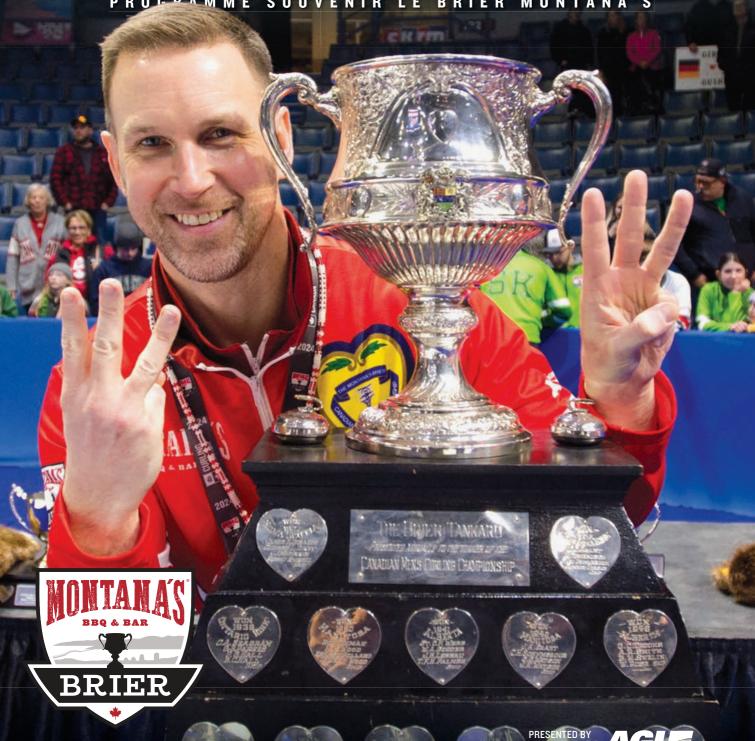
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On behalf of the Montana's BBQ & Bar restaurant network across Canada, we are proud to welcome you back to the Montana's Brier for our second year as title sponsor of this iconic event. It's been an incredible journey to partner with the curling community, and we are thrilled to continue celebrating Canada's Home for BBQ alongside the roarin' game.

As curling fans from coast to coast gather for the 96th Brier, we are reminded of the passion, energy, and sense of community that make this sport so special. Whether you're cheering on your team at the rink, following the action at home or enjoying our BBQ at one of our restaurants, we're honoured to share this journey with you.

Together, with our affiliated partners, we remain committed to supporting Curling Canada's Season of Champions and helping grow the sport we've come to love. Thank you for being part of this extraordinary event and enjoy every thrilling moment as we crown this year's Brier champion.







KELOWNA 2025

Au nom des restaurants Montana's BBQ & Bar d'un bout à l'autre du Canada, nous sommes fiers de vous accueillir à nouveau au Brier Montana's pour notre deuxième année en tant que commanditaire en titre de cet événement emblématique. Notre partenariat avec la communauté du curling nous emballe au plus haut point, et nous sommes ravis de continuer à célébrer la destination par excellence du barbecue au Canada en compagnie des partisans de ce merveilleux sport.

Alors que les amateurs de curling d'un océan à l'autre se rassemblent pour le 96e Brier, nous avons tous à l'esprit la passion, l'énergie et le sens de la communauté qui rendent ce sport si spécial. Que vous encouragiez votre équipe à l'aréna, que vous suiviez l'action à la maison ou que vous vous délectiez dans l'un de nos restaurants, nous sommes honorés de partager cette expérience avec vous.

Ensemble, avec nos partenaires affiliés, nous restons déterminés à soutenir la Saison des Champions de Curling Canada et à contribuer à la croissance du sport que nous aimons tant. Merci de faire partie de cet événement extraordinaire et profitez de chaque moment palpitant alors que nous couronnerons les champions du Brier de cette année.



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Welcome to the 2025 Montana's Brier, proudly presented by AGI.

Our sponsorship highlights our deep ties to rural communities, where many of our farmers and agri-food customers have a strong connection to local curling. The Brier is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our agricultural heritage and introduce AGI to a broader audience.

Curlers, much like farmers, embody the spirit of excellence. They dedicate countless hours to perfecting their skills, striving tirelessly to achieve their best. Many of these athletes come from rural towns mirroring the dedication of farmers who work tirelessly to feed us. AGI shares this commitment to excellence by providing the equipment and technologies that farmers depend on to meet the challenges of a changing world.

Let the championship begin—a celebration of sport, community and the shared pursuit of excellence. Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey.

Paul Brisebois

Senior Vice President, Canada

Bienvenue au Brier Montana's 2025, fièrement présenté par AGI.

