



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 is circulated to all members and clubs, and accessible from website/ facebook.

Please send any contributions to our email address:

newsletter@kinrosscurling.co.uk

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

Deadline for contributions up
to 20th November 2026



Kinross
International
Friendly
Bonspiel



Finally a win for the Musketeers - in third final in a row. Report inside. Photo of Alan Chalmers (skip), Paul Baughan, Simon Harley & Iain Cormack

Apologies for late production this issue - we hoped to be out one early October. Will endeavour to get back into normal business in November. You can help by sending in articles and news to be included in issue 31.



**Important news
about the
celebration of the
rink's 50th
birthday inside**

The 2026 Bonspiel took place over last weekend and the rink was buzzing with teams from Canada, USA, Switzerland, Denmark, France, Wales, Ireland, England and Scotland. 20 teams took part, leading to a nail biting final between Scotlands Musketeers and Demark's Søren Tidmand rink. The Musketeers were playing their 3rd consecutive final, but it was the first where they came out on top. Congratulations to them, and thanks to both teams for a great game.

Lots more photos and all the results can be seen on <https://kinrosscurling.co.uk/international-bonspiel>



A great report and super photos capturing the essence of one of special events.

Kinross Curling Trust Annual General Meeting August 2026

A report by one of our roving reporters.

The members gathered at a steady pace, whilst the hi tech (slide show and sound) was installed. Chairman Jim kept checking the numbers, but there was no need to worry the quorum required was achieved with much room to spare. I would estimate about 45 attended and there were also 14 apologies.

There was a nice buzz about the room as you could sense the anticipation of not only a good AGM, but knowing the new season was very close.

One of ICC curlers was so keen to get his seat he left the car door open! The meeting started on time with Jim asking for approval of the 2025 minute. This was proposed and seconded by John Taylor and Alistair Low on behalf of all present.

Jim gave a wholesome summary of the last year highlighting the successful purchase of the rink, achieved with the magnificent support of curlers. He acknowledged the invaluable input of Iain Cormack and Sandy Hay in that process. His second highlight was the continued growth in usage of the bar, a four year in a row gain (NB this is tempered with information in the finance review later in this report).

He then gave a summary of the major events held at the rink in season 25/26.

- The international friendly bonspiel goes from strength to strength.
- The under 14 Slam was an excellent national event - with not only super curling but unexpected high levels of chips sold in the 9th Ender.
- The Indoor Grand Match enhanced the reputation of the rink from many clubs around the country.
- Hosting the Henderson Bishop finals was special
- And the Heritage Bonspiel was a delight.

Jim gave due notice to the sad news of Sir David Montgomery death, and of course recognising that his vision was crucial to our ice rink being built.



Above: Ross caught mid sentence during his report! and a shot of the assembled group reeling after a successful AGM

KINROSS CURLING AGM REPORT CONTINUED

Unlike most curlers the team and Board have been very busy ... 'it has been a crazy summer'!

- A change to accounting system from Sage to Xero
- The order and anticipated installation of new chilling plant
- New staff in the 9th Ender
- And a new webpage and booking system (Please be patient)
- And the recent news that we have achieved 3 year funding for a Membership and Community Engagement Officer.

Curling Development has continued to grow with a range of record figures (this reporter hopes that Kim will add any missing feedback on season 25/26 in our next issue - with news of season 26/27)

- There were over 158 development sessions on 196 sheets.
- The rink was awarded the Diversity Club of the month award in April.
- The rink has 29 qualified coaches and 8 assistants, who have provided 524 sessions.
- KCDC continues to thrive with 34 new curlers adding to the ranks last season.
- The rink have also gained the accolade of hosting a Level 1 course at Kinross in the coming season.

John Taylor reported on the first few months of a sub group which is focusing on the building and developing the 'real estate. He is joined by Craig Lindsay, Colin Low, Sandy Hay and Ross . Tree management has been an issue and addressed (Did anyone collect the firewood?). There have been some significant improvements in the kitchen - better refrigeration and improved dishwashing facilities. Of course the big expenditure and investment has been on the new chilling plant. John invited curlers to share any ideas or suggestions that might require attention or would enhance the facility.

