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Welcome to our Your Curler

Welcome to the March edition of Your Curler.

It has been another bumper month of curling, both at home and abroad with our teams representing on the world stage in Russia and Switzerland for the World Juniors and the World Wheelchair Curling Championships, respectively. Huge congratulations must go to our Junior Men's Team who returned home with a bronze medal after a stellar performance in Krasnoyarsk.

As we look ahead to the end of March, and the LGT World Men's Curling Championship in Glasgow, final plans are being made for what we know will be a fantastic competition.

As with any large scale event the safety of those attending and competing is paramount, and news of the world wide coronavirus outbreak is inescapable. As things stand, Scottish Curling and other sports organisations are following advice from the World Health Organisation, NHS and governments. Good personal hygiene, coughing/sneezing into tissues and disposing of them in a bin, the use of hand sanitisers and thorough hand washing with soap and water are the basic precautions everyone should take.

We are constantly monitoring advice from scientific/health bodies and will keep members and curling fans updated through our website and social media channels should there be any change to proceedings.

The advice on avoiding the custom of greeting with handshaking or kissing is being promoted by some organisations to avoid spreading the virus and we would recommend that alternative greetings are used before and after curling games.

We hope that you enjoy the last few weeks of this season and look forward to seeing many members in Glasgow for the World Championships from 28 of March till 5 April.

Bruce Crawford
Chief Executive Officer
Scottish Curling

WHAT'S ON: MARCH

th - 8th Mar 2020	Scottish Curling Schools Championship	Ayr Ice Rink	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
th - 8th Mar 2020	The Rink Championship	Forfar Indoor Sports	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
0th Mar 2020	The Maxwell Trophy	Dumfries Ice Bowl	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
0th Mar 2020	The Morton Trophy	Forfar Indoor Sports	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
3th - 15th Mar 020	Scottish Curling Pairs Championship	Stranraer Ice Rink	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
4th - 22nd Mar 020	World Women's Curling Championship – Prince George		World Curling Federation
1st Mar 2020	Scottish Curling Funspiel	Braehead Curling	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
8th Mar - 5th Apr 020	World Men's Curling Championship – Glasgow		World Curling Federation
9th Mar 2020	National Virtual Club Challenge	Dundee Ice Arena	Royal Caledonian Curling Club

CURRENT COURSES

Introduction to Sweeping
Tue 17 Mar | Dundee Ice Arena

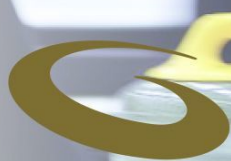
Stick Delivery
*Mon 23 Mar
 Dundee Ice Arena*



Goldline is proud to partner with Scottish Curling through our sponsorship of Scottish Mixed Doubles Championships.

Our goal is to promote growth and development of the game by supporting the efforts of associations, ice rinks and clubs.

Scottish Curling is poised to deliver exciting changes and Goldline is pleased to be a contributor.



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LGT WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – GLASGOW 2020

SCOTLAND SCHEDULE

Saturday 28 March	1900	Sheet A	Italy v Scotland
Sunday 29 March	0900	Sheet B	Scotland v Germany
	1900	Sheet C	Denmark v Scotland
Monday 30 March	1400	Sheet A	Switzerland v Scotland
	1900	Sheet D	Scotland v Netherlands
Tuesday 31 March	1400	Sheet A	Scotland v Russia
	1900	Sheet B	Canada v Scotland
Wednesday 1 April	1400	Sheet C	Scotland v China
Thursday 2 April	0900	Sheet D	Korea Republic v Scotland
	1400	Sheet B	Scotland v Sweden
Friday 3 April	0900	Sheet C	USA v Scotland
	1900	Sheet A	Scotland v Norway

SWEEP UP YOUR TICKETS



LGT WORLD MEN'S
CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP
GLASGOW | SCOTLAND 2020

COACHING WORKSHOPS OPPORTUNITIES AT THE WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

AIM OF THE COACHING WORKSHOPS

Scottish Curling is offering a small group of qualified coaches (16 coaches each day) the chance to analyse a select game (1 game per day). The group will be split into two and study a team each. Following on from the game the group will spend between 1.5- 2hrs discussing and comparing the tactical outcomes.

The workshop will be facilitated by a British Curling coach whose knowledge and experience will generate a high level of discussion. The aim is to help coaches understand a varying range of tactics used in developing a wide range of game plans. Some key focus points might be: What are the external factors that influence and impact on the different types of tactics used? What differentiates the tactics used by the winning team? How would you use the information that has been gathered to feed this back to a team?

