# Annual General Meeting of RCCC North East Area on 22nd April 2026
# To be held in Forfar Ice Rink at 7.30pm
# Agenda

1. Welcome from Area Rep Albert Middler
2. Apologies
3. Obituaries
4. Minutes of the previous AGM on 23rd April 2025
5. Matters arising from these minutes.
6. Reports
   - North East Area Reps – Albert Middler, Alistair Crozier, Philip Ross
   - Secretary and Treasurer's reports
   - Junior Curling: Aberdeen -Albert Middler
     Forfar – Ian Taylor
     Dundee – Andrew Skea
   - Development: – around the rinks
     - Aberdeen
     - Dundee
     - Forfar
7. Nominations

   Area Rep - Albert Middler (until 2026) 1st term
   Area Rep - Alistair Crozier (until 2028) 1st term
   Area Rep - Philip Ross (until 2029) 2nd term

   Secretary / Treasurer - Janice Walls (5 years served) retiring

   Vacancy nominations for secretary
   Proposed by _____ Seconded by_____
8. A.O.C.B.
   - Inter Province Proposal
   - Crichton Proposals

**Presentation of Prizes for season 2025-2026**

**INDOOR BONSPIEL** Dundee & District Province -
Lundie & Auchterhouse CC – N. Strachan, J. Strachan, G. Prophet, J. Coull

**GRANT TROPHY** N & S Esk Province
Caterthun CC- C. Curnin, T. Miller, J. Caithness, K. Miller

**CRICHTON TANKARD**
Angus Province
Fothringham 2 – A. White, F. White, M. Gregory, C. Johnston

**INTER PROVINCE COMPETITION** Angus Province

**ROY GRAY TROPHY** Angus Lindsay (FYC), Frazer Lindsay(FYC), Joe Lindsay (FYC) (Province Juniors)

NE Area Gift Presentation
**WORLD SENIOR WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONS** – Jackie Lockhart, Claire Milne & Mairi Milne

Date of Next Years AGM Wed 21st April 2027 Meeting Closed at 20.43pm.

# Royal Caledonian Curling Club
# Minute of North East Area Annual General Meeting
# Held at Forfar Indoor Sports,
# Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Area Representative Albert Middler opened the meeting and thanked everyone for taking the time to come along on this cold night.

**Attendance**:
18 members representing 13 clubs attended the AGM noted below:
Albert Middler (RCCC Area Rep (AWW), (Alistair Crozier RCCC Area Rep(Pitkerro), Alistair Scott (Broughty Ferry), Dave Smith ( Lundie & Auchterhouse), Neil Alexander (Fordoun), Pete Walls (Fettercairn), Janice Walls (Fettercairn/Dalhousie), George Paterson (Forfar), Brian McArtney (Letham Grange), Tracey Collie (Edzell / N&S Esk Province), Dougie McMurray (Fettercairn), Angus Lindsay (Forfar), Alan Arnot (Evenie Water), David Stobbs (Forfar), Ian Taylor (FYC), Shona Kilgour (Fothringham), Adrian White (Fothringham)

**Apologies:** )
Philip Ross (RCCC Area Rep) Lorraine Cambell (Dun CC), Janet Crozier (Pitkerro) Andrew Skea (Dundee), Anne Shaw (Fothringham), Andy McGlynn (Forfar), Wendy Louden (Edzell), Jim Keillor (Letham Grange) Andrew Walker (Broughty Ferry), Emma Sinclair (Edzell).

**Obituaries:**
Isabel Morrison (Dalhousie), Tom Kirk (University of Dundee), Ken Mole (University of Dundee), Gus Louden (Panmure), David Arnot (Forfar).

**Minute of AGM held on 23rd April 2025:**
Minute proposed by Alistair Crozier and seconded by Albert Middler.

**Matters Arising:**
1) Albert raised the issue of ratifying the new format of the Crichton Tankard Competition which had been trialled this season. Feedback regarding having the qualifying rounds at Province level was very positive and it had worked well. Following a short discussion all agreed we should keep the changes going forward. Motion proposed by Albert Middler and seconded by Adrian White.

