

Match Secretary's Report 2019-20

Report for season 2019-20 in no particular order. The longest season ever.
Further details are on the newly updated club website.

In the District Medal on January 4th at Inverness skip Mike McInnes, Colin MacGregor, Ali Cruickshank & Fay McInnes defeated Cawder House from Braehead.

Points

Alex Scott won the club points for the 1st time; Stephen Laurie won the handicap trophy & Neil Pottie won the draw to bottle.

Millennium Trophy

Skip John Bochel, Alan Scott, Alan Morton & Paul MacDonald beat Seamus McArdle's rink 4-3 [in his absence skipped by Danny Gray].

Sandy Gunn League

Gus Forbes' rink of Alex Scott, Sid Brown & Johnny Hogg won the Sandy Gunn League remaining undefeated throughout the season.

Park Cup

Skip Robbie Asher, Robbie Cope, Erich Behrendt & Ian Stuart beat Ali Tunstall's rink in the final in a tense encounter.

The Dalcross Needle

Was won unusually by Dalcross after a pot lid draw by Tom Pendreigh after the match finished peeled at 19 all.

The Nairnshire Bonspiel was a great day as usual, so much so there is no record or recollection of the winners. Willing to accept any reasonable evidence. Probably Ardclach again.

The much sought-after David Brown Shield was won by Stewart Morrison, ably assisted by Alan Stanfield, Erich Behrendt & Matthew Herbert.

The Match Cup & Granada Cup were not played and the Webster Cap not awarded, although perhaps it should be a joint award to our politicians this year.

The Nairn rink of Harold Forrester, Gregor Munro, Frank Milne & Nichol Bathgate retained the Gordon & MacPhail Seniors League in Inverness. Assisted throughout the season by Alan Stanfield, Malcolm Jones & Bob Ferenth.

In Moray Province Division 1, Ali Asher & Mike McInnes' rinks were relegated with Bob Pottie coming up from Division 2, whilst Dan Torok's rink won Division 3, promoted alongside Seamus McArdle's rink who were runners-up.

Ali Asher's rink lost in the MPKO final to Ally Fraser of Ardclach, only the 2nd time that club has won it. It appears I omitted from last year's report that the MPKO was won by Larry' Kerr's rink in 2019.

That concludes the playing part of my report.

If I've missed anything you'd like included please let me know & I'll amend the filed report.
I'd like to mention the golfing achievements of our member Sandy Scott. In September 2019 he was the top GB&I performer in the Walker Cup, reached number 5 in the World Amateur Golf Rankings with a great season, including an excellent performance in the US Open at Winged Foot where he just failed to make the cut. We wish him well in his golfing career forged by his early experiences winning the Sandy Gunn League.

Having enjoyed my 2nd term as match secretary with various other roles in between, I'm delighted that Alan Bulcraig is to take over from me. Alan has taken to curling with great enthusiasm since he joined the club a few years ago. He is a very able, efficient replacement & I'll be looking on very enviously as he takes my seat at the top table of our annual court which we're still hoping to have at some point in 2021.

Despite the current pandemic, I think the club is still in great shape with many competitions & a busy social agenda when allowed.

Thanks to you all for your support over the years. It's been a lot of fun.
Yours in curling,

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