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GREETINGS FROM THE WORLD CURLING FEDERATION

SALUTATIONS DE LA FÉDÉRATION MONDIALE DE CURLING



On behalf of the World Curling Federation,
I would like to welcome you to the BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship 2023 in Ottawa, Canada.

Ottawa was originally scheduled to host this event in 2021, but due to the pandemic, the championship was held in a bubble environment in Calgary. Now, it's finally time for Ottawa to host one of our most popular events, and at the World Curling Federation, we are very happy about it.

I am certain that the local organising committee along with our friends at Curling Canada will do their very best to make this event a special one for you all.

I hope that you enjoy the action on the ice this week and get a chance to enjoy Ottawa.

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

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

Beau Welling
President, World Curling Federation

Au nom de la Fédération mondiale de curling,
je vous souhaite la bienvenue au Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2023 à Ottawa, au Canada.

Ottawa devait accueillir cet événement en 2021, mais en raison de la pandémie, le championnat s'est déroulé dans une bulle à Calgary. Aujourd'hui, il est enfin temps pour Ottawa d'accueillir l'un de nos événements les plus populaires et, à la Fédération mondiale de curling, nous nous en réjouissons.

Je suis certain que le comité d'organisation local et nos amis de Curling Canada feront de leur mieux pour faire de ce championnat un événement spécial pour vous tous.

J'espère que vous apprécierez le jeu sur la glace cette semaine et que vous aurez l'occasion de profiter d'Ottawa.

S'il y a quoi que ce soit que je puisse vous aider pendant votre présence au championnat, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi via l'adresse beau.welling@worldcurling.org.

Aux athlètes qui participent à cette compétition, bonne chance et bon curling!

Beau Welling
Président de la Fédération mondiale de curling



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WELCOME TO THE BKT TIRES & OK TIRE 2023 WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP



I am thrilled to announce that BKT Tires Canada and our entire BKT family worldwide are once again sponsoring the 2023 World Men's Curling Championship. We are excited to continue our support of this remarkable event and celebrate the values of fair play, team spirit, and commitment that are so deeply ingrained in the sport of curling.

As a company that produces high-quality tires for the agriculture sector, we understand the important role that curling plays in farming communities across Canada. We are proud to be a part of this event and to support a sport that brings people together and promotes a sense of unity and fellowship.

At BKT, we are committed to supporting sports that foster authentic values of sportsmanship such as dedication, hard work, and perseverance. We sponsor numerous sporting events around the world that embody these values and inspire us all to strive for excellence. Therefore, we are honored to support curling, a sport that reflects our shared values and inspires us to become the best versions of ourselves.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the athletes, the staff of Curling Canada, the volunteers, and the TSN broadcast team for their hard work, dedication, and perseverance in making this championship a resounding success. We recognize the tremendous effort and sacrifice that everyone has put in to make this event possible, and we are grateful for your contributions.

We wish all the competing teams the very best of luck and look forward to an exhilarating tournament. We are excited to witness the display of outstanding skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship on the ice, and we are confident that the championship will inspire and unite us all.

Let's celebrate the power of sports to bring us together and inspire us all to be our best selves! Thank you for making BKT Tires a part of this incredible event, and we are honored to support the sport of curling and the communities that it serves.

RAJIV PODDAR
JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR
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BIENVENUE AU CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE DE CURLING MASCULIN BKT TIRES ET OK PNEU 2023

Je suis ravi d'annoncer que BKT Tires Canada et toute notre famille BKT dans le monde parrainent de nouveau le Championnat du monde de curling masculin 2023. Nous sommes ravis de poursuivre notre soutien à cet événement remarquable et de célébrer les valeurs de franc-jeu, d'esprit d'équipe et d'engagement qui sont si profondément ancrées dans le sport du curling.

En tant qu'entreprise qui produit des pneus de haute qualité pour le secteur agricole, nous comprenons le rôle important que le curling joue dans les communautés agricoles à travers le Canada. Nous sommes fiers de faire partie de cet événement et de soutenir un sport qui rassemble les gens et favorise un sentiment d'unité et de communauté.

Chez BKT, nous nous engageons à soutenir les sports qui promeuvent les valeurs authentiques de l'esprit sportif comme le dévouement, le travail acharné et la persévérance. Ainsi, nous parrainons de nombreux événements sportifs à travers le monde qui incarnent ces valeurs et nous inspirent tous à viser l'excellence. C'est pourquoi nous sommes honorés de soutenir le curling, un sport qui reflète nos valeurs communes et nous inspire à devenir les meilleures versions de nous-mêmes.

Nous tenons à remercier sincèrement les athlètes, le personnel de Curling Canada, les bénévoles et l'équipe de diffusion de TSN pour leur travail acharné, leur dévouement et leur persévérance à faire de ce championnat un succès retentissant. Nous reconnaissons les efforts et les sacrifices considérables que chacun a déployés pour rendre cet événement possible, et nous sommes reconnaissants de vos contributions.

Nous souhaitons bonne chance à toutes les équipes en compétition et attendons avec impatience un tournoi exaltant. De plus, nous sommes ravis d'assister à la démonstration d'habiletés, de travail d'équipe et d'esprit sportif exceptionnels sur la glace, et nous sommes convaincus que le championnat nous inspirera et nous unira tous.

Célébrons ensemble le pouvoir du sport pour nous rassembler et nous inspirer tous à donner le meilleur de nous-mêmes ! Je vous remercie d'avoir fait de BKT Tires une partie de cet événement incroyable, et nous sommes honorés de soutenir le sport du curling et les communautés qu'il seconde.

RAJIV PODDAR
CO-DIRECTEUR GÉNÉRAL DE BKT
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OK Tire is honoured to celebrate the 2023 BKT Tires and OK Tire World Men's Championship of Curling, and all the Curling Canada Season of Champions events.

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

We want to sincerely thank all the volunteers and event organizers, and the city of Ottawa 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 2023 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 teams as they compete for the world title.

Please enjoy the 2023 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 PNEUS ET OK PNEUS 2023

OK Pneus est honoré de célébrer le Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2023, ainsi que tous les événements de la Saison des Champions de Curling Canada.

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

Nous tenons à remercier sincèrement tous les bénévoles et les organisateurs de l'événement, ainsi que la ville d'Ottawa pour l'organisation de cet événement. Nous remercions aussi tous les partisans de curling dévoués de partout au pays. Et bien sûr, nous souhaitons à tous les concurrents la meilleure des chances.

Le Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2023 est un événement vraiment emballant et nous sommes impatients d'encourager les équipes masculines d'élite alors qu'elles s'affrontent pour le titre mondial.

Nous espérons que le Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2023 vous plaira. Nous sommes très reconnaissants de faire partie de cet événement et valorisons le pouvoir du curling d'unir les communautés canadiennes.

Vos amis de OK Pneus



MESSAGES



I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2023 World Men's Curling Championship, being held in Ottawa, Ontario.

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

attendance will be captivated by the high level of strategy, skill and precision on display over the course of the next nine days.

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

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

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



ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF Ottawa City Council, it is my distinct pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all those participating in the 2023 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship, presented by Curling Canada in partnership with the World Curling Federation, and taking place at the TD Place Arena on unceded

Algonquin territory.

Canada's capital and the arena at the historic Lansdowne park have served as the proud hosts of four Tim Hortons Briers, in 1979, 1993, 2001 and 2016. Ottawa's curling history has deep roots and the local curling community boasts a strong fan base with large spectator audiences coming out to cheer on this world sport.

This premier men's curling championship showcases the best athletes from around the globe, demonstrating their elite curling skills, and competing in friendly rivalry for the coveted men's world championship title.

As Head of Council, I want to acknowledge the Ottawa Host Committee, Curling Canada, the World Curling Federation, and sponsors, along with the participating men's teams, coaches and officials, for dedicating efforts, talents, resources and services to the successful organization of this international championship.

Allow me to offer my best wishes to everyone in attendance for a rewarding event, and to the visitors for a most enjoyable stay in Ottawa.

Mark Sutcliffe
Mayor, City of Ottawa

JE SUIS HEUREUX DE PRÉSENTER MES SALUTATIONS

les plus chaleureuses à toutes les personnes qui participent au Championnat du monde de curling masculin 2023, à Ottawa, en Ontario.

Ce tournoi réunit les équipes nationales de différents pays qui se disputeront le titre mondial. Je suis convaincu que le haut niveau de stratégie, d'habileté et de précision des joueurs captiveront toutes les personnes qui assisteront à cette compétition au cours des neuf prochains jours.

Je tiens à féliciter les athlètes qui participent à cette compétition et à leur souhaiter la meilleure des chances. J'aimerais également remercier le comité organisateur, les commanditaires et les bénévoles de tous les efforts qu'ils ont déployés afin d'assurer le succès de cet événement, ainsi que les citoyennes et citoyens d'Ottawa de leur accueil chaleureux.

Je vous souhaite un championnat des plus palpitants et des plus mémorables.

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

AU NOM DES MEMBRES DU CONSEIL MUNICIPAL

d'Ottawa, j'ai l'immense plaisir de souhaiter la bienvenue à tous les participants du Championnat mondial de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2023, présenté par Curling Canada en partenariat avec la Fédération mondiale de Curling, et qui aura lieu à l'aréna de la Place TD, sur un territoire algonquin non cédé, du 1er au 9 avril 2023.

La capitale du Canada et l'aréna du parc Lansdowne historique ont été les fiers hôtes de quatre Tim Hortons Briers, en 1979, 1993, 2001 et 2016. L'histoire du curling à Ottawa a des racines profondes et la communauté locale de curling peut se vanter d'avoir un grand nombre de partisans qui viennent encourager ce sport mondial.

Ce championnat de curling masculin de première division met en vedette les meilleurs athlètes du monde entier, qui montrent leurs compétences de curling d'élite et s'affrontent dans une rivalité amicale pour le titre convoité de champion du monde masculin.

En tant que chef du Conseil, je tiens à remercier le Comité d'accueil d'Ottawa, Curling Canada, la Fédération mondiale de Curling et les commanditaires, ainsi que les équipes masculines participantes, les entraîneurs et le corps d'arbitrage, qui ont consacré leurs efforts, leurs talents, leurs ressources et leurs services à l'organisation réussie de ce championnat international.

Permettez-moi de souhaiter à toutes les personnes présentes une expérience des plus enrichissantes et aux visiteurs un séjour des plus agréables à Ottawa.

Mark Sutcliffe
Maire de la ville de Ottawa



GREETINGS TO EVERYONE

taking part in the 2023 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship.

Curling has long been a favourite sport and a significant part of social and cultural life in Ontario and across Canada. This event is an opportunity for us to welcome the best curlers in the world to our nation's capital.

A big shout out to the people behind this event. Sports brings people together, promotes tourism, and strengthens our reputation as a winter hub.

To everyone, have a wonderful time and good luck!

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario



ON BEHALF OF CURLING CANADA'S

Board of Governors and our 14 member associations from coast to coast to coast, I am excited to extend a warm welcome to players and fans alike attending the 2023 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Championship in our nation's capital, Ottawa.

Ever since this event was announced, Ottawa has been buzzing with excitement, and I am truly grateful to the hard work of the host committee and the hundreds of volunteers who will be working tirelessly through to Championship Sunday to make this event a success on and off the ice.

The World Curling Federation, and its president Beau Welling, continue to raise the profile of our sport around the world, and we are grateful for the confidence and trust they've shown in us to host this world championship.

The competitors in Ottawa will have world-class conditions on which to perform, and that is due to the efforts of the on- and off-ice officials, ice technicians and staff from both Curling Canada and the World Curling Federation. My sincere thanks to all of you for your hard work.

Congratulations to all the teams and their support staffs who will be shooting for gold in Ottawa. You have sacrificed countless hours in pursuit of excellence, and you are champions regardless of your record here.

I wish you all good luck and good curling!

Michael Szajewski
Chair, Curling Canada Board of Governors

BIENVENUE À TOUTES LES PERSONNES QUI

prennent part au Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2023.

Le curling est depuis longtemps un des sports favoris et un élément important de la vie sociale et culturelle en Ontario et partout au Canada. Cet événement nous donne l'occasion d'accueillir les meilleurs joueurs de curling du monde dans notre capitale nationale.

Mes sincères remerciements aux responsables de cet événement. Le sport rassemble les gens, favorise le tourisme et renforce notre réputation de destination hivernale sans pareille.

Je vous souhaite à tous beaucoup de plaisir et bonne chance!

L'honorable Doug Ford
Premier ministre de l'Ontario

AU NOM DU CONSEIL DES GOUVERNEURS DE

Curling Canada et de nos 14 associations membres d'un océan à l'autre, je suis heureux de souhaiter la plus chaleureuse des bienvenues aux joueurs et aux partisans qui assisteront au Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2023 dans notre capitale nationale, Ottawa.

Depuis l'annonce de cet événement, Ottawa est en effervescence et je suis vraiment reconnaissant envers le comité d'accueil pour son travail acharné et envers les centaines de bénévoles qui travailleront sans relâche jusqu'au dimanche de la finale pour faire de cet événement un succès sur et en dehors de la glace.

La Fédération mondiale de curling et son président, Beau Welling, continuent d'accroître la visibilité de notre sport dans le monde entier, et nous sommes reconnaissants de la confiance qu'ils nous ont témoignée en nous confiant l'organisation de ce championnat du monde.

Les joueurs en compétition à Ottawa bénéficieront de conditions de classe mondiale, et ce grâce aux efforts des officiels sur et hors glace, des techniciens de glace et du personnel de Curling Canada et de la Fédération mondiale de curling. Je vous remercie tous sincèrement pour votre travail acharné.

Félicitations à toutes les équipes et à leur personnel de soutien qui viseront l'or à Ottawa. Vous avez sacrifié d'innombrables heures à la poursuite de l'excellence et vous êtes des champions, quel que soit votre résultat ici.

Je vous souhaite à tous bonne chance et bon curling!

Michael Szajewski
Président, Conseil des gouverneurs de Curling Canada

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WELCOME TO THE 2023

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This event provides curlers from around the globe with the opportunity to compete at the highest level. It also affords our athletes a platform to showcase their skills and abilities, as well as the spirit of fair play for which our province is well-known.

Our government is proud to support this event through the Ontario Sport Hosting Program. It further reinforces Ontario's reputation as a world-class destination for sporting events, boosting tourism and inspiring our province's next generation of athletes.

Thank you to the sponsors, organizers, coaches, officials and volunteers for your hard work and tireless efforts to ensure a successful event.

Best of luck to all the athletes!

Honourable Neil Lumsden

Ontario Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

ON BEHALF THE ALGONQUINS OF PIKWAKANAGAN

First Nation and the larger Algonquin Nation we are honoured to be the host nation for the 2023 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship, presented by Curling Canada in partnership with the World Curling Federation, taking place at the TD Place Arena.

Canada's capital and the arena at the historic Lansdowne Park is a beautiful part of Algonquin Territory with vibrant culture, contagious community spirit, and exciting opportunity.

Algonquin Territory is the perfect training ground and recreational destination for professional and amateur athletes alike.

From land to lake, in all seasons, we have the landscape and facilities for every sport and activity. We have endless trails for snowmobiling, snowshoeing, walking and cross-country skiing, as well as natural outdoor rinks for ice skating, hockey, curling and ice fishing.

This premier men's curling championship showcases the best athletes from around the globe and is an opportunity for athletes, their supporters, and communities to showcase their physical prowess.