2) Rule changes made last year regarding the 3-team minimum for The Grant, Indoor and Inter Province Competitions were also discussed and adopted. Proposed by Albert Middler and Seconded by Brian McArtney

**North East Area 12 Report Curl Aberdeen - Albert Middler**

I attended several ASC and joint ASC/LSC meetings throughout the season and one zoom ASC meeting. I have also attended various area management committee meetings.
Area Standing Committees – The proposal that failed at last year's AGM to
alter the format of the ASC to possibly Ice Rink reps rather than area reps is still under consideration but no advance has been made to date.
SC Curling Strategy – I believe Philips report has all the detail that is available at the moment so I will not bore you with reading it twice.
AGMs – Again Philip has full details in his report.

The Area Management committee met pre-season to complete the draws for the various Area competitions all of which went ahead as scheduled. This year again there was a lack of entries from the North Eastern Province and a couple of problems from them. In the Grant Trophy Team AWW withdrew on the day following a tyre blowout in a pot hole on the way to Forfar and in the Inter Province competition 3 teams organised but 1 withdrew and 1 turned up short handed and was DQ'ed.

However, all competitions were completed and congratulations to all the winning teams.
Indoor Bonspiel – Club
Grant Trophy – Province and Club
Crichton Tankard - Club
Inter Province – Province
Roy Gray Trophy
More details of who and what in the prize giving

**North East Area 12 Report Alistair Crozier (Curl Dundee )**

I attended several ASC and joint ASC & LSC meetings both in person and on zoom - the main focus was on maximising attracting new curlers in an Olympic winter and that seems to be very successful across all the rinks in Scotland. Hopefully this will result in new curlers next season.

Most things such as the Members forum etc have been mentioned in Philip and Alberts report so I will focus on Dundee Ice Rink - it has been another successful year for Curl Dundee with improved curling ice this year and most sessions fairly full which has built upon the success in Curl Dundee first full year last year.

I've attached a report from Curl Dundee with the participation statistics and a report from Dundee Junior Curling Club.

Additionally, the Dundee and District Province have successfully run 4 trophy competitions, a points competition and a province medal. Although one club won all 4 province trophies this year and members from one club (a different club) won both the men's and women's points competition, this is not due to lack of competition from the other clubs in the province - all the games were competitive, well supported and close.

The province competitions are listed below, congratulations to all the winners

Pattison Trophy: PITKERRO CC - R. Wallace, J Wallace, C Watson, G Mackie
Lord Kinnaird Trophy: PITKERRO CC - (double rink competition) J Goodfellow, A Crozier, D Lowe, A Gardiner C Campbell, L McNicol R Latto, M Wilson
Zermatt Trophy: PITKERRO CC - J Goodfellow, A Crozier, D Lowe, D Champion
Tennent Caledonian Bonspiel: PITKERRO CC - A Crozier, B Wallace, M Mcleod, J Crozier
Directors Trophy, Men's Points: Callum Jacklin (BALRUDDERY CC) Curling Club Zermatt visit to Scotland 1960,
Women's Points: Carole Sutherland (BALRUDDERY CC)
Province Medal: PANMURE CC - J Macfarlane, S Macfarlane, D Boyle, G Currie

Two of the clubs in the province celebrated anniversaries and held bonspiels, fundraisers and dinners - these were well supported and enjoyed by all. Clubs from the province also entered and played in all the Area competitions which were enjoyed by all.

**North East Area 12 Report Philip Ross (Curl Forfar)**

I attended ASC and joint ASC/LSC meetings in Kinross, Perth, and on Zoom and been in attendance at various management committee meetings. Unfortunately, the winter flu' season prevented attending in Inverness.

