



**SAUCHIE AND BANNOCKBURN  
CURLING CLUB**

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**



## **Great Sporting Moments in History**

- 2004 - Michael Schumacher wins a record 7th Formula 1 World Championship.
- 2001 - Tiger Woods wins US Masters and becomes first player to hold all 4 majors at the same time.
- 1972 - Mark Spitz wins record 7 Olympic gold medals.
- 1967 - Scotland beat “World Champions” England 3-2 at Wembley.
- 1954 - Roger Bannister runs first 4 minute mile.
- 1930 - Uruguay host and win the first World Cup.
- 1906 - First Grand Prix held at Le Mans.
- 1903 - First Tour de France.
- 1896 - First Modern Olympics held in Athens.
- 1892 - James J. Corbett wins first heavyweight boxing title.
- 1874 - Queens Park win first Scottish Cup Final
- 1862 - Worlds oldest football club; Notts County founded.
- 1860 - Prestwick holds first Open Golf Championship.
- 1857 - Sauchie and Bannockburn Curling Club founded.

## Foreword and Welcome

from Irene Hird and Donnie Macleod



We are delighted to share the Presidency in the 150<sup>th</sup> year of our club, with our respective two year terms as president overlapping during the year 2007. We celebrate the longevity of our club in a number of ways.

This booklet tracing the history of our club reveals much about curling and curlers over the years, but also the importance of curling in the life of the local community. Our club has had strong connections with individual families providing members throughout the generations leading to this day to the convivial, informal and family nature of the club. We share our celebrations in the best curling style with our fellow curlers: firstly through a bonspiel with 24 teams, including our own curlers, and regular friendly opponents from outside rinks and secondly through a Gala Dinner to be attended by curlers and friends from the local Provinces, our regular opponents outside the area and distinguished guests and speakers.

The Provost of Stirling City Council is hosting a civic reception prior to the Dinner and brings a message of congratulations to the club. The President of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club brings greetings and congratulations from the Governing Body. Our members have been preparing for this event for the past two years and our thanks are due to the Organising Committee whose tireless efforts have ensured everything goes like clockwork. From creating a new 150<sup>th</sup> pin, introducing playing kit with the club motif for the first time, ongoing fundraising events, it has been a real club effort to ensure we all enjoy ourselves.

Our thanks are due to our many sponsors whose generous contributions are acknowledged in this Anniversary booklet. We hope you enjoy the activities as much as we did organising them.





## A Brief History of Curling

In 1890, the Reverend John Kerr published *A History of Curling*. Below are some excerpts from his book, giving an insight into the game of Curling and its development through the years.

“When curling originated will probably never be known, although it is very certain that whenever there was a sheet of ice, people would assemble to throw stones or other similar objects. The first printed appearance of the words “curling” and “curling stones” was in 1638. From then until the present day, the terms have been known and recognised. From 1724 to 1771 there was an ongoing formation of curling societies and various references to curling in print. Robert Burns used curling to set the scene in his poem *The Vision* – “the sun had clos’d the winter day, the Curlers quat their roaring play”.

It is reasonable to suggest that Curling as a winter sport has been practised in Scotland in one form or another for over 500 years. The first curling stones were natural boulders, taken from dykes, etc. Termed “loofies” because they were without handles and were held in the “loof” or palm of the hand by means of holes cut in them for finger and thumb, and most were much lighter than those in present use. (The Smith Art Gallery and Museum in Stirling houses the oldest known example of a curling stone dated 1511, aptly named “the Stirling Stone”.)



The next development was the fixing of a handle of iron or wood into boulders retrieved from the channel or bed of rivers, hence the term “channel stane”. Some were enormous weighing well over 100lbs. The stones were still all shapes and sizes until the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century when the circular stone appeared. After the institution of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club 1838 which ultimately became the Royal Caledonian Curling club, the maximum weight of the stone, including handle and bolt, was fixed at 50lbs. This was further reduced to 44lbs in 1896. They could be used either side up, one side being dull for fast ice, the other polished smooth, almost keeled, for slow or slushy ice. The modern stone must weigh no more than 44lbs including the handle, and is now smooth and identical on both sides.

