

THE HACK

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THE HACK is BACK !!

After almost a gap of twelve months - the last edition was sent out in December 1998 - we are back.

Thank you to members for being so encouraging and asking for an edition especially the President. Thanks to our contributors - including our cartoon star - BB the man with no phone!

Dunfermline take 9 in a row.

Not the Pars though!

Inverkeithing failed to prevent Dunfermline managing a 9th successive win in the annual match on Monday evening. Dunfermline skips in the last two matches had to deliver winning shots to ensure personal wins for their rinks and an overall victory. 27 - 25 was the close margin in the history of this four match event.

See inside for a full report.

IS THAT THE
NEW EDITION
OF THE HACK

NO! THIS IS ABOUT
THE HOMELESS
-NOT THE HOPELESS!



Contents include:

- Match reports
- League results to date
- Prize Quiz
- Millennium Bonspiel
- History of the Club
- Diary dates
- Cartoons
- Match Secretary report
- Guest features
- .. and much more.

From the President.

I am delighted that we are having another edition of THE HACK issued at this time of year. Not only does it generate interest in our club but it keeps us informed with a variety of interesting features and articles.

I know from personal experience that it is no easy task to keep a magazine like this going and all members should show their appreciation by contributing any articles that might be of interest.

I will be sending out the usual Presidents letter before Christmas but I would remind everyone that our points competition is on Friday 10th December - much earlier than usual due to the Millennium activities in January and February 2000.

Jim Aitken

THANKS FROM THE ED
See inside for another version of
the Presidential address

100 years of curling in Dunfermline.

We have acquired a copy of this interesting booklet which was produced at the behest of the Carnegie Trust. The guiding light until his death was Jim Murray. His contribution is acknowledged. Robin Park took over to complete the project. Alan Maclachlan and Jim Macdonald were also members of the project group.

See if you can get a copy - put it on your Christmas list! By the way did you recognise our Match Secretary on the front cover?

The early days of Inverkeithing Club.

Brother curlers will know (if you read the front cover of the programme) that we started of as St. Margaret's Club. It seems this name came as a result of the property so named that belonged to the first patron Elias Cathcart, LLD and advocate. According to Rev. Stephens in a history of Inverkeithing the club was instituted on January 7th 1837. Affiliation to the RCCC followed on November 18th 1840.

Play originally took place on the Ferry Loch, sometimes called St. Margaret's Loch, on the Ferryhills. For at least twenty years from 1845 the pond was situated at Calais in the marshy field on the west side of the moor. Sometimes, and certainly on February 10th 1860, play took place at Inverkeithing, the venue being the area, then a marsh, now occupied by railway lines in the vicinity of the station at King Street.

In 1866 West Bois Acre was secured as a curling pond, and a curling house was built. In 1878 recourse was had to Calais Quarry, northward from Mid - Dhuloch Cottages, where a safety pond was constructed for play. Play probably continued at West Bois as a lease was taken for 19 years and a club house

built. A new sewer pipe from Dunfermline rendered the site unsuitable in 1915.

There are some claims that the club was formed in 1834, but no official records can confirm this. The club did celebrate its' centenary in 1834. It is suggested the club celebrated it's fiftieth birthday by proposing the creation of the West of Fife Curling Province.

The club became known formally as Inverkeithing in 1908.
(More history in future editions)



New curlers

Scott and Gavin have been impressing brother curlers with their competence and commitment this season. Will we have any next season?

England v Scotland.

The issue was started on 13th November - during the strange limbo period from 2.00 - 3.50. The two international teams were fighting it out as the terrestrial viewers waited until the match was replayed. No phones were answered and no contact made with any persons who might have listened to radio or watched Sky! The pressure was increased when the first two pages of text was wiped when the computer crashed. (but is all felt good putting the first edition for many months together) and so did the result OOPS

Format

The format has been changed for his edition - feedback would be appreciated. It would also be great to receive more contributions from members. It would be best if they were in writing.

There is great scope for match reports and associated stories. If the Hack is to continue it needs to be more of a team effort.



Quiz

First prize - a bottle of malt. We hope there will be prizes for the runners up.

