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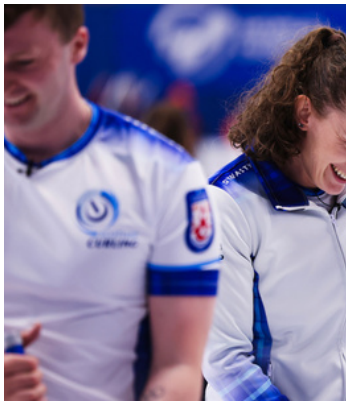

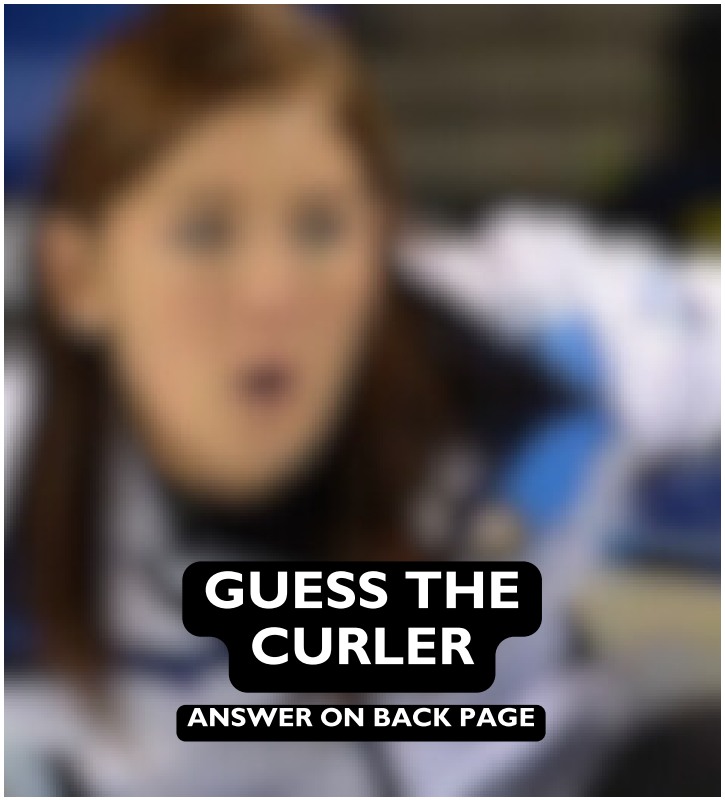

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WELCOME FROM THE RCCC PRESIDENT, ALI ASHER

Hello everyone,

Well, that's another curling season over and what a roller coaster it has been! The challenges facing several rinks will continue until energy costs return to manageable levels. Without successful facilities our sport will not grow and as I've said as I've travelled the country, do we really have local communities without community facilities?

We successfully hosted our first World event in many years at Auchenharvie paving the way to host more. It was a fantastic joint effort to make this happen under the experienced guidance of Liz Burton-King and the staff of World & Scottish Curling working together with the local council. Scotland's silver medal there kicked off an incredible end to the season with Team Mouat not just winning the World Men's title for the second time but a record fourth GSOC win immediately after meant along with Team Whyte that all 5 GSOC titles are in Scotland for the first time.

Three further medals followed in Fredericton, including another Gold for Jackie Lockhart's Senior Women to complete an incredible season for our teams. Our sport has a very exciting future as The Curling Group's investment in the Grand Slam events is developing into The Rock League, the first professional curling league, starting in the Spring of 2026.

I've been very honoured to serve my one-year term as your President. It has taken me to Finland, Canada and all corners of the country presenting trophies and medals along with several speaking engagements at dinners of clubs totalling well over 1,500 years of curling. The history and inclusivity of our game rival our current performances on the ice for sheer awe. They are all hugely important cogs in the wheels of Scottish Curling. Thank you to the curlers, members, volunteers and staff at the Royal Club for allowing me to serve but more importantly for your support and all you do for the roaring game.

