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Welcome to our new look interactive Your Curler magazine.

This time of year is filled with excitement for all the family, as there's something for everyone to look forward to. Finding a good gift for a loved one, going to a Christmas party, writing a list for father Christmas, families coming together, planning holidays and deciding on new year resolutions.

Having finished first and sixth at the European Championships in Tallin, Scotland's men and women curlers have earned our nation the right to attend the 2019 world championships in Canada and Denmark respectively. For those less fortunate nations, the hope of qualifying for the worlds remains alive as the first WQE (World Qualification Event) takes place in Naseby New Zealand in January.

The new range of Scottish Curling clothing went down well at the launch and is now available here. The next shop opening time will be 7-18 January with delivery of items by the end of February

Tickets are available for the World Wheelchair Curling Championships in Stirling 3-10 March 2019, prices start from as little as £5 so check online in the new year.

The Scottish Curling office will be closed over the festive period, reopening on 3rd January 2019. In the spirit of the season, we wish all members a merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year.

*Bruce Crawford
Chief Executive Officer*





A TALE OF TWO TALLINN'S

Dream European debut for on-form Team Mouat

The final of the **Le Gruyère AOP European Curling Championships 2018** was hotly contested between Scotland and Sweden. A first appearance for Scotland's Team Mouat at a European Championships pitched them against Sweden's Team Edin who were defending their four year title run.

Their round robin game had been a close encounter and Scotland were confident to take them on again. *"Hopefully next time...hopefully we'll get to play them again"* Bruce Mouat had commented.

Scotland stole 1 in the first end but Sweden hit back with a 2 in the next end and the same pattern arose over the following two ends with a blanked fifth to make the score 2-4 at half time.

In the sixth end Scotland stepped up a gear and set themselves up for 2 with an open draw to the eight foot. Sweden were forced to draw for 1 in the seventh end against 3 Scottish counters and Bruce Mouat again drew for 2 in the eighth end to give Scotland the lead for the first time, 6-5. Sweden were happy to blank the ninth end to keep last stone advantage in the tenth end and Scotland didn't want to lose more than 1 so the end was kept pretty clean and resulted in the blanked end.

The tenth end was set up perfectly by lead Hammy McMillan and when followed up by the rest of the team, Scotland were lying 3 shots when Swedish skip, Niklas Edin, attempted to play a raise on his own stone but he caught a guard and Bruce Mouat, Grant Hardie, Bobby Lammie, Hammy McMillan, Ross Whyte and coach Alan Hannah were deservedly crowned European Champions.





After the game Bruce said *"It's unbelievable. It was a very good game. I'm so proud of the guys for playing so well and getting the shots. We've worked really hard this first half of the season. To get this is just kinda the cherry on top of what we've really been working for."*

In addition, Team Muirhead have qualified Scotland for the 2019 Pioneer Hi-Bred World Men's Curling Championship in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

Disappointment for new look Team Muirhead

Scotland's dream of defending their title were shattered in an extra end against unbeaten Switzerland in their last round robin game.

It was a close game all the way, played at the highest level and Scotland showed their grit and determination to want to qualify. In the tenth end Swiss fourth player, Alina Paetz, played a draw to score two to take the game to an extra end. In the extra end Eve Muirhead was left with a draw to the edge of the button but her stone was unable to swing enough and Switzerland continued their unbeaten run.

Eve reflected on their week by saying *"It was a really good game and we played really well, but it was tough at the end there. I played perfect weight and it just didn't curl enough. It's just been one of those weeks, we've just been on the wrong side of the inch all week, and that just sums it up."*

