



# THE HACK

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The early arrival of the first edition will hopefully create the momentum to ensure **THE HACK** becomes a regular feature this season.

The Editor hopes brother curlers will make contributions throughout the season - financial to pay for postage - and actual contributions for publication. The views and news in **THE HACK** are members views and news. It is not the official news of the Club and as in all fanzines it hopes to allow scope for some of the unofficial and at time irreverent views of members of the club. It aims to be fun and informative.

Special thanks to our match secretary, Mr. Bob Smith for his contributions and support.

Thanks to John Ross for sponsoring this issue to pay for the postage. We welcome more offers of support future issues. If you are interested please contact the editor or Bob Smith.

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## *Best wishes Mr. President.*

We welcomed our new President Ernie Archibald at the AGM. Everyone was impressed with the manner he dealt with the business and kept order. He certainly has a hard act to follow in Peter R - but anyone who knows Ernie will be quite sure that the Club is in good hands.

The only doubt we might have is that he has an absolute single minded view that the only football team worth considering are the lads at Ibrox. We hear that Ernie has been taking crash courses in at least six languages so he can communicate with the new players at Rangers!

Ernie will be getting in touch in the next few weeks before the new season. Give him all your support (in the curling club - not necessarily on the football front)

## Editorial

What have you been doing to occupy the time in between seasons. No doubt you have been training and keeping in trim for the new season! Perhaps not but it is time you started to prepare for the season. The game of curling is very much a question of attitude rather than pure fitness! Some of us can do little to beat the ravages of time imposed on our bodies - but we can do something about attitude.

We need commitment to ensure that we compete fairly and with success on the ice. This year we should aim to make sure brother curlers in other clubs start to notice when we appear on the ice. They should notice our curling as well as the obvious camaraderie of the club. We are members of the club to support the ancient sport and craft of curling - not to simply be sponsors of the national distilleries and brewers!

In other words we should consider ourselves as sportsmen ... don't you agree? Or is this too confrontational for you!? Write to **THE HACK** with replies.

# The Club Bonspiel 1997-

article held over from **THE HACK** that did not appear in February!

## Lamond & Murray Trophy stays close to home !!

Tom Clarke, promoted to skip at the Club Bonspiel at the last minute rose to the occasion and convincingly won the trophy presented by his company. There was little doubt the trophy was going to grace the boardroom of Lamond and Murray because Alistair Lamond came a strong second.

Tom's rink were Jim Murray (hon pres), Henry Murray and John Ogg. Alistair was ably assisted by Tony Ayres, I. McLoed and Archie Terras.

It was unfortunate that Alan Maclachlan had to send his apologies due to a late work commitment. Sid Ward had hoped to recover from flu, the previous day he was quite hopeful. Ian Macdonald also sent his apologies - hope you recovered quickly Ian.

Best wishes to Tom Hunter who wanted everyone to celebrate his birthday - he sings a great song. \*\* Bob Smith was complimented for aiding the outcome of the event - Henry Murray even suggested that he seemed to be playing for their team, even though he was the opposing skip. Bob seemed to have a similar thought when he claimed that he was 'disenjoying' himself.

Lewis Kennedy should win no awards for dress sense - his lilac kit bag clashing violently with his pale green track suit top. Billy Brown the doyen of fashion also made derogatory remarks about the fact Colin Blyth was wearing denim.

\*\* except it was not his birthday and he is not 21 unless you add on 35 !!!

P.S Best wishes to Tom as he returns this season (97/98) as a skip.

Bonspiels are also about the off the ice activities - *apres ice!* If you missed the bonspiel you missed a chance to experience one of the finest qualities of the club - the camaraderie between the members. Spectators at the rink must have been aware of the humour and enthusiasm of the ten rinks on the ice.

It must be said however that the entertainment was affected by the number of members who left before the close of the evening. It might be helpful to try and get an earlier start, although this is obviously dependent on the ice rink. Kirkcaldy remains the best venue due to their ability to create the best atmosphere - off the ice.

