

**GLASGOW PROVINCE CURLING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING HELD WITHIN BRAEHEAD ICE RINK ON
WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2019**

1. Present.

Bobby Corbett (Giffnock); John McGowan (Cathcart Castle); John Fingland (Drystanes); Ian Potter (Giffnock); Ken Horton (C & R); Robin Shand (C & R); Gordon Nicholl (C & R); Eleanor McDougall (BCDG); Sheena Boyd (Glasgow Ladies); Hugh Stewart (C & R); Gwendoline Hight (Cathcart Castle); S Laverock (XX); Ian Taylor (Pollok); John Henderson (XX); Alan Smith (Giffnock); Liz Scott (Glasgow Ladies); Eleanor McDougall (Glasgow Ladies); Jean McMaster (Glasgow Ladies); Margaret Quin (Glasgow Ladies); Valerie Browning (Glasgow Ladies); Robin Dale (Harlequins); Jeremy Andrews (Crossmyloof); Leslie Ingram-Brown (C & R); Drew Fulton (Whitecraigs); Andy Whyte (Pollok); Sheila Forgie (69); Kiristine Cochrane (69); Iain Smith (XX); Rosemary Claxton (69); Karen Cromar (69).

2. Notice calling Meeting.

Notice was e-mailed to all Club Secretaries on 6th March 2019 and posted on the Glasgow Province notice board. Taken as read.

3. Minutes of previous AGM and Matters Arising

Copy of the minutes of 28th March 2018 were issued with the notice calling this meeting. These were approved. No matters arising.

4. Apologies for Absence

Helen Jamieson	Robin Turner	Ian Anderson	Alistair Cockburn
Andrew Henderson	George Leslie	David McRoberts	Margaret Robb
Sandra Blakeley	Alan Hannah	Carol Crawford	Angus Shearer
Niall Murray-Lyon			

5. Obituaries

Jack R. S. Brown; Cathcart Castle CC
Ronald Grant; Drystanes CC
Malcolm Campbell; Glasgow XX and Old Glenalmond
Trish Alexander; Glasgow Ladies
Alan Dickson; Pollok

A minute's silence was held.

6. President's Report

President Sheena gave an excellent report. Attached as Appendix 1.

7. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary's report had been previously circulated. There were no questions. Attached as Appendix 2.

8. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report had been previously circulated. There were no questions. Noted the accounting year is up to 31st March. As such the accounts are a draft. Attached as Appendix 3. The accounts were approved. Proposed by Leslie Ingram Brown and seconded by John Fingland. Following discussion, the Treasurer proposed an increase in Club subscriptions from £50 to £60. Supported by John Fingland and seconded by Karen Cromar. This was passed unanimously.

In view of the Agenda item on Junior Curling, the Treasurer proposed that the Tour Levy fund be re-designated as the Glasgow Province Curling Development Fund. This to provide more flexibility on how the fund is used. Supported by John McGowan and Seconded by Liz Scott. This was passed unanimously.

9. RCCC Representatives Report

John Fingland spoke to his previously circulated report. There were no questions. Attached as Appendix 4.

10. Report from Braehead Curling Development Group

Alan Hannah's report was circulated shortly before the meeting. It is attached as Appendix 5.

Eleanor McDougall, Secretary BCDG, spoke to the report, emphasising that no subscription was collected last year, but would be this year. The Group currently had about £4K, with £1K committed for use this summer.

There were no questions.

11. Report from Webmaster.

Gordon Nicholl presented his report. This is attached as Appendix 6.
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12. Resignations or newly admitted Clubs.

None.

13. Election of Office bearers

President

President Sheena proposed JOHN MCGOWAN (Cathcart Castle) as President. This was approved by acclamation.

President John addressed the Meeting and presented Past President Sheena with her badge. Address attached as Appendix 7.

Senior Vice President

President John proposed GORDON NICHOLL (C & R), seconded by Bobby. This was approved by acclamation.

