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The defending Scotties champions from Manitoba will be wearing Team Canada colours this year. Left to right: Kerri Einarson, third Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard, lead Briane Meilleur.



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We are all facing an unprecedented time so we sincerely thank our long-time partner Curling Canada, the Province of Alberta and the City of Calgary for their extraordinary effort in organizing this event and keeping players safe.

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To the curlers, we applaud your talent, passion, and commitment to the sport. We wish you the best of luck in your mission to become Team Canada.

I truly hope that you enjoy the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts!

Dino Bianco
Chief Executive Officer
Kruger Products

Au nom de Produits Kruger, j’ai le plaisir de vous

accueillir au Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties 2021. Nous célébrons cette année la 40e édition du Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties, soit la commandite la plus durable dans le sport féminin au Canada. Nous sommes choyés d’être associés à un événement canadien emblématique d’une telle importance et sommes honorés de soutenir les joueuses de curling de partout au pays.

Nous traversons tous une période sans précédent. Nous remercions donc sincèrement notre partenaire de longue date, Curling Canada, ainsi que la province de l’Alberta et la ville de Calgary pour leur travail extraordinaire dans l’organisation de cet événement et la protection des joueuses.

Produits Kruger est le fier fabricant des papiers-mouchoirs Scotties, du papier hygiénique Cashmere et Purex, ainsi que du papier essuie-tout SpongeTowels. En achetant ces produits fabriqués au Canada, vous contribuez à soutenir le curling féminin partout au pays. Nous tenons à remercier tous les amateurs de curling pour votre soutien continu à notre gamme de grandes marques et, par conséquent, au Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties et au curling féminin partout au Canada.

Aux joueuses, nous saluons votre talent, votre passion et votre engagement envers le curling. Nous vous souhaitons la meilleure des chances dans la réalisation de votre objectif, soit devenir Équipe Canada.

J’espère sincèrement que vous apprécierez le Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties 2021.

Dino Bianco
Chef de la direction
Produits Kruger



MESSAGES



I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, being held at the Markin MacPhail Centre at Canada Olympic Park in Calgary.

Curling fans watching from home this year will no doubt be treated to a remarkable display of precision, skill

and strategy as 18 women's teams from across the country compete for the national title.

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

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

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



ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT of Alberta, it is my pleasure to send greetings to the readers of *Extra End* magazine.

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

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

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

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

The Honourable Jason Kenney
Premier of Alberta

JE SUIS HEUREUX DE PRÉSENTER MES

salutations les plus chaleureuses à toutes les personnes qui prennent part au Tournoi des Coeurs Scotties, au centre Markin MacPhail du parc olympique du Canada, à Calgary.

Cette année, les spectateurs qui assistent au tournoi à distance seront assurément servis par la précision, les habiletés et les stratégies des dix-huit équipes féminines de partout au pays qui se disputent le titre national.

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

Recevez mes meilleurs voeux pour une compétition passionnante et mémorable.

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

AU NOM DU GOUVERNEMENT DE L'ALBERTA, J'AI LE plaisir d'offrir mes salutations aux lecteurs du magazine *Extra End*.

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

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

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

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

L'honorable Jason Kenney
Premier ministre de l'Alberta

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MESSAGES



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

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

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

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

Congratulations!

Naheed K. Nenshi
Mayor of Calgary

AU NOM DES CITOYENS DE CALGARY ET DE MES collègues du conseil municipal, j'ai le plaisir de vous souhaiter la bienvenue aux événements de curling de la Saison des Champions 2021 fièrement organisés par Curling Canada.

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

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

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

Félicitations!

Naheed K. Nenshi
Maire de Calgary



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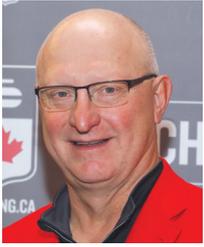
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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I wish all of you good and safe curling.

Mitch Minken
Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mitch Minken
Président

SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

Mosaic Place › Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan › February 14 to 23, 2020



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The 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts champions: from left, Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard and Briane Meilleur. Leading by two in the 10th end, Einarson's draw for the win was heavy, giving up a steal of two and forcing an extra end. Faced with the same shot in overtime, Einarson nailed it with a perfectly played draw to the button.

It wasn't that 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion Team Kerri Einarson of Manitoba gave up a seven-ender against New Brunswick during round-robin play. It's about how they responded.

Giving up the highest single-end score in Hearts history (dating back to 1982) would be enough to take the wind out of most team's sails. But Manitoba surged forward and clinched a spot in the 1-2 Page playoff game.

Afterwards, Einarson was asked by members of the media whether that seven-spot earlier in the week had provided any fuel going forward.

Without missing a beat, she responded: "What seven?"

The ability to forget and focus on what lies ahead paid dividends for the team in the long run; recovering from a round-robin game loss paled in comparison to what was ahead during the Hearts final at Mosaic Place in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

Leading by two in the 10th end, Einarson had an open draw to the four-foot to win her first Scotties Tournament of Hearts title. She threw the rock too heavy and slid into the back eight, providing Einarson's opponent — Ontario's Rachel Homan — a steal of two and forcing an extra end.

But the team's ability to leave that crushing moment behind and focus on the present led to another opportunity. Facing the same shot, an open draw to the four-foot, Einarson, vice-skip Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard and lead Briane Meilleur played it perfectly for a score of one and an 8-7 triumph over Ontario.

"I took a deep breath and just focused on what I needed to do. I wanted to bring my sweepers into play and for it to be more of a team shot rather than just throwing it down there and praying that it stops — like I did on the first one," said Einarson.

It was far from the only highlight-reel



Trailing 7-3 after eight ends, Ontario's Rachel Homan fought back with a deuce in the ninth and a steal of two in 10 — thanks to a miscue by Manitoba — to force an extra end.

shot played during the evening. Einarson, who was precise all week long, threw one of the most exquisite taps in recent memory to score two in the sixth. The Manitoba rock nudged its own third-shot ever-so-slightly into the button to score two for a 6-2 lead.

“This means absolutely the world to me. I really wanted to do this for myself and my teammates, especially Val, who lost two big finals.

“We really put it together. I’m so proud of everyone.”

Manitoba stormed through Pool A with a 6-1 record. Its only hiccup was in that seven-spot game against New Brunswick. The team’s strong effort in the Championship Pool led Manitoba — along with Ontario and Team Wild Card’s Jennifer Jones — to 9-2 records. With the teams tied and sporting one win and one loss against each other, LSD — last stone draw — distances were used to determine placement with Manitoba taking first, Wild Card second and Ontario third.

Northern Ontario’s Krista McCarville secured the fourth Page playoff spot with an 8-3 record.

Einarson took advantage of the Page 1-2 game with a 6-4 victory over Wild Card and booked direct entry into the final. Meanwhile, Ontario defeated Northern Ontario 9-5 in the 3-4 Page playoff game, followed by an 8-3 victory over Wild Card in the semifinal. It’s the second year in a row that Homan qualified for the final as the No. 3 seed in the playoffs.

“We’re right there. That’s curling. It’s a game of inches. A shot here or there we can be the next ones to wear the Maple Leaf on our back,” said Homan. “So happy with our performance this week.



It was a lucrative week for Kerri Einarson and her Hearts champions, including \$105,000 for the win, a spot as Team Canada at the 2021 Hearts and a berth in the Canadian Curling Trials.

FINAL

Ontario (Rachel Homan)	001 010 102 2 0 7
Manitoba (Kerri Einarson)	*110 202 010 0 1 8

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Ontario

Rachel Homan	84%
Emma Miskew	91%
Joanne Courtney	84%
Lisa Weagle	90%
Team totals	87%

Manitoba

Kerri Einarson	82%
Val Sweeting	83%
Shannon Birchard	93%
Briane Meilleur	93%
Team totals	88%

SEMIFINAL

Wild Card (Jennifer Jones)	*000 101 010 X 3
Ontario (Rachel Homan)	030 020 102 X 8

PAGE SYSTEM 3-4 PLAYOFF

Ontario (Rachel Homan)	*010 010 203 2 9
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	001 102 010 0 5

PAGE SYSTEM 1-2 PLAYOFF

Wild Card (Jennifer Jones)	*010 010 101 0 4
Manitoba (Kerri Einarson)	000 102 020 1 6

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs

	Wins	Losses
Manitoba (Kerri Einarson)	2	0
Ontario (Rachel Homan)	2	1
Wild Card (Jennifer Jones)	0	2
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	0	1

Championship round

	Wins	Losses
Manitoba (Kerri Einarson)	9	2
Wild Card (Jennifer Jones)	9	2
Ontario (Rachel Homan)	9	2
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	8	3
Saskatchewan (Robyn Silvernagle)	6	5
British Columbia (Corryn Brown)	5	6
Team Canada (Chelsea Carey)	5	6
Prince Edward Island (Suzanne Birt)	5	6

Round robin*

Pool A

	Wins	Losses
Manitoba (Kerri Einarson)	6	1
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	5	2
Team Canada (Chelsea Carey)	4	3
New Brunswick (Andrea Crawford)	4	3
Saskatchewan (Robyn Silvernagle)†	4	3
Alberta (Laura Walker)	3	4
Nunavut (Lori Eddy)	2	5
Quebec (Noémie Verreault)	0	7

Pool B

	Wins	Losses
Ontario (Rachel Homan)	6	1
Wild Card (Jennifer Jones)**	6	1
Prince Edward Island (Suzanne Birt)	5	2
Nova Scotia (Mary-Anne Arsenault)	4	3
British Columbia (Corryn Brown)††	4	3
Northwest Territories (Kerry Galusha)	2	5
Newfoundland/Labrador (Erica Curtis)	1	6
Yukon (Hailey Birnie)	0	7

** Team Jennifer Jones defeated Team Tracy Fleury 8-7 in the wild-card game to advance to the round robin.

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

† Defeated New Brunswick 9-7 in a tiebreaker to advance to the championship round.

†† Defeated Nova Scotia 5-4 in a tiebreaker to advance to the championship round.



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There’s a lot of teams that wanted to be in that final.”

Homan, vice-skip Emma Miskew, second Joanne Courtney and lead Lisa Weagle from the Ottawa Curling Club earned \$65,000 for their silver-medal finish.

Team Einarson, of the Gimli Curling Club, won \$105,000 for the victory along with the coveted spot as Team Canada at the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The team also received an invitation to the 2021 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings in Saskatoon, where Canada’s men’s and women’s four-player entries at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing will be determined.

The opportunity to represent Canada at the 2020 World Women’s Curling Championship in Prince George, British Columbia, didn’t come to fruition. The COVID-19 pandemic caused the event to be cancelled, but Einarson’s first national women’s championship victory will be one to remember for a long time.

ALL-STAR TEAMS

First-team all-stars

- Skip Rachel Homan, Ontario
- Third Val Sweeting, Manitoba
- Second Shannon Birchard, Manitoba
- Lead Lisa Weagle, Ontario

Second-team all-stars

- Skip Kerri Einarson, Manitoba
- Third Emma Miskew, Ontario
- Second Joanne Courtney, Ontario
- Lead Rachel Brown, Team Canada



Susan Irving of Kruger Products presents the Sandra Schmirler Award to Manitoba skip Kerri Einarson as the most valuable player in the Hearts playoffs.



The 2020 first-team Scotties Tournament of Hearts all-stars: from left, Ontario lead Lisa Weagle, second Shannon Birchard and third Val Sweeting, both of Manitoba, and skip Rachel Homan of Ontario. It was the fourth time that Homan was named a first-team all-star and the first for Weagle, Birchard and Sweeting.

MARJ MITCHELL AWARD

Team Canada lead Rachel Brown won the Marj Mitchell Award for best embodying the spirit of curling at the 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The award is named in memory of Marj Mitchell, who skipped Canada to its first world title in 1980. In 1983, shortly after the second Hearts, Mitchell died of cancer at the age of 35. The winner is selected each year in a vote by all players at the tournament.



Kruger Product’s Oliver Bukvic presents Team Canada lead Rachel Brown with the Marj Mitchell Award for best embodying the spirit of curling.

JOAN MEAD BUILDER AWARD

Presented in the name of the late CBC-TV producer Joan Mead, the 2020 Builder Award was awarded posthumously to Deanna Rindal of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. A lifelong lover of the sport, Rindal was recognized for her significant contributions to curling as an umpire at numerous national and international events, and to the growth and development of curling in her province.



On behalf of the late Deanna Rindal, Curling Canada’s Mitch Minken, far right, presents her family – Preston, Peyton and Bryan Rindal – with the 2020 Joan Mead Award in recognition of her contributions to curling.

SANDRA SCHMIRLER AWARD

Presented in the name of the late Sandra Schmirler, the Most Valuable Player Award was presented to Manitoba skip Kerri Einarson after she was chosen the most outstanding player in the 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts playoffs.

CANADIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

2020	Manitoba	Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, Briane Meilleur
2019	Alberta	Chelsea Carey, Sarah Wilkes, Dana Ferguson, Rachel Brown
2018	Manitoba	Jennifer Jones, Shannon Birchard, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen
2017	Ontario	Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Joanne Courtney, Lisa Weagle
2016	Alberta	Chelsea Carey, Amy Nixon, Jocelyn Peterman, Laine Peters
2015	Manitoba	Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen
2014	Team Canada	Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Alison Kreviazuk, Lisa Weagle
2013	Ontario	Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Alison Kreviazuk, Lisa Weagle
2012	Alberta	Heather Nedohin, Beth Iskiw, Jessica Mair, Laine Peters
2011	Saskatchewan	Amber Holland, Kim Schneider, Tammy Schneider, Heather Kalenchuk
2010	Team Canada	Jennifer Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer, Dawn Askin
2009	Team Canada	Jennifer Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer, Dawn Askin
2008	Manitoba	Jennifer Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer, Dawn Askin
2007	Team Canada	Kelly Scott, Jeanna Schraeder, Sasha Carter, Renee Simons
2006	British Columbia	Kelly Scott, Jeanna Schraeder, Sasha Carter, Renee Simons
2005	Manitoba	Jennifer Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer, Cathy Gauthier
2004	Team Canada	Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Arseneault, Nancy Delahun
2003	Team Canada	Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Waye, Nancy Delahun
2002	Team Canada	Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Waye, Nancy Delahun
2001	Nova Scotia	Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Waye, Nancy Delahun
2000	British Columbia	Kelley Law, Julie Skinner, Georgina Wheatcroft, Diane Nelson
1999	Nova Scotia	Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Waye, Nancy Delahun
1998	Alberta	Cathy Borst, Heather Godbersson, Brenda Bohmer, Kate Horne
1997	Saskatchewan	Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit
1996	Ontario	Marilyn Bodogh, Kim Gellard, Corie Beveridge, Jane Hooper Perroud
1995	Manitoba	Connie Laliberte, Cathy Overton, Cathy Gauthier, Janet Arnott
1994	Team Canada	Sandra Peterson, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit
1993	Saskatchewan	Sandra Peterson, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit
1992	Manitoba	Connie Laliberte, Laurie Allen, Cathy Gauthier, Janet Arnott
1991	British Columbia	Julie Sutton, Jodie Sutton, Melissa Soligo, Karri Willms
1990	Ontario	Alison Goring, Kristin Turcotte, Andrea Lawes, Cheryl McPherson
1989	Team Canada	Heather Houston, Lorraine Lang, Diane Adams, Tracy Kennedy
1988	Ontario	Heather Houston, Lorraine Lang, Diane Adams, Tracy Kennedy
1987	British Columbia	Pat Sanders, Georgina Hawkes, Louise Herlinveaux, Deb Massullo
1986	Ontario	Marilyn Darte, Kathy McEdwards, Chris Jurgenson, Jan Augustyn
1985	British Columbia	Linda Moore, Lindsay Sparkes, Debbie Jones, Laurie Carney
1984	Manitoba	Connie Laliberte, Chris More, Corinne Peters, Janet Arnott
1983	Nova Scotia	Penny LaRocque, Sharon Horne, Cathy Caudle, Pam Sanford
1982	Nova Scotia	Colleen Jones, Kay Smith, Monica Jones, Barbara Jones-Gordon
1981	Alberta	Susan Seitz, Judy Erickson, Myrna McKay, Betty McCracken
1980	Saskatchewan	Marj Mitchell, Nancy Kerr, Shirley McKendry, Wendy Leach
1979	British Columbia	Lindsay Sparkes, Dawn Knowles, Robin Wilson, Lorraine Bowles
1978	Manitoba	Cathy Pidzarko, Chris Pidzarko, Iris Armstrong, Patti Vandekerckhove
1977	Alberta	Myrna McQuarrie, Rita Tarnava, Barb Davis, Jane Rempel
1976	British Columbia	Lindsay Davie, Dawn Knowles, Robin Klassen, Lorraine Bowles
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1969	Saskatchewan	Joyce McKee, Vera Pezer, Lenore Morrison, Jennifer Falk
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1967	Manitoba	Betty Duguid, Joan Ingram, Laurie Bradawaski, Dorothy Rose
1966	Alberta	Gale Lee, Hazel Jamison, Sharon Harrington, June Coyle
1965	Manitoba	Peggy Casselman, Val Taylor, Pat MacDonald, Pat Scott
1964	British Columbia	Ina Hansen, Ada Calles, Isabel Leith, May Shaw
1963	New Brunswick	Mabel DeWare, Harriet Stratton, Forbis Stevenson, Marjorie Fraser
1962	British Columbia	Ina Hansen, Ada Calles, Isabel Leith, May Shaw
1961	Saskatchewan	Joyce McKee, Sylvia Fedoruk, Barbara MacNevin, Rosa McFee

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Six-time Canadian women's curling champion Colleen Jones of Halifax describes the Scotties Tournament of Hearts as being "locked in my soul so deep it can never get out." Jones won the first of her national championships at the inaugural Scotties in 1982 in Regina.

It started with a bottle of red wine and two sisters imagining the Canadian women's curling championship as a splashy, big-time event.

It has become that and much, much more.

As the milestone 40th edition of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts plays out in Calgary, it does so as a Canadian cultural touchstone, and as the aspirational summit for young curlers across the country. It is something that six-time champion Colleen Jones of Halifax describes as being "locked in my soul so deep it can never get out."

Forty years ago, the grand event we know today was a far-off destination.

The Macdonald Lassie, as the Canadian championship was then called, was a comparative speck on the sporting landscape. Most would have considered any attempt to turn it into a major competition to be an outlandish dream.

But Robin Wilson and her sister, Dawn, two-time Lassie champions, sat on the floor of their parents' living room in North Vancouver 40 years ago, and shared a bottle of red wine as they dreamed the outlandish dream.

"It was a really good bottle of wine," laughs Robin, who along with Dawn were the Knowles sisters in their curling heyday.

And as she and Dawn shared it that night, the two of them talked about their love for curling and the remarkable bond brought about when four teammates work so closely together to achieve a

common goal. That, they thought, was the spirit they absolutely needed to capture in the name they were seeking.

They kicked around the titles of some of the great sports events in North America, looking for inspiration.

“We thought of every tournament,” remembers Robin Wilson, who served as the Scotties co-ordinator from its inception until 2010. “All the big ones down in the States, down in California, stuff like that.”

The possibilities piled up. Numerous names were tossed around.

“All sorts of them,” according to Robin, including Scott Paper Rocks and Roses.

Then, she says, “The two of us kind of got it at the same time. ‘What about Scott Tournament of Hearts?’”

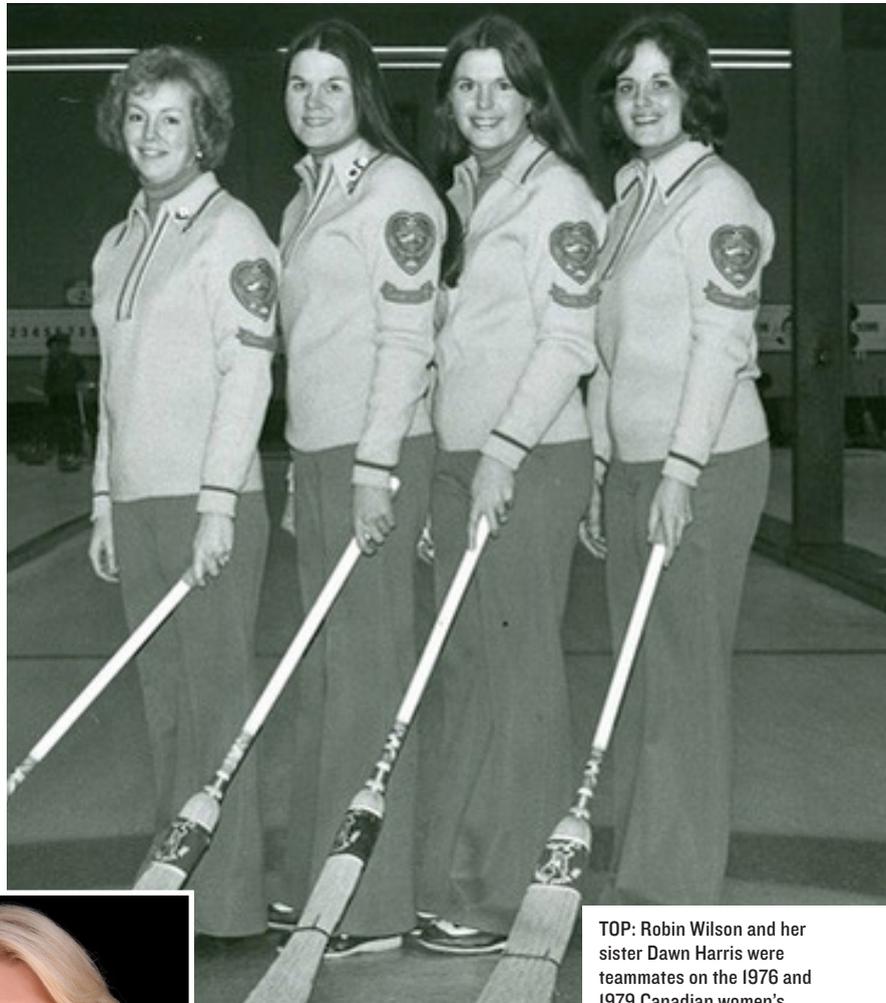
You know what has followed that ‘eureka’ moment. An explosion of coverage, and a gigantic shift for women’s curling in the national psyche, which came with the incubation of some great ideas and an awful lot of hard, continual work.

An immense difference could be sensed from Day One of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The elevated feel that boosters and organizers were seeking was clearly evident. Jones, who won the first of her six national championships at the inaugural Scotties in 1982, had also competed at the Lassie in 1979 and ‘80. She couldn’t help but be overwhelmed by the sudden transformation, going from events where players could hear the arena lights buzzing overhead, to one that authoritatively insisted it was big-time. Special.

“The arena was beautiful,” Jones remembers about the first STOH, in Regina. “It was meticulously decorated. And it was fully-lit. Not like the old days when they used to only light it for the one television game. Everything about it looked different.”

Jones remembers the officials and volunteers, all decked out in uniforms. She remembers the flowers. Everywhere, flowers. And she remembers one more very important thing, something that couldn’t help but stand out after she’d previously played in events small enough where, she says, “the officials outnumbered the crowd.”

The buzz of lights was replaced by the buzz of spectators.



TOP: Robin Wilson and her sister Dawn Harris were teammates on the 1976 and 1979 Canadian women’s curling championship team, skipped by Lindsay Sparkes. The two young Knowles sisters were instrumental in the remake of the national championship which is now an overwhelming success called the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The 1976 team (left to right): Lindsay Davie, Dawn Knowles, Robin Klassen and Lorraine Bowles. Robin was Klassen in 1976 and Wilson in 1979; Lindsay was Davie in 1976 and Sparkes in 1979.



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“The crowds came,” Jones says of that first Scotties. “They got the crowd out in Regina. And it felt instantly different. I knew right away that it was sort of a case of if you build it they will come.”

In creating the name of the tournament, the Scott part was easy for Robin Wilson. The paper

company where she’d previously worked (and would again through curling) was to be the title sponsor. But what about the hearts?

“It was all about the four players on the team,” says Robin, who concocted the idea of the four hearts logo along with Dawn, the same night they came up with the name.

The Knowles sisters loved the experience of playing with skip Lindsay Sparkes and teammate Lorraine Bowles.

INSET: Robin Wilson served as the Scotties co-ordinator from its inception until 2010. Her input in the formation of the event help create an explosion of media coverage and a gigantic shift for women’s curling in Canada.



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She was one of the greatest curlers Canada has ever produced. Sandra Schmirler broke through to win her first Scotties Tournament of Hearts in 1993, and went on to win two more plus a world championship and Olympic gold medal. Her death due to cancer on March 2, 2000 was a body blow to sports across the country.



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Ontario skip Rachel Homan will be roughly seven months pregnant during the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Calgary as she shoots for her fourth national women's title. She's one of the favourites every time she steps on the ice.



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Two-time Scotties champion Heather Nedohin of Sherwood Park, Alta., won't be throwing stones in Calgary but you will still find her working hard, coaching defending champion Kerri Einarson's team from Gimli, Man.



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Winnipeg native Jennifer Jones has made the Scotties Tournament of Hearts her own personal playground. She and her teammates have gathered around the hardware six times over the years. Jones, left, celebrates her win in 2015 with third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen.



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Those necklaces and rings awarded to the participants each year at the Scotties, with repeat champions having more gems added as they win, are perhaps just as iconic as the event itself. Lisa Weagle displays some of the jewelry.

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Oliver Bukvic, Corporate Director, Marketing, for Kruger Products, presents Northern Ontario's Sarah Potts the Marj Mitchell Sportsmanship Award at the 2019 Scotties. The company's support of the event is one of Canada's longest-standing sports sponsorships.



“We had an incredibly close relationship and a lot of success with the four of us,” Robin says. “It was just the natural thing, you know, our hearts are with the sport.”

In the days of its infancy, and indeed beyond that time, the Scotties has had champions as dedicated and talented off the ice as on it. Robin points to Warren Hansen, the hall-of-famer who worked with the Canadian Curling Association and Curling Canada from the mid-1970s until 2015. She talks about television executives like Rick Brace at TSN and Joan Mead at CBC, who assisted greatly in ushering in a grand age of TV coverage. That was instrumental in the explosive growth of the Scotties, as well as the Brier and curling in general.

“We had a champion at TSN and a champion at CBC,” says Robin. “And a very generous and convincing sponsor.”

