



THE KINROSS ROAR

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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 July/August

Deadline for contributions 26.7.2024

CONGRATULATIONS: Kinross take the Maxwell Trophy for the first time. Full report inside.



WANTED!

Good News: all our assistants have now become qualified coaches.

Bad News: we no longer have any coaches' assistants.

We have many 'Try Curling' sessions through the season. Also, some clubs, including the Juniors and the Visually Impaired, need assistants to help the coaches and participants. No coaching experience is needed. An optional course for assistants, Scottish Curling's 'Ready, Steady, Curl!', will be held at the rink at the beginning of next season. Please contact me if you would be interested in helping, attending the course or if you would like more information.

Kim Dalland, Development Officer

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Best wishes to all our curlers and especially our great staff team for the close season.

Thank you from the Chairman

Friends, by the time you read this the curling season to Kinross will have finished and the rink will have closed. By any yardstick it has been a very successful season at Kinross – perhaps the most successful in my memory, although I have not been curling as long as many. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone associated with Kinross Curling for making the curling experience at Kinross so good.

My thanks go to the staff, of course. To Ross, Duncan and the rest of the ice team for great ice and, always, a warm welcome; to Angie, John and all of the bar and catering staff for making the bar and lounge such a great place to meet, eat and socialise; to Angela for the amazing job that she does putting the curling programme together and supporting it over the season; to Kim for taking our curling development programme to a whole new level; to my fellow board members for all the work that they do behind the scenes and finally, but most importantly to all of you, whether you curl or just call in for a coffee or something to eat, who do so much to support the rink. We have something very special at Kinross – that starts and ends with all who use the facility.

No sooner has the season finished, we have already started to think about next season. We have a few ideas on how we can further improve things and will be looking at these over the close season. If any of you have thoughts on what has gone particularly well or not quite so well or other ideas that you would like us to look at we would really welcome that. Please send them to Angela at office@kinrosscurling.co.uk

Remember there are several ways to sponsor the rink with adopt a stone/ honours boards etc, and finally thank you to all our sponsors. (see page 18)

Finally, our AGM will be held on Thursday 22nd August at the rink at 7.00pm. We would love to see you there.

Jim Barton

Chairman



Photo: Jim back on the ice for the stick bonspiel (see page 4)

On behalf of all the curlers thank you to Jim and the Board for their important role at Kinross Curling. Make sure you put the Thursday 22nd August in your diary - the AGM is an important event.



Have a great summer!

STICK BONSPIEL - celebrating a great season

To celebrate a successful season, we invited staff, coaches and helpers to a 'stick bonspiel' followed by a buffet. In order that the non-curlers could take part, only delivery using a cue was allowed. It was great fun and the buffet provided by our chef, John, was delicious. A lot of work goes on upstairs behind the bar, downstairs on the ice and behind the scenes; it was important to have this opportunity to thank everyone for all their effort. The bonspiel winners were Jim Brydie, Mike Laing, Clare Chambers and Cam Gaudin. Elaine Spain was presented with the new Kinross Super Coach of the Year trophy.

Kim Dalland

Development Officer for a great season everyone



What is Duncan saying to Ross?

Thanks for photos Laura (Boyd) and Kim

The final event of the Kinross Mixed Doubles Slam took place in March and the winners after 3 events were:

1st - Cameron Lindsay and Clare Cassells with 59 points

2nd - Sam McConnachie and Islay McKenzie with 39 points and +16 shots

3rd - Arran and Cara Thomson with 39 points and +9 shots

The final standings can be seen on https://kinrosscurling.co.uk/.../pages/mixed_doubles_slam

Thank you to everyone who took part, and to Harry Gow for organising the events.



Kinross CC curlers Iain Cormack, Angela Wilcox, Steve Wilcox and Julia Cormack were runners up at the prestigious Dalrymple Cup weekend at Stranraer. Congratulations.



Another first for Boreland Curling Club

After many years of the Club competing in external competitions, Boreland, for the first time, decided to enter the Rink Championships to try and qualify out of Kinross for the National competition at Forfar.

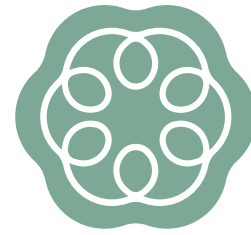
Surprisingly, only three Clubs had entered from the Home rink, and effectively the semi final in November was played against Kinross CC which resulted in a win for Boreland. On to February and the final against Dunfermline which culminated in a one shot victory taking the Club to Forfar for the finals in March.

