



# THE HACK

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**H**ere is the fourth issue of **THE HACK**, the first of 1996. We hope your year has started well, it will get better when you read this issue. Thanks once again to all our contributors and to the members who have supported **THE HACK**. This is an unofficial club magazine and is an opportunity for all members to express individual views and opinions. A club thrives if there is energy and enthusiasm. If you have strong views about **THE HACK** you should let us know. If you wish we will publish your letter. Please note that articles will be printed as close to the original as possible - only on rare occasions will it be necessary to edit material. We hope **THE HACK** will not be taken too seriously, it aims to promote interest in the club and record some of the humorous incidents and match results. We hope to reflect the Club's character.

## In this issue

- Poetry - *appropriate in the year we celebrate!! the death of Burns.*
- A great article about outdoor curling.
- - *Look out for the mention of a lady curler.*
- Our first quiz.
- The best and most comprehensive results service including the pairs competition to date and the Bonspeil.
- An unofficial message from the vice president.
- An introduction to our new Honorary President.
- And much more in our second 8 page issue.

See you at the  
Dinner and on the  
ice and at the bar!

## A Plead From A Lead! & Some Lip from a Skip

I am but just a curler new  
But find myself in quite a stew  
The able leader of my rink  
Is far too keen to sup a drink.

Syd and Tom are quite alright  
But skip keeps looking for a fight  
He shouts and bawls as if in battle  
Please, save your voice for flogging cattle.

I fear that he may sue for libel  
To pay him I will not be able  
My money's all been spent on bevvvy  
Another presidential levy.

Remember when you come to vote  
That in this poor poetic note  
The man whose name I mustn't mention  
Has flamed the fire of insurrection.

I'll pick you up at half past eight  
No doon the road, not at your gate  
I stand for ages in the rain  
The man is really such a pain.

I must remain anonymous  
In case he hits me on the 'puss'  
Please move me to another rink  
Or else I'll have to see a shrink.

He always says that I'm no use  
I've suffered quite enough abuse  
Although he calls himself the skip  
I think he's just a big wet drip

This story's true if it's not a fable  
I've tried as hard as I'm able  
To let you know the kind of future  
Your president will nurture

ANON ??

A team of four does need to play  
The curling game so bold  
The first player has no speech to say  
A LEAD MUST DO AS HE IS TOLD !!

Full version of this poem is printed later  
in **THE HACK**

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Please see Bob Smith if you are interested in being a sponsor. The final issue this season will appear in time for the AGM.

We welcome contributions and ideas from any member. It does not have to be a serious article. We would however be keen to print more stories about exploits on the ice..... and some ~~far~~ off the ice as well.

Finally we would also like to know if you think **THE HACK** has been a worthwhile venture. Do we continue next season?!

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**For those  
who take a  
keen interest  
in the year  
that member's  
were made  
curlers...  
Here are a  
few dates for  
you to  
ponder.**

## SOME LIP FROM A SKIP

A team of four does meet to play  
The curling game so old  
The first player has no speech to say  
A LEAD MUST DO AS HE IS TOLD

To lay and sweep and lay and sweep  
In rain and ice so cold  
But he must not let out a peep  
A LEAD MUST DO AS HE IS TOLD

The second, with advancing years  
Keeps the score on hold  
And tells the number one his fears  
A LEAD MUST DO AS HE IS TOLD

The skip's lieutenant, No 3  
Gives some advice - he's bold  
But keeps the lead where he should be  
A LEAD MUST DO AS HE IS TOLD

The skip will shout, cajole and moan  
To exercise control  
But minor mortal lead must groan  
A LEAD MUST DO AS HE IS TOLD

Last shot now. The pressure's on  
Skip lays his stone and calls  
"Sweep - Up - Down" It's there we've won  
THE TEAM HAS DONE AS IT WAS TOLD !!