Doug, as always gave a thorough review of finances. The rink has a healthy balance sheet, but Doug as ever careful reminded us there is no room for complacency. Although the 9th Ender is a great asset and key to the atmosphere at the rink, it continues to operate at a deficit. Note to all curlers - please support upstairs as much as you can. There is scope to book for events for your club. Doug acknowledged the input of Sandy Hay and Iain Cormack to work on a 7 year financial plan.

The election of Board members was very straightforward. Jim and Doug were required to stand again for reelection after three years, and with no other nominations (and that is no surprise) both were elected. I understand there is one remaining vacancy on the Board.

Before Jim closed the meeting there was a brief presentation about plans for the celebration of 50 years curling at the rink (see later report)

**THANKS TO THE TRUST BOARD
AND ROSS AND HIS TEAM.**





We will have more details for the next issue but for now:

There is a fundraising event on **28th November - Wine Tasting** at the rink - 7.00 - tickets are £20. Look out for the link on the Kinross Curling website.

We had a great meeting in early October with about 10 curlers who curled at the launch of the rink - and we gathered some great stories and will have access to photos and hopefully more stories as we gather information for the celebration publication for the 50 years anniversary.

As well as celebrating the rink it is also becoming clear we are also celebrating and highlighting the success and enjoyment of our clubs and curlers not only in 1977 but for the last 5 decades.

Please help us with our project to gather news and memories - we have had one offer so far of a comparative tea towel from 1977!! Orwell Ladies have also provided a wealth of information about the launch of their club coinciding with the opening of the rink.

Programme so far

28th November - Wine Tasting

27th March - Kinross has Talent event

Both to raise funds to ensure we can set but an amazing celebration and at the same time have a good time!

Sat: April 3rd 2027 - What was curling like in 1977? Bonspiel.

Opening Bonspiel in season 27/28 - date in early October (tbc)

Closing Bonspiel in season 27/28 - date at last weekend - but waiting to check dates for Junior International bonspiel.

Celebration Dinner - May 2028 - date and venue tbc



A BUSY SUMMER AT THE RINK

The crane lifting in the new plant - did you know it was so big?

Duncan on cleaning duty - certainly looks so much better (did he not have any pals to help?)

and above the floor really to start making the ice.





The Royal Caledonian Curling Club (RCCC) Ladies Branch AGM was held at Highland Rugby Club, Inverness on Tuesday 12th May 2026.

During this event Kinross curler Jane Drysdale (Orwell Ladies Curling Club) moved up from her previous role as Junior Vice President (JVP) to her new role as Vice President (VP).

Kinross & District Ladies Branch (KDLB) and our fellow curlers/members, wish Jane our sincere congratulations and ensure our unwavering support in her new role. We know Jane will continue to be an amazing ambassador for our sport.

L-R - Fiona Moffat (Junior Vice President), Isla Kinnear (President), Jane Drysdale (Vice President), Christine Hall (Treasurer)



Several Kinross Juniors were competing recently in the European Juniors event held in Baden, Switzerland.

Congratulations to Cameron Lindsay (Team Brewster) and Clare Cassells (Team Seftor) in reaching really tight finals against top opposition. Both played extremely well, the girls going to the last end and the boys going to an extra end, but both were just pipped at the post, so placed second overall. A fantastic achievement though, well done to everyone who took part.

Kinross Curling are looking for a new member of staff to work alongside the Office Manager and Curling Development Officer. If you're an organised person, who's comfortable with a spreadsheet and at building relationships with groups and individuals, we'd love to hear from you.

You can find out all about it and how to apply at <https://kinrosscurling.co.uk/vacancies>

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KEEP SAFE ON THE ICE

News in Kinross Community News Letter

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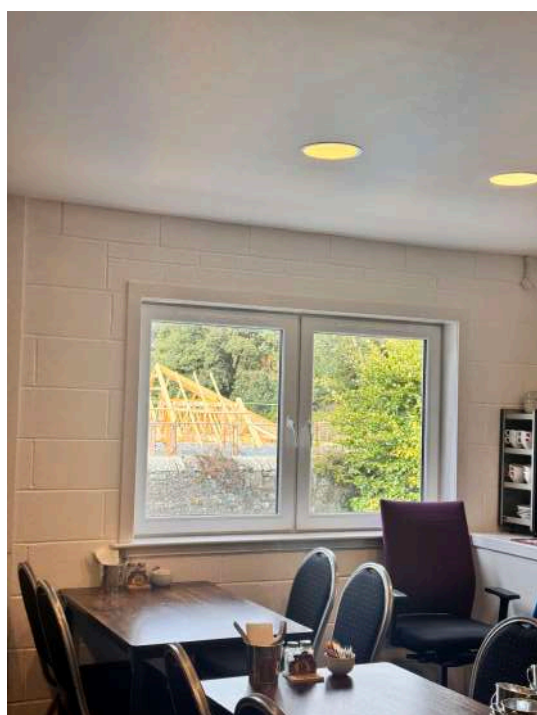
Feedback welcome.