That generous and convincing corporate benefactor was the most crucial piece of the puzzle, and that's where the late Bob Stewart, then the president of Scott Paper, exerted tremendous influence.

“An incredible man,” says Robin. “He was the one that, I think, more than anyone, is the reason why the Scotties ended up to be what it was. And why women's curling really started to take off.”

Stewart gave Robin the green light at every turn, encouraging rapid growth spurred on by tireless efforts. He did more than just say “go for it” and step aside, though. He plugged in, attending luncheons and dinners in order to press the flesh, working hard to convince anybody who needed convincing.

And convincing was needed, Robin remembers. When the birth of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts was announced, she says, “The media was pretty brutal to it.”

In return for his unwavering support, Stewart asked for a pledge from Robin.

“He said to me, ‘I need you to promise me that this will be the number one female sport in Canada some day.’ I said ‘sure.’ And I think we did that.”

Jones can attest to that. She was 22 years old at the time of her first national championship, and that giant leap in the status of women's curling — so obviously present from the moment she stepped onto the ice at the first Scotties — was a lure that could not be resisted.

“It provided me the will to push forward in the sport,” she says.

That's a notion with which the legions of players who've followed would no doubt agree.

“It was a huge turning point for women's curling that the Scotties came to be,” says Jones. “Everything has grown, in the sport, from that.”

Securing unflinching corporate backing was a very important part of the early growth of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, and when the Canadian subsidiary of Scott Paper became Kruger Products during the 1990s, that crucial support continued, and does to this day.

“It makes it one of Canada's longest-standing sports sponsorships,” says Oliver Bukvic, Corporate Director, Marketing, for Kruger Products. “So, we're very proud of that achievement.”

“We certainly see that curling is a wonderful Canadian game, so Kruger Products takes a lot of pride in supporting it and seeing the growth both on a national level as well as provincial and territorial level as well.”

Personally, Bukvic says he has always enjoyed the prospect of being involved with one of the great traditions of the Scotties — the presentation of jewelry to the players.

“It's really been an honour to award the curlers for their perseverance,” he says, “and their teamwork, to become champions.”

Ah, yes. The jewelry. Those necklaces and rings, awarded to the participants each year, with repeat champions having more gems added as they win, are perhaps just as iconic as the event itself. That, too, was an idea created on a night 40 years ago when two sisters plunked down on their parents' living room floor, clinking glasses and brainstorming ideas on how to elevate women's curling.

The jewelry, the name, the four hearts as symbols ... all born that same night.

Like Robin Wilson said: It was a really good bottle of wine.

Don Landry is a Toronto-based freelance writer.



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SKIP: Kerri Einarson **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Rehabilitation assistant, Betel Home Foundation **Highlights:** Skipped Manitoba at 2016 and '20 Hearts, Wild Card in '18 and '19 Wild Card pre-qualifier; won gold in '20, silver in '18. Played third for Manitoba at 2010, '13, '15 and '17 Canadian mixed

THIRD: Val Sweeting **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Case processing agent, Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada **Highlights:** Skipped Alberta at 2010, '14 and '15 Hearts, third for Manitoba in '20 and '19 Wild Card pre-qualifier; won gold in '20, silver in '14 and '15. Played in 2018 Canadian mixed doubles. Played third for Saskatchewan at 2007 Canadian juniors

SECOND: Shannon Birchard **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Bookkeeper, self-employed **Highlights:** Played third for Manitoba at 2018 Hearts, second in '20 and '19 Wild Card pre-qualifier; won gold in '18 and '20; won gold at '18 world championship. Played in 2017 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Manitoba to silver at 2012 and '13 Canadian juniors (threw third rocks in '12)

LEAD: Briane Meilleur **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** CAD technician, EuroCraft Office Furnishings **Highlights:** Played lead for Manitoba at 2020 Hearts and '19 Wild Card pre-qualifier; won gold in '20. Played third for Manitoba at 2010 and '11 Canadian juniors; won bronze in '11

ALTERNATE: Krysten Karwacki

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SKIP: Laura Walker **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Mortgage Broker, Mortgage Design Group **Highlights:** Skipped Alberta at 2020 Hearts. Won gold at 2018 Canadian mixed doubles, silver in '16, bronze in '19. Won bronze for Canada at 2018 world mixed doubles. Played second for Ontario at 2010 and '11 Canadian juniors; won gold in '11. Won silver at 2011 world juniors as second for Canada

THIRD: Kate Cameron **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Paralegal, Tapper Cuddy LLP **Highlights:** Played third for Manitoba at 2017 Hearts, Canada in '18 and Alberta in '20; won silver in '17. Played in 2015 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles

SECOND: Taylor McDonald **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Mortgage broker, Mortgage Design Group **Highlights:** Played second for Alberta at 2020 Hearts. Won gold at 2014 Canadian juniors as second for Alberta. Won gold at 2014 world juniors as second for Canada

LEAD: Rachel Brown **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Teacher, Black Gold Regional Division **Highlights:** Played lead for Alberta in 2014, '15 and '19 Hearts, Canada in '20; won gold in '19, silver in '14 and '15. Played lead at 2009 Canadian mixed

ALTERNATE: Dana Ferguson

COACH: Shannon Pynn

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SKIP: Corryn Brown **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Training analyst, BC Wildfire Service **Highlights:** Skipped British Columbia at 2020 Hearts. Skipped British Columbia at 2013, '15 and '17 Canadian juniors; won gold in '13, bronze in '15

THIRD: Erin Pincott **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Sport performance coordinator, PacificSport Interior BC **Highlights:** Played third for British Columbia at 2020 Hearts. Played third for British Columbia at 2013 and '15 Canadian juniors; won gold in '13, bronze in '15

SECOND: Dezaray Hawes **Age:** 24 **Occupation:** Administrative assistant, MNP LLP **Highlights:** Played second for British Columbia at 2020 Hearts. Played second for British Columbia at 2016 and '17 Canadian juniors; won silver in '16. Played in 2013, '15 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles

LEAD: Samantha Fisher **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Respiratory therapist, Interior Health Authority **Highlights:** Played second for British Columbia at 2013 and '15 Canadian juniors, lead in '17; won gold in '13, bronze in '15

ALTERNATE: Stephanie Jackson-Baier

COACH: Allison MacInnes

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SKIP: Jennifer Jones **Age:** 46 **Occupation:** Motivational speaker/lawyer **Highlights:** Won 2014 Olympic gold as skip for Canada. Skipped Manitoba at 2002, '05, '07, '08, '12, '13, '15 and '18 Hearts, Canada in '06, '09, '10, '11, '16 and '19, Wild Card in '20; won gold in '05, '08, '09, '10, '15 and '18, silver in '06, '11 and '13, bronze in '07, '12, '16 and '20. Skipped Canada to gold at 2008 and '18 worlds, silver in '15, bronze in '10. Played in 2017 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles; won bronze in '17. Played third at 1991 Canadian juniors, skipped in '93, '94 and '95; won gold in '94, silver in '91

THIRD: Kaitlyn Lawes **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Self-employed **Highlights:** Won Olympic gold as third for Canada's 2014 four-player team and '18 mixed doubles. Played third for Canada at 2011, '16 and '19 Hearts, Manitoba in '12, '13 and '15, Wild Card in '20; won gold in '15, silver in '11 and '13, bronze in '12, '16 and '20. Won

gold at 2018 worlds as third for Canada, silver in '15. Played in 2014 and '17 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Canada to bronze at 2008 world juniors, silver in '09

SECOND: Jocelyn Peterman **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played second for Alberta at 2016 Hearts, Canada in '17 and '19, Wild Card in '20 and '18 Wild Card pre-qualifier; won gold in '16, bronze in '17 and '20. Played in 2014, '16, '18 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles; won gold in '16 and '19. Won silver at 2019 world mixed doubles for Canada. Won gold at 2012 Canadian juniors as skip for Alberta

LEAD: Lisa Weagle **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played lead for Canada at 2018 Olympics. Played lead for Ontario at 2011, '13, '17, '19 and '20 Hearts, Canada in '14 and '15; won gold in '13, '14 and '17, silver in '19 and '20, bronze in '15. Won bronze at 2013 worlds as lead, silver in '14, gold in '17. Played in 2016 and '17 Canadian mixed doubles

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SKIP: Melissa Adams **Age:** 43 **Occupation:** National operations specialist, Canadian Food Inspection Agency **Highlights:** Played third for New Brunswick at 2018 Hearts and '17 pre-qualifier. Skipped New Brunswick at 1996, '97 and '98 Canadian juniors; won gold in '98. Won gold for Canada as skip at 1998 world juniors

THIRD: Jaclyn Tingley **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Teacher, Anglophone School District West

SECOND: Nicole Arsenault Bishop **Age:** 39 **Occupation:** Executive director and registrar, New Brunswick Association of Dietitians **Highlights:** Played second for New Brunswick at 2018 Hearts. Played second for New Brunswick at 1999 and 2000 Canadian juniors

LEAD: Kendra Lister **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Senior internal auditor, Social Development **Highlights:** Played lead for New Brunswick at 2018 Hearts. Played lead for New Brunswick at 2015 Canadian mixed

ALTERNATE: Monique Massé

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SKIP: Sarah Hill **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Business student, Memorial University of Newfoundland **Highlights:** Skipped N.L. at 2014 and '15 Canadian juniors. Played lead for N.L. at 2017 Canadian mixed

THIRD: Beth Hamilton **Age:** 40 **Occupation:** Pharmacist, Lawtons Drugs **Highlights:** Played second for N.L. at 2005 and '19 Hearts, lead in '20. Played lead at 1999 and 2000 Canadian juniors

SECOND: Lauren Barron **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Earth science student, Memorial University of Newfoundland

LEAD: Adrienne Mercer **Age:** 41 **Occupation:** Lawyer, McInnes Cooper

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THIRD: Megan Smith **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Education student, Wilfrid Laurier University **Highlights:** Skipped Northern Ontario at 2016 Canadian juniors, played third in '17 and '19; won bronze in '17

SECOND: Sara Guy **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Registered nurse, Health Sciences North **Highlights:** Played second for Northern Ontario at 2014, '15, '17 and '19 Canadian juniors; won bronze in '17

LEAD: Amanda Gates **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Commercial account manager, Cambrian Insurance **Highlights:** Played lead for Northern Ontario at 2012, '15 and '18 Hearts. Played in 2018 Canadian mixed doubles. Played lead for Northern Ontario at 2005 and '07 Canadian juniors, second in '06

ALTERNATE: Kira Brunton

COACH: Rodney Guy

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SKIP: Kerry Galusha **Age:** 43 **Occupation:** Finance officer, Government of N.W.T. Department of Justice **Highlights:** Skipped N.W.T./Yukon throwing fourth rocks at 2001, '08, '09, '11, '12 and '13 Hearts, throwing third rocks in '05, '06 and '07. Skipped N.W.T. throwing fourth rocks at 2017, '18 and '19 Hearts and '15 and '16 pre-qualifiers. Skipped N.W.T. throwing second rocks in 2020. Played third for N.W.T. at 2015, '18 and '20 Canadian mixed and N.W.T./Yukon in 1999 and '06; won silver in '15, bronze in '20. Skipped N.W.T. at 1996 and '98 Canadian juniors, played third for N.W.T./Yukon in '93, '94 and '95

THIRD: Jo-Ann Rizzo **Age:** 57 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Threw fourth rocks for N.W.T. at 2020 Hearts. Skipped Ontario at 2016 and '17 Canadian seniors; won silver in '17. Played third for Ontario at 2003 Canadian mixed

SECOND: Margot Flemming **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** PhD student, Geography, University of Waterloo (researching in N.W.T.)