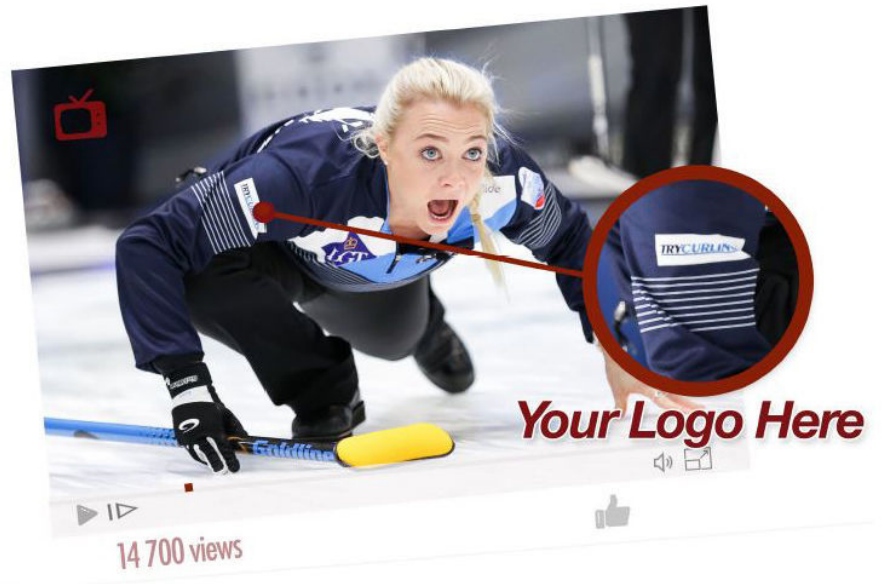
Scotland finished the round robin in sixth position and have qualified for the World Women's Curling Championship in Silkeborg, Denmark next March.

Full results can be found [here](#)

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8-ENDER ALERT



'TIS THE SEASON OF 8 ENDERS



It seems 8-enders are like a bus, you wait for one to come along then you get 2 more!

We are proud to announce that Cambusnethan and Stirling (pictured above) have both achieved this astonishing feat. Congratulations to everyone involved:

Cambusnethan

Allan Maxwell
Jamie Chapman
David Watson
Jim Watson
Ross Sandford

Stirling

Irene Hird
Lesley McConnell
Rosemary Jarvi
Janet Simpson
Anna Burnside

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WHAT'S ON:

DECEMBER

DATE	TITLE	VENUE	EVENT TYPE
2nd - 9th Dec 2018	Curling World Cup – Leg 2		World Curling Federation
7th - 9th Dec 2018	Asham Under 21 Slam – Lockerbie Junior Invitation	Lockerbie Ice Rink	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
8th Dec 2018	Asham Under 14 Slam – Dumfries	Dumfries Ice Bowl	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
13th - 16th Dec 2018	Ferguson Oliver Wealth Management Scottish Curling Senior Championship- Qualifier (Forfar)	Forfar Indoor Sports	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
13th - 16th Dec 2018	Ferguson Oliver Wealth Management Scottish Curling Senior Championship- Qualifier (Aberdeen)	Curl Aberdeen	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
13th - 16th Dec 2018	SCT: Dumfries Challenger Series	Dumfries Ice Bowl	Scottish Curling Tour
20th - 23rd Dec 2018	Goldline Scottish Curling Mixed Doubles Championship	Braehead Curling	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
28th - 29th Dec 2018	Asham Under 17 Slam – Forfar	Forfar Indoor Sports	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
3rd - 10th Jan 2019	World Junior B Championships, Lohja, Finland		World Curling Federation
4th - 6th Jan 2019	SCT: The Forfar Curl Fest	Forfar Indoor Sports	Scottish Curling Tour

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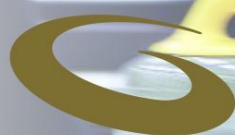
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AROUND THE RINKS

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The Eglinton Jug was contested at Ayr Ice Rink during the week ending 19th October. The Eglinton County Curling Game was instituted in 1851 by the gift from the Earl of Eglinton of the valuable piece of plate known as the Eglinton Jug.

This year 34 Ayrshire Rinks played a knock out competition over four days. As teams were knocked out, the tension rose as the last two teams fought for the prestigious trophy watched by a full gallery.

David Mundell skipped the Stewarton Heather rink of David Reid, Tom Reid and Douglas Reid against Neil Sands' Sorn rink of Mark Pieroni, Jim Bryson, and Joanne Fergusson during a very tight two hours of top quality curling.

David Mundell's rink eventually won by one shot but it so easily could have gone the other way.

By Bob Edwards



LOCKERBIE

We are delighted to announce our latest signing, Olympic Bronze Medal Winner Anna Sloan, to the post of Development Officer in Lockerbie.

