

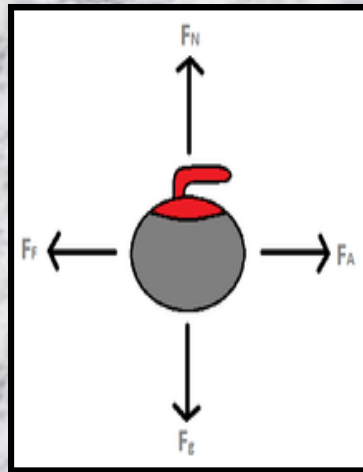


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'9' FOR LANARK

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President - Anne Hood

Presidential Musings

November



The 2015 Indoor Grand Match took place on Saturday 24 October throughout all ice-rinks in Scotland.

Lanark CC was granted, by RCCC, two teams—one for a home game (Hamilton) and one away game (Perth).

In order to maintain a fair and open system within the Club, all members were emailed and asked to submit their name to the committee for consideration to play in the Grand Match. Our two teams were:

AWAY TEAM: Bob Thomson, Alistair Mackintosh, Frank Caddell, Anne Hood

HOME TEAM: Donald Macrae, Brian Stephenson, Anne Macrae, Bill Tennant

We also had Dot Moran playing at Braehead with her other club, Carmunnock & Rutherglen.

I volunteered to drive the 'away team' to Perth—only because I was participating in a 7-hour bridge competition the following day! (I cannot handle alcohol and bridge—sign of old age!!). When we arrived at Perth we were registered promptly and enjoyed a free cuppa prior to play. We were then lined up with our opponents—we were playing against Breadalbane—to be marched onto the ice by a cute 8-year old piper. Photographs were taken and play commenced.

I had heard so many stories of Perth's ice being "very quick with big swings" so, as lead, I was very careful with my first stone. So careful was I that I hogged the stone! "OK", said I, "more weight required" but my next stone, and the other 6 stones that followed, all ended up over the hog line but in front of house. Only the skip of the opposing team managed to get one stone into the house. "Fine" - said Lanark—"Hamilton ice it is". We then found our weight from the 2nd end onwards and had a lovely, friendly match with Breadalbane. Brooms were stacked at end 4 (whisky or orange juice being supplied) then we finished our game after 8 ends. One lady decided to 'retain' her whisky for after the match but foolishly did not hide her glass—she was not amused when all the glasses had been taken away by the bar staff during the game! **Lanark won with a score of 9-6** thereby adding a positive note to the overall score for the South of Scotland tally.

We all enjoyed a lovely buffet meal before heading home with our wee bag of goodies.

I love visiting other ice rinks—it is always good to play other venues and to compare ice quality and ice-rink facilities. However, I have yet to find an ice-rink that can beat Hamilton's facilities—the quality of ice is another matter!!

I would encourage new curlers to consider playing in the next Indoor Grand Match in 5 years time. It is a great day out.



ALAN STEEL ASSET MANAGEMENT 2015 INDOOR GRAND MATCH

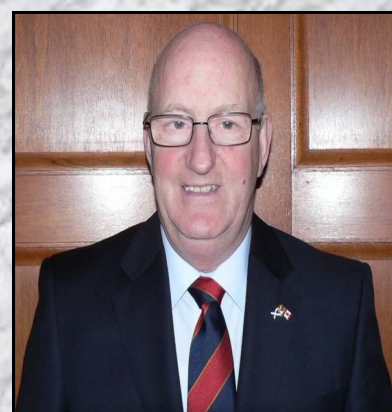
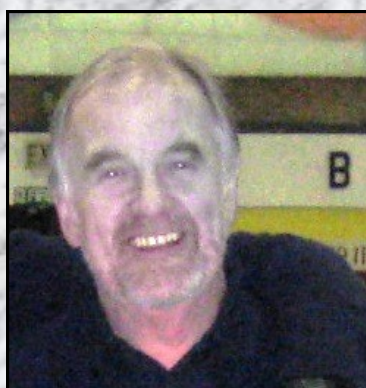
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A REPORT ON LANARK'S TEAM PLAYING AT HAMILTON ICE RINK.

By Brian Stephenson



Lanark played in the Grand Match at Hamilton with the following members, Donald Macrae (DM), Brian Stephenson (BS), Bill Tennant (BN), and Anne Macrae (AM). We played Nairn and I am happy to say we won 9v5.

The game started at 3.30pm but our Donald had been down at the rink from 9am, he was the rink piper. This was my first time and I have to say how much I enjoyed the day and the competition.

As with tradition after each round of piping Donald was given a large dram, so by the time he was playing let's just say he had a nice glow to his face. After four ends we had the chance to sample the famous Clyde Steamer, what a drink that is. After the match I agreed to give Donald and Anne a lift home and by the end of the night Donald was Lanarkshire Clyde Steamer.

A very fun and enjoyable day.



Regards Brian



DOT MORAN—PLAYING AT BRAEHEAD (with her other curling club, Carmunnock & Rutherglen).



By Dot Moran

We had a lovely day at Braehead, getting welcomed at the door with our welcome packs that included the programme, participant badges, a commemorative badge from Braehead and a voucher for our meal after the game. I was playing for my other club, Carmunnock and Rutherglen.

After the welcome speeches, we were piped onto the ice and we all had team photographs taken before the games commenced. We were drawn to play against Dunoon and Argyll and they were a lovely friendly bunch of guys. They were one shot up at 2-1 when we stacked our brooms as requested and went off the ice for a 'Clyde Steamer', which is a heady combination of Whisky, Glayva and cider apparently. Two ends later lovely hot soup was delivered to us on the ice and we paused again. It was so lovely and gave us more of a chance to get to know our opposition.

The final score was 9-3 to us. I think perhaps the drink had more of an effect on them, which allowed us to sneak a wee four at one end.

Once we were off the ice and changed, we bought a round for our opposition and then we enjoyed our meal together. We were kept constantly updated with the running totals between the north and south.

Then we were each given prints of our team photographs that had been printed while we were on the ice, and put into commemorative folders. On our way out we were also handed a print of the wonderful painting by Charles Lees, which used to hang in the bar at the old Perth Ice Rink. It depicts the first ever Grand Match at Linlithgow in 1848.

And the final bonus was of course that the South beat the North (again) when all the scores from all the ice rinks were finally tallied.



I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE ALL NOTICED THAT LANARK MEMBERS WERE QUITE CONSISTENT WITH THEIR WINNING SCORES ie WE ALL SCORED 9.

Anne—Editor.