Ali Asher
RCCC President

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO, VINCENT BRYSON

Hello everyone,

As the 2024–25 season draws to a close, I reflect with pride, gratitude, and determination. This year, Scotland's curlers once again stamped their authority on the world stage. Three gold medals—secured at the World Junior Championships, World Mixed Doubles, and World Senior Women's—are testament not only to the brilliance of our athletes but to the deep talent and commitment that defines our curling community.

Yet success is never just on the ice. Behind the scenes, we've laid critical foundations for the future. We strengthened our safeguarding framework to ensure curling remains a sport where everyone feels safe, respected and able to thrive. Our digital presence has grown exponentially, with content reaching wider and younger audiences, helping to tell curling's story in a fresh and modern way.

A particular highlight this season was hosting the World Wheelchair Curling Championship at Auchenharvie Ice Rink. It was genuinely inspiring to witness grassroots volunteers and local fans standing shoulder to shoulder with the world's best athletes. It reminded us that curling in Scotland is not just a sport.

it's a community, built on shared values and collective pride.

None of this would be possible without the amazing work of our volunteers and support of our valued partners.

Our sincere thanks go to sportscotland, British Curling, UK Sport, Ambassador Cruise Line and the Scottish Curling Trust for their unwavering commitment and investment in our sport.

As we turn towards the Olympic season, our vision is resolute: to support our athletes, inspire new participants, and grow a game that is inclusive, sustainable, and proudly Scottish at its core.

There is much still to do—but we move forward united in purpose and stronger than ever. To everyone who played a part this year—on ice, online, or off—thank you. The next chapter promises to be even more special.

Vincent Bryson
CEO

SCOTLAND MEN'S WORLD CHAMPS AGAIN!

Scotland etched its name once more into curling history, claiming the gold medal at the 2025 Men's World Curling Championship after a dramatic and determined campaign, culminating in a narrow 5–4 victory over Switzerland in the final.

Skipped by the composed and clinical Bruce Mouat, the Scottish rink showcased resilience, precision, and brilliance throughout the championship held in Moose Jaw, Canada.

This victory marks Scotland's seventh title and the second for Team Mouat.

Scotland launched their round-robin campaign with commanding intent, crushing Austria 12–2 in Session 2. This set the tone for a strong early performance, including a 9–3 win over Korea, an 8–2 victory against Czechia, and a 9–7 triumph over Italy. The Scots were clinical, often putting games to bed early with powerful ends and aggressive strategy.

One of the highlights of the round-robin came against Canada in Session 7. In a tight, nervy contest, Scotland held their nerve in an extra end to edge out Canada 6–5, a crucial result that set the psychological tone for their later rematch in the semi-finals.

Despite their success, the Scots faced setbacks. A surprising 11–7 loss to Switzerland reminded fans that the competition was fierce. They also came up short against curling titan Niklas Edin of Sweden in Session 15, falling 10–4.

But true champions rise from adversity. In a dramatic qualification playoff, Scotland faced Sweden again – and this time, with revenge on their minds and gold in their sights, they edged out Edin's rink 8–7 in a game that will be remembered for its high tension but marvellous outcome.

The semi-final rematch against Canada was arguably Scotland's most complete performance. Against a vocal crowd and a skilled team led by Brad Jacobs, the Scots stayed composed, making high-percentage shots and forcing Canada into low-risk, low-reward plays. A 7–4 victory sent Scotland into the gold medal match and silenced any doubters.

It all came down to a tense gold medal match against Switzerland. Scotland always looked in control, despite a tense battle, and took the win 5-4 with 65,000 proud Scots watching back home, live, in the early hours of the morning.

A night that will be remembered forever. Scotland.

Champions of the World once more.

Final Results for Scotland – 2025 Men's World Curling Championship

- Record: 10 Wins – 3 Losses
- Key Wins: vs Canada (twice), Sweden (QF), Switzerland (Final)
- Gold Medal Match: Scotland 5 – 4 Switzerland

SENIORS TEAM HUGE SUCCESS

Teams Lockhart and Brewster represented Scotland superbly in Fredericton, Canada at the World Seniors' Curling Championships, both bringing medals home from the championships.

