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AYR CURLING CLUB

An event, probably unique in the history of curling, the New Stones Bonspiel took place at Ayr Ice Rink on Wednesday 18th March. A bonspiel was organised as a "thank you" to all sponsors of our new stones at Ayr Ice Rink.

Each stone was played by a sponsor (or representative) resulting in a total of 96 people taking to the ice with 8 players per rink. This naturally led to some confusion to begin with, but ended with lots of laughter and everyone enjoyed this unorthodox game of curling.

It was also discovered that 6 sweepers to a stone is not necessarily an advantage!

Afterwards we all had a meal, prepared by Passion Caterers, and did lots of reminiscing. A really fun day was had by all involved.



Report and photo courtesy of Liz Boswell



Report and photos courtesy of Ronnie Peat

AYR ICE RINK

Ed Baines, who curls at Ayr Ice Rink, made a promise that when his new taxi arrived that he would promote curling in Ayrshire. In consultation with the Development Group and with the assistance of the design team at Paligap, his taxi now brightens up the streets of Ayrshire and has given our sport a tremendous boost.

On 21st of March Ed revealed his new pride and joy to some of the young curlers, and Hubert Ireland (pictured). I'm sure you'll all agree that it looks great and what a fantastic job he has done of it.

DENNY CURLING CLUB

Denny Curling Club president Sadie Stewart recently attended the AGM of Stirling Young Curlers at The Peak ice rink to present a brush to Stirling Young Curlers' most improved player, Kieran Blackley, from Bannockburn. The winner was decided by the Young Curlers coaches. This is the fourth year which Denny have made the award.

A past president of Denny CC, Alistair Shaw, left a bequest in his will of some money which was to be used to develop curling particularly for young people living in and around Denny. Although the club tried to raise interest in local schools there was no response and so the decision was made to make an annual presentation of a brush to a player from the Young Curlers.

Since the inaugural presentation Denny CC has formed close bonds with the Young Curlers and arrange a match and meal for players from both clubs. To further this friendship the teams are made up of two players from each club.

As a result of this co-operation two of the Young Curlers have now joined Denny CC and the club hopes that others would follow. As an incentive the club offers half price ice to junior curlers.



Report and photo courtesy of Gifford Rickard

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Report and photo courtesy of Roger Manson

GOUROCK CURLING CLUB

In a recent Club League match played at the The Waterfront, Greenock, members of Gourrock Curling Club witnessed a real rarity when one end finished with all sixteen Stones in the Head.

The two rinks were W Aitchison (Skip), F G G Orr, J Stables and C MacDonald against S Cowie, D MacFarlane, T Hawthorn and T Winning. Team Cowie eventually won the game by 9 – 3.

MUSKETEERS CURLING CLUB

Three teams from Musketeers Curling Club played in the 22nd Herb Lackoff Trophy at Mannheim Curling Club over the weekend of 13- 15 March 2015.

It was a tournament of 20 teams played in a Schenkel with a closed final. Teams from France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Scotland were joined by a smattering of Canadians and Germany's top quiz champion no less! The German senior men's team were also notable entrants.

However none were ready for the Edinburgh onslaught as the Musketeers battled to the top of the table from the off. Graham Cormack opened his account with a 23-1 victory. Alan Chalmers played a wonder runback double on the angle in the Semi-Final to ensure a Final match against Steve Rankin's team only beaten by Cormack in the round robin. Ultimately, the three Scots teams finished on 72 ends and 141 shots after 5 games. Steve Rankin's team took the title with Chalmers in runner up spot and Cormack in fourth.

It was a very well run tournament by a friendly and hospitable Mannheim CC who despite their size do all the catering, run the bar and make the ice. It runs with the efficiency of a major event but with a couthy atmosphere. At the banquet on Saturday night they presented club president Gordon Addison with a generous token of their appreciation for the club's attendance and sociability! His tri-lingual response (if Franglais and comedy German count) was generously received and very well intentioned!



Report and photo courtesy of Gordon Addison

The success in the tournament was met with very generous prize money, but the real reward was the great fun and spirit in which the tournament was played. For those clubs who tour it is well worth a visit in coming years.

