

THE HACK

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Inverkeithing Curling Club
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Thanks for all the support and encouragement to get THE HACK back on the streets! The editor has been without a computer for a few weeks - bad for THE HACK and for business as well.

We have moved from Apple to PC and have a different supply of software. This has triggered a chance to have a new format. Let us know what you think of our new format.

We aim to be linked to the internet as well - perhaps we could start a website. There is lots of scope for the club - as long as we get the support of members.

NEW SEASON

The League is well under way with most rinks having played half their matches. More details inside.

Articles about the Pairs competition, and other results inside

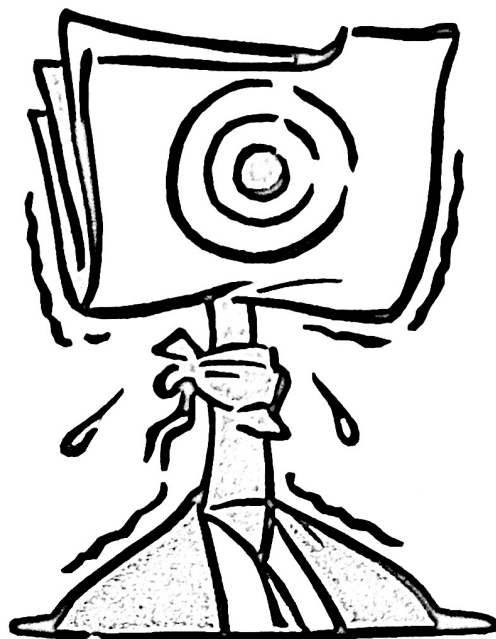
Gossip:

Bob Smith to Peter Ritchie:

B - Are you coming home with me tonight Peter?

P - I'll only come home if Liz is in bed!

Published by 'Bend an ear.'



We hope the new logo is appealing - it is allegedly a cartoon of a worried skip, with all to play for on the last stone.

Cartoons are provided by our own special artist - William Brown.

Supper Dance: *have you bought your tickets?* No excuses for missing this event - if you think you have a good one - let's hear about it so we can decide for you... See inside for more info

RCCC Our subs to the RCCC have risen by £2 to £10 this year - are we sure we get value for money? We could get answers and advice from our two reps at Province level. In fact we are pleased to know that Jim Macdonald is currently chairman of the Province, and Bob Smith has recently joined the committee. Good to know we are starting to redress the balance against the strength of Dunfermline at province level.

Additional fixture: The club has been invited to field a team at the Perth & Kinross Bonspiel at Perth on Thursday 9th at 8.15. The opponents are Kilgraston Ladies. A great chance to play on keen ice - smart ice!

Province internet site read more at:
allanp.freeserve.co.uk/curling/index.htm
Should we get our own website? Any volunteers to create one?

Dancing?

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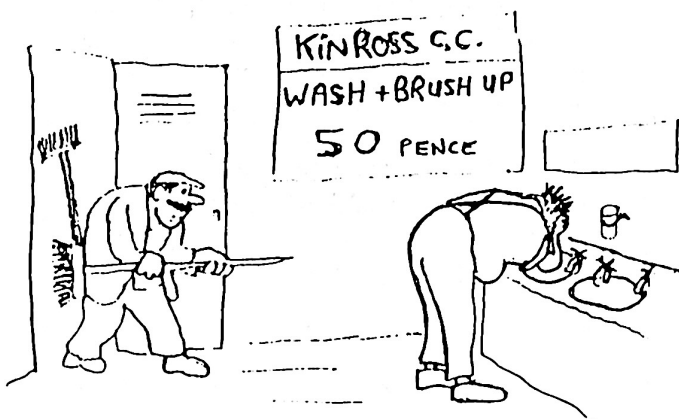
It is important we support the event. Jim Aitken and John Tibbert are the main men. Tickets cost £10 - and that is great value for money - the food has always been splendid at the Gladyer - don't know? well get along and find out. It's a good chance to invite friends and also bring along the partner. The target is to sell 60 tickets.

Raffle prizes are welcome. This year Bob Smith is missing his first dance in 21 years! A shame it has changed weekends - a perfect record spoiled. We hope there will be a good turnout from Borland - as a change of date allows members of our fellow Inverkeithing town Club to attend.

Province teams:

Did you know that there are no expectations for clubs to field 'club' rinks in this event? We could as some local clubs do - load the rinks with the experienced curlers. It feels right that we give as many options as possible for the whole club - have you nay views you would like to share in the HACK? Do we want to be the same as D---f--l---?

Treasurer - is watching out for skips who are very generous at the bar ... some skips are forgetting that the stash of cash collected after a game is due to go the the treasurer - so easy to forget if the ice man is not collecting the money in. Ed asks for prompt payment at the end of each month skips.



GOLF



The annual outing was played on 24th August in perfect conditions. A total of 10 club members and two guests enjoyed the occasion. Gavin Hughes , with a better inward nine, pipped last year's winner - Ed Martin. Both scored 40 points - Congratulations.

Alan Hay was third with 39 points. Gavin was also nearest the pin at the ninth and Tom McIntyre had the longest drive at the 18th. Thanks to Bennett Black, Club Steward for a very pleasant high tea.

Derek Pearson.

Ten point theory (points not pints Ian!)