Answers in writing to THE HACK.(Bob's office or to Editor)
Deadline: 31.12.99

Results as soon as possible in the new year

1. Who are the main sponsors of the World Championships to take place in Braehead in April 2000?
2. Who are the members of the current male world championship winning rink?
3. What do the following clubs have in common? Burntisland, Essochem, Donibristle and Otterson Loch?
4. How many clubs are currently members of the West Of Fife Province? 12 14 15
5. Where will you find the logo "Curl up with a friend"?
6. What does the term kuting mean with reference to curling?
7. What are the min height of a curling stone and he max diameter?
8. What is the name of the curling rink to be found at Howwood?
9. Who is Lino Di Iorio?
10. What lived twenty years from 1938 - 1958?

Dunfermline Challenge Match 15th November 1999

A few last minute changes to the rinks were required - as we hit the holiday season for some. Alastair Low and Gavin Hughes were golfing (unofficially) in Alicante.

In the end it was a dramatic end to a fine match. R. Knox and D. Whyte - Pars skips needed to make a fine shot to win the end - and so win the match.

The details were:

Lamond 8 P. Allan 5

Aitken 9 R. Stevenson 5

R. Smith 2 D. Whyte 8

Clarke 6 R. Knox 9

Total Inverkeithing 25 D'fline 27

Someone asked what the R in Smith stood for! - the answer Rubbish was quipped - not so fair really was it?

Alastair Lamond was clear that it was the closest result between the two clubs - even more so as it was the two last stone laid by D'fline that clinched their match.

The event was inaugurated in 1991. It must be our turn in the Millennium.

RINKS:

Lamond/Barton/Paxton/Taddei.

Aitken/Archibald/P. Campbell/

Smith/Ritchie/Tibbert/C Campbell/ James Wilson

Clarke/Ward/John Wilson/Martin

Mystery Ice at Perth

Four members are mystified about the fact they appeared for a match at Perth to find the programme was wrong. Even more annoying to find that if they had stayed a few minutes longer they could have had a game against another club as their opposition did not turn up. At the Dunfermline match P. Allan of Dunfermline suggested Mr. Paxton should know what the problem was ... he agreed he did suggesting that in turn Ed Martin. Stuart Ritchie and Bob Smith were responsible. He is also convinced Peter Ritchie had something to do with the problem.

POINTS

Friday 10th December

6.35

Kirkcaldy

Be there - the cartoon below gives a clue to the current holder of the title. Will someone else will be winning a new brush this year?



Match Secretary News and Views.

Pairs: The new style competition has received positive reviews. The semi finalists are P.Ritchie/B. Brown v. Tony Ayres/JR.and Colin Blyth/Alastair Low v Pete Campbell and Jas Wilson. The semis and Final to be played on 18.1.Y2K. Support welcome.

Jim Temple Trophy: The first trophy of the season was won in convincing style by Ian Robertson with Phil Barton, Ian McLoed (new shoes) and Dave Chadwick. Greta show - nb disappointing to see so many three man rinks at the vent - we need more men there! Make sure you are there to support the **Lamond and Murray Millenium Bonspiel on 4th Feb.**

Challenges: Ian McDonald had a fine victory v an very experienced Forret rink in the prestigious Inter province League. (Able support from Smith, McLoed and Chadwick).
C & WF - mixed results so far.

Please make sure you collect your ice money and hand it in to Ed Martin asap.and hand in score cards to Bob or Ian P.

Millennium Bonspiel:

UPDATE

Late news - the match at Dumfries is against Drystanes (sounds painful) and at Irvine v Falkirk Ladies 1960 (they sound too old)

Amendments to fixture book:

Billy Brown- tel no. 412219
Scott Cameron - new no: Home: 413216
and work: 643192

Alan Hay is still a member but non playing. Ian Knust is still a member but non playing - his injury is his arm not his mouth!

Message from the President (unofficial)

Well hello , and thanks for appointing me to another high office. Best wishes for the season *and ...*

sorry about that, now I've retired I have lots to do. Had to play golf. Anyway, hope the season is good to you and

Sorry about that - had to go to Rotary - President this year you know. Lots to do. BUT the season is going well for us *and...*

Sorry again. Had to go to Highland Games Committee meeting. The Games went well, we all had a great time. However back to curling matters. This season includes the Millenium Bonspiel *and.....*

Sorry about that. Had to go to the Press. I am the local correspondent for the activities. I just got involved in a quite a lot you know! Curling is of course the most important and that is why I am asking you all to ...