**THE HACK is keen to print  
your contributions.**

**We are even contemplating offering a  
prize for the best efforts.**

# OUTDOOR CURLING

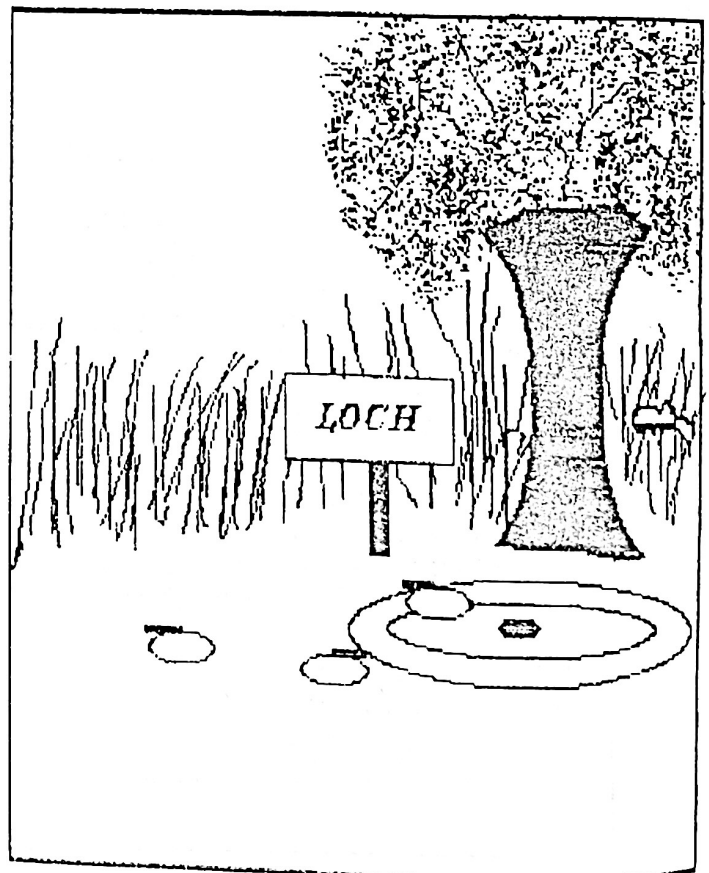
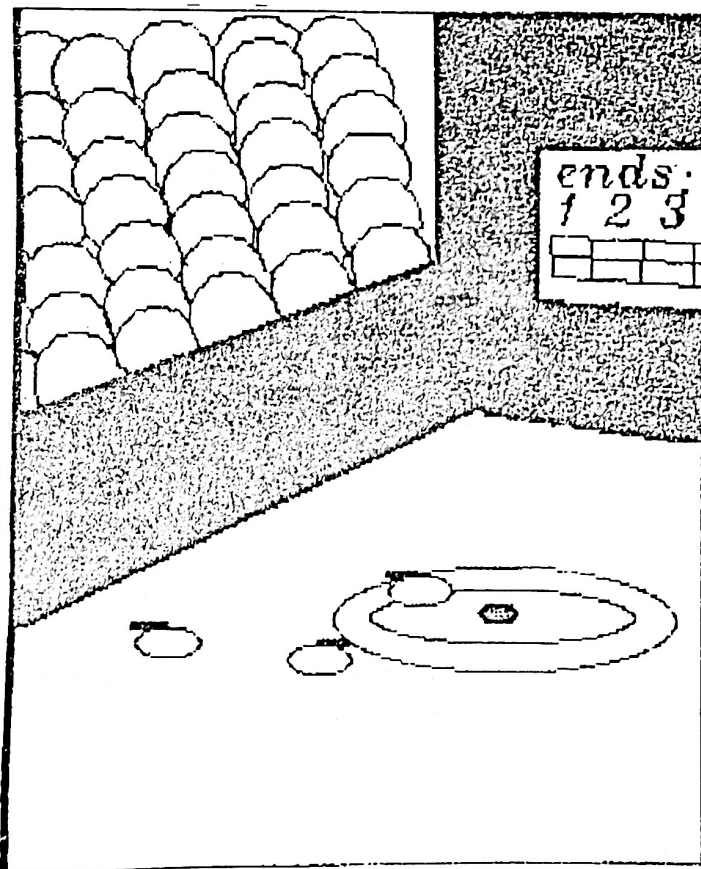
After 12 years of waiting, the opportunity to curl outdoors, as in days of old, so we are told came our way this year. We have been well warned and cajoled and advised that the sport really reaches new heights outdoors. Jim Murray, Jim Macdonald and Bob Smith met with Aberdour's Alistair Raffan on Thursday 28th December 1995 to drill the ice on Otterson loch. Satisfied that there were more than four inches of ice, they returned to Inverkeithing to gather players and stones and scrapers. By 1 o'clock in the afternoon, helped by around ten curlers two sheets were made ready. The first 'official' challenge between Inverkeithing and Aberdour was played in great spirit and with some considerable skill. Two further challenges were played. Over forty curlers from Inverkeithing, Aberdour and Boreland enjoyed three days of excellent and sociable curling.

