



**August 2011**

Sister Curlers

As yet another barbeque summer draws to a close I hope your thoughts are returning to the Ice Bowl and the coming curling season. At the R.C.C.C. Ladies AGM held in Inverness on the 9<sup>th</sup> May, Fiona Hardie was elected as Junior Vice President of Ladies Branch R.C.C.C. ( a huge honour). This fired the committee with enthusiasm and we entered bids for the Unders & Overs national competition for 2011 and the Henderson Bishop Finals for 2013. We have since heard that Stranraer were the successful bidder for the Under & Overs competition and we should know the outcome of our Henderson Bishop bid in early October.

Ladies are reminded that they can play for more than one centre but obviously not in the same competition. Membership of the R.C.C.C. is necessary to play in these competitions, if your club is not affiliated you can affiliate by contacting Robert Sommerville DIBCA Secretary 01387 850410 cost £18.00

There is going to be a slight change to the format of the pairs competition on 27<sup>th</sup> October :- A round robin, play 3 ends coffee, 3 ends lunch and the winning rinks will play a final 3 ends. The pairs day has always been a thoroughly successful day and I would recommend this competition to any curler regardless of their ability. Start at 10.00am off the ice around 2.00pm. The committee will draw the pairs.

We are liaising with Stranraer to host the annual friendly at the Ice Bowl on either the 9<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> November. Three teams are required for what in the past has been a really enjoyable encounter. Lockerbie ladies have asked if we will resume the friendly game with them. Dates and times will be circulated when available.

Invitations have been received from Kelso and Aberdeen for teams to play in their Open Ladies Bonspiels;- See notice board in ladies changing room for more information.

Our Presidents Bonspiel will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March . We will be inviting teams from other ice rinks and an open invitation will be posted on the R.C.C.C. website. This is a social occasion and last year was deemed a big success -- so do please enter.

The Henderson Bishop play downs will be held on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November at the Ice Bowl. Draw will be posted on notice board in changing rooms.

Unders & Overs we are looking for two ladies over 25 and two girls under 25 to represent Dumfries Ladies Centre at Stranraer on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This competition has struggled in the past to attract teams and all the Ladies Centres have been asked to make a big effort to get a team this year and revive this competition.

Barbours Bonspiel will be played on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Fun League dates:- 6<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Dumfries Ice Bowl Curling Association Sweatshirts are available on request.

**Please pass on details of new members or for further information contact:-**

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Good curling  
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