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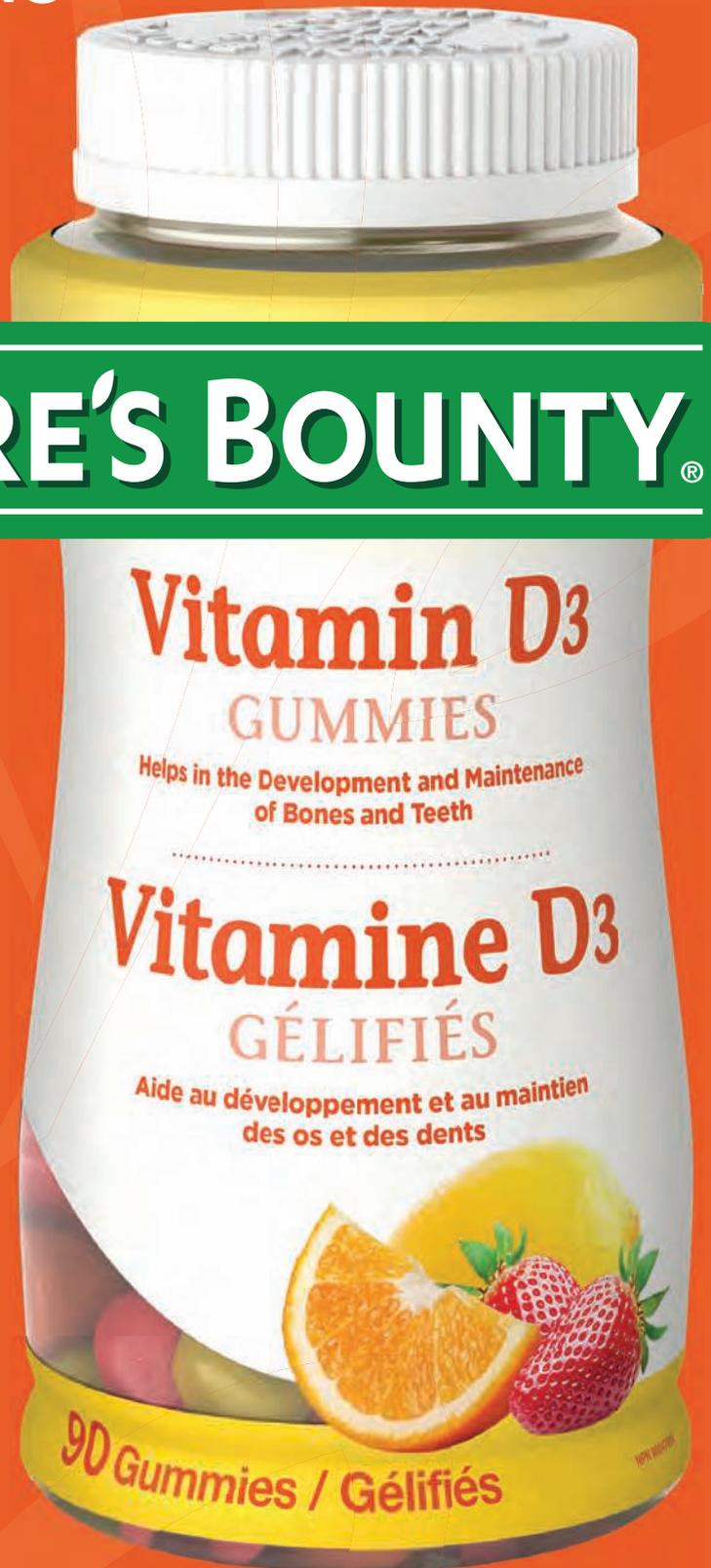
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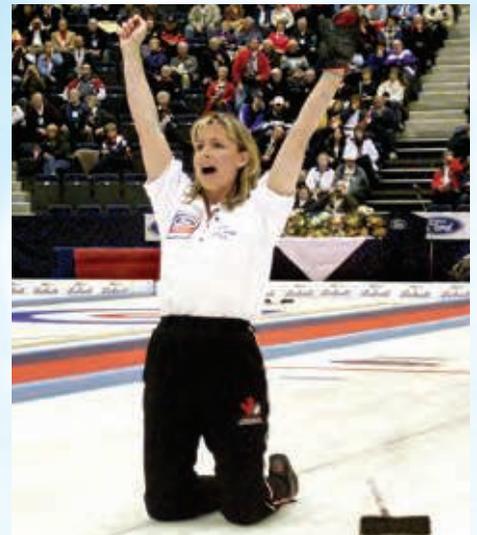


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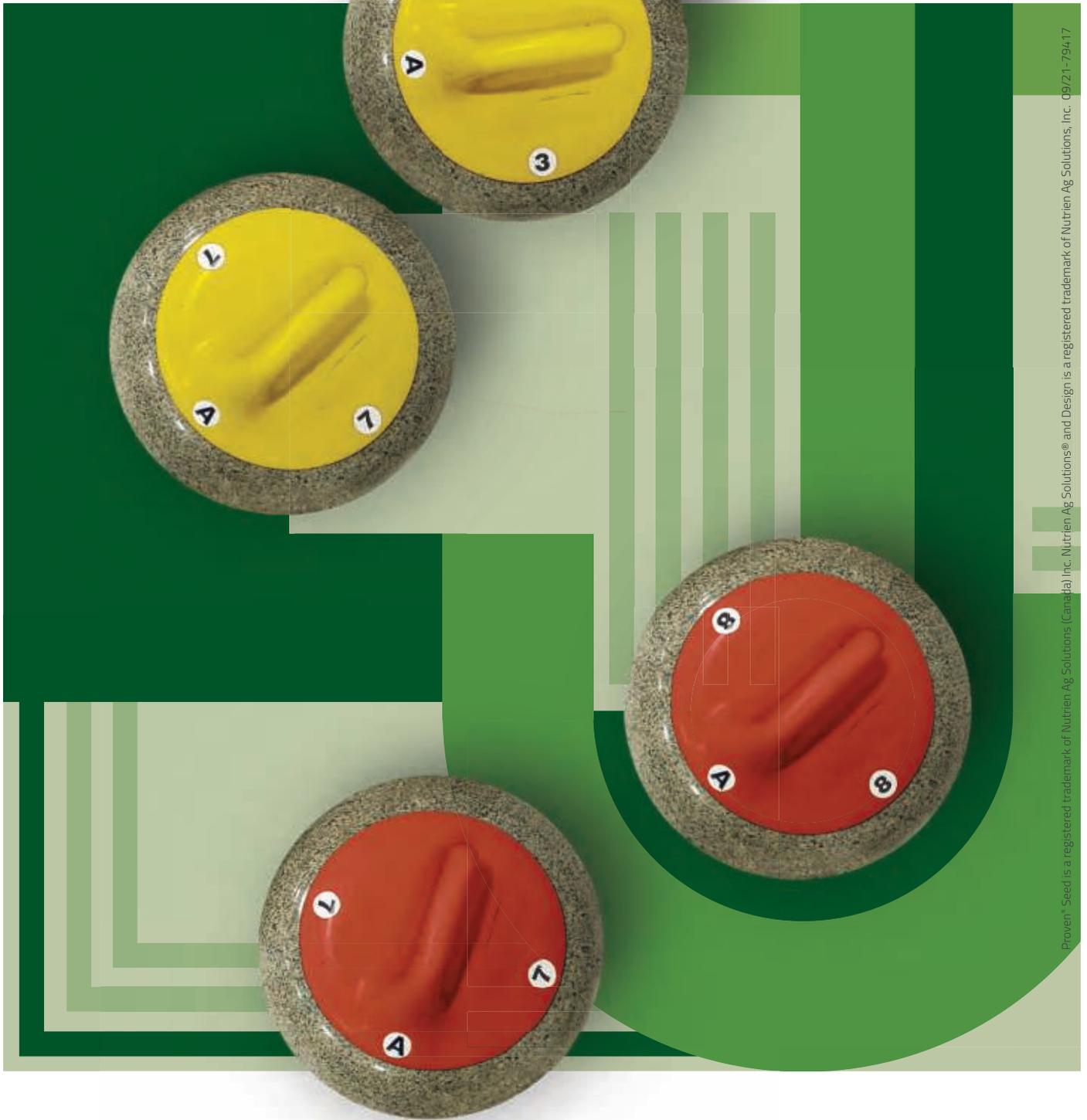
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GREETINGS FROM THE WORLD CURLING FEDERATION

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On behalf of the World Curling Federation and our 66 Member Associations, I welcome you to the BKT Tires & OK Tire World Women's Curling Championship 2022 in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada.

I'm delighted that this event is finally coming to Prince George after its cancellation in 2020.

I would like to thank the local organizing committee, Curling Canada and our event sponsors who make another fantastic World Curling Championship possible for you to enjoy in Canada. I have no doubt that the organizers will do their very best to ensure the health and safety of everyone and host a great event.

To the fans, we look forward to having you back in the stands and know you will, as always, show your support to all the teams in their quest of world championship medals. I'm sure you will enjoy the great curling and the lively atmosphere a Canadian event never fails to produce.

To everyone involved, good luck and good curling!

Kate Caithness, CBE
President, World Curling Federation

Au nom de la Fédération mondiale de curling et de nos 66 associations membres, je vous souhaite la bienvenue au Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus et OK Pneu 2022, à Prince George, en Colombie-Britannique, au Canada.

Je suis ravie que cet événement ait lieu, finalement, à Prince George, après son annulation en 2020.

J'aimerais remercier le comité organisateur local, Curling Canada et nos commanditaires de l'événement, qui vous permettent de profiter d'un autre fantastique championnat du monde de curling au Canada. Je n'ai aucun doute que les organisateurs feront de leur mieux pour assurer la santé et la sécurité de tous et présenter un superbe événement.

Aux partisans, nous avons hâte de vous avoir de retour, dans les gradins, et savons que vous montrerez comme toujours votre soutien de toutes les équipes, dans leur quête de médailles aux championnats du monde. Je suis certaine que vous apprécierez l'excellent curling et l'atmosphère animée qu'un événement canadien ne manque jamais de produire.

À toutes les personnes impliquées, bonne chance et bon curling!

Kate Caithness, CBE
Présidente, Fédération mondiale de curling

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WELCOME TO THE BKT TIRES & OK TIRE 2022 WORLD WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP



On behalf of BKT Tires Canada and our BKT family worldwide, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Prince George and the World Women's Curling Championship! We are excited to continue our partnership with Curling Canada.

BKT loves sports, and we support numerous initiatives all over the world. We truly believe sports reflect our values such as fair play, team spirit and commitment.

In Canada, curling plays a unique and important role in agricultural communities across the country. A significant number of Canadian curling fans are operators in the farming sector and users of BKT products; and as such we are proud to be involved and join you in celebrating the sport that unites us.

We would like to say 'thank you' to the athletes for their willingness to come to Prince George to compete. We know there have been many sacrifices they have had to make in order to compete. It is no small feat to attend this year and it is appreciated.

Thank you also to Curling Canada staff; to the volunteers and to the TSN broadcast team, for their passion and dedication during this most unusual season. Thank you to the city of Prince George for welcoming the curling fans.

Good luck to all the teams competing and thank you for asking us to be a part of this incredible event again this year!

Alan Eskow
Vice President
BKT Tires Canada

BIENVENUE AU CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE DE CURLING FÉMININ BKT PNEUS ET OK PNEUS 2022

Au nom de BKT Pneus Canada et de notre famille BKT dans le monde entier, c'est avec grand plaisir que je vous souhaite la bienvenue à Prince George et au Championnat du monde de curling féminin! Nous sommes ravis de poursuivre notre partenariat avec Curling Canada. BKT aime le sport et nous appuyons de nombreuses initiatives à l'échelon international. Nous croyons sincèrement que le sport reflète nos valeurs, telles que l'esprit d'équipe et l'engagement.

Au Canada, le curling joue un rôle unique et important dans les communautés agricoles à travers le pays. Un grand nombre de partisans de curling canadiens sont des exploitants du secteur agricole et des utilisateurs de produits BKT. Nous sommes ainsi fiers de nous impliquer et de nous joindre à vous pour célébrer le sport qui nous unit. Nous tenons à remercier les athlètes d'avoir accepté de venir à Prince George pour concourir. Nous savons qu'elles ont dû faire de nombreux sacrifices pour y participer. Ce n'est pas un mince exploit d'y prendre part cette année et c'est apprécié.

Merci également au personnel de Curling Canada, aux bénévoles et à l'équipe de diffusion de TSN, pour leur passion et leur dévouement au cours de cette saison des plus insolites. Merci à la ville de Prince George d'accueillir les partisans de curling.

Bonne chance à toutes les équipes en compétition et merci de nous avoir invités à faire partie de cet événement incroyable encore cette année!

Alan Eskow
Vice-président
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OK Tire is honoured to celebrate the 2022 BKT Tires and OK Tire World Women's Championship of Curling, and all the Curling Canada Season of Champions events.

As the largest independent tire and auto service retailer network in Canada, we're so proud to support these remarkable events, and an organization like Curling Canada who's values are very much aligned with our own. As a proud Canadian company, all of our more than 330 local owners know how important the game of curling is across the country and how it brings the communities we also serve together. We are pleased to support Canadians' love of the game.

We want to sincerely thank all the volunteers and event organizers, and the city of Prince George for hosting this event. We'd also like to thank all the very dedicated curling fans across the country. And of course, we wish all the competitors the very best of luck.

The 2022 BKT Tires and OK Tire World Women's Championship of Curling is such an exciting event and we can't wait to cheer on the elite teams as they compete for the world title.

Please enjoy the 2022 BKT Tires and OK Tire World Women's Championship of Curling. We are so grateful to be a part of this event and we cherish the unifying power that curling has in bringing Canadian communities together.

Your Friends at OK Tire



BIENVENUE AU CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE DE CURLING FÉMININ BKT PNEUS ET OK PNEU 2022

OK Pneu est honoré de célébrer le Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus et OK Pneu 2022, ainsi que tous les événements de la Saison des Champions de Curling Canada.

En tant que plus grand réseau indépendant de détaillants de pneus et d'entretien automobile au Canada, nous sommes très fiers de soutenir ces événements remarquables et une organisation comme Curling Canada, dont les valeurs sont très alignées sur les nôtres. En tant que fière entreprise canadienne, tous nos plus de 330 propriétaires locaux savent à quel point le curling est important à travers le pays et comment il rassemble les communautés que nous servons aussi. Nous sommes heureux d'appuyer l'amour des Canadiens pour ce sport.

Nous tenons à remercier sincèrement tous les bénévoles et les organisateurs de l'événement, ainsi que la ville de Prince George d'avoir organisé cet événement. Nous remercions aussi tous les partisans très dévoués de curling à travers le pays. Et bien sûr, nous souhaitons à toutes les concurrentes la meilleure des chances.

Le Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus et OK Pneu 2022 est un événement tellement excitant et nous sommes impatients d'encourager les équipes féminines d'élite, alors qu'elles s'affrontent pour le titre mondial.

Nous espérons que le Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus et OK Pneu 2022 vous plaira. Nous sommes très reconnaissants de faire partie de cet événement et valorisons le pouvoir du curling d'unifier les communautés canadiennes.

Vos amis chez OK Pneu



MESSAGES



I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY

warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2022 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Women's Curling Championship, being held in Prince George, British Columbia.

This event brings together some of the best women's curling teams from the World Curling Federation's Americas, European and Pacific-Asia zones. I am

certain that everyone in attendance will be impressed by the high level of strategy, skill and precision on display throughout this event. I would like to congratulate all of the athletes taking part in this competition and wish them the best of luck.

It continues to be a challenging time for planning and hosting events. That is why I would like to thank Curling Canada 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 a memorable competition.

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.

Prime Minister of Canada



AS PREMIER OF THE PROVINCE OF

British Columbia, I am pleased to welcome everyone to the 2022 World Women's Curling Championship proudly hosted in beautiful Prince George.

Curling is one of Canada's most beloved winter sports, and this tournament features the best in the game's global arena. Passion for sports

and hospitality go hand-in-hand with active living in our vibrant and welcoming communities, and an athletic event of this magnitude is an exciting opportunity for people to enjoy some of what B.C. does best. Championships like this reward technical excellence, inspire sports fans and give British Columbians fun things to experience close to home. It is wonderful to see Prince George able to host the championship for the first time this year after having to cancel in 2020 due to the pandemic. I know each player has spent countless hours training, and I commend all the athletes for their hard work and dedication to the sport.

Hosting a major curling championship is a great privilege, and I want to thank the World Curling Federation, Curling Canada, the Prince George Local Organizing Committee and all who have worked to make this event possible.

I wish everyone a fantastic week of suspense and celebration, and to all of the teams — good luck and hurry, hard!

Honourable John Horgan

Premier of British Columbia

JE SUIS HEUREUX DE PRÉSENTER MES SALUTATIONS

les plus chaleureuses à toutes les personnes qui participent au Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2022, tenu à Prince George.

Cet événement réunit certaines des meilleures équipes féminines de curling des zones Amériques, Europe et Pacifique-Asie de la Fédération mondiale de curling. Je suis convaincu que le niveau de stratégie, d'habileté et de précision des joueuses impressionnera tous les spectateurs tout au long de cet événement. Je tiens à féliciter toutes les équipes en compétition et à leur souhaiter la meilleure des chances.

Comme la planification et la tenue d'événements demeurent difficiles dans le contexte actuel, je tiens à remercier les membres de Curling Canada de leur travail sans relâche et de leur engagement dans le cadre de l'organisation du championnat de cette année, surtout compte tenu des précautions supplémentaires qu'ils ont dû prendre pour assurer la santé et la sécurité de tous.

