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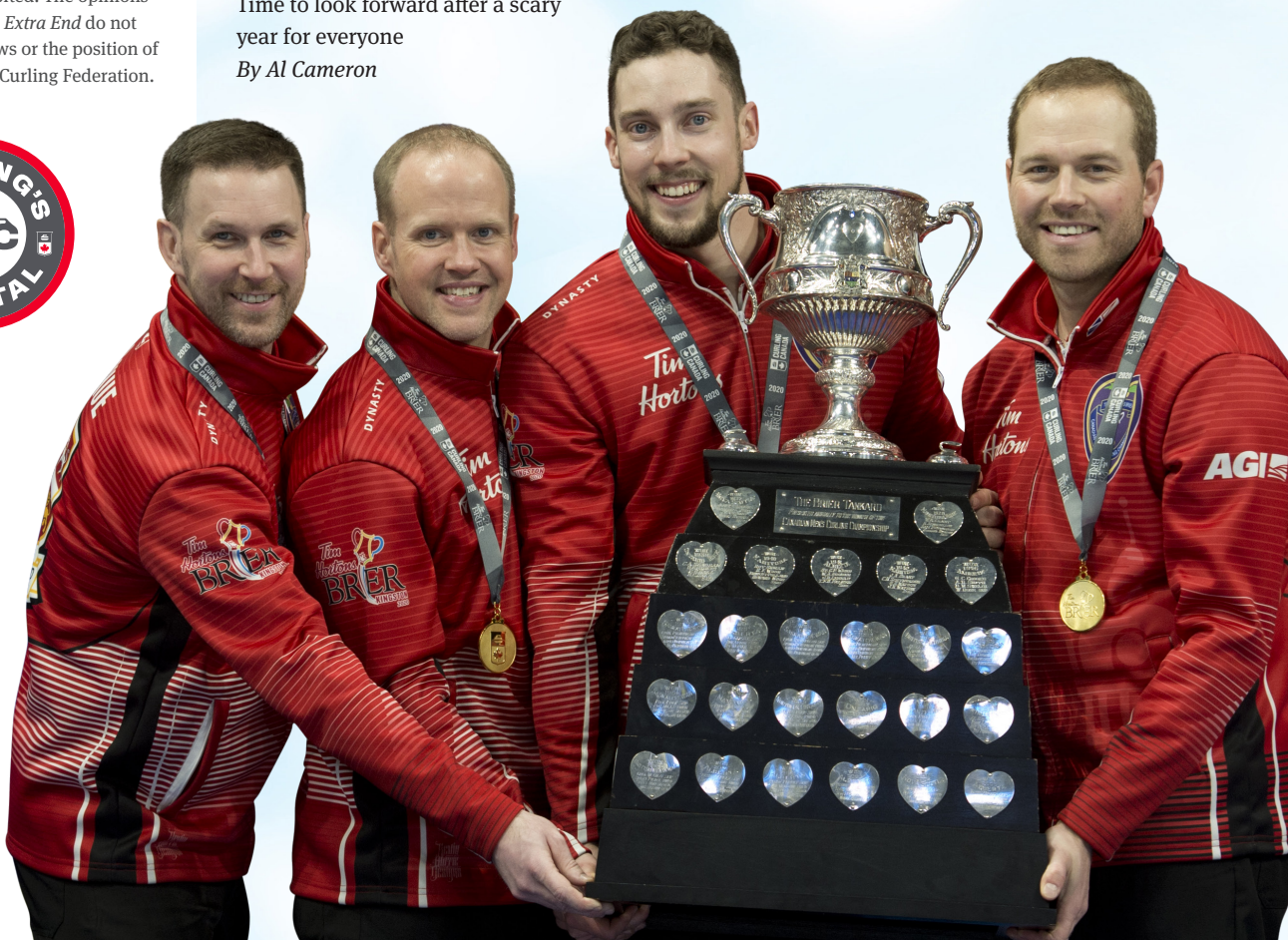
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Skip Brad Gushue and his 2001 Brier winners from Newfoundland and Labrador (left to right: Gushue, third Mark Nichols, second Brett Gallant and lead Geoff Walker) hope to successfully defend their national title and get another shot at a world championship this spring.



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WELCOME TO THE 2021 TIM HORTONS BRIER

We are thrilled to join Canadian curling fans to witness this country's top curlers compete for the prestigious Brier Tankard. From end to end, we are certain that the Calgary host committee has developed an incredible and safe event that fans and athletes will always remember.

For more than 20 years, Tim Hortons has been a proud supporter of Canadian curling and during this time we have seen tremendous growth in the sport. Whether it's through your pre-draw rituals or by sponsoring premier events like this one, Tim Hortons is proud to be associated with a sport that is an important part of our Canadian heritage.

As a valued part of this tradition, curling fans are like no other — always supportive and always there. With them, we wish the best of luck to all the athletes competing. You are all role models for aspiring curlers as well as your communities and we will be cheering you all on along the way.

Finally, we would like to thank the many volunteers, Curling Canada and the local organizing committee for their hard work and commitment to the sport. Without your rock-solid dedication, this event would not be possible.

Thank you for making the 2021 Tim Hortons Brier a sweeping success.

BIENVENUE AU BRIER TIM HORTONS 2021

Nous sommes ravis de nous joindre aux amateurs de curling canadiens pour voir à l'œuvre les meilleurs joueurs de curling de notre pays lors du prestigieux Brier Tankard. Nous n'avons aucun doute que le comité hôte de Calgary a mis en place un événement incroyable et sécuritaire dont les partisans et les athlètes se souviendront toute leur vie.

Depuis plus de 20 ans, Tim Hortons est un fier supporteur du curling canadien et, au cours de cette période, nous avons été témoin d'une croissance extraordinaire au sein du sport. Que ce soit dans le cadre de vos rituels d'avant-match ou par le biais de la commandite d'événements de premier plan comme celui-ci, Tim Hortons est fier d'être associé à un sport qui est un élément important de notre patrimoine canadien.

En tant qu'élément essentiel de cette tradition, les amateurs de curling ne sont pas comme les autres : toujours solidaires et toujours présents. Nous nous joignons à eux pour souhaiter la meilleure des chances à tous les athlètes participants. Vous êtes tous des modèles pour les jeunes curleurs ainsi que pour vos communautés et nous vous encouragerons tous au long de ce championnat.

Enfin, nous tenons à remercier les nombreux bénévoles, Curling Canada et le comité d'organisation local pour leur travail acharné et leur engagement envers le curling. Sans votre dévouement à toute épreuve, cet événement ne serait pas possible.

Merci de votre contribution au succès retentissant du Brier Tim Hortons 2021.

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On behalf of the AGI team, welcome to the

2021 Tim Hortons Brier, presented by AGI!

We are so pleased to support this week of world-class Canadian curling in Calgary, where AGI has a proud history of supporting farmers. We take great pride in being associated with Canadian athletes, Curling Canada and the Brier. Helping these communities and groups succeed is part of who we are at AGI.

Whether it's curling or farming, excellence takes hard work. At AGI, we tip our hats to the curlers who spend thousands of hours at the rink practising and the farmers working gruelling days to put food on our tables. The pursuit of excellence is something that's important to us. That's why the AGI family of brands — including Westeel, Batco, Westfield and SureTrack — is dedicated to building the world's agricultural and food infrastructure and providing the top-of-the-line products farmers depend on.

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Today, our purpose at AGI is much broader than ever in our history. Our scale is global, and our brands are among the most recognized in global agriculture. And we are just getting started.

Welcome to this celebration of great curling in Canada. We're pleased to join you in cheering on these athletes. And to all competitors: Good luck and good curling!

Tim Close

President and CEO, AGI

Au nom de l'équipe d'AGI, bienvenue au Brier

Tim Hortons 2021, présenté par AGI!

Nous sommes très heureux d'appuyer cette semaine de curling canadien de classe mondiale à Calgary, où AGI possède une longue tradition de soutien aux agriculteurs. Nous sommes très fiers d'être associés aux athlètes canadiens, à Curling Canada et au Brier. Contribuer au succès de ces communautés et de ces groupes fait partie de notre identité chez AGI.

Qu'il s'agisse de curling ou d'agriculture, l'excellence demande un travail acharné. Chez AGI, nous levons notre chapeau aux joueurs de curling qui passent des milliers d'heures à s'entraîner sur la glace et aux agriculteurs qui travaillent sans relâche pour mettre de la nourriture sur notre table. La poursuite de l'excellence est importante pour nous. C'est pourquoi la famille des marques AGI, y compris Westeel, Batco, Westfield et SureTrack, se consacre au renforcement de l'infrastructure agricole et alimentaire mondiale et à la fourniture des produits haut de gamme dont dépendent les agriculteurs.

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Aujourd'hui, notre objectif chez AGI est beaucoup plus ambitieux que jamais au cours de notre histoire. Notre portée est internationale et nos marques sont parmi les plus reconnues dans l'agriculture mondiale. Et nous ne faisons que commencer.

Bienvenue à cette célébration du curling au Canada. Nous sommes heureux de nous joindre à vous pour encourager ces athlètes. Et à tous les concurrents : bonne chance et bon curling!

Tim Close

Président et chef de la direction, AGI

MESSAGES



I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY

warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2021 Tim Hortons Brier, being held at the Markin MacPhail Centre at Canada Olympic Park in Calgary.

Curling fans watching from home will no doubt be treated to a remarkable display of precision, skill and strategy as

18 men's teams from across the country compete for the coveted Brier Tankard and the chance to represent Canada at the 2021 World Men's Curling Championship.

I would like to congratulate all of the teams who have qualified for this tournament and wish them the best of luck. It continues to be a challenging time for planning and hosting events. That is why I would also like to thank Curling Canada and the many volunteers for their hard work and dedication in organizing this year's championship, particularly in light of the extra precautions needed to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved.

Please accept my best wishes for an exciting and memorable experience.

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada



ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT

of Alberta, it is my pleasure to send greetings to the readers of *Extra End* magazine.

In these unprecedented times, we have all had to learn to do things differently. That includes sporting events, which have continued to provide welcome entertainment as we navigate the

challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Curling is a Canadian tradition and an iconic prairie pastime, and our province is proud to play host to the 2021 Hub City model in Calgary. I know fans everywhere are looking forward to seeing some of the best curlers in the country, and the world, competing in these events.

Thank you to WinSport and Curling Canada for working with all levels of government to make these championships possible. I appreciate the time and attention that have been committed to ensuring compliance with all public health requirements.

Good luck to all the curlers, and best wishes for safe and successful events!

The Honourable Jason Kenney
Premier of Alberta

JE SUIS HEUREUX DE PRÉSENTER MES

salutations les plus chaleureuses à toutes les personnes qui prennent part au Brier Tim Hortons 2021, au centre Markin MacPhail du parc olympique du Canada, à Calgary.

Les spectateurs qui assistent au tournoi à distance seront assurément servis par la précision, les habiletés et les stratégies des dix-huit équipes masculines de partout au pays qui se disputent le convoité Tankard et la chance de représenter le Canada au Championnat du monde masculin de 2021.

Je tiens à féliciter toutes les équipes qui se sont qualifiées pour ce tournoi et leur souhaiter la meilleure des chances. La planification et l'organisation d'événements demeurent difficiles en ce moment. C'est pourquoi je tiens à remercier Curling Canada et les nombreux bénévoles pour tout leur travail et leur dévouement à l'organisation du championnat de cette année, en particulier dans le contexte des précautions supplémentaires requises pour assurer la santé et la sécurité de tous les participants.

Recevez mes meilleurs vœux pour une compétition passionnante et mémorable.

Le très hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, C.P., député
Prime Minister of Canada

AU NOM DU GOUVERNEMENT DE L'ALBERTA, J'AI LE

plaisir d'offrir mes salutations aux lecteurs du magazine *Extra End*.

En cette période sans précédent, nous avons tous dû apprendre à faire les choses différemment. Cela inclut les événements sportifs, qui ont continué à offrir un divertissement fort apprécié pendant que nous affrontons les défis liés à la pandémie de COVID-19.

Le curling est une tradition canadienne et un passe-temps emblématique des Prairies, et notre province est fière d'accueillir le modèle de la ville bulle 2021 à Calgary. Je sais que les partisans de partout au pays ont hâte de voir certains des meilleurs joueurs de curling du Canada et du monde entier participer à ces événements.

Merci à WinSport et à Curling Canada d'avoir travaillé avec tous les paliers de gouvernement pour rendre ces championnats possibles. J'apprécie le temps et l'attention consacrés au respect de toutes les exigences de santé publique.

Bonne chance à toutes les joueuses et à tous les joueurs. Je vous souhaite de tout cœur des événements sécuritaires et couronnés de succès.

L'honorable Jason Kenney
Premier ministre de l'Alberta

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ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF

Calgary and my City Council colleagues, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 Season of Champions Curling Events proudly operated by Curling Canada.

Calgary is especially excited to be the host city to the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, the Tim Hortons Brier, the

Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship, the World Men's Curling Championship and two Grand Slam tournaments. Despite this being a time when we are often physically apart, it is important now, more than ever before, to find fun and creative ways to experience the exhilaration of the game together as participants and fans alike.

Many Canadians know of the time-honoured tradition of this vibrant and exciting game and are proud to be home to some of the best curlers in the world. I have no doubt that these events will highlight the tremendous talent we have across our country.

I commend all of the competitors for their hard work and dedication in reaching this level, and I wish all the teams the best of luck as they compete. I also extend a sincere thank-you to the organizers, sponsors and volunteers to ensuring these events are a huge success.

Congratulations!

Naheed K. Nenshi
Mayor of Calgary

AU NOM DES CITOYENS DE CALGARY ET DE MES

collègues du conseil municipal, j'ai le plaisir de vous souhaiter la bienvenue aux événements de curling de la Saison des Champions 2021 fièrement organisés par Curling Canada.

Calgary est particulièrement ravie d'être la ville hôte du Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties, du Brier Tim Hortons, du championnat canadien de curling double mixte, du championnat du monde de curling masculin et de deux tournois du Grand Chelem. Bien que nous traversions une période au cours de laquelle nous sommes souvent séparés physiquement, il est plus que jamais important de trouver des moyens amusants et créatifs de vivre l'exaltation du curling ensemble en tant que participants et partisans.

De nombreux Canadiens connaissent la tradition de longue date de ce sport dynamique et passionnant et sont fiers du fait que plusieurs des meilleurs joueurs de curling au monde sont originaires du Canada. Je suis convaincu que ces événements mettront en valeur le talent extraordinaire qui se trouve dans chaque région du pays.

Je félicite tous les joueurs et les joueuses pour le travail acharné et le dévouement qui fut nécessaire pour atteindre ce niveau, et je souhaite à toutes les équipes la meilleure des chances lors de ces compétitions. Je tiens également à remercier sincèrement les organisateurs, les commanditaires et les bénévoles qui feront de ces événements un énorme succès.

Félicitations!

Naheed K. Nenshi
Maire de Calgary





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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT

THIS HAS BEEN A CURLING SEASON LIKE NO OTHER, but we can be thankful that we are in a position to enjoy curling's biggest events once again in Calgary.

It's my pleasure to offer greetings and the best of luck on behalf of Curling Canada's Board of Governors to everyone competing in this year's Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Tim Hortons Brier, presented by AGI, Home Hardware Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship, presented by Nature's Bounty, and the BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship, presented by New Holland.

We must first express our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors who stood by us loyally as we charted our path to Calgary for these events. It's worth noting this will be a landmark edition of the Scotties — 40 consecutive years of sponsorship by Kruger Products, an achievement in which we all take pride. Thank you also to Tim Hortons, Home Hardware and BKT Tires and OK Tire for your ongoing support.

These events would not have been possible without significant support from the Province of Alberta, the City of Calgary and Tourism Calgary, as well as the host facility, the Markin MacPhail Centre at WinSport's Canada Olympic Park, and our colleagues at Curling Alberta, who co-ordinated the volunteer drive for these events.

We're also truly grateful for the contributions of Alberta Health with whom we worked closely to make sure that not only are our athletes and staff in a safe environment, but also that our host city of Calgary is not put at any risk.

To our Curling Canada staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that these events could be staged in a safe, responsible manner — you have represented our organization with grace, class and professionalism under the most trying of circumstances. Your dedication to curling is admirable and must be saluted.

These events would not have happened without the contributions of, and support from, the 14 Member Associations that comprise Curling Canada. Our sport continues to grow thanks to your efforts, and it's truly appreciated.

Finally, to our athletes. We know these have been challenging weeks and months leading up to the Calgary events. There have been sacrifices made by all of you in order to compete in the bubble, and we are thankful for that. You are Canadian curling at its very best, on and off the ice, and our pride and admiration for you knows no bounds.

I wish all of you good and safe curling.

Mitch Minken
Chair

LA SAISON DE CURLING ACTUELLE EST SANS PRÉCÉDENT, mais, heureusement, nous pourrions bientôt profiter à nouveau des plus grands événements de curling à Calgary.

J'ai le plaisir, au nom du Conseil des gouverneurs de Curling Canada, d'offrir mes salutations et de souhaiter la meilleure des chances à tous ceux et celles qui participent aux éditions 2021 du Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties, du Brier Tim Hortons, présenté par AGI, du championnat canadien de double mixte Home Hardware, présenté par Nature's Bounty, et du championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus, présenté par New Holland.

Nous devons d'abord exprimer nos sincères remerciements à nos commanditaires qui nous ont soutenus loyalement alors que nous pavions la voie vers Calgary pour la tenue de ces événements. Il convient de souligner que le Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties est commandité par les Produits Kruger pour une 40e année consécutive, une réalisation dont nous sommes tous fiers. Merci également à Tim Hortons, Home Hardware, BKT Pneus et OK Pneus pour votre soutien continu.

Ces événements n'auraient pas été possibles sans un soutien important de la province de l'Alberta, de la ville de Calgary et de Tourisme Calgary, ainsi que de l'installation hôte, le Centre Markin MacPhail du Parc olympique du Canada WinSport, et de nos collègues de Curling Alberta, qui ont coordonné le recrutement de bénévoles pour ces événements.

Nous sommes également très reconnaissants de la contribution d'Alberta Health, avec qui nous avons travaillé en étroite collaboration pour nous assurer que non seulement nos athlètes et notre personnel se trouvent dans un environnement sécuritaire, mais également que notre ville hôte, Calgary, ne court aucun risque.

À notre personnel de Curling Canada qui a travaillé sans relâche pour veiller à ce que ces événements puissent être organisés de manière sécuritaire et responsable : vous avez représenté notre organisme avec grâce, classe et professionnalisme dans des circonstances extrêmement difficiles. Votre dévouement envers le curling est admirable et doit être salué.

Ces événements n'auraient pu avoir lieu sans la contribution et le soutien des 14 associations membres qui forment Curling Canada. Notre sport continue de croître grâce à votre travail et nous l'apprécions sincèrement.

Enfin, à nos athlètes. Nous savons que les semaines et les mois précédant ces événements à Calgary ont été difficiles. Vous avez tous fait des sacrifices pour participer aux compétitions dans la bulle, et nous en sommes reconnaissants. Vous représentez le meilleur du curling canadien, sur et hors de la glace, et notre fierté et notre admiration pour vous sont sans bornes.