Particular highlights were the *whisky*, the roaring and cracking of ice and variet of garbs displayed (some quite spectacular), Ian Macleod's conversation, the *whisky*, Amand Rae's hot sausage rolls, the *whisky*, Maria Tait's last two shots (they reached the head), the *whisky*, and beating Aberdour. But apart from the *whisky*!! the abiding memory was the friendly comradeship. That must have been the feature that moulded the unique quality of the sport over many centuries.

Thanks to all the curlers who attended and helped. very few of us had experienced the sport outdoors. Going back to the origins of the game with different techniques gave us all memories that will last at least another twelve years.

See the photographs reproduced in **THE HACK**. There was a great photo on the front page of the Dunfermline Press. Ian M arrived in time fresh from a hospital bed to take part in the great event and steal the limelight in the photograph.

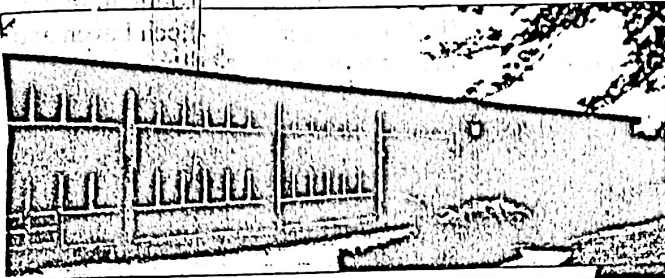
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THE HACK is prepared to print copies of articles and pictures of members, after editorial scrutiny!!

Are you a well travelled curler? Do you know the names of ice rinks around the country?

Fill in the gaps..

1. \_tr\_\_r\_\_ Ice Rink
2. \_\_rr\_\_i\_\_ Curling Rink
3. L\_\_\_\_/r\_\_ge Ice Rink
4. \_\_o\_a Ice Rink
5. D\_\_\_\_\_ Ice \_\_\_\_\_
6. The G\_\_\_\_\_ Centre
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Answers on page four

### Unofficial Greetings

from the Vice president!!

*As right hand man to Peter I would like it to be known that I still have my say in the Club decision - making and I'm better at it !!*

*Only the other day I organised, controlled and managed the Points competition (so well.. that I won it).*

*Talking of winning, the Blue Jersey must be worn with pride and complete dedication to the team and winning the League. It may be necessary to spend*

*money to reach that GOAL but all that matters is the Boys in Blue.. it makes me want to sing their praises. Follow, Follow we will be the greatest.*

*I'm off now to test the new seats at Kirkcaldy.*

*Yours in Sport*

*Ernie Gazzabald*

## HONORARY PRESIDENT : Mr James Murray

Many congratulations to Mr. James Murray on his appointment as our new Honorary President. The announcement was made at the Bonspeil in the company of players. We were especially pleased that another venerable member, Mr. Douglas Lamond was also present.

We are fortunate to have to have such regular and strong support form our 'elder statesman', now safely recovered form their operations.

In his acceptance speech, Jim said he would try and uphold the high standards of the club and respect it's fine history. In his own style he kept everyone's attention.

The members will have no doubts that he will command the greatest respect... we at **THE HACK** have some difficulty at the thought of all the members maintaining the same high standards!!

We all look forward to Jim having a long and successful term in office.

**Congratulations to the extended Macdonald family!!**

## Victors at the Annual Bonspeil

Lewis Kennedy gratuitously assisted Jim Macdonald to win our Annual Bonspeil. Jim was well supported by his team of Jim Aitken, Sandy Anonymoyes and Stewart Ritchie (son in law). He will perhaps be featured in our next issue after the Annual Dinner.

