



Scottish Women's Tour to Canada (British Columbia)

2025

November 1-22





The 2025 Friendship Tour would not have been possible without support and hard work.

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- The Friendship Tour Host Committee
- The Scottish Tour Captain, Vice-Captain and Committee
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- 404 BC Club Curlers who came out to play the Scots
- Designers of the Tour Brochure, Club Programs and Tour Banners.
- Creators of gifts.
- Pipers and Entertainers.
- University Golf Course, Victoria Curling Club and Richmond Curling Club for providing banquet/party space.
- Tourist sites and guides who made the Scots welcome.
- Our bus driver, Bren McCullough (McCullough Coachlines) for providing vital tour insights-far and above the transportation contract.

Congratulations to the curlers, clubs and committees who made the 70th Anniversary of the Friendship Tour memorable for all.





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A Message from the Lieutenant Governor



As Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the Scottish women's curling team as part of the 2025 Friendship Tour.

Since its beginnings in 1955, the Friendship Tour has embodied the true spirit of sport—fostering camaraderie, cultural exchange, and lifelong connections between Canada and Scotland. This year, we are especially proud that British Columbia has the honour of hosting our Scottish friends.

Curling is more than a game; it is a tradition rooted in teamwork, respect, and community. The matches played during this tour are not only a test of skill but also an opportunity to strengthen international bonds that have endured for seventy years.

On behalf of His Majesty King Charles III, I welcome you to our province and wish all participants great success both on and off the ice. May this tour continue to build lasting memories and friendships that reflect the best of our sporting and cultural traditions.

Sincerely,

Wendy Cocchia

The Honourable Wendy Cocchia, CM OBC
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

PREMIER'S MESSAGE



A MESSAGE *from* PREMIER DAVID EBY

As Premier of British Columbia, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in the Scottish Women's Canadian Tour 2025.

Curling is a pastime that brings people together as both athletes and fans. As part of the ongoing Friendship Tour that began in 1955, 24 curlers from all over Scotland will be coming to British Columbia to compete against Canadian teams for the Muriel Fage Trophy. This event highlights the deep sense of community and passion for the game that our nations hold dear.

Hosting this event is a great privilege, and I would like to thank Curling Canada, the Royal Caledonian Curling Club and everyone whose hard work has brought this tour to fruition. I would also like to recognize the talented athletes taking part and welcome those who will be visiting our beautiful province.

I wish everyone an exciting and successful tour, and to the athletes – good luck and hurry hard!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David Eby", with a horizontal line underneath.

Honourable David Eby, KC
Premier of British Columbia

CURL CANADA MESSAGE



Teri Palynchuk

Board Chair, Curl Canada

On behalf of Curling Canada's Board of Governors and staff, as well as our 14 Member Associations from Coast to Coast, I'm delighted to not only welcome, but also participate in, the 2025 Scottish Women's Tour of Canada!

It's events such as this that remind that curling is more than just a game played on a sheet of frozen water. Of course, the competition matters — that's why we keep score! But equally as, if not more, important is the fellowship of our wonderful sport, particularly when it comes to our two countries and our shared history and passion for The Roaring Game.

Tours between Curling Canada and the Royal Caledonian Curling Club have taken place for more than a century now, and have produced and nurtured countless friendships, which, ultimately, is the biggest measure of success for an event such as the 2025 Scottish Women's Tour of Canada.

Our sincere thanks go to our friends and colleagues at the Royal Caledonian Curling Club for their efforts in organizing this year's tour, and we look forward to many exciting games on the ice and wonderful memories made off the ice.

Warm Regards

Teri Palynchuk

Chair, Curling Canada Board of Governors

WELCOME MESSAGE

FROM CEO, CURL CANADA



On behalf of Curling Canada, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to the members of the Ladies Branch of Scottish Curling who are participating in the 2025 Scottish Women's Tour to Canada. I have no doubt you will enjoy the activities and hospitality you will experience throughout British Columbia – one of the most unique and beautiful provinces in our country!

The basis for exchange tours between Scotland and Canada is our history and mutual love for the sport of curling. For participants, it provides an excellent opportunity to enjoy friendly competition, gain a better understanding of our two countries and develop friendships that can last a lifetime.

Planning and executing a tour of this nature requires a true commitment of time and energy by key volunteers. Curling Canada acknowledges their efforts and extends a sincere thank you to the Canadian Tour Coordinators Roxie Giles and Laura Rampton as well as the committees at the curling centres throughout British Columbia who will be your hosts during this visit.

In closing I extend best wishes for the Tour and to creating memories that you will remember fondly long after your return home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Nolan Thiessen'.