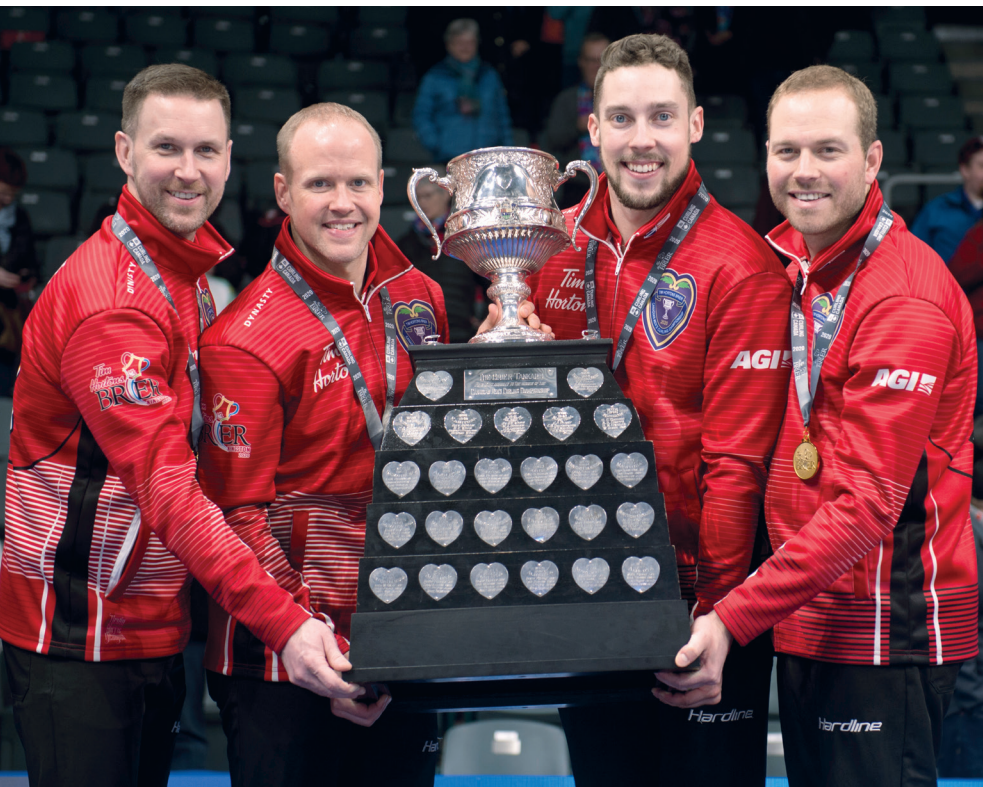
Je vous souhaite à toutes et à tous de l'excellent curling en toute sécurité.

Mitch Minken
Président

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Newfoundland and Labrador's Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant and Geoff Walker established a curling dynasty with their third Brier win in four years. Up against round-robin leader Team Alberta, Gushue stole one in the first end, forced one in the second and scored three in the third to take an early lead he never relinquished.

It was easy to get lost in glitzy and glamorous game-winning shots at the 2020 Tim Hortons Brier.

Manitoba's Jason Gunnlaugson's double runback double to score three against Prince Edward Island? Mesmerizing.

Kevin Koe's whisker-thin triple for two that led Team Canada to victory against Wild Card? Bold.

A Saskatchewan runback triple for four by skip Matt Dunstone that resulted in a second straight come-from-behind victory? Tenacious.

The 2020 Tim Hortons Brier, presented by AGI, at Leon's Centre in Kingston, Ontario, will go down as one of the most memorable championships in recent history. But not only because of those shots, which were just the shiny wrapping paper on the gift that this Brier delivered. At its core, the Brier champion, Team Brad

Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador, delivered an impressive performance that cemented its legacy on the Roaring Game.

Gushue, vice-skip Mark Nichols, second Brett Gallant and lead Geoff Walker have established a curling dynasty with their third Brier win in four years. No team has reached that level of consistency since Alberta's Randy Ferbey won four of five titles from 2001 to 2005.

"To be honest, we came in here with a little bit of a chip on our shoulder. We didn't get any credit to be one of the favourites," said Gushue. "There was a lot of talk about other teams and we were kind of left aside a little bit. We should have been in there (by virtue of) winning two of the last three (Briers). I think we were highly motivated this week, more so than we have been in the last two years."

Newfoundland and Labrador defeated

Alberta's Brendan Bottcher 7-3 in the final. Gushue stole a point in the first end, forced one in the second and scored three in the third to take an early lead he never relinquished. It's the second time that Gushue had defeated Bottcher in a Brier final, the first coming in 2018.

On the flip side of the coin, Team Bottcher was stung by the defeat — its third straight Brier final loss. Alberta finished the round robin with the top Page playoff position thanks to a 10-1 record. There was also the added benefit of its opponents' fatigue. Four teams played tiebreakers for the final spot in the playoffs, plus Newfoundland and Labrador needed to win a pair of games en route to the final — a 7-4 win over Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs in the 3-4 game and a 7-6 win against Saskatchewan's Dunstone in the semifinal.

All signs pointed to it being the year for Bottcher, vice-skip Darren Moulding, second Brad Thiessen and lead Karrick Martin.

"I just wished it turned out a lot different. We did our best," said Moulding.



Alberta's Brendan Bottcher had rolled through to the Brier final with an 11-1 record, only to suffer his third straight gold-medal loss, this time at the hand of Brad Gushue.

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"I feel like we can do it (make the Brier final) again. It's really hard to do it. I know we're capable of winning this event."

Gushue earned \$105,000 for the victory, along with spots at the 2021 Tim Hortons Brier as Team Canada and 2021 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings, the event that will decide Canada's men's and women's four-player teams at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing.

Unfortunately for Gushue, the opportunity to win a second world title was halted after the 2020 World Men's Curling Championship in Glasgow, Scotland, was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bottcher's team received a \$65,000 payday, while Dunstone's team earned \$45,000 with its third-place effort.

Skip Brad Gushue put on a curling clinic, shooting a near-perfect 97 per cent in a 7-3 win over Alberta's Brendan Bottcher in the Brier final. "Friggin' awesome," said Gushue when asked how the win felt. "It feels absolutely incredible."



FINAL

N.L. (Brad Gushue)	103	001	010	1	7
Alberta (Brendan Bottcher)	*010	100	001	0	3

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

N.L.		Alberta	
Brad Gushue	97%	Brendan Bottcher	71%
Mark Nichols	89%	Darren Moulding	80%
Brett Gallant	80%	Brad Thiessen	85%
Geoff Walker	78%	Karrick Martin	84%
Team totals	86%		80%

SEMIFINAL

Saskatchewan (Matt Dunstone)	*102	001	002	0	6
N.L. (Brad Gushue)	030	200	010	1	7

PAGE SYSTEM 3-4 PLAYOFF

Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	010	102	000	0	4
N.L. (Brad Gushue)	*101	020	011	1	7

PAGE SYSTEM 1-2 PLAYOFF

Saskatchewan (Matt Dunstone)	000	100	102	0	4
Alberta (Brendan Bottcher)	*011	011	010	4	9

TIEBREAKERS

Ontario (John Epping)	*102	002	002	0	7
Wild Card (Mike McEwen)	010	200	020	1	6
Team Canada (Kevin Koe)	002	001	00X	X	3
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	*020	100	23X	X	8
Ontario (John Epping)	*001	010	110	X	4
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FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
N.L. (Brad Gushue)	3	0
Alberta (Brendan Bottcher)	1	1
Saskatchewan (Matt Dunstone)	0	2
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	2	1
Ontario (John Epping)	1	1
Team Canada (Kevin Koe)	0	1
Wild Card (Mike McEwen)	0	1

Championship round

	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Brendan Bottcher)	10	1
Saskatchewan (Matt Dunstone)	8	3
Newfoundland/Labrador (Brad Gushue)	8	3
Ontario (John Epping)	7	4
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	7	4
Team Canada (Kevin Koe)	7	4
Wild Card (Mike McEwen)	7	4
Manitoba (Jason Gunnlaugson)	5	6

Round robin*

Pool A	Wins	Losses
Wild Card (Mike McEwen)**	6	1
Saskatchewan (Matt Dunstone)	6	1
Team Canada (Kevin Koe)	5	2
Ontario (John Epping)	4	3
New Brunswick (James Grattan)	3	4
British Columbia (Steve Laycock)	2	5
Northwest Territories (Jamie Koe)	2	5
Yukon (Thomas Scoffin)	0	7

Pool B

	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Brendan Bottcher)	7	0
Newfoundland/Labrador (Brad Gushue)	6	1
Manitoba (Jason Gunnlaugson)	5	2
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	4	3
Nova Scotia (Jamie Murphy)	3	4
Prince Edward Island (Bryan Cochrane)	2	5
Quebec (Alek Bédard)	1	6
Nunavut (Jake Higgs)	0	7

** Team Mike McEwen defeated Team Glenn Howard 5-4 in the wild-card game to advance to the round robin.

* Top four teams in each pool advanced to the championship round carrying their full win-loss records forward.



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"It's tough, to come so close," said 24-year-old Dunstone following his semifinal loss. "Woke up this morning thinking we were going to be Brier champions."

Dunstone's 8-3 record was nothing to shrug at. While Saskatchewan tied Newfoundland and Labrador's round-robin record, the Prairie province earned the spot in the 1-2 Page playoff game thanks to its head-to-head record. Bottcher bested Dunstone in that game 9-4.

The remainder of the playoff picture? Not so clear. Ontario's John Epping, Jacobs

of Northern Ontario, Team Canada's Koe and Winnipeg's Mike McEwen, wearing Wild Card colours, all finished with 7-4 records and needed a two-game tiebreaker playoff to determine the final Page playoff contender.

Ontario defeated Wild Card 7-6 to advance, while Northern Ontario bested Team Canada 8-3. Jacobs toppled Epping in the battle of Ontario with an 8-4 win to secure the final playoff spot. However, there wasn't quite enough gas in the tank for Northern Ontario's third game of the day, resulting in a Page 3-4 loss to Gushue.



First-team Brier all-star honours went to: from left, skip Brendan Bottcher of Alberta, Wild Card third Reid Carruthers, second E.J. Harnden of Northern Ontario and Wild Card lead Colin Hodgson. It was the third time that Harnden had been honoured and second for Hodgson. First and second-team all-stars have been selected at the Brier since 1965.



Wild Card skip Mike McEwen, second Marc Kennedy of Northern Ontario, Wild Card third Derek Samagalski and Team Canada lead Ben Hebert were named to the 2020 Brier second all-star team. McEwen shot 89 per cent, Kennedy 91, Samagalski 88 and Hebert 93. All-star selections are determined by overall shooting percentages during round-robin play.

ALL-STAR TEAMS

First-team all-stars

Skip	Brendan Bottcher, Alberta
Third	Reid Carruthers, Wild Card
Second	E.J. Harnden, N. Ontario
Lead	Colin Hodgson, Wild Card

Second-team all-stars

Skip	Mike McEwen, Wild Card
Third	Marc Kennedy, N. Ontario
Second	Derek Samagalski, Wild Card
Lead	Ben Hebert, Team Canada

HEC GERVAIS AWARD

Presented to the most valuable player in the Tim Hortons Brier playoffs, the 2020 Hec Gervais Award was won by Newfoundland and Labrador skip Brad Gushue.



Newfoundland and Labrador skip Brad Gushue accepts the Hec Gervais Award as the playoff MVP from Curling Canada's George Cooke. Gushue also won the award in 2017 and '18.



Curling Canada governor George Cooke presents the 2020 Ross Harstone sportsmanship award to Team Wild Card lead Colin Hodgson. The winner is chosen by the curlers.

ROSS HARSTONE AWARD

Team Wild Card lead Colin Hodgson is the winner of the 2020 Ross Harstone Award, whose recipient is selected by the players in the Tim Hortons Brier. The award is presented to the player who best combines playing ability and sportsmanship.

CANADIAN MEN'S CHAMPIONS

2020	N.L.	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant, Geoff Walker
2019	Alberta	Kevin Koe, B.J. Neufeld, Colton Flasch, Ben Hebert
2018	Team Canada	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant, Geoff Walker
2017	N.L.	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant, Geoff Walker
2016	Alberta	Kevin Koe, Marc Kennedy, Brent Laing, Ben Hebert
2015	Team Canada	Pat Simmons, John Morris, Carter Rycroft, Nolan Thiessen
2014	Alberta	Kevin Koe, Pat Simmons, Carter Rycroft, Nolan Thiessen
2013	Northern Ontario	Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden
2012	Ontario	Glenn Howard, Wayne Middaugh, Brent Laing, Craig Savill
2011	Manitoba	Jeff Stoughton, Jon Mead, Reid Carruthers, Steve Gould
2010	Alberta	Kevin Koe, Blake MacDonald, Carter Rycroft, Nolan Thiessen
2009	Alberta	Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy, Ben Hebert
2008	Alberta	Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy, Ben Hebert
2007	Ontario	Glenn Howard, Richard Hart, Brent Laing, Craig Savill
2006	Quebec	Jean-Michel Ménard, François Roberge, Éric Sylvain, Maxime Elmaleh
2005	Alberta	Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque
2004	Nova Scotia	Mark Dacey, Bruce Lohnes, Rob Harris, Andrew Gibson
2003	Alberta	Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque
2002	Alberta	Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque
2001	Alberta	Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque
2000	British Columbia	Greg McAulay, Brent Pierce, Bryan Miki, Jody Sveistrup
1999	Manitoba	Jeff Stoughton, Jonathan Mead, Garry Van Den Berghe, Doug Armstrong
1998	Ontario	Wayne Middaugh, Graeme McCarrel, Ian Tetley, Scott Bailey
1997	Alberta	Kevin Martin, Don Walchuk, Rudy Ramcharan, Don Bartlett
1996	Manitoba	Jeff Stoughton, Ken Tresoor, Garry Van Den Berghe, Steve Gould
1995	Manitoba	Kerry Burtnyk, Jeff Ryan, Rob Meakin, Keith Fenton
1994	British Columbia	Rick Folk, Pat Ryan, Bert Gretzinger, Gerry Richard
1993	Ontario	Russ Howard, Glenn Howard, Wayne Middaugh, Peter Corner
1992	Manitoba	Vic Peters, Dan Carey, Chris Neufeld, Don Rudd
1991	Alberta	Kevin Martin, Kevin Park, Dan Petryk, Don Bartlett
1990	Ontario	Ed Werenich, John Kawaja, Ian Tetley, Pat Perroud
1989	Alberta	Pat Ryan, Randy Ferbey, Don Walchuk, Don McKenzie
1988	Alberta	Pat Ryan, Randy Ferbey, Don Walchuk, Don McKenzie
1987	Ontario	Russ Howard, Glenn Howard, Tim Belcourt, Kent Carstairs
1986	Alberta	Ed Lukowich, John Ferguson, Neil Houston, Brent Syme
1985	Northern Ontario	Al Hackner, Rick Lang, Ian Tetley, Pat Perroud
1984	Manitoba	Mike Riley, Brian Toews, John Helston, Russ Wookey
1983	Ontario	Ed Werenich, Paul Savage, John Kawaja, Neil Harrison
1982	Northern Ontario	Al Hackner, Rick Lang, Bob Nicol, Bruce Kennedy
1981	Manitoba	Kerry Burtnyk, Mark Olson, Jim Spencer, Ron Kammerlock
1980	Saskatchewan	Rick Folk, Ron Mills, Tom Wilson, Jim Wilson
1979	Manitoba	Barry Fry, Bill Carey, Gord Sparkes, Bryan Wood
1978	Alberta	Ed Lukowich, Mike Chernoff, Dale Johnston, Ron Schindle
1977	Quebec	Jim Ursel, Art Lobel, Don Aitken, Brian Ross
1976	Newfoundland	Jack MacDuff, Toby McDonald, Doug Hudson, Ken Templeton
1975	Northern Ontario	Bill Tetley, Rick Lang, Bill Hodgson, Peter Hnatiw
1974	Alberta	Hec Gervais, Ron Anton, Warren Hansen, Darrel Sutton
1973	Saskatchewan	Harvey Mazinke, Billy Martin, George Achymichuk, Dan Klippenstein
1972	Manitoba	Orest Meleschuk, Dave Romano, John Hanesiak, Pat Hailley
1971	Manitoba	Don Duguid, Rod Hunter, Jim Pettapiece, Bryan Wood
1970	Manitoba	Don Duguid, Rod Hunter, Jim Pettapiece, Bryan Wood
1969	Alberta	Ron Northcott, Dave Gerlach, Bernie Sparkes, Fred Storey
1968	Alberta	Ron Northcott, Jim Shields, Bernie Sparkes, Fred Storey
1967	Ontario	Alf Phillips Jr., John Ross, Ron Manning, Keith Reilly
1966	Alberta	Ron Northcott, George Fink, Bernie Sparkes, Fred Storey
1965	Manitoba	Terry Braunstein, Don Duguid, Ron Braunstein, Ray Turnbull
1964	British Columbia	Lyall Dagg, Leo Hebert, Fred Britton, Barry Naimark
1963	Saskatchewan	Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson, Mel Perry

1962	Saskatchewan	Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson, Wes Richardson
1961	Alberta	Hec Gervais, Ron Anton, Ray Werner, Wally Ursuliak
1960	Saskatchewan	Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson, Wes Richardson
1959	Saskatchewan	Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson, Wes Richardson
1958	Alberta	Matt Baldwin, Jack Geddes, Gordon Haynes, Bill Price
1957	Alberta	Matt Baldwin, Gordon Haynes, Art Kleinmeyer, Bill Price
1956	Manitoba	Billy Walsh, Al Langlois, Cy White, Andy McWilliams
1955	Saskatchewan	Garnet Campbell, Don Campbell, Glen Campbell, Lloyd Campbell
1954	Alberta	Matt Baldwin, Glenn Gray, Pete Ferry, Jim Collins
1953	Manitoba	Ab Gowanlock, Jim Williams, Art Pollon, Russ Jackman
1952	Manitoba	Billy Walsh, Al Langlois, Andy McWilliams, John Watson
1951	Nova Scotia	Don Oyler, George Hanson, Fred Dyke, Wally Knock
1950	Northern Ontario	Tom Ramsay, Len Williamson, Bill Weston, Bill Kenny
1949	Manitoba	Ken Watson, Grant Watson, Lyle Dyker, Charles Read
1948	British Columbia	Frenchy D'Amour, Bob McGhie, Fred Wendell, Jim Mark
1947	Manitoba	Jimmy Welsh, Alex Welsh, Jack Reid, Harry Monk
1946	Alberta	Bill Rose, Bart Swelin, Austin Smith, George Crooks
1942	Manitoba	Ken Watson, Grant Watson, Charlie Scrymgeour, Jim Grant
1941	Alberta	Howard Palmer, Jack Lebeau, Art Gooder, Clare Webb
1940	Manitoba	Howard Wood, Ernie Pollard, Howard Wood Jr., Roy Enman
1939	Ontario	Bert Hall, Perry Hall, Ernie Parkes, Cam Seagram
1938	Manitoba	Ab Gowanlock, Bung Cartmell, Bill McKnight, Tom McKnight
1937	Alberta	Cliff Manahan, Wes Robinson, Ross Manahan, Lloyd McIntyre
1936	Manitoba	Ken Watson, Grant Watson, Marvin MacIntyre, Charles Kerr
1935	Ontario	Gordon Campbell, Don Campbell, Gord Coates, Duncan Campbell
1934	Manitoba	Leo Johnson, Lorne Stewart, Linc Johnson, Mamo Frederickson
1933	Alberta	Cliff Manahan, Harold Deeton, Harold Wolfe, Bert Ross
1932	Manitoba	Jimmy Congalton, Howard Wood, Bill Noble, Harry Mawhinney
1931	Manitoba	Bob Gourlay, Ernie Pollard, Arnold Lockerbie, Ray Stewart
1930	Manitoba	Howard Wood, Jimmy Congalton, Victor Wood, Lionel Wood
1929	Manitoba	Gordon Hudson, Don Rollo, Ron Singbusch, Bill Grant
1928	Manitoba	Gordon Hudson, Sam Penwarden, Ron Singbusch, Bill Grant
1927	Nova Scotia	Murray Macneill, Al MacInnes, Cliff Torey, Jim Donahoe

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Defending Tim Hortons Brier champion Brad Gushue won't only be throwing rocks at this year's championship. He'll also be studying for a Master's in business administration.

