

GREENLAW CURLING CLUB

Greenlaw Curling Club prides itself on being a friendly, but competitive club, and we welcome new members of all ages to come along and be part of our Club. We will do everything we can to help new members develop their skills and enjoy our wonderful sport. Although curling is essentially a winter sport, Greenlaw also mixes curling with a range of social get-togethers to allow members to meet off the ice and to stay in touch during the summer season. Our activities have included a Burns Supper and a Hogmanay Bash (now run on alternate years), a summer BBQ, treasure Hunt and other events to help members get to know each other better.

Greenlaw plays its main competitions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, but hold a number of other competitions and Bonspiels which are played on a Saturday. -These include a popular Invitation Bonspiel when other clubs from the Borders are invited to send players to join Greenlaw for a Bonspiel and supper.

We run a variety of Leagues throughout the season one of which is unique in the Borders (the Buchanan Trophy). All our current competitions are listed below:

Buchanan Trophy: This is a round robin league skipped by non-senior players to give them experience of heading the rink, usually with an experienced third.

The Cameron Cup: A round robin league and our premier competition.

The Quaich: Our unique league played as a round robin. Players are listed as Skips, Thirds, Seconds and Leads and play a different line up for each game, scoring 2 points for a win, 1 for a peel and 0 for a loss. At the end of the league we end up with a winning skip, third, second and lead.

Skins: A round robin league when everyone plays for points with the two highest rinks after the round robin, playing a final with £1 prize fund for every point scored. This is great fun and a big competition in Canada.

Points: Usually played on one night in February.

Pairs: Usually played on a Saturday.

Ladies Invitation: Usually played on a Saturday.

Club Invitation: Played on a Saturday when other Border Clubs are invited to send players to join our members for a Bonspiel followed by supper.

Members are encouraged to enter as many competitions as they wish, to enjoy the best mix of formats. Greenlaw is very active in the ice rink fixtures and has enjoyed considerable success in Province and Open competitions over the years.

These include Border League, Border Bonspiel, Harry Hogg, Gala Cup, Dickinson, together with the Ice Rink competitions such as Directors, Mathew Templeton, Swan and others. Several members regularly enter Scottish National competitions and have enjoyed some success in recent years. Entering these competitions provides members with the opportunity to play against a variety of other curlers in the Borders and to make new curling friends. One of the fine aspects of curling; building up a network of friendships within our sport.

The current club membership fee is £10pa and all other fees are identical to other Borders Ice rink curling clubs (ice fees for each competition entered, £20pa to Scottish Curling, Border Province fee) Membership of Border Ice Rink Club is obligatory and covers all the facilities of Border Ice Rink including the Club lounge and bar.

History of Greenlaw Curling Club

Greenlaw Curling Club was formed in 1862 and played for many years on the open ponds and man-made curling ponds in the locality of Greenlaw and then in Haymarket, Edinburgh before joining forces with other Border Clubs to play at Border Ice Rink which was opened in October 1964. In the early days the majority of members were from farming stock in the Borders whereas today the mix has greater variety attracting members from all walks of life.