Nolan Thiessen
CEO
Curling Canada

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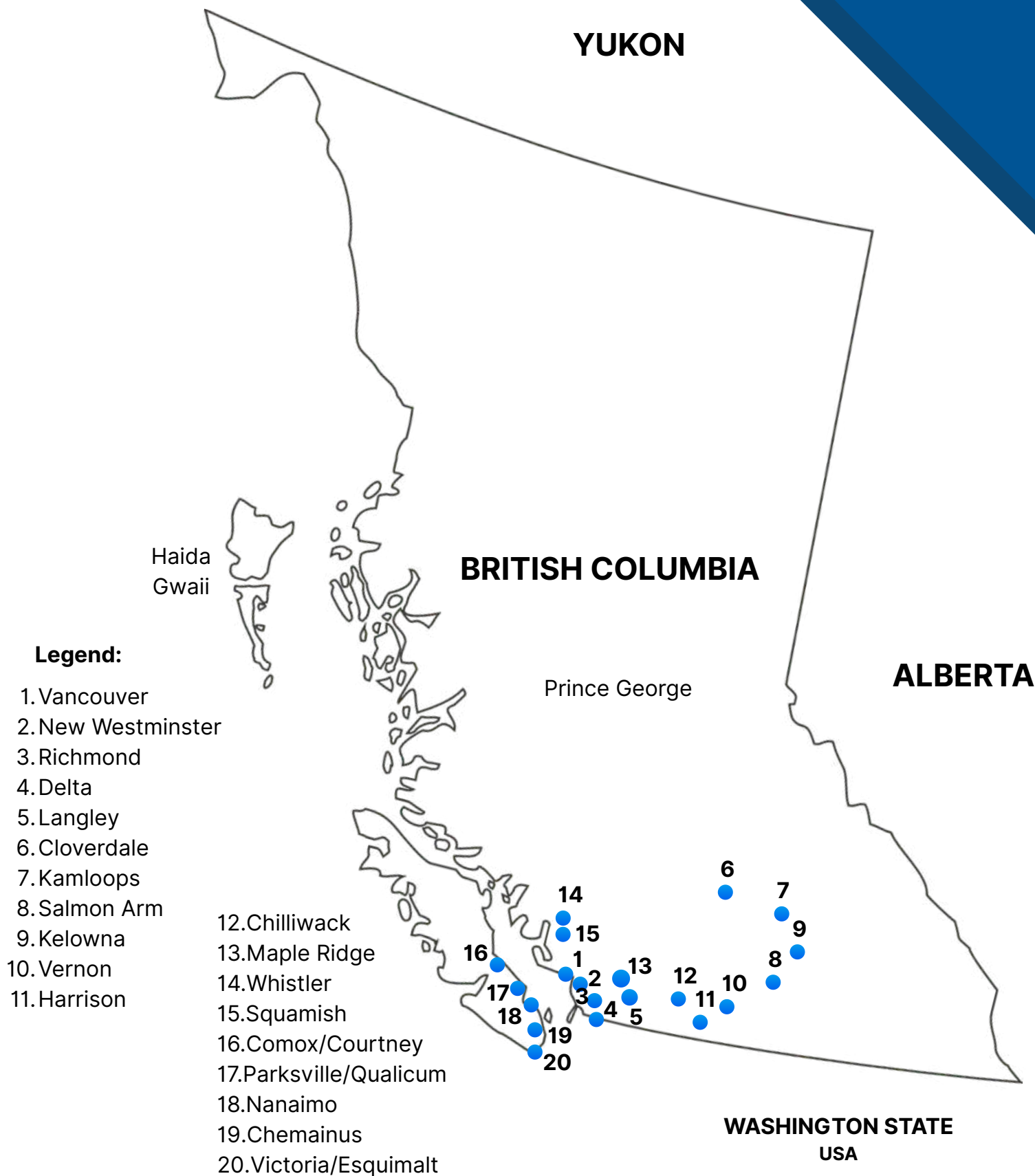
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MAP