Junior Vice President

President John proposed DREW FULTON (WHITECRAIGS LTSC), seconded by Gordon Nicholl. This was approved by acclamation.

Secretary and Treasurer

President John intimated, to acclaim, that Bobby Corbett and John Henderson had intimated their willingness to continue.

14. Representative Members

To Greater Glasgow Area – President John proposed that President and Secretary continue, Seconded by unanimous.

For information the Greater Glasgow Area AGM will be held on 24 April, 6.00pm, here in Braehead and is open to each Club's Representative member to attend. Individuals may also attend. Agenda on Braehead notice board.

15. Benevolent Fund Sub Committee

President John proposed the Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Representative of the Friendship Trophy winners at the Province Bonspiel (Cambuslang) Seconded: unanimous.

16. Examiner.

President John intimated that Andy Whyte, Pollok CC, will continue as Examiner.

17. Glasgow Junior Curling Competition.

Bobby spoke to the document, Appendix 8, on the revitalisation of the Province's efforts to promote junior curling in conjunction with Braehead Young Curlers. He indicated that rough estimates showed a possible shortfall of around £240. The proposal was universally approved.

Liz Scott indicated that BCDG had funds available to support such ventures. Eleanor McDougall and John Fingland, of BCDG, agreed to take this proposal back to the next meeting of the BCDG.

18. Presentation of Prizes.

Shanter Trophy

Presented to the Province by Ian P Fulton of Drystanes in 1973 for competition by members aged over 35 years, presumably to prevent the then very powerful Glasgow Young Curlers Club from winning every Province competition. Final took place on 18th March. Winners: Pollok: Alistair Cockburn; Alan Henderson; George Leslie; Andy Whyte

Glenalmond Trophy

Presented to the Province by Ewan McIntyre of Old Glenalmond CC in 1972. Final played on 15th November. Winners: C & R: Brian Hudson; Douglas Reid; Dot Moran; Gordon Nicholl.

Glasgow Province Bonspiel.

Played over consecutive Friday evenings in October 2018.

Winners of the Glasgow Province Cup - presented to the Province by Leslie Ingram-Brown of Carmunnock & Rutherglen CC in 1991 to replace the missing T S Cuthbert Cup and won this year by Glasgow Ladies:

Valerie

Browning Ann Harvie Jean McMaster Margaret Quin

Elizabeth

Paul Anne Smillie Norma Steven Mary Anderson

The Bonspiel winners also received the Province Medal.

Runners Up and winners of the **Stainton Crosthwaite Coronation Trophy** - presented by Stainton Crosthwaite of Carmunnock & Rutherglen CC in 1953 – goes to Cathcart Castle CC:

Angus

Shearer Anna Smith Keith McIntyre Richard Williams

Walk over

Highest shots up single game winners - not receiving either of the other two trophies - and holders of the **Friendship Trophy** for the forthcoming year, much to the relief of all other Province Clubs is Cambuslang CC.

Janie Glen Trophy

Presented in 1950 by the children of the Late Janie Glen for Annual Competition by Ladies of the Province. Played on 6th March. Winners:

Sheila Sharon Margaret
Forgie Taylor Kerr Robb Una Taylor

The David Liddell Salver

Presented in 1958 by David A Liddell for Annual Points Competition – Played on 14th February 2019. Won By Ken Horton, 47 points.

Arthur Frame Trophy

Presented by Arthur Frame of Carmunnock & Rutherglen CC in 1954. Our Major Trophy, the winners of which go on to represent Glasgow Province in the National Province Championships. For those of you who failed to arrive early the final took place tonight between Glasgow XX and 69 clubs. Winner: Glasgow XX: John Henderson; Steve Laverock; Ian Taylor; Iain Smith.

Congratulations and good luck to XX when they represent our Province at the National Championships next season.

Note: Short report on the National Province Championships at Greenacres for which Glasgow XX represented Glasgow in November 2018.

