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Brendan Bottcher's team had suffered the heartbreak of losing three Canadian men's curling championship finals, but the clouds have finally lifted and this year they, as the first-time Tim Hortons Brier winners, shoot for a world title against a strong field. The Canadian reps, left to right, skip Bottcher, third Darren Moulding, second Brad Thiessen and lead Karrick Martin, from the Saville Curling Centre in Edmonton.

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GREETINGS FROM THE WORLD CURLING FEDERATION

MESSAGE DE LA FÉDÉRATION MONDIALE DE CURLING



On behalf of the World Curling

Federation and our 67 member associations, I would like to welcome you to the BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship 2021 in Calgary.

After the cancellation of last year's championship, I'm delighted that we were able to host the 2021

championship in Calgary, thanks to the hard work of the local organizing committee, Curling Canada and Alberta Public Health in developing a COVID-secure environment in which our athletes can compete.

Hosting this championship amidst a global pandemic is not an easy feat, and I sincerely thank everyone who has helped make it possible for international curling to return to the world stage for the first time in over a year.

The BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship 2021 will be the fourth event to take place here in the Calgary bubble and I have every confidence it will be a memorable and world-class event, despite the unique circumstances.

This year's championship is not only a contest for the world crown but a vital step in our Olympic Qualification Process. The 14 men's teams competing will look to finish within the top six to secure their National Olympic Committees a place in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022. I wish these teams the best of luck on the Road to 2022.

The world is eager to see the top international men's teams take to the ice once again. I'd like to thank once more the local organizing committee, Curling Canada, our event sponsors, Alberta Health and the Public Health Agency of Canada, the competition officials, the volunteers and, of course, the athletes, for complying with the COVID-19 health measures to ensure a safe event for all.

It only leaves me to wish all the competing teams good luck and good curling!

Kate Caithness, CBE

President, World Curling Federation

Au nom de la Fédération mondiale de curling et de nos 67

associations membres, je vous souhaite la bienvenue au championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2021 à Calgary.

Après l'annulation du championnat de l'année dernière, je suis ravie que nous ayons pu organiser le championnat 2021 à Calgary, grâce au travail acharné du comité d'organisation local, de Curling Canada et d'Alberta Public Health, qui ont créé un environnement exempt de COVID-19 dans lequel nos athlètes peuvent concourir.

Accueillir ce championnat pendant une pandémie mondiale n'est pas une tâche facile, et je remercie sincèrement tous ceux qui ont contribué à permettre au curling international d'effectuer un retour sur la scène mondiale pour la première fois en plus d'un an.

Le championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2021 sera la quatrième compétition à se dérouler ici dans la bulle de Calgary et je suis convaincue que ce sera un événement mémorable et de classe mondiale, malgré les circonstances uniques.

Le championnat de cette année n'est pas seulement une compétition pour le titre mondial, mais également une étape cruciale de notre processus de qualification olympique. Les 14 équipes masculines en compétition chercheront à terminer parmi les six premières afin d'assurer à leur comité national olympique une place aux Jeux olympiques d'hiver de Beijing 2022. Je souhaite à ces équipes la meilleure des chances sur la route vers 2022.

Le monde est impatient de voir à nouveau les meilleures équipes masculines internationales sur la glace. Je tiens à remercier encore une fois le comité d'organisation local, Curling Canada, nos commanditaires de l'événement, Alberta Health et l'Agence de la santé publique du Canada, les officiels de la compétition, les bénévoles et, bien sûr, les athlètes pour leur respect des mesures sanitaires liées à la COVID-19 afin de garantir un événement sécuritaire pour tous.

Il ne me reste plus qu'à souhaiter bonne chance à toutes les équipes en compétition et bon curling!

Kate Caithness, CBE

Présidente, Fédération mondiale de curling

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WELCOME TO THE BKT TIRES & OK TIRE 2021 WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP



On behalf of BKT Tires Canada and our BKT family worldwide, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Calgary, Alberta and the World Men's Curling Championship! We are excited to continue our partnership with Curling Canada, and despite the current global situation, bring the world together through sport at a time when we all could use a little touch of normal.

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

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

We would like to say thank you to the athletes for their willingness to come to the Calgary bubble to compete. We know there have been many sacrifices they have had to make, including isolation from family at times, in order to compete. It is no small feat to attend this year and it is appreciated.

Thank you also to Curling Canada staff; to the volunteers and to the TSN broadcast team, for their passion and dedication during this most unusual season. Thank you to the city of Calgary for welcoming the curling bubble and here's hoping we can return with a normal season in the near future!

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

Alan Eskow
Vice President
BKT Tires Canada



BIENVENUE AU CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE DE CURLING MASCULIN BKT TIRES ET OK PNEUS 2021

Au nom de BKT Tires Canada et de notre famille BKT dans le monde entier, c'est avec grand plaisir que je vous souhaite la bienvenue à Calgary et au championnat du monde de curling masculin. Nous sommes ravis de poursuivre notre partenariat avec Curling Canada et, malgré la situation mondiale actuelle, de rassembler le monde grâce au sport en cette période où nous avons tous besoin d'un peu de normalité.

BKT aime le sport et nous soutenons de nombreuses initiatives dans le monde entier. Nous croyons sincèrement que le sport reflète nos valeurs telles que le fair-play, l'esprit d'équipe et l'engagement.

Au Canada, le curling joue un rôle unique et important au sein des communautés agricoles du pays. Un nombre important d'amateurs de curling canadiens sont des exploitants du secteur agricole et des utilisateurs de produits BKT. À ce titre, nous sommes fiers de nous impliquer et de nous joindre à vous pour célébrer le sport qui nous unit.

Nous tenons à remercier les athlètes pour leur volonté à venir dans la bulle de Calgary pour participer au championnat. Nous savons qu'ils ont dû faire de nombreux sacrifices, y compris parfois l'isolement de leur famille, afin de participer. Ce n'est pas une mince affaire de participer cette année et nous l'apprécions.

Merci également au personnel de Curling Canada, ainsi qu'aux bénévoles et à l'équipe de diffusion de TSN pour leur passion et leur dévouement durant cette saison si inhabituelle. Merci à la ville de Calgary d'avoir mis en place la bulle de curling et j'espère que nous pourrions revenir à une saison normale dans un proche avenir!

Bonne chance à toutes les équipes en lice et merci de nous avoir demandé de participer encore une fois cette année à cet événement incroyable.

Alan Eskow
Vice-président
BKT Tires Canada





WELCOME TO THE BKT TIRES & OK TIRE 2021 WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

OK Tire is honored to celebrate the 2021 BKT Tires and OK Tire World Men's Championship of Curling, and all the Curling Canada Season of Champions events.

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We applaud Curling Canada's quick adjustment to a hub city series of events this year that has created a safe environment for the players, staff and volunteers. This quick modification has allowed for the Season of Champions events to go on for the competitors, and for the many passionate and loyal fans.

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

The 2021 BKT Tires and OK Tire World Men's Championship of Curling is such an exciting event and we can't wait to cheer on the elite men's teams as they compete for the World Title, as well as the qualification for the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games!

Please enjoy the 2021 BKT Tires and OK Tire World Men's Championship of Curling. We are so grateful to be a part of this event and we cherish the unifying power that curling has in bringing Canadian communities together.

Your Friends at OK Tire



BIENVENUE AU CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE DE CURLING MASCULIN BKT TIRES ET OK PNEUS 2021

OK Pneus est honoré de célébrer le championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Tires et OK Pneus 2021 et tous les événements de la Saison des Champions de Curling Canada.

En tant que plus grand réseau indépendant de détaillants de pneus et de services automobiles au Canada, nous sommes très fiers d'appuyer ces événements remarquables et une organisation comme Curling Canada, dont les valeurs sont tout à fait conformes aux nôtres. En tant que fière entreprise canadienne, nos plus de 330 propriétaires locaux savent à quel point le curling est important dans l'ensemble du pays et à quel point ce sport rassemble les communautés que nous desservons. Nous sommes heureux d'appuyer l'amour des Canadiens pour le curling.

Nous félicitons Curling Canada pour son adaptation rapide afin de présenter une série d'événements dans la bulle cette année qui a créé un environnement sécuritaire pour les joueurs, le personnel et les bénévoles. Cette modification rapide a permis la présentation des événements de la Saison des Champions au grand bonheur des participants et des nombreux partisans passionnés et fidèles.

Nous tenons à remercier sincèrement tous les bénévoles et organisateurs de l'événement, ainsi que la ville de Calgary pour l'accueil de ce championnat. Nous aimerions également remercier tous les amateurs de curling très dévoués partout au pays. Et, bien sûr, nous souhaitons à tous les participants la meilleure des chances.

Le championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Tires et OK Pneus 2021 est un événement tellement excitant et nous sommes impatients d'encourager les équipes masculines d'élite qui se disputeront le titre mondial et lutteront également pour qualifier leur pays pour les Jeux olympiques d'hiver de Beijing 2022!

Nous espérons que vous profiterez pleinement du championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Tires et OK Pneus 2021. Nous sommes très reconnaissants de faire partie de cet événement et nous chérissons la capacité du curling à rassembler les communautés canadiennes.

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On behalf of the over 120 New Holland dealers across Canada, we are excited to welcome curling fans to the BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship 2021, presented by New Holland. Like you, we are looking forward to another exciting week of competition and wish the best of luck to all the athletes who are participating.

New Holland has been a proud sponsor of Curling Canada since 2015. Each year our team, our dealers, and our customers have gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of some of Canada's most distinguished athletes. In the wake of an unusual 2020/2021 season, we look forward to coming together safely, as guidelines allow, to continue in this tradition.

To you, the fans, we would like to say thank you for your continued support!

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COMMANDITAIRE PRÉSENTATEUR DU CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE DE CURLING MASCULIN BKT TIRES ET OK PNEUS 2021

Au nom des plus de 120 concessionnaires New Holland partout au Canada, nous sommes ravis d'accueillir les amateurs de curling au championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Tires et OK Pneus 2021, présenté par New Holland. Comme vous, nous attendons avec impatience cette semaine de compétition passionnante et souhaitons la meilleure des chances à tous les athlètes qui y participeront.

New Holland est un fier commanditaire de Curling Canada depuis 2015. Chaque année, notre équipe, nos concessionnaires et nos clients se réunissent pour célébrer les réalisations de certains des plus grands athlètes du Canada. En cette saison 2020-2021 des plus inhabituelles, nous sommes impatients de nous réunir en toute sécurité, en respectant les directives, afin de perpétuer cette tradition.

De même, nous tenons à exprimer notre profonde gratitude aux agriculteurs, aux éleveurs, aux constructeurs et aux professionnels de l'entretien des sols du Canada. Votre travail est essentiel à pratiquement tous les aspects de nos vies, et nous savons que les athlètes de Curling Canada ne pourraient pas donner le meilleur d'eux-mêmes sans une source d'alimentation saine et fiable. New Holland et nos concessionnaires canadiens sommes fiers de soutenir l'abondante industrie canadienne de l'agriculture et de la construction et de soutenir les athlètes et les amateurs de Curling Canada.

Merci pour tout ce que vous faites.

MESSAGES



I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY greetings to everyone taking part in the BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship 2021, being held at the Markin MacPhail Centre at Canada Olympic Park in Calgary.

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

skill and strategy as 14 men's teams from the World Curling Federation's Americas, European and Pacific-Asia zones vie for the world 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 Championnat mondial de curling masculin BKT Tires et OK Pneus 2021, au centre Markin MacPhail du parc olympique du Canada, à Calgary.

Les amateurs de curling qui assistent au tournoi à distance seront assurément servis par la précision, les habiletés et les stratégies des quatorze équipes masculines des zones Amériques, Europe et Pacifique-Asie de la Fédération mondiale de curling qui se disputent le titre mondial.

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

Recevez mes meilleurs vœux pour une compétition passionnante et mémorable.

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

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

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

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

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

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

L'honorable Jason Kenney
Premier ministre de l'Alberta

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

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

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

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

Congratulations!

Naheed K. Nenshi
Mayor of Calgary

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

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

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

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

Félicitations!

Naheed K. Nenshi
Maire de Calgary



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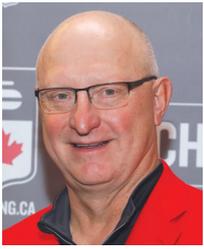
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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

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.

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WORLD CURLING FEDERATION

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

The WCF has a four-part mandate:

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

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

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

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



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The WCF board: (front row, from left) Toyo Ogawa, Kate Caithness, Graham Prouse and Cathrine Lindahl; (back row) Beau Welling, Hew Chalmers, Bent Ånund Ramsfjell and Hugh Millikin.

WORLD CURLING FEDERATION

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PRESIDENT

Kate Caithness, CBE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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For a change, Kevin Koe didn't need a long trip to represent Canada at the 2019 Pioneer Hi-Bred World Men's Curling Championship at the ENMAX Centre in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Koe's three previous trips to world men's championships had taken him to Italy (gold in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 2010), China (fourth place in Beijing in 2014) and Switzerland (gold in Basel in 2016), but this foray was merely a two-hour road trip from his hometown of Calgary to Lethbridge.

And it was a productive trip as Koe skipped Canada to a silver medal.

