

YOUR CURLER





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Welcome to our Your Curler

This edition of Your Curler contains a wide range of content that will have something for everyone with stories from Stranraer to Aberdeen. It is the time of year when the sight of snow on the hills and frost in the garden makes people think of curling and whether the winter will provide a cold spell to make outdoor bonspiels a possibility.

On the morning of their November meeting the board of directors participated in a three-hour governance training workshop, delivered by Michael Cavanagh and Sandy Hodge from sportscotland who brought this topic to life and shared some of their vast experience of working with and being on boards. The session was interactive and included: skills, training, decision making, reporting, appraisals, communications, conduct and culture.



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PRIZE DRAW

for Scottish Curling Team shirt sponsorship.

Scottish Curling is the governing body for the Olympic and Paralympic sport of curling in Scotland, responsible for the sport from grass roots to World Championship level.



We are offering YOU the opportunity to see your company logo on the sleeves of our teams playing at world events for only £250!

Curling Teams from Scotland travel all over the world to represent their country every year. Normally, three or four Scottish teams each season bring medals home and are seen by many thousands of people in the media. Some are also shown on television and live streaming and catch up on YouTube.

Buy one or more of only 80 Prize Draw tickets available by filling out your details overleaf and be in the running to win a place for your logo on our top teams' shirts

EVERY company that enters by 2 Dec 2019 receives:

- Two FREE tickets to the Scottish Curling Championship finals on Sat 15 February 2020.
- Private sponsors reception at the Finals on Saturday 15 February 2020, at the Dewar Centre, Perth.
- Your logo displayed in a feature on the Scottish Curling website.
- Your logo in an article in the *YourCurler* e-zine - sent to 8,000 readers.

The draw will be broadcast live on Facebook on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 5pm

There are 10 shirt spaces to win for 2020 - that's a 1 in 8 chance of winning for EVERY TICKET and the chance of your logo being seen on the sleeve of every Scottish players shirt at these competitions:

- World Junior Curling Championships
- World Wheelchair Curling Championship
- World Women's Curling Championship*
- World Men's Curling Championship*
- World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship*
- World Senior Men Curling Championship
- World Senior Women Curling Championship
- World Mixed Curling Championship*
- European Men's Championship*
- European Women's Championship*

* only these events have guaranteed TV and live streaming
* requires qualification to a place at the World Championship, which cannot be guaranteed



We are running a roadshow of seven consultation meetings for members around the country and realise we can't come to every club or ice rink. This is the second season when we have organised a roadshow and next time we will come to the venues we haven't visited yet. Details of the meetings and subjects are included in this YourCurler.

As we are all out and about in the curling rinks, I hope we get the opportunity to meet you and spend some time catching up on or off the ice.

Bruce Crawford
CEO

- The winners of each draw will also be given:
- Feature article on the Scottish Curling website
 - Promotional social media posts to our 9,000 followers
 - use your # in all posts that we make on each event
 - Press release announcing the sponsorship

FUTURE LEADERS FOCUS: JENNIFER CASTLE ANDERSON

Jennifer Castle-Anderson, one of the new intake of Scottish Curling Future Leaders, had a fantastic work experience opportunity during the recent World Mixed Curling Championship at her home rink of Curl Aberdeen. Cheering on Luke Carson's Team Scotland during the week, Jennifer learned much about the business of Curling.

It was Future Leaders supporters and sponsors British Curling Supplies and also Goldline Curling that provided the opportunity that gave her hands-on experience and time to discuss her love of curling and ambitions as a player, coach and volunteer.

The Robert Gordon's College pupil attended the legendary Scottish Curling Summer Camp in 2019, coming direct from a school orchestra trip in Italy before applying for the Future Leaders programme.

Jennifer said, *"The whole experience was really beneficial to me and I'll be feeding back to the other Future Leaders at our next get together on the 27 November."*

Tom Pendreigh, ex-Scottish Champion and coach and Erin Flowers of Goldline provided mentoring to Jennifer in what was yet another example of Future Leaders in action as they provide an invaluable 'voice' to the governing body and its decision makers.



