

THE HACK

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Best wishes for the New Year. Hope you all had a peaceful and contented Christmas. By now you should all have been back in action on the ice (for the non curlers we hope you have started to wish you were curling)

We received a late offer of sponsorship for the last issue. Thanks to Dave McPherson.

We greatly appreciate the members who have sponsored the previous editions. If you are interested in keeping **THE HACK** afloat please see Bob Smith or Phil Barton.

Thanks to Evan Cameron for making a significant donation to **THE HACK**. This will allow us to consider a few options for the future to ensure we stay in business !!

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and much more**

**Pairs still to complete the
second round. Final on 25th
Feb - just before the
Dinner.**

Editorial

O Still no sign of ice at Otterson. So we will have to make full use of the ice provided at the local rinks. Unfortunately it continues to be of mixed standard - ranging from the premier division sheets at Perth through the division to the local municipal pitch standards offered by Kirkcaldy. Strange to consider we pay more for the privilege for turning out at the Fife Arena! **

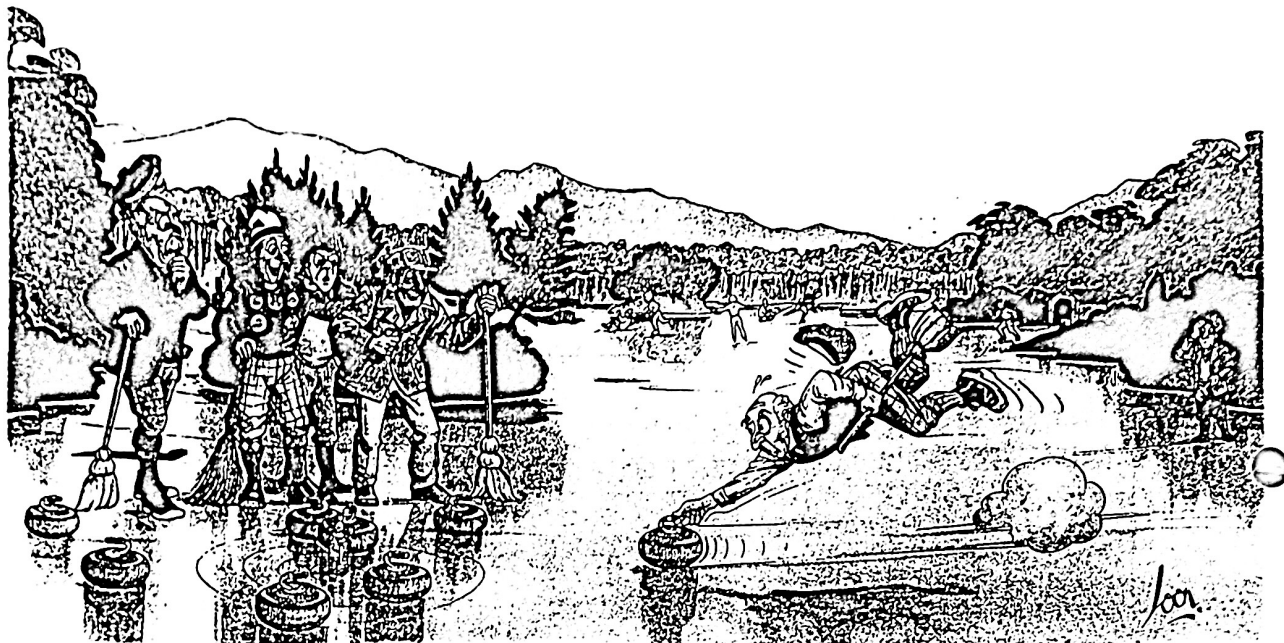
The Dinner approaches and one of the main features will be the introduction of new members. This is a critical point as it will help determine the future of the Club. Although we need new members, we need keen curlers, not spectators. The declining number of curlers is a feature of many clubs. What can the Club do? What can members do to stimulate more interest in the sport? Ideas will be published with enthusiasm.

THE HACK seems to be well received and eagerly anticipated. It is no doubt due to the fact we can see the results and tables in detail. The stories and club news are also of interest. We can use more contributions from members. If you have any ideas please pass them onto Phil Barton or Bob Smith.