Notre commandite souligne nos liens étroits avec les communautés rurales, où bon nombre de nos agriculteurs et clients du secteur agroalimentaire entretiennent une relation forte avec le curling local. Le Brier est une merveilleuse occasion de célébrer notre héritage agricole et de faire découvrir AGI à un public plus large.

Les curleurs, tout comme les agriculteurs, incarnent l'esprit d'excellence. Ils consacrent d'innombrables heures à perfectionner leurs compétences, s'efforçant sans relâche d'atteindre leur plein potentiel. Bon nombre de ces athlètes viennent de villes rurales, reflétant le dévouement des agriculteurs qui travaillent sans relâche pour nous nourrir. AGI partage cet engagement envers l'excellence en fournissant l'équipement et les technologies dont les agriculteurs dépendent pour relever les défis d'un monde en mutation.

Que le championnat commence! Une célébration du sport, de la communauté et de la quête commune de l'excellence. Merci de partager avec nous cette aventure emballante.

Paul Brisebois

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MESSAGES



I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY

warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2025 Montana's Brier, being held in Kelowna, B.C.

This tournament brings together the top men's teams from across the country to compete for national honours as well as the chance to represent Canada at the 2025 Men's World Curling Championship. I am

certain that everyone in attendance will be inspired by the high level of strategy, skill and precision on display over the course of the next 10 days.

I would like to congratulate 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 Kelowna for their warm hospitality.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable competition.

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



AS PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

I am pleased to welcome everyone to the 2025 Montana's Brier.

This prestigious event brings together the very best in men's curling talent, showcasing both incredible skill and sportsmanship. Curling is a pastime that brings Canadians together, as both athletes and fans. This event highlights the deep sense of community and passion

for the game that our nation holds dear.

Hosting a major curling championship is a great privilege, and I want to thank the volunteers and staff for coordinating such an amazing event. I know the energy and excitement in Kelowna will be immense as you cheer on the teams and celebrate the spirit of competition. To the players, coaches, officials, and fans coming to Kelowna, I hope you will enjoy your time here in our beautiful province.

I wish everyone a fantastic week of suspense and celebration. To the athletes — good luck and hurry, hard!

David Eby, KC Premier

IE SUIS HEUREUX DE PRÉSENTER MES

salutations les plus chaleureuses à toutes les personnes qui participent au Brier Montana's 2025, à Kelowna.

Ce tournoi rassemble les meilleures équipes masculines de partout au pays afin qu'elles puissent se disputer les honneurs nationaux ainsi que la chance de représenter le Canada lors du Championnat mondial de curling masculin de 2025. Je suis convaincu que le haut niveau de stratégie, d'habileté et de précision des joueurs au cours des dix prochains jours inspirera toutes les personnes présentes.

Je tiens à féliciter les athlètes et à leur souhaiter la meilleure des chances. J'aimerais également remercier les membres du comité organisateur, les commanditaires et les bénévoles de leur travail acharné afin d'assurer le succès de cet événement ainsi que les citovens et les citoyennes de Kelowna de leur chaleureuse hospitalité.

Je vous souhaite une compétition des plus mémorables.

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

EN TANT QUE PREMIER MINISTRE DE LA

Colombie-Britannique, je me réjouis de vous accueillir au Brier Montana's 2025.

Réunissant les meilleurs talents du curling masculin, cet événement prestigieux est une vitrine à la fois d'habileté incroyable et d'esprit sportif. Au Canada, le curling est un passe-temps rassembleur tant pour les athlètes que pour les adeptes du sport. Ce rendez-vous souligne le profond sentiment de communauté et la passion pour le jeu qui sont chers à notre nation.

Accueillir un grand championnat de curling est un énorme privilège, et je veux remercier les bénévoles et le personnel d'avoir coordonné un événement aussi extraordinaire. Je sais que l'énergie et l'enthousiasme à Kelowna seront à leur comble alors que vous encouragerez les équipes et célébrerez l'esprit de compétition. Et à vous qui venez à Kelowna pour jouer, entraîner les joueurs, officier ou profiter des joutes, j'espère que ce séjour dans notre belle province vous sera bien agréable.

Je souhaite à tout le monde une semaine fantastique et palpitante. Et aux athlètes : bonne chance, plus fort, plus vite!

David Eby, c. r. Premier ministre





ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL AND THE

City of Kelowna, it is my pleasure to welcome curlers, fans, and visitors from across Canada to the 2025 Montana's Brier.