NEILSTON CURLING CLUB



Report and photo courtesy of Bill Ferrie

As part of the club's ongoing aim to attract new members, it appointed a design consultant at the start of the season, to create a new badge and logo for the club. A number of drafts were produced and discussed by the members before this new badge was adopted by the club.

Whilst the club was instituted in 1875, the members wanted the new badge to project a modern and vibrant image. The badge will be embroidered on the members' fleeces in time for the new season and will feature at the top of its website and on all promotional material. I hope that you all like our new badge we are very pleased with it.

DUMBARTON CURLING CLUB

"Since we have enjoyed good fellowship on the ice and are resolved that we will meet and form ourselves in a band of brotherhood and fellowship and that we will be called Dumbarton Curling Club." These are the opening words in the minute book of 1815.

On Sunday 1st February 2015 at Greenacres, the club celebrated its bicentenary with a bonspiel and dinner with rinks from neighbouring clubs - Cardross, Duntocher and Helensburgh.

President Bill Marshall welcomed players and guests and was delighted that the club were able to celebrate the occasion. After a curler's dinner senior club member, Bill Coutts, gave a resume of the club's past 200 years.

Bill Marshall presented the winning rink with bottles of malt whisky and guests received an engraved leather card holder as a memento of the event.



Report and photo courtesy of Bill Marshall

Alex Filsie from Duntocher Curling Club closed the evening with a thank you speech on behalf of the invited clubs.

OLYMPIA CENTRE

Cast your mind back to February 2014 when you were watching the Winter Olympics on TV and probably concentrating on the curling. You heard a constant reference to the Try Curling Programme organised by the RCCC.

Well the Yate & Sodbury District of The University of the Third Age were also watching and wondered if they could try curling. They quickly established that the closest facility could not accommodate over 50 totally inexperienced beginners but the RCCC offered lots of beginner sessions, in Scotland!

By some process of elimination they alighted on Lanarkshire Development Officer Jim Morrison and so began a long series of correspondence culminating in a booking for three days ice at East Kilbride rink and three nights accommodation in the adjoining Bruce Hotel starting on Monday 9th March, as well as two days of sightseeing trips. After a quick introduction to the game the group took to the ice the next morning to work on their delivery whether it was sliding or using a stick. After lunch some stayed to extend their skills while another a group set out for Edinburgh where some took a tour around Holyrood House while others visited the Royal Yacht Britannia before exploring Edinburgh. In the evening they were entertained by a Scottish piper and dancer, poems by two members of the group before some line dancing led by members of the U3A Latin in Line Group. Followed by a singalong led by some of the U3A folk singers.



Report and photo courtesy of Jim Morrison

The next morning confidence on the ice had certainly improved and the group were split into teams to play some short games. In the afternoon the group set off on their journey south again with a stop off at the Falkirk Wheel and detour past the Kelpies.

Everyone had a fantastic time, are completely hooked on the game and already have another group who want more of the same.

Naturally there was some major concerns regarding the safety aspects of such a large group of "mature" beginners all on the ice at the same time but lots of pre-planning ensured that there were no accidents.

The new curlers are now going back to Bristol to put pressure on their local rink to consider curling sessions. The hotel have contacted a local coach tour company with a view to introducing a curling based tour, the ice rink have agreed their co-operation and the shopping centre are considering the sponsorship of a visitor's trophy. Just goes to show the power of publicity.

THORNTON CURLING CLUB

Thornton Curling Club celebrated their 150th Anniversary with a bonspiel and dinner.

The Bonspiel was held at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Monday 23rd February with 20 teams taking to the ice. Soup, sandwiches and banter flowed all night with Balcaskie taking the prize. A dinner at Dean Park Hotel followed on the Friday 27th February. We were lucky to have speakers such as Bill Arnot - Lundin & Montrave, David Maidon - Hercules and Marian Fraser - Vice President of Ladies Branch RCCC. Roy Murray providing fabulous entertainment too. We are thankful to our fellow curlers for their support.



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VACANCY: WELFARE OFFICER

Welfare Officer (£28,000 pro rata, 25%) plus benefits and expenses.

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The Royal Caledonian Curling Club (RCCC) is the national governing body for the sport of curling in Scotland. It is seeking an individual with skills and experience in creating safe environments to allow people to enjoy participation in curling, particularly children and vulnerable groups. This position incorporates the role of the Lead Child Protection Officer.