Tom Pendreigh
(British Curling
Supplies), **Jennifer
Castle-Anderson**
and **Erin Flowers**
(Goldline) at the
World Mixed Curling
Championships in
Aberdeen.
Image credit:
Goldline

SPORT SPECIFIC VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We know that within the curling community there are individuals with sport specific experience that can help us ensure the delivery of a successful Championship. We are looking to recruit sport specific volunteers across four different roles.

We are looking for: **Time Clock Operators, Statistician, Ice Technician, and On Ice Assistants.** More information about the requirements and conditions of these roles is available on our website.

We require volunteers with availability between 28 March - 5 April for up to three draws per day. Ice Technician roles will be required from the 23rd March. There will be a mandatory training day prior to the Championship. These roles are only available to members of their National Curling Federation.

This opportunity would be perfect for both new volunteers and develop existing volunteers to increase the strength and depth of volunteers in Scotland. If you'd like to apply, head to our website to read more about the roles and submit your application [here](#)

Deadline for Applications: **Midnight, Sunday 17 November (GMT)**

SINGLE DRAW AND DAY PACK TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Single Draw and Day Pack tickets for the much anticipated LGT World Men's Curling Championship 2020 are now available.

This fantastic event will be held at the iconic Emirates Arena in Glasgow and will host the best men's curling teams in the world as they compete for the world title over nine days of intense competition. As a Scottish Curling member - you are also eligible to receive a special discount on Opening and Closing Weekend packs and Day Pack Bundle tickets, by entering the promotional code 'rccc2020'. This offer is only available until **Saturday 30 November**, so don't delay, Sweep Up Your Tickets now!

Returning to Scotland for the first time since 2000, this is a truly special event for Scottish curling fans. Don't miss your chance to be there at the biggest men's curling event of the season when it returns to Scotland this March.

SWEEP UP YOUR TICKETS



WHAT'S ON: *Hello* NOVEMBER

5th - 7th Nov 2019	National Masters Curling Championship – Qualifiers	Greenacres Curling Rink	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
8th - 10th Nov 2019	Scottish Province Championship	Greenacres Curling Rink	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
8th - 10th Nov 2019	Asham Under 21 Slam – Inverness Junior International	Inverness Ice Centre	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
15th - 23rd Nov 2019	European Curling Championships – Helsingborg		World Curling Federation
16th Nov 2019	Asham Under 14 Slam – Curl Aberdeen	Curl Aberdeen	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
23rd - 24th Nov 2019	Asham Under 17 Slam – The Baljaffray Trophy	Greenacres Curling Rink	Royal Caledonian Curling Club
29th Nov - 1st Dec 2019	Scottish Curling Junior Championships – Qualifier	Dumfries Ice Bowl	Royal Caledonian Curling Club

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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A Sweeping Success!

The Flower Bowl Entertainment Centre, Preston, kicked off the new curling season by hosting its Inaugural Open and Inaugural Novice Bonspiels this autumn.

The Open Bonspiel took place from Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd September and the Novice Bonspiel followed from Friday 11th – Sunday 12th October.

With teams at both events competing for The Flower Bowl trophies, these Bonspiels not only opened up the North of England to the competitive arena, but gave new members of the local Preston Curling Club a chance to experience competitive curling for the first time.

Managing Director of The Flower Bowl Entertainment Centre, Guy Topping, said: "The reaction to our curling rink has been fantastic. We even had a team competing in the Open Bonspiel come all the way from America. It's just great to see our rink gaining recognition throughout the curling world."

Competition for both Bonspiels was very close, but as always, there has to be a winner. Team Topping proudly became Open Bonspiel champions and Team Walton won the Novice title.

Following the sweeping success of these Inaugural Bonspiels, The Flower Bowl is now taking bookings for its second Open and Novice Bonspiels in 2020.



Dates for your diary!

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18TH - 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

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AROUND THE RINKS

STRANRAER

The 2019/2020 curling season at Stranraer Ice Rink started this month with the traditional curtain opener, the Drummond Rosebowl.

The winners were the Leswalt rink of John Agnew, Margaret Agnew, Neville Wright and Margaret Breadon, who were plus 13 shots up.

Ten teams took part in the competition which ushers in a monumental season for the ice rink in the North West Castle Hotel, as the rink is 50 years old in 2020.

Anniversary celebrations are at the planning stage and the clubs who use the ice rink are taking part in fundraising to cover costs.

