



# THE KINROSS ROAR

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CURLING RINK

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## 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  
early October**

**Deadline for contributions 25.9.23**

## KINROSS CURLING AGM

The date of the KCT AGM is **Thursday 24th August** -

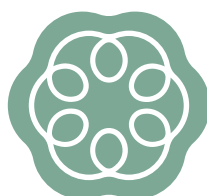
Please make every effort to be there to support the team and the Board.

## GREAT NEWS ABOUT TWO MAJOR SPONSORSHIP DEALS FOR NEXT SEASON

NESS Plant have renewed the significant sponsorship they started last season. We are also thrilled to announce that Loch Leven's Larder have also come on board as sponsors. The Wednesday League (KCT Divisions 1-3) will now be known as the Loch Leven's Larder League. Ross and his team will be installing under ice logos for both companies for the season ahead.

We look forward to building stronger links with all our sponsors during the season ahead. Please look out for more information about sponsorship etc in this issues and in the months ahead.

LOCH LEVEN'S  
LARDER



**Message from KCT Chairman - Jim Barton**

I hope you have all had a lovely summer - the weather in June should have helped, July maybe not so much! Over the course of the closed season, Ross has done a power of work. The ice floor has been repainted and is looking fantastic as are other parts of the ice hall - check out the changing room doors! Harry is back helping Ross and Duncan will be back later this month to help install the ice. We open in less than four weeks on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** with a very busy weekend. Many of you will have heard the very sad news about the likely closure of Ayr Ice Rink. This will have a devastating impact on ice sports in the area. We hope the campaign to save the rink is successful or, failing that something support for local ice sports if forthcoming.

As well as all the work that has been happening in the ice hall there has been a fair bit going on elsewhere. Angela has been doing a fantastic job trying to give everyone the ice that they would like for next season. Bookings are up - great news - but it has meant that we haven't been able to give everyone exactly what they asked for and I would like to thank clubs for their understanding and willingness to be flexible. Angela has now sent out final allocations and, soon, the booking system will go live. Invoices have also been sent out and I'm pleased to say, payments are coming in; thank you.

We are very pleased to say that the feedback from end of season discussions with seasonal staff indicated that most of them are likely to want to return next year. Great news as they are a fantastic team. We will be looking for more staff though; both to work behind the bar and, in particular to help with the catering and you might have seen the recent advertisements that we have put out. If you would be interested or know of someone who might be interested in working for us please contact Angela at [office@kinrosscurling.co.uk](mailto:office@kinrosscurling.co.uk) or any of the board members.

Finally on staff, we are looking forward to welcoming Courtney Smith into the team for the coming season. Courtney is an experienced curler in New Zealand and wants to spend a year in Scotland to build on her curling experience. We look forward to sharing experiences with her when she joins us in September.

Can I also take this opportunity to wish Allan, Angie's husband and Ross's dad, best wishes for his recovery from a major stroke that he had earlier in the summer. Allan is currently in Perth Royal Infirmary where he is receiving the very best of care, including extensive physiotherapy, and very regular visits from Angie, Ross and the rest of the family. Get well soon Allan.

You will see elsewhere an article about the fabulous Race Night on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. It really was a very special night and brought home to me the significance of what we have here. Kinross is so much more than just a curling rink. The event was Harry's idea and was a fundraiser for Jordan's Challenge, a charity dealing with mental health issues. The target was to raise £2,500. it raised over twice that amount. Very well done Harry and to all of the many people who helped. Also, in this edition, you will see that Gary Waddell is launching a Sporting Memories Club in the lounge on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. This is a fantastic initiative and fits well with the board's wish to develop community based activities at the rink. Well done Gary!