A victory in the first game at Forfar against the Musketeers from Murrayfield settled the team in what was a very competitive section. Next up was five times winners of the Rink Championships, Airleywight from Perth, and whilst Boreland were competitive for most of the game, a disastrous four at the penultimate end finished the contest. It was all down to the final game against Fotheringham on their home ice and for seven ends, singles were traded and with Boreland lying two for the victory Fotheringham drew the four foot for another single and claim qualification out of the Section together with Airleywight. Both these Clubs won their quarter finals, but got beat in the semis, whilst Boreland kept the Kinross name to the fore. The Boreland squad for all these five games was Bill Linton, Steve Jamieson, Les Wilson, Elliot Cullerton, Steve Michael and Derek Purvis.

report by *Bill Linton*



LOCH LEVEN'S LARDER

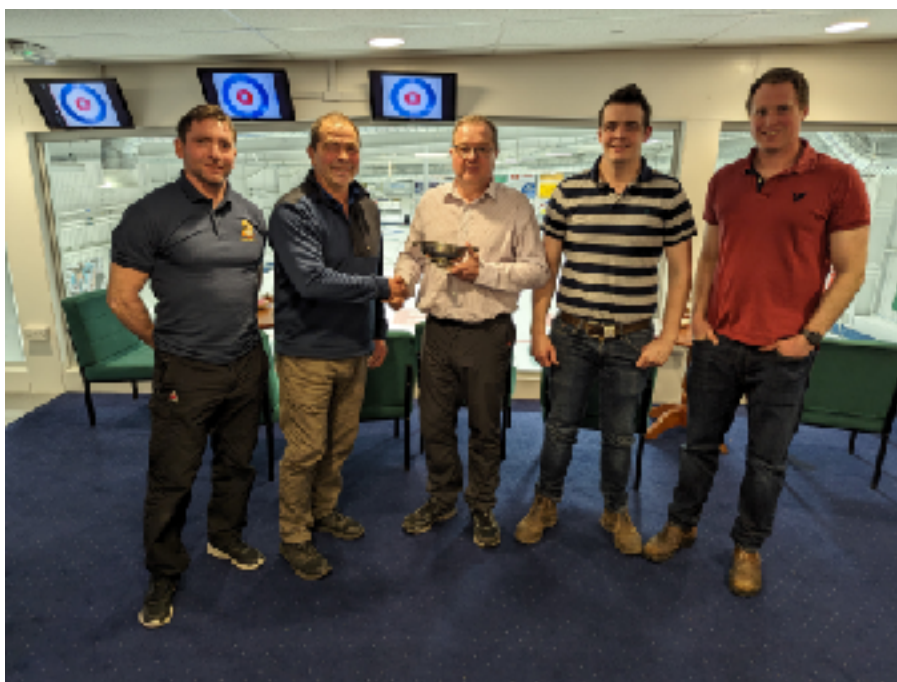


John Geyer with Emma: The rest of the rink were too shy to be in the photo!

Loch Leven's Larder League - a great season

Congratulations to all the clubs who participated this season - and of course special thanks to Loch Leven's Larder for becoming the new sponsor. Emma and Rob Niven attended on the final night of matches for Div 1 and Div 2.

Emma presented John Geyer of Dunfermline CC - Div 1 champions. Emma also presented Alastair Lamond of Inverkeithing CC the Div 3 trophy. Thanks to Dave West for presenting the Div 2 trophy to Rothes CC (their match finished a lot later!)



The Masters 2023/24 - a few thoughts on the experience of a 'local' curlers.

report by Bill Linton



What started out in the November Masters Qualifiers with four Kinross based teams was whittled down to two local rinks going into the Finals in early February. Skips, Scott Gormley and Bill Linton were allocated different sections, so there was a hope that they might meet at the latter stages of the Finals. The first two days saw good results from the Kinross challengers with all to play for.

Section B in the men's championship was open until the final draw with no less than three teams - Team Sharp, Team Linton (Bill Linton, Willie Nicol, Tom Jarvis, Les Wilson) (Kinross), and Team Clark (Rab Clark, Billy Howat) (Ayr) - on equal points at the end of Day 2.

Team Clark took the advantage in the morning of Day 3 with a win while their two opponents drew against each other. Another victory went Team Clark's way in the afternoon and the same applied for Team Sharp. With Team Linton falling to defeat versus Team Horton (Ken Horton, Mike Dick, Trevor Dodds, Jean Lesperance) (Curl Edinburgh), the matter was decided.

Over in Section A, Team Stark (Don Stark, Billy Johnston, Brian Fleming, Gary McFarlane, Eric Richardson) (Dewars, Perth) looked unstoppable early on. Winning all of their fixtures, they progressed to the play-offs in flying colours.