Anna brings a wealth of invaluable experience to her role, having competed at elite level across The post is new, which Anna says will allow her to make a real mark on a rink she clearly adores:

" At one point in my life Lockerbie was my second home, and I just want to give something back n

The 27 year old has been in post for a month, and is happy to put down some roots after a hugely
"If I'm being truly honest, I don't miss competing at the highest level at all; ask me a couple of years ago I would have said I've never been a home bird. Not living out a suitcase is refreshing, and I'm ready for the next challenge"
I think I've had a bit of life experience now, hopefully I can act as a role model for some of the you

Anna's role will see her lead on the development of curling across several key areas. Her immediate development within the Lockerbie rink. Initiatives Anna will be involved in include Curling's Cool also champion high standards in Child Protection Safeguarding policies concerning coaches and

The very best of luck to our newest recruit!





DUNDEE

On Tuesday 20th November Dundee Ice Arena hosted its annual 'Ice Topp Sports' Ladies Open. 12 teams played in this social but very competitive competition which has just entered its 5th year.

The competition is played over 4 x two end games and all 48 competitors enjoyed a buffet and some drinks afterwards. The winning team was Hercules Ladies skipped by Jennifer Kubrycht who was presented with the Ice Topp Sports Ladies Open Trophy and said 'well done Dundee Ice Rink on a well organised and very friendly competition. Thanks also to the Dundee evening Telegraph who also covered and featured the competition in the local newspaper. Pictured is David Jones, Scottish Curling Development Officer with the winning team Jennifer Kubrycht, Anne Maiden, Margaret Thomson and Inesse Vanaga.

By David Jones, CDO



the globe for the last several years, winning European, World and Olympic titles in the process.

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rs, but no, not at the moment! It was an enormous privilege and I'll never regret it, but I've always

nger participants coming through and encourage them to reach as high as they can."

mediate focus will be the long running after school programme, as well as youth curling and club school programme, Student Try Curling with her local FE College and Skill Awards. The role will volunteers.

AROUND THE RINKS



EDINBURGH

Delighted to report that the sale and auction went really well. We had interest and support from curlers throughout the country and made a total of £4,022.00 for the Murrayfield Ice Rink refurbishment fund.

Carrington Curling Club would like to thank all those donated, those who helped along the way and on the day itself, and all those who supported the sale and auction.

On Sunday, November 18, the Edinburgh International Senior Curling Championships was joined in the Murrayfield clubrooms by the Carrington Memorabilia Sale and Auction.

The event was organised by members of the Carrington Curling Club, based at Murrayfield Curling Rink in Edinburgh, with the auction itself run by Martin Cornish from Ramsay Cornish Auctioneers. Items ranging from vintage curling stones, corn brooms, jewellery, and books were available.

Organisers reported that stones, brooms and handles all sold well. "Top seller was the pink granite curling stone which was presented to the Secretary of the Duddingston Club in 1902," explained Alison Dick of Carrington Curling Club. "It was hotly contested and sold for £320. Memorabilia relating to legendary Team Richardson from Regina was also highly desirable, their corn broom selling for £150, well over the estimate."

Jock Waugh's Balmoral, decorated with badges dating from the 1940s, and a pair of handles presented to the winner of Ayr Ice Rink Championship Bonspiel in 1954/55 also achieved excellent prices.

At the end of the day, an impressive £4022 was raised, all of which will go towards the ongoing refurbishment of Murrayfield Curling Rink.

The organisers wish to share their thanks to all those who volunteered to help and donated items for the sale, and to those who purchased items on the day.