They did not make it through the group stages. They had five competitive but, in each case, ultimately unsuccessful matches, with the level of defeat varying between two and five shots.

19. Janie Glen Trophy

Eleanor McDougall gave a short report on this competition. She and those playing felt that it needed more advertising and should remain to be played in early March each year, but to change its time to 10am ice. Provisionally Wednesday 5th March.

20. David Horne

It was announced at an earlier meeting by Scott Martin that David Horne would be leaving Braehead Ice Rink at the beginning of April. The meeting instructed Secretary Bobby to send a letter of thanks from the Province to David for all his work and offering good wishes for the future.

21. Close

President John closed the meeting at 8.43, thanking all for attending. Gordon Nicholl gave a short Vote of Thanks.

Appendix 1. President's Report

Ladies and gentlemen, in March last year I took over as President of Glasgow Province from Alan Sloan.

In June I attended the Royal Caledonian Curling Club AGM in Kelso and was delighted to witness past president Alan Sloan being presented with the ice diamond award which recognised the time and effort Alan has given to curling over the years. Alan served on the Area Standing Committee, went through the ranks of Glasgow Province, worked tirelessly on the Glynhill organising committee, and also the visiting Canadian tour of 2018.

Alan, we congratulate you on this very well deserved honour.

I was unable to play in the Glasgow Province bonspiel in October, but did play in the Janie Glen trophy and in the points. The points were sadly not well supported.

I watched some exciting play in the finals of the Glenalmond, the Shanter and this evening's Arthur Frame.

Congratulations to all the winners and to all those taking part.

In January I attended an enthusiastic meeting about the Glasgow junior curling competition – which Bobby will report on later.

I would now like you to join me in congratulating another past president of Glasgow Province – Clive Thomson recently had an 8 ender -well done Clive and your team.

My thanks go to secretary Bobby for his usual efficiency, to treasurer John Henderson for his expertise, and to our web master Gordon Nicholl who has produced a comprehensive, user-friendly Glasgow Province web site.

All have spent a huge amount of time beavering away behind the scenes to keep the Glasgow Province running smoothly and in good health.

I thank the committee and curlers of Glasgow Province for the support and friendliness which has been shown to me. I have greatly appreciated it and the honour of being President.

Appendix 2. Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report 2018-19

And we all thought it would be a quiet season this year with no visiting teams. But not so. Normal club events created plenty of interest, especially in the Province competitions.

Last year I mentioned poor completion of scorecards. This continues to be a problem, especially with legibility of player names and date of match.

Our competitions.

Success. We finally did it. 8 clubs of our Province successfully battled the Dunbartonshire Province at the end of January to win the Clive Thomson Quaich for the first time by 64 – 49 shots. The Quaich has been found and will be presented at the AGM.

The Janie Glen was held much later this year and ably run by Eleanor McDougall. Many new players participated and appeared to enjoy the event, but overall numbers were down with only 24 players. When I started as your Secretary, numbers were in the upper 40s. It is suggested that the date remains for next year, but with the time changed to 10am. Entries will be invited on the Province entry form this year.

The Points competition was held in mid February, with good competition between those competing. BUT there were only 8 players. This is very disappointing as the costs of this competition are directly paid by each club, not the players.

Yet again there was a drop in entries to the Glenalmond, Shanter and Bonspiel. The Arthur Frame remained the same. I am aware a number of Clubs are having difficulty with member numbers and are considering not entering in outside competitions. How this develops remains to be seen. Secretaries will shortly be invited to complete the entry form for next season's events.

No Clubs were interested in the Waldie Griffiths, so no entry was made.

Junior Curling.

A meeting has been held between the Province and Braehead Young Curlers. This proved very constructive and a proposal has been made to hold a Glasgow Junior Curling Competition next December. A separate document will be circulated about this.

I close by thanking President Sheena, the other committee members and our Webmaster Gordon, for their help and support throughout the year.

