



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

**The next edition will be issued in November**

**Deadline for contributions 24.11.24**



**What a final!  
Canada v Scotland!!**



The Bar has been renamed to "The Ninth End" and it is open for food Mon-Fri 11am till 6pm and Sat & Sun 9am till 5pm

Please use the bar etc as much as you can. Encourage your fellow curlers to do the same.

**Christmas Menu from 3rd - 21st Dec**

**12 - 6 pm**

**A great option for curlers and friends**

**2 courses: £19.99**

**3 courses: £24.99**

**Details at the rink and on website**





## Observations from the KCT AGM

The overwhelming impression from the KCT AGM in August was that there is great confidence and appreciation from members about Kinross Curling.

There were over 40 members assembled for the meeting, and there was a buzz of enthusiastic conversations before the meeting started. Angie was ready to serve teas and coffee and stronger stuff. It was great to see that the ice making process had started - the ice pad looked shiny!

Jim Barton gave a clear review of the key developments from the last year and Doug Ritchie reported on positive progress with the finances of the business. Ross described some of the plans for the forthcoming season.

Here are a few key points from the AGM.

Jim was thrilled that there was such a high level of bookings, and increased use of the bar. Kim Dalland has made a significant difference working with coaches and providing new opportunities for curlers.

The trust is in good financial health and Doug reported that all loans bar the WCF loan have been cleared. Curlers were not surprised to hear that ice fees have been increased by £1 per person each session.

Looking ahead the board have increased investment in the bar and catering. There is a new menu and there will be later openings for meals on Fridays. There are also plans to have events in the bar, building on the success of last season.

We heard more about the opportunities to develop coaching.

The continued support of major sponsors, Loch Leven's Larder and Ness Plant is welcome and the addition of LGT Wealth Management is an exciting development. The new sponsor will support the Wednesday Seniors League and the international bonspiel in September. Ross sees this sponsorship as a means to develop prizes and encourage more participation at the rink from local businesses.

Members were able to 'admire' the new movable screen which has created a facility of a separate room, which is now available for hire. There are now opportunities for local groups etc to hire the new room. Ross is considering options for how the ice pad can be used in the close season. This could provide opportunities to create full time posts for the team, avoiding the issues created with seasonal posts.

**THANK YOU TO THE BOARD AND ALL THE TEAM**

## Last chance to enter The Kinross Superspiel

This event is organised by one of our local curlers, Grant Barr. Teams may be all male, all female, or mixed. We welcome players from all over Scotland and further afield, and encourage curlers of all ages and abilities to join in. There is space for 16 teams. Last year it was one of the highlight events in our programme.

The entry fee includes at least 3 games of curling, a light supper on Friday, and lunch and dinner on Saturday.

### Format

If there are 16 teams then there will be 4 groups of 4 teams (Groups 1-4), with each team playing the other 3 teams in their group. If there are less than 16 teams, there will be 2 groups (A and B) and a Schenkel system to decide the 3 games.

### CONTACT ROSS AT THE RINK WITHOUT DELAY TO CLAIM A PLACE

**22-24 November 2024**

£300 per team  
at least 3 games  
food on Friday and Saturday



**Sad News the SKINS Night planned for Halloween has ben cancelled - the number of entries was disappointing - especially after the great success of the Skins event last season.**

**(Thanks to the curlers who entered and of course to Ross et al for all the preparation.)**



The International Bonspiel was a big hit with the curlers involved. We ran an increased capacity at 20 teams and the competition was sponsored by 'LGT Wealth Management'. We had several teams from Canada, Norway & Switzerland as well as the usual teams from Denmark, the States, Scotland, Wales, Ireland & England. The final was between 'The Musketeers' and team 'Wright' from Canada that included an Olympic Bronze medalist and former Brier and World champion playing third. The Canadians edged it in the final end winning 5 to 4. The winning team was (skip) Steve Wright, (3) Neil Houston, (2) Fred Fox & (lead) Gerard Murphy

Low Road Winners - Tourists:  
David McQueen (s), Andy Ross, Howard Walton, Cameron Gaudin

Low Road Runners-up - SwissScot:  
Steve Wilcox (s), Véronique Tetaz, Celine Herren, Ancilla Tetaz



There are loads of pics on the website go to 'Competitions' then 'International Bonspiel' then 'Photos 2024'.