By Evie Chamberlain, Marketing & Sport Development Manager



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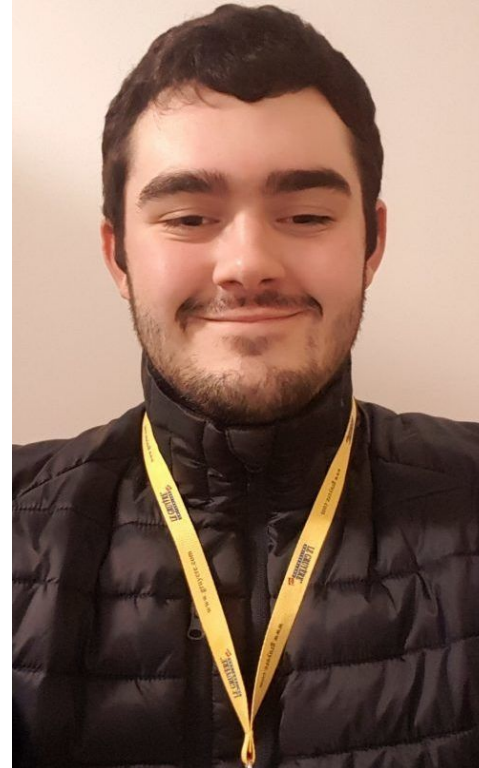
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FUTURE LEADERS FOCUS

'THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME'

Scottish Curling Future Leader Brendan Todd from Stranraer but studying at Abertay, Dundee, has recently returned from the European Championships, in Tallinn, Estonia. The 18 year old (pictured, right) has been volunteering, while receiving on the job training in Time Clock Operating.

Brendan was given the fantastic opportunity through an approach that World Curling Federation made to Scottish Curling who reached out to the Future Leaders. With Scotland's men winning a much coveted Gold Medal we caught up with Brendan to chat about his 'trip of a lifetime', and how he plans to use his skills now he's back on home soil.



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So, tell us what you've been doing in Tallinn?

"I have been doing the timing for the games in the B Division in which it was my very first experience working with the CurlTime software. I had never done anything like this before – it's been tough to get used to it but after a few games it becomes second nature. Focusing and concentrating on each game has been a massive learning curve. I certainly did not realise how much volunteers actually do at championships like the Europeans. For me to understand this has helped me massively as I now fully appreciate what is required from everyone to work efficiently."

What will you bring back home to try out in your home rink?

"I think I'm just much more aware of how much co-operation and team work it takes from EVERYONE to put on curling competitions and to keep ice rinks running efficiently, and that spirit is the main thing I'll take from this trip of a lifetime. Carrying out TCO duties has given me a feeling of responsibility in a game, and I'll definitely be doing more timing in the future at every chance I get. I cannot thank everyone involved enough in making this fantastic experience at the European Championships happen."

"I would urge anyone who gets this opportunity to take part in one of these championships as a volunteer whether it is home or away. You will certainly not regret it!"

Anyone can get involved in time-clock operating; no previous experience is required as training can be provided before and during events. Scottish Curling is looking for time clock operators for this month's Goldline Scottish Curling Mixed Doubles Championship and upcoming Juniors, Women's and Men's national championships. If you would like to get involved, please contact our Workforce Manager Fiona



INCLUSIVE CURLING UPDATE

Final 12 Nations Confirmed for #WWhCC2019



A Nail-biting end in Lohja's World Wheelchair-B Curling Championship confirmed the final nations line-up for Stirling, 2019.

After fierce round robin action in the early stages of the Championship, the semi-finals saw Estonia vs Latvia and Finland take on Slovakia. Strong performances from both Estonia and Slovakia saw them progress into the Gold medal match which, more importantly, guaranteed their places at Stirling's World Wheelchair Curling Championship in March 2019. Estonia added a bit of gloss to their overall championship performance by securing gold with victory over a talented Slovakia side.

With Estonia's victory settled, attention turned to Finland and Latvia's duel for bronze and the final place in the World Wheelchair finals. In one of the games of the championship, home side Finland fought back from 5-2 behind to equal the match 5-5 going into the final end. However, it was to be Latvia's day with Skip Roskova holding her nerve clinch a 6-5 victory with her final stone.

These results see Estonia and Latvia qualify for the World Wheelchair Curling Championships for the first time whilst Slovakia return after their absence in 2017. With that, the final 12 nations for Stirling's tournament are confirmed. They are Norway, Russia, Scotland, China, Canada, Korea, United States, Switzerland, Germany, Estonia, Slovakia and Latvia.

March's tournament will be the first time that 12 teams have competed in a world wheelchair championship and is the first opportunity for nations to gain qualification points towards places at the next Winter Paralympic Games in Beijing, 2022.

