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WELCOME

Dear members and stakeholders,

I am delighted to bring you the Annual Report of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club for 2019/20. I am writing this from my home where, like many others, I have set up office while the lockdown restrictions have required us to do so. We have managed to arrange for all staff to work from their homes and they have all been working on summer projects that keep us busy at this time of year, reviewing the year past and planning for the new season and beyond.

There is much to celebrate in the progress that we have made in the last year and Scottish curlers can be proud of those achievements outlined in this report and elsewhere around the country.

I encourage members to log on to the members database via our website and cast your votes, ahead of the forthcoming AGM on 27 June. Voting closes at 2pm on 25 June and pre-registration is required for members wishing to attend the AGM being held on Zoom, again links can be found on our website.

I hope that you and your family stay safe, have an enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you on the ice next season.

Yours in curling,

Bruce Crawford
Chief Executive Officer



BOARD REPORT

It has been a busy year for the board, who met on six occasions during the course of the year and for a full day in August as an opportunity to delve in more depth into the new strategy and future direction of the organisation. There has been a good deal of debate and discussion on how to grow the game and support our members, clubs, and ice rinks to sustain them all in these challenging times.

The 2019/20 season was the first season in the current four-year strategic planning cycle for Scottish Curling. This year there was a drive to raise the profile of curling on the back of hosting the World Men's Curling Championship in Glasgow. Unfortunately the closure of the curling rink in Braehead and the COVID-19 pandemic put paid to our ambitions but have not dampened the enthusiasm of our volunteers and staff to find a replacement facility in Glasgow and attract new people to the sport in future.

It is too early to determine the full impact that coronavirus has had on Scottish Curling, we have some short-term facts and figures but will be doing a more in-depth evaluation in the coming months. The cancellation of events at the tail end of the 2019/20 was hugely disappointing for everyone and the feelings are shared among all those involved in planning, preparing and participating in each of the competitions.

The World Curling Federation awarded Scotland the right to host the 2020 World Men's Curling Championship six years ago and to have it cancelled two weeks before the first stone was due to be thrown was a massive blow to all of the partners, spectators and athletes (who were mostly all in Scotland at an event in Aberdeen as part of their preparation). The event was due to be part of the

qualification for nations aiming to qualify for the 2022 Winter Olympics, so the 2021 event will now be the only points earning opportunity for Team GB. When the decision was made to cancel the event due to the pandemic, the infrastructure was being constructed in the Emirates Arena in Glasgow, the pipe-work for the ice pad had been shipped in from Austria and was being laid on the floor. Tickets were selling fast and the social side of the event in the patch was taking shape. These events are planned years in advance, so we will work with our partners to determine future event hosting opportunities for Scotland and consider what is feasible in the years ahead.

The biggest issue that was debated by the board over the last year involved the review of how teams are selected to represent Scotland at World Championships, for Men, Women and Mixed Doubles teams. Our top teams are very fortunate to have the support of British Curling, who with UK Sport funding, run the programme that helps to equip the players with the skills to be competitive at European and World levels. The Directors analysed the strengths and weaknesses of implementing a selection policy, consulted and discussed the policy proposal with the Head Coach and Performance Director of British Curling, debated the matter with members, and after careful consideration decided to proceed with selection with a review on its impact by the Olympic/Paralympic Games in 2022.

Our funding partners contribute £1.7m per season to performance curling and they agree with the assertion that reliance on one event could present a significant risk to qualification for the World Championships and thereby the Olympic Games, the results of which determine future investment. A reduction in the funding would negatively impact the future chances of players lower down the pathway. The



trickledown benefit to clubs and ice rinks on the back of the Olympic Games is substantial where we all see increased levels of interest in curling, the greatest number of new people trying curling and the profile of the sport peaks when Team GB curlers are in action, and we all want to see them do well! The board recognises that not everyone will agree that selection is a good idea but considering the risks and mitigations, have concluded unanimously that this is the right decision in the best interest of the sport and our current and future athletes.

The board set up a group to review the structure of the organisation, looking at making sure that it is appropriate for the present time and will be relevant and fit for the future. The group looked at models from other organisations in curling, other sports and from other sectors. The abrupt end to the season meant that the final phase of consultation did not happen, so the proposals that were taking shape will be put off until a future meeting when the members will exercise the right to vote on the changes.

A series of eight roadshow meetings were set up by the board in November and December 2019 in Aberdeen, Braehead, Edinburgh, Greenacres, Kelso, Perth, Stirling, and Stranraer. These meetings heard presentations from directors and

staff and provided opportunities for discussion around topical issues including organisational structure review, selection proposals, and the 2020 World Men's Championship in Glasgow. These roadshow meetings provided a great opportunity to engage with members and this will be repeated in the 2020/21 season though some may be held online.

Scottish Curling has continued to work closely with the charitable body the Scottish Curling Trust and in particular on developing volunteers and providing opportunities for people with disabilities to try curling.

The incredible work done by volunteers across the country is truly appreciated by the board. The new group formed to take forward plans to build a new ice rink in Glasgow are a great example of the depth of commitment within our members and we will continue to guide and support them as their plans progress. Their combined efforts to keep the game of curling developing and remaining relevant for new and existing members is inspiring. On behalf of the board, thanks to all of the volunteers who provide the backbone of the sport, we will be doing all that we can to support our curling community in all parts of the country.



DEVELOPMENT



592

Number of
affiliated Clubs



11,193

Total number
of Members

10,279

Adults Members

914

Junior Members

3,712

Adult Women

373

Junior Women

6,567

Adult Men

541

Junior Men

Figures correct as of 8 May 2020



This season we have made a number of changes to address the ongoing challenges of retaining and increasing participation in Curling across Scotland. These changes will better position us to achieve our strategic targets for retention and growth by 2023.

A New Partnership Approach and Development Structure

Our new approach is to improve collaboration with every ice rink curling community in Scotland, building stronger relationships with members, volunteers and ice rink staff. We want to develop a better understanding of the unique situation of every ice rink community in Scotland, with joint development plans to improve membership retention and growth.

The new structure will provide a more consistent level of support to all ice rink curling communities across the country, through three Development Managers and locally employed Development Officers.

The three Development Manager posts are as follows:

- Iain Stewart, Development Manager, based in Dundee supporting East & North areas - Inverness, Moray, Aberdeen, Forfar, Dundee, Dewars, Kirkcaldy, Kinross
- Maggie Wilson, Development Manager,

based in Stirling supporting Central Scotland areas - Stirling, Murrayfield, Kelso, Lanarkshire, East Kilbride, Braehead, Waterfront

- Scott Andrews, Development Manager, based in Ayr supporting South West areas - Greenacres, Auchenhavie, Galleon, Ayr, Stranraer, Dumfries, Lockerbie

Seven Point Plan - New Initiatives

The new partnership approach and development structure will greatly help us to encourage people from the age of 8 to 80 to play our great game. There is already a fantastic commitment to developing our sport, particularly the hard work that goes into junior curling, and there has been some great progress in developing coaches and officials, providing opportunities for those with disabilities, developing the performance pathway and organising curling camps and events.

