

THE HACK

Issue no. 9

November 1997

The early arrival of the first edition this season did not lead to a prompt appearance of No 9 as hoped. The delay has ensured this edition contains a batch of results and brings you up to date with the League results so far.

Special thanks to our match secretary, Mr. Bob Smith for his contributions and support. Where are yours?

We have no sponsor for this issue. This is a worry as the club has not sanctioned the regular payment of postage for **THE HACK**.

We greatly appreciate the members who have sponsored the previous editions. They include:

Phil Barton/Bob Smith

Syd Ward

John Wilson

Ernie Archibald

Billy Brown

Bob Tait

Jimmy Wilson

John Ross

Note from the Treasurer.

Please pay Ice money from Kirkcaldy and Kinross to Pete Campbell within seven days of the game. The Club has paid out substantial sums up front and need to keep the cash flow smooth.

Thanks. PC

Supper Dance.

A great night for a smaller crowd than usual. Great efforts by Ernie and team to increase the numbers.

The Gladyer provided good food and the entertainment were fine. Music and conversation and plenty of dancing. But why did we finish so early Ernie?

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It has been a fine season for the members who have been able to get on the ice. It has been noticed that there seem to be an increasing number of absentees. Why is this? The opening Bonspiel was affected by a low turnout with several rinks being reduced to three men. The League has been affected by five man rinks becoming three men regulars! People are missing out on the thrill of being in a team.

The Match secretary comments that we have not had a good record v other clubs. Just as in any other sport it is important to have the right attitude and practice. The more you play the more likely you are to succeed.

The quality of ice is also significant. Can the club consider using Perth Ice rink more. The ice is of high quality and it costs less than any other rink! It is also closer than you might think..

Finally best wishes from **THE HACK**. Hope we will be back in January with more news and ideas from members. Festive greetings and hope to see you on Otterson.

Editor

Match Secretary's Report - November 1997

Congratulations to Syd on winning the opening Bonspiel - skipped in one competition and won! What a start. He was assisted by Peter Ritchie and Archie Terras (only).

We are past the half way mark in the League and Bob Tait and Alistair Lamond continue to dominate with unbeaten runs. Alistair has a game in hand and can surge to the top with straight wins.

At the other end of the table Syd has found it harder going. He is exempt from relegation. Tom has made a big step forward with a win against (yours truly) leaving (yours truly) anchored at the bottom.

It is interesting to note that there have already been three peeled games. There has only been one in each of the past two seasons. The leading skips are the best offenders, including their own match. Perhaps it is just an averaging (up or down) of abilities and skills.

There has even been a draw in the Thirds competition, which as requested has been started early with good keen curling.

In Challenge games the report is simple - we've lost them all! Not quite two wins against Markinch and in the Waldie Griffiths. It is vital we increase the availability of players to give the skips a chance to field strong teams of regular curlers.

Can we aim to reverse the result against Dunfermline with a resounding turnout and victory v Broomhall on 12th December.

Finally, instead of the usual grouse (what sort you ask?) I thank you for all lodging the score cards in so promptly.

Best wishes.

Bob Smith

NB Fixture Book errors and amendments:

Bob Tait's business no is:
0131 244 7269

Ian Paxton's business no is:
01592 414226

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Kirkcaldy ice rink's no is:
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Bonspiel v Perth on 6th & 13th Nov cancelled due to lack of opposition.
Challenge match v Dalgety Bay changed from 14th November to 3rd December at Murrayfield.

18 January - Sunday

Annual memorial to George Sinclair, once Kirkcaldy ice man - please contact Tom Hunter if interested.

15th February - Sunday

District Medal at 6.15 in Perth. Please contact Bob Smith if you are available and willing to play. Two strong teams have to be selected to win a District Medal.

Other:

Peter Campbell continues to live in Dunfermline and Ian McLeod insists there is only one C in "Okasional Players"

Check the programme for your matches. especially the pairs. You need both players !!!!

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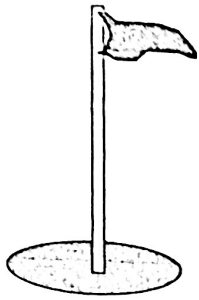
Alan Mac not impressed by Jim Aitken's 2-1 3 thrashing by LK, he will be more impressed with the 13-0 scoreline versus IR.

A. Lamond peeled with a 2 at the last end v Tait - put his last stone through the house missing a three!

Asked by his skip why he had played through the house with his last and vital stone, JR apologised by suggesting he "should have passed wind before delivery!" Jet propelled stones.

Bob Tait initially concerned that he had a new third and a new curler as second. He has mellowed as Paul and Tony have played with aplomb. Rumours circulate he is considering including them in his professional Perth team. Ed please note (RS)

Send in your contributions please.



Golf Outing 21st August 1997

Great result for John Wilson - scoring 40 points. Great appreciation for Derek Pearson for a second tour event!

The event provided great moments (few of them sporting) for 18 members and one guest. Ian Macleod had a busy morning and played after a delayed start. He won the wooden spoon for his troubles. He wore the sweater presented at the opening Bonspiel. We are told he has since removed the spoon and wear the sweater for gardening!

Derek did us proud again with an array of prizes. Next year he is considering starting with a buffet lunch and two special prizes - nearest the pin at the 9th and longest drive at the 18th.

