



Welcome to the December RCCC Coaches' Newsletter. This newsletter has been compiled by the RCCC Coaching Committee in an effort to communicate with all curling coaches to give you some up to date information.

We hope you enjoy a very merry festive season!

### Coaches Bonspiel

The first RCCC Coaches Bonspiel since the integration of the SCA in 2007 was held on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> September at Braehead Curling Rink. 34 Coaches from far and wide were welcomed with a buck fizz reception. After a very enjoyable 5 end game, 4 ends with the teams rotating and the last end being decided by an envelope which produced some surprise endings to the games, the group then enjoyed a pleasant lunch, prize giving, a presentation honouring the coach of the year 2008 and a real guid blether.



The winning team was (from left to right):  
Harry Mitchell, Mary Foy and Ian Keron

The wooden spoons went to:  
Trish Petrie, Caroline Donaldson and David Smith

The real winners were all who attended and enjoyed a very jovial day both on and off the ice. A big thank you must go to Bruce Harley and his team for opening a bit earlier than usual to accommodate the bonspiel and producing some excellent ice on the first day. Also our thanks to the catering staff who looked after us so well all day.

A good kick start to the curling season for all the attendees.

### RCCC Coaches' Clothing

Stand out from the crowd with official coaching clothing.  
**They're for coaches at every level.**

Further to demand, the RCCC coaches' clothing range has been extended. Polo shirts, sweatshirts, rugby shirts and track tops are now available in addition to the traditional jacket.

The clothing identifies you as a RCCC qualified coach and the styles have been chosen with the demands of coaching in mind. All clothing bear a curling stone logo with the clear inscription "RCCC Coach" on the back. Your preferred first name embroidered on the front left opposite the RCCC logo.

Download a price list, size chart and order form from the Coaching Updates page on the RCCC website.



### RCCC Rink Child Protection Officers

The Royal Caledonian Curling Club is looking to recruit two volunteer Child Protection Officers per rink, during the summer. Please give some thought to potential candidates in your area (they do not necessarily need to be a coach). More details will be available on the website in the new year.



## Coaches update

Thank you to all the organisers, assessors, lead coaches, rinks and tutors who contributed to the success of the many coach education courses which have been run this season. A good attendance at the first coaching level, the Assistant Coach, is a positive trend to our growing numbers of coaches.

Please recognise and support the following people who attended the Assistant Coach Course this season.

### Trainee Assistant Coaches

Vicki Adams	Stirling	Lauren Gray	Stirling	Christopher McPhee	Inverness
Ian Archer	Hamilton	Karen Gregor	Hamilton	Shaun Milligan	Dumfries
James Barrie	Braehead	Trevor Harrison	Stranraer	David Morgan	Hamilton
Graeme Black	Lockerbie	Linda Hardie	Elgin	Jennifer Paul	Braehead
David Bradbury	Dumfries	Catriona Hendry	Waterfront	Mike Pickthall	Elgin
Eileen Broach	Lockerbie	Angela Higson	Hamilton	June Porter	Lockerbie
Jamie Brown	Stirling	Anne Hood	Hamilton	Colin Smith	Stranraer
Gary Cannel	Braehead	Roger Hoskins	Inverness	Alice Spence	Lockerbie
Fay Coutts	Elgin	Louise Jackson	Waterfront	Richard Stevenson	Stranraer
Lesley Craney	Hamilton	Norman Laird	Braehead	Christine Stewart	Lockerbie
Douglas Creighton	Dumfries	Angela Malone	Braehead	Stewart Sturrock	Inverness
Margaret Dickenson	Waterfront	Louise Mansion	Stirling	Steven Sykes	Lockerbie
Dorothy Duncan	Elgin	John Marrs	Waterfront	Paul Taylor	Elgin
Suzanne Dunn	Stirling	William Masterton	Hamilton	Hugh Templeton	Stranraer
Euan Elliot	Braehead	Sara McCaig	Waterfront	Neil Thomson	Stirling
Hannah Fleming	Lockerbie	John McDermott	Braehead	Norman Whitfield	Hamilton
Allan Frame	Stirling	Sandra McIver	Elgin		
Neil Fyfe	Stranraer	Marlyn McKenzie	Elgin		

Thank you to the following coaches who took the time to refresh their level A qualification to become Assistant Coaches

Kay Adams	Stirling	Meta Eccleston	Braehead	Bill Scott	Stranraer
Kate Adams	Stranraer	Mary Forster	Stranraer	Willie Sloan	Stranraer
Alison Batty	Stranraer	Elsbeth Goodfellow	Stirling	Rachel Speedie	Lockerbie
Noman Brown Jnr	Stranraer	Claire Goodfellow	Stirling	Robert Stewart	Braehead
Noman Brown Snr	Stranraer	David Lyall	Inverness	Peter Wilson	Stranraer
Christine Cannon	Stranraer	Janet McMillan	Stranraer	Helen Young	Stranraer
Jackie Cayton	Elgin	Morag Ross	Inverness		

Congratulations to the following who qualified this year (from May - Dec),

### Level A Coach

Mairi Adam	Inverness	16/07/2008
Alan Campbell	Elgin	07/05/2008
Morag Cumming	Elgin	07/05/2008
Frances Duncan	Elgin	01/08/2008
Ian Gibbs	Forfar	12/11/2008
Keith Gibbs	Forfar	12/11/2008
Louise Marshall	Elgin	07/05/2008
Barbara Nicholson	Kinross	01/12/2008
Helen Thomson	Kirkcaldy	14/09/2008
Nicholas Thomson	Kirkcaldy	14/10/2008
Ian Wakenshaw	Kelso	03/09/2008
Ian Young	Forfar	25/10/2008

### Assistant Coach

Matthew Allan	Inverness	12/06/2008
Margaret Carr	Inverness	06/05/2008
Kevin Docherty	Inverness	06/05/2008
Graeme Giles	Stirling	12/11/2008
Lindsay Gray	Stirling	03/09/2008
Sarah Lean	Hamilton	05/11/2008
Andrew McAughtrie	Stirling	01/10/2008
Ian McGregor	Stirling	07/11/2008
Blair Melville	Kinross	30/10/2008
Marilyn Muir	Lockerbie	28/11/2008
Darren Robb	Inverness	12/06/2008
Senga Thomson	Stranraer	01/08/2008

### Level B Coach

Eric Buchan	Aberdeen	03/10/2008
Ross Keillor	Braehead	12/06/2008
Liz Paul	Braehead	12/06/2008
Steve Russell	Stirling	14/10/2008
Graeme Baxter	Murrayfield	28/11/2008