

*News from Inverkeithing  
Curling Club*

# The Hack

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**THE HACK** is back after an absence of over a year. Thanks to the members who have been both encouraging and supportive during this period. Let's hope we get several editions this season. You are welcome to send in your contributions. (see page 8 for contact details)

## Programme

A number of members have commented that the programme was issued rather late - diaries had been filled and holidays booked. Although this is possibly true we must recognise the committee have a big job and deserve support not criticism.

It sounds like a lot of members will miss more curling than they would like with a large number with significant holiday plans in October. Paco has more absentees in October than players.

The League programme will be well under way by the end of October.



Opening Bonspiel 27th  
September 2002  
**The Jim Temple  
Trophy**



**Strong rink submits to  
strong man Clarke**

The Opening bonspiel appeared to have been won convincingly after the first session with Bob Smith 10 shots up, after mauling Colin Blyth 10 - 0 in four ends. Typically Tom Clarke was overheard to say 'it's not over yet'. Tom displayed all those qualities to take the first St. Margaret's League title last season.

Tom took eight shots off Bob Smith without reply in the second session, in only three ends. The 10 shot advantage rapidly reducing to + 2 shots.

The efforts of Tom and his rink

played into the hands of Bob Tait and his rink. Two + 3 advantages secured the opening trophy for Bob Tait. Tom Clarke featured in Bob Tait's success, as he was the Tait victim in the first session. Bob taking another three of League Champion Ian Paxton.



Bob T's rink was: Phil Barton (3rd)  
Bill Galloway (2nd) and John  
Leitch (Lead).

Second place: Tom Clarke  
Third; Peter Campbell.  
The Strong rink: Bob Smith,  
Alastair Lamond, Alistair Low and  
Ian McLeod.

A number of members missed the full repertoire of songs and stories after the supper. We appreciated the story by Ian McLeod and Hail Caledonia - led by Alistair Lamond.

The bonspiel was well attended by 32 members, including all nine Club skips. Other most welcome curlers included Sid Ward, who hopes to be able to curl this season, after all. He will probably be a well used sub during the coming months.

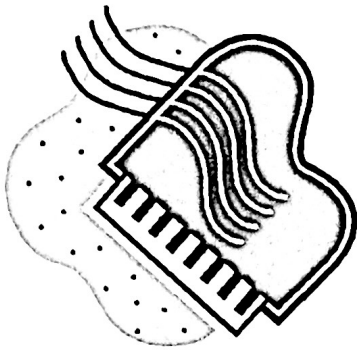
## Forthcoming events

# 2'S

Pairs Bonspiel

Friday 18th October 5.45

Kirkcaldy



## Club Dance

Friday 8th November

Gladyer Inn

A fine band has been booked. The reports from last year suggest the people who were not there missed something. Apparently there were more non members than club members - two thirds of the 51 present -so we should do something about that!

One of our Club pensioners wrote to the HACK (whilst we were out of action). He described the dance as one of the best for years. The Band - Cloud Nine - were first class.

Absentees last year included:

Ritchie, Paxton, Macdonald, Smith, Blyth (x2), Wilson, Barton, Lamond, Taddei, McPherson, & Martin. Were they all in Stranraer?

## Dunfermline Challenge

Monday 11th November

Our Ryder Cup!

## Heavy Fines to be levied at the Dinner

There are some early contenders for fines at the dinner. Ian Innes missed the bonspiel - he turned up at Kirkcaldy and ran up Kinross wanting to know where the other 31 curlers where! Hard luck Ian.

Actually he deserves a medal for trying to get to Kinross - but let him tell you the saga himself.



NO WONDER YOUR FEET ARE FROZEN, YOU'VE BEEN CURLING IN YER BARE FEET AGAIN!

## League teams

The main competition appears to have had the shine taken off it - by the majority of league games are over by mid November.

The rinks appear to be well balanced with no obvious contenders for the League.

Having said this Paco will have his work cut out to retain the title. Remember last year we had one of the most closely contended competitions.

Tom Clarke is relishing the prospect of being back in charge. President Pete has another chance to escape relegation.

## St Margaret's League -

*The nearly new kids on the block (we wish) are ready for new battles. The impression is that the competition in this League is as keen as in the Premier League. Skips are reminded to watch out for the rules of selection. John Taddei has his first outing as a skip in the Club - his experience is bound to show.*

## Results this season (so far)

**25/9** Province: Bank of Scotland 11 Lamond (Barton as skip) 2. A solid defeat

played in great spirit. A tough opener.