For further information and to download an application form go to the [RCCC website](http://RCCC.org.uk).



COACHING VOLUNTEERS

The photograph above shows just some of the participants in the East Kilbride Shopping Centre Schools Cup competition, and a very happy bunch they are too. Twelve schools take part in the bi-annual competition, but have you ever thought of what's involved in getting to such a happy picture?

Each school has 4 one hour sessions at the end of which a team is selected but that process needs 4 coaching volunteers, each of whom gives up 4 hours, so 16 hours per school, times 12 schools, 192 hours, and a final with coaches in attendance takes it to over 200 hours, twice a year.

Next time you are at your local rink and you see a schools group, think about offering to volunteer for an hour a week. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.



Report and photo courtesy of Jim Morrison



JUDITH MCCLEARY APPOINTED AS HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT

We are delighted to announce that Judith McCleary has been appointed in a new role as Head of Development for the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

This role will provide leadership across all areas that develop curling membership, competitions, workforce and performance development, in line with the new strategic plan. Judith will be known to many of you for the great work she has done as a Development Manager over the last eight years and representing Scotland at the World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship (pictured left). Judith will commence her new role from 1st May 2015.

SCOTTISH CURLING MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP

Nine teams, split over two sections competed in the round-robin stages of the Scottish Curling Mixed Championship over the weekend 27 – 29 March 2015.

Team Hardie (Grant Hardie, Rowena Kerr, Blair Fraser and Abi Brown) met team Waddell in the Semi-Final which saw team Waddell take a 4 – 1 lead after 4 ends but lost a 3 in the 5th end to tie the game. Waddell took a 1 in the 6th and stole a 1 in the 7th for a 2 shot lead going into the last end and with Hardie only scoring a 1, team Waddell made the final.

In the other Semi-Final team Bryce met team Brewster. In a very competitive close game with Brewster taking a single to finish the 8th end all square and go into an extra end. With Bryce having last stone advantage and Brewster lying 2, with 1 in the 4 foot and guarded, Bryce played a magnificent angled raise double on Brewster's stones to blank the end and force a second extra end. Another close end and with stones in play Brewster drew with his last stone but Bryce played a controlled take out take the single required.

Team Bryce's dominant form continued in the final when he played Waddell. Waddell blanked the first and took a 2 in the 2nd end.

Bryce blanked the 3rd and with a superb split took a 5 in the 4th and then stole a 1 in the 5th for a 6 -2 lead. Waddell fought back with a 2 in the 6th but with Bryce



scoring another 1 in the 7th and then keeping the 8th end clear Waddell conceded the game at 4 – 7 down with 2 stones left to play.

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NEWCOMERS TROPHY

72 young curlers competed for the very successful Newcomers Trophy on Sunday 29th March at Greenacres Curling Rink. Great fun was held by all involved and it was hard to believe that they were only introduced at the start of the day.

The winning team of Skip Tim Hopf (Waterfront) Eva Welsh (Stirling) Callum McLain (Borders) and Stuart Robson (Lockerbie) are pictured alongside all of the High Road and Low Road winners and runners up and RCCC Area 4 representative Bobby Corbett.

A very big thank you to all who competed in the event, including coaches, parents, volunteers and of course the staff and ice men at Greenacres Curling Rink for making the 2015 competition a success.



Report and photos courtesy of Gordon McIntyre

NATIONAL VIRTUAL CLUB CHALLENGE



The 2015 National Virtual Club Challenge, sponsored by Kays of Mauchline, took place on Saturday 28 March at intuBraehead. Teams came from all over Scotland with 14 of the 17 virtual clubs represented in a wonderful competition between 122 enthusiastic curlers in 28 teams. The teams played 3 four end games each, in two sections.

In the final session the top 7 teams faced each other in the climax of the day. The top teams, Braehead One (George Elliott, Sandra Goldie, George Barron and Alison Brunger pictured) faced Edinburgh Two (Kirsteen Higgins, Barbara Gillespie, Helen Maxwell and Alisdair Dawson). Edinburgh won the coin toss for hammer in the first end but Braehead led from the start by stealing a 2 in the first end. The second end saw a lot of stones in play and Edinburgh gave up another 2, so Braehead had a comfortable 4 point lead at the half way stage. The third end saw Braehead increase their lead with a steal of three and the final end saw all 16 stones in play and Braehead stole a single to finish victorious by 8-0.