PROCESS

These workshops will form part of the Continuous Professional Development (CPD), and will go towards coach revalidation. There will be no charge and the Local Organising Committee for the World's, Glasgow Life, plans to use the media area for coaches to observe the games. All coaches will have accreditation to allow easy access.

SELECTION

To ensure all coaches have an equal opportunity to attend, the plan is to draw names from a hat for all games that are oversubscribed. I have attached a table below of the selected games:

Monday 30 March	Switzerland v Scotland	1400
Tuesday 31 March		1400
Wednesday 01 April	Denmark V Norway	0900
Thursday 02 April	USA v Sweden	1400
Friday 03 April	China v Canada	0900

To avoid disappointment please ensure you complete the doodle poll by 5pm on Friday 13 March 2020. Follow this link to access the poll and register which games you would like to be entered for. This is such a great opportunity to see the world's best men's teams come together in Glasgow and be led through a structured workshop by British Curling coaches.

Good Luck!

AROUND THE RINKS

INVERNESS

The Area Standing Committee assisted by some local Inverness curlers played against Area 13 on Tuesday 4 February in the annual game for the Tamnavulin Trophy. In five closely fought games the ASC managed to just come out on top with Past President Graham Lindsay's rink being the highest up and so taking the trophy back south.

Big thanks to Ian MacKay for all his input into the day, for Area 13 hosting lunch and to Tamnavulin for their sponsorship of the competition.



CAWDER

125th Anniversary Reunion Lunch

This season Cawder House Curing Club is celebrating its 125th Anniversary. There will be a Grand Bonspiel and Dinner, but to make sure that we included part members, a mid-week reunion lunch was held at Cawder Golf Club on 5th February 2020.

At the early stages of preparation for this event the Committee prepared a database with all the names and contact details as they could find. They used whatever past annual membership lists as were available but also went through all of the RCCC Annuals from 1973. Getting the names was easy but getting up-to-date contact details was much more difficult. Facebook was also used to track down some people!

From the final list of 148 names known to have been members of CHCC at one time or another, invitations were sent out to fifty five either by letter, email or word of mouth. 30 were able to attend representing players from every decade since the 1970s. There were 12 Members present who had celebrated the Club's Centenary in 1995. The lunch was a great success and there was an agreement that this should be a regular event perhaps every 2 years.

by Drew Jolly, Club President



LOCKERBIE

SWCA Friendship Trophy 2020

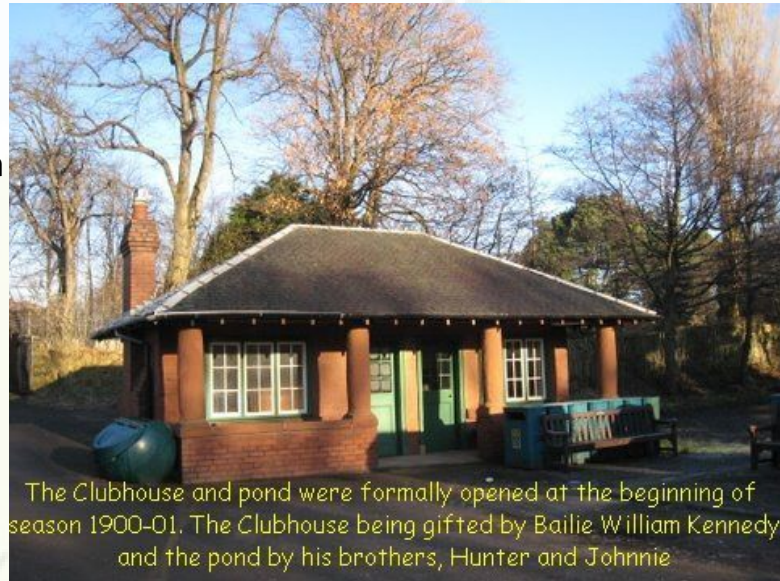
The annual friendship trophy competition was held in the National Curling Academy, Stirling, on Saturday 15 February. 10 wheelchair curlers from the south of Scotland took on 10 wheelchair curlers from the north.

The format of two pairs and two triples from each consists of experienced players and not so experienced players. A good days curling was had by all, with the south of Scotland teams taking the trophy.

The trophy was presented to team captain John McClelland by Mr Neil McGarva, A M Ross Family Foundation. John thanked Mr McGarva for his continued support of this competition and all the players for taking part, the umpires, ice men and on ice volunteers for making this event possible.