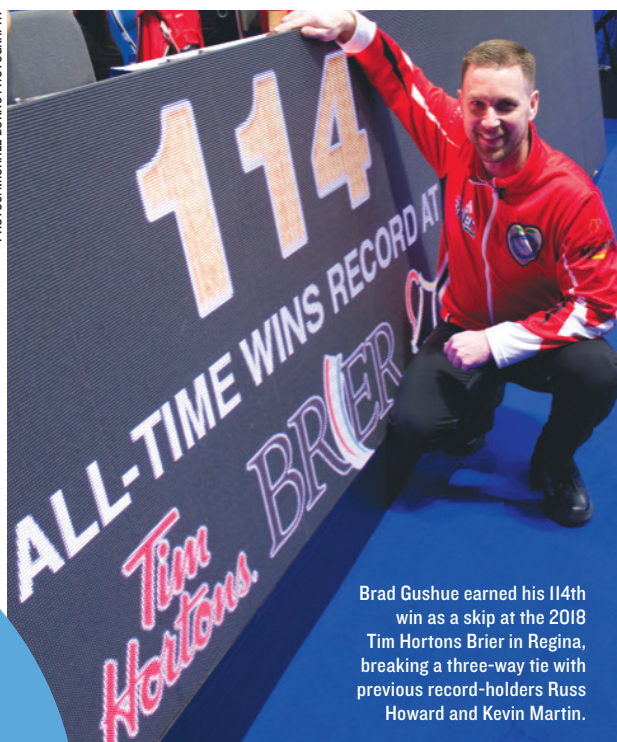


BRIER FIGURES TO BE BUBBLE-ICIOUS

*Unprecedented season offers
Gushue rare chance to hits the ice,
then books, in bid for repeat*

BY SCOTT CRUICKSHANK

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Brad Gushue earned his 114th win as a skip at the 2018 Tim Hortons Brier in Regina, breaking a three-way tie with previous record-holders Russ Howard and Kevin Martin.

Big-time curling has gone inside the Calgary 'bubble' this year.

The raging COVID-19 pandemic has forced all major events inside for safety, and some cloistered competitors might cringe at the thought of unrelenting tedium. This, after all, figures to be a dull departure from the norm.

But while some others may fret about cabin fever, Brad Gushue is planning to seize a golden opportunity. Being marooned inside a Calgary hotel during the entirety of the Tim Hortons Brier? Perfect. Because not only is Gushue skip of the defending champs from Newfoundland and Labrador, he's a student in the midst of a Master of Business Administration program.

That means his hours of isolation won't be wasted. When not curling, he intends to crack the books, making hay on assignments.

"I'll probably get more work done than I would've at home, to be quite honest," says Gushue, a three-time Brier champion and gold-medal winner at the 2006 Winter Olympics.

Taking advantage of Game Plan — the Canadian Olympic Committee scholarship initiative — Gushue enrolled at Queen's University at Kingston to tackle his MBA, something he does remotely.

"It's wonderful," he gushes.

It's also challenging. He opted for the accelerated approach, cramming a two-year undertaking into one. For perspective, consider this: In the first dozen days of class, which started in January, he completed three courses and started two others.

"Pretty intense," says Gushue, who earned

an undergrad business degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's. "Now that I'm in it, it's a lot of work."

He harbours no regrets about the commitment.

"Having an MBA is going to potentially open some doors and give me a whole lot of different avenues that I can explore," says Gushue. "I've talked to other players who, once they were done, really didn't have much else to fall back on. I want to be in a position that I've got something to help me fill that void."

But make no mistake, Gushue remains a curler first.

His journey to Calgary represents his 18th crack

at the Brier. Yes, 18.

"It's a big number. But I'm 40 and that's a big number, too," says Gushue, chuckling. "Maybe now that I'm getting older, some of them are blurring together."

However, his debut remains vivid. Ah, yes, 2003 in Halifax.

Then 22, Gushue had been struck by the "magnitude" of the event — the spotlight, the crowds, the cameras. He recalls stealing one against Saskatchewan's Doug Harcourt in his opening game to seal the win.

His team, finishing 6-5 in the round-robin, fell shy of the playoffs.

"Being young and probably a little bit cocky, I thought we could've done better," says Gushue. "When you're young you feel like you should win everything and make every shot."

It was a raucous crowd that followed every shot made by Brad Gushue's Newfoundland and Labrador team at the 2017 Tim Hortons Brier in St. John's.





Kevin Koe of Calgary is one of four men to win four Brier championships as skip, along with Randy Ferbey, Ernie Richardson and Kevin Martin. Defending Brier champion Brad Gushue (right) would like to join them.



The following year at Saskatoon — where Gushue was named all-star skip as his team went 8-3 — a nearly unbroken stretch of Brier appearances had begun. He missed the event only in 2006, because he was focused on winning Olympic gold in Turin, Italy.

“Certainly, getting the chance to represent your province each and every year at the Brier is something I’ve been fortunate to do,” he says.

Which he doesn’t take for granted.

Perhaps no Brier win was more satisfying than his first one in 2017, authored in his home town of St. John’s, where a raucous crowd cheered his every shot.

“I’ve been close so many times and we as a team have been close,” Gushue said at the time. “To finally win it — and win it at home — you couldn’t ask for a better story. It’s awesome.” Few have as healthy an appreciation for their chosen sport as Gushue. He pored over author Bob Weeks’ book *The Brier: The History of Canada’s Most Celebrated Curling Championship*. He’s committed to memory the winner from every year.

“I followed the history of it,” says Gushue. “I love talking to some of the old-timers. I’ve been lucky enough to play with Randy Ferbey and Russ (Howard) and Kevin (Martin) and I’ve had the privilege of sitting down and talking with Ernie Richardson and Rick Lang and Al Hackner, all those guys. I just try to soak it all in, really.”

His attention to detail means that, yes, he is aware that only four gentlemen — Kevin Koe, Ferbey, Richardson, Martin — have skipped their way to four national crowns apiece.

“I don’t know if that’s a big motivator for me to get a specific number, whether it’s four or five or we stay with three,” says Gushue. “I don’t judge

people’s (careers) ... based on the Briers that they won. There’s a lot of factors. Look at a guy like Paul Gowsell, who really had a huge impact on the game and never did win a Brier.

“You want to leave your mark in some way, shape or form.”

But Gushue is no different than most competitors, curling and otherwise. In-career, he’s reluctant to assess the depth of his contributions.

“It’s almost impossible,” he says. “I don’t imagine many athletes are playing and thinking, ‘How am I going to build my legacy?’ It’s really up to the people that follow the sport — media, your colleagues and competitors — to determine where you fit in that world, from a legacy standpoint.

“I don’t worry about it too much.”

On March 8 last year, Gushue and his mates —

vice-skip Mark Nichols, second Brett Gallant, lead Geoff Walker, alternate Jeff Thomas, coach Jules Owchar — put the finishing touches on the Brier in Kingston, Ont., beating Alberta’s Brendan Bottcher in the final.

Assuming that the triumph had punched their ticket to the World Men’s Championship in Glasgow, Scotland, Gushue & Co. were in for a bit of a shock.

“Generally, when we go into the Brier, we go into an information bubble,” explains Gushue. “We stay off social media, we don’t follow the news. We just go, play our games and come back, socialize amongst ourselves. So we were, to a certain extent, oblivious to what was happening in the world around us.”

When informed by Curling Canada brass that the worlds might end up being contested in a fan-free venue, there was shock.



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Winning the Tim Hortons Brier at home in 2017 was a special thrill for, left to right, skip Brad Gushue, third Mark Nichols, second Brett Gallant and lead Geoff Walker.



Brad Gushue gets a special hug from wife Krista after capturing his first Tim Hortons Brier title in his hometown of St. John's, NL, in 2017.

"We were like, 'Whoa. What's going on here?'" says Gushue. "Then we find out that (the coronavirus) is spreading pretty good. When we got home, things obviously started to escalate pretty quickly."

The NBA and the NHL shut down.

And Gushue's dreams of a second world title were shattered. Season over.

"Kind of bittersweet," he says. "We haven't really had an opportunity to celebrate the Brier."

He's not kidding.

Months later, when Gushue returned to the practice ice, he was in for a surprise. He dug into his gear — right on top sat the Brier gold medal.

"It kind of struck me, 'Wow. This is the first time I've opened my bag since that night,'" says Gushue. "I never got a chance to throw another rock after the Brier. It hit me then. I felt some emotions, got a little upset. The disappointment of not getting a chance to go to the worlds came back."

While pandemic restrictions did present a

chance to spend more time with his wife Krista and daughters Hayley and Marissa — "That was a ton of fun" — his bottom line was battered. With a stake in four Orangetheory Fitness franchises, he's faced a tough grind in recent months.

"We're one of the industries that have been hardest hit," says Gushue. "The economics of that situation don't work very well."

Easing back into the hack to work out the kinks in the lead-up for a couple of local cashspiels in November was the perfect tonic. The stress of the lockdown began to melt away.

"I always feel when I go to throw rocks on my own, it's kind of my sanctuary, where I go to let my brain stop acting, stop thinking," says Gushue. "I just go out and enjoy throwing rocks."

The bio on his Twitter account — @BradGushue — has an element of open-endedness: "Father of two gorgeous girls, curler, business owner and whatever comes next!"

Asked about upcoming grand plans, he laughs.

"I'm certainly always looking to develop it," he says. "But my passion for the game is what drives everything right now."

Scott Cruickshank is a Calgary-based freelance writer

A person is fly fishing in a river, silhouetted against a bright sunset. The Calgary skyline, including the Bow Tower, is visible in the background. The scene is framed by a red curved shape in the top left and a yellow curved shape in the bottom right.

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SKIP: Brad Gushue **Age:** 40 **Occupation:** Owner, Orangetheory Fitness **Highlights:** Won 2006 Olympic gold medal throwing fourth rocks for Canada. Skipped N.L. at 2003, '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17 and '20 Briers, Canada in '18 and '19; won gold in '17, '18 and '20, silver in '07 and '16, bronze in '11. Won gold at 2017 worlds, silver in '18. Skipped at 1996, '98, '99, 2000 and '01 Canadian juniors, played second in '95; won gold in '01, silver in 2000. Won 2001 world juniors

THIRD: Mark Nichols **Age:** 41 **Occupation:** Owner/personal trainer, Orangetheory Fitness **Highlights:** Won 2006 Olympic gold medal as third for Canada. Played third for N.L. at 2003, '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '15, '16, '17 and '20 Briers, Canada in '18 and '19, lead for Manitoba in '13, second in '14; won gold in '17, '18 and '20, silver in '07, '13 and '16, bronze in '11. Won gold at 2017 worlds, silver in '18. Won 2005 Canadian mixed as skip for N.L. Played in 2016 Canadian mixed

doubles. Played third for N.L. at 1999, 2000 and '01 Canadian juniors; won gold in '01, silver in 2000. Won 2001 world juniors

SECOND: Brett Gallant **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played third for N.L. at 2013 and '14 Briers, second in '15, '16, '17 and '20, Canada in '18 and '19; won gold in '17 and '18, silver in '16. Won gold at 2017 worlds, silver in '18. Won gold at 2016 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles. Won silver at 2019 world mixed doubles. Skipped P.E.I. at 2012 Canadian mixed. Skipped P.E.I. at 2004, '06, '07, '08, '09 and '10 Canadian juniors; won gold in '09, silver in '07. Won silver at 2009 world juniors

LEAD: Geoff Walker **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Turf team, The Derrick Golf & Winter Club **Highlights:** Played lead for N.L. at 2012, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17 and '20 Briers, Canada in '18 and '19; won gold in '17, '18 and '20, silver in '16. Won gold at 2017 worlds, silver in '18. Won silver at 2016 Canadian mixed doubles. Won gold at 2006 Canadian juniors as third for Alberta. Won gold at 2006 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Ryan McNeil Lamswood

COACH: Jules Owchar

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SKIP: Brendan Bottcher **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Application specialist, Spartan Controls Limited **Highlights:** Skipped Alberta at 2017, '18 and '20 Briers, Wild Card in '19; won silver in '18, '19 and '20. Played in 2017 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Alberta at 2010 and '12 Canadian juniors; won gold in '12. Won gold at 2012 world juniors

THIRD: Darren Moulding **Age:** 38 **Occupation:** Head ice technician, Lacombe and Bentley Curling Clubs/business owner, Pinpoint Roofing **Highlights:** Played third for Alberta at 2017, '18 and '20 Briers, Wild Card in '19; won silver in '18, '19 and '20. Won gold at 2014 Canadian mixed as skip. Skipped at 2000 and '03 Canadian juniors; won silver in '03

SECOND: Brad Thiessen **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Web developer, LawDepot **Highlights:** Played second for Alberta at 2017, '18 and '20 Briers, Wild Card in '19; won silver in '18, '19 and '20. Won gold at 2016 Canadian mixed as second. Played third at 2010 Canadian juniors

LEAD: Karrick Martin **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Event and labour supervisor, Government of Alberta **Highlights:** Played lead for Alberta at 2017, '18 and '20 Briers, Wild Card in '19; won silver in '18, '19 and '20

ALTERNATE: Patrick Janssen

COACH: Don Bartlett

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SKIP: Steve Laycock (throws third rocks) **Age:** 38 **Occupation:** Compensation manager, University of Saskatchewan **Highlights:** Skipped Saskatchewan at 2011 (third rocks), '14, '15, '16 and '18 (third rocks) Briers, played lead in '07 and '08, played third for B.C. in '19 and skipped (third rocks) in '20; won bronze in '15. Played in 2016, '18 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles. Won gold at 2003 Canadian juniors as skip for Saskatchewan. Won gold at 2003 world juniors

VICE-SKIP: Jim Cotter (throws last rocks) **Age:** 46 **Occupation:** Health information systems programmer/analyst, Iatric Systems **Highlights:** Skipped British Columbia at 2011, '12, '15, '16 and '19

Briers, played third (fourth rocks) in '08, '14, '17 and '20; won silver in '14. Played in 2016 and '17 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped at 1990 and '95 Canadian juniors

SECOND: Andrew Nerpín **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Power engineer, Imperial Oil **Highlights:** Played second for British Columbia at 2018 and '20 Briers. Played second for Northern Ontario at 2012 Canadian mixed

LEAD: Rick Sawatsky **Age:** 45 **Occupation:** Meter technician, City of Kelowna **Highlights:** Played lead for British Columbia at 2008, '11, '12, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19 and '20 Briers; won silver in '14. Played third at 1996 Canadian juniors

ALTERNATE: Tyler Tardi

COACH: Gerry Adam

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SKIP: Jason Gunnlaugson **Age:** 36
Occupation: Business owner, DV Painting
Highlights: Skipped Manitoba at 2020 Brier and '18 Wild Card pre-qualifier. Played in 2016, '17 and '18 Canadian mixed doubles. Played second for Manitoba at 2008 Canadian mixed

THIRD: Adam Casey **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Director of operations, MDS Coating Technologies **Highlights:** Played second for N.L. at 2012, '13 and '14 Briers, skipped P.E.I. in '15 and '16, Saskatchewan in '17, second for Manitoba in '20. Played in 2014 and '15 Canadian mixed doubles. Played third for P.E.I. at 2006, '07, '08, '09 and '10 Canadian juniors; won gold in '09, silver in '07. Won silver at 2009 world juniors

SECOND: Matt Wozniak **Age:** 38 **Occupation:** Mortgage broker, Vertuity Mortgage **Highlights:** Played second for Manitoba at 2016 and '17 Briers, Wild Card in '18; won bronze in '17. Skipped Manitoba at 2000 Canadian juniors

LEAD: Connor Njegovan **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Real estate agent, Royal LePage (The Neufeld Group) **Highlights:** Played lead for Manitoba at 2020 Brier. Won silver at 2010 Canadian juniors as second for Manitoba

ALTERNATE: Jacques Gauthier

NEW BRUNSWICK GAGE GOLF AND CURLING CLUB, OROMOCTO



JAMES
GRATTAN



JONATHAN
BEUK



ANDY
MCCANN



JAMIE
BRANNEN

SKIP: James Grattan **Age:** 46 **Occupation:** Customer service agent, Air Canada
Highlights: Skipped New Brunswick at 1997, 2006, '08, '10, '11, '13, '14, '18 and '20 Briers, played third in '02, '03, '04 and '09. Skipped New Brunswick at 2013 Canadian mixed. Skipped at 1995 Canadian juniors, played third in '91; won silver in '95

THIRD: Jonathan Beuk **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Psychometrist, Dr. Duncan Day & Associates **Highlights:** Played third for Ontario at 2019 Brier. Won bronze at 2015 Canadian mixed for Ontario

SECOND: Andy McCann **Age:** 38 **Occupation:** Regional vice president of sales, Salesforce **Highlights:** Played third for New Brunswick at 2012 Brier and second in '18, '20

LEAD: Jamie Brannen **Age:** 45 **Occupation:** Executive director, Brannen Consulting **Highlights:** Played lead for New Brunswick at 2016, '17 and '20 Briers. Skipped at 2008 Canadian mixed

ALTERNATE: Kevin Keefe

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR RE/MAX CENTRE, ST. JOHN'S CURLING CLUB & BALLY HALY GOLF & CURLING CLUB



GREG
SMITH



GREG
BLYDE



ALEX
MCDONAH



EVAN
MCDONAH

SKIP: Greg Smith **Age:** 24 **Occupation:** Curling coordinator and instructor, Bally Haly Golf & Curling Club **Highlights:** Skipped N.L. at 2018 Brier. Skipped N.L. at 2015 and '16 Canadian juniors

THIRD: Greg Blyde **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Student, Memorial University of Newfoundland **Highlights:** Skipped N.L. at 2017 and '19 Canadian juniors

SECOND: Alex McDonah **Age:** 20 **Occupation:** Student, Memorial University of Newfoundland **Highlights:** Played second for Nova Scotia at 2019 Canadian U-18s

LEAD: Evan McDonah **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Civil engineering student, Memorial University of Newfoundland

ALTERNATE: Adam Boland

COACH: Leslie Anne Walsh

NORTHERN ONTARIO

COMMUNITY FIRST CURLING CENTRE, SAULT STE. MARIE



BRAD
JACOBS



MARC
KENNEDY



E.J.
HARDEN



RYAN
HARDEN

SKIP: Brad Jacobs **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Senior marketing director, World Financial Group **Highlights:** Won 2014 Olympic gold as skip for Canada. Skipped Northern Ontario at 2010, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19 and '20 Briers, played vice-skip (fourth rocks) in '07, alternate/lead/skip in '08; won gold in '13, silver in '15, bronze in '10, '16 and '19. Won silver at 2013 worlds. Skipped at 2005 Canadian juniors