SC Curling strategy - This is being updated for the next four years 2027-2031 and called Growing the Game. The mission is to "Grow the game by strengthening clubs, rinks, volunteers and pathways". It is still at an early stage and there have been a number of in-person and Zoom meetings to get feedback. The final version will take into account the feelings and ideas from these meetings.

AGMs

The Royal Caledonian Curling Club AGM - the 188th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club will be held on Saturday 27 June 2026.
The Agenda and Annual Report will be issued in June.
The Annual Accounts will be issued in June.
The 2025 AGM Minute will be ratified at the AGM.
There may be some other resolutions yet to be announced.

The 66th Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club will be held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at Highland RFC, Clubhouse, Canal Park, Inverness IV3 5SS at 2pm. Agenda available late April. 2025 LB AGM minute to be ratified and the AGM.

Area Management & Area Competitions

The core purpose of the Area Management committee is to carry out the competition draws and help with communications in the Area. A big thank you to all clubs for doing a great job in keeping the RCCC members database up to date as possible.
We didn't have any disqualifications or penalties due to unregistered players. There were some competitions where teams failed to turn up, and due to unforeseen issues the Inter-province was run with fewer teams.

Tours

2026 USA Women's Tour to Scotland – this is still listed as unconfirmed on the website, however the visitors are coming to the North East in Nov 2026.

**Area Secretary's report:** Janice Walls

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to Albert, Alistair and Philip for their ongoing support throughout the season. My thanks also go to the Province secretaries for their invaluable assistance in relaying information to clubs, and to the members of the Area Management Committee for their dedication and commitment.

Management Committee Meetings

Over the course of the 2025/2026 season, two management committee meetings were held. The first took place in September at Forfar Rugby Club, where the competitions were drawn, finances were reviewed, and discussions were held regarding the local rules for the Crichton Qualifiers.
The second meeting was a pre-AGM gathering in March. Key topics included updates on finances and competitions, positive feedback from the Provinces concerning the Crichton Qualifiers, strategies to encourage increased competition entries, Area Standing Committee reports from representatives, and

feedback from across the Provinces. Detailed information from these meetings will be available on the Area Website at https://northeastarea.curling.org.uk/. once Philip comes back from his holiday.

Competitions

**Crichton Tankard**

This season saw 15 entries for the Crichton Tankard, which was one fewer than the previous year. The introduction of Province qualifiers proved effective, with the competition proceeding smoothly to the finals without any significant issues.

Note: Dundee and District with 5 (1 less), N&S Esk 3, angus 6, NE 1

**Indoor Bonspiel**

The Indoor Bonspiel maintained the same level of participation as last year, with 15 teams entering. Once again, Forfar Gateway entered a team to ensure the numbers were balanced, for which we are very grateful. However, on the day of the event, three teams were unable to attend for various reasons.

**Grant Trophy**

There were 15 teams competing in the Grant Trophy, marking a decrease of one from the previous year. Thanks, are again due to Forfar Gateway for stepping in to fill the gap. One team was unable to participate due to a traffic incident.

**Inter Province Challenge**

Now in its eighth year, the Inter Province Challenge continues to be a significant event. I would like to thank the Province Secretaries for their hard work in organising the teams, as I appreciate that it can sometimes be a difficult task. During the event, Gateway Club stepped in to cover for North Eastern team 1, while North Eastern team 2 played with only three members, including one curler from another Province. The remaining three Provinces each fielded three teams, allowing the competition to proceed successfully. The rules, adapted last year to address scoring imbalances, functioned well and ensured fair play across all teams.

Conclusion

Finally, I am stepping down as Secretary / Treasurer this year after serving five years, thank you to everyone for your support it's been much appreciated.

**Area Treasurer's report:** Janice walls

Banking and Account Changes

On 27th June, I successfully transferred our account to Virgin Money. We now hold a Virgin business non-profit account, specifically for societies and clubs, which entitles us to 10 free transactions each calendar month. Since last year's audit, Bank of Scotland charges have accrued to £19.18. I am confident that moving banks was the right decision. These charges are documented in the statement.

