the ice rink called my bluff! Therefore, it was decided that our two Glaister finalist rinks should be given the chance to enter. I'm happy to say that Donald Macrae and Bob Thomson are taking their teams into the competition.

The first game was held on Thursday 17th September and Bob led his rink (Ian Reid, Hugh Campbell and June Faulds) against a very strong Avondale/Heather club skipped by Don Frame (his third was young Jamie Allan). It was a very tight game throughout the 2 hours and a fabulous game to watch. End 1 saw Avondale/Heather take 2 shots but Lanark took 2 shots in the 2nd end. Avondale/Heather struck back with a 3 in the third end and Bob could only reply with a 1 in the 4th end—score:5-3 to Avondale/Heather. The fifth end was blanked—good tactics being played by Bob as he took the hammer into the 6th end and took 2 shots. Score: 5-5. The 7th end saw Avondale/Heather take 1 with their last stone (they had to remove Bob's stone) therefore it was 6-5 going into the last end but Lanark had the hammer. The last end saw two Lanark stones in the 4-foot but there was an opposition stone (between Lanark's stones) sitting for shot so Avondale/Heather were trying to guard this whilst Lanark was trying to open a path as a dunt on our front stone should remove the opposition stone. The pressure was on! It truly was because Don's last stone failed to guard—in fact, it opened up another path but it meant Bob had to come up on the out-turn and hit his stones with enough weight to remove the opposition stone. Bob played a blinder—not only did he remove the opposition stone but he kept two Lanark stones for shot—game over! Score 7-6 to Lanark. Well done Lanark team.

I was sitting in the gallery—the only Lanark support amidst several Avondale/Heather supporters-but the Lanark cheers were heard. Good banter all round.

Bob's rink—good luck in your next game.

Donald's rink—hope you have such a good game also in your first game.

Thank you also to all those members who are representing Lanark in this competition.



GRAND MATCH 2015

I fear this is as good as it is going to get, folks! Will we ever have another Grand Match outside? Don't get me started on this topic....however, we do have the 5-yearly Indoor Grand Match to look forward to and this year it is being held on Saturday 24th October 2015 throughout all curling rinks in Scotland.

The draw produced the following information for Lanark CC:

Lanark 1 –v– Nairn 4 at Hamilton Ice Rink at 1530 hrs

Lanark 2 –v– Breadalbane Kenmore 2 at Perth at 1530 hrs

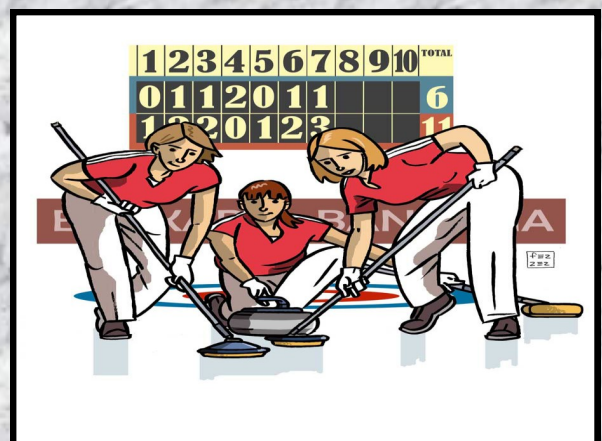
All scores will be accumulated to find out if the North of Scotland or South of Scotland emerge as Grand Match winners.

If you would like to participate then give your name either to the President or the Secretary (the Secretary is on holiday until beginning of October). So, names please to Anne or Bill asap. The committee will make up both Lanark teams.

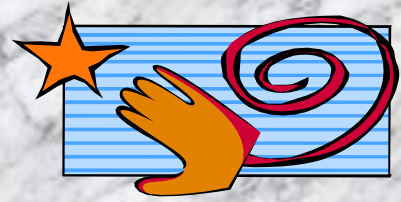
This is a fun game and is a day enjoyed by everybody. The host ice rinks will provide hospitality and the day is subsidized by RCCC—each ice rink is given a small remuneration plus a bag of Grand Match items for every player.

Donald Macrae will be the official piper at Hamilton Ice Rink so guess Donald will wish to be considered for the Hamilton game—hi hi.

So, names please...[CONTACT US](#)



In-Turns



FAREWELL to Kathleen and Moray Deane.

We wish you both well in your new home.



60th Birthday wishes are sent to:

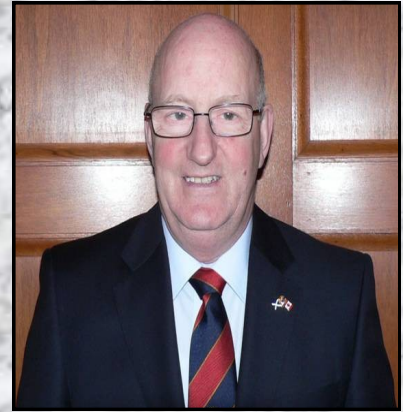
Anne Hood (President)

Dorothy Jackson (Past President 1996-97)

Yes—I can hear you all say—we look too young! I agree!!



THE MATT MURDOCH CURLING FOUNDATION



By Alistair Mackintosh (Foundation Chairman)

After the sudden and unexpected death of our Captain, from the Rotary Curling Tour of Canada 2012, it was decided to have a Foundation to carry on the good work of the common exchange between Scotland and Canada. It was started as a tribute to his contribution to junior curling that we would send 2 of our young curlers, of at least RCCC Sliver Standard, to the Trillium Camp in Ontario. The funding plan had to have a 3-5 year life cycle and charitable status before we launched it. With the help of auctions, collections, donations from Rotary Touring Teams from Canada and Scotland, other contributors in addition to former tourists who are all associated with the ideals of Rotary, funds were successfully raised.

Matt Murdoch was a member of Lockerbie Rotary Club for many years as well as a past president of the RCCC.

So, here we are at the Peak Curling Facility at the PR launch of the Foundation as we are sending off our two young candidates, Leeanne McKenzie from Perth and Ryan McCormack from Lockerbie, to Canada in early August. I knew that STV would be there as well as some regional paper titles and the Glasgow Herald. The day before, David Murdoch and Ryan gave interviews to local radio. It was with a sense of excitement and intrepidation that most of the Murdoch family and most of the Foundation Committee went to help with interviews set up and posed for photographic scenarios. It was the pace that caught me out slightly; a lot of waiting then rushing to get ready; more waiting then rushing etc but it was good in the sense of achievement of our aims. Not knowing what to expect at an interview ie is it one camera man with one sound man and an interviewer, but, lo and behold, it's one chap with a digital TV camera holding a hairy covered mike whilst doing the interview himself! It was an eye-opener as to the dynamics, but mission accomplished with a well-publicised launch covered on TV, radio and newspapers all in aid of a worthy cause. The family and the candidates, as well as the committee, had a good feeling for all the effort put in and the resulting outcome. The young people have now returned and are now back at school.





Alistair with the Murdoch family and the two youngsters who went to Canada. The coach who went with them was none other than David Murdoch himself! Not bad, eh?

Thanks for the article Alistair—it was most interesting and heart warming.



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I NEED SOME NEWS AND STORIES!!!!

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