THIRD: Marc Kennedy **Age:** 39 **Occupation:** Coaching consultant **Highlights:** Played second for Canada at 2010 Olympics and second in '18; won gold in '10. Played third for Alberta at 2015 and '16 Briers, second in '07, '08, '09, '11 and '13, third for Canada in '17, third for Northern Ontario in '20; won gold in '08, '09 and '16, silver in '17. Won gold at 2008 and '16 worlds, silver in '09. Played second at 1998 Canadian juniors, third in '99 and 2001; won silver in '98

SECOND: E.J. Harnden **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Product manager, instant games, Ontario Lottery & Gaming **Highlights:** Won 2014 Olympic gold as second for Canada. Played third for Northern Ontario at 2008, '10, '11 and '12 Briers, second in '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19 and '20; won gold in '13, silver in '15, bronze in '10, '16 and '19. Won silver at 2013 worlds

LEAD: Ryan Harnden **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Supply teacher, Algoma District School Board / Real estate salesperson, Royal LePage **Highlights:** Won 2014 Olympic gold as lead for Canada. Played second for Northern Ontario at 2008, '10, '11 and '12 Briers, lead in '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19 and '20; won gold in '13, silver in '15, bronze in '10, '16 and '19. Won silver at 2013 worlds. Skipped at 2007 Canadian juniors

ALTERNATE: Lee Toner

COACH: Rick Lang

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

YELLOWKNIFE CURLING CENTRE



GREG
SKAUGE



TOM
NAUGLER



BRAD
PATZER



ROBERT
BORDEN

SKIP: Greg Skauge **Age:** 46 **Occupation:** Teacher, Yellowknife Education District #1

THIRD: Tom Naugler **Age:** 48 **Occupation:** Operations manager/owner, Global Storm IT System **Highlights:** Played third for N.W.T./Yukon at 2011, '12 and '13 Briers. Skipped N.W.T. at 1997 Canadian mixed

SECOND: Brad Patzer **Age:** 48 **Occupation:** Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Justice, Government of Northwest Territories

LEAD: Robert Borden **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Financial systems business analyst, Government of the Northwest Territories **Highlights:** Played lead for N.W.T. at 2015, '16, '17 and '18 Briers and N.W.T./Yukon in '12, '13 and '14. Played second for N.W.T. at 2012 and '15 Canadian mixed; runner-up in '15. Played second for N.W.T./Yukon at 2002 and '05 Canadian juniors, lead in '03 and '04

ALTERNATE: David Aho

NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX CURLING CLUB



SCOTT
McDONALD



PAUL
FLEMMING



SCOTT
SACCARY



PHIL
CROWELL

SKIP: Scott McDonald **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Accident benefits claims adjuster, Intact Insurance **Highlights:** Skipped Ontario at 2019 Brier. Played in 2013 Canadian mixed doubles

THIRD: Paul Flemming **Age:** 52 **Occupation:** Restaurant owner, Harbour Fish N Fries **Highlights:** Skipped Nova Scotia at 1998, '99 and 2013 Briers, played third in '01, '05, '11, '18 and '20; won silver in '05. Skipped at 1999, 2003, '05, '11 and '17 Canadian mixed; won gold in '99 and '03

SECOND: Scott Saccary **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Owner, New Scotland Clothing Co. & New Scotland Brewing Co. **Highlights:** Played second for Nova Scotia at 2017, '18 and '20 Briers and '16 pre-qualifier. Played second at 2002 Canadian juniors, third in '03

LEAD: Phil Crowell **Age:** 42 **Occupation:** Team lead, Nova Scotia Health Authority **Highlights:** Played lead for Nova Scotia at 2010, '17, '18 and '20 Briers and '16 pre-qualifier

ALTERNATE: Kevin Ouellette

NUNAVUT IQALUIT CURLING CLUB



PETER
MACKEY



JEFF
NADEAU



GREG
HOWARD



JEFF
CHOWN

SKIP: Peter Mackey **Age:** 56 **Occupation:** General manager, Uqsuq Corporation
Highlights: Played second for Nunavut at 2018 Brier, third in 2019. Played second for Nunavut at 2015, '16 Canadian mixed

THIRD: Jeff Nadeau **Age:** 55 **Occupation:** Office manager, Canadrill Ltd. **Highlights:** Played lead for Nunavut at 2018 Brier, second in 2019

SECOND: Greg Howard **Age:** 54 **Occupation:** Manager, Arctic Electrical **Highlights:** Played second for Nunavut at 2017 Brier pre-qualifier. Played second for Nunavut at 2017, '18, '19 Canadian mixed

LEAD: Jeff Chown **Age:** 38 **Occupation:** Deputy Minister of Finance, Government of Nunavut

ALTERNATE: Brady St. Louis

ONTARIO LEASIDE CURLING CLUB, TORONTO



JOHN
EPPING



RYAN
FRY



MATHEW
CAMM



BRENT
LAING

SKIP: John Epping **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Curling consultant, Epping Consulting
Highlights: Skipped Ontario at 2018, '20 Briers and '19 Wild Card pre-qualifier. Played in 2016, '17 and '18 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped at 2006 and '07 Canadian mixed; won gold in '06. Skipped at 2004 Canadian juniors

THIRD: Ryan Fry **Age:** 42 **Occupation:** Curler
Highlights: Won 2014 Olympic gold as third for Canada. Played third for Northern Ontario at 2013, '15, '16, '17, '18 and '19 Briers, second for N.L. in '09, '10 and '11, third in '12, third for Manitoba in '07, third for Ontario in '20; won gold in '13, silver in '15, bronze in '07, '11, '16 and '19. Played in 2016 and '17 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Manitoba at 1996 and '97 Canadian juniors; won silver in '96

SECOND: Mathew Camm **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Owner, Camm & Jones Residential Improvements **Highlights:** Played third for Ontario at 2015 and '18 Briers, second in '20 and third at '19 Wild Card pre-qualifier; won bronze in '18. Won silver at 2011 Canadian juniors as skip

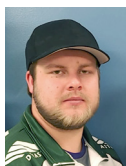
LEAD: Brent Laing **Age:** 42 **Occupation:** Entrepreneur, World Financial Group **Highlights:** Played second for Canada at 2018 Olympics. Played second for Canada at 2017 Brier, second for Alberta in '15 and '16, second for Ontario in '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12 and '13, lead in '02, '20 and second in '19 Wild Card pre-qualifier; won gold in '07, '12 and '16, silver in '02, '06, '08, '10, '11 and '17, bronze in '09 and '13. Won gold at 2007, '12 and '16 worlds. Played in 2017, '18 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles; won bronze in '17. Won 1998 and '99 Canadian and world juniors as lead

COACH: Jim Wilson

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CRAPAUD COMMUNITY CURLING CLUB & MONTAGUE CURLING CLUB



EDDIE
MACKENZIE



TYLER
SMITH



SEAN
LEDGERWOOD



RYAN LOWERY

SKIP: Eddie MacKenzie **Age:** 42 **Occupation:** Consultant, EMCS **Highlights:** Played third for P.E.I. at 1994 Brier, skipped in 2013, '14 and '18, lost pre-qualifier in '17. Skipped P.E.I. at 2016 Canadian mixed. Won bronze at 1992 Canadian juniors as P.E.I. third

THIRD: Tyler Smith **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Owner/operator, Smith Customs & Fabrication **Highlights:** Skipped P.E.I. at 2013, '15, '17, '19 and '20 Canadian juniors, played third for N.B. in '18. Played third for P.E.I. at 2017 Canadian mixed

SECOND: Sean Ledgerwood **Age:** 51 **Occupation:** Air and water monitoring supervisor, P.E.I. Department of Communities, Land and Environment **Highlights:** Played lead for P.E.I. at 2004, '13, '14 and '18 Briers, lost pre-qualifier in '17. Skipped P.E.I. at 1989 Canadian juniors

LEAD: Ryan Lowery **Age:** 20 **Occupation:** Energy systems engineering technology student, Holland College **Highlights:** Played lead for P.E.I. at 2015, '19 and '20 Canadian juniors

ALTERNATE: Aaron Bartling

QUEBEC

GLENMORE/ETCHEMIN/VALLEYFIELD



MICHAEL
FOURNIER



MARTIN
CRÊTE



FÉLIX
ASSELIN



JEAN-FRANÇOIS
TRÉPANIÉ

SKIP: Michael Fournier **Age:** 49 **Occupation:** Pricing strategy manager, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada **Highlights:** Skipped Quebec at 2018 Brier. Played second for Quebec at 1997 Canadian mixed, skip in 2013 and '14; won bronze in '13

THIRD: Martin Crête **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Business intelligence architect, Desjardins **Highlights:** Played third for Quebec at 2008, '09, '13, '14, '15, '16 and '17 Briers, skipped in '19. Skipped at 2002, '03, '04, '05 and '06 Canadian juniors; won silver in '02, bronze in '03

SECOND: Félix Asselin **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Geologist, Wesdome Gold Mines **Highlights:** Played in 2017 Canadian mixed doubles. Won bronze at 2019 Canadian mixed as Quebec skip. Skipped Quebec at 2012, '13, '15 and '16 Canadian juniors

LEAD: Jean-François Trépanier **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Electrician, Quebec Hydro **Highlights:** Played lead for Quebec at 2018 Brier

ALTERNATE: William Dion

COACH: Benoit Forget

SASKATCHEWAN

HIGHLAND CURLING CLUB, REGINA



MATT
DUNSTONE



BRAEDEN
MOSKOWY



KIRK
MUYRES



DUSTIN
KIDBY

SKIP: Matt Dunstone **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Real estate student, University of British Columbia **Highlights:** Skipped Saskatchewan at 2020 Brier, threw fourth rocks in '18; won bronze in '20. Played at 2018 Canadian mixed doubles. Won 2013 and '16 Canadian juniors as skip of Manitoba. Won bronze at 2013 and '16 world juniors.

THIRD: Braeden Moskowsky **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Mortgage broker, The Mortgage Group **Highlights:** Played third for Saskatchewan at 2013 and '20 Briers, third for Manitoba in '15 and '18; won bronze in '20. Skipped Saskatchewan at 2010 and '11 Canadian juniors; won gold in '11, bronze in '10.

SECOND: Kirk Muyres **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Mortgage broker, Kirk Muyres Mortgages **Highlights:** Skipped Saskatchewan at 2019 Brier, played third in '14, '15 and '16; won bronze in '15. Played in 2018, '19 Canadian mixed doubles; won gold in '18, bronze in '19. Won bronze at 2018 world mixed doubles. Won gold at 2011 Canadian juniors as third

LEAD: Dustin Kidby **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Senior group benefits underwriter, Co-operators Life Insurance Company **Highlights:** Played lead for Saskatchewan at 2017 and '20 Briers; won bronze in '20. Played lead at 2002 and '06 Canadian juniors

COACH: Adam Kingsbury

YUKON

WHITEHORSE CURLING CLUB



DUSTIN
MIKKELSEN



ALEXX
PEECH



BRANDON
HAGEN



ROBERT
MCKINNON

SKIP: Dustin Mikkelsen **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Building maintenance worker, Yukon Housing **Highlights:** Played third for Yukon at 2001 Canadian juniors, second in '01

THIRD: Alexx Peech **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Supervisor, Bureau Veritas Mineral Labs **Highlights:** Played second for Yukon at 2018, '19 Canadian mixed. Played lead for Yukon at 2002 Canadian juniors, second in '04, third in '06

SECOND: Brandon Hagen **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Operations, ALX Exploration Services

LEAD: Robert Mckinnon **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Journeyman electrician, Government of Yukon

ALTERNATE: Ray Mikkelsen

WILD CARD 1

WEST ST. PAUL CURLING CLUB, MANITOBA



MIKE
McEWEN



REID
CARRUTHERS



DEREK
SAMAGALSKI



COLIN
HODGSON

SKIP: Mike McEwen **Age:** 40 **Occupation:** Sales representative, Hardline Curling
Highlights: Skipped Manitoba at 2016, '17 and '19 Briers, Wild Card in '18 and '20; won bronze in '17. Played in 2016 and '17 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped at 1998 and 2001 Canadian juniors; won silver in '01, bronze in '98

THIRD: Reid Carruthers **Age:** 36 **Occupation:** Substitute teacher, Louis Riel School Division **Highlights:** Skipped Manitoba at 2015 and '18 Briers, played lead in '14, second in '11 and '13, third in '19 and for Wild Card in '20; won gold in '11, silver in '13, bronze in '14. Won gold at 2011 worlds. Played in 2016, '17, '18 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles; won gold in '17, bronze in

'18. Won silver at 2017 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2008 Canadian mixed and '03 Canadian juniors

SECOND: Derek Samagalski **Age:** 36 **Occupation:** Superintendent, Carberry Sandhills Golf Course **Highlights:** Played lead for Manitoba at 2012 Brier, second in '15, '18 and '19 and for Wild Card in '20; won bronze in '12. Played in 2016 and '18 Canadian mixed doubles

LEAD: Colin Hodgson **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Director of operations/owner, Dynasty Curling Ltd. **Highlights:** Played lead for Manitoba at 2015, '18 and '19 Briers and for Wild Card in '20. Played in 2016, '17 and '18 Canadian mixed doubles; won bronze in '17 and '18. Played second for Alberta at 2008 Canadian juniors, skipped in '11

COACH: Rob Meakin

WILD CARD 2

THE GLENCOE CLUB, CALGARY



KEVIN
KOE



B.J.
NEUFELD



JOHN
MORRIS



BEN
HEBERT

SKIP: Kevin Koe **Age:** 46 **Occupation:** Surface landman, Repsol Canada **Highlights:** Skipped Canada at 2018 Olympics. Skipped Alberta at 2010, '12, '14, '15, '16 and '19 Briers, Team Canada in '17, '20; won gold in '10, '14, '16 and '19, silver in '12 and '17. Won gold at 2010 and '16 worlds, silver in '19. Won 2000 Canadian mixed as skip for Alberta. Won silver at 1994 Canadian juniors as skip for Yukon/N.W.T.

THIRD: B.J. Neufeld **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** PGA of Canada head golf professional, Larters at St. Andrews **Highlights:** Played third for Manitoba at 2016 and '17 Briers, Wild Card in '18, Alberta in '19, Canada in '20; won gold in '19, bronze in '17. Won silver at 2019 worlds. Played second for Manitoba at 2004 Canadian juniors, third in '05 and '07; won bronze in '04

SECOND: John Morris **Age:** 42 **Occupation:** Firefighter, Chestermere & Rockyview Fire County Service **Highlights:** Won Olympic

gold as third for Canada's 2010 four-player team and '18 mixed doubles. Skipped Ontario at 2002 Brier, third for Alberta in '07, '08, '09, '11 and '13, skipped British Columbia (third rocks) in 2014 and '17, skip/third for Canada in '15, third in '16; won gold in '08, '09, '15, silver in '02, '15. Won gold at 2008 worlds, silver in '09, bronze in '15. Played in 2014, '17 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles; won silver in '17, bronze in '14. Skipped Ontario at 1997, '98 and '99 Canadian juniors; won gold in '98 and '99, silver in 97. Won gold at 1998 and '99 world juniors

LEAD: Ben Hebert **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Business development manager, Caltech Surveys Ltd. **Highlights:** Played lead for Canada at 2010 and '18 Olympics; won gold in '10. Played lead for Alberta at 2007, '08, '09, '11, '13, '15, '16 and '19 Briers, Team Canada in '17 and '20, Saskatchewan in '05 and '06; won gold in '08, '09, '16 and '19, silver in '17. Won gold at 2008 and '16 worlds, silver in '09 and '19. Won silver at 2005 Canadian mixed as second for Saskatchewan. Played third for Saskatchewan at 2002 Canadian juniors

ALTERNATE: Mike Caione

COACH: John Dunn

WILD CARD 3

PENETANGUISHENE CURLING CLUB, ONTARIO



GLENN
HOWARD



SCOTT
HOWARD



DAVID
MATHERS



TIM
MARCH

SKIP: Glenn Howard **Age:** 58 **Occupation:** Consultant/spokesman, Brewers Retail Inc. **Highlights:** Skipped Ontario at 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '16 and '17 Briers, played third in 1986, '87, '89, '91, '92, '93 and '94; won in '87, '93, '07 and '12, runner-up in '86, '92, '94, '06, '08, '10 and '11, lost Wild Card pre-qualifier as skip in '20. Won 1987, '93, 2007 and '12 worlds. Played in 2015 Canadian mixed doubles

THIRD: Scott Howard **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Estimator/contract manager, Maacon Construction **Highlights:** Played lead for Ontario at 2015, '16 and '17 Briers, lost Wild Card pre-qualifier as third in '20. Played in 2014 Canadian mixed doubles. Runner-up at 2011 Canadian juniors as third

SECOND: David Mathers **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Group relationship manager, Canada BrokerLink **Highlights:** Played second for Ontario at 2015 and '17 Briers, third for P.E.I. in '16, lost Wild Card pre-qualifier as second in '20. Played in 2015 Canadian mixed doubles. Won silver at 2011 Canadian juniors as second for Ontario

LEAD: Tim March **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Senior accountant & CPA student, Cathy L. Tune, CPA **Highlights:** Won bronze at 2018 Brier as Ontario lead, lost Wild Card pre-qualifier in '20. Played at 2018 Canadian mixed doubles

ALTERNATE: Wayne Middaugh

TIM HORTONS BRIER OFFICIAL DRAW



DATE	DRAW	LOCAL TIME	ET TIME	SHEET A	SHEET B	SHEET C	SHEET D
Friday, March 5	1	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	NU vs SK	WC2 vs NS	QC vs NL	ON vs CA
Saturday, March 6	2	8:30 am	10:30 am	WC3 vs NT	WCI vs NB	YT vs NO	AB vs MB
	3	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	WC2 vs NL	QC vs CA	SK vs ON	NS vs PE
	4	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	WCI vs NO	YT vs MB	NT vs AB	NB vs BC
Sunday, March 7	5	8:30 am	10:30 am	ON vs NS	NL vs SK	WC2 vs PE	NU vs QC
	6	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	AB vs NB	NO vs NT	WCI vs BC	WC3 vs YT
	7	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	PE vs QC	ON vs NU	NL vs NS	CA vs WC2
Monday, March 8	8	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	BC vs YT	AB vs WC3	NO vs NB	MB vs WCI
	9	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	SK vs CA	NS vs QC	NU vs WC2	PE vs NL
Tuesday, March 9	10	8:30 am	10:30 am	NT vs MB	NB vs YT	WC3 vs WCI	BC vs NO
	11	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	NL vs ON	NU vs PE	NS vs CA	QC vs SK
	12	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	NO vs AB	WC3 vs BC	NB vs MB	YT vs NT
Wednesday, March 10	13	8:30 am	10:30 am	CA vs PE	SK vs WC2	ON vs QC	NL vs NU
	14	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	NB vs WC3	MB vs NO	BC vs NT	WCI vs AB
	15	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	NS vs NU	CA vs NL	PE vs SK	WC2 vs ON
Thursday, March 11	16	8:30 am	10:30 am	MB vs BC	NT vs WCI	AB vs YT	NO vs WC3
	17	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	QC vs WC2	PE vs ON	CA vs NU	SK vs NS
	18	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	YT vs WCI	BC vs AB	MB vs WC3	NT vs NB
Friday, March 12*	TB	8:00 am	10:00 am	TIEBREAKER IF NECESSARY			
	19	12:30 pm	2:30 pm	A4 vs B3	BI vs A2	AI vs B4	B2 vs A3
	20	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	A3 vs BI	B3 vs AI	B2 vs A4	A2 vs B4
Saturday, March 13*	21	12:30 pm	2:30 pm	AI vs B2	B4 vs A3	B3 vs A2	A4 vs BI
	22	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	B4 vs A4	A2 vs B2	BI vs AI	A3 vs B3
Sunday, March 14	TB	8:00 am	10:00 am	TIEBREAKER IF NECESSARY			
	SF	12:30 pm	2:30 pm		3 RD vs 2 ND		
	GOLD	6:30 pm	8:30 pm		1 ST vs W SF		

POOL A
Northern Ontario
Alberta
Wild Card 1
Manitoba
Wild Card 3
British Columbia
New Brunswick
Northwest Territories
Yukon
POOL B
Ontario
Canada
Wild Card 2
Saskatchewan
Nova Scotia
Quebec
Newfoundland/Labrador
Prince Edward Island
Nunavut

**Note change in afternoon sessions both starting at 12:30 local, one (1) hour earlier than normal to provide additional rest and recovery for all back-to-back games*



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PRESENTED IN MEMORY OF ROSS G.L. HARSTONE (1885-1964)

The Ross Harstone Trophy is presented each year to the player chosen by his peers as the curler in the Brier who best represents Ross G.L. Harstone's high ideals of good sportsmanship, observance of the rules, exemplary conduct and curling ability.

