



THE KINROSS ROAR

NEWS FROM YOUR FAVOURITE 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

The next edition will be issued in late February.

Deadline for contributions 26.2.24



Congratulations to Angela (Wilcox) and her rink who won the ECA Senior playdowns at the Flower Bowl two weeks ago. They are now preparing for the World Seniors in Sweden at the end of April.

Best wishes to all the Kinross curlers taking part in the

IMPORTANT - SUPPORT FOR OUR GREAT SPORT THOUGHTS FROM THE KCT CHAIRMAN - JIM BARTON

In the last two weeks we have become aware of some very disturbing news about the future of the Dewars Centre at Perth and the likelihood of curling at Perth continuing into the future. More recently, feedback from Perth and Kinross Council and Scottish Curling have given some grounds for optimism but the future of curling at Perth seems to be very much in the balance. I know that a lot of Kinross Curlers have contacted P&K Councillors urging support for continued curling at Perth. Kinross Curling will continue to take an active interest as things develop and stand ready to do what we can to support the cause.

The problems at Perth bring into focus how fortunate that we are at Kinross with the great staff team that we have and the fantastic support from our curlers. It's important though that we continue to look where we can make improvements so that we are best placed to operate effectively in what is likely to be an increasingly challenging environment.

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Adopt a Stone!

You will have noticed that more and more stones have been 'adopted' - this support is really appreciated by KCT . The donations mean that we can continue to build the fund required to keep our equipment up to date and make other improvements to the facility.

There is no reason why you cannot book your stone now ...

Stone for this season £30

Stone for rest of season and next season £40

Stone for five seasons to end of 27/28 £100 per stone.



Maxwell Trophy

Thursday 11th January 2.45 v Borders at Kelso

Great results at Kelso -with all three rinks taking the points. Robbie Stevenson had a comprehensive win v Keith `Prentice 11 - 4. Craig Lindsay took a 4 at the first end to give him the cushion he did not lose beating Stuart Craig 8 - 5. Ross McCleary completed the slam with a 9 to 6 win v Jim Cullen. It has to be noted that his final shot should be designated as plan A with a plan C shot!

Thursday 18th Jan 2.30 v Forfar at Kinross

We hosted Forfar on 18th . This is always a tough encounter and it proved to be another one. Craig won his match with the last shot taking a 5 - 4 win. Robbie played a top class double raise to take a 2. The 5 - 2 margin did not reflect the closeness of the game. Ross came up against a top form Andrew Ferguson and rink and after losing a 4 in the first end was always chasing the opposition. Nevertheless we are in a good position before our last match v Stirling - 15 points out of 18. Our visitors were very complimentary about the ice and they loved the hospitality and meal.

Final game is open Wednesday 21st February 3.00 v Stirling at the Peak

Phil Barton (Secretary for Kinross Curling Maxwell team)



Does anyone
recognise these
feet?

A clue it was before
as festive feast!

answer see later in
the news.

The Hogmanay Pairs rounds off the year in grand style.

Kinross Curling		2023/24 Hogmanay Pairs - sponsored by NESS PLANT	
		Teams competing - sections and draw	
Section A	Section B	Section C	Section D
1. A. Thomson / M. McGee	1. H. Hume / L. Galloway	1. D. Dochall / B. Mouat	1. G. Dochall / L. Dochall
2. F. Lang / C. Gormack	2. B. McCormack / D. Kyle	2. E. Linn / C. Linn	2. B. McManis / S. McManis
3. N. Baughan / H. Baughan	3. C. Auld / R. Taylor	3. G. Lindsay / M. D. D.	3. G. Dochall / P. Baughan
4. G. Dochall / A. Dochall	4. D. Brown / D. Brown	4. G. Ballantine / D. Dorn	4. G. Dochall / C. Dochall
5. M. Miller / H. Miller	5. K. Walker / D. Wilson	5. D. Taylor / C. Taylor	5. M. Galloway / J. Dochall