Je vous souhaite une compétition mémorable.

Le très hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, C.P., député

Premier ministre du Canada

EN TANT QUE PREMIER MINISTRE DE LA COLOMBIE-

Britannique, j'ai le plaisir de tous vous souhaiter la bienvenue au Championnat du monde de curling féminin 2022, fièrement accueilli dans la magnifique ville de Prince George.

Le curling est l'un des sports d'hiver les plus aimés du Canada et le présent tournoi mettra en vedette les meilleures joueuses de la scène mondiale de cette discipline sportive. La passion du sport et l'accueil vont de pair avec la vie active de nos communautés dynamiques et accueillantes et un événement sportif de cette envergure représente une excitante occasion pour les gens de profiter de ce que notre province sait faire de mieux. Les championnats, comme celui-ci, récompensent l'excellence technique, inspirent les partisans du sport et offrent aux Britanno-Colombiens des divertissements tout près de chez eux. Il est merveilleux de voir Prince George, pour la première fois cette année, être l'hôte du championnat après son annulation en 2020, à cause de la pandémie. Je sais que chaque joueuse a consacré d'innombrables heures à s'entraîner et je félicite toutes les athlètes de leur ardeur au travail et de leur dévouement au sport.

L'accueil d'un important championnat de curling constitue un grand privilège et je tiens à remercier la Fédération mondiale de curling, Curling Canada, le comité organisateur local de Prince George et tous ceux et celles qui ont travaillé à rendre cet événement possible.

Je vous souhaite à tous une fantastique semaine de suspens et de célébration et à toutes les équipes, bonne chance, dépêchez-vous et jouez plus fort.

L'honorable John Horgan

Premier ministre de la Colombie-Britannique



ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL AND THE

citizens of Prince George, I am extremely pleased to welcome the 2022 World Women's Curling Championship to Prince George.

The opportunity to host this event in our city is made even more meaningful due to the fact that the 2020 World Women's Curling Championship was just two days away from opening in Prince George

when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of sporting and cultural events around the world. We are grateful to Curling Canada and the World Curling Federation for granting us the opportunity to welcome the athletes back.

Over the decades our city has been privileged to host many significant curling events including the 2000 Scott Tournament of Hearts and the 2009 Road to the Roar Pre-Trials.

Welcoming competitions at the scale of the Women's World Curling Championship is made possible due to the enormous contributions of the organizing committee, the dedication of our city staff, and the commitment of our community volunteers.

I am excited to once again welcome the world to Prince George. We hope that all of our visitors will have the opportunity to explore the wonderful amenities and outdoor adventures that our community has to offer and we are wishing all of the teams a safe, successful curling championship.

Lyn Hall

Mayor of Prince George



ON BEHALF OF CURLING CANADA'S

Board of Governors, it's my privilege to welcome players and fans alike attending the 2022 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Women's Curling Championship, presented by Nature's Bounty Vitamins, in Prince George.

Suffice it to say, it was a thrill just to type those words in light of what occurred two years ago when the 2020 World Women's

Championship fell victim to the early stages of the pandemic, so to say we were delighted to have this event finally in the great city of Prince George is an understatement.

A special thanks to the city of Prince George and the hundreds of local volunteers who've given us such a warm welcome, and who refused to be deterred in their desire to welcome the world's best women's curling teams to their city.

The athletes in Prince George will have world-class conditions on which to perform, and that is due to the efforts of the on- and off-ice officials, ice technicians and staff from both Curling Canada and the World Curling Federation. A heartfelt 'thank you' to all of you for your hard work.

Congratulations to all of the teams and their support staffs who will be playing for gold in Prince George. You have sacrificed countless hours in pursuit of excellence, and you are champions regardless of your record here. I wish you all good luck and good curling!

Amy Nixon

Chair, Curling Canada Board of Governors

AU NOM DU CONSEIL MUNICIPAL ET DES CITOYENS

de Prince George, je suis extrêmement heureux d'accueillir le Championnat du monde de curling féminin 2022, à Prince George.

L'occasion d'être l'hôte de cet événement dans notre ville est rendue encore plus significative, du fait que le Championnat du monde de curling féminin 2020 devait ouvrir à Prince George seulement deux jours après que la pandémie de COVID-19 ait forcé l'annulation d'événements sportifs et culturels dans le monde entier. Nous sommes reconnaissants à Curling Canada et à la Fédération mondiale de curling de nous avoir donné l'occasion d'accueillir à nouveau les athlètes.

Au fil des décennies, notre ville a eu le privilège d'être l'hôte de nombreux événements de curling importants, y compris le Tournoi des Cœurs Scott, en 2000, et les pré-essais Road to the Roar, en 2009.

L'accueil de compétitions à l'échelle du Championnat du monde de curling féminin est rendu possible grâce aux énormes contributions du comité organisateur, au dévouement de notre personnel municipal et à l'engagement de nos bénévoles communautaires.

Je suis ravi d'accueillir, une fois de plus le monde entier, à Prince George. Nous espérons que tous nos visiteurs auront l'occasion d'explorer les merveilleux attraits et de profiter des aventures en plein air qu'offre notre communauté et nous souhaitons à toutes les équipes un championnat de curling sûr et réussi.

Lyn Hall

Maire de Prince George

AU NOM DU CONSEIL DES GOUVERNEURS DE

Curling Canada, j'ai le privilège d'accueillir les joueuses et les partisans au Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus & OK Pneus 2022, présenté par Nature's Bounty Vitamins, à Prince George.

En vérité, c'était excitant rien que d'écrire ces mots après ce qui est arrivé, il y a deux ans, quand le Championnat du monde féminin 2020 a été victime des premières manifestations de la pandémie; il n'est donc pas exagéré de dire que nous sommes ravis de finalement tenir cette compétition dans la belle ville de Prince George.

Un merci spécial à la Ville de Prince George, et à ses centaines de bénévoles qui nous ont accueilli si chaleureusement, et qui ont refusé de baisser les bras dans leur désir d'accueillir chez eux les meilleures équipes de curling féminin au monde.

Les athlètes vont pouvoir jouer dans des installations de calibre international à Prince George, grâce aux efforts des officiels sur la glace comme à l'extérieur, des techniciens de glace et du personnel de Curling Canada et de la Fédération mondiale de curling. Un merci du fond du coeur à vous tous pour votre travail acharné.

Félicitations à toutes les équipes et à leur personnel de soutien qui vont tenter de remporter l'or à Prince George. Vous avez consacré d'innombrables heures à la poursuite de l'excellence, et vous êtes tous des championnes, peu importe votre fiche ici. Je vous souhaite bonne chance et bon curling!

Amy Nixon

Présidente, Conseil des gouverneurs de Curling Canada

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I see you there checking us out. Yes, Prince George is just as awesome as it looks. We enjoy all of the seasons here and an outrageous amount of recreation — kind of like Whistler but with more of an attitude.

Prince George has big city amenities and small town charm. If you are here for a short time, pop over to the Visitor Information Centre and they can hook you up with activities. If you are considering staying longer, check out our Move Up Prince George website moveupprincegeorge.ca

No matter what you do, you have to check out some of our outstanding culinary offerings. We are hard-core foodies here. We are also environmentalists, adventurists, self-care experts, hard workers and just a wee bit of wild and reckless to keep life interesting.

Of course, you will want to take a selfie with me. I stand over 26 feet tall at the corner of Hwy 16 and Hwy 97. I am the second most popular roadside attraction in all of British Columbia. Watch your back, goats on the roof!

So, welcome. We are glad you are here. We would not mind if you stay a while.

Cheers,

Mr. PG
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Left to right: Michelle Dyble, vice-chair of Hosting; Shelley Rennick, vice-chair of Special Events and Volunteers; and Jen Rubadeau, vice-chair of Facilities.

We are thrilled to welcome the 2022 BKT Tires & OK Tire World

Women's Curling Championship back to Prince George, B.C.

Our community has been actively pursuing bringing a high-level curling event to our city since early 2018 and were thrilled when the World Curling Federation announced in February 2019 that Prince George would host the 2020 World Women's Curling Championship. Thousands of hours were invested in the exceptional planning of the 2020 event, and we were mere hours away from the Opening Ceremony when the COVID-19 pandemic brought the event, and the world, to a halt. The disappointment to the news of the event's cancellation was profound.

Thankfully the World Curling Federation and Curling Canada appreciated the efforts of our 2020 volunteers and staff, our community spirit and northern hospitality and they chose us again. It seems somewhat fate that this was the first event to cancel and will be our first large international event since the start of the pandemic two years ago.

We are thrilled that Prince George will have its opportunity to finish what it started and host this world-class event in 2022. The wait is finally over. It is time to come together to celebrate our resiliency and love of curling.

Prince George is known as the Volunteer Capital of Canada because we boast an incredible amount of dedicated, passionate, welcoming, and community-minded individuals who call northern B.C. home. We are extremely grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who answered the call, many for a second time, to host this event. In addition, we are thankful for the community members, staff, sponsors, and community allies like the City of Prince George, the Lheidli T'enneh, and the Regional District of Fraser Fort George for their support as we, once again, transform the CN Centre and Kin 1 Arena into a nine-day curling celebration that the entire community, and world, will enjoy!

Nous sommes ravis d'accueillir le Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus et OK Pneu 2022, de retour à Prince George, C.-B.

Depuis le début de 2018, notre communauté cherchait activement à présenter un événement de curling de haut niveau dans notre ville. Nous avons été ravis de l'annonce de la Fédération mondiale de curling, en février 2019, que Prince George serait l'hôte du Championnat du monde de curling féminin 2020. Des milliers d'heures ont été investies dans la planification exceptionnelle de l'événement de 2020 et nous n'étions qu'à quelques heures de la cérémonie d'ouverture lorsque la pandémie de COVID-19 a arrêté l'événement et le monde entier. La nouvelle de l'annulation de l'événement a causé une profonde déception.

Heureusement, la Fédération mondiale de curling et Curling Canada ont apprécié les efforts de nos bénévoles et de notre personnel en 2020, ainsi que notre esprit communautaire et notre hospitalité nordique, étant donné qu'elle nous a choisis à nouveau. Il semble que ce soit un peu un coup du destin que le premier événement annulé soit notre premier grand événement international, depuis le début de la pandémie, il y a deux ans.

Nous sommes heureux que Prince George ait l'occasion de terminer ce que nous avons commencé et d'accueillir cet événement de classe mondiale en 2022. L'attente est enfin terminée. Il est temps de se réunir pour célébrer notre résilience et notre amour du curling.

Prince George est reconnue comme la capitale du bénévolat au Canada parce que nous comptons un nombre incroyable de personnes dévouées, passionnées, accueillantes et dotées d'un esprit communautaire, qui habitent dans le nord de notre province. Nous sommes extrêmement reconnaissants envers les centaines de bénévoles qui ont répondu à l'appel, dont beaucoup pour une deuxième fois, en vue d'accueillir cet événement. Nous sommes aussi reconnaissants envers les membres de la communauté, le personnel, les commanditaires et les alliés communautaires, comme la ville de Prince George, les Lheidli T'enneh et le district régional de Fraser Fort George, pour leur soutien, alors qu'une fois de plus, nous transformons le CN Centre et le Kin Centre pour une célébration de curling de neuf jours, que toute la communauté et le monde entier apprécieront!





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COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS*

Proof of vaccination passport will be required to enter the CN Centre and the adjacent Kin 1 Arena, and masks must be worn at all times, unless eating or drinking. Capacity limits have been lifted from 50 per cent to full capacity.

* *Protocols are subject to change. The British Columbia government is reviewing its COVID-19 procedures and will have an update on March 15.*

AGE RESTRICTIONS

Children who are three years of age or older must have a ticket to gain admittance to any Season of Champions event. Children under the age of three do not require a ticket, provided they sit on an adult's lap. No discounted tickets are available.

ALCOHOL

No alcoholic beverage may be brought into the arena or the entertainment venues. Alcohol will not be sold to anyone under the legal drinking age of the host province or territory. Patrons may be required to show identification and proof of age when purchasing alcoholic beverages. Violations could result in ejection and possible arrest.

BANNERS, SIGNS AND FLAGS

Banners, signs and flags are permitted in the arena and entertainment venues as long as they comply with the following guidelines:

- They don't obstruct the view of other patrons
- They don't obstruct building signage
- Banners and signs must be event-related, in good taste and non-commercial (not corporate or advertising any logo or product) and must not be political or offensive in nature
- Signs must be hand-held; signs on sticks are not permitted
- Banners and signs must not exceed a maximum size of 2 feet x 2 feet

- Flags must not exceed a maximum size of 3 feet x 6 feet and must be on a telescopic pole

Curling Canada reserves the right to remove any banner, sign or flag.

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To maintain ideal ice conditions, the building may be cool. Please dress accordingly.

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Personal still photography is permitted during all games. The use of flash and video cameras and support poles – including tripods – and lenses more than 12 inches long is strictly prohibited.

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Cell phones must be turned to the vibrate mode or shut off during all games. If your phone is on vibrate and you receive a call, please proceed to the arena concourse and have your conversation there.

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Curling Canada reserves the right to eject anyone whose behaviour is unruly or illegal. Tickets will be revoked without a refund and the individual(s) will be escorted from the premises.

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Curling Canada is committed to creating a safe, comfortable and enjoyable experience at all Season of Champions events and requests that you respect the patrons around you. Facility staff will intervene to support an environment where you can enjoy the event experience free from the following:

- Smoking anywhere on the premises
- Foul or abusive language or obscene gestures
- Intoxication or other signs of impairment related to drug or alcohol consumption
- Obscene or inappropriate clothing

- Fighting, taunting or threatening remarks or gestures
- Actions that disrupt the progress of the event
- Actions at an inappropriate time that could disrupt the curlers
- Throwing objects of any kind at any time

Any patron who interferes with the enjoyment of another individual during an event is subject to immediate ejection.

FOOD & BEVERAGES

Patrons are not permitted to bring outside food or beverages into the arena or entertainment venues. Exemptions include medical/special needs, infant/toddler needs, or food and beverages sold by the event's contracted concessionaires.

NOISEMAKERS

Horns, whistles or any other mechanically enhanced noisemakers are not permitted.

PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED ITEMS

The following items are strictly prohibited from arena or entertainment venues:

- Alcohol
- Glass bottles or cans
- Illegal drugs
- Firearms/weapons
- Laser pointers

Any item may be deemed inappropriate by management if it disrupts the enjoyment of other patrons.

PAGERS

When games are in progress, the use of pagers is permitted only in the case of a medical emergency. If there is a medical emergency and paging is necessary, please contact the information desk on the arena concourse or the nearest security person.

The policies of the CN Centre in Prince George will be employed for any items not covered in these guidelines.

WORLD CURLING FEDERATION

THE WORLD CURLING FEDERATION IS THE RECOGNIZED governing body of curling in the world. The WCF's first formal constitution was approved in 1967 under the original charter of the International Curling Federation in Perth, Scotland. The constitution was changed significantly in 1982, when the federation was declared independent from Scotland's Royal Caledonian Curling Club, to which its original constitution had been tied. In 1990, the official name was changed to World Curling Federation. Further significant changes were made to the constitution in 1994 and in 2013.

The WCF has a four-part mandate:

- To represent curling internationally and to facilitate the growth of the sport through a network of member associations
- To formulate rules of the sport of curling for world competitions and all other competitions approved by the WCF and to further the interests of world curling
- To conduct world curling competitions
- To provide co-operation and mutual understanding among member associations and to unite curlers throughout the world.

The WCF is governed by an eight-member board elected by the federation's member associations. Each board member is elected for a four-year term.

The WCF's operation is based on the following key elements:

- The board is composed of the president, three vice-presidents — one from each of the federation's regional zones (Americas, Europe, Pacific-Asia) — and four other board members, all elected at the Annual General Assembly held during the annual World Curling Congress.
- The secretary general is an ex-officio member of all general assemblies, board and management committee meetings, and is responsible to the board.



The WCF board: (top row, from left) Kate Caithness, Graham Prouse and Bent Ånund Ramsfjell; (middle row) Hugh Millikin, Cathrine Lindahl and Robin Niven; (bottom row) Toyo Ogawa and Beau Welling.

WORLD CURLING FEDERATION	
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PRESIDENT

Kate Caithness, CBE

Scotland's Kate Caithness is the first female president of the World Curling Federation and the first female president of any Olympic winter sports federation.

First elected president of the WCF in April 2010 and re-elected without opposition in 2012, '14 and '18, Caithness has been involved with the sport of curling since the 1980s. As a member of Scotland's Royal Caledonian Curling Club, she went from playing the game to putting something back into the sport in the late 1990s. She served as president of the RCCC Ladies' Branch in 1997-98, then became an RCCC representative to the World Curling Federation.

Since 2000, Caithness has been the driving force behind the WCF's development of wheelchair curling. She was on the team that created the first World Wheelchair Curling Championship and was instrumental in the sport's inclusion at the 2006 Paralympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy.

From 2005 to '09 Caithness was an elected member of the International Paralympic Committee's five-person Sports Council Management Committee and she served on the Paralympic Games Committee from 2006 to '09.

Caithness was elected vice-president of the WCF in 2006 and served two two-year terms under former president Les Harrison.

In March 2011, Caithness was appointed to the Olympic Program Commission, responsible for reviewing and analyzing the sports, disciplines and events program, as well as the number of athletes in each sport, for the Summer and Winter Olympics.

In 2016, Caithness was elected to the International Olympic Committee's co-ordination committee for the 2022 Beijing

Olympic Winter Games and to the newly formed Global Association of International Sports Federations. She also serves as a governor for the International Masters Games Association.

Married and the mother of two sons, Caithness has four grandchildren. She spends her free time with family and, when she has a chance, curling and playing golf at her home club in Edzell, Angus, where she was the Lady Captain from 2002 to '04.