The trophy — not nearly as well known to the public as the Brier Tankard — is of tremendous importance to the competitors because it represents the esteem of one's peers, a judgment that reflects how well you measure up to the curling ideals of sportsmanship.

In the Ross Harstone Trophy, the man for whom it is named, the legend and the award itself have become interwoven.

While a curler might not know who Ross Harstone was, he does know why he wins the award. He wins it because other competitors think he lives up to the highest ideals of sportsmanship while displaying outstanding curling skills.



Presented to the curler who best combines playing ability and sportsmanship, the 2018 Ross Harstone Award went to Newfoundland and Labrador skip Greg Smith. Presenting the award is Curling Canada governor Scott Comfort.



Canadian Curling Association vice-chair Marilyn Neilly presents the 2014 Ross Harstone Trophy to Ontario skip Greg Balsdon. Voted on by the players, the award — first presented in 1966 — goes to the Brier curler who best combines sportsmanship and ability.

HARSTONE AWARD WINNERS

2020	Colin Hodgson	Wild Card (Manitoba)
2019	Darren Moulding	Wild Card (Alberta)
2018	Greg Smith	Newfoundland/Labrador
2017	Jean-Michel Ménard*	Quebec
2016	Tyrel Griffith	British Columbia
2015	Jim Cotter*	British Columbia
2014	Greg Balsdon	Ontario
2013	Paul Flemming*	Nova Scotia
2012	Scott Manners	Saskatchewan
2011	Jim Cotter*	British Columbia
2010	Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc	Nova Scotia
2009	Dean Hicke	Saskatchewan
2008	Gerry Adam	Saskatchewan
2007	Mark Whitehead	Northwest Territories/Yukon
2006	Jean-Michel Ménard*	Quebec
2005	Randy Dutiaume	Manitoba
2004	Daniel Lafleur	Quebec
2003	Bob Jenion	Manitoba
2002	Mark Lang	Saskatchewan
2001	Paul Flemming*	Nova Scotia
2000	Bryan Miki	British Columbia
1999	Gerald Shymko	Saskatchewan
1998	Toby McDonald	Newfoundland
1997	Vic Peters	Manitoba
1996	Brian Rafuse	Nova Scotia
1995	Rick Folk	British Columbia
1994	Mark Noseworthy*	Newfoundland
1993	Trevor Alexander	Northwest Territories/Yukon
1992	Jim Armstrong**	British Columbia
1991	Rick Lang	Northern Ontario
1990	Craig Lepine	British Columbia
1989	Bert Gretzinger	British Columbia
1988	Thomas Hakansson	Nova Scotia
1987	Jim Armstrong**	British Columbia
1986	Bill Campbell	Nova Scotia
1985	Daniel Hildebrand	Manitoba
1984	John Helston	Manitoba
1983	Jim Armstrong**	British Columbia
1982	Mark Noseworthy*	Newfoundland
1981	Mel Watchorn*	Alberta
1980	Wayne Hamilton	Newfoundland
1979	Dr. Wayne Matheson	Prince Edward Island
1978	Dave Durrant	Nova Scotia
	Peter Murray	New Brunswick
1977	Joe Power	Newfoundland
1976	Jim Ursel	Quebec
1975	Harvey Mazinke	Saskatchewan
1974	Larry McGrath	Saskatchewan
1973	Mel Watchorn*	Alberta
1972	David Sullivan	New Brunswick
1971	R.J. (Bob) Pickering	Saskatchewan
1970	Dr. (Ed) Steeves	New Brunswick
1969	W.F. (Bill) Piercey	Newfoundland
1968	Charles Piper Jr.	Nova Scotia
1967	D.S. (Buzz) McGibney	British Columbia
1966	George MacCharles	Newfoundland

*Two-time winner **Three-time winner



Canadian Curling Association liaison Claude Bergeron presents the 1992 Ross Harstone sportsmanship award to British Columbia third Jim Armstrong. The only three-time recipient, Armstrong was also honoured in 1983 and '87.



Northern Ontario skip Rick Lang accepts the 1991 Ross Harstone Trophy — named after the man who advocated a sportsmanship-first philosophy — from Canadian Curling Association liaison Don MacLeod.

Ross Harstone was an energetic, positive man who was warm, friendly and full of energy and enthusiasm. He was a strong advocate of curling as a friendly, non-commercial game in which sportsmanship without victory is enough.

Harstone, a keen competitor during his active curling years, wanted strong competition. He was also an active executive, serving as president of the Ontario Curling Association in 1936-37, the Dominion Curling Association (now Curling Canada) in 1939 and as a vice-president of Scotland's Royal Caledonian Curling Club from 1939 to 1943. He was an honorary life member of the OCA, the DCA and the Sarnia and Lindsay curling clubs.

When organized curling for boys in high school got its start, Harstone was among its staunchest supporters and wisest tutors. Young curlers responded immediately to his simple philosophy that sportsmanship, with its great fellowship and tolerance, comes first.

Harstone was the general chairman of the Dominion Playdowns Committee when the Macdonald Brier was held at the Hamilton Thistle Curling Club in 1949. He was appointed a Brier Trustee in 1952.

Ross Harstone was elected to the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame in 1974 as a builder.

HEC GERVAIS AWARD

The Hec Gervais Award is presented annually to the most valuable player in the Brier playoffs.

2020	Brad Gushue, skip	Newfoundland/Labrador
2019	Kevin Koe, skip	Alberta
2018	Brad Gushue, skip	Team Canada
2017	Brad Gushue, skip	Newfoundland/Labrador
2016	Kevin Koe, skip	Alberta
2015	Pat Simmons, skip	Team Canada
2014	Carter Rycroft, second	Alberta
2013	Brad Jacobs, skip	Northern Ontario
2012	Wayne Middaugh, third	Ontario
2011	Jon Mead, third	Manitoba
2010	Kevin Koe, skip	Alberta
2009	Kevin Martin, skip	Alberta
2008	John Morris, third	Alberta
2007	Glenn Howard, skip	Ontario
2006	Jean-Michel Ménard, skip	Quebec
2005	David Nedohin, third	Alberta
2004	Mark Dacey, skip	Nova Scotia
2003	David Nedohin, third	Alberta
2002	David Nedohin, third	Alberta
2001	David Nedohin, third	Alberta
2000	Bryan Miki, second	British Columbia
1999	Jeff Stoughton, skip	Manitoba
1998	Graeme McCarrel, third	Ontario
1997	Kevin Martin, skip	Alberta



John Deere Canada's Jennifer Christie presents the 2012 Hec Gervais Award — named after two-time Canadian and 1961 world championship skip — to Wayne Middaugh. The Ontario third shot a near-perfect 98 per cent in the final.



Brian Aranha, Dofasco's vice-president, commercial, presents the 2007 Hec Gervais Award to Ontario skip Glenn Howard. The award — presented annually since 1997 — goes to the most valuable player in the Brier playoffs.

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TIM HORTONS BRIER RECORDS & STATISTICS



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Skip Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador qualified for his first Brier in 2003, and is now tied with Ontario's Glenn Howard for most appearances. Both will play in their 18th Brier this year.

Most appearances (excludes alternates)

- 17 — Brad Gushue of Newfoundland in 2003; of Newfoundland/Labrador in '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '20; of Team Canada in '18, '19
- 17 — Glenn Howard of Ontario in 1986, '87, '89, '91, '92, '93, '94, 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '16, '17
- 16 — Mark Nichols of Newfoundland in 2003; of Newfoundland/Labrador in '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '15, '16, '17, '20; of Manitoba in '13, '14; of Team Canada in '18, '19
- 14 — Brad Chorostkowski of N.W.T./Yukon in 1998, 2001, '06, '07, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14; of N.W.T. in '15, '16, '17, '18
- 14 — Russ Howard of Ontario in 1980, '86, '87, '89, '91, '92, '93, '94; of New Brunswick in '99, 2000, '02, '03, '04, '09
- 14 — Jamie Koe of the N.W.T./Yukon in 2006, '07, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14; of N.W.T. in '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20
- 13 — James Grattan of New Brunswick in 1997, 2002, '03, '04, '06, '08, '09, '10, '11, '13, '14, '18, '20
- 13 — Brent Laing of Ontario in 2002, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '20; of Alberta in '15, '16; of Team Canada in '17
- 12 — Ryan Fry of Manitoba in 2007; of Newfoundland/Labrador in '09, '10, '11, '12; of Northern Ontario in '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19; of Ontario in '20
- 12 — Ben Hebert of Saskatchewan in 2005, '06; of Alberta in '07, '08, '09, '11, '13, '15, '16, '19; of Team Canada in '17, '20

- 12 — Kevin Martin of Alberta in 1991, '92, '95, '96, '97, 2000, '06, '07, '08, '09, '11, '13
- 12 — Bernie Sparkes of Alberta in 1966, '67, '68, '69; of British Columbia in '72, '73, '74, '76, '78, '83, '84, '87
- 12 — Éric Sylvain of Quebec in 2000, '02, '05, '06, '08, '09, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19
- 11 — E.J. Harnden of Northern Ontario in 2008, '10, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20
- 11 — Ryan Harnden of Northern Ontario in 2008, '10, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20
- 11 — Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario in 2007, '10, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20
- 11 — Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba in 1991, '96, '99, 2000, '06, '07, '09, '10, '11, '13, '14
- 10 — Garnet Campbell of Saskatchewan in 1947, '54, '55, '57, '61, '66, '68, '69, '70, '71
- 10 — Rick Lang of Northern Ontario in 1975, '76, '80, '81, '82, '85, '88, '91, '93, '95
- 10 — Jean-Michel Ménard of Quebec in 2003, '05, '06, '08, '09, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17
- 10 — John Morris of Ontario in 2002; of Alberta in '07, '08, '09, '11, '13; of British Columbia in '14, '17; of Team Canada in '15, '16
- 10 — Mark O'Rourke of Prince Edward Island in 1991, '93, '95, '97, '99, 2001, '07, '08, '09, '10
- 10 — Pat Ryan of Alberta in 1979, '85, '87, '88, '89; of British Columbia in '93, '94, '95, 2002, '03
- 10 — Ed Werenich of Ontario in 1973, '74, '77, '81, '83, '84, '88, '90, '95, '97
- 9 — Don Aitken of Quebec in 1970, '72, '75, '76, '77, '79, '80, '82, '85

- 9 — Jim Cotter of British Columbia in 2008, '11, '12, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19, '20
- 9 — Peter Gallant of Prince Edward Island in 1982, '91, '93, '95, '97, '99, 2001, '07, '08
- 9 — Al Hackner of Northern Ontario in 1980, '81, '82, '85, '88, '89, '92, '95, 2001
- 9 — Marc Kennedy of Alberta in 2007, '08, '09, '11, '13, '15, '16; of Team Canada in '17; of Northern Ontario in '20
- 9 — Steve Laycock of Saskatchewan in 2007, '08, '11, '14, '15, '16, '18; of British Columbia in '19, '20
- 9 — Wayne Middaugh of Ontario in 1991, '92, '93, '94, '98, 2001, '05, '12, '13
- 9 — Grant Odishaw of New Brunswick in 1991, '96, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '04, '12, '19
- 9 — Craig Savill of Ontario in 2002, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13
- 9 — Rick Sawatsky of British Columbia in 2008, '11, '12, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19, '20
- 9 — Pat Simmons of Saskatchewan in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '11; of Alberta in '12, '14; of Team Canada in '15, '16
- 9 — Geoff Walker of N.L. in 2012, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '20; of Team Canada in '18, '19
- 8 — Robert Campbell of Prince Edward Island in 1991, '93, '95, '97, '99, 2002, '03, '07
- 8 — Martin Crête of Quebec in 2008, '09, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19
- 8 — George Dillon of Prince Edward Island in 1958, '59, '60, '61, '63, '65, '70, '77
- 8 — Randy Ferbey of Alberta in 1987, '88, '89, 2001, '02, '03, '04, '05



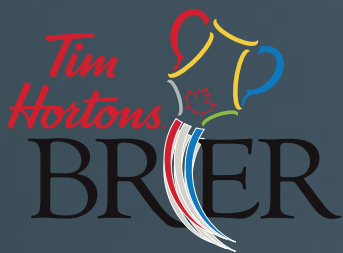
Ontario's Glenn Howard is 58 years old and still going strong. This will be his 18th Brier appearance, tied with Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador for most by any participant.



Mark Nichols of Newfoundland and Labrador has 16 notches under his belt, and will be playing in his 17th Brier this year as third for Brad Gushue's defending champions.

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- 8 — Paul Flemming of Nova Scotia in 1998, '99, '00, '01, '05, '11, '13, '18, '20
- 8 — Brett Gallant of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2013, '14, '15, '16, '17, '20; of Team Canada in '18, '19
- 8 — Richard Hart of Ontario in 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '16, '17
- 8 — Kevin Koe of Alberta in 2010, '12, '14, '15, '16, '19; of Team Canada in '17, '20
- 8 — Marc LeCocq of New Brunswick in 1993, '96, 2002, '03, '04, '16, '17, '19
- 8 — Don Walchuk of Alberta in 1985, '87, '88, '89, '96, '97, 2000, '06
- 7 — Don Bartlett of Alberta in 1991, '92, '95, '96, '97, 2000, '06
- 7 — Robert Borden of N.W.T./Yukon in 2012, '13, '14; of N.W.T. in '15, '16, '17, '18
- 7 — Doug Cameron of Prince Edward Island in 1958, '59, '60, '61, '63, '65, '73
- 7 — Kevin Champion of Prince Edward Island in 2003, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10
- 7 — Reid Carruthers of Manitoba in 2011, '13, '14, '15, '18, '19; of Wild Card in '20
- 7 — Adam Casey of N.L. in 2012, '13, '14; of P.E.I. in '15, '16; of Saskatchewan in '17; of Manitoba in '20
- 7 — Pierre Charette of Quebec in 1989, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, 2007
- 7 — Bob Dillon of Prince Edward Island in 1962, '64, '65, '68, '69, '73, '74
- 7 — Rick Folk of Saskatchewan in 1978, '79, '80; of British Columbia in '89, '93, '94, '95
- 7 — Bruce Lohnes of Nova Scotia in 1989, '92, '95, 2003, '04, '06, '09
- 7 — Rod MacDonald of Prince Edward Island in 1978, '81, '96, 2005, '06, '09, '10
- 7 — Philippe Ménard of Quebec in 2011, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19
- 7 — Carter Rycroft of Alberta in 2000, '06, '10, '12, '14; of Team Canada in '15, '16
- 7 — Paul Savage of Ontario in 1970, '73, '74, '77, '83, '84, '88
- 7 — Fred Storey of Alberta in 1960, '63, '64, '66, '67, '68, '69
- 7 — Malcolm Turner of Quebec in 1978, '79, '80, '82, '86, '87, '90
- 7 — Jim Ursel of Manitoba in 1962; of Quebec in '74, '75, '76, '77, '79, '80
- 6 — Jim Armstrong of British Columbia in 1973, '74, '83, '84, '87, '92
- 6 — Mark Butler of Prince Edward Island in 1991, '93, '95, '97, '99, 2001
- 6 — Glen Campbell of Saskatchewan in 1947, '54, '55, '57, '61, '66
- 6 — Peter Case of New Brunswick in 2008, '09, '10, '11, '13, '18
- 6 — Mark Dacey of Saskatchewan in 1995; of Nova Scotia in 2001, '03, '04, '06, '09
- 6 — Steve Gould of Manitoba in 1996, 2006, '07, '09, '10, '11
- 6 — Bert Gretzinger of British Columbia in 1976, '89, '93, '94, '95, '99
- 6 — Tyrel Griffith of British Columbia in 2012, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19
- 6 — Perry Hall of Ontario in 1930, '38, '39, '40, '41, '46
- 6 — Neil Harrison of Ontario in 1981, '83, '84, '88, '95, '97
- 6 — Mike Kennedy of New Brunswick in 1992, '93, '96, 2008, '16, '17
- 6 — Jamie Korab of Newfoundland in 2003; of Newfoundland/Labrador in '04, '05, '07, '09, '10
- 6 — Peter MacPhee of Manitoba in 1978, '79, '80, '82, '85, '90
- 6 — Jon Mead of Manitoba in 1999, 2000, '06, '11, '13, '14
- 6 — Jamie Murphy of Nova Scotia in 2012, '14, '16, '17, '18, '20
- 6 — Dallan Muyres of Saskatchewan in 2011, '14, '15, '16, '18, '19
- 6 — Ron Northcott of Alberta in 1963, '64, '66, '67, '68, '69
- 6 — Bob Pickering of Saskatchewan in 1961, '66, '68, '69, '70, '71
- 6 — Chris Schille of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2007, '08; of Saskatchewan in '13; of N.W.T. in '16, '17, '18
- 6 — Howard Stewart of Montreal in 1927, '28, '30; of Quebec in '31, '32, '37
- 6 — Reg Stone of British Columbia in 1949, '52, '53, '55, '57, '62
- 6 — Roy Stone of British Columbia in 1949, '52, '53, '55, '57, '62
- 6 — Dave Sullivan of New Brunswick in 1966, '67, '72, '76, '82, '83

Longest game

15 ends — Northern Ontario vs. Toronto in 1927;
Northern Ontario vs. Quebec in 1927
(All games 14 ends that year)

Highest score, one team

Saskatchewan, 30, vs. New Brunswick, 3, in 1957

Lowest score, one team

Prince Edward Island, 0, vs. Newfoundland, 11, in 1977
Newfoundland, 0, vs. Alberta, 11, in 1986
Territories, 0, vs. Ontario, 11, in 1986
N.W.T./Yukon, 0, vs. Manitoba, 10, in 1996
Prince Edward Island, 0, vs. Manitoba, 8, in 1998

Highest score, two teams combined

33 — Ontario, 17, vs. New Brunswick, 16, in 1932;
Saskatchewan, 30, vs. New Brunswick, 3, in 1957; Prince Edward Island, 17, vs. Newfoundland, 16, (extra end) in 1968

Lowest score, two teams combined

3 — New Brunswick, 2, vs. Prince Edward Island, 1, in 1990; Ontario, 2, vs. Prince Edward Island, 1, in 1993; Manitoba, 2, vs. Prince Edward Island, 1, in 2000

Highest single-end score

7 — Saskatchewan vs. Montreal in 1928;
Montreal vs. New Brunswick in 1931;
Manitoba vs. Prince Edward Island in 1936;
Manitoba vs. Prince Edward Island in 1947;
Manitoba vs. New Brunswick in 1950; Prince Edward Island vs. Nova Scotia (steal) in 2000; New Brunswick vs. British Columbia in 2018; Team Canada vs. Nunavut in 2019

Most extra-end games, one Brier

14 — 1981, '90

Fewest extra-end games, one Brier

0 — 1933, '42, '46, '49, '52

Most blank ends, one Brier

195 — 1976

Most blank ends, one draw

22 — 11th draw, 1991



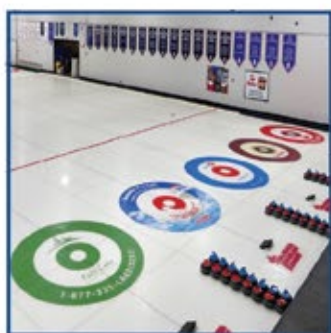
There's no telling how many Briers Brett Gallant will play in once he's finished his on-ice career. The talented second for Newfoundland and Labrador will be in his ninth Brier this year.