This new approach will help us to work together to build on the good work and also focus more intensively on the following identified seven areas:

1. Conversion - Converting participation to membership from introductory programmes such as Curling's Cool, Try Curling etc.
2. Secondary School - Targeted work at secondary schools close to Ice Rinks

TRYCURLING

2,000+

people introduced
to curling in 2019/20

STUDENT TRYCURLING

10%

increase in Scottish Student
Sport (SSS) membership

#STREETCURLING

68,500+

Footfall passed the Street Rink at St
Johns Centre, Perth, during the Scottish
Curling Championships week.

The rink also visited Inverness and
Edinburgh.

First 'Manifesto'
for young
people's vision
of Curling



4,000+

These are mostly still
primary school numbers
in the total. COVID-19 of
course hindered the later
stages of the programme
this season



1ST Junior Club Conference



FEEDBACK

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HOLD
ANNUALLY

to improve the engagement rate of
young people aged 11-18.

3. Retention of School Leavers - A specific focus to make it easier for junior curlers to continue their curling in new places during the major transition period of leaving school.
4. Targeted recruitment campaign for 50+. A nationally driven marketing campaign, delivered at local rinks, to attract new people over the age of 50 to our sport.
5. An adapted version of Curling - Develop a new, exciting, more convenient version of the game to attract new people and retain those at risk of stopping due to busy lives.
6. Capitalise on high profile events - plan strategically to better engage with the increased media profile around major curling competitions such as Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships and ensure we are better prepared to provide welcoming environments that will hook people into curling.
7. Scottish Curling Membership - Review and improve how we demonstrate the value and benefits of the membership offering to our current members and make the membership journey as attractive and customer focused as possible.

We are very fortunate to have so many passionate volunteers and staff involved in our sport and we look forward to working with you to get more people curling more often.

Case Study - Focus on Fife

Iain Stewart, Development Manager, led a project in Fife to get more Secondary Schools involved in Curling. Iain partnered with Fife College and Active Schools to train up students to help support the volunteers to deliver coaching to local Kirkcaldy schools.

32 students successfully went through a Ready Steady Curl coaching course run by Fiona Harfield. They then, supported by local volunteer coaches, delivered curling sessions to pupils from Balwearie

and Kirkcaldy High Schools. Two other schools scheduled to be involved had to have their sessions cancelled due to COVID-19 along with the finale of the programme, a secondary school bonspiel.

The overall aim of the programme is to get as many of the school pupils curling regularly either through a school team or ideally at the local junior club. Now that the partnership has been created between Scottish Curling, Kirkcaldy Curling School, Fife College, Fife Active Schools and local schools the model will be easily replicated in full next season. A by-product of the enjoyment of some of the college students is that they have established a college curling club/team.

Some reflections:

Greg Stewart, Fife College – Academic and Quality Lead - Media and Sport

“An important strategic target for the college is to create and maintain strong community links with partners and organisations. This partnership has provided a number of benefits for many students and young people. Over 30 students from Fife College have developed their coaching skills and this has contributed to their qualifications at college. A few of the students have set goals to further their curling coaching by enlisting on a future Level 1 curling coaching qualification. The project has also caught the interest of the colleges students association, and plans are in place for student participation at local and Scottish Student Sport level for academic year 2020/21.”



COMPETITIONS



30+

Competitions
held across Scotland



750+

Team entries across
all competitions



3,000+

Participants across
all competitions



12+

Ice rinks
hosted competitions



Overview of the year

Scottish Curling enjoyed a successful season of competitions, albeit a slightly shortened one. With over 30 events taking place across the country prior to the global COVID-19 pandemic, many of our members were able to enjoy the social and competitive aspects of the wide variety of competitions offered.

Cancellations due to COVID-19

The season came to a premature end, with the Scottish Pairs Championship being the last competition in the Scottish Curling calendar to go ahead as planned. Unfortunately, the following domestic events did not take place:

- Funspiel
- National Virtual Club Challenge
- Newcomers
- Scottish Curling Junior Mixed Doubles Championship
- Scottish Curling Mixed Championship

Undoubtedly competitors would have been disappointed to have missed out on the opportunity to take to the ice for these competitions, with many of them due to make their first appearance at a Scottish Curling event. We will be looking at the potential to adjust the entry criteria for some of these events for the 2020/21 season, to ensure

that some of the newest curlers to our community do not miss out on the highly valuable and enjoyable events that often act as stepping stones for future national champions.

With no team being crowned 2019/20 Scottish Curling Mixed Champions in May, consideration is being given as to which team will pull on the Scotland shirts for the 2020 World Mixed Curling Championship, due to take place in October. At the time of writing a number of options are being looked at, with the safety and wellbeing of all involved being the priority in any decision making.

World Championships will not be rescheduled

Scottish Curling share the disappointment of our representatives for the World Women's, Men's, Mixed Doubles, and Senior Men's and Women's Championships who were unable to don their Scotland kit as planned. The Championships were cancelled, some at very short notice, and the World Curling Federation has decided that they will not be rearranged to a later date. Scotland was looking forward to supporting our teams, particularly as hosts for the World Men's Championship, but are entirely supportive of the decisions taken which put the safety of all involved first.

21 curlers won Scottish titles for the first time, aged 13 to 61



Scotland hosted World Curling events at Curl Aberdeen and Greenacres Curling Rink

2019/20 Successes

Scotland hosted two World Curling events during this season; the World Mixed Championship taking place at Curl Aberdeen in October, and the inaugural World Mixed Doubles Qualifying event at Greenacres Curling Rink in December. We were delighted to welcome a total of 46 of World Curling's member nations to Scotland during these Championships, including Kosovo who made their world stage debut in Aberdeen.

Local Information Sheets: Working with ice rinks, we will begin putting together local information sheets that will be issued to competitors, sharing information about accommodation and amenities available close to the rink they will be visiting. This will in turn give the opportunity for local businesses, many of whom support curling generously, to be promoted to visitors. These will be created on an on-going basis, with the aim to produce an info sheet for every competition in Season 2021/22.



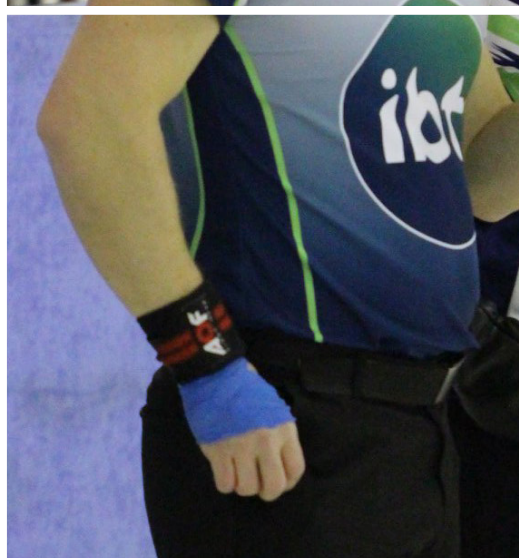
In domestic competition, twenty of our members picked up a Scottish title for the first time this season. The ages of our first time champions ranging from 13 to 61, proving it is never too early or too late to lift the trophy at a national championship!