In the end, Koe's quest for a third world title was ended by a familiar foe — Sweden's Niklas Edin, who joined Canada's Ernie Richardson as the only four-time men's world champion with a 7-2 win over Team Canada, and made it



Swedish skip Niklas Edin, third Oskar Eriksson, second Rasmus Wranå and lead Christoffer Sundgren hoist the world championship trophy for the second straight year. "It feels amazing," said Edin, who joined Canada's Ernie Richardson as the only skip to have won four world titles. "It felt really special, this one — we played so well this whole week."



After two one-point playoff wins, Canada's Kevin Koe couldn't pull it out one more time in the final. "We really wanted to win this, and it's a little deflating the way it all ended," said Koe.

back-to-back golds following his win over Canada's Brad Gushue in the 2018 final in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Still, for Koe, vice-skip B.J. Neufeld, second Colton Flasch, lead Ben Hebert, alternate Ted Appelman, team coach John Dunn and national coach Jeff Stoughton, it was a wonderful cap to a highly productive first season together as the team begins its quest to represent Canada at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing.

"Win the Brier and second in the world championship — you can only ask for one more thing, right? That's to win that game," says Koe. "But second best this year — it's a pretty good accomplishment for this team, but it's hard to put it in perspective right now. We really wanted to win this, and it's a little deflating the way it all ended."

It was, in fact, a grind for the Canadian

champs, who'd claimed Tim Hortons Brier gold three weeks earlier in Brandon, Manitoba.

While Team Koe was able to capture the Brier title with an unbeaten record, it proved to be a rougher ride in Lethbridge. Canada completed round-robin play with a 9-3 record, part of a three-way tie for second place with Switzerland's Peter de Cruz and Japan's Yuta Matsumura, behind the 11-1 Swedes.

But based on the tiebreaker scenarios, Canada finished third and needed to play in the playoff qualifying round against a Scottish team skipped by Bruce Mouat that was riding a four-game win streak to close out the round robin.

Canada would take out the Scots 6-5, while Japan was a 7-6 winner over John Shuster's United States team.



After opening with two blank ends, exchanging singles in three through six, and another blank in seven, Sweden's Niklas Edin broke a 2-2 tie with steals of two in eight and three more in nine, prompting the Canadians to shake hands.



The winner of the Colin Campbell sportsmanship award is South Korean skip SooHyuk Kim.

COLIN CAMPBELL MEMORIAL AWARD

Skip SooHyuk Kim of South Korea is the winner of the 2019 Colin Campbell Memorial Award. The award winner is selected annually by competitors in the World Men's Curling Championship as the player who best combines playing ability with sportsmanship. The award was instituted in 1979 to honour the memory of Colin A. Campbell, who served as president of the International Curling Federation (now the World Curling Federation) from 1969 until his death in 1978.

In the semifinal against Switzerland, it was vintage Koe in front of a near-sellout crowd in Lethbridge. He brought the house down with a stunning quadruple takeout in the third end that snuffed out a Swiss threat and forced them to take a single.

The drama continued all the way to the 10th end, where Koe drew for the winning point through a scary port.

That set up a gold-medal game against Sweden, which had earlier dispatched Japan 8-2 in the other semifinal.

The Swedes, though, simply proved unbeatable in the gold-medal match, breaking the game open late with a deuce

in the eighth end and a steal of three in the ninth and limiting Canada to just a pair of single points.

"It feels amazing," said Edin, who was supported by vice-skip Oskar Eriksson, second Rasmus Wranå, lead Chrisoffer Sundgren, alternate Daniel Magnusson, team coach Fredrik Lindberg and national coach Peja Lindholm. "Probably the best one (of the four wins). I almost started crying after the win, actually. It felt really special, this one — we played so well this whole week."

Switzerland captured the bronze medal with an 8-4 win over Japan.

FINAL

Sweden (Niklas Edin)	*000 101 023 X	7
Canada (Kevin Koe)	001 010 000 X	2

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Sweden		Canada	
Niklas Edin	90%	Kevin Koe	78%
Oskar Eriksson	89%	B.J. Neufeld	82%
Rasmus Wranå	89%	Colton Flasch	88%
Christoffer Sundgren	99%	Ben Hebert	97%
Team totals	92%		86%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

Japan (Yuta Matsumura)	000 301 000 X	4
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	*001 010 411 X	8

SEMIFINALS

Sweden (Niklas Edin)	*200 300 21X X	8
Japan (Yuta Matsumura)	010 001 00X X	2
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	001 010 020 1 0	5
Canada (Kevin Koe)	*020 001 002 0 1	6

QUALIFICATION ROUND

Japan (Yuta Matsumura)	*200 200 101 0 1	7
United States (John Shuster)	011 011 000 2 0	6
Scotland (Bruce Mouat)	010 200 010 1	5
Canada (Kevin Koe)	*202 000 101 0	6

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	2	0
Canada (Kevin Koe)	2	1
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	1	1
Japan (Yuta Matsumura)	1	2
United States (John Shuster)	0	1
Scotland (Bruce Mouat)	0	1

Round robin

	Wins	Losses
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	11	1
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	9	3
Canada (Kevin Koe)	9	3
Japan (Yuta Matsumura)	9	3
United States (John Shuster)	8	4
Scotland (Bruce Mouat)	8	4
Italy (Joel Retornaz)	7	5
Germany (Marc Muskatewitz)	4	8
Russia (Sergey Glukhov)	4	8
Netherlands (Jaap van Dorp)	4	8
China (Qiang Zou)	2	10
Norway (Magnus Ramsfjell)	2	10
South Korea (SooHyuk Kim)	1	11

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WORLD MEN'S CHAMPIONS

2020	Cancelled	
2019	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren
2018	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren
2017	Canada	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant, Geoff Walker
2016	Canada	Kevin Koe, Marc Kennedy, Brent Laing, Ben Hebert
2015	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Kristian Lindström, Christoffer Sundgren
2014	Norway	Thomas Ulsrud, Torger Nergård, Christoffer Svae, Håvard Vad Petersson
2013	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Sebastian Kraupp, Fredrik Lindberg, Viktor Kjäll
2012	Canada	Glenn Howard, Wayne Middaugh, Brent Laing, Craig Savill
2011	Canada	Jeff Stoughton, Jon Mead, Reid Carruthers, Steve Gould
2010	Canada	Kevin Koe, Blake MacDonald, Carter Rycroft, Nolan Thiessen
2009	Scotland	David Murdoch, Ewan MacDonald, Peter Smith, Euan Byers
2008	Canada	Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy, Ben Hebert
2007	Canada	Glenn Howard, Richard Hart, Brent Laing, Craig Savill
2006	Scotland	David Murdoch, Ewan MacDonald, Warwick Smith, Euan Byers
2005	Canada	Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque
2004	Sweden	Peja Lindholm, Tomas Nordin, Magnus Swartling, Peter Narup
2003	Canada	Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque
2002	Canada	Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque
2001	Sweden	Peja Lindholm, Tomas Nordin, Magnus Swartling, Peter Narup
2000	Canada	Greg McAulay, Brent Pierce, Bryan Miki, Jody Svestrup
1999	Scotland	Hammy McMillan, Warwick Smith, Ewan MacDonald, Peter Loudon
1998	Canada	Wayne Middaugh, Graeme McCarrel, Ian Tetley, Scott Bailey
1997	Sweden	Peja Lindholm, Tomas Nordin, Magnus Swartling, Peter Narup
1996	Canada	Jeff Stoughton, Ken Tresoor, Garry Vandenberghe, Steve Gould
1995	Canada	Kerry Burtnyk, Jeff Ryan, Rob Meakin, Keith Fenton
1994	Canada	Rick Folk, Pat Ryan, Bert Gretzinger, Gerry Richard
1993	Canada	Russ Howard, Glenn Howard, Wayne Middaugh, Peter Corner
1992	Switzerland	Markus Eggler, Frédéric Jean, Stefan Hofer, Bjorn Schröder
1991	Scotland	David Smith, Graeme Connal, Peter Smith, David Hay
1990	Canada	Ed Werenich, John Kawaja, Ian Tetley, Pat Perroud
1989	Canada	Pat Ryan, Randy Ferbey, Don Walchuk, Don McKenzie
1988	Norway	Eigil Ramsfjell, Sjur Loen, Morten Sjøgaard, Bo Bakke
1987	Canada	Russ Howard, Glenn Howard, Tim Belcourt, Kent Carstairs
1986	Canada	Ed Lukowich, John Ferguson, Neil Houston, Brent Syme
1985	Canada	Al Hackner, Rick Lang, Ian Tetley, Pat Perroud
1984	Norway	Eigil Ramsfjell, Sjur Loen, Gunnar Meland, Bo Bakke
1983	Canada	Ed Werenich, Paul Savage, John Kawaja, Neil Harrison
1982	Canada	Al Hackner, Rick Lang, Bob Nicol, Bruce Kennedy
1981	Switzerland	Jürg Tanner, Jürg Hornisberger, Patrik Lörtscher, Franz Tanner
1980	Canada	Rick Folk, Ron Mills, Tom Wilson, Jim Wilson
1979	Norway	Kristian Sørum, Morten Sørum, Eigil Ramsfjell, Gunnar Meland
1978	United States	Bob Nichols, Bill Strum, Tom Locken, Bob Christman
1977	Sweden	Ragnar Kamp, Håkan Rudström, Björn Rudström, Christer Mårtensson
1976	United States	Bruce Roberts, Joe Roberts, Gary Kleffman, Jerry Scott
1975	Switzerland	Otto Danieli, Roland Schneider, Rolf Gautschi, Ueli Mülli
1974	United States	Bud Somerville, Bob Nichols, Bill Strum, Tom Locken
1973	Sweden	Kjell Oscarius, Bengt Oscarius, Tom Schaeffer, Boa Carlman
1972	Canada	Orest Meleschuk, Dave Romano, John Hanesiak, Pat Hailley
1971	Canada	Don Duguid, Rod Hunter, Jim Pettapiece, Bryan Wood
1970	Canada	Don Duguid, Rod Hunter, Jim Pettapiece, Bryan Wood
1969	Canada	Ron Northcott, Dave Gerlach, Bernie Sparkes, Fred Storey
1968	Canada	Ron Northcott, Jimmy Shields, Bernie Sparkes, Fred Storey
1967	Scotland	Chuck Hay, John Bryden, Alan Glen, David Howie
1966	Canada	Ron Northcott, George Fink, Bernie Sparkes, Fred Storey
1965	United States	Bud Somerville, Bill Strum, Al Gagne, Tom Wright
1964	Canada	Lyall Dagg, Leo Hebert, Fred Britton, Barry Naimark
1963	Canada	Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson, Mel Perry
1962	Canada	Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson, Wes Richardson
1961	Canada	Hector Gervais, Ray Werner, Vic Raymer, Wally Ursuliak
1960	Canada	Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson, Wes Richardson
1959	Canada	Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson, Wes Richardson

COLIN CAMPBELL MEMORIAL AWARD WINNERS

2020	N/A	
2019	Kim Soo-hyuk	South Korea
2018	Markus Høiberg	Norway
2017	Carlo Glasbergen	Netherlands
2016	Kosuke Morozumi*	Japan
2015	Kosuke Morozumi*	Japan
2014	Ewen MacDonald*	Scotland
2013	Niklas Edin	Sweden
2012	Sean Becker**	New Zealand
2011	Thomas Ulsrud	Norway
2010	Torger Nergård	Norway
2009	Fengchun Wang	China
2008	Thomas Dufour	France
2007	Ralph Stöckli	Switzerland
2006	Ewan MacDonald*	Scotland
2005	Marco Mariani	Italy
2004	Sean Becker**	New Zealand
2003	Markku Uusipaavalniemi*	Finland
2002	Pål Trulsen	Norway
2001	Spencer Mugnier	France
2000	Greg McAulay	Canada
1999	Sean Becker**	New Zealand
1998	Markku Uusipaavalniemi*	Finland
1997	Jussi Uusipaavalniemi*	Finland
1996	Mikael Hasselborg	Sweden
1995	Peja Lindholm	Sweden
1994	Gert Larsen	Denmark
1993	Hugh Millikin	Australia
1992	Jussi Uusipaavalniemi*	Finland
1991	Markus Eggler	Switzerland
1990	Tommy Stjerne*	Denmark
1989	Tommy Stjerne*	Denmark
1988	Bo Bakke	Norway
1987	Goran Roxin	Sweden
1986	Uli Sutor	Germany
1985	Tim Wright	United States
1984	Mike Hay	Scotland
1983	Keith Wendorf*	Germany
1982	Rick Lang	Canada
1981	Mark Olson	Canada
1980	Greig Henderson	Scotland
1979	Keith Wendorf*	Germany

*Two-time winner **Three-time winner

After three heartbreaking losses in the Tim Hortons Brier final, Alberta's Brendan Bottcher finally broke through this year, defeating four-time champion Kevin Koe in the decider. The gold-medal winners, left to right, skip Bottcher, third Darren Moulding, second Brad Thiessen and lead Karrick Martin.



STREAK OF FRUSTRATION FINALLY COMES TO AN END

Alberta's Bottcher pumped with confidence heading into BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship **BY GEORGE JOHNSON**

Leading 4-2 in the 10th end, final skip rock to come, lying three well-distributed shot stones and all avenues of possible escape for Kevin Koe and Co. blocked, Darren Moulding still couldn't totally shake a familiar sense of unease.