LEAD: Shona Barbour **Age:** 41 **Occupation:** Programs advisor, N.W.T. Housing Corporation **Highlights:** Played second for N.W.T./Yukon at 2009 Hearts, lead in '11 and '12. Played lead for N.W.T. at 2018, '19 and '20 Hearts and '15 and '16 pre-qualifiers. Played second for N.W.T. at 1995 Canadian juniors, third in '96 and '98

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SKIP: Jill Brothers **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Hair stylist, Dime Salon **Highlights:** Skipped Nova Scotia at 2007, '16 and '19 Hearts, played third in '14. Won gold at 2010 Canadian mixed as lead. Skipped at 2001 and '04 Canadian juniors; won gold in '04. Won silver at 2004 world juniors as skip for Canada

THIRD: Erin Carmody **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Research assistant, GI Research IWK Health; Clinical dietitian, IWK Health **Highlights:** Played third for Nova Scotia at 2019 Hearts, threw fourth rocks for P.E.I. in '10; won silver in '10. Played third for P.E.I. at 2012 Canadian mixed. Skipped P.E.I. at 2007, '08 and '09 Canadian juniors

SECOND: Jennifer Brine **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Learning centre teacher, St. Stephen's Elementary School **Highlights:** Played lead for Nova Scotia at 2019 Hearts, alternate/second in '16. Won bronze at 2006 Canadian juniors as third

LEAD: Emma Logan **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Customer success manager, LifeRaft **Highlights:** Played lead for Nova Scotia at 2020 Hearts

ALTERNATE: Kim Kelly

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MACDONALD

SKIP: Lori Eddy **Age:** 49 **Occupation:** Host, 2 Girls and a Game podcast **Highlights:** Skipped Nunavut at 2020 Hearts, played third for Ontario in 1997, won silver in '97

THIRD: Sadie Pinksen **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Management and International Development student, Dalhousie University **Highlights:** Played lead for Nunavut at 2019 Hearts, third in '20. Skipped at 2013, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19 and '20 Canadian juniors and '15 Canada Winter Games. Played lead at 2018 Canadian mixed, third in '19

SECOND: Alison Griffin **Age:** 40 **Occupation:** Independent contractor **Highlights:** Played third for Nunavut at 2019 Hearts, second in '20. Played lead for P.E.I. in 2018 and third for Nunavut at '20 Canadian mixed. Played in 2019 Canadian mixed doubles

LEAD: Kaitlin MacDonald **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Finance clerk, Government of Nunavut **Highlights:** Played lead for Nunavut at 2020 Hearts. Played lead at 2015 Canadian juniors, second in '16, '17, '18, '19 and '20. Played lead at 2015 Canada Winter Games

COACH: Donalda Mattie

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RACHEL
HOMAN



EMMA
MISKEW



SARAH
WILKES



JOANNE
COURTNEY

SKIP: Rachel Homan **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Canada at 2018 Olympics. Skipped Ontario at 2011, '13, '17, '19 and '20 Hearts, Canada in '14 and '15; won gold in '13, '14 and '17, silver in '19 and '20, bronze in '15. Skipped Canada to bronze at 2013 worlds, silver in '14, gold in '17. Played in 2016 and '17 Canadian mixed doubles. Played third for Ontario at 2012 Canadian mixed. Won silver at 2009 Canadian juniors as skip, gold in '10. Won silver at 2010 world juniors as skip for Canada

THIRD: Emma Miskew **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Industrial and graphic designer **Highlights:** Played third for Canada at 2018 Olympics. Played third for Ontario at 2011, '13, '17, '19 and '20 Hearts, Canada in '14 and '15; won gold in '13, '14 and '17, silver in '19 and '20, bronze in '15. Won bronze at 2013 worlds as third, silver in '14, gold in '17. Played in 2016 Canadian mixed doubles. Won silver at 2009 Canadian juniors as third for Ontario, gold in '10. Won silver at 2010 world juniors as third for Canada

SECOND: Sarah Wilkes **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Student advisor, University of Alberta **Highlights:** Played second for Alberta at 2017 Hearts, third in '19 and for Canada in '20; won gold in '19. Won gold at 2016 Canadian mixed as third for Alberta. Played third for Ontario at 2011 Canadian juniors

LEAD: Joanne Courtney **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Registered nurse, Alberta Health Services **Highlights:** Played second for Canada at 2018 Olympics. Played third for Alberta at 2014 Hearts, second for Canada in '15 and Ontario in '17, '19 and '20; won gold in '17, silver in '14, '19 and '20, bronze in '15. Won gold at 2017 worlds as second for Canada. Played in 2016, '17 and '18 Canadian mixed doubles; won gold in '17, bronze in '18. Won silver at 2017 world mixed doubles. Played lead for Alberta at 2007 Canadian juniors

ALTERNATE: Danielle Inglis

COACH: Randy Ferbey

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SUZANNE
BIRT



MARIE
CHRISTIANSON



MEAGHAN
HUGHES



MICHELLE
MCQUAID

SKIP: Suzanne Birt **Age:** 39 **Occupation:** Stay-at-home mom **Highlights:** Skipped P.E.I. at 2003, '04, '06, '07, '08, '11, '13, '15, '16, '19 and '20 Hearts; won bronze in '03. Played third at 2007 Canadian mixed. Skipped at 1998, '99, 2000, '01 and '02 Canadian juniors; won gold in '01 and '02, silver in 2000, bronze in '98. Skipped Canada to gold at 2001 world juniors, bronze in '02

THIRD: Marie Christianson **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Registered massage therapist, Brickyard Health **Highlights:** Played lead for P.E.I. at 2016 Hearts, third in '19 and '20. Played third for N.L. at 2016 Canadian mixed, third for Nova Scotia in '19; won silver in '19. Played in 2014 and '15 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Nova Scotia at 2007 and '09 Canadian juniors

SECOND: Meaghan Hughes **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Lawyer, Province of P.E.I. **Highlights:** Played second for P.E.I. at 2016, '17, '18, '19 and '20 Hearts. Skipped at 2003, '04, '05 and '06 Canadian juniors

LEAD: Michelle McQuaid **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Team lead, Veteran Affairs Canada **Highlights:** Played second for P.E.I. at 2015 Hearts, lead in '17, '18, '19 and '20. Played third at 2010, '11 and '12 Canadian juniors

ALTERNATE: Kathy O'Rourke

COACH: Mitch O'Shea

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LAURIE ST-GEORGES

HAILEY ARMSTRONG

EMILY RILEY

CYNTHIA ST-GEORGES

SKIP: Laurie St-Georges **Age:** 23
Occupation: Journalism student, Université de Québec à Montréal
Highlights: Skipped Quebec at 2016, '18 and '19 Canadian juniors; won silver in '18. Won bronze at 2019 Canadian mixed as Quebec third

THIRD: Hailey Armstrong **Age:** 24
Occupation: Student, Algonquin College; Skipped Ontario to silver medal at 2017 juniors

SECOND: Emily Riley **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Sports psychology student, University of Ottawa
Highlights: Played lead for Quebec at 2016, second at '18 and '19 Canadian juniors; won silver in '18. Won bronze at 2019 Canadian mixed as Quebec lead

LEAD: Cynthia St-Georges **Age:** 19 **Occupation:** Health sciences student, Collège Montmorency
Highlights: Played third for Quebec at 2016, '18 and '19 Canadian juniors; won silver in '18. Skipped Quebec at 2019 Canadian U-18s

ALTERNATE: Florence Boivin

COACH: Michel St-Georges

SASKATCHEWAN

NUTANA CURLING CLUB, SASKATOON



SHERRY ANDERSON

NANCY MARTIN

CHAELLYNN KITZ

BREANNE KNAPP

SKIP: Sherry Anderson **Age:** 57 **Occupation:** Owner, C&S Promotions **Highlights:** Skipped Saskatchewan at 1994, '95, 2002, '04 and '18 Hearts, played third in '14 and '15; won silver in '02. Skipped Saskatchewan at 2016, '17, '18 and '19 Canadian seniors; won gold in '17, '18 and '19, silver in '16. Won gold for Canada at 2018, '19 world seniors

THIRD: Nancy Martin **Age:** 48 **Occupation:** Public servant **Highlights:** Played in 2013, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles; won silver in '13 and '19

SECOND: Chaelynn Kitz **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Kinesiology graduate, University of Saskatchewan **Highlights:** Played in 2018, '19 Canadian mixed doubles

LEAD: Breanne Knapp **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Registered dietitian, Saskatchewan Health Authority **Highlights:** Played lead for Manitoba at 2007, '09 juniors, skipped in '10 and '11; won gold in '09, silver in '07, bronze in '11. Won silver for Canada as lead at 2009 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Amber Holland

COACH: Shane Kitz

YUKON

WHITEHORSE CURLING CLUB



LAURA EBY

LORNA SPENNER

TAMAR VANDENBERGHE

LAURA WILLIAMSON

SKIP: Laura Eby **Age:** 54 **Occupation:** Executive director, Association of Yukon Communities **Highlights:** Skipped Yukon at 2016 and '18 Canadian curling club championship

THIRD: Lorna Spenner **Age:** 51 **Occupation:** Front end supervisor, Java Connection **Highlights:** Played third for Yukon at 2016 and '18 Canadian curling club championship

SECOND: Tamar Vandenberghe **Age:** 47 **Occupation:** Forestry tenures administrator, Government of Yukon **Highlights:** Played lead for Yukon at 2016 Canadian curling club championship and second in '18

LEAD: Laura Williamson **Age:** 48 **Occupation:** Budget manager, Yukon University **Highlights:** Played lead for Yukon at 2015 and '18 Canadian curling club championships

ALTERNATE: Darlene Gammel

COACH: Scott Williamson

WILD CARD 1

EAST ST. PAUL CURLING CLUB, MANITOBA



CHELSEA
CAREY



SELENA
NJEGOVAN



LIZ
FYFE



KRISTIN
MACCUISH

SKIP: Chelsea Carey **Age:** 36 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Manitoba at 2014 Hearts, Alberta in '16 and '19, Team Canada in '17 and '20 and '18 Wild Card pre-qualifier; won gold in '16 and '19, bronze in '14 and '17. Played in 2016, '17 and '18 Canadian mixed doubles; won bronze in '17 and '18

THIRD: Selena Njegovan **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Owner, Selena Njegovan Virtual Solutions **Highlights:** Played third for Manitoba at 2016 and '19 Hearts, Wild Card in '18 and '20 Wild Card pre-qualifier; won silver in '18. Won silver at 2012 Canadian juniors as fourth for Manitoba

SECOND: Liz Fyfe **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Wedding and event-planner, self-employed **Highlights:** Played second for Manitoba at 2016 and '19 Hearts, Wild Card in '18 and '20 Wild Card pre-qualifier; won silver in '18. Played lead for Manitoba at 2001 Canadian juniors, second in '08; won gold in '08. Won bronze at 2008 world juniors as second for Canada

LEAD: Kristin MacCuish **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Student, Athabasca University; Home care aide **Highlights:** Played lead for Manitoba at 2016 and '19 Hearts, Wild Card in '18 and '20 Wild Card pre-qualifier; won silver in '18. Won silver at 2012 Canadian juniors as second

ALTERNATE: Clancy Grandy

COACH: Sherry Middaugh

WILD CARD 2

ALTONA CURLING CLUB, MANITOBA



MACKENZIE
ZACHARIAS



KARLEE
BURGESS



EMILY
ZACHARIAS



LAUREN
LENENTINE

SKIP: Mackenzie Zacharias **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Kinesiology student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Skipped Manitoba at 2019 and '20 Canadian juniors; won gold in '20. Skipped Canada to gold at 2020 world juniors. Skipped Manitoba at 2017 U-18s

THIRD: Karlee Burgess **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Kinesiology student, Dalhousie University **Highlights:** Played second for Nova Scotia at 2014, '15, '16, '18, '19 Canadian juniors, third in '17 and third for Manitoba in '20; won bronze in '14 and '19, gold in '16, '18 and '20. Won gold at 2016 and '18 world juniors as second and in '20 as third for Canada

SECOND: Emily Zacharias **Age:** 19 **Occupation:** Kinesiology student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Played second for Manitoba at 2019 and '20 Canadian juniors; won gold in '20. Won gold at 2020 world juniors as second for Canada. Played second for Manitoba at 2017 U-18s

LEAD: Lauren Lenentine **Age:** 20 **Occupation:** Student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Skipped P.E.I. at 2017, '18 Canadian juniors, played third for Nova Scotia in '19 and lead for Manitoba in '20; won bronze in '19 and gold in '20. Won gold at 2020 world juniors as lead for Canada. Skipped P.E.I. at 2017 Canadian U-18s

ALTERNATE: Rachel Erickson

COACH: Sheldon Zacharias

WILD CARD 3

ASSINIBOINE MEMORIAL CURLING CLUB, WINNIPEG



BETH
PETERSON



JENNA
LODER



KATHERINE
DOERKSEN



BRITTANY
TRAN

SKIP: Beth Peterson **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Radiation therapist, CancerCare Manitoba **Highlights:** Skipped Manitoba at 2015 Canadian juniors

THIRD: Jenna Loder **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Technical advisor, Federal Government **Highlights:** Played in 2013 and '14 Canadian mixed doubles. Won gold at 2008 and '09 Canadian juniors as Manitoba third. Won bronze at 2008 world juniors, silver in '09 for Canada as third

SECOND: Katherine Doerksen **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Retail buyer, The North West Company

LEAD: Brittany Tran **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Program analyst, Emission Reduction Alberta **Highlights:** Played second for N.W.T. at 2019 Hearts. Won gold at 2012 Canadian juniors as third for Alberta

ALTERNATE: Cathy Overton-Clapham

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OFFICIAL DRAW



DATE	DRAW	LOCAL TIME	ET TIME	SHEET A	SHEET B	SHEET C	SHEET D
Friday, Feb. 19	1	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	NO vs NT	YT vs WC3	AB vs NS	CA vs WC2
Saturday, Feb. 20	2	8:30 am	10:30 am	NL vs NB	MB vs QC	NU vs WCI	PE vs SK
	3	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	YT vs NS	AB vs WC2	NT vs CA	WC3 vs ON
	4	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	MB vs WCI	NU vs SK	NB vs PE	QC vs BC
Sunday, Feb. 21	5	8:30 am	10:30 am	CA vs WC3	NS vs NT	YT vs ON	NO vs AB
	6	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	PE vs QC	WCI vs NB	MB vs BC	NL vs NU
	7	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	ON vs AB	CA vs NO	NS vs WC3	WC2 vs YT
Monday, Feb. 22	8	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	BC vs NU	PE vs NL	WCI vs QC	SK vs MB
	9	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	NT vs WC2	WC3 vs AB	NO vs YT	ON vs NS
Tuesday, Feb. 23	10	8:30 am	10:30 am	NB vs SK	QC vs NU	NL vs MB	BC vs WCI
	11	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	NS vs CA	NO vs ON	WC3 vs WC2	AB vs NT
	12	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	WCI vs PE	NL vs BC	QC vs SK	NU vs NB
Wednesday, Feb. 24	13	8:30 am	10:30 am	WC3 vs NO	WC2 vs NS	ON vs NT	YT vs CA
	14	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	QC vs NL	SK vs WCI	BC vs NB	MB vs PE
	15	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	WC2 vs ON	NT vs YT	CA vs AB	NS vs NO
Thursday, Feb. 25	16	8:30 am	10:30 am	SK vs BC	NB vs MB	PE vs NU	WCI vs NL
	17	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	AB vs YT	ON vs CA	WC2 vs NO	NT vs WC3
	18	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	NU vs MB	BC vs PE	SK vs NL	NB vs QC
Friday, Feb. 26*	TB	8:00 am	10:00 am	TIEBREAKER IF NECESSARY			
	19	12:30 pm	2:30 pm	A4 vs B3	B1 vs A2	A1 vs B4	B2 vs A3
	20	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	A3 vs B1	B3 vs A1	B2 vs A4	A2 vs B4
Saturday, Feb. 27*	21	12:30 pm	2:30 pm	A1 vs B2	B4 vs A3	B3 vs A2	A4 vs B1
	22	6:30 pm	8:30 pm	B4 vs A4	A2 vs B2	B1 vs A1	A3 vs B3
Sunday, Feb. 28	TB	8:00 am	10:00 am	TIEBREAKER IF NECESSARY			
	SF	12:30 pm	2:30 pm		3 RD vs 2 ND		
	GOLD	6:30 pm	8:30 pm		1 ST vs W SF		

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

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

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Mario Gosselin of Kruger Products presents the award to Manitoba's Cathy Overton-Clapham.