By Louise Kerr

Latest 2003 Centenary Strathcona Cup Tour Reunion

The 2003 Centenary Strathcona Cup Tour held its latest reunion in Stranraer at the end of October. Seven rinks of highly experienced curlers took to the ice in a series of single end games of 'Pot Lid Curling' which ensured maximum sociability with an element of competitive fun. Gail Munro had produced excellent keen ice with a good swing which showcased the talents of all the tourists at their very best!

Local organiser Donald McColm had also added a twist this year with the top two teams competing in a 'Grand Prix Final'. With double points on offer, Trevor Dodds and his rink of Bill Linton, Albert Rae and Malcolm Patrick lost the end 15-14 (!) to Alan Stanfield, Irving Davidson, Robin Park and Archie McFarlane but prevailed overall to take the prizes due to having carried forward three more points from the 'round robin' than their opposition.

As has been the Tour tradition for a number of years now, all those playing each finished with a single 'Draw Tae the Bottle': a specially designed bottle which remembers the tour members no longer with us every time we play, but who are never forgotten. The best draw was by Malcolm Patrick who later in the evening proposed the toast to 'Absent Friends'.

That had been preceded by 'Evening Class' and an excellent dinner produced by the North West Castle Hotel. The whole day, and evening especially, was filled with the usual great camaraderie including a paper money fine for a major dress code violation by one tourist!

The following morning everyone departed for home, already looking forward to meeting again at the next re-union, which it was agreed will be held at Murrayfield Curling Rink in October 2020.

By Alan Stanfield



WIGTOWNSHIRE

The Wigtownshire Rink Championships Trophy, sponsored by J D Owen & Sons, Newton Stewart and Frasers the Butchers, Stranraer, was won for the third time in a row by Leswalt Curling Club at Stranraer Ice Rink after they beat a strong Stoneykirk Curling Club rink 5-2 in last Thursday night's final.

The team of Margaret Agnew, John Agnew, Stewart Kyle and Harry Glasgow came out on top of a high-quality final to retain the handsome trophy. The Stoneykirk team of Ian Kirkpatrick, Norman Brown, Sarah Fergusson and Alex Fergusson received the John Agnew Salver as runner-up.

The final saw Stoneykirk take a 4-2 lead at the half way point but three crucial double take-outs by Leswalt skip Margaret Agnew pushed her team past Stoneykirk and they didn't lost another end finally running Stoneykirk out of stones in the last end.

Only six rinks took part in this year's competition even though the starting time of the opening round was moved to late afternoon to try to accommodate more players. The semi-finals were and all Rhins event with Ian Kirkpatrick beating Ian Macpherson for Logan 10-3 and Margaret Agnew overwhelming Philip Wilson from Castle Kennedy 7-1 in six ends.

At the presentations, Ivie Fisher, the president of the Galloway Province, officiated and congratulated the winners, saying the final was a great game to watch for the spectators. He thanked all the rinks who had made the effort to support the competition.

He then asked Janette Sloan, the secretary of the Rhins Province to present the Wigtownshire Trophy to the Leswalt team and the John Agnew Salver to the Stoneykirk rink as the runners-up. Both teams also received prizes of casserole dishes.

Both skips then spoke to thanks their teams and their opposition and winning skip Margaret commented on how proud she and her husband John were to win the trophy for three successive years, something not achieved before. She also commented on how magnificent the trophy was and it was a shame the competition was not better supported.

Rhins O' Gallowa' President Trevor Harrison then gave the vote of thanks, thanking the sponsors for their valued support, the teams who supported the competition and the two province secretaries and treasurers.

Results:

1st round – I Macpherson, Logan 9 A McClymont, Minnigaff 4; J Agnew, Leswalt 10 P Soriani, Glasserton 2

Semi-finals – I Kirkpatrick, Stoneykirk 10 I Macpherson 3; J Agnew 7 P Wilson, Castle Kennedy 1

Final – I Kirkpatrick 2 J Agnew 5



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~ Brushes: All you need to know ~

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They're a sweepers best friend and integral to the game but how much do you really know when it comes to choosing a new brush? A lot has changed over the years in regards to sweeping, meaning the brushes have too. That's why we're here to interpret the jargon and make sense of the different brands and styles available on the market right now, to help you decide which brush might suit you best.