Team Gormley (Scott Gormley, Steve Wilcox, John Fingland, Mike Dougal) (Kinross) were the first chasers after Day 2, but two defeats on Day 3 saw them stagnant on six points. In contrast, Team Wilson (Peter Wilson, Graeme Adam, Alex Dickson, Jim Strang, Andrew McQuistin) (Dumfries) bounced back from a difficult couple of opening games with victory over Team Gray (John Kenny, Bill Gray, David Whyte, Neil Fyfe) (Curl Edinburgh) in the final draw that set them on equal points with Team Gormley. The decision went to ends with Team Wilson edging it on 22 to 20.

Team Clark were in excellent form in the semi-final and kicked things off with four points each in the first two ends. Team Wilson responded respectably with a three and a steal of one, but Team Clark were already in control and brought a 12-4 win home. Team Sharp and Team Stark were tied on points after five ends before Team Sharp took the advantage, scoring three and stealing two for a 9-4 triumph.

On to the final, where both teams had qualified from the same section containing Team Linton. Team Clark were first on the board with a two. Team Sharp responded with a single but followed it up with a score of three to take the lead. Singles were traded and the scores were level again with one end to go. Coming down with hammer, Team Sharp bagged a crucial point to snatch a 6-5 triumph for this English Seniors Champion.

So close for Teams Gormley and Linton, both finishing third in their sections and keeping the Kinross name to the fore in a National Competition.



The over 40s bonspiel took place a few weeks ago. Although a smaller field than usual, everyone had a good time and the game were as fiercely fought for as ever. Congratulations to the winners: Team Lindsay - Craig Lindsay, Ian Drysdale, David Laird and Renwick Cowan and the Runners up Team Topping - Guy Topping, Peter Topping, Peter Alexander and Chris Kerr. Guy's rink are from the Flower Bowl in Preston, and are the current English Senior Men's champions. They were practicing for Sweden in April.



MAXWELL TROPHY WINNERS

Many congratulations to Kinross (Craig Lindsay, Ian Drysdale, Grant Barr, Peter Lang, Robbie Stevenson, Alan Marshall, Hamish Geyer, Fraser Thomson, Ross McCleary, Iain Cormack, Gary Rutherford, Dougie Rodger*) who clinched the Maxwell Trophy 2024, beating Greenacres in the finals at Forfar. * Dougie stepped in at the very last minute as Phil Barton was unwell - he reported that he had a great day!

Skips Robbie, Craig and Ross have led the squad to achieve an impressive round robin performance, before the final. The note below is based on the report from Scottish Curling News page (Thank you)



Greenacres v Stirling was the first semi. Tied on three points each, the decision between Greenacres and Stirling went to stats and Greenacres had the advantage to progress to the finals.

In the second set of semi-finals it was Section B winners Kinross versus Section A runners-up Stranraer. The Teams A game was all square after six ends before Kinross took the advantage with a score of three that set them up for a 6-4 win. Stranraer were first on the board in the Teams B game, but a big score and steal put Kinross in front and they managed their lead for an 8-6 success. Finally, in the Teams C face-off, Kinross outscored Stranraer end-to-end twice to chip away to a 5-3 win. With three wins from three games, Kinross progressed to the finals where they were set to take on Greenacres.

Greenacres were first on the board in Final A with a single, but, after a blank, Kinross responded with a two followed by a steal and a force to take the advantage. Another three points went Kinross' way in End 6 and when they closed out the game with two single steals, the end result stood as 8-2.

Final B saw Kinross steal in the first two ends for an early three-points lead. However, Greenacres fought back with a score of three followed by two steals of their own to turn the game around. Kinross responded and cut the gap down to a point with one end to go, but, coming down with hammer, Greenacres took a point for a 7-5 win. The sides traded deuces to start off Final C before Kinross took control with a score of three followed by a steal of the same number and a steal of one. Greenacres managed to get a two on the board in End 7, but the game was already decided and 9-4 went down as the final result.

With two wins in the finals, Kinross clinched the Maxwell Trophy for 2024.



Well done Courtney - I am sure we can all be pleased for Courtney and the performance of the NZ team at their first world championship. We have to 'take it on the chin' that their first win was an 8 - 6 victory over Scotland.

We know Courtney had a great time at Kinross Curling.