**Get the ROAR
quicker!**

If you currently get the Roar through their club, you can sign up to get it sent directly. (You will not have to rely on your club to forward the information.)

There is a link at the bottom of every page of the website.

Now available on the Kinross Curling Facebook page



Have you noticed the new buildings in the adjacent garden....?

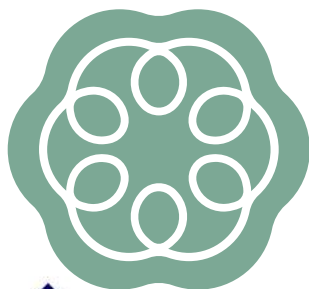
It changed the view!!

Of course we are more interested in what happens on the rink.



These photos arrived a bit late to include in our last issue - but we are sure you will enjoy these memories of the end of season event in April.

LOCH LEVEN'S
LARDER



Wealth Management

Thanks to all our major sponsors. There are also several opportunities for you to support the rink.

You can sponsor/put your name on a stone or buy a brick in our wall at the top of the main stairs. All details are on the Kinross Curling website.

We have a package where local (and national) business can take a curling experience at Kinross as a staff building event or a way to engage with clients and customers. If you are interested get in touch with Duncan - email is **Corporate@kinrosscurling.co.uk**

The obvious way to support the rink is to curl and use the bar as much as you can. Your club can host events at the rink - make use of our 'private' dining'!!



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TRIBUTE TO BOB SMITH, Mr INVERKEITHING CC!!

On 14th September we were all saddened to hear that Bob Smith, one of the club's honorary Presidents died after a long struggle with illness.

Bob was a dedicated member of ICC for more than 40 years after joining the club in 1982.

His first recorded trophy was as second in 84/85 in the League. He moved to third in season 86/87 before becoming a skip in 89/90. On the ice Bob was always a keen competitor and a curler of the highest standard of play and etiquette.

Off the ice he served the club well. He joined the committee in 1993 and served continuously for over 20 years. In 1995 he was Assistant Match Sec for two seasons before taking over the reins until 2001 when he was elected as Vice President. After his two years as VP he was the proud President from 2003 to the end of 2004/05 season. He then began a 10 year post in the Treasury - one year as Assistant and then nine as the man in charge.

Bob served on many regional and national groups. He took great pride in speaking up for the 'ordinary' curler at the RCCC. He was also a proud wearer of the blue blazer after his Strathcona tour in 2003. He was a great ambassador for the club across Scotland on and off the ice. He served as President of West Fife province and secretary of Area 7. He was always particularly supportive of the Indoor Grand Match, encouraging our club to participate to the full. Bob reluctantly stopped curling a couple of years ago.

He lived and worked in Inverkeithing for several years, was a member of the Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay Rotary Club and attended church in Dunfermline, so his loss will be felt by many in the local community. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to Robert and his sister and to Bob's wife, Liz, also a curler.

His funeral was on 8th October.



Ollie in action on the ice!

(The 9th Ender over 50 people in bar - many had not been curling on a Friday Lunchtime ... well done Angie and team.



MORE COACHES & ASSISTANTS NEEDED

To keep up the success of our development programme we need more help from our curlers.

Anyone wishing to be an on-ice coach's assistant please contact Kim on curlingdev@kinrosscurling.co.uk

For coaching, a **Scottish Curling** LEVEL 1 course is coming to Kinross on November 28th. For more information and to register ask Kim or go to this link:

<https://www.scottishcurling.org/coaching.../course-dates/>

We hope you enjoyed this issue - let us know more about your curling exploits

Connor - what happened?!!!



Please have a look at the **KCT webpage** - Angela has made a number of significant changes please note content to welcome and encourage new curlers.