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Lamond scores again

Alastair won the final competition of the year - another trophy for the mantelpiece. Anne will be pleased! See inside for report

Braehead

A magnificent event at Braehead has wetted the appetite for members for the next Championships - report inside.

AGM 24th April 2000

Look carefully at the pack you have been sent. Fill in your playing intentions - NOW. Understand the constitution changes (see below)

Think about the formal proposals for spaces ..

- Match & assistant match Secretary
- Committee member
- Auditor
- Skips

Are you able to fill any post - don't leave it to the 'family favourites'!

THE DRUNKEN CAVALIER ?



COMON PHIL "TWO PAGES STAPLED TOGETHER!"

Editorial

RS

The club should consider amending the constitution to allow female members - as long as they are of a Canadian world Champion variety!

It was quite a shock to hear that there was a vote to consider female members - apparently back in the late 60's. Alan MacL remembers it! He claims it was a surprisingly close call. Does anyone remember more detail?

The World Curling Championships have been given a fair coverage on TV - hope this will expand the popularity of our great sport. We clearly need to build on the number of active curlers in our club to ensure keen and competitive curling. In spite of the higher profile - it seems the press do not have time for the sport. (Thank goodness for the small independent press agencies!)

Finally we are drawing to the end of another season - only the AGM left. Thanks to everyone who has supported the **HACK** - we are pleased to have produced four issues. This would not have been possible without our regular contributors. Special thanks and appreciation to Billy Brown - our cartoonist.

Finally thanks to sponsor of the HACK. We start again in the new season with a clear sheet for future sponsors. can you see either Bob Smith or Phil Barton.



DON'T HE LOOK

- YOUNG?

- ANYONE ELSE GOT

50-year old photos?



Take your PINS to the ROCKS NOTES FROM BRAHEAD 2000

An in depth interview with members who had time to ~~waste~~ spare to visit the World Finals at Braehead .. the following comments passed the censors.

"I merely said hello to the Canadian Skip and he thrust five badges into my hand as a gift. They all had a selection of PINS to distribute!! (RW)

"I managed to get free tickets for the Final - the Canadians were tremendous but the overall quality was **awesome**' (IMP)

" Would somebody please shut that cheerleader chap who insist on the long winded " Give us an S, Give us a C, Give us a O, Give us a T...'. He was obviously a plant to try and create some enthusiasm from a dreary crowd "Give Us Some peace" (Jim A)

'Great to see curling and enthusiasm from the Japanese ladies - they brightened up (my) afternoon" (EHS)

Although many nations were represented the Swedes, Swiss and Japanese were the smallest. Canadians were everywhere and they obviously still play in the dark ages over there , calling the stones "ROCKS" all the time.

"I was fearful of meeting Peter R in the beer tent (where else?) and was relieved to first speak to a huge Canadian - until I saw he had an Inverkeithing tie on. Guess who had growled it away?? The beers and Bacardi were overpriced"

" My visit on Wednesday afternoon when tickets were available on the door and we were treated to the winning Scottish ladies v Canada- the eventual winners. A four at the first end helped a lot and the opposition came back strongly - time limits forced a speedy final end and Scotland suffered more from the rush. The group of Canadians I met gave me tickets for the evening (very annoying as I'd paid already - and when I tried to give them away I nearly got arrested by security). It wasn't worth paying to watch our men's team go through their death throes - they just did not seem to reach any standard and it looked as if they played as individuals rather than the teamwork of the rest (ANON)

Overall the competition was a success and has drawn a few comments from non curlers - this could be really good for the development and expansion of the game. (RS)

DO YOU SUFFER FROM LOSS OF MEMORY??



ALL OVER SCOTLAND THOUSANDS OF CURLERS SUFFER THE MISERY OF A CHRONIC INABILITY TO RETAIN VITAL INFORMATION, THIS DREADFUL AFFLICTION CAN SERIOUSLY DAMAGE BOTH YOUR SPORTING AND YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEALINGS WITH OTHERS,

YOU MAY SOMETIMES FIND YOURSELF ASKING QUESTIONS, LIKE "DID I PAY MY ICE MONEY" OR "DID I BUY A ROUND OF DRINKS" EVEN WORSE "WHAT WAS THE SCORE OF THE GAME WE JUST LOST?" SO DON'T DELAY SEND OFF TODAY FOR A LEAFLET, OR READ THIS ARTICLE AGAIN IF YOU CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT YOUR READING ABOUT.

John Tibbert - had a whale of a time at Perth this year! It is quite likely his rink, playing in the Dewars League for the first time will gain promotion to Div Two. A close last shot/end win v Bob Tait should have secured third place and promotion. Bob (with Robin Park, Bill Rennie & Phil Barton had a safe mid table position..... John - could be fined for poor dress sense on the ice (*faded and tight denim*)... and another thought - he reports that he has been in a relegated rink for the past five years. Look out next season - your luck could change John.