## 30/9 League

Paxton	7	v	4	Tait
Blyth	8	v	4	Aitken

## Quality ICE

Complaints about the ice at Kirkcaldy were well deserved last season - hope more effort is made this year. The USA tour showed what can be achieved.

It remains a shame that our club appears to have little interest in trying other rinks.

Perth is the cry!

What about the fact it is nearly the most expensive ice.

**Have you any views - that can be printed in the HACK?**

## Missing ££

This has been a major talking point - with no clear action being taken to retrieve the missing money. The sum quoted is £503.

If the Club did not take pre paid ice the problem would be resolved in the future. It is clear the Club could not, and should not have a repetition of this situation.

**DOUGLAS MURRAY SUPPLIERS**  
 Douglas has a few specials on offer this season. The model in the picture is showing off special zoom lenses. These can be removed and stored in the handy clip provided on the 'state of the art' curling hat shown.

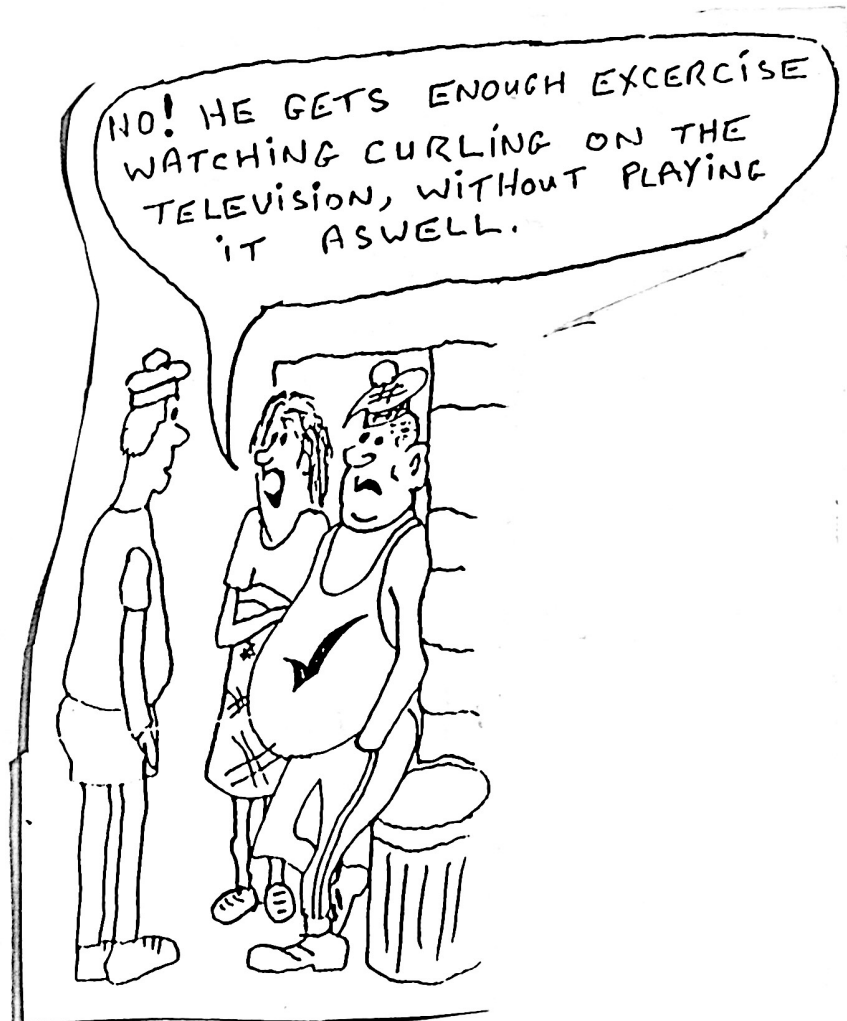


The tassels on the stones, although seldom seen these days are absolutely 'street legal' and are available in club colours, rugby colours and football colours (excluding Aberdeen) The tassels can be lit from a cigarette butt, to light up your stones when winter darkness draws in.

- He must collect antiquities, going by the date on his trophies.
- He must be an archeologist. I don't know where he digs up his game plan from - but it always ends up in ruins.
- He has no respect for age unless it's bottled.

Here are some comments overheard on the ice by Billy 'wisnae me' Brown.

- He's so indecisive he has a four year old son he hasn't named yet.
- He love's nature - despite what it's done to him.
- Times a great healer - but he would be better going for plastic surgery
- He's about 39 years old - just count the rings under his eyes.
- We used to like him but we got over it.
- He must be worth a small fortune: Gold in his teeth, silver in his hair and he could certainly lose a few pounds.