Editor

** In fairness reports from Kirkcaldy have been more complimentary of late. We will all be able to test that theory at the Bonspiel (well the members who attend will !)

Prize Caption Competition sponsored by A. Lamond



left to right Hon Pres, Pres, Vice - pres, Past - pres, Ian McLeod and Bob Smith
What might any of the above honourable members be saying
at this scene sketched at Otterson Loch - January 1998?
Answers in writing no later than the Dinner to Phil Barton, Alastair Lamond or
Bob Smith. Prize donated by Alastair.

Club Dinner 27th February 1998 Gladyer Inn

Have you applied for your place at the Dinner?
Deadline date is 31st January. Contact Peter Campbell
to find out if there are any spaces?

This year there is an opportunity to invite guests from
other clubs - they must be 'real' curlers!
It must be hoped that we will also welcome some new
members to the Club - who are committed to the sport
and will make good team players. Another
characteristic must be that they last the pace.

Fines:

Start saving for the night. **THE HACK** has been
receiving information that the following members are
prime targets for fines. Ian McLeod, Ian Paxton (lots),
Peter Ritchie (now unfettered from high office), Steve
Hunter (he qualifies to pay the fine for Rod Burns, who
has missed so many matches!... see across page).

15th February - Sunday

District Medal at 6.15 in Perth. Please contact Bob Smith if
are available and willing to p[lay]. Two strong team have to
be selected to win a District Medal.

Golf Outing

The annual event has been booked for Thursday 27th
August. The preceding Thursday was not convenient
(or suitable - as we would have been playing
between two ladies parties).

A buffet lunch - soup & rolls will be available.
Thank Derek.

NB Ed. will be competing with a sharper handicap
having been cut by 4 shots for standard of general
play over the New Year !

Rod Burns made a brief trip back to Fife this month.
Unfortunately it was to attend a close friends funeral.
Bob Smith was pleased to see him turn up at Kirkcaldy
to watch a match .. certainly very late for his first
match of the season.

Thirds Thirds

Ritchie	v	Rae	6 - 8
Ayres	v	Campbell	7 - 12
Wilson	v	Macdonald	6 - 9
Blyth	v	Aitken	11 - 5
Aitken	v	Ritchie	5 - 5
Blyth	v	Archibald	8 - 8

Remaining matches

Ritchie	v	Archibald
Blyth	v	Rae

Final
Thurs 26th Feb
Kinross

A	Pld	Won	Lost	Draw	Shots	Agst +/-	PTS
Rae	3	2	0	1	23	20 3	5
Archibald	3	1	0	2	26	18 8	4
Blyth	3	1	1	1	23	19 4	3
Ritchie	3	1	1	1	17	17 0	3
Aitken	4	0	3	1	20	35 -15	1
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Campbell	3	2	1	0	29	21 8	4
Wilson	3	2	1	0	25	22 3	4
Macdonald	3	2	1	0	22	22 0	4
Ayres	3	0	3	0	19	30 -11	0

The final will be contested by Pete Campbell, who finished top of section B with the closest of winning margins. Tony made a bold effort in his first season. His cause was not helped by losing 4 points v Pete C. Alan J was prevented from arriving by the closure/heavy congestion on the Forth Bridge - the night the bolt broke!

The final matches in section A will obviously decide the outcome. It could still be any of four rinks.

Letters to **THE HACK**

Dear Editor,

Two points arise from the December issue. I am a little alarmed to note **THE HACK** appears to have assumed the power to amend the rules of the Club by exempting Syd Ward from relegation! The rule of course is that a first year skip is not automatically relegated but may, if he wishes, stand for reelection. I'm sure a festive bottle will be required to make up for Syd's disappointment at hearing this news.

Also there is a hidden arithmetical teaser in the golf results section? I quote "Phil B dutifully held back one point behind the match secretary". The scores? Bob S 29 Phil B 27"" Does the one point held back have to be added to the one point behind to get the answer?

Yours sincerely

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Limekilns.

We hardly dare question the above. It is great to know that our exalted secretary has taken time to write and reveal he is an avid reader of **THE HACK** at the same time. As for our tendency to amend the rules - a mistake. Syd by the way comments that he hopes the point is quite academic. AND "yes please Alan mine is a bottle of Gordons."