CURLING CLUBS

1.VANCOUVER

4575 Clancy Loranger Way, Vancouver

2. MARPOLE

8730 Heather St, Vancouver

3.ROYAL CITY

75 E Sixth Ave, New Westminster

4. RICHMOND

5540 Hollybridge Way, Richmond

5.TUNNEL TOWN

1720 56 St, Delta

6.LANGLEY

20699 42 Ave, Langley

7.CLOVERDALE

6150 176 Street, Surrey

8.KAMLOOPS

700 Victoria St, Kamloops

9.SALMON ARM

751 28 St NE, Salmon Arm

10.KELOWNA

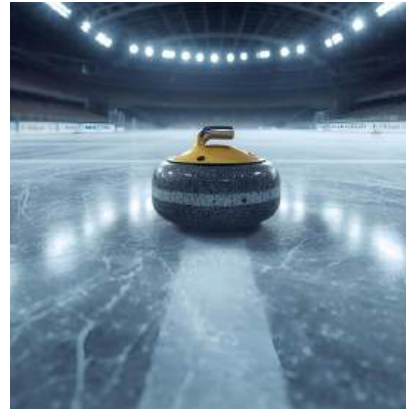
551 Recreation Ave, Kelowna

11.VERNON

3400 39 Ave Vernon

12.CHILLIWACK

45550 Spadina Avenue, Chilliwack



13.GOLDEN EARS

23580 Jim Robson Way, Maple Ridge

14.HOWE SOUND

2458 Mamquam Rd, Squamish

15.COMOX

4835 Headquarters Rd, Courtenay

16.QUALICUM

644 Memorial Ave, Qualicum Beach

17.PARKSVILLE

220 Corfield St N, Parksville

18.NANAIMO

106 Wall St, Nanaimo

19.VICTORIA/ESQUIMALT

1952 Quadra St / 1151 Esquimalt Rd, Victoria

MEET THE SCOTS

MAUREEN PARKER – TOUR CAPTAIN



I come from south-west Scotland, a town called Stranraer and curl at the local ice rink, which is attached to North West Castle Hotel. The hotel was built by Hammy McMillan in 1970 (yes, grandfather of world gold medalist Hammy McMillan, Grant Hardie and Robyn Munro). My father was the 1st President of Stranraer Ice Rink and I was the 50th President (and the first female)! I was born into a curling family but married into a rugby family. My husband, Hugh, played rugby for Scotland, as did my daughter Rebecca. Hugh is a dairy farmer and our milk is sold to Nestle and used for making the chocolate for KitKats. I was very honoured to be President of the Ladies Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club (2023/24) and in that capacity attended the Women's Worlds in Sydney, Nova Scotia and witnessed the amazing success of Team Homan (who won Gold in March '24). I enjoy all sports, but love curling and have fitted it into a busy life of teaching Home Economics for over 35 years, being a partner in our dairy farm (where I looked after the accounts & payroll) and bringing up 4 children. I now find I have a little more time for myself, between grandchildren duties and am really looking forward to our curling tour of BC, Canada. I enjoy the friendship and social side of curling as much as the competitive side. As a group, we have had a lot of fun meeting up and planning our curling trip. I love travelling and can't wait to see all the amazing venues planned on our itinerary. I'm also looking very much forward to meeting old and making new friends in the curling world.
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ANN JOHNSTONE-TOUR VICE CAPTAIN



I have been curling for over 30 years, involved in the sport at all levels and recently held the position of President of the Ladies Branch of the RCCC (Royal Caledonian Curling Club), which has been a great honour. I was born and brought up on a farm on the outskirts of Dumfries, before going to Yorkshire to do my nurse training. After returning to Dumfries, a few years later, I married and ran a business with my husband. I have a son (James, 35), married and living in Edinburgh and a daughter (Emily, 33), also married, who lives close to me. I am now a granny to Clark and Harry. My other hobbies include golfing and walking. This will be my first visit to Canada and I very much look forward to the experience.

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KATE ADAMS

I have been married to Gordon for 44 years; have two daughters, Kay (37), a sports & remedial massage therapist and Vicki (35), retired from competitive curling with Team Muirhead, when she married and started a family. I live in the small village of Lochans (near Stranraer, SW Scotland), where I work from home in my own massage business. I was immediately hooked by the friendliness of curling, when I started at age 17 and now curl with two clubs: Stranraer Ladies and Portpatrick. Having served as President of the both clubs, I am currently the Ladies Branch rep to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. I have visited Canada in the past to watch my daughters compete (and was present when Team Scotland won the World Junior Women's Championship in Vancouver in 2009, in the newly built facility that housed curling for the 2010 Olympics!) I am looking forward to actually curling in Canada, (instead of spectating), to meeting and making new friends.
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MORNA AITKEN

I started curling aged 15, at Greenacres Curling Club (just outside of Glasgow). My mum and dad both curled, taking up the sport when they heard the "roar of the stones" on a nearby loch. Having moved through to Edinburgh, I am now a member of two clubs; Currie & Balerno and Gogar Park. I also play in a Mixed League and enjoy playing Seniors. I have represented Scotland at the World Seniors in 2018 and 2019.
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LYNDA BLACKWOOD

I live outside the market town of Strathaven and curl at Lanarkshire Ice Rink (where I have the honour of being Lady President). I am also a member of Straven Ladies Curling Club and Avondale Heather Club. Happily married to Jack (Rotary Curling Tour 2012 to Canada) for 51 years, I worked as Office Administrator in an Architect's practice for 40+ years. I have two grown children; Alan (47), a forensic nurse, living locally and Gillian (45), a travel agent, who lives in England. I also have 6 grandchildren (8-31 years). I started curling 35 years ago, having been introduced to the sport by my farming neighbours. I visited Canada in the past for a winter wedding in Banff, Alberta & experienced skidooing in Kingston, Ontario, courtesy of our Rotary friends. I am looking forward to experiencing another area of this wonderful country.
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LIZ CARNE