**Club Colours** -members should seek out Douglas Murray and order a club outfit ... great value and you will look the part (some people missed the blue look at the bonspiel and during the first week of competition)

***Ritchie reveals the 'softer' side to character.*** Peter was overheard explaining that the Jim Temple Trophy was the best trophy in our club's collection. You might think he has an eye for the trophy being the most valuable, or perhaps the oldest. You will be surprised to hear that the attraction is due to the fact it has an alternative use as a rose bowl, and he and his missus would use it to display their prize blooms. (*We wonder if Peter is on the local church flower rota?*)

### **Old friends and curlers.**

It was great to see Peter McLoed at the Opening bonspiel. He was 'granddaughter sitting' and came to watch the action. Alan Hay also appeared. Sorry to hear that Alan thinks his curling days might be over - even so he showed his keen interest in the sport, and gave a lesson to several members in how to complete score cards.

### **Smith - still in shock**

You will have read the report of the bonspiel. Bob was reported to have been in such a deep shock after the second session that he barely spoke for ten minutes - expect to ask for a very large and stiff drink. No doubt Bob will bounce back from this defeat and once again be a strong contender for the League and other competitions.



The editor is looking forward to a new curling opportunity. On Thursday 3rd October he plays his first match at Lockerbie, as a member of **Preston Curling Club**. And before you think that the club might have been established on the back of the great Olympic triumph of the Scottish/GB team - think again. Curling has been part of NW sporting experience since 1871!


So you might like to hear more about the curling experiences of the auld enemy in future editions. Peter R reports that Lockerbie is a fine curling rink.



## Golf outing 29th August at Pitfirrane, home of Dunfermline Golf Club.

**Robert Smith the younger** turned up hoping to repeat his display of last year when he won the event with an outstanding display of stroke making (42 points). This year he managed 27 points.

**Sandy Morris** was the master this year. **Ian Paxton** achieved the longest drive at the eighteenth, just as he did last year. It is reported he had the benefit of his ball bouncing off a sprinkler head. **Bill Galloway** claimed nearest the pin at the 9th.

 There were several guys at the golf who do not appear on the rink - perhaps they do not like dark nights.

Thanks to **Derek Pearson** for organising the event again.

## Etiquette

Last year the President appealed for members to ensure that we followed the best etiquette on the ice - how well did we do? If slow play is a marker then maybe we need a reminder - only seven ends at the opening bonspiel were achieved. Perhaps that was not the speed of play it was the amount of beer in the glasses! Seriously the speed of play does affect the quality of the playing experience.



## Fife Ice Arena has been renovated!

Actually this is an exaggeration, however the changes made are noticeable. It is reported that Billy Brown built the new benches in the changing rooms. We are also reminded that Peter Campbell taught Billy all he knows!

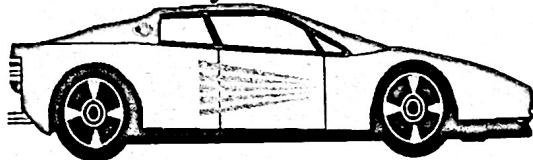
**NOTE:** Robert Smith (jun) has moved flat - so do not use the home no in the book - please use the mobile no.

## New Curler Leitch

Keep your mouth closed when near John - he is likely to be eyeing you up for his surgery - one of our new curlers is a local dentist. We also know he lives in North Queensferry - the coach had to make an exceptional detour to take him home after the bonspiel. Perhaps this was justified as John has started the season with two victories. A member of the victorious Presidents rink in the opening match, (6 - 5) and also a member of the winning rink at the bonspiel. When you speak to John he says he has been a curler for over twenty years - before you cry 'foul' - he had his first match twenty years ago - and his second one at the end of last season. In fact it's only five in total!

## *New Jaguar dealership at Inverkeithing.*

*Reports are that a new 'big cat'  
franchise has been awarded to a  
company at Burnside!  
It certainly looks that way!*



## *Orgasm on Ice*

Can you work out which of our brother curlers has the best experiences on the ice. He can regularly be heard to make the following cry:

Oh Yes!  
Oh Yes!!  
Oh Yes!!  
Come On  
Yes Yes  
Oh Yes!!.

Answers in next issue

**The Canadians are getting ready**  
Several well known faces are getting ready to see if they can be play a part in beating the opposition on the RCCC tour of Canada early in 2003. We hope we will have some first hand news to report in the HACK later in the season.

## *CONTRIBUTIONS*

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