Once the presentation was over everyone enjoyed a lovely dinner in the curlers lounge within The Peak.

by John McClelland. Vice Chairman SWCA



The Clubhouse and pond were formally opened at the beginning of season 1900-01. The Clubhouse being gifted by Bailie William Kennedy and the pond by his brothers, Hunter and Johnnie

PARTICK

Partick Curling Club joined the RCCC in 1842, and after playing at various locations in the West End of Glasgow it finally settled in Glasgow's Victoria Park. In 1900 a Clubhouse was gifted to the Club by Baillie William Kennedy, and three adjoining rinks by his two brothers.

Two of the rinks were taken over as allotments during the First World War, but, weather permitting, the remaining rink was well-used over the years. The original lockers contained stones which were pressed into use, and a log fire and occasional dram helped to keep everyone warm and in good spirits while they rested from their labours.

Sadly, we are now having to call time on our Clubhouse. The ongoing costs (mainly insurance) are rising, the membership is ageing, and the roof, too, is showing its age. We have taken steps to sell off the stones and other memorabilia held in the Clubhouse. We are now busy telling ourselves that we don't really need our own stones, that global warming is likely to further reduce use of the rink (it's getting on for a decade since we managed an outdoor game) and that committee meetings can take place in members' houses. Still, we have a keen sense of loss. We hope that a future communal use can be found for what has been described as a "delightful hidden gem of a building".

by Patrick Shaw



MEDAL FOR MEN AT WORLD

The World Junior Curling Championships came to a close in Krasnoyarsk, Russia for Team Scotland on Saturday 22 February after the Junior Men's team of James Craik, Mark Watt, Blair Haswell, Niall Ryder, Angus Bryce and coach Iain Watt defeated Germany for the Bronze medal.

The Scottish men lost their first two games in the round robin, to Italy and Russia, but fought back really hard the rest of the week to finish top of the table when the round robin was completed.

Men's Standings (W-L):

- Scotland 7-2
- Canada 7-2
- Germany 6-3
- Switzerland 5-4
- Sweden 5-4
- Russia 5-4
- USA 4-5
- New Zealand 3-6
- Italy 2-7
- Norway 1-8

Scotland faced fourth placed Switzerland in straight semi finals. They were 3-1 up at the fifth end break. In the sixth, Switzerland made a difficult double take-out to score three points and then in the eighth end Scotland chose to gamble by playing a guard but the Swiss scored another three points by making a very good tap-back, to take a 7-4 lead. The game was still close however, with Scotland scoring two points in the ninth end to make the score 7-6 for Switzerland going into the tenth end. Switzerland's fourth player was left with an open take-out with his last shot which saw them clinch the victory.

Skip, James Craik, said

"We left it all out on the ice today, we gave it our best. We made a ton of shots and we put them under pressure – they had the answers this time. They put us under a lot of pressure, and we got out of it. Our whole story this week has been that from a rocky start we've fired back straight away, and we intend to do that tomorrow and come out fighting."

And fighting they did. Scotland faced Germany, who had lost their semi-final to Canada. The teams exchanged two points in the first 4 ends and the game was tied at 2-2 at the fifth end. Scotland took a 6-3 lead after scoring three points in the seventh end and stealing a single point in the eighth end. They entered the tenth end with Scotland having a 6-5 lead. Germany were lying one counter when James, with his last stone, played a heavy take-out through a port to remove the German stone and claim the Bronze medals.

James reviewed the game by saying,

"That was very back and forth all the way through. The German guys played fantastic and put us under a pile of pressure. We're just delighted to come out on top and get a medal for Scotland. In the tenth, his last just over-curved and left me a peel. I didn't have much of it, but I'd thrown that line a few times, so I was quite happy to put the brush down and chuck it."

It's amazing to win bronze. As soon as we made the play-offs we had our hearts set on a medal, and to walk away with one is unbelievable. It's maybe not the colour we all were dreaming of, but it's certainly a great starting point.

My team has dug in and stuck with me all through the week. They have played phenomenal and they have shot unbelievable numbers all week. I couldn't ask for a better unit to be around me, especially with all that's gone on this week."



GRANT FUNDING

A CATALYST FOR CURLING GROWTH

**SCOTTISH CURLING DEVELOPMENT MANAGER IAIN M STEWART HIGHLIGHTS
SOME FUNDING AVENUES OPEN TO YOUR CLUB OR DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

In my years in sport I have seen the hard work of motivated and committed people, often getting little thanks for their efforts from the masses that benefit, make great things happen in their local sports club and community. A key ingredient, and there is no getting away from it, is finding funding. Sponsorship seems harder to get than ever before, fundraising dinners, perhaps with drink drive laws and other societal and social changes, have lost a lot of appeal and for folk to part with cash it has to be an inventive fundraising event and then, not too regular or interest and funds wane quickly.



