







## SWISS INTERNATIONAL TEAM VISIT 9th - 12th OCTOBER



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This year we were delighted to welcome an international team from Switzerland. We had the pleasure in playing with the Swiss Curlers throughout the weekend, and it was a fabulous opportunity for all members of the club to meet, play with and socialise with an experienced team with much international experience on the World Curling Stage.



It all started on Thursday with the arrival of the Swiss team, met by Norman Cathcart and Michael McCreadie, who escorted them to the Purple Hotel to be met by Margaret . They all adjourned to see the Curling sheets and have dinner. As it was Norman's birthday the Swiss team generously took him to dinner in Ma Potters.

Friday morning saw a visit to Loch Lomond where the Swiss visitors were accompanied by Norman and Margaret Cathcart and the club President Michael McCreadie on the solar boat trip and lunch.



This was followed by a whiskey distillery visit to warm up nicely for the No-sweep Curling Competition, 48 wheelchair curlers and able bodied curlers all coming together to compete on 6 sheets for 6 ends. The atmosphere was one of friendly welcome and competition resulting in a runners up prize for Team G Nanette Davidson, Angela Malone, Judy Mackenzie and Sepp Ramel with 7 shots. Team E Margaret Withycombe, Bruce Henry, Max Brunner and Steve Sutherland took first prize with 8









A civic reception took place after the games and Councillor Celia Lawson officially welcomed the Swiss curlers Max Brunner, Sepp Ramel, Ivo Hasler, Beni Fuglistaler, Claudia Huttenmoser-Pfister and their Coach Doris Huguenin.



Saturday saw an early start with the first pairs and triples games at 10am.



Scotland Team 1 Vs Jim E., Gerald and Craig 120200

5

Scotland Team 2 VS Jim T, Bill and James 021000

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**Switzerland Team 1** 

Claudia, Doris and Beni 002012

5

Switzerland Team 2
Max, Ivo and Sepp

200114 **8** 



After lunch and some shopping, the afternoon matches took place at 2.20pm



Scotland Team 3 Jim S. and Gavin 001002

3

**Scotland Team 4** Vs **Tom, Gill, Aileen, Angie** 301124

11



Switzerland Team 3 Doris and Beni 130110

6

Switzerland Team 4 Max, Ivo, Claudia, Sepp

030000 **3** 



Everyone agreed that a fine day's play and good curling and friendly competition had been the way all day.

And it wasn't over. After drinks in the bar everyone went off to prepare for an evening at the Burnhouse Manor where our sponsors hosted an evening meal and some wonderful singing from our fabulous visitors.







On Sunday morning Norman took Ivo, Claudia and Doris back to Lomond Shores for some more shopping. It was a lovely

morning and they saw Loch Lomond at its very best.

Huge thanks go to Michael McCreadie for inviting his good friend and curling associate Doris Huguenin and her team to visit Braehead. Special thanks go to Norman Cathcart for driving the bus and ensuring the Swiss team got to all the places they wished to visit and all the curling games they attended.

It was a privilege to welcome and curl with a wonderful team.





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