Kruger Products' Oliver Bukvic and Curling Canada's Maureen Miller flank Marj Mitchell Award winner Sherry Anderson of Saskatchewan.



Nancy Marcus of Kruger Products, left, presents the award to P.E.I.'s Stefanie Clark.



Alberta's Cori Bartel, right, accepts the award from TSN's Cathy Gauthier.



B.C.'s Sasha Carter accepts the award from Kruger Products' Mario Gosselin.

THE INAUGURAL SCOTT TOURNAMENT OF

Hearts was held in 1982 in Marj Mitchell's home city, Regina. The organizing committee chair was Evelyn Krahn, past president of the Canadian Curling Association, and Mitchell chaired the transportation committee.

Renowned for her fierce competitive spirit and wonderful sense of humour, Mitchell was dedicated to giving back to her sport, having reaped the benefits of two appearances at the Canadian women's championship. She skipped her Saskatchewan team of Nancy Kerr, Shirley McKendry and Wendy Leach to the national title in 1980 – following it up with Canada's first women's world crown – and was runner-up in 1975. She was a winner in every sense of the word – feisty, strong-willed, determined and full of confidence.

Unfortunately, there was one battle Mitchell couldn't win. In 1983, shortly after the second Scott Tournament of Hearts, she died of cancer at the age of 35.

Mitchell, however, has not been forgotten. Since 1998, the sportsmanship

award at The Scott Tournament of Hearts – now the Scotties Tournament of Hearts – has been awarded in her honour as the Marj Mitchell Award.

Until Scott Paper assumed sponsorship of the Canadian Women's Curling Championship in 1982, the competition had never offered an individual sportsmanship award.

Scott Paper decided to sponsor a sportsmanship award and decided, in association with Curling Canada, that the award would be named each year in honour of an individual who exemplified the spirit of curling and had had a lasting impact on the region hosting the Hearts that year.

The award has recognized many of curling's unsung heroes, as well as many of its most outstanding athletes and builders.

It's appropriate that the award is now known as the Marj Mitchell Award and that its inaugural presentation took place at the 1998 Scott Tournament of Hearts in Regina, where Mitchell learned to curl, spent her curling career and contributed so much to the sport she dearly loved.



The Tournament of Hearts sportsmanship award was re-named in honour of Marj Mitchell, above, who skipped Canada to its first women's world title in 1980.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Marj Mitchell Sportsmanship Award

2020	Rachel Brown, Team Canada
2019	Sarah Potts, Northern Ontario
2018	Sherry Anderson, Saskatchewan***
2017	Kerry Galusha, Northwest Territories
2016	Ashley Howard, Saskatchewan
2015	Sherry Anderson, Saskatchewan
2014	Sherry Anderson, Saskatchewan
2013	Sasha Carter, British Columbia
2012	Amanda Gates, Ontario
2011	Cathy Overton-Clapham, Manitoba
2010	Kelly Scott, British Columbia*
2009	Cori Bartel, Alberta
2008	Stefanie Clark, Prince Edward Island**
2007	Stefanie Clark, Prince Edward Island
2006	Kelly Scott, British Columbia
2005	Stefanie Richard, Prince Edward Island
2004	Sherry Anderson, Saskatchewan
2003	Anne Dunn, Ontario
2002	Meredith Doyle, Nova Scotia
2001	Jane Arseneau, New Brunswick*
2000	Anne Merklinger, Ontario*
1999	Jane Arseneau, New Brunswick
1998	Anne Merklinger, Ontario

The Scott Tournament of Hearts Sportsmanship Award

1997	Diana Doe Award	Alison Goring, Ontario**
1996	Arline Wilson Award	Stephanie Marchand, Quebec
1995	Bob Stewart Award	Alison Goring, Ontario
1994	Effie Hezzelwood Award	Patti McKnight, Ontario
1993	Mabel Mitchell Award	Laurie Allen, Team Canada
1992	Joyce Myers Award	Heidi Hanlon, New Brunswick*
1991	Vera Pezer Award	Alison Goring, Ontario
1990	Lee Tobin Award	Jackie-Rae Greening, Alberta
1989	Sylvia Fedoruk Award	Heidi Hanlon, New Brunswick
1988	Caroline Ball Award	Mary Baird, Nova Scotia
1987	Myrna McQuarrie Award	Kim Duck, Ontario
1986	Jo Wallace Award	Mabel Thompson, Alberta
1985	Lura McLuckie Award	Cathy Dillon, Prince Edward Island
1984	Elizabeth MacDonald Award	Yvonne Smith, Ontario
1983	Ina Hansen Award	Penny LaRocque, Nova Scotia
1982	Joyce McKee Award	Carol Thompson, Ontario

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RECORDS & STATISTICS

Most appearances (excluding alternates)

- 21 — Colleen Jones of Nova Scotia-Team Canada in 1979, '80, '82, '84, '86, '89, '91, '92, '93, '94, '96, '97, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '13
- 15 — Kerry Galusha of the Territories-Northwest Territories in 2001, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20
- 15 — Jennifer Jones of Manitoba-Team Canada-Wild Card in 2002, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '18, '19, '20
- 15 — Kim Kelly of Nova Scotia-Team Canada in 1991, '92, '94, '96, '97, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '08, '13
- 14 — Mary-Anne Arsenault of Nova Scotia-Team Canada in 1993, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '08, '13, '15, '18, '20
- 12 — Sue Anne Bartlett of Newfoundland in 1971, '72, '74, '76, '78, '79, '80, '81, '85, '86, '90, '92
- 12 — Cathy Cunningham of Newfoundland in 1988, '91, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, 2002, '03, '04, '08, '09
- 12 — Dawn McEwen of Ontario-Manitoba-Team Canada-Wild Card in 2005, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '18, '19, '20
- 12 — Jill Officer of Manitoba-Team Canada in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '18
- 12 — Cathy Overton-Clapham of Manitoba-Team Canada in 1991, '95, '96, '99, 2000, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11



Skip Jennifer Jones has her name scattered throughout the record books, including the most important category: the Winnipeg-born skip has won the Scotties a whopping six times.

- 12 — Heather Strong of Newfoundland in 1998, '99, 2000, '01, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '12, '14, '15
- 11 — Suzanne Birt of Prince Edward Island in 2003, '04, '06, '07, '08, '11, '13, '15, '16, '19, '20
- 11 — Nancy Delahunt of Nova Scotia-Team Canada in 1996, '97, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '08
- 11 — Kathy Floyd of New Brunswick in 1984, '89, '90, '91, '92, '95, '97, '98, '99, 2001, '02
- 11 — Heidi Hanlon of New Brunswick in 1987, '89, '90, '91, '92, '94, '95, '97, 2000, '03, '04
- 10 — Kim Dolan of Prince Edward Island in 1983, '85, '87, '90, '92, '95, '97, '99, 2012, '14
- 10 — Kathy Kerr of Newfoundland in 1987, '91, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, 2002, '03, '04
- 9 — Janet Arnott of Manitoba-Team Canada in 1984, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '99, 2000, '07
- 9 — Jan Betker of Saskatchewan-Team Canada in 1987, '91, '93, '94, '95, '97, '98, 2003, '07
- 9 — Sharon Cormier of the Territories in 1993, '97, '98, 2002, '03, '10, '12, '13, '17
- 9 — Andrea Crawford of New Brunswick in 2006, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '19, '20
- 9 — Michelle Englot of Saskatchewan-Manitoba-Team Canada in 1988, '89, '90, '92, 2001, '08, '12, '17, '18
- 9 — Connie Laliberte of Manitoba-Team Canada in 1980, '84, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '99, 2000

- 9 — Robyn MacPhee of Prince Edward Island in 2003, '05, '07, '08, '09, '11, '16, '17, '18
- 9 — Heather Martin of Newfoundland in 1994, '95, '96, '97, 2002, '03, '04, '11, '13
- 9 — Dawn Moses of the Territories in 1990, '92, '95, '98, 2003, '07, '08, '09, '11
- 8 — Shona Barbour of the Territories-Northwest Territories in 2009, '11, '12, '15, '16, '18, '19, '20
- 8 — Judy Blanchard of New Brunswick in 1987, '89, '90, '92, '94, 2000, '03, '04
- 8 — Sasha Carter of British Columbia-Team Canada in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '10, '11, '12, '13
- 8 — Pat Dwyer of Newfoundland in 1976, '78, '79, '80, '81, '85, '86, '90
- 8 — Marcia Gudereit of Saskatchewan-Team Canada in 1991, '93, '94, '95, '97, '98, 2003, '07
- 8 — Lorraine Lang of Ontario-Team Canada in 1983, '88, '89, '90, '91, 2006, '07, '09
- 8 — Annie Lemay of Quebec in 1999, 2000, '01, '04, '08, '09, '11, '16
- 8 — Rebecca Jean MacDonald of Prince Edward Island in 1995, '97, '99, 2003, '05, '09, '12, '14
- 8 — Krista McCarville of Ontario-Northern Ontario in 2006, '07, '09, '10, '16, '17, '19, '20
- 8 — Susan McInnis of Prince Edward Island in 1989, '92, '96, '98, 2003, '04, '06, '15
- 8 — Anne Orser of New Brunswick in 1964, '65, '66, '67, '70, '71, '76, '79
- 8 — Kelly Scott of British Columbia-Team Canada in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '10, '11, '12, '13
- 8 — Sheri Stewart of New Brunswick in 1986, '89, '90, '91, '92, '94, 2000, '04
- 8 — Laura Strong of Newfoundland in 2001, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '12, '14
- 8 — Georgina Wheatcroft of British Columbia-Team Canada in 1987, '88, '89, 2000, '01, '04, '06, '07
- 7 — Sherry Anderson of Saskatchewan in 1994, '95, 2002, '04, '14, '15, '18
- 7 — Shelly Bradley of Prince Edward Island in 1994, 2000, '01, '05, '11, '13, '15
- 7 — Rachel Homan of Ontario-Team Canada in 2011, '13, '14, '15, '17, '19, '20
- 7 — Cathy King of Alberta-Team Canada in 1995, '97, '98, '99, 2002, '05, '06
- 7 — Megan Koehler of the Territories-Northwest Territories in 2010, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18
- 7 — Marie-France Larouche of Quebec in 2001, '04, '08, '09, '11, '12, '16
- 7 — Kelley Law of British Columbia-Team Canada in 1990, '92, '95, '97, 2000, '01, '07



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She still has plenty of time to add to her statistics, but Ontario skip Rachel Homan has already posted an impressive resumé. She already ranks third with most wins at the Scotties (75).