Grant funding therefore, can be a more successful area to look to for that 'cash catalyst' to make something new happen or improve existing practice and infrastructure. Not to say a fun quiz night fundraiser should be ignored. Its fun to fundraise while socialising with team/club mates and members of the community. Engaging with folk from out with the club makes a sports club have relevance in its local community.

What I have outlined here is far from an exhaustive list, however it is a 'starter for 10' with grants I have been part of accessing or seen accessed to make a difference. I always encourage any club or development group to have a plan for what they are doing. Many will have heard me push for longer term plans with one year plans coming out of them, rather than 'sleep walk' year to year with plan that looks a lot like what we have 'aye done'. Often a need is identified to be addressed e.g. not enough youngsters; so let's run a schools programme. A noble initiative, but if you raise the interest do you have enough coaches to accommodate an influx of new members? Have they been on courses and have the latest skills and drills to make it fun for the kids, so they want to come back? So you have to build in costs for more coaching badges, not just ice, transport and coach costs for the school sessions. Is it that the equipment is getting old and perhaps even unsafe? Is that first experience at a Junior Try Curling or Try Curling going to be a positive one they can equate to going ten pin bowling (to borrow an analogy from Tom Brewster) or another such commercialised past time that puts the customer experience to the fore? It is great to get in the new equipment but a development plan can build in a 'sinking fund' to ensure equipment is added and updated and your club or group don't get in a position again whereby they are struggling to provide what is needed.

So, here are a few grants to consider. There are many more, and you can contact Scottish Curling development staff for further advice and we can grab a cuppa and sit down and help you through things. Some grant bodies like the 'story', and want to know everything about your club. Other grant funding bodies can't stand that. They want the facts, where are you now, what is the plan here? If you have any angst about filling in your first grant form, I always say, that is understandable, but it gets easier the more you do them. There are some volunteers I have met out in 'club-land' across several sports that are so good at getting funding in, they could set up as consultants themselves!

So look out for a sports club that is good at getting grants in and don't be afraid to approach them and it may cost you a coffee, a pint or lunch, but it may be the expertise you have been searching for. You won't always get the funding every time, the criteria may not fit with your aims or you may be unlucky and hear the fund is oversubscribed. However, if you learn as you go, you keep finding what formula that particularly grant body assess by and you end up being more successful than not. After all, we need the cash boost to push on the programmes and purchases we need to maintain, sustain and grow participation numbers in the Roarin' game.

Some grants to look at from hundreds of pounds to thousands:

Foundation Scotland
SSE
Scottish Landfill Communities Fund
Biffa
Sport Facilities Fund
Awards for All
Aldi Scottish Sport Fund
Postcode Trust
Local Sports Council

National Lottery Community Funds
Endrick Trust
Flightpath Fund
Scotrail Community Grants
Tudor Trust
Garfield Weston
Peter Harrison Foundation

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

SCOTTISH CURLING'S STREET CURLING TOUR

After a successful first outing to the St.John's Centre in Perth, and a followup trip to Eastgate Centre in Inverness, our brand new Street Curling rink is travelling the country and giving shoppers a chance to give the sport a try - without the chill of the ice!

With over 68, 000 people passing by in Perth alone, this is a fantastic way for us to showcase our sport in a new way, and promote the upcoming World Men's Curling Championships in Glasgow.

It always helps to have a few curlers around to show the newbies how it's done, and to give a different version of the game a go, so why not pop by on a date near you this month - you never know you might even see some of our athletes trying it out along the way...

March dates include:

Sat 7 - Sun 8 Mar | Gyle Centre, Edinburgh

Sat 14 - Sun 15 Mar | Overgate Centre, Dundee

Sun 22 - Mon 23 Mar | St Enoch Centre, Glasgow



Sat 28 Mar - Sun 5 Apr | The Patch, Emirates Arena, Glasgow - Sweep Up Your Tickets Here

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An in depth look at Sweeping

The tools and techniques of sweeping have changed a lot over the years so we're here to break it down and explore the topic, by special request from a reader. We're going to delve in to the science behind brushing and its influence on the stone, explaining the reasoning behind the actions of some elite sweepers. Most players spend 50% or 75% of their game time sweeping, so why not find out a little bit more about it!

Did You Know?

