

## DUMFRIES ICE BOWL DEVELOPMENT REPORT Season 2016 / 2017

### TRY CURLING SESSIONS

- These were held monthly but only advertised on Try Curling .Com and most curlers went straight to adult coaching
- Ladies Night was successful

### CURLINGS COOL PROGRAMME

P6 Schools - 43	P7 School - 35	Talent Id Letters	Returns to Coaching	Joining Club
Participants - 731	Participants - 500	277	71	22

### CURLINGS COOL PRIMARY TOURNAMENTS

P6 School Teams Entered	P7 School Teams Entered
18	16

### JUNIOR COACHING

- **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY – OPEN COACHING SESSIONS**
- **TUESDAY – TALENT PROGRAMME**
- **THURSDAY – SWEEPERS CLUB**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
Sept	35	37	22	82	42		218
Oct	82	40	76	102	53		353
Nov	78	97	86	90	88	13	452
Dec	69	40	49	45	20	14	237
Jan	57	67	50	100	104	35	413
Feb	67	88	57	79	42	74	407
March	47	56	70	96	68	20	357
April	0	0	0	6	3	20	29
Season Totals	435	425	410	600	420	176	2466

**SKILLS AWARDS**

RED	WHITE	BLUE	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
26	10	24	2	5	0

**RCCC PROGRAMMES**

- Talent Programme Dumfries Ice Bowl – 36 Curlers attended
- Royal Club Programmes - 3

**ADULT COACHING**

43 Participants
365 Attendances

**DUMFRIES ICE BOWL VIRTUAL CLUB**

- o Members - 20

**IMPROVERS 1-1 SESSIONS / TEAM TRAINING**

1 -1 SESSIONS	TEAM TRAINING
18	12

### **CLUB DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS**

18 Sessions	22 sessions
5 clubs	1 club

### **CORPORATE SESSIONS**

- 8 Groups

### **COACHES**

Volunteer Coaching Hours
585

### **2016 / 17 SEASON**

- VOLUNTEER COACHES
  - 2
- Trainee Level 1 Coaches
  - 6
- Level 1 Coaches
  - 11
- Trainee Level 2 Coaches
  - 1
- Level 2 Coaches
  - 5
- Team Coaches
  - 3
- RCCC Performance Coaches
  - 1

### **Coaching Seminar / Workshop**

- David Ramsay – RCCC Performance Coach 15<sup>th</sup> November

## **Development Officers Goals Season 2016 / 2017**

- 1 – Increase coaching group resources
- 2 – Increase participation levels in all programmes
- 3 – Have Local curlers winning Championships (National, World & Olympic, and RCCC Slam Winners)
- 4 – Bring National and International curling events to Dumfries Ice Bowl
- 5 – Introduce more juniors to mainstream clubs
- 6 – Improve adult feeder for coaching sessions
- 7 – Implement new Junior Club Structure and develop club committee
- 8– Develop virtual club for adults and create links to clubs to recruit new members
- 9 – Support DIBCA in becoming more efficient with active sub groups
- 10 – Work closer with the Clubs to stabilise and improve memberships numbers affiliated to RCCC
- 11 - Develop Open Competitions to fill weekend Ice and bring more competitive teams to the Ice Bowl
- 12 – Bring more RCCC competitions to Dumfries Ice Bowl to help raise awareness and develop partnerships

## **Development Officers Plans Season 2017 / 2018**

- Junior Club
  - Support the development of the junior club committee
  - Finalise sports club accreditation for the junior club
  - Improve on team training & developing teams
  - Improve on delivery of talent programme level members
  
- Adult Curlers
  - Build Dumfries Ice Bowl Virtual Club to increase members
  - Create Closer links with Local Clubs by providing club development sessions
  - Work with Local Clubs to enhance sustainability
  - Create a support system for mainstream clubs to ensure clubs are sustainable

- Olympic Programme
  - Run an Olympic programme for a full season
  - Hold an Olympic festival
  
- Dumfries Ice Bowl Curling Association
  - Support DIBCA to increase the activity of the Curling at the Ice Bowl
  - Support Sub Groups to enhance communication to curlers at Dumfries Ice Bowl
  - Continue to provide European Tour Events
  - Create AEO (Assistant Event Organisers) for the RCCC events for season 2017/18
  - Identify World Curling Federation Events for hosting and bidding for before or after 2020
  
- Coaching Group
  - Increase coach recruitment
  - Create new coaching group within the Ice Bowl to help with development
  - Provide coach education & continuous upskilling
  - Recruit Team Coaches to support emerging teams
  - Build a case for an employed assistant coach to ensure continued development
  - Create Programme Session Plans to be more accessible to coaches
  - Continue Coach development & Upskilling
  
- Corporate Business
  - Create more links with local businesses to help the development of Curling at Dumfries ice Bowl
  - Links with Competitions
  - Links with long term projects

## **COACHING & DEVELOPMENT**

Season 2016/ 2017 has been one of the most challenging seasons seen at Dumfries Ice Bowl. Council restructure brought a lot of uncertainty to the facility and continuous changes making it difficult to keep moving forward. I am pleased to say that due to the continued support of the Facility, DIBCA, RCCC and most importantly a great group of volunteer coaches, along with links with the Local University, schools, local clubs and their members we have come through those challenges and look forward to a more settled season for 2017/18

The facility has appointed a Full Time Ice Technician who I look forward to working alongside next season to improve playing & coaching conditions for all.