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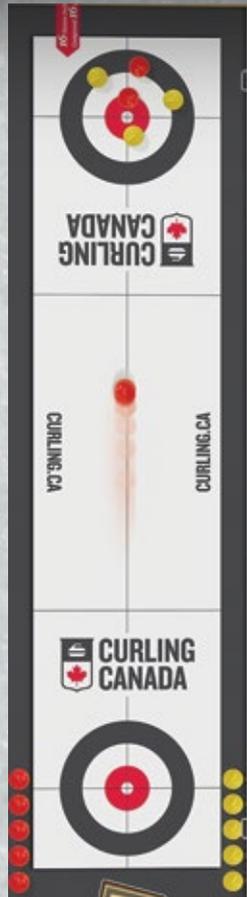
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- 7 – Kaitlyn Lawes of Team Canada-Manitoba-Wild Card in 2011, '12, '13, '15, '16, '19, '20
- 7 – Joan McCusker of Saskatchewan-Team Canada in 1991, '93, '94, '95, '97, '98, 2003
- 7 – Emma Miskew of Ontario-Team Canada in 2011, '13, '14, '15, '17, '19, '20
- 7 – Laine Peters of Nova Scotia-Alberta-Team Canada in 2000, '04, '08, '12, '13, '16, '17
- 7 – Mavis Pike of Newfoundland in 1971, '72, '74, '76, '78, '79, '80
- 7 – Sandra Schmirler of Saskatchewan-Team Canada in 1987, '91, '93, '94, '95, '97, '98
- 7 – Kelli Sharpe of Newfoundland-Territories in 1998, '99, 2000, '05, '06, '07, '19
- 7 – Lisa Weagle of Ontario-Team Canada in 2011, '13, '14, '15, '17, '19, '20
- 6 – Tricia Affleck of Prince Edward Island in 1996, 2000, '01, '04, '06, '10
- 6 – Jane Arseneau of New Brunswick in 1995, '97, '98, '99, 2001, '02
- 6 – Jennie Boomhower of Prince Edward Island in 1965, '69, '70, '71, '72, '74
- 6 – Nancy Cameron of Prince Edward Island-Nova Scotia in 1987, '91, '93, '94, 2006, '12
- 6 – Agnès Charette of Quebec in 1983, '84, '89, '92, '93, '94
- 6 – Cathy Dillon of Prince Edward Island in 1970, '71, '72, '74, '83, '85
- 6 – Cathy Gauthier of Manitoba-Team Canada in 1992, '93, '94, '95, '96, 2005
- 6 – Peg Goss of Newfoundland in 1988, 2002, '03, '04, '08, '09
- 6 – Kate Horne of Alberta-Team Canada in 1995, '97, '98, '99, 2002, '03
- 6 – Debbie Jones-Walker of British Columbia-Team Canada-Manitoba in 1984, '85, '86, '97, '99, 2000
- 6 – Christine Jurgenson of Alberta-Ontario-Team Canada-British Columbia in 1980, '83, '86, '87, '95, '97



New Brunswick's Andrea Crawford set a new Scotties record in 2020 by scoring seven points in a single end — the most by any team in the history of the event — in a win against Manitoba's Kerri Einarson.



Kerry Galusha is a familiar face at the Scotties. The popular skip from Yellowknife has represented either the Territories or Northwest Territories at 15 Scotties events.

- 6 – Sarah Koltun of the Territories-Yukon-Northwest Territories in 2014, '15, '17, '18, '19, '20
- 6 – Stefanie Lawton of Saskatchewan in 2005, '09, '14, '15, '19, '20
- 6 – Gerry Lenihan of New Brunswick in 1964, '65, '66, '67, '70, '71
- 6 – Janice MacCallum of Prince Edward Island in 1990, '93, '94, 2000, '01, '04
- 6 – Mary Mattatall of Nova Scotia in 1989, '91, '92, '98, 2005, '17
- 6 – Joyce McKee of Saskatchewan in 1961, '62, '69, '71, '72, '73
- 6 – Sherry Middaugh of Saskatchewan-Ontario in 1996, '99, 2001, '02, '04, '08
- 6 – Heather Nedohin of Alberta-Team Canada in 1997, '98, '99, 2000, '12, '13
- 6 – Kathy O'Rourke of Prince Edward Island in 1989, '91, '96, '99, 2002, '10
- 6 – Vi Pike of Newfoundland in 1961, '63, '66, '67, '69, '70
- 6 – Shirley Pilson of New Brunswick in 1964, '65, '66, '67, '70, '71
- 6 – Jeanna Schraeder of British Columbia-Team Canada in 2006, '07, '08, '10, '11, '13
- 6 – Julie Skinner of British Columbia-Team Canada in 1989, '91, '92, '93, 2000, '01
- 6 – Debbie Stokes of the Territories in 1986, '87, '88, '90, '92, '95
- 6 – Marie Toole of Prince Edward Island in 1967, '69, '70, '71, '72, '74
- 6 – Kay Zinck of Nova Scotia in 1982, '93, '94, '96, 2000, '05
- 5 – Rebecca Atkinson of New Brunswick in 2012, '13, '14, '15, '16
- 5 – Shelley Aucoin of the Territories in 1986, '87, '88, '91, '94
- 5 – Jillian Babin of New Brunswick in 2010, '11, '12, '19, '20
- 5 – Marilyn Bodogh of Ontario-Team Canada in 1980, '86, '87, '96, '97



Winnipeg's Jill Officer is a six-time Scotties champion, playing second for Manitoba and Team Canada. She was named the greatest Canadian female second in history in a TSN poll.

- 5 – Brenda Bohmer of Alberta-Team Canada in 1997, '98, '99, 2002, '03
- 5 – Chelsea Carey of Manitoba-Alberta-Team Canada in 2014, '16, '17, '19, '20
- 5 – France Charette of Quebec in 1989, '92, '93, '94, '97
- 5 – Joanne Courtney of Alberta-Team Canada-Ontario in 2014, '15, '17, '19, '20
- 5 – Stacie Curtis of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2011, '13, '16, '17, '18
- 5 – Sylvie Daniel of Quebec in 1992, '93, '94, '97, 2007
- 5 – Chelsea Duncan of the Territories-Yukon in 2014, '15, '17, '18, '20
- 5 – Allison Farrell of New Brunswick in 1998, '99, 2001, '02, '05
- 5 – Meaghan Hughes of Prince Edward Island in 2016, '17, '18, '19, '20
- 5 – Pauline Johnston of Prince Edward Island in 1969, '70, '71, '72, '74
- 5 – Kelly Kaylo of the Territories in 1984, '93, '97, '98, 2002
- 5 – Lorie Kehler of Saskatchewan in 1988, '89, '90, '92, 2001
- 5 – Shannon Kleibrink of Alberta in 1993, 2004, '08, '11, '17
- 5 – Penny LaRocque of Nova Scotia in 1974, '78, '79, '83, '86
- 5 – Andrea Lawes of Ontario-Team Canada in 1990, '91, 2001, '02, '04
- 5 – Leslie MacDougall of Prince Edward Island in 1996, 2000, '01, '11, '13
- 5 – Barbara MacNevin of Saskatchewan in 1961, '62, '65, '66, '68
- 5 – Pat Maher of New Brunswick in 1970, '71, '76, '79, '88
- 5 – Heather McCagg-Nystrom of the Territories in 2001, '05, '06, '08, '09
- 5 – Nancy McConnery of New Brunswick-Nova Scotia in 1993, '95, 2003, '09, '10



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- 5 – Michelle McQuaid of Prince Edward Island in 2015, '17, '18, '19, '20
- 5 – Shelley Muzika of Prince Edward Island in 1987, '90, '94, '98, 2009
- 5 – Brenda Nicholls of Quebec in 1996, 2005, '10, '12, '16
- 5 – Amy Nixon of Alberta in 2004, '08, '11, '16, '17
- 5 – Chantal Osborne of Quebec in 1992, '93, '94, '97, 2007
- 5 – Laura Phillips of Newfoundland in 1989, '94, '95, '96, '97
- 5 – Erin Porter of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2013, '16, '17, '18, '20
- 5 – Marie-Anne Power of New Brunswick in 1980, '99, 2001, '02, '07
- 5 – Sheila Rowan of Saskatchewan in 1971, '72, '73, '83, '85
- 5 – Joëlle Sabourin of Quebec in 1997, '99, 2000, '08, '09
- 5 – Donna Scott of the Territories in 1986, '87, '88, '90, '96
- 5 – Heather Smith of Nova Scotia in 2000, '04, '11, '12, '14
- 5 – Lindsay Sparkes of British Columbia-Team Canada in 1976, '79, '84, '85, '86
- 5 – Joan Stricker of Saskatchewan in 1988, '89, '90, '92, 2001
- 5 – Teri Udle of Nova Scotia in 2007, '11, '12, '14, '16

Undefeated records

- Alberta – 9-0 in 1966
- British Columbia – 9-0 in 1962; 11-0 in 1985
- Manitoba – 9-0 in 1967
- Saskatchewan – 9-0 in 1961; 9-0 in 1974
- Team Canada – 13-0 in 2014

Five-way tie for first place

- 1982 – Nova Scotia, Manitoba, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta, 7-3. Saskatchewan defeated Alberta in a tiebreaker. Nova Scotia defeated Saskatchewan. Manitoba defeated British Columbia in the semifinal. Nova Scotia defeated Manitoba in the final.

Three-way ties for first place

- 1970 – Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia, 7-2. Saskatchewan defeated Manitoba 8-6 and British Columbia 8-4 in sudden-death playoffs.
- 1971 – Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, 6-3. Saskatchewan defeated British Columbia and Alberta in sudden-death playoffs.
- 1992 – Manitoba, Team Canada and British Columbia, 9-2. Team Canada defeated British Columbia in the semifinal. Manitoba defeated Team Canada in the final.
- 2018 – Wild Card, Manitoba and Nova Scotia, 9-2. Manitoba defeated Wild Card in the Page 1-2 playoff. Nova Scotia defeated Northern Ontario in the Page 3-4 playoff. Wild Card defeated Nova Scotia in the semifinal. Manitoba defeated Wild Card in the final.
- 2020 – Manitoba, Wild Card and Ontario, 9-2. Manitoba defeated Wild Card in the Page 1-2 playoff. Ontario defeated Northern Ontario in the Page 3-4 playoff. Ontario defeated Wild Card in the semifinal. Manitoba defeated Ontario in the final.



Mary-Anne Arsenault has made 14 trips to the Scotties, wearing both Nova Scotia and Team Canada colours. She won five national titles as second for skip Colleen Jones, but also skipped her own team five times.

CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

1961	Ottawa	Ottawa Hunt Club
1962	Regina	Regina Stadium
1963	Saint John	St. Andrews Curling Club
1964	Edmonton	Sportex Curling Emporium
1965	Halifax	Mayflower Curling Club
1966	Vancouver	Capilano Winter Club
1967	Montreal	Town of Mount Royal Arena
1968	Winnipeg	St. James Civic Centre
1969	Fort William	Fort William Curling Club
1970	Calgary	Stampede Corral
1971	St. John's	St. John's Memorial Arena
1972	Saskatoon	Saskatoon Arena
1973	Charlottetown	Charlottetown Curling Club
1974	Victoria	Memorial Arena
1975	Moncton	Moncton Coliseum
1976	Winnipeg	Winnipeg Arena
1977	Halifax	St. Mary's Arena
1978	Sault Ste. Marie	Memorial Gardens
1979	Montreal	Town of Mount Royal Arena
1980	Edmonton	Edmonton Gardens
1981	St. John's	Memorial Stadium
1982	Regina	Regina Agridome
1983	Prince George	Prince George Coliseum
1984	Charlottetown	Charlottetown Forum
1985	Winnipeg	Winnipeg Arena
1986	London	Thompson Arena
1987	Lethbridge	Lethbridge Sportsplex
1988	Fredericton	Aiken Centre
1989	Kelowna	Memorial Arena
1990	Ottawa	Ottawa Civic Centre
1991	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan Place
1992	Halifax	Halifax Metro Centre
1993	Brandon	Keystone Centre
1994	Kitchener-Waterloo	Waterloo Rec Complex
1995	Calgary	Max Bell Arena
1996	Thunder Bay	Fort William Gardens
1997	Vancouver	The Agrodome
1998	Regina	Regina Agridome
1999	Charlottetown	Canada Games Civic Centre
2000	Prince George	Prince George Multiplex
2001	Sudbury	Sudbury Arena
2002	Brandon	Keystone Centre
2003	Kitchener-Waterloo	Kitchener Memorial Auditorium
2004	Red Deer	ENMAX Centrium
2005	St. John's	Mile One Stadium
2006	London	John Labatt Centre
2007	Lethbridge	Enmax Centre
2008	Regina	Brandt Centre at IPSCO Place
2009	Victoria	Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre
2010	Sault Ste. Marie	Essar Centre
2011	Charlottetown	Charlottetown Civic Centre
2012	Red Deer	Westerner Park
2013	Kingston	K-Rock Centre
2014	Montreal	Maurice Richard Arena
2015	Moose Jaw	Mosaic Place
2016	Grande Prairie	Revolution Place
2017	St. Catharines	Meridian Centre
2018	Penticton	South Okanagan Events Centre
2019	Sydney	Centre 200
2020	Moose Jaw	Mosaic Place
2021	Calgary	Winsport Arena

Two-way ties for first place

1968 — Alberta and British Columbia
1973 — Saskatchewan and Manitoba
1975 — Quebec and Saskatchewan
1976 — British Columbia and Alberta
1983 — Nova Scotia and Territories
1986 — Ontario and Team Canada
1987 — British Columbia and Manitoba
1988 — Saskatchewan and Team Canada;
neither won
1999 — Nova Scotia and Manitoba
2010 — Team Canada and Prince Edward Island
2016 — Alberta and Team Canada
2017 — Ontario and Manitoba

Six-time winners

Colleen Jones of Nova Scotia-Team Canada as skip in 1982, '99, 2001, '02, '03, '04
Jennifer Jones of Manitoba-Team Canada as skip in 2005, '08, '09, '10, '15, '18
Jill Officer of Manitoba-Team Canada as second in 2005, '08, '09, '10, '15, '18