In 2013, Caithness had the honour of being named an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Queen Elizabeth II for services to curling and international disability sport. In 2019, she was made a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) for her services to sport.

WCF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

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Australia	France	Kuwait	Scotland
Austria	Georgia	Kyrgyzstan	Serbia
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Belgium	Greece	Liechtenstein	Slovenia
Bolivia	Guyana	Lithuania	Spain
Brazil	Hong Kong	Luxembourg	Sweden
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China	India	Netherlands	Turkey
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It was a grind of different sorts for a Canadian team at a world women's curling championship. While it won't be known for landing Canada a position on the medal podium, it will be remembered as one of the gutsiest Canadian curling efforts in recent memory, with so much on the line.

Canada's Kerri Einarson entered the 2021 LGT World Women's Curling Championship, presented by BKT Tires, as a medal contender. The two-time defending Canadian champions were poised for a deep run into the playoffs and seemed to have all the momentum on their side.

Einarson, vice-skip Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard, lead Briane Meilleur, alternate Krysten Karwacki and coach Heather Nedohin all had weeks of experience in the Calgary bubble in WinSport Arena at Canada's Olympic Park at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Home Hardware Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship and two Grand Slam of Curling Events. The team from Gimli, Man., had all of the makings and talent needed to get Canada back on the world women's podium for the first time since 2018.

But, as is the case in any high-performance sport, sometimes the results don't go as expected. When adversity faced Canada with the challenge of only one win in its first six games, it would have been easy to call it quits and cut losses. But there was more on the line for the country as a whole as six teams qualifying for the playoffs also earned a precious spot for their respective nations in the women's competition at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing.

Six wins over the next seven games clinched Canada's spot in the playoffs and guaranteed that the 2021 Tim Hortons Curling Trials winner in November 2021



There were plenty of smiling faces around the silverware after Silvana Tirinzoni (bottom left) skipped her Swiss team to another World Women's Curling Championship in Calgary. She also won the title in 2019. The 2020 championship, due to be played in Prince George, B.C., was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

would indeed travel to Beijing to wear the Maple Leaf.

"I've learned so much about myself and my teammates," Einarson said. "This is our very first time on the world stage, and we became a tight-knit family. We'll just grow from it and learn from this experience. I'm so excited to see what's next for us."

Team Canada split its first two games at the event. First, a one-point loss in a close 6-5 game against Sweden's Anna Hasselborg, followed by a 9-2 win against Anna Kubešková of the Czech Republic. From there, Einarson and her team faced the biggest bout of adversity with four losses in a row to Switzerland's Silvana Tirinzoni, Alina Kovaleva of RCF (Russian Curling Federation), Tabitha Peterson of the U.S.A. and Germany's Daniela Jentsch.

But brick-by-brick, game-by-game, the Canadian women rebuilt the proverbial foundation.



Alina Pätz shot 79 per cent in the final to help her team from Switzerland win the gold-medal final against Alina Kovaleva, representing the Russian Curling Federation.

The team strung together five wins in a row, improving to a 6-5 record and transforming from a team in need of life support to flourishing and flirting with a spot in the playoffs. First, Canada doubled South Korea's Eun-jung Kim 8-4, trounced



Sweden's Anna Hasselborg, appearing in her fourth World Women's Curling Championship, was denied once again from winning gold. After a strong performance in the round-robin, she lost two of her three playoff games, including a defeat in the bronze-medal game.

Stefania Constantini of Italy 10-4, edged Scotland's Eve Muirhead 6-5 in an extra end, rolled through Estonia's Marie Turmann 10-4 and bested Denmark's Madeleine Dupont 10-8.

While Einarson did lose the next game against Japan's Sayaka Yoshimura, her team bounced back with a win against China's Yu Han in its final round-robin game. With that done, the Canadian women still needed to wait for the final two draws to wrap up before knowing their destiny and if they had qualified.

Thanks to Switzerland's win over Germany, the Canadians locked up the sixth and final playoff spot via tiebreakers and, with it, the prized berth at the 2022 Olympics for a Canadian women's team. But now, with six teams still in the mix, and Team Canada one of them, there was another job to do. Team Einarson set its sights on winning an international medal.

However, the event ended as it began, with a loss to Sweden. This time in the qualifying game, Hasselborg did not often miss, with the entire team having more than a 90 per cent shooting accuracy in winning the Qualifying Round game 8-3.

Switzerland's Team Tirinzoni reaped the rewards in Calgary, winning its second consecutive world women's title. First, the Swiss defeated the U.S.A. 7-3 to advance to the final. Then the team rallied for a 4-2 win against RCF to claim gold. In the bronze-medal game, the U.S.A. won its first medal at the world women's event since 2006 when Peterson upended Sweden 9-5.

FRANCES BRODIE AWARD

Switzerland's Alina Pätz, who throws skip rocks, is the 2021 winner of the Frances Brodie Award. The award winner is selected annually by competitors in the World Women's Curling Championship as the player who best combines playing ability

FINAL

Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	*100	200	000	1	4
RCF (Alina Kovaleva)	001	000	010	0	2

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Switzerland		RCF	
Alina Pätz	79%	Alina Kovaleva	78%
Silvana Tirinzoni	88%	Yulia Portunova	81%
E. Neuenchwander	84%	Galina Arsenkina	85%
Melanie Barbezat	91%	Ekaterina Kuzmina	88%
Team totals	86%		83%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

United States (Tabitha Peterson)	000	110	502	x	9
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	*011	002	010	x	5

SEMIFINALS

Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	*102	001	201	x	7
United States (Tabitha Peterson)	010	100	010	x	3
RCF (Alina Kovaleva)	010	410	101	0	8
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	001	003	020	1	7

QUALIFICATION ROUND

Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	*102	020	21x	x	8
Canada (Kerri Einarson)	010	101	00x	x	3
Denmark (Madeleine Dupont)	*110	100	202	0	7
United States (Tabitha Peterson)	001	003	030	1	8

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	2	0
United States (Tabitha Peterson)*	2	1
RCF (Alina Kovaleva)	1	1
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	1	2
Canada (Kerri Einarson)	0	1
Denmark (Madeleine Dupont)	0	1

* Won bronze-medal game against Sweden 9-5

Round robin	Wins	Losses
Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	12	1
RCF (Alina Kovaleva)	11	2
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	10	3
Denmark (Madeleine Dupont)	8	5
United States (Tabitha Peterson)	7	6
Canada (Kerri Einarson)	7	6
South Korea (Kim Eun-jung)	7	6
Scotland (Eve Muirhead)	6	7
Germany (Daniela Jentsch)	6	7
China (Han Yu)	6	7
Japan (Sayaka Yoshimura)	5	8
Czech Republic (Anna Kubešková)	3	10
Italy (Stefania Constantini)	2	11
Estonia (Marie Turmann)	1	12

with sportsmanship. The award was named in honour of Scotland's Frances Brodie, one of curling's pioneering women. Brodie helped establish the women's world championship and chaired the first such event in Perth, Scotland, in 1979. The award was presented for the first time in 1989.

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FRANCES BRODIE AWARD WINNERS

2021	Alina Pätz	Switzerland	2004	Madeleine Dupont	Denmark
2020	No winner		2003	Dordi Nordby	Norway
2019	Rui Wang	China	2002	Mi-Yeon Kim	Korea
2018	Jill Officer	Canada	2001	Ann Swisshelm Silver	United States
2017	Bingyu Wang	China	2000	Rhona Martin	Scotland
2016	Irene Schori	Switzerland	1999	Marianne Aspelin	Norway
2015	Sanna Puustinen	Finland	1998	Jackie Lockhart	Scotland
2014	Alison Kreviazuk	Canada	1997	Jaana Jokela*	Finland
2013	Corinna Scholz	Germany	1996	Kirsty Hay	Scotland
2012	Eve Muirhead	Scotland	1995	Ayako Ishigaki	Japan
2011	Henriette Løvar	Norway	1994	Helena Blach-Lavrsen	Denmark
2010	Linn Githmark	Norway	1993	Jaana Jokela*	Finland
2009	Marianne Rørvik	Norway	1992	Amy Hatten Wright	United States
2008	Mirjam Ott	Switzerland	1991	Veronika Huber	Austria
2007	Lindsay Wood	Scotland	1990	Almut Hege-Scholl	Germany
2006	Junko Sonobe	Japan	1989	Christina Lestander	Switzerland
2005	Cassie Johnson	United States			

*Two-time winner

WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

2021	Switzerland	Silvana Tirinzoni, Alina Pätz, Esther Neuenschwander, Melanie Barbezat
2020	Cancelled due to the pandemic	
2019	Switzerland	Silvana Tirinzoni, Alina Pätz, Esther Neuenschwander, Melanie Barbezat
2018	Canada	Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen
2017	Canada	Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Joanne Courtney, Lisa Weagle
2016	Switzerland	Binia Feltscher, Irene Schori, Fränziska Kaufmann, Christine Urech
2015	Switzerland	Alina Pätz, Nadine Lehmann, Marisa Winkelhausen, Nicole Schwägli
2014	Switzerland	Binia Feltscher, Irene Schori, Fränziska Kaufmann, Christine Urech
2013	Scotland	Eve Muirhead, Anna Sloan, Vicki Adams, Claire Hamilton
2012	Switzerland	Mirjam Ott, Carmen Schäfer, Carmen Küng, Janine Greiner
2011	Sweden	Anette Norberg, Cecilia Östlund, Sara Carlsson, Lotta Lennartsson
2010	Germany	Andrea Schöpp, Melanie Robillard, Monika Wagner, Stella Heiss
2009	China	Bingyu Wang, Yin Liu, Qingshuang Yue, Yan Zhou
2008	Canada	Jennifer Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer, Dawn Askin
2007	Canada	Kelly Scott, Jeanna Schraeder, Sasha Carter, Renee Simons
2006	Sweden	Anette Norberg, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl, Anna Svärd
2005	Sweden	Anette Norberg, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl, Anna Bergström
2004	Canada	Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Arsenault, Nancy Delahunt
2003	United States	Debbie McCormick, Allison Pottinger, Ann Swisshelm Silver, Tracy Sachtjen
2002	Scotland	Jackie Lockhart, Sheila Swan, Katriona Fairweather, Anne Laird
2001	Canada	Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Waye, Nancy Delahunt
2000	Canada	Kelley Law, Julie Skinner, Georgina Wheatcroft, Diane Nelson
1999	Sweden	Elisabet Gustafson, Katarina Nyberg, Lousie Marmont, Elisabeth Persson
1998	Sweden	Elisabet Gustafson, Katarina Nyberg, Louise Marmont, Elisabeth Persson
1997	Canada	Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit
1996	Canada	Marilyn Bodogh, Kim Gellard, Corie Beveridge, Jane Hooper Perroud
1995	Sweden	Elisabet Gustafson, Katarina Nyberg, Louise Marmont, Elisabeth Persson
1994	Canada	Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit
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1992	Sweden	Elisabet Gustafson, Katarina Nyberg, Louise Marmont, Elisabeth Persson
1991	Norway	Dordi Nordby, Hanne Pettersen, Mette Halvorsen, Anne Jotun
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1989	Canada	Heather Houston, Lorraine Lang, Diane Adams, Tracy Kennedy
1988	Germany	Andrea Schöpp, Almut Scholl, Monika Wagner, Suzanne Fink
1987	Canada	Pat Sanders, Georgina Hawkes, Louise Herlinveaux, Deb Massullo
1986	Canada	Marilyn Bodogh, Kathy McEdwards, Chris Jurgenson, Jan Augustyn
1985	Canada	Linda Moore, Lindsay Sparkes, Debbie Jones, Laurie Carney
1984	Canada	Connie Laliberte, Chris More, Corinne Peters, Janet Arnott
1983	Switzerland	Erika Müller, Barbara Meyer, Barbara Meier, Christina Wirz
1982	Denmark	Marianne Jörgensen, Helena Blach, Astrid Birnbaum, Jette Olsen
1981	Sweden	Elisabeth Högström, Carina Olsson, Birgitta Sewik, Karin Sjögren
1980	Canada	Marj Mitchell, Nancy Kerr, Shirley McKendry, Wendy Leach
1979	Switzerland	Gaby Casanova, Rosie Manger, Linda Thommen, Betty Bourguin

ROLLING with the PUNCHES

Three-peat Scotties winner Einarson shakes off some hard times to emerge back at the scene of her greatest curling disappointment

BY MELISSA MARTIN



It was remarkable that Team Kerri Einarson was able to win a third consecutive Scotties Tournament of Hearts championship despite the interruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Team members (left to right): Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard and Briane Meilleur.



A lot of credit for Team Canada's victory at the Scotties in Thunder Bay went to coach Reid Carruthers who kept things light, both on and off the ice. He had a mind full of ideas for how the team members could change their preparation and practice, and his fresh pair of eyes on their games proved inspiring.

IN SO MANY WAYS, KERRI EINARSON IS a different curler now than when she first hit the national scene. She has three Canadian women's titles, for starters, and while she's always been a sniper at the big weights, now she has a softer touch to her game: she can draw her way around anything and soft-tap her way out of anything, these days.

"I've got a little bit of everything in my toolbox," Einarson says, chatting just days after capturing her third Scotties championship with her team from the Gimli Curling Club. "I've worked really hard to do that."

Yet in the ways that matter, the 34-year-old skip is no different than she was eight years ago when she made her first provincial final. At home, she is still Kerri from small-town Manitoba (Camp Morton), who sings in the car with her eight-year-old twin daughters. She's still Kerri who loves working as a rehabilitation assistant at a personal care home, where residents call her after big events

just to make sure she got home okay. She's still Kerri who took up golf and got pretty good at it, because she brings the same stubborn competitive fire to any sport she touches.

"What you see on TV is the exact same as what I am off ice," she says. "I'm still very outgoing, and I love to just talk to people and also make people happy."

Now, she, along with third Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard and lead Briane Meilleur have a place in history as one of just four teams to win three consecutive Maple Leaf jackets. What makes it even more remarkable is that they did it despite the disruptions of COVID-19. Events kept getting cancelled; with Sweeting living in Alberta, the team was often separated and unable to practise; when curling did happen, restrictions often meant they had to spend months apart from their families.

"When I was away for about four months (in the 2020-2021 season), that was extremely hard," Einarson says. "I FaceTimed the girls all the time. They understood. They got it. It was, 'it's okay mom, we love you and we love seeing you on TV.' They got it, and it's just unbelievable . . . but people don't see that, those challenges."

During the worst of those waves, they found a way to get through. They checked in with each other constantly, watching back their old games and hitting the gym to stay in fighting shape. That helped, as did learning to just roll with the punches. By this season, Einarson says, they weren't too flustered when things got cancelled: "we just kind of went with it," she says. And even during the worst stretches of isolation, they tried to find the silver linings.

"Last year was extremely hard emotionally," Einarson says. "It's something I don't want to ever go through again. When I wasn't able to curl, I was sad and getting depressed and stuck in my house. But I'm also grateful for that, because I got to spend extra time with my children and my husband. So that time I cherish, because usually I'm out on the road during the season."

Above all, what got them through was their conviction that this team was special. When they formed in 2018, uniting two of the sport's top shot-callers in Einarson and Sweeting with two rising young skips in Birchard and Meilleur, the fan reaction fell somewhere between delighted and incredulous: will four skips be too many cooks in the kitchen? The team brushed off those comments: they had the same goals, they said, and the same work ethic. They bet that their chemistry would work, even if they'd all spent most of their careers on the back end.

They were right. The team soon soared to incredible heights, although there were heartbreaks too. After winning their first Scotties in 2020,



their world championship debut in Prince George, B.C., was cancelled at the last minute by the emerging pandemic. When they did get to play in the worlds a year later, in the Calgary bubble, they started a disastrous 1-5, battled back to a solid 7-6 finish, but went home without a medal. It was a disappointment.

"We were feeling really confident, but when we got to the world championship, it was like the other teams flipped a switch, they were not missing shots," Sweeting says. "We stumbled a little bit early, we had control of games that we ended up losing. Maybe we lost a little bit of confidence there. Then our backs were really against the wall . . . It was just kind of one of those experiences that we walked away from, and learned things we could have done differently."

Then came the sting of the 2021 Tim Hortons Curling Trials. The team had formed with the goal of making the Olympics, and they knew they had the talent to do it; but they struggled in the tournament, finishing a middling 4-4 in the round robin and falling out of contention in a tiebreaker. After it was over, they decided to take a week off to rest and figure out what had gone wrong. It would take some tweaks, they thought, to be best prepared to defend their Scotties title.

One key change was the addition of seven-time Manitoba champion Reid Carruthers, who joined as coach for the Scotties and will do it again for the world championship. Carruthers kept things light, Einarson says, both on and off the ice. And he had a mind full of ideas for how they could change their preparation and practice. Having a fresh pair of eyes on their games proved inspiring.

Winning never gets old, and it hasn't for Team Einarson, three-peat winners of the Canadian women's curling championship. Team members (front row, left to right): skip Kerri Einarson, vice-skip Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard and lead Briane Meilleur; (back row, left to right): alternate Krysten Karwacki, coach Reid Carruthers.



Kerri Einarson and Team Canada finally got to play in a world championship last year in Calgary, but came away empty-handed.



“It felt new, right?” Einarson says. “He just brought some good energy to us.”

The retooling worked. At the 2022 Scotties in Thunder Bay, Einarson’s team was dominant, soaring a perfect 8-0 through the round robin. In the playoffs, other than one wonky playoff loss to New Brunswick, they marched to the final, where they defeated Northern Ontario’s Krista McCarville 9-6.

