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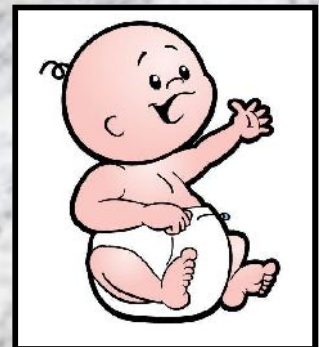
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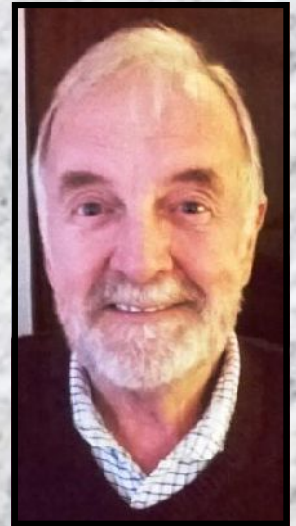
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The next issue of Lanark Rocks will be a tribute to Wilson Heatlie.

Anne

President: Frank Caddell



Presidential Musings

Dear LCC Member

Well another summer has come and gone, I say summer with my tongue in my cheek for fairly obvious reasons, and our Curling season is just around the corner. Gosh, time does fly!

I hope you will all enjoy the coming season in its new format as we have had to change some things to fit in with our reduced numbers. One thing is for sure, it will remain competitive!

There are still some changes that need to be made to ensure that we can go on to enjoy our curling and get the most out of our membership. For instance, we have two trophies that were not competed for last season and we should really find a way of utilising them. One is the Heatlie Silver Scuttle which was donated by the late Wilson Heatlie whose memorial service several of our club members attended recently.

I trust that you have enjoyed the benefits of some sunshine wherever you have been for holidays or visitations during the holiday period and that you are rarin' to get down to Hamilton and get some stones roarin'.

Unfortunately I will not be there to greet you at the Opening Bonspiel as I will be in Germany with one or two other members for an exchange visit with our twinning town. However, I wish you all an enjoyable start that will carry on throughout the season right up to the Prize-giving at the season's end.

Happy curling.

Frank, President



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

By Anne Hood

Does Lanark CC need new members? Answer—yes!

Our website has provided a door for potential new members to contact our club and we have received a few enquiries over the summer break. One email came from Lucas Wierdsma who stated that he and his daughter had recently moved to Lanark and were hoping to introduce themselves to the community therefore were looking at curling as a sporting activity. Lucas asked us for details about the club: leagues: costs and how often we play etc. Our webmaster instantly contacted our Secretary and President with this good news and emails were flowing between all parties. Iain, Secretary, invited Lucas and his daughter to our opening bonspiel and Jack provided Lucas with links to our website.

Everything was going well until Lucas received the email from Iain regarding membership fee and costs per game. Lucas replied as follows:

“Oh my goodness.

Being new to the area I live in, I googled “Lanark Curling Club”, and up comes your website. I have a polite email conversation with Mr. Hood, and look forward to more info from Mr. Cogle. I read through Mr. Cogle’s email (see below). Then I see that the membership is £38.50.

A lightbulb goes off in my brain.

I’m speaking to the good people of the curling club in Lanark, *Scotland*, where the monetary unit is the pound. I’m living a whole ocean away near Lanark, Ontario, *Canada*. (Which, by the way, is about 15 minutes north of Perth, Ontario, Canada - about an hour’s drive west of our nation’s capital - Ottawa).”

Isn’t this hilarious?



Lucas has since informed us that there is no curling club in Lanark, Canada so he is having to travel to Perth for a curling club—yes, that would be Perth, Canada. Please keep us in mind Lucas for a game—Lanark, Scotland, will travel anywhere—hi hi.

Should you, and your daughter, ever find yourself in Scotland then please contact us and we can arrange a visit.

(We did get Lucas's permission to print this article)...



BABY ARRIVALS

By Anne Hood

It has certainly been a busy summer for a few of our members ie Margaret/Alistair Mackintosh were delighted with the birth of their first grandson.

Jane/Bob Thomson were equally delighted with the birth of their grand-daughter.

Not to be outdone, June Faulds and hubby were equally delighted with their new grand-daughter.

So, how can I possibly relate an amusing tale from this news? Easy—thanks to governmental red tape procedures. (Oh, by the way, it involves Canada again).