Team Lockhart took gold in the Women's draw, peforming superbly all week - winning every single game they played.

In the final they faced hosts Canada and defeated them convincingly 10-2. An incredible performance in a week of pure dominance.

Team Brewster had to battle hard in the men's draw and faced a fair amount of adversity - including an opening loss against Germany.

They bounced back in style though, with a 17-1 win over Denmark proving they were more than ready to go the distance in the tournament.

With big wins against Switzerland and the USA in the knockouts, they were unlucky in the final against hosts Canada and fell at the final hurdle.

A magnificent performance from both sides and a fantastic celebration of curling in Fredericton,

SCOTTISH CURLING HONOURED AT BUTE HOUSE

Scottish Curling was welcomed to Bute House, the official residence of the First Minister, for a special reception celebrating a golden season on the world stage. The gathering recognised the outstanding achievements of Team Mouat, who captured the Men's World Championship title; Team Lockhart, who triumphed at the Women's Senior World Championships; and Team Carson/Munro, who secured gold at the World University Games.

Hosted by First Minister John Swinney MSP, the event brought together athletes, coaches, and representatives of Scottish Curling to acknowledge the sport's growing stature both at home and abroad. The reception was not only a celebration of recent victories but also a signal of intent from the Scottish Government to deepen its support for curling's future.

"What I can promise is willing engagement to do as much as we can between government and the community to achieve as much as is possible to support the development of the sport within Scotland," said the First Minister. His remarks were warmly welcomed by the curling community, with our facilities at the heart of our success story.

Among the athletes honoured was Bruce Mouat, skip of the newly crowned world champions. Reflecting on the emotional high of their win, Mouat said: "To be able to stand on the podium, with the saltire behind us, and with our families and friends singing Flower of Scotland in the stands is something I'll be able to carry with me forever."

Scottish Curling CEO Vincent Bryson echoed the mood of optimism and ambition in his remarks during the reception. "We know that in 2021, there was a clear manifesto commitment to doubling the government's investment in sport — and I can say with confidence that the sector is ready to embrace the challenges of such a commitment. We are ready to match that ambition with delivery. And ready to support the physical and mental wellbeing of the nation in a way that only sport can."
The reception served as a reminder of curling's proud history in Scotland — the sport's birthplace — and its potential to inspire future generations. Representatives from Scottish Curling were in attendance to discuss ongoing efforts to grow participation, protect local rinks, and ensure that Scotland remains at the forefront of the international curling scene.

As Scotland's world champions were celebrated in the heart of the nation's political home, the message was clear: curling is not only a source of national pride, but a key part of Scotland's sporting future.

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We are thrilled to announce an exciting friendship tour to the United States in January 2027. USA Curling has extended a warm invitation for a team of twenty male curlers from Scotland to visit as their guests for three unforgettable weeks.

This tour promises a fantastic programme both on and off the ice, culminating in the chance to compete for the prestigious Herries Maxwell Trophy—a symbol of curling camaraderie contested every five years between Scotland and the USA. The last tour took place in 2023 (postponed from 2022), when Team USA visited Scotland and took home the trophy. Now it's our turn to head across the Atlantic and try to bring it back!

The specific dates and locations of the tour are yet to be confirmed by USA Curling, but rest assured, it will be a packed and memorable experience.

Eligibility:
All male members of the RCCC who have not previously participated in either a Canadian or American tour are welcome to apply.

Application Deadline:
16 July 2025

We recommend budgeting approximately £6,000 for the tour, which will cover travel, accommodation, clothing and other associated expenses.

Don't miss this unique chance to represent Scotland, make lifelong friendships, and experience curling across the pond. Apply now and be part of something truly special!

APPLY NOW

SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE THE MOST OF 2026

Got some ideas on how Scottish Curling can make the most of the 2026 fever?

Share your ideas to support the community to maximise on the Olympic and Paralympic Games fever.

No matter how small or how big an idea you have - **we want to hear them**!