The third win felt just as sweet as the first, Sweeting says. But this one came with a rare opportunity: a chance to get back to one place, and one experience, that COVID-19 had taken from them.

Flashback to what should have been their first worlds, in March of 2020. The team had already settled into their hotel in Prince George, though they hadn’t yet gotten their Team Canada uniforms. One morning at breakfast they heard the NHL had suspended its season, and they wondered what would happen to them. There’s no way the event would be cancelled, they thought: it had to go on. You can’t just not have a world championship.

Then came the moment that all the teams were gathered together, and by then the news had already broken that the women’s worlds were cancelled. Later that day, they got the Team Canada uniforms they’d fought so hard to get, knowing they would never have a chance to wear them on the ice. They handed them out to each other quietly and cried, not knowing if they would ever have a chance to hold jackets like that again.

“It’s wild,” Sweeting says. “Thinking back to that moment, if you would have told me ‘you’re going to win two more times and come back to Prince



You can’t win a major curling championship without a great front end, and Briane Meilleur (left) and Shannon Birchard are proving to be one of the best tandems in the women’s game.



Kerri Einarson and her team had focused on the Canadian Curling Trials in Saskatoon, but all the preparation came undone. After losing a tiebreaker to get into the playoffs, the team took some time off to figure what went wrong and get ready for the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.



“IT’S WILD. THINKING BACK TO THAT MOMENT, IF YOU WOULD HAVE TOLD ME ‘YOU’RE GOING TO WIN TWO MORE TIMES AND COME BACK TO PRINCE GEORGE,’ I DON’T KNOW IF I WOULD HAVE BELIEVED YOU.”

George,’ I don’t know if I would have believed you. It’s super hard and special to win one of them. I’m really proud of the team to battle through everything that we have, and come out on top, and get to come back.”

Now, just two years later, the worlds are back in Prince George, and so is Team Einarson. This time, they come in with more hard-won experience, brokered by two years marked by triumph and challenge. It’s a chance that athletes don’t often get, to go back to the scene of heartbreak and fight for the prize again; and this team feels ready to rise to that rare occasion.

“It feels just as exciting as the first one,” Sweeting says. “The experience plays a factor. Had we gotten our first world championship, the worlds last year could have went differently. You never know what will happen, but I think experience does play a role. It’s such an honour to win the Scotties once, let alone three times. So we’re super excited to be Team Canada.”

Melissa Martin is a staff writer for the Winnipeg Free Press



Top left: Kerri Einarson won her first Scotties Tournament of Hearts championship wearing the colours of Manitoba.

Top right: Team Manitoba won the 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Moose Jaw, defeating Ontario’s Rachel Homan 8-7 in an extra end. It was one of the most dramatic finals in recent history.

Left: Kerri Einarson had the uniform but didn’t get a chance to wear it when the 2020 world women’s championship was cancelled.

Bottom: Family is everything to Kerri Einarson, and when on the road she keeps in constant contact with husband Kyle and twin daughters Kamryn and Khloe.



SECOND CHANCE CITY

Prince George gets another crack at hosting world women's event

BY DAVE KOMOSKY

LYN HALL REMEMBERS EXACTLY WHERE he was when he first heard about COVID-19.

“I was in my office, actually, and I had the news channel on (TV) to keep up to speed on things,” said the mayor of Prince George, B.C.

The news was a bit confusing at first. COVID? COVID? What the heck is COVID?

But as days progressed, he was to learn, to his absolute dismay, about the COVID-19 pandemic and its devastating effects on the world, his citizens, and the world women's curling championship slated for his city in March, 2020.

“At first I didn't think it would impact the event,” said Hall, who has been the mayor of northern British Columbia's largest city since 2014. “But before you knew it, it was here in Canada, and before you knew it, it was here in B.C., and that's when we really started to realize its impact on a number of things we had planned to do in 2020.”

And that included the world women's curling championship, which was a major coup for the city when it was awarded the event on Feb. 5, 2019. The City of Prince George, Tourism Prince George, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and the provincial government were all solidly behind the venture and it was destined to be a major cultural and financial success.

Except it wasn't. It would all become undone by the pandemic. In short order, hospitalizations, ventilators, lockdowns, school closers, social distancing, masks, strict protocols and economic chaos would soon follow as the novel coronavirus

swept the world, killing thousands of people and infecting many more.

The cancellation of the event was inevitable, coming just two days before the event was to start in the CN Centre, with the ice prepared and curlers, TV cameras, fans and 380 volunteers all ready to go.

“It was devastating,” said Hall. “We saw all the work the committee had done at the local level to develop a world-class event. They put in a tremendous amount of time. It should have been a glorious week for our city.”

The cancellation was also a gut-punch for Glen Mikkelsen, vice-chair of the host committee and, currently, CN Centre manager of entertainment.

“It's heartbreaking, to be part of something for two-and-a-half years and to get so close to really being ready to roll it out,” Mikkelsen told the *Prince George Citizen* shortly after the plug was pulled. “Then with circumstances changing around the globe that needed to be responded to, it was hard to just see it coming apart before our eyes.

“Walking out (of the arena) that night it was eerie,” he told the paper. “We were supposed to be having this great opening banquet with people from around the world and volunteers from all over Canada to celebrate this great event and it was eerily quiet. There was hardly a car moving in the parking lot.”

Hall said it was equally hard for Curling Canada and the World Curling Federation to accept.

“You could feel the dismay that they had to deliver that kind of message,” he said. “They were



Mayor Lyn Hall said the cancellation of the 2020 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Women's Curling Championship was devastating for Prince George.

excited about coming to Prince George as much as we were to have the event.

“I certainly didn’t want to see it happen, but I understood completely why it was being cancelled. There was no other choice to be made.”

The cancellation cost Prince George dearly. Organizers had to return millions of dollars in ticket and advertising revenue to fans and sponsors. Tourism Prince George estimates the nine-day tournament would have provided an economic boost of between \$4 million and \$5 million for hotels, restaurants, stores, taxis, bars and other service-industry businesses in the city.

But all is not lost. The city was rewarded for all its initial effort by being rewarded with the 2022 BKT Tires & OK Tire Women’s Curling Championship, presented by Nature’s Bounty Vitamins, and although the pandemic is still with us, its impact is gradually dissipating and the world is much more prepared to fight off its ravages.

Hall is thrilled to have it back in his city and so are Prince George citizens. Many volunteers have stepped up again to work the event, and ticket-buyers are laying down their money.

Much of what Prince George lost will be regained. Especially important will be TV coverage. TSN is prepared to provide 50 hours of live network coverage and World Curling Television will have a potential viewing audience of 86 million in 47 countries.

“It gives Prince George the opportunity to showcase ourselves, to let a multitude of people, wherever they were coming from, to see what Prince George is all about,” Hall said. “We were committed to having it back, and here we are.”

Hall says its a different Prince George this time around.

“We weren’t prepared for COVID-19 in 2020,” he said. “We didn’t know what this pandemic was all about. But we’ve learned a lot since then.

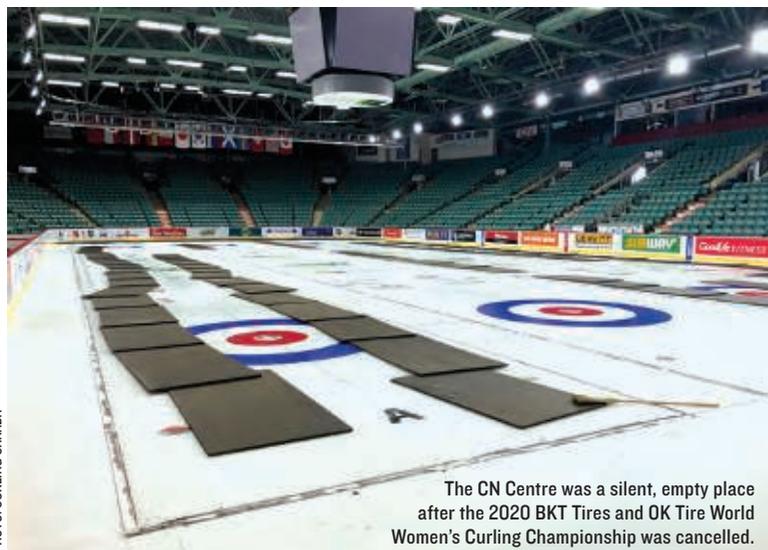
There have been things put into place for sporting events now. I’m a pretty positive guy. With all we’ve learned it gives me confidence we can pull the event off.” — with files from the *Prince George Citizen*

Dave Komosky is editor, event daily publications and Extra End magazines



Glen Mikkelsen, who was vice-chair of the 2020 host committee and currently the CN Centre manager of entertainment, had the table set for the world women’s event. And then it all came undone.

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The CN Centre was a silent, empty place after the 2020 BKT Tires and OK Tire World Women’s Curling Championship was cancelled.

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Kerri Einarson was all prepared to represent Canada at the world women’s curling championship in Prince George, but at the very last moment the event was cancelled.

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BKT TIRES & OK TIRE WORLD WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL DRAW

DATE	DRAW	LOCAL TIME	SHEET A	SHEET B	SHEET C	SHEET D
Saturday, March 19	1	2 p.m.	CAN vs ITA	SWE vs TUR	TBC vs USA	KOR vs NOR
	2	7 p.m.	DEN vs GER	CAN vs NOR	SCO vs SUI	JPN vs TUR
Sunday, March 20	3	9 a.m.	SUI vs SWE	GER vs KOR	ITA vs JPN	SCO vs TBC
	4	2 p.m.	KOR vs TBC	USA vs ITA	TUR vs CAN	SWE vs DEN
	5	7 p.m.	JPN vs USA	DEN vs SCO	NOR vs GER	SUI vs CAN
Monday, March 21	6	9 a.m.	ITA vs NOR	TBC vs SWE	JPN vs SCO	
	7	2 p.m.	TBC vs GER	TUR vs SUI	CAN vs DEN	USA vs KOR
	8	7 p.m.	SCO vs SWE	NOR vs USA	SUI vs ITA	GER vs JPN
Tuesday, March 22	9	9 a.m.		SWE vs ITA	KOR vs SCO	DEN vs TUR
	10	2 p.m.	GER vs USA	JPN vs CAN	DEN vs TBC	NOR vs SUI
	11	7 p.m.	TUR vs NOR	SCO vs GER	SWE vs JPN	ITA vs KOR
Wednesday, March 23	12	9 a.m.	SUI vs TBC	KOR vs DEN	USA vs TUR	CAN vs SWE
	13	2 p.m.	JPN vs DEN	SUI vs USA	GER vs ITA	NOR vs SCO
	14	7 p.m.	SWE vs KOR	ITA vs TUR	SCO vs CAN	TBC vs JPN
Thursday, March 24	15	9 a.m.	USA vs CAN	NOR vs TBC	DEN vs SUI	TUR vs GER
	16	2 p.m.	ITA vs SCO	GER vs SWE	JPN vs NOR	KOR vs SUI
	17	7 p.m.	TBC vs TUR	CAN vs KOR	USA vs SWE	DEN vs ITA
Friday, March 25	18	9 a.m.	NOR vs DEN	SUI vs JPN	CAN vs GER	SCO vs USA
	19	2 p.m.	KOR vs JPN	TUR vs SCO	ITA vs TBC	SWE vs NOR
	20	7 p.m.	GER vs SUI	USA vs DEN	TUR vs KOR	TBC vs CAN

QUALIFICATION GAMES

3 vs 6	Saturday, March 26	1 p.m.
4 vs 5	Saturday, March 26	1 p.m.

SEMIFINALS

SEMIFINAL 1	Saturday, March 26	7 p.m.
SEMIFINAL 2	Saturday, March 26	7 p.m.

MEDAL GAMES

BRONZE	Sunday, March 27	11 a.m.
GOLD	Sunday, March 27	4 p.m.



PLAYER PROFILES

GIMLI CURLING CLUB, MANITOBA



From left: Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, Briane Meilleur and Krysten Karwacki.

SKIP: Kerri Einarson **Age:** 34
Occupation: Rehabilitation assistant, Betel Home Foundation **Highlights:** Skipped Canada at 2021 worlds. Played for Canada at 2021 world mixed doubles

THIRD: Val Sweeting **Age:** 34
Occupation: Civil servant **Highlights:** Played third for Canada at 2021 worlds

SECOND: Shannon Birchard **Age:** 27
Occupation: Bookkeeper **Highlights:** Alternate for Canada at 2018 worlds, second in '21; won gold in '18

LEAD: Briane Meilleur **Age:** 30
Occupation: CAD technician, EuroCraft Office Furnishings **Highlights:** Played lead for Canada at 2021 worlds

ALTERNATE: Krysten Karwacki **Age:** 30
Occupation: Freelance social media manager **Highlights:** Alternate for Canada at 2021 worlds

COACH: Reid Carruthers

VARIOUS CLUBS



From left: My Larsen, Mathilde Halse, Madeleine Dupont, Denise Dupont and Jasmin Lander.

SKIP: Madeleine Dupont **Age:** 34
Occupation: Client manager **Highlights:** Threw fourth stones for Denmark at 2010 Olympics, skipped in '18 and '22. Skipped at 2004, '05, '14, '19 and '21 worlds, threw fourth stones in '06, '07, '08, '09 and '10, alternate in '16, third in '17; won silver in '07, bronze in '09. Played second at 2001 world juniors, skip in '04, '05, '07 and '08

THIRD: Mathilde Halse **Age:** 22
Occupation: Physiotherapy student **Highlights:** Played lead for Denmark at 2018 Olympics, third in '22. Played third at 2021 worlds. Played lead at 2015 world mixed. Skipped at 2020 world juniors

SECOND: Denise Dupont **Age:** 37
Occupation: Teacher **Highlights:** Played third for Denmark at 2006, '10 and '18 Olympics, second in '22. Played

second at 2003, '06 and '21 worlds, third in '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '14 and '19, alternate in '17. Won silver in '07, bronze in '09. Played in 2015 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2001 world juniors, third in '04 and '05

LEAD: My Larsen **Age:** 23
Occupation: Kindergarten assistant **Highlights:** Played lead for Denmark at 2022 Olympics. Alternate at 2021 worlds. Played lead at 2019 world mixed. Played lead at 2020 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Jasmin Lander **Age:** 22
Occupation: Medical laboratory technician student **Highlights:** Alternate for Denmark at 2022 Olympics. Played third at 2019 world mixed. Played third at 2020 world juniors

COACH: Heather Rogers

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From left: Daniela Jentsch, Mia Höhne, Klara-Hermine Fomm, Analena Jentsch and Emira Abbès.

SKIP: Daniela Jentsch **Age:** 40
Occupation: Sports soldier **Highlights:** Skipped Germany at 2015, '16, '17, '18 '19 and '21 worlds, played third in 2000. Skipped at 2001 and '02 world juniors, played third in 1997

THIRD: Emira Abbès **Age:** 25
Occupation: Sports soldier **Highlights:** Alternate for Germany at 2017 worlds, third in '18 and '19

SECOND: Mia Höhne **Age:** 21
Occupation: Sports soldier **Highlights:** Alternate for Germany at 2019 worlds, third in '21

LEAD: Analena Jentsch **Age:** 24
Occupation: Sports soldier **Highlights:** Played third for Germany at 2015 and '16 worlds, second in '17, lead in '18, '19 and '21

ALTERNATE: Klara-Hermine Fomm **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Student
Highlights: Played second for Germany at 2019 worlds

COACH: Holger Höhne

VARIOUS CLUBS



From left: Giulia Zardini Lacedelli, Angela Romei, Marta Lo Deserto and Stefania Constantini; not pictured: Veronica Zappone.

SKIP: Stefania Constantini **Age:** 22
Occupation: Shop assistant, The North Face **Highlights:** Won gold for Italy in mixed doubles at 2022 Olympics. Played third for Italy at 2018 worlds, skip in '21. Played in 2021 world mixed doubles

THIRD: Marta Lo Deserto **Age:** 19
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Played third for Italy at 2021 worlds

SECOND: Angela Romei **Age:** 25
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Played lead for Italy at 2018 worlds, second in '21. Alternate at 2014 world juniors

LEAD: Veronica Zappone **Age:** 28
Occupation: Trainee lawyer **Highlights:** Played third for Italy at 2017 and '18 worlds. Played in 2017 and '18 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2014 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Giulia Zardini Lacedelli **Age:** 19 **Occupation:** Student
Highlights: Played lead for Italy at 2021 worlds.

COACH: Violetta Caldart

KARUIZAWA CC



From left: Ikue Kitazawa, Seina Nakajima, Minori Suzuki, Hasumi Ishigooka and Chiaki Matsumura.

SKIP: Ikue Kitazawa **Age:** 25
Occupation: Office worker **Highlights:** Played fourth for Japan at 2019 worlds

THIRD: Seina Nakajima **Age:** 24
Occupation: Office worker **Highlights:** Skipped (second stones) for Japan at 2019 worlds

SECOND: Minori Suzuki **Age:** 20
Occupation: Officer worker **Highlights:** Played third for Japan at 2019 world juniors, fourth stones in '20

LEAD/VICE-SKIP: Hasumi Ishigooka **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Office worker
Highlights: Lead for Japan at 2019 worlds

ALTERNATE: Chiaki Matsumura **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Office worker
Highlights: Played lead for Japan at 2013 worlds, third in '19

COACH: Yusuke Morozumi

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LILLEHAMMER CURLING CLUB



From left: Martine Rønning, Erin Mesloe, Mille Haslev Nordbye and Marianne Rørvik; not pictured: Kristin Skaslien.