Manitoba's Reid Carruthers is a familiar face at the Brier. A former world champion, Carruthers has played all four positions at the Brier. This will be his eighth appearance.



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Scott Pfeifer is a four-time Brier winner as second for the remarkable Alberta team skipped by Randy Ferbey. He was also an alternate on Kevin Koe's Alberta team that won in 2016.

Most blank ends, one game

8 — New Brunswick 2-1 over Prince Edward Island, 1990; Ontario 2-1 over Prince Edward Island, 1993

Fewest blank ends, one Brier

0 — 1931, '32

Biggest comeback, one game

9 — Quebec vs. Alberta in 1965. Down 9-0 after five ends, Alberta wins 16-12 in 12 ends

Undefeated records (includes losing teams with perfect round robin)

Alberta — 10-0 in 1957; 10-0 in 1969; 11-0 in 1985 (lost in playoff); 12-0 in 1988; 13-0 in 2003; 13-0 in 2008; 13-0 in 2009; 13-0 in 2019

Manitoba — 9-0 in 1929; 7-0 in 1934; 9-0 in 1938; 9-0 in 1940; 9-0 in 1947; 9-0 in 1949; 10-0 in 1952; 11-0 in 1997 (lost in playoff)

Nova Scotia — 10-0 in 1951

Northern Ontario — 11-0 in 2016 (lost in playoff)

Ontario — 11-0 in 2010 (lost in playoff)

Saskatchewan — 10-0 in 1955

Four-way ties for first place

1993 — Manitoba, Northern Ontario, British Columbia and Ontario, 8-3. In playoffs, Ontario over Manitoba 6-4; British Columbia over Northern Ontario 5-3; Northern Ontario over Manitoba 6-5; Ontario over British Columbia 3-1; British Columbia over Northern Ontario 5-3 in the semifinal; Ontario over British Columbia 5-3 in the final

Three-way ties for first place

1928 — Manitoba, Alberta and Ontario
1946 — Alberta, Northern Ontario and Manitoba
1962 — Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba
1971 — Manitoba, Northern Ontario and Saskatchewan
1989 — Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario
2011 — Newfoundland/Labrador, Manitoba and Alberta
2014 — British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba

Two-way ties for first place

1930 — Manitoba and Alberta
1932 — Manitoba and Alberta
1937 — Alberta and Manitoba
1939 — Ontario and Manitoba
1953 — Manitoba and Quebec
1956 — Manitoba and Ontario
1958 — Alberta and Manitoba
1959 — Saskatchewan and Alberta
1966 — Alberta and Ontario
1999 — Manitoba and Quebec
2001 — Alberta and Ontario
2004 — Nova Scotia and Alberta
2017 — Manitoba and Newfoundland/Labrador

Six-time winner

Randy Ferbey of Alberta as third in 1988, '89; as skip in 2001, '02, '03, '05

Four-time winners

Ben Hebert of Alberta as lead in 2008, '09, '16, '19
Glenn Howard of Ontario as third in 1987, '93; as skip in 2007, '12
Kevin Koe of Alberta as skip in 2010, '14, '16, '19
Kevin Martin of Alberta as skip in 1991, '97, 2008, '09
David Nedohin of Alberta as third in 2001, '02, '03, '05
Scott Pfeifer of Alberta as second in 2001, '02, '03, '05
Arnold Richardson of Saskatchewan as third in 1959, '60, '62, '63
Ernie Richardson of Saskatchewan as skip in 1959, '60, '62, '63
Garret Richardson of Saskatchewan as second in 1959, '60, '62, '63
Marcel Rocque of Alberta as lead in 2001, '02, '03, '05

Three-time winners

Matt Baldwin of Alberta as skip in 1954, '57, '58
Don Duguid of Manitoba as third in 1965; as skip in '70, '71
Brett Gallant of Newfoundland/Labrador as second in 2017, '20; of Team Canada as second in '18
Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador as skip in 2017, '20; of Team Canada as skip in '18

Marc Kennedy of Alberta as second in 2008, '09; as third in '16
Brent Laing of Ontario as second in 2007, '12; of Alberta as second in '16
Rick Lang of Northern Ontario as third in 1975, '82, '85
Wayne Middaugh of Ontario as second in 1993; as skip in '98; as third in 2012
John Morris of Alberta as third in 2008, '09; of Team Canada as third in '15
Mark Nichols of Newfoundland/Labrador as third in 2017, '20; of Team Canada as third in '18
Ron Northcott of Alberta as skip in 1966, '68, '69
Wes Richardson of Saskatchewan as lead in 1959, '60, '62
Pat Ryan of Alberta as skip in 1988, '89; of British Columbia as third in '94
Carter Rycroft of Alberta as second in 2010, '14; of Team Canada as second in '15
Bernie Sparkes of Alberta as second in 1966, '68, '69
Fred Storey of Alberta as lead in 1966, '68, '69
Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba as skip in 1996, '99, 2011
Ian Tetley of Northern Ontario as second in 1985; of Ontario as second in '90, '98
Nolan Thiessen of Alberta as lead in 2010, '14; of Team Canada as lead in '15
Don Walchuk of Alberta as second in 1988, '89; as third in '97
Geoff Walker of Newfoundland/Labrador as lead in 2017, '20; of Team Canada as lead in '18
Grant Watson of Manitoba as third in 1936, '42, '49
Ken Watson of Manitoba as skip in 1936, '42, '49
Bryan Wood of Manitoba as lead in 1970, '71, '79
Howard Wood of Manitoba as skip in 1930, '40; as third in '32



The king of the hill: Randy Ferbey of Alberta who won four Briers as skip of the Ferbey Four, and another two playing third for Pat Ryan. He is also a four-time world champion.



Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba, who has 98 Brier wins as a skip, is one of the top shooters in Canadian history, and a three-time Brier champion and two-time world champion.

Two-time winners

Ron Anton of Alberta as third in 1961, '74
 Don Bartlett of Alberta as lead in 1991, '97
 Kerry Burtnyk of Manitoba as skip in 1981, '95
 Jim Congalton of Manitoba as third in 1930; as skip in '32
 Rick Folk of Saskatchewan as skip in 1980; of British Columbia as skip in '94
 Hec Gervais of Alberta as skip in 1961, '74
 Steve Gould of Manitoba as lead in 1996, 2011
 Ab Gowanlock of Manitoba as skip in 1938, '53
 Bill Grant of Manitoba as lead in 1928, '29
 Al Hackner of Northern Ontario as skip in 1982, '85
 Gordon Haynes of Alberta as third in 1957; as second in '58
 Russ Howard of Ontario as skip in 1987, '93
 Gordon Hudson of Manitoba as skip in 1928, '29
 Rod Hunter of Manitoba as third in 1970, '71
 John Kawaja of Ontario as second in 1983; as third in '90
 Al Langlois of Manitoba as third in 1952, '56
 Ed Lukowich of Alberta as skip in 1978, '86
 Don McKenzie of Alberta as lead in 1988, '89
 Cliff Manahan of Alberta as skip in 1933, '37
 Andy McWilliams of Manitoba as second in 1952; as lead in '56
 Jonathan Mead of Manitoba as third in 1999, 2011
 Pat Perroud of Northern Ontario as lead in 1985; of Ontario as lead in '90
 Jim Pettapiece of Manitoba as second in 1970, '71
 Bill Price of Alberta as lead in 1957, '58
 Craig Savill of Ontario as lead in 2007, '12
 Pat Simmons of Alberta as third in 2014; of Team Canada as skip in '15
 Ron Singbusch of Manitoba as second in 1928, '29
 Garry Van Den Bergh of Manitoba as second in 1996, '99
 Billy Walsh of Manitoba as skip in 1952, '56
 Ed Werenich of Ontario as skip in 1983, '90

Back-to-back winning teams

Saskatchewan: Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson and Wes Richardson in 1959, '60
 Manitoba: Don Duguid, Rod Hunter, Jim Pettapiece and Bryan Wood in 1970, '71
 Alberta: Pat Ryan, Randy Ferbey, Don Walchuk and Don McKenzie in 1988, '89
 Alberta: Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer and Marcel Rocque in 2001, '02, '03
 Alberta: Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy and Ben Hebert in 2008, '09
 Alberta-Team Canada: Pat Simmons, Carter Rycroft and Nolan Thiessen in 2014, '15
 Newfoundland/Labrador-Team Canada: Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant and Geoff Walker in 2017, '18

Back-to-back winning skips

Gordon Hudson of Manitoba — 1928, '29
 Matt Baldwin of Alberta — 1957, '58
 Ernie Richardson of Saskatchewan — 1959, '60 and 1962, '63
 Ron Northcott of Alberta — 1968, '69
 Don Duguid of Manitoba — 1970, '71
 Pat Ryan of Alberta — 1988, '89
 Randy Ferbey of Alberta — 2001, '02, '03
 Kevin Martin of Alberta — 2008, '09
 Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador-Team Canada — 2017, '18

Most games, one player

218 — Glenn Howard of Ontario

Most wins, one skip

143 — Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador-Team Canada

Most appearances, one skip

17 — Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador-Team Canada

Skips with 25 or more wins

Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador-Team Canada — 143
 Russ Howard of Ontario-New Brunswick — 113
 Kevin Martin of Alberta — 113
 Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba — 98
 Glenn Howard of Ontario — 96
 Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario — 95
 Kevin Koe of Alberta-Team Canada — 79
 Rick Folk of Saskatchewan-British Columbia — 62
 Al Hackner of Northern Ontario — 62
 Jean-Michel Ménard of Quebec — 59
 Randy Ferbey of Alberta — 57
 Ed Werenich of Ontario — 55
 Pat Ryan of Alberta-British Columbia — 51
 Ernie Richardson of Saskatchewan — 45
 Kerry Burtnyk of Manitoba — 44
 Bernie Sparkes of British Columbia — 43
 Ed Lukowich of Alberta — 42
 Jamie Koe of the N.W.T./Yukon-N.W.T. — 43
 Pat Simmons of Saskatchewan-Team Canada — 41
 Reg Stone of British Columbia — 41
 James Grattan of New Brunswick — 40
 Ron Northcott of Alberta — 40
 Jim Ussel of Quebec — 40
 Matt Baldwin of Alberta — 38
 Mike McEwen of Manitoba-Wild Card — 38
 Mark Dacey of Nova Scotia — 37
 Bob Pickering of Saskatchewan — 36
 Brendan Bottcher of Alberta-Wild Card — 35

Cliff Manahan of Alberta — 35
 Hec Gervais of Alberta — 34
 Guy Hemmings of Quebec — 32
 Paul Savage of Ontario — 32
 Vic Peters of Manitoba — 30
 Gordon Campbell of Ontario — 29
 Steve Laycock of Saskatchewan — 29
 John Morris of Ontario-B.C.-Team Canada — 28
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 Doug Cameron of Prince Edward Island — 26
 Garnet Campbell of Saskatchewan — 26
 Robert Campbell of Prince Edward Island — 25
 Mark Noseworthy of Newfoundland — 25
 Ken Watson of Manitoba — 25

Top Brier records (all teams; *won)

13-0 — Randy Ferbey of Alberta in 2003*
 13-0 — Kevin Martin of Alberta in 2008*
 13-0 — Kevin Martin of Alberta in 2009*
 13-0 — Kevin Koe of Alberta in 2019*
 12-0 — Pat Ryan of Alberta in 1988*
 12-1 — Ed Werenich of Ontario in 1983*
 12-1 — Kevin Martin of Alberta in 1997*
 12-1 — Wayne Middaugh of Ontario in 1998*
 12-1 — Glenn Howard of Ontario in 2010
 12-1 — Glenn Howard of Ontario in 2012*
 12-1 — Brad Gushue of Team Canada in 2018*
 12-2 — Kerry Burtnyk of Manitoba in 1995*
 12-2 — Vic Peters of Manitoba in 1997
 12-2 — Mark Dacey of Nova Scotia in 2004*
 12-2 — Glenn Howard of Ontario in 2007*
 12-2 — Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario in 2016
 11-1 — Pat Ryan of Alberta in 1985
 11-1 — Ed Werenich of Ontario in 1990*
 11-1 — Rick Folk of British Columbia in 1994*
 11-2 — Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba in 1996*
 11-2 — Greg McAulay of British Columbia in 2000*
 11-2 — Randy Ferbey of Alberta in 2001*
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 11-2 — Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario in 2015
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 11-2 — Brendan Bottcher of Alberta in 2020
 11-3 — Russ Howard of Ontario in 1993*
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 11-3 — Glenn Howard of Ontario in 2013
 11-3 — Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario in 2013*
 11-3 — Kevin Koe of Alberta in 2014*
 11-3 — Kevin Koe of Alberta in 2016*
 11-3 — Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2020*
 10-0 — Don Oylor of Nova Scotia in 1951*
 10-0 — Billy Walsh of Manitoba in 1952*
 10-0 — Garnet Campbell of Saskatchewan in 1955*
 10-0 — Matt Baldwin of Alberta in 1957*
 10-0 — Ron Northcott of Alberta in 1969*
 10-1 — Ernie Richardson of Saskatchewan in 1959*
 10-1 — Barry Fry of Manitoba in 1979
 10-2 — Rick Folk of Saskatchewan in 1980*
 10-2 — Ed Lukowich of Alberta in 1983
 10-2 — Ed Lukowich of Alberta in 1986*
 10-2 — Russ Howard of Ontario in 1987*
 10-2 — Vic Peters of Manitoba in 1993
 10-3 — Kerry Burtnyk of Manitoba in 1981*



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ON THE ROCKS

BY AL CAMERON

MANY TIMES OVER THE PAST 11 MONTHS, I'VE found myself reflecting on what has to be described as the most unique — and, yes, scary — period in the history of curling.

I think back now to the last live curling event I attended, the gold-medal game of the 2020 Tim Hortons Brier at the sold-out Leon's Centre in Kingston, Ont., where Brad Gushue added another page to his Hall of Fame-worthy book of accomplishments.

And then I think that just five days later, I was stepping off a plane in Prince George, B.C., just minutes before the World Curling Federation announced the cancellation of the 2020 World Women's Championship.

That started us on the path that brings us to Calgary and a lengthy stay inside the bubble, where we will keep athletes and staff safe, and also keep our amazing host city safe at the same time.

That path, as you all know, had some significant twists and turns — first, second and third waves, raised and then dashed hopes, and, one might hope as we stage these bubble events, a tantalizing glimpse at the light at the end of the COVID tunnel as vaccinations start having an effect.

So, yes, there was a significant amount of work done by my Curling Canada colleagues, as well as our dedicated partners at the provincial and territorial Member associations, to make the Calgary bubble possible.

But I have to admit — I'm tired of looking back. The past 11 months have been, in a word, a bummer. A drag. And, too often, tragic. I'm done with thinking about it, and I'm sure you are, too.

So instead, let's think forward to this time next year.

We'll be arriving in Thunder Bay, Ont., getting ready for the 2022 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, and knowing that it will be a Scotties for the ages, on and off the ice.

Not long after that, we'll be heading back west to Lethbridge, Alta., and the 2022 Tim Hortons Brier. Upon reflection, I've probably seen more national and world championship-level curling games at the ENMAX Centre in Lethbridge than any other building in the world, and it makes me excited to know I'll be returning in 13 months' time to that great city.

Meanwhile, we will be savouring fond memories of the first major championships of the 2021-22 season — the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings, presented by

AGI, in Saskatoon, followed by the Canadian Mixed Doubles Trials.

And, oh yes, around a year from now, we'll be anticipating the opening ceremony of the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, and looking forward a few weeks later to the opening ceremony of the 2022 Winter Paralympics.

Ideally, there will be four Canadian teams (men's, women's and mixed doubles at the Olympics, wheelchair curling at the Paralympics) chasing gold in Beijing.

We'll be waving our Maple Leaf flags, wearing our Team Canada T-shirts, and cheering every shot at the repurposed Ice Cube arena.

A year from now, curling clubs will have been opened for a couple months, and bursting at the seams, as curlers across Canada make their long-awaited return to the ice, and, yes, the lounge.

And, thanks to the success of programs such as Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings, presented by Curling Canada, and Hit Draw Tap, presented by Tim Hortons, as well as the introduction of new competitions that focus on the Under-15 age group, youth participation will continue to increase.

New styles of play such as singles and triples (you can't call mixed doubles new anymore!) will be embraced at the club level, giving curlers the chance to enjoy our game in ways they never thought possible.

Twelve months down the road, we'll be able to reflect on all the good things that were accomplished during the pandemic — the way communities rallied behind front-line health workers and first responders who put themselves in harm's way, regardless of the risks.

And 12 months from now, we may even be shaking an opponent's hand after an extra-end tussle in the Monday night open league, and heading upstairs for a round.

So, yes, please enjoy these next two months of curling in the Calgary bubble. Raise a toast to all of the people who made it possible. Salute the athletes and coaches who made the sacrifices to be here. Tweet a public 'thank you' or two to @TSNcurling for their work behind the scenes to broadcast the bubble events.

And then sit back, relax, and breathe a sigh of relief. We're gonna get through this. See you at the rink next season.