Although my curling is mainly at Forfar Curling Centre, I have been a committee member and President of Fettercairn Curling Club and President of the North & South Esk Province. Alongside my brother, I am Managing Director of our Family business; selling and maintaining Cleaning Equipment. I have two grown sons, three step-sons, five grandchildren and a Jack Russell dog "Peanut". Living near Montrose (on the NE Coast of Scotland), my other hobbies include walking, swimming, scuba diving, theatre, attending live music and travel (especially safari holidays). I am delighted to have been chosen for this tour to Canada and look forward to meeting like-minded women from Scotland and Canada.

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STELLA CASSIDY

Married to Brian, I have 2 daughters, a son and 2 grandsons. As a curler for over 30 years, I have been fortunate to have held positions as Secretary, Vice President and President of the ladies' section of our Club (East Kilbride and Haremyres). When I'm not curling or spending time with family, I can be found walking the hills of Scotland and abroad.

Having curled against several touring ladies' teams to Scotland, I was keen to be a part of an "outgoing" tour and delighted when chosen to head to Canada. This will be my first time visiting Canada and I am excited and very much looking forward to the curling and the sightseeing!

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MARION DUTHIE

(Not so) young, free and single, I live in Broughty Ferry (a suburb of Dundee). I have curled for over 40 years, starting in the same year as I graduated as a dental surgeon (1984). I am a member of Monifieth CC, Panmure CC and curl at Dundee Ice Arena and Forfar Indoor Sports. I am currently President of the Forfar Ladies Curling Centre, serve on the Scottish Curling Ladies Standing Committee and am Past President of Monifieth CC. Since selling my Dental practice and retiring (2021), my life has been dominated by sport. When I am not curling, I play golf, badminton, pickleball and enjoy coastal rowing- in fact this summer I competed in the World Coastal Rowing Championships. The enjoyment I get from participating in these sports is tempered by being a fanatical supporter of Arbroath Football Club. A keen traveler, this is my fourth visit to Canada. I am excited to be combining my love of Canada with curling! Email: marionduthie@sky.com



JUNE GEYER

I live west of Edinburgh, am a farmer's wife (beef & sheep), a working director of our family engineering business (alongside my husband and 2 sons) and love looking after our toddler grandson once a week. All our family are avid curlers; 40 years of curling for me, currently Secretary and Past President of the Dunfermline Ladies CC; past Secretary of Kinross Junior CC and Level A curling coach for Junior members. My husband, John, is President of Dunfermline Men's CC and a past winning team member of the Scottish Double Rink Championship. Eldest son, Hamish, has curled in Hay and Hamilton Farmers Competition (as a Junior he won Dumfries trophy with Grant Hardie & Hammy MacMillan)-his wife, Laura, represented Scotland in teams Aitken and Smith. Outside of curling, my hobbies include serving on agricultural committees, announcing at equestrian events and facilitating events for people's enjoyment. I love meeting new people and visiting new places, so very much looking forward to competing in Canada and learning more about the culture of curling there. Email: june@geyerplant.com



CHRISTINE HALL-TOUR TREASURER

I have been curling for 40+ years; several generations of family are also curlers. My “mother” club is Avondale Heather (near Strathaven, Central Scotland), but I also play at Lanarkshire Ice Rink (6 sheets of curling with skating & ice hockey on weekends!). I am the current Lanarkshire Ladies’ Treasurer, secretary of Straven Ladies and serve on many committees. Workwise I was employed for 20 years for a Dairy Company (Admin, HR, Systems & IT). Since retiring, I am now able to enjoy more of what I “want” to do; curling, walking (with my Jack Russell “Chip”), gardening, papercraft, drama, reading and volunteering at a nearby Hospice Shop. My husband and I have 3 children (aged 20,17 and 14)-all who curl as well so there’s never any time to sit with my feet up. I am thrilled to be on the Friendship Tour to Canada, following in my Dad’s footsteps (Strathcona Tour to Canada, 2013). I am really looking forward to meeting new friends, and savouring all things Canadian for the first time. Email: alanchrishall@gmail.com



WENDY HIGHET

Before retiring (2013), I worked as a Biology and Pastoral Care teacher for 35 years. I have always been involved in many sports, but only started curling in 2000 at Greenacres Ice Rink (with the Canadian Curling Club). Loving the sport so much, I have since been a member of 3 other clubs (Cathcart Castle, Maxwell and Crossmyloof). I have held the positions of President (Cathcart Castle, my “Mother” club) , Secretary (Canadian & Cathcart Castle) on the Committee of Glynhill Ladies International Curling Competition (2008) and helping to organize teams to represent their ice rink in a National Competition throughout Scotland. I love Canada and have relatives in British Columbia. I very much wanted to be part of this Tour to have the chance to see more of this beautiful Province, as well as being able to curl in some of the many curling rinks located there. When not curling, I enjoy lawn bowling, spending time with family and friends and going to see films. Email: g.highet@ntlworld.com