Wed 27th December				
Time	Sheet (A)	Sheet (B)	Sheet (C)	Sheet (D)
10:30	A. Thomson / M. McGee	H. Hume / L. Galloway	I. Hume / D. Brown	C. Smith / A. Wilson
11:00	A. Dochall / M. Dochall	C. Linn / R. Linn	B. McManis / M. Dochall	B. Dochall / M. Dochall
11:45	A. Auld / S. McManis	P. Brown / C. Dochall	I. Miller / P. Linn	A. Dochall / M. Baughan
12:45	I. Gormack / M. Gormack	C. Gormack / G. Gormack	C. Linn / E. Linn	D. Dochall / M. Dochall
14:30	B. Linn / A. Thomson	P. Miller / G. Gormack	A. Miller / D. Brown	F. Hume / M. McCormack
15:30	E. Linn / S. Dochall	C. Ballantine / G. Linn	I. Gormack / C. Dochall	C. Dochall / S. Dochall
16:45	I. Hume / C. Smith	S. McCormack / D. Brown	P. Linn / G. Gormack	A. Galloway / A. Thomson
17:45	G. Dochall / M. Galloway	I. Gormack / S. Hume	C. Dochall / P. Linn	S. Dochall / C. Linn

Thur 28th December				
Time	Sheet (A)	Sheet (B)	Sheet (C)	Sheet (D)
10:00	P. Linn / M. Baughan	M. Hume / A. Thomson	C. Smith / S. McCormack	A. Wilson / M. Hume
11:00	P. Linn / C. Linn	S. Linn / S. Dochall	I. Gormack / C. Dochall	C. Dochall / M. Dochall

Knock out stages				
Game - 1	Game - 2	Game - 3	Game - 4	
12:15 - 'A' 2nd v 'B' 3rd	12:15 - 'C' 2nd v 'D' 3rd	12:15 - 'A' 2nd v 'D' 2nd	12:15 - 'B' 2nd v 'C' 2nd	

Qtr Finals				
Game - 5	Game - 6	Game - 7	Game - 8	
14:00 - 'D' 1st v Game 4	14:00 - 'C' 1st v Game 1	14:00 - 'A' 1st v Game 2	14:00 - 'B' 1st v Game 3	

Semi Finals				
15:15 - Game 5 v Game 8	15:15 - Game 6 v Game 7			

16:45		Final	3rd / 4th
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20 rinks entered this year - with many local curlers keeping in shape after a busy Christmas.

We were also thrilled to welcome Bruce Mouat with his pairs partner Sian. (Bruce played first 4 stones). He certainly joined in the spirit of the event. Picture of Bruce and Sian with Derek Doyle and Colin Ballantine after the first match - Bruce/Sian took two to go ahead in last end!.



Kinross Curling

2023/24 Hogmanay Pairs - sponsored by **NESS PLANT**



Knock out stages

<u>Game - 1</u> S. Cormack V D. Brown	<u>Game - 2</u> G. Eair V C. Forsyth	<u>Game - 3</u> N. Niven V C. Stewart	<u>Game - 4</u> C. Smith V S. Stockwell
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Qtr Finals

<u>Game - 5</u> I. Cormack V C. Smith	<u>Game - 6</u> C. Lindsay V D. Cormack	<u>Game - 7</u> A. Thomson V C. Forsyth	<u>Game - 8</u> S. McConnachie V C. Stewart
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Semi Fins

C. Jelley V S. McConnachie	I. Cormack V A. Thomson
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3rd / 4th

C. Lindsay V A. Thomson

Final

I. Cormack V S. McConnachie

<u>Winners</u> S. McConnachie / S. Kyle	<u>Runners Up</u> I. Cormack / P. Baughan	<u>3rd Place</u> C. Lindsay / K. Kinnear Cam Lindsay	<u>4th Place</u> A. Thomson / L. McCabe
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Congratulations to Sam McConnachie and Stewart Kyle who pipped last years winners Iain Cormack and Paul Baughan in the final. Make sure you put the Pairs date in your diary for next season (this year!)

Thanks to our sponsors - **Ness Plant**



Was this the Milk Tray man bringing chocolates to the winners?