Brushes or brooms have also changed considerably over the years, from straw bound tightly to a walking stick, which developed into the Canadian broom. Straw however is brittle, and rinks more closely resembled a barn floor after a bout of frantic sweeping leading to a high amount of pick ups. The tight horse hair brushes that were the norm only a few years ago were perceived to be a big step forward although the Canadians persisted with the brooms until very recently. Today the modern “pads” are taking over, designed to give maximum sweeping ability without causing pick ups on the ice. (Doesn’t always work that way). The picture on the front cover taken on the Lake of Menteith in 1969 clearly shows the development in brush technology.

The evolution of the game continues into the modern era with the development of the sliding delivery, hacks morphing from crampits and even the delivery stick, or “cattle prod” that enables less fit and elderly curlers to play on the ice long after their aching joints would normally allow.

## Sauchie and Bannockburn Curling Club

In August 1857, James Pierpont, the son of a Unitarian Minister walked into Oliver Ditson & Co in Boston to publish his new thanksgiving song "Jingle All The Way". It wasn't very successful, so he added sleigh bells and re-released it at Christmas with the title Jingle Bells. The rest is history. In that same month on the other side of the Atlantic, a group of men met at the Pirnhall Inn on the outskirts of Stirling, with the aim of founding a Curling Club. This is our history. The following is an interesting account of the early years of Sauchie and Bannockburn Curling Club, written by the members (specifically Mr. W. Muirhead) at the time of the Club's centenary in 1957.

*"In 1857, a meeting of those interested in curling was held for the purpose of forming a club in the district of Sauchie and Canglour. There is no record of a minute for this meeting, but, in the Royal Caledonian Curling Club Annual for the year 1860, it stated that the club was instituted in 1857 and admitted in 1860. The first minute book of the club, in 1866, shows that the patrons were Sir A.C. Ramsay Gibson Maitland, Bart., of Sauchieburn, and John Lewis of Plean; The president was Thomas Bulloch and Vice-President Robert Rae; representative members were William Cowan and William Muirhead, Pirnhall; the Treasurer was William Drysdale and the Secretary James McPherson. At that time there were 19 members.*

*For the first few years the pond of the club was at the Bar near Canglour, and, as it was difficult to flood, it was rarely fit for play. The members agreed that a deputation should wait upon Sir A. C. Ramsay Gibson Maitland, Bart., with a view to securing a piece of ground for a pool near Bannockburn. They were immediately offered a site at the Waukmill, free of charge, and this generous offer was gladly accepted by the members. The pond was completed in 1873 and at that time the name of the curling club was changed to "The Sauchie and Bannockburn Curling Club". About this time Mr. Alexander Wilson of Bannockburn House, and his brother Mr. E. L. Wilson, along with Mr. John Dick of Craigengelt gave handsome donations towards the expense of the new pond. In appreciation of their generosity the members entertained them to a dinner in the Pirnhall Inn, and, according to the Minute Book, it was a great success".*



*The Outdoor Rink at Waukmill 23/2/05*

The Waukmill rink sits on the banks of the Bannock burn, a few hundred yards downstream from Beaton's mill, where James III was killed on his retreat from the Battle of Sauchieburn on June 8<sup>th</sup> 1488. It has been many years since the outdoor rink was played on, with the last recorded game on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1947. Since that time it has fallen into a state of disrepair with access limited to a scramble down a muddy bank through thick brier bushes. The small bothy has long since been demolished, with only a trace of the original building (*right*). Large trees now grow out of its interior where keen curlers used to gather, desperate to get on the ice. On a snowy day, however, it is not hard to imagine the rink in its heyday, with laughter ringing round the small clearing, the roar of the stones and shouts of "sweep".



*“The Jubilee Dinner for the club was celebrated in the Commercial Hotel Bannockburn, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 1907, when the members and friend enjoyed an excellent dinner of “beef and greens”. The chairman was John Muirhead of Milton Mill, the then oldest member of the club and a son of one of the original members – William Muirhead of Pirnhall. At that time the club membership was still small and the minutes disclose that for a number of years very little curling took place.*

*The earliest matches played by the club were against Muiravonside in 1861, Blairdrummond in 1864 and Gargunnoch in 1865. Later matches were arranged with many of the neighbouring clubs”.*

### **An Early Member’s Eye Witness Account**



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1927 the club held its Annual Supper in the Masonic Hall, Bannockburn. During the proceedings, a presentation of a portrait was made by Major Wilson to Mr John Muirhead (*left*) recognising 55 years club membership. John Muirhead’s reply gives us the clearest account of the early times of Sauchie and Bannockburn. Upon thanking the club, he gave the following resume which he thought would be of interest to the “many young members present.”