The Handle

The thing people are often most concerned about when buying a brush is how heavy it is. This is mainly influenced by the composition of the brush shaft. Right now, the two favourite materials in use are fibreglass and carbon fibre. However, heavy is a relative word nowadays. The Balance Plus Litespeed brush weighs 285g including the brush head, making it one of the lightest on the market and very light indeed: I'm certain I've weighed out more sugar to bake in a cake than that! Unfortunately, a lot of descriptions do not include an exact brush weight to help you choose, so here is a general guideline based on material to help you out:

Most Common Brush Materials

Carbon Fibre	Composite	Fibreglass
Ideal for curlers wanting to advance their game and improve their sweeping	A mixture of carbon fibre and fibreglass, therefore a good compromise for those wanting to get the most out of their sweeping without spending a fortune	Perfect for those buying their first brush or looking to stay within budget

Lighter weight

Heavier weight

More expensive

Less expensive

Most of your favourite curling brands will have a range of brushes within these material categories.

Brushes also come in differing handle thicknesses, either uniform along the length or tapering. They are most commonly 1 inch, or 1 1/8 inches thick, with some variations getting thinner towards the head of the brush, while others can taper towards the other end. The benefit of these really come down to personal preference but those with smaller hands may prefer the thinner brushes. Also, inevitably, the larger brush handles increase weight, but normally by no more than 50g or so. Also, Hardline offer brushes with ribbed handles near the head to help prevent your lower hand from slipping, while other companies have invested in non-slip coating, an aspect that many players find helpful when sweeping.



Brush Head Design

The market is currently being inundated with new head designs so it can be tricky to know what makes them all different. Here we have a quick break down on some of the most popular designs out now:

Screw top brush heads: These are the standard brush heads that many of us are familiar with: the pad screws on to the head via two knobs, one on either side of the handle attachment. Brushes such as the Asham Ultralite and Balance Plus LiteSpeed still use this style, although the LiteSpeed now has two different head sizes available and use a square form pad, rather than the original oval pads.

Goldline Air Heads: These are the latest from Goldline and are lightweight with no screw tops. Instead, pads can be easily popped out and replacements are securely snapped back in to place using a simple clip in system. The popular Fibrelite and Carbon Fibre brushes both feature this new design, and the replacement pads are cheaper than the oval, screw top Goldline variety of previous models.



Goldline Air Head

Hardline icePad heads: One of the major differences with these brushes is their minimal head design: these feature a pop off icePad foam pad where only the outside cover is replaced, instead of unscrewing and replacing the whole pad like in many other brushes. These have proved very popular with competitive teams.



Hardline Brush Head

Fun fact: these brushes first came in to production after winning a business deal on Dragon's Den in Canada!

The brands and brushes mentioned here are just a few of those available on the market, but we hope it helps give you a better idea of what to consider when buying a new brush. We also hope you have been enjoying our articles in Your Curler and hope you'll look out for our piece in the next issue. It will be a follow up on brushes, concerning all things brush pads and sweeping. Also, if you're keen to see some brushes in the flesh before purchasing, come on down to our shop in Kilmarnock where you can try out all the brushes talked about in this article, or follow us on social media to see when we're hosting a Pop-Up Shop near you.

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TIP

Cracked brush head? No need to get a new brush!
Most brands also sell new head attachments at a much lower cost than a new brush, so get in touch with us to see if we can help.



Balance Plus LiteSpeed



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CRUISING

WITH FRED. OLSEN AND SCOTTISH CURLING

Imagine a holiday where you get to see the stand out cities around the Baltic Sea and throw a few stones while you're out there?

That's exactly what drew Scottish Curling members John and Sally Macfarlane with Jack and Norma Steven to 'Cruise the Uncrowded Baltic with Fred. Olsen and Scottish Curling' last month. Setting sail on Sunday 6 October to the delights of Denmark, Finland, Russia, Estonia and Norway before returning on Friday 18 October, it was bound to be twelve nights in Curler's paradise.



First stop Copenhagen, where the Scottish Curling contingent disembarked and headed for Gentofte Curling Club a short distance away. What this club lacked in size, they more than made up for in skill and atmosphere with John recalling, "it was a close game with the team in Copenhagen, which we lost by just 8-7. The atmosphere on the ice was great, we were made to feel very welcome and the home made Danish pastries were superb!"