Post match songs were provided by Ian McLoed, Ian Paxton, Tom Clarke, Archie Terras and Alistair Lamond. The staff were amused by Alistair's rendition of *the barrel* song. Ian Paxton is likely to get a fine for his efforts - he wasn't sure whether he was singing a love song or a long song, and he showed no respect for the president by sitting back and 'crooning'.

Tom Clarke was eager to launch a competition to write an anthem for the club. The final rendition of 'Hail Caledonia' by all present leaves a thought that that seems to be quite an anthem already.

Thanks to the organisers. It was apparent that a significant number of members were not present.

Finally a repeat of the congratulations for Tom and his rink, and thank you for the celebratory drink Tom.

## Annual Golf Outing Thursday 21st August

The annual outing has been booked at Pitfirrane on Thursday 21st August at 14.00 for 14.30. last year over 20 of the club enjoyed an excellent competition. To most people's surprise Ian "Tiger I haven't got a Wood" Robertson won the Stableford competition.

He returns to defend his trophy.

Ian "Mouse" Paxton returns to relinquish (he hopes) the wooden spoon jersey. (don't know what one of those looks like though!)

Derek Pearson is the man in charge so make sure you contact him to book your place.

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### Curling tips NO 36;

Don't throw away your old curling trousers just because they have holes in the pockets. Just add extra pockets by tying old socks onto the belt loops. This is very handy for holding car keys and ice money.

# New Rinks for a New Season Nine rinks reduce options !!

**THE HACK** has received news of the rinks selected - sorry drawn for next season. In fact both terms are correct. The selection of skips, thirds, seconds and leads needs debate at committee. This season some hard decisions have been made. The actual selection of rinks takes place by drawing names from Alan M's golfing hat. Read on to find out more.

Sid Ward starts his first season as a skip and Tom Clarke returns to the prime position in his rink - fresh from his victory in the Club Bonspeil last year.

Tony Ayres is promoted to third - after strong performances in recent seasons as second. Tony joined the Club in 1991.

It's great to see John W and Dave Chadwick back in the rinks.

A number of curlers have also changed places due to increased commitments outside curling. We retain a number of five man rinks. Our three new curlers have the opportunity to learn within a five man rink - please remember that this could mean they do not get a chance to curl in every match.

It is also interesting, and disappointing to see some familiar names missing from the list of rinks:

Sandy Moyes, Mike Trainor, Mike Stibbards, Jimmy Riggans, Hector Smith, Billy Brown, Henry Murray among others. We hope to see you on the ice guys! Are you on the occasional curlers list? We hope you will be back in the thick of things next year and members of a rink.

The pairs lists and squads for all the competitions will be published in the programme. You will remember that a proposal that the pairs competition dropped the random selection of pairs was defeated at the AGM. The move to change teams to partners who made a commitment to each other at the start of the season was triggered by the frequent failure of one partner to turn up for matches.

So the message is clear this year... be fair and turn up.

A few excerpts from material sent (without name) to **THE HACK** last season. The only identity a fingerprint! More in the next issue:

Some members are privately relying on sponsors to support their curling e.g:

- Jim Aitken - Sheep Dip Liquor Whisky*
- Archie Ernibald - Blue Nun House Wine*
- Rabbie Burns Cowdenbeath FC*
- Steve Hunted - Edinburgh Zoo*
- Alan Maclachlan - Gladyer Inn*
- Sandy Morris - Thomsons Travel*
- Alastair Lamond - Meccano*
- John Oggy - Landmark*
- Archie Tearass - Pioneer Concrete*
- John Wilson - Dairylea Cheese Triangles*
- JR Wilson - Chunky Chicken*
- Jimmy Murray - Marks and Spencer*
- El Sid Ward - Vidal Sassoon*
- Peter Ritchie - Bacardi Rum*

apologies for the spelling - I'm not sure about all your names yet!  
ANON

## Rinks for the next season

S Bob Tait  
3 Tony Ayres  
2 John Wilson  
L Paul Wilson  
L David Smith

S Alastair Lamond  
3 Ernie Archibald  
2 Phil Barton  
L Dave Chadwick  
L Sandy Morris