“I joined the Sauchie and Canglour Curling Club, which was the original name of our club, in 1872. At that time we had a membership of 19, with the late Col. Wilson of Bannockburn House as Club President. The membership of the club is now 41. I am now the only regular member left of those who were connected with the club at that time. The original pond of the Club was at Canglour, which was a reservoir in connection with a distillery. As this pond was so much out of the way, a deputation waited on Sir Alex. Ramsay Gibson Maitland of Sauchie and he kindly granted where the present pond is situated. It turned out to be an ideal place for a pond, but when the water was first turned on it all disappeared into the Bannock. The members were then faced with the expense of lining the side and part of the end next to the burn with wood,



and a considerable quantity of clay was carted from the Carse to puddle it. As the supply of water gave out, we again had to be at the expense of putting in a pipe from the Bannock, at the back of the old spinning mill, to the pond, which has proved ample, and is the supply today. We have three medals which used to be played for by points, and in 1896, when Miss Maitland (now Lady Steel Maitland) was appointed Patroness in place of her mother, she very kindly offered a pair of curling stones to be played for by points every season, and which were gratefully accepted.

I have many pleasant recollections of games and matches played in those 55 years. I have played in every Grand Match at Carsebreck, except one, since 1873, and our Club has been three times first in the Province match at Larbert, and you will see by the medals I am wearing tonight that our Club has been moderately successful in past years. We have had little or no curling since 1913, except for a few days in 1925, when the Grand Match was played at Carsebreck for the first time since February 1912. The longest periods of frost I remember were the years 1878-79 and 1880-81, when we got curling to our hearts content. We finished up the 80-81 season by playing Dundaff Club on Loch Coulter on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1881, when we won by 26 shots. I don't suppose there will have been a match played on Loch Coulter since. We also played two matches on Lake of Menteith.

Major Wilson and Brother Curlers, I beg to thank you for the kind words spoken about me tonight, and for the token of your esteem in presenting me with my portrait, of which I am very proud."

After the presentation and Curler's Court was instituted, and six new members were initiated into the mysteries of crampit and broom. A toast of "The Young Curlers" was proposed by Mr. Peter Muirhead in a few well chosen remarks, and replied to by Mr. John Young, one of the young curlers.

## Silver Medal for Runner Up



Of the three medals presented for annual competition, only the Silver Medal survives in the clubs archives. The last date coincides with the start of indoor curling. The medal was never used again. All dates match with the minuted records.

The Gold and Bronze medals must be out there somewhere?

*Obverse*



*Reverse*

*"Curling is now very different from the old days, when so much depended on the outside ice. The formation of ice rinks has entirely altered the game and clubs can now arrange for their competitions to be played any time from September to April.*

*We are greatly indebted to a number of good friends for presenting trophies and prizes for competition amongst the members. We would particularly make reference to Lady Steel Maitland of Sauchie, a patroness of the Club, who presented for a number of years, a pair of Curling Stones and Handles; Miss Mitchell of Bannockburn House and Miss Wilson for the Mitchell/Wilson Trophy; Mr. John Cairns, Mr. David Millar and Stirling Tractors whose trophies are played for annually, creating keen competition among the members.*

*The social activities of the Club have not been neglected, with Whist Drives and Dances, and, within recent years, our Theatre outings have attracted no less than 150 members and friends. Our summer outings to familiar places on the Clyde have also been well patronised with as many as 120 attending.*

*It is interesting to record in our centenary year that four generations of the Muirhead family have been connected with the Club. The Grandfather and Fathers of our President Mr W. Muirhead, Foot O' Green, and our Secretary, Mr. W.D. Muirhead held important offices. Their sons are now also members.*

*This gives an interesting glimpse of the history of the Club. The minutes show that the office bearers appointed from time to time during the last century were animated to foster and encourage the game and so the Club enters on the second century of its existence in a sound financial position backed by a large and enthusiastic membership.*