The next curling stop was in Helsinki at Oulunkylän Curlinghalli. John told us, "we won in Helsinki, with the final score of 8-6, even though we were a bit later arriving due to the ship's timings." He went on to describe how both teams seemed to relax once play began. Another problem overcome by the camaraderie of curling.

For a portion of the cruise the teams were joined by Scottish curling legend Rhona Martin, whom John praised highly in her supporting role of the Scottish Curling contingent, as she eased the little bit of apprehension that the group felt going into new environments to curl as Scottish curlers (apparently our reputation precedes us!).

After a couple of very successful sightseeing days in St Petersburg, the curling was back on with the next stop in Tallinn. John's group were met by a younger and very enthusiastic team at the CC Tallinn MTÜ, where our cruisers were, in John's words, "Thumped. Although we were made to feel very welcome, in spite of some language problems."

The highlight of the trip was however the final curling excursion in Oslo. This visit happily coincided with the Snarøya Curlinghall's regular curling meet, so our curlers were met by around thirty members who all wanted to take on 'Team Scotland'. "Instead of playing a regular eight end game, we decided to play three four end games so that we could play against as many of the Norwegians as possible. It was really great" said John, "everyone was really enthusiastic and after a couple of initial games, we were invited to go for lunch, which was traditional Norwegian fare, brought along by one of the curlers and served in the club house. We were made to feel that we were part of their club. Having won all 3 games in Oslo, we ended up with an overall winning total of 38 shots to 27".

"We always wanted to visit the Baltics, but the addition of the curling element of this trip really sold it to us, and we had a great time. It was really good to experience such a broad international spectrum of curling and meet a lot of interesting characters who enjoy curling as much as us."

Report by Heather Bennie, with thanks to John Macfarlane.



INCLUSIVE CURLING UPDATE

INCLUSIVE CURLING AT KELSO ICE RINK

On Wednesday 9 October, a group of nine individuals arrived at the ice rink to experience their new sport. It had taken over six months of planning, talking and plenty of anticipation to make an inclusive session at Kelso Ice Rink to become a reality. Each person carried a different anxiety about going onto ice but there was a shared determination to give it a go.

The coaches were primed, shoes were changed and grippy soles were carefully slipped on. Two teams of three stood in the hallway and took part in a warm-up programme before taking to the arena. The cold air made them shiver but each face lit up as we worked out an order of play. The remaining three watched from the café. Thirty minutes until their turn would come...

By the end of the session we had seen confidence developing, trust between participants grow, new skills begin, eagerness show, a recognition of good play and much, much more. The group were already talking about their next session on Wednesday 6 November.

New players and helpers are welcome. For more information contact rfullarton@btinternet.com

If you can, please support our new curlers who also enjoy Floor Curling (New Age Kurling) at Abbey Row Community Centre in Kelso on alternate Wednesdays.



WORKFORCE CORNER

It's been a busy start to the season for the Scottish Curling Workforce - here's a rundown of our courses in numbers.



Since the start of the season, we have provided training opportunities for 245 coaches.

We ran 4 separate workshops on Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport.

We have had two opportunities for Umpires and Officials to upskill and refresh.

Our coaches were able to access 8 opportunities for Professional Development.

If you are interested in any of our courses please visit our website or contact Fiona Harfield.

ABERCORN SCHOOL TRY CURLING

Abercorn is a Secondary School in Glasgow for pupils with Additional Learning Needs. We initially introduced curling to our junior pupils using the indoor New Age Kurling kits as part of a Scottish Studies course.

After the pupils had learned the basic idea of the game we had 3 taster sessions on the ice with Jim the Development officer at Lanarkshire Ice rink.

This year we have a mix of pupils who tried curling last year and some who are doing it for the first time. S4 pupil James says

'I enjoy trying new sports and it is fun sliding on the ice with the stones. I find it challenging trying to keep my balance and still get the shot in target.'

The curling sessions have given our pupils the opportunity to try something new and develop their skills in a fun and social activity

Thanks to David Scougall for this report



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Curling Experience

NAME	Experience (Years)	NAME	Experience (Years)
1:		3:	
2:		4:	

Any Curlers looking to play without a full team of 4 will be paired with other individuals where possible to make up a team of 4.