ELSPETH JOHNSTON

Married to Billy for 42 years, we have three children (Robert, Lauren & Catherine) and 6 grandchildren. We live on the outskirts of Stirling (with a lovely view of the Castle). For the past 30 years we have operated a Plant Nursery, growing plants and creating some 3000 baskets each season. Now that we are enjoying semi-retirement, the baskets are our focus. My curling journey started over 30 years ago and I now curl out of the Peak Ice Rink; my “mother” club is Kilsyth and I also curl at Hamilton Ice rink. When I’m not curling or working (with baskets!) I love baking, trying new recipes and of course, looking after my grandchildren. The opportunity to curl and visit Canada is especially wonderful as I have never been there before. Email: elspbethjohnston@icloud.com



LYNN KENYON

Since retiring from an IT career (mainly in Local Government), I have been able to take part in more ladies' curling competitions. I've heard so many great tales of previous tours and am excited to now be a part of this Tour and to curl in Canada. I came late to curling (only starting at age 47). My "mother" club is Hamilton and Thornyhill (est. 1777!); we play our games in Lanarkshire Ice Rink where I coach curling and get immense pleasure from introducing people to our wonderful sport. In addition to volunteering, I'm involved in a number of major international sporting events and on the team to raise funds for Maggie's Lanarkshire Cancer Centre. My other hobbies include sport, music, theatre, photography, learning British Sign Language and travel (I've been fortunate to visit some 80 countries thus far). I've been married to Robert for 32 years, have 3 stepdaughters, 7 grandchildren and 1 GREATgrandson. Email: lynnkenyon100@gmail.com



TRISH KENNEDY-TOUR SECRETARY

I began curling in 1995, soon after I moved to Scotland from the Lake District (where I grew up). I have been Secretary of my curling club (Lynedoch Ladies CC) for many years, and President of the Perth Women's Curling and have represented Perth on the Scottish Ladies' standing committee. I very much enjoy playing in curling competitions throughout Scotland. I have 3 children (the youngest is in her final year at U of Aberdeen; my sons have both graduated, working in Edinburgh & Glasgow). In addition, I have 3 stepchildren and 2 step grandchildren. Aside from curling, I enjoy spending time with family, hill walking, travelling, tennis and golfing. I am looking forward to our tour to BC, visiting new places, making friends and curling in another country. Email: pwkennedy@btinternet.com



PAT LYDEN

Born and educated in Glasgow, I worked as a maths teacher in secondary and community education and later as a volunteer for UK Maths Challenge & the Funmaths Roadshow. Married (for 53 years), I have 4 children, 6 grandchildren (3 of whom live in Italy), 2 step grandchildren and 2 granddogs. I took up curling when I retired, now curling at Druids & Crossmyloof, Maxwell and Glasgow Ladies. I have served on many committees, wearing the hats of Secretary, President, Treasurer and RCCC ordinary member. Outside of curling, my hobbies are sewing, knitting, quilting, music theatre, cycling, walking and canoeing. I love to travel and have walked 300 kms of the Camino de Santiago (as a charity fundraiser). Though not much of a linguist, I do enjoy learning some of the associated languages. Curling has been the highlight activity of my retirement. I chose Canada for my retirement trip (as a tourist) and am now very much looking forward to seeing it in the winter as a curling tourist. Email: pat_lyden@btinternet.com



CAROLE MARSH

I have lived in Inverness for the past 5 years and feel really lucky to work in such a beautiful place. For 20 years I was a General Practitioner (GP frontline in Hamilton) but now work for the Scottish Ambulance Service. Proud Mum of 2 children: Dan is a paramedic and Katie has just qualified as a physiotherapist. I started curling at age 11 when my dad coached the juniors in Dundee. Aside from a time when my family lived in Bermuda, I have curled throughout Scotland and now curl in Inverness with the Highland Curling Club. When not curling, I have 2 spaniels who need lots of exercise. There's also the choice of the mountains and beaches found in the Highlands, theatre and gym classes. I am a very keen skier: Whistler (a few years ago), France & Italy (this year). I am also a keen, but very amateur gardener. Email:carolemarsh@gmx.co.uk



