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Presidential Musings

Hello,

Welcome to the start of another curling season. I hope you all have enjoyed the wonderful summer weather this year. Well it's just about over and now it's time to look out the curling gear.

I am pleased to welcome Iain Sinclair as a new member to our club this season

All the details of the competitions are now on our website so hopefully it all makes sense. In the President's and Glaister you will play each other twice. Disappointing returns for our Bonspiels with only approx. 10 members showing interest so if anyone who has not put their name down we would be delighted to see you.

It's a busy start to the season with the Hoods heading off to USA/Canada for a month and I believe they are intending to take in some curling. Also Mrs Ramsay is heading in the other direction to Australia I do not think there will be much curling done there.

I am looking forward to my Presidential two- year office and will fulfil my duties to the best of my abilities. My vice this year is Gordon Fraser who has also agreed to take on Match Secretary as there were no volunteers. Many thanks to Gordon for taking on this dual role and I would ask members to assist with subs when required. Iain will continue his Secretarial role again and Bob will continue as Treasurer - you should all by now have received notice of your fees. Other committee members are Fiona Main, Bill Stewart and Donald MacRae. Anne Hood has agreed to look after Lanark Rocks for another year so please pass any information to her.

Our opening bonspiel is being held on Wednesday 26th September at 5.45 with a meal to follow. It's a time when you can bring along friends/family to try their hand at curling so feel free to bring them along. Everyone is welcome.

Please keep an eye on the club's website – all the information is updated frequently. My thanks go to Jack for keeping the site updated. If anyone has any question please do not hesitate to speak with Jack.

I wish all members a good season and hope Lanark is well represented in all the outside competitions.

Best wishes

Hugh Campbell—President.



Alistair's first joke of the season

A man had two of the best tickets for the Brier curling competition in Canada.

As he sits down, another man comes along and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him.

"No", he says, "the seat is empty."

"This is incredible!" said the man, "who in their right mind would have a seat like this, the one of biggest curling events of the whole world, and not use it?"

He says, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. My wife always would come with me, but she passed away. This is the first Brier we haven't been to together since we got married."

"Oh... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. I guess you couldn't find someone else?.. a friend or relative or even a neighbour to take the seat?"

The man shakes his head..."No. They're all at the funeral."--



By our own funny man—Alistair Mackintosh....

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What a small world it is..

By Alistair Mackintosh

Well mateys—I have a wee tale to tell that actually happened to me. But fist—I have to give you some information to set the scene.

FACT—Several LCC members are also members of our twinning association ie myself, Anne Hood, Dorothy Noble and Frank Caddell. CITA (Clydesdale International Twinning Association) is twinned with Yvetot (Normandy, France) and Hemmingen (Germany).

FACT 2—My wife, Margaret, and I were on holiday in Prague and, like plenty of other tourists, we visited the Castle. Now, I was carrying a tote bag which bore the name 'Hemmingen' and the twinning symbols and, whilst at the Castle in Prague, I was approached by a lady who knew Hemmingen and asked if I came from there. So, being one who likes to converse, I explained I was Scottish but that the tote bag was a gift from one of the previous Hemmingen exchanges. This lady was from Hemmingen and told me of an event whereby the local minister had an affair with one of the congregation.. As hemmingen is a small village then such action proved scandalous that it was definitely the talk of the steamie. "What a small world it is", I thought, to be in Prague yet meet someone from Hemmingen who could tell me a tale.

The next twinning exchange was being held in Hemmingen (1917) and a small party of Scots flew out to Germany—including myself, Anne, Dorothy and Frank. One of the events in the programme was to attend a BBQ to celebrate the anniversary of the twinning between Germany and Poland. We all gathered in a lovely village where marquees had been erected for the BBQ and for the entertainment to take place. After witnessing the official tree planting ceremony, and writing our names on the twinning board for posterity, we all went back to the tents to partake in what we excel in ie sitting, talking, eating and drinking. I was sitting opposite a man who was wearing a small pin in his lapel that I thought depicted a curling stone so, of course, I began a conversation with him asking if he was a curler.

He was rather bemused because it was not a curling pin but a pin that depicts a brand label—however, he gave me the pin and I swapped him with a twinning pin. He spotted the same tote bag so I told him how we had met a lady at the Castle in Prague and the story she related re the minister. "Yes, I know him" said the man. "Really", said I. "Yes", he said, "That minister was me"! "No", said I, now totally flummoxed. As I said before—what a small world it is.....



What a small world it is..

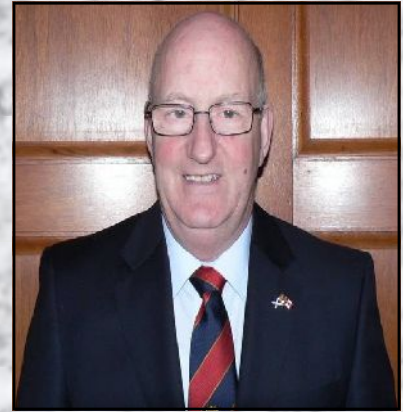
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This is the
pin that
started of
that
conversation.

The word
STONES
Is printed
on the
bottom of
the pin.



A senior reflection..



SENIOR'S DAY AT THE RINK

TOP TEN REASONS WHY CURLING IS BETTER THAN SEX

- #10—An average performance is considered damn good.
- #9-You can stop in the middle, stack the brooms and have a drink!
- #8-It's much easier to find the sweet spot.
- #7-Foursomes are encouraged
- #6-You can still make money doing it as a senior.
- #5-Three times a day is possible.
- #4-You're partner doesn't hire a lawyer if you play with someone else.
- #3-If you live in Scotland, you can do it almost every day of the season.
- #2-You don't have to cuddle with your partner (Frank) when you're finished.

AND THE NUMBER ONE REASON WHY CURLING IS BETTER THAN SEX?

- #1-When your equipment gets old, you can replace it. (Is that true Alis-tair?)

ALL IN GOOD FUN FOLKS—Editor.



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I NEED SOME NEWS AND STORIES!!!!

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