Al Cameron is Curling Canada's director of communication and media relations

CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

1927 to '39	Toronto	Granite Club	N/A
1940	Winnipeg	Amphitheatre	N/A
1941	Toronto	Granite Club	N/A
1942	Quebec City	Quebec City Arena	N/A
1946	Saskatoon	Saskatoon Arena	22,000
1947	Saint John	Saint John Arena	10,000
1948	Calgary	Victoria Arena	30,000
1949	Hamilton	Hamilton Arena	16,500
1950	Vancouver	Kerrisdale Arena	25,000
1951	Halifax	Dalhousie Rink	17,000
1952	Winnipeg	Winnipeg Arena	12,500
1953	Sudbury	Sudbury Arena	22,000
1954	Edmonton	Edmonton Gardens	32,000
1955	Regina	Exhibition Arena	51,725
1956	Moncton	Moncton Arena	25,800
1957	Kingston	Kingston Arena	19,000
1958	Victoria	Memorial Arena	36,000
1959	Quebec City	Le Colisée	16,000
1960	Fort William	Fort William Gardens	26,000
1961	Calgary	Stampede Corral	51,575
1962	Kitchener-Waterloo	Memorial Gardens	37,013
1963	Brandon	Brandon Arena	42,113
1964	Charlottetown	Memorial Arena	13,573
1965	Saskatoon	Memorial Arena	52,319
1966	Halifax	Halifax Forum	11,905
1967	Ottawa	Hull Arena	26,174
1968	Kelowna	Kelowna Arena	25,813
1969	Oshawa	Oshawa Arena	28,448
1970	Winnipeg	Winnipeg Arena	60,255
1971	Quebec City	Pavilion de la Jeunesse	8,501
1972	St. John's	St. John's Arena	12,890
1973	Edmonton	Edmonton Gardens	37,575
1974	London	London Gardens	48,170
1975	Fredericton	Lady Beaverbrook Rink	20,672
1976	Regina	Agridome	61,110
1977	Montreal	Velodrome	50,000
1978	Vancouver	Pacific Coliseum	63,851
1979	Ottawa	Civic Arena	89,081
1980	Calgary	Stampede Corral	93,185
1981	Halifax	Metro Centre	67,257
1982	Brandon	Keystone Centre	106,394
1983	Sudbury	Sudbury Arena	65,927
1984	Victoria	Memorial Arena	86,811
1985	Moncton	Moncton Coliseum	65,475
1986	Kitchener-Waterloo	Memorial Gardens	97,684
1987	Edmonton	Agrilex	66,793
1988	Chicoutimi	Georges Vezina Centre	45,220
1989	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan Place	151,538
1990	Sault Ste. Marie	Memorial Gardens	76,878
1991	Hamilton	Copps Coliseum	88,894
1992	Regina	Agridome	121,555
1993	Ottawa	Civic Arena	130,076
1994	Red Deer	Centrium	130,625
1995	Halifax	Metro Centre	121,896
1996	Kamloops	Riverside Coliseum	127,746
1997	Calgary	Canadian Airlines Saddledome	223,322
1998	Winnipeg	Winnipeg Arena	147,017
1999	Edmonton	Skyreach Centre	242,887
2000	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan Place	248,793
2001	Ottawa	Civic Arena	154,136
2002	Calgary	Pengrowth Saddledome	245,296
2003	Halifax	Metro Centre	158,414
2004	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan Place	238,129
2005	Edmonton	Rexall Place	281,985
2006	Regina	Brandt Centre	125,971
2007	Hamilton	Copps Coliseum	107,199
2008	Winnipeg	MTS Centre	165,075
2009	Calgary	Pengrowth Saddledome	246,126
2010	Halifax	Halifax Metro Centre	107,242
2011	London	John Labatt Centre	113,626
2012	Saskatoon	Credit Union Centre	177,226
2013	Edmonton	Rexall Place	190,113
2014	Kamloops	Interior Savings Centre	65,005
2015	Calgary	Scotiabank Saddledome	151,835
2016	Ottawa	TD Place	115,047
2017	St. John's	Mile One Centre	122,592
2018	Regina	Brandt Centre	110,555
2019	Brandon	Westoba Place	75,617
2020	Kingston	Leon's Centre	96,076
2021	Calgary	Winsport Arena	

10-3 — Russ Howard of Ontario in 1986
 10-3 — Kevin Martin of Alberta in 1991*
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 10-3 — John Morris of British Columbia in 2014
 10-3 — Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba in 2014
 10-3 — Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2016
 10-4 — Shawn Adams of Nova Scotia in 2005
 10-4 — Jean-Michel Ménard of Quebec in 2006*
 10-4 — Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2011
 10-4 — Glenn Howard of Ontario in 2011
 10-4 — Kevin Koe of Alberta in 2012
 10-4 — Pat Simmons-John Morris of Team Canada in 2015*
 10-4 — Kevin Koe of Team Canada in 2017
 10-4 — Mike McEwen of Manitoba in 2017
 10-4 — Brendan Bottcher of Alberta in 2018
 10-4 — Brendan Bottcher of Wild Card in 2019
 10-5 — Ed Werenich of Ontario in 1984
 10-5 — Rick Folk of British Columbia in 1993
 10-5 — Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba in 2009

Champions

28 — Alberta in 1933, '37, '41, '46, '54, '57, '58, '61, '66, '68, '69, '74, '78, '86, '88, '89, '91, '97, 2001, '02, '03, '05, '08, '09, '10, '14, '16, '19
 27 — Manitoba in 1928, '29, '30, '31, '32, '34, '36, '38, '40, '42, '47, '49, '52, '53, '56, '65, '70, '71, '72, '79, '81, '84, '92, '95, '96, '99, 2011
 10 — Ontario in 1935, '39, '67, '83, '87, '90, '93, '98, 2007, '12
 7 — Saskatchewan in 1955, '59, '60, '62, '63, '73, '80
 5 — Northern Ontario in 1950, '75, '82, '85, 2013
 4 — British Columbia in 1948, '64, '94, 2000
 3 — Newfoundland in 1976; Newfoundland/Labrador in '17, '20
 3 — Nova Scotia in 1927, '51, 2004
 2 — Quebec in 1977, 2006
 2 — Team Canada in 2015, '18

Win-Loss Records (includes playoffs)


	WINS	LOSSES	PERCENTAGE
Team Canada (2015 to present)	54	22	.710
Alberta (1928 to present)	689	297	.699
Manitoba (1928 to present)	665	316	.678
Wild Card (2018 to present)	24	13	.649
Ontario (1927 to present)	611	376	.619
Saskatchewan (1928 to present)	554	396	.583
British Columbia (1936 to present)	496	381	.566
Northern Ontario (1927 to present)	491	467	.513
Quebec (1927 to present)	388	548	.459
Nova Scotia (1927 to present)	365	542	.402
New Brunswick (1927 to present)	364	568	.391
Newfoundland/Labrador (1951 to present)	288	475	.377
P.E.I. (1936 to present)	259	575	.311
Yukon (2018 to present)	5	17	.227
Northwest Territories (2015 to present)	11	44	.200
Nunavut (2018 to present)	0	22	.000

DEFUNCT TEAMS

Toronto (1927 to 1931)	28	18	.609
Western Canada (1927)	3	4	.429
Territories/N.W.T.-Yukon (1975 to 2014)	127	316	.287
Montreal (1927 to 1931)	10	33	.233

Championships hosted (includes 2021)

	NUMBER	LATEST
Ontario	29	2020
Alberta	15	2021
Saskatchewan	11	2018
Manitoba	8	2019
British Columbia	7	2014
Nova Scotia	6	2010
Quebec	5	1988
New Brunswick	4	1985
Northern Ontario	4	1990
Newfoundland	2	2017
Prince Edward Island	1	1964



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Janelle epitomizes the true meaning of a curling club volunteer in a small community. Originally serving as a Dawson Creek Curling club participant and junior curling instructor, Janelle moved into her role as club Board member playing an integral role in implementing the club's COVID-19 Safety Plan.



Nancy has devoted countless hours to the community of Osoyoos, serving in numerous capacities for more than 10 years. Despite team curling being paused due to COVID-19, Nancy ensures members are able to reserve safe practice time to sharpen their skills in preparation for re-opening.



Derrell is the president of the Armstrong Curling Club Senior Leagues. With his master of detail and dedication to keeping his fellow curlers safe, Derrell has played an integral part in keeping the club curling during this COVID-19 period.



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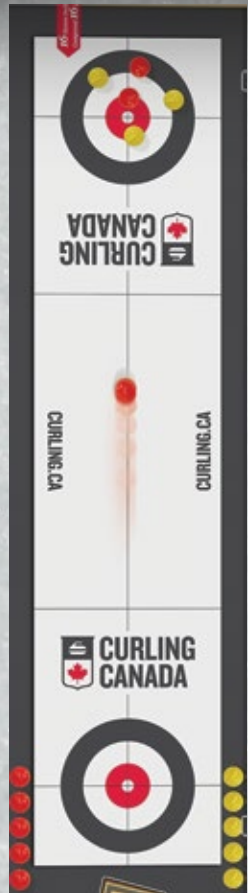
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SEVEN-TIME WINNERS

Glenn Howard — as third for Ontario in 1986, as skip in 2006, '07, '10, '11, '12, '13
Wayne Middaugh — as second for Ontario in 1992, '93, '94, as skip in '98, 2001, as third in '12, '13

FIVE-TIME WINNERS

Randy Ferbey — as third for Alberta in 1988, '89, 2003, '04, '05
Pat Ryan — as skip for Alberta in 1985, '88; as third for British Columbia in 1993, '94, '95
Don Walchuk — as second for Alberta in 1987, '88, '89, as third in '96, '97

FOUR-TIME WINNERS

Rick Folk — as skip for Saskatchewan in 1978, '80; as skip for British Columbia in 1989, '94
Marc Kennedy — as second for Alberta in 2007, '08, '09, '11
Brent Laing — as second for Ontario in 2006, '10, '13; as second for Alberta in 2016
Scott Pfeiffer — as second for Alberta in 2002, '03, '04, '05
Bernie Sparkes — as second for Alberta in 1966, '67, '68, '69

THREE-TIME WINNERS

Ryan Fry — as third for Northern Ontario in 2015, '16, '19
Brad Gushue — as skip for Nfld./Labrador in 2014, '17; as skip for Team Canada in 2018

E.J. Harnden — as second for Northern Ontario in 2017, '19, '20
Neil Harrison — as lead for Ontario in 1983, '84, '88
Richard Hart — as third for Ontario in 2006, '09, '10
Brad Jacobs — as skip for Northern Ontario in 2015, '16, '19
Kevin Martin — as skip for Alberta in 1996, 2008, '09
John Morris — as third for Alberta in 2007, '08; as third for British Columbia in 2014
David Nedohin — as skip for Alberta in 2002, '03, '05
Denni Neufeld — as lead for Manitoba in 2016, '17; as lead for Wild Card in 2018
Mark Nichols — as lead for Manitoba in 2013, as second in '14; as third for Team Canada in 2018
Ron Northcott — as skip for Alberta in 1966, '68, '69
Marcel Rocque — as lead for Alberta in 2003, '04, '05
Fred Storey — as lead for Alberta in 1966, '68, '69

FIRST-TEAM ALL-STARS

2020 Lead Colin Hodgson, Wild Card
Second E.J. Harnden, Northern Ontario
Third Reid Carruthers, Wild Card
Skip Brendan Bottcher, Alberta
2019 Lead Dallan Muyres, Saskatchewan
Second E.J. Harnden, Northern Ontario
Third Ryan Fry, Northern Ontario
Skip Brad Jacobs, Northern Ontario

2018 Lead Denni Neufeld, Wild Card
Second Brett Gallant, Team Canada
Third Mark Nichols, Team Canada
Skip Brad Gushue, Team Canada

2017 Lead Denni Neufeld, Manitoba
Second E.J. Harnden, Northern Ontario
Third Catlin Schneider, Saskatchewan
Skip Brad Gushue, N.L.

2016 Lead Denni Neufeld, Manitoba
Second Brent Laing, Alberta
Third Ryan Fry, Northern Ontario
Skip Brad Jacobs, Northern Ontario

2015 Lead Colin Hodgson, Manitoba
Second Carter Rycroft, Team Canada
Third Ryan Fry, Northern Ontario
Skip Brad Jacobs, Northern Ontario

2014 Lead Rick Sawatsky, British Columbia
Second Mark Nichols, Manitoba
Third John Morris, British Columbia
Skip Jim Cotter, British Columbia

2013 Lead Mark Nichols, Manitoba
Second Brent Laing, Ontario
Third Wayne Middaugh, Ontario
Skip Glenn Howard, Ontario

2012 Lead Derek Samagalski, Manitoba
Second Carter Rycroft, Alberta
Third Wayne Middaugh, Ontario
Skip Glenn Howard, Ontario



Rookie Brier skip Kevin Koe burst on the national scene in 2010, winning the event in Halifax, for his first national title. The winners, from Alberta, left to right: Koe, third Blake MacDonald, second Carter Rycroft and lead Nolan Thiessen.



Ontario's Glenn Howard (right) won his fourth Brier and second as a skip at the 2012 championship in Saskatoon. Other members of his team, left to right, lead Craig Savill, second Brent Laing, and third Wayne Middaugh.

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The Ferbey Four won four Brier titles (2001, 2002, 2003, 2005) and dominated the all-star teams in those years. The Alberta team, left to right: lead Marcel Rocque, second Scott Pfeifer, third Dave Nedohin, and skip Randy Ferbey.



Alberta's Ed Lukowich won the 1986 Brier in Kitchener-Waterloo. Holding aloft the Tankard Trophy, left to right: lead Brent Syme, second Neil Houston, third John Ferguson, and Lukowich, who was named the all-star skip.

2011 Lead Ben Hebert, Alberta
Second Marc Kennedy, Alberta
Third Jon Mead, Manitoba
Skip Glenn Howard, Ontario

2010 Lead Nolan Thiessen, Alberta
Second Brent Laing, Ontario
Third Richard Hart, Ontario
Skip Glenn Howard, Ontario

2009 Lead Ben Hebert, Alberta
Second Marc Kennedy, Alberta
Third Richard Hart, Ontario
Skip Kevin Martin, Alberta

2008 Lead Craig Savill, Ontario
Second Marc Kennedy, Alberta
Third John Morris, Alberta
Skip Kevin Martin, Alberta

2007 Lead Craig Savill, Ontario
Second Marc Kennedy, Alberta
Third John Morris, Alberta
Skip Glenn Howard, Ontario

2006 Lead Steve Gould, Manitoba
Second Brent Laing, Ontario
Third Richard Hart, Ontario
Skip Glenn Howard, Ontario

2005 Lead Marcel Rocque, Alberta
Second Scott Pfeifer, Alberta
Third Randy Ferbey, Alberta
Skip David Nedohin, Alberta

2004 Lead Marcel Rocque, Alberta
Second Scott Pfeifer, Alberta
Third Randy Ferbey, Alberta
Skip Brad Gushue, Nfld./Labrador

2003 Lead Marcel Rocque, Alberta
Second Scott Pfeifer, Alberta
Third Randy Ferbey, Alberta
Skip David Nedohin, Alberta

2002 Lead Kelly Moskow, Saskatchewan
Second Scott Pfeifer, Alberta
Third Joseph Frans, Ontario
Skip David Nedohin, Alberta

2001 Lead Dale Ness, Quebec
Second Ian Tetley, Ontario
Third Graeme McCarrel, Ontario
Skip Wayne Middaugh, Ontario

2000 Lead Rory Golanowski, Saskatchewan
Second Éric Sylvain, Quebec
Third Jonathan Mead, Manitoba
Skip Jeff Stoughton, Manitoba

1999 Lead Dale Ness, Quebec
Second Chris Fulton, Ontario
Third Pierre Charette, Quebec
Skip Paul Flemming, Nova Scotia

1998 Lead Doug Armstrong, Manitoba
Second Ian Tetley, Ontario
Third Graeme McCarrel, Ontario
Skip Wayne Middaugh, Ontario

1997 Lead Neil Harrison, Ontario
Second Pat Perroud, Ontario
Third Don Walchuk, Alberta
Skip Vic Peters, Manitoba

1996 Lead Bert Hinch, British Columbia
Second Dwayne Mihalcz, Saskatchewan
Third Don Walchuk, Alberta
Skip Kevin Martin, Alberta

1995 Lead Gerry Richard, British Columbia
Second Wayne Charteris, Saskatchewan
Third Pat Ryan, British Columbia
Skip Kerry Burtnyk, Manitoba

1994 Lead Peter Corner, Ontario
Second Wayne Middaugh, Ontario
Third Pat Ryan, British Columbia
Skip Rick Folk, British Columbia

1993 Lead Peter Corner, Ontario
Second Wayne Middaugh, Ontario
Third Pat Ryan, British Columbia
Skip Russ Howard, Ontario

1992 Lead Don Bartlett, Alberta
Second Wayne Middaugh, Ontario
Third Glenn Howard, Ontario
Skip Vic Peters, Manitoba

1991 Lead Don Bartlett, Alberta
Second Don Reddick, Quebec
Third Kevin Park, Alberta
Skip Randy Woytowich, Saskatchewan

1990 Lead Pat Perroud, Ontario
Second Ian Tetley, Ontario
Third Eric Harnden, Northern Ontario
Skip Ed Werenich, Ontario

1989 Lead Dallas Duce, Saskatchewan
Second Don Walchuk, Alberta
Third Randy Ferbey, Alberta
Skip Rick Folk, British Columbia

1988 Lead Neil Harrison, Ontario
Second Don Walchuk, Alberta
Third Randy Ferbey, Alberta
Skip Pat Ryan, Alberta

1987 Lead Kent Carstairs, Ontario
Second Don Walchuk, Alberta
Third Jim Armstrong, British Columbia
Skip Russ Howard, Ontario

1986 Lead Garth Meyers, Saskatchewan
Second Craig Meyers, Saskatchewan
Third Glenn Howard, Ontario
Skip Ed Lukowich, Alberta

1985 Lead Bill Fletcher, Ontario
Second Don McKenzie, Alberta
Third Dave Iverson, Manitoba
Skip Pat Ryan, Alberta

1984 Lead Neil Harrison, Ontario
Second Wilf Ross, Saskatchewan
Third Dale Graham, Saskatchewan
Skip Mike Riley, Manitoba

1983 Lead Neil Harrison, Ontario
Second John Kawaja, Ontario
Third Paul Savage, Ontario
Skip Ed Lukowich, Alberta

1982 Lead W. Rechenmacher, Saskatchewan
Second Al Roemer, British Columbia
Third Doug Armour, Manitoba
Skip Al Hackner, Northern Ontario



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 Third Bill Carey, Manitoba
 Skip Barry Fry, Manitoba
- 1978** Lead Keiven Bauer, British Columbia
 Second Al Cook, British Columbia
 Third Mike Chernoff, Alberta
 Skip Rick Folk, Saskatchewan
- 1977** Lead Bob Collez, Manitoba
 Second Lionel Stokes, Yukon/N.W.T.
 Third Art Lobel, Quebec
 Skip Jim Ursel, Quebec
- 1976** Lead Keiven Bauer, British Columbia
 Second Don Aitken, Quebec
 Third Bert Gretzinger, British Columbia
 Skip Jack MacDuff, Newfoundland
- 1975** Lead Howard Atkinson, Quebec
 Second Mike Boyd, Ontario
 Third Bill Martin, Saskatchewan
 Skip Don Twa, Yukon/N.W.T.
- 1974** Lead Ron Green, Ontario
 Second Gerry Peckham, British Columbia
 Third Ron Anton, Alberta
 Skip Jim Ursel, Quebec
- 1973** Lead Ron Green, Ontario
 Second Dave Romkey, New Brunswick
 Third Bill Martin, Saskatchewan
 Skip Harvey Mazinke, Saskatchewan



The 1966 Brier champs from Alberta, left to right: lead Fred Storey, second Bernie Sparkes, third George Fink, and skip Ron Northcott. Storey, Sparkes and Northcott all made that year's all-star team.