ANNA MARTIN

Though I started curling at school in 1976 (then at Edinburgh U and in Shotton, North Wales), I had a hiatus until 1999, when I returned to Perth). Since then I have played in numerous ladies' competitions; the European Championships (1988) representing Wales; Henderson Bishop final representing Perth (4 times); Rotary Curling-(Scottish Qualifying competition (4 times) & Rotary Friendship Trophy (2018). My career is that of a veterinary surgeon, treating small animals and pet behaviour problems. Married "forever", we have 4 sons (aged 27-39) and 3 grandchildren. After living in many places (including 4 years in Japan due to my husband's work), I was encouraged to move back to Scotland in 1999 and now . Outside of curling I enjoy gardening, gym/fitness class; dog walking, breeding pups ,Rotary (been a member since 2016) and am an avid St Johnstone football fan. Email: anamar3103@hotmail.com



MARION MATHER

I have been married to Chris for 42 years, have 3 grown children (2 boys & and girl) and together we all work in the family business selling and maintaining milk machines to the local farming community. I worked as a midwife before joining my husband in the business. When my youngest child attended school, I took up curling and have enjoyed the social & competitive side of this sport ever since. I curl for two clubs; my "mother" club is Crocketford. I am Past President of Dumfries Icebowl. Outside of curling, my passions in life are looking after my grandchildren, golf, skiing, and leading an active life. Very much looking forward to our "tour", as I have never been to Canada before-I'm sure it will be a great experience. Email:marion@matherstld.co.uk

SUSAN MORRISON



I have been married to George for 37 years and we live just outside Dumfries (where I play most of my curling). We have one son, Jack. I have been curling for 26+ years and am Past President & current Treasurer of Dumfries Ice Bowl Curling Association. In addition, I am a member of Crocketford, Threave Ladies & Dumfries Ladies Curling Clubs. Recently retired (May), I lead a reasonably active life and now have even more time to devote to curling, volunteering, socializing, and walking our lovable 3 year old Chocolate Lab (Frank)!. I am very much looking forward to the experience of touring British Columbia with Team 25, visiting new places, meeting people and making friends. Email: craigendfarm@aol.com

SHEONA REID



I curl out of Kinross Ice Rink (25 miles N. of Edinburgh) and am a member of Glenfarg Ladies ("Mother" Club) & Fossaway Ladies. Thanks to my next door neighbours in Glenfarg, I took up curling (about 25 years ago!). Glenfarg is a small village (North of Kinross), and has a village school, village shop and thriving Community Centre. Over the years I have held numerous committee positions and currently am President of Kinross Ladies' Section. Married to Alan, who like me, is retired- (I was Catering Manager for school meals). We have 2 children (son & daughter), 3 step children and 3 step grandchildren. In my youth, I was brought up on a dairy farm in Dunkeld (a village north of Perth); the farm is still in the family though no longer used for dairy purposes. Outside of curling, my interests are cycling, walking and holidays. I volunteer at cycling and do volunteer driving for medical appointments in the community of Kinross. Very much looking forward to my Canadian Tour, meeting new people and experiencing Canadian curling and way of life. Email: sheona.reid@gmail.com

MARGO SMITH



I have been involved in curling for a very long time. Married to Alastair for 39 years, he was on the Strathcona Cup in 2013 and played at all levels throughout his life. Our daughter, Hazel was twice runner up in the Scottish Curling Championships; she also skipped Team Great Britain in the University Games (2015). Her sons, (identical twin boys, Callum & Zander) are now 1 year old and we are SO looking forward to the fun times ahead with them. I started curling at a Stranraer weekend (we won; I had never curled before). Soon after, I joined the Avondale Heather CC (30 years ago!) and now am part of the East Kilbride & Haremyres CC ladies' section (these are 2 of the biggest competitive clubs). Twice I have enjoyed visiting North America; to watch "Roar of the Rings" in Ottawa and to Las Vegas for World Curling Championships. When not curling, I run and own a 9 bedroom B & B (thankfully quieter in curling season!). I enjoy walking (walked the West Highland Way a few years ago), eating out, socializing with friends, growing my own vegetables, yoga and watching most sports. I am really looking forward to being part of this Curling tour to Canada. Email: margo@bamflattfarm.co.uk



FRAN STRETTON

I started curling in Edinburgh, age 14, introduced to the sport by my Dad! I played competitively at school, university, Scottish Junior Level, and playing for Scotland in 1984. Work, travel and a young family meant I had a break from curling for many years. I moved back to Edinburgh, found my old curling chums and have playing ever since, competitively at senior level and playing for Scotland in 2018 and 2019. Two years ago, I retired from work as a palliative care doctor (30 years). When not curling, I love playing padel tennis (nope, it's not pickleball) , cycling, walking and travelling. I live with my partner, Gordon, who doesn't curl....he did try it, as he thought it looked easy. Email: fran.stretton@blueyonder.com