Match Secretary Report KNOCK OUT COMPETITION

In the preliminary round, one team in each game were a player short and the three man team's used their advantage to win before the four shot penalty. Ian Paxton made his way to the FINAL with an 'awesome' win over Pete Campbell and a surprisingly easy cruise past Tom Clarke. Alastair Lamond however squeezed through both rounds by one shot.

The Final was keenly contested at Kirkcaldy. Lamond pulled away and Paxton's revival (Name of a beer!) just ran out of steam as Lamond pulled away.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALASTAIR, ERNIE, ANDY & GAVIN - ANOTHER TROPHY.



Missing

Pete Mcloed has put a reward for anyone who finds his 'piece' box - taken from a building site in Edinburgh (Campbell and Mc Hale). It should be quite easy to find as it was surrounded by the works van. Tam is of course more bothered about the vehicle.

Grand opening

Look out for news of the grand opening - switch on to John Taddei's;s new garden fountain. A grad affair adorned on top by a chap holding a set of golf clubs - quite appropriate for the location of John's garden - next door to Aberdour golf Club.

Speaking of Golf - keep the 24th August clear for the annual outing at Pitfirrane. More details from Derek Pearson in due course.

Best wishes for the Rotary fund raiser at Aberdour Golf Club on 16th May.

Fees - a different view

Orwell Club have a different view to fees and subs.

An upfront charge of £58 subs and £165 ice provides curling all year. This also included a social vent and a dinner and RCCC fees. As you can imagine it makes it easier to find subs - they have already been paid for.

We hope Sandy Morris has recovered from his slight injuries - we suggest he borrows some cushions from Landmark to ensure safe landings in the future!



Fixture book!

You're speaking to his fixture book!

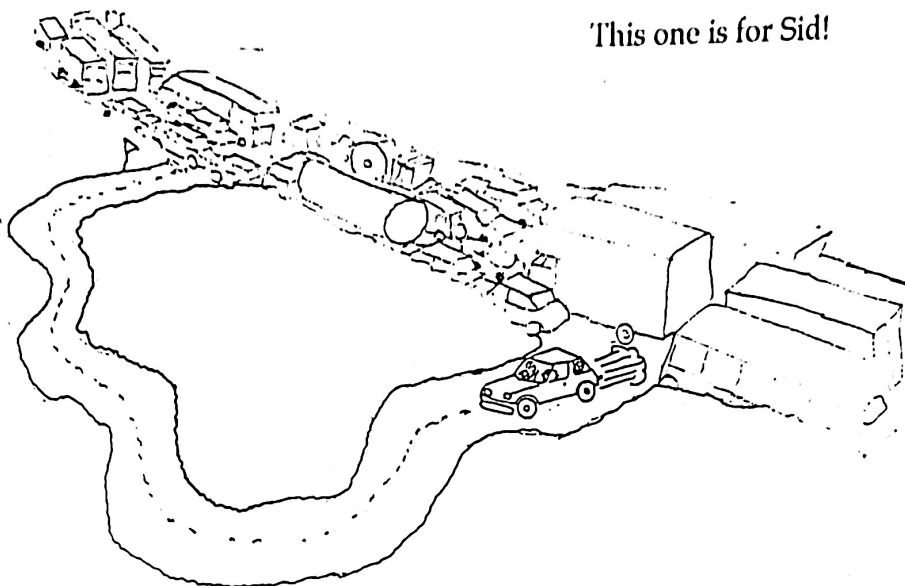
Other games:

Challenges: The match with Keith was not arranged in time but we can report on a hard fought challenge v Aberdour. Ernie Archibald peeled with John (oppo) Taddei. This allowed Ian MacDonald to squeeze one shot ahead of Dave Gordon to win for Inverkeithing by the smallest of margins. Two great games of quality curling, well finished off by snacks and conversation. Thanks to the Aberdour arranger - (apparently cannot be named for *sexy* reasons)

Phil Barton enjoyed the chance * to skip v R & A at Kirkcaldy in the Province - a tight game played in great mood. A win for ICC.

* Hope Alan Maclachlan's shoulder is better in time for the next season - well better a long time before then!

This one is for Sid!



QUICK GO THE SHORTCUT, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOOSE POINTS



YOU DON'T MIND IF WE SWEAR OR DRINK?



NO FEAR WE'LL TOSS FOR IT, I SERVED HIM LAST YEAR!

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Ideas for THE HACK

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Is the mailing/distribution working out? - if not have you any ideas. We could charge an annual subscription - which would allow for direct mailing.

Which articles and contribution do you like? Any special favourites that should be repeated?

We have tried to be less controversial this year so try and be kind at the AGM!

Which is a good way to close for the season - see you at the AGM on the 24th April .. be there. Don't forget to send in your playing intentions - we want as many as possible.

.....and finally another special thanks to Billy Brown

Have a great summer - do not forget to keep fit (or get fit) for the new season.