Sorry about that Maureen retired as well and needs support in her activities. They include curling. Which reminds me after my seminar today for the Justice Department - if I can improve my computer technique. I should be able to construct a message. Meantime I just can't find the time but all the best anyway. Have a rusty nail for me at the Bonspiel.

Jim Ate the can

Sponsors: Can we have names of members interested in sponsoring the HACK.. we are definitely back in business.

Thanks

The "New Brush" Phenomenon

by Sweep Sublime
Lays it straight down the line

Have you noticed the range of super brushes on the ice - obviously a few of the wives or partners had decided that our members had become a bit worn with usage and have therefore killed their men out with new shafts and spruced up heads.

I wonder if the maxim about dogs and their owners also holds for curlers and their brushes? Alastair Lamond's looks like the same shaft with a new bit (extension") on the end - a bit like "Marky" Mark Walbury in *Boogie Nights*.

Ian McDonald's wife went whole hog - he has received a brand new shaft, fully laminated no less, with would you believe, an oscillating head!!

Still on the super brush theme, can't you just picture Ian and Alastair with their sponge like brushes and a bucket of soap ready to pounce on unsuspecting motorists at the Barnton roundabout saying 'Wotcha Guv/Awright darling' Clean your windscreen.

Ideas from the former cult evening television show - *The Word*.

Separated at birth - a few suggestions ... by Sweep Sublime

Douglas Murray and
Noel Gallagher of Oasis

Alastair Lamond (*at the dinner whilst President*) and Lord Snooty

Alan Maclachlan and Alan Moore
(DAFC winger) and or Alien.

The theme can degenerate to....
Bob Smith *and* sobriety
Ian McLoed *and* his tongue (if only..)
Peter Ritchie *and* his subtlety.
Jim McDonald *and* his wallet

Millennium Bonspiel

On 8th January 2000 over 2,400 curlers will take part in a unique event. In total 304 games will be scheduled and played at each Scottish rink. Spectators will be welcome at every rink. Dunfermline Building Society are sponsoring a commemorative brochure.

Our two rinks representing the club were drawn from the hat. Tom Hunter commented that he had to see it happen to believe it .. look at the rink led by Bob Smith. The ice man will probably have to turn up the plant to keep the ice cool enough - Ian and Peter will certainly have their points of view. Commiserations to Dave Chadwick!

Best wishes to the teams representing the club.
Lamond Tibbert Ayres S. Ritchie at Dumfries
Smith Paxton Ritchie Chadwick at Irvine
Subs are :

R. Tait C. Blyth D. Murray & G. Hughes

Club Mascot?



HOW ABOUT A
CLUB MASCOT?
SUGGESTED NAMES

COOPER GREIG
OR WALLACE,
SORRY ERNIE
I THINK WE SHOULD
GO FOR "CURLY THE BEAR"

BB

Too many rinks - not enough curlers?

The season has settled down. In the first few weeks the cries of "where is everybody?" were all too frequent. Skips were adding to the profits of every known phone company as they struggled to identify replacements. In one match Ian Robertson had three substitutes. Another skip was quoted as making sixteen calls to identify a sub - and still failed. It seems a critical issue for the committee to debate. Did we have too many rinks?

Are members making a commitment to curl - too lightly?

Should there be incentives to encourage members to curl or incur penalties if they don't!



WORKING LATE AGAIN BOB?

Perth Ice

The **Hack** has heard a number of members question why we have no ice at Perth this season. At the agm members gave a clear opinion that they welcome the chance to curl at one of Scotland's premier arena's. The contrasts with Kirkcaldy are endless. Better ice leads to better playing - it is true in very sport. You would not expect the old firm to play on a meadow - so why did we not get ice at Perth? Was this a committee decision? Do we not want to test our skills on this better ice?

The **Hack** would like to support a campaign to have ice at Perth restored to our programme.

More Perth Ice

Three club members are enjoying a tight season in the third division of the J Gas Super League at Perth. John Tibbert is in his first season with one rink. Phil Barton (Lead) and Bob Tait (Skip) are in their sixth season in the Dewars Leagues. Both rinks are mid table after four games.

