



# THE KINROSS ROAR

NEWS FROM YOUR FAVOURITE  
CURLING RINK

## Inside

News from the Board

USA mens tour and Strathcona update

Fundraising and sponsorship

Henderson Bishop news

Hogmanay Pairs

Curling Development News

Our Sponsors

Four Nations

## Your newsletter

This newsletter is for members of Kinross Curling and user clubs to share news about our great sport. The views are those of contributors and are not necessarily shared by Kinross Curling Trust Ltd.

This is a monthly newsletter and will be circulated to all members and clubs.

Please send any contributions to our new email address.

[newsletter@kinrosscurling.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@kinrosscurling.co.uk)

**The next edition will be issued in February. Deadline for contributions 31.01.23**

### Change at the top!

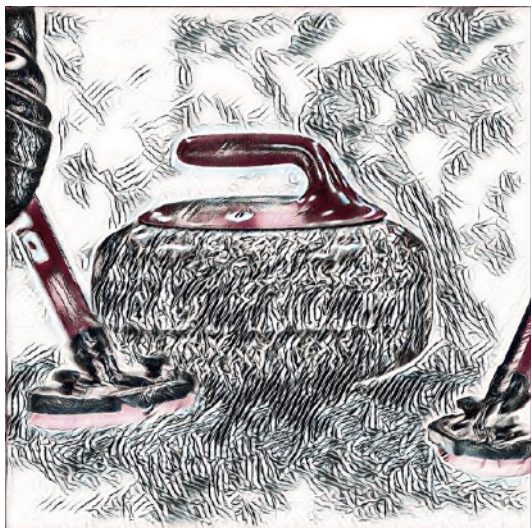
Members will have received the news of changes on the Kinross Curling Trust Board. Best wishes to everyone involved.

Congratulations to Jim Barton ( in action below) as he takes over as Chairman. He has been an influential and significant figure at the rink for several years. He follows in the footsteps of Bob Tait. Please read the article inside.



**Happy New Year** to all our readers and your families. Good curling in 2023.

Thanks for all the positive feedback about the Kinross News to date



## **Kinross Curling Trust: Sponsorship and Fundraising Committee**

***Please help us raise funds to  
purchase an IceMaster!***

This group met for the first time on 15th December and have set out a plan of action for the future to coordinate sponsorship and fundraising. We are eager to attract local businesses to use our rink and our great sport of curling as a means to increase the exposure of their company and products. We also want to showcase our clubs.

There are several strands to fundraising which we will launch over the weeks and months ahead. The funds will be directed to specific targets. The first target will be to bring in sufficient funds to purchase an IceMaster machine. We are reassured by comments made so far by clubs and individuals that this target of approx £13k can be achieved before the start of next season.

The first three projects to focus on are:

- The end of ice boards
- Adopt a stone - names of individuals/clubs on the curling stones
- Honours Boards - clubs can purchase a board to record club results. These will be updated each season

We will use the logo above on all publicity etc linked to fundraising and sponsorship.

Look out for more details and other ways you can support the rink.

**We will be circulating more information later this month - please share the news with all our curlers.**

## Chairman Bob retires!!

Members of KCT will have received the news that Bob has stepped down as Chair of the Board. KCT Roar is pleased to add a few details to acknowledge the long and significant role Bob has played in the development of Kinross Curling.

Bob was a Director of Scottish Curling between 2005 and 2009 and Chair 2008-09. He was the lead person in the Scottish Curling Trust during the discussions to build a National Curling Academy at Kinross. When it became clear that this project was not going to proceed, Bob and others changed focus to ensure curling had a place in Kinross. Bob was the first chair of Kinross Curling Trust and with the Board raised the substantial funds required to start the redevelopment of the rink. The energy and commitment to the task cannot be overstated.

The modernisation of the rink was dependant on raising well over £1 million. Bob was tireless in making demands on several key bodies. Sports Scotland provided a grant of £540k. Perth and Kinross followed with £150k, and a loan of 100k US dollars was secured from the WCF. A further £164k was raised in donations and loans from local businesses and curlers. Bob recalled a moment when he and Mike Caffyn had a jig on the doorstep of a local farm as they celebrated receiving two cheques for £50k each. These 2 donations meant the project had reached the target set and could proceed.

Kinross Curling Trust was awarded the Ice Diamond Award from the RCCC in 2015.

