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Welcome to our new look interactive Your Curler magazine.

The season is busier than ever and I have enjoyed the first six weeks of 2019 with so much great activity across the country. Getting to know the people from Fred Olsen Cruise Lines at the National Masters in Greenacres was very enjoyable and interesting, particularly hearing all about the Curling Group offer on the Baltic Cruise in October 2019 was very appealing, with the destination of St. Petersburg and curling in Copenhagen, Hellsinki, Tallinn and Oslo, it should be a great trip. The Junior Championships in Aberdeen was thrilling to see such competitive action between these young teams. Then seeing the Seniors finals had me on the edge of my seat, particularly having to wait for the measure to know the winner of the women's final.

We have some great curling lined up for you to watch in our major events in the coming weeks. Next up is the Scottish Championships with the prospect of a thrilling finish given the fact we have so many former champions, junior champions and medallists on the domestic and international stage. Tickets for the finals day are available on Eventbrite and search for "Scottish Curling" or follow this link.

The other big event in Scotland is the World Wheelchair Curling Championships in Stirling 3-10 March. Tickets are available from Culture Stirling from this link. This will be the first Paralympic points earning event, for nations to earn points towards qualification for the 2022 Games in Beijing. So the quality of the competition will be high and it will be the first time there have been 12 teams at a Wheelchair World Championships. Get your tickets here

Behind the scenes work is progressing for summer programmes, next season's activities and our AGM on 15 June. The Structure Review Group has met on several occasions and will be producing an update later this month and seeking feedback from members. Volunteers and staff from around the country are working tirelessly to keep the ice rinks open and organising club sessions, so thank you all for keeping the sport in good health and enjoy your curling in the remaining weeks of the season.

*Bruce Crawford
Chief Executive Officer*



DAVIE'S DAY

The Scottish Junior Women's final featured Team Davie and Team Bryce. Davie finished top of the leader-board on Saturday but lost to Team Bryce in the Page Playoff 1v2 before rebounding to overcome Team Farmer in the semi-final. When Davie and Bryce met in the round-robin on Wednesday, Team Davie won 10-7, so the head to head record this week is one each setting up an exciting finale.

Bryce led from the front in the final, starting with last stone advantage and scoring 2 in the first end. Davie replied with a 2 of her own in the second. Davie turned up the pressure and with nine stones in front of the house, Davie was lying three and Bryce didn't manage to navigate a stone far enough and lost a steal of 3. Again, with a many stones in play, Bryce failed to dislodge Davie's stone from the button and gave up another steal of 1. The fifth end saw Bryce score a 1 to reduce the deficit to 6-3 at the break.

Team Davie were light with their last two stones and failed to get closer than Bryce's stone that was biting the 2ft, so gave up a steal of 1 in the 6th. Then with an open hit Davie hit out a Bryce stone for 3 in the seventh. Bryce were unable to create any momentum in the eight end and was light with the last stone, giving up a steal of 2 leading to handshakes and a final score 11-4.

We caught up with Skip Lisa Davie after the medal ceremony and she gave us a great account of the final: "Our opposition played some really good shots. They played some excellent taps and draws. They stole an end from us, Amy had a fantastic draw to lie back button at one point and I couldn't do anything about it – so it wasn't an easy game... our whole team enjoyed today so much, and I can tell you when we go out to Canada we'll enjoy that even more."

Team Davie will now head to the World Junior Championships in Liverpool, Canada as Scotland's representatives next month. We would like to wish Lisa Davie, Kirsty Barr, Anna Skuse, Emma Barr and Coach Andrew Barr the best of luck.

Photo Credit: Brian Battensby



WHYTE WASH

The Scottish Junior Men's final featured the experienced teams Team Whyte and Team Kinnear. Team Whyte dominated the competition having qualified for the final undefeated with 7/7 wins in the round robin before seeing off Team Gallacher in the 1v2 playoff to set up their second final in as many years.

Team Kinnear knew they had it all to do but faced an uphill battle with Whyte able to secure a score of 3 in the first end. Ross Whyte and his team continued to dominate the first half as early mistakes by Kinnear were capitalised upon by Whyte who were able to score another 3 in the third and 2 in the 5th with a series of great run backs.