Scan here to submit them -

SCOTTISH CURLING AWARDS 2025

We're thrilled to announce the winners of the Junior Curler of the Year, Junior Team of the Year, Team of the Year, and Grassroot Coach of the Year awards – as well as reveal the shortlist for the Ice Diamond Award.

The Scottish Curling Awards are a fantastic opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our curlers and the dedication of our incredible volunteers throughout the season.

A huge congratulations to all our winners and shortlisted nominees – your passion and commitment continue to inspire our curling community!

Junior Curler of the Year
Robyn Munro

Grassroots Coach of the Year
Iain Gwynne

Team of the Year
Team Mouat

Junior Team of the Year
Team Munro/Carson

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187TH AGM RCCC AGM SET FOR 28TH JUNE

The 187th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club will be held on Saturday 28th June 2025 at Inverness Ice Rink at 2pm.

All members of Scottish Curling are invited to attend.

RON CAITHNESS RECEIVES 50 YEAR MEDAL OF RCCC

Ron Caithness, Edzell CC, being presented with his 50th medal by Andrew Ferguson, Edzell CC President, to recognise Ron's 50 years of continuous membership of the RCCC.

The presentation was made at the Edzell CC AGM following a highly successful season for the club.

Congratulations, Ron!

SUMMER CURLING TIPS FROM KEVIN AND ISLA KAY

Many thanks to Kevin Kay for providing this article.

With a new year comes new opportunities, and the opportunity for securing some good options for junior training in the coming year.

Without wishing the current season to be over, January and February are also the months when typically junior curlers can sign-up for easter and summer curling camps, whether these are abroad or closer to home.

No one know this more than Isla Kay (13), from Gogar Park Young Curlers (Gogar Park Young Curlers, Kinross Junior Curling Club, Carrington Curling Club) in Edinburgh, who has agreed to share her experience of having attended no less than five junior curling camps last summer, both across the Atlantic and closer to home in the UK.

With the benefit of her experience, she has agreed to let people know some useful information and insights into some of the options available, so that other interested juniors can follow in her footsteps.

At the end of the 2023/24 season in April, Scottish Curling hosted its own Junior Easter Camp in Dumfries, with accommodation provided at an activity centre in nearby Lockerbie. Open to junior curlers of all ages (12+ years old), the daily on-ice sessions were complemented by classroom theory and afternoon outdoor activities.

At last year's Scottish Curling Junior Easter Camp, Isla was delighted to receive the "Coaches' Camper Certificate" for her efforts.

In early July 2024, Isla attended the Amethyst junior curling camp, which is held annually in North Bay, located some 3-4 hours north of Toronto in Northern Ontario, Canada. The on-ice lessons are held at the North Bay Granite Club, with accommodation being in dormitories at a nearby college, with 'Big Yellow Bus' transfers to the rink. The training days includes both on- and off-ice sessions and quality socialising time in the evenings. This is a 'residential' camp with good accommodation, allowing parents / guardians some time to tour around the local area (or further afield) during the week.

After a week visiting the sights of Ottawa and Quebec, Isla flew to Minnesota to attend the US Junior Curling Association (USJRCA) Camp 2024 in the lovely town of Chaska, approximately a 35-minute taxi ride to the west of the twin cities of Minneapolis / Saint Paul. She attended this camp back in 2022 as an 11-year-old when daily Covid-19 tests were still needed. That year, she won the 'Katie Beck' award for coachability, meaning she was given the opportunity to attend the Association's other junior camp in Tempe, near Phoenix in Arizona the following year in June 2023 (where it was 42 degrees outside).

Both of the USJRCA junior camps concentrate on the development of technical on-ice skills, in particular balance and delivery. The Arizona camp, held at Coyotes Curling Club, is generally more intimate owing to its smaller size and opportunity for 1-to-1 interactions. On the other hand, the Minnesota Camp benefits from having a larger number of coaches on-hand for more in-depth technical analysis geared to curlers' different grades and abilities. The evening 'open ice' session available at the Chaska Curling Center from 19:00-21:00 are also a hit with junior curlers wishing to put into practice what they have learnt that day.

