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Heavy Ice (?) at Lindores

February, deep in this year's winter, Willie Monks fought his way through blizzards and deep snow to check the Loch for playable ice! (See photo right)



Super League Division 4 Winners - all Abdie Curling Club Members

The Super League Division 4 Winning rink were all Members of Abdie Curling Club. They played 8 games - Won 7, lost 1

The rink for the final game of the season was (pictured left to right) Willie Thomson, Keith Rose, Andy Messenger and Willie Monks

George Thomson was also part of the squad with a cameo appearance from Rob Watson.

Loofie League

Abdie came 3rd in the Loofie League but did not fare so well in their Bonspiel where the spirit of Loofie [inexperienced curlers] is discarded for a day.

If any of you are keen to put something back into the game which has brought you so much pleasure why not take over the organisation of the Loofie league and Bonspiel from Bill Rollo?

The result of the Loofie League Bonspiel on 18th March was as follows:

- Cupar on +10 shots on 14 ends;
- Pitlessie on +10 shots on 12 ends;
- Ceres on +7;
- = Leuchars and Newport on +4 shots;
- Forret on -3;
- Crawford Priory on -11;
- Abdie on -21.

Ram's Head Competition

Willie Monks, of Abdie Curling Club, was a member of the rink, representing Rotary Club of Perth Kinnoull, when they won the Ram's Head Trophy in March. Congratulations to them.

The Ram's Head Trophy curling event, held this year on 11th – 12th March is open to all Rotary Clubs in Scotland. The winning club will represent Scotland in the Rotary World Curling Championships against Rotary Clubs from Canada, America and England (Berwick upon Tweed) in 2018 in Hamilton, Scotland.

Willie took a very long time to return home after his last Rotary International event, in Canada, (learned from Scottish football supporters returning from Argentina perhaps?); will Hamilton, Scotland have similar attractions?



I Stevenson, G Delgaty, C Moreland, Willie Monks

Annual Golf Outing – Early Notice

Alistair is proposing Dunning Golf Club as the venue for our annual golf outing, and would like to have an idea on numbers and when to have it.

Suggestion is a Friday, tee off from around 11:30 or so. Please contact Alistair before the end of April. The final date will be formalised at our AGM.

Gentlemen; The President

In this my final blog of the 2016/7 season, and my final months as President, I thought I should have a review of Abdie's year.

Firstly – Membership, we have, by my reckoning, 40 paid up and active members, something that few clubs in the area can boast, and we have had 14 of these members play as Skip during the season (with varying degrees of success, it has to be said!).

Competitions – Our internal competitions as ever have proven to be very popular, and again we have had a good spread of success amongst our members:

Sandy Farmer won the Points, with Stewart Todd and Willie Monks taking second and third.

The Pairs Competition was won by Scott Baird and Chris McGroarty.

The Kettle was won by Stewart Todd's rink, with Alex Hogg as the "Junior" skip.

Willie Monks lifted the Lister Tankard in the Secretary v Treasurer match against John McCallum, and Alistair Robinson took the Presidents Cup in the President v Vice President match against George Thomson.

Finally in our competition for the Epergne trophy where Abdie Ladies also participate, Scott Baird, Keith Rose, Randy Wallace and Diane Forster emerged as victors.

Externally it was definitely a very mixed bag – I'll do the bad news first:

Lomond League – Played 15, won 5, lost 9, drew 1 – finished 14th out of 15.

Cupar Province – Played 11, won 7, lost 4 – finished 5th out of 12.

Loofie League – Played 7, won 4, lost 2, drew 1 – finished 3rd out of 8.

Superleague Div.4 – Willie Monks team – Played 8, won 7, lost 1 – Champions!

In other interclub matches, we retained the Magnus Doull Trophy with a 18 – 7 victory over Stratheden, and at the Rippin Trophy, we reached the High Road final with 13 -0 and 8 -4 victories over Stratheden and Falkland, but lost 7 – 8 with the last stone to Pitlessie.

We also had our regular friendlies against Glenfarg, Orwell, Forret and Falkland, with varying degrees of success (or not!).

Over all we have had a good, if not great season, and I am sure we can continue to build on our successes and rectify some of our poorer performances.

Before I sign off and pass the Presidential baton to George, can I thank all members for their support over the last two years, with especial mention to my fellow office bearers, George Thomson, Willie Monks and John McCallum – and of course our Webmaster, Ron Robertson.

Have a great summer, and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our AGM at the Village Inn, Bridge of Earn on May 4th.