Competition Brochure

Season 2019/20 saw the second edition of the Competition Brochure, which gives an overview of the competitions offered by Scottish Curling. As well as some of the history of each event, the brochure gives information about eligibility for each competition, allowing members and clubs to browse to find the competitions that best suit them.



There are plans to create a UK wide curling calendar in partnership with SIRA



Introduction of online forms and payment methods

Online entry forms were also successfully launched this season, which allowed for a smoother entry and payment process for both members and office staff.

Projects Moving Forward

Competition Calendar: In addition to the calendar of Scottish Curling events available on our website, we are working in partnership with SIRA to compile a UK wide curling calendar. This will allow interested parties to have an overview of the competitions being offered both by Scottish Curling and by ice rinks across the country.

Online entry forms launched, allowing for a smoother entry and payment process





FINANCES

The financial year ending 30 April 2020 can be described as a stable year for the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, trading as Scottish Curling.

The position at the end of the financial year shows a surplus of £5,439 that has been added to the general reserves. This means that reserves held by the organisation now stand at £246,835 or 24% of turnover. The surplus was achieved despite an operating loss of £3,000 thanks to the revaluation of investments increasing by £8,000.

The single biggest difference with the previous year was the reduction of income and expenditure on hosting an international event in Scotland, which accounts for £120,000 lower on both sides of the balance sheet. We continue to be prudent with our administration costs and these were reduced by £30,000 from the previous year.

Commercial and grant income helped the balance sheet and ability of the company to deliver a wide range of development programmes and member services. These included sponsorship from: Ferguson Oliver Wealth Management, Fred Olsen Cruise Lines, Goldline, and 21 companies that participated in the second shirt sponsorship raffle, in December 2019.

The different model for delivering international competitions, with Glasgow Life leading the planning and organising of the World Men's Curling Championships, impacted on the income and expenditure account. Glasgow Life agreed to underwrite the event, which was key to our agreement for this event to be hosted in Scotland and provided Scottish Curling with insulation from the financial risk. This also meant that sponsorship, grants and other event income did not benefit Scottish Curling. This impacted our ability to generate VAT revenues and therefore increase irrecoverable

VAT, which had already been impacted by an adjustment of £12,000 from the previous year.

Those who scrutinise the accounts will note an increase in debtors and creditors in recent years, this is principally due to £240,000 of loans secured with the World Curling Federation on behalf of ice rinks for building works and equipment at Edinburgh, Kinross, Ayr and Inverness. These loans have a neutral effect on our financial position as the amount due to WCF is equal to the amount due from the ice rinks to us.

The cash at bank is higher due to the receipt of **sportscotland** grant funding investment, which came into our bank account before the end of the financial year, which is earlier than the previous year, this also appears within accrued expenses.

The audit committee will be reviewing the budget in light of COVID-19 and the impact this may have on the sport and our ability to deliver programmes in the coming year.

We would like to thank our principal investor **sportscotland** (46% of income), and our membership, whose subscriptions are the second largest income source (18% of income). We also want to thank all those involved in taking care of the budgets throughout the year and in the preparation of the accounts for the company, with particular thanks to Susan Russell, Nicola Glencross and the new Audit Committee, Kevin Troup, Louise Burke and Jim Cullen.



INCLUSIVE CURLING



12+

Disability events held
across Scotland



200+

People attended events
held across Scotland



75+

People attended BSL/
Deaf-friendly curling sessions
held across Scotland



100+

People attended
training courses
held across Scotland



Disability curling events held around the country

More than a dozen disability curling events were held around the country this season, organised by Scottish Curling, individual ice rinks and in partnership with other organisations. Here are some of them:

70 participants with sensory impairments, or physical disabilities tried floor curling for the first time at the Tayside Parasport Festival.

45 participants tried curling for the second time at the Central Parasport Festival.

56 children and young people from additional support needs (ASN) units and schools tried curling at the Ayr Sportsability Festival.

24 participants with a range of disabilities took part in an afternoon of curling and cake at the Curlability Bonspiel.

An informal 'Come and Play Together' competition was held for existing curlers with a vision impairment, to encourage them to continue in the game.

9 young people with a vision impairment attended a Partnership Event with the Royal National Institute of Blind People to introduce them to curling.

The third Stickspiel was held at Borders Ice Rink. Discussions are underway about piloting a series of further events for stick curlers.

Regular disability sessions have been held at The Peak in Stirling, Kirkcaldy, Kinross and Kelso, as well as Veterans sessions at Ayr, Braehead, Greenacres and The Peak.

Wheelchair clubs continue to curl in 12 rinks across Scotland.

Legacy event held to celebrate the 2020 World Wheelchair Curling Championships

15 school pupils who attended the 2020 World Wheelchair Curling Championship in 2019 in Stirling were invited to a Legacy Event to try curling on ice. Seven schools attended the championship where they met some of the athletes and tried floor curling.

The Legacy Event also brought together both disabled and non-disabled young people to try various types of curling, including traditional sliding delivery, stick delivery and wheelchair curling. They also met Paralympian Aileen Neilson and current Scottish Men's Champion Hammy McMillan.



Coaches continue to welcome individuals with disabilities, impairments and long-term health conditions to ice rinks up and down the country. Here are some of them:

5 British Sign Language and Deaf friendly sessions were held with a total of 76 unique participants attending.

Joined UKDS (UK Deaf Sport) to access support and pathway advice for deaf participants. A pathway will be established for players looking to improve their game and aspire towards selection for the national team.

Ayr Ice Rink has started to work with the local dementia group and has had several sessions for different care home/families who have dementia. It has been called 'Relaxed Curling' and coaches only cover the basics with participants, in a low-key session. After the first sessions, the coaches realised they were not fully trained to cope with the different types of dementia. A course was run at the ice rink to be upskilled and improve knowledge.

This vastly improved the following two sessions delivered. This learning has been shared with other groups who want to work with those with dementia.

Publicity

Disability Curling is well covered in Your Curler each month with stories from around the country. It is always good to share what has been working well to encourage others.

sportscotland has covered a number of disability curling stories, including the impact on the mental health of individuals taking part in curling and volunteering which was captured during a visit to the National Curling Academy by the Minister for Public Health, Joe Fitzpatrick.

Deaf Curling was also covered in a sportfirst article and included in the 25 windows of sport Christmas advent calendar.

The benefits of the Scottish Curling BSL/Deaf-friendly curling programme were presented at the **sportscotland** Equalities Conference, where there was also an opportunity to contribute to a consultation on the challenges and opportunities of developing deaf sport in Scotland.

A further opportunity to showcase the benefits of curling for deaf people was given by speaking at the Cross-parliamentary group on deafness.

The Scottish Curling Development Team was able to speak to 40 sports studies students at Forth Valley College about opportunities in curling, including disability curling.

Training and resources

Disability training courses are run centrally by the Workforce Development Manager.