Sweeping can drag the stone anywhere from 3 – 12 feet, depending on ice conditions

The Basics

As most people know, sweeping is all about friction. Heat energy released due to the brush pad rubbing over the ice raises its temperature and reduces the friction between the stone and the ice. Less friction means that the stone will carry on further down the sheet and also keeps it straighter. Simple right? Not so much! Actually, the better the sweepers, the more influence they can have over the trajectory of the stone, and not just to keep it straight, but also to help it to curl. But this comes down to the intricacies of heat generation during sweeping, so let's investigate this further.

Did You Know?

Many top-level curlers use special brushes in practice that will measure the amount of force exerted while sweeping.

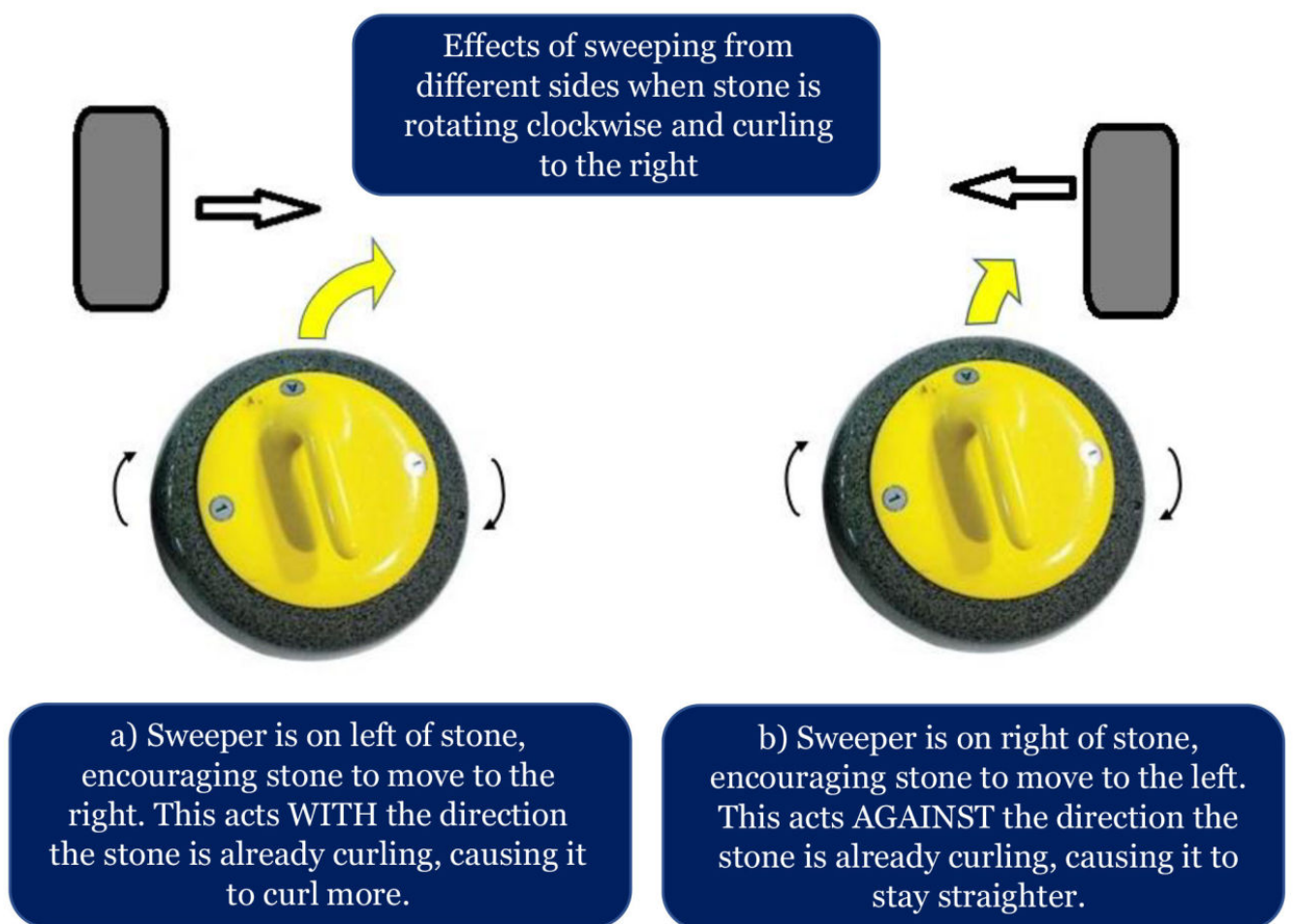
The Science

When examining a single brush stroke in detail, a paper published by Marmo et al. (2006) found that the greatest force was exerted when the brush is closest to the sweeper, as they push the brush outwards and away from themselves. The pressure lessens as the brush gets further away and increases as the brush is brought back before the process starts over again. This means that the ice on the sweeper side of the stone will be warmer, with less friction, than on the farther side of the stone. Warmer, with less friction, means the sweeper side of the stone won't slow down as quickly, compared to the further away side. This tiny difference in speed between the two sides of the stone will cause it to tend in the direction of the slower side. This can either work with the direction the stone is already curling, or against it, as shown below.