**Competition Entry Levies**

All four Provinces have paid their Competition Entry Levy's in full. Thank you for your prompt payment.

**Financial Overview**

The bank balance remains reasonable, though there is a deficit of £70.20. This deficit is mainly due to AGM room hire, bank charges, and a decrease in competition entries. If we had not received a Tour surplus of £299 last year, the deficit would have been considerably higher.

**Income** for the year amounted to £882.48. Of this, £432 is reimbursement for cancelled Indoor Bonspiel and Grant Trophy Ice fees, £450 is from Competition Entries, and 48p was earned in bank interest.

Competition entries decreased by three this year, resulting in £30 less than last year.
Over the past two years, competition levies are down by £50.

**Expenditure**

Expenditure for the year totalled £952.68. Engraving and prizes cost £336.50, an increase of £11.50 from last year, and further increases are anticipated. Silver curling stone necklaces were presented to Jackie Lockhart and Mairi and Claire Milne for winning Gold at the Senior Women's World Championships at a cost of £135. Additional expenses include £50 for AGM room hire, £19.18 in Bank of Scotland service charges, and £432 for cancelled ice.

**Prize Sponsorship and Competition Entries**

As in previous years, the Inter Province Prize has not appeared in the bank account, as Hayden Thomas presented the £100 cash prize directly to the winning Province. Thank you to Hayden for your company's sponsorship.

A detailed breakdown of this year's competition entries and fees is provided below:

| | No of Entries | Crichton, | Grant, | Indoor Bonspiel, | Revenue |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| • DD | (13): | 5, | 4, | 4, | £130 |
| • A | (14): | 6, | 4, | 4, | £140 |
| • N&S E | (13): | 3, | 5, | 5, | £130 |
| • NE | (5): | 1, | 2, | 2, | £50 |
| • 2025 entries: | | 15, | 16, | 16, | £450 |

**ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB - NORTH EAST AREA**

**Accounts for Seaso 2025/2026**

| 2024/2025 | | 2025/2026 | |
|---|---|---|---|
| £741.71 | Opening Balance | | £1,057.52 |
| | **Area 12 Income** | | |
| £480.00 | Competitions Entries | £450.00 | |
| £136.00 | Repayment of Cancelled Ice | £432.00 | |
| £0.00 | Cashback from bank | £0.48 | |
| £0.00 | | | |
| | | £882.48 | |
| £616.00 | | | £1,940.00 |
| | **Area 12 Expenditure** | | |
| £325.00 | Tannadice Trophies for Prizes | £336.50 | |
| £63.99 | Presentations 3 Gold Medal Winners | £135.00 | |
| £0.00 | AGM Room Hire | £30.00 | |
| £136.00 | Cancelled Indoor Bonspiel Ice | £288.00 | |
| £136.00 | Cancelled Inter Province Ice | £0.00 | |
| £4.25 | Bank Service Charges | £19.18 | |
| | Cancelled Grant Trophy Ice | £144.00 | |
| | | £952.68 | £987.32 |
| 529.24 | | | |
| £229.05 | Tour Surplus Donation from Provinces to Area | £0.00 | |
| £229.05 | Cash Movement Surplus/Deficit | | £70.20 |
| £1,057.52 | Closing Balance | | £987.32 |
| J.Walls | | Tom Somerville | |
| Hon Treasurer | | Independent Examiner | |

