

# THE HACK

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The second edition of the season. The support and encouragement of members has been essential in maintaining the energy to produce **THE HACK**.

## SUPPER DANCE Friday 6th November

Have you bought your tickets? AS usual there is the last minute panic about the number of tickets sold. This is a real shame and is hard to think why. Anyone who has attended the dance in recent years will know the event is first class, in spite of a few criticisms. The Committee deserve our support.

Get a ticket now

Get 2/4 tickets now (Call Ernie)

### Contents include:

- Match reports
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- and much more
- (there could be even more if we had more contributions!)

## SHOCK NEWS - CLUB IN FINANCIAL PICKLE

Has this headline caught your attention? One of our roving reporters heard a conversation that over 30 members have still to pay thier subscription. That must make the task for our IRON CHANCELLOR very difficult, especially when we have to pay ice money up front and subscriptions to the RCCC.

This seems to show of lack respect to fellow club members who have paid thier dues. If it just bad memory or lack of attention it would be a good thing to deal with soon. It could even become a priority!

**E** The season has started with some fine matches. I hope everyone is enjoying the opportunity to take part in the thrill and excitement of the 'roaring' game. The sport continues to show how much of a team game it is. No room for prima donnas. The best rinks have four players contributing, with the lead having as vital a role as the skip, or anyone else in the team.

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**R** Good teams need a commitment from the members. It does seem a good job our club have a supply of occasional members for the times when rinks cannot field their selected team.

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**A** It is a sorry state of affairs that the Club has so many debtors! It would be surprising if the Committee did not decide to take firm action. It would be much better if the non payers took some action of their own.

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*Good advice from Mr. Curl: Going through the port leads to alcoholism.*

## News - match reports

### Great start in Province

The first game of the season saw Lewis Kennedy and his new rink take on Dalgety Bay in the Province. The match was played at Kirkcaldy. The usual expectations that the ice would be poor were not justified, in fact the ice was steady and true. It would be wonderful to think this would continue.

The Club managed to establish a 8 - 0 lead, thanks to a 2 and 6 at the first two ends. Perhaps the rink relaxed too much and they lost 6 shots in the next three ends. It was with some relief that the reverse flow was halted at the sixth end with a 1 to the club. A 2 and 4 at the final two ends established a 15 - 6 victory.

This set the scene for a pleasant *apres curl* in the bar. Lewis managed to identify that the opposition skip knew lots of the people he knew, especially at RAF Donibristle. He, like all other drivers on the night had to contend with serious fog. The rink had also to deal with a flying puck that left the ice hockey arena and hit the glass door full force. Hope they have fixed the net for the next time I'm at Kirkcaldy (Ed)

Best wishes to other Province rinks. Can we build on the excellent start?

## Other Matches - results

Province	Kennedy	Dalgety Bay	W 15 - 6
B of S KO	Lamond	Cupar	W on agg
	& Archibald	Cupar	(see report)
Bonspeil	Kennedy	Glenrothes	L 3 - 9
C & WF	Clarke	R & A Ladies	W
Province	Maclachlan	Broomhall	W
C & WF	Lamond	Forret	W

### Bank of Scotland Knockout

This is a new competition for the Club. The preliminary round was played at Kinross on 26th September. Two rinks played against Cupar and the aggregate score decided the match result. It was only realised late in the day that two rinks were required. Glenrothes were playing on the adjacent sheets and they only turned up with a four. Due to some strange anomaly the one rink managed to gain a better aggregate score and go through! STRANGE.

Lamond with Paxton, Barton, J Wilson won 9 - 2 (7 ends to 1) whilst Archibald, R. Smith, C. Blyth & Ian McLoed lost 4 - 7. Aggregate score - a win !!

The club go through to face Dunfermline on 5th November at Kinross. Fireworks at 9.45 !! Alastair will take his rink out again and he will be recruiting another rink in advance due to other commitments of Ernie's rink.

### ICED GOSSIP iced gossip

As one of the Club rinks approached the ice arena they were met with a distraught Douglas Murray (no not thinking about another early start!) - he had been asked to change his style on the ice to the Canadian style .. apparently energy efficient and less likely to allow the delivery to affect the result of a particular shot. IS IT WORKING?

Lewis' rink would like to make it clear that the additional bonus of paying £6.30 at Kirkcaldy rather than £6.25 could go towards a worthy cause. He claims there was shortage of change.