Did You Know?

There are actually quite a few scientific papers published about curling, including the one mentioned here which was conducted in Scotland! Tap this page to find the paper mentioned in this article and have a read if you would like to learn more.

<http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.824.4994&rep=rep1&type=pdf>



The sweeper closest to the stone will have the greatest influence, hence why you often see players swapping who is nearer the stone, sometimes even halfway down the sheet, depending on what is needed for the shot called. This tactic is more effective the better your sweepers are, but adds an extra level to the game if you're wanting to improve your shot-making. However, it's worth discussing it with your team first!

Sweeping Tips

Takeouts - The person on the inside of the curl should generally sweep closest to the stone, acting against the curl. Usually if you're sweeping a hit it's because it is curling too much, so already being set up like this at the beginning of the shot means you won't have to think about swapping as you're hurrying down the ice!

Practice - Not nearly enough people practice their sweeping, despite spending most of the game doing it. A good sweeping drill for weight judgement and getting the blood pumping is **Keep Away**. You can find instructions for this and other great drills on the Scottish Curling coaching aid website:

<https://www.scottishcurling.org/coaching/drills-coaching-aids/>

This is just a taste of all there is to know about sweeping, so tell us if you would like to learn more by sending us an email. We hope you have enjoyed this month's edition of our information articles and please feel free to get in touch if you have any topics you would like us to address in the future. In the meantime, don't hesitate to ask us about any of your kit or curling supply needs!

INCLUSIVE CURLING UPDATE

**BY HELEN KALLOW,
SCOTTISH CURLING DISABILITY CURLING
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

On Saturday 22 February we held two very successful events at Curl Edinburgh. The first was in conjunction with RNIB Scotland and involved a group of young people with vision impairments trying curling for the first time. Some siblings and friends joined in as well. Several of the youngsters had prepared by finding things out online beforehand and had lots of questions. The older boys in particular were interested in the icemaking process and even got to examine the ice preparation machine. After a few initial wobbles, some really good technique was on display. Thanks to Daniel Meikle, RNIB Volunteer facilitator, for promoting this event and to the families for coming along, we hope to see you again in the future. Next season we hope to increase the number of VI sessions across the country to enable more people to take part in curling and to create opportunities to play against each other. Let me know if you are interested in offering this, training and support is available.

The second was another in the successful series of BSL/Deaf-friendly Curling events, returning to Murrayfield after several in Stirling. Those who had been before were able to get going quickly and make lots of improvements. Several new faces came along, bringing lots of potential to the group. We hope to soon be in a position to look at some team training sessions for those who are eligible to compete in specific Deaf Curling competitions. We were helped by two interpreters, Abbey and Greg, who have worked with Scottish Curling previously, good to have familiar faces. The coaches demonstrated their versatility by moving between the two groups as necessary, including both stick and standard delivery. Huge thanks to Curl Edinburgh for being so accommodating and to the coaches and trainee coach, Jacky, Norman, Fiona and Mike.

I am keen to be able to offer BSL/Deaf-friendly curling sessions in other rinks around the country next season. If you'd like to be involved, we can offer support in working with interpreters and other ways to enable you to facilitate for those with Vision Impairment, who use BSL or are deaf, please get in touch with helen@scottishcurling.org





BULLETIN BOARD



INDOOR GRAND MATCH 2020



Club entries are now open - [follow this link to enter your club now!](#)

DISTRICT MEDALS



Scorecards must be submitted to Scottish Curling before **Sun 31 May** to claim District Medals for season 2019/2020

PROVINCE BONSPIEL

Winning Province secretaries for their bonspiel should make sure that their request for their Province Medal has been recieved by Wed 1 Apr.



JANIE GLEN LADIES BONSPIEL TURNS 70!

The final Janie Glen Bonspiel to be played at Braehead also marks 70 years of the bonspiel itself this season - certainly worth celebrating!

Join us on Wednesday 11 March at 10am. Individual entries are requested from Ladies who play at Braehead to join in this historic event.

There will be cake and bubbly, and some curling. Teams are drawn to ensure a good mix of abilities and different Clubs. It is a relaxed format with a very attractive trophy.

