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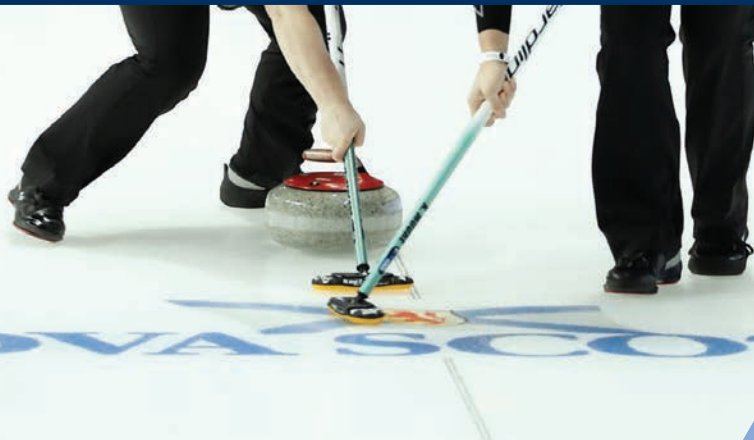
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ON BEHALF OF WORLD CURLING'S

Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to the 2024 BKT Tires World Women's Curling Championship in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

This event is the first opportunity for the participating teams to gain qualification points for their countries for the upcoming Winter Olympic Games, Milano-Cortina 2026. Therefore, we are expecting a lot of excitement and great competition!

Nova Scotia has a rich history of hosting world curling events. In 2019, the World Junior Curling Championships were held in Liverpool, while Halifax hosted the World Men's Championship in 2015. Back in 1986, the Uniroyal World Junior Curling Championships took place in Dartmouth.

We are certain that the local organizing committee along with our friends at Curling Canada will do their very best to make this event a special one for everyone.

We hope you enjoy the action on the ice this week and get a chance to enjoy Sydney.

If there is anything that I may be able to assist with during your time at the championship, please feel free to reach out to me at beau.welling@worldcurling.org.

To the athletes competing in this event, good luck and good curling!

BEAU WELLING

President, World Curling Federation

SALUTATIONS

AU NOM DU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION

de la Fédération mondiale de curling, je vous souhaite la bienvenue au Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus 2024 à Sydney, en Nouvelle-Écosse.

Cet événement est la première occasion pour les équipes participantes d'amasser des points de qualification pour leur pays en vue des Jeux olympiques d'hiver de Milano-Cortina 2026. Nous nous attendons donc à beaucoup d'effervescence et à une compétition exceptionnelle!

La Nouvelle-Écosse possède une riche tradition d'accueil d'événements mondiaux de curling. En 2019, les Championnats du monde de curling junior se sont déroulés à Liverpool, tandis que Halifax a accueilli le Championnat du monde masculin en 2015. En 1986, les Championnats du monde de curling junior Uniroyal ont eu lieu à Dartmouth.

Nous sommes certains que le comité d'organisation local et nos amis de Curling Canada feront de leur mieux pour faire de ce championnat un événement spécial pour tous.

Nous espérons que vous apprécierez l'action sur la glace cette semaine et que vous aurez l'occasion de profiter de tout ce que Sydney a à offrir.

Si je peux aider de quelque manière que ce soit pendant votre séjour au championnat, n'hésitez pas à m'écrire à l'adresse beau.welling@worldcurling.org.

Aux athlètes qui participent à cet événement, bonne chance et bon curling!

BEAU WELLING

Président, Fédération mondiale de curling

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TO THE 2024 WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP WITH BKT TIRES: WHERE PASSION AND EXCELLENCE MEET ON THE ICE!

WE ARE THRILLED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE MOST exciting period of this year, the 2024 World Women's Curling Championship, brought to you by BKT. In these moments of triumphs and challenges, we stand together with you, the fans, to celebrate not just the remarkable talent of the athletes, but also the core values that make this sport extraordinary.

It's a time when our shared values of commitment, passion, and determination take main stage, showing the very best of what this sport represents and teaches. BKT is so proud to play a primary role in this journey, supporting curling and its passionate community in every step.

Together, we promote a culture of inclusivity and respect, making sure every player feels valued. We collaborate closely with organizers, athletes, and fans to promote an environment of sporting excellence and positive community impact. Through this collective effort, we sow the seeds for future generations.

Moreover, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the professionals, volunteers, and everyone whose dedication brings the BKT World Women's Curling Championship to life. Your efforts are the core of each tournament's success, and we deeply appreciate everything you do.

Lastly, we want to thank the city of Sydney and the Centre 200 that allow all the fans to enjoy the amazingness of this outstanding tournament.

As we embark on this journey together, let's continue to support curling standing alongside its champions and spreading the values of BKT throughout this beautiful sport. Cheers to a spectacular display of emotions, here in Sydney, for you all!

BIENVENUE

AU CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE DE CURLING FÉMININ BKT PNEUS 2024 : LÀ OÙ LA PASSION ET L'EXCELLENCE SE RENCONTRENT SUR LA GLACE!

NOUS SOMMES RAVIS DE VOUS ACCUEILLIR POUR LA période la plus emballante de l'année, le Championnat du monde de curling féminin 2024, organisé par BKT. Dans ces moments de triomphe et de défis, nous nous joignons à vous, les partisans, pour célébrer non seulement le talent remarquable des athlètes, mais aussi les valeurs fondamentales qui rendent ce sport extraordinaire.

À cette occasion, nos valeurs communes d'engagement, de passion et de détermination occupent le devant de la scène, montrant le meilleur de ce que ce sport représente et enseigne. BKT est fier de jouer un rôle de premier plan dans cette aventure, en soutenant le curling et sa communauté passionnée à chaque étape.

Ensemble, nous promovons une culture d'inclusion et de respect, en veillant à ce que chaque joueuse se sente valorisée. Nous collaborons étroitement avec les organisateurs, les athlètes et les partisans pour promouvoir un environnement d'excellence sportive et d'impact positif sur la communauté. Grâce à cet effort collectif, nous semons les graines au profit des générations futures.

En outre, nous exprimons notre sincère gratitude aux professionnels, aux bénévoles et à tous ceux qui, par leur dévouement, donnent vie au Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus. Vos efforts sont au cœur du succès de chaque tournoi et nous apprécions profondément tout ce que vous faites.

Enfin, nous tenons à remercier la ville de Sydney et le Centre 200, qui permettent à tous les amateurs de profiter de ce tournoi exceptionnel.

Alors que nous entamons ce périple ensemble, continuons à soutenir le curling aux côtés de ses championnes et à diffuser les valeurs de BKT à travers ce magnifique sport. Je vous souhaite à tous de grands moments d'émotion, ici à Sydney!



MESSAGES



I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2024 World Women's Curling Championship, being held in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

This tournament brings together national championship teams from various countries to compete for the world title. I am certain that everyone in attendance will be inspired by the

high level of strategy, skill and precision on display over the course of this event.

I would like to congratulate the athletes participating and wish them the best of luck. I would also like to thank the organizers and volunteers for their hard work in ensuring the success of this event, as well as the citizens of Sydney for their warm hospitality.

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

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



ON BEHALF OF THE PROVINCE of Nova Scotia, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Sydney for the 2024 World Women's Curling Championship.

Cape Bretoners are amazing hosts and I know that you will be warmly welcomed. Nova Scotians love winter sports and curling is one that continues to grow in interest and participation.

Hosting the world's best women curlers will serve to inspire young females in our province to work hard to achieve their best while bringing fans together to enjoy their passion for curling.

Congratulations to the organizers and volunteers who have helped put together a world-class event. Thank you to the World Curling and Curling Canada for choosing Sydney and Nova Scotia to host this championship.

And, of course, I want to recognize every player and coach who have trained hard to represent their country.

Congratulations and best of luck!

Honourable Tim Houston, M.L.A.
Premier of Nova Scotia

JE SUIS HEUREUX DE PRÉSENTER MES

salutations les plus chaleureuses à toutes les personnes qui prennent part aux Championnats du monde de curling féminin de 2024, à Sydney.

Dans le cadre de ce tournoi, des équipes nationales de championnat de différents pays se disputeront le titre mondial. Il ne fait aucun doute que le haut niveau de stratégie, de talent et de précision qui sera présenté au cours des prochains jours captivera tout l'audience.

Je tiens à féliciter les athlètes et à leur souhaiter la meilleure des chances. Je tiens aussi à remercier le comité organisateur, les commanditaires et les bénévoles qui ont travaillé sans relâche pour assurer le succès de l'événement, de même que les résidentes et les résidents de Sydney pour leur accueil chaleureux.

Je vous souhaite un championnat aussi palpitant qu'inoubliable.

Le très hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, C.P., député
Premier ministre du Canada

AU NOM DE LA PROVINCE DE LA NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE, j'ai le plaisir de vous souhaiter la bienvenue à Sydney pour le Championnat du monde de curling féminin 2024.

Les Cap-Bretonnais sont des hôtes exceptionnels et je sais que vous serez chaleureusement accueillis. Les Néo-Écossais adorent les sports d'hiver, et le curling est l'un de ceux qui ne cessent de croître en termes d'intérêt et de participation.

Le fait d'accueillir les meilleures joueuses de curling au monde incitera les jeunes femmes de notre province à travailler avec acharnement pour atteindre leur plein potentiel, tout en rassemblant les amateurs autour de leur passion pour le curling.

Félicitations aux organisateurs et aux bénévoles qui ont contribué à l'organisation d'un événement de classe mondiale. Merci à World Curling et à Curling Canada d'avoir choisi Sydney et la Nouvelle-Écosse pour accueillir ce championnat.

Et, bien sûr, je tiens à saluer les joueuses et les entraîneurs qui se sont entraînés avec acharnement pour représenter leur pays.

Félicitations et bonne chance!

L'honorable Tim Houston, député
Premier ministre de la Nouvelle-Écosse



HERE IN CAPE BRETON, WE are famous for a number of things — toe tapping music, top notch seafood and unparalleled Cape Breton hospitality.

We love welcoming company to the Island and are so pleased you are here to share in a week of world-class curling in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

On behalf of myself and CBRM staff and Council, welcome to the BKT Tires World Woman’s Curling Championship!

Whether Cape Breton is your home, or you are visiting from afar, we hope you are able to take in all the charm and kindness our beautiful community has to offer.

Best of luck to all the teams,

Amanda McDougall-Merrill

Mayor, Cape Breton Regional Municipality



ON BEHALF OF CURLING CANADA’S Board of Governors, it’s my privilege to extend a warm welcome to teams and fans attending the 2024 BKT Tires World Women’s Curling Championship in Sydney, N.S.

I know the entire Cape Breton region is ready to make all of us feel welcome, and I am truly grateful to the hard work of the Host Committee and the

hundreds of volunteers who will be working tirelessly through to Championship Sunday to make this event memorable.

Our friends and partners at World Curling continue to work tirelessly to raise the profile of our sport around the world, and we are grateful for the confidence they’ve shown in us to host this world championship.

BKT Tires has proven to be a passionate and loyal supporter of our sport, and we consider them not only sponsors, but true friends with a shared passion for our sport, and we thank them sincerely.

The athletes in Sydney will have world-class conditions on which to perform, and that is with thanks to the efforts of the on- and off-ice officials, ice technicians and staff from both Curling Canada and World Curling. A sincere ‘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 Sydney. You have sacrificed countless hours in pursuit of excellence, and you are champions regardless of your record here.

Finally, to all of the competitors, I wish you good luck and good curling!

Michael Szajewski

Chair, Curling Canada Board of Governors

ICI, AU CAP-BRETON, NOUS SOMMES RÉPUTÉS POUR un certain nombre de choses : la musique qui fait taper du pied, les excellents fruits de mer et l’hospitalité inégalée des habitants du Cap-Breton.

Nous aimons accueillir des visiteurs dans l’île et nous sommes ravis que vous soyez ici pour partager une semaine de curling de classe mondiale dans la municipalité régionale du Cap-Breton.

En mon nom personnel et au nom du personnel et du Conseil de la MRCB, je vous souhaite la bienvenue au Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus!

Que vous soyez résident du Cap-Breton ou que vous veniez de loin, nous espérons que vous pourrez profiter du charme et de la gentillesse que notre belle collectivité a à offrir.

Bonne chance à toutes les équipes,

Amanda McDougall-Merrill

Mairesse, municipalité régionale du Cap-Breton

AU NOM DU CONSEIL DES GOUVERNEURS DE CURLING Canada, j’ai le privilège de souhaiter chaleureusement la bienvenue aux équipes qui participent et aux partisans qui assistent au Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus 2024 à Sydney, en Nouvelle-Écosse.

Je sais que toute la région du Cap-Breton est prête à nous accueillir, et je suis vraiment reconnaissant du travail acharné du comité d’organisation et des centaines de bénévoles qui travailleront sans relâche jusqu’au dimanche ultime afin de rendre cet événement mémorable.

Nos amis et partenaires de World Curling continuent à travailler sans relâche pour promouvoir notre sport dans le monde entier, et nous sommes reconnaissants de la confiance qu’ils nous ont témoignée en nous confiant l’organisation de ce championnat du monde.

BKT Pneus s’est avéré être un supporteur passionné et loyal de notre sport, et nous ne les considérons pas seulement comme un commanditaire, mais comme de véritables amis partageant la même passion pour notre sport, et nous les remercions sincèrement.

Les athlètes présentes à Sydney bénéficieront de conditions de classe mondiale pour réaliser leurs performances, et ce grâce aux efforts des officiels sur et hors glace, des techniciens de glace et du personnel de Curling Canada et de World Curling. Nous vous remercions tous sincèrement pour votre travail acharné.

Félicitations à toutes les équipes et à leur personnel de soutien qui se disputeront l’or à Sydney. Vous avez sacrifié d’innombrables heures à la poursuite de l’excellence, et vous êtes des championnes et des champions, peu importe vos résultats ici.

Enfin, à toutes les concurrentes, je vous souhaite bonne chance et bon curling!

Michael Szajewski,

Président du Conseil des gouverneurs, Curling Canada



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P'JILA'SI & WELCOME!

The World Women's Curling Championship for 2024 is a celebration of skill, sportsmanship, and unity on the ice. As Chief in Membertou, I extend my warmest greetings to all participants, spectators, volunteers, and supporters of this remarkable event.