"Oh, he is a wizard," acknowledged Moulding, the third on Brendan Bottcher's newly-minted, no-longer-overdue Canadian Men's Curling Champions.

"He's never dead.

"If there's a way, any way at all, he'll find it."

As a record-equalling four-time Tim Hortons Brier winner and two-time world champion, Koe is, of course, famous for being able to wriggle out of more tight spots than Indiana Jones or Agent 007, James Bond.

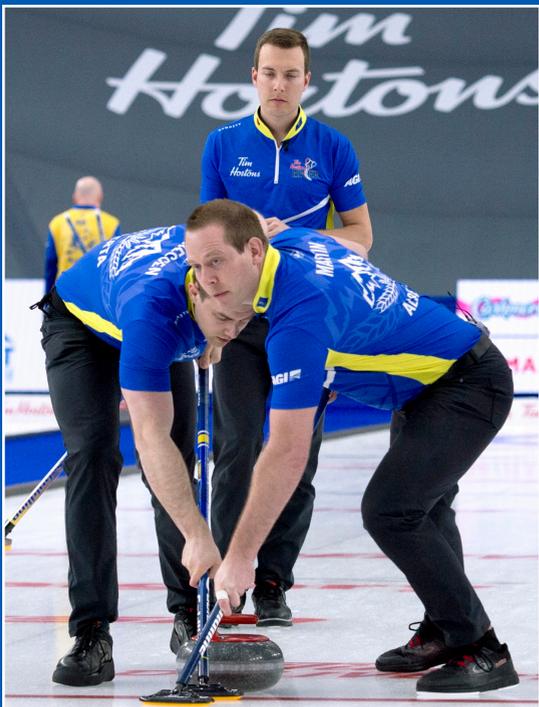
"You get to the point where, instead of disliking him you just respect him," marvelled Moulding.

Skip Brendan Bottcher says he learned so much about himself and his team in losing three Brier finals, and the experience paid off handsomely this year in Calgary.





There were no real fans to witness it, but Alberta's Brendan Bottcher and his team from the Saville Community Sports Centre in Edmonton put on a remarkable curling show in winning this year's Tim Hortons Brier inside the Calgary bubble. So now it's on to the world championship for the Canadians.





Four-time Canadian men's curling champion Kevin Koe of Calgary (left) and his third John Morris played their hearts out during the Tim Hortons Brier, but in the end they had no answer for Brendan Bottcher's team in the final.

"How can you dislike someone who plays that well; who brings out the best in you?"

"After that last shot of ours came to rest and they were looking it over, I remember thinking: 'What is he going to do to us now? What does he have up his sleeve?'"

"He'd broken our hearts — not just our hearts, but so many hearts — so many times."

Just not this time.

Not even Harrison Ford or Sean Connery on their best day could've extricated themselves from this jam.

So instead of holding out false hope and gliding back to the hack to throw his final stone, Koe held out a hand in congratulatory concession.

In that handshake, a streak of frustration had ended, the demons of those Brier final losses to Calgary's Koe in 2019 and Newfoundland and Labrador's Brad Gushue in both 2018 and 2020 finally exorcised. Team Alberta skip Bottcher, Moulding, second Brad Thiessen and lead Karrick Martin could finally turn their full attention to the BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship inside the Markin MacPhail bubble.

"Honestly — and, believe me, I mean this in the most respectful way ever — it had to be them or Gushue in the (Brier) final," continued Moulding. "Because we needed to beat the best. That was important."

"We needed to beat one of the big teams — Gushue, Koe, (Brad) Jacobs. Someone who's won Olympic medals or world championships or Briers before. To prove that we're on that level now. We can say that with confidence. Now it's just not us thinking we're good enough."

"You've got to beat the best in the biggest game to prove you're worthy of being Team Canada."

"That alone gives us so much confidence heading into the Worlds."

So, with the Brier final as a launching pad, they now face 13 of the world's best team. Top of the marquee, indisputably, being four-time world champion Niklas Edin of Sweden.

"On a huge stage, against a team we've had so many battles with the last few years ... I'm just glad we came to the Brier final and really brought our 'A' game," said Bottcher.

"Each one of (the last three) years, it was tough to lose. But you do learn a little bit about yourself each time, in those losses; about yourself and your teammates. I'm proud that we stayed resilient, especially after last year. We kept working at it, kept doing what we need to, and we found that extra gear."

"This year has been so different, so unique, just in the COVID sense and that we were playing in a bubble."

"The set-up here is outstanding. I can't say enough good things both around the bubble or about the arena itself. Curling Canada has done just an outstanding job pulling this all together for us."

"So there's a lot that went into it this time. We didn't have much time to practise. We weren't on the ice for three months. Just unheard of for us."

"Then for us to come through that adversity and pull together the way we did, I'm so proud of the guys."

"The night we won," recalled Moulding, softly, "was ... amazing."

"I didn't sleep all night that night and then I had almost 2,000 messages when I woke up."

"I got back to all of them."

"Twenty hours in a row."

"It was certainly a different feel than normal when we won, because under normal circumstances our families would've been there with us. And not that it was better this way, I'm not saying that at all, but it was kind of fitting that it was just us. Because a lot of times the past five years it has been just us."

"We played in (our first) two Briers, got to two finals, with just the four of us. No fifth, no coach. And then we realized we need some help. Enter alternate Pat Janssen, coach Don Bartlett and, most recently, Marc Kennedy as an insurance policy, subbing in from his usual spot on the Brad Jacobs team owing to back problems suffered by Moulding during the Home Hardware Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship, presented by Nature's Bounty."

Kennedy, of course, is a two-time World Champion and also owns an Olympic gold medal.

"I'm honesty here to help support this team in any way I can," said Kennedy. "Having played in international events now and knowing how tough

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they are, I think it's important we support our Canadian champions any way we can.

"And that's what I'm here for.

"Anything they need from me, whether it's charting rocks, anything at all, a pep talk. I know we butt heads but they won the Brier and I'm here to help them win a World Championship. That's where my mindset's at."

Moulding simply can't wait to slip on the summit of sartorial chic for any Canadian athlete. He's been eyeing those designer threads for a long time.

"I've always loved the Olympics," the ice-maker and roofer from Lacombe, Alta., confessed. "Whenever I see people wearing that red or white Maple Leaf on their back, I just get proud. Can't help it. So to be able to do it myself ...

"In '03 we lost the junior final, came really close to winning, and ever since I've been so near to wearing that Maple Leaf. But I've just never quite been able to do it.

"You watch in '02 when Canada won in (Olympic) hockey and then the golden goal in Vancouver (2010 Olympics)— yes, I'm a curler, not a hockey player, but you dream of it being you, there, in moments like that.

"Well, this is our version.

"An absolute honour, for sure."

Bottcher will doubtless be someone to lean on in that regard, already having a prestigious international feather in his cap, the gold medal from the 2012 World Junior Championship in Östersund, Sweden, won via an eight-end, 10-4 rout of Sweden's Rasmus Wranå at the Z-Hallen arena (Wranå, incidentally, has played second on the Edin rink for all but one competitive season since 2016).

"The biggest thing to remember," Bottcher repeated, "is this: It's just a curling game. Might not seem like it, and you hear this often enough, but it is just that. A curling game.

"The same thing we practise, the same thing we play, all the time. Sure, some of the teams we haven't played before but the vast majority we've seen, know what they're about. We've probably played against about half of them.

"You've got to put this in perspective. There is a time to get caught up in the emotion of it, that pride of putting on the Maple Leaf on your back.

"And there's also a time to get down to business and focus on the task at hand."

Well, that time, business time, task at hand time, has arrived.

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To the victors go the spoils. The new Canadian men's curling champions from Edmonton: left to right, skip Brendan Bottcher, third Darren Moulding, second Brad Thiessen and lead Karrick Martin.

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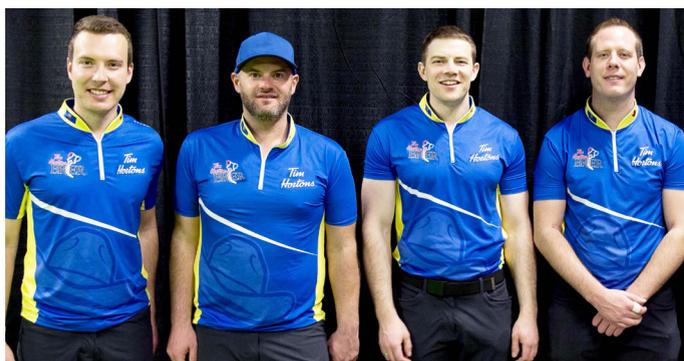


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PLAYER PROFILES

CANADA SAVILLE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE, EDMONTON



From left: Brendan Bottcher, Darren Moulding, Brad Thiessen and Karrick Martin.

SKIP: Brendan Bottcher **Age:** 29
Occupation: Applications specialist, Spartan Control Limited **Highlights:** Skipped Canada to gold at 2012 world juniors

THIRD: Darren Moulding **Age:** 38
Occupation: Head ice technician, Lacombe and Bently curling clubs/
 Business owner, Pinpoint Roofing

SECOND: Brad Thiessen **Age:** 31
Occupation: Web developer, LawDepot **Highlights:** Played second for Canada at 2016 world mixed

LEAD: Karrick Martin **Age:** 31
Occupation: Event and labour supervisor, Government of Alberta

ALTERNATE: Marc Kennedy **Age:** 39
Occupation: Coaching consultant **Highlights:** Played second for Canada at 2010 Olympics and second in '18; won gold in '10. Played second for Canada at 2008 and '09 worlds, third in '16; won gold in '08 and '16, silver in '09

COACH: Don Bartlett

CHINA HARBIN CURLING CLUB, HARBIN



From left: Qiang Zou, Jiafeng Tian, Zhiyu Wang, Jingtao Xu and Peng Han.

SKIP: Qiang Zou **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped China at 2019 worlds, third in '18 and alternate in '17

THIRD: Jiafeng Tian **Age:** 24
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played third for China at 2018 world juniors

SECOND: Zhiyu Wang **Age:** 24
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played third for China at 2019 worlds. Played fourth for China at 2017 world juniors, skipped in '18

LEAD: Jingtao Xu **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played second for China at 2018 worlds, lead in '19. Played lead at 2013 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Peng Han **Age:** 24
Occupation: Curler

COACH: Sören Gran

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DENMARK VARIOUS CLUBS



From left: Mikkel Krause, Tobias Thune, Mads Nørgaard, Kasper Wiksten and Oliver Søe.

SKIP/SECOND: Mads Nørgaard **Age:** 27
Occupation: Physiotherapy student
Highlights: Skipped Denmark at 2018 world mixed. Skipped at 2011 world juniors

FOURTH/VICE-SKIP: Mikkel Krause
Age: 32 **Occupation:** Forwarder

Highlights: Played second for Denmark at 2004 world juniors, alternate in '05, third in '06, '07, '08, '09, skip in '10; won gold in '09

THIRD: Tobias Thune **Age:** 26
Occupation: Teacher **Highlights:** Skipped Denmark at 2019 world mixed. Played second for Denmark at 2010 world juniors, skip in 2016

LEAD: Kasper Wiksten **Age:** 40
Occupation: Glazier **Highlights:** Played for Denmark at 2017 world mixed doubles. Alternate for Denmark at 1996 world juniors, skip in '98, 2000

ALTERNATE: Oliver Rosenkrands Søe
Age: 27 **Occupation:** Bartender/student

COACH: Kenneth Hertsdahl

GERMANY BADEN HILLS GOLF & CURLING CLUB, FÜSSEN



From left: Sixten Totzek, Marc Muskatewitz, Joshua Sutor, Dominik Greindl and Klaudius Harsch.

SKIP: Sixten Totzek **Age:** 21
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Threw fourth rocks for Germany at 2018 and '19 world juniors, skip in '20

THIRD: Marc Muskatewitz **Age:** 25
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Played second for Germany at 2016 worlds, skip in 2019

SECOND: Joshua Sutor **Age:** 21
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Played second for Germany at 2018, '19 world juniors and third in '20

LEAD: Dominik Greindl **Age:** 32
Occupation: Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers **Highlights:** Played lead for Germany at 2019 worlds. Played lead for Germany at 2007 and '08 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Klaudius Harsch **Age:** 20
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Skipped, threw third rocks, for Germany at 2018 and '19 world juniors, alternate in '20

COACH: Uli Kapp

ITALY TORINO-PINEROLO CURLING CLUB AND AERONAUTICA MILITARE



From left: Joel Retornaz, Amos Mosaner and Sebastiano Arman.

SKIP: Joel Retornaz **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Businessman **Highlights:** Skipped Italy at 2006 Olympics, skipped (third rocks) in '18. Alternate at 2005 worlds, skipped in '10, '19, skipped (third rocks) in '15, '17 and '18. Skipped at 2004 and '05 world juniors

THIRD: Amos Mosaner **Age:** 26
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played fourth for Italy at 2018 Olympics. Played fourth at 2015, '17 and '18 worlds, third in '19. Played in 2019 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2012 world juniors, skipped in '13, '14 and '15

SECOND: Sebastiano Arman **Age:** 24
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Alternate for Italy at 2015 worlds, second in '19. Alternate at 2012 and '13 world juniors, played third in '14 and '15

LEAD: Mattia Giovanella **Age:** 23
Occupation: Stone porphyry maker **Highlights:** Played third for Italy at 2019 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Fabio Ribotta **Age:** 22
Occupation: Tire business **Highlights:** Alternate for Italy at 2018 worlds. Played lead for Italy at 2015 world juniors, third in '17

COACH: Claudio Pesca

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JAPAN TOKORO CURLING CLUB



From left: Yuta Matsumura, Tetsuro Shimizu, Yasumasa Tanida, Shinya Abe and Kosuke Aita.