Some of you will have received a text from me over the summer regarding Membership. As we have said before, we are very keen for as many of you who enjoy curling at Kinross to be members of the Trust. It costs nothing and will allow us to communicate with you much more effectively. We promise that we won't bombard you with endless trivia, but we would like to send you notification of important events, such as the AGM, our Newsletter and one or two other things. Under GDPR we need to have your permission to do this so, if we don't get that permission, we will have to stop sending them out to you. Most members have already given permission, which is great. If you have not yet done so, please go to our website or contact Angela on the address above and, if you have received my text, please reply if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

And finally, a reminder that our AGM is on 24<sup>th</sup> August at the rink. This will be an opportunity for members to hear from the board and Ross on all aspects of how we think things have gone last season, what we are planning for the coming season and, importantly, to hear from you on what we should be doing more, or less, of. We run the rink for members and it's vital members have a say. Details of the AGM are on our website. Please come along if you can - I understand that the bar will be open.....

Yours in curling

Jim



# Honours Boards

You will see the first round of Honours Boards being displayed around the rink - and we hope this will prompt your club to book a space. It will not only highlight the history of your club but also provide valuable support to the rink.

**Contact Ross on [manager@kinrosscurling.co.uk](mailto:manager@kinrosscurling.co.uk) to order a board.**

We have had a steady response to our **Adopt a Stone** campaign. If you would like to have your stone(s) ready for the new season please get very quickly £30 per stone!! Clubs and individuals curlers are all eligible



We are excited to incorporate under ice logos this season ... we hope you will agree that this is a super development. It is one more way we can enhance the curling experience and provide another way to provide a higher profile for our sponsors.

We will be launching a series of evening events where we highlight the support of our sponsors.

Ness Plant came on board last season and sponsored the new Thursday League - this was a most successful event and we look forward to building on this great start. We expect Sandy Nelson will be looking to retain his title. Pic shows great trophy designed and made by Garry Douse.



## GREAT RACE NIGHT

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INVOLVED



Well done to Harry and his team for organising a super evening at Kinross Curling in June. A magnificent sum of over £5k was raised for #KeepTalkingforJordan at the end of the season.

*Very smart outfits Grant, Kirsty and Harry!*



You may not have heard the sad news that Queich Curling Club has decided to close it's ranks. It is one of several small local clubs that have used daytime ice at Kinross. The KCT Board are very grateful for a significant donation from the club.

Best wishes to all curlers from Queich and hope they enjoy curling with their new clubs. It would be great to have an article about this club with a significant history in future issues.



Have you watched mixed doubles and fancy giving it a go? Kinross would like to start a **Mixed Doubles** league that would run on Mondays at 2.30pm. The frequency of games would depend on the number of entries but is likely to be around once a month.

Players can enter as a team, or as an individual and we can try and pair you up. No previous experience of this format is needed as help will be given until you get the hang of it.

Sessions would last 1 hour and 30 minutes and would cost £12 per person.

The spare half hour can be used for a coffee and a chat in the bar.

If you would like to join in or simply want more information, then email us at [office@kinrosscurling.co.uk](mailto:office@kinrosscurling.co.uk).



**Monday Ladies** runs at 10am on the first Monday of the month. It is very sociable, and most players stay for a scone or lunch afterwards.

It is open to all lady curlers, and players enter as individuals, telling us what positions they prefer or would like to avoid. This cannot be guaranteed, but we do our best to please everyone.

This was a new competition last season and the players really enjoyed it. There were 4 teams and it would be great if we could get up to 6 teams playing. It is very informal, and the team can play in whatever order they wish.

The cost will be £15 per game, payable on the day. Players in teams are responsible for finding a sub if they cannot play, but the subs will pay when they play. You can also register as a sub if you are not able to commit to each Monday.

If you would like to play or sub, or find out more, then contact us on [office@kinrosscurling.co.uk](mailto:office@kinrosscurling.co.uk).