It has been suggested that one idea for the thirds competition would be rinks should be worth ten points - leaving some flexibility for the skips to select rinks. Skips count as 4 points, thirds as 3, seconds as 2 and leads as 1. So a traditional rink will be worth ten. If a skip then selects another skip (4 + 4) then he can only select two leads (4 + 4 + 1 + 1) thus equalling ten points. A neat idea perhaps.



LEAGUE RESULTS

Lamond v Campbell	5-4
Smith v Tait	4-6
Macdonald v Clarke	7-5
Aitken v Maclachlan	to play
Paxton v Blyth	7-7
Lamond v Smith	6-5
Campbell v Tait	to play
Macdonald v Maclachlan	7-7
Clarke v Paxton	9-5
Aitken v Blyth	7-6
Lamond v Tait	15-3
Campbell v Smith	5-12
Macdonald v Aitken	3-9
Clarke v Blyth	4-7
Maclachlan v Paxton	7-8
Campbell v Clarke	9-2
Aitken v Paxton	7-6
Lamond v Macdonald	4-10
Smith v Blyth	9-4
Lamond v Blyth	4-9
Clarke v Aitken	6-9
Tait v Macdonald	
Smith v Maclachlan	16-1
STILL TO PLAY* before Xmas	
Tait v Maclachlan	
Campbell v Paxton	
Lamond v Paxton	
Campbell v Macdonald	
Smith v Aitken	
Tait v Blyth	
Clarke v Maclachlan	

* + above matches not played?

Other results:

Bonspeil: Paxton v Markinch	8-5
Province: Campbell v KIR	4-8
C & WF: Aitken v Cupar	??
C & WF: Paxton v Crawford Priory	
	5-8
Province: Smith v R & A	3-9
C & WF: Blyth v Dunfermline	

Jim Temple trophy It was unfortunate that the opening bonspeil was postponed due to a failed compressor at Kinross. The rearranged vent was attended by 12 members - Colin Blyth in his debt season as skip was on best form.

Markinch Bonspeil A great start to Paco's' season (following his special event in the summer - now there is a Mrs. Paxton) by leading a rink to victory in this bonspeil. The rink was told it was the first time ever Inverkeithing have had a positive - shots up score - in this event. Well done Ian.

THIRDS Competition

Starts very soon - good luck to the 'young pretenders'! We hope the skips can cope with taking the lead - a very important support for the third. Last year there were a few notable absences which might have affected the outcome of the competition.

Rumour has it that there might be a change in the way the Thirds competition is organised. Any suggestions for the committee?

See later article re **10 point rinks**

PAIRS BON SPEIL

A good night on the 20th October at Kirkcaldy as we held our second Pairs bonspeil. The format seems to be a good development rather than the usual spread of early round matches. The atmosphere built over the evening and finished with many members staying on for a few beers.

27 members were present - creating 13 .5 pairs! Gavin and Bob did a fine job organising the revised draw to take into account the players who could not attend, and those who needed a new partner.

The holders were dismissed in the first round by Barton & Taddei. They progressed to the semi final with a second win v Clarke and Galloway. Other semi finalists are; Ian Robertson/Gavin Hughes (v Barton/Taddei) and Peter Campbell/Syd Ward v Jim Aitken/Jim Miller.

The semi finals and final are to be held at Kinross on **Tuesday 16th January.**



CLEANING THE ICE
(AT GREENACRES)

Dunfermline Challenge

Good luck to the four rinks who will do battle against the might of Dunfermline on Monday 13th November at Kinross.

JR WILSON Has been starring as an occasional player this season - the man to catch if you have a vacancy. Good news to hear about your new job JR.. Best wishes.

Shopping Therapy

Have you noticed the sports shop at Fife Ice Arena (the posh name for Kirkcaldy!) ACA Sports and Corporate can supply clothing from fleece jackets, sweatshirts and curling trousers as well as a full range of equipment - brushes, gloves and footwear. Bob Smith has a price list - if you are interested.



Is it time to consider a change of club kit? A fleece jacket might be more appropriate - it can be opened to let the cool air in - sweat shirts are exactly that - sweaty.

Good to see that our hon sec has been curling in the past few days - he was getting a reputation for socializing - rather than being a sociable curler!

Hope you have enjoyed this edition of the HACK. If we are going to be able to make it a regular publication we need as many contributions from members as possible. Special thanks to BB and Bob Smith for contributions.

You can fax items to Phil Barton on 01383 960956 or by post to 21 Inch Avenue, Aberdour, Fife. KY3 0TF.

We will do our very best to protect your identity! Honestly.

Sponsors ~~£\$££££££££££££££££~~

- we aim to circulate as many copies as possible by hand delivery - some are by post. We are once again looking for sponsors. Apologies to anyone who has offered in the past and we have not responded. Passing of time has dulled the editors memory.

League table: Accurtae at 29.10.00 - we hope. THE HACK takes no responsibility for bruised or inflated egos if the table is wrong - but we will correct it next time.

	P	W	D	L	f	a	Pts	+/-
1	4	4	0	0	32	21	8	11
2	5	3	0	2	46	22	6	24
3	5	3	0	2	34	31	6	3
4	5	2	1	2	33	31	5	2
5	5	2	1	2	32	32	5	0
6	3	2	0	1	16	24	4	-8
7	4	1	1	2	26	30	3	-4
8	3	1	0	2	18	19	2	-1
9	5	1	0	4	26	37	2	-11
10	3	0	1	2	15	31	1	-16