Minimum of 3 Games - Timings of play to be confirmed

Bonspiel over 2 days Saturday & Sunday

Transport availability to and from rink

Entry Forms emailed to sales@cairndalehotel.co.uk or posted to

Cairndale Hotel & Leisure Club, English St, Dumfries, DG1 2DF

£50.00pp non-refundable deposit - Final payment 14 days before event

Entries by 20th December 2019

Accommodation (Please ✓ required room)

ROOMS	GUEST NAMES	TWIN	DOUBLE	SUPERIOR TWIN	SUPERIOR DOUBLE
ROOM 1					
ROOM 2					

Supplement for Superior Rooms £15.00 per person per night



THE FLOWER BOWL ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE, PRESTON, LANCASHIRE, ARE LOOKING FOR A CURLING COACH

The Flower Bowl opened in August 2019 and comprises a four sheet curling rink, eight lanes of ten-pin bowling, a crazy golf course, three cinema screens, two golf simulators, two restaurants and a coffee bar. It is owned by the Topping family and is part of the Barton Grange Group, a longstanding family business in the northwest of England.

Since opening our year round curling rink, this offering has grown steadily. The local club, Preston, has grown from 20 members to about 90; a junior and wheelchair section has been introduced and corporate curling has captured the imagination and is increasingly popular.

We now feel we need a full time curling coach to take our curling offer to the next level. Working as part of our activities team they will be responsible for everything curling. Key tasks will be:

To aid the development of Preston Curling Club; in particular to work with the Development group of intermediate curlers and to offer coaching to more advanced members.

To develop an elite junior curling programme and to continue the growth of the junior club.

To assist with the wheelchair curlers and to develop their programme.

To further develop the curling staff members in their appreciation of the game.

We have several activities team members who currently prep the ice, take curling parties onto the ice and run our 4 week introductory courses. The coach would be expected to help out with these tasks too as and when practical.

As a new venture we are looking for an ambitious individual who would grasp this opportunity and really make it their own. We are quite happy if someone wants to come for a set length of time (at least one year) and see it as an ideal opportunity for someone who wishes to experience the Northwest of England as part of their development.

Salary of £24,000-£28,000 dependent on experience.

Contact Ruairaidh Whyte: ruairaidh.whyte@bartongrange.co.uk



ROADSHOW OPEN CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Scottish Curling is running a Roadshow of Open Consultation Meetings to consult with members on recent developments and current projects being considered by the board of directors.

The meetings are open to all members and will take place between Monday 11 November and Wednesday 4 December 2019.

The meetings will all be held in or beside curling venues.

Details are:

- Mon 11th November – intu Braehead, Glasgow. 7-9pm
- Thu 14th November – Curl Aberdeen. 6-8pm
- Mon 18th November – Dewars Centre, Perth. 6-8pm
- Mon 25th November – North West Castle Hotel, Stranraer. 6-8pm
- Thu 28th November – Borders Ice Rink, Kelso. 7-9pm
- Tue 3rd December – Murrayfield Skating Rink, Edinburgh. 7.30 – 9.30pm
- Wed 4th December – The Peak, Stirling. 6-8pm

The agenda

- The Structure Review 2018-2020
- Scottish Curling Championships Review
- Team Scotland Selection Policy
- The World Men's Curling Championship 2020 in Glasgow

The Structure Review started in October 2018 with an open invitation to all members and saw volunteers appointed to help drive this project. There have been numerous meetings that have seen changes to the proposals at every stage of the process. The progress made by the working group is evolving and the context can be seen here. The Structure Working Group will re-convene in January to consider the feedback and update proposals resulting from the open meetings. The final proposals will be voted on by the members online or in person at the AGM on 27 June 2020.

The review of the 2019 Scottish Curling Championships was undertaken by a legal adviser, appointed by the board. The resulting Action Plan can be seen on the Scottish Curling website here. The first action that is listed in the Action Plan is a review of the process for determining which teams should represent Scotland at the World Championships. This is a topic that the board has discussed since June 2018 and has developed opinions of those directly involved and intends to conclude the process before May 2020.

