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A WORD FROM OUR CEO

There's no escaping it now, the festive season is in full flow...

Christmas songs are playing in shops and on the radio, trees and decorations are appearing in (and on) houses and most of us have seen a bit of snow and ice.

The Scottish Government have sent all sports organisations a reminder to wear face coverings (when not playing sport) to help reduce the spread of Covid. We can all play our part by taking regular Lateral Flow Tests.

If you are feeling tentative about stepping on the ice, why not book some ice for a practice on your own or with friends? You might be able to take some friends or family who don't play, along to your local ice rink to have a go or sign them up to a www.trycurling.com session.

A couple of ice rinks have been in touch about what they are doing locally, details are below:

Firstly, Curl Edinburgh are offering the return of their Twixmas Funspeil on 29 December at 10:30 or 12:30 for anyone (aged 8+). Book by email [here](#).

Inverness Ice Centre have launched their "Friends" scheme to support the rink, give friends preferential rates and support the development of curling in the highlands. Full details can be found at their website. Inverness Ice Centre are also looking for people to become new curling coaches. Anyone interested can contact the Inverness Chair, Michael Green, [here](#).

The historic result of Gold and Gold from our men's and women's teams at the European Curling Championships last month was a phenomenal achievement. Congratulations to all of the players and the Scottish and British Curling staff behind the team, who all played a part in that success.

At the time of writing this the Scotland Women's Curling Team are beginning their campaign to qualify for one of the last three places at the Olympic Games in Beijing in February 2022. Scotland's first game is against Czech Republic. The games for Scotland to be shown on Recast are Scotland v Korea at 08:00 on Monday 13 December and Scotland v Japan at 18:00 on Monday 13 Dec.

We will post the direct links on our website for the Scotland games when they are available.

The Recast platform is a new way to watch broadcasts of curling games from WCF competitions. Start by following this link [here](#), and save recast in your favourites.

We have our own channel on the platform and you can enjoy all of the broadcast games from the recent European Curling Championships that are stored in our account. When you open an account Recast give you 100 credits and it costs 50 credits to watch each game. You can increase your credits by watching video adverts or you can use a credit card to buy credits online.

Merry Christmas to you and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year in 2022.

Bruce Crawford
Chief Executive Officer
Scottish Curling

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

SCOTLAND MAKE SPORTING HISTORY



November 27th 2021, brought the Finals of the European Curling Championships held in Lillehammer, Norway.

With an outstanding tournament already in play, we followed both Scotland's Team Muirhead and Team Mouat into the Gold Medal Finals. Team Muirhead finalised with a score of 7-4, with a steady performance in the 4th end a real decider in this game of cat and mouse. The Swedes tried to build up the tenth end, with the Scots doing their best to clear. Eventually, Muirhead was faced with a gentle hit and stay to score two points, for the 7-4, the gold medals and the European title.

This was a third European crown for Muirhead, and her eleventh European medal in total.

Scotland's Men's Team played later in the afternoon - undefeated so far in the event — they met defending champions Sweden in the men's gold medal final. They held their nerve to remain undefeated, taking home GOLD in the Championships.

Scotland's gold medal and European title winning team are skipped by Bruce Mouat, with third Grant Hardie, second Bobby Lammie, lead Hammy McMillan, alternate Ross Whyte and coach Alan Hannah.



Skip, Bruce Mouat said:

"I mean...what a week we've had. I'm just really proud of everyone who's put in all the work. I'm going to enjoy this one. We didn't really put any pressure on them at the start of the game. And that's what we said after the third end. We managed to get a break, and they don't always come, so we'll take it."

Scotland's gold medal and European title winning team were skipped by Eve Muirhead, with third Victoria Wright, second Jennifer Dodds, lead Hailey Duff, alternate Mili Smith and coach Kristian Lindstroem.

Skip, Eve Muirhead said..

"It's been a roller-coaster, but it's shown that all the work we've done has worked. I'm so proud of Hailey [Duff] – first Europeans, first international ladies' event... Mili [Smith] as well – first Europeans. For these girls this is really special, and I'd like to think that they're going to go onto even better things."



These games represent a first-time double men's and women's European title win for Scotland in the championships' 46 year history!



JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - ABERDEEN

Congratulations to Team J Craik, and Team Henderson – the new Scottish Curling Junior Champions 2021!

The competition ran from Tuesday November 23rd at Curl Aberdeen and was the first flagship Scottish Curling national competition to take place since Covid restrictions began in March 2020.

The men's draws started that Tuesday, and the women's on the Thursday, featuring teams hailing from the length and breadth of Scotland.

Scottish Curling Head of Development Maggie Wilson:

"All the Junior players should be proud of themselves, for some this is the first time curling at this level and they performed fantastically. The venue, and the team in Aberdeen provided a safe and welcoming environment for the youngsters, their families, staff and spectators. It's been incredibly inspiring to see the performance of our elite teams winning double gold at the European Championships in Norway yesterday; something for the future stars here to aim for..!"

Women's winners Team Henderson who play from Dumfries, took on Greenacres rink Team Blair in the final at 3pm Sunday 28th November, after a strong performance all week. The final score was 3-8.

Fay Henderson, Skip, said:

"We've all worked so hard; this was our season goal, so I'm delighted. We came out firing, we took control which gave us a great chance tactically. I'm so proud of the team we've got better as the week went along. We are all so excited about the World Junior Bs, in January. Hopefully we can do the country proud..."