# THE 9th END

RESTAURANT

Kinross Curling Rink is a fantastic place to come and have a cuppa and a scone or traybake or a spot of lunch. You know it's open to the public and it's not just for curlers. Our lounge with viewing gallery upstairs boasts a great relaxed atmosphere to sit and watch some great curling at the same time. We are fully open from beginning of October until end of March, see our website for details. We welcome new and existing customers. Tell your friends and family about us and spread the word.

Angie McCleary our Bar/ Catering Manager has teamed up with our Resident Chef John Gorman who between them have a wealth of experience. The two of them are a great team and will be bringing you some truly scrumptious food and fabulous service this season.

Both Angie and John have been working hard behind the scenes in the closed season devising new menus for the season opening and getting everything just perfect in anticipation for the curlers starting their season. Kinross Curling Rink facilitates about 30 curling clubs that use Kinross as their home rink. We will be welcoming the "Incoming Swiss Men's Tour" in January 2025 and the tournament will be a busy one with over 60 curlers taking part and tasting our culinary delights whilst competing here. We get visiting Curling Clubs as far as Inverness to Preston who come to partake in some great curling and food and socialising. Please pop in and browse our new menu and sit and relax and enjoy your food and curling.





## 8-Ender for Boreland

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, in the annual Boreland v Aberdour 2-rink challenge match, the Boreland team of Craig MacLagan, Drew Clark, Ken Myles and Steve Jamieson scored an 8-ender against Aberdour. This contributed to an aggregate 24-7 win and Boreland retaining the McCallum Trophy

## Safety On The Ice - a few words from Jim Barton, KCT Chairman

There have been a few falls on the ice recently that have caused a few people, myself included, to think about safety on the ice. Of course, there will always be occasions when curlers will fall. Thankfully, the vast majority will result in no more than a bit of soreness to whatever part of the anatomy makes contact with the ice and there are things that we should all do (avoid tripping over stones, not travelling too fast on the ice, correct footwear) to minimise the risk of falling. This matter was discussed at our recent board meeting. We concluded that, in addition to what I have set out above, there are two things that we would recommend that all curlers consider. The first is to take a good look at your gripper and replace it if worn. Grippers don't last forever and worn grippers increase considerably the chances of falling. If you are not sure whether your gripper needs to be replaced any of the icemen or Kim Dalland will be happy to advise. The second thing to consider is head protection. It is very noticeable how many curlers are starting to wear head protection and, whilst it won't reduce the chances of you falling it will reduce the chances of a nasty head injury. Again, the ice team or Kim will be very happy to advise on head protection and the options available. LOTS OF EXAMPLES OUT THERE!!





Lora Burgess



Laura Boyd

We are the Child Wellbeing & Protection officers for the ice rink and can be contacted via the email below should you have any concerns about a young person within the club.

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



Congrats to Andy Johnson taking the opening trophy in his first season as President of Inverkeithing CC. As usual the ice and hospitality at the rink was superb. Andy was very well supported by Bryan Mottershaw, Colin Blyth and Derek Doyle. (Trophy presented by VP Robert Smith)

The curling was followed by great entertainment from club members after a rendition of the club song led by Ian Macdonald.

Scottish Senior Mixed Championships, North West Castle, Stranraer, 18th- 20th October

Team Cormack, took part in this years National Senior Mixed Championships and reached the semis .. hard luck Ian, Angela, Steve and Julia.

Maybe we can have a picture and report for the next issue.?