With Whyte leading 9-6 with hammer in the final end Team Kinnear knew they had to go for it and were able to lie 3, forcing Ross to play right up to their final stone. However, an easy hit with his last stone meant that Ross ended Team Kinnear's hopes and secured the gold medal for Team Whyte once again.

After the final Skip Ross Whyte was happy share his pride at his team's performance:

"We are so happy! We had a great week, and we just stuck to it, and continued it throughout the final, we are so chuffed right now!

In terms of the game, we had a really quick start; we had many, many good shots which set us up. Callum and his team were pretty aggressive which we managed to capitalise on a wee bit. That helped our game, he let us go for it, and there were a lot of good run backs made by our team which were absolutely crucial at times."

Team Whyte will now head to the World Championships in Liverpool, Canada as Scotland's representatives next month. We would like to wish Ross Whyte, Duncan McFadzean, James Craik, Euan Kyle and Coach Greg Drummond the best of luck.



HAY MAKERS AND CONSISTENT KESLEY

The 2019 Ferguson Oliver Wealth Management Scottish Senior Curling Championships proved to be a high quality competition once again with the top teams fighting till the last stones to determine the winners.

Sunday morning saw four close games to reduce the field to the finalists who would take centre stage in the afternoon. On the men's side, Muirhead beat P Wilson 5-3 and Hay beat Clark 4-3, while for the women Kesley beat Henderson 6-5 and Lockhart beat Agnew 4-3.

In the men's final, Hay started with hammer and led gradually from the start with a single in the first and steal of 1 in the second end. Muirhead got off the start line in the third end with a single, then Hay took a single point in the fourth to go into the break with 3-1 lead. Both teams were delivering and sweeping with high levels of precision that kept the crowd on the edge of their seats. Muirhead blanked the fifth and gave up a steal of 1 in the sixth end before scoring 2 in the seventh. With just one point separating the teams going into the last end Team Hay were determined to keep their lead and when Muirhead's last stone was fractionally short, David Smith didn't have to throw his final stone to win 5-3.

We would like to wish David Hay, Mike Hay, Peter Smith and Sandy Hay the best of luck.

The women's final was a game of two halves, Lockhart starting strong with last stone in the first end and taking a deuce, followed by a steal of 1. Kesley only managed a single before Lockhart took a single and 4-1 lead after four ends. Then team Kesley found their form in the fifth for a single point and with plenty of stones in play in each end, managed to bury stones behind guards to steal in ends six and seven. At 4-4 going into the last end the tension increased with every shot, team Kesley tried to challenge team Lockhart who came back again and again in determined fashion, then Susan Kesley buried her last stone perfectly but neither team could tell which stone was closest to the centre, forcing Jackie Lockhart to tap back a guard for the win, but the tricky shot missed by a foot and the umpire was called to measure the closest stones before declaring Kesley's red stone the winner and the score of 5-4.

We would like to wish Susan Kesley, Fran Stretton, Vicky Gumley and Morna Aitken the best of luck.

The Scottish Senior champions will now be preparing to head across the North Sea to Stavanger in Norway for the World Seniors 20-27 April 2019, we wish them well on their quest for success on the world stage.

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WHAT'S ON:



DATE	TITLE	VENUE	EVENT TYPE
10th - 16th Feb 2019	Scottish Curling Championships	Dewars Centre	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
16th - 24th Feb 2019	World Junior Championships, Nova Scotia, Canada		World Curling Federation
23rd - 24th Feb 2019	Asham Under 17 Slam – Perth Under 17 Open	Dewars Centre	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
25th - 28th Feb 2019	Henderson Bishop Trophy	Stranraer Ice Rink	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
1st - 3rd Mar 2019	The Rink Championship	Forfar Indoor Sports	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
2nd - 12th Mar 2019	World University Games, Krasnoyarsk, Russia		World Curling Federation
2nd - 10th Mar 2019	World Wheelchair Championship, Stirling, Scotland		World Curling Federation
8th - 10th Mar 2019	Scottish Curling Schools Championship	Ayr Ice Rink	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
12th Mar 2019	The Maxwell Trophy	Lanarkshire Ice Rink	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
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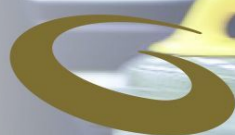
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AROUND THE RINKS

FALKIRK

Cawder House Curling Club held its first AGM and Dinner in 1895 and will mark 125 years in Season 2019/2020.

