



THE HACK

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The fifth and final issue of the 1995/96 season. We hope you enjoy it. The last round up of results and club news and facts about our new members.

We hope we will see you all at the **Annual General Meeting** on Monday, 29th April in the Queen's Hotel. The official proceedings commence at 7.30 pm. We expect the social activity to commence afterwards, and continue until closing time.

If you have not received your official notification about the AGM contact Alan Maclachlan, Club Secretary. It is important that as many members as possible attend the meeting. It is generally true that you can measure the strength of a club by reflecting on the number of members who attend it's AGM, and by the quality of the discussion.

Please send in your notice of your Playing Intentions to Lewis Kennedy in order that the exact number of players can be ascertained. This will establish the number of rinks required for next season. This will obviously have bearing on the number of skips required next season. There are at least two vacancies for skips.

Candidates for the vacant skips must be nominated and seconded and with the Secretary before the 15th April. Ian Robertson and Amand Rae are automatically nominated for their exploits in the Thirds competition. Lewis Kennedy and Hector Smith will require a formal proposal to have a chance to continue being skips. Whatever happens.. it will be alright on the night!!

**Thanks for all
your support this
year. We hope we
will be back next
season.**

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and ..
well read on and find out for
yourself!!

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Ritchie lost to Tait

1st Round

Tait lost to Lamond

Maclachlan lost to R. Smith

MacDonald lost to Hunter

H. Smith beat Kennedy

Semi - final

Lamond lost to R. Smith

Hunter beat H. Smith

Final

R. Smith lost to Hunter

The Knockout Competition gave the league teams another chance to flex their muscles. Peter Ritchie's rink, League Champions were knocked out by Bob Tait in the preliminary round. Bob had selection problems in the next round, and failed to proceed past a strong Lamond rink. This was in spite of a welcome return on the ice for our Honorary President, Mr. Jim Murray.

Bob Smith's rink, eager to go one better than in the league, made a strong run for the Final with victories over Maclachlan and Lamond. They met Tam Hunter's temporary rink in the Final at Kirkcaldy on Wednesday 27th March. Tam had disposed of Hector Smith's rink in the semi final.

The final was played on end ice at Kirkcaldy. The ice tested the eye and confidence of the skips and players. Smith's rink started off taking a single point from the first two ends. They were not to score again for five ends and Hunter won by a distance. Another second for Bob Smith's rink (a bit like Celtic? - sorry Ernie.)

Congratulations to the final team of Tam Hunter, Billy Brown, Peter McLeod and Jim Aitken, and also to regulars Ian Macdonald, Ian McLeod and John Tibbert.

A piece of silver ware for Mr. Hunter's mantelpiece to accompany the glassware won for the opening bonspiel.

1996 Knockout Competition

Annual Dinner

Members enjoyed the Annual Dinner at the Queen's Hotel on Friday 23rd February 1996. The food was fine and we were well looked after by the staff. Our first guest speaker was Jimmy Carmichael from Corstorphine Curling Club. During his toast to the RCCC we heard stories based on his life as an auctioneer and some historical notes from the early days of curling - outdoors.

Robin Park replied on behalf of the neighbouring clubs. We heard about Robin's dental problems and his disappearing false teeth. Robin had a great night. He was unable to remember all the details!!

There was no doubt that the most entertaining speech was by our own Sandy Morris. It was a landmark speech.

THE HACK reports one criticism made by several members. During the proceedings a number of members showed little respect to the Chairman and guests by constantly talking - too many private conversations. We hear that two particularly rude members have received a word from the Committee. **THE HACK** is in total agreement with this action. This was really abusive behaviour and has no part in Inverkeithing Curling Club.

We welcomed four new members to the Club. If you were present you will be warned to keep away from the services advertised by Colin Blyth and Billy Brown.

Thanks to Ernie Archibald, Ian MacDonald and Syd Ward for entertaining the members with fine songs. Other awards were noted. Congratulations to JR Wilson - inventor of the chicken finger. Best idea for Douglas Lamond, who suggests that Struan Place should have a by-pass. This would reduce congestion when collecting members who live on the street prior to the Dinner. Best Skip award to Tam Hunter - he bought his rink members a trophy to acknowledge their part in winning the Opening Bonspiel.

This issue of **THE HACK** is sponsored by **Billy Brown**. Billy has donated the money for Ed Martin's jersey. Read **THE HACK** one for the full story!! Thanks Billy.

The sponsorship is important to ensure all members receive **THE HACK**. As many as possible are hand delivered to reduce postage costs. We can remain independent from the Committee with this support.

Bob Tait has agreed to sponsor the first issue of next season. Thanks Bob we will take that as a vote of confidence.

If you are interested in being a sponsor see Bob Smith.

We welcome contributions from any member. It does not have to be a serious article.

Province Knockout

Peter Ritchie entered his Forest Hills team in the first round, only to be beaten on ends by Aberdour (including the only lady to be previously mentioned in **THE HACK**). **John Wilson** with Tom Clarke, Ernie Archibald and Lewis Kennedy did much better. They easily defeated the R & A in the first round, and the bank of Scotland at the next hurdle. They were pipped at the last end by Dunfermline, who went on to win the title. Well done Inverkeithing for once again being at the forefront of Province Curling.

Find out about our new brother curlers.....

Name:

Age:

Home Town:

Best sporting experience:

Favourite soccer club:

Best tippie:

Favourite food:

Car:

My local is....