Whilst both USJRCA camps are not 'residential' in nature, and therefore requires parents/guardians to stay locally, there are plenty of local accommodation options and attractions nearby.

Returning to Scotland for only three days, Isla was soon off again down the road to Preston, for the English Curling Association's (ECA) summer junior curling camp, which was held from 28 July to 2 August 2024. The on-ice sessions are held at the Flowerbowl in Brock with accommodation at a nearby Scout Activity Centre. A number of other Scottish junior curlers from Hamilton and Gogar Park attended the camp this year, with training being provided by a number of coaches, including David Ramsay. Lots of fun off-ice activities were also on offer, including canoeing.

Setting off from Paris, after a few days cheering on Team GB, Isla was back across the pond in Canada to participate in her second Trillium Camp, having previously attended in 2023.

Trillium Camp has traditionally been held at the KW Granite Club in Waterloo, which is located approximately an hour west of Toronto, however refurbishment this year meant trying out 'arena ice' at a nearby ice hockey facility. Accommodation is in paired rooms with adjoining bathrooms at a local University's halls of residence. At Trillium, there is a strong focus on gameplay and tactics throughout the camp, in both on-ice and off-ice sessions with a team shootout competition at the end.

Isla was able to meet-up with Scottish counterparts, Calum Skea and Finlay Rutherford (and their chaperone Niall Ryder), who were selected to attend Trillium as Scottish junior athletes under the Matt Murdoch Curling Foundation (MMCF) initiative this year.

Now safely back in Scotland, Isla was able to reflect:

“It was a fantastic experience to be able to attend these camps this year. Everyone I have met has been so friendly and supportive. I feel that I have learned new things and was able to experience different coaching styles. I was happy to meet up again with international coaches and juniors with whom I have trained before, and I look forward to continuing sharing our curling journeys together.

Attending junior curling camps is something I can recommend to everyone who wants to train even when the normal season here in Scotland has ended. If anyone would like to have any more information, I would be happy to help as it can be a little be scary the first time being away from family while at camp.”

STRANRAER YOUNG CURLERS END OF SEASON BONSPIEL AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Many thanks to Jim Ryder for providing this article.

Monday past 46 young curlers took to the ice for the last time this season in our Stranraer Young Curlers End of Season Bonspiel. With the theme continuing with the Winter Olympics and with Team Mouat with local curlers Hammy and Bobby representing Team GB we have being playing the rinks as the different countries competing for gold in Italy. With 12 rinks taking to the ice in two sections it was Team USA skipped by Katie Keegan, 3rd Thomas Agnew, 2nd Sophie McCreadie and playing lead Poppy Martin taking the honours in section 1 with 5points, 7ends, +9shots and T/S13, in second place was Team Northern Ireland skipped by Louise Church, 3rd Matthew Knowles, 2nd Mariana Moradillo and lead Daisey Doyle. In Section 2 the winning rink was Team Sweeden skipped by Keeley Hale, 3rd, Mikayla Brown and lead Gregor Lammie with 5points, 6ends, +9shots and T/S 12 and in second place was Team Northern Ireland skipped by Sarah McClymont, 3rd Murray Stewart and lead Archie Ashton. During the break in games each curler was asked to play a LSD and after all 46 curlers had played it was Keeley Hale who was only 11mm from the centre of the house taking the honours.

We said a sad farewell to one of our young curlers who has been with us since coming along 3 seasons ago and that is Sophia Foster, all the young curlers signed her hoodie, and she was presented with a little memento from her friends, and everyone wished her good luck. Unfortunately Sophia is going to somewhere there are no curling rinks but we all wish her good hockey.

The final presentations for the season were the Scottish Curling Skill Awards programme designed to improve curlers skills through a series of Awards. These Awards reflect on modern day curling, rules and terminology, each level asking the curler to demonstrate their skills and knowledge through written and practical assessments. This year our coaches have been assessing our young curlers, and we are proud to present Ewan Clark, Mark Drummond, Jessica Lammie, Gregor Lammie, Mariana Moradillo and George Wesolowski with their FUNdamental Award.