The Club has experienced many changes from playing outdoors on the Cadder (or Cawder) curling pond in Bishopbriggs to indoor play at Crossmyloof, Falkirk Ice Rink, the Summit Centre and now, Braehead. We have also been part of at least three Provinces – Strathkelvin, Glasgow and now 10th Dunbartonshire. And while we are now a mixed club, it has not always been the case: from 1974-75 membership was open to male curlers only and this was not reversed until 2012.

We are looking to build on our Centenary Booklet with additional memories and ask if any players or Clubs have stories or photographs with a Cawder House connection, please get in touch with our Club Secretary, Eleanor McDougall at cawderhousesecretary@gmail.com

As part of our celebrations we will hold a traditional invitational bonspiel, a dinner and a reunion lunch and hope that former Club members will join us. If you have been associated with Cawder House in the past, please make sure that you notify your current contact details to the secretary so that you do not miss out joining in the fun.

Report by Eleanor McDougall

DUMFRIES

Kirkcudbright Country Curling Club has a long history but was becoming a bit moribund. About 6 experienced curlers and quite a few 'reserves' who didn't get on the ice very often and were losing

Now, Kirkcudbright is a very vibrant club. It has 8 Club Rinks, 5 formed competition rinks, over 40 over 550 training and development 'slots' in a season and is now much more respected on the ice as "stand-ins" in their games. Forty-three of our curlers are members of Scottish Curling including experience which meets their needs. Not only are we having more fun on the ice, our financial con

By setting out to meet the curling needs of our existing members 6 years ago, and stop our pote aspirations are realistic and modest when it comes to curling performance – we are unlikely to pr few years.

None of this would have been possible without the cooperation and support of the Development Or ability of our Club Committee, particularly our Development Officer, Robin Shields, or the supp evolving process – long may it continue! To find out how they did it visit <https://kbtcurling.wixsite>





DUNDEE

On the 8th January we welcomed the 8th Fife (St Andrews) - Strathkinness Cubs to Dundee Ice Arena to try curling. Cub Leader Ross MacKenzie:

'first of all a massive thank you for hosting us last Tuesday. It really was a great night and the feedback we've had from Cubs and parents since has been brilliant. They had a ball and many will like to come back and Try Curling again'

Report by David Jones | Development Officer



years ago it had 4 rinks of regular curlers, 10 club games and 4 league games in a season, a few g interest. We had no RCCC members and were on the road to decline.

0 members who curl regularly in over 100 scheduled Club and League games in a season, uses e than we were 6 years ago. Indeed, several local Clubs regularly ask if we can loan them curlers ing 9 multi-members. Many of these curlers have joined us because we are offering a curling ntribution for ice time for games, coaching and practice makes Dumfries Icebowl happy.

ntial decline, we have created a Club with a defined structure which is vibrant and growing. Our oduce World Champions – but our competitive performance has improved greatly over the past

rganisation at Dumfries Ice Bowl, led by Graham Sloan, the energy, enthusiasm and organisational ort we have received from the Membership of Kirkcudbright Country Curling Club through this e.com/kbt-curling

Report by Colin MacLaine | KCCC Secretary



BANK OF SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

The 43rd Bank of Scotland Curling Championships were played at Live Active Dewars Centre, Perth on 11th to 13th January. The Championships were originally played in Aviemore and moved to Perth on the closure of the Ice rink up North. This year's winners were Bank of Scotland Perth & District who have now won the Championship 18 times with Edinburgh 8, Fife 7, Aberdeen and North East 4, Dundee 2, Ayrshire, Borders, Glasgow and Highland once each.

The format is a Round Robin of games before the top two teams play each other in the Final, which this year was contested between Glasgow and Perth.

Some 'weel kent' Bank Curlers have featured over the years, RCCC Past President Bill Duncan has played in all the Perth wins, not far behind is Gordon Russell and Campbell Burns was the "brains" behind the early Perth winners.