Pikwakanagan and the larger Algonquin Nation have an excellent, model relationship with the City of Ottawa and the 2023 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship gives the city the chance to shine.

I'iw nama'a wi nan, maaba nesemaa, minwaa n'ode'winaanin gda-bugidinimaagom.

(We offer our prayers, tobacco, and our hearts.)

Miigwetch, thank you, merci.

Wendy Jocko, Chief

Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation

BIENVENUE AU CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE DE

curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2023.

Cet événement offre aux joueurs de curling du monde entier l'occasion de concourir au plus haut niveau. Il offre également à nos athlètes une plateforme pour mettre en valeur leurs compétences et leur talent, ainsi que l'esprit de fair-play qui fait la réputation de notre province.

Notre gouvernement est fier de soutenir cet événement par l'intermédiaire du Programme ontarien d'accueil d'événements sportifs. Il renforce la réputation de l'Ontario en tant que destination de classe mondiale pour les événements sportifs, tout en stimulant le tourisme et en inspirant la prochaine génération d'athlètes de notre province.

Merci aux commanditaires, aux organisateurs, aux entraîneurs, aux officiels et aux bénévoles pour leur travail acharné et leurs efforts inlassables en vue d'assurer la réussite de l'événement.

Bonne chance à tous les athlètes!

L'honorable Neil Lumsden

Ministre du Tourisme, de la Culture et du Sport de l'Ontario

AU NOM DE LA PREMIÈRE NATION DES ALGONQUINS

de Pikwakanagan et de l'ensemble de la nation algonquine, nous sommes honorés d'être la nation hôte du Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2023, présenté par Curling Canada en partenariat avec la Fédération mondiale de curling, qui se déroulera à l'aréna de la Place TD.

La capitale du Canada et l'aréna située dans l'historique parc Lansdowne constituent une magnifique partie du territoire algonquin grâce à une culture vibrante, un esprit communautaire contagieux et des possibilités emballantes.

Le territoire algonquin est le terrain d'entraînement et la destination récréative idéaux pour les athlètes professionnels et amateurs.

De la terre au lac, en toutes saisons, nous avons le paysage et les installations pour tous les sports et toutes les activités. Nous avons des sentiers sans fin pour la motoneige, la raquette, la marche et le ski de fond, ainsi que des patinoires naturelles pour le patinage sur glace, le hockey, le curling et la pêche sur glace.

Ce championnat de curling masculin de premier plan met en vedette les meilleurs athlètes du monde entier et donne l'occasion aux athlètes, à leurs partisans et aux communautés de montrer leurs prouesses physiques.

Pikwakanagan et la nation algonquine dans son ensemble entretiennent d'excellentes relations avec la ville d'Ottawa, et le Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus 2023 donne à la ville l'occasion de briller.

I'iw nama'a wi nan, maaba nesemaa, minwaa n'ode'winaanin gda-bugidinimaagom.

(Nous offrons nos prières, notre tabac et nos cœurs.)

Miigwetch, merci, thank you.

Wendy Jocko, cheffe

Première nation des Algonquins de Pikwakanagan

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOST COMMITTEE

MESSAGE DU COMITÉ D'ACCUEIL



Welcome to TD Place, the home of the BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship.

Whether you are a fan, a competitor or a sponsor, our volunteers want to make your time at TD Place a memorable experience.

Our volunteers are the best! They come from near and far – some are seasoned volunteers while others are new. Many are curlers, others are not. You'll see some volunteers face-to-face greeting you when you arrive, and some you'll probably never see as they calculate player statistics or operate time clocks behind the scenes.

Whatever their role, every volunteer has something in common: dedication, commitment, and a passion for community service and curling.

We are grateful for the support from the partners, sponsors, all levels of government and the community. A special thanks to the World Curling Federation for selecting the nation's capital, Ottawa, to host this fabulous event, and to Curling Canada for their steadfast support.

Please enjoy the hospitality and the curling as we "Bring the World to Ottawa".

**Stephanie Birtwistle, Elaine Brimicombe,
Anne Davis and Ken Jaques**

Bienvenue à la Place TD, site du Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus.

Que vous soyez un partisan, un compétiteur ou un commanditaire, nos bénévoles souhaitent faire de votre séjour à la Place TD une expérience mémorable.

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Nous sommes reconnaissants du soutien des partenaires, des commanditaires, de tous les paliers de gouvernement et de la communauté. Nous remercions tout particulièrement la Fédération mondiale de curling d'avoir choisi la capitale nationale, Ottawa, pour accueillir ce fabuleux événement, ainsi que Curling Canada pour son soutien indéfectible.

Nous vous invitons à profiter de l'hospitalité et du curling alors que nous « accueillons le monde à Ottawa ».

**Stephanie Birtwistle, Elaine Brimicombe,
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WORLD CURLING FEDERATION

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

The WCF has a four-part mandate:

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

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

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

- The board is composed of the president, two vice-presidents, a secretary general and five other board members, all elected at the Annual General Assembly held during the annual World Curling Congress.
- The secretary general is an ex-officio member of all general assemblies, board and management committee meetings, and is responsible to the board.



WORLD CURLING FEDERATION	
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PRESIDENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Welling is anxious to roll his sleeves up and get to work at his new position.

“I feel an incredible sense of responsibility and at the same time an incredible sense of excitement about the future of curling,” he said.

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

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

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In another unusual curling season, it was the usual suspects who ended up battling for gold at the 2022 LGT World Men's Curling Championship, presented by New Holland.

Sweden's Team Niklas Edin, just a few weeks removed from winning gold at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, and Canada's Team Brad Gushue, who won bronze in Beijing, renewed their longstanding rivalry in the gold-medal game at Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

It was the third time these men's curling powerhouses battled for world gold, which each team having prevailed once coming into the 2022 final — Team Gushue in 2017 at Edmonton and Team Edin a year later in Las Vegas.

The rubber match would go Sweden's way, as Edin, vice-skip Oskar Eriksson, second Rasmus Wranå, lead Daniel



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The Swedish juggernaut, skipped by Niklas Edin, has staked its claim as the greatest men's curling team — ever. The current lineup — which includes Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren and alternate Daniel Magnusson — gave Edin his sixth world title as skip by winning in Las Vegas, defeating Canada's Brad Gushue 8-6 in the final.



Team Canada's Brad Gushue earned a thumbs up for leading his team to a silver medal.

Magnusson, alternate Christoffer Sundgren and coach Fredrik Lindberg prevailed 8-6 on ice conditions that left both teams shaking their heads in frustration.

"I'm not that disappointed with the loss, to be honest," said Gushue, who captured Canada's 12th world championship silver medal and world-leading 55th medal overall. "I'm disappointed that a really cool experience was taken away from our team. When you get into moments like this, where it's one sheet at a world championship, you want to go out and display what you're able to do and have a good battle and make some shots, and get the crowd roaring. It became a coin toss on every rock, and unfortunately it came up heads for Niklas a little more than it did for us. I'm disappointed at the conditions. Not losing. Niklas can beat us on good ice, too."

For Edin, it was a sixth world men's

gold medal, and fourth in succession. But it didn't come easily. Gushue, backed up by vice-skip Mark Nichols, second Brett Gallant, lead Geoff Walker, alternate E.J. Harnden, team coach Jules Owchar and national coach Jeff Stoughton, would post the best record of the 13-team round-robin standings at 10-2 (including a win over the Swedes, who finished second at 9-3).

Canada would defeat the home-country favourites — Korey Dropkin's U.S. team in one semi, while Sweden knocked off Italy's Joël Retornaz in the other.

And it was Canada that would set the early pace in the gold-medal game, as the St. John's, N.L., team would take an early 3-0 lead through two ends.

But Sweden came back to tie it with a deuce in the third and a steal in the fourth, and then took its first lead with two in the sixth.



Italian skip Joël Retornaz, playing in his eighth world men's championship, finally hit the podium in Las Vegas, winning the bronze medal. It was Italy's first medal at a men's world championship.

In the seventh, Gushue had a makeable raise takeout for three, but his stone overcurled and Canada would settle for a game-tying single, and saw its hopes practically vanish when the skipper's peel attempt for a blank in the ninth end resulted in a single point, a tie game, and the Swedes having the hammer in the 10th end, which they used for the game-winning deuce.

"We're very happy," said Edin. "That game was

very tough, difficult conditions to play on, so I'm really happy that we could fight as hard as we did, and really try to figure out every shot. That meant we could play as smart as we can, not making the wrong mistakes at the wrong time."

And while the game result was a disappointment for Gushue, he was able to see the big picture.

"Oh, it's incredible, it really is incredible," he said. "And it's been a roller-coaster. We had the high where we played extremely well at the Trials, and then struggle at the Olympics but come away



COLLIE CAMPBELL MEMORIAL AWARD

Italian lead Simone Gonin is the winner of the 2022 Collie 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.

with the bronze when we probably played the worst we've ever played over that long of a stretch, to be honest, and then follow it up with what we did at the Brier, which was incredible. And then to come here where I thought we played as well as we could with the conditions that were offered to us. We were beaten by a great team; what Niklas has achieved is incredible."

Italy defeated the U.S. 13-4 for its first world championship medal of any colour, and Italian lead Simone Gonin won the player-voted Collie Campbell Memorial Award for sportsmanship.

FINAL

Canada (Brad Gushue)	*120	010	101	0	6
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	002	102	010	2	8

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Sweden		Canada	
Niklas Edin	78%	Brad Gushue	62%
Oskar Eriksson	69%	Mark Nichols	80%
Rasmus Wranå	79%	Brett Gallant	93%
Daniel Magnusson	86%	Geoff Walker	91%
Team totals	78%	Team totals	82%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

U.S.A. (Korey Dropkin)	021	001	00x	x	4
Italy (Joël Retornaz)	*400	210	60x	x	13

SEMIFINALS

Canada (Brad Gushue)	*020	102	010	2	8
U.S.A. (Korey Dropkin)	001	010	102	0	5
Italy (Joël Retornaz)	000	101	110	x	4
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	*021	040	001	x	8

QUALIFICATION ROUND

Switzerland (Yannick Schwaller)	010	200	10x	x	4
Italy (Joël Retornaz)	*401	021	02x	x	10
Scotland (Kyle Waddell)	*010	000	111	0	4
U.S.A. (Korey Dropkin)	201	110	000	1	6

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	2	0
Italy (Joël Retornaz)*	2	1
Canada (Brad Gushue)	1	1
U.S.A. (Korey Dropkin)	1	2
Switzerland (Yannick Schwaller)	0	1
Scotland (Kyle Waddell)	0	1

* Won bronze-medal game against U.S.A. 13-4

Round robin	Wins	Losses
Canada (Brad Gushue)*	10	2
Sweden (Niklas Edin)*	9	3
Italy (Joël Retornaz)*	8	4
Scotland (Kyle Waddell)*	7	5
U.S.A. (Korey Dropkin)*	7	5
Switzerland (Yannick Schwaller)*	6	6
Germany (Sixten Totzek)	6	6
South Korea (Kim Soo-Hyuk)	6	6
Czech Republic (Lukas Klima)	5	7
Norway (Magnus Ramsfjell)	5	7
Finland (Kalle Kiiskinen)	4	8
Netherlands (Wouter Goesgens)	3	9
Denmark (Tobias Thune)	2	10

* Top six teams advance to playoffs; Switzerland advances based on tiebreaker format.

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WORLD MEN'S CHAMPIONS

2022	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren
2021	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren
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 Sveistrup
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 Oscarus, Bengt Oscarus, 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	Llyall 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

2022	Simone Gonin	Italy
2021	Oskar Eriksson	Sweden
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



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‘WHAT AN INCREDIBLE GUY’ « QUEL TYPE INCROYABLE »

Curling world mourns the passing of Thomas Ulsrud, one of the most beloved and respected athletes who played the game with flair

Le monde du curling pleure le décès de Thomas Ulsrud, l'un des athlètes les plus aimés et les plus respectés qui pratiquait le sport avec élégance

BY/PAR BOB WEEKS



Thomas Ulsrud created quite an impression on the curling world when he introduced some crazy, weird pants into the game. They were certainly non-traditional but fans loved them.

Thomas Ulsrud a fait forte impression sur le monde du curling lorsqu'il a porté pour la première fois des pantalons bizarres et un peu fous. Ces pantalons n'étaient certainement pas traditionnels, mais les partisans les ont adorés.



You knew when they were on the ice with their fancy pants, but more than that, Team Norway was a force to be reckoned with at European, World and Olympic events.

Vous saviez quand ils étaient sur la glace avec leurs pantalons fantaisistes, mais plus que cela, Équipe Norvège était un adversaire redoutable lors des événements européens, mondiaux et olympiques.

He was a world champion, an Olympic silver medallist and a European winner, but if you ask anyone for their memories of Norway's Thomas Ulsrud, it has nothing to do with results and everything to do with an effervescent personality.

Ulsrud embodied the true spirit of curling, always playing with a smile and with respect for the game. His death last May shocked curlers from every corner of the globe.

As the world gathers in Ottawa for the first time since his passing, many reflected on the loss of one of the sport's most beloved and respected curlers.

"What an incredible guy," stated David Murdoch, Curling Canada's new Director, High Performance, who battled Ulsrud in events around the world. "He just made you feel happy whenever you saw him."

"He was just a guy who enjoyed life and made people laugh," added Brad Gushue, another regular combatant.

"He was terrific," said Kevin Martin, who defeated Ulsrud in the final of the 2010 Olympic Games. "A true gentleman and just a heck of a good guy."

Ulsrud started curling in his home of Oslo at age 10 when his stepfather introduced him to the sport. He started playing competitive events at 12 and made it to the world junior championship in 1985 as a 13-year-old. Three years later, he skipped the Norwegian team to a bronze medal.

His curling career took off from there and by the time it was over, he'd played in 17 European championships, winning two titles and adding six runner-up finishes; 12 world championships, capturing the title in Beijing in 2014; and three Olympic Games, claiming the silver medal in 2010.

In December 2020, Ulsrud was diagnosed with cancer and battled it for more than a year. In the spring

Il a été champion du monde, médaillé d'argent olympique et titulaire européen, mais si vous demandez à quelqu'un ses souvenirs du Norvégien Thomas Ulsrud, ceux-ci n'auront rien à voir avec les résultats et tout à voir avec une personnalité effervescente.

Ulsrud incarnait le véritable esprit du curling, qu'il pratiquait toujours avec le sourire et dans le respect du jeu. Son décès en mai dernier a peiné les curleurs de tous les coins de la planète.

Alors que le monde se rassemble pour la première fois depuis son décès, à Ottawa, beaucoup de joueurs ont réfléchi à la perte de l'un des curleurs les plus aimés et les plus respectés du sport.

« Quel type incroyable », a déclaré David Murdoch, le joueur écossais qui a affronté Ulsrud lors d'événements partout dans le monde. « Il vous rendait heureux chaque fois que vous le croisieez. »

« C'était juste un gars qui aimait la vie et faisait rire les gens », a ajouté Brad Gushue, un autre adversaire régulier.

« Il était formidable », a déclaré Kevin Martin, qui a battu Ulsrud en finale des Jeux olympiques de 2010. « Un vrai gentleman et simplement un sacré bon gars. »

Ulsrud a commencé à jouer au curling dans sa maison d'Oslo à l'âge de 10 ans lorsque son beau-père l'a initié au sport. Il a commencé à participer à des compétitions à l'âge de 12 ans et s'est qualifié pour le championnat du monde junior en 1985 à l'âge de 13 ans. Trois ans plus tard, il a mené l'équipe norvégienne à la conquête d'une médaille de bronze.