Five-time winners

Mary-Anne Arsenault of Nova Scotia-Team Canada as second in 1999, 2001, '02, '03, '04
Nancy Delahunt of Nova Scotia-Team Canada as lead in 1999, 2001, '02, '03, '04
Kim Kelly of Nova Scotia-Team Canada as third in 1999, 2001, '02, '03, '04
Dawn McEwen of Manitoba-Team Canada as lead in 2008, '09, '10, '15, '18
Joyce McKee of Saskatchewan as skip in 1961, '69, as second in 1971, '72, '73
Cathy Overton-Clapham of Manitoba-Team Canada as third in 1995, 2005, '08, '09, '10

Four-time winners

Lenore Morrison of Saskatchewan as second in 1969, as lead in 1971, '72, '73
Vera Pezer of Saskatchewan as third in 1969, as skip in 1971, '72, '73

Three-time winners

Janet Arnott of Manitoba as lead in 1984, '92, '95
Jan Betker of Saskatchewan-Team Canada as third in 1993, '94, '97
Cathy Gauthier of Manitoba as second in 1992, '95, as lead in 2005
Marcia Gudereit of Saskatchewan-Team Canada as lead in 1993, '94, '97
Rachel Homan of Ontario-Team Canada as skip in 2013, '14, '17
Connie Laliberte of Manitoba as skip in 1984, '92, '95
Joan McCusker of Saskatchewan-Team Canada as second in 1993, '94, '97
Emma Miskew of Ontario-Team Canada as third in 2013, '14, '17
Sheila Rowan of Saskatchewan as third in 1971, '72, '73
Sandra Schmirler of Saskatchewan-Team Canada as skip in 1993, '94, '97
Lindsay Sparkes of British Columbia as skip in 1976, '79, as third in 1985
Lisa Weagle of Ontario-Team Canada as lead in 2013, '14, '17

Two-time winners

Diane Adams of Ontario-Team Canada as second in 1988, '89
Shannon Birchard of Manitoba as third in 2018, as second in '20
Marilyn Bodogh of Ontario as skip in 1986, '96
Lorraine Bowles of British Columbia as lead in 1976, '79
Ada Calles of British Columbia as third in 1962, '64
Chelsea Carey of Alberta as skip in 2016, '19
Sasha Carter of British Columbia-Team Canada as second in 2006, '07
June Coyle of Alberta as lead in 1966, '68
Ina Hansen of British Columbia as skip in 1962, '64
Heather Houston of Ontario-Team Canada as skip in 1988, '89
Hazel Jamison of Alberta as third in 1966, as skip in '68
Tracy Kennedy of Ontario-Team Canada as lead in 1988, '89
Dawn Knowles of British Columbia as third in 1976, '79
Alison Kreviazuk of Ontario-Team Canada as second in 2013, '14
Lorraine Lang of Ontario-Team Canada as third in 1988, '89
Gale Lee of Alberta as skip in 1966, as third in '68
Isabel Leith of British Columbia as second in 1962, '64
Chris More of Manitoba as third in 1978, '84
Heather Nedorhin of Alberta as third in 1998, as skip in 2012
Laine Peters of Alberta as lead in 2012, '16
Jeanna Schraeder of British Columbia-Team Canada as third in 2006, '07
Kelly Scott of British Columbia-Team Canada as skip in 2006, '07
May Shaw of British Columbia as lead in 1962, '64
Renee Simons of British Columbia-Team Canada as lead in 2006, '07
Julie Skinner of British Columbia as skip in 1991, as third in 2000
Georgina Wheatcroft of British Columbia as third in 1987, as second in 2000
Robin Wilson of British Columbia as second in 1976, '79

Back-to-back winners

Saskatchewan: Vera Pezer, Sheila Rowan, Joyce McKee and Lee Morrison in 1971, '72, '73
Ontario-Team Canada: Heather Houston, Lorraine Lang, Diane Adams and Tracy Kennedy in 1988, '89
Saskatchewan-Team Canada: Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker and Marcia Gudereit in 1993, '94
Nova Scotia-Team Canada: Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Arsenault and Nancy Delahunt in 2001, '02, '03, '04
British Columbia-Team Canada: Kelly Scott, Jeanna Schraeder, Sasha Carter and Renee Simons in 2006, '07
Manitoba-Team Canada: Jennifer Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer and Dawn Askin in 2008, '09, '10



Colleen Jones of Halifax (right) dominates the record book with 21 appearances at the Scotties. Jones, with teammate Kim Kelly at the 2013 Scotties, is a six-time champion.

Ontario-Team Canada: Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Alison Kreviazuk and Lisa Weagle in 2013, '14

Most wins, one skip

150 — Jennifer Jones of Manitoba-Team Canada-
Wild Card

Most appearances, one skip

19 — Colleen Jones of Nova Scotia-Team Canada

Skips with 25 or more wins

150 — Jennifer Jones of Manitoba-Team Canada-
Wild Card
140 — Colleen Jones of Nova Scotia-Team Canada
75 — Rachel Homan of Ontario-Team Canada
74 — Connie Laliberte of Manitoba-Team Canada
68 — Kelly Scott of British Columbia-Team
Canada
66 — Sue Anne Bartlett of Newfoundland
61 — Michelle Englot of Saskatchewan-
Manitoba-Team Canada
59 — Krista McCarville of Ontario-Northern
Ontario
57 — Cathy King of Alberta-Team Canada
57 — Sandra Schmirler of Saskatchewan-Team
Canada
56 — Suzanne Birt of Prince Edward Island
54 — Heather Strong of Newfoundland
52 — Heidi Hanlon of New Brunswick
48 — Marie-France Larouche of Quebec
47 — Chelsea Carey of Manitoba-Alberta
42 — Sherry Middaugh of Saskatchewan-Ontario
37 — Andrea Crawford of New Brunswick

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36 – Kerry Galusha of the Territories-Northwest Territories
 36 – Heather Houston of Ontario-Team Canada
 34 – Sherry Anderson of Saskatchewan
 34 – Julie Skinner of British Columbia-Team Canada
 33 – Kelley Law of British Columbia-Team Canada
 32 – Marilyn Bodogh of Ontario-Team Canada
 31 – Ina Hansen of British Columbia
 31 – Stefanie Lawton of Saskatchewan
 31 – Anne Merklinger of Ontario
 30 – Mary-Anne Arsenault of Nova Scotia
 30 – Alison Goring of Ontario-Team Canada
 30 – Shannon Kleibrink of Alberta
 30 – Rebecca Jean MacDonald of Prince Edward Island
 28 – Agnès Charette of Quebec
 28 – Kerri Einarson of Manitoba-Wild Card
 28 – Heather Nedohin of Alberta-Team Canada
 27 – Laura Phillips of Newfoundland
 26 – Cathy Shaw of Manitoba-Territories-Alberta
 26 – Lindsay Sparkes of British Columbia
 26 – Marie Toole of Prince Edward Island
 25 – Cheryl Bernard of Alberta
 25 – Vera Pezer of Saskatchewan

Top records

13-0 – Rachel Homan of Team Canada in 2014
 12-1 – Connie Laliberte of Manitoba in 1995
 12-1 – Cathy King of Alberta in 1998
 12-1 – Rachel Homan of Ontario in 2013
 12-1 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2015
 12-2 – Marilyn Bodogh of Ontario in 1996
 12-2 – Kelly Scott of Team Canada in 2007
 12-2 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2013
 12-2 – Rachel Homan of Ontario in 2017
 11-0 – Linda Moore of British Columbia in 1985
 11-1 – Marilyn Bodogh of Ontario in 1986
 11-1 – Julie Skinner of British Columbia in 1991
 11-1 – Sandra Schmirler of Team Canada in 1994
 11-2 – Linda Moore of Team Canada in 1986
 11-2 – Connie Laliberte of Manitoba in 1992
 11-2 – Sandra Schmirler of Saskatchewan in 1997
 11-2 – Anne Merklinger of Ontario in 2000
 11-2 – Colleen Jones of Team Canada in 2004
 11-2 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2005
 11-2 – Kelly Scott of British Columbia in 2006
 11-2 – Shannon Kleibrink of Alberta in 2008
 11-2 – Chelsea Carey of Alberta in 2016
 11-2 – Michelle Englot of Manitoba in 2017
 11-2 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2018
 11-2 – Chelsea Carey of Alberta in 2019
 11-2 – Kerri Einarson of Manitoba in 2020
 11-3 – Amber Holland of Saskatchewan in 2011
 11-3 – Rachel Homan of Ontario in 2020
 11-4 – Heather Houston of Ontario in 1988
 11-4 – Kelley Law of British Columbia in 2000
 11-4 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2008
 11-4 – Jennifer Jones of Team Canada in 2009
 11-5 – Cathy King of Alberta in 1995
 10-1 – Susan Seitz of Alberta in 1981
 10-2 – Connie Laliberte of Manitoba in 1984
 10-2 – Sandra Schmirler of Saskatchewan in 1993
 10-3 – Pat Sanders of British Columbia in 1987
 10-3 – Colleen Jones of Nova Scotia in 1999
 10-3 – Sherry Anderson of Saskatchewan in 2002
 10-3 – Suzanne Birt of Prince Edward Island in 2003
 10-3 – Colleen Jones of Team Canada in 2003
 10-3 – Jan Betker of Saskatchewan in 2007
 10-3 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2007
 10-3 – Jennifer Jones of Team Canada in 2010
 10-3 – Chelsea Carey of Team Canada in 2017

10-3 – Mary-Anne Arsenault of Nova Scotia in 2018
 10-4 – Heather Houston of Team Canada in 1989
 10-4 – Colleen Jones of Team Canada in 2002
 10-4 – Marie-France Larouche of Quebec in 2004
 10-4 – Jennifer Jones of Team Canada in 2006
 10-4 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2012
 10-4 – Heather Nedohin of Alberta in 2012
 10-4 – Kerri Einarson of Wild Card in 2018
 10-4 – Rachel Homan of Ontario in 2019
 10-6 – Jenn Hanna of Ontario in 2005

Champions by province

11 – Manitoba in 1965, '67, '78, '84, '92, '95, 2005, '08, '15, '18, '20
 11 – Saskatchewan in 1961, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '80, '93, '97, 2011
 9 – British Columbia in 1962, '64, '76, '79, '85, '87, '91, 2000, '06
 9 – Team Canada in 1989 (Ontario), '94 (Saskatchewan), 2002 (Nova Scotia), '03 (Nova Scotia), '04 (Nova Scotia), '07 (British Columbia), '09 (Manitoba), '10 (Manitoba), '14 (Ontario)
 8 – Alberta in 1966, '68, '77, '81, '98, 2012, '16, '19
 6 – Ontario in 1986, '88, '90, '96, 2013, '17
 4 – Nova Scotia in 1982, '83, '99, 2001
 1 – New Brunswick in 1963
 1 – Quebec in 1975

Aggregate win-loss percentages (includes round robin and playoffs)

	WINS	LOSSES	PERCENTAGE
Wild Card (2018 to present)	26	12	.684
Team Canada (1986 to present)	293	150	.661
Northern Ontario (2015 to present)	48	26	.649
Manitoba (1961 to present)	424	249	.630
Saskatchewan (1961 to present)	410	253	.618
Alberta (1961 to present)	389	268	.592
Ontario (1961 to present)	394	281	.584
British Columbia (1961 to present)	378	280	.574
Nova Scotia (1961 to present)	283	353	.445
Quebec (1961 to present)	269	355	.431
Newfoundland/Labrador (1961 to present)	241	386	.384
Northwest Territories (2017 to present)	12	21	.364
Prince Edward Island (1961 to present)	237	392	.377
New Brunswick (1961 to present)	215	389	.356
Nunavut (2018 to present)	3	19	.136
Yukon (2018 to present)	2	20	.090
DEFUNCT TEAMS			
Territories (1977 to 2014)	124	297	.295

Championships hosted (including 2021)

	NUMBER	LATEST
Ontario	13	2017
Alberta	10	2021
British Columbia	8	2018
Saskatchewan	8	2020
Manitoba	5	2002
Nova Scotia	4	2019
Prince Edward Island	4	2011
New Brunswick	3	1988
Newfoundland	3	2005
Quebec	3	2014



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



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



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



Congratulations to our Heroes!
Thank you for making a positive impact in your community.