Strathcona Cup, Swiss and USA Tourists have featured in Bank teams such as Willie Nicoll, and Bill Linton from the Bank's Fife Club. Bill Duncan, George Delgaty and Stuart Smith from Perth, David Paterson and Ron Caithness from the Highland have also featured, as have Ken McCall, Glasgow and David Soutar and Keith McGregor from the Fife Club.

I cannot forget Bill Ford from the Bank's Edinburgh Club, as he was in the winning Rink in 1977 and he was curling for Edinburgh at this year's Championships, which goes to show, Curling is for Life.

Report by George Delgaty & Photo from Tom Jarvis (Perth- George Delgaty, Gordon Russell, Bill Duncan, Stuart Smith)

STUDENT DAYTIME WORKFORCE KEY TO SCHOOLS PROGRAMME SUCCESS

The Scottish Curling primary schools programme 'Curling's Cool' introduces around 4000 young people to curling every year.

A quarter of those who take part do so in Dumfries, and are helped on their journey by our Development Officer Graham Sloan, alongside Kevin Somerville, Curriculum Manager for Sport at Dumfries & Galloway College, an enthusiastic curler himself.

Since things started in Dumfries, in 2014, 7000 local pupils have been taught by HN Coaching students from D&G College. A total of 45 schools have been involved, and all the students have received 'Ready, Steady, Curl' training with support from Graham, Kevin and other key volunteers.

This model ensures a bank of coaches, able to participate during the day; the exact time they are most needed for schools coaching.

Scottish Curling's Development Manager Iain Stewart:

"The daytime workforce being created in Dumfries is such an intuitive way forward. It means we can deliver to as many pupils as possible, but it also takes the pressure off volunteers, and enhances the student's CVs. Early discussions are underway with Forth Valley College and Dundee & Angus College, among others. I am also looking at a pilot project to push a state secondary schools programme, as that's an area we really need to focus on..."

So, what do the children and students think:

"It was good and much more difficult than I thought it would be! I want to do it again!!"
Ben S, Kirkcubright Primary

"The programme helps us develop as coaches while also benefitting the schools in the region. It gives us experience and confidence in coaching as well as improving our understanding of a new sport." Fraser & Joe, Dumfries & Galloway College Coaching students

The final word goes to Graham Sloan, Development Officer at Dumfries:

"The whole structure around our school programme has been based on the enthusiasm, drive and dedication shown by our coaches. The teachers know that their class will get a good experience and keep coming back. We deliver what it says on the tin.... Curling's cool!"



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INCLUSIVE CURLING UPDATE

TALENT ID DAY FOR WHEELCHAIR CURLERS

Saturday 26th January saw Scottish Disability Sport, in partnership with British Curling, host the Wheelchair Curling Talent Development Day at the Peak, Stirling.

Individuals of various ages and abilities attended the day which consisted of theory-based workshop detailing wheelchair curling, classification and pathway information, followed by participants undertaking a two-hour session on the ice with British Curling coaches.

Participant quote: *"I really enjoyed the open day, it was fantastic to meet the SDS and British Wheelchair Curling staff as well as Bob McPherson showing off his Sochi Bronze medal. I definitely will be looking to continue participating in wheelchair curling."*

On the day, SDS and British Curling staff also established the development of a Central Wheelchair Curling Development squad, for which a handful of individuals were selected. Additionally we signposted all participants to the Active Stirling Learn to Curling programme

This article first appeared on the Scottish Disability Sport website [here](#)



CURLING COOL FOR BLIND PEOPLE

Target orientated sports like Curling might not be everyone's first thought for people with sight loss but a group of our Centre Users recently took part in the 'Curlability' competition organised by Scottish Curling alongside Active Stirling and they all had a fantastic time.

The event, taking place at The Peak in Stirling, saw teams of curlers with various disabilities all mixed together. Competition, even amongst first time curlers was fierce with every point contested

.After an introduction to the basic curling techniques in the first session and teams competing in a Round Robin event. Competition heated up with a series of challenges making things more difficult for participants. Everyone competed to guide a stone into the house (the target zone in curling), receiving one point for hitting the blue circle, two for the white and five for the inner circle.