Sa carrière de curleur a décollé à partir de ce moment et, une fois terminée, il avait participé à 17 championnats européen, remportant deux titres et terminant deuxième à six reprises; 12 championnats du monde, remportant le titre à Pékin en 2014; et trois Jeux olympiques, remportant la médaille d'argent en 2010.

En décembre 2020, Ulsrud a reçu un diagnostic de cancer et l'a combattu pendant plus d'un an. Au printemps 2022, son état s'est aggravé et il est décédé peu de temps après.

Il laisse dans le deuil sa femme, Elin, et son fils, Jesper.

L'effusion d'émotion témoigne du caractère d'Ulsrud. Il adorait le curling, mais il appréciait encore plus les relations qui découlaient de ce sport.

« Quel gars incroyable », a déclaré Murdoch. « C'est quelqu'un qui va beaucoup me manquer pour le reste de ma vie. »

« Il était la personne la plus terre-à-terre et la plus authentique que vous ayez jamais rencontrée », a déclaré Marc Kennedy, qui a joué contre lui sur les circuits

of 2022, his condition worsened and he passed away shortly thereafter.

He is survived by his wife, Elin, and son, Jesper.

The outpouring of emotion is a testimony to Ulsrud's character. He loved curling, but he valued the relationships that came from the sport even more.

"What an incredible guy," said Murdoch, who represented Scotland in games against Ulsrud. "It's someone I'm going to miss very dearly for the rest of my life."

"He was the most down-to-earth, genuine person you'd ever meet," said Marc Kennedy, who played against him on the world's tours for more than a decade. "No one ever had a bad thing to say about him. He was always quick with a joke and was always smiling."

Although he loved to enjoy his life and share his happiness with friends, Ulsrud was also one of the game's best players, compiling a remarkable record in national and international events.

"He was a fierce competitor," said Murdoch. "That's something that people maybe don't realize. All the bravado and the fun and the smiles, but he wanted to win. He practised hard and he trained hard."

Ulsrud also carried great respect for his opponents, no matter whether it was an Olympic final or a game played just for fun. Everything meant something to him, not so much the outcome but the enjoyment of the competition and the competitors.

"When he shook your hand at the end of the game," Kennedy said, "he always had a smile on his face and he'd give you a nod of his head. I think it was his way of saying, great game, great fun, no matter whether he won or lost."

Kennedy, who made his 12th Tim Hortons Brier appearance last month in London, Ont., remembered playing against Ulsrud in the final of the Perth Masters, a major competition held each year in that Scottish city.

The Norwegian skip and his long-time team of Torger Nergard, Cristoffer Svae and Havard Vad Petersson had a problem as they prepared to play the Canadian squad skipped by Martin: they had just three hours until their flight home left. They didn't want to default as that, Ulsrud said, would be disrespectful to the organizers.

The event used thinking time on the clocks (the time in between shots) and each side was allotted 35 minutes. Ulsrud's side didn't do much thinking, playing one of the fastest games in championship history.

"After their last rock in the eighth end, they'd only used seven minutes of the clock," Kennedy remembered. "We played an eight-end game in an hour and 25 minutes."

When the game ended, the Norwegian players grabbed their equipment and raced to the airport, just making their flight.

"Thomas was smiling the whole time," laughed Kennedy. "That's who he was."

Martin remembered another game where Ulsrud's

international pendant plus d'une décennie. « Personne n'a jamais eu une mauvaise chose à dire sur lui. Il était toujours prêt à raconter une blague et souriait toujours. »

Bien qu'il aimait profiter de sa vie et partager son bonheur avec ses amis, Ulsrud était également l'un des meilleurs joueurs au monde, récoltant un palmarès remarquable dans les événements nationaux et internationaux.

« C'était un compétiteur féroce », a déclaré Murdoch. « C'est quelque chose que les gens ne réalisent peut-être pas. La bravade, le plaisir et les sourires, mais il voulait gagner. Il s'entraînait dur. »

Ulsrud avait également un grand respect pour ses adversaires, qu'il s'agisse d'une finale olympique ou d'un match joué juste pour le plaisir. Tout signifiait quelque chose pour lui, pas tant le résultat que le plaisir de la compétition et des concurrents.

« Quand il vous serrait la main à la fin du match », a

Curling Canada's new Director, High Performance, David Murdoch (rear) had great respect for Thomas Ulsrud after playing against him over the years in World and Olympic competitions. Most of all, he loved the fact he made everybody feel better just being around him.

Le nouveau directeur de la haute performance de Curling Canada, David Murdoch (arrière), avait un grand respect pour Thomas Ulsrud après avoir joué contre lui au fil des ans dans les compétitions mondiales et olympiques. Par-dessus tout, il aimait le fait qu'il faisait en sorte que tout le monde se sente mieux simplement en étant en sa présence.





Canada's Kevin Martin (left) had many battles on the ice with Thomas Ulsrud over the years and found him to be a "true gentleman and a heck of a good guy."

Le Canadien Kevin Martin (à gauche) a eu de nombreux affrontements sur la glace avec Thomas Ulsrud au fil des ans et dit de lui qu'il était un « vrai gentleman et un sacré bon gars ».

personality shined through. The two teams were playing a Skins game match in the 2008 Continental Cup and Ulsrud's World Team side needed only a handful of points in the game to clinch the overall competition.

In the fourth end, Ulsrud was looking at a triple-raise takeout that would mean a title-clinching two-point end.

"As the rock was coming down the ice, Thomas was following it and everyone in the building knew he was going to make it," said Martin. "As it crossed the hog line, he yelled out, 'Show me the money!' and everyone just howled with laughter — the fans and the players."

That was Ulsrud, added Martin. He was a showman, an entertainer. And he was the same no matter where he was.

"The thing about Thomas was that he was the same guy whether he was back in a hotel room with a couple of guys having a cocktail or on the ice in front of a crowd," Martin said.

For many, Ulsrud's great contribution to the game came in the form of fashion. He and his team were known for their bright and colourful pants, which debuted at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

After qualifying for the Games, the team was outfitted in what it considered boring uniforms. They considered breaking uniform protocol and Svae found Loudmouth Pants, made famous by golfer John Daly, online and ordered some that carried the Norwegian flags colours but in a flamboyant pattern.

When they paraded out in Vancouver for the first draw of the Games, the arena erupted in reaction and the pants became the top story of the Olympics that day.

"I remember them coming out in those crazy pants and I thought to myself 'what are you doing?'" said Gushue. "But it fit in with his personality. He was always having fun, always enjoying himself even when it came to something like the Olympics."

déclaré Kennedy, « il avait toujours le sourire aux lèvres et il vous faisait un signe de tête. Je pense que c'était sa façon de dire, beau match, très amusant, peu importe qu'il ait gagné ou perdu. »

Kennedy, qui a participé à son 12e Brier Tim Hortons le mois dernier à London, en Ontario, se souvient d'avoir joué contre Ulsrud lors de la finale du Tournoi des Maîtres de Perth, une grande compétition qui se tient chaque année dans cette ville écossaise.

Le capitaine norvégien et son équipe de longue date composée de Torger Nergard, Cristoffer Svae et Havard Vad Petersson avaient un problème alors qu'ils se préparaient à affronter l'équipe canadienne dirigée par Martin : il ne restait que trois heures avant le départ de leur vol de retour. Ils ne voulaient pas déclarer forfait car cela, a déclaré Ulsrud, serait irrespectueux envers les organisateurs.

Entre les lancers, pour l'ensemble du match, chaque équipe disposait de 35 minutes de temps de réflexion. Équipe Ulsrud n'a pas beaucoup réfléchi, disputant l'un des matchs les plus rapides de l'histoire du championnat.

« Après leur dernière pierre au huitième bout, ils n'avaient utilisé que sept minutes », se souvient Kennedy. « Nous avons joué un match de huit bouts en une heure et 25 minutes. »

À la fin du match, les joueurs norvégiens ont saisi leur équipement et se sont précipités vers l'aéroport, arrivant juste à temps pour leur vol.

« Thomas souriait tout le temps », a ri Kennedy. « C'est le genre de personne qui il était. »

Martin s'est souvenu d'un autre match au cours duquel la personnalité d'Ulsrud a rayonné. Les deux équipes disputaient un match par points lors de la Coupe continentale 2008 et l'équipe mondiale d'Ulsrud n'avait besoin que de quelques points pour remporter la compétition générale.

Au quatrième bout, Ulsrud a tenté une triple montée de pierres qui lui vaudrait deux points et le titre.

« Alors que la pierre faisait son chemin sur la glace, Thomas la suivait et tout le monde dans l'aréna savait qu'il allait réussir son coup », a déclaré Martin. « Alors que la pierre franchissait la ligne de jeu, il a crié: "Montrez-moi l'argent!" Et tout le monde a hurlé de rire - les partisans et les joueurs. »

C'était Ulsrud, ajouta Martin. C'était un homme de spectacle, un artiste. Et il était le même, peu importe où il se trouvait.

« Le truc avec Thomas, c'est qu'il était le même gars, qu'il soit de retour dans une chambre d'hôtel avec quelques gars en train de prendre un cocktail ou sur la glace devant une foule », a déclaré Martin.

Pour beaucoup, la grande contribution d'Ulsrud au curling fut la mode. Lui et son équipe étaient connus pour leurs pantalons brillants et colorés, qu'ils ont portés pour la première fois aux Jeux olympiques de Vancouver en 2010.

Après s'être qualifiée pour les Jeux, l'équipe a reçu ce

“We kind of knew what was coming, being in the back and we weren’t sure how it would go over,” said Martin. “I’m not sure anyone else could have pulled it off.”

The team members continued to wear Loudmouth Pants products for the rest of their time together, being sponsored by the company and helping it sell thousands of pairs to curlers around the world.

If that wasn’t enough, they added sponsorship from a men’s underwear company called Comfyballs. Since that product was hidden, Ulsrud had to find a way to expose it and he came up with the Comfyballs Dance, which his team performed one year at the Continental Cup.

The four players walked onto the ice before a game, dropped their Loudmouth Pants to their ankles, showing off the underwear, and then, while music blared, tried to get their pants back on without using their hands. It was another crowd-pleaser.

“When Thomas was in town, everybody was happier,” summed up Murdoch.

Perhaps that is the greatest legacy anyone can leave behind. Ulsrud made people smile and for that he will be long remembered.

Bob Weeks is a golf and curling commentator for TSN

He was a bundle of fun both on and off the ice, but also a fierce competitor. Despite all the smiles and jokes, Thomas Ulsrud wanted to win. He practised hard and trained hard.

Il était vraiment divertissant sur et hors de la glace, mais aussi un féroce compétiteur. Malgré tous les sourires et les blagues, Thomas Ulsrud voulait gagner. Il s’entraînait d’arrache-pied.



qu’elle considérait comme des uniformes ennuyeux. Ils ont envisagé de rompre avec le protocole concernant les uniformes et Svae a découvert Loudmouth Pants, rendu célèbre par le golfeur John Daly, en ligne et a commandé certains pantalons aux couleurs du drapeau norvégien, mais dans un motif flamboyant.

Lorsqu’ils ont défilé à Vancouver pour la première séance des Jeux, l’arène a explosé et le pantalon est devenu la vedette des Jeux olympiques ce jour-là.

« Je me souviens qu’ils sont sortis dans ces pantalons fous et je me suis dit “Qu’est-ce que tu fais?” », a déclaré Gushue. « Mais cela correspondait à sa personnalité. Il s’amusait toujours, même quand il s’agissait de quelque chose comme les Jeux olympiques.

« Nous savions en quelque sorte ce qui allait arriver, étant à l’arrière, et nous ne savions pas trop comment cela se passerait », a déclaré Martin. « Je ne suis pas sûr que quelqu’un d’autre aurait pu le faire. »

Les membres de l’équipe ont continué à porter les produits Loudmouth Pants pour le reste de leur carrière ensemble, étant parrainés par l’entreprise et l’aidant à vendre des milliers de paires de pantalon aux curlers du monde entier.

Comme si cela ne suffisait pas, ils ont ajouté le parrainage d’une entreprise de sous-vêtements pour hommes appelée Comfyballs. Comme ce produit était caché, Ulsrud a dû trouver un moyen de le mettre en valeur et il a inventé la danse Comfyballs, que son équipe a exécutée une fois à la Coupe continentale.

Les quatre joueurs sont arrivés sur la glace avant un match, ont laissé tomber leur pantalon Loudmouth jusqu’à leurs chevilles, montrant leurs sous-vêtements, puis, pendant que la musique retentissait, ont essayé de remettre leur pantalon sans utiliser leurs mains. Ce fut un autre grand moment de plaisir pour les spectateurs.

« Quand Thomas était en ville, tout le monde était plus heureux », a résumé Murdoch.

C’est peut-être le plus grand héritage que quelqu’un puisse laisser. Ulsrud a fait sourire les gens et, pour cette raison, on se souviendra longtemps de lui.

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LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES

WCF President's love for curling surprised even him

BY DON LANDRY

Somewhere along the line, Beau Welling says, he became known to some as “The Forrest Gump of Curling.”

If it is true that the native of South Carolina had once repeatedly bumped up against the sport in the same way the famous movie character intersected with American history, it is also true that the accidental nature of the relationship between the man and the game is no longer.

Because, now, as president of the World Curling Federation, Beau Welling is consciously, deliberately at the centre of all things curling.

“It very much has been a whirlwind,” Welling says of the busy months he has spent on the heels of his election to the post, last September, taking over after the 12-year term of Scotland’s Kate Caithness had ended.

After 11 years as a board member with U.S. Curling (2007-2018), and then a further four with the World Curling Federation board, Welling — a longtime golf course designer who has had a hand in about 130 golf projects over the years — now has an eye on reconfiguring links of a different kind; those that connect the game of curling to growth on a global scale.

Hopefully, Welling says, the World Curling Federation is “starting to take a step towards more of a progressive professionalism of curling. And it won’t be just us. This will be a multi-stakeholder process, obviously. Getting things more organized.”

“I’m excited about how our board is operating together and looking forward to continuing to modernize the sport of curling,” Welling says. “I don’t mean,

necessarily, the game — it could be the game — but I’m just saying the organization and how we work. We’ve gone from being an operational board to being much more of a strategy-based board, and really trying to empower staff to go make decisions.”

As Welling has settled into his new role, he’s found some things to be challenging, even if they were predictable, based on his experience as a curling administrator over the previous 15 years. Other aspects, he says, have provided him with some surprises.

“What I didn’t understand is how time intensive the IOC (International Olympic Committee) ecosystem is,” says Welling of the learning curve he is currently climbing. “And part of my job is to represent curling in that ecosystem. That’s been a bigger effort than I thought but a very, very enjoyable one. And one that I think I’m doing pretty well.”

Welling’s gradually strengthening ties to a sport that had once confounded him provide fodder for a terrifically interesting backstory, particularly when you consider that he regarded the sport with dismissiveness when he first came across it. As an 18-year-old, Welling attended the 1988 Olympics, in Calgary, when curling was on the roster of events as a demonstration sport.

“I’d never heard of the sport until then,” he says, the incredulity of the discovery creeping back into his voice 35 years later. “Frankly,” he adds, “I thought ‘this is the

dumbest thing I’ve ever seen. How could this be in the Olympics?’”