It really isn't long now until the Championship's get underway with November 22nd marking 100 days until we commence. You can follow the build-up and results of the World Wheelchair Curling Championship on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook and by searching the hashtags #WWhCC2019 #curling.

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Where: Murrayfield Ice Rink, Edinburgh

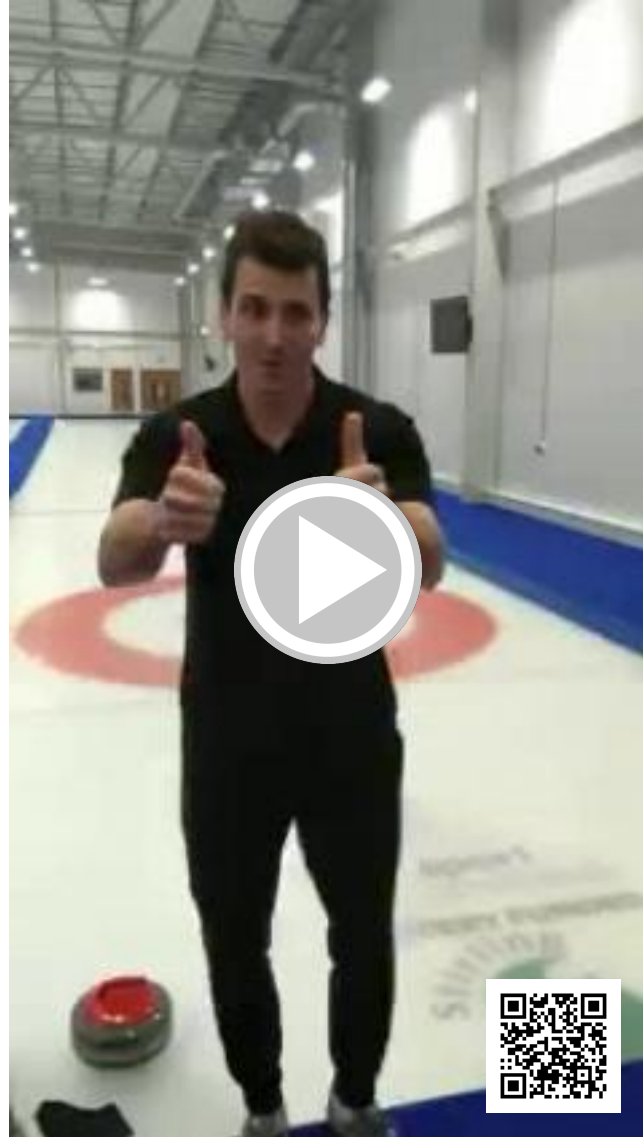
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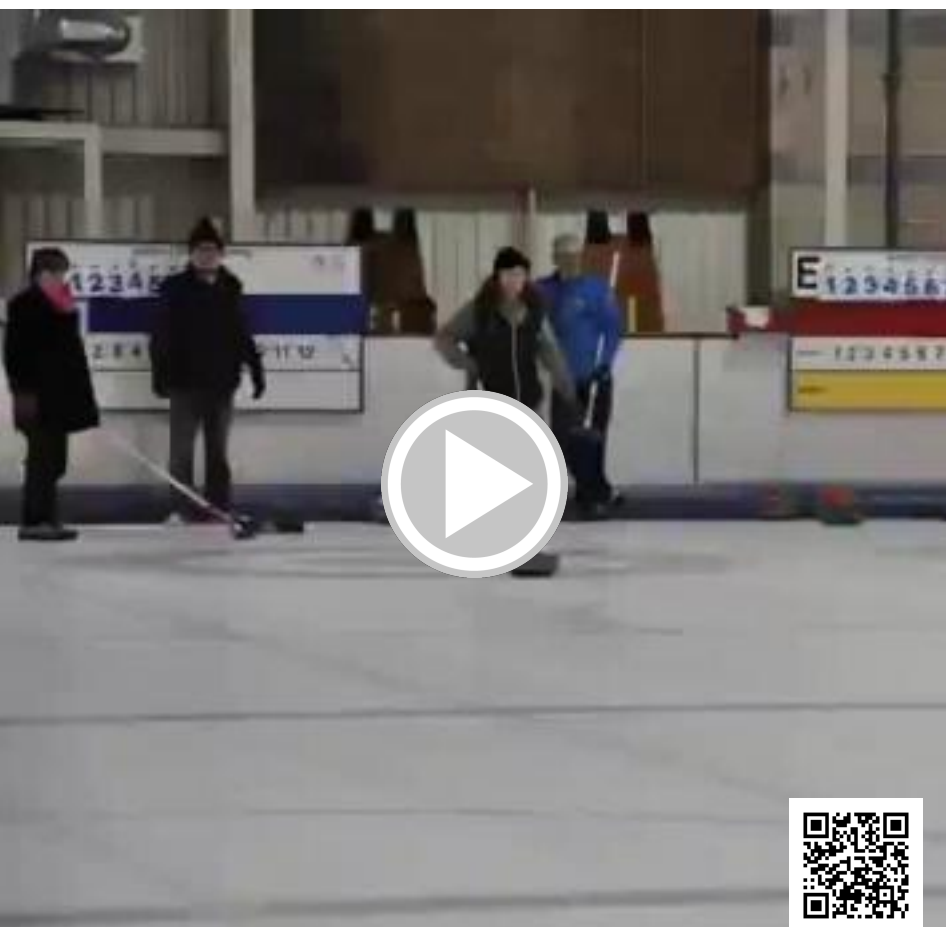
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Please sign up by emailing Helen