The School programme maintained its large volume of participants and support from the local schools. The two primary festivals sponsored by Ivor Marriott, who has continued supporting the festivals in the name of his late wife Avril Marriott were a great success with some fantastic curling taking place at the events and new stars emerging. The link with the local college has also been a great support to this programme

The Junior Coaching continues to run six sessions a week with the attendance rates ever increasing and generating additional income to the facility.

The Junior Club is now one full season in with a parents committee. New ideas are being explored and the club is looking to reach new heights in the future. There is still a lot of work ahead and challenges to overcome but we are all heading in the right direction.

Junior Team Entries into the RCCC Events has been at an all-time high. Dumfries Junior have not only entered all available RCCC competitions but competed at all levels and on some occasions dominated events.

Dumfries had the winning skip of the U21 Asham Slam, along with 2 other teams in the top ten of the men's event and 2 teams in the ladies event.

Four Teams finished in the top 10 of the U17 Asham Slam.

Six Teams entered the U14 Asham Slam with a Dumfries Team winning Overall.

The Junior Club kept its place in the RCCC Club Challenge Div 1 & Div 2 along with gaining promotion with a 3<sup>rd</sup> squad after winning Div 3. A separate programme will be set out for this event for next season to support 3 squads.

Dumfries won both age groups at the Funspiel U13 & U15 & the U13 Hotshots, while they also won the Regional Cup KOSB.

Several Teams competed in the Scottish Junior Championships. Ross Whyte finishing runner up and represented Scotland at the World Junior Championships in Korea as 5<sup>th</sup> Man. Sophie Jackson had an incredible season. She won the Junior European Tour, Won the Gold at the World B Championships, Won the Scottish Junior Championships, Represented Scotland at the World Junior Championships in Korea winning a Silver Medal. She also won Bronze at the World Mixed Championships earlier in the season. The New Scottish Junior Mixed Doubles Championship was a very popular event with 24 teams taking part; Dumfries Juniors were represented in 8 teams across the event finishing 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> as the best results.

Throughout the season there were also many other outstanding local achievements by the Junior Club and junior members so well done to all the members of the club

The new club development programme that was rolled out at the start of the season has shown great prospects and will be implemented again next season. It will also run alongside an Olympic Programme for the full season.

Dumfries Ice Bowl continues to develop its provision for hosting competitions with a significant number of major events taking place each season. This development has helped to produce more consistent and good ice conditions on a local level. These events do come with severe workloads and the volunteers assisting in these events should also be thanked. The December European Tour Event is still working hard to become a recognised event within the Tour and desperately needs support from the D&G Event Funding in order to establish it's self as one of the best on tour. The New Olympic event Mixed Doubles has been a big hit and Dumfries Ice Bowl on its second year of running were ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> best event in Europe attracting many of the teams competing at World Championships and potentially Olympics for 2018. Every event delivered at the Ice Bowl allows us to learn something new and this in turn allows us to provide a better event the following year but also to provide higher standards for our local curlers on a daily basis.

Several documents on the development of the Ice Bowl Curling Hall have been produced which are now working documents for DIBCA, Ice Bowl Management and myself as Curling Development Officer. It is hoped that once these documents become fully operational with all parties that they will become the driving force behind progress at the Ice Bowl as we work towards becoming a World Class curling venue.

The Adult pathway is now established and it is hoped will see significant growth next season. From; Try Curling to beginner's sessions, virtual club, improver's sessions, club development and team training. This will become a focus point for next season linked with the Olympic programme.

I would like to thank Denise Barker & Wendy Murray for the work they have done on the skill levels for Red, White & Blue. This new bank of coaching plans should help for the future and allow for higher pass marks in each skill level. All the coaches have again delivered a huge number of skill levels this season.

An area of concern for me at the Ice Bowl in the current set up is that our programmes have grown faster than anticipated after moving into the dedicated curling hall. Due to the stretch on current coaches we are not developing all our juniors programmes or curlers to their full potential and other programmes also still have the potential to grow. With the ever growing numbers our sessions are very much designed around group sessions and individual technical development has come to a full stop. To improve this situation I believe that Dumfries Ice Bowl need to look at employing an assistant coach to allow the growth and talent development to progress again. This in turn will generate more income for the facility as we keep more curlers in the programmes due to a better customer experience.

Our Corporate sessions have been very varied over the season from the Da Vinci Project to Blue Peter, John Deere Forestry, Carlisle Youth Group, to teams training for the European Championships, Stag Parties & Local Community Projects.

I would like to thank all the volunteer coaches once again for their dedication and support to the development of Curling.

Many thanks

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