Particular thanks must be acknowledged for the staff at intuBraehead Curling Rink, the chief and only umpire John McGowan, David Horne for coordinating things at the rink, the RCCC staff who worked behind the scenes to make the event happen and Kirsty Meikle, from the winning team last year, for assisting with the smooth running of the day.

PLAYERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Team Muirhead (Eve Muirhead, Anna Sloan, Vicki Adams and Sarah Reid) won the Grand Slam of Curling Players' Championship in Toronto, Canada from 7th to 12th April, after defeating Russia's Team Sidorova in the Women's Final.

Successive steals in the 7th and 8th end, sealed Team Muirhead's victory with a final score of 4-2. This was to be the second career Players' Championship title for Eve Muirhead, Anna Sloan and Vicki Adams, having previously claimed the title two years ago (with lead Claire Hamilton).

Team Muirhead followed this achievement to finish their season on a high winning the European Masters in St. Gallen Switzerland from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th April. Scotland's Team Smith (Kyle Smith, Grant Hardie, Kyle Waddell, Cameron Smith, and alternate Duncan Menzies) also had a strong showing at the competition as they were narrowly edged out by World Champions Team Edin in the Men's Final.

Team Muirhead's European Masters win also sealed their place as winners of the Curling Champions Tour. Scotland's Team Brewster finished second in the men's competition, while Team Murdoch finished in fifth place.



Photo courtesy of Sportsnet/Anil Mungal

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WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Scotland were represented at the Ford World Men's Curling Championship in Halifax, Canada from Saturday 28th March to Tuesday 7th April by Team MacDonald (Ewan MacDonald, Duncan Fernie, Ruaridh Greenwood, Euan Byere, alternate David Murdoch and coach David Reid after they won the Scottish Men's Curling Championship in Perth in February.

It just wasn't too be for Scotland at this year's World Men's Curling Championship as they went down to five successive losses from the start as they were defeated by Italy, Japan, Finland, Norway and Czech Republic. Scotland's men finally got a win on the board when they beat Russia by 8-6 in the Session 9 game.

It was a far from promising start for the Scots when Russia opened with a score of three in the first end, but the Scots quickly got back into the game and got into a 5-3 lead before Russia tied the game at 5-5 in the sixth end and the teams swapped singles in the seventh and eighth ends. In the ninth, MacDonald played a draw-shot for one more point to move his lead to 7-6. The Scots then finally did get their first win, by 8-6, when a Russian promote effort went wrong in the tenth end, giving Scotland a steal of one point to settle the game.

Afterwards, a relieved MacDonald said, "that was very big. It's been a tough week, and we've not been a million miles away in so many of the games, it's just been half an inch here and there, but it's nice to get a win on the board. We were a bit sharper there and managed to make a nice run of ends around the middle and that got us some momentum."

Scotland continued this momentum with a 6-4 win over USA with a candidate for shot-of-the-week from skip Ewan MacDonald. The Scots went on to win when MacDonald played his last stone of the tenth off a wing stone to slip behind and inside three USA stones around the four-foot ring with several guards in front. When the attempt to remove it by USA skip John Shuster came in at the wrong angle, the Scots stole one point from the end for their win.

Scotland then went on to secure their third successive win in an extra end against Switzerland. The Scots had the chance to wrap things up in the tenth but MacDonald's attempt to score a two came up short and the game went to an extra end. With the game's last stone, Swiss skip Marc Pfister was heavy and through with his final draw attempt and Scotland stole one point for a 5-4 win.

After managing to put together a run of three wins Scotland went down to three successive losses to Canada, China and Sweden. Following their last game MacDonald who during the week carried out what became excruciating post-game media rituals with enormous dignity, said "I'm just extremely disappointed. Coming into this week, we'd all put in a lot of work and thrown a lot of stones and we were feeling good. We just got off to a really poor start and we were up against it right from the kick-off. We put ourselves under pressure. We knew how important it was to get out of the traps, and it didn't happen."