SKIP: Yuta Matsumura **Age:** 31
Occupation: Market researcher, Nagayama Unsou **Highlights:** Alternate for Japan at 2015 worlds, skip in '19

THIRD: Tetsuro Shimizu **Age:** 33
Occupation: Warehouse worker, Shizunai Logos **Highlights:** Played third for Japan at 2018 Olympics. Played second at 2009, '13, '14 and '15 worlds, third in '16, '17 and '19

SECOND: Yasumasa Tanida **Age:** 26
Occupation: Agricultural machinery mechanic, Hokkaido Kubota **Highlights:** Alternate for Japan at 2016 worlds, second in '19

LEAD: Shinya Abe **Age:** 41 **Occupation:** Curling team manager, Consadole Hokkaido Sports Club **Highlights:** Played lead for Japan at 2019 worlds. Played for Japan at 2017 world mixed doubles. Played lead at 1996 and '98 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Kosuke Aita **Age:** 22
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Alternate for Japan at 2019 worlds

COACH: Bob Ursel

NETHERLANDS CURLING CLUB PWA, ZOETERMEER



From left: Tobias van den Hurk, Carlo Glasbergen, Laurens Hoekman, Jaap van Dorp and Wouter Gösgens.

SKIP/THIRD: Jaap Van Dorp **Age:** 31
Occupation: Athlete and engineer **Highlights:** Skipped Netherlands at 2017 and '18 worlds, skipped (threw third rocks) in '19

FOURTH/VICE-SKIP: Wouter Gösgens **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Student **Highlights:** Played third for Netherlands at 2017, '18 worlds, threw fourth rocks in '19

SECOND: Laurens Hoekman **Age:** 23
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Played second for Netherlands at 2017, '18 and '19 worlds

LEAD: Carlo Glasbergen **Age:** 30
Occupation: Athlete **Highlights:** Played lead for Netherlands at 2017, '18 and '19 worlds

ALTERNATE: Tobias Van den Hurk **Age:** 20 **Occupation:** Student

COACH: Shari Leibbrandt-Demmon

NORWAY OPPDAL CURLING CLUB



From left: Steffen Walstad, Torger Nergård, Markus Høiberg, Magnus Vågberg and Eirik Mjøen.

SKIP: Steffen Walstad **Age:** 32
Occupation: Photographer **Highlights:** Skipped Norway at 2017 and '18 worlds, alternate in '19. Won gold at 2015 world mixed as skip. Played third at 2008 world juniors, second in '09 and '10

THIRD: Torger Nergård **Age:** 46
Occupation: Engineer **Highlights:** Alternate for Norway at 2002, '06 Olympics, played third in '10, '14 and '18, won gold in '02, silver in '10. Played second for Norway at 1998 worlds, alternate in 2004, third in '06, '07, '08, '09, '11, '12, '14, '15, '16, skip in '10; won bronze in '06, '08, '09, silver in '10, '15 and gold in '14. Played third for Norway at 1991, '92 world juniors, skipped in '96

SECOND: Markus Høiberg **Age:** 29
Occupation: Financial risk analysis **Highlights:** Alternate for Norway at

2014 and '18 Olympics. Alternate for Norway at 2011, '13, '14, '15, '16 worlds, third in '17 and '18; won gold in '14, silver in '15. Played lead for Norway at 2007, '08, '09 world juniors, threw fourth rocks in '10, third in '11 and skip in '12; won bronze in '11

LEAD: Magnus Vågberg **Age:** 25
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Played lead for Norway at 2018 worlds. Played second for Norway at 2016 and '17 world juniors; won bronze in '17

ALTERNATE: Eirik Mjøen **Age:** 28
Occupation: Construction site manager **Highlights:** Alternate for Norway at 2011, '12 world juniors, skipped in '13 and '14; won bronze in '14

COACH: Thomas Løvold

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THE RUSSIAN CURLING FEDERATION TEAM VARIOUS CLUBS



From left: Sergey Glukhov, Evgenii Klimov, Dmitrii Mironov, Anton Kalalb and Daniil Goriachev.

SKIP: Sergey Glukhov **Age:** 28
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played third for Russia at 2014 and '18 worlds, skip in '19. Played third at 2013 world juniors, skipped in '14; won silver in '13

THIRD: Evgenii Klimov **Age:** 27
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Alternate for Russia at 2017 and '19 worlds, played lead in '18. Played lead at 2015 world mixed

SECOND/VICE-SKIP: Dmitrii Mironov **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played second for Russia at 2019 worlds. Played second for Russia at 2013 and '14 world juniors; won silver in '13

LEAD: Anton Kalalb **Age:** 33
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Alternate for Russia at 2013 worlds, played lead in '15 and '19

ALTERNATE: Daniil Goriachev **Age:** 26
Occupation: History student, Saint Petersburg State University **Highlights:** Won silver at 2018 world mixed doubles for Russia. Played second for Russia at 2016, '18 and '19 world mixed; won gold in '16, bronze in '18. Alternate for Russia at 2016 world juniors

COACH: Aleksandr Kozyrev

SCOTLAND VARIOUS CLUBS



From left: Hammy McMillan, Bobby Lammie, Grant Hardie and Bruce Mouat.

SKIP: Bruce Mouat **Age:** 26
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Scotland at 2018 and '19 worlds; won bronze in '18. Played in 2013, '14, '16 and '17 world mixed doubles. Won gold at 2016 world juniors as skip, bronze in '15

THIRD: Grant Hardie **Age:** 29
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played third for Scotland at 2018 and '19 worlds; won bronze in '18. Won gold at 2017 world mixed as skip

SECOND: Bobby Lammie **Age:** 24
Occupation: Student **Highlights:** Played second for Scotland at 2018 and '19 worlds; won bronze in '18. Played second at 2015 and '16 world mixed; won bronze in '16. Won gold at 2016 world juniors as third, bronze in '15 as alternate

LEAD: Hammy McMillan **Age:** 28
Occupation: Curling development officer **Highlights:** Played lead for Scotland at 2016, '18 and '19 worlds; won bronze in '18. Won gold at 2013 world juniors as alternate, bronze in '12

ALTERNATE: Ross Whyte **Age:** 22
Occupation: Student

Highlights: Alternate for Scotland at 2019 worlds. Played second for Scotland at 2018 world mixed. Alternate at 2017 world juniors, skipped in '18 and '19; won silver in '18, bronze in '19

COACH: Alan Hannah

SOUTH KOREA UIJEONGBU CURLING CLUB



From left: Yeong Seok Jeong, Se Won Park, Jeong Min Kim and Jun Hyung Lee.

SKIP: Yeong Seok Jeong **Age:** 25
Occupation: Curler

THIRD: Se Won Park **Age:** 25
Occupation: Curler

SECOND/VICE-SKIP: Jeong Min Kim **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Curler

LEAD: Jun Hyung Lee **Age:** 24
Occupation: Curler

ALTERNATE: Min Guk Seo **Age:** 29
Occupation: Curler

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SWEDEN KARLSTAD CURLING CLUB



From left: Daniel Magnusson, Christoffer Sundgren, Rasmus Wranå, Oskar Eriksson and Niklas Edin.

SKIP: Niklas Edin **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Sweden at 2010, '14 and '18 Olympics; won silver in '18, bronze in '14. Played third at 2006 worlds, skipped in '11, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18 and '19, skipped/alternate in '12; won gold in '13, '15, '18 and '19, silver in '17, bronze in '11 and '12. Skipped at 2004 and '07 world juniors, alternate in '05, third in '06; won gold in '04, silver in '05, '06 and '07

THIRD: Oskar Eriksson **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Alternate for Sweden at 2010 and '14 Olympics, played third in '18; won silver in '18, bronze in '14. Alternate at 2011 and '13 worlds, alternate/second in '12, skipped in '14, played third in '15, '16, '17, '18 and '19; won gold in '13, '15, '18 and '19, silver in '14 and '17, bronze in '11 and '12. Won gold for Sweden at 2019 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2008 world juniors, skipped (third rocks) in '09 and '11; won gold in '11, silver in '08

SECOND: Rasmus Wranå **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Won silver at 2018 Olympics as second for Sweden. Played second for Sweden at 2017, '18 and '19 worlds; won silver in '17, gold in '18 and '19. Won silver at 2015 world mixed as skip. Skipped at 2012 and '16 world juniors; won silver in '12

LEAD: Christoffer Sundgren **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Won silver at 2018 Olympics as lead for Sweden. Played lead at 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18 and '19 worlds; won gold in '15, '18 and '19, silver in '14 and '17. Played lead at 2009 world juniors, alternate in '11; won gold in '11

ALTERNATE: Daniel Magnusson **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Won gold as alternate for Sweden at 2019 worlds. Skipped Sweden at 2018 world juniors

COACH: Fredrik Lindberg

SWITZERLAND GENEVA AND INTERLAKEN CURLING CLUBS



From left: Valentin Tanner, Peter de Cruz, Sven Michel and Benoît Schwarz.

SKIP/SECOND: Peter de Cruz **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Won bronze at 2018 Olympics as skip (second rocks) for Switzerland. Skipped (third rocks) at 2014 worlds, skipped (second rocks) in '17 and '19; won bronze in '14, '17 and '19. Skipped at 2010 world juniors, skipped (third rocks) in '11; won gold in '10, silver in '11

FOURTH/VICE-SKIP: Benoît Schwarz **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Business administration student **Highlights:** Threw fourth rocks for Switzerland at 2018 Olympics, alternate in '14; won bronze in '18. Alternate at 2012 and '13 worlds, threw fourth rocks in '14, '17 and '19; won bronze in '14, '17 and '19. Played third at 2010 world juniors, threw fourth rocks in '11, alternate in '12; won gold in '10, silver in '11

THIRD: Sven Michel **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Bricklayer **Highlights:** Skipped Switzerland at 2014 Olympics. Alternate at 2011 and '15 worlds, skipped in '13, '16, third in '19; won bronze in '19. Won gold at 2011 and '18 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2006 and '07 world juniors; won bronze in '07

LEAD: Tanner Valentin **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Bartender **Highlights:** Won bronze at 2018 Olympics as lead for Switzerland. Won bronze at 2014, '17 and '19 worlds as lead. Won gold at 2010 world juniors as lead, silver in '11

ALTERNATE: Pablo Lachat **Age:** 20 **Occupation:** Law student

COACH: Håvard Vad Petersson

UNITED STATES DULUTH CURLING CLUB, MINNESOTA



From left: John Shuster, Chris Plys, Matt Hamilton and John Landsteiner.

SKIP: John Shuster **Age:** 38 **Occupation:** Curler/public speaker **Highlights:** Played lead for the U.S. at 2006 Olympics, skipped in '10, '14, '18; won gold in '18, bronze in '06. Played lead at 2003, '05 and '06 worlds, skipped in '09, '15, '16, '17 and '19; won bronze in '16. Won bronze at 2019 world mixed doubles

THIRD: Chris Plys **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Self-employed **Highlights:** Alternate for the U.S. at 2010 Olympics. Alternate at 2009 and '18 worlds, third in '19. Skipped at 2006, '07, '08 and '09 world juniors; won gold in '08, bronze in '09

SECOND: Matt Hamilton **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Research and development technician **Highlights:** Won gold at 2018 Olympics as second for the U.S. Played in 2018 Olympic mixed doubles. Played

second at 2015, '16, '17 and '19 worlds; won bronze in '16. Played in 2017 world mixed doubles. Played lead at 2008 and '09 world juniors; won gold in '08, bronze in '09

LEAD: John Landsteiner **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Integrity engineer **Highlights:** Played lead for the U.S. at 2014 and '18 Olympics; won gold in '18. Played lead at 2015, '16, '17 and '19 worlds; won bronze in '16. Alternate at 2011 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Colin Huffman **Age:** 36 **Occupation:** Mechanical engineer **Highlights:** Played second for the U.S. at 2018 worlds. Played third at 2002 world juniors

COACH: Sean Beighton

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2021 WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

OFFICIAL DRAW

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

QUALIFICATION GAMES

3 vs 6 or 4 vs 5	Fri., April 9	7 p.m. MT / 9 p.m. ET
3 vs 6 or 4 vs 5	Sat., April 10	9 a.m. MT / 11 a.m. ET

SEMIFINALS

SEMIFINAL 1	Sat., April 10	2 p.m. MT / 4 p.m. ET
SEMIFINAL 2	Sat., April 10	7 p.m. MT / 9 p.m. ET

MEDAL GAMES

BRONZE	Sun., April 11	11 a.m. MT / 1 p.m. ET
GOLD	Sun., April 11	4 p.m. MT / 6 p.m. ET

WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

RECORDS & STATISTICS



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Swedish skip Niklas Edin's name is strewn throughout the record book, but most impressive is his record-tying four world championships. He shoots for No. 5 this year.