ON THE ROCKS

BY AL CAMERON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Kaitlyn Lawes — as third for Team Canada in 2011, '16; as third for Manitoba in 2012, '13, '15

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Jan Betker — as second for Saskatchewan in 1987, as third in '97; as third for Team Canada in 1994, '98

Nancy Delahunt — as lead for Team Canada in 2002, '03, '04, '05

Rachel Homan — as skip for Team Canada in 2014; as skip for Ontario in 2017, '19, '20

THREE-TIME WINNERS

Mary-Anne Arsenault — as lead for Nova Scotia in 1993, as second in 2006; as second for Team Canada in 2002

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Kim Kelly — as second for Nova Scotia in 1992, as lead in '94, as third in 2001

Joan McCusker — as second for Team Canada in 1994, '95; as second for Saskatchewan in 1997

Emma Miskew — as third for Team Canada in 2014; as third for Ontario in 2017, '19

Cathy Overton-Clapham — as third for Manitoba in 2000; as third for Team Canada in 2009, '10

Sandra Schmirler — as third for Saskatchewan in 1987, as skip in '93, '97

Kelly Scott — as skip for British Columbia in 2006, '10; as skip for Team Canada in 2007

Georgina Wheatcroft — as second for Team Canada in 1988, 2001, as lead in '06

2020 Lead Lisa Weagle, Ontario
Second Shannon Birchard, Manitoba
Third Val Sweeting, Manitoba
Skip Rachel Homan, Ontario

2019 Lead Dawn McEwen, Team Canada
Second Jennifer Gates, Northern Ontario
Third Emma Miskew, Ontario
Skip Rachel Homan, Ontario

2018 Lead Dawn McEwen, Manitoba
Second Jill Officer, Manitoba
Third Cary-Anne McTaggart, Alberta
Skip Jennifer Jones, Manitoba

2017 Lead Blaine de Jager, British Columbia
Second Joanne Courtney, Ontario
Third Emma Miskew, Ontario
Skip Rachel Homan, Ontario

2016 Lead Dawn McEwen, Team Canada
Second Jill Officer, Team Canada
Third Kaitlyn Lawes, Team Canada
Skip Jennifer Jones, Team Canada

2015 Lead Dawn McEwen, Manitoba
Second Jill Officer, Manitoba
Third Kaitlyn Lawes, Manitoba
Skip Stefanie Lawton, Saskatchewan

2014 Lead Teri Lake, Nova Scotia
Second Alison Kreviazuk, Team Canada
Third Emma Miskew, Team Canada
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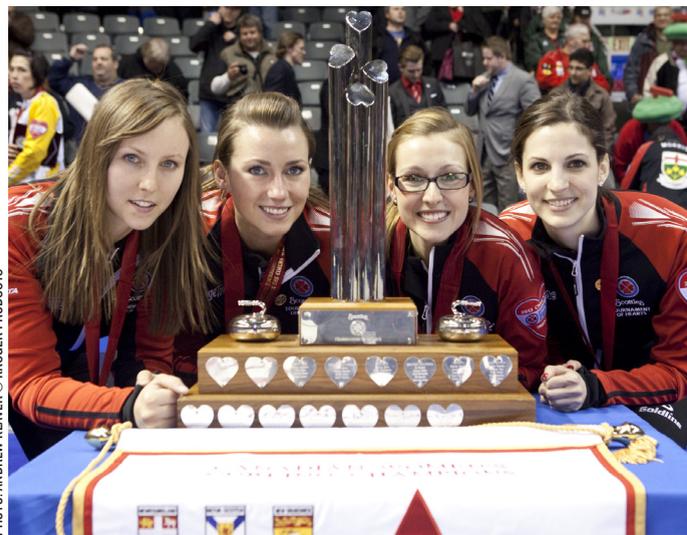


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There's no shortage of all stars on teams skipped by Rachel Homan, who is a four-time selection. Her 2013 Scotties champions from Ontario, left to right, third Emma Miskew, second Alison Kreviazuk and lead Lisa Weagle. All have been named to all-star teams.



Jennifer Jones and her teams have multiple all-star selections. The 2010 Scotties winners from Manitoba, left to right, Jones, third Cathy Overton-Clapham, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen, who leads all Scotties competitors with nine.



Julie Sutton was the all-star skip in the 1991 Scotties where her B.C. team won it all. Her team included, left to right, Sutton, third Jody Sutton, second Melissa Soligo, lead Karri Willms and alternate Elaine Dagg-Jackson. B.C. representatives have been selected to all-star teams 12 times.



She was Sandra Peterson at the time, but Sandra Schmirler and her teammates gobbled up many all-star selections, many representing Team Canada. Schmirler's 1993 Scotties champions included, left to right, Schmirler, third Jan Betker, second Joan McCusker and lead Marcia Gudereit.

- 2010** Lead Dawn Askin, Team Canada
Second Jill Officer, Team Canada
Third Cathy Overton-Clapham, Team Canada
Skip Kelly Scott, British Columbia
- 2009** Lead Lana Vey, Saskatchewan
Second Diane Gushulak, British Columbia
Third Cathy Overton-Clapham, Team Canada
Skip Stefanie Lawton, Saskatchewan
- 2008** Lead Chelsey Bell, Alberta
Second Jill Officer, Manitoba
Third Amy Nixon, Alberta
Skip Shannon Kleibrink, Alberta
- 2007** Lead Marcia Gudereit, Saskatchewan
Second Jill Officer, Manitoba
Third Jeanna Schraeder, Team Canada
Skip Kelly Scott, Team Canada
- 2006** Lead Georgina Wheatcroft, Team Canada
Second Mary-Anne Arsenault, Nova Scotia
Third Jeanna Schraeder, British Columbia
Skip Kelly Scott, British Columbia
- 2005** Lead Nancy Delahunt, Team Canada
Second Dawn Askin, Ontario
Third Marliese Miller, Saskatchewan
Skip Jennifer Jones, Manitoba
- 2004** Lead Nancy Delahunt, Team Canada
Second Maureen Bonar, Manitoba
Third Amy Nixon, Alberta
Skip Colleen Jones, Team Canada
- 2003** Lead Nancy Delahunt, Team Canada
Second Robyn MacPhee, P.E.I.
Third Sherry Linton, Saskatchewan
Skip Colleen Jones, Team Canada
- 2002** Lead Nancy Delahunt, Team Canada
Second Mary-Anne Waye, Team Canada
Third Janet Brown, Ontario
Skip Sherry Anderson, Saskatchewan
- 2001** Lead Sheri Cordina, Ontario
Second Georgina Wheatcroft, Team Canada
Third Kim Kelly, Nova Scotia
Skip Marie-France Larouche, Quebec

- 2000** Lead Tricia MacGregor, P.E.I.
Second Karen Daku, Saskatchewan
Third Cathy Overton-Clapham, Manitoba
Skip Connie Laliberte, Manitoba
- 1999** Lead Lou Ann Henry, P.E.I.
Second Brenda Bohmer, Team Canada
Third Heather Godberson, Team Canada
Skip Colleen Jones, Nova Scotia
- 1998** Lead Marcia Gudereit, Team Canada
Second Brenda Bohmer, Alberta
Third Jan Betker, Team Canada
Skip Cathy Borst, Alberta
- 1997** Lead Jane Hooper Perroud, Team Canada
Second Joan McCusker, Saskatchewan
Third Jan Betker, Saskatchewan
Skip Sandra Schmirler, Saskatchewan
- 1996** Lead Judy Pendergast, Alberta
Second Tricia MacGregor, P.E.I.
Third Kim Gellard, Ontario
Skip Sherry Scheirich, Saskatchewan
- 1995** Lead Janet Arnott, Manitoba
Second Joan McCusker, Team Canada
Third Kay Montgomery, Saskatchewan
Skip Rebecca Jean MacPhee, P.E.I.
- 1994** Lead Kim Kelly, Nova Scotia
Second Joan McCusker, Team Canada
Third Jan Betker, Team Canada
Skip Laura Phillips, Newfoundland
- 1993** Lead Mary-Anne Arsenault, Nova Scotia
Second Patti McKnight, Ontario
Third Cathy Cunningham, Newfoundland
Skip Sandra Schmirler, Saskatchewan
- 1992** Lead Karri Willms, Team Canada
Second Kim Kelly, Nova Scotia
Third Kathy Fahlman, Saskatchewan
Skip Lisa Walker, British Columbia
- 1991** Lead Cheryl McPherson, Team Canada
Second Sheri Stewart, New Brunswick
Third Jackie-Rae Greening, Alberta
Skip Julie Sutton, British Columbia

- 1990** Lead Lorie Kehler, Saskatchewan
Second Andrea Lawes, Ontario
Third Jackie-Rae Greening, Alberta
Skip Heather Rankin, Nova Scotia
- 1989** Lead Tracy Kennedy, Team Canada
Second Diane Alexander, Alberta
Third Karen Purdy, Manitoba
Skip Chris More, Manitoba
- 1988** Lead Tracy Kennedy, Ontario
Second Georgina Hawkes, Team Canada
Third Cindy Tucker, British Columbia
Skip Michelle Schneider, Saskatchewan
- 1987** Lead Sheila Schneider, Saskatchewan
Second Jan Betker, Saskatchewan
Third Sandra Schmirler, Saskatchewan
Skip Kathie Ellwood, Manitoba
- 1986** Lead Laurie Carney, Team Canada
Second Chris Gervais, Saskatchewan
Third Kathy McEdwards, Ontario
Skip Linda Moore, Team Canada
- 1985** Lead Debbie Herbert, Newfoundland
Second Debbie Jones, British Columbia
Third Lindsay Sparkes, British Columbia
Skip Susan Seitz, Alberta
- 1984** Lead Laurie Carney, British Columbia
Second Chris Gervais, Saskatchewan
Third Gillian Thompson, Saskatchewan
Skip Connie Laliberte, Manitoba
- 1983** Lead Penny Ryan, Alberta
Second Cathy Caudle, Nova Scotia
Third Sharon Horne, Nova Scotia
Skip Shelly Bildfell, Yukon/N.W.T.
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PLANNING FOR LIFE IN A BUBBLE A 'HERCULEAN' TASK

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

BY SCOTT CRUICKSHANK

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

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

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



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

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

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

But this upcoming 2021 undertaking?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Legwork in the lead-up had been substantial.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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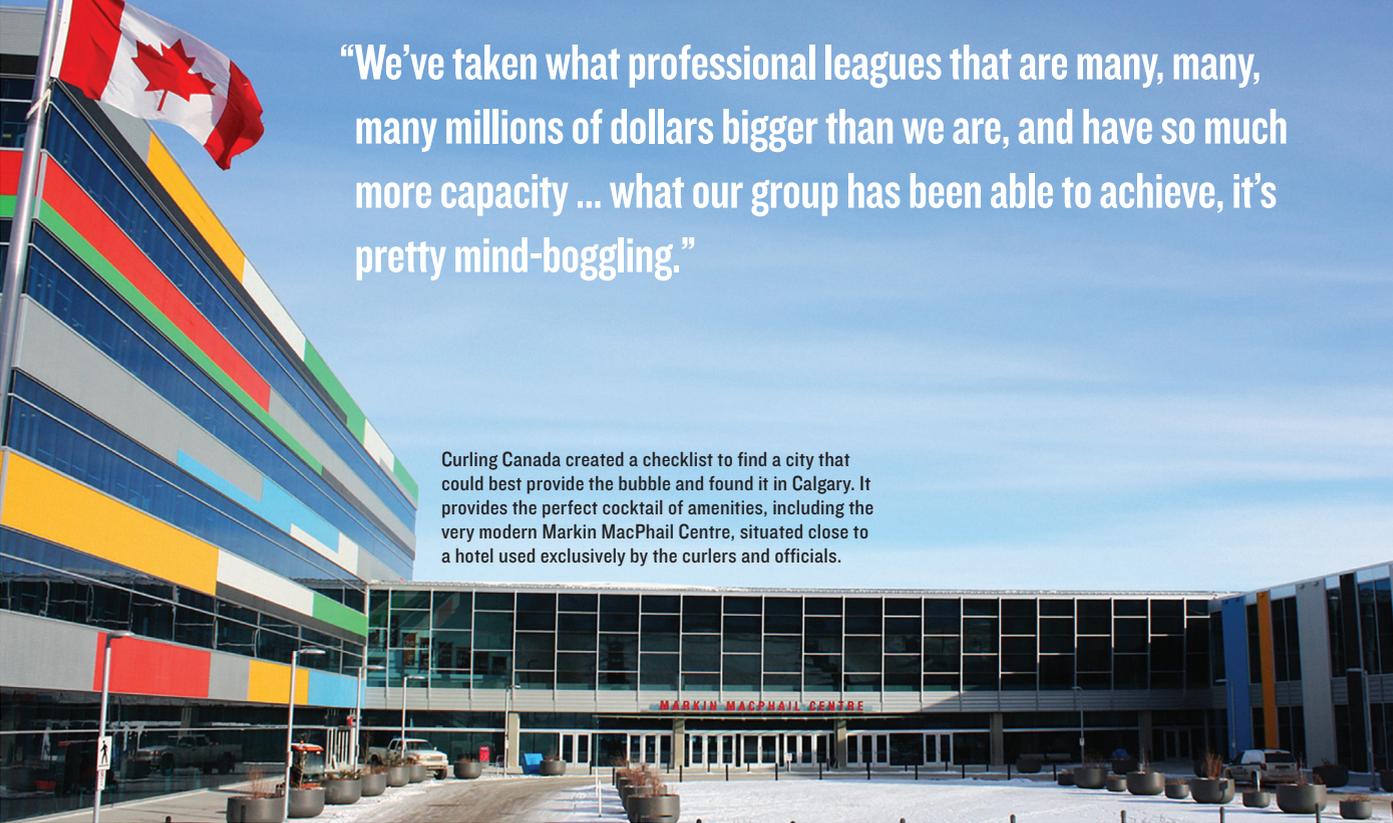
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Curling Canada created a checklist to find a city that could best provide the bubble and found it in Calgary. It provides the perfect cocktail of amenities, including the very modern Markin MacPhail Centre, situated close to a hotel used exclusively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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“We found the athlete input really important.”

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

And Curling Canada, Henderson assures, is prepared.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scott Cruickshank is a Calgary-based freelance writer



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

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

BY GEORGE JOHNSON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There will be no competitive prep time to fine tune.

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

No matter.

Curling is back.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We're there to to curl."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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“A lot of people are starving for curling.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That day has at last arrived.

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

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

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

“A lot of people are starving for curling.

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

George Johnson is a Calgary-based freelance writer



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