LIBBY TORRANCE

I have been curling for 11 years . My "mother"club is Glasgow Ladies' CC (est. 1928), but I also curl with Cathcart CC and the Canadian CC. My home rink is Greenacres in Renfrewshire (west of Glasgow). I am Secretary for both the Glasgow Ladies & Cathcart CC and am past secretary for Greenacres Ladies Branch. I am employed as Manager in a commercial cleaning company (9 years) and before this was a fork lift instructor for 22 years. Married to Derek (28 years), we have 2 grown sons. My hobbies include lawn bowling, lots of reading, walking and family quiz & board game nights. I very much wanted to be part of the curling tour to Canada, to meet and play against "sister" curlers, especially after having the opportunity to play against some of the visiting teams to Scotland (2014). I am looking forward to making lots of happy memories from my time in British Columbia. Email: libtorrance@aol.com



SUSAN WYLLIE

I live in Perthshire with my husband, Jim (Strathcona Cup, 2023) and our Labrador "Ellie". I have 2 sons (Nick, Will) and a daughter (Becca) and 2 granddaughters (Keira, 2 and Freya, 1). Becca and Freya live in Victoria, BC so I spend quite a lot of time on Vancouver Island. Curl Edinburgh is my home rink. I am a member of 3 clubs: Currie & Balerno (my "mother" club), Gogar Park and Airleywright Ladies in Perth. I started curling as a child and have had some amazing experiences, winning the Scottish Juniors in 1984 and Seniors in 2018 & 2019. I coached at a Junior Level, have been on the Board of Scottish Curling, am currently a World Curling Rep and had the honour of being the 1st Female President of Scottish Curling 2021-22. Recently retired, I like to walk, cycle, do pilates and have taken up golf (loving the challenge-not the score!). I have never curled in Canada and I am so excited to be coming on tour! Email: susan.kesley@btinternet.com

SCOTTISH TEAMS

TEAM 1 – ARRAN (Green)

Skip: Ann Johnstone
Third: Carole Marsh
Second: Sheona Reid
Lead: Libby Torrance

TEAM 2 – IONA (Red)

Skip: Kate Adams
Third: Anna Martin
Second: Marion Duthie
Lead: Margo Smith

TEAM 3 – MULL (Purple)

Skip: Marion Mather
Third: Morna Aitken
Second: Stella Cassidy
Lead: Pat Lyden

TEAM 4 – SKYE (Blue)

Skip: Maureen Parker
Third: Lynn Kenyon
Second: Christine Hall
Lead: June Geyer

TEAM 5 – BUTE (Yellow)

Skip: Susan Wyllie
Third: Trish Kennedy
Second: Liz Carnie
Lead: Lynda Blackwood

TEAM 6 – ISLAY (Pink)

Skip: Fran Stretton
Third: Wendy Highet
Second: Susan Morrison
Lead: Elspeth Johnston

ITINERARY

Saturday, November 1

- 3 pm Scots arrive in Vancouver
- Dinner, Sylvia Hotel

Sunday, November 2

- 10 am Visit to Museum of Anthropology
- 12:45 pm Tour of Vancouver
- 6 pm Opening Banquet, University Golf Club

Monday, November 3

- 9:30 am Game # 1, Vancouver Curling Club
- 3:30 pm Game #2, Marpole Curling Club

Tuesday, November 4

- 9:30 am Tour aboard False Creek Ferry, Granville Island
- 3:15 pm Game #3, Royal City Curling Club

Wednesday, November 5

- 10 am Game # 4, Richmond Curling Club
- 4:30 pm Game #5, Tunnel Town Curling Club

Thursday, November 6

- 10:15 am Visit Fort Langley
- 4 pm Game #6, Langley Curling Club

Friday, November 7

- 1 pm Game #7, Cloverdale Curling Club
- 7 pm Hockey Game (Chilliwack Chiefs vs. Coquitlam Express)

****PLEASE NOTE:** Opening ceremonies commence 30 minutes before game (Piper & March of teams)



ITINERARY

Saturday, November 8

- 3:45 pm Game # 8, Kamloops Curling Club

Sunday, November 9

- 9:30 am Tour Kamloops Indian Residential School
- 2:15 pm Game # 9, Salmon Arm Curling Club

Monday, November 10

- 9:15 am Scavenger Hunt
- 2:15 pm Game # 10, Kelowna Curling Club

Tuesday, November 11

- 10:45 am Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 1:30 pm Game # 11, Vernon Curling Club

Wednesday, November 12

- 9:30 am Tour of Kelowna area
- 11:30 Lunch at Winery
- 7:30 pm Dinner Harrison Hot Springs (Copper Room)