S Tom Hunter  
3 Amand Rae  
2 Ed Martin  
L John Ogg

S Bob Smith  
3 Rod Burns  
2 Ian McLeod  
L Archie Terras  
L Steve Hunter

S Ian Robertson  
3 John Blyth  
2 Ian Paxton  
L Ian Knust

S Alan Maclachlan  
3 Jim Aitken  
2 JR Wilson  
L Jim Murray  
L Jan Tadrowski

S Lewis Kennedy  
3 Ian Macdonald  
2 David McPherson  
L James Millar  
L Douglas Murray

S Sid Ward  
3 Pete Campbell  
2 John Tibbert  
L Andrew Johnston  
L Colln Blyth

S Tom Clarke  
3 Peter Ritchie  
2 Jimmy Wilson  
L Stuart Ritchie

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

## Curling Tip No 65

When driving to a curling match fool other drivers that you have a car phone by holding a video or TV control up to your ear and occasionally mount the kerb.

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should be sent to Phil Barton:  
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Bob Smith will also receive  
articles and pass them on to  
the Editor.

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The Editor thought he better confess to a  
strange fact - before members start to wonder  
if he has a special link with the President!

He finds himself in the position of once again  
being in a rink with the President. The third  
time in five seasons and in the other two he  
has been with the President elect.

The disadvantage is that it means he has to  
be careful.

1993 Alistair - pres  
1994 Peter - vice pres  
1995 Ernie - vice pres  
1996 Peter - pres  
1997 Ernie - pres

PS PB still has to be in league winning team.

## Inverkeithing Curling Club Roll of Honour 1996/97

**Globank Trophy - thirds**  
Rod Burns & Co (except It was not Rod!!!)  
**Knockout Competition**  
Jim MacDonald and rink  
**League Winners**  
Bob Tait and rink  
**League Runner up**  
Alistair Lamond  
**Pairs**  
Tom Hunter and Pat McHale  
**Pairs runner up**  
Lewis Kennedy & Billy Brown  
**Club Bonspiel**  
Tom Clarke and rink  
**Opening Bonspiel**  
Peter Ritchie and rink  
**Points Competition**  
Alistair Lamond  
**District Medal**  
Inverkeithing Curling Club  
(beat Broomhall)

Sad news - Bill Steedman died recently. Bill  
joined the Club in 1971. Condolences to his  
family and friends.

### Season start

The season starts towards the end of  
September.  
Official news soon. Get your diaries  
ready so you can book the matches in  
early.

**THE HACK** will publish a series of notes to improve your technique and understanding of the  
rules. Today you can find out more about the signs the Skip gives you - a variety that is for sure.

### Skips' Calls and curling terms

In turn - indicted by the skip holding out his right hand

Out turn - Indicated by the skip holding out his left hand.

Draw - Skip gives the ice a tap with his brush where he wants the stone to come to rest.

Take out - The skip taps the top of the stone he wants removed with the brush.

Guard - Skip holds the brush shoulder high and parallel to the ice.

Freeze - A played stone coming to rest touching another stone.

Promote - A stone played hitting another to move it forward to the desired spot.

Raise - the same as promote

In wick - To strike the inside of another stone and roll the striking stone in towards the centre.

Out wick - To strike the outside of another stone and roll the struck stone in towards the centre.

Tee - high - The skip holds the brush perpendicular with the right hand across the top forming a 'tee'

### Clothing

Ice rinks are always cold. Make sure you have plenty of warm clothes. It is always wise to have an extra sweater. It is  
important to have a good fitting comfortable curling shoes. If you suffer from clod feet wear an extra pair of socks, or  
better still, wear a pair of knee length stockings to keep your legs warm!

Curling trousers must be made from a stretch material or be loose enough to cause no restriction in the slide delivery.  
Always make sure your footwear is absolutely clean before stepping on the ice - use the mats provided.

### Curling Etiquette

Always arrive on time and be prepared to start curling when the ice is ready.

Be ready to deliver you stone when your turn comes. Never cross in front of another player when he is in the hack and  
about to play.