Great to see that Tom Clarke has recovered from his accident at work. His delivery and stance are as robust as ever.

We hear that Tom Hunter is rehearsing a new song for one of our social events: A revision or two to the Stones' classic "Hey you get of my cloud". It is now entitled "Hey Mcloed get of my ewe"

Bob Smith has taken to falling down on the ice. Three times in one evening. Any suggestions for Bob to regain his composure and stability? i.e stop taking the Canadian!

Lewis has retired best wishes. A brother curler on hearing this news - said What again!. Another claimed to extremely surprised that Lewis had retired as he had been under the impression that he had never worked.

At the dinner Henry Murray was seen slouched over his organ (moaning) saying "It's just not big enough, just not up to the job" !

(Thanks for contributions including several from Sweep Sublime and Lay it straight down the line)

### Safety & Clothing on the Ice:

Advice sent in by MYLOW

- Be very careful how you walk on the ice (NB Robert S). You will find it is very slippery until you get used to it.
- Curling stones must never be carried or lifted except when delivering a stone.
- Never smoke on the ice. (Fallen ash might melt the surface and you will fall through)
- After the end has been completed be very careful when parking the stones. make sure no-one is in the way. It is best to use the brush to propel the stone.
- Ice rinks are always cold. make sure you have plenty of blue clothing (corporate colour). If you suffer from cold feet wear an extra pair of socks, or better still, a pair of knee length stockings.
- Curling trousers should be made from a stretch material (waist lines as well as knees) or be loose enough to cause no restriction in the slide delivery.
- Always ensure that footwear is absolutely clean before stepping on the ice.

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PRIZE AVAILABLE for the first person to spot the shiny black strides formerly worn by Billy Brown. Last seen on a gay singer at an audition for a play in an episode of Eastenders. Keep an eye open for Billy's breeks!!

# Jim Temple Bonspiel

The first major outing of the season for almost all the players was this special competition. The newer members of the Club were left in no doubt about the high regard Jim has from all the curlers who knew him before his untimely death. Alastair Lamond - his first trophy of the season under his belt - made a brief but powerful statement about the qualities of Jim Temple. His memory lives on.

Alastair was ably supported by Iain Paxton, Billy Brown and Jim Drummond. That is quite a start to Jim's first season with the Club.

Ian Robertson was second (Tony Ayres, quiet Dave McPherson & Allan Craig). Bob Tait Tom Clarke and Ernie Archibald tying for third.

It was surprising to see that only 19 curlers stayed to the end of the evening. This did affect the level of social activity and entertainment. Alan Maclachlan sent his apologies from somewhere, as did Lewis Kennedy. Where was everyone else?

Entertainment was provided by Ian Macdonald, Alastair Lamond, Syd Ward (nobody's child) and Jim Drummond. (Syd was heard to say that he felt Jim had made his first big mistake by singing at a Bonspiel. He will certainly be asked to do so again.

You might have been wondering why your club pays a levy to the RCCC on behalf of each member? Well we get a membership card (search the HACK envelope now) and now we get the RCCC Roadshow.

Adverts are at the ice rinks. You can see a video presentation: hear about the future of Scottish Curling; Plans for the clubs and structure and management of the RCCC; and put question to a Panel in open discussion.

Kinross on 9th November at 7.00  
and Kirkcaldy on 12 November at 7.00

## Road shows TRY ONE NOW

Although not actively participating on the ice it was good to see Amand Rae keeping up Inverkeithing traditions when he was spotted taking alcohol at lunchtime in the Albert Hotel. Not so good to see his wife watching!!! Hope to see you more often Amand - from all the HACK readers.

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Thanks to Alan Hay for a second sponsorship. A few other offers are in the pipeline. The semi retired ED - BOB was given a substantial donation for future issues by an anonymous reader. He says he wants to produce his own article - no Rupert Murdoch buyouts on offer whilst PB is still in charge!

# GOLF OUTING

## Smith excels at last

APOLOGIES TO DEREK FOR NOT GETTING HIS REPORT TO PRESS

Another great event organised by Derek Pearson. Bob must have been a bit embarrassed about his success as he left the match report at home on deadline day. We will try to bring the details in the next issue.

### Additional Fixtures for the Diary

Sun 29/11 Anniversary Bonspiel at Kirkcaldy  
Mon 30/11 Inter Province League v Kennoway  
Thurs 10/12 Challenge v Dalgety bay 2 rinks  
Tues 9/3/99 District Medal v Corstorphine 2 rinks

If you would like to be considered for any of these games please let the match secretary or his assistant know asap.