Most appearances (including fifth player)

- 15 — Eigil Ramsfjell of Norway in 1976, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '83, '84, '87, '88, '89, '90, '91, '95, '96
- 14 — Andy Kapp of Germany in 1989*, '90, '91, '94, '95, '97, '99, 2001, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11
- 13 — Andrea Pavani of Italy in 1973, '74, '76, '77, '79, '80, '81, '82, '84, '85, '86, '89, '90
- 12 — Torger Nergård of Norway in 1998, 2004*, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '14, '15, '16
- 12 — Thomas Ulsrud of Norway in 1998, '99*, 2006, '07, '08, '09, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16
- 11 — Flemming Davanger of Norway in 1986, '90*, '93, '94, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05
- 11 — Johnny Frederiksen of Denmark in 2001, '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '12, '13, '14, '16
- 11 — Holger Höhne of Germany in 1994*, '95, '97, '99, 2001, '05, '07*, '08, '09, '10, '11*
- 11 — Sjur Loen of Norway in 1974, '82, '83, '84, '87, '88, '89, '90, '91, '95*, '96*
- 11 — Hugh Millikin of Australia in 1992, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, 2005, '06, '07, '08
- 11 — Peter Smith of Scotland in 1986, '88, '90, '91, '93, '96, '98, 2003, '06*, '08, '09
- 11 — Markku Uusipaavalniemi of Finland in 1992, '97, '98, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '05, '06, '07
- 10 — Ewan MacDonald of Scotland in 1999, 2002, '03, '04, '05*, '06, '07, '09, '14, '15

- 10 — David Smith of Scotland in 1984, '86, '88, '90, '91, '93, '96, '98, 2007, '10
- 10 — Christoffer Svae of Norway in 2006*, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16
- 10 — Lars Vilandt of Denmark in 2001, '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '12*, '13*, '14
- 9 — Pierre Boan of France in 1967, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '77, '78
- 9 — Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2006, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19
- 9 — Oskar Eriksson of Sweden in 2011*, '12*, '13*, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19
- 9 — David Hay of Scotland in 1984, '88, '90, '91, '93, '96, '98, 2003, '04
- 9 — Patrik Lörtscher of Switzerland in 1980, '81, '82, '86, '89, '96, '99*, 2000*, '02*
- 9 — Håvard Vad Petersson of Norway in 2008, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16
- 9 — Ulrik Schmidt of Denmark in 1997, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '06, '08, '09, '10
- 9 — Warwick Smith of Scotland in 1996, '98, '99, 2002, '03, '04, '06, '07, '10
- 9 — Tommy Stjerne of Denmark in 1977, '81, '83, '86, '89, '90, '94*, '98, 2011
- 9 — Pål Trulsen of Norway in 1993*, '97, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05
- 9 — Lars Vågberg of Sweden in 1992; of Norway in '97, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05
- 8 — Peter Andersen of Denmark in 1977, '81, '83, '86, '89, '90, '98, 2011
- 8 — Dexin Ba of China in 2010*, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '17, '19*
- 8 — Thomas Dufour of France in 2001, '04, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12
- 8 — Markus Eggler of Switzerland in 1991, '92, '94, 2001, '05, '07, '09, '10
- 8 — Peter Fenson of the United States in 1993, '94, 2003, '05, '06, '10, '11, '14
- 8 — Daniel Herberg of Germany in 1993*, 2004, '06, '09*, '10*, '11, '17, '18
- 8 — Steve Hewitt of Australia in 1992, '94, '95, '96*, '97, '98*, 2005*, '08*
- 8 — Bo Jensen of Denmark in 2001, '02, '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10
- 8 — Peja Lindholm of Sweden in 1993, '95, '97, '98, 2000, '01, '04, '07
- 8 — Gunnar Meland of Norway in 1976, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '83, '84
- 8 — David Murdoch of Scotland in 2005, '06, '08, '09, '10*, '13, '15*, '17
- 8 — Enea Pavani of Italy in 1975, '76, '77, '79, '80, '81, '82, '86*
- 8 — Bent Ånund Ramsfjell of Norway in 1997, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05
- 8 — John Shuster of the United States in 2003, '05, '06, '09, '15, '16, '17, '19
- 8 — Magnus Swartling of Sweden in 1993, '95, '97, '98, 2000, '01, '04, '07*
- 8 — Jialiang Zang of China in 2008, '09, '10, '12, '13, '14, '15, '17
- 7 — Tony Angiboust of France in 2004, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12
- 7 — Scott Baird of the United States in 1979, '93, '94, 2003*, '05*, '06*, '11*
- 7 — Giuseppe Dal Molin of Italy in 1975, '76, '77, '79, '80, '81, '83
- 7 — Jan Ducroz of France in 1993, 2001, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11*
- 7 — Michael Hay of Scotland in 1984, '86, '88, '90, '91*, '97, '98*
- 7 — Markus Høiberg of Norway in 2011*, '13*, '14*, '15*, '16*, '17, '18
- 7 — Patrick Hürlimann of Switzerland in 1986, '89, '96, '99, 2000, '02, '08
- 7 — Stephen Johns of Australia in 1995, '96, '97, '98, 2005, '06, '08
- 7 — Uli Kapp of Germany in 1994, '95, '97, '99, 2001, '05, '07
- 7 — Kalle Kiiskinen of Finland in 2002, '03, '05, '06, '07, '09, '16*
- 7 — Jindřich Kitzberger of the Czech Republic in 2008, '09, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15
- 7 — Gert Larsen of Denmark in 1982, '87, '88, '93, '94, '98, 2001*
- 7 — Jari Laukkanen of Finland in 1988, '90, '91, '98, '99, 2000, '01
- 7 — Lasse Lavrsen of Denmark in 1991, '97, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '06
- 7 — Rui Liu of China in 2008, '09, '10, '12, '13, '14, '17
- 7 — Ville Mäkelä of Finland in 1997, '98, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '05
- 7 — Peter Narup of Sweden in 1993, '95, '97, '98, 2000, '01, '04
- 7 — Tomas Nordin of Sweden in 1993, '95, '97, '98, 2000, '01, '04
- 7 — Oluf Olsen of Denmark in 1977, '81, '83, '87, '88, '93, '94
- 7 — Shawn Rojeski of the United States in 1998*, 2003, '05, '06, '10, '11, '14
- 7 — Tetsuro Shimizu of Japan in 2009, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19
- 7 — Jiří Snítíl of the Czech Republic in 2008, '09, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15
- 7 — Martin Snítíl of the Czech Republic in 2008, '09, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15
- 7 — Kristian Sørum of Norway in 1976, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '85
- 7 — Giancarlo Valt of Italy in 1977, '79, '80, '81, '82, '84, '85
- 7 — Keith Wendorf of Germany in 1978, '79, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85

7 – Xiaoming Xu of China in 2008, '09, '10, '12, '13, '14, '17
6 – Oliver Axnick of Germany in 1994, '95, '97, '99, 2001, '05
6 – Euen Byers of Scotland in 2005, '06, '08, '09, '14, '15
6 – Gerald Chick of Australia in 1992, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97
6 – Randy Ferbey of Canada in 1988, '89, 2001, '02, '03, '05
6 – Ivan Frederiksen of Denmark in 1986, '89*, '90, '98, 2005*, '07*
6 – Michael Harry of Denmark in 1982, '86*, '87, '88, '93, '94
6 – Andreas Kempf of Germany in 1998, 2005*, '07, '08, '09, '10
6 – Andreas Lang of Germany in 2003, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11
6 – Peter Loudon of Scotland in 1995, '97*, '99, 2002, '04, '08*
6 – Thierry Mercier of France in 1986, '88, '89*, '91, '92, 2000
6 – Stefano Morona of Italy in 1983, '84, '85, '86, '89, '90
6 – Kosuke Morozumi of Japan in 2009, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17
6 – Yusuke Morozumi of Japan in 2009, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17
6 – Joe Polo of the United States in 2005, '06, '10, '11, '14, '17*
6 – Mikkel Poulsen of Denmark in 2008*, '09*, '10*, '12, '13, '16
6 – Joel Retornaz of Italy in 2005*, '10, '15, '17, '18, '19
6 – Teemu Salo of Finland in 2002, '03, '05, '06, '07, '09
6 – Christof Schwaller of Switzerland in 1995, '98, 2001, '05, '10, '11
6 – Morten Søgaard of Norway in 1974, '82, '85, '87, '88, '89
6 – Bud Somerville of the United States in 1965, '68, '69, '74, '81, '95*
6 – Christoffer Sundgren of Sweden in 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19
6 – Carsten Svendsgaard of Denmark in 1997*, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '06
6 – Andre Tronc of France in 1971, '72, '73, '75, '76, '82
6 – Jussi Uusipaavalniemi of Finland in 1988, '90, '91, '92, '97, '98*
6 – Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi of Japan in 2009, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17
5 – Dominic Andres of Switzerland in 1994, '99, 2000, '02, '10*
5 – Scott Andrews of Scotland in 2011, '12, '13, '16*, '17
5 – Bo Bakke of Norway in 1983, '84, '87, '88, '89
5 – Sean Becker of New Zealand in 1999, 2001, '04, '05, '12
5 – Per Berg of Denmark in 1982, '86, '89, '90, '11
5 – Tom Brewster of Scotland in 2002*, '11, '12, '13, '16
5 – John Bryden of Scotland in 1963, '65, '66, '67, '68
5 – Graeme Connal of Scotland in 1991, '93, '95*, 2008, '09*
5 – Alan Glen of Scotland in 1963, '65, '66, '67, '68
5 – Mark Haluptzok of the United States in 1979, '93, '94, '99*, 2010*
5 – Mikael Hasselborg of Sweden in 1983, '85, '86, '92, '96
5 – Stefan Hasselborg of Sweden in 1983, '85, '86, '92, '96
5 – Tommi Häti of Finland in 1997, '98, '99, 2000, '01
5 – Chuck Hay of Scotland in 1963, '65, '66, '67, '68
5 – Henrik Jakobsen of Denmark in 1991, '93, '94, 2001, '04*
5 – Aku Kauste of Finland in 2002*, '03, '13, '15, '16
5 – Hans Dieter Kiesel of Germany in 1980, '81, '82, '83, '84
5 – Thomas Løvold of Norway in 2007*, '09*, '10, '12*, '13
5 – Heiner Martin of Germany in 1980, '81, '82, '83, '84
5 – Hammy McMillan of Scotland in 1986, '87, '92, '97, '99
5 – Sven Michel of Switzerland in 2011*, '13, '15*, '16, '19
5 – Gordon Muirhead of Scotland in 1992, '93*, '95, '99*, 2000*
5 – Hans Nordin of Sweden in 1983, '85, '86, '92, '96
5 – Scott Pfeifer of Canada in 2001, '02, '03, '05, '16*
5 – Paul Pustovar of the United States in 1977, '80, '91, '98, 2002
5 – Bruce Roberts of the United States in 1966, '67, '76, '77, '84
5 – Sven Saile of Germany in 1981, '82, '83, '84, '85
5 – Michael Schäffer of Germany in 1990*, '91, '94, '95*, '97*
5 – Benoît Schwarz of Switzerland in 2012*, '13*, '14, '17, '19
5 – Niels Siggaard Andersen of Denmark in 1984, '91; of Norway in 2002*, '03*, '05*
5 – Morten Skaug of Norway in 1982, '85, '89*, '90, '91
5 – Anders Søderblom of Denmark in 1989, '90*, '91*, '98*, 2011
5 – Franco Sovilla of Italy in 1983, '84, '85, '86, '90
5 – Bill Strum of the United States in 1965, '68, '69, '74, '78
5 – Jan Thoresen of Norway in 1995, '96, 2000*, '06, '07
5 – Marek Vydra of the Czech Republic in 2008, '11, '12, '13, '14*
* - indicates appearance as alternate

Longest game

14 ends – Norway vs. the United States, in 1971



Mr. Fancy Pants himself, Norwegian skip Thomas Ulsrud has won more games at the men's world championship than anyone else: a whopping 88.

Highest score, one team

34 – Scotland, vs. Germany, 0, in 1967

Lowest score, one team

0 – Germany, vs. Scotland, 34, in 1967; Austria, vs. Sweden, 6, in 1984; Germany, vs. Scotland, 5, in 1985; Sweden, vs. Norway, 6, in 1985; Denmark, vs. Norway, 9, in 1986; France, vs. Norway, 11, in 1987; United States, vs. Scotland, 10, in 1993; Korea, vs. Canada, 12, in 2007

Highest score, two teams combined

37 – Scotland, 29, vs. Switzerland, 8, in 1965

Lowest score, two teams combined

3 – Switzerland, 2, vs. the United States, 1, in 1981 final; Finland, 2, vs. France, 1, in 1988 (extra end); Sweden, 2, vs. the United States, 1, in 2004

Highest single-end score

6 – Sweden, vs. Germany in 1968; France, vs. Germany in 1969; Canada, vs. Norway in 1969; the United States, vs. Canada in 1969; Scotland, vs. Norway in 1969; Germany, vs. Italy in 1973; the United States, vs. France in 1976; Sweden, vs. France in 1980; Denmark, vs. France in 1981; Sweden, vs. France in 1981; Canada, vs. Austria in 1983; Norway, vs. England in 1987; Canada, vs. the United States in 1991; Norway, vs. France in 1993; Germany, vs. Sweden in 1997; Germany, vs. Finland in 1999; Canada, vs. Japan in 2000; Canada, vs. Norway in 2002; Denmark, vs. Scotland in 2003; Scotland, vs. the United States in 2009; Scotland vs. China in 2018; Switzerland, vs. Korea in 2019

Most extra-end games, one championship

11 – 2018

Fewest extra-end games, one championship

0 – 1968

Most blank ends, one championship

118 – 2016

Most blank ends, one game

8 – Finland, 2, vs. France, 1, in 1988

Fewest blank ends, one championship

7 – 1968

Undefeated records

Canada 5-0, 1959; Canada 5-0, 1960; Canada 6-0, 1962; Canada 7-0, 1964; Canada 8-0, 1966; Canada 8-0, 1970; Canada 9-0, 1971; Canada 9-0, 1972; Canada 10-0, 1980; Canada 11-0, 1995; Canada 13-0, 2017



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Canadians Don Duguid (left) and Ron Northcott are among only four men who have skipped their teams to back-to-back world men's curling championships.