As we come together in friendly competition, let us honour the rich tapestry of cultures that make up

our diverse backgrounds. May this tournament serve as a platform for fostering understanding, forging new friendships, and embracing the spirit of inclusivity.

On behalf of my community of Membertou, and the whole island of Unama'ki-Cape Breton, I wish you an unforgettable experience and cherished moments on the ice.

Hurry Hard! and have fun!

Chief Terry Pau

Chief & CEO, Membertou

P'JILA'SI ET BIENVENUE!

Le Championnat du monde de curling féminin 2024 est une célébration du talent, de l'esprit sportif et de l'unité sur la glace. En tant que chef à Membertou, je souhaite chaleureusement la bienvenue aux participantes, spectateurs, bénévoles et partisans à cet événement remarquable.

Alors que nous nous réunissons pour une compétition amicale, rendons hommage à la riche mosaïque de cultures qui composent nos origines diverses. Puisse ce tournoi servir de plateforme pour favoriser la compréhension, forger de nouvelles amitiés et adopter un esprit d'inclusion.

Au nom de ma communauté de Membertou et de toute l'île d'Unama'ki-Cap-Breton, je vous souhaite une expérience inoubliable et de précieux moments sur la glace.

Amusez-vous bien!

Chef Terry Pau

Chef et directeur général, Membertou



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ON BEHALF OF THE HOST COMMITTEE,

it's our honour to extend a warm welcome to the world's elite women curlers, dedicated volunteers and passionate curling fans to Sydney, Cape Breton Island for the 2024 BKT Tires World Women's Curling Championship. Sydney's rich legacy in orchestrating premier sporting events is matched only by the legendary Cape Breton hospitality that awaits you.

The spirit and commitment of our volunteers have always been the secret sauce that elevates our events to legendary status. We are immensely grateful to the more than 400 volunteers who have enthusiastically stepped up, yet again, to bring an event of this magnitude to life.

This championship could not come to fruition without the boundless energy, dedication, and steadfast support for curling in our community. As the anticipation mounts, we are committed to ensuring this event is an unforgettable experience for all participants. Centre 200 is set to showcase the pinnacle of world curling talent, amidst the backdrop of fervent cheers from supporters both local and visiting. In the moments between the action, we invite you to mingle in the famed Patch and seize the opportunity to discover the unique charm of Sydney and the spectacular beauty of Cape Breton Island.

We must also express our appreciation to our funding and corporate partners, both within our community and across the world, whose support is vital in making this event happen.

Serving as Vice Chairs for the 2024 BKT Tires World Women's Curling Championship has been an honour. We eagerly anticipate sharing the unparalleled experience of Sydney and Cape Breton Island with you this week.

Your Vice Chairs,

Paul MacDonald – Facilities

Jo-Lanna Murray – Volunteers & Special Events

Terry Smith – Hosting

AU NOM DU COMITÉ D'ACCUEIL, NOUS AVONS

l'honneur d'accueillir chaleureusement l'élite mondiale du curling féminin, les bénévoles dévoués et les amateurs passionnés de curling à Sydney, sur l'île du Cap-Breton, pour le Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus 2024. Le riche héritage de Sydney en matière d'organisation d'événements sportifs de premier plan n'a d'égal que l'hospitalité légendaire du Cap-Breton qui vous attend.

L'esprit et l'engagement de nos bénévoles ont toujours été l'élément secret qui élève nos événements à un statut légendaire. Nous sommes immensément reconnaissants envers les plus de 400 bénévoles qui se sont engagés avec enthousiasme, une fois de plus, pour donner vie à un événement de cette ampleur.

Ce championnat n'aurait pu voir le jour sans l'énergie, le dévouement et le soutien indéfectible dont bénéficie le curling dans notre communauté. Alors que l'effervescence se fait sentir, nous nous engageons à faire en sorte que cet événement soit une expérience inoubliable pour tous les participants. Le Centre 200 s'apprête à accueillir les meilleures joueuses de curling au monde, sous les acclamations ferventes des partisans locaux et étrangers. Entre les moments inoubliables sur la glace, nous vous invitons à visiter le célèbre Patch et à profiter de l'occasion pour découvrir le charme unique de Sydney et la beauté spectaculaire de l'île du Cap-Breton.

Nous tenons également à exprimer notre gratitude à nos partenaires financiers et commerciaux, tant au sein de notre communauté que dans le monde entier, dont le soutien est essentiel à la réalisation de cet événement.

Être vice-présidents du Championnat du monde de curling féminin BKT Pneus 2024 est un honneur. Nous sommes impatients de partager avec vous, cette semaine, l'expérience incomparable de Sydney et de l'île du Cap-Breton.

Vos vice-présidents,

Paul MacDonald – Installations

Jo-Lanna Murray – Bénévoles et événements spéciaux

Terry Smith – Accueil

WORLD CURLING ARE THE RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL governing body for curling. WC'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 the World Curling Federation, and recently to World Curling. Further significant changes were made to the constitution in 1994 and in 2013.

WC 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 WC 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.

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

WC's operation is based on the following key elements:

- The board is composed of the president, two vice-presidents, a secretary general and five 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.



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PRESIDENT

Beau Welling of the United States is the president of World Curling.

Welling was elected at the 11th Annual General Assembly in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1922, replacing president Kate Caithness CBE at the conclusion of her 12-year term of office.

Welling is the 11th president of World Curling and is the second president from the U.S., following Dr. Donald F. Barcome from 1988–1990.

Welling was elected as a board member of World Curling in 2018, with his original four-year term concluding in 2022.

Welling was the chair of the Structural Review Group and prior to his time with World Curling was an independent board director of the United States Curling Association from 2007 until 2018.

Welling came into the sport of curling in a rather unconventional way. He first saw the sport on television and was immediately drawn in. He got involved locally in curling and gradually worked his way up the ladder in the U.S.

“I was fascinated watching the sport on television and was able to learn a lot quickly from one of my colleagues who grew up in Northern Ontario,” recalled Welling. “Curling is a strategic game that fits my brain. I have a degree in physics so that aspect of the sport was interesting to me, as well as the fact that golf and curling are of the same ether.”

Welling, still fairly new to his role, is excited to grow the game around the world.

“I feel an incredible sense of responsibility and at the same

time an incredible sense of excitement about the future of curling,” he said.

“I look forward to continuing working with our members to advance the sport of curling to higher levels and to continue the great work that Kate Caithness has done. I want to honour her legacy by continuing to drive the sport forward.”

Welling is the Founder and President of Beau Welling Design, a golf course design and development company based in Greenville, S.C.

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2024 BKT TIRES WORLD WOMEN'S SCHEDULE OF

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MARCH 16	2:00 p.m.	Draw #1	Centre 200
	Noon	Original I6 Patch Opens	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	5:30 p.m.	Up Close and Personal - Sweden	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	7:00 p.m.	Draw #2	Centre 200
	10:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Andre Pettipas & The Giants	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
SUNDAY, MARCH 17	9:00 a.m.	Draw #3	Centre 200
	Noon	Original I6 Patch Opens	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	2:00 p.m.	Draw #4	Centre 200
	5:30 p.m.	Up Close and Personal - Canada	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	7:00 p.m.	Draw #5	Centre 200
	10:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Kintyre	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
MONDAY, MARCH 18	9:00 a.m.	Draw #6	Centre 200
	Noon	Original I6 Patch Opens	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	2:00 p.m.	Draw #7	Centre 200
	5:30 p.m.	Up Close and Personal - USA	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	7:00 p.m.	Draw #8	Centre 200
	10:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Aaron MacDonald Band	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
TUESDAY, MARCH 19	9:00 a.m.	Draw #9	Centre 200
	11:00 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	2:00 p.m.	Draw #10	Centre 200
	5:30 p.m.	Up Close and Personal - Italy/Norway	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	7:00 p.m.	Draw #11	Centre 200
	10:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Alter Ego	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20	9:00 a.m.	Draw #12	Centre 200
	11:00 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	2:00 p.m.	Draw #13	Centre 200
	7:00 p.m.	Draw #14	Centre 200
	10:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Hauler	Centre 200 East Parking Lot

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
THURSDAY, MARCH 21	9:00 a.m.	Draw #15	Centre 200
	11:00 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	2:00 p.m.	Draw #16	Centre 200
	5:00 p.m.	Up Close and Personal - Scotland/Denmark	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	5:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Jennifer MacDonald	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	7:00 p.m.	Draw #17	Centre 200
	10:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Bandit	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
FRIDAY, MARCH 22	9:00 a.m.	Draw #18	Centre 200
	11:00 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	2:00 p.m.	Draw #19	Centre 200
	5:00 p.m.	Up Close and Personal - Switzerland	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	5:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Jason Kempt	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	7:00 p.m.	Draw #20	Centre 200
	10:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: RG Schaller and The Peacemakers	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
SATURDAY, MARCH 23	11:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	11:00 a.m.	Draw # 21 - Qualifiers	Centre 200
	2:30 p.m.	Up Close and Personal - Nova Scotia Legends (Colleen Jones and Kim Kelly)	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	3:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Jacob Noonan	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	5:00 p.m.	Draw #22 - Semifinals	Centre 200
	8:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Pretty Archie	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
SUNDAY, MARCH 24	Noon	Original I6 Patch Opens	Centre 200 East Parking Lot
	11:00 a.m.	Draw #23 - Bronze Medal	Centre 200
	5:00 p.m.	Draw #24 - Gold Medal	Centre 200
		Post Final Medal and Trophy Presentation	Centre 200

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LGT WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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IT WAS MORE OF THE SAME AT THE

2023 LGT World Women's Curling Championship in Sandviken, Sweden: gold for Switzerland and bronze for Canada.

Team Switzerland's Silvana Tirinzoni extended the most dominant run in world curling championship history, skipping her women's team to a fourth consecutive title and pushing her unbeaten streak to 36 consecutive games.

Tirinzoni, along with Alina Pätz (who throws the last stones), Carole Howald and Briar Schwaller-Hürliemann, beat Team Norway's Marianne Røervik 6-3 in the gold-medal final. The team is coached by Canadian Pierre Charette.

Team Canada, skipped by Kerri Einarson, settled for its second consecutive bronze medal after defeating Team Sweden's Anna Hasselborg 8-5. It was the second time in a row the teams clashed for third place at a women's world championship.

The story of the week, though, was the up-and-down excellence of the Swiss. They went 14-0 during the event, matching the 14-0 run produced by Tirinzoni in winning the 2022 world title. Tirinzoni's last defeat in world championship play came during round-robin play in 2021 at the hands of Hasselborg.

Tirinzoni is the only female skip to win three or more consecutive world titles.

"I don't know to describe it," said Tirinzoni, who stole two in the extra end to win gold. "I felt like (Norway) outplayed us today, actually. It was such a close game, we could go on either side. It didn't look very good in the ninth end and also in the 10th.

"Just out here, being a world champion again, is just unbelievable."

Swiss teams have won eight of the last 12 world women's titles.

Ask any member of Team Canada – skip Einarson, vice-skip Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard, lead Briane Harris,



The dynamic duo of Silvana Tirinzoni and Alina Pätz of Switzerland didn't let the breakup of their old team get in the way of success. They simply picked up two new front-enders and swept to another LGT World Women's Curling Championship title, this time in Sweden. The champs (from left): lead Briar Schwaller-Hürliemann, second Carole Howald, coach Pierre Charette, fourth rock-thrower Pätz, and skip Tirinzoni. It was the fourth straight world women's title for Tirinzoni and Pätz.

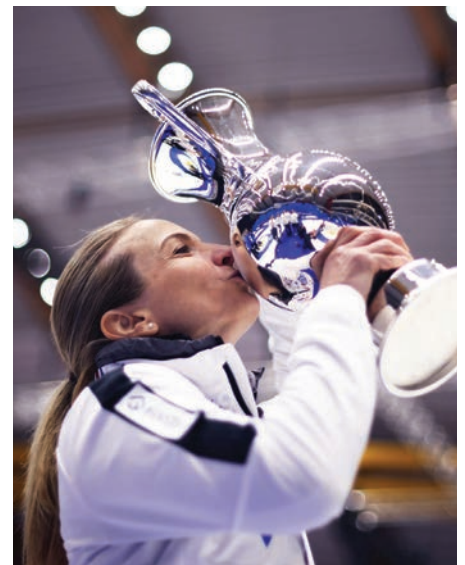
alternate Krysten Karwacki, coach Reid Carruthers and national coach Renée Sonnenberg – to describe the week and they'll say it was an up-and-down event. Canada built momentum early in the week but couldn't string together wins in the latter part.

But they fought their way through it and qualified as third seed in the playoffs with a 7-5 round-robin record. Their spot in the playoffs wasn't secure until Team United States, skipped by Tabitha Peterson, lost its final game to drop to 6-6.

That gave the playoff positions to Switzerland, Norway, Canada, Italy, Sweden, and Japan.

But a few mistakes by the Canadians cost them their shot at gold after suffering an 8-5 loss to the Norwegians in the semifinal game. Team Switzerland defeated Team Sweden 8-4 in the other semifinal.

"I feel pretty excited to come here and medal. I know it's not gold like we wanted,



Winning never gets old for Swiss skip Silvana Tirinzoni who is a four-time world champ.

but at least it's a medal. To win bronze two years in a row is pretty special," Einarson said.

The bronze-medal win adds another piece of hardware to Team Einarson's mantel. The team believes this will be another building block in long-term success.

"The fact that we were able to still get the bronze with not our strongest performance this week is big for our team," Birchard said. "It's lit a fire under us. We want to come back and we want to challenge for the gold. Obviously, we had hoped to do that this week but it wasn't in the cards."

The top two teams in the standings after the preliminary round advanced directly into the semifinals. The teams ranked third to sixth played qualification games to see who would move on to the semis. Team Canada beat skip Satsuki Fujisawa's Team Japan 6-4 and Team Sweden beat Team Italy, skipped by Stefania Constantini, 4-3.



For the second year in a row, Canadian skip Kerri Einarson had to be content with a bronze-medal finish. Einarson was supported at the 2023 LGT World Women's Championship in Sweden by vice-skip Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard, lead Briane Harris, alternate Krysten Karwacki and coach Reid Carrthers, from the Gimli Curling Club in Manitoba.