OVER



BONSPIEL

The Over 40s Bonspiel is now open for registrations at a new LOW price of £340 per team. The price reduction is possible because we have the staff capable of providing the catering in-house. So it will cost £85 per person for at least 4 games of curling, 2 dinners and 2 lunches. Great value, and it leave plenty over to celebrate your wins at the bar.

The only restriction is that players should be over 40. Register now to secure your place. All the information and the link to enter is on https://kinrosscurling.co.uk/.../pages/over_40s_bonspiel.

HURRY BEFORE YOU MISS THE CHANCE!



A very successful night with over 40 attending. The raffle raised about £600 for there Chest,Heart and Stroke charity.

Many thanks to Matt from CVH of the whisky tasting and to Angie and John and team for the great food and hospitality.

More events planned before the end of the season - look out for news

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. You can order your board at anytime. Contact Ross.

Contact Ross on manager@kinrosscurling.co.uk to order a board.



This photo in the last issue attracted a good number of comments - it has prompted us to launch a 'caption' competition.

What would either Connor or Rambo (or both) be saying as they had their photo taken?!!

We had a few ideas but the winner is from Connor's Mum!!

***I think Rambo is saying to Connor
"Remember I'm still the boss!!!!"***

Famous Curling Stone is coming to Kinross.

Dunfermline Curling Club have been in discussion with the Board and a plan has been made to bring this ancient curling stone to be displayed at Kinross. To date it has been homed at Dunfermline Library and Museum. Dunfermline members were eager to find a more suitable home where the stone would have a higher profile

1696 Curling Stone

DUNFERMLINE.—A stone with DM:1696 carved on it. It weighs 66 lbs., and resembles the half of an egg cut long ways. It has an iron handle, run in with lead, is 38 inches in circumference Lengthways, and 30 inches measuring over top and round sole.

The above is an extract from <https://www.electricscotland.com/history/curling/chapter2.htm>

Extract from the Curling 2000 - 100 years of curling in Dunfermline and District publication ... this will be the first of a series of articles about the history of our clubs.

Dunfermline CC was founded in 1738. It is uncertain how long the people of Dunfermline had been curling. Records show that the winter of 1738/39 was extremely hard, with frost lasting from November through to February, and the Town Loch was popular with locals for curling and skating. The huge curling stone which used to be set before the chairman at social occasions is dated 1696 and must have taken a giant of a man to hurl.

The earliest available minute of the club is date 1784 when an anniversary dinner took place. There is no record of matches between 1785 and 1794, but the club met each year for a dinner. There is further unaccountable lapse in minutes from 1801 to 1827. In 1827 a meeting agreed to amalgamate with a club that had been instituted in 1777, but which had not met for over 20 years.... tbc

Has this got you interested? Send in articles about your club's history!

Dunfermline Neighbouring Clubs Bonspiel



This annual event is always a challenge for neighbouring clubs. 8 rinks from the club hosted 8 local clubs over two sessions. Dunfermline took the first session 44 shots to 15 - Boreland getting closest to a win! (losing 6-8). Robbie Stevenson had the best shot advantage of the event (v Tulliallan) The second session was also a win for the hosts 36 shots to 20. Fraser Thompson had a massive win over Broomhall 11-1 (Colin Bruce saving the 'granny' with his last shot draw.



Nearly everyone present seemed to enjoy that the only defeat for the hosts was at the expense of Irene Baillie and her Dunfermline Ladies rink, pipping Jamie Stevenson 9 - 8. (See the smiles!) Another great event at Kinross with the usual high standard of food and refreshments.

The rink hosted the superspiel for a second year in December, organised by Grant Barr. 16 rinks demonstrated great skill and spirit. The ice was applauded by all visiting rinks - from across Scotland. Ross McCleary took the main prize against Grant in a great final match. It should be noted that it was no surprise that the bar was very busy - and once again the food and service were top class .



(sorry about the dark backgrounds!! Ed)



KDLB Centre Bonspiel held at Kinross Curling on 8th Jan 2024.

