

LAUDERDALE CURLING CLUB

Lauder Curling Club was originally formed in 1850 and accepted into the Royal Caledonian Curling Club in 1852. It is not known what happened to the Lauder Club in the first half of the 20th century but we know that Lauder and Heriot Curling Clubs got together in 1950 to form the Lauderdale Curling Club which we know today. While previously our membership was drawn from the local farming community, like most clubs, our members are now from further afield and different backgrounds. We are a small, friendly club and play at Border Ice Rink in Kelso. We welcome members of all ages and abilities, from complete beginners to seniors.

Our games are played in the evenings, varying from 5.45 pm and 8 pm on different days.

The annual subscription of £70 covers club membership, Border Ice Rink Club membership and the annual levy to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club (Scottish Curling). Ice fees for the series of games (currently £13.50 or £15 depending on what time the game is played) are collected in full by the Treasurer in advance of competitions. Substitutes pay £5 only to the Treasurer for each game played.

- ❖ Our club championships start with the Mathieson Cup which runs from the end of September to December (usually 9 games in total).
- ❖ The Jean Forrest Cup is played from January through to the beginning of March which gives players, who normally play third, the opportunity to skip and other team members to move up a place and skips move to lead position (usually 6 games in total).
- ❖ The club also holds a Pairs competition which is competed for on a Saturday afternoon in November.
- ❖ The Shiela Hogg Rosebowl is competed at the Closing Bonspiel in a men versus ladies competition.

Members can participate in as many or as few competitions as they wish or simply volunteer as reserve if they prefer not to commit to a full series of games.

We submit a team to take part in the Border League, which is played on alternate Tuesday afternoons from October to December/January. We also provide one or two teams to play in the Gala Cup, Berwickshire (2 teams), Harry Hogg, Tweedmouth Kettle (2 teams), Border Bonspiel (2 teams) and Dickinson Trophy which takes place on a designated date throughout the season.

We also hold a small Points Competition, which allows players to test their skills individually. There is also an opportunity to participate in other clubs invitation bonspiels which are generally held on a Saturday afternoon in the latter half of the season.

For more information and club contact details visit our website

<http://network.royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org/lauderdale-curling-club/> or phone Club Secretary Irene Allinson on 01896 850604.