

## **Stewart's Melville F.P. Curling Club -- Season 2017-18**

Murrayfield Ice Rink opened for the new season on 20 September and we had our first club league game on 25 September. We are several members down this year although we are delighted to welcome Chris Morris (school leaver in 2017) and his older sister Sarah. Their arrival has reduced the average age of members considerably!

We lost our first FP League match against Watsonians and suffered a one shot defeat to Oxenford in the Province League.

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### **Club League Curling.**

Four rinks once again played throughout the season for the Andrew Williamson trophy. There were many very close games, with the winners not being known until after the final game of the season. The winning rink was skipped by George Bee and ably assisted by Richard Bee, Frances Kerr and Sandra Shedden. Harry Waugh's rink were tied with George's rink on 11 points but lost out on the trophy on ends won (32 to 30).

### **Glenfarclas Division 2(Midlothian Province)**

We again had hopes at one point of promotion to Division 1, but sadly missed out finishing third and will play in Division 2 next season.

### **King George IV Knockout trophy**

Our rink were narrowly defeated by Holyrood in the 1st round

### **Midlothian Province Bonspiel**

We had 2 rinks in this competition and we beat 37 Club by 4 shots and lost to Gogar Park by 1 shot, so finished with a +3 shots score.

### **F.P. League**

Watsonians won the league this season and we came second for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running.

### **Challenge Match v Watsonians**

Watsonians won back the salver.

### **Match v Schools**

Unfortunately Mary Erskine were unable to raise a team for this match and we managed to retain the shield by defeating the boys. Vicky Gumley and George Bee continued with the coaching of the Stewarts Melville rink this season. I am delighted to note that Chris Morris who was the school skip is joining the FP Curling Club for next season. Indeed his sister Sarah is also joining us.

As ever, we are in need of curlers of all abilities and if anyone knows a curler looking to join a club, please get them to contact our President George Bee on 0131 336 4533 or [gbee@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gbee@blueyonder.co.uk)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George".

**George Bee**  
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