This event was sponsored by Kinross and District Ladies Branch (KDLB) and the prizes, which were chosen by Dunfermline Ladies, were presented by President Sheona Reid. Twelve teams competed in this event over two sessions (5.45pm and 8pm).

All five Kinross Centre ladies clubs (Dunfermline, Fossoway, Glenfarg, Kinross, Orwell) and also Kinross Juniors were all represented in this event.

All of our forty six competitors (including five Juniors playing in the first session) enjoyed this fun-filled 'post festivities' event, which was played in the 'true spirit of curling'.

Winners - 11 shots up (score 12-1)

Lesley Brown (Orwell Ladies)

Caroline Liddle (Orwell Ladies)

Maureen Lewis (Kinross Ladies)

Christine Taylor (Orwell Ladies)

Runners-Up - 4 shots up (score 7-3)

Morag Wellman (Fossoway Ladies)

Maggie Saunderson (Orwell Ladies)

Rosemary McGuinness (Kinross Ladies)

Liz Glennie (KDLB Secretary)



Winners Photo - L-R - Sheona Reid (KDLB President), Caroline Liddle, Lesley Brown, Christine Taylor, Maureen Lewis



Runners-Up Photo - L-R - Sheona Reid (KDLB President), Morag Wellman, Maggie Saunderson, Rosemary McGuinness

Message from the KCT Chairman - *continued from front page*



At the start of last season we opened with a virtually completely new team running the rink with Ross as Rink Manager and Duncan as an Ice Technician. In November of 2022 we appointed Angie as Bar Manager and at the start of this season we appointed John as our resident chef. Together with the excellent part-time staff we have the team have been able to provide excellent quality ice and a really super bar and food service. At the start of this season we took the decision to significantly increase the extent and quality of the food that we could provide. Our extended menu, which is displayed on our website and on the tables in the lounge, is available from 11.00 am up to 6.00 pm every weekday and from 09.30 to 17:00 at weekends.

The increase in bar and food offering has, inevitably, required extra resources and staff costs but I am pleased to say that this has been balanced by increased in bar takings. Whilst this is good, we think that the bar has the potential to perform much better - but we need your support to achieve that.

We would like to build on the great club/cafe atmosphere that Angie and the team have developed and we think that knowing that

the bar will be open every day and serving food helps to do that.

So, to help us ensure that the lounge continues to be a vibrant and welcoming place to spend time, here are some things that we would like members to consider;

- think about ordering food (preferably pre-ordering) from time to time for either before or after your game.
- If you are meeting a friend or friends for a coffee or lunch, think about suggesting that you meet at the rink. You could also let friends know that they don't have to be curlers to enjoy our facilities.
- If your club doesn't do this already, think about ordering food before or after club bonspiels. John is very happy to talk to you about menu choices, including providing meals that aren't on the menu. There may also be discounts available if you wish to order a large number of the same meal that is on the menu; again, speak to John or Angie.

We are also planning to run more Saturday evening events. The Burns Night and Whisky tasting on 13th January was a great success and very enjoyable evening as was the Skins Event before Christmas. We are planning to hold at least one more event this season, look out for details.

We are also starting to plan for next season. If there is anything that you would like us to consider - something to do more of or less of? Something that we are not doing but could consider? - please let us know by talking to a board or staff member or emailing Angela at office@kinrosscurling.co.uk. Finally, AGM season will be upon us soon. If your club would like free use of the lounge for you AGM please get in touch and we'll see what we can do.

Jim Barton

Chairman of Kinross Curling Trust



A big New Year shout out to our fabulous coaching team. I can't thank you all enough for all the time and effort you put in.

Only a few days into the year and we have already had Try Curling, Beginner, Junior and Gateway Club coaching, with some great feedback coming in.

If you want to put them through their paces yourselves, book a session now! All abilities catered for. curlingdev@kinrosscurling.co.uk

Kim

Four Nations

Great to see three local curlers taking part in the Four nations at the Flower Bowl last weekend. Elaine Spain (Kinross ladies) Kim Dalland (Orwell Ladies) and Peter Lang (Forret) joined a 40 strong Scottish team.