After feedback from coaches, it was decided to combine the wheelchair and stick delivery courses. This allowed coaches to try both forms, enabling them to be better equipped to tailor their coaching to anyone attending their sessions:

- Stick delivery (seated and standing): 6 courses with 83 participants.
- An advanced wheelchair coaching conference was arranged for those who wanted a more in-depth understanding of wheelchair curling and proved very popular with 23 participants. One described it as 'the best course I've attended'
- Experiences of Inclusive curling from around the country were shared with 60 coaches at Scottish Curling's Coaching and Development Conference on establishing an Inclusive Curling Club, Curling for those with a Vision Impairment and the Multiple Sclerosis partnership.
- Deaf Awareness Training: 9 coaches and staff from The Peak attended a training session run by the National Deaf Children's Society.

Grange Primary @GrangePrimSch · Jun 10, 2019
 Thanks for this amazing opportunity. Both the pupils and adults had a great time 🙌🏻 @AileenNeilson @HammyCDO1 @scottishcurling @activestirling1



Windyhall Care Home @WindyhallH
 What a fab day Jim had getting to achieve a long term goal.....and with no other than Olympic medalist Scott Andrews! He is looking forward to continuing his new sport! #ayr #carehomes #capa #activity @Andrews14Scott @CAPAprogramme @CareInspect @scottishcare @DrDMacaskill



sportscotland @sportscotland · Jun 7, 2019
 #CoachingWeek | The best coaches can adapt their sessions to each individual participant. Coaches at @ScottishCurling took that to a new level with their newly developed BSL signs for Curling ... #GreatCoaching
 Find out more buff.ly/2WNtZkm



Veterans Sport Stirling @VeteransSpoStir
 Absolutely superb first 'Veterans Curling' session tonight! Massive thanks to @HammyCDO1 for delivering and to @scotgovveterans for coming along and supporting! Looking forward to next week already 🙌🏻 there are still spaces available so please get in touch if you want to try!



Scottish Curling @scottishcurling
 Want to #trycurling or want to improve your game? Pop along to @thepeakstirling on Sat 2 Nov to curl with others who use #BSL or are deaf/hard of hearing - all welcome! Interpreters and qualified coaches will be on hand to guide you on the day 🇬🇧 MORE: bit.ly/2JhKGMF

Scottish Disability Sport @SDS_sport · Mar 4
 We also have bowls and indoor **curling** on the go!

Some good celebrations of shots on display this morning too 🎉

@FoundationCFC

#inspiringsport #trycurling #sdsinclusivesport



Hammy McMillan @HammyCDO1 · Jun 13, 2019
 Last night we held a @BritishSignBSL -Deaf Friendly coaching session w @scottishcurling! Amazing and inspirational session! Look forward to having more @thepeakstirling! Thanks to @Just_Sign_BSLI, amazing interpreters, even better to work with. Even I learnt some BSL myself 🙌🏻



The Ice Awards

ICE Awards (Inclusive Curling Experience) have been piloted at Kirkcaldy, Stirling and Ayr. The aim is to encourage people to continue after their initial experience of curling. More information about these can be found on our website.

Resources developed to support coaches in becoming more confident at delivering quality inclusive sessions include:

- A Curling Coach's Guide to ADHD
- STEPS – An Inclusion Guide to Curling
- Disability Inclusion Training Coaching cards to support course
- Wheelchair and Stick Curling Coaching cards to support course
- 'I am going Curling' A social story to support those with ASC
- ICE Awards (Inclusive Curling Experience) for disabled participants

Disabled Volunteers

We currently have 30 active disabled volunteers. Support has been received again through Impact Funding Partners



to encourage disabled people to volunteer. Disabled volunteers helped at nationally run events such as those below:

- The Curlability Bonspiel
- Legacy Event for WWhCC
- BSL/Deaf-friendly curling sessions
- VI Curling Get Together
- Central Parasport Festival
- Scottish Curling Championships
- Curling sessions at local ice rinks

Being able to see disabled people active as coaches and volunteers can be an important way to encourage more disabled people to take part in sport as currently fewer take part in sport than non-disabled. Disabled volunteers have attended several courses, including:

- 5 wheelchair users attended a Level 1 course, 1 attended a Level 2 course
- 7 Disabled volunteers attended a stick delivery curling course, covering wheelchair curling and standing stick delivery.
- 1 wheelchair user currently doing an internship to learn more about sports development and working in an NGB.





INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Royal Caledonian Curling Club is recognised as the mother club of curling and continues to play an active role in the growth and development of the sport of curling across the world. This commitment reflects the historical importance that Scotland has played over the centuries in spreading the game across the world and developing rules and practices. The RCCC takes its responsibilities seriously and manages to do so with friends from all curling nations around the world.

The annual congress of the World Curling Federation is the international forum where the rules and developments of the game are reviewed and debated and includes the Annual General Assembly where the decisions are made by the national member associations. In September 2019 these meetings were held in Mexico and the Scottish representatives participated fully in the meetings. Changes to the WCF rules were approved and the Scottish delegation were instrumental in the discussion and decisions.

New rules were approved for: anti-doping rules and procedures, position of players, sweeping, scoring, wheelchair curling, mixed doubles, participating teams, equipment, timing, stone assignment, team ranking, Olympic and Paralympic qualification, World championship qualification, ranking, seeding and playoff systems. Motions from members on time outs, number of ends and clothing were also debated.

The WCF was due to hold meetings in March at the World Men's Curling Championship in Glasgow but the cancellation of the event resulted in the

discussion moving online to webinar format which allowed people to engage in future rule changes and concepts that will be discussed at the next congress.

After the Congress, the WCF sought reps to form two new commissions that were being established to look at maximising the value and organisational structure. Susan Kesley and Bruce Crawford were appointed to the groups respectively and both groups have held initial meetings online.

Thank you

The commitment made by our reps is appreciated, along with those on the WCF Board and Commissions during the last year these were:

- Kate Caithness - President of the WCF
- Hew Chalmers - Director of WCF
- Bob Kelly - RCCC Rep
- Susan Kesley - RCCC Rep
- Bill Duncan - RCCC Rep
- Bruce Crawford - RCCC Rep
- Willie Nicoll - member of the WCF Governance Commission
- David Murdoch - member of the WCF Athletes Commission

We would like to record our thanks to Bill Duncan who retired from being a rep after the 2019 Congress. The board sought nominations and the selection panel were pleased to have received eight strong applications and Rob Niven has been appointed as a new rep. Bob Kelly stepped down from being a pathway representative and has been reappointed as an ordinary rep.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media Growth



25%

Increase in Instagram followers



9.5%

Increase in Facebook followers



9.2%

Increase in Twitter followers

YourCurler Activity



8,900+

Monthly Subscribers



21,374

Average monthly page views



4.8%

Increase in monthly page views compared to 2018/19 season



Brand, Identity and Communication

Scottish Curling, the trading name of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, is now established and widely recognised since the adoption of the name by the RCCC in early 2018. We have developed these two threads of the one organisation and established where we can maintain the history and heritage of the RCCC, while presenting a fresh, recognisable brand to new and existing audiences. This has led to a revamp of our communications strategy, which outlines the identity of both Scottish Curling and the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, each with their own tone, while still operating under the one over-arching strategy. We have revised our social media guidelines for staff, to maintain these identities across our digital platforms. We have also undertaken a refresh of our TryCurling branding, and anticipate that this cleaner, refreshed look will be rolled out across the entire Scottish Curling brand early next season.

season, with significantly increased traffic from Canada, the USA, Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, and Norway. This demonstrates our international influence, with Scotland seen as the home of curling, and as a trusted resource for news and knowledge of the sport.