Six-way tie for first place

2005 — Scotland, Germany, Norway, Canada, United States and Finland, 8-3. Playoff winner: Canada

Four-way tie for first place

1990 — Canada, Scotland, Sweden and Denmark, 7-2. Playoff winner: Canada

Three-way ties for first place

1961 — Canada, Scotland and the United States, 2-2. Playoff winner: Canada
 1975 — United States, Canada and Sweden, 7-2. Playoff winner: Switzerland
 1985 — United States, Canada and Denmark, 6-3. Playoff winner: Canada

Two-way ties for first place

1965 — United States and Canada. Playoff winner: United States
 1978 — United States and Canada. Playoff winner: United States
 1984 — Switzerland and Sweden. Playoff winner: Norway
 1989 — Norway and Sweden. Playoff winner: Canada
 1993 — Scotland and Canada. Playoff winner: Canada
 1994 — Canada and Switzerland. Playoff winner: Canada
 1997 — Canada and Scotland. Playoff winner: Sweden
 2015 — Canada and Norway. Playoff winner: Sweden
 2018 — Sweden and Scotland. Playoff winner: Sweden

Four-time winners

Niklas Edin of Sweden, as skip in 2013, '15, '18, '19
 Randy Ferbey of Canada, as third in 1989, as skip in 2002, '03, '05
 Glenn Howard of Canada, as third in 1987, '93, as skip in 2007, '12

Ernie Richardson of Canada, as skip in 1959, '60, '62, '63
 Arnold Richardson of Canada, as third in 1959, '60, '62, '63
 Garnet Richardson of Canada, as second in 1959, '60, '62, '63

Three-time winners

Oskar Eriksson of Sweden, as third in 2015, '18, '19 (won as alternate in '13)
 Brent Laing of Canada, as second in 2007, '12, '16
 Peja Lindholm of Sweden, as skip in 1997, 2001, '04
 Ewan MacDonald of Scotland, as second in 1999, as third in 2006, '09
 Wayne Middaugh of Canada, as second in 1993, as skip in '98, as third in 2012
 Peter Narup of Sweden, as lead in 1997, 2001, '04
 David Nedohin of Canada, as third in 2002, '03, '05
 Tomas Nordin of Sweden, as third in 1997, 2001, '04
 Ron Northcott of Canada, as skip in 1966, '68, '69
 Scott Pfeifer of Canada, as second in 2002, '03, '05
 Eigil Ramsfjell of Norway, as second in 1979, as skip in 1984, '88
 Wesley Richardson of Canada, as lead in 1959, '60, '62
 Marcel Rocque of Canada, as lead in 2002, '03, '05
 Bernie Sparkes of Canada, as second in 1966, '68, '69
 Fred Storey of Canada, as lead in 1966, '68, '69
 Bill Strum of the United States, as third in 1965, as second in '74, as lead in '78
 Christoffer Sundgren of Sweden, as lead in 2015, '18, '19
 Magnus Swartling of Sweden, as second in 1997, 2001, '04
 Ian Tetley of Canada, as second in 1985, '90, '98

Two-time winners

Bo Bakke of Norway, as lead in 1984, '88
 Don Duguid of Canada, as skip in 1970, '71
 Oskar Eriksson of Sweden, as third in 2015, '18
 Rick Folk of Canada, as skip in 1980, '94
 Steve Gould of Canada, as lead in 1996, 2011
 Al Hackner of Canada, as skip in 1982, '85
 Ben Hebert of Canada, as lead in 2008, '16
 Russ Howard of Canada, as skip in 1987, '93
 Rod Hunter of Canada, as third in 1970, '71
 John Kawaja of Canada, as second in 1983, as third in '90
 Marc Kennedy of Canada, as second in 2008, as third in '16
 Kevin Koe of Canada, as skip in 2010, '16
 Rick Lang of Canada, as third in 1982, '85
 Tom Locken of the United States, as lead in 1974, as second in '78
 Sjur Loen of Norway, as third in 1984, '88
 Gunnar Meland of Norway, as third in 1979, as second in '84
 David Murdoch of Scotland, as skip in 2006, '09

Bobby Nichols of the United States, as third in 1974, as skip in '78
 Pat Perroud of Canada, as lead in 1985, '90
 Jim Pettapiece of Canada, as second in 1970, '71
 Pat Ryan of Canada, as skip in 1989, as third in '94
 Craig Savill of Canada, as lead in 2007, '12
 Peter Smith of Scotland, as second in 1991, 2009
 Warwick Smith of Scotland, as third in 1999, as second in 2006
 Bud Somerville of the United States, as skip in 1965, '74
 Jeff Stoughton of Canada, as skip in 1996, 2011
 Christoffer Sundgren of Sweden, as lead in 2015, '18
 Ed Werenich of Canada, as skip in 1983, '90
 Bryan Wood of Canada, as lead in 1970, '71
 Rasmus Wranå of Sweden, as second in 2018, '19

Back-to-back winning teams

Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson and Wes Richardson of Canada in 1959, '60
 Don Duguid, Rod Hunter, Jim Pettapiece and Bryan Wood of Canada in 1970, '71
 Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer and Marcel Rocque of Canada in 2002, '03
 Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå and Christoffer Sundgren of Sweden in 2018, '19

Back-to-back winning skips

Ernie Richardson of Canada in 1959, '60 and 1962, '63
 Ron Northcott of Canada in 1968, '69
 Don Duguid of Canada in 1970, '71
 Randy Ferbey of Canada in 2002, '03
 Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2018, '19

Most appearances, one skip

13 — Andy Kapp of Germany

Most games, one skip

143 — Andy Kapp of Germany



Andy Kapp of Germany never won a world championship, but he certainly has skipped in a lot of them: a record 13, with 143 games played.

Most wins, one skip

88 – Thomas Ulsrud of Norway

Skips with 15 or more wins

88 – Thomas Ulsrud of Norway

72 – Andy Kapp of Germany

71 – Niklas Edin of Sweden

63 – Eigil Ramsfjell of Norway

58 – David Smith of Scotland

56 – Markku Uusipaavalniemi of Finland

55 – Peja Lindholm of Sweden

54 – David Murdoch of Scotland

49 – Pål Trulsen of Norway

45 – Kristian Sørum of Norway

42 – Kevin Koe of Canada

40 – Kevin Martin of Canada

39 – Ulrik Schmidt of Denmark

39 – John Shuster of the United States

36 – Randy Ferbey of Canada

36 – Keith Wendorf of Germany

35 – Hugh Millikin of Australia

32 – Bruce Roberts of the United States

32 – Bud Somerville of the United States

31 – Thomas Dufour of France

31 – Pete Fenson of the United States

31 – Patrick Hürlimann of Switzerland

31 – Yusuke Morozumi of Japan

31 – Jeff Stoughton of Canada

30 – Ralph Stöckli of Switzerland

28 – Peter de Cruz of Switzerland

28 – Jiří Snítíl of the Czech Republic

28 – Jürg Tanner of Switzerland

27 – Rui Liu of China

25 – Peter Attinger Jr. of Switzerland

25 – Chuck Hay of Scotland

24 – Tom Brewster of Scotland

24 – Brad Gushue of Canada

24 – Glenn Howard of Canada

24 – Warwick Smith of Scotland

24 – Rasmus Stjerne of Denmark

24 – Tommy Stjerne of Denmark

23 – Hammy McMillan of Scotland

23 – Ron Northcott of Canada

22 – Joel Returnaz of Italy

21 – Markus Eggler of Switzerland

21 – Ernie Richardson of Canada

21 – Alex F. Torrance of Scotland

20 – Rick Folk of Canada

20 – Stefan Hasselborg of Sweden

20 – Bruce Mouat of Scotland

20 – Andrea Pavani of Italy

19 – Pierre Boan of France

19 – Kerry Burtnyk of Canada

19 – Bill Muirhead of Scotland

19 – Ed Werenich of Canada

18 – Giuseppe Dal Molin of Italy

18 – Russ Howard of Canada

18 – Pat Ryan of Canada

17 – Scott Baird of the United States

17 – Steve Brown of the United States

17 – Don Duguid of Canada

17 – Al Hackner of Canada

17 – Gert Larsen of Denmark

16 – Ragnar Kamp of Sweden

16 – Paul Pustovar of the United States

16 – Tim Somerville of the United States

15 – Christoff Schwaller of Switzerland

Champions by country

36 – Canada in 1959, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, '66, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '80, '82, '83, '85, '86, '87, '89, '90, '93, '94, '95, '96, '98, 2000, '02, '03, '05, '07, '08, '10, '11, '12, '16, '17

9 – Sweden in 1973, '77, '97, 2001, '04, '13, '15, '18, '19

5 – Scotland in 1967, '91, '99, 2006, '09

4 – Norway in 1979, '84, '88 2014

4 – United States in 1965, '74, '76, '78

3 – Switzerland in 1975, '81, '92

3 – Switzerland in 1975, '81, '92

Top world men's records

13-0 – Brad Gushue of Canada in 2017

13-1 – Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2018

13-1 – Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2019

12-1 – Glenn Howard of Canada in 2007

CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

1959	Scotland	Various rinks
1960	Scotland	Various rinks
1961	Scotland	Various rinks
1962	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink
1963	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink
1964	Calgary, Alberta, Canada	Stampede Corral
1965	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink
1966	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	PNE Forum
1967	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink
1968	Pointe-Claire, Quebec, Canada	Pointe Claire Arena
1969	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink
1970	Utica, New York, USA	Memorial Auditorium
1971	Megève, France	Palais de Sports
1972	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Olympic Eisstadion
1973	Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Exhibition Arena
1974	Berne, Switzerland	Allmend Eisstadion
1975	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink
1976	Duluth, Minnesota, USA	Memorial Auditorium
1977	Karlstad, Sweden	Farjestads Arena
1978	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	Winnipeg Arena
1979	Berne, Switzerland	Allmend Eisstadion
1980	Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada	Moncton Coliseum
1981	London, Ontario, Canada	Thompson Arena
1982	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Olympic Eisstadion
1983	Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Agridome
1984	Duluth, Minnesota, USA	Memorial Auditorium
1985	Glasgow, Scotland	Trade Centre
1986	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	CNE Coliseum
1987	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	B.C. Place Stadium
1988	Lausanne, Switzerland	Icehalle
1989	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA	Mecca Center
1990	Vasteras, Sweden	Ice Arena

1991	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	Winnipeg Arena
1992	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Olympic Eisstadion
1993	Geneva, Switzerland	Patinoire des Vernets
1994	Oberstdorf, Germany	Eisstadion
1995	Brandon, Manitoba, Canada	Keystone Centre
1996	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	Copps Coliseum
1997	Berne, Switzerland	Allmend Eisstadion
1998	Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada	Riverside Coliseum
1999	Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada	Harbour Station
2000	Glasgow, Scotland	Braehead Arena
2001	Lausanne, Switzerland	Malley Ice Centre
2002	Bismarck, North Dakota, USA	Bismarck Civic Center
2003	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	Winnipeg Arena
2004	Gävle, Sweden	Gavlerinken
2005	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre
2006	Lowell, Massachusetts, USA	Paul E. Tsongas Arena
2007	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Rexall Place
2008	Grand Forks, North Dakota, USA	Ralph Engelstad Arena
2009	Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada	Moncton Coliseum
2010	Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy	Olympic Ice Stadium
2011	Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Brandt Centre
2012	Basel, Switzerland	St. Jakobshalle
2013	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre
2014	Beijing, China	Capital Gymnasium
2015	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	Scotia Bank Centre
2016	Basel, Switzerland	St. Jakobshalle
2017	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Northlands Coliseum
2018	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	Orleans Arena
2019	Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada	ENMAX Centre
2020	N/A	



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 **Here's How.**

- 12-1 — Jeff Stoughton of Canada in 2011
- 12-1 — Glenn Howard of Canada in 2012
- 12-1 — Thomas Ulsrud of Norway in 2014
- 12-1 — Kevin Koe of Canada in 2016
- 12-2 — Kevin Martin of Canada in 2008
- 12-2 — Bruce Mouat of Scotland in 2018
- 12-3 — Randy Ferbey of Canada in 2005
- 11-0 — Kerry Burtnyk of Canada in 1995
- 11-2 — Kevin Koe of Canada in 2010
- 11-2 — Thomas Ulsrud of Norway in 2015
- 11-3 — David Murdoch of Scotland in 2006
- 11-3 — Kevin Martin of Canada in 2009
- 11-3 — Torger Nergård of Norway in 2010
- 11-3 — Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2015
- 11-3 — Pat Simmons of Canada in 2015
- 11-4 — Brad Gushue of Canada in 2018
- 11-4 — Kevin Koe of Canada in 2019
- 10-0 — Rick Folk of Canada in 1980
- 10-1 — Harvey Mazinke of Canada in 1973
- 10-1 — Bruce Roberts of the United States in 1976
- 10-1 — Ragnar Kamp of Sweden in 1977
- 10-1 — Ed Werenich of Canada in 1983
- 10-1 — David Smith of Scotland in 1986
- 10-1 — Pat Ryan of Canada in 1988
- 10-1 — Kevin Martin of Canada in 1991
- 10-1 — Rick Folk of Canada in 1994
- 10-1 — Jeff Stoughton of Canada in 1996
- 10-1 — Wayne Middaugh of Canada in 1998
- 10-1 — Greg McAulay of Canada in 2000
- 10-1 — Randy Ferbey of Canada in 2003
- 10-1 — Mark Dacey of Canada in 2004
- 10-3 — David Murdoch of Scotland in 2009
- 10-4 — Warwick Smith of Scotland in 2010
- 10-4 — Tom Brewster of Scotland in 2011
- 10-4 — Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2017
- 10-4 — Peter de Cruz of Switzerland in 2017
- 10-4 — John Shuster of the United States in 2016
- 10-4 — Peter de Cruz of Switzerland in 2019
- 10-5 — Sebastian Kraupp of Sweden in 2012
- 10-5 — Oskar Eriksson of Sweden in 2014
- 10-5 — Yuta Matsumura of Japan in 2019
- 10-6 — Andy Kapp of Germany in 2007



Scottish skip David Murdoch was involved in an unprecedented six-way tie for first place after the round-robin at the 2005 world men's curling championship. He eventually lost the final II-4 to Canada's Randy Ferbey.



