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The 4th European Mixed Curling Championship



Kitzbühel, nestling in the Austrian Tyrol beneath the awe inspiring Hahnenkamm peak was the venue for this now well established Championship Event.

Twenty three eager and raring to go European teams displayed their skills on the faultlessly prepared ice. Every attention to detail for the comfort of all being the chief concern of Richard Obermoser and the Host Committee, who certainly lived up to their slogan "United in the Spirit of Curling".

The excellent standard and attention to detail was reflected in the high quality of this event, matched by the friendly, helpful assistance of all concerned.

As in all events of this ability, some teams displayed brilliance others wished for what might have been, but all games were watchable and in most cases unpredictable until the final end.

The social side of thing was not forgotten. The players enjoyed a Pasta Party staged by the

indomitable Franco Zumofen in which the delights of Cortina were highlighted and to commiserate the losers a series of Happy Losers Parties was welcomed by those teams with not so fortunate results. Many friendships were made and renewed during the event.

The four teams vying for medals in the final play off were the Czech Republic, Germany, Russia and Sweden.

The medal games, very closely contested, could have gone either way, but the final result saw a delighted and worthy German team taking the Gold Medal. The Silver Medal going to the Czech Republic and Bronze to Sweden. The Russian team fought bravely but just missed a medal by the finest of margins.

Thank you Kitzbühel for a wonderful experience.