FRANCES BRODIE AWARD

New Zealand's Bridget Becker, who throws second stones, was awarded the Frances Brodie Award at the 2023 LGT World Women's Curling Championship. The award winner is selected annually by competitors in the World Women's Curling Championship as the player who best combines playing ability 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.



New Zealand second Bridget Becker took home the Frances Brodie Award.

FINAL

Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)*	010 100 101 2 — 6
Norway (Marianne Rørvik)	000 020 010 0 — 3

* — Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Switzerland	PCT.	Norway	PCT.
Alina Pätz	84	Kristin Skaslien	79
Silvana Tirinzoni	76	Marianne Rørvik	75
Carole Howald	79	M. Haslev Nordbye	84
B. Schwaller-Hürlimann	80	Martine Rønning	89
Team totals	80	Team totals	82

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	001 002 011 x — 5
Canada (Kerri Einarson)*	210 210 200 x — 8

* — Last-rock advantage

Round robin

	W	L
Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)+	12	0
Norway (Marianne Rørvik)+	8	4
Canada (Kerri Einarson)+	7	5
Italy (Stefania Constantini)+	7	5
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)+	7	5
Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)+	7	5
U.S.A. (Tabitha Peterson)	6	6
Turkey (Dilşat Yıldız)	6	6
South Korea (Ha Seung-youn)	5	7
Germany (Daniela Jentsch)	5	7
Denmark (Madeleine Dupont)	5	7
Scotland (Rebecca Morrison)	3	9
New Zealand (Jessica Smith)	0	12

+ — Top six teams in round-robin qualified for the playoffs

PLAYOFFS

Qualification

Italy (Stefania Constantini)*	000 002 001 0 — 3
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	011 000 010 1 — 4
Canada (Kerri Einarson)*	100 011 010 02 — 6
Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	010 100 100 10 — 4

Semifinals

Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)*	200 200 202 x — 8
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	002 001 010 x — 4
Norway (Marianne Rørvik)*	100 300 103 x — 8
Canada (Kerri Einarson)	002 011 010 x — 6

* — Last-rock advantage

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	W	L
Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	2	0
Canada (Kerri Einarson)#	2	1
Norway (Marianne Rørvik)	1	1
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	1	2
Italy (Stefania Constantini)	0	1
Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	0	1

— Won bronze-medal game against Sweden 8-5



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FRANCES BRODIE AWARD WINNERS

2023	Bridget Becker	New Zealand	2011	Henriette Løvar	Norway	1999	Marianne Aspelin	Norway
2022	Alina Pätz	Switzerland	2010	Linn Githmark	Norway	1998	Jackie Lockhart	Scotland
2021	Alina Pätz	Switzerland	2009	Marianne Rørvik	Norway	1997	Jaana Jokela*	Finland
2020	No winner		2008	Mirjam Ott	Switzerland	1996	Kirsty Hay	Scotland
2019	Rui Wang	China	2007	Lindsay Wood	Scotland	1995	Ayako Ishigaki	Japan
2018	Jill Officer	Canada	2006	Junko Sonobe	Japan	1994	Helena Blach-Lavrsen	Denmark
2017	Bingyu Wang	China	2005	Cassie Johnson	United States	1993	Jaana Jokela*	Finland
2016	Irene Schori	Switzerland	2004	Madeleine Dupont	Denmark	1992	Amy Hatten Wright	United States
2015	Sanna Puustinen	Finland	2003	Dordi Nordby	Norway	1991	Veronika Huber	Austria
2014	Alison Kreviazuk	Canada	2002	Mi-Yeon Kim	Korea	1990	Almut Hege-Scholl	Germany
2013	Corinna Scholz	Germany	2001	Ann Swisshelm Silver	United States	1989	Christina Lestander	Switzerland
2012	Eve Muirhead	Scotland	2000	Rhona Martin	Scotland			

*Two-time winner

WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

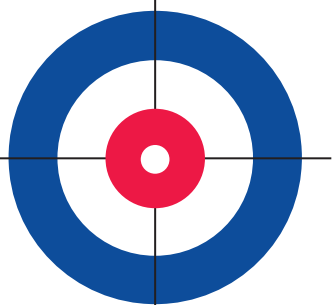
2023	Switzerland	Silvana Tirinzoni, Alina Pätz, Carole Howald, Briar Schwaller-Hürlimann
2022	Switzerland	Silvana Tirinzoni, Alina Pätz, Esther Neuenschwander, Melanie Barbezat
2021	Switzerland	Silvana Tirinzoni, Alina Pätz, Esther Neuenschwander, Melanie Barbezat
2020	Cancelled due to the pandemic	
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 McEwen
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 Delahun
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 Arsenault, Nancy Delahun
2000	Canada	Kelley Law, Julie Skinner, Georgina Wheatcroft, Diane Dezura
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 Wheatcroft, 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

DEAD AIM AT THE HOSTS

Team Canada, as usual, has bull's-eye on its back at BKT Tires World event, but skip Homan and Co. will be armed and dangerous



Skip Rachel Homan and Team Ontario-Homan won the right to represent Canada at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts at Winsport Event Centre in Calgary, but now the challenge is to beat the best of the world in Sydney, N.S.



BY SCOTT
CRUICKSHANK

So much information is at their fingertips — early- and late-game tendencies, success rates in every situation imaginable, individual habits and team trends. About the entire field at the BKT Tires World Women's Curling Championship, buckets of underlying metrics are within grasp.

And because of Renée Sonnenberg — analytics mastermind of Curling Canada's High-Performance staff — and her data-crunching acumen, a couple of well-aimed swipes is all it takes to land a detailed answer to any question.

Which, no surprise, Don Bartlett appreciates.

"Renée will have a good report for us," said Bartlett, coach of the Canadian entry — skip

Rachel Homan, vice-skip Tracy Fleury, second Emma Miskew, lead Sarah Wilkes, alternate Rachel Brown. "If we want to know how other teams play, how they approach the game, how they perform if they're up, how they perform if they're down, how they perform after such-and-such an end, how we perform after such-and-such an end, it's good to know that kind of stuff."

Yet Bartlett, without needing to touch his screen or even boot up his trusty tablet, is well aware of what can be expected from enemy rinks at the Sydney, N.S., showcase.

Dead aim at the hosts.

Because on occasions such as these, the Maple Leaf serves a bull's-eye for trophy hunters. "If



you're Team Canada? You're going to get a great game thrown at you," said Bartlett. "It doesn't matter which country it is. That's a given."

Another given on the global stage of women's curling? That a sizeable portion of participants at the 13-country event is capable of earning planetary bragging rights. In serious contention, according to Bartlett, are "probably six or seven teams."

Hearing that, Wilkes chuckles. "Oh, at least," she said. "Everyone is just so good now, right? The field is so deep."

Also not up for debate? The readiness of Homan & Co.

At the Scotties last month in Calgary, they won every game they contested, prevailing three times against the sentimental favourite, Team Jennifer Jones, including the gold-medal match.

"We know that we've put in the work. We know that we can represent Canada as best as we can," said Homan. "We don't take that lightly. We're excited — it's such an honour to put on that Maple Leaf and be able to represent our country with pride. We're just so excited to be able to do that."

"We're just going to focus on being able to win as many games as we can and try to get that medal back to Canada."

The Canadians open Saturday at Centre 200, facing their rivals from Sweden, then taking on Denmark. The next day, they face the Americans.

"I was looking at the schedule and it was, like, 'Wow, every single game is going to be a battle,'" said Wilkes. "That just goes to show the depth of women's curling. It's incredible. Every time we step on the ice we're going to have to be prepared to bring our A game."

Homan's pace this winter has been incredible — a win-loss record of 47-5, including 9-4 versus European outfits. It's a spree of excellence that appears to be still on the rise. Proof? Homan,

Clockwise from top left: Sarah Wilkes has looked at the World schedule and knows that every game will be a battle.

Skip Rachel Homan, who was most valuable player in the playoffs at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, says her team has put in the work and will be ready for the World event.

It was a joyous celebration for Team Homan after winning the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Calgary.



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—DON BARTLETT

Fleury, Miskew were first-team all-stars at the Scotties. Wilkes earned a second-team nod. Hard to beat that.

“For us, it’s sticking to what we know and what’s been working for us,” said Wilkes. “You want to be able to peak twice during your season — once being the Scotties and once being the Worlds.”

Defensively, Homan’s crew had been peerless at the national championship in Calgary. Surrendering an average of only 3.91 points against. Allowing, in the ends it was scored against, two or more points only 16 per cent of the time. Giving up steals only twice — in 103 ends.

All very nice, but none of that matters now.

Not with Team Switzerland on the premises.

The Swiss have laid claim to seven of the past nine world titles, a run of glory interrupted by only Canada — Homan in 2017 in Beijing; Jones in 2018 in North Bay, Ont.

So it does happen — gold-medal success on home ice. And Homan’s bunch is awfully eager to recreate those headlines, but it will not be easy. This is a scenario with two distinct sides. The pleasure of performing in your own country, the pressure of performing in your own country.

“I’m sure they’re going to embrace it. It’s great to have the crowd behind you,” said Bartlett, recalling his own experience with Edmonton’s Kevin Martin at the 1997 Brier in Calgary. “We were the home team. Just the adrenaline when they scream and shout if you made a great shot, it really pumps you up and keeps you motivated, that’s for sure.”

Homan and Miskew are certainly familiar with a charged atmosphere, having been silver medallists when the 2014 World tourney was staged in Saint John, N.B. “It’s always nice to have the crowd in your corner,” said Miskew who, with Homan, is participating in her fourth Worlds. “That’s one thing that’s definitely an advantage.”

Yes, competing in the Great White North while wearing a Maple Leaf is an honour — but it can be onerous, too, what with expectations, second-guessing, criticism, doubt.

So having a true appreciation of the brightest

stage — along with a thick skin — is critical.

Expect Fleury, a first-time winner at the Scotties, to get a helping hand from her well-miled friends.

“Experience is huge,” said Bartlett. “This is just a different beast, and you’ve got to go through it once or twice to fully understand. Having been there before is immense. Same with the Olympics. When you get to the Olympics? It’s different. The pressure’s a bit more. A lot of it is self-imposed, but it’s definitely a different kind of pressure.”

Wilkes agrees. After capturing the 2019 Scotties in Sydney — as a member of Chelsea Carey’s squad, which edged, ahem, Homan in an extra end — she travelled to the Worlds in Denmark.

For a newcomer, there had been plenty to soak up. “I really didn’t know what I was walking into,” said Wilkes. “On a personal level, I always like to know what I’m going into in every aspect of my life. So, five years later, having been fortunate enough to have already had the experience at Worlds, you have an idea of what to expect.”

For Homan, Fleury, Miskew, Wilkes, the aim could not be more plain. The rink is dialled in. (“I don’t do much now,” cracked Bartlett. “I just open the gate and it’s, ‘Off you go.’”) And the Scotties champs have every intention of extending their roll.

“Everyone who goes and wears the Maple Leaf on the world stage wants to come back with a gold medal,” said Miskew. “We’re going to stay in the process and make sure we’re learning from every game. It’s a very difficult event, but, obviously, that’s the ultimate goal — to come back with something for Canada.”

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Coach Don Bartlett knows that every team in the BKT World Women’s Curling Championship will be ready when it plays Team Canada.

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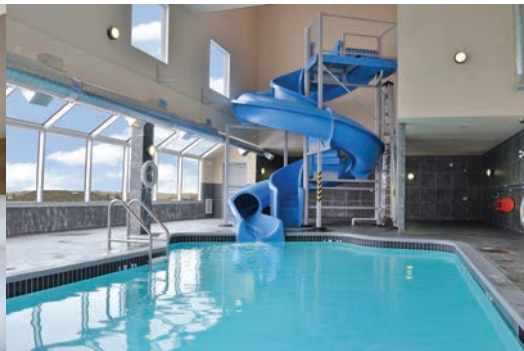
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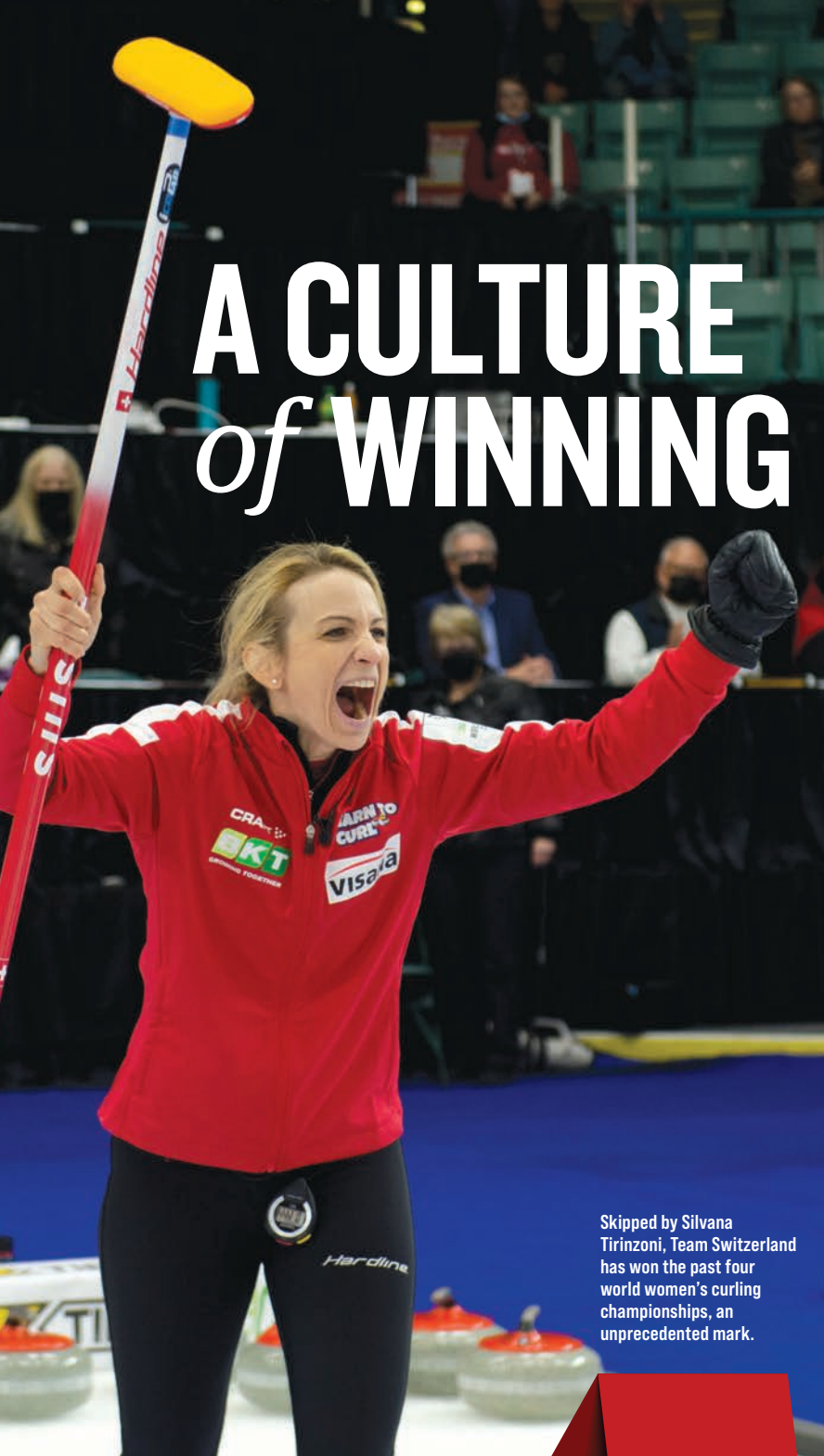
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Skipped by Silvana Tirinzoni, Team Switzerland has won the past four world women's curling championships, an unprecedented mark.

