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WELCOME FROM THE RCCC PRESIDENT, ALISTER ASHER



Dear Members,

Welcome to this month's edition of YourCurler! It is my pleasure to greet you at the start of another promising season for Scottish Curling, and I extend my warmest wishes to all of you as you take to the ice.

As we begin this journey together, it's inspiring to see how much the sport has grown and how committed our members remain to upholding Scotland's proud curling traditions.

Whether you're a seasoned competitor or a new member, this season holds exciting opportunities to showcase our collective passion, skill, and sportsmanship.

In 2024-25, one of our greatest points of pride will be hosting the World Wheelchair Curling Championships at Auchenhavie in March. Bringing this international event to our home soil is not only a testament to our excellent facilities and dedicated community, but also a unique opportunity to shine on the world stage.

As Scotland welcomes elite athletes from across the globe, we have a chance to showcase our commitment to inclusivity in sport and to celebrate the incredible athleticism and dedication of wheelchair curlers. I encourage all members to support this event in whatever way possible—whether as spectators, volunteers, or local ambassadors of Scottish hospitality. Together, we can ensure that Auchenhavie becomes a memorable venue that reflects the strength and spirit of Scotland's curling community.

On the home front, I would also like to remind everyone about the Scottish Open, which provides amateur curlers with an extraordinary chance to be recognised among Scotland's best. This tournament captures the heart of Scottish Curling by celebrating the talents and efforts of curlers from all walks of life.

For many, it represents an opportunity to take their game to new heights, and for some, it may even mean securing the inaugural Scottish Open title! I strongly encourage members of all skill levels to consider entering, as the Scottish Open is much more than a competition; it's a celebration of our community, our shared dedication, and the joy of curling itself.

As we move forward this season, let's remember that every stone thrown, every end played, and every game won or lost contributes to the legacy of Scottish Curling. Together, we can make this season one to remember and carry the torch of our sport to future generations.

I wish you all success, enjoyment, and above all, memorable moments on the ice this year.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Alister Asher
President, Scottish Curling

MORRISON AND MOUAT SELECTED FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

World number one ranked Team Mouat will aim to defend their perfect record at the Le Gruyere AOP European Championships as they compete for a fifth consecutive title, representing Scotland in Finland from 16-23 November.

Bruce Mouat, Grant Hardie, Bobby Lammie, and Hammy McMillan head to the Kiskallio Sports Centre in Lohja after an impressive start to the season. They became the first Scots to win The Baden Masters, defended their Euro Super Series title on home ice, and won the season's first Grand Slam in Canada at The Hearing Life Tour Challenge.

The team is confident about maintaining their winning streak as they return to the European Championships, a title they've held each time they have represented Scotland since 2018. Skip Mouat expressed excitement about their Finland debut, noting both the challenge and thrill of playing in a new country. He acknowledged their recent hard work and strong form over the past three months, aiming to keep Scotland at the top of the world rankings. Mouat highlighted that maintaining this position requires consistent, top-tier performances, which they hope to continue at the European Championships to build momentum into the latter half of the season.

Supporting the squad is Olympian Kyle Waddell, who joins as their alternate. Mouat praised Waddell's hard work and reliability, calling him a valuable team member who can seamlessly fill in whenever necessary. The team's respect for Waddell's skills and camaraderie make him a valued addition to their setup.

Meanwhile, Morrison and Dodds will also reunite with Sophie Jackson and Sophie Sinclair for the European Championships. They bring strong form from Switzerland, where Scottish Mixed Doubles Champion Jackson and her partner Duncan McFadzean also reached the semi-finals in both events.

Morrison commented on the team's excellent throwing and performance, noting that success in Switzerland had bolstered their confidence. She expects that when they regroup for the European Championships, they will carry forward this momentum.

