

Scottish Wheelchair Curling Championships 2018

Held at The Peak Stirling

Tuesday 27th – Thursday 29th March 2018 saw the Peak, Stirling host the successful Scottish Wheelchair Curling Championship.

There was a complement of 12 teams with over 50 wheelchair curlers attend the three-day competition, which was praised as being played with a high level of friendship and an inspiring event.

There were 2 pools of 6 teams competing in the Round Robin stages with the top teams from each section playing off for the Gold Medal Game. The pool stages saw lots of good curling with Pool A having a very clear winner in Team Gault. Pool B was a much tighter section with 2 teams fighting for top Spot, team Park and Team Bidgood. However Team Bidgood finally won through to play in the Final.

Team Gault having won this event on the previous 3 occasions being the clear favourites having 4 ex Paralympic players in their line-up, whilst Team Bidgood had a much more inexperienced line up with their team never having played together before this event.

It was one of the best and closest finals in recent years with a standard of curling worthy of any international match. Team Gault taking a 3 in the first end, but Team Bidgood fought back courageously, getting a one, then losing a one. The fourth end the umpire had to measure three stones, all on the button; all touching each other Team Bidgood managed a two and then losing a one at the fifth. Starting the last end Team Bidgood were losing 5-3 and had the hammer. The final end was a tense one, Bidgood were lying one with the last stone to play, but it kept running and ended up as third shot, and finally losing 5 – 4 to Team Gault who were once again the winners. This was certainly a thrilling finally for what had been an excellent Scottish Championships.

Many thanks go to the organisers, Umpires Harry Brodie and his wife Michele and all the volunteer helpers both on and off the ice.





Team Gault



Team Bidgood