SKIP (throws third): Marianne Rørvik
Age: 38 **Occupation:** Senior advisor, Norwegian Water Resources and Energy **Highlights:** Played second for Norway at 2006 Olympics. Alternate at 2004 and '05 worlds, skip in '09; won silver in '04, bronze in '05. Played lead at 1997 world juniors, skip in '98, second in '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, alternate in '05; won gold in '04

FOURTH: Kristin Skaslien **Age:** 36
Occupation: Student/athlete **Highlights:** Played for Norway in mixed doubles at 2018 and '22 Olympics; won bronze in '18, silver in '22. Alternate at 2006 worlds, lead in '09, '10, '11 and skip in '15. Played in 2013, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18 and '21 world mixed doubles; bronze

bronze in '15, silver in '21. Played lead at 2002 world juniors, skip in '05, '06 and '07

SECOND: Mille Haslev Nordbye **Age:** 20
Occupation: Sports science student **Highlights:** Played second for Norway at 2018 and '19 world juniors

LEAD/VICE-SKIP: Martine Rønning
Age: 22 **Occupation:** Student **Highlights:** Played third for Norway at 2018, '19 and '20 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Erin Mesloe **Age:** 21
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Played lead for Norway at 2017, '18 and '19 world mixed; won bronze in '19. Played lead at 2018 world juniors, alternate in '19, second in '20

COACH: Rune Steen Hansen

VARIOUS CLUBS



Front row, from left: Rebecca Morrison, Gina Aitken, Sophie Sinclair and Sophie Jackson; back row: Nancy Smith; not pictured: Fay Henderson.

SKIP: Rebecca Morrison **Age:** 25
Occupation: Curling coach **Highlights:** Played third for Scotland at 2018 world mixed. Skipped at 2018 world juniors

THIRD: Gina Aitken **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Account executive, Optima Connect
Highlights: Played for Scotland in 2013, '14, '16, '17 and '19 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2014 and '15 world juniors; won silver in '15

SECOND: Sophie Sinclair **Age:** 24
Occupation: Personal trainer **Highlights:** Played lead for Scotland at 2019 worlds, alternate in '21. Won silver as lead at 2017 worlds

LEAD: Sophie Jackson **Age:** 25
Occupation: Scottish Curling Academy manager **Highlights:** Alternate for Scotland at 2018 worlds, skipped in '19. Played lead at 2015 and '16 world mixed; won bronze in '16. Skipped at 2016 and '17 world juniors, alternate in '18; won silver in '17

ALTERNATE: Fay Henderson **Age:** 20
Occupation: Student, University of Glasgow

COACH: Nancy Smith

GANGNEUNG CURLING CENTRE



From left: Eun-Jung Kim, Kyeong-Ae Kim, Yeong-Mi Kim, Seon-Yeong Kim, ChoHi Kim.

SKIP: Eun-Jung Kim **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped South Korea at 2018 and '22 Olympics; won silver in '18. Skipped at 2017, '18 and '19 worlds

THIRD: Kyeong-Ae Kim **Age:** 28
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played third for South Korea at 2018 and '22 Olympics; won silver in '18. Played third at 2017, '18 and '19 worlds. Won silver as skip at 2014 world juniors

SECOND: ChoHi Kim **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Alternate for South Korea at 2018 Olympics, second in '22; won silver in '18. Played lead at 2018 worlds, second in '21

LEAD: Seon-Yeong Kim **Age:** 28
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played second for South Korea at 2018 Olympics, lead in '22; won silver in '18. Played second at 2017 and '18 worlds, alternate in '21. Won silver as third at 2014 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Yeong-Mi Kim **Age:** 30
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played lead for South Korea at 2018 Olympics, alternate in '22; won silver in '18. Played lead at 2017 and '18 worlds, alternate in '21

COACH: Myung-Sup Lim

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From left: Johanna Heldin, Sofia Mabergs, Agnes Knochenhauer, Sara McManus and Anna Hasselborg.

SKIP: Anna Hasselborg **Age:** 32
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Sweden at 2018 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '18 and bronze in '22. Skipped at 2017, '18, '19 and '21 worlds; won silver in '18 and '19. Won gold at 2019 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2009 and '10 world juniors; won gold in '10

THIRD: Sara McManus **Age:** 30
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played third for Sweden at 2018 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '18 and bronze in '22. Alternate at 2014 worlds, played second in '15, third in '17, '18, '19 and '20; won silver in '18 and '19. Alternate at 2009 and '10 world juniors, played third in '11, skipped in '12 and '13; won gold in '10

SECOND: Agnes Knochenhauer **Age:** 32
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Alternate for Sweden at 2014 Olympics, played second in '18 and '22; won silver in '14, gold in '18, bronze in '22. Alternate at

2013 and '16 worlds, played second in '17, '18, '19 and '21; won silver in '13, '18 and '19. Played third at 2009 world juniors, second in '10; won gold in '10

LEAD: Sofia Mabergs **Age:** 28
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played lead for Sweden at 2018 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '18, bronze in '22. Alternate at 2015 worlds, played lead in '17, '18, '19 and '21; won silver in '18 and '19. Played lead at 2017 world mixed and '11, '12 and '13 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Johanna Heldin **Age:** 27
Occupation: Junior doctor **Highlights:** Won bronze as alternate for Sweden at 2022 Olympics. Alternate at 2019 and '21 worlds; won silver in '19. Played second at 2015 world juniors, alternate in '16

COACH: Wayne Middaugh

VARIOUS CLUBS



From left: Melanie Barbezat, Esther Neuenschwander, Silvana Tirinzoni and Alina Pätz; not pictured: Carole Howald.

SKIP (throws third): Silvana Tirinzoni
Age: 42 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Switzerland at 2018 Olympics, skipped/threw third in '22. Skipped at 2006, '07 and '13 worlds, skipped/threw third in '19 and '21; won gold in '19 and '21. Alternate at 1997 world juniors, skipped in '98 and '99; won gold in '99

FOURTH: Alina Pätz **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Athlete manager **Highlights:** Alternate for Switzerland at 2014 Olympics, fourth in '22. Alternate at 2012 worlds, skipped in '15 and '17, fourth in '19 and '21; won gold in '12, '15, '19 and '21. Won gold at 2011 mixed doubles. Alternate at 2011 world juniors

SECOND: Esther Neuenschwander **Age:** 38
Occupation: Accountant **Highlights:** Played third for Switzerland at 2018

Olympics, second in '22. Played lead at 2006 worlds, third in '07, second in '13, '19 and '21; won gold in '19 and '21

LEAD: Melanie Barbezat **Age:** 30
Occupation: Physiotherapist **Highlights:** Played lead for Switzerland at 2022 Olympics. Won gold as lead at 2019 and '21 worlds. Skipped at 2012 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Carole Howald **Age:** 28
Occupation: Sport science student **Highlights:** Alternate for Switzerland at 2022 Olympics. Alternate at 2014, '15, '16 and '21 worlds, lead in '18; won gold in '14, '15, '16 and '21. Played in 2015 world mixed doubles

COACH: Pierre Charette

VARIOUS CLUBS



From left: Mihriban Polat, Ayse Gozutok, Berfin Sengul, Öznur Polat and Dilsat Yildiz.

SKIP: Dilsat Yildiz **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Teacher **Highlights:** Played for Turkey at 2016, '17, '18 and '19 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2015 world mixed, lead in '16, fourth in '17 and skip in '19. Skipped at 2016, '17 and '18 world juniors

THIRD: Öznur Polat **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Teacher **Highlights:** Played for Turkey at 2015 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2016 and '18 world mixed, second in '19

SECOND: Berfin Sengul **Age:** 19
Occupation: Athlete

LEAD: Ayse Gozutok **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Teacher

ALTERNATE: Mihriban Polat **Age:** 23
Occupation: Athlete **Highlights:** Played lead for Turkey at 2016 world juniors, second in '18

COACH: Bilal Omer Cakir



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From left: Cory Christensen, Sarah Anderson, Vicky Persinger, Taylor Anderson and Cathy Overton-Clapham; not pictured: Sydney Mullaney.

SKIP: Cory Christensen **Age:** 27
Occupation: Pharmacy technician
Highlights: Alternate for the United States at 2018 Olympics. Alternate at 2017 worlds. Won bronze at 2019 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2012, '14, '15 and '16 world juniors, alternate in '13

THIRD: Sarah Anderson **Age:** 27
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Alternate for the United States at 2013 worlds, third in '19. Played in 2015 and '18 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2015 and '16 world juniors; won silver in '16

SECOND: Vicky Persinger **Age:** 29
Occupation: User support specialist, Title Insurance Company **Highlights:** Played for the United States in mixed doubles at 2022 Olympics. Lead at 2015 worlds, second in '18, alternate in '19. Played third at 2013 world juniors

LEAD: Taylor Anderson **Age:** 27
Occupation: Played second for the United States at 2019 worlds. Alternate at 2015 world juniors, second in '16; won silver in '16

ALTERNATE: Sydney Mullaney **Age:** 20
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Played lead for the United States at 2019 world mixed

COACH: Cathy Overton-Clapham

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IT WAS TOUGH GOING, BUT A MEDAL IN HAND

*Canadian curlers still fiercely proud
of their solitary bronze won at Olympics*

BY MARIO ANNICCHIARICO

Brooms raised, members of Team Canada rejoiced after defeating Team United States 8-5 for the bronze medal at the Beijing Winter Olympics.



PHOTOS: WORLD CURLING FEDERATION/STEPHEN FISHER

IT'S A MEDAL. NOT EXACTLY THE COLOUR Team Canada was working toward, but you knew that skip Brad Gushue, vice-skip Mark Nichols, second Brett Gallant, lead Geoff Walker, alternate Marc Kennedy and coach Jules Owchar were going to do their darnedest to not come away from the Beijing Olympics empty-handed.

Not on their watch.

Sixteen years after Gushue and Nichols won gold at the 2006 Turin Games, the two veterans led the remainder of the Newfoundland-based crew to bronze. Kennedy had also won gold in 2010 in Vancouver with Edmonton skip Kevin Martin.

This time, an 8-5 victory over 2018 gold medallist John Shuster of the United States kept Canada's run of at least one medal on the pebbled ice — since the return of curling to the Olympics in 1998 — intact at the Beijing Games.

It came after a tough semifinal defeat to eventual Olympic champion Niklas Edin of Sweden when Gushue opted to play for a tough double for two in the 10th end for the win rather than take a chance at a tie and stealing in an extra end. The team then had to regroup for the bronze.

“That was the toughest game I think I've ever played. It was hard,” Gushue said of bouncing back against Shuster. “It's a big moment. We all wanted it real bad. No quit. We weren't at our best, but good enough.”

That was the common theme throughout the men's competition for Canada which seemed to be missing a little something, but found a way to bring home a medal.

“It's been 16 years since we've got to stand on the podium. I know it's not the colour we wanted, but we worked so darn hard to get back up there today. This is special for all of us,” said an emotional Nichols afterward.

“It's a really good feeling to end off this way . . . I think the bronze is going to feel pretty special once the sting of (not winning) the gold wears off,” said Gallant, who was celebrating his 32nd birthday the day of the bronze medal.

Edin, vice-skip Oskar Eriksson, second Rasmus Wranå, lead Christoffer Sundgren, alternate Daniel Magnusson and coach Fredrik Lindberg downed Great Britain's Bruce Mouat 5-4 for the gold. Mouat's team included vice-skip Grant Hardie, second Bobby Lammie, lead Hammy McMillan, alternate Ross Whyte and coach Alan Hannah, 5-4.

It was Edin's first Olympic gold medal — in a

highly entertaining and competitive final — after winning five world men's championships. He also claimed Olympic silver in 2018 and bronze in 2014 and wanted to finish this one off properly.

“The pressure and the monkey's off our back,” Edin said after receiving his gold medal. “We've done pretty much everything correctly, and now we needed the result to get the receipt that what we're doing has worked.”

In women's action, Great Britain's Eve Muirhead defeated Japan's Satsuki Fujisawa 10-3 in a battle of underdogs who stunned Sweden and Switzerland, respectively, in the semifinals.

It was the first gold medal for the Great Britain women in 20 years and that was not lost on Muirhead, a previous bronze medallist.

“It's been a long time coming,” Muirhead said. “To think, it was 20 years ago when Rhona Martin made history in Great Britain by winning that gold medal. We've followed in her footsteps and done it 20 years later. It's incredible, it really is.”

Switzerland's Silvana Tirinzoni and Sweden's Anna Hasselborg led the way through the round-robin at 8-1 and 7-2, respectively, and were favoured to move on. So much for favourites.

In the bronze-medal game, Hasselborg, vice-skip Sars McManus, second Agnes Knochenhauer, lead Sofia Mabergs, alternate Johanna Heldin and coach Wayne Middaugh, who hails from Canada, then downed Tirinzoni, last-stone thrower Alina Paetz, second Esther Neuenchwander, lead Melanie Barbezat, alternate Carole Howald and coach Pierre Charette, also of Canada, 9-7 thanks to a final-stone draw to the four-foot to dodge an extra end.

Muirhead and Fujisawa were both 5-4 in round-robin play, along with Canada's Jennifer Jones.



Team Canada wanted the gold but were satisfied with a hard-earned bronze medal at the Beijing Olympics. Proud members, right to left, skip Brad Gushue, third Mark Nichols, second Brett Gallant, lead Geoff Walker and alternate Marc Kennedy.

A medal wasn't in the cards for the Canadian women, skipped by Jennifer Jones, at the Beijing Olympics, but at the end they congratulated themselves for a gallant effort that fell just short of the playoffs.



Muirhead, vice-skip Vicky Wright, second Jennifer Dodds, lead Hailey Duff, alternate Mili Smith and coach Kristian Lindstrom, along with Fujisawa, vice-skip Chinami Yoshida, second Yumi Suzuki, lead Yurika Yoshida, alternate Kotomi Ishizaki and coach J.D. Lind, of Canada, advanced to semifinals due to a better last-draw statistic.

Jones and her Manitoba team of vice-skip Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jocelyn Peterman, lead Dawn McEwen, alternate Lisa Weagle and coach Viktor Kjall were left on the outside looking in.

The Canadians faced a must-win against Denmark and came away with a 10-4 victory, but still required some help to claim a playoff spot. They didn't get it.

"We finished on a winning note, but our final round-robin result came up short of what we wanted for these Games," Team Jones tweeted afterward. "We fought hard and never gave up. It's been an absolute privilege to compete at the Olympics for Canada. Thank you for all the love, Canada."

The most interesting story of the curling portion of the Games came in the mixed doubles competition.

To win an Olympic gold medal for your country is obviously the ultimate goal for any athlete. To go through an entire curling competition undefeated is icing on the cake. Or in this instance, gelato on a waffle cone.

It was simply bellissimo for Italian pair Stefania Constantini and Amos Mosaner who earned their country's first-ever medal on the pebbled ice.

"THERE ARE NO WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE HEARTBREAK. JOHN AND I WENT TO BATTLE, FOUGHT AND SCREAMED FOR EVERY INCH. IN THE END IT CAME DOWN TO MILLIMETRES. WE Poured OUR HEARTS OUT FOR CANADA AND WE APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT. WE FELT THE WEIGHT OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY ON THAT MEASURE."

Canada's mixed doubles team of Rachel Homan and John Morris, coached by Scott Pfeifer, fought their hearts out for their country but fell just outside the playoffs.



The mixed doubles champions defeated Norway's Kristin Skaslien and Magnus Nedregotten 8-5 to claim gold and cap off a perfect 11-0 run at the Ice Cube in Beijing. Almida de Val and Eriksson of Sweden trumped Dodds and Mouat of Great Britain 9-3 to take the bronze. That meant Sweden won gold in men's play and bronze in both women's and mixed doubles — a troika for the Tre Kronor.

Italy also trounced Sweden 8-1 in the mixed doubles semifinals and the gold medal obviously attracted some attention back home where officials say there are only three curling clubs and roughly 400 participants in the entire country.

"In Italy, curling is not very known," Constantini told reporters after the gold-medal win. "During this week, lots of fans have been following, and they have been interested in this sport, so it's important for Italian curling."

"It's a niche sport. You don't have to forget that Italy has soccer and then all the other sports that are more important," coach Claudio Pescia confirmed afterward. "It will remain a niche sport. So it's our job now to take this momentum . . . to take advantage."

The pair certainly took advantage of the field and the closest any team came to handing the Italians a loss was Canada's Rachel Homan and John Morris, who dropped an 8-7 decision on a measurement that fell millimetres short in an extra end.

The loss left Canada out of the playoffs, a stunning result for Morris, the defending champion — along with former partner Kaitlyn Lawes — in the inaugural event in Pyeongchang, South Korea in 2018.

"It's probably the toughest loss I've ever had," Morris said of the setback. "It was such an honour to wear the Maple Leaf. We did it with all our hearts."

"There are no words to describe the heartbreak," Homan said in a tweet. "John and I went to battle, fought and screamed for every inch. In the end it came down to millimetres. We poured our hearts out for Canada and we appreciate all the support. We felt the weight of the entire country on that measure."

It was the total opposite emotion that the Italians felt.

"Winning a gold medal without losing a game, I think, is amazing," said Mosaner, who along with his partner became just the third curling team to go undefeated at the Olympics, joining Canadians Kevin Martin in men's play and Jones in women's.

"It's a dream," Constantini said. "We are feeling so happy and proud of ourselves. We saw our families on the screen here and we started to cry. It was really a magical moment."



It was simply bellissimo for the Italian pair Stefania Constantini and Amos Mosaner who earned the country's first medal ever in Olympic curling by claiming the mixed doubles gold.



Team Sweden celebrated after winning the men's gold medal at the Olympics. It was the first Olympic gold for skip Niklas Edin, vice-skip Oskar Eriksson, second Rasmus Wranå, lead Christoffer Sundgren, alternate Daniel Magnusson and coach Fredrik Lindberg as a team.