Additionally, Morrison emphasised that the European Championships hold added significance as they serve as a qualifier for the World Championships. Success at this event is crucial, as the upcoming World Championships in Korea represent the final opportunity for Team GB to earn points towards pre-qualification for the 2026 Winter Olympics. Morrison explained that securing Scotland's place at the World Championships would relieve pressure, ensuring their Olympic qualification mission can continue smoothly rather than requiring a qualifying event next season.

Fay Henderson, who led her team to victory at the Scottish Championships earlier this year, will be joining Team Scotland's women as their alternate, rounding out a strong Scottish squad ready to make its mark in Finland.



TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT: SCOTTISH WOMEN'S TOUR TO CANADA

We are delighted to announce the 24 curlers (tourists) selected for the Scottish Women's Tour to Canada in 2025.

They are:

- Tour captain: Maureen Parker (Castle Kennedy)
- Vice captain: Ann Johnstone (Crocketford)
- Secretary: Trish Kennedy (Lynedoch Ladies)
- Treasurer: Christine Hall (Avondale Heather)
- Liz Carnie (Fettercairn)
- Marion Duthie (Monifieth)
- Susan Wyllie (Currie & Balerno)
- Stella Cassidy (East Kilbride & Haremyres)
- Morna Aitken (Currie & Balerno)
- Gwendoline Highet (Cathcart Castle)
- Margo Smith (Avondale Heather)
- Fran Stretton (Currie & Balerno)
- Lynda Blackwood (Stra'ven Ladies)
- Susan Morrison (Crocketford)
- Marion Mather (Crocketford)
- Sheona Reid (Glenfarg Ladies)
- Elizabeth Torrance (Glasgow Ladies)
- Carole Marsh (Highland)
- June Geyer (Dunfermline Ladies)
- Lynn Kenyon (Hamilton & Thornyhill)
- Kate Adams (Portpatrick)
- Anna Martin (Forteviot)
- Elspeth Johnston (Kilsyth)
- Katie Wood (Currie & Balerno)



The Tour will take place in November 2025.

REMEMBERING MARJORIE WATERSTON KIDD

We were saddened to learn of the death of Marjorie Waterston Kidd on Sunday 18 August 2024. Marjorie was a great stalwart of Edinburgh Curling, a Past President of Ladies Branch, and was a member of the 1981 Women's Tour to USA.

Marjorie was a very special lady who did a huge amount of work for Edinburgh Curling. She will be missed by all those who curled with her and knew her.

Beloved wife of the late Derek, dear mother of Colin, Simon and Nigel, and loving Grandma of James, Shayne, Sam, Alex and Sophie.

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Asham and British Curling Supplies are collaborating to support the Asham slams across the country. The partnership aims to provide easy access to high-quality equipment and stylish, functional attire to young athletes in venue at the slams with 'pop up shops' being available.

Previous seasons saw slams prizes provided by Asham being presented to the winners on the final day of competition, however slam winners will now receive vouchers from British Curling Supplies that they can spend on Asham products.

This is a new venture for Scottish Curling, and we are excited to bring the Asham range and British Curling Supplies knowledge and expertise to curlers during their competitions. Asham's sponsorship and support celebrated an incredible 10-year milestone last season, and this new concept will allow players to choose their own kit or equipment as prizes from the slams.

British Curling Supplies will be in attendance at slams throughout the season, but if you are unable to spend your winning voucher it can also be used online or at the next available slam. Pop up shop dates are still to be confirmed but follow British Curling Supplies social media channels to keep updated.

'As we celebrate a decade of sponsorship and unwavering support for junior curling, this partnership with British Curling Supplies and Scottish Curling is another step forward in our commitment to nurturing the next generation of curlers. At Asham, we're driven by a passion for the sport and a vision to strengthen curling's reach, both locally and globally. We're excited to be part of these young athletes' journey, ensuring they have access to the best equipment while competing at the highest level.' Amanda Asham

'We have strong working relationships with our manufacturers and Scottish Curling and we are looking forward to attending more of the Asham Slam Series events this season with their products. We will advertise the events we are attending on our social media. Tom Pendreigh, British Curling Supplies.