The 2020 LGT World Men's Curling Championship is taking place in Glasgow from 28 March-5 April.

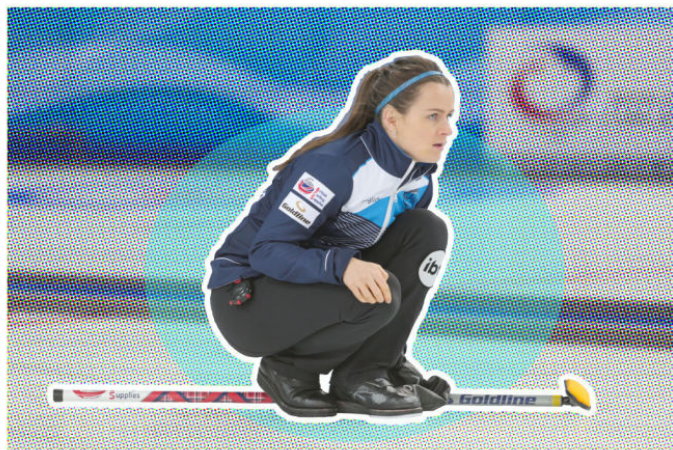
The event sees the top 13 nations from around the world competing for the world trophy. Plans and ticket sales are progressing well with the early offer to Scottish Curling Members ending on 30 November (this relates to a discount on passes for opening weekend, closing weekend and full tournament passes) individual game and day tickets are now on sale at very keen prices.

The number of people volunteering to get involved in the event has been overwhelming and we will provide the latest updates at our meetings.

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The draw will be broadcast live on Facebook on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 5pm

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 - World Senior Men Curling Championship
 - World Senior Women Curling Championship
 - World Mixed Curling Championship
 - European Men's Championship* †
 - European Women's Championship* †
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COMPETITION CORNER

OUR SLAMS AND REGIONAL COMPETITIONS ARE NOW IN FULL SWING AT SCOTTISH CURLING, AS WE HEAD TOWARDS CHRISTMAS



ASHAM U21 MURRAYFIELD

Curl Edinburgh successfully hosted their first Asham Under 21 Slam event from 11-13 October. 11 Junior Mens teams and 8 Junior Womens teams from a range of ages competed in four sections, treating spectators to a lot of high quality curling and shot making.

The top 2 teams in each section qualified for the Semi-Finals on Sunday afternoon. While the Boys games were decided quickly, the girls were much more competitive, with one game reaching the 8th end and the other game requiring an extra end.

Teams Gallagher & J Craik reached the Junior Mens final, with just a 3 in the fourth end really separating the teams.



Final score 5 – 3 to J Craik.

Teams Al-Saffar & Davie reached the Junior Womens final, which again was a very close encounter, featuring 4 blank ends, and a second consecutive extra end for Team Davie.

It came down to a hit with the last stone, which secured Team Davie the title. (Pictured main image, with Robin Copeland)



ASHAM UNDER 14 FORFAR

Forfar Ice Rink hosted the first leg of the under 14 Asham Slam series on Saturday 5th October 2019.

A full report kindly provided by Ian Taylor can be read at our website

The winning teams were:

High Road Winners - Team Grant – Callum Grant, Erin Furey, Rebecca Brown and Samantha Torrance

High Road Runners-up - Team Brewster – Ethan Brewster, Sam Lynch, Luke Perras, Fraser Riddoch and Marc Lyon

Low Road Winners – Calum Skea, Arran Bruce, Kate MacDiarmid and Gregor Troup

Low Road Runners-up- Archie Gallacher, Jodie Bass, Kirsty Farries and Aiden McDowell

SCOTTISH SENIOR MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP 4TH-6TH OCTOBER 2019

The Border Ice Rink in Kelso played host to the Scottish Senior Mixed Championship, during the weekend of the 4th - 6th of October. The winning rink was Team Wilson (Skip Stuart Wilson pictured with RCCC President Brian McArtney)

A full report kindly provided by Charles Brooker, can be read on our website



COMPETITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Competitions Committee have updated the names of two competitions, with the intention of making the type of competition clearer. Entry dates have also been moved earlier to facilitate booking ice.