**North East Area 12 Accounts**
**Income/Expenditure 2025-256 season**

| Date | Details | Chq No out | Cash | pending | Income | Expense | Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **OPENING BALANCE** | | | | | | £1,057.52 |
| 17/04/2025 | Tannadice Trophies | | | | | £336.50 | |
| 22/04/2025 | AGM room hire | | | | | £30.00 | |
| 15/04/2026 | Bank Service Charge - 451980795 | | | | | £6.43 | |
| 19/04/2026 | Bank Service Charge - 454417999 | | | | | £4.25 | |
| 17/06/2026 | Bank Service Charge - 4568364898 | | | | | £4.25 | |
| 23/06/2026 | Bank Service Charge - 460975182 | | | | | £4.25 | |
| **Funds Transferred to Virgin 27th June 2025** | | | | | | | £671.84 |
| 11.02 2026 | Angus Levy | | | | £140.00 | | |
| 15/01/2026 | N&S Esk Levy | | | | £130.00 | | |
| 17/02/2026 | North Eastern Levy | | | | £50.00 | | |
| 12/02/2026 | Dundee & District Levy | | | | £130.00 | | |
| 03/11/2025 | Caterthun Ice for no show Indoor Bonspiel | | | | | £144.00 | |
| 03/11/2025 | Dun Ice for no show Indoor Bonspiel | | | | | £144.00 | |
| 05/12/2025 | Catterthun Ice repaid | | | | £144.00 | | |
| 11/11/2025 | Dun Ice repaid | | | | £144.00 | | |
| 03/12/2025 | rebecca studios - 3 curling necklaces deposit | | | | | £67.50 | |
| 05/01/2062 | cashback - from bank | | | | £0.24 | | |
| 02/02/2026 | FIS AWW No Show Grant Trophy | | | | | £144.00 | |
| 02/02/2026 | Rebecca studios - 3 curling necklaces payment | | | | | £67.50 | |
| 03/02/2026 | AWW Grant Trophy No Show Albert payment | | | | £144.00 | | |
| 03/03/2026 | Cashback from bank | | | | £0.24 | | |
| | 2025/26 Closing Balance | | | | | | £987.32 |

**Balance Sheet Position**

Still to pay from this season is £339 Tannadice Trophies and £50 for the AGM room hire which leaves us with £598.32 which just about enough to allow payment of cancelled ice, if necessary, until the Provinces pay their Levy's. However, further reductions in entries combined with rising costs will

provide challenges. Unfortunately, Hayden Thomas from Stonepack Ltd has withdrawn the Inter Province cash sponsorship of £100 this year and I am expecting a deficit of at least £209 pounds next year and that's without buying future world winners gifts.

**Levy Review and Future Suggestions**

At last year's AGM, we agreed to review the Levy's, and this was discussed at the March management committee meeting. We have not paid for Crichton Finals Ice for the past two years, which has helped to prevent Levy increases, however

I propose that we continue to do this formally tonight and raise the competition entry levy by £5 to cover costs of future gifts and the Inter Province Prize (£240)

**Outcome**

The group agreed that increasing the levy by £5 per competition entry was excessive, and

a) decided to officially stop funding the Crichton Final Ice - Proposed by Adrian White and seconded by Shona Kilgour
b) Withdraw the Inter Province prize to the winning Province – effective from today AGM proposed by Janice and seconded by Alistair Scott ( No Cash Presentation made)
c) Raise the levy by £2 per entry to £12 which was Proposed by Alistair and seconded by Dougie McMurry.

## Junior Curling:

**Curl Aberdeen:** Albert Middler

Curl Aberdeen Juniors have had another successful season. Membership is steady at 36 junior members, however that number hopefully will greatly increase if all that attended the last 6 weeks return next season. The Olympics have a lot to answer for, nothing like turning up for a coaching session on a Wednesday for 3 or 4 kids and 16 turn up. The juniors have 3 coaching sessions per week throughout the season. the more advanced players on Tuesday 4.30 – 5.45pm, beginners and novices on Wednesday 4.30 – 5.45pm and all members Sunday morning 10.00am - 12.00noon. In addition to the forementioned sessions we had 5 Scottish Curling Academy and 2 Under 14 Academy athletes, that train with their team coaches every Tuesday or Wednesday at 4.00 - 6.00pm. All Academy members played in the Scottish Junior Curling Championships.