'I am thrilled to announce this collaboration with Asham, British Curling Supplies and Scottish Curling and to be able to add value and enhance the experience of our junior events throughout the country. We look forward to seeing these pop-up shops in venues this coming season'. Charlene Graham, Scottish Curling

CURL AYSHIRE CHARITY UPDATE

Many thanks to Peter Galloway for providing this article.

Just over a year ago in June 2023, the Ayr Ice Rink closure was announced and despite all options to remain open being pursued, this was unsuccessful due to escalating and uncontrollable energy costs.

As a consequence, in September 2023 a motion was endorsed to take Ayr Curlers Limited in to members voluntary liquidation. With the Ice Rink closure, resident curling clubs were scattered to the winds in seeking to find an alternative venue to continue play.

From the ashes of the demise of curling in Ayr, a phoenix in the form of a group of curlers with broad professional backgrounds were invited by the Chair of the Ayr Curling Club Development Group to form an executive forum to consider the restoration of curling in the vicinity of Ayr but covering the Ayrshire region as a whole.

Their focus was very much on how a curling specific Scottish Charitable Company might be established to bid for funding to secure a suitably located site, build a modern energy efficient 4 sheeted curling venue, staff it and manage the business for the long term. Key to this initiative and what has been achieved is the formation of a new not for profit company limited by guarantee with charitable status.

This was secured and registered in June 2024 just under a year following the announcement of the closure of Ayr Ice Rink. It was named Curl Ayrshire Charity.

This might have been the first small step for the Steering Group but a huge step forward for curling in Ayrshire.

A business plan with projected build and running costs is being formulated as will projections for the future. A sound start has been made with the support of South Ayrshire Council but appreciable detailed work remains to be completed, not least the identification of the optimum site, its purchase and subsequent design and build costs for a bespoke building, ice pad, plant, car parking and power connections, all made to World Curling specifications. The experiences of other new build ice rinks in Scotland will also need to be taken in to consideration. All of this will require capital funding to be sought, secured and contractually committed.

It will need the unstinting support, commitment and involvement of all Ayrshire curlers. At Ayr Curling Club's Extraordinary General Meeting held on 8 Oct 24 to vote on the Club being dissolved, 97% of the members who participated supported the motion. The consequence of this result is that membership is being transitioned and assets transferred from Ayr Curling Club to Curl Ayrshire Charity. The President and Vice President of what was Ayr Curling Club are now principal Directors of Curl Ayrshire Charity.

Regular updating newsletters will be issued to all Curl Ayrshire Charity members and meetings held as significant milestones in progress are achieved. Further YourCurler articles will also be written to keep the Scottish Curling fraternity informed of the progress for curling in the South West.



ENTER THE SCOTTISH OPEN

Entries for the inaugural Scottish Open Championships are closing soon, with teams preparing for their shot at glory in December.

This event invites both male and female teams to vie for the title and a grand prize of £1500 for each category, making it a significant occasion for curlers across the country

Scheduled to take place at Curl Forfar from Thursday 5th – Sunday 8th December, the Open Championships aims to create a fun and social event for curlers to come together and compete for a cash prize.

The competition is open to all Scottish Curling members; however teams must not contain a team member who is currently part of British Curling through either the Olympic or performance foundation programme.

Teams interested in participating can register online on our entry forms section of the web page where they will find all necessary details regarding the competition format, rules and schedule.

The success of this inaugural event will ensure this is a highlight of the curling calendar and we look forward to welcoming all the teams to Curl Forfar over the weekend - [so enter now!](#)



JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT THE WORLD WHEELCHAIR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Are you ready to be part of an inspiring and unforgettable experience? The March 2025 World Wheelchair Curling Championships is fast approaching, and we need your support to help make this event a resounding success.

Whether you're a sports enthusiast, a community-minded individual, or simply someone who loves to lend a hand, there is a role for you!