Bobby Corbett
Secretary, GPCC
March 2019.

Appendix 3. Treasurer's Report

GLASGOW PROVINCE – TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEASON 2018-19

Fellow curlers and members of the Committee, the draft accounts for Season 2018-19 have been circulated to Clubs in advance of this meeting. As the formal accounts' date (which is 31 March) has not quite been reached, these are provisional and assume collection of the remaining ice monies.

In terms of Income, we have nineteen Member Clubs, which at £50 annual subscription each, generates £950 income. The collection of the ice money for the various Province competitions is expected to square with the amount payable to Braehead and I thank all Club Treasurers for their help in managing this through their Clubs. The Janie Glen entry fees fully covered the ice cost and the Dunbartonshire Inter-province match in January was hosted by our opponents in January and therefore does not appear in this year's accounts.

The Points competition remains free to play, entry covered by Member Club subscriptions, with the two sheets costing £216. Last year's results benefited from a

one-off surplus of £289 from redemption of old War Stock, which unfortunately we cannot repeat this year.

In terms of Expenditure, costs have run at similar levels to last year, engraving and website costs slightly lower but insurance higher.

For the current year, I therefore anticipate that the Province accounts will show a deficit of £168.

In terms of the Balance Sheet of the Province, the main assets are the cash in the bank, both the main account and the Charity collection. No additional badges have had to be bought this year, meaning the Stock movement reflects those to be awarded to prize winners.

As well as the cumulative surplus, now sitting at £1,286, the Province funds include:

1. The RCCC tour levy fund, which is now based on £1 per playing member from each Club, and raised £615 this year. With no incoming tour for the past season, this now has a balance of £1,669; and
2. The Charity Fund, where the movement reflects the £290 which C&R have commendably collected this year less their nominated donation to RNLI, resulting in a balance of £122.

Overall, this means the Province funds are expected to be just over £3,000 at 31 March 2019.

Looking forward, I have two proposals to make regarding the financial arrangements of the Province.

The first relates to the Tour Levy Fund. Contributions to this were increased two years ago, from 50p to £1 a playing member, in anticipation of requirements to fund the visit of the 2018 Canadian mens' tourists. There is no imminent tour and I propose that, while keeping the amount raised at £1 per member, we re-designate this as a more general Glasgow Province Curling Development Fund. This will provide more flexibility to the Province on how to use this fund. In particular, as well as subsidising incoming Tour costs, it could be used for wider development purposes such as new curler and junior initiatives which ultimately are intended to increase participation and benefit all Province Clubs. Helping support the cost of events such as the Glasgow Junior Curling Competition, which we shall discuss later on the agenda, would be a potential use of this wider Fund.

The second proposal relates to the level of next year's annual subscription. This was set at £50 two years ago when we included free entry to the Points for all players of Member Clubs, partly on the basis that this would enable Member Clubs to run their own points competitions alongside the Province Points. As I have reported, we have run at a loss for the current year. While not a profit-making organization, the Province should aim to run at "breakeven", that is our income covering expenditure, to avoid eating into our funds. Looking to next year, our expenditure is likely to be at similar levels to this and, as the Province's only income is from Member Club subscriptions, I propose that the Province subscription be increased from £50 to £60 per Club for Season 2019-20 to cover our costs.