We hope to see you there!



Moray MS Society Try Curling session



Moray's MS society have just ended their 'beginners' block of try curling sessions but agree that they have all been inspired to continue with this fabulous, inspiring and energising (and cold) experience.

They would like to acknowledge that this would not have been possible without the help, support and magical motivation from Sandra, Susan, Gregor, Jim and Allen on behalf of the MS Society Moray.

Please watch the shot highlight reel of their experience.

To learn more about the Moray MS Society please check out their Facebook page [here](#).



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COMPETITION CORNER

WJCC-B PLAYDOWN

Team Farmer have won the right to represent Scotland at the 2019 WJCC-B Championships in Lohja, Finland after emerging victorious from the playdown held last weekend at Curl Aberdeen. Following an exciting double round robin, Team Farmer were top of the table and clear at 5 wins and 1 loss with Team Davie one win back on 4-2. This meant that Team Farmer took a one game head-start into Sunday's best of 3 final.

It took all 3 draws for Team Farmer to emerge as our representatives and they will now represent Scotland from 3rd-10th January 2019 at the WJCC-B Championships. A podium finish will see Scotland promoted back to the World Junior Championships. You can review



FOUR NATIONS TEAM ANNOUNCED

We are pleased to announce that the following Scottish Curling members (32) have been invited to play in the 2019 Four Nations competition. This is a weekend social event, played annually between the governing bodies of each of the home nations (England, Ireland, Scotland & Wales) in January and is hosted in turn by all four nations. The host nation in 2019 is England and the event will be played at The Flower Bowl, Barton Grange, Garstand, Preston from 25th – 27th January 2019.

James Bennie (Glenfarg)
Stuart Biegala (Cupar)
Dottie Burt (Fossoway Ladies)
James Carswell (Skelmorlie)
Liz Cullen (Earlston)
Jim Cullen (Earlston)
Christopher Curnin (Caterthun)
Ann-Maree Davidson (Schiehallion Ladies)
Shelagh Fulton (Lynedoch Ladies)
Gordon Gilchrist (Lesmahagow)
Russell Hamilton (Kirriemuir)
Wilson Henderson (East Kilbride)
David Howard (Reform)
Jan Howard (Reform)
Steve Jamieson (Boreland)
Ian Keron (Oatridge)
Andrew Kerr (Troon Portland)
Graham Lindsay (Forret)
Sheilagh Macfarlane (Panmure)
John Macfarlane (Panmure)
Brian McArtney (Letham Grange)
Michael McCreadie (Braehead Wheelchair)
John McDermott (Ardgowan)
David McIntyre (Troon Portland)
David McRoberts (Eaglesham)
Liz Paul (Glasgow Ladies)
Margaret Pottie (Nairn Ladies)
Elaine Spain (Kinross Ladies)
Fiona Spain (Kinross Ladies)
Robert Walker (Coldstream and Hirsell)
Morag Wellman (Fossoway Ladies)
Janine Wilson (Letham Grange)

