

THE HACK

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The first edition of the season. Hope you enjoy the 'independent' and 'light hearted' version of Club news. For the record it is worth remembering the main idea behind **THE HACK** was to circulate results and league positions to members. The support of members to fund distribution is vital. The support and encouragement of members has been essential in maintaining the energy to produce **THE HACK**. Thanks.

Best wishes to all curlers for the new season. Special mention for our new members: John Taddei, Colin Campbell, Alistair Low, Alan Craig and Jim Drummond.

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Past winners

It has been pointed out that the list of League winners printed in issue no. 11 was quite inaccurate. Douglas Lamond commented that in the past the current League trophy was not awarded for the winners of the League. Apologies for the error. Can someone provide a revised and accurate list of past winners?

E The new season looms - we have had a longer break than our fellow sportsman who play with the round leather ball. Hope all curlers have been keeping fit in body and also in spirit to embark on a season of steady and keen curling.

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T The addition of a tenth rink will mean that members have to make a real commitment to their rink. An all too frequent cry at the end of last season was from skips and regulars looking for replacements, sometimes at short notice. **THE HACK** created some strong feelings, expressed at the AGM, for making comments about this - no offence was intended. The point still stands that players need to be fair to the team. Inverkeithing is regarded as a fine social club - it should also have a pride for the quality of curling.

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This year more members will be able to experience the fine ice that is offered at Perth. Don't feel to concerned about the journey - on a clear run it is not much farther than Edinburgh (in time) - it is also cheaper than Kirkcaldy.

We also wish our new assistant Match Secretary all the best. Reports (see inside) indicate that Ian (Paxton) has made a great start.

Please enjoy this issue and take note of the forthcoming events. As we start the year the editor would like to invite members to make contributions for future issues.

Articles and contributions of all 'shapes and sizes' will be welcome. Sponsors for future editions are essential to ensure we can continue to distribute **THE HACK**.

Match Secretary : Report to **THE HACK** August 1998

During the close season the usual arrangements have been made. Thanks are due to Lewis Kennedy both as Assistant Match Secretary and previous Match Secretary for establishing a basis of communication with the various ice rinks. He has been replaced by Ian Paxton whose computerised knowledge and apparently infinite spare time have allowed us to prepare the programme in a extremely efficient manner (we hope!). We have decided that the season will commence as always on the last Friday of September (25th) with the Jim Temple Memorial Bonspeil at Kinross. Place this date in your diary immediately.

Due to the increase from 9 to 10 rinks we obviously need extra ice. We have gained 15 sheets at Perth. We understand from conversations throughout the Club that members are keen to play on ice that is recognised as being of a high quality. We must also retain links with other ice rinks. We are currently negotiating to get the best times we can at the rinks.

The season has been mapped out with an intense series of League games, interrupted in Nov/Dec with the 3rds and pairs competitions and return to the final League games in Jan/ Feb. The final rounds of the 3rds and pairs will take place before the dinner on the last Friday in February. The Knockout will take place in March.

We hope you are looking forward to the beginning of the season, with the outstanding rink apparently to be led by Tom Hunter. We are certain you will all approach each game as it comes (football parlance) and no one will get special attention and relief *(except Peter C and his third).

Bob Smith. Match Secretary.

Bob Tait is recovering from a nasty infection..... his right hand was badly swollen on return from a Mediterranean break. It has to be seen if the after effects will change the course of the forthcoming season. It won't affect his sweeping of course. Hope all is well Bob.

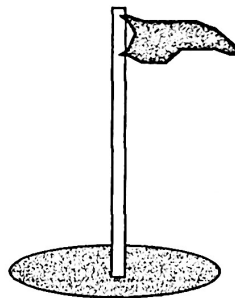
Could everyone make sure that the Match Secretary has your correct details for phone nos etc.

Suggestions for the Millennium Celebration should be in the hands of the committee before the beginning of the season. One suggestion is for Inverkeithing to form a League involving a challenge to all the Fife Clubs. Ian P predicts that if we are in charge of the League and the scoring system we are bound to win something.

How about planning to install ice making equipment at Otterson to ensure a steady supply of outdoor ice?

Bob Smith had a problem with his brother in law from California who was most interested in Otterson. He wanted to know if ducks dived underwater when it was frozen. Try explaining the game of curling to someone who sees rain once a year!

Alastair Lamond has prepared well for the new season - an international wine and beer drinking trip. What have other members been doing?



Golf Outing
Thursday 27th Aug
2.00 pm
Pitfirrane Golf
Course

Contact Derek
Pearson asap.

Make sure you attend this annual event. It has become one of the special events in the clubs year. Derek was hoping to arrange for a light lunch to be made available in addition to the post golf meal and presentations. Drinks after hole no. 9 can be a life saver.

Repeated Congratulations to Jim MacDonald on his election to Vice - President and soon to be President of the Province.

Send in your snippets of news to **THE HACK**. We are aiming for an eight page edition in early October.

Bonspeil - Friday 25th September
Kinross

It is understood our long time Secretary and Honorary Vice President Tommy Hutchison is unwell. We wish him a speedy recovery. We await reports from his old mate Jim Ramage.

All members will have had special thoughts for our President Ernie who has had such a sad loss this **SUMMER.**

New Rinks for a New Season Back to ten !!

