



Edinburgh Curling Club Competitions Summary 2022/23

With the 2022/23 season finishing early we have decided to look back on this season's events and encourage everyone to consider these opportunities to enhance your schedule next season.

As a member of Edinburgh Curling Club (ECC) you are entitled and very welcome to enter these events. Most are done on a Skip/Team entry basis, but new for 2023/24 we are hoping to help individuals form new teams together or network with existing teams for opportunities to sub when required.

These events are a great opportunity to meet members from other clubs, to enjoy drinks and chat after the game, and if you're really lucky to get your hands & name on a magnificent 100+ year old trophy!

Over the following pages you'll find an outline of each competition, a summary of the event, and a photo of the winners. If these inspire you to participate, please do not hesitate to contact us.

All events are managed by ECC, with the main point of contact being Andy Macpherson in the office. If you would like more information about any of these or are interested in participating in any capacity, please email – info@edinburghcurling.co.uk

We hope to hear from you soon, but failing that, we hope you enjoy the summer when it comes, and we look forward to welcoming you back onto the ice next season.

Regards,

Curl Edinburgh

Cousin Trophy (Mixed League, Tuesday evenings)

The Cousin Trophy is played on Tuesday evenings across the season, with teams consisting of two male and two female members playing in alternating positions. It may be very competitive at the top of the league (as you'll discover below), but otherwise it offers social evenings. We highly recommend this league for any clubs that would like some extra primetime games against different faces.

For 2022/23 we were delighted to welcome two new teams to the Cousin Trophy, allowing six teams to contest a round robin. It finished exceptionally close, with the Top 3 teams all tied on 8 points! The top two teams were also tied on Ends, meaning the winners were only decided by Shots Up! Congratulations to the new entrants and 2022/23 champions, Team Craig Whyte.



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Rink	Played	Points	Ends	Shots +/-	Total Shots
C. Whyte	5	8	26	32	48
R. McLaren	5	8	26	13	37
M. Dick	5	8	20	10	37
S. Murphy	5	4	20	7	37
D. Hunter	5	2	10	-32	14
E. Sharp	5	0	9	-30	14

Half Century League (for curlers aged 50+, Friday afternoons)

The Half Century League is played on Friday afternoons, with teams consisting of any four curlers aged 50 and above. It is a very friendly league with a real emphasis on the social aspects of curling.

For 2022/23 it was a 10 team round robin with another very close finish. Believe it or not, the Top 5 teams were all separated by three points while the Bottom 5 teams were all separated by just two points! Congratulations to Susan Wyllie (nee Kesley) and her team, pictured below, who won the trophy at their first attempt and became the only female team to win the Director's Trophy (first awarded in 1912)!



Last updated: 24/2/23					
Rink	Played	Points	Ends	Shots +/-	Total Shots
Kesley	9	14	38	34	73
Anderson	9	13	34	26	78
Hunter	9	12	37	20	75
Davis	9	12	33	11	69
Scotland	9	11	31	-2	62
Pollitt	9	7	38	1	54
Watson	9	6	30	-27	46
Adam	9	5	32	-11	55
Dignan	9	5	28	-23	54
Price	9	5	23	-35	37

"Team enjoyed the fact that while competitive, the games are played to the true spirit of curling"

"Only feedback is to say how much we all enjoyed playing again in this competition"

Linlithgow League (Club League, Sunday mornings)

In its present format, this is a very small group of clubs playing a double round robin league on Sunday mornings. We are eager to see more clubs joining so that we can offer everyone more opponents in a single robin league for a similar number of games across the season.

This season only 4 clubs participated, so it ran as a double round robin (each team played 6 games). Again it all came down to a decider, with the top three teams finishing within three points of each other! After the closing round we had a new name on the trophy – congratulations to Athelstaneford CC.



All games are played at a consistent time on Sunday mornings, and teams can expect about 6 games across the season. This is absolutely perfect for small clubs that are struggling for numbers or meaningful fixtures, because it offers a series of fixtures with a variety.

Last update: 27/02/23				
Rink	Points	Ends	Shots +/-	Total Shots
Athelstaneford	9	23	4	45
Gogar Park	7	24	3	42
Corstorphine	6	26	2	45
Carrington	2	21	-9	30

“Regular 10am starts were generally approved of as they allowed us to get more out of the remaining day”

Monday Ladies League (Ladies League, Monday lunchtimes)

Played on Monday lunchtimes, this very popular league has 10 ladies teams in a single round robin. Congratulations to Jill Florence's team, who went undefeated to retain their title. There may have been a runaway winner at the top, but feedback from many teams say that this is a really friendly league where nobody should feel like they aren't good enough, beginners are encouraged, and new Skips are supported.



We would love to get this competition back up to 16-20 teams across two divisions. If you haven't got a complete team, or you are an individual looking to get involved, we would be happy to help.