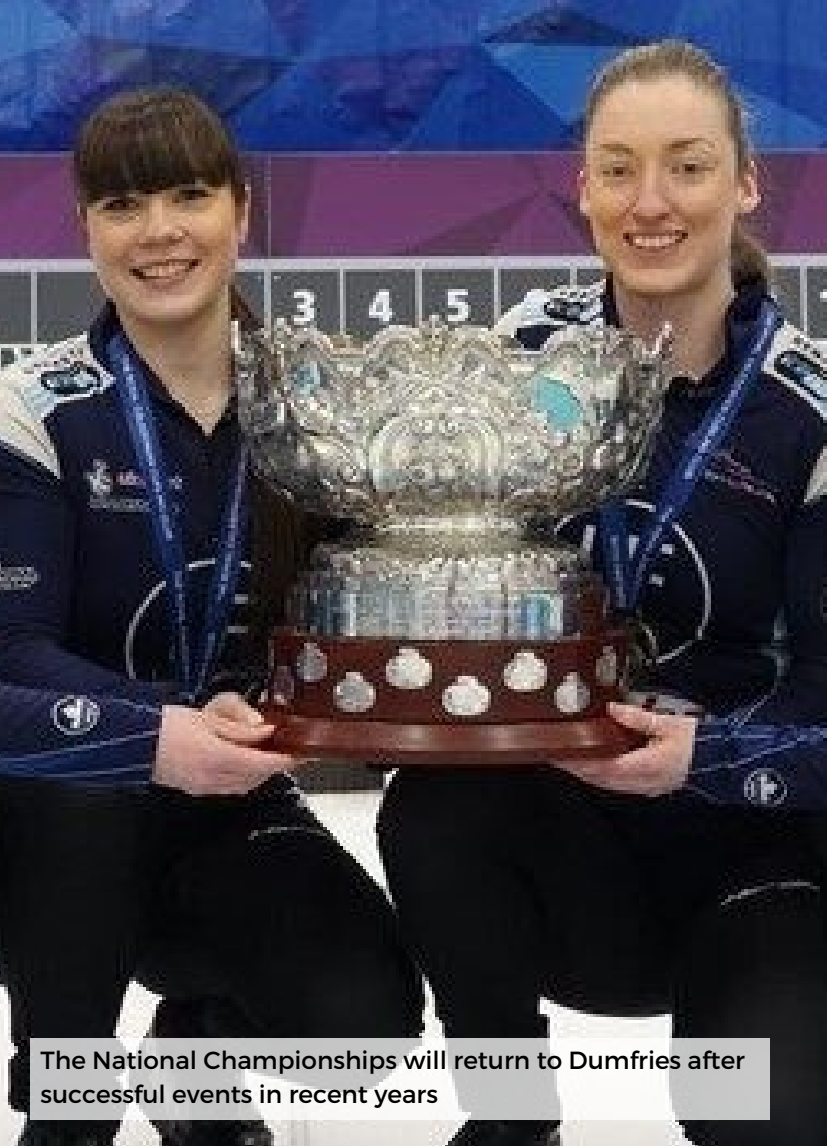
Volunteering at this event is more than just a chance to support incredible world-class athletes from all over the world - it's an opportunity to be part of a global movement that celebrates diversity, determination, and the sporting community as a whole. You'll gain unique insights into the world of Paralympic sports, meet like-minded individuals, and make lasting memories.



No matter your skills or interests, we have a volunteer role that will suit you:

- **Event Support & Organisation:** Assist with logistics, set-up, ceremonies and get out to ensure everything runs smoothly.
- **Athlete Services:** Provide support to athletes, including meet & greets, transportation coordination, equipment management, catering support and guidance around the venue.
- **Spectator Services:** Help attendees with information, seating, and accessibility services to enhance their experience.
- **Athlete accreditation and pre competition preparations:** issuing correct accreditation to athletes and their support team, staffing athlete wheelchair cleaning area before they take to the ice
- **Ice Player Assistant (IPA):** on ice stone setting for athletes during games
- **Timekeeping:** allocating time to each time to allow them to prepare and play their shots

[Visit the Scottish Curling website to find out more!](#)



The National Championships will return to Dumfries after successful events in recent years

DUMFRIES CURLING AWARDED HOST OF SCOTTISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR NEXT THREE YEARS

Scottish Curling are delighted to announce that Dumfries Ice Bowl has been selected to host the Scottish National Championships for the next three seasons. A testament to its exceptional facilities and the outstanding events it has previously hosted.