Supper Dance

A grand night with splendid food at the Gladyer Inn. Thanks to Ernie (mostly) and others for arranging the dance. Enough people were persuaded to attend. Have the members decided to frequent the nightclubs and bistros of the area instead? Clubs have often used such events to raise funds. It is also a chance to meet friends and females! * It would be a shame to see this annual event disappear from our calendars.

* ask John Tibbert

The Province have plans to hold a **Millennium Ball** in June 2000. Robin Park, Province Secretary has asked clubs to enquire about the level of interest in the event. Could you speak to Alan Maclachlan or any committee member.

The event will be at the Dean Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy and will cost approx £25. Apparently dress is optional!

It sounds like a decision needs to be made very soon about the viability of the event.

Club Dinner

Friday 25th February
Have you booked your seat?

Matches v others:

Ritchie P	v	B of S	1-11
Paxton	v	Forret	3-9
Lamond@	v	R & A ladies	10-5
Smith P	v	Dunfermline	2-12
Macdonald	v	Forret	11-5
Clarke P	v	Boreland	lost
Smith@	v	Forret	6-7
Clarke*	v	Fossway	6-9
Smith*	v	Ladies	7-7
Smith@	v	R & A	5-8
Aitken	v	Perth	6-4

* Bank of Scotland KO
@ C & WF
P Province

League Championship 1999/2000

Lamond reigns supreme.

Just over half way through and it is quite clear that all teams are chasing Alastair Lamond and his rink. A blistering start has been made with the a great team spirit (different varieties are used. Andrew J prefers Bacardi whilst Gavin takes a malt)

Key matches to come include Tait v Lamond. Aitken could repeat the success of last year as he has only played 4 matches. The bottom of the table is evenly mis-matched - and Tom Clarke will need all his experience to climb away from relegation! PS Rumour has it Bob was lucky to get two points v Alaitair Lamond!

All the rinks will be eager to restart after the break.

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

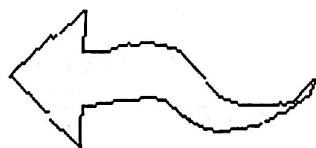
Favourite for the championship. New odds quoted are:
Lamond evens
Campbell 5-1
Smith 6-1
Tait 7-1
Aitken 7-1

	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Shots	Ag'st	PTS	+/-
Lamond	5	5	0	0	49	23	10	26
Tait	5	3	1	1	46	39	7	7
Smith	5	3	1	1	37	32	7	5
Campbell	5	3	2	0	35	30	6	5
Macdonald	6	3	3	0	44	49	6	-5
Aitken	4	2	1	1	37	26	5	11
Paxton	6	2	4	0	40	35	4	5
Maclachlan	6	2	4	0	36	55	4	-19
Robertson	5	1	4	0	18	36	2	-18
Clarke	5	0	4	1	25	42	1	-17

Table at 15.11.99

Maclachlan	v	Campbell	8-9
Clarke	v	Lamond	5-6
Robertson	v	Tait	4-9
Paxton	v	Robertson	4-5
Smith	v	Tait	14-3
Aitken	v	Paxton	8-5
Smith	v	Clarke	6-6
Macdonald	v	Campbell	6-8
Maclachlan	v	Tait	5-16
Lamond	v	Robertson	9-7
Maclachlan	v	Aitken	2-11
Campbell	v	Paxton	6-3
Macdonald	v	Maclachlan	6-9
Lamond	v	Smith	17-2
Macdonald	v	Clarke	8-6
Robertson	v	Smith	0-4
Clarke	v	Tait	8-6
Macdonald	v	Aitken	9-8
Campbell	v	Lamond	4-9
Macdonald	v	Paxton	7-9
Macdonald	v	Smith	6-11
Lamond	v	Maclachlan	8-5
Campbell	v	Robertson	10-2
Tait	v	Aitken	10-10
Clarke	v	Paxton	2-14
Paxton	v	Maclachlan	5-7

League results to date



The thirds competition started on 16th November. It promises to be an eagerly fought competition. John Wilson returns to the ice to do battle.

Full results in the next issue.

PS Blyth strikes first with victory over Ayres

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