John Henderson, 27 March 2019

GLASGOW PROVINCE CURLING CLUB				
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019 (ESTIMATED)				
	2019	2019	2018	2018
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
INCOME				
Subscriptions		950.00		950.00
Member Club Competitions - Income	7,236.00		7,344.00	
- Expenditure	(7,236.00)	0.00	(7,344.00)	0.00
Janie Glen - Income	264.00		416.00	
- Expenditure	(264.00)	0.00	(404.00)	12.00
Interprovince Match - Income	0.00		704.00	
- Expenditure	0.00	0.00	(704.00)	0.00
Points Competition - Income	0.00		0.00	
- Expenditure	(216.00)	(216.00)	(216.00)	(216.00)
Surplus on Loan Stock Redemption		0.00		289.19
Total Income		734.00		1,035.19
EXPENDITURE				
Annual Prize Engraving		(193.00)		(214.00)
Trophy Insurance		(420.97)		(390.84)
Website costs		(24.00)		(58.00)
Badges issued		(143.90)		(143.95)
RCCC Rink Entry		(120.00)		(120.00)
Total Expenditure		(901.87)		(926.79)
SURPLUS for the year		(167.87)		108.40
BALANCE SHEET				
Current Assets				
Stock of Badges		349.59		515.19
War Stock		0.00		0.00
Debtor Braehead Ice Money		0.00		108.00
Cash in Bank		2,604.67		1,883.94
Cash on Deposit		122.44		132.32
Total Assets		3,076.70		2,639.45
Total Net Assets - represented by:				
Province General Funds		1,285.58		1,453.45
RCCC Tour Levy Fund (restricted)		1,668.68		1,053.68
Charity Fund (for distribution)		122.44		132.32
		3,076.70		2,639.45
Restricted Fund Movements:				
RCCC Tour Levy				
Opening Balance		1,053.68		1,665.11
Levy raised		615.00		619.00
Used (2018-Canadian Mens' Tour)		0.00		(1,230.43)
Closing Balance		1,668.68		1,053.68
Charity Fund				
Opening Balance		132.32		131.87
Funds collected		289.96		200.00
Interest		0.16		0.45
Paid out (2019 - RNLI, 2018-Alzheimer's Research UK)		(300.00)		(200.00)
Closing Balance		122.44		132.32

Appendix 4. Area Standing Committee

Report of ASC Representative

Glasgow Province AGM

27th March 2019

- Five **ASC meetings** and two joint meetings with the RCCC Board and the Ladies Branch have been scheduled. I have attended all but one of the meetings with the final meeting for this season scheduled for 11th April.
- Brian McArtney (Letham Grange) will become **President** at this year's AGM (2pm on Saturday 15th June at Dewar's Centre, Perth). The incoming **RCCC Vice President** will be Andrew Kerr (Troon Portland). There were five nominations received by the deadline of 14th February for three vacancies on the **Board** this year: Liz Burton-King (Reform); James Cullen (Earlston); Graham Lindsay (Forret); Margaret Nicol (Currie & Balerno) and Keith Prentice (Ayton Castle).
- Two **independent directors** were appointed to the Board this year: Louise Burke (previously involved with Scottish Golf) and Kevin Troup (previously involved with Scottish Rugby).
- The next **Chairperson** will be recruited by a process of open recruitment by the Board.
- During the year the **Board initiated a review** of the ASC's role & responsibilities. In particular it was noted that the ASC had moved away from being a platform for identifying future committee and board members. A separate working group has been formed to make recommendations for approval at this year's AGM.
- **Initial feedback** from the working group:
 - the present structure with a separate ASC and LSC limits equality and diversity;
 - if the survey issued to members supports the Board's view then the ASC and LSC will be replaced by a new group called "The National Members Forum" which will meet 3 times a year;
 - Chief Executive has the goal of achieving Gender equality on the Board and Committees by 2020; and
 - the President and Chairperson positions should be open to both genders.
- **Sponsorship** remains an issue, with no major sponsor on board. Any ideas would be welcomed. A prize draw for shirt sponsorship for Scottish representative teams was launched this year and will be repeated next year.
- **sportscotland** funding continues to be under pressure from government and the RCCC has not yet revealed the level of its award for next season. 404 members responded to a survey which fed into the development of the draft strategic plan for 2019-2023 which supports our application for funding.
- I attended the official opening of the "**Curling: made in Scotland**" **Exhibition**" which is located within the Scottish Football Museum at Hampden Park. The exhibition will run from 20th February to 16th June this year and entry costs £4 for Scottish Curling members (with membership card) or £8 otherwise. It's well worth a visit.