The decision by Scottish Curling comes after a thorough evaluation of several

submitted bids across the retail estate. Dumfries Ice Bowl distinguished itself through their state-of-the-art amenities and services on site and from positive feedback from athletes, coaches and spectators from previous events..

‘It has been great to work with all the team at Dumfries Ice bowl over the past two seasons who have consistently demonstrated excellence in hosting large scale sporting events and creating an exceptional athlete and spectator experience. I am excited to keep working with the team for the upcoming season and beyond,’ said Scottish Curling’s Major Events Manager, Charlene Graham.

‘We’d like to thank Dumfries Curling for their commitment; everyone involved in the championships works very hard to ensure this event is a highlight in the calendar and it brings together top curlers from across Scotland to showcase their talents’.

Dumfries Ice Bowl made its debut as host of the Scottish championships in 2022 and each year have continued to add elements to the event whether that be in development opportunities to get young people coming along to spectate and try the sport or in their live broadcast coverage of games themselves.

The Scottish National Championships 2025 is due to take place at Dumfries Ice Bowl from the 3rd – 8th February 2025 and tickets will be available in due course.

We look forward to returning to Dumfries in the upcoming season and to creating sustained success and popularity of the Scottish championships.

OATRIDGE CURLING CLUB 40TH ANNIVERSARY BONSPIEL

Many thanks to Ian Keron for providing this report.

On Saturday 19 October 2024, ten teams took to the ice at Curl Edinburgh to take part in the Oatridge Curling Club 40th Anniversary Bonspiel.

The day kicked off with a welcome drink in the club rooms, and a quick explanation of the novel bonspiel scoring rules.

The teams came from the West Lothian Province, three clubs with links to Oatridge CC, and some other guests. There were some late changes to the teams due to illness and injury, so a special thanks to those that stepped in at the last minute to ensure all teams had four players.

The curling was played in the true spirit of curling and results were secondary to having fun together on the ice. After the curling was done, we retired back to the club rooms for dinner and a few drinks.

President Ian Keron then presented a history of the club and its achievements, and then presented prizes to the winning team. Everyone had a great time, and the evening closed with a vote of thanks from John Irvine, of Linlithgow CC.

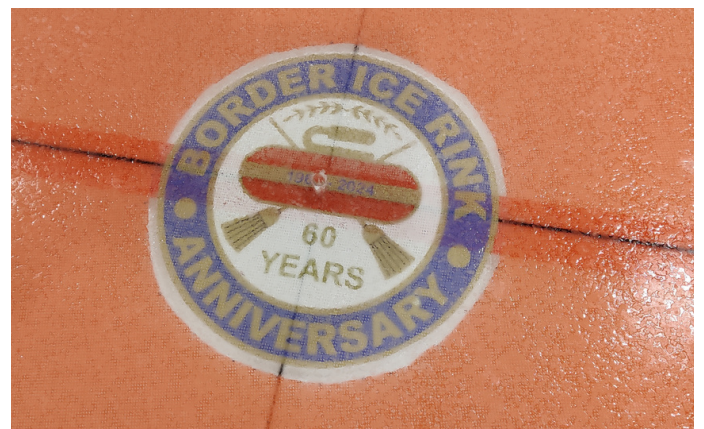
Following on from the Bonspiel the club is holding a dinner at the Oatridge Hotel in Uphall on 4 November for a number of former and current members, where no doubt there will be much reminiscing of the origins and history of the club.



