

WELCOME TO THE JULY NEWSLETTER

We hope you are enjoying the summer break and already looking forward to getting back on the ice. As preparations for the new season gather pace, there is plenty happening at Curl Stirling—from membership renewals and competition entries to exciting developments as we continue our journey as a newly branded organisation.

This newsletter will keep you up to date with everything you need to know and highlight some of the opportunities available to become more involved in our growing curling community.

MEMBERSHIP OF CURL STIRLING

All clubs should now have received details of applications for membership of Curling Stirling. We apologise for the wrong version being sent out initially but the correct version should now be with you and it explains what you need to do.

The Club membership fee of £10 plus £2 per mother club member amalgamates all the subscriptions clubs used to pay to SCG, to the Area and to the Ladies Area Branch. Please note that the deadline for membership applications is the end of August 2026.

COMPETITIONS

The draws and dates for the Peak Leagues, Alexander KO, SCCA and Interclub Leagues have been issued and are available on our website and social media. Dates for the Friendly League and Stick League will be coming out shortly.

Please also consider putting a team into our **Christmas Bonspiel** on Wednesday 16th December at 6pm. There is also the **Ladies Funspiel** on 9th December at 10am. We are also hoping to run our **Hogmanay Hack** again this season, so look out for the application form nearer the time.

Winnock Shield – 24th March 2027. There will be sessions at 3pm and 6pm and we are looking to get even more teams competing this season in order to raise money for a charitable donation. Last year we raised over £800 for Strathcarron Hospice. [Apply here](#). As soon as possible.

Pairs - Our Pairs competition will be held over the weekend of 16/17 January 2027 at a cost of £60 per team. A link to the application form which should be submitted as soon as possible, can be found [here](#).

Don't forget if you wish to represent Stirling at a National Competition, applications close on 31 July for the **District Medal** and the **Rink championships**. Apply directly to Scottish Curling.

CURL STIRLING

We are busy rebranding and reorganising, so over time you will see changes to our Website, Newsletter, emails etc. so please bear with us as we introduce these changes, as we won't necessarily get everything right every time. We have set up a few sub-committees to help us with these changes and welcome anyone who is interested in joining us in this challenge. Contact our Chairperson, Mike Gellatly if you would like more information about joining any group. Sub committees are:

Pathway: Chaired by Stuart Gracie is looking at how to get new curlers, develop their curling career and maintain interest and how to retain existing curlers.

Membership: Chaired by Mike Gellatly is tasked with organising membership applications and the database and managing subscriptions.

Competitions: Chaired by Madge Christie is busy organising our diary of competitions and trialling/developing new ones. Co-ordinating Stirling teams at national competitions.

Communications: Chaired by Fraser Sutherland is tasked with updating our website, rebranding for Curl Stirling, new email addresses, links to local media and generally how best to communicate with our members.

The work of all our sub-committees is overseen by our Management Committee – current members who are: Mike Gellatly, Marcus Wood, Janet Simpson, Madge Christie, Stephen Walker, Gordon Jackson, Gill Smith, Craig Kyle, Fraser Sutherland, Arran Bauer, Derek Young, Jane Weir. Hammy McMillan and Thomas Mann are the Active Stirling reps. Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have any concerns, questions, ideas or suggestions.

CONTACT US

We are working on our new identity but in the meantime our contact details remain the same and our main points of contact are Secretary, Marcus or Chairperson, Mike.

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What's App – we have a community announcements group, so keep on eye on this for any urgent news. Use this [Link](#) to access.



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