Fast-forward to 14 years later, with Olympic curling being broadcast from Salt Lake City, Utah. “I start watching and I have no idea what exactly is going on and why people are screaming,” says Welling, with a chuckle. “But I just find myself inextricably drawn to the television,



Beau Welling never thought curling was much of a sport when he first laid eyes on it, but his appreciation for the game grew. Today, the American is the president of the World Curling Federation.

in this rapt-like state.” By the time the 2006 Games rolled around, Welling was completely hooked. “I basically just stopped working and watched curling, literally, for eight hours a day,” he recalls. “I just couldn’t get enough of it.”

Welling’s sense of adventure and thirst for even more knowledge led him to travel to the city of Bemidji, Minn. that year, where the 2006 U.S. Men’s and Women’s Curling Championships were being contested. That was the greatest revelation of all, as Welling found out just how welcoming curling’s extended family could be. His warm reception in Bemidji included all the curling action and information he could take in, but it didn’t stop there. The community threw him a birthday party. They took him ice-fishing. Welling was extended every courtesy by people he didn’t even know.

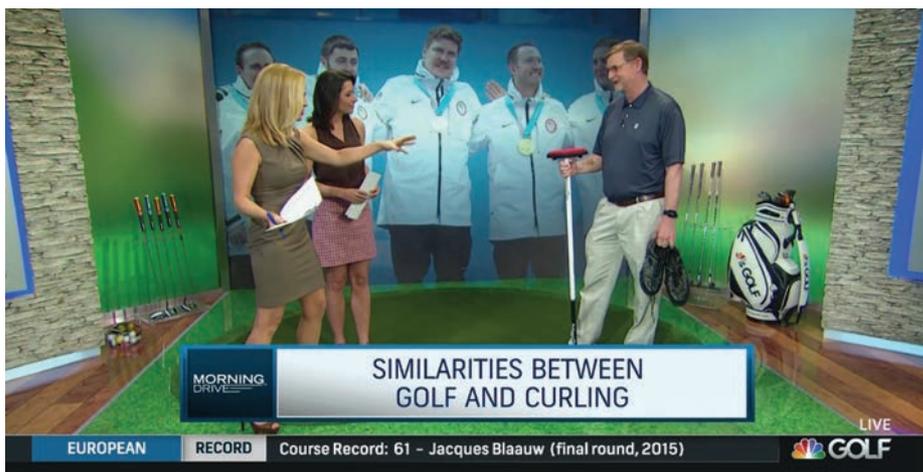
“I was already kind of in love with the sport, just watching it on television,” says Welling. “But this made me fall in love with the people and the community around curling.”

As president of the World Curling Federation, Welling is determined to expand that community. He sees big strides in growth as a possibility, and his optimism has been bolstered by a four-day gathering of brainstormers, held in Toronto, this past January. From those sessions, which included the participation of event organizers, athletes and media stakeholders as well as presentations from the worlds of professional tennis and golf, has come the formation of a strategic plan for the federation, one that Welling says is powered by a bold and broad vision for the sport’s future.

Out of all of that,” Welling says of the Toronto think tank, “we’re exploring several initiatives that I’m pretty excited about. I think it’s gotten our board enthusiastic about some of the things we want to try to tackle going forward.”

“From a high-level standpoint,” he explains, “a focus on our brand and looking at updating or rebranding ourselves. I think there’s a lot of opportunity for us to do this in curling. We want to attract younger people. We want to attract a more diverse group. I think the perception of who we are is very, very important. We have a rebranding effort that’s going to come out of this.”

Rebranding will be merely one initiative



Beau Welling has a background as a golf course designer, having a hand in 130 projects over the years. Now he has an eye on reconfiguring links of a different kind; those that connect the game of curling to growth on a global scale.

and it can help in growing awareness that might ultimately lead to more people taking up the game.

Growing participation on the ice is essential, and Welling sees a push for curling infrastructure on the horizon.

“A big focus on facility development will be something that comes out of this,” says Welling. “We need more facilities in curling. I’m very attuned to this. And I think, coming out of this strategic planning session, we’re going to figure out a way that the WCF can help encourage and help with the development of new facilities.”

Welling has seen growth in surprising places before, not the least of which would be his own heart and mind after initially balking at the legitimacy of the sport, as a teen, back in 1988. Beyond that, to this day he is still tickled by how many people from his home state got in touch with him while he was attending the 2010 Vancouver Olympics to ask if he would help them form a club so that they could play this strange, intoxicating sport they were seeing on their televisions. “We ended up launching the Palmetto Curling Club in Greenville, South Carolina,” Welling says. “With that, I started to curl more regularly.”

While growing the number of people playing the game is essential, Welling adds that “maybe even more importantly, (are the) numbers of people watching curling.”

The new president of the WCF knows — from personal experience — that if you just get curling in front of someone’s eyes, you never know what you’re going to get.

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Kate Caithness of Scotland served for 12 years as the president of the World Curling Federation, which she helped grow over the years.



The sport of curling got a huge boost in the U.S. when John Shuster won the gold medal at the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea. Beau Welling wants to see the game grow in all parts of the world.

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ON THE ROCKS

BY AL CAMERON

WELL, IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT?

Much has transpired (and feel free to call this a massive understatement) since the last time Ottawa hosted a Curling Canada Season of Champions event, the 2017 Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials at the Canadian Tire Centre in Kanata.

Eighteen months earlier, we had been right here at TD Place for the 2016 Tim Hortons Brier, an event athletes and fans still speak of in awed tones because it was just that good.

Many will remember that we had a plan to come back here sooner. We held a virtual news conference on June 16, 2020, with the optimistic view that we would host the 2021 BKT Tires and OK Tire World Men's Championship at TD Place.

Surely, we thought, this pandemic stuff would be long gone by then, right?

Well, not so much, as we know now. That event fell victim to COVID-19 and was eventually played in the bubble in Calgary.

But here we are in Ottawa — better late than never — for the 2023 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's, and the buzz here in the nation's capital is amazing.

Even better, the buzz has been amazing outside of Canada, too.

Remember, this is the first time a world men's championship has been played in Ottawa. For those into arcane trivia, this 2023 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Championship will make Ottawa just the fourth national capital in the 64-year history of the world men's championship to host the event.

(Pause here to see if you can name the other three national capital host cities; answer at the bottom).

For those of you who are world championship rookies, you are in for a treat.

First of all, having the vast majority of the crowd at TD Place cheering for one team is a pretty awesome thing to be a part of. Expect to see plenty of Canadian flags waving and face-painted Maple Leafs!

But also expect to hear cowbells from the Swiss fans. Amazing singing from the Scottish fans. Fun chants from the Swedish fans.

That's the unique flavour of a world championship, and having it in a national capital means there will be many embassy and consulate staff people watching their teams perform, adding to the international flavour.

Best of all, once the games are done, everyone will be

heading over to the Original 16 Patch at the Aberdeen Pavilion to, ahem, debrief after the games, discuss strategy and maybe, just maybe, enjoy a cold Original 16 beverage with fans from around the world, and the Canadian fans can teach a Swiss diplomat or two the finer points of playing corn hole.

Which is all a way of saying you're gonna have a good time in Ottawa. We always do. TD Place is one of our favourite locations to host events because there's a vibe that you can feel for the entire event, inside the arena and out.

It goes without saying that Team Canada loves playing on home ice and soaking in the cheers of the Canadian fans.

But be assured that the other 12 teams get just as pumped up. They love playing in Canada, and, yeah, they love beating Canada IN Canada.

A world championship is going to be special regardless of where it's played, and they all have a unique appeal for one reason or another.

But the appeal of those championships in Canada comes down to the people in the stands. They're lively, they're knowledgeable and they're appreciative. That's an atmosphere that is rarely found outside our borders, and the visiting players love it.

So be loud and proud when you're in the stands this week at TD Place. Let Team Canada know you're behind them. And sure, cheer on great shots from the other competing teams and make some new friends with their fans in the Original 16 Patch.

The opportunity to host a world championship does not come around often, and sometimes events can conspire to prevent it from happening on schedule.

But we have no doubt whatsoever that Ottawa fans will prove emphatically that the 2023 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship was worth waiting for.

Now, those other national capital hosts: Edinburgh, Scotland (co-hosted in 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962); Bern, Switzerland (1974, 1979, 1997); and Beijing, China (2014).

Ottawa, that's some good company. But we have a feeling you'll stand out in the crowd by the time gold medals are presented on Championship Sunday.

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

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

QUALIFICATION GAMES

3 vs 6	Saturday, April 8	2 p.m.
4 vs 5	Saturday, April 8	2 p.m.

SEMIFINALS

SEMIFINAL 1	Saturday, April 8	7 p.m.
SEMIFINAL 2	Saturday, April 8	7 p.m.

MEDAL GAMES

BRONZE	Sunday, April 9	11 a.m.
GOLD	Sunday, April 9	4 p.m.



WORLD MEN'S CURLING

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PLAYER PROFILES

CANADA RE/MAX CENTRE, ST. JOHN'S CURLING CLUB, NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR



From left: Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, E.J. Harnden and Geoff Walker.

SKIP: Brad Gushue **Age:** 42 **Occupation:** Business owner, Orangetheory Fitness
Highlights: Played fourth for Canada at 2006 Olympics, skip in '22; won gold in '06, bronze in '22. Skipped at 2017, '18, '22 worlds; won gold in '17, silver in '18, '22. Played in 2021 world mixed doubles. Won gold as alternate at 1998 world juniors, skip in 2001

THIRD: Mark Nichols **Age:** 43
Occupation: Business owner and personal trainer, Orangetheory fitness
Highlights: Played third for Canada at 2006 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '06, bronze in '22. Played third at 2017, '18, '22 worlds; won gold in '17, silver in '18, '22. Won gold as third at 2001 world juniors

SECOND: E.J. Harnden **Age:** 39
Occupation: Product manager, instant games, OLG **Highlights:** Won gold as Canada second at 2014 Olympics. Won silver as second at 2013 worlds and alternate in '22

LEAD: Geoff Walker **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Turf team, The Derrick Golf & Winter Club **Highlights:** Won bronze as Canada lead at 2022 Olympics. Played lead at 2017, '18, '22 worlds; won gold in '17, silver in '18, '22. Won gold as third at 2006 world juniors and alternate in '07

ALTERNATE: Ryan Harnden **Age:** 36
Occupation: Real estate appraiser, Shields Appraisals & Consulting Ltd. **Highlights:** Won 2014 Olympic gold as lead for Canada. Won silver as lead at 2013 worlds

COACH: Caleb Flaxey

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From left: Lukáš Klípa, Martin Jurik, Radek Boháč, Marek Černovský and Lukáš Klíma.

SKIP: Lukáš Klíma **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Attorney **Highlights:** Skipped the Czech Republic at 2015 and '22 worlds. Played at 2012 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2018 world mixed. Skipped at 2011 and '12 world juniors

THIRD: Marek Černovský **Age:** 28
Occupation: Travel agency associate
Highlights: Played third for the Czech Republic at 2022 worlds. Played second at 2018 world mixed. Played third at 2011 and '12 world juniors, skipped in '13

SECOND: Radek Boháč **Age:** 45
Occupation: Referent **Highlights:** Played second for the Czech Republic at 2022 worlds

LEAD: Martin Jurik **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** IT salesman

ALTERNATE: Lukáš Klípa **Age:** 26
Occupation: Bank employee **Highlights:** Alternate for the Czech Republic at 2022 worlds. Won bronze as second at 2017 world mixed

COACH: Craig Savill

BKT TIRES & OK TIRE WORLD MEN'S **PLAYER PROFILES**

GERMANY BADEN HILLS GOLF & CURLING CLUB, FUESSEN



From left: Dominik Greindl, Magnus Sutor, Klaudius Harsch and Sixten Totzek.

SKIP: Sixten Totzek **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Student **Highlights:** Skipped Germany at 2021 and '22 worlds. Skipped at 2022 world mixed. Threw fourth at 2018, '19 world juniors and skipped in '20

THIRD: Klaudius Harsch **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Industrial engineer student **Highlights:** Alternate for Germany at 2021 worlds. Played in 2021 and '22 world mixed doubles; won bronze in '22. Skipped (third stones) at 2018, '19 world juniors and alternate in '20, '22; won silver in '22

SECOND: Magnus Sutor **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Student **Highlights:** Played lead for Germany at 2019, '20, '22 world juniors; won silver in '22

LEAD: Dominik Greindl **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers **Highlights:** Played lead for Germany at 2019, '21, '22 worlds. Played lead at 2007, '08 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Marc Muskatewitz **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Student **Highlights:** Played second for Germany at 2016 worlds, skipped in '19, third in '21, '22

COACH: Uli Kapp

ITALY AERONAUTICA MILITARE



Front row, from left: Mattia Giovannella, Sebastiano Arman, Amos Mosaner and Joël Returnaz.

SKIP: Joël Returnaz **Age:** 39 **Occupation:** Businessman **Highlights:** Skipped Italy at 2006 and '22 Olympics, skipped (third rocks) in '18. Alternate at 2005 worlds, skipped in '10, '19, '21, '22 skipped (third rocks) in '15, '17 and '18; won bronze in '22. Skipped at 2004 and '05 world juniors

THIRD: Amos Mosaner **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played fourth for Italy at 2018 Olympics and third in '22. Won gold at 2022 Olympics in mixed doubles. Played fourth at 2015, '17 and '18 worlds, third in '19, '21 and '22; won bronze in '22. Played in 2019 and '21 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2012 world juniors, skipped in '13, '14 and '15

SECOND: Sebastiano Arman **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played second for Italy at 2022 Olympics. Alternate at 2015 worlds, second in '19, '21, '22; won bronze in '22. Played in 2022 world mixed doubles. Alternate at 2012 and '13 world juniors, played third in '14 and '15

LEAD/VICE-SKIP: Mattia Giovannella **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Stone porphyry maker **Highlights:** Alternate for Italy at 2022 Olympics. Played lead at 2021 worlds, alternate in '22. Played third at 2019 world juniors

COACH: Claudio Pescia

JAPAN KARUIZAWA CURLING CLUB



From left: Riku Yanagisawa, Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi, Takeru Yamamoto and Satoshi Koizumi; inset: Shingo Usui.



SKIP: Riku Yanagisawa **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Manufacturer

THIRD: Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi **Age:** 38 **Occupation:** Curling club manager and commentator **Highlights:** Played second for Japan at 2018 Olympics. Played third at 2009, '13, '14, '15 worlds, second in '16, '17. Played in 2018 and '19 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2002 world juniors

SECOND: Takeru Yamamoto **Age:** 16 **Occupation:** High school student

LEAD: Satoshi Koizumi **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Curling instructor and office worker

ALTERNATE: Shingo Usui **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Company employee

COACH: Bob Ursel

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NEW ZEALAND VARIOUS CLUBS



From left: Anton Hood, Ben Smith, Brett Sargon, Hunter Walker and Peter de Boer.

SKIP: Anton Hood **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Carpenter and builder **Highlights:** Played for New Zealand in 2021 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2017 world mixed. Threw fourth at 2019 and '20 world juniors

THIRD: Ben Smith **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Plumber **Highlights:** Played third for New Zealand at 2019 and '20 world juniors

SECOND/VICE-SKIP: Brett Sargon **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Tech sales and business developer **Highlights:** Played for New Zealand in 2018 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2016 world mixed

LEAD: Hunter Walker **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Building apprentice **Highlights:** Played lead for New Zealand at 2019 and '20 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Peter de Boer **Age:** 51 **Occupation:** Business coach, self-employed **Highlights:** Skipped New Zealand at 2012 worlds

NORWAY TRONDHEIM CURLINGKLUBB



From left: Gaute Nepstad, Bendik Ramsfjell, Martin Sesaker and Magnus Ramsfjell.

