

Mid Season Update

As the snow continues to fall outside it is an opportunity to update you all on what has been happening with the club and its members this year.

Nationally

Like you I am disappointed that our men and ladies at the Olympics have not gone on into the knock out phases but there have been some good performances and we have been able to see the matches live in the Ice Centre on the big screen. I only have a few fingernails left and it is always much easier from the safety of your armchair.

Our own member Tom Pendreigh is out there just now as coach of the GB Wheelies and we wish them all the best.

Locally

OUTDOORS

The Star of local curling this year has been the weather. This is the longest, coldest winter most of us can remember - even us older guys - and this has produced lots of outdoor ice which some of us notably Ian Thomson and John Smart have revelled in. We had a team all set for the Grand Match but alas we all know it did not happen. However we did take part in outdoor bonspiels at Muir of Ord and Kingsmills and the teams enjoyed themselves greatly. Thanks to Highland and Muir of Ord for the invites. Thanks to the photographers too!

Some things to remember:

- 1) In this coming year ask our members who would be willing to play in outside matches to make sure everyone gets the opportunity if the Ice is there.
- 2) Nominate our skip for the Grand Match at the AGM.
- 3) Wrap up well and bring your lubrication!

INDOORS

While the Ice outside has been great so too has our Inside Ice. Thanks to Keith and his team of new guys and gals for producing excellent fast Ice all season. Unfortunately the outdoor conditions have meant that we have had various postponements and will struggle to get them all our fixtures in.

Moray Province

We managed to put the same number of teams into province this year and also entered the Open KO. It is fair to say that the loss of some players through illness, work commitments, getting older and unfortunately in some cases simply not appearing has affected the performance of teams and made life difficult, particularly for Bill Fraser.

Division 1.

With one game to play Mark Fraser's rink skipped by Blair Fraser leads the league by 2 points.

Division 2

Bill Frasers rink is bottom of the league and is bound to go down.

Division 3

Alan Duncan, Ian Thomson and Brian Spence are all going to avoid promotion.

Open KO

Ian McPhail's rink lost in the first round to Ali Asher of Nairn.

Ellis Allan League _Playing 7 Games

Teams and positions at 16/2/2010 are:-

John Smart	Played 5	Won 0	Peeled 1	Lost 4	Points 1
Neil Anderson	Played 4	Won 2		Lost 2	Points 4
Murray Menzies	Played 4	Won 1	Peeled 1	Lost 2	Points 3
Ian McPhail	Played 5	Won 5			Points 10

Christmas Bonspeil

This year we had 32 players at our Christmas Bonspeil which went well and was won by a rink skipped by Janet Brodie. Runner up was Bill Fraser and Booby was won by Ormond Smith.

Club Points

The late blast of February snow and confusion by Kingsmills Club lead to the cancellation of the event this week. We hope to reschedule before the season end.

Torness Friendly

We have two teams in (Mike Hulse and Ian McPhail) and the games should take place this month.

George Philip Bonspeil

We are all set to go this Saturday with – barring illness – a full 5 sheet complement for Bonspeil, soup, sandwiches, raffle and quiz.

Other Bonspeils

We have taken part in all four Area 10 Bonspeils and enjoyed the events without troubling the scorers. Still to come is the Macallan bonspiel.

Other News

Anniversary

The club will be 50 years young next year. We are at the moment trying to find the exact date and a list of founder members and have it in mind to celebrate the event during the 2011/12 season. All ideas welcome.

Membership

The club remains keen to grow membership and welcomes any newcomer to the sport or the area who are keen learn. We will be happy to provide coaching as required and there are reduced fees for year one members and juniors.