*As we have observed the Muirhead family over the century have taken a prominent part in the affairs of the Club and we must put on record the work of our present secretary. Mr. W.D. Muirhead, who has held this post*



*for the past 31 years. The strong position in which the club finds itself today is due in no small measure to the enthusiasm and efficiency with which he performs his duties, and these duties in the last few years have become very onerous. Reference has already been made to our social activities and their outstanding success was mainly due to the zealous manner in which he organised them. These functions are not confined to members of the Club and he is always ready to extend a hearty welcome to our friends, curlers and non-curlers alike. Since his retirement a few years ago, he has devoted a great part of his time to the game of curling, both in an*

*administrative and playing capacity, so it was a fitting reward when, in 1956, the Royal Caledonian Curling Club recognised his services to the game by electing him to the office of Senior Vice-President. It was undoubtedly a great honour to him but also one of which we members are proud. His many friends and fellow curlers will join in wishing him many more years not only as Club Secretary but also as an active curler of no mean ability.*

*No history of our Club would be complete without reference to Mr. Alex Kemp, our oldest member, who has been associated with the club for 57 years. He was joint secretary for 3 years and President for 3 years. One would not expect him at the age of 91 to take part in the "Roaring Game" but his interest in the Club has never abated. For the last 14 years he has acted as a representative member attending R.C.C.C. Annual General and Province Meetings. He attends all committee meetings where his advice is much sought after. It is of note to record that he has been with the same firm for 76 years. We as a Club are greatly honoured having this grand old gentleman still with us and so keenly interested in our welfare".*

Those were the words of former president and secretary of the club W. Muirhead Esq. written on the occasion of the clubs centenary in 1957. As was noted at the time, there have been four generations of Muirheads in the club from the very beginning, including Jimmy Muirhead, who has now been a club member for 64 years. Jimmy remembers well playing with Mr. Alex Kemp who at the time of the centenary was 91 years old and had been associated with the Club since 1900. Between Alex and Jimmy, they have covered an incredible 107 years of our clubs 150 year history.

It is interesting to note that several of the trophies mentioned 50 years ago are still played for in annual competition; Mitchell/Wilson, Cairns/Elder and the beautiful Millar Trophy. There are many interclub trophies that were also competed for at that time; Polmaise Trophy since 1895 and the Alex Reid Memorial cup since 1879, although Sauchie and Bannockburn were relative latecomers to this particular competition. (See the Trophies on page 28).

## **Outdoor Curling**

Outdoor or waterborne curling was indeed adventurous with several amusing accounts in the minute books.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1926

“The pond Committee reported that the pond had been cleared and a new sluice gate fitted and the fence repaired by Mr Penny of Cambusbarron. A tree to form the weir in the Bannock at the inlet pipe to the Pond was gratuitously given by Sauchieburn Estates, by Mr W.C. Davidson, Factor. This was fitted by Mr. Penny, and two days after, it was washed away by a spate on the burn and could not be found. On the motion of Mr A. L. Wilson it was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Davidson for the tree, and to ask for another tree to replace it.”

31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1927

“Only one game played this season, this being for the Col. Murray Trophy against Stirling. A few friendly games were played on poor ice during December, with the ice giving way on Christmas day and a few got a wetting.”

Season 1931-32

“It is regrettable to note that there was no waterborne ice for curling this season.”

The first games were now being played at Edinburgh and Crossmyloof Ice Rinks, and with a series of mild winters with little or no frost spelling the end of outdoor curling. The last outdoor game in the minutes was a friendly against Borestone on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1947. Scoring as follows;

Borestone		Sauchie and Bannockburn	
A. Oswald	28	W.D. Muirhead	11
W. Spence	19	Thos. Main	11
W. Thomson	17	W. Muirhead	18
	64		40

Although the pond was regularly cut and maintained for several more years, it was not used. The minutes noted a “keen frost from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1952 and despite very good ice, only 4 members turned up.” At the AGM in 1954 the members voted on a committee proposal to cease with the upkeep of the pond. Members were instructed to remove all stones from the Curling House a year later. Stones that were not removed were sold off at a profit of £21-10-0 to the club. The old Curling House was pulled down on safety grounds during the summer of 1963.