- 1972** Lead Murray Gregga, Quebec
 Second Terry Watchorn, Alberta
 Third Dave Romano, Manitoba
 Skip Bill Kent, Quebec
- 1971** Lead Gary Ford, Saskatchewan
 Second Jim Pettapiece, Manitoba
 Third Rod Hunter, Manitoba
 Skip Bill Tetley, Northern Ontario
- 1970** Lead Gary Ford, Saskatchewan
 Second Leo Hebert, British Columbia
 Third Jim Carson, Northern Ontario
 Skip Don Duguid, Manitoba
- 1969** Lead Fred Storey, Alberta
 Second Bernie Sparkes, Alberta
 Third Pete Sherba, British Columbia
 Skip Ron Northcott, Alberta

- 1968** Lead Fred Storey, Alberta
 Second Bernie Sparkes, Alberta
 Third Jack Keys, Saskatchewan
 Skip Ron Northcott, Alberta
- 1967** Lead Keith Reilly, Ontario
 Second Bernie Sparkes, Alberta
 Third George Fink, Alberta
 Skip Doug Wankel, Saskatchewan
- 1966** Lead Fred Storey, Alberta
 Second Bernie Sparkes, Alberta
 Third Tom Howat, Ontario
 Skip Ron Northcott, Alberta
- 1965** Lead Ray Turnbull, Manitoba
 Second Ken Hamilton, Alberta
 Third Don Duguid, Manitoba
 Skip Jack Polyblank, Northern Ontario

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BRIER TANKARD HAS A STORIED PAST

IN 1924, WINNIPEG'S GEORGE CAMERON WAS determined to bring together the curlers of the East and West in friendship. As a first step, he persuaded the Macdonald Tobacco Company to award a trophy to Manitoba for annual competition, the winners to receive a goodwill tour to the eastern provinces with all expenses paid.

Two years later, Cameron and a small group of curlers persuaded the Macdonald Tobacco Company to replace the tour with a national competition. The company agreed and presented the Macdonald Brier Tankard for the Canadian Curling Championship in 1927.

Although many think the name "Brier" is an old Scottish curling term, it is — or was — a product made by Macdonald. Brier plug tobacco had a small heart-shaped piece of tin pressed into the plug (the heart of the tobacco) and this heart quickly became the symbol of excellence in Canadian curling — the Purple Heart.

The Canadian Curling Championship was played at Toronto's Granite Club from 1927 through 1939, when it started moving annually across Canada. Macdonald Tobacco and the Stewart family, which owned the company, had a great sense of Canadiana and when Macdonald completed its 50th year in 1979 (there was no play during three years of the Second World War) the Brier had been contested in every province and in every provincial capital.

Macdonald Tobacco withdrew its sponsorship in 1979 and the original Tankard was retired.

When Labatt Breweries became the Brier sponsor in 1980, it introduced a gold Labatt Tankard, which became the icon of the Brier and was awarded 21 times. When Labatt decided to end its title sponsorship in 2000, the Labatt Tankard was retired.

When Nokia Products Ltd. became the Brier's new sponsor, an agreement with the Canadian Curling Association — now Curling Canada — reactivated the original trophy beginning with the 2001 Nokia Brier.

The withdrawal of Nokia sponsorship and the introduction of Tim Hortons in 2005 did not change the storied traditions of the Brier.

For its first 27 years, the Tankard was presented with a sterling silver heart plaque attached to it on which the names of each team member were hand-engraved.



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After 27 years, no space was left, so a single plaque was attached to the back, where the names of all of the winners from 1955 to 1979 were engraved.

The size of the base was increased so the plaque could be removed from the back and a silver heart crest could be attached for every Brier-winning team.

The Brier Tankard now proudly displays a hand-engraved silver heart for each of the 91 Brier winners. Teams from British Columbia have hoisted the Tankard four times.

The original cup on the trophy was hand-tooled in Great Britain and is a work of art that could be re-created only in Europe. The replacement value of the original trophy has been estimated at \$50,000.

The original Macdonald Brier trophy has been beautifully restored and its base expanded to display hand-engraved silver hearts for each of the 91 Brier winners.

PLANNING FOR LIFE IN A BUBBLE A 'HERCULEAN' TASK

Curling Canada faced unprecedented challenges organizing safe, secure championships in midst of a pandemic

BY SCOTT CRUICKSHANK

Curling Canada knows the well-grooved winter routine by now.

The sports federation's representatives, capable and keen, waded into the competitive curling schedule and roll up their sleeves. It's a task that is cross-country and considerable and complicated, but wholly do-able as they manage to prove annually.

"We have a staff, a pretty extensive staff, that puts on probably 19 events a year," says Katherine Henderson, CEO of Curling Canada. "We're like the travelling circus — we go coast to coast. We are doing Briers and Scotties and Canada Cups and Olympic-level things and juniors and seniors and mixed. We're



The international-sized ice surface that will be used at the Markin MacPhail Centre at WinSport's Canada Olympic Park will be a bonus. It buys extra room on the walkways between sheets.

all over the place. But we've got people who are very experienced in doing things a very particular way.

"We parachute in. We know exactly what it is we need to do."

Which, without fail, the organization does year in and year out, much to the delight of the country's appreciative fans.

But this upcoming 2021 undertaking?

"Without hyperbole," Henderson says, "this is Herculean." Because, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Curling Canada intends to showcase its premier events — and elite athletes — by presenting them in one bubble in Calgary.

Lined up for the Markin MacPhail Centre at WinSport's Canada Olympic Park:

- Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Feb. 19-28.
- Tim Hortons Brier, presented by AGI, March 5-14.
- Home Hardware Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship, March 18-25.
- BKT Tires & OK Tier World Men's Championship, presented by New Holland, April 2-11.

Looks straightforward, doesn't it? Book the sheets, make the ice, build the draws, polish the rocks, turn on the cameras.

But don't be misled. This is a new beast to wrangle for Curling Canada, an unprecedented challenge in unprecedented times.

"There's no template," says Henderson. "Just putting on this set of events is probably harder work than what we traditionally do. And there's an intense level of scrutiny as well.

"Every single thing that we do, we have what we think is going to happen: here's Plan B, here's Plan C, here's Plan D, here's Plan E. And you have to go through each one of those things very thoroughly.

"You can't make it up as you go along."

Curling Canada devoted countless hours to drafting pages and pages of appropriate protocols, detailing every contingency, from transportation to bubble entry, from mask-wearing to temperature-monitoring, from test-taking to participant-quarantining.

"It's based on public health ... on best practices," says Henderson. "All the professional sports to date have shown that you can deliver the games with competitive integrity that's safe for the athletes and doesn't impact the public health."

And, in case anyone doubted Curling Canada's sincerity, consequences for ignoring in-bubble regulations are severe — immediate disqualification, loss of national-team funding. And? Suspensions that may even include the 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing.

A recent media report outlined the governing body's stiff punishment. Curiosity piqued, Henderson couldn't help herself, so she scrolled to the reader comments.

"To see what the general public's reaction was," says Henderson. "It was so positive — 'Good for Curling Canada.' We were sort of worried about looking like authoritarian ogres. That's not the intent. The intent is to provide a super-clean playing experience for all the athletes. We can't compromise that, and we won't compromise it."

Those in the field of play — players, officials, ice-makers, select media rights holders — are under the strictest of orders. Considered to be part of the 'Green Zone', which is the tightest of three designated bubble grades, these folks will number up to 145 for each of the four events.

"We took over a whole hotel for the entire time — just curling people at this hotel," says Nolan Thiessen, director, broadcast, marketing, innovation and event presentation and athlete liaison for Curling Canada. "There's a parking lot that is only for Green Zone athletes. There's an entrance that's only for Green Zone athletes and officials (and ice-makers) ... that leads straight out onto the ice."

Legwork in the lead-up had been substantial.



CEO Katherine Henderson says Curling Canada devoted countless hours to drafting pages of appropriate protocols to assure curlers will be safe inside the bubble.

After all, it's one thing to brainstorm a bunch of restrictions during a series of Zoom calls, but it's quite another to put them into practice.

"We'd say, 'OK, how do we logistically make this possible?'" says Thiessen. "On paper, we can say that only field-of-play athletes and officials are allowed in this area, but what does that mean for the building? We have to set up the building so people aren't crossing paths."

One bonus is the international-sized ice surface that will be used. Fifteen feet wider than a typical rink, it buys extra room on the walkways between sheets.

The nature of the sport itself helps, too. It's not football.

"It's much easier to do physical distancing in curling ... you're not going to have that face-to-face physical contact that you would when an offensive tackle and a defensive end engage," says Dr. Bob McCormack, the Canadian Olympic Committee's medical director consulted by Curling Canada. "But there's longer exposure in curling. If you're working hard with the broom, breathing hard, and you're right beside someone else, there's a more sustained contact. Every sport, indeed, is a little bit different."

No matter the athletic pursuit, one of the keys to safety is the non-negotiable implementation of masks.

Officials, ice-makers, field-of-play television crew and non-competing teams (including alternates and coaches) must put on face coverings. Competing on-ice teams are not required to wear masks, but they can.

The hub-city approach, as everyone knows by now, works.

"Without impacting the public health, that's an important part of this," says McCormack. "Not only keeping our own athletes and support staff healthy, but making sure we don't cause a super-spreader event or an outbreak that stresses the local health resources."



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Curling Canada created a checklist to find a city that could best provide the bubble and found it in Calgary. It provides the perfect cocktail of amenities, including the very modern Markin MacPhail Centre, situated close to a hotel used exclusively by the curlers and officials.

The NBA, because of the coronavirus outbreak, shut down March 11, 2020. The NHL followed suit the next day.

The World Women’s Curling Championship, ready to open in Prince George, B.C., that weekend, was cancelled.

“We weren’t sure if things were going to end or what was going to happen,” says Henderson. “The very beginning of the pandemic was spent really trying to understand the potential impact to the system rather than the events.”

Soon, though, the NHL and NBA were making public their intentions to resume play in bubbles, by restricting competitors, officials and team staffers to hubs.

Everything was being considered by Curling Canada, including putting everything on hold until the arrival of a vaccine. That plan, however, would put into jeopardy this year’s Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Olympic Trials, Nov. 27 to Dec. 5, in Saskatoon.

“So for anything to happen in February, March, April of 2021... the only way is if we planned to do it in a bubble with no fans,” says Thiessen. “That ended up being our Scenario C, D, or E. Then it ended up being our only scenario.”

For potential sites, Curling Canada created a checklist, including items such as proximity to an international airport, availability of ice and nearby hotels.

“Calgary was really the perfect cocktail of the right things to make this a very, very good hub city,” says Henderson, noting the productive partnership with the Alberta government, the City of Calgary, Calgary Tourism, and WinSport. “That group of people really coalesced beautifully together.”

Next, Curling Canada began to engage with local public-health officials. How could this be pulled off? Consulted, too, were the stars.

“We really needed to have those personal, deep, intimate conversations with players,” says Henderson. “Were they eager to

play? Was this important to them? What are you worried about? Would you feel comfortable if we did this? What would make you uncomfortable? What are your no-go areas?

“We found the athlete input really important.”

The undertaking is significant. In addition to Herculean, Henderson describes it as “intense.” For obvious reasons, the stakes, she says, are “higher.”

And Curling Canada, Henderson assures, is prepared.

“You really are having to take responsibility for health and safety of a huge group of people,” she says. “While we have concussion protocols and safety protocols, you’re not really doing it in the middle of a pandemic. It creates uncertainty and scrutiny and pressure.

“We’ve taken what professional leagues that are many, many, many millions of dollars bigger than we are, and have so much more capacity ... what our group has been able to achieve, it’s pretty mind-boggling.

“I’m super-proud of the work that they’ve done. It’s unbelievably well thought-through.”

Curling Canada points appreciatively to the work of the NHL and its Stanley Cup bubble. Noted, too, is the success of the World Junior Hockey Championship hubs in Red Deer and Edmonton.

“They did have hiccups at the very beginning,” says Henderson. “But what they really showed us, if you do the responsible right thing early on, bubbles are safe. You can keep the general public safe. Lots of integrity and they kept everyone safe.

“That really encouraged us that we’d be able to do the same thing, that you can pull this off.”

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Manitoba's Kerri Einarson won last season's Scotties Tournament of Hearts at Mosaic Place in Moose Jaw, but it wasn't easy. She needed a draw to the four-foot with her final rock of an extra end to defeat Ontario's Rachel Homan 8-7.

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NO CHEERING, NO PATCH, NO MATTER CURLING IS BACK!

BY GEORGE JOHNSON

Game's best players thrilled to be back on ice, despite pandemic protocols

Out at Camp Morton Provincial Park, perched on the western shore of Lake Winnipeg, roughly six kilometres north of Gimli, Man., Kerri Einarson has adapted.

That's where the reigning Canadian Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion resides with her husband and two children. Her parents recently built a house by the lake itself, only a stone's throw away.

Throwing stones is, of course, something Einarson has more than a passing interest in.

"Our friends in Camp Morton," she reports delightedly, "actually made a curling rink for me, right there on the lake. Then my dad drilled a two-by-four into the ice to use as a hack, to push off from.

"I've got a few sets of stones. I actually was out there the other day and it felt good. Weather's been good, too.

"Trying to kind of get in a few reps. Make it at least seem like curling.

"Probably not the best curl in the ice, I'll grant you, but..."

But in extraordinary times, you adjust, you improvise, as best possible. Even — no, especially — during a pandemic.

Only a year has passed since the dramatic and redemptive 11th-end draw to the four-foot ring against two Rachel Homan rocks provided Einarson, vice-skip Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard and lead Briane Meilleur with a pulsating 8-7 national title-claiming victory in Moose Jaw, Sask.

The feel of the COVID-19 bubble/hub at Markin MacPhail Centre at Canada Olympic Park when the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts gets underway on Feb. 19 in Calgary is going to feel decidedly different than the one inside Moose Jaw's Mosaic Place, though.

There will be no competitive prep time to fine tune.

No cowbells. No gasping. No cheering. No (silent and not-so-silent) cursing. No Patch.

No matter.

Curling is back.

The Scotties is scheduled to be followed at the Markin MacPhail facility by the Tim Hortons Brier, presented by AGI, March 6-14, the Home Hardware Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship, March 18-25, and the BKT Tires and OK Tire World Men's Championship, April 3-11, as the curling fraternity launches itself back into a state of semi-normalcy.

"Oh, it's going to be different," Einarson acknowledges. "We're going to have to adjust to not having any fans or friends or families out there watching us. But safety is the first priority.

"Just the excitement of being able to curl again — being together again and doing what we love — will light a fire."

That fire, such a part of the competitive DNA in athletes, is what they've been missing these past several months.

"I like to think I have kind of an idea of how the bubble's going to work," reckons Ontario Brier skip John Epping out of Toronto. "It's going to be pretty simple: hotel to rink, rink to hotel.

"One thing Curling Canada, TSN and Rogers Sportsnet have going for them is that this format has already been done by the NHL, the NBA, other leagues and tournaments so they'll be able to learn from them and see that this bubble happens safely. I do feel very confident in that, and in our peers, too. A lot of people I'm going to see in the bubble I've known for years. You trust in each other to show up, follow the rules, follow the protocols to be sure that this event happens safely.

"The only thing that's different for us is maybe going out to restaurants between games. But it's not as if we go all over town doing a bunch of sightseeing anyway.

"We're there to to curl."

The challenges of such a unique situation presented the past months — the stops and starts, wild, emotional swings, Zoom calls, in-home conditioning — have made things "look different" for Emma Miskew, vice-skip of Homan's lavishly decorated Ontario team. "That's okay. We realize that everybody's dealing with something. Not only athletes.

"We know what the weeks leading in are going to look like: self isolate, stay home. We need a test before leaving and once after we get there, head straight to testing. So we know. We're getting good information on everything.

"Once we're there it's pretty locked down until everybody's had their tests. So it seems they're taking every possible precaution. Until then, you

can't control everything. We still need to go get groceries and do the everyday things of life, but we need to minimize exposure. That's a top priority. Curling Canada, the organizers, can only do so much at their end.

"The fact that all this hard work has gone on behind the scenes to allow competition at all is really exciting. There's a lot of gratitude.

"It's all we've talked about for the last couple of months."

Teams are, naturally, starting these events on even terms. Competitive rust will be a common theme. By mid-January, for example, Epping hadn't thrown a rock for more than two months.

"We're also trying to do our workouts as best we can from home," he says. "We've all set up makeshift gyms to keep the body in shape. That's one thing we can't talk about going into the bubble — fatigue. Usually by the time a Brier rolls around we're 20 events in and the body's feeling it.

"Still, you can train at home in a gym but until you play two games in a day and sweep for 20 ends ... it's just different, the recovery.

"The front ends, especially, are going to be impacted. There's a chance of playing three games

Brad Jacobs, skip of the 2014 Olympic gold-medal winners, says curling has been a big part of his life, and he's anxious to get back on the ice, even if it means playing inside a bubble with strict protocols.



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“I want to curl. I want curling on TV. I want our supporters and our fans across the country to be able to enjoy this during the pandemic. I know that a lot of people are going through curling withdrawal. In Ontario, a lot of clubs haven’t opened their doors for months. A lot of people are starving for curling.”



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Ontario skip John Epping feels confident the bubble will be a safe environment in which to play. He trusts that his fellow competitors will show up and follow the rules.

in a day and we haven’t done that in a couple a years.”

For 2014 Olympic gold medallist Brad Jacobs and his Northern Ontario crew from Sault Ste. Marie, the opportunity is all that matters.

“As athletes in the curling world we’re very grateful that it’s come to the point we can bubble and compete in a very safe environment,” says Jacobs, who’s endeavoured to keep curling “top-of-mind” during the enforced idleness. “We’re confident in our governing bodies, that they’re taking all the necessary measures that the ice crew and whatever volunteers are participating in the event — and, of course, we athletes — remain safe and healthy.

“We’ve had discussions about what to expect. This experience, though, will be new to everyone. We’re trying to plan what we think it’s going to be like, to feel like. Obviously we won’t know fully until we’re in the environment.

“But you’ve got to keep things in perspective.

“Curling has been a huge part of all of us, of our lives, since we were teenagers. Now we’re in our mid-to-late 30s and this is the first time we haven’t

been able to compete for so long. So, it’s a weird feeling. At the same time we’ve been trying to look on the bright side, staying in shape physically and mentally while we’re not able to compete, waiting for the day when we can.”

That day has at last arrived.

The Calgary bubble awaits. It is, at long last, go time.

Epping speaks for everyone involved in the sport, up-and-comer or former national champ, man or woman, on-ice participant or family-room sofa spectator, when he says:

“I want to curl. I want curling on TV. I want our supporters and our fans across the country to be able to enjoy this during the pandemic. I know that a lot of people are going through curling withdrawal. In Ontario, a lot of clubs haven’t opened their doors for months.

“A lot of people are starving for curling.

“As long as we do this in a safe way, and we will, I — and a lot of others — are pretty pumped to get this going.”

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