

The Friendship Trophy 2017

The **North** played host to the 2017 Friendship Trophy and the competition took place at the Peak, Stirling. This event is run annually between players from the North and players from the South for the Friendship Trophy presented way back in 2007 by ex Curler Ann McGarva. Ann is a great supporter and advocate of Wheelchair Curling and it is through her that financially the Scottish Wheelchair Curling Association can host this event.

This year ten players from both North and South of Scotland competed. As they were representing numerous Clubs it was a great opportunity for everyone to make new friendships from all areas of Scotland who have a common interest CURLING. It is intended primarily for relatively new players to take part in a Competition where all the participants are of a similar level and is very much an entry level Competition.

The format is that teams of two Triples and two Pairs from both North and South do battle against each other. The points from all the matches are then totalled to see who the overall winner is. This year the trophy went to the South, after some very hard fought games had been played.

The day is then rounded off by a meal where the players can form new friendships and engage in some friendly banter. The meal was, as usual, very well received after they had played two games that afternoon, Zak's once again did us proud and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day before winding their way back home to their respective destinations.

Thanks must go to Jacky McLaren for organising this event; she did a wonderful job as usual, rounding up her on ice helpers, arranging for the umpires and generally making things run very smoothly on the day. A huge THANK YOU to all of the Volunteers in whatever capacity they fulfilled, and although Ann McGarva could not be present this year we send her all our thoughts and good wishes and thank her once again for supporting this event, we had a wonderful day.