Kelowna is a curling destination with a long legacy of hosting large-scale events that bring the very best to the Okanagan. We hosted the Brier in 1968 at Memorial Arena, along with numerous other major

championships such as the Pan Continental Championships, the World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship, and the U Sports (university) Curling Championships. The city is home to one of Canada's largest and most active curling clubs in the nation, and has fostered remarkable talent over the years, with many notable curlers such as Sasha Carter, Kelly Scott, Jeanna Schraeder, Rick Folk, and Bert Gretzinger.

While you prepare to take in the excitement of the Montana's Brier and all it has to offer, we hope you can also take time to explore Kelowna's lively downtown and cultural district, where our local arts, dining, and shopping experiences shine. And, of course, the Patch at the Delta is ready to bring 'curling's party place' to life.

Our city's commitment to hospitality not only promises an unforgettable experience, but also allows Kelowna to be your home for the next 10 days. For us, the Montana's Brier is a chance to show Canada everything Kelowna has to offer.

Best of luck to all the teams competing, and may you enjoy a memorable week here in the heart of the Okanagan!

Tom Dyas Mayor, City of Kelowna



IT IS ALWAYS SPECIAL TO DELIVER

greetings and the very best of luck on behalf of Curling Canada's Board of Governors to everyone competing in, and attending, the 2025 Montana's Brier, presented by AGI, in Kelowna.

But this year it is extra special as the Montana's Brier returns to my home province of British Columbia, and I have

every confidence that the beautiful Okanagan region will do a magnificent job of hosting Canada's best curling teams.

Our title sponsor, Montana's BBQ & Bar, plays a significant role in promoting our sport from coast to coast, and we're truly grateful for this enduring partnership and look forward to many more years of working together.

To our volunteers, our Organizing Committee, the local event staff and Curling Canada's national staff, a sincere and heartfelt 'thank you' for all of your efforts in making the 2025 Montana's Brier memorable, both on and off the ice.

The sacrifices made by the families and employers of the athletes and coaches who are competing here this week also need to be acknowledged. My thanks to all of you.

My wish is that you take home with you the spirit of fellowship and accomplishment that will be a constant theme of the 2025 Montana's Brier. Good curling to all of you!

Teri Palynchuk

Chair, Board of Governors, Curling Canada

AU NOM DU CONSEIL ET DE LA VILLE DE KELOWNA,

j'ai le plaisir de souhaiter la bienvenue aux curleurs, aux amateurs et aux visiteurs de partout au Canada au Brier Montana's 2025.

Kelowna est une destination de curling qui possède une longue tradition d'accueil d'événements à grande échelle réunissant la crème de la crème dans l'Okanagan. Nous avons accueilli le Brier en 1968 à l'aréna Memorial, ainsi que de nombreux autres grands championnats tels que les championnats pancontinentaux, les championnats du monde de curling double mixte et les championnats de curling universitaire U SPORTS. La ville compte l'un des clubs de curling les plus importants et les plus actifs du Canada et a favorisé le développement de remarquables joueurs et joueuses au fil des ans, tels que Sasha Carter, Kelly Scott, Jeanna Schraeder, Rick Folk et Bert Gretzinger.

Alors que vous vous préparez à vivre l'engouement du Brier Montana's et tout ce que l'événement a à offrir, nous espérons que vous prendrez également le temps d'explorer le centre-ville animé et le quartier culturel de Kelowna, où vous pourrez faire l'expérience de nos offres artistiques, gastronomiques et commerciales locales. Et, bien sûr, le « Patch » au Delta est prêt à donner vie à la grande fête du curling.

L'engagement de notre ville en matière d'hospitalité promet non seulement une expérience inoubliable, mais permet également à Kelowna d'être votre domicile pour les 10 prochains jours. Pour nous, le Brier Montana's est une chance de montrer au Canada tout ce que Kelowna a à offrir.

Bonne chance à toutes les équipes en compétition, et profitez à plein d'une semaine mémorable ici, au cœur de l'Okanagan!

Tom Dyas

Maire, Ville de Kelowna

C'EST TOUJOURS SPÉCIAL DE SOUHAITER LA

bienvenue et la meilleure des chances, au nom du Conseil des gouverneurs de Curling Canada, à tous ceux qui participent et assistent au Brier Montana's, présenté par AGI.

Mais cette année, c'est encore plus spécial, car le Brier Montana's revient dans ma province natale, à Kelowna en Colombie-Britannique, et je suis convaincue que la magnifique région de l'Okanagan saura accueillir de manière exceptionnelle les meilleures équipes de curling masculin du Canada.

Notre commanditaire en titre, Montana's, joue un rôle important dans la promotion de notre sport d'un océan à l'autre. Nous sommes vraiment reconnaissants de ce partenariat durable et nous nous réjouissons à l'idée de travailler encore de nombreuses années ensemble.