Entries to: Eleanor McDougall

Call or text: 07518 070598 or email your interest to janieglen70@gmail.com

Please give your name, email, phone number, Club and preferred playing position.





MIGHTY MUIRHEAD BACK ON TOP AT SCOTTISH CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

A bumper crowd watched the team (Skip Eve Muirhead, 3rd Lauren Gray, 2nd Jen Dodds, lead Vicky Wright, pictured left with coach Kristian Lindström) win 8 – 3 against Team Wilson at the Dewar's Centre in Perth. Skip, Eve said:

"The Scottish Championships are a really great event for us; and actually a really nervy one because, obviously it gets you 'SCOTLAND' on your back for the World Championships, so we are delighted with the way that game went, and the week here in Perth.

This is maybe my 10th Scottish Championships, I've been here a few times, and to come back after losing the finals last year and with my surgery and things it feels amazing to be on top of the podium again"

Team Wilson put up a strong resistance, and Skip Maggie told us they're pleased with their performance:

"We had some good shots, but we weren't getting the angles we needed to get the big ends. When we look at the week as a whole we have lots to be proud of. This is the first year Rebecca Morrison (Aberdeen) has joined the team and that's made us a really strong unit. Scotland is a great curling nation, so to get silver in the national Championships is something we can all be really proud of"

Team Muirhead will now go on to represent Scotland at the World Women's Curling Championships 2020 held from March 14 to 22 at the CN Centre in Prince George, Canada. This will be the first event to start gathering points towards the 2022 Winter Olympic Qualification.

MOUAT MAKE IT THREE IN A ROW TO REPRESENT IN GLASGOW

Congratulations to Team Mouat, our Scottish Curling Champions, 2020. After a tense game played out against Team G Muirhead; Bruce Mouat, Bobby Lammie, Hammy MacMillan and Grant Hardie will now represent Scotland on home soil, at the World Men's Curling Championships in Glasgow (28th March to 5th April).

The final at Dewars in Perth started off with a steal of one from Mouat and they settled into form after a 2 in the fourth end. Bruce said:

"The first end was the turning point really when you steal, we wanted to get that early so that was perfect"

The team will now represent in Glasgow, at the World Men's Curling Championships 2020. The Emirates Arena in the East End of the city, custom built for the Commonwealth Games in 2014 will house an ice-sheet and welcome teams from around the globe. Bruce is eager to face that challenge:

"We will be training as hard as we can, making sure we're firing on all cylinders by the time we get there. It's so emotional, It's one of those 'put your hands up in the air and scream' moments. I'm daunted by none of the other representing teams – I'm gonna put that out there now! I think lots of good teams will be at the worlds, but we've won a slam, we've won a bronze at worlds so we're not going to be scared to face any of them. We are just so excited"

To show your support for Team Mouat at the Emirates in March, tickets can be purchased [here](#). The draw for the event can be found [here](#).





Inaugural Summer Bonspiel

10th, 11th & 12th July 2020
Open to anyone.

Entry £400 per team.

This covers entry fees, ice fees
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JUDY'S DAY AT THE PALACE

When Judy MacKenzie found out in May 2019 that she was to be honoured with an MBE in the Queen's Birthday honours list, she was delighted and very humbled to have been awarded such an accolade for her services to curling.

The morning finally arrived on a bright but chilly Thursday 12 February, and Judy, accompanied by her husband, son and daughter, made her way to Buckingham Palace for the big day. They were taken to the palace and driven by car right to the door and guided inside. There, Judy and her fellow honourees were gathered into various groups to be guided through the palace to the ballroom, where she would be presented with her MBE by His Royal Highness Prince Charles.

After a little time waiting, it was Judy's turn, and she was invited to cross the ballroom and receive her honours. Judy said that the Prince of Wales was very charming and welcoming, although it was a bit tricky to hear him. After that, with her medal appropriately affixed, went to meet with her family and they took some photographs outside of the palace, before meeting extended family for a celebratory lunch.