Team Tirinzoni constantly pushes itself to its limits to emerge a Swiss powerhouse in world women's curling

BY BOB WEEKS



When Team Switzerland steps on to the ice at this year's BKT Women's World Curling Championship, it might as well bring the record book along with it. If its performance over the last four global finals is anything similar to this week in Sydney, N.S., it will be updating plenty of entries onto what is already a remarkable list of achievements.

Skipped by Silvana Tirinzoni, the Swiss team has won the past four world championships, an unprecedented mark. It's also currently riding a 36-game unbeaten streak that stretches back to the 2021 global final. Yes, that means they've gone unbeaten over the past two world events.

Even when they aren't perfect, they still manage to win. In 2019, the team somehow lost four games but still ended up capturing the world title.

So just how does Team Tirinzoni, which currently includes Alina Pätz, Selina Witschonke and Carole Howald, do it? How does it manage to fend off deep fields filled with seasoned curling teams and own the top step on the podium at world championship after world championship?

"It's hard to say," offered Pätz, 34, who throws the last rocks for the Swiss team. "I don't think it's just one reason. We work hard every day to reach what we did over the last couple of years. But all the teams do that. I think we are very much into how can we get better to beat the other teams? We really like to take time in practice to think what can we do now to be better in a year or two."

Pätz admits the team's remarkable run could have come undone many times along the way. As well as they have played, they have been on the right side of the breaks. A stolen final end here, an uncharacteristic miss from an opponent there . . . they have had their fair share of luck.

But even with those, the majority of their fine play has come from good, old-fashioned hard work. In fact, the commitment of the team members is nothing short of jaw-dropping.

"I started coaching them four years ago and I've never seen a team work so hard in my career," said Pierre Charette, the veteran curler from Quebec who competed in 13 Canadian Men's Curling Championships.

He detailed their overall year of preparation and play which would leave most exhausted. It begins with a summer workout program that starts in July, where the players spend a week together, going on



the ice for sessions three times a day. Each player tries to clean up any technical issues with a delivery or sweeping, and dial in the necessary changes. For the rest of the summer months they continue to work on all aspects of their play, fitness, mental approach and everything that might give them even the slightest advantage. They won't always train together, but most days of the week they are on the ice, trying to improve.

In Switzerland, this also involves another level of commitment, one that means finding ice. There are only three clubs in the country which keep ice in the summer, and that means Tirinzoni and Pätz drive 90 minutes to reach the training centre. The front end has a somewhat shorter commute but nothing is close by.

Once the season begins, the work continues when they aren't competing and there are very few days off. That's not to mention the travel, which generally sees the four players on the road for 12 or 13 weeks, competing in Canada in top World Curling Tour events and the Grand Slams.

"It's not a chore for them," said Charette. "It's part of their lives. This is what they choose to do. And they dedicate themselves completely to the curling."

Charette said that the veteran Tirinzoni, 44, who calls the game but throws third stones, is almost at the point of being obsessed with the sport. If there's a game on television, she'll watch it. She could be at home in Zurich and find a match on YouTube from a small 'spiel in rural Saskatchewan and she will be absorbed into it.

"I think this is part of what makes her the best tactician in the sport," Charette said. "She knows how to build a house and she knows all the angles. She's really good at it and it's not by accident. It's because she watches curling all the time and learns from it."

Pätz added that while the team has strong bonds, there is always the danger of tension when the players spend so much time together. They've worked on that too, and set out a plan.

"I don't think you have to be best friends," she stated. "But you still have to make sure that the team dynamics are good and I still think you have to like each other. But when you're away for like 12 or 13 weeks, it's important that you take time for yourself. And everybody on our team is free to go for dinner by themselves or do whatever alone. Just make sure that you're happy and be ready for the game."

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—PIERRE CHARETTE



Left: Silvana Tirinzoni is always looking for any slight advantage and ways to improve her team's performance.

Below: Technically, Silvana Tirinzoni is flawless, one of the reasons she continues to win world championships.





Silvana Tirinzoni and Alina Pätz have had great success on the ice together. For them, a fifth championship would be as sweet as the first.

Coach Pierre Charette (left) has been a key to the success of Team Switzerland. His ability to read the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition has carried the team to win after win.

With the exception of Tirinzoni and Pätz, the team has shuffled lineups. For the first three world titles, Esther Neuenschwander and Melanie Barbezat played front end. Last year's winning team included Howard and Briar Schwaller-Hurlimann, but at the end of the 2023 season Witschonke replaced Schwaller-Hurlimann due to what the players said was "team harmony."

The moves appear to have been seamless to the team's performance with it sitting atop the world rankings at the end of January with an impressive 57-11 win-loss record. It has won four titles this season, including the European Championship, and been runner-up in two Grand Slams.

While they will be among the favourites for a fifth world championship, it won't be easy. As Pätz said, women's curling right now is as deep in talent as it has ever been with seven different countries represented inside the top 10 in the world ranking.

"It gets tougher every year," she said, "and I believe people probably think it's easy to win a world championship because we've won four times in a row. But it's always a big fight. There are a lot of very good teams."

One asset the team has come to rely on is Charette's ability to read the strengths and weaknesses of opponents. Team members sit with their coach before every game and work out a plan of how to play some of the other top teams in the game.

"He's very good when it comes to reading the strategy of other teams," Pätz said. "He'll say what he thinks is a big strength for them and he can



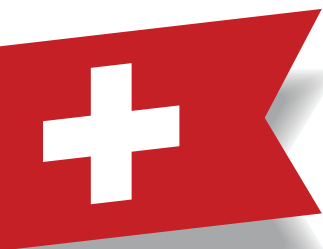
obviously help us with that. He will watch them and tell us what we need to do, strategy-wise, to beat them.

"Of course we have a team strategy, too, and sometimes it's just a gut feeling what we play. But in general, we have a pre-game meeting and the post-game meeting of every game we play."

It's all part of the plan, part of the effort to make every shot, every end and every game matter.

This week, there will be a lot of hard work between the first rock of the event and the last one, but for the Swiss squad, there won't be any quit or lack of determination. For them, a fifth world championship will be as sweet as the first.

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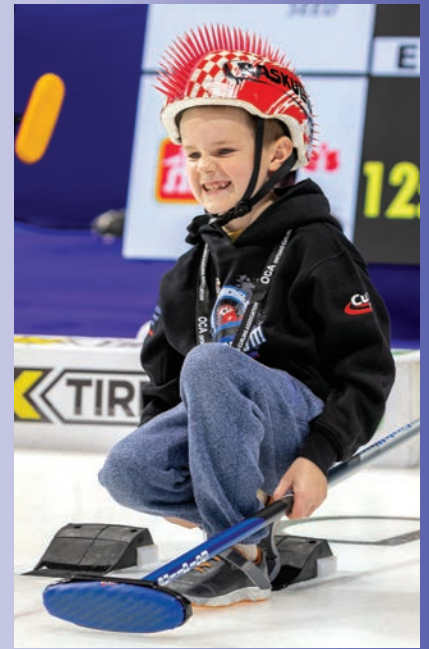
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GROWING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION, HIT DRAW TAP!

Youth curlers highlight their skills in local, provincial and territorial Hit Draw Tap events

BY JILLIAN KENT



Any youth curler who is looking to improve their skills or show them off in a fun and supportive environment should look no further than the Hit Draw Tap (HDT) skills competition, which can be run by local curling centres during the season, culminating in a provincial/territorial HDT shootout for the top curlers in the region. Based on similar events run by the NFL (Punt Kick Pass) and Master Golf (Drive Chip Putt), HDT was introduced to Canadian curling centres by CurlION during the 2015-2016 season. It's undeniable success — more than 450 youth curlers participated that year — resulted in the program quickly spreading to Member Associations across Canada. In 2018-2019, Curling Canada launched HDT as a national program.

“The Hit Draw Tap youth skills competition is fun, inclusive, age and stage appropriate, and easy for curling centres to administer,” says Dustin Mikush, Manager of Youth and Program Development with Curling Canada. “We are thrilled to offer this program nationally to help young curlers develop both the interest to support future participation and the aptitude to support future competitive success.”

A Hit Draw Tap event is essentially what it sounds like. Youth curlers

compete as individuals, earning points for their accuracy in completing the following shots: A hit (defined as hitting the positioned rock and staying in the rings), a draw (defined as drawing as close to the pin as possible) and a tap (defined as promoting a placed rock from the 12-foot to the button). Curling centres are encouraged to incorporate this event into their youth programs as convenient, with some working it into their yearly programs, while other use it as recruitment during pre-season open house events.

Regardless of where and when, all HDT curlers are divided into three age groups based on their age as of Dec. 31, 2024. This date applies to the 2024-2025 curling season. These groups then define the difficulty required of each skill being tested. Starting in the 2024-2025 season, the groups are as follows:

Fundamentals (U9)

- **Ages 6-7** | Age Category #1 | From the hack, similar to the short game
- **Ages 8-9** | Age Category #2 | Half length of the sheet (modified hacks required)

Learn to Train (U12)

- **Ages 10-12** | Age Category #3 | Full length of the sheet

Following their local HDT shootout, each curling centre submits their scores into the online HDT portal to be posted on the national leaderboard, as seen on Curling Canada's official HDT page (curling.ca/hitdrawtap/standings). Each year, Member Associations host a Provincial/Territorial Hit Draw Tap Shootout. The exact number of participants vary depending on province and territory; however, they are always top curlers from the leaderboard.

In 2024, Curling Alberta, CURLSASK, and Nova Scotia Curling will host their Provincial HDT Shootouts on arena ice, in association with the Scotties Tournament of Hearts (Calgary), Montana's Brier (Regina), and the men or women's world events (BKT Tires World Women's, Sydney N.S.).

Events like Hit Draw Tap and countless other youth-based programming are only made possible by the generous donations and support of the Canada-wide curling community. You can support this program or so many other outstanding initiatives with a gift to Curling Canada's For the Love of Curling program at curling.ca/ftloc or by scanning the provided QR code.





ON THE ROCKS

BY AL CAMERON

I'M WRITING THIS ON FEB. 8, JUST A FEW DAYS

after the historic snowstorm that put something like 150 centimetres on the ground here in Sydney, and made all of us at Curling Canada very thankful that we didn't put the Scotties Tournament of Hearts (which began Feb. 16) here instead of the 2024 BKT Tires World Women's Curling Championship.

I write this with optimism that much of that snow will have melted by now, and that Cape Breton will be fully ready to open its doors to the world's best women's curling teams.

It's a notable edition of the BKT Tires World Women's Curling Championship for reasons that are outlined elsewhere in this souvenir program, but to sum it up, this event is the first step that countries can take in their bid to qualify a women's four-player team for the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy.

And it's only fitting that this occurs here in Nova Scotia, as this province will play a significant role in that Olympic qualifying process from a Canadian perspective.

Not only with this event — which, of course, has the added benefit of crowning a world champion — but also with three more events that will be staged in Nova Scotia over the next year and a half or so.

As we announced during an enthusiastic news conference in Halifax in November, the three events that will play a role in who will wear the Maple Leaf at those 2026 Winter Olympics will take place in this province.

The first will take place in just over nine months when we make another trip to Liverpool, which has hosted so many amazing events. Canada's top mixed doubles teams will be on hand at the Canadian Mixed Doubles Trials, which will decide our Olympic duo.

Fast forward to the following fall, and from Oct. 21-26, we will be in Wolfville for the first time at the Canadian Curling Pre-Trials, which will be the last qualifying event for four-player teams to earn a berth into the Canadian Curling Trials.

And that brings us to those Trials themselves — the tensest, most pressure-packed, and most focused-on event for Canadian four-player men's and women's teams. The Trials will take place Nov. 22-30 at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax, which also hosted the four-player Trials in 2005 when Brad Gushue shocked the curling nation with his team's victory, and followed up with Olympic gold in Italy in 2006.

It's worth noting, of course, that we as a country need to QUALIFY for those Olympics in order to make those Trials meaningful, and that, as we all know these days, is not a tap-in putt by any stretch of the imagination.

And it's worth noting that the Trials process for this quadrennial was altered fairly significantly in order to increase our chances for success in all three disciplines.

The timing of the Mixed Doubles Trials, for instance, has been pushed ahead by a full year, and for the first time, players who qualify for the Olympics in mixed doubles will have the option of also competing at the Games with their four-player teams, should they qualify. That altered schedule allows the Mixed Doubles Trials winners more time to prepare their training schedule to accommodate four-player curling, among other things.

The qualifying process for the Trials is always examined rigorously by Curling Canada — not only at the start of an Olympic quadrennial, but also as a quadrennial is coming to a close, and huge part of that examination is through consultation with the athletes who competed.