Wales made up for their absence from last year's Four Nations by winning all three of their competitions at the Flower Bowl. Their closest match was against Ireland where they retained the Meikle Trophy by 31-30 over the four games. They also retained the Kay Trophy by beating England by 32-23 and regained the Big Bertha curling stone from Scotland by 37-17.

Ireland won their other two competitions, retaining the Turnbull Cup against England by 33-25 and the Marshall Millennium Trophy against Scotland by 31- 27.

This left Scotland and England to share the two trophies which they competed for against each other. Scotland regained the Connie Miller Trophy by winning 23-14 and the English men regained the Tom Ballantyne by 50 shots to 29.

Many thanks for everyone for participating, to the Flower Bowl for hosting and to their staff for looking after us so well. Next year's Four Nations will again be at the Flower Bowl but hosted by the Welsh Curling Association. (rpt courtesy of the ECA)



Curling at the Flower Bowl

This tremendous venue is growing in popularity for Scottish Clubs. Inverkeithing were hosted for their annual challenge in December, and returned with the trophy. Markinch CC are down there in late January for a weekend of curling. The curling rink is open all year round! Fancy curling in the summer - check not out.



TEAM BRYCE WIN AGAIN

Duncan and his rink have been back in Switzerland - a happy hunting ground for team Bryce. Once again they had a great victory taking the trophy against a string international field. We hope to have more details for our next issue. Meanwhile this is a brief note from their outing to Saskatoon for the Grand Slam in December - qualifying as one of the best 16 mens rinks in the world!

Team Bryce had a big first game v Edin - after 5 ends they led -5 - 3. In the final 3 ends Edin took a 2, then after a blank end he stole a 2 to take a win at 7-5. They had a tough draw v Koe in their second match losing 6 - 5. A similar pattern v Dunstone with the Canadians taking a 1 in the last end to win 6 - 5. After a good rest they scored well to beat Carruthers 7 - 3.



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L-R - Maureen Lewis, Fiona Rutherford, Kim Dalland, Rosemary McGuinness

Picture of winners of the Loch Leven Province Festive Potty held at Kinross Curling on 16th December 2023.

Kinross & District Ladies Branch (KDLB) supported this event by entering one team and were paired up with the Presidents Select team that day. We hope to have an article for the next issue.



**Christmas fun at Kinross
Curling - do you recognise
everyone?**

**Best wishes for 2024 to all our
readers, and thanks to our
sponsors**

Did you recognise the feet?

**Iceman Harry was pushing the boat out
before the staff Festive Christmas Party.**





- 1: Courtney curling at the Pan Continental
- 2: Courtney and her sister at Christchurch Hospital
- 3: After qualifying for worlds at the Mixed Doubles Qualifiers
- 4: Talking to some NZ Locals near Naseby

MEET ONE OF OUR INTERNATIONAL CURLERS

For everyone who doesn't know me so well. My name is Courtney Smith, I'm a registered nurse with a background in paediatrics and mental health. You'll have probably seen me pouring you a drink being the bar at Kinross rink. I grew up in Naseby New Zealand, home to the only dedicated indoor curling rink in the country. My Dad back home is a dedicated outdoor curler, curling every winter for Otago Central Curling Club. Most recently I have been living in Christchurch NZ, only a small five hours drive away from the closest curling rink. I would often be driving back to Naseby for a weekend of training. Despite this I still managed to have an amazing domestic season, winning the NZ Mixed fours, The NZ Mixed Doubles and being selected as 3rd for the New Zealand Women's team. This made me the first ever NZ curler to be representing NZ in all three codes in the international season.

Following the domestic season, I flew out here to Scotland as a part of the New Zealand Overseas Experience, set up by Kinross Local Peter de Boer. This experience is aimed at immersing New Zealand Curlers in the northern hemisphere season, with access to quality ice, coaches and individuals who have a love and knowledge for the sport. I have truly loved my time being here, I love being surrounded by people who love this sport, and getting to play in so many club matches is a dream! I also believe that the hard work put in by participants of the NZOE has contributed to New Zealand's successful season, qualifying for the Mens, Womens, and Mixed Doubles World Curling Championships.