THE HACK has received news of the rinks selected for the new season - if you have not heard we are pleased to give you the names of your curling chums for next season. It is great to see that we have ten rinks. There are only four five man rinks - which certainly puts the emphasis on the four players making a commitment to the team.

Pete Campbell and Peter Ritchie return to the fray as skips. Sid has his second season to make his mark. He certainly had a few memorable matches last season.

There are four new thirds:- John Tibbert returns to the Thirds competition after a year as second with Sid. Three virgin thirds Ian Paxton, Colin Blyth and Phil Barton are looking forward to taking on new responsibilities - certainly recognising that it will be very important to take close notice of the ice and the special features of the game.

Stuart Ritchie and Douglas Murray have their first opportunity to be seconds.

Dave Chadwick has another season with Alastair Lamond. Will they get another chance (golden) to take the League this season? Stuart Ritchie has the pleasure of Peter R's company again this season - both take a step up the rinks from last year.

A number of experienced curlers are in the rinks and will provide great strength at second and lead. We welcome our new curlers, Alistair Low, Alan Craig, Colin Campbell. Best wishes for your inaugural season. We are also pleased to welcome John Taddei to the club. John has a wealth of experience, and is the President at Aberdour Curling Club for the forthcoming season.

Peter McLoed and Jim McDonald make a welcome return to the League Championship.

It is also interesting, and disappointing to see some familiar names missing from the list of rinks. We hope they will be back soon. For some it might be an interesting fact that it is possible to curl more from the 'occasional' list than from the official team list. Ask Billy Brown. Unfortunately Billy cannot play this year - his place has been taken by his brother - looks the same but has short hair !!

Early betting has suggested that the clever money is on Tom Hunter and his experienced rink. Did the selection take into account the reservations raised at the AGM about John T's joining a rink at lead? Decent money could be placed on Bob Tait who is chasing a third win in a row!

THE HACK heard that Bob Smith had a bet on himself to be relegated last season - more about lack of confidence rather than match rigging! Who are the skips facing relegation this season? It was certainly a nail biting finish last year. Alan M faced the drop if he lost his last match. He won and finished fourth. A very close League!

The pairs lists and squads for all the competitions will be published in the programme. There has been some debate about the strength of club rinks selected to play in the C & WF/Province etc. It is expected that the selection might take into account the relative experience of rink members.

Rinks for the next season

S Bob Tait
3 Iain McDonald
2 Peter McLoed
L Jim Drummond

S Alastair Lamond
3 John Blyth
2 Jimmy Wilson
L Dave Chadwick

S Tom Hunter
3 Jim Aitken
2 Jim McDonald
L John Taddei
L Dave Smith

S Pete Campbell
3 Bob Smith
2 Amand Rae
L Colin Campbell

S Ian Robertson
3 Tony Ayres
2 Dave McPherson
L Paul Wilson
L John Ogg

S Alan MacLachlan
3 Colin Blyth
2 Ian McLoed
L Alistair Low
L Sandy Morris

S Lewis Kennedy
3 Phil Barton
2 Ed Martin
L Andrew Johnson

S Sid Ward
3 Ernie Archibald
2 Douglas Murray
L Ian Knust

S Tom Clarke
3 Ian Paxton
2 JR Wilson
L Jim Miller
L Alan Craig

S Peter Ritchie
3 John Tibbert
2 Stuart Ritchie
L Archie Terras

THE HACK is not certain if there will be any changes/additions to the above list before it is printed in the club programme.

We apologise if there are any errors in the above.

Pairs

The draw this season involved a clever strategy - we believe it was created by our new assistant Match Secretary Ian Paxton. So you know who to thank for your team mate and opposition!

Tom Hunter and Pat McHale continue as the holders and are allowed to defend their trophy.

The description of the draw requirements refers to the Match Secretary having a limited number of balls. These are usually found in his cap !!!

Full details of this and all other competitions will be found in the new fixture list.

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THE HACK hopes to have access to an e-mail no in the next few weeks. Look out for news.

A clipping (1) taken from the Scotsman last year. It could have been so different if it focused on the antics of the men's team representing the nation.

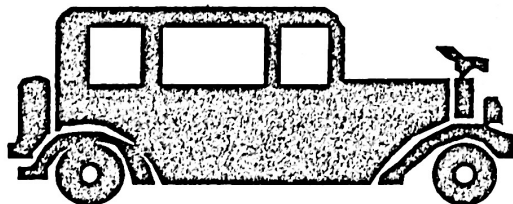
PICKINGS from The SCOTSMAN'S ANNALS



1894: The new curling competition at the Winter Olympics ends with an unexpected result ...

Orders for jerseys are being taken by Billy Brown (or his twin - we are not sure). Peter Ritchie is off to Canada in September. Are orders for curling equipment are being taken?

Sorry to hear that Jan Tadrowski has resigned from the Club. It has been noted with disbelief that Rod Burns has made a request to be an occasional member (all the way from Argentina) Ian Robertson has (allegedly) offered to pay his travel expenses.



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We all probably know that this refers to Alan's motors and not his offer of his services in the event of needing an experienced old campaigner on the ice.

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Message from the Chancellor Treasurer

The Club pays very extensive monies in advance at Kinross and at Kirkcaldy. Please, please make sure that match fees reach me within seven days of the game. Skips must accept responsibility that the money gets to the Treasurer. Thank you in anticipation.

PS Have you paid your subs?