- The new **Membership Database** was launched after some unscheduled delays in commissioning in February this year. Based on my experience as Drystanes Club Secretary there are still a few teething problems to be resolved. Scottish Curling are keen to be able to contact all members by email but only 75% of current members have provided email addresses. Club Secretaries are encouraged to provide email addresses when maintaining their club's membership information on the database.
- **WMCC 2020** – This event has been underwritten by Glasgow Life and will now take place in the Emirates sports arena (London Road). Billy Howat is the lead curling representative on the organising committee.
- **World Curling Federation** – The President of WCF, Kate Caithness, attended the ASC meeting in October and provided a brief review of developments in World Curling. Highlights included the success of Mixed Doubles at the Olympics and the huge growth in curling in less traditional curling nations such as China. She reported that China has a target to introduce 300 million people to winter sports (such as curling) by 2022 (before the next Winter Olympics/Paralympics in Beijing) and has plans to build around 500 new ice rinks.
- **Matches** were played by the ASC against the Ladies Standing Committee (Perth), the Royal Company of Archers (Murrayfield) and a team from Highland Area (Perth) with the ASC winning all three matches.
- **RCCC** scheduled three **competitions** at Braehead this season: U14 Junior Slam; The Scottish Mixed Doubles; and The Virtual Club Challenge (30th March 2019). Braehead sought and received some offers of help to assist with line-scoring but more would be welcomed.
- There is an ongoing need to recruit and train additional volunteer **umpires** to cover the competition calendar. Introductory courses are run twice a year along with an annual refresher course.

John Fingland
17th March 2019

Appendix 5. Braehead Curling Development Group

Braehead Curling Development Group Province AGM Report

Key BCDG Areas for Action

			Who	Status
1.	Scottish Curling Structure Review	<p>John Fingland and Jim Inglis are the ASC representatives for Dunbartonshire/Glasgow Provinces. The current structure review by SC appears to be recommending the introduction of a National Forum to replace the ASC & LSC structure. Both John and Jim are attending another meeting on 11 April and expect to know more on the progress.</p> <p>Braehead is the 2nd largest rink in Scotland by membership numbers but there is no representative on the Review Group, despite at least 2 applications being put forward.</p> <p>There is an ongoing concern about how nominations and selection to the NF will work and how this can improve diversity.</p> <p>It is understood each Ice Rink will have two representatives on the to be newly formed National Forum, 1 male and 1 female.</p> <p>BCDG requests the provinces give some consideration to who they would nominate/put forward to be the Braehead Representatives on the possibly newly formed National Forum.</p>	PROVINCES BCDG ASC	
2.	Braehead Development	BCDG concerned there is no funding from Scottish Curling to support the Development Officer Position at Braehead. BCDG to liaise with Intu and SC on this.	BCDG INTU SC	
3.	Coaches - CPD	Intu had expressed concern around workload to support coaches through CPD. Intu thought someone from BCDG should look after the Coaching structure at Braehead to ensure qualifications were up-to-date. Colin Keir has agreed to take care of PVG. Concern was raised in discussion about the implications of the coaches' database being disseminated wider than the master maintained by Scottish Curling. There are 45 Coaches registered at Braehead, but only 29 have been active this season. BCDG to discuss further with Intu and SC.	BCDG INTU SC	
4.	Coaches Development	BCDG to arrange an upskilling session at the beginning of Season 2019-20 which will include a rep from SC.	INTU BCDG SC	
5.	New Coaches	Intu to arrange a Level 1 course early in 2019-20.	INTU	