In fact, it's worth noting that the oft-criticized (by the public) timing of the four-player Trials wasn't a prominent discussion point during an independent High Performance review that was conducted following the 2022 Olympics. Also worth noting is that the teams that won the 2021 four-player Trials in Saskatoon were among the very first athletes named to the Canadian Olympic team, meaning they had more preparation time than the vast majority of the Canadian contingent that went to Beijing for the 2022 Winter Games.

It's early times yet — there are 692 days between the opening day of the 2024 BKT Tires World Women's and the opening ceremony of the 2026 Winter Olympics, and much can and will transpire in that span (and a lot of it right here in Nova Scotia).

It's a significant amount of time, but considering there are major Olympic qualifying implications at stake here in Sydney, that time span seems smaller every single day.

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



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BKT TIRES WORLD WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

OFFICIAL DRAW

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

QUALIFICATION GAMES

3 vs 6	Saturday, March 23	11 a.m.
4 vs 5	Saturday, March 23	11 a.m.

SEMIFINALS

SEMIFINAL 1	Saturday, March 23	5 p.m.
SEMIFINAL 2	Saturday, March 23	5 p.m.

MEDAL GAMES

BRONZE	Sunday, March 24	11 a.m.
GOLD	Sunday, March 24	5 p.m.

BKT TIRES WORLD WOMEN'S PLAYER PROFILES

CANADA OTTAWA CURLING CLUB



From left: Rachel Homan, Tracy Fleury, Emma Miskew, Sarah Wilkes and Rachel Brown.

SKIP: Rachel Homan **Age:** 34
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Canada at 2018 Olympics and competed at mixed doubles in '22. Skipped Ontario at 2011, '13, '17, '19, '20 and '23 Hearts, Canada in '14 and '15, CTRS in '24; won gold in '13, '14, '17 and '24, silver in '19 and '20, bronze in '15. Skipped Canada to bronze at 2013 worlds, silver in '14, gold in '17. Played in 2016, '17 and '23 Canadian mixed doubles; won bronze in '23. Played third for Ontario at 2012 Canadian mixed. Won silver at 2009 Canadian U-21's as skip, gold in '10. Won silver at 2010 world juniors as skip for Canada

THIRD: Tracy Fleury **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Chartered professional accountant, Laurentian University **Highlights:** Skipped Ontario at 2012 Hearts, Northern Ontario in '15 and '18, Manitoba in '19, Wild Card #1 in '22 and '20 wild card pre-qualifier; skipped Ontario (third stones) in '23, third for CTRS in '24; won gold in '24. Played in 2023 Canadian mixed doubles. Threw fourth rocks for Northern Ontario at 2005 Canadian U-21's, skipped in '06 and '07. Played third for Northern Ontario at 2010 Canadian mixed

SECOND: Emma Miskew **Age:** 35
Occupation: Industrial and graphic designer **Highlights:** Played third for

Canada at 2018 Olympics. Played third for Ontario at 2011, '13, '17, '19, '20 and '21 Hearts, Canada in '14 and '15, skipped Wild Card #3 in '22, second for Ontario in '23 and CTRS in '24; won gold in '13, '14, '17 and '24, silver in '19, '20 and '21, bronze in '15. Won bronze at 2013 worlds as third, silver in '14, gold in '17. Played in 2016 and '21 Canadian mixed doubles. Won silver at 2009 Canadian U-21's as third for Ontario, gold in '10. Won silver at 2010 world juniors as third for Canada

LEAD: Sarah Wilkes **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Registered psychotherapist, qualifying **Highlights:** Played second for Alberta at 2017 Hearts, Ontario in '21, Wild Card #3 in '22, third for Alberta in '19 and Canada in '20, lead for Ontario in '23 and CTRS in '24; won gold in '19 and '24, silver in '21. Won gold at 2016 Canadian mixed as third for Alberta. Played third for Ontario at 2011 Canadian U-21's

ALTERNATE: Rachel Brown **Age:** 37
Occupation: Public service worker **Highlights:** Played lead for Alberta at 2014, '15, '19 and '21 Hearts, lead for Canada in '20, alternate for CTRS in '24; won gold in '19 and '24, silver in '14 and '15, bronze in '21. Played lead for Canada at 2019 worlds

COACH: Don Bartlett

DENMARK HVIDOVRE & GENTOFTE CURLING CLUBS



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

SKIP: Madeleine Dupont **Age:** 36
Occupation: Client manager, TV 2 Denmark **Highlights:** Threw fourth stones for Denmark at 2010 Olympics, skipped in '18 and '22. Skipped at 2004, '05, '14, '19, '21, '22 and '23 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:** 24
Occupation: Physiotherapy student **Highlights:** Played lead for Denmark at 2018 Olympics, third in '22. Played third at 2021, '22 and '23 worlds. Played lead at 2015 world mixed. Skipped at 2020 world juniors

SECOND: Denise Dupont **Age:** 39
Occupation: Teacher, Child behaviour specialist **Highlights:** Played third for Denmark at 2006, '10 and '18 Olympics, second in '22. Played second at 2003,

'06, '21, '22 and '23 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 Norway at 2001 world juniors, third in '04 and '05

LEAD: My Larsen **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Occupational therapist **Highlights:** Played lead for Denmark at 2022 Olympics. Alternate at 2021 worlds, lead in '22 and '23. Played lead at 2019 world mixed. Played lead at 2020 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Jasmin Lander **Age:** 24
Occupation: Medical laboratory technician **Highlights:** Alternate for Denmark at 2022 Olympics. Alternate at 2022 and '23 worlds. Played at 2022 and '23 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2019 world mixed. Played third at 2020 world juniors

COACH: Ulrik Schmidt

BKT TIRES WORLD WOMEN'S **PLAYER PROFILES**

ESTONIA CURLING TALLINN



From left: Erika Tuvike, Kerli Laidvalu, Liisa Turmann and Heili Grossmann.

SKIP (throws second): Liisa Turmann
Age: 33 **Occupation:** General secretary, Estonian Curling Association
Highlights: Played third for Estonia at 2021 worlds

FOURTH: Erika Tuvike **Age:** 32
Occupation: Lawyer **Highlights:** Played lead for Estonia at 2021 worlds. Played lead at 2016 world mixed

THIRD: Kerli Laidvalu **Age:** 29
Occupation: HR and marketing specialist, Birkle IT Estonia **Highlights:** Alternate for Estonia at 2021 worlds. Played lead at 2015 world mixed. Played second at 2015 world juniors

LEAD: Heili Grossmann **Age:** 39
Occupation: Global HR systems expert
Highlights: Played second for Estonia at 2021 worlds

COACH: Tomi Rantamaki

ITALY VARIOUS CURLING CLUBS



From left: Elena Mathis, Giulia Zardini Lacedelli, Angela Romei, Marta Lo Deserto and Stefania Constantini.

SKIP: Stefania Constantini **Age:** 24
Occupation: Athlete **Highlights:** Won gold for Italy in mixed doubles at 2022 Olympics. Played third for Italy at 2018 worlds, skip in '21, '22 and '23. Played in 2021, '22 and '23 world mixed doubles

THIRD: Elena Mathis **Age:** 24
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Played third for Italy at 2017, '18 and '20 world juniors

SECOND: Angela Romei **Age:** 27
Occupation: Athlete **Highlights:** Played lead for Italy at 2018 worlds, second in '21, '22 and '23. Alternate at 2014 world juniors

LEAD: Giulia Zardini Lacedelli **Age:** 21
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Played lead for Italy at 2021 and '23 worlds, alternate in '22

ALTERNATE: Marta Lo Deserto **Age:** 21
Occupation: Athlete **Highlights:** Played third for Italy at 2021, '22 and '23 worlds

COACH: Violetta Caldart

JAPAN KARUIZAWA CURLING CLUB



From left: Miyu Ueno, Asuka Kanai, Junko Nishimuro, Yui Ueno and Mone Ryokawa.

SKIP: Miyu Ueno **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Student **Highlights:** Skipped Japan at 2020 and '22 world juniors; won gold in '22

THIRD: Asuka Kanai **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Office worker **Highlights:** Played lead for Japan at 2016 world juniors, alternate in '19. Played third at 2018 world mixed

SECOND: Junko Nishimuro **Age:** 43
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played third for Japan at 2006 worlds

LEAD: Yui Ueno **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Student **Highlights:** Played second for Japan at 2016, '20, '22 and '23 world juniors, alternate in '24; won gold in '22, silver in '23 and '24

ALTERNATE: Mone Ryokawa **Age:** 23
Occupation: Office worker **Highlights:** Played lead for Japan at 2019 world juniors. Played lead at 2018 world mixed

COACH: Yuji Nishimuro

BKT TIRES WORLD WOMEN'S **PLAYER PROFILES**

NEW ZEALAND VARIOUS CURLING CLUBS



From left: Natalie Thurlow, Courtney Smith, Jessica Smith, Bridget Becker and Holly Thompson.

SKIP: Jessica Smith **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Registered nurse **Highlights:** Skipped New Zealand at 2023 worlds

THIRD: Courtney Smith **Age:** 24 **Occupation:** Registered nurse **Highlights:** Played third for New Zealand at 2023 world mixed. Played in 2021 world mixed doubles

SECOND: Bridget Becker **Age:** 43 **Occupation:** Legal assistant **Highlights:** Played second for New Zealand at 2023 worlds. Played in 2008, '10, '11, '16, '17 and '19 world mixed doubles

LEAD: Holly Thompson **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Receptionist and salesperson, Taihape Veterinary Clinic **Highlights:** Played third for New Zealand at 2023 worlds

ALTERNATE: Natalie Thurlow **Age:** 42 **Occupation:** Farmer **Highlights:** Played lead for New Zealand at 2023 worlds. Played in 2012, '13 and '22 world mixed doubles

COACH: Sean Becker

NORWAY LILLEHAMMER CURLING CLUB



From left: Martine Rønning, Mille Haslev Nordbye, Kristin Skaslien and Marianne Rørvik.

SKIP (throws third): Marianne Rørvik **Age:** 40 **Occupation:** Senior advisor, Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate **Highlights:** Played second for Norway at 2006 Olympics. Alternate at 2004 and '05 worlds, skip in '09, skip/third stones in 2022 and '23; won silver in '04 and '23; 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:** 38 **Occupation:** Athlete and project lead, Norwegian Curling Federation **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, skip in '15, fourth in '22 and '23; won silver in '23. 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:** 22 **Occupation:** Physiotherapy student **Highlights:** Played second for Norway at 2022 and '23 worlds; won silver in '23. Played second for Norway at 2018 and '19 world juniors

LEAD: Martine Rønning **Age:** 24 **Occupation:** Education student **Highlights:** Played lead for Norway at 2022 and '23 worlds; won silver in '23. Played third for Norway at 2018, '19 and '20 world juniors. Won bronze at 2023 world mixed doubles

ALTERNATE: Ingeborg Forbregd **Age:** 20 **Occupation:** Student **Highlights:** Played lead for Norway at 2022 world juniors, second in '23 and '24; won bronze in '23 and '24

COACH: Rune Steen Hansen

SCOTLAND VARIOUS CURLING CLUBS



From left: Sophie Jackson, Sophie Sinclair, Gina Aitken and Rebecca Morrison (Not pictured: Jennifer Dodds).

SKIP: Rebecca Morrison **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Scotland at 2023 worlds. Played third for Scotland at 2018 world mixed. Skipped at 2018 world juniors

THIRD: Jennifer Dodds **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played in women's and mixed doubles for Great Britain at 2022 Olympics; won gold in women's. Played third for Scotland at 2018 worlds, second in '21, alternate in '23. Played in 2021 and '23 world mixed doubles; won gold in '21. Won silver as Scotland second at 2013 world juniors

SECOND: Sophie Sinclair **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played lead for Scotland at 2019 worlds, alternate in '21, second in '23. Won silver as lead at 2017 world juniors

LEAD: Sophie Jackson **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Scottish Curling Academy manager **Highlights:** Alternate for Scotland at 2018 worlds, skipped in '19, played lead in '22 and '23. 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: Gina Aitken **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played third for Scotland at 2022 and '23 worlds. Played for Scotland in 2013, '14, '16, '17 and '19 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2014 and '15 world juniors; won silver in '15

COACH: Ross Paterson

BKT TIRES WORLD WOMEN'S **PLAYER PROFILES**

SOUTH KOREA UIJEONGBU CURLING CLUB



From left: Eunji Gim, Minji Kim, Suji Kim, Yeeun Seol and Yeji Seol.

SKIP: Eunji Gim **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped South Korea at 2014 Olympics. Played lead at 2011 and '12 worlds, fourth in '14 and skip in '16

THIRD: Minji Kim **Age:** 24 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Won bronze as South Korea skip at 2019 worlds. Played in 2022 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2016, '17, '18, '19 and '20 world juniors; won silver in '20 and bronze in '16

SECOND: Suji Kim **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Curler

LEAD: Yeeun Seol **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Curler

ALTERNATE: Yeji Seol **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Curler

COACH: Dongho Shin

SWEDEN SUNDBYBERGS CK



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

SKIP: Anna Hasselborg **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Sweden at 2018 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '18 and bronze in '22. Skipped at 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22 and '23 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:** 32 **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, '20, '21, '22 and '23; 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:** 34 **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, '21, '22 and '23; won silver in '13, '18 and '19. Played third at 2009 world juniors, second in '10; won gold in '10

LEAD: Sofia Mabergs **Age:** 30 **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, '21, '22 and '23; won silver in '18 and '19. Played lead at 2017 world mixed and '11, '12 and '13 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Johanna Heldin **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Doctor **Highlights:** Won bronze as alternate for Sweden at 2022 Olympics. Alternate at 2019, '21, '22 and '23 worlds; won silver in '19. Played second at 2015 world juniors, alternate in '16

COACH: Kristian Lindström

SWITZERLAND VARIOUS CURLING CLUBS



From left: Silvana Tirinzoni, Alina Pätz, Selina Witschonke and Carole Howald.

