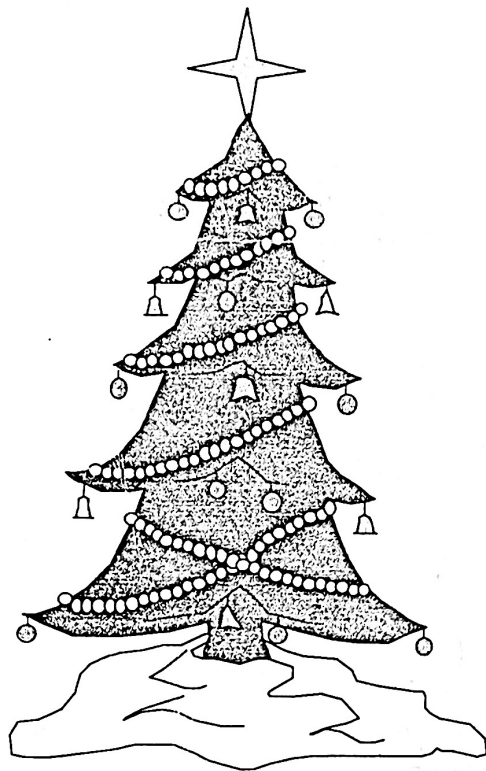


THE HACK

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Seasons Greetings



Best wishes to our readers. We are very pleased to have managed a second issue before the end of the year. There is new momentum. Have you any ideas for **THE HACK**? We have heard that some members thought a few comments in the last issue were close to the bone! No-one should take things too seriously though - it is all meant to be light entertainment and fun.

See you next century!

Contents include:

Match reports
Thirds results to date
Diary dates
Cartoons
Match Secretary report
.. and much more.

Inverkeithing retain the challenge trophy v Broomhall

The club kept hold of the trophy after a 24 - 24 shoreline, and so the club won on countback of ends 16 - 13. Congratulations to the rinks. A brilliant victory for the end of the year.

*Perhaps someone will complete a match report for the next edition of **THE HACK**.*

PointsPointsPoints

Tom Clarke - a very popular winner of the new broom! Tom was in magnificent form, especially playing away from the bar at Kirkcaldy, at the annual points competition. It was a pretty good turnout in a week when there were over sixteen rinks out in the previous three nights.

Six disciplines were played. It might have been possible to have played another skill if there had been less time spent at the bar - however that might have defeated one of the purposes of the event!

PACO struggled to stay on his feet let alone capture the sparkling form of last year perhaps his shoes were too slippy.

Millennium 'Lamond & Murray'
Bonspiel

2000

Friday 4th February
Kirkcaldy Ice Arena

Meet at 5.45
First ice at 6.15 (6 ends)
7.45 Drinks
8.00 Second ice (6 ends)
9.30 Meal (and more drinks)

All curlers will receive commemorative
souvenirs.

Tickets will be around £20.

After booking a place curlers will have
to pay for the ticket. No-one should
miss what promises to be one of the
highlights of a curlers career! Transport
will be arranged (not included in cost of
ticket)

Look out for the details from the
President and get ready to book your
place.



New telephone number

Assistant match Secretary Ian Paxton
new business no
01383 725665

Alastair Low is one of the rising stars in
the club - one of Pete Campbell's rink
that is making a strong bid for the
league. He has been caught after
purchasing the two recent curling
publications - basic Curling and Curling
Tactics! by Hammy McMillan.

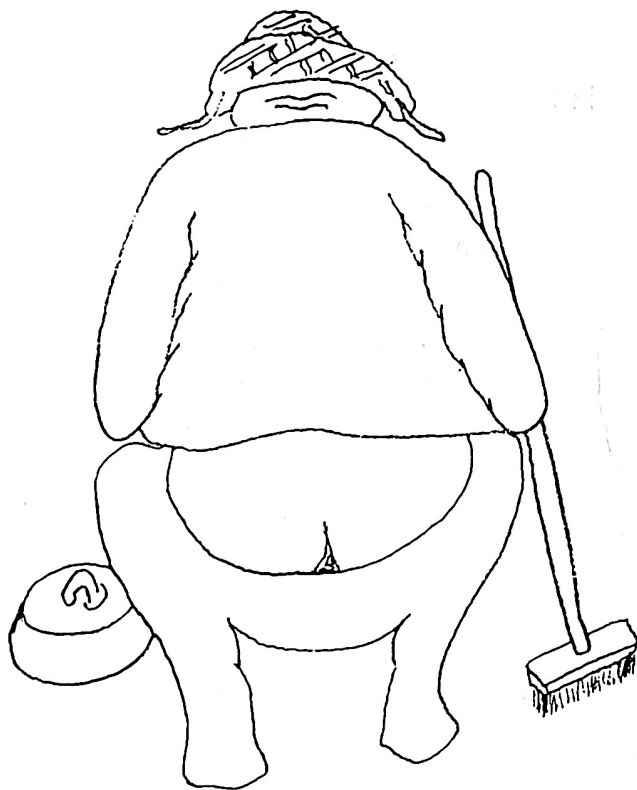
At the points competition some
members suggested it was due to the
fact he had joined the Sheep Breeders
and Sheep feeders (and Sheep sh ...
earers) Society.