Photos WCF / Michael Burns

Norway went on to beat Canada in the 1v2 game, while Sweden overcame Finland in the 3v4 game. Hosts Canada went on to claim Bronze as they beat Finland with a score of 8-4 in the Bronze Medal Game while Sweden were crowned World Men's Curling Champions as they emerged 9-5 winners over Norway, who took the silver medal.

**For full results go to
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WORLD MIXED DOUBLES CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Scotland were represented at the World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship in Sochi Russia from 18th to 25th April by husband and wife team Lee and Judith McCleary after they won the Scottish Curling Mixed Doubles Championship in January.

The Scottish duo got off to a strong start with a dominant win 16-0 win against Romania. After this they came up against 2013 champions Hungary and were leading by the half way point but eventually went down to 5-8 loss. More tough opposition was to follow as they went up against last year's bronze medallists Spain, and they came very close but lost by 10-9 on the last stone of the game. Scotland were to continue to come close but just fall at the last as they then lost 8-9 in an extra end to England and then going down to Estonia 7-8 again on the last stone of the game.

After this Scotland's fortunes changed as they claimed a win against a previously undefeated Canada. As most of Scotland's other games of the week, they started strongly and were 5-1 up at the halfway point. As was the case in many of their other games though, the Canadians fought back to level the game in the second half.

In the seventh end, Lee McCleary played a nose-hit with his final stone to score three and take an 8-5 lead. After this in the eighth end, Canada had a biter at the back of the house which made a score of three to tie the game a possibility. But Lee McCleary put up a guard with his last and then Canada's Kalynn Park's attempted multiple take-out went wrong and Scotland stole a single point to seal their 9-5 win.

Afterwards, Judith McCleary said, "We got off to a good start and then just kept the play going, kept putting on the pressure. We got our weight quite good and our line good, so that was a good game for us."

Scotland then followed up this game with an 8-3 win against Belarus, the breakthrough coming in the sixth end when they grabbed a score of four to take a 7-3 lead. Scotland's Judith and Lee McCleary then recorded their third win in a row when they beat Korea by 9-3 in their second-last round-robin game in the Wednesday afternoon's game.

The Scots started well. They had last stone advantage and used it to score three points in the first end. After that they had a single steal in the second and a further steal of three points in the third followed by another single point steal in the fourth gave them an 8-0 lead at the halfway break.

Korea finally got onto the board with two points in the fifth end, after which the teams swapped single sin the sixth and seventh ends, and Korea conceded.

After this game, Lee McCleary said, "it feels really good to get the win. We played really well there, got a good start then put the pressure on them. Unlike some of our other games when we got a good lead but then gave it up, we managed to keep piling on the pressure and saw it through to the end. That's three wins from three now, which is really good."

Scotland's Mixed Doubles duo then concluded their campaign with a 10-5 win over Poland, finishing off the game with a steal of three points. Remarkably, this was the Scots' fourth win in succession but an earlier run of four losses was enough to take them out of contention for Play-off games, and they finished in sixth place in their Group.



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WORLD SENIOR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Scotland were represented at this year's World Senior Curling Championships by men's team (David Hay, Norman Brown, Gordon Muirhead, Hugh Aitken and alternate Mike Hay) and women's team (Kay Gibb, Carol Scott, Elinor Ritchie, Margaret Archer and alternate Judith Carr).

The team's won the right to represent Scotland after winning the O.V.D Scottish Curling Men's and Women's Championship back in February, where David Hay's rink defeated last year's champions Team Prentice and Kay Gibb's team defeated the holding World Senior Curling Women's Champions, Team Cannon.

SCOTLAND'S MEN

The Scottish men got off to a perfect start taking a five in the first end of their first game against Czech Republic and controlled the game after this to secure an 8-4 win. The Scots once again build up a solid lead in their second game against Japan racing to a 6-0 lead by the third end and running out 9-3 winners, before grabbing a third successive win with a dominant 14-2 win against Kazakhstan.

Scotland then went down to their first loss of the week against Latvia, as they took a two with their last stone for a

7-6 win and secure their first win of the week. The Scottish men bounced back from this surprise defeat with a 6-3 win over Italy. Once again the Scots started strongly to score a four in the first end and grabbed a steal on one in the second for a 5-0 lead.