SKIP: Magnus Ramsfjell **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Electronics engineering student **Highlights:** Played fourth for Norway at 2019 worlds and skip in '22. Played in 2018 and '22 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2016, '17, '18 and '19 world juniors; won bronze in '17

THIRD: Martin Sesaker **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Construction worker and ice maker **Highlights:** Played third for Norway at 2022 worlds. Played second at 2017 and '18 world mixed. Played second at 2013 world juniors, alternate in '14, third in '15; won bronze in '14

SECOND: Bendik Ramsfjell **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** City planner **Highlights:** Played second for Norway at 2022 worlds. Played third at 2016 and '17 world juniors; won bronze in '17

LEAD/VICE-SKIP: Gaute Nepstad **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Data analyst **Highlights:** Played lead for Norway at 2022 worlds. Alternate at 2013 world juniors, lead in '14, skipped (threw lead) in '15; won bronze in '14

ALTERNATE: Wilhelm Naess **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Carpenter **Highlights:** Threw fourth for Norway at 2017, '18 and '19 world mixed; won bronze in '19. Played lead at 2013 world juniors, second in '14 and '16; won bronze in '14

COACH: Thomas Løvold

SCOTLAND VARIOUS CLUBS



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

SKIP: Bruce Mouat **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Won silver as skip of Great Britain at 2022 Olympics. Played in mixed doubles at 2022 Olympics. Skipped Scotland at 2018, '19 and '21 worlds; won silver in '21, bronze in '18. Played in 2013, '14, '16, '17 and '21 world mixed doubles; won gold in '21. Won gold at 2016 world juniors as skip, bronze in '15

THIRD: Grant Hardie **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Won silver as Great Britain third at 2022 Olympics. Played third for Scotland at 2018, '19 and '21 worlds; won silver in '21, bronze in '18. Won gold at 2017 world mixed as skip

SECOND: Bobby Lammie **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Won silver as Great Britain second at 2022 Olympics. Played second for Scotland at 2018, '19 and '21 worlds; won silver in '21, bronze in '18. Won gold at 2022

world mixed doubles. 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:** 30 **Occupation:** Curling development officer **Highlights:** Won silver as Great Britain lead at 2022 Olympics. Played lead for Scotland at 2016, '18, '19 and '21 worlds; won silver in '21, bronze in '18. Won gold at 2013 world juniors as alternate, bronze in '12

ALTERNATE: Kyle Waddell **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Protection specialist **Highlights:** Played second for Great Britain at 2018 Olympics. Skipped (threw third) for Scotland at 2022 worlds. Played second at 2012, '13 and '14 world juniors; won gold in '13, silver in '14 and bronze in '12

COACH: Michael Goodfellow

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SOUTH KOREA SEOUL METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT



From left: Taehwan Kim, Minwoo Kim, Jeongjae Lee and Byeongjin Jeong.

SKIP: Byeongjin Jeong **Age:** 26
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played lead for South Korea at 2019 worlds. Played third at 2018 world juniors

THIRD: Jeongjae Lee **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played third for South Korea at 2019 worlds

SECOND: Minwoo Kim **Age:** 27
Occupation: Curler

LEAD: Taehwan Kim **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played second for South Korea at 2011 worlds, third in '16

COACH: Jaebong Yang

SWEDEN KARLSTAD CURLING CLUB



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

SKIP: Niklas Edin **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Sweden at 2010, '14, '18 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '22, silver in '18, bronze in '14. Played third at 2006 worlds, skipped in '11, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22 skipped/alternate in '12; won gold in '13, '15, '18, '19, '21, '22, 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:** 31
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Alternate for Sweden at 2010 and '14 Olympics, played third in '18, '22; won gold in '22, 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, '19, '21, '22; won gold in '13, '15, '18, '19, '21, '22, silver in '14 and '17, bronze in '11 and '12. Played in 2019 and '21 world mixed doubles; won gold in '19, bronze in '21. Skipped at 2008 world juniors, skipped (third rocks) in '09 and '11; won gold in '11, silver in '08

SECOND: Rasmus Wranå **Age:** 28
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Second for Sweden at 2018 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '22, silver in '18. Played second at 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22 worlds; won gold in '18, '19, '21, '22, silver in '17. Played in 2022 world mixed doubles. Won silver at 2015 world mixed as skip. Skipped at 2012 and '16 world juniors; won silver in '12

LEAD: Christoffer Sundgren **Age:** 33
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Lead for Sweden at 2018 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '22, silver in '18. Played lead at 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22 worlds; won gold in '15, '18, '19, '21, '22, silver in '14 and '17. Played lead at 2009 world juniors, alternate in '11; won gold in '11

ALTERNATE: Daniel Magnusson **Age:** 23
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Won gold as alternate for Sweden at 2022 Olympics. Won gold as alternate for Sweden at 2019, '21 and '22 worlds. Skipped Sweden at 2018 world juniors

COACH: Fredrik Lindberg

SWITZERLAND VARIOUS CLUBS



From left: Yannick Schwaller, Benoît Schwarz, Sven Michel and Pablo Lachat.

SKIP/THIRD: Yannick Schwaller **Age:** 28
Occupation: Architect and business student **Highlights:** Skipped Switzerland at 2022 worlds. Skipped (threw second) at 2015 world mixed and skipped in '17. Skipped (threw third) at 2014 and '15 world juniors, skip in '16; won gold in '14, silver in '15

FOURTH: Benoît Schwarz **Age:** 31
Occupation: Business administration student **Highlights:** Threw fourth for Switzerland at 2018 and '22 Olympics, alternate in '14; won bronze in '18. Alternate at 2012 and '13 worlds, threw fourth rocks in '14, '17, '19 and '21; won bronze in '14, '17, '19 and '21. Played third at 2010 world juniors, threw fourth rocks in '11, alternate in '12; won gold in '10, silver in '11

SECOND: Sven Michel **Age:** 35
Occupation: Bricklayer **Highlights:** Skipped Switzerland at 2014 Olympics, third in '22. Alternate at 2011 and '15 worlds, skipped in '13, '16, third in '19 and '21; won bronze in '19 and '21. Won gold at 2011 and '18 world mixed doubles, silver in '22. Played third at 2006 and '07 world juniors; won bronze in '07

LEAD: Pablo Lachat **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Law student **Highlights:** Alternate for Switzerland at 2022 Olympics. Alternate at 2021 worlds

COACH: Håvard Vad Petersson

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TURKEY VARIOUS CLUBS



From left: Muhammed Faruk Kavaz, Orhun Yuce, Muhammed Zeki Uçan, Muhammet Haydar Demirel and Uğurcan Karagöz.

SKIP: Uğurcan Karagöz **Age:** 27
Occupation: Teacher **Highlights:** Played for Turkey in 2018 and '19 world mixed doubles. Played second at 2016 world mixed and third in '19. Skipped at 2016 and '17 world juniors

THIRD: Muhammet Haydar Demirel
Age: 23 **Occupation:** Student

SECOND: Muhammed Zeki Uçan **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Teacher **Highlights:** Played for Turkey in 2022 world mixed doubles. Alternate at 2016 world juniors and second in '17

LEAD: Orhun Yuce **Age:** 24 **Occupation:** Curling instructor **Highlights:** Played lead for Turkey at 2017 world mixed

ALTERNATE: Muhammed Faruk Kavaz
Age: 24 **Occupation:** Student

COACH: Ahmet Celik

UNITED STATES DULUTH AND MADISON CURLING CLUBS



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

SKIP: John Shuster **Age:** 40 **Occupation:** Curler and public speaker **Highlights:** Played lead for the U.S. at 2006 Olympics, skipped in '10, '14, '18, '22; won gold in '18, bronze in '06. Played lead at 2003, '05 and '06 worlds, skipped in '09, '15, '16, '17, '19, '21; won bronze in '16. Won bronze at 2019 world mixed doubles

THIRD: Chris Plys **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Self-employed **Highlights:** Alternate for the U.S. at 2010 Olympics, third in '22. Played in 2022 Olympic mixed doubles. Alternate at 2009 and '18 worlds, third in '19, '21. Skipped at 2006, '07, '08 and '09 world juniors; won gold in '08, bronze in '09

SECOND: Matt Hamilton **Age:** 34
Occupation: ESPN radio host **Highlights:** Played second for the U.S. at 2018 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '18. Played

in 2018 Olympic mixed doubles. Played second at 2015, '16, '17, '19, '21 worlds; won bronze in '16. Played in 2017 and '22 world mixed doubles. Played lead at 2008 and '09 world juniors; won gold in '08, bronze in '09

LEAD: John Landsteiner **Age:** 32
Occupation: Integrity corrosion engineer **Highlights:** Played lead for the U.S. at 2014, '18, '22 Olympics; won gold in '18. Played lead at 2015, '16, '17, '19, '21 worlds; won bronze in '16. Alternate at 2011 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Colin Huffman **Age:** 38
Occupation: Program manager **Highlights:** Alternate for the U.S. at 2022 Olympics. Played second for the U.S. at 2018 worlds, alternate in '21. Played third at 2002 world juniors

COACH: Steven Birkliid



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Dave Merklinger will make the Ottawa Worlds his farewell event after 49 years of making ice, and turning things over to his son Mike.

Dave Merklinger fera ses adieux au mondial d'Ottawa après 49 ans de fabrication de la glace et passera le relais à son fils Mike.

THE ICEMAN GOETH L'HOMME DE GLACE TIRE SA RÉVÉRENCE

After a memorable career making curling ice, technician Dave Merklinger is ready to put up his feet and relax after the Ottawa Worlds

Après une carrière mémorable dans la fabrication de glace de curling, le technicien Dave Merklinger est prêt à tirer sa révérence au terme du mondial à Ottawa

BY/PAR JOHN KOROBANIK

It's early the first Saturday morning of the 2023 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Kamloops, B.C., with no draw scheduled until the afternoon. Renown ice technician Dave Merklinger isn't officially working the event.

Still, there he is on the ice along with his son Mike and other ice makers, ensuring everything will be ready for the first rocks of the day. It's ingrained into Merklinger's brain and muscle memory: if it's 6 a.m. and there's a major curling event happening, he should be at the rink.

It's been that way almost since the day in 1969 when he was 14 and learning the art of making ice.

Il est tôt le premier samedi matin du Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties 2023 à Kamloops, en Colombie-Britannique, et aucun match n'est prévu avant l'après-midi. Le célèbre technicien de glace Dave Merklinger ne travaille pas officiellement à l'événement.

Pourtant, il est là sur la glace avec son fils Mike et d'autres fabricants de glace, s'assurant que tout sera prêt pour les premières pierres de la journée. C'est ancré dans la mémoire cérébrale et musculaire de Merklinger : s'il est 6 heures du matin et qu'un grand événement de curling est programmé, il devrait être à l'aréna.

Now 69 — his birthday was March 14 — Merklinger appears ready to hang up the tools of his trade. The 2023 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship in Ottawa will be his final major event.

In Ottawa things will have come full circle and it is, he says, the right time to pack away the tools and hand the whole box over to his son.

“I started in Ottawa. My first event on my own as a chief was 1990. Danny Lamoureux (club manager) and I worked together at the Ottawa Curling Club,” he says. “I was the ice tech, he was the manager, and we received the Scotties Tournament of Hearts and he said he wanted Dave Merklinger to be the ice tech. That was my first gig on my own as the chief.

“That's 33 years later I go, OK, we're back in Ottawa at the world's, Danny's retiring, the old guard is all retiring and I need a program now to figure out who is out there whereas I used to know everybody. The game is changing, there's new people moving up, Curling Canada has new ice techs, younger guys, so I thought this would be a good time to go, just go with my buddy and a couple of others.”

So after travelling the world, making ice for Canadian, European, World and Olympic championships, Ottawa will be his farewell, 49 years after he earned his first paycheque for making ice.

It has been a memorable ride.

“I started in Ontario, 1974 was my first time as a head ice technician at a curling club, the Trenton Country Club. Previous to that I had learned a lot of the trade from Shorty Jenkins. Shorty and I worked through the '70s, '80s, doing all kind of provincial ice, which enabled me to have the ability to take on an event like the 1990 Scotties in Ottawa.

“It's been awesome,” he says of the journey through the bowels of too many arenas. “So I thought that would be the perfect place to say, 'I've had enough.' These events are 16 solid days of 12, 14, 16 hour days. I still love doing it. I did the PointsBet event (in Fredericton, N.B.) in the fall and I go, OK I'm going to pack it in this year. I'm doing what I do and I'm going, I can't quit! I know too much.”

Fortunately he has been passing on that knowledge to a new generation of ice makers, including his son, and will continue to do so in some role. He will continue to make ice as the head ice maker and manager of the Vernon Curling Club, which will host the 2023 Everest Canadian Senior Championships in December. Merklinger is the co-chair of the event “and yes I'm going to have my fingers in the pot.”

Ideally, he would like to find a role as a consultant without having to do the heavy lifting.

“I would love to just go and consult as opposed

C'est comme ça presque depuis le jour de 1969 où il avait 14 ans et apprenait l'art de fabriquer de la glace. Maintenant âgé de 69 ans — son anniversaire était le 14 mars — Merklinger semble prêt à accrocher ses outils. Le championnat mondial de curling masculin BKT Pneus et OK Pneus sera son dernier grand événement.

À Ottawa, la boucle sera bouclée et c'est, dit-il, le bon moment pour ranger les outils et remettre tout le coffre à son fils.

« J'ai commencé à Ottawa. Mon premier événement en tant que chef a eu lieu en 1990. Danny Lamoureux (gestionnaire du club) et moi travaillions ensemble au Club de curling d'Ottawa », dit-il. « J'étais le technicien de glace, il était le gestionnaire, et nous avons reçu le Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties et il a dit qu'il voulait que Dave Merklinger soit le technicien de glace. C'était mon premier tournoi seul en tant que chef.

« Aujourd'hui, 33 ans plus tard, je me dis, d'accord, nous sommes de retour à Ottawa au championnat du monde, Danny prend sa retraite, la vieille garde prend sa retraite et j'ai besoin d'un programme maintenant pour savoir qui est qui, alors qu'avant je connaissais tout le monde. Le jeu change, il y a de nouvelles personnes qui progressent, Curling Canada a de nouveaux techniciens de glace, des gars plus jeunes, alors j'ai pensé que ce serait le bon moment pour me retirer, simplement avec mon copain et quelques autres. »

Ainsi, après avoir parcouru le monde, fabriqué de la glace pour des championnats canadiens, européens, mondiaux et olympiques, Ottawa sera son dernier tour de piste, 49 ans après avoir mérité son premier chèque de paie pour la fabrication de glace.

Ce fut un parcours mémorable.

« J'ai commencé en Ontario. En 1974, c'était la première fois que je travaillais comme technicien de glace en chef dans un club de curling, le Trenton Country Club. Avant cela, j'avais beaucoup appris sur le métier de Shorty Jenkins. Shorty et moi avons travaillé dans les années 1970 et 1980, fabriquant la glace à toutes sortes de tournois provinciaux, ce qui m'a permis d'avoir la capacité de faire face à un événement comme le championnat Scotties de 1990 à Ottawa.

