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Martin's name is on the Yuill Log



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2017 XMAS BONSPIEL

By Anne Hood

CONGRATULATIONS to Anne Hood, Martin Yuill and Bill Stewart who won the Yuill Log trophy at the annual Xmas bonspiel by one shot!

In the final round-robin play Anne's team met Jack's team. Now, Jack's team hadn't lost an end and were +8 shots up by this point—however, as ever, there is nothing to lose when you are behind and Martin (playing 3rd to Anne) told his skip "Let's go for it— we need to be aggressive". We did—taking 3 shots at the first end then taking the vital shot at the last to win the trophy.

As usual, all games were played with good spirit and fun.

Here are some photos to prove that very point.....



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WHO?





Jack, Anne and Miller in their festive sweaters.

“Do I know this
guy”? ...thinks Iain.





Winners of the
Yuill Log trophy:
Anne Hood (skip)
Martin Yuill
Bill Stewart

Wooden spoon winners:

Donald Macrae (skip)
Frank Caddell
Alan Sellars



Guess who we met?

By Alistair Mackintosh

We found ourselves at Dewar's ice bowl (Perth) for a Rotary event when we found this stranger walking along the corridor. Alistair says "Hello—can we have a selfie"?

"Why, of course" says the stranger.....who duly held the phone to take the selfie.

"Who are you" says Frank!



Now, that is a picture gentlemen!

(A copy of Deacon Blue's CD and a recording of Landward are winding their way to Frank)



Can statistics improve your game?

By Alistair Mackintosh

Have you ever wondered, when watching a major curling competition on TV, how the statistics (for each player) is obtained? What purpose does this data serve?

Well, one year I volunteered to assist at a RCCC event and found myself inputting data into the computer concerning if the player actually played the shot asked for. Was s/he tight of the brush: wide of the brush: heavy or light on delivery etc. I began to wonder if this statistical evidence actually improved the player's future game and, if so, could club curlers use this data to improve their game?

Professional players do benefit from having all aspects of their game analysed so that they can improve but the recording and videoing is not available to club curlers so what can club curlers do to improve their game? Well, I came across this interesting article which I hope may be of interest to you.....



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A Friendly Curling Club.

By Alistair Mackintosh

Nobody tries to play a bad shot, but do we all suffer from trying to play the perfect shot? If you take a shot that has been asked for, played on the brush and got the result the team were after then that shot would be a 100% . Look at the stats from any competition from the worlds to the super league , no one after 5 ends has a **100% score**. So what can a club curler learn from this ? only that we rarely give ourself a percentage chance. What I mean is if the skip asks you to play a shot, and if you play a tighter line by not being on the brush then you will never no never get the shot back to the correct line , but if you throw your rock say 10 or 20 % wider than the brush you were asked to play it will nearly always have a chance of getting back on the right line. The same goes for length , if you are asked to play a shot in the house to the Tee line and it goes past out the back , it can never be in any position to be of use, but if you are only a little bit short again say 10 or 20% short then a least it is still in the game to be used.

The other way is much the same if you are asked to bring a rock up to freeze and you leave it short then you are providing the other team with a free guard, not usually good. So what can you do again as a club curler. In most cases we can use our percentage rule again and again, if the skip wants a rock in the house make sure you are there and the opposite if they want a guard, make sure you are a little short, how many times have you seen a guard asked for only to see the stone go a little deeper than was meant and go into the house only to be followed by the other team to punish your shot ! I have lost count of the times I witnessed and played like this myself. None of this has anything to do with tactics , it is all about self improvement and gaining experience as a member of your team, it could help you up the ranks and enjoy the game a bit more, just don't always try to be perfect have a go at the percentage game.



BEST WISHES FOR 2018

Anne and Jack Hood took a trip up North—here are some lovely photos of the boats in Ullapool. Very festive!





And, Anne's favourite is below:



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I NEED SOME NEWS AND STORIES!!!!

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