The District Medal will now be known as the Inter Club Medal. The competition will still be the same; a challenge between two clubs with a medal awarded to the winner. The Waldie Griffith will now be referred to as the Inter-Province Challenge Cup. This is a competition where four rinks from one Province are drawn against four rinks from another Province. The Province which gains the highest average majority of shots per team over its opponents will be declared the winner and will be presented with the Waldie Griffith Trophy at the AGM.

Entries will close for the Maxwell, the Inter-Province Challenge Cup and the Inter Club Medal on 31st March.

The new rule book is available now for purchase at £2.50 per copy.



TEAM PATERSON TO REPRESENT SCOTLAND AT EUROPEANS

Ross Paterson will lead the Scottish men's challenge at Le Gruyère AOP European Curling Championships in Helsingborg. It's after he and his teammates completed a fine play-off campaign which saw them get the better of reigning European Champions Team Mouat, before beating Glen Muirhead's team, who represented Great Britain at last year's Winter Olympics in the three match final. After Mouat's quartet were knocked out in the round-robin qualifying stages, winning just one of their matches while Team Paterson topped the charts with three wins, the final went the distance

Paterson won the opener 7-5 on Saturday evening before Muirhead responded by claiming a 7-3 victory on the Sunday morning and the decider went to an extra end where a nose hit double with his final delivery earned Paterson another 7-5 win.

"I'm delighted and very proud," the victorious skip said afterward.

"I felt we were the best team here this week with our performances. What's most pleasing is that we had a job to do this week to get over the line and we're now going to the Europeans which was our first main goal of this season. We're now going to do everything we can to get a medal."

The last of Paterson's three visits to the Euros saw him line up in the same rink as Muirhead and he paid tribute to his former teammate, saying:

"Hats off to Glen, he's always an incredibly tough opponent and in that last final we had to be patient and come from behind to get that win with the last stone at the extra end."

However, he was particularly pleased with the fighting qualities his own men demonstrated after they came back from falling 3-1 down at the second end of that decisive match.

"Our ability to come back in that game shows the big desire among our team. Last year we wouldn't have come out on the right side of that game and that is most pleasing, knowing how much we've grown and developed as a team, showing we've got much greater resilience, with an ability to dig deep when we have to."

Knowing that they have already beaten the defending champions, as well as Muirhead's Olympians means there should be no shortage of self-belief as they head for Sweden, but they will draw most on their own efforts.

"Sure, we've beaten Mouat and Muirhead this week and you have to play at your best to beat these top teams, so we had to bring our A game however, rather than focusing on who we've beaten, what we'll take confidence from is winning the right games at the right time. It was tough to win this, but I feel absolutely delighted to be going to the Euros as a skip for the first time. It feels now that I'll be master of our destiny but I'm lucky to have such a fantastic team and we're all particularly pleased for Duncan Menzies who will be making his first senior international trip representing Scotland, which makes it even more special for him. I've never medalled at the Euros, so our next goal will be to achieve that and the gold would be the icing on the cake."

Two time former winner Eve Muirhead will lead Scotland's women into action at the championships, from 15 to 23 November 2019.

It will be the fifth time that Sweden has hosted the European Championships, which also functions as the qualifier for the 2020 World Curling Championships, at which nations compete for qualifying points for the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games. The World Women's Curling Championships will be hosted at the CN Centre in Prince George, in British Columbia, Canada from 14-22 March 2020.

Scotland will host the LGT World Men's Curling Championships at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow from 28 March - 5 April 2020. More details on that event and tickets can be found at: www.wmcc2020.com

TEAM PATERSON

Ross Paterson

Kyle Waddell

Duncan Menzies

Michael Goodfellow



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WORLD MIXED CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

After a week of outstanding performances by Team Scotland, it wasn't to be for the team skipped by Luke Carson, and the rink lost out in a very tight 9-7 scoreline to Germany, in the Quarterfinals.

"We're disappointed with not progressing but credit to Andy (Kapp) and his team, they played well. The support we've had this week has been great and we really appreciate it."

Team Scotland

Curl Aberdeen was a sea of colour for the competition, hosted so successfully by staff at the facility, managed by Olympian Tom Brewster.

Canada retained their World Mixed Curling Championship title with victory over Germany in the final. The Canadian rink, skipped by Colin Kurz, earned a narrow 6-5 win in the gold medal match to win gold medals.



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