Bob stepped down from the Board in Jan 2016 after 7 years when the future of the rink had been secured. He continued to be involved for a couple of years as Chair of the Finance Committee.

During all of this time Bob has continued to be an active and successful club curler with Inverkeithing and Boreland.



Bob returned to the Board in January 2020, just before Covid had a massive impact on our sport and business. The skills and commitment required during the early years of KCT were once again employed as he led the Board and staff team through the two very difficult seasons. A crucial £132k grant from Sports Scotland was secured.

He hands over to Jim Barton with an enthusiastic Board, a new dynamic staff team, steady bookings and an optimistic outlook for curling at Kinross.

Many thanks Bob from curlers past, present and future.

**SCOTTISH CURLING HENDERSON BISHOP 2022-2023** Qualifiers were held at Kinross Curling on Monday 28th November, Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd December 2022.

The prizes for this event were provided by Kinross & District Ladies Branch (KDLB) and were presented by our KDLB President Debbie Weir. Seven teams competed in this event and played a knockout over the three days. All of our teams enjoyed this competitive event which was played in the 'true spirit of curling'.

The Henderson Bishop Trophy, which was gifted to Kinross & District Ladies Branch (KDLB) by Lynne Stevenson (Dunfermline Ladies) during her two year term as KDLB President between 2009-2011 was presented to the winning team by Lynne after the last Ladies Superleague game of the year (Wednesday 21st December 2022).

This allowed for a unique 'photo opportunity' not only for the KDLB archive but more appropriately for Dunfermline Ladies CC during their 50th Anniversary year.

The two finalists both qualify for the Henderson Bishop Finals at Stranraer Ice Rink [between Monday 27th February and Thursday 2nd March 2023](#).

CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAMS McFARLANE AND DOIG!!

Liz Glennie (KDLB Secretary)



Winners Photo with Trophy - L-R - Liz Thomson, Pat McFarlane, Lynne Stevenson, Wilma Brownlie, Mary Lamont



Runners-Up Photo - L-R - Maggie Saunderson, Lesley Brown, (with Debbie Weir), Sheona Reid, Fiona Doig



### **Christmas fun on (and off) the ice**

Colin Ballantine, Garry Douse and Derek Doyle invited their partners and another couple to a try curling session before a Festive meal in the bar afterwards. Colin et al were chuffed with the whole event - smiles all round. Special thanks to Angie for organising the meal.



and everyone will have appreciated the festive decorations at the rink. A super end to 2022 for Kinross Curling.





Best wishes to all our local curlers who embark on the Strathcona Tour on Jan 11th returning on 4th Feb.

#### **Kinross Curling Tourists**

**West:** Sandy Nelson, Dougie Templeton

**Central:** Willie Paterson, Ian Drysdale, Stewart Barr, Paul Baughan, Ian Duffin

**East:** Jim Barr, Fergus Shaw, Harry Brodie.



A men's team from the USA is touring Scotland throughout January. They are in Kinross on the 17<sup>th</sup>, playing 4 rinks from Loch Leven Province in the morning and 4 rinks from Cupar Province in the afternoon. The scores from these matches contribute to the combined scores for the tour, which is for the Herries Maxwell Trophy. This is played on a home and away basis every 5 years. Scotland last won in 2007, with a couple of USA wins since, so it would be good if the matches at Kinross helped bring the trophy back to these shores, emulating the ladies who recently won their equivalent tour of the USA (see December issue). Regardless of the result, later that day the USA team and local curlers will enjoy a social evening at Loch Leven's Larder organised by Fife & Kinross Area (Area 10). A report on the match will appear in the February newsletter.

Iain Rennick  
Fife and Kinross Area

PS sharp eyed readers will see the logo above refers to 2022 - the tour was delayed due to you know what!



## HOGMANAY PAIRS 2022

A great event. The final matched the quality of the competition and was between **Iain Cormack & Paul Baughan** against the young team of **Aaron Thomson & Lewis McCabe**. Iain & Paul won the 6 end final by a score of 4 shots to 3. Both teams will go on to represent Kinross at the national pairs finals in Stranraer, and we wish both teams the best of luck.