After this Scotland were narrowly edged out in an extra end hard-fought top-of-the-table Group A clash against Canada who maintained their unbeaten record. Gordon Muirhead's team then beat Ireland by 7-4 in their last round-robin game, the key end once again coming early in the game when in the second, Muirhead got a well-swept second stone just round a guard to tap-back the Irish counter and score four for a 4-1 lead. The result putting Scotland into a clear second place to qualify for the Quarter-Finals where they would face Denmark.

In the Quarter-Final, Gordon Muirhead's team started well, stealing a single in the first end and then grabbing another single steal in the second when they managed to split the house early.



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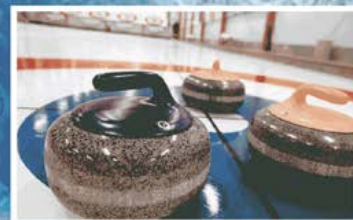
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World Senior Curling Championship continued...

Denmark got two back in the third end and then, in the fourth, Muirhead was heavy with his final draw to score just one instead of two, for a 3-2 half-time lead.

Denmark levelled the game with a single point in the fifth and then, in the sixth, Muirhead's attempt to come in off a winger just did not move the Danish counter enough, and the Danes stole one to take the lead for the first time in the game, at 4-3.

In the seventh, Muirhead drew nicely around a guard to score one and level the game at 4-4. Then, in the eighth, the Scots just could not get to a Danish counter in the middle of a cluster and Denmark claimed the one point needed for a 5-4 win without having to play their last stone.

Afterwards, Muirhead said, "we got caught out with the stones early on. but no excuses, they played well and we played a few slack shots – that's it."

SCOTLAND'S WOMEN

The Scottish women didn't have the best of starts at the competition as they went down to 7-3 loss to Japan in their first game but followed this with a 9-2 win against Russia. The key difference came in the fourth end when the Scots set the house up well and Gibb played a nice tap-up and split with her last stone to score four and take a lead, at 5-2, into the break and they never looked back after this.

Kay Gibb's team then won a tight game against Finland by 7-6 in their next game. This was to be a really close game with the lead shifting on a number of occasions. The teams were tied in the fifth end with a score of 4-4 before a hit and stay from skip Gibb in the sixth produced one point and a 5-4 Scottish lead.

The Finns split the house early in the seventh end before their skip Kirsti Kauste hit out a Scottish stone with her last to score two again, and take the lead again, this time at 6-5. It was the Scots' turn to split the house in the eighth and eventually, with a Scottish stone just biting on the wing, Kauste's last stone made its way through the house to give Scotland two points and a 7-6 win without Gibb having to play her final stone.

Scotland's women then recorded their third successive win against Czech Republic with a score of 9-5. They opened with a steal of two points in the first end but in the second end, with thirteen stones still in play, the Czechs scored three to take a 3-2 lead. The Scots then scored three of their own for a 5-3 score when skip Kay Gibb drew her final stone of the third into the house. An attempted tap-up by Czech skip Ivana Kubeskova then left a steal one for 6-3 lead. In the fifth end, Kubeskova played a precision hit on two Scottish stones to score two points and reduce the Scottish lead to 6-5. The Scots then scored one in the sixth end and manufactured another single steal of one in the seventh to go into the eighth end 8-5 ahead. In this eighth end, Scotland lay shot but open, with three other Czech stones in the house when Kubeskova came to play her last stone but the Czech attempt wrecked, giving Scotland another single steal and a 9-5 win.

After this the Scots women's fortunes changed as they went down to successive losses against Switzerland (6-2) and Sweden (8-5) leaving them to having to wait to see results elsewhere to discover if they have made it into the play-offs. In the end it proved a bit too much and Scotland's women finished their campaign on three wins from six games which placed them in 4th place in Group A.



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NEW SUPPORT FOR SCOTLAND

The support for team Scotland at The World Men's Curling Championship in Halifax, Nova Scotia was numerically second only to that of the host nation team Canada.

Those in attendance at the Scotiabank Arena included RCCC President David Henderson, Vice President Billy Howat and past President Alan Durno.

On the Friday night the Scots were pleased to have further support from an unexpected quarter when 100 Nova Scotians (pictured) turned up with "New Scotland" featuring on their clothing and carrying a Scottish flag. They certainly added to the vociferous efforts of the Scottish support.



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