BORDERS ICE RINK IS 60

On weekend of 19th and 20th October there was a weekend of celebrations, with a sixtieth anniversary bonspiel and a dinner at night in the Cross Keys Hotel, Kelso with Ali Asher as the principal guest.

A sixties skating event was also held. The events allowed a new chilling plant to be commissioned, making the rink more energy efficient and reduce their energy bills. Border Ice Rink also formally became a Trust on 1st August, so a new chapter begins for the ice rink.





CROSSMYLOOF CLOSES AFTER 115 YEARS

Many thanks to Jeremy Andrews for providing this report.

In 1909, at the original Crossmyloof Ice Rink in Glasgow, a decision was taken to form Crossmyloof Curling Club consisting of 16 members and other occasionals.

The Club was affiliated both to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club and Glasgow Province. International matches, Grand matches, district medals and local games were all played. Curling was interrupted by WW1. In 1920 the original Crossmyloof Ice Rink was demolished and a new rink built in its place, to be known as "The Scottish Ice Rink 1928 Ltd".

In 1935 a ballot system for play on Club nights was introduced, mixed rinks made up as players arrived and prizes awarded to the winning rink of the night. Anyone missing out on play was first on the list for the next club night. It was a very popular and flexible system and continued till 2018. In 1938 membership had risen to 95, but fell inactive for six years during WW2. By 1946 Friendly matches were being played between Crossmyloof and Clarkston and also an annual Friendly arranged between Crossmyloof and Sauchie & Bannockburn which still continues today.

In 1947 Crossmyloof Curling Club badges were introduced at 1/9d. In 1958 an annual Friendly match between Crossmyloof and Pollock Curling Club began and still continues. In 1960 membership was up to 158. In 1982 an annual Friendly match between Crossmyloof and Bearsden Curling Club began and still continues. In 1986 The Summit Centre Ice Rink opened at Finnieston and also the Scottish Ice Rink suddenly closed.

In 1995 an annual Friendly match between Crossmyloof and Cathcart Castle Curling Club began and still continues today. In 1998 the Summit Ice Centre was shut through flood damage to its foundations. 1999 Braehead Ice Rink opened. From the 1990's wheelchair curling was gaining ground, and by 2000 Crossmyloof had two wheelie members.

In 2020 Braehead loses its lease and closes. 2020-22 Covid pandemic. 2020-2022 Crossmyloof members had to decide where to play, with the choice being at Hamilton or at Greenacres near Howwood.

The club opted for Hamilton and lost one half of its membership, which by 2023 was down to 9. In 2024 decision was taken to close the Club.

The men will play four games in two sections of eight, in a Schenkel format. The women will play three games in two sections of four. These round robin games will be completed on the Friday and Saturday and the two top teams in each section will qualify for the semi-finals on Sunday morning at 11am.

We would like to encourage local curlers to come along and watch some top quality seniors curling.

Photos show 2023 winners team Horton and team Lockhart.



A brilliant couple of days for everyone who took part, with the teams gaining valuable opportunities both on and off the ice!

You can find out more on our website.



BUCHAN CURLING CLUB CELEBRATE FIRST CORONATION LEAGUE TITLE WIN IN 54 YEARS

Buchan Curling Club are celebrating after winning the Coronation League for the first time in 54 years. The club last lifted the silverware in 1970 and there is now a new generation of players who have tasted success in the competition, with the class of 2024 getting their hands on the trophy last week. Played out of Curl Edinburgh in Murrayfield (on Monday evenings), the competition was set up following the Queen's coronation in 1953 and involves some of the oldest curling clubs from the surrounding area, such as Currie and Balerno, Dalkeith, Duddingston, East Linton, Mid Calder, Oxenfoord and Penicuik.

It was a highly successful campaign resulting in 12 wins out of a possible 14, with the team even achieving the rare success of an 8-ender on route to the title. This season's team consisted of (L to R) Andrew Williamson (skip), Kyle Baptie, Alan Williamson and Stewart Addison, with guest appearances from Gordon McGregor and Jack Brown.