SKIP (throws third): Silvana Tirinzoni **Age:** 44 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Switzerland at 2018 Olympics, skipped/threw third in '22. Skipped at 2006, '07 and '13 worlds, skipped/third stones in '19, '21, '22 and '23; won gold in '19, '21, '22 and '23. Alternate at 1997 world juniors, skipped in '98 and '99; won gold in '99

FOURTH: Alina Pätz **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Alternate for Switzerland at 2014 Olympics, fourth in '22. Alternate at 2012 worlds, skipped in '15 and '17, fourth in '19, '21, '22 and '23; won gold in '12, '15, '19, '21, '22 and '23. Won gold at 2011 mixed doubles, silver in '22. Alternate at 2011 world juniors

SECOND: Selina Witschonke **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Sports management student **Highlights:** Alternate for Switzerland at 2016 world juniors, skip in '17, '18 and '20, fourth in '19; won bronze in '19

LEAD: Carole Howald **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Sports science student **Highlights:** Alternate for Switzerland at 2022 Olympics. Alternate at 2014, '15, '16, '21, '22 worlds, lead in '18, second in '23; won gold in '14, '15, '16, '21, '22 and '23. Played in 2015 world mixed doubles

ALTERNATE: Stefanie Berset **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Student

COACH: Pierre Charette

BKT TIRES WORLD WOMEN'S **PLAYER PROFILES**

TURKEY VARIOUS CURLING CLUBS



From left: Iclal Karaman, Berfin Sengul, Ifayet Safak Calikusu, Öznur Polat and Dilsat Yildiz.

SKIP: Dilsat Yildiz **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Phys ed and sports teacher **Highlights:** Skipped Turkey at 2022 and '23 worlds. Played at 2016, '17, '18, '19, '22 and '23 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:** 33 **Occupation:** Phys ed and sports teacher **Highlights:** Played third for Turkey at 2022 and '23 worlds. Played at 2015 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2016 and '18 world mixed, second in '19

SECOND: Ifayet Safak Calikusu **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Athlete **Highlights:** Played second for Turkey at 2023 worlds

LEAD: Berfin Sengul **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Student **Highlights:** Played second for Turkey at 2022 worlds, alternate in '23

ALTERNATE: Iclal Karaman **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Athlete

COACH: Bilal Omer Cakir

UNITED STATES VARIOUS CURLING CLUBS



From left: Tabitha Peterson, Cory Thiesse, Tara Peterson and Becca Hamilton.

SKIP: Tabitha Peterson **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Pharmacist **Highlights:** Played third for the United States at 2018 Olympics, skipped in '22. Played lead at 2012 and '14 worlds, alternate in '16, third in '17, skip in '21 and '23; won bronze in '21. Played in 2016 and '21 world mixed doubles; won bronze in '16. Played third at 2009 and '10 world juniors; won bronze in '10

THIRD: Cory Thiesse **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Lab technician **Highlights:** Alternate for the United States at 2018 Olympics. Alternate at 2017 worlds, skip in '22, third in '23. Played in 2019 and '23 world mixed doubles; won gold in '23, bronze in '19. Skipped at 2012, '14, '15 and '16 world juniors, alternate in '13; won silver in '16

SECOND: Tara Peterson **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Dentist **Highlights:** Played lead for the United States at 2022 Olympics. Alternate at 2014 worlds,

second in '15, lead in '21 and '23; won bronze in '21. Played second at 2009 and '10 world juniors, third in '11; won bronze in '10

LEAD: Becca Hamilton **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Athlete **Highlights:** Played lead for the United States at 2018 Olympics, second in '22. Played at mixed double Olympics in '18. Alternate at 2015 worlds, lead in '17, second in '21 and '23; won bronze in '21. Played at 2017 and '22 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2008 world juniors, skip in '11

ALTERNATE: Vicky Persinger **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Contract specialist **Highlights:** Played for the United States at mixed doubles Olympics in '22. Played lead at 2015 worlds, second in '18 and '22, alternate in '19. Played third at 2013 world juniors

COACH: Cathy Overton-Clapham



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Colleen Jones says there's no doubt the BKT Tires World Women's Curling Championship in Sydney, N.S., will be a rockin' success.

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A BLUENOSE TOUR DE FORCE

It was a special time for Colleen Jones and her Halifax team when it went on a breathtaking run of success in women's curling

BY GEORGE JOHNSON



From far-off picture-postcard-pretty Lausanne, Switzerland, on the shores of Lake Geneva, to nearby Saint John, N.B. From the ancient old town of Gävle, Sweden, to curling-mad Manitoba and the roar at the now-long-demolished Winnipeg Arena. And, for good measure, add on a junket to Bismarck, N.D.

Over a six-year span, 1999 through 2004, Colleen Jones' powerhouse quartet from the Mayflower Curling Club in Halifax, N.S. — third Kim Kelly, second Mary-Anne Arsenault and lead Nancy Delahunt — dominated the Canadian women's curling landscape, reaching five Women's World Championships via Scotties Tournament of Hearts success, claiming global gold at Lausanne in 2001 and Gävle in 2004.

With the world congregating in the Canadian Maritimes again for the BKT Tires

World Women's Championship in Sydney, N.S., memories of the breathtaking run of that stellar Maritime team — very different people bonded by a common commitment and drive — are everywhere.

Skip Jones already had one world championship appearance on her résumé by then. For the other three team members, 1999 marked their curling baptism at the global level.

"When I made my Worlds debut back in '82, in Geneva," recalls Jones, "that (event) was the infancy of the Women's World Curling Championship (only three were held previously).

"Ice was bad. Rocks were bad. The event was gorgeous otherwise; fondue and chocolate every time you turned around. So that, at least, was great."

In the early 2000s, when a more polished Jones and Co. commanded the stage, the men's and women's Worlds were still being held together under one umbrella.

"In those days, we'd often go to the World Championships early, 10 days or a couple weeks together," recalls Delahunt. "We'd train with them; got to know them and their spouses. That part was great.

"It's still an incredible sport, continues to thrive, but I just feel we got that last little bit of the special camaraderie during that time."

That camaraderie could become, well, a trifle playful.

"We spent a lot of time with Randy Ferbey's team," adds Kelly. "And those Ferbey boys were always up to something."

One particular prank sticks in Arsenault's memory. "They were yelling 'help! help!'," she recalls, "and as I came running out of the room to find out what was going on, all I saw were two feet sticking out of their hotel room door. I thought someone had fallen, or worse.

"So I was on my way to the rescue — 'I know first-aid!', that sort of thing — and turning the corner I realized it was just a stuffed pair of jeans with boots hanging out the bottom.

"And they bust a gut laughing at me."

There were ferry trips from Lausanne to nearby Évian-les-Bains in France. Another highlight was playing at the same Worlds, same time, same venue,

alongside Mayflower clubmate Mark Dacey at Gävle. It was a unique opportunity, to say the least.

For Kelly, one interesting on-sheet Worlds moment involved a game against Norwegian legend Dordi Nordby.

"In 1999, our first Worlds was a bit of a disaster, it's fair to say. But an incredible learning experience.

"Anyway, we're playing Dordi and not playing particularly well. I threw a draw and it went right through the house. So she makes some kind of antic.

"A bit later, I got to throw the draw again. Well, if it didn't go through the house again. As it's sailing through, she's pointing at it with the end of her

Four women from Halifax, bonded by a common commitment and drive to excel, and guided by the strength of skip Colleen Jones, emerged as one of Canada's greatest curling teams.



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Over a six-year span, the team of (left to right) Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Arsenault and Nancy Delahunt dominated Canadian women's curling, and were queens of the world in 2004 in Gävle, Sweden.

broom, following it all the way through the house, playing to the crowd. Then flexing, a big strong-man pose. And the crowd is laughing.

“And I’m like: ‘Oh, my God. I’m in a bad dream’.

“I guess there was a little gamesmanship involved . . . maybe a lot. But she was just such a character.

“We got to play against her a number of times after that and she sure owed us quite a bit of respect.

“From the other end of it, yes, I did want to go down and give her a swift kick. But you’re not allowed to do that in curling.

“And I’ve never really wanted to be infamous.”

Of the five Worlds appearances, that second trip, to Lausanne and winning gold after a disappointing 4-5 record at the New Brunswick Worlds two years previous (“We were literally a ‘just-fell-off-the-turnip-truck’ kinda team that first time,” acknowledges Jones), and then failing to repeat as Canadian champs at the 2000 Scotties, remains a top-of-the-list achievement for all.

“After ‘99,” echoes Kelly, “everyone said: ‘Oh, blind squirrels. They’ll never win again.’ But we didn’t think that. And it made us very insular. We knew we’d win again, so that’s fine, we don’t need anyone else.

“And to win for Colleen, especially – that was our second Worlds but her third, and she takes the most heat as the skipper – was, as she says, such a gorilla off her back. Winning validated our beliefs, and I think it’s what allowed us to be what we became after that.”

At the the conclusion of Canada’s 5-2 gold-medal victory over Sweden’s Anette Norberg in 2021, organizers at the Malley Sports Centre played

Freddy Mercury and Queen belting out ‘We Are the Champions’. It was apropos for Kelly who had been forced to listen to the same song after she’d been part of a losing team in the final at the provincial juniors in New Brunswick one season.

“So that many years later, to hear it played for us,” she reminisces with relish, “was really kinda special.”

For Delahunt, the home support, coupled with the result, naturally, is what helped set the Switzerland experience apart.

“Both my children were there, with (husband) David, of course. Both sets of grandparents were there. Both my sisters were there. Lots of aunts. We all had lots of family on hand. I have this group picture, probably 30 people there, supporting us. It was such a magical time.

“This wonderful crowd of supporters, that’s one of my great memories from Lausanne.”

The Worlds participation this year goes further for Kelly. Her daughter Maddie is acting as tournament event manager.

“She was also involved at the Scotties held in Sydney,” says mom. “What’s really cool about Maddie doing those events is her history of being involved since she was a baby in curling; going to those events and now being the event planner.

“Kinda surreal. Full-circle, in a way. So that part is cool. But the other part is that I realized with her involved in that way is that I didn’t pay enough attention to those people at those events at the time. I should’ve thanked so many more people, and I didn’t even know what they were doing. So that’s been an eye-opener for me. And I’ve gotten to thank them subsequently.”

The curlers congregating in Nova Scotia this week at Centre 200 in Sydney will, naturally, take home their own personal treasure trove of memories; their own cameo-keepsake moments, from this adventure.

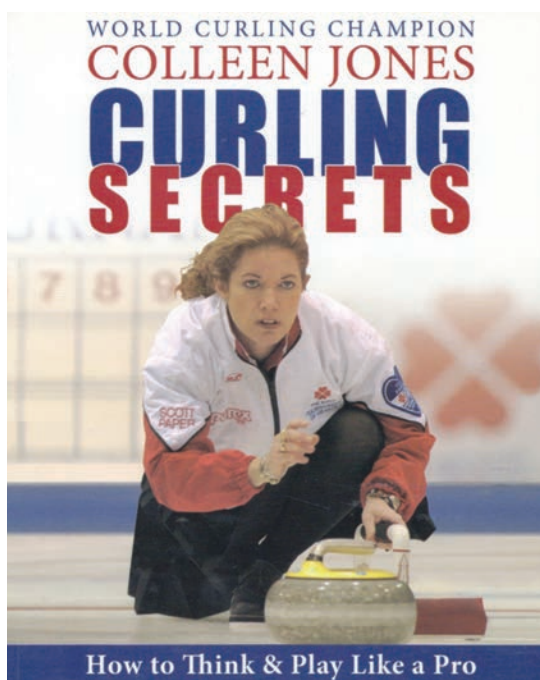
“Women’s curling is so phenomenal today,” lauds Jones, two decades removed from her team’s remarkable run. “Definitely eight teams can win, and that makes it so good for the fans.

“For the Canadians, I know the place will be rocking the way it was for the Scotties (2019). To be able to win on home soil would be absolutely magical. The hospitality in Sydney will be amazing and the food in Cape Breton . . . to die for.

“What being removed from it has taught me is to give it your all, but savour it all, too.

“Because at the end of the day it’s just a game. Enjoy the experience of where you’re at, what you’re doing, who you’re doing it for and with.

“Not a lot of people get that opportunity.”



Colleen Jones was able to share her curling savvy in a book she had published during her reign at the top of Canadian women’s curling.

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BASE CAMP SYDNEY

Murdoch, elite curlers, putting in the hard work as Canada's Olympic qualifying climb begins in Nova Scotia

BY DON LANDRY

Jennifer Jones has done it twice so she can neatly — and poetically — sum up the thrill of competing at the Olympic Winter Games. “It’s like your dreams have all come true and you get to walk in your dreams for two weeks,” says Jones, a gold-medal winner for Canada at the 2014 Games in Russia, and a competitor again at the 2022 Games in China.

“I’ll never forget that we got to slide over the Olympic rings every day,” she adds.

The BKT Tires World Women’s Curling Championship in Sydney, N.S., serves as a kind of starter’s pistol for the dreams Jones speaks of, as the Olympic chase gets a little more real, turning a corner towards 2026 and the Games of Milano-Cortina, Italy.

For players, the pursuit of an Olympic berth is a task that never really ceases, perhaps. But for national curling governing bodies, such as Curling Canada, this world championship looms large. That’s because it is the first event in which points can be earned towards a country capturing one of the eight, direct-entry spots available for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Seven spots, actually. As host country, Italy is already assured of slots in each of the 10-team Women’s, Men’s and Mixed Doubles events that will be contested less than two years from now.

Points earned in this world championship — as well as next year’s event — will help determine which seven additional countries are Olympics-bound, while qualification events, held in

December, 2025, will decide which final two countries earn the right to put teams on the ice at Cortina Olympic Stadium.

If that seems quite a long way off for curling fans, it is not for the players, nor is it for David Murdoch, Curling Canada's Director, High Performance. He is already putting his shoulder into things, with an eye towards steeling Canada's curlers for not just the Olympics, but for all international competitions, whether they are close at hand or far off in the distance.

Murdoch, the two-time world champion skip (Scotland, 2006, 2009) and Olympic silver medallist (Great Britain, 2014) who took on his job with Curling Canada last spring, says curling is "like any other team sport."

"It's detailed plans, it's detailed strategy," he says. "It's hard technical work. It's hard physical work. And I think that's where we're going as a program."

