

Tunnock's Wheelchair Curling Tournament

Monday 19th March - Wednesday 21st March.

The long trip north from Newcastle proved to be highly successful for the wheelchair curlers from Newcastle who waltzed away with the major trophies in the 2018 Tunnock's Wheelchair Curling Tournament held at Hamilton Ice Rink in South Lanarkshire.

Over three days, 9 teams of wheelchair curlers battled it out for the prestigious Tunnock's Trophy with the Northern Ice 2 team edging out their closest rivals, Northern Ice 1, to claim the silverware.

In third place was Team Lockerbie 2 with Team Stirling just missing out on the trophies in fourth place. As ever at the Tunnock's Tournament, there were no losers with every player taking home a Tunnock's 'goodie bag'!

At the awards presentation late on Wednesday evening, there was rousing applause for the efforts of South Lanarkshire Wheelchair Curling Club, and their families and friends, who organise this popular tournament which brings the wheelchair curling season to a close in Scotland.

To mark this tenth anniversary of the 'Tunnock's Bonspiel', a special presentation was made to South Lanarkshire Wheelchair Curling Club Chairman, Brian Douglas, who coincidentally was celebrating his 70th birthday!

Before the dinner, Provost Ian McAllan spoke warmly of his reception and the friendly yet fiercely competitive atmosphere at the tournament while Boyd Tunnock thanked everyone who made the event such a success - and regaled the throng with a few anecdotes! Thereafter the prizegiving got underway to raucous and voluble support from the players.

It was a grand tournament with a grand finish and the ribald camaraderie confirmed there were no losers, everyone went home a winner!

The nine teams who took part were:

- Northern Ice 1, Newcastle
- Northern Ice 2, Newcastle
- Team Lockerbie 1
- Team Lockerbie 2
- Team Stirling
- Team Bain, South Lanarkshire
- Team Harvey, South Lanarkshire
- Team Sellar, South Lanarkshire
- Team Donaldson, South Lanarkshire

The Winners - Northern Ice 2



Christine Warwick, Michael Walker, Jeff Ward and Paul McGinty (Skip) with Boyd Tunnock CBE, M.D.
Tunnock's Bakery

Runners-Up - Northern Ice 1



David Melrose, Stephen McGarry, Gary Logan and Stewart Pimblett (Skip) with Councillor Ian McAllan,
Provost of South Lanarkshire

Third place - Team Lockerbie 2



Alison Cloudsley, John McEllan, Daniel Cowan and Keith Thorne (Skip) with Fergus Loudon, Director, Tunnock's Bakery



Presentation to Brian Douglas, SLWCC Chairman with Fergus Loudon, Mrs Douglas, Provost Ian McAllan and Boyd Tunnock CBE

Additional Information:

South Lanarkshire Wheelchair Curling Club

The club is always keen to hear from any other wheelchair users who may be interested in taking up such a sociable, enjoyable and competitive sport.

The club was originally formed in 1990 in East Kilbride before moving to Hamilton Ice Rink in 2003.

The 2018/19 season will commence later this year around September.

The Club and its activities are supported by Tunnock's Bakeries, Bells Food Group, Route74 Truckstop, No.4, Mitie, Hugh McClelland & Son, Vision Outsourcing, Audi Glasgow.

Tunnock's Bakery, Uddingston.

Founded in Uddingston in 1890, the business is now in its 127th year and is still owned and managed by the Tunnock family. Each week, the bakery produces in excess of 12 million Teacakes, Snowballs, Caramel Wafers and Caramel Logs which it sells all around the UK and exports a wide range of its tempting treats and snacks throughout Europe, the Middle and Far East, and America.

John Fife

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