Occupation/Career:

Hobbies:

Favourite music:

What is the first thing you do in the morning?

How did you find your way to I.C.C?

Where are you going on holiday this summer?

How are you preparing for your first curling season?

Any comments about the dinner?

Stuart Ritchie

27

born Edinburgh

stay in Dunfermline

Being on the winning team at Club bonspell.

Dunfermline

A single malt

Pasta

Rover

Cody's in Dunfermline or the

Queen's in Inverkeithing.

Research Assistant for

European MP.

Golf, Curling and watching football.

A wide range - too many to name.

Wake up my wife.

My father in law - Jim

MacDonald

Vancouver

Coaching course in Canada!

"It was entertaining!"

Archie Terras

53

born in Markinch

stay in Rosyth

Twice qualified for final of Fife Classic Darts.

Dunfermline/Rangers

Brandy

Steak and eggs.

Volvo

Cotter's in Rosyth.

Plasterer (self employed)

Curling - from now on.

Music from the 60's.

Shower and have a cup of tea.

Enjoyed the sport on TV and then Lewis Kennedy told me about the Club.

Paris and in October - Florida.

Coaching lessons from Tami Hunter.

"Was it something I said!"

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Jan Tadrowski

45

Born - Stirling

Live in Markinch

Watching Raith Rovers win the Coca Cola Cup v Celtic

Raith Rovers

Vodka

Spaghetti/Italian

Financial Consultant

Golf, Watching Raith Rovers and life at home.

Neil Diamond

Cook breakfast for everyone

Steve and Rod encouraged me, a sport I had enjoyed watching on TV

Have not decided

Improve my ice skating !!

Very enjoyable (has anyone seen my tie?)

Ian Knust

Stays in Saline

THE HACK was unable to contact Ian before going to press. We will try and find out some interesting facts for the next issue.

Thanks to Jan, Stuart and Archie for talking to THE HACK. We hope they will still be speaking to us after publishing the facts!!

and we look forward to finding out much more in the years and seasons ahead.....

Other results

C&WF	Ritchie beat Broomhall
Province	Tait lost to Dalgety Bay
N v S Bonspell	Hunter won
N v S Bonspell	Lamond won
Province	Ritchie lost to R&A Ladies
C & WF	Lamond beat Crawford Priory
Prov. Bonspell	H. Smith lost (heavily) to R & A
Prov. Bonspell	Ritchie lost (heavily) to v Dunffline
Challenge	McDonald beat Keith

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Our invitation to the **Kirkcaldy "National" Championships** was taken by **Peter Ritchie**. With Tam Hunter, Syd Ward, Ian Paxton and (not again!!) Bob Smith as sub they played 3 games. We draw a veil over the scores (to protect self esteem). The Competition was won by the Rothes team who managed to beat Inverkeithing by 14 shots.

The **Kinross Closing Bonspell** was attended by **Bob Smith**, with the other Smithy, J.R. Wilson and Ian Paxton. They enjoyed the evening and the post match supper. They were unable to produce winning form. The Bonspell was won by Kinross Juniors (of course)

Godsell & Maclachlan were this year's pairs winners. They overcame a strong challenge by Kennedy & Murray. Well done to both pairs.

Hector Smith accepted the Club's invitation to the annual Dalgety Bay Bonspell, and he won as the highest up rink. He defeated Jim Stoddart's rink, including the Bonspell's sponsor (good move uh!!). Congratulations to Hector, the other Smithy, Pete (I'm making a comeback) McLeod and evergreen Jimmy Wilson. Jimmy who had rushed around Aberdour Golf Course in the afternoon took a turn for the worst after experiencing Hector's driving. A bit of strong sweeping and bottles of malt whisky for prizes were a perfect end and a great remedy for Jimmy too.

THIRDS COMPETITION

Macdonald lost to Robertson
Campbell lost to Archibald
Blyth lost to Clarke
Campbell v Rae(walkover to Rae)
Archibald beat Blyth

Final held on 29th March

Robertson beat **Rae** by 11 shots to 8. Rod Burns was heard to claim that the match had been one swinging from 3 to 4 shots up or down. Robertson was 6 - 8 down at the last end. A five sealed victory, and according to Rod it was die to the third!! Guess who?

Finally thanks to Lewis Kennedy for arranging the season.... he can take no responsibility for the results but all the credit for a lot of hard work.

Closing Comment from the Editors

Dear Brother Curler,

We hope you enjoy this issue. We have appreciated the comments from members over the season about **THE HACK**. In general the response has been positive. We do not presume that **THE HACK** should continue next year, but we hope it will. It depends on your support.

The Editors would welcome your views about **THE HACK**. Have you any ideas? What has been successful this year? Have you any complaints or concerns about **THE HACK**?

We would like to thank everyone who has supported **THE HACK** over the past year. Our sponsors for paying for the postage. Other costs are covered by B.P Publishing. The quality of articles submitted by members has been of high quality. We would like to see more reports of individual matches, and exploits on the ice, as well as anecdotes about members.

This year we have been pleased to record the outdoor curling on Otterson Loch. Next year we might have the Grand Match to report. During the past year we have heard about our American curling friends! **THE HACK** has also provided the most accurate and comprehensive results service. You do know who has won trophies and how they got there!

See you at the AGM. IF you have any strong views why not write to **THE HACK**. Have a Happy Summer - see you next season.

Bob & Phil