News from Kirkcaldy and the West of Fife Province Knockout Final and success for Boreland CC

Eight Kinross based curlers were representing their Clubs at the West of Fife Province Knockout Final held at Kirkcaldy Ice Arena in early March. Brian Boyes, Ian Shaw, Tom Bolan and Margo Nicoll were representing Bank of Scotland (Fife) whilst Bill Linton, Les Wilson, Elliot Cullerton and David Craig were representing Boreland. In the earlier rounds, the Bank defeated Aberdour and Inverkeithing 1 and whilst Boreland 1 defeated Raith and Abbotshall and Inverkeithing 2.

A very close game evolved between these equally balanced rinks, but it was Boreland 1 who were successful by a score of 6-3 to secure the Province Rosebowl for the tenth time in the Club's short history.

Photo of winning rink minus David Craig



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.

Results from the Leagues - check the Kinross Curling webpage for all the details.



1st: Elaine played 6 - 8 points 24 ends
2nd: Debbie played 6 - 8 points 23 ends!

Kinross 50+

1st: Steve Jamieson 17 points
2nd: Iain Cormack 16 points
3rd: Sandy Nelson 16 points

Ladies Super League

1st: Wylie 16 points
2nd: de Vries 15 points

Super League Div 1

1st: Ross McClearly 12 points
2nd: Sandy Nelson 10 points

Super League Div 2

1st: Steve Wilcox 12 points
2nd: Craig Lindsay 11 points

Super League Div 3

1st: Pitlessie 12 points
2nd: Curran 10 points

Ness Plant

1st: Iain Cormack

2nd: Sandy Nelson



Sandy and Karen from Ness Plant presenting the trophy to team Cormack. Many thanks to everyone who took part and of course special thanks to Ness Plant.





Please put this date in your diary to support this important charity - last years' event was very successful and great fun. Speak to Harry if you want to find out more.

Saturday 4th May

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 next season £30
Stone for five seasons to end of 28/29 £100 per stone.
Contact the office for more details.



KDLB Thistle Open Pairs held at Kinross Curling on Thursday 7th March 2024.

Fourteen teams competed in this event and played three (4 ends and 3 stones each player) over three sessions.

(The early session teams played at 9.30am, 11.30am and 1.30pm and the late session teams played 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm).

All of our twenty eight ladies enjoyed this competitive event which was played in the 'true spirit of curling'.

The prizes were presented by KDLB President Sheona Reid.

Winners - Fran Stretton & Morna Aitken (visiting team from Edinburgh)



Runners-Up - Pat McFarlane & Rona Craig



Second eight ender for Inverkeitihng this season. Congrats to Colin Bruce, Alastair Ritchie, Derek Doyle and Ian Paxton who took the last end of their match in style on 28th March. The victory ensured a place in the club's semi final of the KO.

ANOTHER GREAT CONTRIBUTION FROM ONE OF OUR CLUBS - THANKS TO BILL RENNIE

Notes on the History of Aberdour Curling Club

Researching the history of Aberdour Curling Club has thrown up a string of interesting facts, writes club member Bill Rennie.

The club was founded in 1818 and a full run of minutes from that time gives a fascinating insight into curling in the area over the past 200 years. The club's first president was the then Earl of Moray and curling was played on Otterston Loch which lies at Cockcairn between Aberdour and Dalgety Bay. In its earliest years club members included the great and the good of Aberdour. One of its founding members was Admiral Sir Philip Durham who fought with Nelson at Trafalgar and was a pall bearer at his funeral. Club meetings in Aberdour were to be held on dates to be determined by the state of the moon, presumably to facilitate travel on foot or by horse.



PHOTO of CLUB CURLING ON OTTERSON LOCH IN 1920)

In 1875 the club changed its name to Aberdour and Dalgety Curling Club to reflect its membership which was drawn from the two parishes either side of Otterston Loch. However, at the club's AGM in July 1882 the name was changed to Aberdour Curling Club, though no reason for the change is given in the minutes. The club continued to curl on Otterston Loch until 1903 when an artificial pond was constructed in the village, in the grounds of Hillside House. This proved to be more convenient for those members who lived in the village but not for those who were in Dalgety parish, or who lived in the vicinity of Otterston Loch. And, so, in 1909 the members living to the west of Aberdour formed a new club to be called the Otterston Loch Curling Club, to acknowledge that they would continue to curl on the loch rather than on the new artificial pond favoured by Aberdour CC.

The Otterston Loch Curling Club continued to thrive up to the outbreak of the Second World War after which Aberdour Curling Club carried the flag for curling in the village.

Though the minutes from the 19th and early 20th century record only male curlers as club members it's very likely that ladies also curled on Otterston Loch and by 1927 a number had formed themselves into the Cockcarnie Ladies Curling Club, one of the first ladies' clubs in **(Continued)**

Scotland. That number was actually very large, with the RCCC annual for 1929 - 30 listing more than 60 members, including 4 daughters from one family.