Many thanks to the squad who turned up for a day of gardening and clearing the car park etc.

A great job done by all.



## TWO GREAT SOCIAL EVENTS AT THE RINK



**Saturday 14th December 2024**

£25 per person

[Register Now](#)

Come and join us for a Christmas celebration with a traditional 3-course festive menu cooked by our chef, John. Start the evening with a glass of mulled wine to warm you up as you arrive. Vegetarian options will be provided, and special dietary requirement catered for.

This evening is open to anyone, so chat to your friends and come as a group. Click on the red Register now link above and fill in your details to reserve your places.

**Saturday 16th November 2024**

£10 per person, including a light supper

[Apply Now](#)

Come along to our Quiz Night and enjoy an evening with your friends while challenging yourself with the quiz. Mike Spain has agreed to host the quiz, so you know you will be in for a great evening. Teams of up to 4 people.

There will be a break half way through the quiz for a light supper of beef or vegetarian stovies & bread, prepared by John. The supper is included in your entry fee, and the bar will be open all evening for drinks. Special dietary requirements will be catered for.

Numbers are limited to 80, and last season we had to turn people away, so get your application in now to be sure of a place. Simply click the red Apply Now link above and tell us about your group.

**We have had a great start to the season - a few matches have been played in the leagues.**

**The LLLL league sponsored by Loch Leven's Larder**

**The Thursday League sponsored by Ness Plant**

**The Wednesday Seniors League sponsored by LGT Wealth and Management**

**The Sunday League sponsored by NFU Mutual.**

**Reports in the next issue - catch up on results on the Kinross Curling**





National Curling Day is celebrated on the 15 November, marking the anniversary of the sport's first recorded mention in history. This special day serves as a platform to raise awareness of curling, showcasing its rich heritage, vibrant community and inclusiveness. We invite enthusiasts and newcomers alike to join us in celebrating the camaraderie, strategy, and skill that curling embodies both on and off the ice. Together, let's inspire a new generation to embrace this great sport.

Eilidh McCall-Lawrie, Head of Sport & Communities, Scottish Curling

### **Friday 15th November 2024**

coincides with the Canadian Women's Curling Tour to Scotland 2024, comprising 22 Canadian women, visiting Kinross Curling to compete against 3 x women's teams from Kinross Centre (10am-12noon) and 3 x women's teams from Kirkcaldy Centre (2.30pm-4.30pm).

Please feel free to come along to Kinross Curling between 9am-5pm that day to enjoy the friendly and welcoming experience of both the ice rink and support this unique event.



Congratulations to local curlers

**Sheona Reid** (Glenfarg Ladies) and **June Geyer** (Dunfermline Ladies) who are both selected for the RCCC Ladies Tour to Canada in November 2025

### Local Curlers travel to Spain

Bill Rennie, Alastair Low, Gavin Hughes and Phil Barton had another enjoyable trip to curl and golf in northern Catalonia a couple of weeks ago. Puigcerda CC have organised a weekend bonspiel for 17 years. Bill, Alastair and Gavin have attended 10 bonspeils and received a great welcome and thank you from the organisers.

20 teams from across the globe took part (USA, Switzerland, France. Sweden et al)

The Swedish team were unbeaten and won the trophy along with a very large ham each! Fancy a curling weekend in Europe - the next bonspiel is October 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2025.



*The Roaring Stones with their French opponents after their enjoyable match*

### English Curling Association at Kinross

32 curlers had a terrific weekend at Kinross on 19th/20th October. St Georges CC organised the event on behalf of the ECA. Curlers came from as far afield as Bedford, Cambridge and Aberdeen.

This event has a special feature in that players are drawn into rinks just before the start - so who you play with is a real surprise!

Two rinks were unbeaten in their three match round robin and faced each other in the final.