## Centenary Dinner

The centenary dinner was held in the Golden Lion Hotel on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1957 and was well attended by members and guest's alike.



*Back Row, Left to Right; D. Girven, Dawson Muirhead, H. Cairns, George McInnes, Willie Hendry, J. Halley, Jimmy Muirhead, W. Bullions, A. Steel  
Front Row, Left to Right; W.D. Muirhead, D. Stewart, W. Muirhead, J. Brisbane, Alex Kemp*

The Following article appeared in the November 1957 edition of "The Scottish Curler".



*The top table at the Sauchie and Bannockburn Centenary Dinner. Sitting left is Secretary W. D. Muirhead; next to him is Sir John Muir, President of the Royal Club, and W. Muirhead, the Sauchie President, is in the centre. Sitting right is the club's oldest member, 91-year old Alex Kemp.*

#### **MUIRHEAD FAMILY'S LONG RECORD OF SERVICE**

### **SAUCHIE and BANNOCKBURN Centenary**

FOR 100 years the Sauchie and Bannockburn Club has blazed the curling trail, and, throughout the century, one of the Muirhead clan has always been near the centre of affairs.

William Muirhead, Pirnhall, was one of the original members. His son, John Muirhead, Milton Mill, presided at the Jubilee Dinner of the Club in 1907.

At the Centenary Dinner, held in Stirling last month, the Chairman, W. Muirhead, Foot o' Green, and the Secretary, W. D. Muirhead, Whins of Milton, kept the flag flying and their sons were there too to make a fourth generation. Young John Muirhead, indeed, made a first-rate job of proposing "Our Guests."

The highlight of a memorable evening was the presentation of a Television Set by the Chairman to the Secretary, who has held this post with distinction for no less than thirty-one years. Secretary Willie Muirhead was a proud man as he received his gift and surveyed the past.

The evening was also a stirring occasion for the oldest member, 91-year-old Alex Kemp, who has been associated with the Club for fifty-seven years. He said a few words near the end of the evening and received the ovation he deserved.



## 1957 –2007

In the years since the centenary, Sauchie and Bannockburn continued to go from strength to strength, with the membership capped at 80 and a waiting list introduced in the 1970's. Ladies were also introduced to the club in the 1960's and remain an important and welcome addition to this day. Curling was by now played mostly at Falkirk until its closure in 1976. For a few years games were played where ever and when ever ice was available, notably Kinross, Crossmyloof and Perth, until the present Ice Rink opened at Stirling in 1980.

### British Open Champions 1963



*Willie Young receives the British Open from Festus Moffat for the 5<sup>th</sup> time on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 1963. Pictured with his rink Alex McWattie of Sauchie and Bannockburn, Mrs W. Young and James Scott. The rink defeated Gavin McLuggage from Stratheden by 12 shots to 11 after an extra 13<sup>th</sup> end.*

Throughout the years the club has continued to enjoy a healthy social life, with numerous curlers courts, summer golf outings, quiz nights, and although the once very successful dinner dance was phased out some years ago, the annual prize giving now takes place at the AGM, which is followed by a cheese and wine party and is always well attended by our members. The dinner for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at the Golden Lion Hotel continues this tradition and we look forward to many more to follow.

## Queens Trophy Runners up 1970



The Sauchie and Bannockburn rink – all members of the Falkirk Ice Rink Curling Club – who so nearly produced a local double in the final of the Queen's Trophy. Pictured with their runners-up replicas are (left to right) – Willie Hendry, skip; James W. Scott; Alex McWattie and Jim Scott.

The strong tradition of family support has continued to follow the example of the Muirheads who have had at least one family member at all times throughout the clubs history. Still going strong today is Jimmy Muirhead, a member of the club for 64 years and now an honorary member. Jimmy is also the proud holder of a 50 year medal for continuous membership of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. His son Hamish also curled for many years.

Alex McWattie's daughter Moira and husband Dair Anderson, along with their sons Graeme and Craig have ensured ongoing representation of the family input into the third generation, and at one point there were 9 members of the extended Anderson family in the club at the same time. Another farming family the Brisbane's, have provided four generations of curlers. Currently John Brisbane and his son Stephen are active curlers, John's father Stewart and uncle Jim were both club members, and his grandfather, also John starting the tradition.