Our social media presence also experienced healthy growth this season, with our Facebook and Twitter following rising by 9.5% and 9.2% respectively, and our Instagram following also increasing by 25%. These results are expected to increase from the implementation of the social media guidelines, and further plans to develop new and interesting ways to engage our online audience. Posts gaining the most engagement were predominantly updates on Scottish teams at world events, however year on year we still continually see a spike in activity around the Scottish Curling Championships, reminding us of the membership and curlers on home soil that we are here to serve.

Online Presence

Our online footprint has grown this year, likely due to Scotland's hosting of the World Men's Curling Championships, despite the event unfortunately being cancelled due to the COVID-19. Website traffic for season 2019/20 has shown an increase of 41% when compared to last

WEBSITE TRAFFIC FOR 2019/20 SEASON

up 41%
from last season

Increased traffic from
Canada, USA, Sweden and more...

Twenty-one companies entered the second Shirt Sponsor Prize Draw.



58,800 people watched live streaming of Scottish Championships Playoff, semi-final and Finals

Broadcast

Livestreaming of the Scottish Curling Championships went ahead this year in partnership with BBC Scotland and Technative. We doubled the output, from two games to four, to include the women's 1v2 page playoff game and the men's semi-final, in addition to both the men's and women's finals, as had previously been broadcast last year. Total streaming figures were healthy across the two days of coverage, with the Playoff and Semi-finals reaching 27,400 views and the finals reaching 31,400. We hope to meet demand from members and find ways to increase broadcast output in future.

Sponsorship

Season 2019/20 has been a busy year for sponsorship, with many of our partners and sponsors reaching the end and renewing their agreements with us, and a few with rolling agreements still to be serviced in the coming season.

Our second Shirt Sponsor Prize Draw took place successfully in December with 21 companies participating, joining us for the finals of the Scottish Championships and the lucky winners received their branding on the Team Scotland shirts at world championships. We'd like to thank all of the businesses who have backed this initiative, both this season and last, and hope that next season's prize draw can be expanded further and with wider advertising to allow more organisations to be given the chance to take part.

Member Communications

Our main communication with our members during the season remains the monthly ezine, YourCurler.

Sent to almost 9,000 of our members who have chosen to receive this each month, the online publication has been received with ever-increasing success, generating average monthly page views of 21,374 (up 4.8% from season 2018/19).

This publication remains to be viewed globally, with readers from as far afield as Japan, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, and New Zealand.

Feedback is encouraged in every issue, and with communications streamlined this season, more of the membership appear well-versed on the different ways in which they can enjoy this publication.

"Love the new YourCurler, great to catch up with events and happenings around the curling community."

"Don't always read YourCurler. The new format drew my attention, looks more inviting and encouraged me to read through to the end. Fantastic"

"I thought this was attractively presented with varied interesting content. Well done!"

"This format is inclusive, interesting and easy to use"

We also thank our members who have taken the time to give feedback for how we can make this publication more accessible and a more enjoyable read. We will continue to "quality test", making text easier to read, ensuring image resolution is of a high standard where possible and guarantee that each edition is added to the website one month after publication, and we look forward to continually refining this method of communication throughout next season.

Merchandise

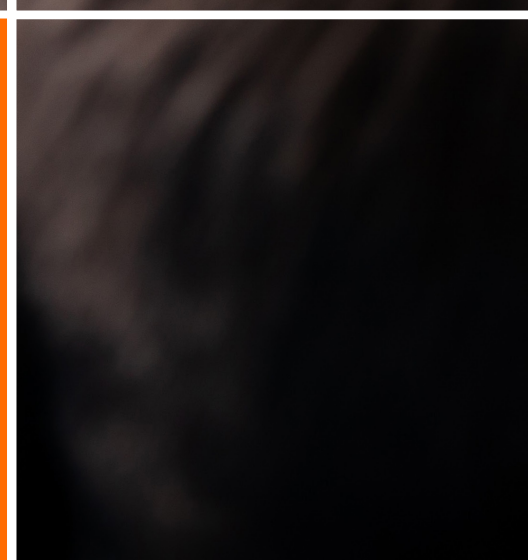
The Scottish Curling branded merchandise continues to be popular for some, with the online store hosted by VSN Sport. The range of products has been increased and the quality has improved. We will continue the development of the product range and also the operating schedule and frequency for placing orders.



YourCurler viewed globally, with readers from as far afield as Japan, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, and New Zealand



"Really enjoying the informative articles such as those on ice-making and sweeping techniques. Keep up the good work!"





PERFORMANCE

Scottish Curling Academy 2019/20 | 40



4 Men's Teams (16)
4 Women's Teams (16)



8 Individual Athletes
(3 men, 5 women)

The Performance Foundation and Scottish Curling Academy are Scottish development programmes supported by the Scottish and British Curling performance staff and assisted by sportscotland specialist staff. Support is provided to selected athletes with the prospect and ultimate outcome of being able to medal on the World and Olympic stage.

The continued use of the National Curling Academy (NCA) facility in Stirling and the generous allocation to the Scottish Academy athletes of any spare ice by British Curling makes a huge difference. Many academy athletes who want to practice in their own time utilise this benefit of being part of the Academy. It was therefore no surprise to see one of the hardest working teams of James Craik, Blair Haswell, Mark Watt, and Niall Ryder win their first Scottish Curling Junior Championship, and then go on to win the bronze medal at the 2020 World Junior Curling Championships in Russia.



Pathway programme restructured next season

It was a disappointing end to the junior women's season in December 2019 when Team Davie, despite dominating the Scottish play-off series and winning the right to represent Scotland at the World Junior-B Curling Championships, didn't qualify Scotland for the 2020 World Junior Curling Championships after finishing in 10th place in the qualifying event.

The varied performances at international level of the junior women's teams has prompted much discussion and a radical rethink of the Pathway programme, with the following being implemented for the 2020/21 season:

Sixteen young players, women (8) and men (8) will be fast tracked into the Performance Foundation Level 2 (PF2) under the auspices of British Curling and Scottish Curling, in order to benefit from enhanced technical and tactical coaching support, and more opportunities to compete at a higher level, along with access to **sportscotland** Institute of Sport support services.

Below that, the Scottish Curling Academy will support a National Programme of 16 players (8 women and 8 men). These athletes will be provided with pre-season training sessions, and weekly individual

and fortnightly team sessions at the NCA during the season. They will also have access to subsidised support to play in 3 higher level competitions during the season.

Performance Pathway diagram

Further to this, around 32 other Scottish Curling Academy athletes and their local coaches will be invited to the NCA at weekends and during holiday breaks to sample the atmosphere and benefit from workshops and coaching sessions, led by British Curling coaches. These will include video analysis, to refocus and further individual and team performance and sparking interest in going further in the Performance Pathway.

