



Welcome to the latest edition of our occasional newsletter.

Our Committee continues to meet on a regular basis and notes on our meetings are updated speedily on to the Royal Club website. Please take time to visit and see for yourself the agenda we discuss. As ever, any feedback from coaches is most welcome.

Below you will find a brief update as to the goings-on in the coaching world since last season. I would draw your attention in particular to the Coaches Gathering, scheduled for Saturday 18 February 2012 - semi-finals day in the Scottish Championships - with a revised format planned this year.

With compliments of the season, I wish you Good Coaching and Good Curling!

Richard Gray, Coaching Committee Convenor

Coaches Gathering

The Royal Caledonian Curling Club would like to invite you to the second annual Coaches Gathering, to be held at Dewars Centre, Perth on Saturday, 18th Feb between the semi-finals.

The Gathering has been arranged to provide an opportunity for coaches to informally meet and socialise.

- This event is free of charge for all active curling coaches.
- On arrival, you will receive your ticket into a prize draw.
- Mix with coaches from all areas, at all levels and discuss matters of mutual interest and share ideas.
- Get advice from qualified Technical Coaches and elite coach question time.
- View a coaching photo gallery.
- Meet the, behind the scenes, Royal Club coaching staff
- Look at some resourceful and inventive coaching ideas.
- Record this National CPD event in your coaching logbook
- Coinciding with the Scottish Championships Ladies' and Mens' semi finals, there will be the opportunity to see the best teams in Scotland competing.



Why not contact a few colleagues and arrange to travel together or meet up at the gathering? We hope that as many coaches as possible will be able to attend and support this event.

If you are interested in coming along and know in advance, please could you contact Morag Wellman on morag.wellman@btinternet.com, so that we can estimate numbers. However please feel free to turn up on the day.

RCCC Website

The new Royal Club website was launched in September. The pages are being continually updated which are noted under "latest Coaching news! Please go on and have a look at the modern updates and have a browse around the coaching pages



Olympic torch relay



A local sporting hero is a step closer to carrying the Olympic flame on its way to London after making it through to the next stage of the nomination process. Royal Club, Coach of the Year, Meg Allen was nominated for the honour last month.

Games chiefs outlined the relay route exactly a year before the torch arrives at Land's End from its base in Olympia, Greece. It will take an 8,000-mile, 70-day tour of the UK, including visits to all the regions. It will be carried for 12 hours a day, coming to a halt at about 6.30pm and reaching Tower Hamlets on Friday 20 July, a week before the opening ceremony.

Meg said: "it was all a bit of a joke to begin with, but I am honoured to be nominated. It would be fantastic to carry the flame - as long as I am allowed to walk."

Meg will find out in this month if she has been successful in being chosen as one of the 8,000 torchbearers needed for the Olympic Torch Relay.

If chosen, we would encourage the curling community to line the streets and cheer her on!

PVG Scheme



The Royal Club is now fully integrated and is processing new And Up-skilling coaches onto the Protection of Vulnerable Groups disclosure Scheme. Signatories have been recruited and trained for all geographical areas.

All coaches working regularly with vulnerable groups will be required to register - coaches' current disclosures are not transferrable - However this process will be phased in because of the numbers affected, and coaches

will be contacted directly and kept updated. For more information, contact Pam Mackay, Lead Child Protection Officer, or Lynne MacKenzie, National Coaching Officer.

Share your love of the Game...

Could you give a little back?

Knowledge is a key ingredient for club development, growth and player development.

The Royal Club welcomes members to volunteer in a wide variety of roles.



Coach helper

Do you know, or can encourage curlers to give a couple of hours a week to help others discover our sport?



Rink Child Protection Officer

Do you know someone who could be "the one who knows" about child protection in your local curling community? We are looking for local, well known members to be a friendly face, help dispel myths, clarify and reassure other members.



Course Tutor / Assessor

Are you a coach who could donate some time to train new coaches? Armed with the latest Royal Club updates and how to coach skills, share your coaching experiences with others.

Interested? Full training packages are provided for all our members.

For more details please visit the Welfare and/or Coaching pages of the Royal Club website or contact Lynne MacKenzie, National Coaching Officer, email - lynne@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org

Coaches update

Thank you to all the organisers, assessors, lead coaches, rinks and tutors who contributed to the success of the many coach education courses which have been run this season.

Please recognise and support the following people who have attended the following courses since January 2011