## Lake of Menteith '69



*George McInnes, Alex Bullions, Danny Taylor and Jimmy Muirhead*

This picture interestingly shows the changing style of brush in the late '60's with George and Jimmy using the traditional broom, while Alex favours the more modern horse hair brush. Danny on the other hand appears to have borrowed his brush from a coal cellar.

Other families in second generation curling are the Morrisons, with Iain and brother Logan and their wives Nan and Val, with Iain's son and daughter Alan and Avril. The extended Ogilvie family, Janice, Margaret, Irene and Angus Kerr, Bob and Margot Ferrier. The Hopes (Campbell, Jenny, John), the Patricks (Andrew, Eleanor, Graham), the Sloans (Hugh, Jennifer and Derek), the Watts (Alan, Alexander, Thomas and Elspeth) and Donnie and Laura Macleod.

The family tradition appears again when Kirsty Bullions (now Wilson) became the first Lady President in 1989. Her father Willie and brother

Alex were stalwart members in years gone by, and family trophy is played for in annual competition. Since this groundbreaking appointment the club have had two further Lady Presidents in Marion Johnston and Irene Hird.



*Willie Young and Alex McWattie*

This picture was taken during the Grand Match on the Lake of Menteith in 1979, Willie Young tragically suffered a stroke days after this picture was taken and never curled again. Both Willie and Alex received honorary memberships from Sauchie and Bannockburn Curling Club, Alex for his 16 years service as secretary, and Willie, who was a member of Airth, for his exploits on the ice.

The McWattie trophy was presented by Alex's family for annual competition in his memory.

The highlights of Willie Young's curling exploits are a total of seven World Championships, seven British Championships, two Scottish Championships and six R.C.C.C. championships.

**1979 Grand Match**



*A visit from Billy Connelly*



*Rev. Bob Jones and wife Margret*



*From left: Dair Anderson, Stuart Brisbane, Jimmy Scott with the opposition*

On the ice by far the most successful curler in the modern game has been Iain Morrison along with fellow members Mary Scobie and Janice Ogilvie (and Jim Muir from another club) who consistently represented Stirling in the Scottish Mixed Championship. The team were victorious in winning the Scottish Mixed in 1985 and 1989, having played in the Scottish Final on three occasions. Iain himself won the Scottish Seniors Championship playing with a Hamilton rink and competed in the Scottish Men's Championship with his own team very creditably over a number of years.

Sauchie and Bannockburn curlers are well known faces in many of the local ice rink competitions and have had successes consistently over the years. Similarly in the many invitation events held in ice rinks throughout Scotland the names of Iain Morrison, Mary Scobie, Janice Ogilvie, Jimmy Muirhead, Angus Collins, David and Irene Hird, Duncan and Edith MacRae, Robin and Marion Johnston, Calum MacNee and Linsey Alison.

Sauchie and Bannockburn has been a strong supporter of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. They have provided players for the RCCC Tours with Jimmy Muirhead (USA 1975), Iain Morrison (USA 1977) and David Hird (USA 1997) on the Men's side; similarly Mary Scobie (USA 1991) and Irene Hird (Canada 1995) being selected for the RCCC Women's Tours.

The RCCC Council has been fortunate to have as members Duncan MacRae and Irene Hird. Irene was the RCCC Ladies Branch President in 2000 and is currently a Director of the RCCC Board.

Club members have featured prominently in every aspect of curling whether playing or contributing to the running of the sport. The club has been fortunate to have many good curlers with a high standard of club curling being the foundation for some notable successes on the ice.

## Christmas Bonspiel 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006



Club members from left to right:-

Graeme Anderson, Robin Johnston, Jimmy Muirhead, Derrick Douglas, Angus Collins, Donnie Macleod, Rosemary McLennan, Calum MacNee, Peter McIntyre, Linsey Alison, Archie Barclay, Alison Dawson, Val Saville, David Elder, Elspeth Watt, Murray Collins, Joe Kincaid, Alan Watt, Marion Johnston



### **Heading Home**

The bonspiel o'er, the day is done,  
The rink framed by the setting sun.  
Rising mist on glistening ice,  
The softness of a winter's light.