« Ce fut génial », dit-il à propos de son passage dans les recoins de trop d'aréna. « Alors j'ai pensé que ce serait l'endroit idéal pour dire: "J'en ai assez." Ces événements représentent 16 jours éreintants de 12, 14, 16 heures. J'aime toujours le faire. J'ai fait l'événement PointsBet (à Fredericton) l'automne dernier et je me suis dit, d'accord, je vais arrêter cette année. Je fais ce que je fais et je me suis dit, je ne peux pas abandonner! J'ai trop de connaissances. »

Heureusement, il a transmis ces connaissances à une nouvelle génération de fabricants de glace, y compris son fils, et continuera de le faire dans certains rôles. Il continuera à fabriquer de la glace en tant que fabricant de glace en chef et gestionnaire du Club de curling de Vernon, qui accueillera les championnats canadiens de curling senior Everest en décembre. Merklinger est le co-



Dave Merklinger says there's a lot of stress being a head ice technician at a major event, but he loved every minute of it and is now passing on his knowledge to the next generation of ice makers.

Dave Merklinger dit que le poste de technicien de glace en chef lors d'un grand événement comporte beaucoup de stress, mais il a adoré chaque minute et transmet maintenant ses connaissances à la prochaine génération de fabricants de glace.

to doing all the work," he said. "I teach courses and will continue to teach courses, will continue to work with Curl BC as an ice tech because when you do a provincial it's only eight or nine days, opposed to 16. Sixteen is a long, long time. They're terrible hours, people don't realize that."

Plus, it's not just the hours that put a tremendous strain on the aging body.

"There's a lot of stress doing the Scotties, the Brier, the Worlds, there's constant monitoring of temperatures, ice goes south, which it can easily, and I get (blamed).

"It's not so much the curlers. The curlers know, or have an idea, that this is not the easiest gig in the world and they know that we're trying to provide them with as good a playing surface as possible."

Sometimes, however, that doesn't happen. For instance, the 2017 Scotties in St. Catharines, Ont.

"They had no dehumidifiers or they weren't working properly," Merklinger remembers.

"So we were having trouble with the ice. It just poured rain for four or five days. We couldn't get the moisture out of it. Finally we get everything going, get the machinery fixed and the humidity level is starting to drop. At midnight we left somebody in charge, staying at the arena

président de l'événement « et oui, je vais avoir mes doigts dans le pot. »

Idéalement, il aimerait trouver un rôle de consultant sans avoir à faire le gros du travail.

« J'aimerais simplement être consultant au lieu de faire tout le travail », a-t-il déclaré. « Je donne des cours et je continuerai à en donner, je continuerai à travailler avec Curl BC en tant que technicien de glace parce que lorsque vous travaillez à un provincial, ce n'est que huit ou neuf jours, comparativement à 16. Seize, c'est très long. Ce sont des heures de fou, les gens ne s'en rendent pas compte. »

De plus, ce ne sont pas seulement les heures qui exercent une pression énorme sur le corps vieillissant.

« Il y a beaucoup de stress dans le cadre du tournoi Scotties, du Brier, des mondiaux, il y a une surveillance constante des températures, la glace se détériore, ce qui peut arriver facilement, et je suis (blâmé). »

« Ce ne sont pas tant les curleurs. Les curleurs savent, ou ont une idée, que ce n'est pas le rôle le plus facile au monde et ils savent que nous essayons de leur fournir la meilleure surface de jeu possible. »

Parfois, cependant, cela ne se produit pas. Par exemple, le championnat Scotties de 2017 à St. Catharines, en Ontario.

« Ils n'avaient pas de déshumidificateurs ou ils ne fonctionnaient pas correctement », se souvient Merklinger. « Nous avons donc des problèmes avec la glace. Il a plu pendant quatre ou cinq jours. Nous n'avons pas pu en extraire l'humidité. Finalement, nous réussissons à tout mettre en place, réparons les machines et le taux d'humidité commence à baisser. À minuit, nous avons laissé quelqu'un en charge, qui est resté à l'aréna toute la nuit pour m'avertir si l'humidité commençait à ne plus baisser. C'était son travail, c'est tout ce qu'il avait à faire pendant les six heures suivantes. »

Cela ne s'est pas produit.

« Je suis entré dans le bâtiment, il y avait 96 % d'humidité, il y avait de l'eau sur les pierres, c'était un gâchis. Je me souviens que j'ai réuni toutes les filles pour une réunion avant la séance de 9 h, j'ai dit "les filles, il y a de fortes chances qu'on racle la glace à la pause du cinquième bout". Le gel était mauvais à ce point. Et nous l'avons fait. Nous avons fait trois séances ce jour-là et à chaque pause du cinquième bout, nous avons procédé à un raclage rapide, avons appliqué des pitons et ça s'est bien passé. Mais ce fut beaucoup de travail. C'était très stressant. »

Heureusement, il y a eu beaucoup plus de hauts que de bas tout au long de sa carrière.

« Évidemment, le tout premier, le championnat Scotties d'Ottawa à moi seul », dit Merklinger à propos des faits saillants. « Ensuite, j'ai fait, je pense, le Brier de 1997 au Saddledome de Calgary

overnight to notify me if the humidity starts to not continue to go down. That was his job, that's all he had to do for the next six hours."

That didn't happen.

"I walked into the building it was 96 per cent humidity, there was water on the rocks, it was a mess. I can remember I pulled all the girls together for a meeting before the 9 a.m. draw, I said 'girls, there's a good chance that we will be scraping the ice at the fifth-end break'. The frost was that bad. And we did. We did three draws that day and every fifth-end break we did a fast scrape, pebbled and it turned out good. But, boy, it was a lot of work. It was very stressful."

Fortunately there were a lot more highs than lows throughout his career.

"Obviously the very first one, the Ottawa Scotties on my own," Merklinger says of the highlights. "Then I did, I think, the '97 Brier in the Saddledome in Calgary with Scotty. I'll tell you, when you've got 16,000 people in the building for the final game and it's 65 degrees six inches or a foot off the ice, your stomach churns. How am I going to make this ice stay ice without melting?"

"There's an awful lot of pressure when you're on national TV, it all of a sudden goes to water, the game is over, no more TV, no more doing ice anymore because you've lost your (touch.) So that was a very memorable one.

"I've had some that I would like to forget, like the 2007 Hamilton Brier. They call that the picky Brier. Some of the water quality was not good, it kind of fudged at times, lots of picks on the ice. Of course any pick on the ice reflects upon the ice maker whether it's the curlers or not . . . and if there's a problem it's going to end up being my fault.

"But then I rebounded with the Worlds in Edmonton at Rexall Place in 2007. I did the ice for that and it was perfect, it was beautiful. I've had a lot of memorable events, I've been all over the world making ice for the World Curling Federation for the European championships, the World championships."

Another event that stands out is the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver where he worked with Hans Wuthrich and Eric Monford.

"We all started at the same time making ice for national events . . . and by the time 2010 came around the three of us were together making ice for the Olympics. It was awesome, unbelievable, doing that event, especially with my two buddies. I enjoyed that one immensely."

Good or bad, every major event he works ends the same way, with tears.

"Every event, there's so much time and effort put into these events and, at the end, after the final rock is thrown and the event is over, I actually hate to say it, but I get a little emotional and I get all

avec Scotty. Je vais vous dire, quand vous avez 16 000 personnes dans le bâtiment pour le match final et qu'il fait 65 degrés à six pouces ou un pied de la glace, votre estomac se retourne. Comment vais-je faire en sorte que cette glace reste glacée sans fondre?

« Il y a énormément de pression quand vous êtes à la télévision nationale, tout d'un coup ça se change en eau, le match est fini, plus de télé, plus de glace parce que vous avez perdu votre (touche). Donc ce fut un événement très mémorable.

« J'en ai eu que j'aimerais oublier, comme le Brier à Hamilton en 2007, ils l'appellent le « Brier coché ». Une partie de la qualité de l'eau n'était pas bonne, elle était parfois floue, il y avait beaucoup de coches sur la glace. Bien sûr, toute coche sur la glace se reflète sur le technicien de glace, qu'il s'agisse des joueurs ou non... et s'il y a un problème, ça finira par être de ma faute.

« Mais ensuite j'ai rebondi lors des mondiaux à Edmonton à la Place Rexall en 2007. J'ai fait la glace pour ce tournoi et c'était parfait, c'était magnifique. J'ai eu beaucoup d'événements mémorables, j'ai été partout dans le monde pour faire de la glace pour la Fédération mondiale de curling pour les championnats d'Europe, les championnats du monde. »

Un autre événement qui se démarque est les Jeux olympiques de 2010 à Vancouver, où il a travaillé avec Hans Wuthrich et Eric Monford.

« Nous avons tous commencé en même temps à fabriquer de la glace pour des événements nationaux... et au moment où 2010 est arrivé, nous étions tous les trois à fabriquer de la glace pour les Jeux olympiques. C'était génial, incroyable, de faire cet événement, surtout avec mes deux copains. J'ai énormément apprécié celui-là. »

Bon ou mauvais, chaque grand événement auquel il participe se termine de la même manière, avec des larmes.

« Chaque événement, il y a tellement de temps et d'efforts consacrés à ces événements et, à la fin, après

Dave Merklinger says making the ice for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver was an awesome, unbelievable experience.

Dave Merklinger affirme que fabriquer la glace pour les Jeux olympiques de 2010 à Vancouver fut une expérience merveilleuse et incroyable.





Legendary ice maker Shorty Jenkins took a young Dave Merklinger under his wing back in the 70s, teaching him the tricks of the trade.

Le légendaire fabricant de glace Shorty Jenkins a pris sous son aile le jeune Dave Merklinger dans les années 1970, lui apprenant les ficelles du métier.

choked up. I have to go off into a corner to wipe the tears out of my eyes because it is such an emotional release.”

A competitive curler himself — he played in the 1985 Brier with Earle Morris — Merklinger says ice making is about creating the pristine surface that allows curlers to perform at their best so the game is entertaining to the fans.

“That’s what it’s all about, entertaining spectators. And the only way to sell the game and make it entertaining on TV is to have good ice and allow the players to feel the ice. They need to feel it and that’s what I take most pride in.”

Merklinger has seen tremendous changes in the game, the rocks, the promotions and technology used to make ice. It was in the early ’90s that he and Jenkins discovered a little scratch would make rocks curl a little more.

“I can remember being in the bowels of arenas at three o’clock in the morning, when there’s nobody around, sandpapering rocks so we could have good, entertaining ice that curls. Just give the rocks a quick scratch to make sure they continue to curl. The scratch will grab the pebble and make the rock curl.

“But now it’s not a secret, everybody does it.”

What hasn’t changed has been the people and that is the part he will miss the most.

“The people in the game of curling are the greatest people in the world. To be quite honest, I have made so many friends, half of them I don’t even know their names, they come up to me. I think I’m a personable person, I like to go have a good time like the rest of them and I’ve had some really, really good times. And I will continue to have good times because I can continue to do what I like to do. If a Brier comes close to Vernon I’ll take it in.”

So what then will be Dave Merklinger’s legacy?

“My legacy I think is providing a surface to play on that’s entertaining, that TV can grasp and that the players can grasp, and make the game entertaining. It all started with Shorty and we have evolved from those days . . . I’m carrying his torch and now my son will be carrying my torch so it evolves and it will continue to evolve that way.

“It’s time for me to let some of the younger guys come in. I’ve often said to myself, I can’t make this ice any better. And I go, I should retire right now. So I am going to Ottawa and I’m going to make good ice for that event and I am going out with a smile on my face and I am going to go out on top. There’s no better way to go.”

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la dernière pierre et à la fin de l’événement, je déteste vraiment le dire, mais je deviens un peu émotif. Je dois aller dans un coin pour essuyer mes larmes parce que c’est une telle charge émotionnelle. »

Lui-même curlleur de compétition — il a participé au Brier de 1985 avec Earle Morris — Merklinger dit que la fabrication de glace consiste à créer la surface immaculée qui permet aux curlleurs de donner le meilleur d’eux-mêmes afin que le jeu soit divertissant pour les partisans.

« C’est de cela qu’il s’agit, divertir les spectateurs. Et la seule façon de vendre le sport et de le rendre divertissant à la télévision est d’avoir une bonne glace et de permettre aux joueurs de sentir la glace. Ils ont besoin de la ressentir et c’est ce dont je suis le plus fier. »

Merklinger a vu d’énormes changements dans le sport, les pierres, les promotions et la technologie utilisée pour fabriquer la glace. C’est au début des années 1990 que lui et Jenkins ont découvert qu’une petite égratignure ferait courber un peu plus les pierres.

« Je me souviens d’avoir été dans les recoins des arénas à trois heures du matin, quand il n’y avait personne autour, en train de poncer des pierres pour que nous puissions avoir une bonne glace divertissante qui courbe. Il suffit de gratter rapidement les pierres pour s’assurer qu’elles continuent de courber.

L’égratignure saisira les pitons et fera courber la pierre.

« Mais maintenant ce n’est plus un secret, tout le monde le fait. »

Ce qui n’a pas changé, ce sont les gens et c’est ce qui lui manquera le plus.

« Les gens du curling sont les meilleurs au monde. Pour être tout à fait honnête, je me suis fait tellement d’amis, dont la moitié dont je ne connais même pas le nom, ils viennent me voir. Je pense que je suis une personne agréable, j’aime passer un bon moment comme les autres et j’ai passé de très, très bons moments. Et je continuerai à passer de bons moments parce que je peux continuer à faire ce que j’aime faire. Si un Brier s’approche de Vernon, je m’impliquerai. »

Alors, quel sera alors l’héritage de Dave Merklinger?

« Mon héritage, je pense, est d’offrir une surface de jeu divertissante que la télévision peut capter et que les joueurs peuvent apprécier et rendre le jeu divertissant. Tout a commencé avec Shorty et nous avons évolué depuis cette époque... Je porte son flambeau et maintenant mon fils portera mon flambeau, donc ça évolue et ça continuera à évoluer comme ça.