Several prestigious trophies will be played for over the course of the weekend, including the Tom Ballantyne Trophy (Scotland men versus England men) which England holds; the Connie Miller Trophy (Scotland ladies versus England ladies) which Scotland holds, the Welsh Stone (Big Bertha) (Scotland men, ladies, mixed versus Wales men, ladies, mixed) which Scotland holds and the Marshall Millennium Trophy (Scotland men, ladies, mixed versus Ireland men, ladies, mixed) which Ireland holds.



ASHAMS SLAMS

Here is a look at the Asham U21 Slam leaderboard after 4 events:

Junior Men

Team	Greenacres	Kinross	Inverness	Tournament wins	No of Tournaments	Total
KINNEAR	9	15	15	2	3	39
WHYTE	15	11	0	1	2	26
BRYCE	11	0	9		3	20
HASWELL	7	0	11		3	18
MacDIARMID	0	9	7		2	16
GALLACHER	0	7	0		2	7
MORTON	0	0	7		3	7
MORRIS	0	0	0		3	0
MacDONALD	0	0	0		1	0
CORMACK	0	0	0		1	0

Junior Women

Team	Greenacres	Kinross	Inverness	Tournament wins	No of Tournaments	Total
Davie	15	7	15	2	3	37
Farmer	11	15	0	1	2	26
Henderson	9	11	0		2	20
Dakers	7	0	9		3	16
Blair	0	0	11		2	11
Munro	0	9	0		2	9
Smith	0	0	7		2	7
Bryce	0	0	0		2	0
Muir	0	0	0		2	0
Findlay	0	0	0		2	0
...	0	0	0		0	0





VOLUNTEER AWARD SEASON

It has been a great month for Scottish Curling with many of our volunteers having their hard work recognised at award ceremonies:

Anne Malcolm: Scottish Women In Sport 'Official of the Year' - Winner

Angie Malone: Scottish Women In Sport 'Inspiration in Sport' - Finalist

Kirsty Letton: MBE for Services to Curling

WJCC 2018 LOC: Daily Record SportScotland Scottish Sport Awards
'Sporting Event of the Year' - Finalist

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TEAMS MUIRHEAD AND MOUAT LAUNCH SCOTTISH CURLING MERCHANDISE

This month we were delighted to reveal our brand new collection of Scottish Curling merchandise; developed in close partnership with athletes and members alike. We've produced a broad range of products that will appeal to curlers and curling fans of all ages and abilities; ranging from hoodies and t-shirts, to scarfs and drawstring bags.

The products have been designed to reflect the dynamic, positive direction of Scottish Curling, giving fans the opportunity to share in that spirit and excitement.

Teams Mouat and Muirhead have given their support to the range and showcased selected items as their 'off ice' kit, during the European Championships in Tallinn, Estonia. We would like to thank both teams for their support for this project!

We are opening our e-shop for three limited runs throughout the season, the second run being from the 7th-18th January, allowing for delivery before the end of February. The shop will then re-open between 8th-15th March for delivery in mid-April.

Given the success of the merchandise we will be extending the range with a whole host of new clothing and accessories being available in the new year.

All of us at Scottish Curling are thankful to VSN for their support and assistance in the design and implementation of our product range.

We also very much appreciate the time and feedback from our athletes and members so far, and hope this gives everyone the chance to be part of the Team.

Check out the current range [here](#)





Are you enjoying the new look Your Curler? Is there anything you feel is missing?

We would love to hear your thoughts on the new Your Curler and how we can improve the content we feature.

If you could spare a few minutes to leave us your feedback using the form adjacent we would appreciate it greatly.

Also, feel free to use the stars to rate this current issue (1 star - Poor, 5 stars - Great)

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If you enjoy the revamped Your Curler can we kindly ask that you share it with your friends and family, and encourage them to sign up for future issues.



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