Although two curlers short of ten teams (thirty eight) all present enjoyed the competition provided in the two games , four ends each game. All teams per chasing Jim, with some doubts after he opened up a ten point lead in the first game v. Lewis.

Next year you should all try to attend. The after curling entertainment is excellent. Songs were provided by Ians (Paxton, Macleod and Macdonald - no relation to each other), and Ernie Archibald, Lewis Kennedy and Tom McIntyre (someone famous' son in law).

There was some surprise that our President Ritchie seemed rather quieter than usual. He certainly had his hands full containing Ian Paxton - one of our illustrious poets!

Special mention must go to Iain Robertson who travelled **AGAIN** from Tarbet. He brought his driver to play. (Thank goodness he wasn't drinking wine as well - Ed - Bob).

Thanks to the staff at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink and their hospitality.

P.S. The travel was great, a good idea to have two coaches. Iain Paxton and Peter Macleod might have different views. They had to walk home form Limekilns when their coach ran out of fuel. Peter had to explain why the bonspeil had lasted so long and he arrived home quite sober after his walk. He and Ian had a long chat.

# Club Dinner

The Annual Dinner takes place on Friday 23rd February in the Queen's Hotel. This is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the curling year. We will look forward to an evening of entertainment and social drinking and meeting new members?

We will give due reverence to the speakers - Steve Hunter however will not be allowed to speak - he said more than enough last year!!

**THE HACK** will have it's reporters present to record the proceedings. If we are still solvent after the event!!

Answers to the curling rink quiz.

1. Stranraer Ice Rink
2. Murrayfield Ice Rink
3. Letham Grange Ice Rink
4. Brora Ice Rink
5. Dumfries Ice Bowl
6. The Galleon Centre
7. The Green Hotel
8. Dewars Rinks, Perth
9. Lake of Menteith

100% - a well travelled and knowledgeable curler (or you cheated!!)

Less than 3 correct - fines are pending at the Dinner.

*pairs pairs pairs pairs pairs pairs pairs pairs pairs pairs*

## *Pairs competition reaches the final stage*

### Ist Round

Barton/Campbell	v	Riggans/Robertson
Aitken/Ayres	v	Clarke/Ward
Paxton/Smith	v	Brown/Tibbert
Armour/McLeod	v	Burns/Tait
Hunter/Wilson	v	Archibald/Wilson
Lamond/Lamond	v	Godsell/Maclachlan

The finals of the pairs competition are due to be played on Wednesday 21st February at Murrayfield.

### 2nd Round

Barton/Campbell	v	Aitken/ Ayres
Brown/Tibbert	v	Burns/Tait
Archibald/Wilson	v	Godsell/Maclachlan
Macdonald/Moyes	v	McLeod/Murray
Martin/Ritchie	v	Rae/Trainor
Kennedy/Murray	v	Ogg/Smith
Chadwick/Chadwick	v	Smith/Hunter
Blyth/Blyth	v	Hay/Wilson

The final will be contested between

**Godsell / Maclachlan**, who came across 'super - sub' Tam Hunter! (see below and **Kennedy/Murray** who defeated the reigning champions.

### 3rd Round

Macdonald/Moyes	v	Godsell/Maclachlan
Kennedy/Murray	v	Martin/Ritchie
Barton/Campbell	v	Brown/Tibbert
Smith/Hunter	v	Hay/Wilson

It has been a fine competition this year. We will drink with the victors at the Dinner. They would also welcome your support at the final.

**Tam Hunter** had a lot of pairs practice this year. He played 6 times and was a bit of a bogey - losing five. Good try though Tam - special award for perseverance.

### Semi Finals

Brown/Tibbert	v	Godsell/Maclachlan
Kennedy/Murray	v	Hay/Wilson

...and finally the results page... dates etc in programme

### Thirds

The results of the competition so far. Iain R has established a lead in his section, whereas in the other Pete C and Amand R are fighting for top place.