George is the first through the Skill Awards to be presented with his FUNdamental award using the stick delivery from a wheelchair. George first saw curling on the television and last year was at Stranraer Cattle Show with his mum and dad and saw that they had Street Curling and decided to give it a go, George quickly asked one of our junior curlers to have a try and after his first attempts was hooked. George lives some 20miles from the rink and attends Douglas Ewart High School in Newton Stewart and has not missed a coaching session and not only having overcome the delivery he has received a short coaching session on skipping as George often plays the first two stones in a game and goes in to the head. (for your information George has a condition causing avascular necrosis of the navicular bone in children) often referred to as Collier's disease. George loves his curling and has joined Kirkcowan Juniors and plays on Sunday nights with his club.

The next award is the Discovery Level which reflects on the FUNdamental with the focus on balance, delivery, ice conditions and nutrition and we are proud to present Thomas Agnew, Alexander Clark, Ramsay McKnight and Murray Stewart with their Discovery Award. The next step is a big jump and that is to the Advanced Award where the focus changes from participation to development of the curler as some may have thoughts of Academy selection. The Advanced Award is the young curler taking responsibility for their own learning and development with the introduction of anti-doping, goal setting and personal development and we and super proud of the following curlers in attaining theirs and they are Gracie Cook, Holly Church, Louise Church, Erin Jamieson, Sarah McClymont, Lily McClymont and Rachel Stewart.

We are all looking forward already to the 2025/2026 season which is only 179 days away when we start all over again on Monday 29th September with our Curling's Cool Programme and with it being an Olympic year we will all be cheering our local curlers Hammy and Bobby with Grant and Bruce as Team GB along with Hugh Nibloe in the Paralympics towards what we hope is GOLD in Italy.

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL CURLERS GATHERING 2025

Many thanks to Ian Keron for providing this article.

Over the weekend of Friday 28 to Sunday 30 March 2025, 24 teams took to the ice at Curl Edinburgh to take part in the 2025 edition of the Edinburgh International Curlers Gathering (EICG).

The competition returned after a gap of 6 years and the demand for places from International teams was incredible, so there were 8 teams from North America, 9 from Europe, and 7 from Scotland.

After the initial phase of 3 six-end games were played, on Friday and Saturday morning, the teams were ranked 1 to 24 and redrawn into 6 new Divisions, for 3 more six-end games.

This final phase of games were played on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

However, there was the small matter of the dinner and ceilidh on Saturday night, and the clocks going forward on Sunday morning to factor into the stamina of the teams.

A fantastic dinner was served to 120 players and guests, at Myreside Pavilion.
Following that everyone took to the dance floor for a ceilidh, which was incredibly lively.

Between dinner and ceilidh we held an auction of four donations received; a jacket and broom from Bruce Mouat, a brewery tour for 8 from Moonwake Brewery, and a splendid Swiss army knife, donated by one of the Swiss teams.

We raised an incredible £700, which will be put to good use to finance future Gatherings.
The raffle that was run over the weekend, plus a donation of £50, raised a further £1,043

Despite the early start on Sunday, the competition on the ice was as strong as ever and each Division was undecided until all games were played.

Division 1 was particularly tight, with two peels in the last round of games.

Once all the curling was over all the teams congregated in the Curl Edinburgh club room. Each of the 6 Division winners were presented with crystal glasses, etched with the competition name and year as a momento plus extra prizes.

The teams that finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Division 1 were also presented with prizes.

The tradition of presenting a friendship quaich to one team was continued, in memory of Penicuik CC member Ronnie Hope who passed away on 2022, and was a great supporter of the Gathering and a friend to many of the competing teams.

The Czechia team Curling Brno Legia were presented with the quaich.

Team Denver from USA was the overall winner, topping Division 1. They were presented with the new Gathering Quaich, which will be engraved with their team name. They also received engraved mini curling stones, engraved glasses, plus a selection of Moonwake Beer to take home with them.

The Edinburgh team, Game of Stones, finished in second place and also received some Moonwake Beer in Tote Bags.