Phil B dutifully held back one point to finish 1 point behind the match secretary!

Results:	
John Wilson	40
Ernie Archibald	37
Tom McIntyre	37
Alan Maclachlan	33
Ian Paxton	32
Ian Macdonald	29
Bob Smith	29
Phil Barton	27
Jimmy Wilson	26
Amand Rae	26
Henry Murray	24
Ed Martin	24
Iain Robertson	23
Derek Pearson	23
Jim Riggans	22
Bob Tall	20
Peter Ritchie	20
Ian Macleod	8
Bob Jeffries (guest)	43

Thirds

Early start suits Ritchie, Wilson and Campbell.

Wilson	v	Ayres	11 - 6
Macdonald	v	Campbell	6 - 10
Archibald	v	Rae	7 - 7
Ritchie	v	Blyth	6 - 4
Aitken	v	Archibald	3 - 11

Ernie leads on e section with three points. Three other rinks are unbeaten. It will be a tight competition. We have eight more matches scheduled before the New Year. The sections will be complete before the next edition of **THE HACK**.

Lamond faces enquiry at Dinner!

A serious question must be asked? Why did skip Lamond leave his rink to the care and attention of Pres Archibald? Rumour abounds that he was in the company of a woman in preference to his curling duties. The explanation given to his rink was something about a wedding anniversary. We must ask Alistair to question his priorities .. or reveal the correct reason, as we all know he really takes his curling so seriously.

Challenge v Dunfermline

Another defeat - however the match was played in fine spirit and the after curling activity was of high standard. Tom Hunter and rink beat their opponents with a 7 - 6 score. They emerged from a possible 5 end score against with Tom finding a fine shot to bring it down to 1.

Macdonald v Archibald 9 - 2

Stevenson v Hunter 6 - 7

Whyte v Kennedy 11 - 2

Allan v Robertson 10 - 6

Waldie Griffiths

The club managed a victory on behalf of the province - not enough to match Perth who managed an overall score of 46 - 32.

Archibald, Smith, Barton & Paxton played consistently and won by 11 - 5. (6 ends to 2) Great ice.

Etiquette

It is important that the seconds and leads do not infringe the head and stand behind the head during play. The correct position is between the hog lines. Last year Jim Murray commented that he felt there were too many conferences between players to the distraction of the opposition. Have we improved?

Coaching tips in the next issue.

BT are having difficulty in expanding business - unlike Sid Ward - tycoon and potholer extraordinaire! who has doubled the size of his business empire. He has apparently found electronic games a problem. He was asked for a lucky dip lottery ticket .. he pressed a few buttons and commented "You've got me there! can you come back next week."

Any more stories - send them in for the next issue.

Sorry about the missing quiz - we'll try harder for the next issue.

Lamond	v	Ward	7 - 2
Tait	v	Clarke	8 - 8
Kennedy	v	Hunter	2 - 15
Smith	v	Maclachlan	4 - 12
Robertson	v	Ward	11 - 7
Hunter	v	Smith	7 - 11
Kennedy	v	Maclachlan	13 - 1
Robertson	v	Tait	4 - 9
Ward	v	Clarke	11 - 5
Maclachlan	v	Lamond	8 - 8
Tait	v	Smith	8 - 6
Hunter	v	Robertson	6 - 9
Lamond	v	Clarke	6 - 5
Tait	v	Maclachlan	10 - 8
Hunter	v	Ward	12 - 6
Smith	v	Kennedy	5 - 7
Tait	v	Lamond	5 - 5
Clarke	v	Kennedy	9 - 3
Lamond	v	Hunter	6 - 3
Smith	v	Clarke	4 - 7
Tait	v	Ward	8 - 7 *
Robertson	v	Maclachlan	0 - 13 *

League Results and current table.

Bar one game on 4/12 the programme has reached a break point in the season. The next league matches commence on 6th January.

The league is well poised at this stage. Peeled games have featured more this season than compared to the whole of last season. Tait and Lamond are regular contenders for the title and are used to being at the top of the league. Lamond has an advantage on ends up which will have an influence if points and shots are identical, however he needs to win his last three matches. Hunter and Robertson have matches against Tait and Lamond respectively. Kennedy has matches against both Bob and Alistair and so could greatly influence the final positions. Maclachlan and Clarke still have opportunities to finish high in the league.

In fact it is unreasonable to rule out any of the top four teams, and no doubt the next three will be keen to prove a point or eight!

Results from last night * have made a big difference. In fact Syd could have made a dramatic change with one or two more shots! Less said about Ian R! In fact he has nothing to say according to Bob Smith, neither does Iain Paxton!

The final 14 matches will all have an impact on the results. The champagne has to be put on ice!

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	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	Shots	Ag'st	PTS	+/-
Tait	6	4	0	2	48	38	10	10
Lamond	5	3	0	2	32	23	8	9
Maclaclan	5	2	2	1	42	35	5	7
Clarke	5	2	2	1	34	32	5	2
Hunter	5	2	3	0	43	34	4	9
Robertson	4	2	2	0	24	35	4	-11
Kennedy	4	2	2	0	25	30	4	-5
Ward	5	1	4	0	33	43	2	-10
Smith	5	1	4	0	30	41	2	-11

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