Great Britain's Eve Muirhead, left, came away with gold in the women's event, defeating Japan's Satsuki Fujisawa 10-3 in a battle of underdogs. Neither team was expected to be in the final. It was the first gold medal for the Great Britain women in 20 years.

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STRONG ARM OF THE LAW

Simple phone call creates a magical team on the West Coast

BY BOB WEEKS

SOMETIMES A SIMPLE PHONE CALL CAN CHANGE your life, and Kelley Law knows all about that.

In February 1999, you see, Law received a call from Julie Skinner, who had a notion about the two women joining forces to form a powerhouse curling team, rather than continuing to knock heads every year in British Columbia.

The call was unexpected but definitely welcome, and it led to the creation of one of Canada's most successful curling teams.

It consisted of Law, who at that point had played in five Scotties Tournament of Hearts; Skinner, a world junior and Scotties champion; Georgina Wheatcroft, also a Scotties winner; and Diane Dezura (then Nelson), a two-time B.C. champion.

"That's how it came about," said Law, remembering the phone call with a laugh.

"That was pretty exciting for me. I usually played against Georgina and Julie, we were always battling it out on the ice as skips. So when Julie called me, I was like, 'Wow I've never had a third like that before.' I told her that I'd already been talking to Georgina. So that's how that happened. Over about five hours one day in February, we formed a team."

Elaine Dagg-Jackson, who had worked with both Sutton and Wheatcroft, came in to serve as coach, and she remembers being astounded by the lineup.

"I looked at the roster and went, 'Whoa, this team has a lot of potential,'" she stated.



Canadian women's skip Kelley Law raises her arms after making her shot to beat Switzerland at the World Curling Championship final in Glasgow.

But there was also another side to the squad's makeup to consider — four strong-willed, A-type individuals, which meant Dagg-Jackson would be facilitator as much as coach.

The team didn't get off to a great start the next fall. Law was pregnant and gave birth to her daughter, Cameron, in mid-October, missing some early events. But three weeks later, she was back on the ice, trying to balance curling and a baby. Gradually, the team seemed to find its legs, although there were still some nervous moments ahead.

The first step for the 2000 Scotties playdowns was a regional qualifier that took place at the Vancouver Curling Club. Two teams would advance to the provincial final from this pool, which should have been an easy path for Law and her talented teammates. But the ice was wildly inconsistent, making it tough for all competitors, and after losing a game it never should have lost early in the competition, the powerhouse team was one loss from elimination. It managed to make it through after winning its final game on a measurement.

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Left: Fans in Prince George were firmly behind their provincial champs, and were a big part in pushing them to victory at the 2000 Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The champs were all aglow around their championship trophy: left to right, skip Kelley Law, third Julie Skinner, second Georgina Wheatcroft, and lead Diane Nelson.

Below: Team B.C., skipped by Kelley Law, made fitness and preparation key ingredients in their success on the ice.

That scary result might have shocked them into form because, at the provincials, they rolled through the field and were off to the Canadian women's championship.

That year's Scotties took place in Prince George, B.C., a city known for its support of all things sports but one to which Law had never been. Still, she and her team were welcomed by the home-province fans, and the support was overwhelming, although a little non-traditional.

A local sponsor printed off 5,000 cards that read 'B.C. Rocks' and distributed them to the fans. That became the chant heard at every draw.

"They were mostly hockey fans and they didn't really know the etiquette for curling," remembered Law. "They were stamping their feet and chanting 'B.C. Rocks.' It wasn't always at the right time but they were great. We had pretty good fans out there."

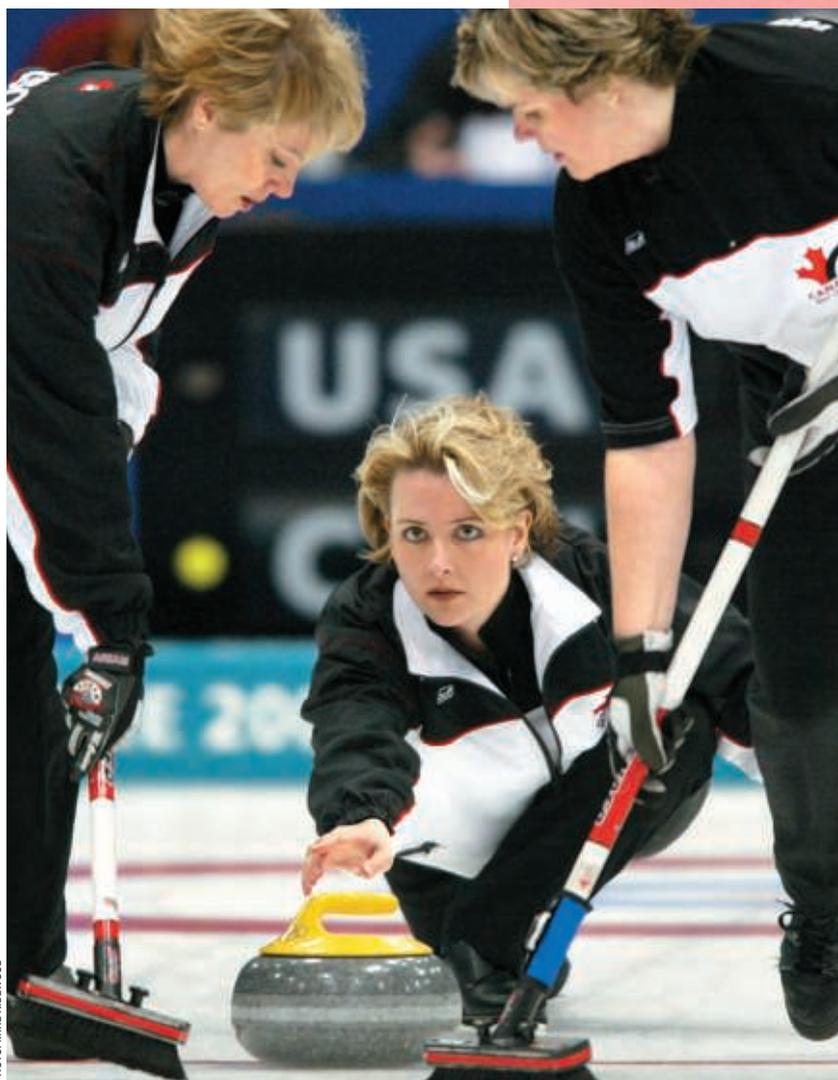
The support was welcome, especially against a stellar field that included Colleen Jones as Team Canada defending her title, Heather Nedohin from Alberta, Manitoba's Connie Laliberte and Anne Merklinger from Ontario.

The Law foursome struggled with inconsistency as the round-robin played out and, after nine games, it sat at 5-4 and in danger of missing the playoffs.

"We hadn't played together long so we were kind of working out the kinks on TV, in terms of our game plan, personalities and all that," stated Law. "I had to figure out how everybody threw. It wasn't like we had a lot of time together."

"They really weren't impressed with their results in the early going," added Dagg-Jackson. "They were dismayed they weren't getting the results they wanted. They were really learning to be a team in front of the entire country."

They proved themselves to be fast learners, however, winning their final two round-robin games over Quebec



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and Saskatchewan to earn a spot in a tiebreaker, where they took two points in an extra end to get past Nova Scotia, and then handled Saskatchewan in the three-versus-four Page Playoff game.

It was the semifinal against veteran Laliberte where Law said the team reached a turning point and finally blossomed.

“We were tied in an extra and didn’t have last rock,” she recalled. “We were deciding what shot to play. We took a timeout, brought the coach out and decided on a risky shot and had Julie throw a freeze into the four foot. If she missed, it was probably game over, but she threw it perfect and that was the rock that won us the game.”

The final against Merklinger was almost anticlimactic, with B.C. winning 9-4.

The Team Law didn’t stop there. With the footing it found in Prince George, it went on to win the world championship in Scotland, defeating Switzerland’s Luzia Ebnother in the final. The next year, playing as Team Canada, it went to the Scotties final and suffered a tough loss to Jones on a measurement after all stones had come to rest in the final end.

The team had time to regroup and rebuild over the summer before the Canadian Curling Trials in Regina in December, with a spot in the Olympics was on the line.

“We went back to the drawing board before Trials and we really worked on our game and on ourselves,” Law said. “Working out, diet, all that kind of stuff just so we were mentally and physically fit. And we went into the Trials in the best shapes of our lives.”

The hard work paid off as the Law foursome blazed through the round-robin with a 7-2 mark, then handily defeated Sherry Anderson in the final. The momentum from the Trials carried on to the Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, where Law rolled to an 8-1 mark in the round-robin. That’s when they finally hit a speed bump, being upset by Rhona Martin of Great Britain in the semifinal. The Canadians rallied to earn a bronze medal.

“It never leaves you,” Law said of the Olympic experience. “We had trouble when we were there. We weren’t the Regina team. We had Diane in quarantine, she had the flu. I was dealing with a third-degree ankle sprain.”

The sprain made it difficult for Law to throw



Left: Coach Elaine Dagg-Jackson had to deal with four strong-willed, A-type individuals on the Kelley Law team.

Right: It took a while for Kelley Law and her team to mesh, but when they did they were unstoppable on their way to the 2000 Scotties Tournament of Hearts championship in Prince George, B.C.

Inset: Today, Kelley Law is a successful real estate agent in Coquitlam, B.C.

her stones, and only some dedicated work from the team’s physiotherapist allowed her to compete. Still, she put up the second-best shooting percentage among skips for the week.

The team eventually ran its course and the players took different paths with curling, careers and family. But the memories have not faded.

“The whole teamwork thing teaches you a lot,” reflected Law, who now works in real estate in Coquitlam, B.C. “And just being with those people, my Olympic team, we were like sisters and got to see lots of the world and play the game that we loved. Those are the things I hold close to my heart.”

The Law team blazed a trail with its formation and approach to curling, one that other teams have followed to success. Its mark on the sport is indelible.

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WORLD WOMEN'S CANADIAN HONOUR ROLL

The first World Women's Curling Championship took place in 1979. Since then, teams from Canada have won the title a record 17 times.

ADAMS, Diane — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as second in 1988, '89
ALLEN, Laurie — of Winnipeg as third in 1992
ARNOTT, Janet — of Winnipeg as lead in 1984, '92, '95
ARSENAULT (WAYE), Mary-Anne — of Halifax as second in 1999, 2001, '02, '03, '04
AUGUSTYN, Jan — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as lead in 1986
BETKER, Jan — of Regina as third in 1993, '94, '97
BEVERIDGE, Corie — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as second in 1996
BIRCHARD, Shannon — of Gimli, Manitoba, as second in 2020*, '21
BODOGH (DARTE), Marilyn — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as skip in 1986, '96
BOHMER, Brenda — of Edmonton as second in 1998
BOWLES, Lorraine — of North Vancouver as lead in 1979
BROWN, Rachel — of Calgary as lead in 2019
CAREY, Chelsea — of Calgary as skip in 2016, '19
CARNEY, Laurie — of North Vancouver as lead in 1985
CARTER, Sasha — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as second in 2006, '07
CAUDLE (WALTER), Cathy — of Halifax as second in 1983
COURTNEY, Joanne — of Ottawa as second in 2017
DELAHUNT, Nancy — of Halifax as lead in 1999, 2001, '02, '03, '04
EINARSON, Kerri — of Gimli, Manitoba, as skip in 2020*, '21
ERICKSON, Judy — of Calgary as third in 1981
FERGUSON, Dana — of Calgary as second in 2019
GAUTHIER, Cathy — of Winnipeg as second in 1992, '95, as lead in 2005



The 1984 world champions from Canada, Janet Arnott, Corinne Peters, Chris More and Connie Laliberte. The Manitobans — 8-1 after round-robin play — defeated Norway 8-6 in a semifinal before posting a stunning 10-0 shutout against Switzerland in the final.



Canadian lead Laurie Carney, second Debbie Jones, third Lindsay Sparkes and skip Linda Moore mined gold at the 1985 worlds. Clinching a spot in the playoffs with a 7-2 round-robin record, the Canucks defeated Sweden in a semi and Scotland in the final.

GELLARD, Kim — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as third in 1996
GORING, Alison — of Toronto as skip in 1990
GUDEREIT, Marcia — of Regina as lead in 1993, '94, '97
HOLLAND, Amber — of Kronau, Saskatchewan, as skip in 2011
HOMAN, Rachel — of Ottawa as skip in 2013, '14, '17
HOOPER PERROUD, Jane — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as lead in 1996
HORNE, Kate — of Edmonton as lead in 1998
HORNE, Sharon — of Halifax as third in 1983
HOUSTON, Heather — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as skip in 1988, '89
ISKIWI, Beth — of Edmonton as third in 2012
JONES-GORDON, Barbara — of Halifax as lead in 1982
JONES, Colleen — of Halifax as skip in 1982, '99, 2001, '02, '03, '04
JONES-WALKER, Debbie — of North Vancouver as second in 1985
JONES, Jennifer — of Winnipeg as skip in 2005, '08, '09, '10, '15, '18
JONES, Monica — of Halifax as second in 1982
JURGENSON (BODOGH), Christine — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as second in 1986
KALENCHUK, Heather — of Kronau, Saskatchewan, as lead in 2011
KELLY, Kimberly — of Halifax as third in 1999, 2001, '02, '03, '04
KENNEDY, Tracy — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as lead in 1988, '89
KERR, Nancy — of Regina as third in 1980
KING (BORST), Cathy — of Edmonton as skip in 1998
KNOWLES, Dawn — of North Vancouver as third in 1979



Canadian skip Sandra Schmirler, third Jan Betker, second Joan McCusker and lead Marcia Gudereit won back-to-back world titles in 1993 and '94. They completed the trifecta in 1997. In three world appearances, they recorded 29 wins and only four losses.

KREVIAZUK, Alison — of Ottawa as second in 2013, '14
LALIBERTE, Connie — of Winnipeg as skip in 1984, '92, '95
LANG, Lorraine — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as third in 1988, '89
LAROCQUE, Penny — of Halifax as skip in 1983
LAW, Kelley — of Richmond, British Columbia, as skip in 2000
LAWES, Andrea — of Toronto as second in 1990
LAWES, Kaitlyn — of Winnipeg as third in 2015, '18
LEACH, Wendy — of Regina as lead in 1980
MAIR, Jessica — of Edmonton as second in 2012
MASSULLO, Debbie — of Victoria as lead in 1987
MCCRACKEN, Betty — of Calgary as lead in 1981
MCCUSKER, Joan — of Regina as second in 1993, '94, '97
MCEDWARDS, Kathy — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as third in 1986
MCEWEN (ASKIN), Dawn — of Winnipeg as lead in 2008, '09, '10, '15, '18
MCKAY, Myrna — of Calgary as second in 1981
MCKENDRY, Shirley — of Regina as second in 1980
MCPHERSON, Cheryl — of Toronto as lead in 1990
MEILLEUR, Briane — of Gimli, Manitoba, as lead in 2020*, '21



After a disappointing loss to Germany in the 1988 world women's final, Canadian skip Heather Houston, third Lorraine Lang, second Diane Adams and lead Tracy Kennedy rebounded one year later to win the global crown with an 8-5 victory over Norway's Trine Trulsen.



Canada's Jeanna Schraeder, Kelly Scott, Sasha Carter and Renee Simons are all smiles after clinching the 2007 world title. Bronze medallists in '06, the Canadians were not to be denied, finishing with an impressive 12-1 record, including an 8-4 win over Denmark in the final.

MISKEW, Emma — of Ottawa as third in 2013, '14, '17
MITCHELL, Marj — of Regina as skip in 1980
MOORE, Linda — of North Vancouver as skip in 1985
MORE (PIDZARKO), Chris — of Winnipeg as third in 1984
NEDOHIN, Heather — of Edmonton as third in 1998, as skip in 2012
NELSON (DEZURA), Diane — of Richmond, British Columbia, as lead in 2000
NIXON, Amy — of Calgary as third in 2016
OFFICER, Jill — of Winnipeg as second in 2005, '08, '09, '10, '15, '18
OVERTON-CLAPHAM, Cathy — of Winnipeg as third in 1995, 2005, '08, '09, '10
PETERMAN, Jocelyn — of Calgary as second in 2016
PETERS, Corinne — of Winnipeg as second in 1984
PETERS, Laine — of Edmonton as lead in 2012; of Calgary in '16
SANDERS, Pat — of Victoria as skip in 1987
SANFORD, Pam — of Halifax as lead in 1983
SCHMIRLER (PETERSON), Sandra — of Regina as skip in 1993, '94, '97
SCHNEIDER, Kim — of Kronau, Saskatchewan, as third in 2011
SCHNEIDER, Tammy — of Kronau, Saskatchewan, as second in 2011
SCHRAEDER, Jeanna — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as third in 2006, '07
SCOTT, Kelly — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as skip in 2006, '07
SEITZ, Susan — of Calgary as skip in 1981
SIMONS, Renee — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as lead in 2006, '07
SKINNER (SUTTON), Julie — of Victoria as skip in 1991; of Richmond, British Columbia, as third in 2000
SOLIGO, Melissa — of Victoria as second in 1991
SPARKES, Lindsay — of North Vancouver as skip in 1979; as third in '85
SUTTON (GREEN), Jodie — of Victoria as third in 1991
SWEETING, Val — of Gimli, Manitoba, as skip in 2020*, '21
TURCOTTE, Kristin — of Toronto as third in 1990
WEAGLE, Lisa — of Ottawa as lead in 2013, '14, '17
WHEATCROFT (HAWKES), Georgina — of Victoria as third in 1987; of Richmond, British Columbia, as second in 2000
WILKES, Sarah — of Calgary as third in 2019
WILLMS, Karri — of Victoria as lead in 1991
WILSON, Robin — of North Vancouver as second in 1979
ZINCK (SMITH), Kay — of Halifax as third in 1982



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ON THE ROCKS

BY AL CAMERON

AND SO IT BEGINS — THE QUADRENNIAL, AS THEY call it, between Olympic Games.