**Angela Wilcox - Office Manager**

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## Reflections from Seoul April 2023

**Congratulations to Gary Waddell, one of local curlers to have represented his country at the World Seniors in Seoul back in April. Here are a few reflections. We hope to have more thoughts from the event from our other international curlers.**

Having again been "selected" for the Welsh Seniors Curling team we headed off on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April to South Korea. Our first three days consisted of a sightseeing training camp in Seoul where we mingled with some English seniors and a lonely Irish Senior. Seoul is huge and viewed from the Seoul Tower it is built up as far as the eye can see in all directions. Seoul and the surrounding conurbation has a population of 26 million people making up half the total population of South Korea. I found it a fascinating city where the most modern of buildings sat along side ancient palaces and temples. I would have liked to have spent more time exploring. After the three days we travelled by bullet train a little over 2 hours to Gangneung, a coastal resort which hosted all the indoor events for the PyeongChang Winter Olympics of 2018. The world seniors is held at the same time as the world mixed doubles championship and this year all the competitors stayed in the same hotel which meant there was a great atmosphere, but it will come as no surprise that the senior teams were the ones staying up later into the night. The mixed doubles played their games in the curling arena while the ice hockey venue hosted the seniors. It was a vast venue as you will see from the photograph but the ice was outstanding as you would expect but it was super fast. From a Welsh perspective we didn't manage to match our performances in previous years where we had managed to qualify for the knockout stages. Two wins and five defeats meant on Friday morning we were joining some of the other eliminated teams for a very chilly dook in the Sea of Japan. With Wales eliminated my attention turned to supporting the Scots boys of Mark Brass, Mark Fraser, Alistair Scott and Graeme Connal who defeated us in the round robin (my performance in that game had some wondering if I was actually Scotland's fifth player!). A great bunch of guys who just got better as the competition went on eventually reaching the final where they unfortunately couldn't turn up the heat on the Canadian team who had been outstanding all week. After the final closing banquet, where it was a bit like man vs food, we set off the following morning by coach back to the airport in Seoul. We then had a few days enjoying Vietnam.






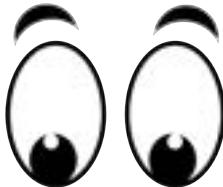


Thanks to Guy Topping and the team at the Flower Bowl for producing this neat handout to encourage everyone to speed up the game .... slow play remains one of the biggest bugbears for club curlers.

The difference between managing 7 ends in stead of 8 is about 14% more curling for your ice fee. That sounds good value however you look at it!!.

# Speeding up the game!

## Key ways to keep the game moving and to play all 8 ends:

<h3>5 MINUTES</h3> <p>Be ready to go on the ice 5 minutes before your game starts. This allows time for handshakes, warm-up slides and coin toss.</p> 	<h3>STONE READY</h3> <p>If your teammate has to get their slider on, or your skip is coming down the ice, get the stone out for them whilst you are waiting.</p> 
<h3>HACK IT</h3> <p>As soon as the opposition player has released their stone, the next player to throw should move quickly to the hack. Clean your stone and set up so when your skip takes control of the house, you're ready to throw.</p> 	<h3>LEAD ON</h3> <p>At the beginning of an end, if you do not have the hammer, your lead should 'NOT' help out to put the stones away. Instead, the lead should find their first stone, get in the hack, clean their stone and be prepared to throw as soon as the skip is at the other end.</p> 
<h3>OUT OF ORDER</h3> <p>Stones do not need to be put away in order. Simply putting the stones neatly in the corners and not worrying about number order saves a lot of time! If you are compulsive about putting stones away in order, skips can help by putting stones that are out of play in their appropriate place as the end progresses.</p> 	<h3>STAY FOCUSED</h3> <p>Skips must stay focused on the next shot and not be chatting with opposing skips or players on adjacent sheets.</p> 

**THE Flower Bowl**  
ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE



Congratulations to **Harry Brodie**, Abercorn CC - awarded the Ice Diamond Award at the recent RCCC AGM. His contributions to curling are extensive and appreciated by curlers from across Scotland and the worldwide curling community.