We had teams play in all the slams, under 14's, under 17's and under 21's, for those playing in more than one age group that is quite a commitment both for the juniors and their parents, who we should never forget to thank, without their support and transport we would struggle to have any juniors. This year was a more successful season with Curl Aberdeen Junior members in all the winning slam teams, under 14, Charlotte Brewster with team Asham, under 17 Amber Perras with team Skea and under 21 Ethan Brewster. Ethan also won the Scottish Curling Junior Mixed Championship with partner Tia Laurie and will represent Scotland at the World Junior Mixed Championships

We also had one school, Banchory Academy, team play in the Scottish Schools Championships unfortunately this season not making it to the play off stages.

A number of our juniors play in Super League teams either as regular members of a team or as subs when required where they acquitted themselves well and a few more will be playing next season.

Finally our thanks to our coaches, Albert Middler, Kyle McLain, Rosemary Arkley, Layla Alsafar, Claire Perras and Academy Coach Kay Gibb.

## Junior Curling cont.

**Curl Forfar:** Ian Taylor – Lead Coach

The club continues to attract good numbers with membership in the low 50's. This includes a large influx during the 2026 Olympic games. We have 11 new members starting this year with 9 of them starting during January and February so the Olympics certainly enthused a lot of people.
Most Saturdays we have in the region of 24 Young Curlers attend our Saturday morning coaching sessions.

FYC's support Ice Rink competitions by entering teams in all the Bonspiels, Agricar League, Calander Trophy and the Peter Pan Competition. We also play our own internal leagues helping to develop the athletes' curling skills and tactical awareness.

Asham Slam events and other national competitions are also keenly supported by our young curlers. More than 20 members of FYC have competed in national competitions ranging from Under 21's to Under 12's, Scottish Championships and Schools.

Notable successes this year were:

Morag Skea skipping her own team were the overall winners of the Asham Under 17's series.
A great achievement for an all-girls team playing against all-boys and mixed teams. I believe this is only the second time this has happened.

Callie Soutar skipping her Academy Team had another successful season. She was narrowly beaten in the semi-finals of the Scottish Juniors but went on to reach the final of the Scottish Ladies where again, she was narrowly beaten by a very strong Team Henderson. It was a tremendous final to watch, and Callie is proving to be a great player and ambassador of Junior Curling and Forfar Young Curlers.

Finally, I'd like to thank the coaches and Helpers that give up their free time to make the club the success it is and of course thank you to Forfar Indoor Sports for providing such excellent ice and facilities.

**Curl Dundee:** Andrew Skea

Membership at year end is 14 with average weekly attendance around 8 at the start of the season rising to 16 at the final session of the season. After a few years of low numbers since Covid, it is pleasing to see a bit of recruitment following the recent Olympics.

Coaching Our usual coaching session has moved to 4:30-5:45pm on Tuesdays in Dundee Ice Arena. Thank you to our regular coaches, Drew Moyes and Alasdair Macleod. Also, to Andrew Skea for coordination and admin. Help also from Neil Strachan and Jackie McQueen. Our coaching pool is depleted, and a lack of coaches restricts our ability to add to numbers of juniors...
Please contact Andrew Skea.

<u>External Games and Competitions .</u>
In the 2025/26 season our members played most Dundee Ice Arena bonspiels and Tennent Caledonian Bonspiel Trophy. We had one young team in Dundee Lindays Phin League.

We have an enthusiastic U14 girls' team (Team Kiddie) who participated in all four U14 slams as well as the U13 Funspiel in Perth. A new U12 boys' team (Team Dunkerley) played at Stirling U12 and will hopefully do some or all of the U14 slams next season.

Morag Skea as part of Team Skea competed in all U17 and U21 slams as well as Scottish Junior Championships. They won the U17 slam series and have qualified for Scottish Curling Academy for next season.

We support school teams and currently have one High School of Dundee team.