Judy was full of praise for the team who organised the day saying *"the people who were there to guide us were very kind and hospitable, the day itself ran so smoothly and it felt like a really nice day with my family"*

She also thanked those who have supported her in curling too, *"I cannot tell you how nice and supportive the curling community have been. I have received so many cards and congratulations, it really is a very humbling experience."*



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THIS MONTH WE WELCOME JAYNE STIRLING AS OUR NEW COMPETITIONS MANAGER. JAYNE AS A WEALTH OF CURLING EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS OTHER RELEVANT SKILLS FROM HER DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS WITH TEACHING, AND HER WORK IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR. YOU CAN CONTACT HER AT JAYNE@SCOTTISHCURLING.ORG

FRED. OLSEN CRUISE LINES

NATIONAL MASTERS CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS, GREENACRES CURLING RINK THURSDAY 6 - SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

Congratulations to our new Fred. Olsen National Masters Champions, Team Adam and Team Gibb. After a wonderful few days curling, on fantastic ice at Greenacres prizes were presented by Ladies President Morag Wellman, and Rachel Jackson, Head of PR at Fred.Olsen (who even got to try some curling herself, for the first time!)

Our huge thanks go to all the staff and volunteers at Greenacres, and to Stew Sutherland, Chief Umpire, who also composed this highly entertaining report for us. A great read – especially if you are familiar with any of the characters involved...

[Read the full report here](#)



ASHAM UNDER 17 SLAM DEWARS CENTRE, PERTH SATURDAY 22 – SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY

The final of the Low Road saw two local Perth teams, Wilkie-Milne and Patterson take to home ice and battle it out for the win. An even game saw both teams play some incredible shots with Wilkie-Milne scoring a 2 in the third end which proved to be the decisive score. A 4-2 win for Team Wilkie-Milne.

A low scoring high road final showed the skill and competitive spirit of both teams. A steal of 1 in the first end gave Craik the lead but Munro held their own and took a 1 and then stole another 1. A final score of 3 -2 to Munro and we had our High Road and Perth Under 17 Slam winners.

Team O.Carson took the overall Asham Under 17 Slam winning title and will go to Fussen this summer with the highest ranking female team, Team Mitchell.

[Full Report available here](#)

LOCKHART LEAD THE WAY IN LANARKSHIRE

The Ferguson Oliver Wealth Management Scottish Curling Senior Championships 2020 took place at Lanarkshire Ice Rink in Hamilton from Thursday 20 - Sunday 23 February. The competition was always going to be closely contested, the women's final certainly did not disappoint.

The women's final was between Teams Kesley and Lockhart, who were top of their sections and saw off challenges from strong contenders in the semi finals. The first end was so close it required a measure for Lockhart to score 1. A fractionally wide final stone from Kesley gave Lockhart a steal in the second. Kesley drew onto the button for 2 in the third, to open her account and level the scores. The teams made some good shots but only traded singles in ends four and five.

Lockhart took 2 in end six and the measure was called for again in the seventh to determine who was second closest and Kesley only scored a single. There was congestion with eight stones in the house, Kesley called an angled raise with her last stone to put pressure on Lockhart, but half an inch wide meant it was all over and Lockhart's last stone did not have to get played. Final score 8-4.

Skip Jackie said afterwards:

'There was a lot of stuff thrown at us out there, but we held our own and managed to turn it around to our advantage. From now until Canada, we'll look at our strategy, I absolutely love a big championship so I'm sure we'll shine if we get our chance. Each time I've been we've won a medal, so of course we'd like to make it to the podium'





PERFECT RUN FOR PRENTICE AT SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The men's final at the Ferguson Oliver Wealth Management Scottish Curling Senior Championships was between Prentice and Duff, both from section B. Prentice came to the final unbeaten while Duff had lost two games in the section, including losing to Prentice 3-6 in their first game.

Prentice took a single in the first, then Duff blanked the second. The lack of guards and successful take-outs then led to blanks in the third and fourth. Duff only managed to shift one of Prentice's stones so gave up a steal of 1 then took a simple single in the sixth. Prentice took 2 in the seventh to open their lead to 4-1. In the final end every stone that Duff managed to get into the house was then removed by Prentice with precision until Duff ran out of stones and handshakes were offered. Skip Keith Prentice said:

'I'm looking forward to representing the country. This is my sixth time, we won in Edmonton on our first go in 2007 – and there have been a few trips and medals since then. David Smith won Scotland a good Silver last year but we're aiming to go one better than that'

Our thanks go to all the teams, staff and volunteers who have made this championships at Lanarkshire ice rink in Hamilton such a success. The competition wouldn't be possible without our sponsor Mike Ferguson, of Ferguson Oliver Wealth Management. MD Mike says:

'We are delighted to be sponsor this event again – it's been a terrific weekend, really enjoyable. This venue is such a hospitable one, and the ice has been wonderful so thank you to Lockhart and his team. This competition embodies the spirit of curling – competitive on the ice and social off the ice, which is great to see'

Teams Prentice and Lockhart will now represent Scotland at the 2020 World Senior Curling Championships 18-25 April in Kelowna, Canada.



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