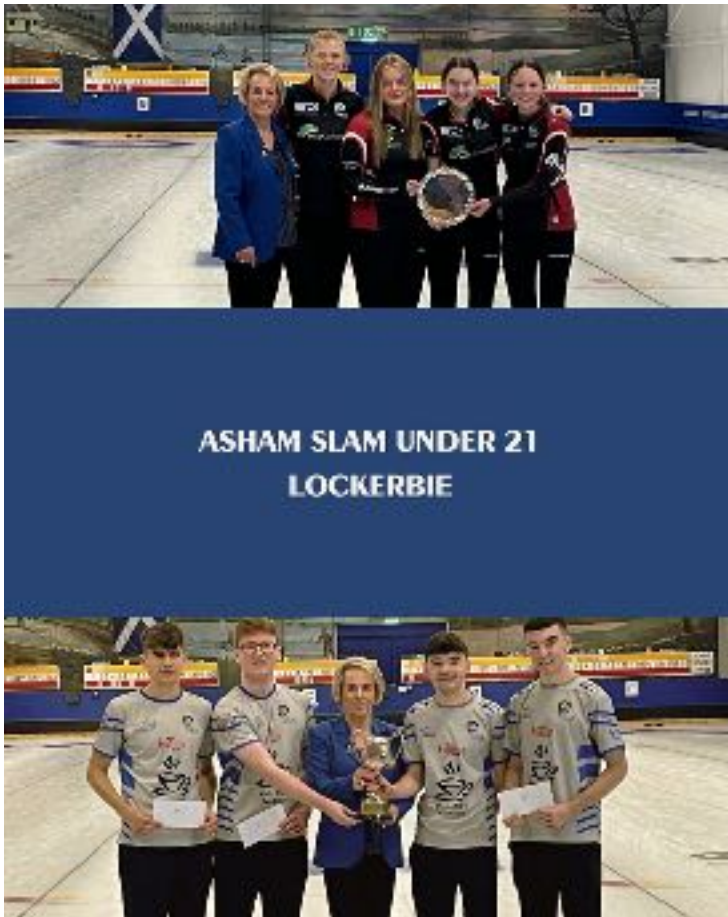
Matthew Waring, a junior curler from Preston skipped his rink (Jacqui Taylor, Reuben Edwards, Barbara Kitchin) with composure and great shot making. The trophy was presented by Gordon Lyon, ECA President.

Andy Taylor (with Kim Dalland, Kath Wiggins and AJ) were runners up.





Do you know all our staff and board members ..... soon to be updated with John Taylor (Board member ) and Katie - ice technician



Congratulations to the winners of the Under 21 [Asham Slam](#) held at [Lockerbie Ice Rink](#), Team Carson and Team Seftor!

Another highly successful event, a huge congratulations and thank you to all involved

We should be proud of Kinross Junior curlers Amy Seftor and Clare Cassells for this terrific win. Only 15 and a first place win at the U21s. Congratulations are also due to Finlay Rutherford, Cameron Lindsay and Rory Stevenson (Team Rutherford) and Holly Clemie (Team Soutar) who played in the finals. An outstanding result for Kinross Juniors. A huge well done to you all.

## MAXWELL TROPHY

Last season Kinross Curling won the Maxwell trophy for the first time. The dates for the matches in the season ahead are below. Ross, Craig and Robbie will be our skips again, and they will be looking to retain the trophy.

Friday 29th November 2.30 (Away)

**Curl Edinburgh**

Friday 31st January 2.30 (Home)  
Stirling

Thursday 6th February 2.30 (Home)  
**Borders**

Thursday 20th February 2.30 (Away)  
**Forfar**

## PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING IN NEWS FROM YOUR CLUB AND ANYTHING INTERESTING ABOUT CURLING ...

There is a great deal of activity around the country. We need to be concerned about the future of curling in Perth.

Some interesting news from Kirkcaldy - our ice team have supported them to have the stones ground for the first time (in many years) - reports are that it has made a difference.

and of course our clubs are busy

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