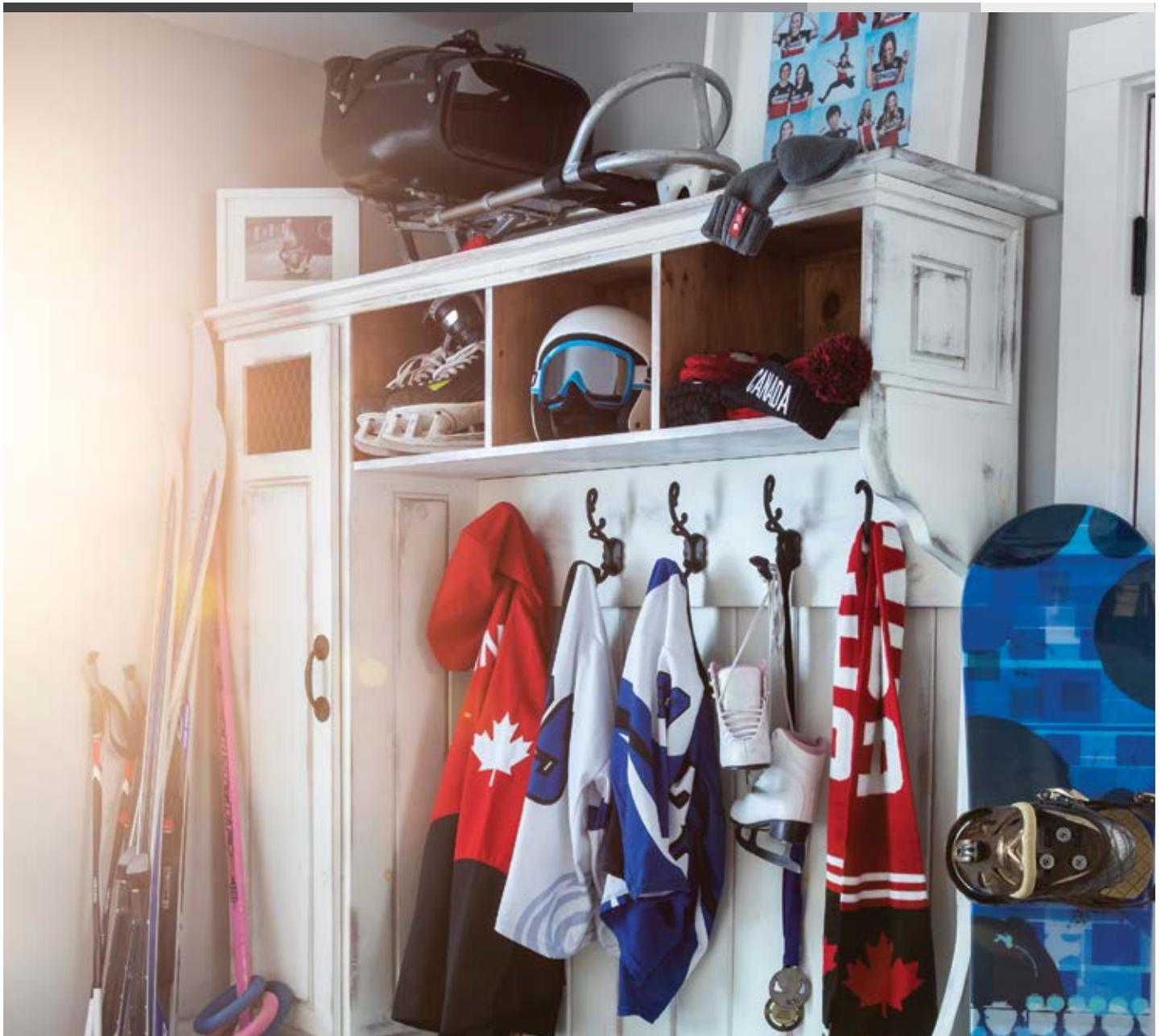
Canada's Brad Gushue went through the 2017 world men's curling championship with a perfect 13-0 record. There have been other unbeaten records, but none better than this.

Aggregate win-loss percentages (including playoffs)

	WINS	LOSSES	PERCENTAGE
Canada (1959 to present)	517	118	.814
Scotland (1959 to present)	348	243	.589
Sweden (1962 to present)	323	248	.565
Norway (1964 to present)	311	244	.560
United States (1961 to present)	312	268	.537
Switzerland (1964 to present)	291	261	.527
Finland (1985 to present)	83	107	.437
China (2008 to present)	49	64	.433
Germany (1967 to present)	189	289	.395
Czech Republic (2008 to present)	28	49	.364
Denmark (1973 to present)	141	254	.357
New Zealand (1999 to present)	17	33	.340
Japan (2000 to present)	40	81	.331
Australia (1992 to present)	35	72	.327
France (1966 to present)	93	202	.315
Italy (1973 to present)	62	153	.289
England (1987 to present)	12	34	.261
Netherlands (1994 to present)	8	24	.250
South Korea (2003 to present)	14	43	.246
Wales (1995 to present)	2	7	.222
Russia (2013 to present)	14	53	.209
Ireland (2006 to present)	1	10	.091
Austria (1985 to present)	1	26	.037

Championships hosted (including 2020)

Canada	24
Scotland	12
Switzerland	8
United States	8
Germany	4
Sweden	3
China	1
France	1
Italy	1



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An illustration at the top of the page shows a bright orange sun in the upper left, two light blue clouds, and a dark grey circle containing the text 'Did you know?'. Below this, a large green circle contains text about Community Gaming Grants. To the right, an orange circle contains text about BCLC's founding. At the bottom, two stylized figures, a man in a red shirt and a woman in a grey shirt, are high-fiving. Both shirts have the 'play it forward' logo. The background includes a green bush, a tree with a squirrel, and another green bush.

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ON THE ROCKS

BY AL CAMERON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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WORLD MEN'S CANADIAN HONOUR ROLL

*The first World Men's Curling Championship took place in 1959.
Since then, teams from Canada have won the title a record 36 times.*

(2020 World Championship not played due to COVID-19 pandemic)



Alberta skip Ed Lukowich (right) was the toast of world men's curling in 1986 after winning the title in Toronto. His entire team is in the Honour Roll, including (left to right) lead Brent Syme, second Neil Houston and third John Ferguson.

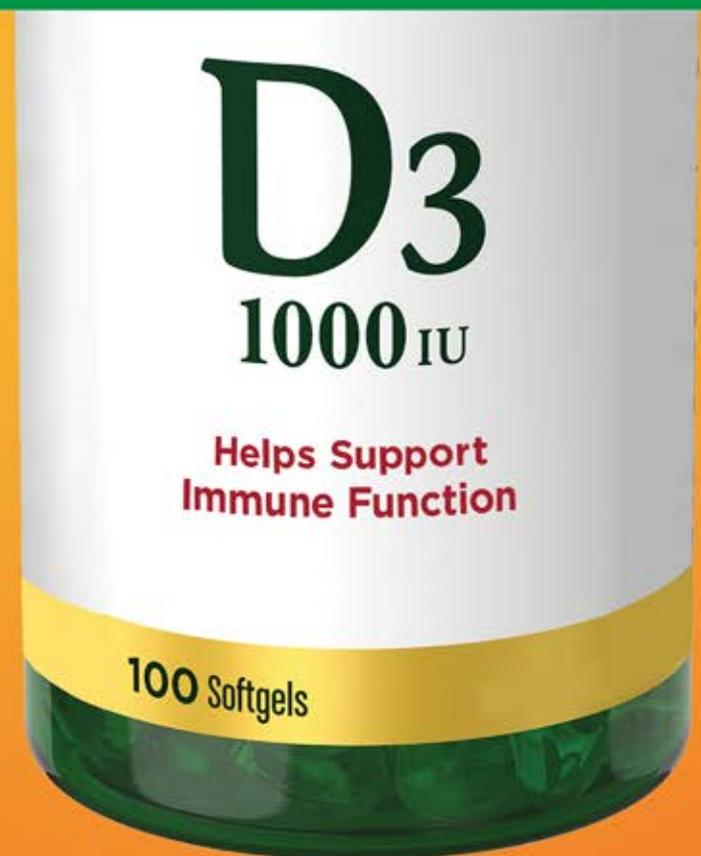
ACHTYMICHUK, George — of Regina as second in 1973
AITKEN, Donald — of Montreal as second in 1977
ANTON, Ronald — of Edmonton as third in 1974
ARMSTRONG, Doug — of Winnipeg as lead in 1999
BAILEY, Scott — of Toronto as lead in 1998
BARTLETT, Donald — of Edmonton as lead in 1991, '97
BELCOURT, Tim — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as second in 1987
BRAUNSTEIN, Terry — of Winnipeg as skip in 1965
BRITTON, Fred — of Vancouver as second in 1964
BURTNYK, Kerry — of Winnipeg as skip in 1981, '95
CAREY, Dan — of Winnipeg as third in 1992
CAREY, William — of Winnipeg as third in 1979
CARRUTHERS, Reid — of Winnipeg as second in 2011
CARSTAIRS, Kent — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as lead in 1987
CHERNOFF, Michael — of Medicine Hat, Alberta, as third in 1978
CORNER, Peter — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as lead in 1993
DACEY, Mark — of Halifax as skip in 2004
DAGG, Lyall — of Vancouver as skip in 1964
DUGUID, Donald — of Winnipeg as third in 1965, as skip in '70, '71
ELMALEH, Maxime — of Ste-Foy, Quebec, as lead in 2006
FENTON, Keith — of Winnipeg as lead in 1995
FERBEY, Randy — of Edmonton as third in 1988, '89, as skip in 2001, '02, '03, '05

FERGUSON, John — of Calgary as third in 1986
FINK, George — of Calgary as third in 1966
FLASCH, Colton — of Calgary as second in 2019
FOLK, Rick — of Saskatoon as skip in 1980; of Kelowna, British Columbia, as skip in '94
FRY, Barry — of Winnipeg as skip in 1979
FRY, Ryan — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as third in 2013
GALLANT, Brett — of St. John's, N.L., as second in 2017, '18, '20*
GERLACH, David — of Calgary as third in 1969
GERVAIS, Hector — of Edmonton as skip in 1961, '74
GIBSON, Andrew — of Halifax as lead in 2004
GOULD, Steve — of Winnipeg as lead in 1996, 2011
GRETZINGER, Bert — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as second in 1994
GUSHUE, Brad — of St. John's, N.L., as skip in 2017, '18, '20*
HACKNER, Allan — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as skip in 1982, '85
HAILLEY, Pat — of Winnipeg as lead in 1972
HANESIAK, John — of Winnipeg as second in 1972
HANSEN, Warren — of Edmonton as second in 1974
HARDEN, E.J. — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as second in 2013
HARDEN, Ryan — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as lead in 2013
HARRIS, Rob — of Halifax as second in 2004
HARRISON, Neil — of Toronto as lead in 1983, '90
HART, Richard — of Coldwater, Ontario, as third in 2007



Wayne Middaugh was formally inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame by Curling Canada board members George Cooke (left) and John Shea at the 2020 Tim Hortons Brier. Middaugh is a three-time world champion.

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Jeff Stoughton is a two-time world champion (1996, 2011) out of Winnipeg. He is currently the National Men's Coach and Program Manager for Curling Canada, as well as being the head coach of the Canadian Mixed Doubles National Team.



Warren Hansen was a key player on the Canadian team skipped by Hec Gervais that won the 1974 Brier and finished third at the world championship in Bern, Switzerland. He served many years as director of event operations for Curling Canada, but retired in June, 2015.