## Junior Curling cont.

**Curl Dundee:**

Finances

The club has reasonable cash reserves and a good stock of rental shoes.

To grow numbers, we do need more coaches and adults keen to help recruit in local schools. Help with admin is also sought.

We look forward to next season. Andrew Skea

## Development Around the Rinks

**Curl Aberdeen:** Albert Middler

This has been busy season at Curl Aberdeen

| | |
|---|---|
| Try Curling | 26 x 1 Hour sessions |
| Beginners Classes | 6 blocks of 3 x 2-hour sessions |
| Novices Classes | 2 Hour session 10.00am and 6.00pm every Wednesday and a 2-hour session 10.00am Sundays |
| Juniors | As reported 3 sessions per week |
| Schools | 34 x 2-hour sessions of various schools |
| Corporate | 45 x 2-hour sessions of corporate |
| Property League | In addition to the above a new Property League was formed. Individual companies paid an entry fee covering membership and ice costs including 4 coaching sessions. In total 9 new teams were formed consisting mainly of new members. Approx 50 new members. |
| Special Olympics | In conjunction with Scottish Curling and Disability Sports to date, 21 sessions of Floor Curling have been organised. They started in February and are scheduled to run in 8 weekly blocks throughout the summer. |

**Curl Dundee:** Alistair Scott

**Scottish Curling Rink Stats Tracker 2025/26**

Rink: Curl Dundee at Dundee Ice Arena

*Rev 1 Alasdair Macleod 30th March 2026*

| | | | | Total | NOTES: |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grassroots Pathway | General Try Curling | Sessions | *Number of sessions* | 17 | Publicly advertised sessions Maily at 8.10 and therefore adut participation |
| | | Participants | *Total number of participants* | 125 | |
| | Wheelchair Try Curling | Sessions | *Number of sessions* | 2 | In association with Dundee Dragons |
| | | Participants | *Total number of participants* | 14 | |
| | Disibility Try Curling | Sessions | *Number of sessions* | 1 | Kingspark School YC both Floor and on ice offered |
| | | Participants | *Total number of participants* | 4 | |
| | Veterans Try Curling | Sessions | *Number of sessions* | | |
| | | Participants | *Total number of participants* | | |
| | Junior Try Curling | Sessions | *Number of sessions* | 15 | Sessions targeted at late afternoon early evening times and advertised as family curling. Also includessessions for college / university students |
| | | Participants | *Total number of participants* | 153 | |
| | Beginner lessons | 4 No 3 Session Courses | *Number of sessions* | 12 | Participants all from Try Curling events (Excludes juniors who attend Juniors Club. |
| | | Participants | *Total number of participants* | 34 | |
| | Improver Training Sess | Sessions | *12 Sessions Offered 8 attended* | 8 | Open to all but targeted at new / recent Gateway Members and established curlers. |
| | | Participants | *Number Participants* | 43 | |
| Organised Groups | Curling's Cool/ School Groups | Sessions | *Number of sessions* | | |
| | | Schools | *Number of schools* | | No ice sessions for schools but extensive floor curling programme. |
| | | Participants | *Total number of participants* | | |
| | Corporate Sessions/ Groups | Sessions | *Number of sessions* | 5 | Includes corporate groups (NCR, Donaldso) and TC Club Sessions (Panmure + Dcc) |
| | | Participants | *Total number of participants* | 25 | |
| | Community Groups* | Sessions | *Number of sessions* | | * e.g. Scout groups, youth groups |
| | | Participants | *Total number of participants* | | |
| | After Schools Groups/Programmes | Sessions | *Number of sessions* | | No ice sessions for schools but extensive floor curling programme. |
| | | Participants | *Total number of participants* | | |
| | EDI Groups** | Sessions | *Number of sessions* | | ** Equality, Diversity and Inclusion groups e.g. Disibility groups |
| | | Participants | *Total number of participants* | | |
| Volunteers | | Ready Steady Curl Trained On Ice Helper | *Number of volunteers* | | |
| | | On Ice Helper (without RSC training) | *Number of volunteers* | | |
| New Curlers | | *Number of new curlers to join rink or clubs* | | | |
| Total Curlers | | *Total number of curlers at rink* | | | |

## Development Around the Rinks cont.

**Curl Forfar:** Brian McArtney

This year has been busy for our coaches of which 26 are fully qualified with a PVG and a CWPS qualification. The qualifications changed last summer and only those coaching Children and Vulnerable Groups require a PVG now, and only 4 do not have a PVG.