6.	Try Curling	Intu had advised they are not prepared to use Try Curling as the SC link for referrals has been tested and is not working. Try Curling is a 45 minutes session but Intu's "Braehead Sweep" approach this season allows 90 minutes and there is streaming by ability from the 2 nd lesson. After 4 or 5 Sweep sessions, players are encouraged to join the Virtual Club where there is monthly coaching by Colin Keir and Sharon Taylor Kerr. General opinion was that the 90 minutes session is more practical and encourages return visits. Clubs like Helensburgh and Cawder House have been encouraging their new members to follow this approach.	INTU	
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7.	Youth Clubs Update	There is a positive willingness for the Clubs to merge. The merger committee is currently finalising a paper to be presented to each of the two junior clubs which is hoped to be ratified by both Clubs. Alan Hannah has been invited to support the newly formed club in the coaching area to ensure the standard of coaching is maintained and excels. Intu were congratulated in offering free practice ice after school at 4:30 when players of all ages can mix.	BCDG	
8.	Website Training	Jim McDonald is preparing a short 'bite-size' training session to ensure that more people on the committee can update the Curl Braehead website. It is hoped that with more people trained to use the website we can increase the traffic and usage.	INTU	
9.	Finances	Approx £4k in the bank with around £1K expenses for youth coaching and summer camps to be paid. Proposal for the AGM is that Club membership of BCDG is set at £25 for the forthcoming 19/20 season. Noted that no Club Membership fee of BCDG was requested during the season just past (18/19). Funds from the Club Membership Fee are proposed to be put to use in the areas of Junior Development, specialised coaching clinics, New Members Discount Initiative etc.	PROVINCES BCDG	
10.	Competitions	Braehead Open: hope to run at end of September, but need to attract more than 14 teams. Glynhill: we had 16 teams in January and it was a good event. The Glynhill Hotel continues to be very supportive. Discussion is ongoing to move the Glynhill a week earlier to bolt onto the Perth Masters before going to Bern. Scottish Curling: No big SC events coming to Braehead next year. Some smaller ones which unfortunately cost money to run. Caledonia Tour (Seniors): it was recommended that Braehead try to tap into this event, perhaps adding another leg.		

11.	Building	Concern was expressed about the safety implications of the centre retail doors being padlocked at 9:30. There are clear information signs in the Ladies about this and the need to use the curling stairs and external car parks in the evening. Perhaps more notices are required in the Gents areas. BCDG to contact Intu for reassurance that there are adequate fire escapes and signage for emergency evacuation of the curling rink after 9:30.	BCDG	
12.	Committee	BCDG to remind the Wheelchair Club that they should nominate a representative to the BCDG Committee (outstanding action from AGM). Carol Crawford in now a Committee Member in principle representing Braehead Young Curlers and the wider Junior Curling Initiative at Braehead, grateful to have Carol on board.	BCDG	
13.	AGM Prep	Committee Meeting on 17 September 2019 to prepare for AGM	All	
14.	AGM	Wednesday 2 nd October 2019, time and venue to be confirmed.	All	

Appendix 6. Webmaster Report

Report by Webmaster : Season 2018/19
Gordon Nicholl of Carmunnock & Rutherglen CC.

Web Presence

This is the end of the third year of operation of the GPCC web site and it remains a useful adjunct to the mail communication and notice board at Braehead in serving the member clubs.

It also ensures that our club has a presence, accessible to the wider curling community and the public at large and shows something of our curling activity.

A web site is a fairly static phenomenon and may seem out of place in this world of Twitter, Facebook and Instagram however it should be noted that whilst these 'younger' media appear instant and infectious they are ephemeral and unless responded to immediately – their message is easily lost. Your website remains a readily accessible and static resource that is there when you need it.

Progress

Static. This word has also negative connotations, and indeed this year was very much same as last as we simply kept up to date with the status and progress of competitions.

One change was the way the Arthur Frame results were displayed however there was little else to address this year.

There were a few notable observations as it became clear that people were beginning to notice the 'Former Winners' database and how it is possible to see the past involvement of clubs and their members. This is of course an on-going project and hopefully a long-lived legacy for future generations of curlers.