True fellowship of curlers keen,  
Honoured guests in this frozen scene.  
The shouts of sweep, the roar of stones,  
Exhaustion in our weary bones.

A dram each end to warm our feet,  
Has surely made this curler sleep.  
To wind up in a state of bliss,  
Was e'er a day as perfect as this?

*Graeme & Caroline Anderson*



## Office Bearers

<b>Presidents</b>	<b>Secretaries</b>	<b>Treasurers</b>
1866 – 67 Thos. Bulloch	1866 – 70 Jas. McPherson	1866 – 72 Wm. Drysdale
1867 – 72 Wm. Cowan	1870 – 71 And. Thomson	1872 – 79 And. Thomson
1872 – 95 Col. Alex Wilson	1871 – 72 Jas. McPherson	1879 – 82 Alex Macaulay
1895 – 97 Major E. L. Wilson	1872 – 74 George Watson	1882 – 91 John Muirhead
1897 – 99 John Muirhead	1874 – 91 Thos. Ronald	1891 – 93 Alex Macaulay
1899 – 1900 Robert Pearson	1891 – 1892 Alex Macaulay	1892 – 95 Robert Taylor
1900 – 02 Peter Muirhead	1893 – 95 Robert Taylor	1895 – 1915 Major Wm. Wilson
1902 – 03 And. Adam	1895 – 1905 Major Wm. Wilson	1915 – 1919 A. L. Wilson
1903 – 07 Rev. Jas. Allan	1905 – 07 W. R. Wilson	1919 – 33 Major Wm. Wilson
1907 – 33 John Muirhead	1907 – 09 Alex Macaulay	1933 – 34 A. L. Wilson
1933 – 37 Major Wm. Wilson	1909 – 23 Jas. Nicol	1934 – 36 John Steel
1937 – 40 Peter Muirhead	1923 – 26 Alex Kemp & D. Miller	1936 – 40 Wm. McNaughton
1940 – 43 Alex Kemp	1926 – 65 W. D. Muirhead	1940 – 53 R. Ian Muirhead

1943 – 45 David Miller	1926 – 65 W. D. Muirhead	1940 – 53 R. Ian Muirhead
1945 – 48 John Cairns	“	“
1948 – 53 W. D. Muirhead	“	“
1953 – 57 Wm. Muirhead	“	1953 – 68 John Hally
1957- 60 David Stewart	“	“
1960 – 62 John Brisbane	“	“
1962 –65 Alex McWattie	“	“
1965 – 67 W. T. Hendry	1965 – 81 Alex McWattie	“
1967-70 J. D. Muirhead	“	1968 - 84 George McInnes
1970- 72 A. Bullions	“	“
1972- 74 George McInnes	“	“
1974 – 76 Stewart Brisbane	“	“
1976- 78 Jimmy Scott	“	“
1978 –80 A. Iain Morrison	“	“
1980 – 82 A.J. (Dair) Anderson	1981 – 87 Angus Kerr	“

1982 – 84 Duncan MacRae	1981 – 87 Angus Kerr	1968 - 84 George McInnes
1984 – 85 Roy Wallace	“	1984 – 97 Duncan MacRae
1985 – 87 Bob Ferrier	“	“
1987 – 89 Jim Kerr	1987 – 99 David Hird	“
1989 – 91 Kirsty Bullions	“	“
1991 – 93 John Hope	“	“
1993 – 95 David Hird	“	“
1995 – 97 Archie Barclay	“	“
1997 – 99 Peter McIntyre	“	1997 - 2001 Derrick Douglas
1999 – 2001 Marion Johnston	1999 – 2002 Donnie Macleod	“
2001 – 03 Derrick Douglas	2002 – 2004 Robert Muir	2001 – 2003 Willie Hart
2003 – 05 Graeme Anderson	2004 - Joan Anderson	2003- Linsey Alison
2005 – 07 Irene Hird	“	“
2007 – 09 Donnie Macleod	“	“

# Trophies



*Hendry*



*Hope Pairs*



*Bullions*



*McWattie*



*Muirhead*



*Mitchell Wilson*



*Morrison*



*Corrieri*



*Millar*



*Cairns Points*



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