The coaches coached 87 X 2-hour sessions and some of these were subdivided into two one hour sessions.

Sessions we coach on ice – General coaching on a Monday morning, Forfar Young Curlers on a Saturday morning, After Schools on a Wednesday Afternoon, Try Curling and Beginners sessions throughout the year, Gateway coaching sessions throughout the year, Primary schools in a few afternoons, Club coaching sessions throughout the year, Ladies coaching session, Corporate sessions as requested to name but a few.

I personally have led 2 sessions with wheelchair curlers at Dundee Ice Arena.

Some of our coaches do floor curling with various schools and follow up usually with a Tournament at the end. Dundee and Angus College students have also been doing floor Curling with schools on Arbroath, Montrose and Forfar. It is hoped that the students themselves can have some time on the ice and perhaps get a Level 1 Curling Qualification.

Try curling had over 100 new curlers visit the rink and many have said they would like to follow up their experience next year within the Gateway club. Around 18 have already been along to the Gateway coaching.

The rink itself has been very busy hosting many competitions at national and local levels with the Area and the three local Provinces participating. The rink itself has its own competitions which are usually well supported by the local clubs. Clubs themselves run their own competitions and there is a healthy yet competitive number of inter club games, increasing the rivalry to see who it top dog.

There are roughly 500 FIS paid up members with many more playing without membership.

Communication on what is happening at the rink is done regularly through club secretaries and social media. FIS have bought three floor curling sets, one which is a blow-up version, from their development fund.

**Nominations:**

Area Rep - Albert Middler until (2026) 1st term
Area Rep - Alistair Crozier until (2028) 1st term
Area Rep - Philip Ross until (2029) 2nd term
Secretary / Treasurer - Janice Walls (5 years served) retiring

Albert Middler agreed to carry on for a second term and there were no nominations for Secretary/ Treasurer this vacancy remains open; however, Shona Kilgour (Fothringham CC) has offered to be Treasurer if that helps – to be taken forward

**The Area Representatives now stand as below for 2026/27.**

Area Rep – Alistair Crosier (2028) 1st term
Area Rep - Philip Ross (2029) 2nd term
Area Rep - Albert Middler (2030) 2nd term
Secretary / Treasurer – Janice Walls continues until replacement found

**AOCB**

a. **Inter Province proposal:**

b. **Crichton Proposal:**

These Issues were discussed and ratified at the beginning of the meeting in Matters arising from the previous AGM minutes.

Date of Next Years AGM will be held on Wed 21st April 2027 at Forfar Ice Centre

Meeting Closed at 20.43pm.

## *North East Area Presentation of Prizes*

***Indoor Bonspiel***
Dundee & District
Lundie & Auchterhouse
N. Strachan, J. Strachan,
G. Prophet and J. Coull

***Grant Trophy***
N & S Esk Province
Caterthun CC
C. Curnin, T. Miller,
J. Caithness and K. Miller

***Crichton Tankard***
Angus Province
Fothringham 2
A. White, F. White,
M. Gregory, C. Johnstone

***Inter Province Competition***
***Roy Gray Trophy***
Angus Province Juniors
A. Lindsay, F. Lindsay
and J. Lindsay (FYC)

***World Senior Women's Champions 2026***
Mairi Milne, Jackie Lockhart, Claire Milne
Letham Grange, Laurencekirk , Letham Grange