

Inverkeithing CC News September 2026 Issue no 29

President v Vice President Match 8th September

Our traditional first match aims to give our new curlers an early chance to get on the ice, and our President to 'lock horns' with his Vice President. It was a great start to the season with a decent number of great shots, and no disasters! President Robert's rink had the edge in experience,



although it is hard to believe that Stewart and David only started curling in early 2026! Final score 10 - 3 to the President. **NB** we stopped at 7 ends, so we could get to know each other in the bar - we had plenty of time to get in 8 ends!!

Introducing our new curlers

For those who have not met ... here they are from left to right: **David Bain, Stewart Duncan, Jamie Roy & Ollie Smith.**

NB Ollie S had a break from ice man duties to play. In working guise below before the match.



The new ice plant is working well - the ice was fast and swingy!!

And of course we had the opening bonspiel last night.

The Jim Temple Trophy was very well supported. Andrew J was there to defend the trophy he won last year. So on page 2 is a great report by President Robert and Photo by Secretary Alastair





THE JIM TEMPLE TROPHY: Report by President Robert

'The first opening bonspiel and new format was well received with 39 curlers attending a great evening, the trophy was won by **Bob Bowie** (and rink, special mention to the rink which Bob was very insistent on saying, it is a team game after all! - **David Bain, Ian MacDonald and Jim Barton**. The ice and food was great followed by a lovely post bonspiel evening with heartfelt poems from Iain Gwynne and Billy Brown and songs from Ian MacDonald, Davy McPherson, Jim Barton and Garry Douse. Colin Ballantine astounded with a magic trick, Mick Schofield and Derek Doyle brought the jokes with special cameos from Bob Forsyth (and the unforgettable kazoo), Alastair Ritchie, Alistair Low, Dave Skivens and Dave Neill (not sure if it was a joke or a calendar entry for Christmas lunch though). Appreciate all those who got up to do a turn, many thanks. Great to see Bob Tait, John Taddei, John Blyth and Davy McPherson there. Special mention to Mike Low attending after 2 years away!'

Congrats to David (Bain) a trophy in his first week!!
and a good job Gary and Derek.

We are all thinking about Bob (Robert's Dad) and family at this time when is very poorly in hospital.

Practice ice: There has been a change in practice sessions - 30 minutes slots can be booked - amended from an hour. Great to see at least half a dozen of our guys booking early practice ice before our season started. John L was whipping his guys into shape!

A great way to get ready for the season - **Curry Night in Inverkeithing**. 12 guys had a great evening catching up on old stories and reviewing preparations for the new season. There was at least one detailed conversation about 'sweeping'! Alistair L, Iain Mac and Bill G (with Bob T) reminisced about their victory on winning the first Donald Whyte League (or according to John L - one of the first!!) Thanks to Bill for organising.

If you want to know more about the *Battle of Inverkeithing* that took place in 1651 - the person to speak to is VP Colin - he knows everything about it!



ICC Bowling Day: Our 9 curlers survived the bowling and did not meet the same fate as those on the poster inviting us to take part! Many thanks Jim

Getting ready for Christmas - from Dave Neill

I have made a provisional booking of 2-3 tables for Tuesday 22 December 2026 at 12.30pm.

The Menu has yet to be confirmed along with prices, but as a guide, last year's prices were £21.00 for 2-courses, £27.00 for 3-courses., If you wish to join in the festivities, then please contact Dave on:

david.neill@mail.com [mob. 07585 977792](tel:07585977792)

PS Congrats to Dave on his new role as Vice President of Aberdour CC, and master of ceremonies at their opening bonspiel.



How did you get on Gary on the cycle run ??... report for next news please!

Contributions to Newsletter welcomed.

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