Trainee Assistant Coaches

Graham Adam	Dumfries	David Edward	Dundee	Philip Masheter	Inverness
Scott Anderson	Dundee	Simon Elder	Dundee	Lee McCleary	Kinross
Stephen Ashforth	Edinburgh	Hannah Findlay	Edinburgh	Brandon McInnes	Waterfront
Colin Baxter	Edinburgh	Graeme Fisher	Aberdeen	Ann Mitchell	Kirkcaldy
Stuart Brand	Kinross	Euan Forbes	Kelso	Fiona Morrison	Aberdeen
Kirsten Brown	Inverness	Margaret Forrest	Kinross	David Murdoch	Greenacres
Louise Bryce	Kelso	Aaron Forsythe	Edinburgh	Maggie Palmer	Aberdeen
Cameron Bryce	Kelso	Iain Fraser	Hamilton	Andrew Penker	Edinburgh
Elsbeth Burton	Stirling	Russett Fullarton	Kelso	Helen Pirnie	Dundee
Bill Byers	Kelso	Anne Gordon	Lockerbie	Margaret Polea	Waterfront
Stuart Carnegie	Kinross	David Gordon	Kinross	Robert Polea	Waterfront
Nikolas Cartwright	Hamilton	Sally Gray	Galleon	Sandy Renfrew	Inverness
Duncan Chisholm	Edinburgh	Jean Hammond	Edinburgh	Richard Robertson	Edinburgh
Dionne Clark	Inverness	Richard Harding	Greenacres	Brenda Robertson	Kelso
Peter Colebrook	Kelso	Michele Hartley	Kinross	Ian Samuel	Waterfront
Iain Cormack	Kinross	Elaine Hillis	Inverness	James Seton	Inverness
Neil Craik	Dundee	Stuart Hillis	Inverness	Susan Skene	Dundee
J. Gordon Craik	Forfar	Tommy Hinnigan	Kelso	Kirsty Sloan	Dumfries
Bruce Crawford	Royal Club	Linda Hoskins	Inverness	David Smith	Dundee
James Davidson	Kinross	John Jeans	Forfar	Fiona Spain	Kinross
Paul Davis	Edinburgh	William E Johnson	Kelso	Fraser Stockton	Edinburgh
Colin Dick	Edinburgh	Christine Jones	Kinross	Gillian Sutherland	Kelso
Ian Donald	Edinburgh	Colin Low	Kinross	Matthew Taylor	Dumfries
John Downey	Elgin	Marion MacDonald	Hamilton	Mima Telfer	Dumfries
Helen Downey	Elgin	Callum Macfarlane	Kinross	David Troup	Forfar
Stuart Duncan	Dundee	James MacRae	Inverness	Richard Wood	Edinburgh
Bill Duncan	Elgin	Dr. J Malone	Inverness	Jacqueline Wood	Kinross
Thomas Edmunds	Edinburgh	Colin Martin	Kelso	Tracey Wright	Lockerbie

Accrediting Technical Coaches

Morven Bruce	Inverness	Shari Leibbrandt	Netherlands	Alison Strang	Perth
Norman Campbell	Waterfront	Jill MacDonald	Forfar	Stewart Sturrock	Inverness
Peggy Campbell	Waterfront	Sara McCaig	Waterfront	Ian Taylor	Forfar
Hamish Clark	Inverness	John McCall	Waterfront	David Taylor	Aberdeen
Frank Cooper	Forfar	John McGowan	Waterfront	Leslie Wilson	Kinross
Liz Cullen	Kelso	Harry Mitchell	Kirkcaldy	Brian Yeats	Aberdeen
Jim Cullen	Kelso	Liz Paul	Braehead	Graham Young	Edinburgh
Ann-Maree Davidson	Perth	James Steel	Kinross		



Thank you to the following coaches who took the time to upgrade their level A qualification to become;

Assistant Coach

Ruth Addinall	Edinburgh	Margaret Hastie	Inverness	Graham Stanley	Aberdeen
Jane Barr	Kinross	Patricia Mitchell	Kirkcaldy		
Alex Bryden	Dumfries	Kathie Nixon	Edinburgh		

Congratulations to the following who qualified,

Assistant Coach

Ailsa Hall	Dumfries	David Jones	Kinross	Jane Robbins	Wales
Fran Aitken	Aberdeen	Lynne Kane	Waterfront	Andrew Robbins	Wales
Lesley Carol	Wales	Helen King	Stirling	Maggie Rutherford	Braehead
Graham Clark	Waterfront	Sarah Lough	England	Mark Stevens	England
Cameron Clark	Waterfront	Shaun Lough	England	Andrew Tanner	Wales
Alison Clark	Waterfront	Alison McAteer	Edinburgh	Chris Wells	Wales
Margaret Dickson	Waterfront	George Munro	Waterfront	Frank White	Kinross
Beth Eaton	England	Linda Owen	Dumfries	Joyce White	Kinross
Katriona Fairweather	Perth	David Owen	Dumfries	Ruaraidh Whyte	Dumfries
Joanne Harrison	England	Lisa Peters	Wales	Andrew Whyte	Dumfries
Sandy Hay	Kinross	David Peters	Aberdeen	Allison Whyte	Dumfries
William Holland	Dumfries	Richard Pougher	Wales		

Technical Coach

Brad Askew	Royal Club	Jim Morrison	East Kilbride
John Graham	Dumfries	Marion Murdoch	Lockerbie
Logan Gray	Stirling	Laura Mutch	Aberdeen
David Horne	Braehead	Lorna Rennie	Kinross
Jan Howard	Greenacres	Campbell Ross	Elgin
Jim Keillor	Forfar	Graham Sloan	Dumfries
Ian Keron	Edinburgh	Jim Stables	Waterfront
Jim Lochridge	Greenacres	Ena Stevenson	Kinross
Judith McFarlane	Royal Club	David Westall	Stirling
Gordon McIntyre	Greenacres	Derek Young	Stirling
Albert Middler	Aberdeen		