Academy Programme successes

Academy teams that progressed last year into the Performance Foundation level made their mark on the competitive circuit this season, notably Team Wilson (Maggie Wilson (skip/third), Rebecca Morrison (fourth), Jennifer Marshall (second) and Eilidh Yeats (lead)), who came an impressive second in the Scottish Curling Championships, beaten only by Team Muirhead. They also gained valuable curling experience in Canada and the USA during the season and were runners-up in the Mercure Perth Masters curling event in January against some good international competition.



Ross Whyte's meteoric rise continues, with his team ranked 13th in the world at the end of the 2019/20 season, and after taking many notable scalps, we have high hopes for Robin Brydone, Duncan McFadzean and Euan Kyle in the years to come, if they can maintain their dedication.

Youth Olympic Games

Attendance at the Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne proved a challenge, clashing with the Scottish Junior Championships. The line-up of Ross Craik (skip), Robyn Mitchell, Jamie Rankine and Hannah Farries did Scotland and Great Britain proud, and very nearly progressed to the knock-out stages after being in a round robin pool with what turned out to be many of the strongest teams.

Scottish Junior Championships to be played earlier in the season

During the 2019/20 season the Scottish Curling Competitions Committee agreed to move future Scottish Curling Junior Championships to December. This will ensure there are no clashes in selecting teams to represent Great Britain at the Youth Olympic Games and World University Games. It will also provide additional preparation time for teams who represent Scotland at the World Junior Curling Championships, including World Junior-B's if required.

Scottish Curling Academy Sponsors

Many of the Scottish Curling Academy teams enjoyed European experiences this season thanks to the generous and ongoing support of Alan Mitchell and Foxglide as well as new support from The Barrie Douglas Foundation. The foundation, set-up in the memory of Perth businessman Barrie Douglas, will provide funding to send young teams to European Junior Curling Tour events for the next three years. These experiences are invaluable to the development and progression of our academy teams.

The "Rambo Cup"

A brand-new Pathway Competition dubbed the "Rambo Cup" was introduced this season specifically for Performance Foundation and Academy teams. Played over two legs, with the first at Murrayfield Curling Rink and the second leg at Curl Aberdeen, the event followed the format of a mini continental cup which allowed the young athletes to experience both mixed doubles and mixed team play. It also gave fringe academy teams the opportunity to play with more experienced athletes. This event was made possible by generous support from Tom Pendreigh and British Curling Supplies, and much help from Fraser Shaw.



Coaching development

Coaching development continued with thanks to Fiona Harfield, Workforce Development Manager for Scottish Curling, and all the tutors who led workshops and seminars. We have continued to build our Scottish Curling coaching pool and developed opportunities for coaches to progress. Some have already engaged and thrived through this development, for example Ali Cunningham leading the Youth Olympic Games team in Lausanne and Iain Watt coaching Team James Craik to World Junior success. Coach Debbie Knox and Team Farmer placing third in the Scottish Curling Women's Championship was also an example of the opportunities leading our coaches and athletes forward.

Photos:

Top: Team Wilson
Middle: Team J Craik
Bottom: Team GB | Youth Olympic Games



Maggie Wilson shares her insight into the Performance programme

I started curling when I was 10 years old at Greenacres Curling Rink as part of the Curling's Cool Programme. I remember at our final lesson, just after the 2002 Winter Olympics, we had the privilege of meeting Rhona Howie and seeing her Olympic Gold Medal. Could there be a cooler sport where you can meet an Olympian after just a few lessons? I was hooked and my Curling's Cool certificate still hangs in my Mum's kitchen 18 years later.

I first ventured onto the performance pathway when I was selected for the regional academy in 2010 and was part of the academy throughout my time at university. In 2014 after one year in graduate employment, I decided to step back from curling. I was finding the pressures to balance training and work too much and wasn't able to give my all to both. I continued to curl socially but resigned myself to the fact that to focus on my career I wouldn't be able to achieve my sporting goals.

In 2016, I was asked to sub in a few games for a team in the Scottish Championships and I jumped at the chance. When I got there and got back to competitive play, it was like the fire in me had been re-lit. I decided I wanted to give it another go, I wanted to be competitive and see what I could accomplish. I re-entered the performance pathway into the Academy programme. This wasn't without its challenges: I was working full time and studying part time and the pressure on my time was huge. I learned some of my biggest lessons at this time about the determination needed to strive for your goals. In 2019 I progressed onto the Scottish and British Curling Performance Foundation programme. This was a massive opportunity for me to develop further and the additional benefit of

access to the services of the Scottish Institute of Sport. My team had a good season on the World Curling Tour and continued to improve finishing the season with a silver medal in the Scottish Championships.

At the age of 28 I have had a very different experience from many performance athletes. Everyone has their own journey in sport and I have navigated my own path which has allowed me to build solid foundations in my career which now afford me the chance to give my all to the sport of curling. My advice to a young athlete with similar time pressures as I have faced would be to communicate with your coaches, teachers and employer and build a structure for your time to allow you to plan. Don't run yourself ragged – quality always trumps quantity. Turn up to your sessions prepared and ready to go. Be present, be focused - use your time wisely to get the most out of your training.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



420
Qualified Coaches



14
Active Tutors



71
Active Timers



75
Active Umpires



This season coaches, tutors, officials, and volunteers have been involved in new programmes, developments, and events throughout the year.

Coaches

sportscotland supports Scottish Curling by subsidising all completed Level 1 and Level 2 courses for Scottish based coaches by 40% and 60%, respectively. As a result Scottish Curling has secured a subsidy of £1,348 for period 2019/20.

The Coaching & Development Conference was attended by 70 coaches this season. It was held at Hamilton ice rink and brought everyone up to date with developments in coaching, partnership working and Curling's Cool. There was also an on ice element featuring Advanced Wheelchair coaching delivered by British Curling, and drills for junior clubs.

Tutors

The tutor workforce continues to grow. We now have 14 tutors, one up from last year and two currently registered to attend the next set of training dates. A refresher day was held in August last year for all the tutors. They were upskilled on the Key Principles of the Delivery workshop and British Curling delivered a session on Athlete Assessment.

Officials

It has been a successful year for our 71 timers and 75 umpires too. The season started with the Umpire Refresher Day in Hamilton, which treated 41 umpires to a day of development workshops and guest speakers. We had representation at the WCF competitions throughout the season and under the Umpire Development Programme, 1 umpire achieved Level 1, 5 umpires achieved Level 2 and 1 umpire achieved Level 3.

Volunteers

Over 400 volunteers registered for the World Men's Curling Championship 2020, which was an amazing number of people who chose to support the event. Although it didn't go ahead the high number of volunteers is testament to the love and passion that our volunteers have for curling.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 2019/20 SEASON

44
courses held
across
Scotland

492
people
attended
courses

35
New
Level 1
coaches



5
New
Level 2
coaches



400+
Volunteers
registered
for the
WMCC 2020



127
working
towards
Level 1 and 2
qualifications



COURSES IN 2019/20

COURSE TITLE	NO. COURSES	NO. ATTENDEES
*Level 1	7	64
*Level 2	2	13
Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport	10	102
Level 2+	1	8
Skill Awards Assessor Workshop	3	11
Key Principles of the Delivery Model	4	49
Introduction to Sweeping	3	39
**Tactics	1	30
**Physical Preparation	1	20
Rules Upskilling	1	7
Stick Delivery Seated and Standing	6	79
Deaf Awareness	1	10
Advanced Wheelchair	1	9
Ready, Steady, Curl	1	32
Advanced Umpiring	1	6
Introduction to Umpiring	1	13
TOTALS	44	492

Summary of Courses

* In season 2019/20 (March 2019 - March 2020 a total of 35 coaches qualified at Level 1 and 5 coaches qualified at Level 2. Scottish Curling currently has 420 qualified and 127 coaches working towards their Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications.