As of the opening day of the 2022 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Women's Curling Championship, presented by Nature's Bounty, just 1,421 days remain until the Opening Ceremony of the 2026 Winter Olympics, which will be co-hosted by Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo in Italy.

What will happen in these four years? Which teams will rise? Which teams will fall? Will we still be wearing masks?

All worthy questions, especially when you look back at the four years between the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea, and the recently concluded 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

One can't help but think about the wacky and weird storylines that have followed our sport — well, not just our sport but the world in general — since the conclusion of the 2018 Games.

But that's the nature of things — we evolve, and so does sport. Sometimes it's a subtle evolution that a lot of fans won't necessarily appreciate (curling analytics, for instance, have grown in leaps and bounds over the past four years).

Other times, those changes generate national and international headlines (I'm looking at you, Broomgate, which was THE story of the quadrennial between the Sochi Games in 2014 and PyeongChang).

What's interesting, however, is how most of the recent changes in our sport can be traced to the Olympics. Since curling was re-introduced as a medal sport for the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, there has been a radical shift in how coaches, athletes and fans view the Roaring Game.

(As an aside, if you are looking for the definitive back story on how curling became an Olympic sport, you should pick up a copy of Warren Hansen's latest book, *Sticks 'n' Stones: The Battle for Curling to be an Olympic Sport*, which you can find on Amazon.ca).

Canadian curling, as many fans know, was defined by the Tim Hortons Brier and the Scotties Tournament of Hearts — in their previous incarnations with different sponsors pre-1998. The competitive season focused on them, the media fixated on them. World championships were almost an afterthought, and were only a story when Canada DIDN'T win gold.

That has changed dramatically, and it happened overnight when curling returned to the Olympic family. Teams began planning in four-year chunks, and added elements of off-ice training, including sessions with nutritionists and sports psychologists.

They began analyzing the sport from a scientific perspective, looking for edges that might make a difference on the scoreboard that previously hadn't been considered. Sweeping, of course, was the biggest area of focus, and if you ever get the chance to sit down with a competitive player and have him or her look at the techniques that were being deployed 10 years ago, you will be rewarded with some hearty laughs. What they THOUGHT was helping their shots was, a lot of times, doing more harm than good.

That passion for new knowledge about how our sport works is a fascinating byproduct of curling becoming an Olympic sport, and it won't slow down any time soon. There is still research being done on optimal rotation rates for the stones, different ways to release them to produce desired outcomes, and, needless to say, sweeping techniques.

There are naysayers, of course, who maintain that curling has become a less-appealing sport because of the Olympics, and that the spirit of the game has somehow been lost because of the intense focus on those Olympic rings.

Nonsense. Yes, there is a more pronounced separation between the elite players and club-level players, but it's hard to see why that's a bad thing; rewards such as Olympic gold medals, Canadian championships, world championships — they shouldn't come easily, and those who work the hardest should reap the most rewards.

And as a side benefit, BECAUSE curling is an Olympic sport and more high-profile than ever, it has more media exposure than ever before, meaning fans can watch more hours of competitive curling on television, on their computers, and on their mobile devices than ever before.

Tell me how that's a bad thing.

So the countdown is on — just under four years before curlers hit the ice at Stadio Olimpico Del Ghiaccio (Olympic Ice Stadium) in Cortina d'Ampezzo. (It's worth noting that the last time an international curling competition was held in that building, it was Team Canada, skipped by Kevin Koe, winning gold at the 2010 World Men's Championship. Good omen?).

The next four years will be, suffice it to say, fascinating. Take your best guess at what might happen. And let's talk again just after the 2026 Games are over and compare notes.

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WORLD CURLING HALL OF FAME

THE WORLD CURLING

Federation is pleased to have three new inductees into the World Curling Hall of Fame for 2021.

The three inductees are: Sweden's Team Anette Norberg, with members, Anette Norberg, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl and Anna Maria Svard (Le Moine), along with Canada's Bernard "Bernie" Leslie Sparkes and Johannes Arthur Jensen of Denmark.

World Curling Federation President, Kate Caithness said: "I'd like to extend my sincere congratulations to our World Curling Hall of Fame 2021 inductees. Their contribution to our sport both on the ice in competition and behind the scenes to develop and grow curling around the world cannot be underestimated. They are worthy recipients of the highest honour we can bestow.

"I look forward to having the opportunity to present each of them with the Elmer Freytag award, as well as our 2019 inductee, Scotland's Mike Thompson and the full 2020 class of inductees: Sweden's Team Elisabet Gustafson; Canada's Gordon Craig; and Sweden's Leif Öhman."

TEAM NORBERG

Curlers

Sweden's Team Norberg — skipped by Anette Norberg, with teammates, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl and Anna Maria Svard (Le Moine) — claimed multiple gold medals during their seven-year run together between 2003 and 2010.

The winning streak began with the European Curling Championships where they won gold in three consecutive years — 2003, '04, '05 — and once again in 2007.

The team went on to win their first World Women's Curling Championship in 2005 in Paisley, Scotland and successfully defended their title in 2006 in Grande Prairie, Canada.

At the Olympic Winter Games 2006 in Turin, the foursome defeated Switzerland in the gold medal game to win Sweden's first Olympic gold medal in curling. Then, at the Vancouver Olympics in 2010, they became the first team to win back-to-back Olympic Games when they stole the win in an extra end against Canada.

BERNARD "BERNIE" LESLIE SPARKES

Curler

Bernie Sparkes amassed a brilliant record of achievements during his reign as one of Canada's premier curlers. He won a total of 12 provincial men's championships, three Canadian men's championships and three world championships.

Sparkes won his first provincial curling title in 1958, while still in high school in his home town of Claresholm, Alberta. From those beginnings, he embarked on an illustrious curling career that would span 30 years and two provinces, Alberta and British Columbia.

When in Alberta and playing second for Ron Northcott, Sparkes won provincial men's

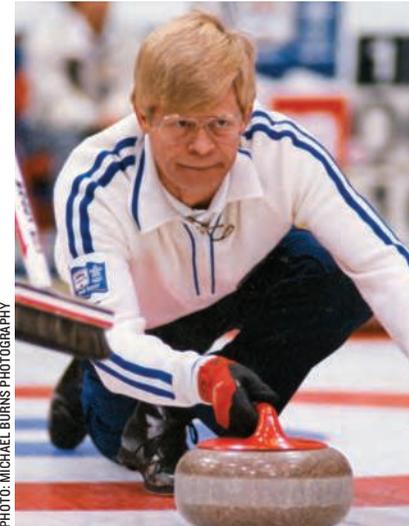


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Canada's Bernie Sparkes embarked on an illustrious curling career that would span 30 years and two provinces.

titles in 1966, '67, '68 and '69. In 1966, '68 and '69 Team Northcott went onto win the Canadian and world men's championship titles.

After moving to British Columbia in 1971, Sparkes played on eight provincial championship teams, six of which he skipped. His last Brier appearance was in 1987 when he was edged out in the Brier final by Ontario's Russ Howard.

During the years that Sparkes played for Northcott in Alberta he was named as the all-star second in 1966, '67, '68 and '69.

JOHANNES ARTHUR JENSEN

Builder

Johannes Jensen started curling in 1978 at a small club in Østerbro, which is in



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Team Anette Norberg of Sweden was among three new inductees into the World Curling Hall of Fame. Team members include, left to right, Anna Maria Svard (Le Moine), Cathrine Lindahl, Eva Lund and skip Anette Norberg.

the center of Copenhagen. Following a move to Tårnby in 1980, Johannes joined a club known as “KTISF” where ice hockey, ice skating and curling were played in an arena.

Johannes was one of the founding members of the Tårnby Curling Club, which was established in 1985, and he was elected President of the club in 1987, a position he still holds today.

His journey to get Denmark its first dedicated curling rink began in 1996. The actual building permit was issued on 18 August 1998 and the new five-sheet Tårnby Curling Club was completed and ready for use on April 1, 2000.

Once the club was open,



PHOTO: CAMILLA JENSEN

Johannes Jensen was behind the effort in 1996 to get Denmark its first dedicated curling rink.

Johannes believed in the concept “that any curler is welcome and they are part of the Tårnby curling family” and he truly believes in “the spirit of curling”. Throughout the years he has invited many

different countries – who are not so fortunate as to have their own dedicated curling ice – to come and practice for free at the rink. In addition to inviting expat curlers to enjoy the facility, the club has hosted 16 World Curling Federation events.

The Tårnby club now has 400 members and hosts the biggest Danish tournament – Tårnby Cup – where 38 teams from 14 different countries compete. Over the years the club has done so well internationally that it was agreed by the municipality that the rink could extend by two more sheets, which means the rink will be the biggest in Denmark.

The curling rink includes several small curling clubs, amongst others the Copenhagen Curling Club and Margarita Curling Club Denmark. Also playing in the club is Tårnby Curling Club’s sister club, Malmö Curlingklub from Sweden, which travels to Tårnby to play on real curling ice twice a week.

For all their dedication and hard work, the club and its members have received nine Danish awards for dedication, leader skills, team result and upcoming talent. Johannes has won local leadership award twice and was also awarded the Medal of Honour from the Danish Curling Association.

WORLD CURLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2021	Anette Norberg, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl and Anna Maria Svard, curlers	Sweden
	Bernard “Bernie” Leslie Sparkes, curler	Canada
	Johannes Arthur Jensen, builder	Denmark
2020	Elisabet Gustafson, Katarina Nyberg, Louise Marmont and Elisabeth Persson, curlers	Sweden
	Gordon Craig, builder	Canada
	Leif Öhman, builder	Sweden
2019	Dordi Nordby, curler	Norway
	Michael Burns Sr., builder	Canada
	Michael (Mike) Thomson, builder	Scotland
2018	Elmer Freytag, builder	United States
	Kevin Martin, curler	Canada
	Young C. Kim, builder	South Korea
2017	Team Richardson, curlers	Canada
	Clarence (Shorty) Jenkins, builder	Canada
2016	Elisabeth Högström, curler	Sweden
	Warren Hansen, builder	Canada
	Franco Zumofen, builder	Italy
2015	Russ Howard, curler	Canada
	Ray Turnbull, curler	Canada
	Hiroyuki Saito, builder	Japan
2014	Randy Ferbey, curler	Canada
	Patrick Hürlimann, curler	Switzerland
	Eigil Ramsfjell, curler	Norway
2013	Don Duguid, curler	Canada
	Ron Northcott, curler	Canada
2012	Günther Hummelt, builder	Austria
	Jean-Paul Bidaud, builder	Switzerland
	Elisabet Gustafson, curler	Sweden

WORLD CURLING FREYTAG AWARD WINNERS

2011	Ray Kingsmith, builder	Canada
2010	Malcolm Richardson, builder	Scotland
2009	Sandra Schmirler, curler	Canada
2008	Leslie Ingram-Brown, builder	Scotland
2007	Roy Sinclair, builder	Scotland
2006	Kunio Nando, builder	Japan
2003	Robert Whitehead, builder	United States
2002	Franz Tanner, builder	Switzerland
2001	Bud Somerville, curler	United States
	Shirley Morash, builder	Canada
2000	Ernie Richardson, curler	Canada
	Bob Hardy, builder	United States
1997	Erwin Sautter-Hewitt	Switzerland
1996	Elizabeth Paterson-Brown	Scotland
1994	Keith Wendorf	Germany

Not awarded in 1991, '92, '93, '95, '98, '99, 2004, '05

ELMER FREYTAG AWARD WINNERS

1990	Colin Campbell	Canada
1989	Don McKay	United States
1988	Kay Sugahara	United States
1987	Bob Picken	Canada
1986	Art Cobb	United States
1985	Don MacLeod	Canada
1984	Robin Welsh	Scotland
1983	Mabel DeWare	Canada
1982	Sven Eklund	Sweden
1981	Doug Maxwell	Canada
1980	Bob Grierson	Scotland
1979	Chuck Hay	Scotland
1978	Ken Watson	Canada



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WORLD WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS & STATISTICS

Most appearances (including alternates)

- 19 — Andrea Schöpp of Germany in 1985, '86, '87, '88, '89, '91, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 2001, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '13
- 18 — Dordi Nordby of Norway in 1982, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06
- 16 — Helena Blach Lavrsen of Denmark in 1979, '80, '81, '82, '85, '86, '87, '88, '90, '91, '92, '94, '95, '96* '97, '98
- 16 — Monika Wagner of Germany in 1985, '86, '87, '88, '89, '91, '95, '96, '97, 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12*
- 15 — Nkeiruka Ezekh of Russia in 2001, '02, '03, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11*, '12*, '13*, '14*, '15*, '16, '17
- 15 — Hanne Woods of Norway in 1982, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '95, '96*, '97* '98, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03
- 14 — Malene Krause of Denmark in 1980, '81, '85, '86, '87, '88, '90, '91, '92, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03
- 13 — Allison Pottinger of the United States in 1995*, '96, '97*, '99, 2002, '03, '06, '07, '08, '09, '12, '14, '16
- 12 — Denise Dupont of Denmark in 2003, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '14, '17*, '19, '21
- 12 — Madeleine Dupont of Denmark in 2004, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '14, '16*, '17, '19, '21
- 11 — Margarita Fomina of Russia in 2007*, '08*, '09*, '10*, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17
- 11 — Diana Gaspari of Italy in 2003, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '12, '13, '17, '18
- 11 — Anette Norberg of Sweden in 1988, '89, '91, 2001, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '09, '11
- 10 — Marianne Aspelin of Norway in 1989*, '91*, '92, '93, '95, '96, '97, '98*, '99*, 2000
- 10 — Ekaterina Galkina of Russia in 2005, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15
- 10 — Marianne Haslum of Norway in 1996, '97, '98, '99, 2001, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06
- 10 — Jackie Lockhart of Scotland in 1985, '86, '92, '93*, '98, 2002, '03*, '04, '07, '09*
- 10 — Natalie Nicholson of the United States in 2000, '02, '04, '06, '07, '08, '09, '12, '14, '16
- 10 — Bingyu Wang of China in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '17
- 10 — Yan Zhou of China in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '17
- 9 — Jaana Jokela of Finland in 1987, '89, '92, '93, '94, '96, '97, '98, '99
- 9 — Nicole Joraanstad of the United States in 2002*, '04, '06, '07, '08, '09, '12, '14, '16
- 9 — Cathrine Lindahl of Sweden in 1991, '97, 2001, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '09
- 9 — Louise Marmont of Sweden in 1988, '89, '92, '93, '94, '95, '98, '99, 2000



In 2010, Germany's Andrea Schöpp won her second world title. The veteran skip has made a record 19 world appearances and has recorded 110 wins.

- 9 — Debbie McCormick of the United States in 1996*, 2001, '03, '06, '07, '08, '09, '11* '13
- 9 — Eve Muirhead of Scotland in 2009, '10, '11*, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '21
- 9 — Liudmila Privivkova of Russia in 2003*, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13
- 9 — Maria Prytz of Sweden in 2001*, '02, '03*, '08, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16
- 9 — Heike Schwaller of Germany in 1991, '95*, '96*, '97*, '98, '99, 2001, '02; of Switzerland in '10
- 9 — Anna Sidorova of Russia in 2010, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18*
- 9 — Qingshuang Yue of China in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12*, '13
- 8 — Erika Brown of the United States in 1995, '96, '99, 2002, '04, '10, '13, '16
- 8 — Elisabet Gustafson of Sweden in 1992, '93, '94, '95, '96* '98, '99, 2000
- 8 — Yin Liu of China in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '13
- 8 — Lene Nielsen of Denmark in 2004*, '05, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17
- 8 — Mayumi Okutsu of Japan in 1990*, '92, '93, '94, '95*, '96, '97, '98
- 8 — Margaretha Sigfridsson of Sweden in 2002, '08, '09, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16
- 8 — Paulette Sulpice of France in 1979, '80, '82, '83, '84, '85, '86, '90
- 8 — Kristin Tøsse Løvseth of Norway in 1996, '97, '98, '99, 2000*, '01, '09*, '10*
- 7 — Lene Bidstrup of Denmark in 1989, '91*, '92, '99, 2000, '01, '02

- 7 — Violetta Caldart of Italy in 2003, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09
- 7 — Stella Heiss of Germany in 2008, '09, '10, '11*, '12, '13, '14, '15
- 7 — Olga Jarkova of Russia in 2001, '02, '03, '05* '07, '08, '09
- 7 — Angelina Jensen of Denmark in 1994, 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10, '18
- 7 — Daniela Jentsch of Germany in 2000, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21
- 7 — Huguette Jullien of France in 1979, '80, '82, '83, '84, '85, '86
- 7 — Jinli Liu of China in 2008*, '09*, '12, '13, '14, '15, '17
- 7 — Eva Lund of Sweden in 2001, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '09
- 7 — Agnes Mercier of France in 1980, '82, '83, '84, '87, '88, '89
- 7 — Claire Milne of Scotland in 1990, '91, '93, '94, '95*, '96*, 2005*
- 7 — Natalie Nessler of Germany in 1995, '96, '97, '98, '99, 2001, '02
- 7 — Katarina Nyberg of Sweden in 1992, '93, '94, '95, '98, '99, 2000
- 7 — Jill Officer of Canada in 2005, '08, '09, '10, '15, '18, '19*
- 7 — Mirjam Ott of Switzerland in 1997, 2005, '07*, '08, '09, '11, '12
- 7 — Elisabeth Persson of Sweden in 1992, '93, '94, '95, '98, '99, 2000
- 7 — Lisa Richardson of Denmark in 1995*, '96, '97, '98, 2000*, '01*, '03
- 7 — Kelly Schafer of Scotland in 2004*, '05, '06, '07, '10, '12*, '17*



Norway's Dordi Nordby, a two-time world champion, has made 18 global appearances — 16 as skip. She holds the record for most wins by a skip with 111.