"When I took the job, there were certainly some ideas that I thought we could implement pretty quickly and we've done a number of changes with regards to criteria for the national team program and our Olympic Trials process."

Among those changes is moving the Mixed Doubles Curling Trials ahead on the calendar, meaning Canada's Mixed Doubles team will be decided next January, more than a year before the Olympic Games. And both the Men's and Women's Curling Trials in 2025 will see a best-of-three final replacing what had been a one-game affair previously.

Murdoch, who spent five years as British Curling's National and Olympic Coach, overseeing a program that delivered gold (Eve Muirhead) and silver (Bruce Mouat) at the 2022 Games, has arrived at a place where he feels he is familiar enough that he can start to think about really leaving his mark on Canada's High Performance Program.

"I've managed to figure out what we have," he says of his on-the-job, fact-finding mission. "Where we need to go, what gaps we have and what strengths or weaknesses we have. And how do we take that forward?"

"We've seen quite a few changes, actually," says Kerri Einarson, who hopes she'll be the skip to lead Canada's women to Olympic gold in 2026. "I think David has a lot of great ideas that he's bringing to the table and I know for myself and my team we've definitely reached out to him quite a bit."

It hasn't been just one-way traffic when it comes to Murdoch's implementation scheme. He has been keen to listen to the players in order to help form best practices when it comes to a national vision for Canada's performance on the global curling stage.

"You want to hear what's going to help them,"



Jennifer Jones has competed in two Winter Olympic Games, and says she got to walk in her dreams for two weeks in each of them.



Winning a gold medal at the Winter Games in 2014 was a thrill of a lifetime for Jennifer Jones. She will retire from four-person women's curling at the end of the season, but still hopes to make another Games appearance in Mixed Doubles.

The 2026 Olympic Winter Games will be held in Milan and Cortina, Italy. The curling venue will be the Palazzo del Ghiaccio Ice Palace in Cortina D'Ampezzo, northern Italy.



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says Murdoch. “Ultimately, that’s what it’s about. How can we help them train to be the best that they can be? That’s it in a nutshell for the national team program.”

If communication and information-gathering help form the backbone for Murdoch’s plans, so too does an emphasis on the technical side of curling. “You need to throw that rock exactly the same every time,” Murdoch says, explaining that consistency can be the linchpin for game success. “That just builds confidence and allows you to play the type of strategy that you want to play.”

Jones is sold, saying that she sees the value in it.

“I think it’s good to have a technical plan,” she says, “and to make sure all the national coaches are on the same page. I think it’s a great idea.”

At this world championship, not all the work will be done on the ice and in plain view of curling fans. A strong finish for Canada would get the quest for an Olympic berth off to a robust start, and that’s the main thing. However, Murdoch sees the event as another opportunity to size up the competition.

“It allows us to do a bit of our homework,” says Murdoch. “To make sure we’ve got some really good

plans for how to beat some of these international teams. And we can get the type of data that we’d need to help some of our training.”

That data will assist not only with the current quest for Olympic gold in 2026, but also the one that follows, and beyond.

“We’ve had some good discussions about where we go next season but (also) where do we want to be for the ’26 to ’30 quad? What does that need to look like given what we’re seeing from teams from around the world and what’s possible in Canada?”

“We’re really thinking about the best for the long term. What does our system need to look like to allow young athletes to thrive?”

To thrive and to chase the Olympic dream, the one that Jones says you can actually live in for an amazing, heady two full weeks.

“You go and you realize that it’s worth every moment,” says Jones. “It’s more special than you ever could have imagined. I think once you’re there, you want it even more.”

Now that Jones has announced she is stepping away from the women’s four-player game at the end of this season, she may well continue to chase the dream in doubles instead, playing alongside her husband, Brent Laing.

For those who remain, the quest for an Olympic berth in women’s curling gets a little more real this week, with qualifying points now up for grabs.

Murdoch wants to ensure that whoever earns the honour of putting the Maple Leaf on their back, be it at the Olympics or a world championship, has the full support of a strong and finely-tuned High Performance Program.

“We want to be heavily invested in the development of players and athletes achieving their dreams,” he says. “And we’re all in this together.”

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Kerri Einarson is a big supporter of David Murdoch’s ideas and plans for the future of Canadian curling.

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

Note: 2020 World Championship not played due to COVID-19 pandemic

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, '22, '23
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, '22, '23
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 Arnett, 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
HARRIS (MEILLEUR), Briane — of Gimli, Manitoba, as lead in 2020*, '21, '22, '23
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



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.

- KING (BORST), Cathy** — of Edmonton as skip in 1998
- KNOWLES, Dawn** — of North Vancouver as third in 1979
- KREVIASZUK, 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
- MCEEDWARDS, 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



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 medalists 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.

- McPHERSON, Cheryl** — of Toronto as lead in 1990
- 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 third in 2020*, '21, '22, '23
- 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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WORLD CURLING HALL OF FAME

Most recent inductees, as of March 1, 2024



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Three members of Sandra Schmirler's outstanding team were inducted into World Curling's Hall of Fame. Joining Schmirler (left) are (left to right in middle) Jan Betker, Joan McCusker and Marcia Gudereit. Far right is coach Anita Ford.

World Curling is pleased to have 10 new inductees into the World Curling Hall of Fame for 2022 and 2023.

The five 2022 inductees are: the remaining three members of Canada's Team Schmirler — Jan Betker, Joan McCusker and Marcia Gudereit — who join their skip, Sandra Schmirler, after her posthumous induction in 2009; Canada's three-time world champion, Ian Tetley; and New Zealand's Peter Becker.

World Curling's former president Kate Caithness said, "I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to our World Curling Hall of

Fame 2022 inductees. Their contribution to our sport both on the ice and behind the scenes to develop curling cannot be underestimated.

"Team Schmirler were our first ever women's Olympic champions as well as multiple world champions. Ian Tetley winning three world titles with three different teams is a fantastic achievement. Finally, the Becker family is synonymous with curling in New Zealand, largely due to the remarkable work of Peter Becker throughout the years.

"All of our 2022 inductees are worthy recipients of the Freytag Award, which is the highest honour we can bestow in our sport."

TEAM SCHMIRLER

Curlers

Canada's Team Schmirler — skipped by Sandra Schmirler with teammates Jan Betker, Joan McCusker and Marcia Gudereit — won three world championships in the 1990s.

They won their first world championship in 1993 in Geneva, Switzerland. They then defended their title in 1994 in Oberstdorf, Germany. Their third world title came in 1997 in Bern, Switzerland when they defeated Norway's Dordi Nordby in the gold medal final.

Team Schmirler then made history by winning the first ever women's Olympic gold medals at the Nagano 1998

Olympic Winter Games. They would finish the Olympic Games with an 8-1 win-loss record, defeating Denmark in the gold medal final.

The team were inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame in 1999.

IAN TETLEY

Curler

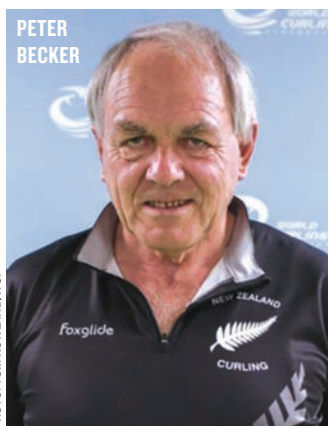
Canada's Ian Tetley won three world championships with three different teams. His first title came as the second of Team Hackner in 1985 in Glasgow, Scotland.

Tetley joined Team Werenich, also as a second, and won his second world title in Västerås, Sweden in 1990.

Tetley's third world title came in 1998 as the second player on Team Middaugh in Kamloops, B.C., when it defeated Sweden's Peja Lindholm in the gold medal final.



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Tetley secured the gold medals in every world championship he competed and compiled a 27-6 win-loss record throughout his international career.

Tetley was inducted into Canadian Curling Hall of Fame in 1999.

PETER BECKER

Builder

Peter Becker has been involved in every aspect of curling in New Zealand throughout his career.

Becker skipped the first national men's team from New Zealand to compete at the Pacific-Asia Curling Championships in Sagamiyara, Japan in 1991 and would go on to represent New Zealand at these championships six times, with the latest being in 2018 as an alternate.

Becker has also represented New Zealand on the world stage nine times at the World Senior Curling Championships.

He has acted as a curling coach, manager, organizer, and team co-selector for a range of competitions, including the Olympic Winter Games, women's and men's national and junior sides. He was also one of the main drivers in taking a New Zealand team to the Youth Olympic Games.

He was the Secretary of

the New Zealand Curling Association from 1995 until 2009, and was also their representative to the World Curling Federation and New Zealand Olympic Committee.

Becker was also a key figure in the development of the Naseby Indoor Curling Rink which opened in 2005, the first dedicated curling facility in the Southern Hemisphere.

World Curling Federation President, Beau Welling said, "I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to all of our World Curling Hall of Fame 2023 inductees.

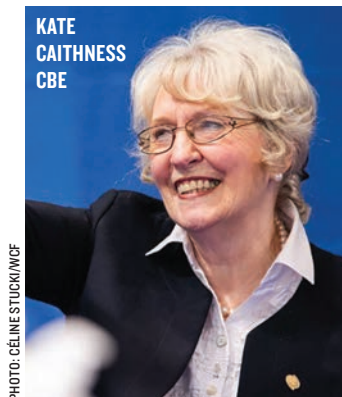
For 2023 there will be two inductees in the Builder category, Kate Caithness CBE from Scotland and Jack Lynch from Canada. There are then three inductees in the Athlete category, Ewan MacDonald and Peter Smith from Scotland, and Bill Strum from the United States.

"I am delighted to see that Kate Caithness has been inducted at the first opportunity for tireless work in growing our sport around the world over the years. Without Kate's dedication our sport would not be in the wonderful place we find ourselves. Our second builder inductee Jack Lynch was one of the key individuals in returning curling to the Olympic Winter Games and his contribution to our sport cannot be underestimated.

"The records on the ice of Scotland's Ewan MacDonald and Peter Smith are deeply impressive. They became multiple World and European champions during their long and illustrious careers. Bill Strum, from the United States, holds the distinguished record of medalling in every world

championship he played, including three world titles.

"All of our 2023 inductees are extremely worthy recipients of the Freytag Award, which is the highest honour we can bestow in our sport."



KATE CAITHNESS CBE

Builder

Kate Caithness CBE served as World Curling's president for 12 years, from 2010 until 2022. Prior to her term as president, Caithness served four years as vice-president.

Caithness was the driving force in the development of wheelchair curling and its inclusion in the Paralympic Winter Games. The Wheelchair World Championship Trophy was recently changed and introduced for the 2022–2023 season as the Kate Caithness Salver.

In September, 2022, Caithness was awarded the Olympic Order by International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach for her outstanding merit and faithfulness of the Olympic ideal.

JACK LYNCH

Builder

Born in 1929, John Charles Lynch, better known as "Jack", was a sports enthusiast his entire life. Throughout the 90's he was known for his journalism,

primarily as the editor of the Curling Quebec magazine from 1990-1994 and he was the curling journalist at the Montreal Gazette from 1993-1997.

In 1988, Lynch was recruited by the International Curling Federation to help increase the member associations in order for the sport to gain Olympic medal status.

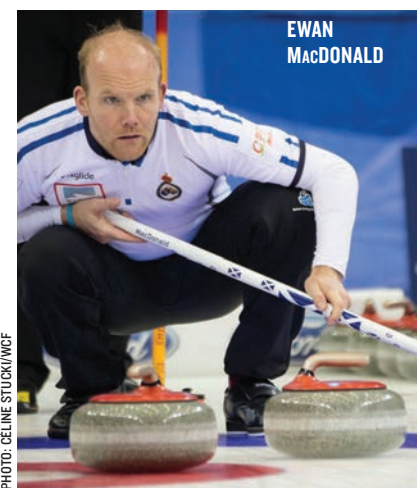
Lynch was also instrumental in the development of the zonal system still in place at World Curling today.

EWAN MACDONALD

Curler

Ewan MacDonald has represented Scotland and Great Britain in over 200 games on the international stage since 1997. MacDonald represented Great Britain at three Olympic Winter Games — 2002, 2006 and 2010 — finishing in fourth place in 2006.

MacDonald is a three-time world champion — 1999, 2006 and 2009 — and two-time European champion — 1999 and 2008 — with Scotland. He represented Scotland in 10 world championships, medalling in five with three gold medals, one silver medal and one



bronze medal. He competed in six European Championships, adding one silver and one bronze medal to his two gold medals.

PETER SMITH

Curler

Peter Smith represented Scotland at 11 World Men's Championships, nine European Championship, two

World Junior Championships, and one World Senior Championships for a total of more than 250 games.

He also represented Great Britain twice, when curling was an exhibition sport in 1988 and then again in 2010.

Smith is a three-time world champion — 1991, 2006, and 2009 —, also winning five silver medals and one

bronze medal. Smith won a World Junior title, in 1986, and bronze medal in his two appearances, and a World Senior silver medal in his lone appearance in 2019.

Smith claimed the European title three times — 1988, 2007, and 2008 — silver medals three times and a single bronze medal.

BILL STRUM

Curler

Bill Strum represented the United States in the Scotch Cup, four World Championships and two Olympic Winter Games when curling was an exhibition

sport. Strum medalled in every world championship he competed.

Strum won the Scotch Cup in 1965 in his lone appearance, then went on to win two world titles in 1974 and 1978. Strum also claimed a world silver medal in 1969 and a world bronze medal in 1968.

In his two Olympic Games, when curling was an exhibition sport, Strum finished in fourth place in 1988, then followed that with a third-place finish in 1992.