Commiserations to our **Kirsty (Cassells)** who we consider is also a real diamond at Kinross Curling. As a Level 1 qualified coach she has played a leading role in growing Kinross Junior Curling Club, as a result of her concerted efforts membership in the Junior club has doubled over recent years.

Amongst many projects Kirsty was integral in establishing the clubs 'hoodie for life' and curling shoe loan scheme - both open to all our juniors, ensuring the cost of equipment is not prohibitive to any juniors looking to develop their involvement in the game. She has also organised a number of fund raising events that help ensure the sustainability of these schemes for the future.



Coming to Kinross Ice Rink in September, Kinross Sporting Memories where we bring those memories to life for older people perhaps living with a diagnosis of dementia, depression or loneliness.

Sporting Memories is a highly successful network of free clubs for sports fans to reminisce, replay and reconnect. We will be launching a new club at the Kinross Ice Rink starting 12<sup>th</sup> September. We will then meet every Tuesday 10.30am - 12noon and would love to see you or your family member there. It's free to join, friendly and fun.

Linda W. who brings her 90 year old Dad to one of our other clubs said "The volunteers and members are a wonderful bunch of people, where we reminisce and laugh lots." She shared how much her Dad benefits from coming and told us "It's the one activity he always looks forward to."

Try it - you'll love it.

For more information contact Gary on 07941123278 - [www.sportingmemories.uk](http://www.sportingmemories.uk)

## THIS MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO SOME OF OUR READERS

### A CHANCE TO BE PART OF GREAT CURLING EVENTS

We are now recruiting for volunteers to help us run the upcoming events at Curl Aberdeen :

2023 World Mixed Curling Championships, 14th - 21st October

2023 Scottish Junior Curling Championships, 11th - 15th November

2023 European Curling Championships, 18th - 25th November

There are a variety of different roles at each event such as :

Drivers - To transport teams to and from the airport, and to provide a shuttle service between Curl Aberdeen and Village Hotel.

Hosts/Tickets - To welcome teams and spectators to Curl Aberdeen along with performing ticket checks at ticketed events.

Timers - Each 10 end game will be timed. No experience necessary, full training will be given before the event.

Stats - Each televised 10 end game requires stats. No experience necessary, full training will be given before the event.

**If you are interested contact [events@curl-aberdeen.co.uk](mailto:events@curl-aberdeen.co.uk)**

*(sorry could not move over the link to volunteer form - but curl aberdeen would be pleased to hear from you - Ed)*



**Have you considered  
joining one of the leagues  
at Kinross to give you  
more curling?**



**FUTURE ISSUES:** Bill Rennie has been researching the history of Aberdour CC and we hope to hear more about his project in the next issue of the Kinross Roar.

We will also have a report on the close season and the ice preparation. The ice will be ready for Saturday September 9th!

The news that Ayr is losing its curling rink is **sad and Bad** news. It should remind us how important it is to support our rink in every way we can ... book ice, use the bar and encourage friends to join in.

### Grounds tidy up - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August

We need about a dozen or so volunteers to come along to the rink on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> to help us to tidy up the ground around the rink. The work will involve strimming and pulling up weeds and cutting back some vegetation. If you are able to help could you let Angela know please @ [office@kinrosscurling.co.uk](mailto:office@kinrosscurling.co.uk). We plan to have people at the rink from 10.00am to around 4.00pm. If you could come along for a couple of hours that would be great. Angie has promised to provide refreshments.



### Volunteers wanted

We are looking for volunteers to help out with catering, serving and clearing on an occasional basis to support Angie and her team. One event coming up soon where we might need help is the International Bonspiel which takes place over the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October.

If helping out occasionally is something that you might be willing to do we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Angela at [office@kinrosscurling.co.uk](mailto:office@kinrosscurling.co.uk)

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

**Deadline for your club news for the next (OCTOBER) edition is 25th September (early contributions welcome)**

#### **EMAIL ADDRESS**

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

**Send in an article about your club or curling experiences.**