Pictures below from the event





**KINROSS Physiotherapy**

- SPRAINS/STRAINS/TEARS
- LOWBACK/NECK PAIN
- HIP/KNEE/ARM PAIN
- GOLFER/TENNIS ELBOW
- TENDON INJURIES
- ARTHRITIS
- TMJ (JAW PAIN)
- POST FRACTURE OR DISLOCATION
- REHABILITATION FOLLOWING SURGERY

**OPENING TIMES**  
MON - FRI  
10am - 9pm

37 New Road, Milnathort  
Kinross KY13 9XT  
**01577 864875**  
**07912 100 845**  
enquiries@kinrossphysiotherapy.co.uk

Kinross Physiotherapy are one of our end of ice board sponsors. This sponsorship funds is vital to fund competitions and events at the rink.

Our sponsors are eager to support our rink. In turn we hope that our curlers will give as much support as possible. Dan at Kinross Physiotherapy did say that he is not hoping to plea with the aftershock of curling injuries ... but sometimes we need a bot of help to get down on the Hack.



**GFS**

**HYDRAULICS, WELDING & FABRICATION SERVICES**

Hose Repairs, Agricultural Machinery Parts & Lubricants

**Serving the construction & agricultural industries**

Agents for Millers Oils; Granit; Sparex

t: 01383 889132  
www.geyerplant.com

Type to enter text

Two more sponsors we will highlight in our next issue.

More boards are available.



**CASHMERE AT LOCHLEVEN**

Coffee Shop ●  
Ladies & Mens Branded Clothing ●  
Accessories, Jewellery, Footwear ●  
Gifts, Toys & Stationery ●

Cashmere Garments & Accessories  
Knitted Using Yarn From  
The Famous **Todd & Duncan Mill**

**TODD & DUNCAN**  
FINEST CASHMERE YARNS

Open 7 days  
Mon - Sat 9am - 5.30pm  
Sunday 11am - 5pm

cashmereatlochleven.com

Lochleven Mills, Kinross KY13 8  
Telephone: 01577 867 570





Readers - please share the news about how to try curling at Kinross.

### Curling Development News from Kim Dalland

Looking back at the first half of this season, the most satisfying part of my job has been seeing the great progress made by some of our newest curlers. I love coming to the rink and seeing them in a game with a club or practicing with their friends, when only weeks before they had come to their first Try Curling and beginner coaching sessions.

We run Try Curling sessions for anyone wanting a taster session. No previous experience is necessary and there is no further commitment. However, for those who enjoy it, we have a beginners' course. This course runs over two sessions of two hours each, labelled week 1 and week 2. This is designed to teach the basics and prepares participants to start curling with our clubs.

All our sessions cost £12 per adult or £8 for Juniors.

The following sessions have been planned for the New Year. Please email me at [curlingdev@kinrosscurling.co.uk](mailto:curlingdev@kinrosscurling.co.uk) to book.

Sunday 29th January	12:15
Friday 3rd February	10:00
Saturday 25th February	10:00
Sunday 12th March	10:00

Saturday 21st January	12:15	Beginner 1
Saturday 28th January	17:45	Beginner 2
Sunday 12th February	14:30	Beginner 1
Sunday 19th February	14:30	Beginner 2
Saturday 4th March	10:00	Beginner 1
Saturday 11th March	10:00	Beginner 2



Local Curlers selected for Scotland to take part in the **Four Nations** in Aberdeen on 28th/29th Jan are:

Kim Dalland, Alan Paterson, Elaine Paterson, Elaine Spain.

We will report on the results in Issue 6



New Chairman Jim welcomes Dave West to the team. Dave takes on a part time role in the bar.

## CURLERS TAKE NOTE

A flood of the ice was completed during the new year closing and was done with full Di-ionized water. The stones have also been turned and Ross and Duncan would like point out that they will be more aggressive for 2 or 3 weeks, so plenty of rotation is required.



## MAXWELL : UPDATE

### v STIRLING AT KINROSS

Kinross won 2 out of the 3 games with Craig Lindsay winning 10-4, Grant Barr winning 10-5 and Robbie Stevenson losing 4-5.

**Please send in your news...**

**Deadline for your club news for the February edition is 31st January (early contributions welcome)**

## NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

**newsletter@kinrosscurling.co.uk**

Best wishes to everyone taking part in the **Over 40s Bonspiel** next weekend (13th- 15th Jan).

Thanks to our main sponsor **NESS PLANT**

