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This is the first issue of what we hope will become a regular newsletter to members of Inverkeithing Curling Club.

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It is probably the first 'alternative' curling club publication ever!! Our very own fanzine. We will rely on you to ensure the Hack can survive. We hope to report on matches within the club and against rivals from other clubs.

We are wanting to report on the great performances, and those that some people would rather forget. There will be regular features about coaching, and the history of the club. We hope to feature news about individuals. There will be amusing stories. We will also have the best result service possible.

If you are interested in helping with 'The Hack' contact Bob Smith or Phil Barton. Contributions will be welcomed..

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## An <u>unofficial</u> greeting from our new Club President... *Hello.*. *Peter Ritchie here*.

Seems appropriate that it is time for the new curling season to start. My honour and privilege to have been elected your president and I'll keep trying to represent the Club in your best..eh..in your interests. The hot summer has been trying for us all (aye it has) and now looking forward, you must put dates in your diary before you're too late and you've missed them..eh..missed them.

Opening Bonspeil - (I won it last year) 29th September

Dinner Dance (What's Helen's phone number?) 10th November

You will be there - no excuses will be entertained and we will enjoy oursel's to be entertained by the band that I've got. Aye. Aye. Right, get the shoes on and the brush at the ready, we'll see you soon on the ice..aye, on the eh..Ice. Remember and not forget now, 'cos I telt ye.

Cheerio.. Cheers Cheers. Aye Aye.

Peter

P.S Mind and play the free guard thing if you're only a lead. Aye

## New rimks

The official club programme will be out soon, it may have already arrived through your door. The new rinks will be revealed. The Hack is pleased to be able to give you the following news ...

New skips:

Hector Smith and Lewis Kennedy

Promoted to third:

Ian Macdonald

New seconds:

Tony Ayres, Phil Barton & Jimmy Riggans

Best wishes to all nine rinks for next season, and also the pairs, and to all rinks who represent the Club.

Welcome to Steve Hunter for his first season in the Club. Steve is a financial advisor .. he is looking forward to his season and he would like to let you know he is also able to offer you advice too.. (financial we presume, rather than sporting advice to his skip!!)

#### Winners

We have a splendid array of trophies in the club. This year we are trying to emulate the performances and winners of last year ... to remind you of the targets here is a list of the title holders.

Ceague - winners A. Maclaclan (skip) H.Smith I. Macdonald J. Riggans & S. Armour Ceague - runners up R.Tait (skip) J.Aitken C. Blyth & R. Chadwick

Knock out - winners J.Blyth (skip) C.. Kennedy J.Tibbert T.Ayres & D.Chadwick Knock out - runners up A. Maclachan (skip) rink as above

Points winner J. Wilson

Pairs - winners A. Hay & Jim Wilson

Pairs - runners up A. Rae & M. Trainor

Thirds - winners E. Archibald (skip) Jas Wilson J Ogg & A. Camond Thirds - runners up J.Wilson (skip) S. Ward A. Moyes A. Morris & P.Campbell

Opening bonspeil - winners PRitchie (skip) E. Archibald A. Godsell & D.Dawson

Club Bonspeil - co winners J.MacDonald (skip) D.Camond P.McHale & Jas Wilson & J.Wilson (skip) H.Smith & 1.Paxton

#### **Dinner Dance**

Make sure you keep the 10th November free so you can attend our Dinner Dance.

There have been mixed reports from members in the past few years...don't rely on the critics and cynics to make your decision. Turn up and have a great time.

Look out for more details in the Hack and of course the official Club newsletter.

The Hack will be provided free to members for as long as possible. Grateful thanks to the people who have indicated they can support the Hack either personally or through their business.

Phil will print the magazine and provide stationery.
Bob Smith will sponsor the postage of the first issue.

If you are interested in sponsoring future issues please see Bob or Phil.

## Sweat shirts

The new club sweat shirt introduced last season has proved popular. If you want one, or need another one get in touch with a committee member soon.

Douglas Lamond was presented with a sweat shirt to mark his 40th year in the Club. Thanks to Ed Martin - he was not as small as his sweat shirt!! Make sure you order the right size this year Ed.

We should all try to wear the sweat shirt to improve the team's appearance on the rink. Impress our opponents from the start. You could not imagine the 'Pars' turning out in a mixed strip. Perhaps we should introduce a fine system for the 'scruffs', and a bonus for the 'smarties'!!

#### I.C.C select win trip to Forest Hills

Congratulations to Peter Ritchie who skipped Hector Smith, Ernie Archibald and Bob Smith to victory in the West of Fife Province Knockout at the end of last season. The best team in Fife will represent the Province at an event at Forest Hills. We must ask, will they need a 'minder' or two? They would certainly welcome support.

# Dates for your Diary

**Opening Bonspeil**Friday 29th September

#### First games of the season

begin in mid September (look out for your programme arriving soon)

**Dinner Dance** 10th November

### The Free Guard Zone

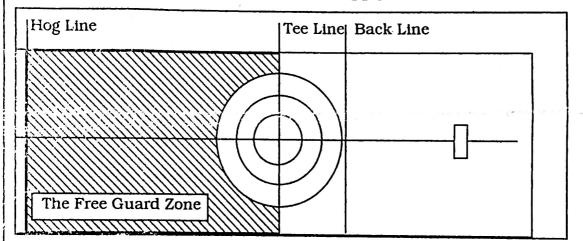
The area between the Hog Line and the Tee Line, excluding the House Shall be a 'Free Guard Zone'.

No stone lying within the zone may be removed from play by the opposition until the first four stones played in an end have come to a rest.

Any shot played in those circumstances which results in an opposition stone being removed from the zone, either directly or indirectly, to an out of play position is an infraction. The played stone will be removed from play and any other stone if moved should be replaced where it previously lay. All stones should be replaced to the satisfaction of the skip of the non-offending team.

For any stone lying in the House, normal rules apply. A stone may be measured to check it lies in or out of the House.

In all other respects the normal Rules apply.



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The next issue will be in October

What have you been doing to prepare for the season?

The Hack can reveal the exploits of three of our esteemed members during the past few months, all part of the preparation for another fine winter on the ice!! Rod Burns has been relishing the dry weather and hard pitches as he tries to capture the bowling prizes for his team..he will be back to underarm style soon.

Alastair Lamond has been on a pre season trip to Canada and the USA. Chance to reminisce too about his exploits as a youth in New England. He has also developed a liking for video production. A suggestion his rink may be captured on film in the season ahead. A great coaching tool, if you have the right material!!

Ian Macdonald has been globe trotting on a grand scale.

and that's it for now..

Hope you enjoyed the first issue of the Hack. We hope you will participate and make sure we hear all the news. It will be great to receive written contributions. We are already beginning production of the next issue.

Bob & Phil