

## **Edinburgh Women's Curling (EWC)**

I hope you have all enjoyed the sunny summer weather. As we are now into September, October sees the start of our curling season. I just want to mention some dates for you to put in your diaries before we start playing. I am aware that you may have already had notification from your clubs.

### **1. Competitions in the first part of the season**

#### **The Centre Bonspiel: Friday 28/11/25**

This competition is open to players of all abilities. It is a fun competition and an opportunity to mix and play with ladies from other clubs. Look out for the signup sheet going on your club notice board soon after the season starts. Please consider playing and support curling at Edinburgh.

#### **The Morton Trophy**

Again, this is a competition that is open to players of all abilities. In fact, we are actively encouraged to have beginners play in it. Edinburgh are in the East Division and play against teams from Borders, Kinross and Kirkcaldy. The winners of East Division then go on to play in the Semi Finals/Finals against the winners of North, South and West Divisions. (10th March 2026 at Dundee). Joan Donnelly (Vice President of EWC) is organising the Morton this season. Please help Joan and sign up to play in at least one of the above matches when the sheets go on your club board at the start of the season.

#### **Henderson Bishop Playdowns: Wednesday 03/12/25 and Thursday 04/12/25**

Teams enter this competition directly through the Scottish Curling website (the closing date is usually the end of June). We have 8 rinks from Curl Edinburgh who have entered. The top 2 Edinburgh teams will qualify to play in the National finals to be played at Kinross on 5th March 2026. Please do come along and support the teams.... always the best curling is played up on the balcony!

### **2. Centre Reserve List**

Some clubs are short of players, and it is important to have an up-to-date Centre Reserve List. If you would like to add your name to the Centre Reserve list and get some extra curling, then please email Jean Inglis, [secretaryewcurling@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryewcurling@gmail.com) with your contact details. There is no charge for curling when you are asked to play from the Centre Reserve list. If you can give your availability that would be most helpful. Alternately, if you were on the list last year and wish to be removed, then again please contact Jean.

### **3. Seniors Reserve List**

The Seniors Competition is run by EWC and this season is sponsored by Jane Bruce. The Round Robin games are all played before the end of December. There are some ladies who would like to get involved but are not a member of a regular team. Once again, we would like to have a specific Seniors Reserve list, so if you would like to get involved, please contact Jean Inglis, [secretaryewcurling@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryewcurling@gmail.com) with your name and phone number. This reserve list will be very useful to rinks who only have 4 players.

**4. EWC Website ( [www.edinburghwomenscurling.uk](http://www.edinburghwomenscurling.uk) )**

Please keep checking the website for current news. Gillean Hoehnke keeps it up to date. She however would very much like to pass this little job onto someone else. I know that Gillean will give help and support.

**5. Outgoing tour to Canada**

Our tourists leave from Glasgow 31st October - 22nd November for a trip of a lifetime to Canada. They will play 20 games at 18 different centres...you should be able to follow their progress on the Scottish Curling Web site and Facebook. We wish them well.

Finally, if you want anything discussed about ladies curling at Edinburgh then please contact your Club President who will bring the item to the next EWC Committee meeting. All that remains is for me to wish you all 'Good Curling' for the upcoming season.

**Jane Bruce**

President EWC