EDINBURGH AWARD HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

At the end of season dinner & prize giving, Fred MacKenzie and Loreen MacKenzie were both awarded Honorary Life Memberships to St Andrews Curling Club as recognition of their service, support and participation within the club over the last four decades.

Fred joined St Andrews Curling Club in 1978, with his wife Loreen joining soon after in 1981. On behalf of the St Andrews Curling Club, President Jackie McQueen thanked both Fred and Loreen for their support to the Club and to the Sport of Curling over the years, and as a mark of appreciation then presented Fred and Loreen with Life Membership awards.





SCOTLAND PROUD OF WORLD MIXED SHOWING

Scotland were brilliantly represented at the World Mixed Curling Championship 2024, with the quartet doing the nation proud on home soil.

The team; made up by Neil and Sheila Kennedy alongside John and Margaret Agnew; performed valiantly at the event held in Aberdeen.

With the eyes of the world watching, the team progressed from the pool with victories over Romania, Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei and Brazil at Curl Aberdeen.

Despite a fantastic effort, Team Scottish Curling fell to the number 1 seed, Sweden - the eventual champions.

A huge congratulations to the team, and a thank you to all of you who reached out to congratulate and support the team.

Visit the World Curling website to find out more including the full results of the competition.





RCCC AGM 2024

The 186th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club took place on 29 June 2024 at Hamilton Park Racecourse.

The AGM opened with a Parade of Champions which recognised the winners of Scottish Curling competitions from the Newcomers Trophy through to Scottish Champions as well as European Men's champions Team Mouat and Winter Youth Olympic Gold medallists in the Mixed, and Mixed Doubles events.

The normal business was carried out with Jimmy Raeburn reporting on his year as President, handing the baton on to Alister Asher as the President for 2024-25. Keith Prentice was elected as Vice President to follow on thereafter. Mairi Milne (re-elected for a second term) and Keith Wilson were elected to the Board of Directors for a term of three years.

All motions/resolutions were passed, including an increase to the membership subscription from the 2025-26 season (Ordinary and Honorary Playing: £31; Junior: £16).

The Waldie-Griffith Trophy was presented to Border Province. Craigie Hill and Edinburgh Ladies Curling Club were awarded 100 year club medals, and four members were presented with their 50 year medals.

Scottish Curling Awards were presented to Callie Soutar (Junior Curler of the Year), Glynis Knowles (Grassroots Coach of the Year), Winter Youth Olympic Team GB Athletes (Junior Team of the Year), and Team Mouat (Team of the Year) while the Ice Diamond award for outstanding contribution to the sport was presented to Lindsay Scotland.



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and supporters alongside fan engagement experiences and brand and marketing exposure opportunities at four Scottish Curling events.

These include the Scottish Curling Championships (Men and Women) from 3 - 8 February 2025; the Scottish Senior Curling Championships from 13 - 16 February 2025; and the Scottish Senior Curling Championship Qualifiers from 12 - 15 December 2025.

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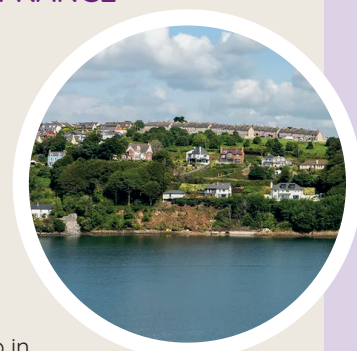
The Northern Lights must be seen to be believed: nature's ultimate light show and one of the most awe-inspiring spectacles you'll ever see. Far outclassing any mere laser display, with vivid green and pink luminosity dancing across the inky skies of Norway and Iceland, the sights on our Northern Lights cruise from Dundee will delight and enthrall you.

