



THE HACK

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Here is the second issue of our very own 'unofficial' club newsletter. We hope it creates as much interest as our first issue. It has been encouraging to hear members speaking about **THE HACK** since the season started. There have been critical comments, and also many positive remarks. There are also others who are keeping their thoughts to themselves - waiting to see if **THE HACK** can survive. Standing the test of time is one of the important tests for any publication. Another one is to print material of interest to the readers. We will rely on you to help ensure that there is enough material for each issue.

There has been no shortage of members telling amusing stories. We have the first block of results in this season. There is news about Club events and we have received our first letters to the Editor... read on and find out more.

Club Member gains top award from RCCC

The Club should join in congratulating Tom Hunter who was awarded his coaching certificate on 2nd October, after successfully completing his practical assessment, the final stage of a long and deliberate process. He completed his written examinations in Elgin, back in January 1994. This is a prestigious award.

Since then he has been demonstrating his coaching skills at Kirkcaldy, and of course during his performances with the Club. Members will be aware he also had to deal with a serious back injury during last season.

Please read the note in **THE HACK** about coaching sessions at Kirkcaldy. It seems that at times the members lose sight of the possibilities to improve individual skills. The status of the Club would improve with higher standards of play on the ice. Tom has certainly shown us a great lead!!

ADVANCE NOTICE OF RCCC MENS TOUR TO AMERICA

There will be a tour of the USA between 12 Jan - 3 Feb 1997 to compete for the **Herries Maxwell Trophy**.

If you are interested contact either Alan Maclachlan or the RCCC as soon as possible. No information about costs but we hear that these tours are great experiences.

THE HACK will be provided free to members for as long as possible. Grateful thanks to the people who have indicated they can support **THE HACK** either personally or through their business.

Phil will print the magazine and provide stationery.

Sid Ward will sponsor the postage of the first issue.

If you are interested in sponsoring future issues please see Bob or Phil.

Bad Habits on the ice!!

Our roving reporters have noticed that a number of members have bad habits on the ice, this includes bad dressing!! Here are a few examples with a suggested penalty. We are happy to receive details of other examples. Beware of your habits being noticed!!!

Crossing the ice in front of another match - **penalty:** arrive at next three matches 10 minutes early.

Wearing black sweater (with Canmore crest) with a lime polo shirt !! - **penalty:** ask 'Santa' to buy vouchers from Burtons for Xmas and order a club sweatshirt.

Only skips and thirds can brush past the tee line in the head. Any infringements - **penalty:** go to Tom Hunter's coaching sessions at Kirkcaldy between 9 - 10 on Sun.

Not paying subs - **Penalty:** your name could appear in the next edition!!

Leather trousers on the ice and suede shoes with slacks - **penalty:** Heavy fines at the dinner for Billy and Henry.

Eating too much cheese 'n biscuits after the match - **penalty:** Peter R and Iain to go shopping for Jean C.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Could you find out why I have not received a copy of the Club programme?
This is really inconvenient.

Tom Clarke

Ed: Maybe you should ask your skip.

Dear Editor,
How can I be in two place at once? On the 10th I have to be in Kinross at 7.45 and Kirkcaldy at 8.00.

Bob Tait

Ed: Ask the Match Secretary.. he may have tips for time travel.

Dates for your Diary

**Supper Dance at the
Gladyer Inn at 7.30 pm.**

10th November

Make sure you book your tickets early. Numbers need to be confirmed before 3rd November

Annual General Meeting

Please note that the AGM is on the 29th April not 22nd as noted in the programme.

Stories and Tales !!

One of our qualified coaches best unofficial tips for the best preparation for curling, especially on your birthday, and certainly when in Canada is to sit on the back seat of the bus in the company of a lady who will engage in a 20 minute smooch!!

The match went very well indeed. Is it true TH?

Please note that **THE HACK** has taken out an 'insurance policy' to help counter any libel actions resulting from our stories.

Fine figure of a Man!

THE HACK has heard that Sid Ward was at a wedding recently. He made great efforts to be the best dressed guy! His new shirt had a winged collar with fancy black studs.

At the reception the proceedings were interrupted by a PING ! and Sid's paunch was gaping through as one stud exploded from the shirt

Minutes later a second stud burst free. Sid was not stumped. It is alleged that he spent the rest of the evening wearing a pair of cuff links in the button holes. One of them was a most fetching golden ball. Nice one Sid.

We believe Tony Ayres had a great time too.

An unofficial message from the Club Secretary

Right,

Sit down and listen carefully. You have a new President in Peter Ritchie, and I'm sure you know what to expect.

This Club has Rules and Bylaws subject to my perfect understanding. Many of you have no doubts over our consistent comment "instituted 1834". Don't listen to the Historians who question this - the centenary Dinner was in 1934 and therefore the 150th was in 1984 as I directed. So there.

Please notify me of your changes of address and make sure I am right about it. Only the other day I noticed an error in our fixture book - the AGM is on 29th April 1996, being traditionally the last Monday therein. The Assistant Match Secretary has been duly chastised and will be fined. As M.L.O (easily accepted) I fear no fines either and just beware my wrath at the Dinner. Aha!! And don't listen to John Ross' tale of broken windows at the dinner a few years ago.

*Do as you're told and we'll all be fine.
Keen curling.*

*A.M (Current Champion Skip)
P.S (Nearly forgot) BY ORDER (mine)*

Results

League results to date:

Lamond 6 v 7 R. Smith
Hunter 4 v 6 Ritchie
Tait 9 v 4 Kennedy
H.Smith 7 v 9 Maclachlan
MacDonald 2 v 12 Lamond
R. Smith 4 v 5 Tait
Lamond 4 v 9 Maclachlan
Kennedy 7 v 6 Hunter
Ritchie 9 v 7 H. Smith

The matches have been enjoyable. In the match between Bob Tait and Bob Smith the seventh end was critical. Bob S. was lying with a three stone advantage with Bob T laying the last stone. A magnificent draw claimed one shot to level the score at 4 - 4.

In the eighth end Bob S failed to claim the match by 2 cm (or less) with the last stone.

THE HACK will be pleased to print reports from matches. All you have to do is to send copy to Bob Smith or Phil Barton.

Best wishes to all the rinks - especially the rinks representing the Club.

More results in the next issue.

Congratulations to Tom Hunter & rink (Jim Aitken, Rod Burns & Jim Murray) on winning the Jim Temple Memorial Trophy at the Opening Bonspeil.

Previous winners of this fine trophy are **Peter Campbell** in 1993 and **Peter Ritchie** in 1994.

The Bonspeil was not as well attended as expected. That was unfortunate because the curling was keen and competitive. We were pleased to welcome James Barton aged 17. Is there scope to encourage more participation from younger curlers? They could bring a new perspective to the club action.

What happened to the missing curlers? More fines at the dinner perhaps?

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Articles and ideas for THE HACK are most welcome. The next issue will be in December

Beware of purchasing packs of chunky chicken 'fingers' - we hear an accident at Mr. Marshall's factory has left JR with a damaged hand.

Hope to see you back on the ice soon JR.

Controversial point???

What do you think of the idea that last minute substitutes should curl free! Their charges could be paid by the missing person?

Send in your views to THE HACK

In the next issue - a Christmas curling and sporting quiz. Reports from our fellow curler's exploits at Forest Hills!! and much more.

Hope you enjoyed the second issue of THE HACK. We hope you will participate and make sure we hear all the news. It will be great to receive written contributions. The next issue is out in December.

Bob & Phil