Pete Campbell	WW
Ernie Archibald	LL
Tom Clarke	WL
Amand Rae	WW
John Blyth	LL

Jim Aitken	LL
Ian Macdonald	WL
JR Wilson	LW
Iain Robertson	WW

### CENTRAL & WEST FIFE

Alistair Lamond beat Cupar  
 Peter Ritchie beat Aberdour  
 Bob Tait beat Dunfermline Ladies  
 Bob Smith lost to Dunfermline  
 Bob Tait beat Glenrothes

### PROVINCE

Alistair Lamond beat R & A  
 Tam Hunter beat Boreland

### ZERMATT

Peter Ritchie's team (Bob Smith, Ian Macdonald & Rod Burns) won by 7 shots - not enough?

### GEO. SINCLAIR

Tam Hunter's team also won but by one shot - not enough!!

### POINTS

Ernie Archibald won with 19 points. Tam Hunter was second with 18 and closely behind with 17 was Bob Smith.

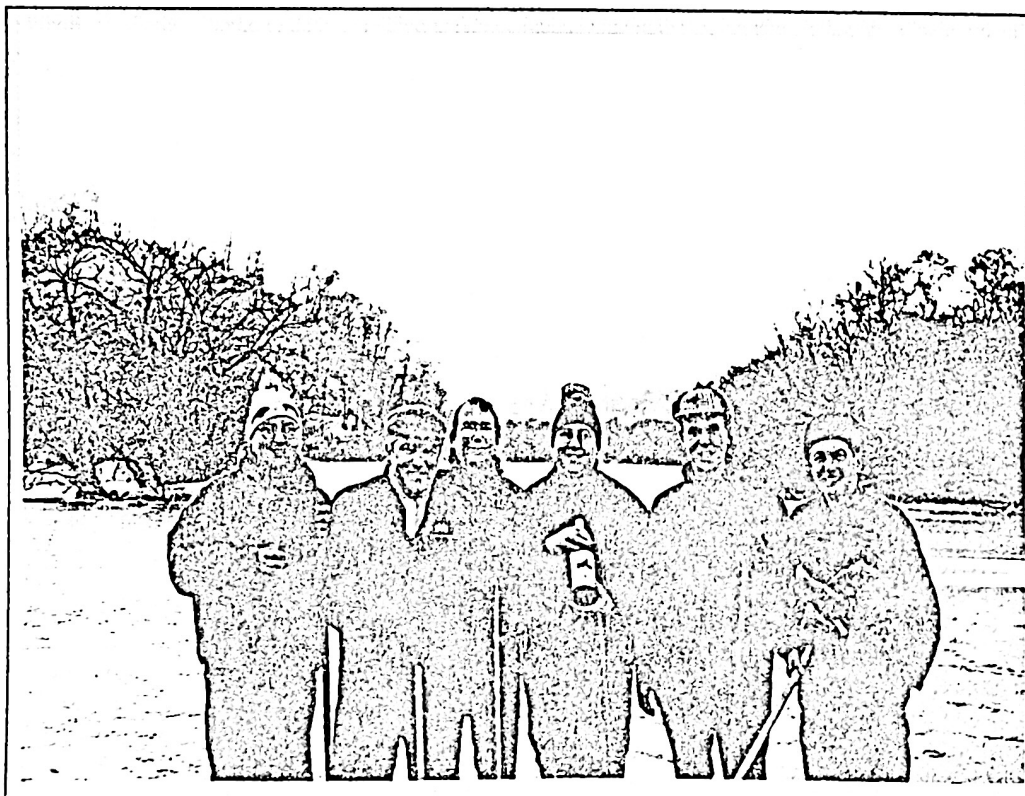
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 your  
 match  
 reports**

### CHALLENGE MATCHES

Won v Larbert	Bob Tait lost and John Wilson won.
Lost v Aberdour	Hector Smith & Lewis Kennedy both lost.
Lost v Broomhall	Only Bob Smith won.
Lost v Dunf Ladies	Hector Smith won whilst Alistair Lamond lost.
Drew v Boreland	Bob Smith lost and Peter Ritchie won.
Lost v Dalgety Bay.	Bob Smith won and Tam Hunter lost.

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