« Il est temps pour moi de laisser la place à des plus jeunes. Je me suis souvent dit, je ne peux pas améliorer cette glace. Et je me dis, je devrais prendre ma retraite maintenant. Je vais donc à Ottawa et je vais faire de la bonne glace pour cet événement et je quitte avec le sourire aux lèvres et je vais quitter au sommet. Il n’y a pas de meilleure façon de quitter. »

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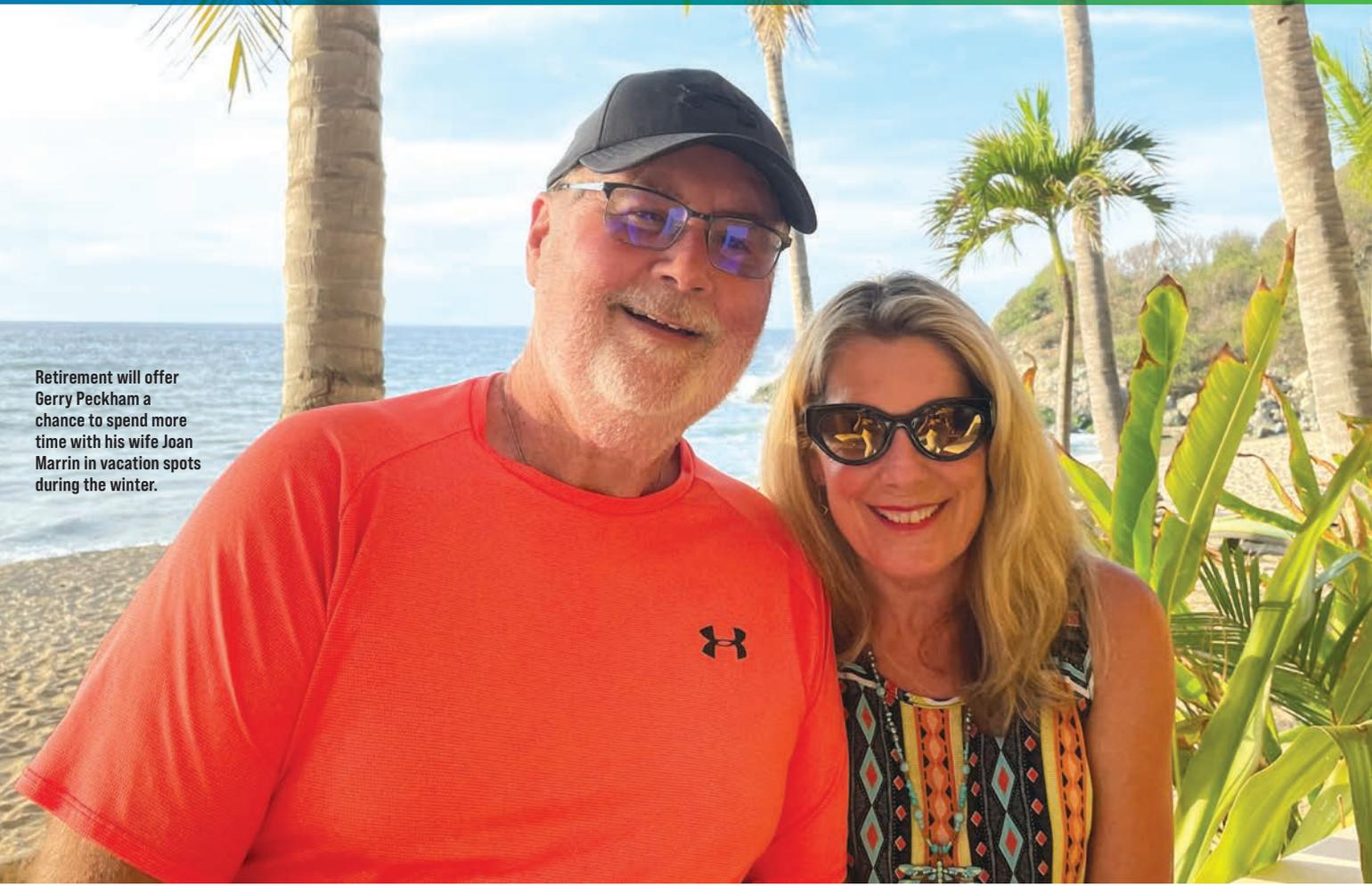
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The BOYS of WINTER



Retirement will offer Gerry Peckham a chance to spend more time with his wife Joan Marrin in vacation spots during the winter.

Peckham and Lamoureux ride off into the sunset after a remarkable record of service to Curling Canada

BY DAVE KOMOSKY

Curling Canada made a bold move recently by handing an ‘outsider’ from Scotland the crucial job of Director, High Performance.

And the first person to applaud the decision to name David Murdoch MBE to the job is the man he’s replacing — Gerry Peckham.

“I say bravo Curling Canada for hiring somebody of David’s capacity,” Peckham, 72, said from a vacation spot a little north of Puerto Vallarta in Mexico where he was enjoying one of the perks of retirement with his wife Joan Marrin.

“There’s lots to like about David beyond his resume,” he added. “He’s been a great athlete and coach. I think Curling Canada went out and hired the number one subject

matter expert in the world on all things High Performance curling related.

“He also has a great demeanour about him. He’s respectful, he’s humble, he’s gracious, so I think he’s going to fit into the curling community and the curling culture in Canada perfectly.”

Two-time world champion and Olympic silver-medal-winning skip Murdoch, who is a retired curler from Stirling, officially joined Curling Canada during the 2023 Tim Hortons Brier.

But boy, does he have big shoes to fill. Canada continues to be a curling powerhouse, and much of that success has come under the direction of Peckham. The Director, High Performance for 33 years has been an influential, behind-the-

scenes figure who has helped Canadian teams reach the podium at many major events, including world championships, Olympics and Paralympics.

Peckham is one of two important people that Curling Canada has lost to retirement this season. Danny Lamoureux, Executive Director of Curler Experience and Curling Club Development, will be walking out the door at the end of the season with Peckham as they transition into retirement, taking their deep, institutional knowledge of the organization and skill with them as they look for new fulfillment outside of work.

Both have agreed to stick around during the adjustment period.

“I’ll be in a consulting role for a period of time,” said Peckham. “A couple of purposes will be to help Mr. Murdoch get settled and make sure he feels supported as he learns the ropes of the Canadian amateur sports system, plus making other contributions on an as-needed basis.”

Peckham said now seemed a perfect time to step aside.

“I thought it was time for the High Performance position at Curling Canada to have a new look,” he said. “Passionate as I remain and dedicated as I’ve always been, it just seemed to me the right time for a new look . . . to put down the welcome mat for someone else to take over and become the new leader of what will be a very exciting and challenging era.”

Peckham’s legacy will be in producing great champions. He went about his job with little flair but profound insight into what it took to succeed.

Peckham set a world-leading record for the production of international medals for Canada including world championships: 26 for men (15 gold), 28 for women (11 gold), 54 for M/W U-21 (26 gold), six wheelchair curling (three gold) as well as multiple medals for mixed, seniors and mixed doubles. He has also overseen the Olympic/Paralympic program that has produced 12 Olympic medals and five Paralympic medals, with podium finishes in every quadrennial since he joined the program.

Peckham says he’s proud to have worked all these years for Curling Canada, and the effort put in by Curling Canada to help get curling into the Olympics.

“Back in those days we were incredibly focused on trying to become an Olympic sport,” he says. “So I was part of the process that led up to ’88 in Calgary and was with the Canadian teams that went to Albertville in ’92. We all knew the importance of becoming a bona fide medal sport, and I applaud the collaboration between Curling Canada and the World Curling Federation in their efforts to have curling approved for the ’98 Winter Olympics.”

Peckham didn’t take the direct route into Curling Canada. He grew up in a passionate curling family and started curling at a young age. He was fortunate enough to represent British Columbia on five different

national championships.

But he got distracted and fell in love with racquet sports for a period of time, travelling the world with a tennis racquet in his hand. That often took place in the winter so competitive curling was set aside.

“But I always kept my hand in the coaching side of curling. When my competitive days began slip-sliding away, I still stayed very active in curling, getting involved with Canada’s national certification program and instructor development programs.”

When Gerry DeBlonde stepped down from the High Performance position, Peckham was asked to apply.

He has no regrets but plenty of memories. His favourite was the 2017 Tim Hortons Brier in St. John’s, N.L.

“Just because of the dynamic of it all, including the hurricane,” says Peckham. “I’ve always been a fan of all things Newfoundland, so on a scale of one to 10, that was the 10 for me. It was a truly memorable event, in a most memorable city surrounded by memorable personalities.”

When asked to name his favourite players . . .

“I have always been a fan first and foremost and therefore continually had an array of world-class talent to admire and support. Too many “all-stars” to truly pick a favourite based on results only.”

“In the early days I’d say it was hard not to recognize the incredible accomplishments of Sandra Schmirler,” he said. “She was our first Olympic gold medalist, and

Danny Lamoureux, who wore multiple hats for Curling Canada over the years, was particularly proud of the job he did at the curling club level.



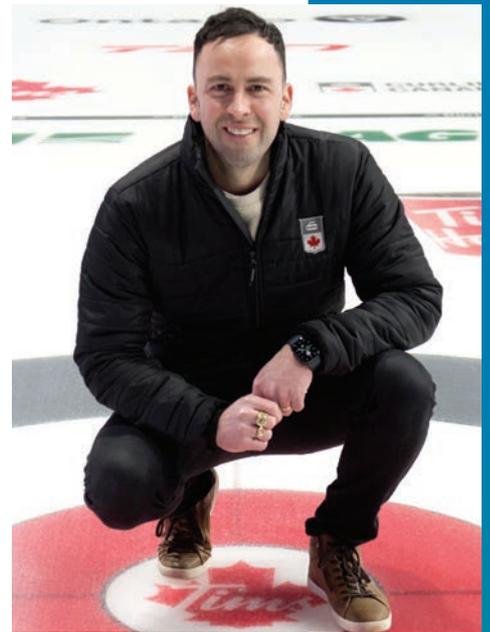
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seemed to have a certain inner switch where she could simply decide it was time for her to be her best. And her teams would always find a way to prevail.

“I was also really intrigued by the Colleen Jones team. They didn’t travel as much and play as much as some other teams but their approach to training and willingness to be students of the game, I thought to some degree, was cutting edge as far as a mindful approach to elite play.”

Curling Canada Chief Executive Officer Katherine Henderson admitted replacing Peckham’s experience will not be easy.

“Gerry’s contributions to our sport and our organization will continue to be a roadmap for us to follow,” said Henderson. “His leadership and vision put so many athletes and teams in a position to succeed, and I know I speak on their behalf when I express our sincere gratitude for everything he did for curling in Canada.”

Lamoureux was also a key player within the organization, making the curling experience fun and memorable for all who played it at the club or national level, while guiding clubs across the country to make smart business decisions. His background — he was manager of the Ottawa Curling Club for years — made him an ideal candidate for the job when it became available.

Lamoureux, who wore multiple hats for Curling Canada, was particularly proud of the job he did at the curling club level.

“I most enjoyed club development, for sure,” he said. “I started in 1998 interacting with curling club managers and curling club boards and it’s just been a hoot. All the symposiums we’ve done, probably 50 to 55 in the past 25 years, I’d leave there all pumped up because I hear all the great things that are happening in curling and being able to share best practices with those clubs.

Lamoureux knew the writing was on the wall for him after last spring’s Tim Hortons Brier in Lethbridge, Alta.

“I came home in March after the Tim Hortons Brier and I said to my wife, ‘I’m tired. I’m tired of the travelling, I’m tired of being away four months of the year.’ It just wasn’t fun anymore. It was too much like work.”

Lamoureux said the timing just felt right.

“We just did a symposium on Changing the Face of Curling, and I realized it’s time for Danny to get his face out of the way,” he laughed. “Get some younger people in, some next generation ideas in.”

Henderson was full of praise for Lamoureux and his contribution to Curling Canada.

“There is not a curling centre, curler or curling fan in Canada that has not been influenced by the work of Danny Lamoureux,” she said. “Danny will forget more about curling than most of us will ever know. He began his career as a professional club manager and over the years became one of the key influencers in the business of curling.”

Peckham, who has spent almost 32 years with Curling Canada after moving from Prince George, B.C., has no doubt Curling Canada is in good hands.

“I’ve been fortunate to be surrounded by really capable, competent, caring people,” he said. “Mr. Murdoch is arriving in Canada where the welcome mat is genuinely down. I know he’s going to feel welcomed, supported. He’s going to have, in my opinion, an exceptional team to commence his agenda, with the contribution of people such as Lindsay Sparkes, Jim Waite, Bill Tschirhart, Rick Lang, Elaine Dagg-Jackson, Paul Webster, Renée Sonnenberg, Helen Radford, Kyle Paquette, Mick Lizmore, Jeff Stoughton and Scott Pfeifer, and a host of others.

“That’s a great lineup for him to start with.”

Dave Komosky is Editor, Event Daily Publications

Left: One of the players Gerry Peckham most admired was the late Sandra Schmirler who he said had an inner switch she could turn on to be her best.

Right: David Murdoch is taking over as Director, High Performance for Curling Canada. He moved into his new position in early March.



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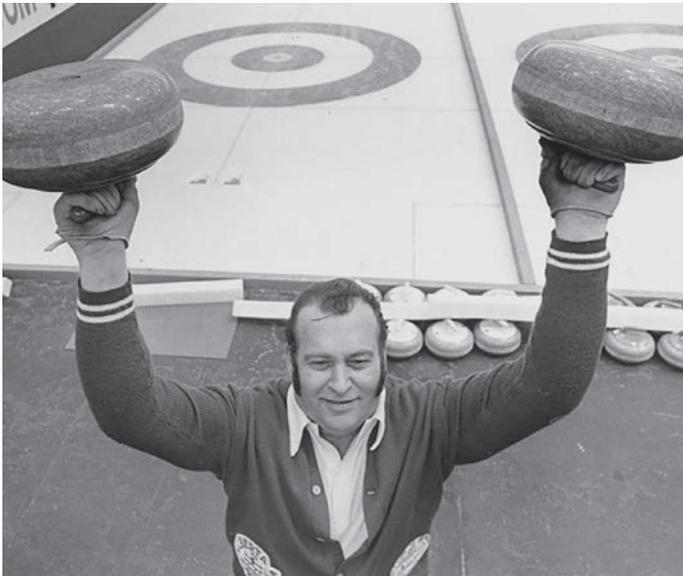
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Hector Gervais and his team came out of Alberta to win the Scotch Cup and become world curling champions in 1961. He was known for his size but also gentle nature.

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
BOTTCHER, Brendan — of Edmonton as skip in 2021
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*, '22
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*, '22
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



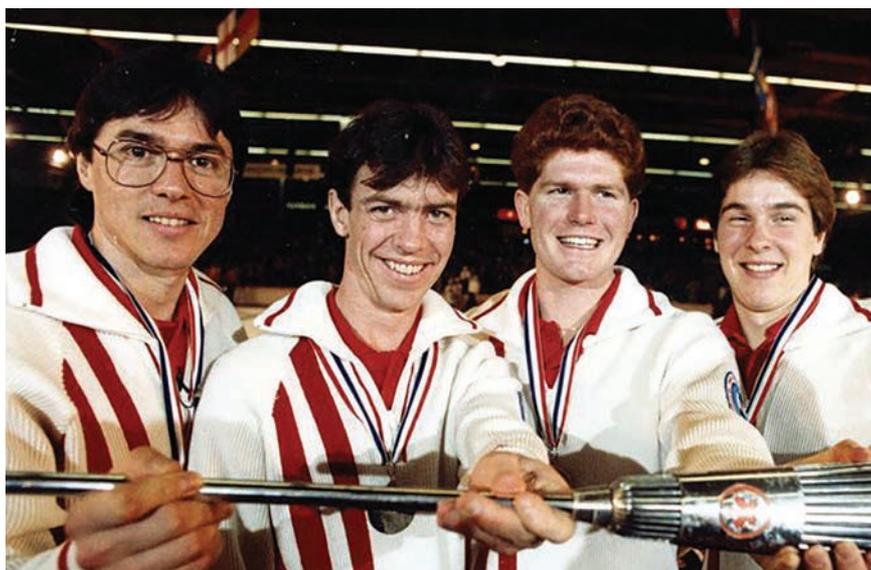
Bernie Sparkes won three Canadian and world championships as an outstanding second on skip Ron Northcott's great Calgary teams in the 1960s. His curling career would span 30 years and two provinces and include his induction into the World Curling Hall of Fame.

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HARNDEN, E.J. — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as second in 2013
HARNDEN, 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
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
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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, Karrick — of Edmonton as lead in 2021
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
MOULDING, Darren — of Edmonton as third in 2021
NAIMARK, Barry — of Vancouver as lead in 1964
NEDOHIN, David — of Edmonton as third in 2001, '02, '03, '05
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NEUFELD, Chris — of Winnipeg as second in 1992
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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
PERROUD, 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



Saskatchewan-born Rick Folk won two world championships for Canada, his first in 1980 and then again in 1994.