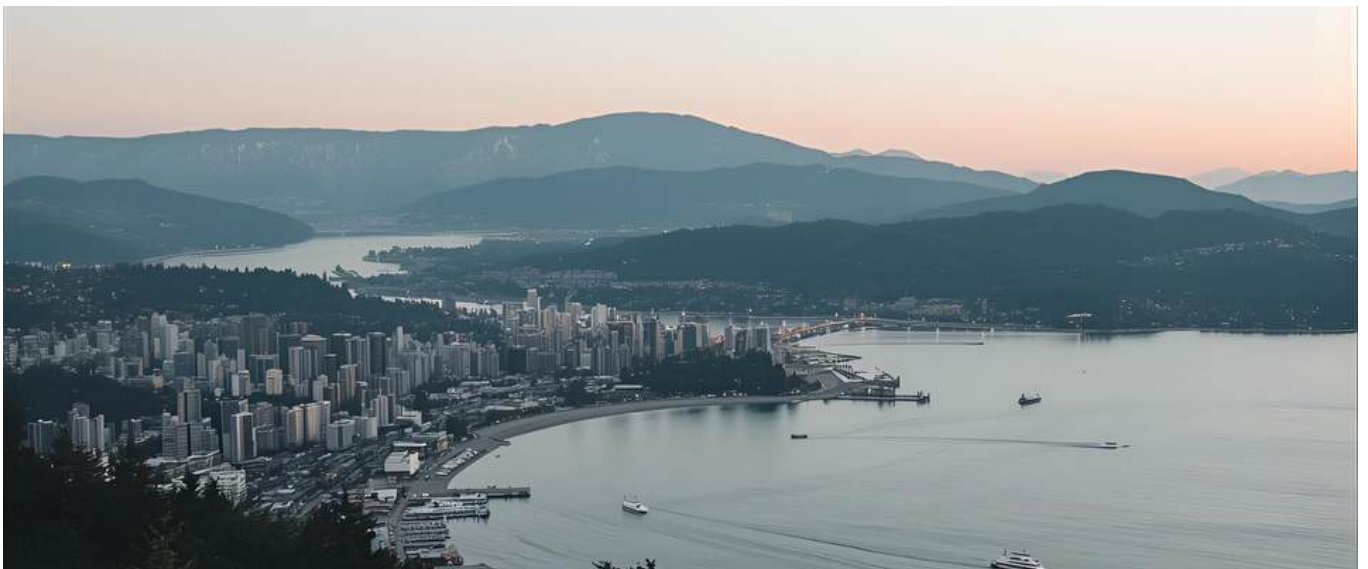
Thursday, November 13

- 10:00 am Game # 12, Chilliwack Curling Club

Friday, November 14

- 10:00 am Game # 13, Golden Ears Curling Club
- 8:00 pm Dinner in Whistler

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Saturday, November 15

- 10:30 am Visit to Audain Gallery, Whistler
- “Free” Day to explore Whistler

Sunday, November 16

- 9:30 am Game # 14, Howe Sound Curling Club
- 2 teams (non-playing) Britannia Mine Tour
- 4:00 pm Ferry to Nanaimo

Monday, November 17

- 1:00 pm 1st Nations Craft Activity, Comox
- 3 pm Game # 15, Comox Curling Club

Tuesday, November 18

- 9:30 am Tour of Cathedral Grove, Coombs, Little Qualicum Falls
- 2:30 Game # 16 , Qualicum Curling Club & Parksville Curling Club

Wednesday, November 19

- 10 am Game # 17, Nanaimo Curling Club
- 3 pm Guided tour of Chemainus
- 7 pm Dinner, Victoria

Thursday, November 20

- 9:30 Tour Legislature
- 1:30 pm Game # 18, Victoria Curling Club
- 7 pm Closing Banquet, Victoria Curling Club

Friday, November 21

- 10:15 am Bus Tour of Victoria area
- 1 pm: Ferry Swartz Bay
- 7:30 pm Farewell Party, Richmond Curling Club

Saturday, November 22

- Scots depart

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2025 FRIENDSHIP TOUR CHARITIES



When the 24 Scottish female curlers visit BC, they will continue a longstanding tradition of raising funds for a charity in Scotland and a charity in Canada.

The Canadian proceeds will be directed to **Kidsport BC** with funds earmarked specifically to help kids participate in curling.

Additional support is welcome! Please use QR code to link to the donation page.



Scottish Disability Sport (SDS) is the governing body for sports for individuals with physical, sensory or learning disabilities in Scotland, promoting inclusion and participation in various sports.

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MURIEL FAGE TROPHY



Muriel Fage was a member of the Canadian Tour to Scotland in 2000 and was the Tour Coordinator on the 2005 Scottish Tour to Canada.

At the Opening Banquet of the 2010 Scottish Tour, Anne Malcolm, 2005 Canadian Tour Captain, introduced the Muriel Fage Trophy. It was presented by the 2005 Scottish Ladies Tour to Canada in memory of their much-loved courier who died in 2008 after a long battle with breast cancer.

The Muriel Fage Trophy is awarded at the end of the tour to the team, Scottish or Canadian, that accumulates the highest number of points.

Total points scored at each club are used to determine the winner.

Friendship Tour

70
Years

Of Tradition