Alistair and Margaret's new grandson is visiting Scotland (with his new parents) and, of course, babies now require their own passport.



Alistair's son, and new family, currently reside in Vancouver so a passport was required for the wee yin.

There is no difference in the passports issued for babies to those issued to adults so, above the photo of the wee fella, there was a line stating (wait for it....)

Signature of Holder.....

YE CANNAE MAKE THIS UP...



THE TALE OF THE MISSING TEETH

By Anne Hood

Towards the latter half of last season Ian Reid took time out of his curling schedule to have a short break in Turkey with his wife, Janice. I was left organising subs for Ian while envious of his imminent holiday!

Upon his return we noticed that Ian had no front teeth—well, the jaunts from Jack and Donald were hilarious and, to be fair to Ian, he took them all in his stride. We just had to find out his story and it was the funniest one we had heard in a long time—so, enjoy it! This is Ian's account:

Whilst on holiday in Turkey recently I unfortunately lost my four front teeth, not I hasten to say as a result of any violence or misadventure. Rather, on the last day of what had otherwise been a highly enjoyable short break I removed my nearly new upper denture in order to enjoy one last visit to the all inclusive buffet. For safe keeping I lodged them inside my baseball hat. Unfortunately I did not appraise my wife of this plan and she promptly moved said hat so that "you wouldn't lose it". Instead what was lost was my smile, literally and figuratively. We searched high and low but to no avail and when we tried to explain the situation to our waiter there was a lost in translation moment as he quickly fetch some tooth picks. I am looking forward to the wording on the insurance claim the Janice will need to lodge.

Ian—I need to ask you this question: Why did you require to remove your teeth to enjoy your buffet?



Ian, and Janice, were to discover later on that dentures were not included in their holiday insurance. Boy, that was an expensive all-inclusive buffet!!



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DEFENDING (ROTARY) CHAMPIONS

By Alistair Mackintosh

At the very end of the curling season in March, 4 Lanark members retained the Garside League Trophy on behalf of their Rotary Club.

It was a very close competition with Lanark winning 4 ends and their opponents winning 3. However, as is usual in a close fought match, it came down to the final stones to decide the ultimate winner.

CONGRATULATIONS GENTLEMEN—we can see some of you wearing the Lanark sweaters! Great.



WELL DONE—Bill, Alistair, Frank and Martin

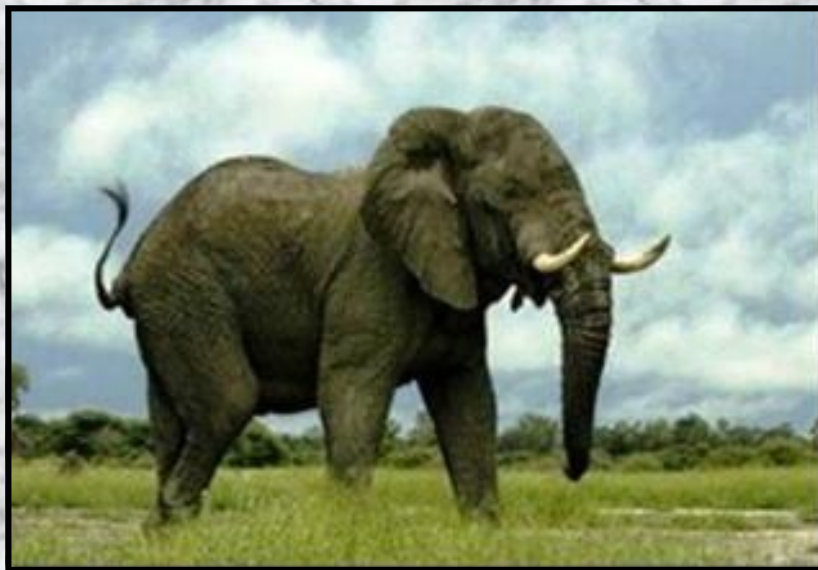


AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

We who have taught, or love children who have been taught, know this is funny! From the diary of a Pre-School Teacher... My five-year old students are learning to read. Yesterday one of them pointed at a picture in a zoo book and said, "Look at this! It's a frickin' elephant!"

I took a deep breath, then asked, "What did you call it?"

"It's a frickin' elephant! It says so on the picture!" And so it does...



AFRICAN ELEPHANT"

Hooked on phonics! Isn't it wonderful?

Now, that is funny.....



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I NEED SOME NEWS AND STORIES!!!!

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