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## OUR ICE FACILITY

We don't always acknowledge it but we have one of the best ice halls in Scotland. Our ice is prepared to a high standard and we are one of the cheapest for ice fees per game. Active Stirling provide us with this great facility and we have a duty to do our bit too. Cleanliness of the ice is very much down to the curlers. As the Season is about to start, please check

- **Your shoes are in good shape and clean**
- **Your grippers are not showing signs of wear and tear**
- **Your grippers are clean inside and out**
- **Your brush heads are clean and not worn**
- **Any aids are clean and in good order**

Please take action NOW to make sure you are ice ready.

## SCG AGM Report

We gained three new committee members: Marjorie Christie, Mike Gellatly and Brian Ferguson and a warm welcome to them. Joe Kincaid stood down and was thanked for all his hard work. The rest of the committee remain in place.

We had a request to debate the future structure of curling in Stirling so have set up a sub-group for this purpose.

We intend to rationalise the trophies, identify those no longer used and repurpose where possible.

We will arrange an annual ceilidh and prizegiving.

We will arrange badges for the Maxwell Trophy winners

Agreed to put the British Open "on the Road" and progress with Forfar Ice Rink.

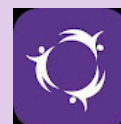
As there were no volunteers, Janet Simpson remains as acting chair meantime and Marcus Wood as acting Treasurer. Marcus continues as Secretary.

## COACHES

With an ambitious development programme the number of coaches available needs to be increased. If you would like to find out more about becoming one of Active Stirling's volunteer coaches, please contact [Hammy](#)

There is a Scottish Curling Level 1 Coaching course coming up on 24 September in Forfar. See the [Scottish Curling website](#) for details.

There is a full programme to develop the sport for all ages and abilities. Details are on the Active Stirling Website and App



# COMPETITIONS

The SCG Committee has been working hard in planning for this coming season and so far we have the following plans. If you haven't already signed up, please contact our Secretary, Marcus Wood and he will let you know if we can accommodate you.

- Doune Rosebowl: 6 September 3pm and 6pm
- The Peak Leagues Divisions 1 and 2: Sept to March Tuesdays 20:30 and 21:00
- The Peak Leagues Afternoon Mixed: Tuesdays at 12:30 about once per month
- The Peak Leagues Daytime: Mondays at 12:30 about once per month
- The Peak Leagues Interclub: Tuesdays at 20:30 and 21:00
- The Peak Leagues Stick: Mondays at 12:30 about once per month
- The Small Clubs League: Tuesdays at 20:30
- SCG Open Points: 7 February 2024 6pm and 8.30pm
- Pairs: 28 October 2pm
- Christmas Bonspiel: 13 December 6pm
- End of Year Bash: 30 December daytime
- Quick Curling to be arranged but please let us know if you are interested

**IN ADDITION** to the above, there are the following Stirling Ladies Competitions. Contact: [stirlingladiescurling@gmail.com](mailto:stirlingladiescurling@gmail.com)

**The Emily Tait:** 25 October 12:30pm and 3pm

**The Arnold Seftor:** 22 January 12:30pm and 3pm

**The Anna Smith League:** Mondays 6:00pm throughout Autumn

**Christmas Bonspiel:** 7 December 10:00am

**The Stirling Ladies Open:** 4 March 2024

There are also Ladies Open Competitions running at nearby ice rinks that you may wish to enter. Details from [stirlingladiescurling@gmail.com](mailto:stirlingladiescurling@gmail.com)

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## Facility News

Active Stirling is supplying new heads for the facilities' curling brushes and SCG is providing nail brushes at the end of the sheets. We are also investigating sticky mats to help keep curling shoes clean whilst moving between the changing rooms and the ice. Please help by minimising the time you wear curling shoes off the ice. Curling shoes must not be worn outside the ice hall.

Notice Boards have been reorganised and if your Club is missing one, please let us know.

The trophy cabinet has been tidied with new labels and we intend to attach photos of current holders of each trophy.