Photo to the right: Fay Henderson, Katie McMillan, Lisa Davie, Holly Wilkie-Milne.

Photo credit: Rachel MacRae

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - ABERDEEN

In the men's draw Team J Craik who play from Forfar and Dumfries's Team Strawhorn battled it out for the trophy, a final score there of 6-9.



Skip James Craik told us after the game:

"This win is sweet as it's taken an extra year to get here; the guys played amazingly all week and backed me up all the way. I can't wait to get out to Sweden, we've got that experience already with three of our team, so that puts us in a strong position going out to the World Championships. We can't wait to get the Scotland jacket on and just see how far we can get..."

*Niall Ryder, Scott Hyslop, Angus Bryce, James Craik.
Photo credit: Rachel MacRae*

The Junior Women's winners will represent Scotland at the World Junior B Championship in Lohja, Finland from 3-14 January 2022.

If successful at that event they will go on to join this week's winning men's team who will represent Scotland in Sweden at the World Junior Championships, being hosted from 5-12 March 2022 in



TRY CURLING CAMPAIGN REACHES MILLIONS

On Monday the 15th of November we celebrated National Curling Day!

We were delighted with the support shown from our clubs, members, and rinks. Across Greatest Hits Radio & Radio Borders, Scottish Curling ran a spotlight campaign from Monday 25th October for 4 weeks, to encourage listeners to learn more about curling and to try it for themselves.

This was achieved through trailers & presenter live reads, directing them to TryCurling.com and highlighting National Curling Day on 15th November.

Listeners were able to learn about Scottish Curling via each station website, and directed to find their nearest rink via TryCurling.com. There was also the chance to win a Try Curling session and signed Scotland kit and goodie bag.

Ewen & Cat from Greatest Hits Breakfast also tried curling for themselves with Jen Dodds taking them on the ice which added a presenter-led video to the promotion, helping boost the campaign and showed listeners across Scotland just how enjoyable it is to try curling.

As an additional bonus, Ewen & Cat also caught up with Jen Dodds & Bruce Mouat for National Curling Day and



Photo above: Ewen & Cat from Greatest Hits Breakfast with Jen Dodds.



Photo Credit: Jim Ryder, Stranraer Curling.

Overall, the campaign has been very successful at reaching the general public which can be seen within the statics from the media team.

The total impact of the radio aspect of the campaign was 4.3 million listens which was almost 1 million more than initially projected. Additionally, there were over 1000 visits to the curling pages on the station websites, and 111 entries to the competition! There were also over 10,500 views of the on-ice video with Ewan, Cat and Jen over the radio stations' Facebook and Twitter accounts. 20,000 people reached via Facebook posts on the station's Facebook pages.



Take a look at our YouTube video 'Why I Curl' which you can view below. You told us everything you love about the sport, as we celebrated National Curling Day. Why not join in the conversation? Share your curling story on social media; use the hashtags #TryCurling #LoveCurling



Schools Pack

To mark National Curling Day, Scottish Curling opened the registration process for primary schools in Scotland to sign up to receive the brand new Curling Resource Pack for Primary Schools.

The resource pack had been produced for the purpose of allowing schools in Scotland the opportunity to experience curling within a school environment. It is an introduction to the sport of curling, floor curling sessions as well as classroom based activities with a curling theme and acts as a precursor to the Curling's Cool programme.

Schools that registered before Sunday 28th November were entered into a competition to win a visit from an Olympic Curler.

During the initial two week period, there were over 500 registrations for the pack including from 493 primary schools and groups from 30 different local authorities around Scotland.

The resource was launched and sent to those who had registered on Monday 29th November, and is still available to other schools via the Scottish Curling website.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SCOTLAND



(Margaret Richardson, International Representative for Scotland. Photographed to the left).

At the recent meeting of the RCCC board of directors, Margaret Richardson was appointed as the new International Representative for Scotland. Margaret has curled at international level from Junior to Seniors and has also coached teams at domestic and international competitions. Coupled with her communication and business skills, Margaret is keen to take on this role and give back to the sport that has given her so much over the years.

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CURLING STONES FOR SALE



Over the past few months the Scottish Curling Trust has been hard at work cataloging its collection of historical curling artifacts. The collection includes a wide variety of items, but mainly consists of books, medals, trophies and curling stones. Although the work is not yet complete, the 2000+ items catalogued so far can be seen on the Trust's digital platform [here](https://www.scottishcurling.org).

As a result of this effort, The Trust has identified cases where they have significant numbers of the same types of curling stone. They are now offering such surplus stones for sale, both singly as doorstops and also as pairs.



These attractive stones would look good in your house or could be an attractive gift. Some examples can be seen below.

All monies raised by this sale will go directly into Trust funds for use in its charitable purposes. These include the cataloguing, care and storage of the historical artifacts as well as supporting Royal Club programmes such as Future Leaders.

If you would like more information on purchasing these curling stones, please email office@scottishcurling.org and your details will be passed on to the charity trustees.



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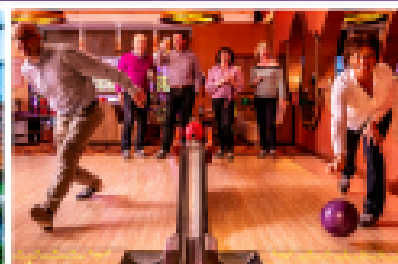
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with a holiday in Lancashire!

With the seaside on our door step, the Lake District only a stone's throw away, and Manchester within easy reach, Preston is a great base for exploring the North West.



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