Last updated: 27/02/23					
Rink	Played	Points	Ends	Shots +/-	Total Shots
J. Florence	9	18	52	89	103
J. Simpson	9	14	32	13	65
B. Watt	9	11	33	2	59
A. Watson	9	11	29	-4	48
B. Waddell	9	10	29	0	48
M. Fell	9	8	27	-24	45
N. Taylor	9	7	32	-2	46
J. Black	9	6	34	7	59
A. Clark	9	4	29	-30	44
Ford Ladies	9	1	18	-51	23

"Great to meet up and play with and against friends from other clubs"

"a very good competition especially for newish players and anyone wanting to start out as a skip"

Open Pairs (local qualifier for the Scottish Pairs Championship)

16 Edinburgh members played an 8 team knockout on Saturday 29th October, with the winners qualifying to represent Curl Edinburgh at the annual Scottish Pairs Championship. The highlight of Round 1 saw the random draw give a junior curler the rare opportunity of playing Olympic Silver medalist, Bruce Mouat. There wasn't much in their final scoreline, but it was Bruce and Kyle who progressed to the Semi-Finals, where they faced defending champion Adam Keron and his new teammate Frazer Shaw. As expected from players of their standard, the game featured plenty of impressive shots, with Keron/Shaw going through to the final. On the other side of the draw, perennial Pairs participants, the Patrick brothers (Graham and Nigel), made comfortable progress to the final with a combined score of 12-3 from their first two games.

The final was a close game with some big shots & careful planning consistently swinging the game in either team's favour. It finished with a nail-biting last shot for the win. Once the rocks came to rest, ECC President Sean Murphy presented the trophy to Adam Keron & Frazer Shaw.



Our Open Pairs event is welcoming to all ECC members, so please don't let the grand prize put you off. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a social day of Pairs against members from other clubs. And as proven this year, you never know who you might get drawn against!

This season we had looked to run the Ladies Pairs competition alongside this, and also to introduce a new Beginner Pairs event, but neither proceeded due to a lack of interest. If you are interested in any of the Pairs options please let us know so we can plan them for the 2023/24 season.

Sellar Trophy (Ladies Open)

12 teams competed in the latest edition of our Ladies Open for a chance to get their hands on the Sellar Trophy. On 24th & 25th January we were pleased to welcome new/returning entries from Stranraer, Forfar, and Perth alongside many of our regular Edinburgh teams. After two days of competition which led to a High & Low Road Final, our champions were a local team skipped by Maggie Barry, pictured below:



The Sellar Trophy is open to any ladies teams who would like to play a two day competition in Edinburgh. Usually held on a Tuesday/Wednesday in January, all teams are guaranteed three games played in a Schenkel format with the entry fee including a lunch on the Tuesday.

Swan Trophy (Double rink knockout, Thursday afternoons)

This format sees two teams from one club play against two teams from another club at the same time: With the club scoring more combined shots progressing to the next round.

After a comfortable first round win, Oxenfoord had the tough task of facing 5-time defending champions Currie & Balerno in one of the Semi-Finals. Both games were very even, with the final scores being 3-8 & 9-3, meaning the finalists by a single point were Oxenfoord, who went on to claim the trophy.



We would urge all clubs to consider entering the Swan Trophy because the double rink format makes for really exciting gameplay and results. All you need is 8 players who are available to represent your club on a Thursday afternoon, and then see how far into the competition your club can go.

Quarters			Semis			Final			
Thurs 17 Nov			Thurs 5 Jan			Thurs 5 Jan			
15:00			12:15			15:00			
£56 per team			£70 per team			Free of charge			
(£112 per club)			(£140 per club)						
GAME 1	Haddington	W		Mid Calder	10		Haddington	4	
	v			v					
	Aberlady	L		Haddington	9				
	Aberlady forfeit tie								
	Haddington	W		Mid Calder	5				
	v			v					
	Aberlady	L		Haddington	10				
GAME 2	Oxenfoord	14		Currie & Balerno	8		v		
	v			v					
	Penicuik	4		Oxenfoord	3				
	Oxenfoord	6		Currie & Balerno	3		Oxenfoord	6	
	v			v					
	Penicuik	6		Oxenfoord	9				

BHF Bonspiel

Every February we host a fundraising bonspiel in support of the life-saving research of the British Heart Foundation. Their East of Scotland Fundraising Manager, Angela McCormack, was delighted to visit us for a photo opportunity and to collect our donations.

Before the bonspiel all 10 teams posed for a photo promoting the BHF's new RevivR app, which offers everyone the chance to learn life-saving CPR skills from home, for free, within 15 minutes. After this they played two ends of novelty rules where both teams would score for all stones they had in the house, before playing the last six ends under normal rules. The club with the highest overall score would get their hands on our BHF Trophy.



Congratulations to this season's winners, Penicuik. And a big thank you to everyone who supported our event, which raised more than £700 for the British Heart Foundation.

We would love to see this event return to a full 14 team bonspiel to hopefully raise even more money for BHF, so if you, your company, or your club would be interested in supporting this event in future (as donors and/or participants) [please email us](#) and we'll add you to the mailing list for updates about next season.

Jackson Trophy

Named after W.K. Jackson, who skipped Team GB to the first Winter Olympic gold medal for curling (Chamonix, 1924), this is our annual Champion of Champions event. Reigning champions from each of our competitions are invited to enter for a chance of getting their hands and names on our grandest trophy.

2022/23 had a low turn-out with only 4 teams playing a straight knockout in the afternoon of Saturday 15th October. The final came down to the last stone, with Niall Gunn (Currie & Balerno) playing an accurate draw for the win. Congratulations to Joe & Maggie Barry, Niall Gunn (Skip), and Douglas Burns, pictured below:



As 2024 will mark the centenary of Jackson's Olympic success, we are intending to host a celebratory bonspiel in honour of all his achievements. Details are yet to be confirmed but if your club would be interested please register your interest by email and let us know of any format preferences.