HEBERT, Ben — of Edmonton as lead in 2008, '09; of Calgary as lead in '16, '19

HEBERT, Leo — of Vancouver as third in 1964

HELSTON, John — of Winnipeg as second in 1984

HNATIEW, Peter — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as lead in 1975

HODGSON, William — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as second in 1975

HOUSTON, Neil — of Calgary as second in 1986

HOWARD, Glenn — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as third in 1987, '93; of Coldwater, Ontario, as skip in 2007, '12

HOWARD, Russell — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as skip in 1987, '93

HUDSON, Douglas — of St. John's, Newfoundland, as second in 1976

HUNTER, Rod — of Winnipeg as third in 1970, '71

JACOBS, Brad — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as skip in 2013

JOHNSTON, Dale — of Medicine Hat, Alberta, as second in 1978

KAMMERLOCK, Ronald — of Winnipeg as lead in 1981

KAWAJA, John — of Toronto as second in 1983, as third in '90

KENNEDY, Bruce — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as lead in 1982

KENNEDY, Marc — of Edmonton as second in 2008, '09; of Calgary as third in '16

KLIPPENSTEIN, Dan — of Regina as lead in 1973

KOE, Kevin — of Edmonton as skip in 2010; of Calgary as skip in '14, '16, '19

LAING, Brent — of Coldwater, Ontario, as second in 2007, '12; of Calgary as second in '16

LANG, Rick — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as third in 1975, '82, '85

LOBEL, Arthur — of Montreal as third in 1977

LOHNES, Bruce — of Halifax as third in 2004

LUKOWICH, Ed — of Medicine Hat, Alberta, as skip in 1978; of Calgary as skip in '86

MacDONALD, Blake — of Edmonton as third in 2010

MacDUFF, Jack — of St. John's, Newfoundland, as skip in 1976

MANNING, Ronald — of Toronto as second in 1967

MARTIN, Kevin — of Edmonton as skip in 1991, '97, 2008, '09

MARTIN, William — of Regina as third in 1973

MAZINKE, Harvey — of Regina as skip in 1973

McAULAY, Greg — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as skip in 2000

McCARREL, Graeme — of Toronto as third in 1998

McDONALD, Toby — of St. John's, Newfoundland, as third in 1976

McKENZIE, Donald — of Edmonton as lead in 1988, '89

McTAVISH, Gordon — of Winnipeg as second in 1965

MEAD, Jonathan — of Winnipeg as third in 1999, 2011

MEAKIN, Rob — of Winnipeg as second in 1995

MELESCHUK, Orest — of Winnipeg as skip in 1972

MÉNARD, Jean-Michel — of Ste-Foy, Quebec, as skip in 2006

MIDDAUGH, Wayne — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as second in 1993; of Toronto as skip in '98; of Coldwater, Ontario, as third in 2012

MIKI, Bryan — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as second in 2000

MILLS, Ronald — of Saskatoon as third in 1980

MORRIS, John — of Edmonton as third in 2008, '09; of Calgary as third in '15

NAIMARK, Barry — of Vancouver as lead in 1964

NEDOHIN, David — of Edmonton as third in 2001, '02, '03, '05

NEUFELD, B.J. — of Calgary as third in 2019

NEUFELD, Chris — of Winnipeg as second in 1992

NICHOLS, Mark — of St. John's, N.L., as third in 2017, '18, '20*



Rick Folk skipped Saskatchewan to its last Brier championship in 1980, and he capped that off by going undefeated to win the world men's championship in Calgary later that year with a team that included Ron Mills and Tom and Jim Wilson. He also won in 1994.



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Winnipeg's Kerry Burtnyk (left) was only 22 years old in 1981 when he won his first Brier with his team of Mark Olson, Jim Spencer and Ron Kammerlock. They won bronze at the world championship that year, but Burtnyk came back to win the world championship in 1995 in Brandon.

NICOL, Robert — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as second in 1982
NORTHCOTT, Ronald — of Calgary as skip in 1966, '68, '69
OLSON, Mark — of Winnipeg as third in 1981
PARK, Kevin — of Edmonton as third in 1991
PERRAUD, Patrick — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as lead in 1985; of Toronto as lead in '90
PERRY, Mel — of Regina as lead in 1963
PETERS, Victor — of Winnipeg as skip in 1992
PETRYK, Dan — of Edmonton as second in 1991
PETTAPIECE, James — of Winnipeg as second in 1970, '71
PFEIFER, Scott — of Edmonton as second in 2001, '02, '03, '05
PHILLIPS, Alfie Jr. — of Toronto as skip in 1967
PIERCE, Brent — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as third in 2000
RAMCHARAN, Rudy — of Edmonton as second in 1997
RAYMER, Vic — of Edmonton as second in 1961
REILLY, Keith — of Toronto as lead in 1967
RICHARD, Gerry — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as lead in 1994
RICHARDSON, Arnold — of Regina as third in 1959, '60, '62, '63
RICHARDSON, Ernie — of Regina as skip in 1959, '60, '62, '63
RICHARDSON, Garnet — of Regina as second in 1959, '60, '62, '63
RICHARDSON, Wesley — of Regina as lead in 1959, '60, '62
RILEY, Michael — of Winnipeg as skip in 1984
ROBERGE, François — of Ste-Foy, Quebec, as third in 2006
ROCQUE, Marcel — of Edmonton as lead in 2001, '02, '03, '05
ROMANO, David — of Winnipeg as third in 1972
ROSS, Brian — of Montreal as lead in 1977
ROSS, John — of Toronto as third in 1967
RUDD, Donald — of Winnipeg as lead in 1992
RYAN, Jeff — of Winnipeg as third in 1995
RYAN, Patrick — of Edmonton as skip in 1988, '89; of Kelowna, British Columbia, as third in '94
RYCROFT, Carter — of Edmonton as second in 2010; of Calgary as second in '14, '15
SAVAGE, Paul — of Toronto as third in 1983



Ron Northcott, called The Owl because of his glasses, skipped his Calgary team to three world championships. Northcott had the same front end — lead Fred Storey (right) and second Bernie Sparkes (left) — for all three of those titles, and three different thirds: George Fink in 1966, Jim Shields in 1968 (pictured) and Dave Gerlach in 1969.

SAVILL, Craig — of Coldwater, Ontario, as lead in 2007, '12
SCHINDLE, Ronald — of Medicine Hat, Alberta, as lead in 1978
SHIELDS, James — of Calgary as third in 1968
SIMMONS, Pat — of Calgary as third in 2014, as skip in '15
SPARKES, Bernard — of Calgary as second in 1966, '68, '69
SPARKES, Gordon — of Winnipeg as second in 1979
SPENCER, James — of Winnipeg as second in 1981
STOREY, Fred — of Calgary as lead in 1966, '68, '69
STOUGHTON, Jeff — of Winnipeg as skip in 1996, '99, 2011
SUTTON, Darrel — of Edmonton as lead in 1974
SVEISTRUP, Jody — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as lead in 2000
SYLVAIN, Éric — of Ste-Foy, Quebec, as second in 2006
SYME, Brent — of Calgary as lead in 1986
TEMPLETON, Kenneth — of St. John's, Newfoundland, as lead in 1976
TETLEY, Ian — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as second in 1985; of Toronto as second in '90, '98
TETLEY, William — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as skip in 1975
THIESSEN, Nolan — of Edmonton as lead in 2010; of Calgary as lead in '14, '15
TOEWS, Brian — of Winnipeg as third in 1984
TRESOOR, Kenneth — of Winnipeg as third in 1996
TURNBULL, Raymond — of Winnipeg as lead in 1965
URSEL, James — of Montreal as skip in 1977
URSULIAK, Wally — of Edmonton as lead in 1961
VAN DEN BERGHE, Garry — of Winnipeg as second in 1996, '99
WALCHUK, Donald — of Edmonton as second in 1988, '89, as third in '97
WALKER, Geoff — of St. John's, N.L., as lead in 2017, '18, '20*
WERENICH, Ed — of Toronto as skip in 1983, '90
WERNER, Ray — of Edmonton as third in 1961
WILSON, James — of Saskatoon as lead in 1980
WILSON, Thomas — of Saskatoon as second in 1980
WOOD, Bryan — of Winnipeg as lead in 1970, '71, '79
WOOKEY, Russell — of Winnipeg as lead in 1984



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WORLD CURLING HALL OF FAME

THE WORLD CURLING Federation will induct its second elite curling team, and first women's curling team, into its Hall of Fame in 2020 – Sweden's Team Elisabet Gustafson, the four time World Women's Curling Championship gold medallists.

Another two recipients, Canada's Gordon Craig and Sweden's Leif Öhman, will be inducted as Builders. With their work in television and ice making respectively, this pair have been instrumental in establishing the current status of curling in the world of sport.

World Curling Federation President Kate Caithness said: "Congratulations to our World Curling Hall of Fame 2020 inductees. I'm looking forward to presenting each of

them, along with Scotland's Mike Thomson – who was a 2019 inductee – with the Elmer Freytag award at upcoming and future world championships.

"The influence Team Gustafson, Leif and Gordon have had on our sport, in their respective fields and countries and across the world has set strong foundations for the developments that ultimately saw curling accepted into the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games."

TEAM ELISABET GUSTAFSON

Curlers

Elisabet Gustafson, is already a member of the World Curling Hall of Fame. She was inducted in 2012. With

this announcement, the remainder of her team, third Katarina Nyberg, second Louise Marmont and lead Elisabeth Persson join her in being bestowed with the World Curling Federation's highest non-playing honour.

Gustafson's Swedish team won the World Women's Curling Championship in 1992, 1995, 1998 and 1999. They also won bronze medals at the Olympic Winter Games Nagano 1998, in Japan, and have four European Curling Championship titles to their names – 1992, 1993, 1997 and 2000.

In 2017, Ernie, Arnold, Garnet and Wes Richardson of Canada, were the first complete international curling team to be inducted.



GORDON CRAIG

GORDON CRAIG

Builder

Gordon Craig was the visionary behind Canada's dedicated sports channel, The Sports Network, or TSN. He was influential in the first television broadcasts of the World Men's Curling Championship and the Canadian men's national curling championship, The Brier, in the 1960s, while at the Canadian Broadcast Corporation (CBC). At CBC, Craig started as a worker in the mailroom and ascended the ranks all the way to Head of Sports.

He was influential in achieving wall-to-wall coverage on the CBC of the Olympic Summer Games Montreal 1976, a move which has set the standard for Games coverage ever since.

After leaving CBC, Craig founded TSN, Canada's



PHOTO: WORLD CURLING FEDERATION/HÅKAN SUNNSTRÖM

Team Elisabet Gustafson at the World Women's Curling Championship 1999 in Saint John, New Brunswick.

first 24-hour sports channel. Then, under the umbrella of NetStar Communications founded Réseau des sports (RDS) – a 24-hour French language sports network – Discovery Channel Canada and the production company, Dome Productions, who are still involved with the production of international curling events today.

In 2016, Craig was a recipient of the Order of Canada, one of the country’s highest civilian honours.

LEIF ÖHMAN

Builder

Sweden’s Leif Öhman has been vital in the development of dedicated curling ice since the 1980s. He is an individual that has pursued new knowledge and technologies to enhance the quality of elite curling ice.

Just as is widely acknowledged for athletes, participating at Olympics and Paralympics is the height of an individual’s career. Öhman’s success can be measured by his Olympic appointments. He was Chief Ice Technician at three Olympic Winter Games – Nagano 1998, Salt Lake City 2002 and Torino 2006. Furthermore, he was Technical Delegate at Salt Lake City, Torino, in Russia at Sochi 2014 and the last Games, in South Korea, at PyeongChang 2018.

In addition, he was the Chief Ice Technician at eight World Curling Championships – women’s, men’s and juniors – between 1985 and 2005. However, it’s not just his work at the elite level that merits his induction, it’s his tireless efforts passing on his knowledge to others. Notably, spending many years as an instructor at the annual Ice Technician courses in Fuessen, Germany.



PHOTO: WORLD CURLING FEDERATION

LEIF ÖHMAN

WORLD CURLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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

WORLD CURLING FREYTAG AWARD WINNERS

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

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

ELMER FREYTAG AWARD WINNERS

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



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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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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.

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

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

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

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

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Manitoba's Kerri Einarson won last season's Scotties Tournament of Hearts at Mosaic Place in Moose Jaw, but it wasn't easy. She needed a draw to the four-foot with her final rock of an extra end to defeat Ontario's Rachel Homan 8-7. She defended her title this year in Calgary and will represent Canada at the world women's championship.

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

BY GEORGE JOHNSON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There will be no competitive prep time to fine tune.

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

No matter.

Curling is back.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We're there to to curl."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brad Jacobs, skip of the 2014 Olympic gold-medal winners, says curling is a big part of his life and he was thrilled to get back on the ice for this year's Tim Hortons Brier, even though it meant playing inside a bubble with strict protocols.



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Ontario skip John Epping felt confident going into the Tim Hortons Brier that the bubble environment would be safe and he trusted his fellow competitors would follow the strict protocol rules. They did.

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:

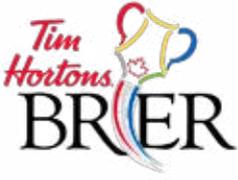
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“A lot of people are starving for curling.

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

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