**Two new courses were introduced this season to meet the increasing needs and development of our courses.

Projects being developed for next season include:

- Coaching
- Delivery of Tactical courses
 - Introduction of some on line course (eLearning)

- Video drills and skills
- Communication platform
- Scottish Coaching Conference 2021

Tutors

- Tutor standardisation training day
- Increase number of qualified tutors
- Increase the number of assessors

Officials

- Advanced Umpiring course
- Introduction to Umpiring course
- Mentoring programme for Umpires

Volunteers

- Mentoring and developing one of our Future Leaders



SAFEGUARDING | PROTECTING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS

Standards for Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport

sportscotland require sports governing bodies to achieve national standards in Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport as part of the Scottish Government's National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland, 2014. Scottish Curling achieved 100% of these standards in September 2019, six months ahead of the national deadline.

Notable highlights in Safeguarding over the year has been:

- 102 participants from member clubs at 10 Child Wellbeing & Protection in sport (CWPS) course
- Umpire workshop on safeguarding at refresher day and follow up resource
- Training for Board members
- Workshop at junior club conference

Protection of Vulnerable Groups

All people who work with vulnerable groups e.g. under-18s, are required to have a PVG background check carried out. Scottish Curling supports clubs by processing and managing these checks on their behalf. In the last year Scottish Curling processed 136 PVG checks.

Ongoing Support & Case Management

In the past year Scottish Curling has offered advice and support to clubs on the management and resolution of a number of safeguarding concerns and cases via the Welfare and Child Protection Officer.

Future Developments

The Scottish Government and Disclosure Scotland are reviewing the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007, which will result in several changes to the PVG scheme. The following areas are likely to change when the bill completes its passage through Parliament:

- PVG Scheme membership will become mandatory - It will become an offence to do such a role without first joining the PVG Scheme. This will result in a tightening up of practice, as no volunteer or coach can start in role without having a PVG in place first
- Introducing a new digital access - via online application. Digital certificates with one "certificate" produced which the applicant can then share with different agencies.
- PVG Scheme membership length - Ending lifetime membership and replacing it with a time limited membership of 5 years.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



PARTNERSHIPS & SPONSORS

Scottish Curling is the lead governing body for curling in the UK and works closely with British Curling on the performance aspects of the sport. Scotland has provided 100% of the athletes that have represented Team GB at all of the modern Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games where curling has been played. The success on the world stage places Scotland high in the world order on the medal tables in all disciplines. This level of success brings rewards in terms of media attention and investment from public bodies and sponsors, but also responsibilities.

Currently 46% of Scottish Curling's annual turnover comes from **sportscotland** for the governance and development of the sport in Scotland. Meanwhile the UK Sport award for curling's performance programme is approximately £1.7m per year, totally focussed on high performance programme.

The two organisations have to work closely together on various levels and an agreement of "memorandum of understanding" formalises this relationship in which other partners also have an interest. Both Scottish and British bodies are accountable to their members and overlap exists, given the role played by Scotland in the games as the current Olympic and Paralympic points carrier. The players involved in the top level of the sport are generally the same people whether in Scottish Teams or British Teams or either programmes or in the pathway for developing young players.

OUR PARTNERS



OUR SPONSORS



SHIRT DRAW ENTRIES





RECOGNITION AWARDS



270

50 Year Medals
awarded to individual
members since 2000



21

100 Year Medals
awarded to Clubs
since 2000



52

150 Year Medals
awarded to Clubs
since 2000



165

Eight-Ender Awards
issued since 2000

50 YEAR MEDALLISTS 2019/20

David Steel (Biggar/Coulter)
Patrick Edington (Boswall)
Craig Hutcheson (Broomhall)
Douglas Walls (Crawford Priory)
Ian Whiteford (Crawford Priory)
Tom Neilson (Dippool)
Alison Allison (East Kilbride & Haremyres)
Oonah Grigor (Elgin)
Inglis McAulay (Falkirk)
Jeanette Johnston (Falkirk Ladies)

Anne Brook (Kennoway)
Charles Gibb (Kirkahoe)
John Duncan (Lesmahagow)
John Veitch (Lesmahagow)
Jean Veitch (Lesmahagow Ladies Section)
Norma Lammie (Leswalt)
James Wyllie (Midcalder)
Jim Cowper (Penicuik)
Jack Kennedy (Sorn)
Kate Dykes (West Linton)

CLUB MEDALLISTS 2019/20

100 YEAR CLUB MEDAL

Troon Portland (Admitted in 1920)

150 YEAR CLUB MEDAL

Lochaber (Admitted in 1870)

EIGHT-ENDER AWARDEES 2019/20

Murrayfield Curling

Edinburgh Ladies

Lorna Scott
Christine Smellie
Kate Abbot
Lindsey Wilson

Kinross Curling

Forret

Craig Lindsay
Peter Lang (Jnr)
David Laird
Graham Lindsay

Murrayfield Curling

Corstorphine Ladies

Ruth Addinall
Kath Murray
Tricia Hastie
Marjorie Beaumont

Curl Aberdeen

Aberdeen

Richard Morrison
Nick Marshall
Moira Morrison
Carol Ross

Dewars Centre

Airleywight Ladies

Mairi Milne
Claire Milne
Karen Stephen
Rachael Hotchkiss

Murrayfield Curling

Pentland Ladies

Maureen McCulloch
Sandra Renton
Gill Fagan
Hilary Hutton

intu Braehead

Gogar Park Young Curlers

Adam Keron
Holly Davis
Joanna Sutherland
Emily Broadwood

Moray Leisure Centre

Fochabers

Tony Duncan
Mike Watt
Raymond Boyd
Alistair Wood

Murrayfield Curling

Colinton Ladies

Kath Murray
Jane Browitt
Frieda Macrae
Ros Trial



COMPETITION RESULTS



SCOTTISH CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men - Murrayfield | Bruce Mouat, Grant Hardie, Bobby Lammie and Hamilton McMillan
Women - Perth | Eve Muirhead, Lauren Gray, Jennifer Dodds, Vicky Wright

SCOTTISH CURLING JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men - Forfar | James Craik, Mark Watt, Blair Haswell, Niall Ryder
Women - Stirling | Amy Bryce, Robyn Munro, Inca Maguire, Laura Watt, Beth Rowley

FERGUSON OLIVER WEALTH MANAGEMENT SCOTTISH CURLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men - Border | Keith Prentice, John Davie, John Dowell, Robert Anderson
Women - Aberdeen | Jackie Lockhart, Edith Hazard, Mairi Milne, Katie Loudon