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In 2017, Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Joanne Courtney, Lisa Weagle and Cheryl Kreviazuk ended the longest gold-medal drought for Canadian women's teams — eight years — and became the first team in the history of the world women's to run the table, going 13-0.

- 6 — Christina Bertrup of Sweden in 2000*, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16
- 6 — Vicki Chalmers of Scotland in 2011, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17
- 6 — Maria Grazia Constantini of Italy in 1980, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85
- 6 — Ingvill Githmark of Norway in 1979, '80, '84, '87, '88, '94
- 6 — Almut Hege-Schöll of Germany in 1981, '84, '87, '88, '90, '92*
- 6 — Dorte Holm of Denmark in 1994*, '95, '96, '97, '98, '03
- 6 — Camilla Holth of Norway in 2001*, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06
- 6 — Analena Jentsch of Germany in 2015, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21
- 6 — Colleen Jones of Canada in 1982, '99, 2001, '02, '03, '04
- 6 — Jennifer Jones of Canada in 2005, '08, '09, '10, '15, '18
- 6 — Anne Jøtun-Bakke of Norway in 1981, '86, '87, '88, '90, '91
- 6 — Agnes Knochenhauer of Sweden in 2013*, '16*, '17, '18, '19, '21
- 6 — Lone Kristoffersen of Denmark in 1985, '86, '87, '88, '90, '91
- 6 — Carmen Küng of Switzerland in 2001, '04, '08*, '09*, '11, '12
- 6 — Anne Laird of Scotland in 1999*, 2002, '04, '08, '09, '10
- 6 — Helena Lingham of Sweden in 1990, '94*, '95*, '97, 2001, '03
- 6 — Edith Loudon of Scotland in 1995, '96, '98, 2001*, '02*, '03
- 6 — Anne Malmi of Finland in 1988, '94*, '96, '97, '98, '99
- 6 — Sara McManus of Sweden in 2014*, '15, '17, '18, '19, '21
- 6 — Mari Motohashi of Japan in 2004*, '05, '07, '08, '10, '16*
- 6 — Chiara Olivieri of Italy 2004*, '12, '13, '16, 17*, '18*
- 6 — Laine Peters of Canada in 1999*, 2001*, '02*, '03*, '12, '16
- 6 — Maria Poulsen of Denmark in 2003*, '04, '05, '11, '12, '13
- 6 — Camilla Skårberg Jensen of Denmark in 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10, '18
- 6 — Anna Sloan of Scotland in 2011, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17

* - indicates appearance as alternate

Highest score, one team

- 18 — Switzerland, vs. Italy, 1, in 1979
- 18 — Switzerland, vs. Norway, 3, in 1983 final

Lowest score, one team

- 0 — Switzerland, vs. Canada, 10, in 1984 final; Switzerland, vs. Canada, 11, in 1988; Finland, vs. Sweden, 7, in 1988; Switzerland, vs. Sweden, 11, in 1992; Japan, vs. Sweden, 12, in 1999; Finland, vs. Sweden, 8, in 1999; Denmark, vs. Scotland, 10, in 2005; Czech Republic, vs. Denmark, 8, in 2007; Italy, vs. Canada, 9, in 2007; Switzerland, vs. Canada, 9, in 2013; Denmark, vs. Russia, 7, 2015; Denmark, vs. United States, 6, 2018

Highest score, two teams combined

- 26 — Switzerland, 17, vs. the United States, 9, in 1983

Lowest score, two teams combined

- 5 — Germany, 3, vs. Japan, 2, in 1998; Sweden, 3, vs. Scotland, 2, in 2012

Highest single-end score

- 7 — Sweden vs. Denmark in 1999; Norway vs. Korea in 2002; United States vs. Korea in 2018

Undefeated records, round robin

- Canada in 2003, '17, '18; Sweden in 2005

Three-way tie for first place

- 2008 — Canada, China and Switzerland. Playoff winner: Canada
- 2012 — Sweden, Switzerland and Korea. Playoff winner: Switzerland

Two-way ties for first place

- 1990 — Canada and Sweden. Playoff winner: Canada
- 1991 — Sweden and Canada. Playoff winner: Sweden
- 1995 — Canada and Norway. Playoff winner: Sweden
- 2000 — Canada and Norway. Playoff winner: Canada
- 2001 — Canada and Sweden. Playoff winner: Canada
- 2006 — Sweden and the United States. Playoff winner: Sweden
- 2013 — Sweden and Scotland. Playoff winner: Scotland
- 2016 — Switzerland and Japan. Playoff winner: Switzerland

Four-time winners

- Elisabet Gustafson of Sweden, as skip in 1992, '95, '98, '99
- Louise Marmont of Sweden, as second in 1992, '95, '98, '99
- Katarina Nyberg of Sweden, as third in 1992, '95, '98, '99
- Elisabeth Persson of Sweden, as lead in 1992, '95, '98, '99

Three-time winners

- Jan Betker of Canada, as third in 1993, '94, '97
- Marcia Gudereit of Canada, as lead in 1993, '94, '97
- Joan McCusker of Canada, as second in 1993, '94, '97
- Anette Norberg of Sweden, as skip in 2005, '06, '11
- Alina Pätz of Switzerland, as skip in '15, as fourth in '19, '21 (as alternate in '12)

- Sandra Schmirler of Canada, as skip in 1993, '94, '97

Two-time winners

- Mary-Anne Arsenault of Canada, as second in 2001, '04
- Melanie Barbezat of Switzerland, as lead in 2019, '21
- Marilyn Bodogh of Canada, as skip in 1986, '96
- Nancy Delahunt of Canada, as lead in 2001, '04
- Binia Feltscher of Switzerland, as skip in 2014, '16
- Fränziska Kaufmann of Switzerland, as second in 2014, '16
- Mette Halvorsen of Norway, as second in 1990, '91
- Colleen Jones of Canada, as skip in 2001, '04
- Jennifer Jones of Canada, as skip in 2008, '18
- Anne Jotun-Bakke of Norway, as lead in 1990, '91
- Kim Kelly of Canada, as third in 2001, '04
- Cathrine Lindahl of Sweden, as second in 2005, '06
- Eva Lund of Sweden, as third in 2005, '06
- Dawn McEwen of Canada, as lead in 2008, '18
- Esther Neuenchwander of Switzerland, as second in 2019, '21
- Dordi Nordby of Norway, as skip in 1990, '91
- Jill Officer of Canada, as second in 2008, '18
- Andrea Schöpp of Germany, as skip in 1988, 2010
- Irene Schori of Switzerland, as third in 2014, '16

Anna Svärd of Sweden, as lead in 2005, '06
 Silvana Tirinzoni of as skip in 2019, '21
 Christine Urech of Switzerland, as lead in 2014, '16
 Monika Wagner of Germany, as second in 1988, 2010
 Georgina Wheatcroft of Canada, as third in 1987, as second in 2000
 Hanne Woods of Norway, as third in 1990, '91

Back-to-back winning teams

Dordi Nordby, Hanne Woods, Mette Halvorsen and Anne Jøtun-Bakke of Norway in 1990, '91

Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit and Anita Ford of Canada in 1993, '94

Elisabet Gustafson, Katarina Nyberg, Louise Marmont, Elisabeth Persson and Margaretha Lindahl of Sweden in 1998, '99

Anette Norberg, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl, Anna Svärd and Ulrika Bergman of Sweden in 2005, '06

Silvana Tirinzoni, Alina Pätz, Esther Neuenschwander and Melanie Barbezat of Switzerland in 2019, '21 (no championship in '20)

Back-to-back winning skips

Dordi Nordby of Norway in 1990, '91

Sandra Schmirler of Canada in 1993, '94

Elisabet Gustafson of Sweden in 1998, '99

Anette Norberg of Sweden in 2005, '06

Silvana Tirinzoni of Switzerland in 2019, '21 (no championship in '20)

Most wins, one skip

111 – Dordi Nordby of Norway

Most appearances, one skip

19 – Andrea Schöpp of Germany

Skips with 15 or more wins

111 – Dordi Nordby of Norway

110 – Andrea Schöpp of Germany

91 – Anette Norberg of Sweden

63 – Jennifer Jones of Canada

62 – Eve Muirhead of Scotland

61 – Bingyu Wang of China

56 – Elisabet Gustafson of Sweden

52 – Helena Blach Lavrsen of Denmark

48 – Anna Sidorova of Russia

44 – Margaretha Sigfridsson of Sweden

43 – Anna Hasselborg of Sweden

43 – Colleen Jones of Canada

41 – Silvana Tirinzoni of Switzerland

39 – Angelina Jensen of Denmark

39 – Mirjam Ott of Switzerland

35 – Debbie McCormick of the United States

34 – Rachel Homan of Canada

32 – Elisabeth Högström of Sweden

32 – Erika Müller of Switzerland

31 – Paulette Sulpice of France

30 – Binia Feltscher of Switzerland

29 – Sandra Schmirler of Canada

28 – Diana Gaspari of Italy

27 – Patti Lank of the United States

26 – Christine Allison-Cannon of Scotland

26 – Daniela Jentsch of Germany

26 – Lene Nielsen of Denmark

25 – Anne Jøtun-Bakke of Norway

24 – Connie Laliberte of Canada

22 – Lene Bidstrup of Denmark

21 – Alina Kovaleva of Russia-RCF

20 – Marilyn Bodogh of Canada

20 – Erika Brown of the United States

20 – Eun-Jung Kim of South Korea

20 – Liudmila Privivkova of Russia

20 – Lisa Schoeneberg of the United States

20 – Kelly Scott of Canada

19 – Anna Kubeskova of Czech Republic

19 – Jackie Lockhart of Scotland

19 – Kelly Schafer of Scotland

19 – Marianne Qvist of Denmark

18 – Luzia Ebnöther of Switzerland

17 – Nancy Langley of the United States

17 – Alina Pätz of Switzerland

16 – Madeleine Dupont of Denmark

16 – Heather Houston of Canada

16 – Trine Trulsen of Norway

15 – Jaana Jokela of Finland

15 – Moe Meguro of Japan

15 – Satsuki Fujisawa of Japan

CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

1979	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink
1980	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink
1981	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink
1982	Geneva, Switzerland	Patinoire des Vernets
1983	Moose Jaw, Canada	Moose Jaw Arena
1984	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Arena
1985	Jönköping, Sweden	Ice Arena
1986	Kelowna, Canada	Kelowna Arena
1987	Chicago, United States	Lake Forest College
1988	Glasgow, Scotland	The Summit Centre
1989	Milwaukee, United States	Auditorium
1990	Vasteras, Sweden	Ice Arena
1991	Winnipeg, Canada	Winnipeg Arena
1992	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Olympic Eisstadion
1993	Geneva, Switzerland	Patinoire des Vernets
1994	Oberstdorf, Germany	Eisstadion
1995	Brandon, Canada	Keystone Centre
1996	Hamilton, Canada	Copps Coliseum
1997	Berne, Switzerland	Allmend Eisstadion
1998	Kamloops, Canada	Riverside Coliseum
1999	Saint John, Canada	Harbour Station
2000	Glasgow, Scotland	Braehead Arena
2001	Lausanne, Switzerland	Malley Ice Centre
2002	Bismarck, United States	Bismarck Civic Center
2003	Winnipeg, Canada	Winnipeg Arena
2004	Gävle, Sweden	Gavlerinken
2005	Paisley, Scotland	Lagoon Leisure Centre
2006	Grande Prairie, Canada	Crystal Centre
2007	Aomori City, Japan	Aomori Prefectural Skating Rink
2008	Vernon, Canada	Greater Vernon Multiplex
2009	GangNeung City, Korea	GangNeung Indoor Ice Rink
2010	Swift Current, Canada	Credit Union i-plex
2011	Esbjerg, Denmark	Granly Hockey Arena
2012	Lethbridge, Canada	ENMAX Centre
2013	Riga, Latvia	Volvo Sports Centre
2014	Saint John, Canada	Harbour Station
2015	Sapporo, Japan	Tsukisamu Gymnasium
2016	Swift Current, Canada	Credit Union i-plex
2017	Beijing, China	Capital Indoor Stadium
2018	North Bay, Canada	North Bay Memorial Gardens
2019	Silkeborg, Denmark	Silkeborg Sportscenter
2020	Cancelled due to pandemic	
2021	Calgary, Canada	WinSport Arena at Canada Olympic Park

Top world women's records

- 14-0 — Jennifer Jones of Canada in 2018
- 14-1 — Silvana Tirinzoni of Switzerland in 2021
- 13-0 — Rachel Homan of Canada in 2017
- 13-1 — Anette Norberg of Sweden in 2005
- 12-1 — Anette Norberg of Sweden in 2006
- 12-1 — Kelly Scott of Canada in 2007
- 12-1 — Bingyu Wang of China in 2009
- 12-1 — Alina Pätz of Switzerland in 2015
- 12-2 — Eve Muirhead of Scotland in 2013
- 12-2 — Anna Hasselborg of Sweden in 2019
- 12-3 — Alina Kovaleva of RCF in 2021
- 11-2 — Cassie Johnson of the United States in 2005
- 11-2 — Anette Norberg of Sweden in 2011
- 11-2 — Margaretha Sigfridsson of Sweden in 2013
- 11-2 — Binia Feltscher of Switzerland in 2016
- 11-3 — Debbie McCormick of the United States in 2006
- 11-3 — Jennifer Jones of Canada in 2008
- 11-3 — Binia Feltscher of Switzerland in 2014
- 11-3 — Anna Hasselborg of Sweden in 2018
- 11-4 — Silvana Tirinzoni of Switzerland in 2019
- 11-5 — Anna Hasselborg of Sweden in 2021
- 10-1 — Marj Mitchell of Canada in 1980
- 10-1 — Elisabeth Högström of Sweden in 1981
- 10-1 — Erika Müller of Switzerland in 1983
- 10-1 — Connie Laliberte of Canada in 1984
- 10-1 — Marilyn Bodogh of Canada in 1986
- 10-1 — Pat Sanders of Canada in 1987
- 10-1 — Dordi Nordby of Norway in 1991
- 10-1 — Elisabet Gustafson of Sweden in 1992
- 10-1 — Sandra Schmirler of Canada in 1994
- 10-1 — Marilyn Bodogh of Canada in 1996
- 10-1 — Sandra Schmirler of Canada in 1997
- 10-1 — Elisabet Gustafson of Sweden in 1998
- 10-1 — Elisabet Gustafson of Sweden in 1999
- 10-1 — Colleen Jones of Canada in 2003
- 10-3 — Gaby Casanova of Switzerland in 1979
- 10-3 — Bingyu Wang of China in 2008
- 10-3 — Mirjam Ott of Switzerland in 2008
- 10-3 — Andrea Schöpp of Germany in 2010
- 10-4 — Angelina Jensen of Denmark in 2009
- 10-4 — Eve Muirhead of Scotland in 2010
- 10-4 — Mirjam Ott of Switzerland in 2012
- 10-4 — Rachel Homan of Canada in 2013
- 10-4 — Satsuki Fujisawa of Japan in 2016
- 10-4 — Anna Sidorova of Russia in 2016
- 10-4 — Minji Kim of Korea in 2019
- 10-5 — Amber Holland of Canada in 2011



Elisabet Gustafson, Katarina Nyberg, Louise Marmont and Elisabeth Persson laid claim to the 1999 world title with an 8-5 win over the U.S. The Swedish powerhouse moved into a class of its own that year, winning its fourth world crown — a record that stands to this day.



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Sweden's Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl, Anette Norberg and Anna Svärd look relaxed during a break in 2006 gold-medal-game action. With a 10-9 victory over Debbie McCormick of the United States, the team became only the fourth in history to win back-to-back women's titles.

Number of champions by country

- 17 — Canada in 1980, '84, '85, '86, '87, '89, '93, '94, '96, '97, 2000, '01, '04, '07, '08, '17, '18
- 8 — Sweden in 1981, '92, '95, '98, '99, 2005, '06, '11
- 8 — Switzerland in 1979, '83, 2012, '14, '15, '16, '19, '21
- 2 — Germany in 1988, 2010
- 2 — Norway in 1990, '91
- 2 — Scotland in 2002, '13
- 1 — China in 2009
- 1 — Denmark in 1982
- 1 — United States in 2003

Win-loss percentages, including playoffs

	FIRST APPEARANCE	WINS	LOSSES	PERCENTAGE
RCF	2021	12	3	.800
Canada	1979	373	124	.751
Sweden	1979	328	155	.679
Switzerland	1979	259	199	.566
Norway	1979	190	156	.549
Russia	2001	106	94	.530
China	2005	93	85	.522
Scotland	1979	233	223	.511
United States	1979	218	231	.489
Korea	2002	59	63	.484
Germany	1979	189	209	.475
Denmark	1979	197	237	.454
Japan	1990	96	158	.378
France	1979	46	89	.341
Czech Republic	2007	23	69	.250
Italy	1979	44	163	.213
Finland	1987	26	120	.178
England	1979	2	18	.100
Latvia	2010	4	41	.089
Estonia	2021	1	12	.077
Austria	1983	1	17	.056
Netherlands	1981	0	29	.000

Number of championships hosted (including 2022)

Canada	18	Denmark	2
Scotland	7	Germany	2
Switzerland	4	Japan	2
Sweden	3	Korea	1
United States	3	Latvia	1

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