## Match Secretary Notes and comments

Lack of commitment to the club has given some skips difficulty in selecting their rinks. If you have intimated that you are a regular curler then you should already have all the dates in your diary and simply await the call.

Due partly to that, and injury, and business, and 'gearing' up for the season Clarke and Lamond avoided their first match. Tom the blacksmith holds top spot. Growler Ritchie is being reported for picking on Lewis Kennedy - no reason to Grannie anyone.

Perth has received mixed support. Kirkcaldy continues to be unpredictable and Kinross and Murrayfield are average. AGM leads the anti Friday brigade. What is the general view on this question?

Thanks to Iain Paxton (PACO - Do you know his initials are IMP?) for his support and criticism on and off the ice. He can thank his lucky stars that the Forret skip missed the opportunity to steal a simple six with his last stone after Paco burned his skip's perfectly weighted guard. We won by five and all is (nearly) forgotten.

Indeed we have so far won all our Province and C&WF fixtures + the RBS Knockout. The neighbouring Clubs are in shock.

Bob Smith

# Inverkeithing Curling Club League Championship 1997/98

## League results to date:

Campbell	v	Ward	8-6
Clarke	v	Lamond	cancelled
Hunter	v	Tait	10-9
Maclachlan	v	Robertson	5-8
Campbell	v	Lamond	8-8
Kennedy	v	Ritchie	0-14
Hunter	v	Robertson	9-9
Clarke	v	Ward	5-5
Kennedy	v	Lamond	5-9
Maclachlan	v	Ritchie	6-5
Robertson	v	Tait	5-14
Campbell	v	Clarke	9-8
Hunter	v	Ritchie	13-6
Kennedy	v	Ward	6-6
Maclachlan	v	Tait	5-4
Campbell	v	Kennedy	3-7
Lamond	v	Ward	5-4

The season is reaching a significant point where the title contenders are being highlighted, as well as the rinks who are already fighting the award of the wooden spoon.

Lewis Kennedy and his rink have to live the knowledge they were 'grannied' - a rare event. Pete Ritchie and his rink were all on the ice for the first match of the season. It might have had something to do with the new gear from Canada, proudly sported by Peter.

The rinks have also been affected by injury. Tom Hunter is struggling to play leaving the 'expert' rink in the capable hands of Jim Aitken.

Typically for this club - there are stories of some rinks not being able to present the full team - demand for subs has been high.

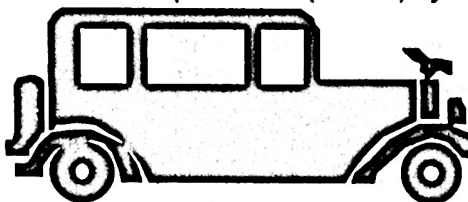
The results on Monday ended Pete Campbell's unbeaten run. Syd almost made a famous fight back until Lamond played three splendid shots (more than that actually)

Send your match reports in please. It would be great to hear some of the details from matches.

Favourite for the championship. Odds quoted are:  
Lamond 3-1 Hunter 4-1 Tait  
4-1 Kennedy 20-1 (from 25-1)  
Ward 25-1

More comments from Match Secretary on page **three** (no pictures though)

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	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Shots	Ag't	PTS	+/-
Hunter	3	2	1	0	32	24	5	8
Lamond	3	2	1	0	22	17	5	5
Campbell	4	2	1	1	28	29	5	-1
Maclachlan	3	2	0	1	16	17	4	-1
Robertson	3	1	1	1	22	28	3	-6
Kennedy	4	1	1	2	18	32	3	-14
Tait	3	1	0	2	27	20	2	7
Ritchie	3	1	0	2	25	19	2	6
Ward	4	0	2	2	21	24	2	-3
Clarke	2	0	1	1	13	14	1	-1

Table at 26/10/97

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News of third matches in the next issue. The two Blyths have been drawn in separate sections. That would have set up an interesting match. (*Lucky shot dad ; Thanks son!* ). Iain Paxton, Phil Barton and Colin Blyth are all taking their first shot at the competition.

Bob Smith will also receive articles and pass them on to the Editor.

The competition reaches half way in the League section before Christmas. The final is in February - the 24th at Murrayfield. Best seats are available for the first people to get to the rink.

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