WORLD CURLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2023	Kate Caithness CBE, Builder Jack Lynch, Builder Ewan MacDonald, Curler Peter Smith, Curler Bill Strum, Curler	Scotland Canada* Scotland Scotland United States*
2022	Jan Betker, Joan McCusker and Marcia Gudereit, curlers Ian Tetley, curler Peter Becker, builder	Canada Canada New Zealand
2021	Anette Norberg, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl and Anna Maria Svard, curlers Bernard "Bernie" Leslie Sparkes, curler Johannes Arthur Jensen, builder	Sweden Canada Denmark
2020	Elisabet Gustafson, Katarina Nyberg, Louise Marmont and Elisabeth Persson, curlers Gordon Craig, builder Leif Öhman, builder	Sweden Canada Sweden
2019	Dordi Nordby, curler Michael Burns Sr., builder Michael (Mike) Thomson, builder	Norway Canada Scotland
2018	Elmer Freytag, builder Kevin Martin, curler Young C. Kim, builder	United States Canada South Korea
2017	Team Richardson, curlers Clarence (Shorty) Jenkins, builder	Canada Canada
2016	Elisabeth Högström, curler Warren Hansen, builder Franco Zumofen, builder	Sweden Canada Italy
2015	Russ Howard, curler Ray Turnbull, curler Hiroyuki Saito, builder	Canada Canada Japan
2014	Randy Ferbey, curler Patrick Hürlimann, curler Eigil Ramsfjell, curler	Canada Switzerland Norway
2013	Don Duguid, curler Ron Northcott, curler	Canada Canada
2012	Günther Hummelt, builder Jean-Paul Bidaud, builder Elisabet Gustafson, curler	Austria Switzerland Sweden

*posthumously

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 Shirley Morash, builder	United States Canada
2000	Ernie Richardson, curler Bob Hardy, builder	Canada 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, '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 – Denise Dupont of Denmark in 2003, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '14, '17*, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 14 – Madeleine Dupont of Denmark in 2004, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '14, '16*, '17, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 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
- 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 – Daniela Jentsch of Germany in 2000, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 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



Norway's Dordi Nordby had a brilliant career spanning three decades, including two world championship gold medals. She appeared in 18 world championships.

- 9 – Louise Marmont of Sweden in 1988, '89, '92, '93, '94, '95, '98, '99, 2000
- 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 – Analena Jentsch of Germany in 2015, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 8 – Agnes Knochenhauer of Sweden in 2013*, '16*, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 8 – Yin Liu of China in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '13
- 8 – Sara McManus of Sweden in 2014*, '15, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 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 – Carole Howald of Switzerland in 2014*, '15*, '16*, '18, '21*, '22*, '23
- 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 – Hugette 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 – Sofia Mabergs of Sweden in 2015*, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 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



Skip Bingyu Wang of China first appeared in a world women's curling championship in 2005, and played in 10 of them before she was done.

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Dawn McEwen (left) and Jill Officer are two-time winners of the World Women's Curling Championship. They won their titles, playing front end for Team Canada's Jennifer Jones, in 2008 and 2018.

- 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 – Alina Paetz of Switzerland in 2012*, '15, '17, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 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 Schaffer of Scotland in 2004*, '05, '06, '07, '10, '12*, '17*
- 7 – Kristin Skaslien of Norway in 2006*, '09, '10, '11, '15, '22, '23
- 7 – Silvana Tirinzoni of Switzerland in 2006, '07, '13, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 6 – Emira Abbes of Germany in 2017*, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 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 – Anna Hasselborg of Sweden in 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 6 – Almut Hege-Schöll of Germany in 1981, '84, '87, '88, '90, '92*
- 6 – Dorthe Holm of Denmark in 1994*, '95, '96, '97, '98, '03
- 6 – Camilla Holth of Norway in 2001*, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06
- 6 – Kotomi Ishizaki of Japan in 2000*, '03, '04, '08, '10, '23*
- 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 – 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 – Mari Motohashi of Japan in 2004*, '05, '07, '08, '10, '16*
- 6 – Esther Neuenschwander of Switzerland in 2006, '07, '13, '19, '21, '22
- 6 – Chiara Olivieri of Italy 2004*, '12, '13, '16, '17*, '18*
- 6 – Laine Peters of Canada in 1999*, 2001*, '02*, '03*, '12, '16
- 6 – Tabitha Peterson of United States in 2012, '14, '16*, '17, '21, '23
- 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; Switzerland in 2022, '23

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

Six-time winners

- Carole Howald of Switzerland as alternate in 2014, '15, '16, '21, '22, as second in '23
- Alina Pätz of Switzerland, as alternate in 2012, as skip in '15, as fourth in '19, '21, '22, '23

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
- Silvana Tirinzoni of Switzerland as skip in 2019, '21, '22, '23

Three-time winners

- Melanie Barbezat of Switzerland, as lead in 2019, '21, '22
- Jan Betker of Canada, as third in 1993, '94, '97
- Anita Ford of Canada, as alternate in 1993, '94, '97
- Marcia Gudereit of Canada, as lead in 1993, '94, '97
- Joan McCusker of Canada, as second in 1993, '94, '97
- Esther Neuenschwander of Switzerland, as second in 2019, '21, '22
- Anette Norberg of Sweden, as skip in 2005, '06, '11
- Sandra Schmirler of Canada, as skip in 1993, '94, '97

Two-time winners

- Mary-Anne Arsenault of Canada, as second in 2001, '04
- Ulrika Bergman of Sweden, as alternate in 2005, '06
- Marilyn Bodegh of Canada, as skip in 1986, '96
- Nancy Delahunt of Canada, as lead in 2001, '04
- Margaretha Dryburgh of Sweden, as alternate in 1998, '99
- 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
- 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 Svård of Sweden, as lead in 2005, '06
- Christine Urech of Switzerland, as lead in 2014, '16
- Monika Wagner of Germany, as second in 1988, 2010

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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 Dryburgh 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, Melanie Barbezat and Carole Howald of Switzerland in 2019, '21, '22, '23

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
68 – Silvana Tirinzoni of Switzerland
63 – Jennifer Jones of Canada
62 – Eve Muirhead of Scotland
61 – Anna Hasselborg of Sweden
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 – Colleen Jones of Canada
39 – Angelina Jensen of Denmark
39 – Mirjam Ott of Switzerland
36 – Daniela Jentsch of Germany
35 – Debbie McCormick of the United States
34 – Rachel Homan of Canada
32 – Elisabeth Högström of Sweden
32 – Erika Müller of Switzerland
31 – Madeleine Dupont of Denmark
31 – Paulette Sulpice of France
30 – Binia Feltscher of Switzerland
30 – Eunjung Kim of Korea
29 – Sandra Schmirler of Canada
28 – Diana Gaspari of Italy
27 – Kerri Einarson of Canada
27 – Patti Lank of the United States
26 – Christine Allison-Cannon of Scotland
26 – Lene Nielsen of Denmark
25 – Anne Jøtun-Bakke of Norway
24 – Connie Laliberte of Canada
22 – Lene Bidstrup of Denmark
22 – Satsuki Fujisawa of Japan
21 – Alina Kovaleva of Russia-RCF
20 – Marilyn Bodogh of Canada
20 – Erika Brown of the United States
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 – Heather Houston of Canada
16 – Trine Trulsen of Norway
15 – Jaana Jokela of Finland
15 – Moe Meguro of Japan
15 – Tabitha Peterson of the United States
15 – Marianne Rørvik of Norway

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 Skating Rink	Aomori Prefectural
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
2022	Prince George, Canada	CN Centre
2023	Sandviken, Sweden	Göransson Arena
2024	Sydney, Canada	Centre 200



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Top world women's records

- 14-0 – Jennifer Jones of Canada in 2018
- 14-0 – Silvana Tirinzoni of Switzerland in 2022
- 14-0 – Silvana Tirinzoni of Switzerland in 2023
- 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
- 11-4 – Kerri Einarson of Canada in 2022
- 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



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Canadian skip Rachel Homan finished 13-0 at the 2017 World Women's Curling Championship in Beijing, China. She'll try for her second title in Sydney, N.S.



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Sweden's Anna Hasselborg has been a fixture at the world women's championship, appearing six times. And although she skips one of the world's best teams, she has yet to win the world title, settling for silver medals twice in her career.

- 10-4 – Eunjung Kim of Korea in 2022
- 10-5 – Amber Holland of Canada in 2011
- 10-5 – Anna Hasselborg of Sweden in 2022

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
- 10 – Switzerland in 1979, '83, 2012, '14, '15, '16, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 8 – Sweden in 1981, '92, '95, '98, '99, 2005, '06, '11
- 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	393	134	.746
Sweden	1979	346	167	.674
Switzerland	1979	286	200	.588
Norway	1979	204	168	.548
Russia	2001	106	94	.530
China	2005	93	85	.522
Korea	2002	74	74	.500
Scotland	1979	236	244	.492
United States	1979	231	242	.488
Germany	1979	199	223	.472
Denmark	1979	210	249	.458
Japan	1990	107	172	.384
France	1979	46	89	.341
Turkey	2022	8	16	.333
Czech Republic	2007	25	79	.240
Italy	1979	55	177	.237
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
New Zealand	2023	0	12	.000
Netherlands	1981	0	29	.000

Number of championships hosted (including 2024)

Canada	19	Denmark	2
Scotland	7	Germany	2
Sweden	4	Japan	2
Switzerland	4	Korea	1
United States	3	Latvia	1

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Sweep 16	Wed Sept 27	2:00 pm
Sweep 16	Wed Sept 27	7:00 pm
Sweep 16	Thurs Sept 28	2:00 pm
Sweep 16	Thurs Sept 28	7:00 pm
Elite 8	Fri Sept 29	11:30 am
Elite 8	Fri Sept 29	4:30 pm
Final 4	Sat Sept 30	12:00 pm
Final 4	Sat Sept 30	5:00 pm
Women's Final	Sun Oct 1	12:00 pm
Men's Final	Sun Oct 1	5:00 pm

SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

February 16 to 25, 2024 ▶ Calgary, AB

Draw 1	Fri Feb 16	9:00 pm
Draw 2	Sat Feb 17	4:00 pm
Draw 3	Sat Feb 17	9:00 pm
Draw 4	Sun Feb 18	10:30 am
Draw 5	Sun Feb 18	3:30 pm
Draw 6	Sun Feb 18	8:30 pm
Draw 7	Mon Feb 19	10:30 am
Draw 8	Mon Feb 19	3:30 pm
Draw 9	Mon Feb 19	8:30 pm
Draw 10	Tues Feb 20	10:30 am
Draw 11	Tues Feb 20	3:30 pm
Draw 12	Tues Feb 20	8:30 pm
Draw 13	Wed Feb 21	10:30 am
Draw 14	Wed Feb 21	3:30 pm
Draw 15	Wed Feb 21	8:30 pm
Draw 16	Thurs Feb 22	10:30 am
Draw 17	Thurs Feb 22	3:30 pm
Draw 18	Thurs Feb 22	8:30 pm
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Page 3/4 Qualifier	Fri Feb 23	8:30 pm
Page Playoff	Sat Feb 24	2:00 pm
Page Playoff	Sat Feb 24	8:00 pm
Semifinal	Sun Feb 25	2:00 pm
Final	Sun Feb 25	8:00 pm

MONTANA'S BRIER

March 1 to 10, 2024 ▶ Regina, SK

Draw 1	Fri Mar 1	8:00 pm
Draw 2	Sat Mar 2	3:00 pm
Draw 3	Sat Mar 2	8:00 pm
Draw 4	Sun Mar 3	10:30 am
Draw 5	Sun Mar 3	3:30 pm
Draw 6	Sun Mar 3	8:30 pm
Draw 7	Mon Mar 4	10:30 am
Draw 8	Mon Mar 4	3:30 pm
Draw 9	Mon Mar 4	8:30 pm
Draw 10	Tues Mar 5	10:30 am
Draw 11	Tues Mar 5	3:30 pm
Draw 12	Tues Mar 5	8:30 pm

(Montana's Brier Continued)

Draw 13	Wed Mar 6	10:30 am
Draw 14	Wed Mar 6	3:30 pm
Draw 15	Wed Mar 6	8:30 pm
Draw 16	Thurs Mar 7	10:30 am
Draw 17	Thurs Mar 7	3:30 pm
Draw 18	Thurs Mar 7	8:30 pm
Page 1/2 Qualifier	Fri Mar 8	2:00 pm
Page 3/4 Qualifier	Fri Mar 8	8:00 pm
Page Playoff	Sat Mar 9	2:00 pm
Page Playoff	Sat Mar 9	8:00 pm
Semifinal	Sun Mar 10	12:00 pm
Final	Sun Mar 10	6:00 pm

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March 16 to 24, 2024 ▶ Sydney, NS

Canada vs. Sweden	Sat Mar 16	3:00 pm
Canada vs. Denmark	Sat Mar 16	8:00 pm
Canada vs. USA	Sun Mar 17	3:00 pm
Canada vs. Norway	Mon Mar 18	3:00 pm
Canada vs. Italy	Tues Mar 19	10:00 am
Canada vs. Switzerland	Tues Mar 19	8:00 pm
Canada vs. Japan	Wed Mar 20	10:00 am
Canada vs. Turkey	Wed Mar 20	8:00 pm
Canada vs. Estonia	Thurs Mar 21	10:00 am
Canada vs. New Zealand	Thurs Mar 21	8:00 pm
Canada vs. Scotland	Fri Mar 22	3:00 pm
Canada vs. South Korea	Fri Mar 22	8:00 pm
Qualification	Sat Mar 23	12:00 pm
Semifinals	Sat Mar 23	6:00 pm
Bronze	Sun Mar 24	12:00 pm
Gold	Sun Mar 24	6:00 pm

WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

March 30 to April 7, 2024 ▶ Schaffhausen, Switzerland

Canada vs. Czech Republic	Sat Mar 30	8:00 am
Canada vs. Germany	Sat Mar 30	1:00 pm
Canada vs. Scotland	Sun Mar 31	8:00 am
Canada vs. Italy	Mon Apr 1	8:00 am
Canada vs. New Zealand	Tues Apr 2	3:00 am
Canada vs. USA	Tues Apr 2	1:00 pm
Canada vs. Netherlands	Wed Apr 3	3:00 am
Canada vs. South Korea	Wed Apr 3	1:00 pm
Canada vs. Norway	Thurs Apr 4	3:00 am
Canada vs. Sweden	Thurs Apr 4	1:00 pm
Canada vs. Japan	Fri Apr 5	8:00 am
Canada vs. Switzerland	Fri Apr 5	1:00 pm
Qualification	Sat Apr 6	4:00 am
Semifinals	Sat Apr 6	10:00 am
Bronze	Sun Apr 7	4:00 am
Gold	Sun Apr 7	9:00 am

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