Well Alastair what is the secret?

Match Secretary Bob Smith managed a
game at Perth recently - he was in the
winning rink as he guested in League
Two of the Dewars super League.

Syd Ward wins all the awards presented
by the AA this year!

Syd missed the turn off the Kinross and
needed two more exits to decide to
turnaround. He lost two points in his
match.



LOOSE FITTING TROUSERS
ARE A MUST! ON THE ICE
TAM
"BUT NOT THAT LOOSE"

Boreland

20th Anniversary Bonspiel.

A memorable event. Ian Mcloed was champion spewer! - he was quite a start though recovering from a sick start to tequila slamming by reaching the final of the infamous competition linked with the Boreland Club.

Golf

The last issue failed to record the results of the annual golf outing to Dunfermline Golf Club.

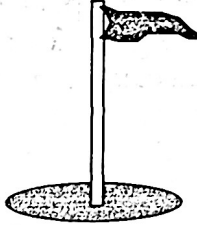
Winner - Ed Martin with 43 pts
(The current DGC captain)

Second - Jim Drummond with 41 pts

Third - Ian Knutz with 37 pts

Fourth - Phil Barton with 36 pts.

Thanks to Derek Pearson for organising the event. Next year the date (to be confirmed) will be Thursday 24th August.



Thanks to Sandy Armour for supplying envelopes for distributing **THE HACK**.



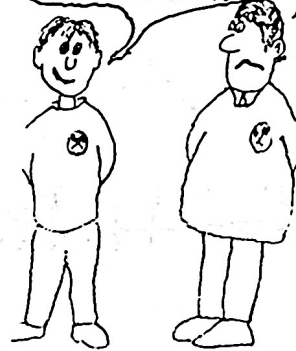
HERE'S SOME MONEY BILLY COULD YOU GET ME A NEW CLUB SWEATSHIRT



OK IAIN

DID YOU GET THE TOP?

NO I WAS TOO EMBARRASSED TO ASK SO I BOUGHT CONDOMS INSTEAD



We still need entries to our recent quiz competition - see the last issue. A great prize of malt is waiting.

Don't forget we need ideas and contributions from club members. It will make the difference for Issue no. 17 - due in February. 2000

Best wishes to Jimmy Wilson in his recovery after an operation. He has been missed. Be back soon!

The season continues on 4th January with matches at Kirkcaldy and Kinross. Hope the celebrations are good ones and the high level of fitness achieved by members is sustained - in spite of the celebrations and revelry that will be taking place.

Have a good New Year

THE HACK

We are hoping to have another issue in February - results of the Millennium Bonspiel and the Grand Match will be features.

It would be good to receive some contributions from members - pseudonyms are OK!

Don't forget the quiz.

We are also looking for sponsors - or would the idea of an annual subscription be better? Let us know.

C. Blyth	v	Ayres	10 - 8
C. Blyth	v	J. Wilson	11 - 3
C. Blyth	v	Barton	8 - 8
C. Blyth	v	Ward	13 - 1
J. Wilson	v	Ayres	14 - 3
J. Wilson	v	Barton	to play?
J. Wilson	v	Ward	Ward W
Barton	v	Ayres	7 - 5
Barton	v	Ward	3 - 6
Ward	v	Ayres	5 - 6
	v		
Ritchie	v	Archibald	0 - 11
Ritchie	v	J. Blyth	11 - 2
Ritchie	v	Tibbert	7 - 5
Ritchie	v	Mcdonald	to play
Archibald	v	J. Blyth	12 - 2
Archibald	v	Tibbert	to play
Archibald	v	Mcdonald	15 - 1
J. Blyth	v	Tibbert	to play
J. Blyth	v	Mcdonald	to play
Tibbert	v	Mcdonald	to play

Results as received - apologies if there are any matches errors - the winners of each group are almost certain!

League Championship 1999/2000

Lamond still reigns supreme.

There has been one match since the last issue. It appears that the League table does not tally with the results and so it is possible the order was incorrect .. no doubting though that Alastair Lamond is the clear favourite. He has an impressive rink Gavin Hughes, one of our new members has in fact not been on a losing team in a straightforward match (ie not pairs, Bonspiel etc). Ernie has had a barnstorming thirds competition. Andy J has continued to impress, and as ever he is great company! (keep of the specialist drinks though)

Favourite for the championship. New odds quoted are:
Lamond evens Campbell 3 - 1 Smith 5 - 1 Tait 7 - 1 Aitken 7 - 1

The ten commandments of curling (a series)

Sponsored by Campbell & McHale



1. Thou shalt have no other game before me, for I am the roarin' game which was in the beginning (even in the stone age), is now, and shall ever be.

Thirds

Colin Blyth has sealed an impressive season (to date) with a convincing performance in section A. Being unbeaten he will progress to the Final. In section B the odds are in favour of Ernie Archibald, with a massive points differential to be overhauled by John Tibbert, and that is only relevant if John wins his other outstanding match.

It has been a good thirds competition, the major issue might have been the tight schedule, especially seven matches in the space of three nights.

Good luck to the finalists ... the rest of the losing thirds will get down to more practice and thinking!

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