Thanks must go to Moonwake Brewery for sponsoring the supplementary prizes for Division 1.

The teams finished the event with a huge thank you to the organising committee, the ice techs and the bar & catering staff.

A wonderful way to close out the curling season at Curl Edinburgh!

FIRST COACH TO PASSES NEW LEVEL 2

Many thanks to Fiona Harfield for providing this article.

Coach Iain Gwynne from Kinross Curling has wrapped up the year with an impressive achievement, being named Kinross Super Coach of the Year and becoming the first coach to complete the newly launched SCC – Level 2 coaching qualification.

The course, held in January and February, was the first time it had been delivered by tutors Alan Hannah, Faye McInnes, and Philip Ross, with support from Workforce Development Manager Fiona Harfield. Participants from across Scotland attended the course.

Iain also received mentorship from Level 2 coach Kim Dalland from Kinross Curling. Kim remarked, 'Iain is an experienced and well-respected coach. He was engaging and effective, and the participants were eager to return each week. Their progress was undeniable.'

Reflecting on the course, Iain shared, 'I felt well-informed and supported. It always felt like my mentor and tutors were there to assist me.' He continued, 'The support provided was the backbone of the entire course. We were all working together to achieve our goals — there was never a sense of 'us and them.' It felt very supportive indeed.'

Workforce Development Manager Fiona Harfield commented on the small group of coaches, noting that they had set the bar high and were fully committed to the qualification. When asked how the course had improved his coaching abilities, Iain replied, "I think it has improved my ability to coach significantly." He went on to say that the tasks had broadened his perspective, "opening up my mind to the infinite amount of great theories and examples of how to get the best out of an individual in sport."

Being a sports coach offers the chance to positively impact athletes' lives, both on and off the field. It's a rewarding role that allows you to inspire and guide individuals to reach their full potential. If you're ready to make an impact and inspire the next generation of curlers contact fiona@scotitshcurling.org

THE COUSIN TROPHY

Many thanks to Ian Keron for providing this article.

The Edinburgh Curling Club Cousin Trophy was first played for in 1950.

75 years on and the competition was given a major revamp for the 2025 event.

Rather than running a season long round robin league, the competition was converted into a two day, four game Bonspiel, with eight teams taking part, at Curl Edinburgh.

Teams comprised local players, plus players from Denmark, Canada and England.

After three rounds of games, the teams were split into a top 4 high road and bottom 4 low road.

One more round of games were played with all teams still in contention for a prize.

After all games were completed, the high road winner was clear, one team had won all four of their games. In the low road, it was a much closer affair, with shots difference separating the top two.

As well as having great fun on the ice, the teams enjoyed a dinner on the Saturday night in the Curl Edinburgh club rooms, when all the teams gave an amusing description of the curling backgrounds of their players.

The winning team, presented with the Cousin Trophy, was Team Keron:
Left to right: Rachel MacRae, Andrew Keron, Fran Stretton, Ian Keron

NORTH WEST CASTLE CUP

Many thanks to Louise Kerr for providing this article.

THE last Stranraer Ice Rink competition of the season is traditionally the North West Castle Cup, sponsored by Bespoke Hotels, and played at the end of March.

There was a full turn out of 16 rinks over two sessions, one at 12.20pm and one at 6pm, and the winners came from the latter.

The rink of Andrew Hannah, Karlyn Lyon, Sarah McClymont and Abigail Young finished six shots up, taking the trophy and prizes.

After the curling, players and spectators enjoyed a complimentary finger buffet and the President of Stranraer Ice Rink James Maxwell, congratulated the winners and taken Gail Munro, the ice rink manager and staff, for the quality of the ice throughout the season.

Ian Donnachie, on behalf of sponsors Bespoke, thanked the curlers for the support they had shown the rink throughout the season, stating that what St Andrew's was to golfers so Stranraer was to curlers, with the "best playing surface you could ask for".

Pic on file - NWC Cup winners
Caption - Ian Donnachie, from Bespoke Hotels, Andrew Hannah, Karlyn Lyon, Sarah McClymont, Abigail Young

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