Members are always welcome to consider contributions to the site. This year's winners' details and photographs will be posted together with anything else that is available.

Costs

The charges remain limited to the purchase of the unique domain name and hosting costs and represent good value. The costs are less than £30 per year.

Conclusion

This is a practical resource that will continue to serve in its current state and has the capacity to offer more if others are prepared to invest a little time to provide content and I am happy to continue to maintain and develop the site for our members.

Gordon Nicholl
26 March 2019

Appendix 7. President John's remarks

Brother and Sister Curlers, Ladies & Gentlemen, I am truly honoured to be taking over as President of Glasgow Province and having the opportunity to represent you all, and in particular represent my club, Cathcart Castle.

Some of you may not know, but the current Cathcart Castle is actually an amalgamation of the Cathcart Castle and Scottish Power Curling Clubs, which means that I am in fact the 6th President to come from the clubs.

The first was Peter Smail back in 1968/69 who was followed some 19 years later by Jack Brown in 1987/88. The first of the Scottish Power Presidents was Dan Colville in 1992/93, before the next Cathcart representative, Niall Murray Lyons in 2005/06 who was followed by Ann Gordon of Scottish Power in 2008/09.

There are some well-known and fondly remembered names in that little list, and I hope that I can go some way to living up to their legacy.

I look forward to my year in office, in what should be a momentous year for us, as the Men's World Curling Championship will be held in Glasgow at the Emirates Arena between 28th March and 5th April 2020, an event which I am sure we can all enjoy and hopefully support as either volunteers or paying spectators.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I must thank Past President Sheena Boyd for her commitment to the Glasgow Province. Sheena is a playing member of Glasgow Ladies Curling Club and has given of her time to lead your committee over the last year and has been very supportive of the plans to encourage development of new and young curlers. They are the very lifeblood of all of our clubs going forward, as without encouragement and support, there will be no new curlers to maintain our memberships in the future. The perfect example of this is her support to resurrect the old Glasgow Schools event in the form of a new Glasgow Junior Curling Competition, which Bobby will speak more of later.

We have all benefited from Sheena's efforts and I invite you to join me in thanking her now.

Appendix 8. Glasgow Junior Curling Competition.

Glasgow Junior Curling Competition

Background.

The Glasgow Province has hosted a schools curling bonspiel since 1970. Unfortunately, it has not been held for the last 7 years, partly due to a reduced number of schools providing curling, and partly due to the 'loss' of the trophy.

The trophy is a Sword, number 12/300, provided by Wilkinson Sword Company. It is currently in my possession. The presentation case that accompanied the Sword has unfortunately not been found, but a member of the Province has agreed to make a new presentation case to house it.

This all lead to a meeting between Braehead Young Curlers and the Province. It transpired this was opportune, as the BYC had recently held a Festive Competition for which it possesses a Trophy. The BYC are keen to develop a new junior competition at Braehead and a constructive outcome developed.

Proposal.

To hold a junior competition jointly with BYC – though the name may change with the proposed amalgamation of The Junior Clubs. However, this would be known as the "Glasgow Junior Curling Competition". It is to be held on 14/15 December. Games would start around midday on the Saturday with probably 2 sessions and a further 2 sessions on the Sunday, concluding around early afternoon. These times to

allow travel, e.g. from Aberdeen, Inverness, etc., allowing only one overnight stay. There would be 2 classes, U21 and U17.

Iain Stewart, Development Officer at Scottish Curling, supports the proposal and has agreed to contact all junior clubs to assess interest.

Finances.

A rough draft budget has been prepared. Assuming 10 teams in each class, and an entry fee of £95, there would be a shortfall of £234. Our Treasurer has made a proposal in his Report that a sum of up to £500 could be made available from the Tour Fund. This has support from all but one member of the Province Committee and would require discussion and approval at the Province AGM next week.

Bobby Corbett
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