Afterwards, the challenge was made harder by adding two stones just outside the house to act as a 'gate' which the curlers had to get through. The final challenge was knocking another stone out of the centre circle, something our curlers, Kaz, Stephen, David, Derek and Kyle seemed quite good at!

Everyone was able supported by our volunteers, Peter, Ann and Jennifer, performing sighted guide duties and trying to assist with aim! Scottish Curling staff and volunteers were also on hand to provide expert help. Organiser, Helen Kallow did a fantastic job keeping track of all the teams and scores.

Everyone was a winner on the day with prizes being handed out by Helen at the end. Our own David won the individual competition though despite it only being his second time curling. Well done David. A local deer joined in the celebrations too when it was spotted outside The Peak.

There are regular curling sessions organised through out the year. If you would be interested in taking part, get in touch with us! For other groups and classes, see our What's On Guides [here](#). This article first appeared on the Forth Valley Sensory Centre. website [here](#)





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GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE 2019 SCOTTISH CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tickets are on sale now for the Scottish Curling Championship Finals Day, February 16th, 2019. The competition is the pinnacle of Scotland's competitive curling calendar, with the top men's and women's teams competing for their respective national titles.

This event is a great opportunity to see Scotland's best curling teams in action, and we have a range of well-priced ticket options available, on Eventbrite.

All tickets include medal presentations, and we will also be offering a pre-booked hot, buffet lunch.

[Please click here to buy your ticket](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to the Dewars Centre in Perth, on the 16th of February, for a day of fantastic curling. If you are unable to make it to Perth you can watch the live stream of the men and women's finals on the BBC website.



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IN MEMORY OF ANNE MALCOLM



We are saddened to share the news that Anne Malcolm died last night. Our thoughts are with her husband Peter and family at this time.

Anne was passionate about curling and spent a great deal of time helping others to develop and enjoy the sport that gave her so much satisfaction and joy. Anne will be missed by the curling community in Scotland and more widely across the world where Anne made friends through her involvement in umpiring at every level of the sport right up to the World Championships and the Olympic Games.

Anne was an active committee member at the highest level serving six years on the RCCC board of directors, where she was an active member on the member development, competitions and umpiring committees. After leaving the board, she continued to support the competitions and umpiring committees and volunteered on the ice and behind the scenes. Anne was also active on the Ladies Branch becoming the Ladies Branch President in 2005-06. Anne was captain of the RCCC Ladies Tour to Canada in 2005.

Always approachable and dedicated to curling, Anne will be missed by us all.

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COMPETITION CORNER

It has been another busy and
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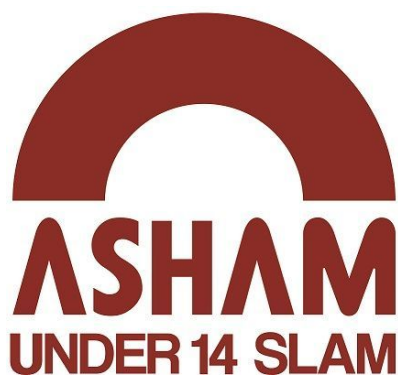
Team Wilson made it back-to-back Fred Olsen Cruise Lines National Masters crowns this weekend at Greenacres as Team Gibb had the perfect debut at this level sealing the women's title.

After an exciting group phase that came down to the wire, 4 semi-finalists of each gender had qualified. Team Gibb were undefeated in their group and with Team McCorkell securing a peel in their last game they edged into the semi-finals ahead of the rest of their group. Team Prentice won all their games to top group B and Liz Scott edged ahead of Team Murdoch on shots up to complete the quartet. Team Horton won their first 4 games to qualify with a game to spare with Team Adam beating Team Sutherland in their last round robin game to secure their spot. Section A in the men's competition saw 5 teams tied on the same number of wins and so qualifying was determined by ends won across the competition. Defending champions Team Wilson topped by the group and were joined by Team Prentice who were a single end ahead of Team Smith.