Like the Otterston Loch Curling Club the Cockcarnie Ladies Curling Club continued curling until the outbreak of war in 1939 but didn't continue after the war.

With the development of refrigeration technology and the ability to provide ice suitable for curling indoors a number of ice rinks were opened in Scotland in the early years of the 20th century. The first was Crossmyloof, in Glasgow which opened in 1907 as 'The Scottish Ice Rink'. Today's curlers will be aware that an indoor rink opened in Edinburgh, at Haymarket, in 1912 and from that date was regularly used by Fife curlers who travelled there by train. What is less known is that a second curling rink was opened at Lochrin, near Tollcross in Edinburgh, also in 1912 and Aberdour Curling Club played there regularly until the outbreak of war in 1914. Haymarket Ice Rink continued in use until 1978 but Lochrin Ice Rink never reopened after the war.

Many of our Kinross curlers will remember curling in the Millennium Grand Match, organised by the RCC across all of Scotland's indoor rinks in 2000. But there had been several earlier Grand Matches played indoors due to insufficient frost to allow play outdoors. For example, there was no Grand Match in 1903, 1904 or 1905. The first indoor Grand Match was played at Crossmyloof on 7 and 8 April 1908 though play was interrupted for a while when the plant failed. Indoor Grand Matches were again played at Crossmyloof in 1909 and 1911, in 1913 at Haymarket and in 1914 jointly at Haymarket and Crossmyloof. So the Millennium Grand Match on 8 January 2000 was not an original concept by the RCCC but a resurrection of a well established practice from earlier years.



The club celebrate 200 years at the neighbouring Club Bonspiel at Kinross in 2018.

Look forward to more on the history of Aberdour Curling Club next season. Have you got any stories about your club?

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS/COMPANY AT KINROSS CURLING

You can advertise your company/business at Kinross Curling and at the same time be a great help to the rink. Here are a few opportunities for you or maybe you can speak to friends and contacts to encourage them to support the rink.

End of ice boards: these costs £400 for a season or £300 p.a on a three year deal.

Under ice sponsorship: there are a number of opportunities to take a space under the ice - meaning curlers see the logo - every time they curl.

The costs vary depending on the size of logo ranging from:

£600 per season (£500 per season for three year deal) + two sponsored stones

£800 per season (£750 per season for three year deal) + four sponsored stones

£1500 per season (£1200 per season for three year deal) + end of ice board, six sponsored stones and minimum of naming 1 sponsored competition

£2000 per season (£1500 per season for three year deal) + end of ice board, 8 sponsored stones and minimum of one sponsored competition and a rink league.

We will provide a link to your business on our webpage and highlight your company on our monthly newsletter and other publicity including social media.



For more information contact:

Ross McCleary, Rink Manager at manager@kinrosscurling.co.uk

or Phil Barton at curlingphil@icloud.com

ACT NOW TO MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR SPACE AT THE BEST CURLING VENUE IN SCOTLAND!

Series of photos from the Winners Bonspiel on 6th April.

We had a great start to the final day of the season with the Winners Bonspiel and lunch. Kinross CC won the bonspiel, beating Dunfermline 15-2. The trophies were then presented, followed by lunch. *(NB Teams in brackets - no photos!)*

Wilson Trophy - Kinross

Rink Championships - Boreland

John Stewart & LLL League div 1 -

Dunfermline



LLL League div 3 - Inverkeithing
(LLL League div 2 - Rothes)

Monday Ladies - Elaine Spain, Jane McFarlane, Jane Kerr, Grace Paterson
K50+ - Steve Jamieson
Ness Plant Thursday League - Iain, Graham & Julia Cormack, Calum McNee, George Skea, Courtney Smith



Coady's Ladies Superleague - Susan Wyllie, Fran Stretton, Vicky Gumley, Morna Aitken
(NFU Superleague div 3 - Pitlessie)
NFU Superleague div 2 - Steve Wilcox, Peter Malcolm, Angela Wilcox, Gav Hardie
NFU Superleague div 1 - Ross McCleary, Harry Gow, Arran Thomson, Lewis McCabe





New friendships, much laughter and excitement, good fun and great curling at the **Beginners' Bonspiel**. Congratulations to the winners, Jason, Carol, Shona and Susie.

The next issue of the Roar will be ready for early August. Please send in contributions to newsletter@kinrosscurling.co.uk We would also welcome feedback about the rink newsletter.



Great to see how some clubs are using the rink for events. A sneak view of Orwell Ladies CC conducting their AGM.

Want to use the rink - contact Angie or Ross.