Province result:

Bob Smith had a fine win v Dunfermline Ladies on 29th dec 9 - 3. Bob stepped in at the last minute when Ian R called off as skip at 10.45 the previous night. (amazing that Ian can manage as many matches as he does !)
Ian P was close to receiving a red card or two yellows - which Ian should know amounts to the same thing !

Pete C. lost to Borland by 7 - 9 - the match swinging away from Inverkeithing with the last stone.

Zermatt on 7/1/98 - Ernie beat a ladies team 16 - 6. The margin would have been much greater if the stars had not forsaken three shots at the last end. John W was third and is reported to have missed at least three take outs ! Colin Blyth as second and Jimmy Wilson completed the rink. Reports indicate the winning score was insufficient to turn the match for the south team.

Etiquette

It is important that the seconds and leads do not infringe the head and stand behind the head during play. The correct position is between the hog lines. Last year Jim Murray commented that he felt there were too many conferences between players to the distraction of the opposition. Have we improved?

Coaching tips in the next issue.

Matches on 26th January are likely to be changed to reflect the fact the club are well represented at the forthcoming Bonspiel and Burns Supper to welcome our Canadian visitors to Scotland. It is expected that **THE HACK** will receive good material for future editions. Perhaps they will be given a copy of **THE HACK** - so we can become international.

Did members see the article on BBC 1 on 9/1/98 about the curling teams going to the Olympics to represent Britain? It was a positive article representing the sport well. For non curlers it provided a minute's edition of the rule book. It would be excellent to have better coverage of the sport. Hope the team do well in Japan. It is suspected that one of the rink was practising at Kirkcaldy last Thursday night during the Lamond v Smith League match. He certainly could slide well !!

Hunter	v	Clarke	8 - 5
Hunter	v	Tait	8 - 5
Kennedy	v	Ward	6 - 8
Robertson	v	Clarke	4 - 7
Smith	v	Lamond	2 - 8
Kennedy	v	Lamond	10 - 5
Maclachlan	v	Clarke	3 - 6

Still To Play

Smith	v	Robertson
Maclachlan	v	Hunter
Kennedy	v	Robertson
Lamond	v	Robertson
Smith	v	Ward
Maclachlan	v	Ward
Tait	v	Kennedy

League Results and current table.

The League has now reached it's final stages. The final positions are now almost clear. A critical result was when Tom Hunter defeated Bob Tait. This left the final result of the league in control of Alastair and his rink. The win against Bob Smith took him to the top of the league on shots with a game in hand. Dave Chadwick had his best game of a good season. A fine example of how much impact a lead can have on a match. The advantage was lost in the match last night at Kinross. Lewis K led his team to a good victory. It could have been closer than the score suggested with Lewis pulling back a possible 4 or 5 shot difference at the last end. The league now will be decided at the last match of the season. Three rinks could win. Tom Clarke has finished with a flourish. At the other end the Smith v Robertson game has a lot at stake.

Inverkeithing Curling Club League Championship 1997/98

	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	Shots	Ag'st	PTS	+/-
Lamond	7	4	1	2	45	35	10	5
Tait	7	4	1	2	53	46	10	7
Clarke	8	4	3	1	52	47	9	5
Hunter	7	4	3	0	43	34	8	15
Kennedy	6	3	3	0	41	43	4	-2
Maclaclan	5	2	2	1	42	35	5	7
Ward	6	2	4	0	41	49	4	-8
Robertson	5	2	3	0	28	42	4	-14
Smith	6	1	5	0	32	49	2	-17

Table at 22/1/97

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

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The final table will be printed in **THE HACK** - due to be published after the Club Dinner. Don't forget we are looking for articles from all members. The Dinner (for the sake of reference) is Friday 27th February at 7.30 in the Gladyer Inn.

Caption competition.

Appreciation to Alastair Lamond for donation a prize for the (Please note that due to the unofficial status of this magazine, we can only announce that the prize will unofficially be unofficially presented at the official dinner !!)

Finally see you (as many as possible) at the
Points Competition in Kirkcaldy on
30th January - starting at 6.35
if we have not seem you at the Bonspeil at
Kirkcaldy - welcome to our guest(s)

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