The women's semi-finals were dominated by the group winners. Team Prentice took control from the start scoring a big 4 in first end and powering on to sit 8-2 up by half-time. They had an early finish as they won 11-4. Team Gibb lost a 3 to start but rebounded with two scores of four to power into the lead. Another 4 after to start the second half meant that handshakes came after 6 ends, final score: 13-4. In the men's competition, Wilson started strongly and was 3-0 up after two ends and managed to keep his nose in front the whole way. A steal of 3 in last end against Team Adam made it look like a more one-sided result of 9-3. The final semi-final between Horton and Prentice came down to the wire, as momentum swung back and forth the teams were level after 7 ends with Horton having the hammer. He could not make the last stone advantage tell however and the pressure was piled on and their opposition stole

Another strong start from Team Wilson in the men's final saw them 6-2 up at the half way point helped by a steal of two in the fourth end. Prentice scored in the 6th end and attempted to claw back the deficit. After a steal in the 7th end, they were left needing 3 points to tie in the last end. It proved too big a gap to overcome, and a steal of two rescued the gap but Team Wilson won 7-6, defending their title they won last year. The women's final was certainly a game of two halves characterised by an excellent comeback. Prentice start strong with a 3, and pulled clear in the 6th end with another. Gibb turned up the pressure in the penultimate end and brought things level with a huge score of four. This meant the teams were tied coming down the last end and Team Gibb completed the comeback stealing victory and the final end 9-8.

You can review the draw, team list and scores can from the event here as well as read about the exciting partnership with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines and their inaugural curling group cruise around 'Uncrowded Baltic' here.



The final Asham Under 14 slam was a bumper edition of 19 teams taking to the ice at the Dewars Centre in Perth on Saturday. The group phase saw some excellent curling and some familiar names making it to the semi-finals as the overall leaders Team Craik and Team Carson won all their games and an excellent number of performances from a young team from Aberdeen saw them top group A. Group C game down to the finest of margins, with all teams finishing on 2 wins and 2 defeats. With three teams tied on the same number of ends won, it went to shots up with Team MacNair squeezing into the high-road semi-finals and the local Team Chalmers making it to the low road.

The high road semi-finals were one-sided as experience saw through. Teams Craik and Carson have been the most consistent teams on the Under 14 circuit this year and each won by 5 shots to book their place in the final. A local low-road semi-final saw Team Patterson edge out Team Chalmers and a big steal sent Team Jackson into the low-road final over Forfar YC. The team from Forfar rebounded successfully to secure 3rd place and Team Jackson played a solid final to take the low road crown. Aberdeen 2, skipped by Ethan Brewster bounced back from their semi-final loss to cap an excellent weekend with a 3rd place finish and a 4-1 victory. Team Craik start the final well scoring an effective 2 points with hammer in the first end and left their opponents under pressure facing a host of stones before their last. A short draw meant that Team Craik stole 3 and moved clear. The gap was too much to overcome and handshakes were offered after the third end and Team Craik secured their second title in a row.

Although disappointed with the final, Team Carson had done enough to secure the overall slam title with an excellent record across 4 events including two titles, one finals appearance and one third-place. They top the Asham leaderboard for the 2nd consecutive year. You can review out the draw, scores and leaderboard from the event here.



After four days of competition featuring 11 draws and a late surge from Team North America, it came down to the final end to decide a winner at the Continental Cup.

Scottish skip Eve Muirhead punched out a North American stone in the eighth end to score two against Canada's Rachel Homan for 2.5 points in skins play Sunday night for Team World's first victory at the event since 2012.

Team World finished ahead 34 to 26.

"I knew it wasn't over until the scoreboard said it was over. My heart's still beating. It's really exciting," said Muirhead.

"They came so close and kept crawling back, and back and back. To play that last shot was really exciting. You're not just playing for your team (on the ice), you're playing for the entire team."

Team World jumped out to a 9-0 lead after Day 1 and led 17.5 to 6.5 heading into Sunday's first skins draws, which Team World captured 11.5 of the 15 available points to all but wrap up the title.

Team North America almost swept all three skins matches on Sunday afternoon, though, to make a comeback a potential reality.

Homan, despite giving up the winning points, tied Muirhead 2.5-2.5 in the women's skins and Canadian Kevin Koe downed Scottish skip Bruce Mouat 3.5 to 1.5 in the men's skins.

"Obviously we were in a tough spot. But we got to the fourth end, then the sixth and then down to the wire. They put up a great fight," said Team North America coach Jeff Stoughton.

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