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# Curling Chronicles

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## Up close and personal: host chair edition

*This week, our Travelers Canada employee reporter Curtis Thompson had the opportunity to sit down with Travelers Curling Club Championship host chairs Frankie Amos and Jason Cooke, to hear about their experience.*

After meeting Frankie and Jason, it was clear to me that both are avid supporters of curling and the community at the Mayflower Curling Club. With over 20 years of combined curling experience, they began the interview by comparing their on-ice abilities; deciding that one curls well, and one not so well... but agreed not to divulge which is which!

Off the ice, Jason is a lawyer and the current President of the Mayflower Club – a title he's held since 2012. He was thrilled to take on the host chair position for TCCC 2014; adding this role to his current work at the club has kept him quite busy this year!

Frankie's initial attempts to curl while living in Baden-Baden, West Germany almost kept her from finding her passion for the sport. She was a beginner curler playing for a skip that demanded perfection. A frustrating experience, it was a few years before she tried the sport again, and she is so glad she did. Frankie began her connection to the championship in Richmond, BC at the 2011

Travelers Curling Club Championship as the third on the Nova Scotia team. Off the ice, Frankie was the third woman ever to be President of the Mayflower – holding the position in 2006-2007.

When Championship chair Leigh Armstrong was searching for 2014 host chairs, Frankie and Jason were keen to put their names forward. The opportunity to shape an experience for 112 grass roots curlers from across Canada was an attractive one! After their visit to the 2013 Championship in Thunder Bay, they were energized; commenting that the players' feedback on the event makes it all worthwhile. For these two, hearing how this experience impacts the players curling, both here and when they return home, is truly inspiring.

Both Frankie and Jason see curling as a community sport. All curlers begin as club curlers, taught, mentored and supported by other club curlers. The TCCC is no different: it takes a community of volunteers to make this event a success. Both Frankie and Jason became misty-eyed when talking about the tireless commitment of their Committee Chairs and the volunteers. They are quite simply amazed at how the community of the Mayflower has come together.

# Behind the wheel of the Championship

Article by Travelers Canada employee reporter Curtis Thompson

In the theatre, the director plays a critical role in preparing the show for production. But, once the curtain rises on opening night, the responsibility for the success of the show falls to the stage actors. The same could be said about the Travelers Curling Club Championship as our organizing committee has spent countless hours over the past year preparing for this event. Now that the rocks are sliding down the ice, the consistent rhythm, energy and success of the event is all a product of the enthusiasm and dedication of the 180 amazing volunteers; both local and from afar.

Their duties are numerous and sometimes unpredictable but each and every person will take every opportunity to tell you how thrilled they are to be a part of this event. The volunteers make the work associated with every aspect of the Championship come to life and they put the personality stamp on the week. They are masters at all they do, including all player transportation, hospitality, media and marketing, timekeeping, ice conditions as well as promoting and supporting the fundraising aspects of the Championship. Thank you to the 180 volunteers with us here in Halifax this week! You have given each of us an experience to remember.

## Volunteer vanguards

Travelling all the way from NWT, a pair of past curlers brave the distance and show their support

For the last two years, Daniel Richards and Glenn Smith have curled in the TCCC representing the Northwest Territories. Although the Hay River residents weren't representing their territory this year, they'd caught the TCCC fever and knew they had to find a way to attend this year's championship. They found it as volunteers.

The two boarded a plane in Hay River on Thursday. Two days, four connecting flights and 7,000 km later they arrived in Halifax. While here, the duo is working as part of the player liaison team and enjoying the 44°C temperature difference between Hay River and Halifax.



## Looking for the live stream?

Let friends and family back home know where they can find it. Visit [travelerscurls.ca](http://travelerscurls.ca) and choose Live Stream from the Schedule and Results tab.

Team photos, action shots, our 2014 animation, player interviews... for all this and more, the Championship's social media is the place to go.

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- End-by-end scores are available through CurlCast on [curling.ca/scoreboard/](http://curling.ca/scoreboard/)