GOLDLINE

SCOTTISH CURLING MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Jennifer Dodds and Bruce Mouat

GOLDLINE

SCOTTISH CURLING JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Cancelled due to COVID-19

SCOTTISH CURLING MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP

TBD | Postponed due to COVID-19

SCOTTISH CURLING SENIOR MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP

Stranraer | Stuart Wilson, Margaret Agnew, John Agnew, Gillian King

FRED OLSEN CRUISE LINES

NATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men - Greenacres | Graeme Adam, Lindsay Scotland, Alan Guthrie, Eddie Banks
Women - Aberdeen | Kay Gibb, Catherine Dodds, Liz Horton, Marion Malcolm

SCOTTISH CURLING WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

Cancelled due to COVID-19

SCOTTISH CURLING PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Greenacres | William Smith and Wallace Gilbert

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Dalbeattie High

SCOTTISH PROVINCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Ayrshire | Stewarton Heather | David Mundell, Alan Smith, Alex Wilson, Douglas Reid

Photos:

Top: Scottish Curling Women's Champions | Team Muirhead
Bottom: Scottish Curling Men's Champions | Team Mouat



COMPETITION RESULTS



RINK CHAMPIONSHIP

Galleon | Stewarton Heather

ASHAM UNDER 14 SLAM

Aberdeen | Ethan Brewster, Sam Lynch, Marc Lyon, Luke Perras, Fraser Riddoch

ASHAM UNDER 17 SLAM

Slam Winners - Dumfries | Orrin Carson, Logan Carson, Archie Hyslop, Charlie Gibb
Highest Women's Team - Greenacres | Robyn Mitchell, Annabelle Hof, Holly Hamilton, Amy Mitchell

ASHAM UNDER 21 SLAM

Men - Forfar | James Craik, Mark Watt, Blair Haswell, Niall Ryder
Women - Dumfries | Fay Henderson, Kirsty Gallacher, Caitlin Purdie, Kirstey Farries

FUNSPIEL

Cancelled due to COVID-19

HENDERSON BISHOP TROPHY

Murrayfield 2 | Susan Kesley, Fran Stretton, Jenny Barr, Morna Aitken

CHERRYSTONE TROPHY

Murrayfield 1 | Kerry Clark, Katie Wood, Betty Gibb, Maggie Barry, Margaret Nicol

MAXWELL TROPHY

Greenacres

MORTON TROPHY

Kinross

NATIONAL VIRTUAL CLUB CHALLENGE

Cancelled due to COVID-19

NEWCOMERS TROPHY

Cancelled due to COVID-19

SCOTTISH JUNIOR CLUB CHALLENGE

Division 1 | Stranraer
Division 2 | Gogar Park

SIR RICHARD WALDIE-GRIFFITH INTER PROVINCE CUP

Not awarded

SKILL AWARDS CHALLENGE

Ayr | David Murray, Murray McHarg, Scott Sutherland, William McHarg

Photos:

Top left: Scottish Curling Pairs winners | William Smith & Wallace Gilbert
Top right: Scottish Curling Schools winners | Dalbeattie High School
Middle: Maxwell Trophy winners | Greenacres
Bottom: Scottish Curling Junior Champions | Team Bryce



COMPETITION PARTICIPATION



NATIONAL COMPETITIONS	ENTRIES	DETAILS
Scottish Curling Championships	16	8 (W) 8 (M)
Scottish Curling Junior Championships	21	8 (W) 13 (M)
Scottish Curling Senior Championships	39	11 (W) 28 (M)
Scottish Curling Mixed Doubles Championship	20	
Scottish Curling Junior Mixed Doubles Championship	11	
Scottish Curling Mixed Championship	8	
Scottish Curling Senior Mixed Championship	16	
National Masters Championships	33	8 (W) 25 (M)
Scottish Curling Pairs Championship	20	*plus local qualifiers
CLUB & DEVELOPMENT COMPETITIONS	ENTRIES	DETAILS
Asham Under 14 Slam (4 events)	65	
Asham Under 17 Slam (5 events)	96	
Asham Under 21 Slam (4 events)	72	29 (W) 43 (M)
Scottish Curling Schools Championship	20	*plus local qualifiers
The Henderson Bishop Trophy	105	105 (W)
The Rink Championship	20	*plus local qualifiers
The Maxwell Trophy	10	10 (M)
The Morton Trophy	15	15 (W)
Scottish Curling Funspiel	14	U13 x 10 U15 x 4
Scottish Curling Junior Club Challenge	16	
National Virtual Club Challenge	20	
Newcomers	40	*individual entries
Scottish Province Championship	24	
Skill Awards Challenge	6	
District Medal	70	
INTERNATIONAL QUALIFIERS	ENTRIES	DETAILS
European Playdowns	3	3 (M)
World Junior B Playoffs	2	2 (W)

Photos:
 Top: Henderson Bishop winners
 Middle: Scottish Curling Senior Mixed winners
 Bottom: Scottish Senior Men winners



INTERNATIONAL RESULTS



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men - BRONZE

Ross Paterson
Kyle Waddell
Duncan Menzies
Michael Goodfellow
Craig Waddell

Women - SILVER

Eve Muirhead
Lauren Gray
Jennifer Dodds
Vicky Wright
Sophie Sinclair

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men - BRONZE

James Craik
Mark Watt
Blair Haswell
Niall Ryder
Angus Bryce

WORLD MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP

Mixed - 5TH

Luke Carson
Kirstin Bousie
Mark Taylor
Katie McMillan

WORLD WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

Mixed - 9TH

Hugh Nibloe
Robert McPherson
Gary Smith
Charlotte McKenna
Meggan Dawson-Farrell

YOUTH OLYMPICS GAMES (GB)

Mixed - 11TH

Ross Craik
Robyn Mitchell
Jamie Rankin
Hannah Farries

WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Women - Cancelled due to COVID-19

Eve Muirhead
Lauren Gray
Jennifer Dodds
Vicky Wright
Sophie Sinclair

WORLD MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Men - Cancelled due to COVID-19

Bruce Mouat
Grant Hardie
Bobby Lammie
Hammy McMillan
Ross Whyte

WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men - Cancelled due to COVID-19

Keith Prentice
John Davie
John Dowell
Robert Anderson
Mike Ferguson

Women - Cancelled due to COVID-19

Jackie Lockhart
Edith Hazard
Mairi Milne
Wendy Johnston
Katie Loudon

WORLD MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Mixed - Cancelled due to COVID-19

Jennifer Dodds
Bruce Mouat

Photos:

Top: World Junior Curling Men's Bronze Medallists | Team J Craik
Bottom: European Curling Men's Bronze Medallists | Team Paterson,
and European Curling Women's Silver Medallists | Team Muirhead

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We would like to thank everyone who provided us with photos during the 2019/20 season, and apologise if we have omitted or incorrectly credited photos.



A large, stylized blue graphic on the left side of the page. It features a central circular shape with a diagonal line through it, resembling a curling stone. To the right of this circle are several curved, flame-like or brush-like shapes, suggesting the motion of a curling brush. The entire graphic is rendered in various shades of blue.

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