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MEET THE TEAM

With some new faces at Scottish Curling, we thought we'd help you put names to faces by introducing the full team:



Vincent Bryson

CEO



Suzy Wakefield

Head of
Operations



Eilidh
McCall-Lawrie

Head of Sport &
Communities



Scott Andrews

Academy
Manager



Peter Joyce

Digital
Community
Coordinator



Fiona Harfield

Workforce
Development
Manager



Charlene
Graham

Major Events
Manager



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Butterfield

Disability &
Inclusion
Development
Officer



Catriona Morton

Development
Manager
South-West



Faye McInnes

Development
Manager
North-East



Liam Duncan

Development
Manager
Central

STRANRAER ICE RINK COACHING & DEVELOPMENT HALLOWEEN BONSPIELS

Many thanks to Jim Ryder for providing the below article.

During the school holidays Stranraer Ice Rink Coaching & Development held four Cash for Kids one day junior bonspiels attracting 76 kids with a 2026 Olympic Winter Games theme. Each rink picked blind a country who will be playing in the Curling at the 2026 Olympic Games in Italy and over the next two seasons we will be adding the scores of all our bonspiels being played and will have a Stranraer's leaderboard of who we have as our gold, silver and bronze team winners.

Game one got off to a great start on the Monday morning with four rinks taking to the ice, playing each other over four ends. After the three games were played with snacks and lunch our winning rink skipped by Katie Keegan, 3rd Ramsey McKnight, 2nd Abigail Young and playing lead Finn Milligan representing Sweden, runners up were Team Norway and 3rd was Team Canada.

The second game saw six rinks playing the three games over four ends, with all the games close it was Keeley Hale with Holly Church and Gregor Lammie taking the top of the podium winning all their games and representing Team Norway, silver went to Team South Korea skipped by Gracie Turner and bronze to Team Switzerland skipped by Adam Hale. Game three in the second week of the holidays saw six rinks take to the ice. With three wins it was Sarah McClymont skipping her rink of Abigail Young and Tily Gordon playing for Team Canada on 6 points 10ends, +12 shots and 19 shots, silver went to Team Japan skipped by Katie Keegan and bronze to Team Norway skipped by Louise Church. The last of our Halloween Cash for Kids Bonspiel saw six rinks take to the ice last Friday. After all three games had been played and a recount it was Team Japan with skip Sarah McClymont, Bethan Gibb and Sophie Day taking gold with 2 wins and a peel over Team Norway skipped by Louise Church and Team USA skipped by Lily McClymont. Coaching & Development would like to thank Cash for Kids in sponsoring these junior bonspiels.



NEW SCC - LEVEL 2 COACHING COURSE DATES: REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY!

The inaugural SCC Level 2 coaching qualification will launch in January 2025. This course combines online learning with in-person, on-ice sessions. Attendance is required for both on-ice dates: Saturday, 25 January 2025, and Sunday, 23 February 2025, at Dewars Centre in Perth. Please email fiona@scottishcurling.org to register your interest.

STREET RINK AT STRANRAER CATTLE SHOW A HUGE HIT!

Many thanks to Jim Ryder for providing the below article.



This year at the Stranraer Cattle Show we had the Street Curling Rink for the day. This was an idea of one of our local club members who is on the organising committee for the show.

During the course of the day our junior members supported by an adult member saw nearly 300 children and adults try out Curling. Over the day we had a visit from our newly elected Member for Parliament John Cooper MP along with local MSP Finlay Carson who came along and tried their best.

Finlay is a member of one of our local clubs and a bit of a game started with Finlay just winning the end. Since the start of this season we have had several families come along to the rink to try it on ice having seen and tried the Street Curling.



FUTURE LEADERS OFF TO A FLYING START

In September, applications opened for this season's Future Leaders programme which once again is being supported by Scottish Curling Trust. This year, applications were accepted for new young people aged 14-18 years old to join the returning leaders from last season in a new two-year format.

Following a successful recruitment process, seven new young people have joined seven returning Future Leaders from the 23/24 cohort. Find out more on our website.





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