Al Hackner, left, is a Canadian Hall of Fame curler and two-time Tim Hortons Brier and world champion skip from Thunder Bay. He skipped the Northern Ontario team in nine Briers and won his first Silver Broom in 1982 with his teammates (from right) Bruce Kennedy, Bob Nichol and Rick Lang.



Don Duguid (left) of Winnipeg and Calgary's Ron Northcott dominated Canadian and world men's curling when they played. Duguid played in three national championships, twice as skip and once as third for Terry Braunstein, and Northcott skipped in three. Together they won five world titles. Both have been inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame and World Curling Hall of Fame.



Ray Turnbull of Manitoba played in only one world men's curling championship, but he was a big influence in curling as a coach and TV broadcaster.

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
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, Brad — of Edmonton as second in 2021
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*, '22
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

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

WORLD CURLING HALL OF FAME



PHOTO: CURLING CANADA

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

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

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

World Curling Federation Kate Caithness said, "I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to our World Curling Hall of Fame 2022

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

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

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

TEAM SCHMIRLER

Curlers

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

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

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

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

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

IAN TETLEY

Curler

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

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

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



IAN TETLEY

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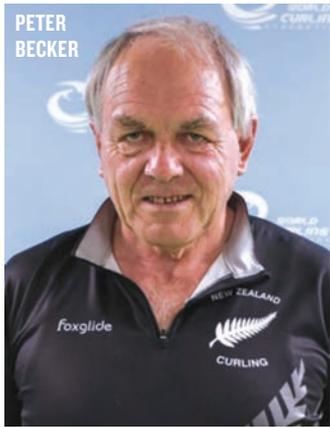


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Tetley secured the gold medals in every world championship he competed and compiled a 27-6 win-loss record throughout his international career.

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

PETER BECKER

Builder

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

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

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

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

He was the Secretary of

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

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

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

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

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

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

championship he played, including three world titles.

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



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KATE CAITHNESS CBE

Builder

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

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

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

JACK LYNCH

Builder

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

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

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

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

EWAN MACDONALD

Curler

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

MacDonald is a three-time world champion – 1999, 2006 and 2009 – and two-time European champion – 1999 and 2008 – with Scotland. He represented Scotland in 10 world championships, medalling in



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

PETER SMITH

Curler

Peter Smith represented Scotland at 11 World Men's

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

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

Smith is a three-time world champion — 1991, 2006,

and 2009 — , also winning five silver medals and one bronze medal. Smith won a World Junior title, in 1986, and bronze medal in his two appearances, and a World Senior silver medal in his lone appearance in 2019.

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

Olympic Winter Games when curling was an exhibition sport. Strum medalled in every world championship he competed.

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

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

BILL STRUM

Curler

Bill Strum represented the United States in the Scotch Cup, four World Championships and two

WORLD CURLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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

*posthumously

WORLD CURLING FREYTAG AWARD WINNERS

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

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

ELMER FREYTAG AWARD WINNERS

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

WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

RECORDS & STATISTICS



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Germany's Andy Kapp made it to 14 world men's championships as a player. He won two silver and three bronze medals over those years.

Most appearances (including alternates)

- 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 – Torger Nergård of Norway in 1998, 2004*, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '14, '15, '16, '21
- 13 – Andrea Pavani of Italy in 1973, '74, '76, '77, '79, '80, '81, '82, '84, '85, '86, '89, '90
- 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 – Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2006, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22
- 11 – Oskar Eriksson of Sweden in 2011*, '12*, '13*, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22
- 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 – 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 – John Shuster of the United States in 2003, '05, '06, '09, '15, '16, '17, '19, '21
- 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 – Markus Høiberg of Norway in 2011*, '13*, '14*, '15*, '16*, '17, '18, '21
- 8 – Bo Jensen of Denmark in 2001, '02, '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10
- 8 – Kalle Kiiskinen of Finland in 2002, '03, '05, '06, '07, '09, '16*, '22
- 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 – Joel Retornaz of Italy in 2005*, '10, '15, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22
- 8 – Tetsuro Shimizu of Japan in 2009, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19, '21
- 8 – Christoffer Sundgren of Sweden in 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22
- 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 – 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 – 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 – Joe Polo of the United States in 2005, '06, '10, '11, '14, '17*, '22
- 7 – Shawn Rojeski of the United States in 1998*, 2003, '05, '06, '10, '11, '14
- 7 – Teemu Salo of Finland in 2002, '03, '05, '06, '07, '09, '22
- 7 – Jiří Snítíl of the Czech Republic in 2008, '09, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15

7 – Martin Snitil 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 – Sven Michel of Switzerland in 2011*, '13, '15*, '16, '19, '21
 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 – Amos Mosaner of Italy in 2015, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22
 6 – Mikkel Poulsen of Denmark in 2008*, '09*, '10*, '12, '13, '16
 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 – Benoît Schwarz of Switzerland in 2012*, '13*, '14, '17, '19, '21
 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 – Carlo Glasbergen of the Netherlands in 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22
 5 – Alan Glen of Scotland in 1963, '65, '66, '67, '68
 5 – Wouter Gösgens of the Netherlands in 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22
 5 – Mark Haluptzok of the United States in 1979, '93, '94, '99*, 2010*
 5 – Matt Hamilton of the United States in 2015, '16, '17, '19, '21
 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 – Laurens Hoekman of the Netherlands in 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22
 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 – Soo-Hyuk Kim of South Korea in 2003, '11, '16, '19, '22
 5 – John Landsteinder of the United States in 2015, '16, '17, '19, '21
 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 – 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 – 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 – Jaap van Dorp of the Netherlands in 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22
 5 – Marek Vydra of the Czech Republic in 2008, '11, '12, '13, '14*
 5 – Rasmus Wranå of Sweden in 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22
 * - indicates appearance as alternate

Longest game

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

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; Denmark, vs. Switzerland, 7, in 2022; Czech Republic, vs. Scotland, 6, in 2022

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; Czech Republic, vs. Netherlands in 2022; Italy, vs. United States in 2022

Most extra-end games, one championship

11 – 2018

Fewest extra-end games, one championship

0 – 1968



Swedish skip Niklas Edin rewrites the world record book every year, it seems. He is a six-time winner as a skip, and will be going for a seventh in Ottawa this year.



American Bud Somerville won the Scotch Cup in 1965, defeating Canada in the final, making him the first skip from outside of Canada to win a world championship.

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

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

2021 — Sweden and RCF. Playoff winner: Sweden

Six-time winners

Niklas Edin of Sweden, as skip in 2013, '15, '18, '19, '21, '22

Five-time winners

Oskar Eriksson of Sweden, as third in 2015, '18, '19, '21, '22 (won as alternate in '13)

Christoffer Sundgren of Sweden, as lead in 2015, '18, '19, '21, '22

Four-time winners

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

Rasmus Wranå of Sweden, as second in 2018, '19, '21, '22

Three-time winners

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

Egil 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

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

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

Ed Werenich of Canada, as skip in 1983, '90

Bryan Wood of Canada, as lead in 1970, '71

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, '21, '22 (no event in 2020)

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, '21 and '22 (no event played in 2020)

Most appearances, one skip

13 — Andy Kapp of Germany

Most games, one skip

143 — Andy Kapp of Germany

Most wins, one skip

88 — Thomas Ulsrud of Norway

Skips with 15 or more wins

95 — Niklas Edin of Sweden

88 — Thomas Ulsrud of Norway

72 — Andy Kapp of Germany

63 — Egil Ramsfjell of Norway

58 — David Smith of Scotland

56 — Markku Uusipaavalniemi of Finland

55 — Peja Lindholm of Sweden

54 — David Murdoch of Scotland

49 — John Shuster of the United States

49 — Pål Trulsen of Norway

45 — Kristian Sørnum of Norway

42 — Kevin Koe of Canada



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40 – Kevin Martin of Canada
 39 – Joel Retornaz of Italy
 39 – Ulrik Schmidt of Denmark
 38 – Peter de Cruz of Switzerland
 36 – Randy Ferbey of Canada
 36 – Keith Wendorf of Germany
 35 – Brad Gushue of Canada
 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 – Bruce Mouat of Scotland
 31 – Jeff Stoughton of Canada
 30 – Ralph Stöckli of Switzerland
 28 – Jiří Snitil 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 – 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
 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 – Andrea Pavani of Italy
 19 – Pierre Boan of France
 19 – Kerry Burtnyk of Canada
 19 – Bill Muirhead of Scotland
 19 – Steffen Walstad of Norway
 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 – Yuta Matsumura of Japan
 16 – Paul Pustovar of the United States
 16 – Tim Somerville of the United States
 15 – Sergey Glukhov of Russia, RCF
 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
 11 – Sweden in 1973, '77, '97, 2001, '04, '13, '15, '18, '19, '21, '22
 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

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
 13-2 – Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2021
 12-1 – Glenn Howard of Canada in 2007
 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

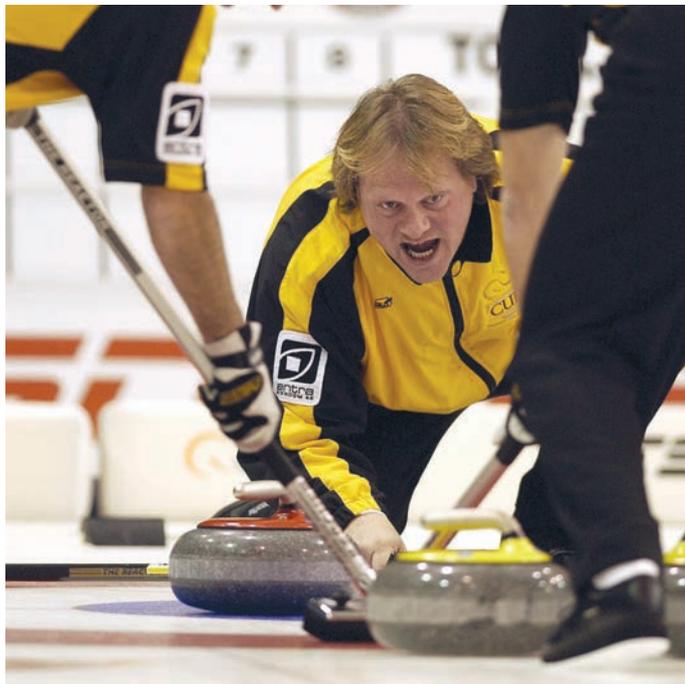
CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

1959	Scotland	Various rinks	1992	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Olympic Eisstadion
1960	Scotland	Various rinks	1993	Geneva, Switzerland	Patinoire des Vernets
1961	Scotland	Various rinks	1994	Oberstdorf, Germany	Eisstadion
1962	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink	1995	Brandon, Manitoba, Canada	Keystone Centre
1963	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink	1996	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	Copps Coliseum
1964	Calgary, Alberta, Canada	Stampede Corral	1997	Berne, Switzerland	Allmend Eisstadion
1965	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink	1998	Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada	Riverside Coliseum
1966	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	PNE Forum	1999	Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada	Harbour Station
1967	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink	2000	Glasgow, Scotland	Braehead Arena
1968	Pointe-Claire, Quebec, Canada	Pointe Claire Arena	2001	Lausanne, Switzerland	Malley Ice Centre
1969	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink	2002	Bismarck, North Dakota, USA	Bismarck Civic Center
1970	Utica, New York, USA	Memorial Auditorium	2003	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	Winnipeg Arena
1971	Megève, France	Palais de Sports	2004	Gävle, Sweden	Gavlerinken
1972	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Olympic Eisstadion	2005	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre
1973	Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Exhibition Arena	2006	Lowell, Massachusetts, USA	Paul E. Tsongas Arena
1974	Berne, Switzerland	Allmend Eisstadion	2007	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Rexall Place
1975	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink	2008	Grand Forks, North Dakota, USA	Ralph Engelstad Arena
1976	Duluth, Minnesota, USA	Memorial Auditorium	2009	Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada	Moncton Coliseum
1977	Karlstad, Sweden	Farjestads Arena	2010	Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy	Olympic Ice Stadium
1978	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	Winnipeg Arena	2011	Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Brandt Centre
1979	Berne, Switzerland	Allmend Eisstadion	2012	Basel, Switzerland	St. Jakobshalle
1980	Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada	Moncton Coliseum	2013	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre
1981	London, Ontario, Canada	Thompson Arena	2014	Beijing, China	Capital Gymnasium
1982	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Olympic Eisstadion	2015	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	Scotia Bank Centre
1983	Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Agridome	2016	Basel, Switzerland	St. Jakobshalle
1984	Duluth, Minnesota, USA	Memorial Auditorium	2017	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Northlands Coliseum
1985	Glasgow, Scotland	Trade Centre	2018	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	Orleans Arena
1986	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	CNE Coliseum	2019	Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada	ENMAX Centre
1987	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	B.C. Place Stadium	2020	N/A	
1988	Lausanne, Switzerland	Icehalle	2021	Calgary	WinSport Event Centre
1989	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA	Mecca Center	2022	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	Orleans Arena
1990	Vasteras, Sweden	Ice Arena			
1991	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	Winnipeg Arena			

- 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
- 11-3 – Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2022
- 11-3 – Brad Gushue of Canada in 2022
- 11-4 – Brad Gushue of Canada in 2018
- 11-4 – Kevin Koe of Canada in 2019
- 11-4 – Sergey Glukhov of RCF in 2021
- 11-5 – Bruce Mouat of Scotland in 2021
- 11-6 – Peter de Cruz of Switzerland in 2021
- 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
- 10-4 – John Shuster of the United States in 2021
- 10-5 – Sebastian Kraupp of Sweden in 2012
- 10-5 – Oskar Eriksson of Sweden in 2014
- 10-5 – Yuta Matsumura of Japan in 2019
- 10-5 – Joël Retornaz of Italy in 2022
- 10-6 – Andy Kapp of Germany in 2007



Skip Don Duguid and his team from the Granite Curling Club in Winnipeg was noted for winning the men's world championship in 1970 and 1971 and never losing a game. Left to right: Duguid, third Rod Hunter, second Jim Pettapiece, and lead Bryan Wood.



Pål Trulsen of Norway was a regular at the world curling championship. His biggest win in curling was in 2002 when he won the gold medal at the Salt Lake City Olympics.

Aggregate win-loss percentages (including playoffs)

	WINS	LOSSES	PERCENTAGE
Canada (1959 to present)	537	126	.810
RCF (2021)	11	4	.733
Scotland (1959 to present)	366	254	.590
Sweden (1962 to present)	347	253	.578
Norway (1964 to present)	323	257	.557
United States (1961 to present)	330	279	.542
Switzerland (1964 to present)	307	274	.528
Finland (1985 to present)	87	115	.431
Germany (1967 to present)	202	306	.398
China (2008 to present)	53	85	.384
Japan (2000 to present)	56	93	.376
Czech Republic (2008 to present)	33	56	.371
Denmark (1973 to present)	146	274	.357
New Zealand (1999 to present)	17	33	.348
Italy (1973 to present)	86	169	.337
Australia (1992 to present)	35	72	.327
France (1966 to present)	93	202	.315
England (1987 to present)	12	34	.261
Netherlands (1994 to present)	17	52	.246
South Korea (2003 to present)	23	71	.245
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 2023)

Canada	26
Scotland	12
United States	9
Switzerland	8
Germany	4
Sweden	3
China	1
France	1
Italy	1



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