For me this season would not have been possible without living here in Scotland, with my wonderful hosts Iain and Juia Cormack. Curling in New Zealand is an unfunded sport meaning we fund ourselves to compete overseas at these competitions. As part of this I am hosting a quiz night here in **Kinross on March 3rd** to raise funds to put towards the costs of competing at the Mixed doubles. For anyone who would like to come along there is more information at the rink! I'm so grateful for how supportive everyone has been since my arrival. I have felt so welcomed and this place is starting to feel like a second home for me. In March I'll be headed off to Canada for the women's World Curling Championships, before heading to Sweden in April for the World Mixed Doubles, with Anton Hood (NZ Mens Skip) and coach David Ramsey (Rambo). Following this I fly back home to NZ, to get back into working as a Nurse before our domestic season kicks off end of May. Thanks again for all your support, I couldn't do this without it.

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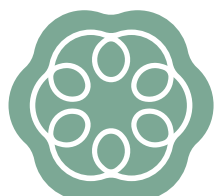
Three members, Jim Barton, Alastair Ritchie, Phil Barton and 'coach' David Ramsay had a very enjoyable series of matches at Kinross just before Christmas. We had accepted an invitation to join members of SDGC in one of their regular curling experiences. The SDGC established in 2018 has provided many opportunities for members to enjoy the benefits of sports. This volunteer led organisation brought together the Scottish Disability Golf Partnership (1st 2004) and Disabled Curlers Scotland (est 2014). SDGC is a Registered Scottish Charity and is supported by dozens of volunteers, local business's and golf and sporting facilities.

It would be great to take more opportunities to demonstrate the inclusivity of our sport with more matches against SDGC in the future. We enjoyed a break for lunch and time to chat together. Special thanks to Jim Gales, President of SCGC for pulling the event together.

Visit the SDGC website to find out much more about this super club... <https://www.scottishdgc.org.uk/>



LOCH LEVEN'S
LARDER



**Loch Leven's Larder are the new sponsors of the
Wednesday Leagues - Divisions 1 - 3.**

After School Club

Sessions are on Mondays 4-5pm.

Cost £5 in blocks of 8.

**Contact Kim Dalland on
curlingdev@kinrosscurling.co.uk**



Kinross Sporting Memories Club

Since the start of the curling season, Sporting Memories has been hosting a weekly club for older sports fans at the Kinross Curling Rink on a Tuesday morning from 10.30 to 12.00. One of our regular attendees is a man well known to many who have curled at Kinross Curling Rink.

Jim Paterson joined Kinross Curling Club in 1959: he became a skip in 1967 and was a skip for over 40 years. Jim was president of Kinross Curling Club in 1969 and was very honoured to be President for the club's 350th anniversary in 2018.

Jim has represented Kinross men in many games and competitions against incoming touring teams and has played all over Scotland. In 1988 he took a team to Canada and won the Rotary World Curling Championship. Other aspects of his career in curling were serving on the Royal Caledonian Curling Club (RCCC) Council for four years and as President of the World Rotary Curling Federation for six years. Jim has also been on the Grand Match Committee since 1964 and is the present convenor.

Jim never misses a session and really enjoys the fun and games which accompany the banter. The club is open to anyone who loves their sport and it would be great to welcome some new members in 2024. For more information visit www.sportingmemories.uk/ or call Gary Waddell on 07941 123 278 or email gary.waddell@sportingmemories.uk

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR
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Deadline for contributions 26.2.24



Sporting Memories Clubs are friendly, fun and easy to join

Join your local Sporting Memories club!

This club is ideal for those aged 50+ living locally who have the time and would like to:

- Make friendships with people in your local area
- Enjoy fascinating conversations about sport, local history and so much more
- Take part in fun and inclusive activities
- Provide a supportive session for those living with dementia and other long-term conditions

Every Tuesday 10.30am - 12 noon
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