À nos bénévoles, à notre comité d'organisation, au personnel local de l'événement et au personnel national de Curling Canada, un « merci » franc et sincère pour tout votre travail accompli afin de rendre le Brier Montana's 2025 mémorable, tant sur la glace qu'à l'extérieur.

Il importe également de souligner les sacrifices consentis par les familles et les employeurs des athlètes et des entraîneurs qui concourent ici cette semaine. Je vous remercie tous.

Je souhaite que vous retourniez à la maison avec l'esprit de camaraderie et d'accomplissement qui sera un thème constant du Brier Montana's 2025. Bon curling à tous!

Teri Palynchuk

Présidente du Conseil des gouverneurs, Curling Canada





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ON BEHALF OF THE SYILX

Okanagan Nation, I am honoured to extend a warm welcome to all participants, fans, and organizers of the 2025 Montana's Brier. It is a privilege to witness such a celebrated event unfold on the unceded, ancestral territory of the Syilx people.

Sport has a unique way of bringing communities together, inspiring healthy competition, and fostering connections across cultures and generations. Curling, with its deep roots in camaraderie and

sportsmanship, reflects values that align with the principles we hold dear as a Nation.

Kelowna is not only a vibrant host city but also a place of profound natural beauty and cultural richness. While you enjoy the thrilling matches ahead, I encourage you to take time to appreciate the landscapes, traditions, and stories that make this land so special.

To the athletes, may your dedication and passion shine on the ice. To the fans, thank you for your spirited support and for joining us in celebrating this extraordinary event.

We are proud to welcome the Montana's Brier and its community to our shared home. May this tournament be a memorable and uplifting experience for all.

Lim lemt, thank you,

Chief Louie

Westhank First Nation

AU NOM DE LA NATION SYILX OKANAGAN,

j'ai l'honneur de souhaiter chaleureusement la bienvenue à tous les participants, partisans et organisateurs du Brier Montana's 2025. C'est un privilège d'assister à un événement aussi prestigieux sur le territoire ancestral non cédé du peuple Syilx.

Le sport a une façon unique de rassembler les communautés, d'inspirer une saine compétition et de favoriser les liens entre les cultures et les générations. Le curling, avec ses racines profondes dans la camaraderie et l'esprit sportif, reflète des valeurs qui correspondent aux principes qui nous sont chers en tant que nation.

Kelowna n'est pas seulement une ville hôte dynamique, mais aussi un lieu d'une grande beauté naturelle et d'une richesse culturelle exceptionnelle. Tout en goûtant chaque instant des matchs emballants à venir, je vous encourage à prendre le temps d'apprécier les paysages, les traditions et les histoires qui rendent cette terre si spéciale.

Aux athlètes, que votre dévouement et votre passion brillent sur la glace. Aux partisans, merci pour votre soutien enthousiaste et pour votre présence afin de célébrer cet événement extraordinaire.

Nous sommes fiers d'accueillir le Brier Montana's et sa communauté dans notre foyer commun. Que ce tournoi soit une expérience mémorable et enrichissante pour tous.

Lim lemt, merci,

Chief Louie

Première Nation de Westbank



Tanya Stroinig, Dave Stephenson, and/et Sasha Carter



WELCOME

from the Vice Chairs of the 2025 Montana's Brier

ON BEHALF OF THE 2025 HOST COMMITTEE,

it is our great pleasure to welcome you to Kelowna for the 2025 Montana's Brier, presented by AGI. We are honoured to host this prestigious championship and to gather to celebrate the sport of curling at its highest level. We begin by acknowledging that we are gathered on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Syilx (Okanagan) People. We are deeply grateful to be here and to recognize the enduring connection between this land and its stewards.

Kelowna's history with curling is as deep and enduring as the sport itself. The Kelowna Curling Club, one of the largest and most active clubs in the world, has been the cornerstone of this legacy since its incorporation in 1942. Over the decades, our city has proudly hosted numerous high-profile curling events, including the 1968 Brier, the 1986 Pioneer World Ladies Championship, and the 2002 World Juniors.

This event would not be possible without the combined efforts of many. We express our sincere appreciation to Curling Canada, the City of Kelowna, and Tourism Kelowna for their exceptional collaboration in bringing this championship to Kelowna. We also extend our deepest

BIENVENUE

de la part des vice-présidents du Brier Montana's 2025

AU NOM DU COMITÉ D'ACCUEIL DE 2025, NOUS avons le grand plaisir de vous souhaiter la bienvenue à Kelowna pour le Brier Montana's 2025 présenté par AGI. Nous sommes honorés d'accueillir ce prestigieux championnat et de nous réunir pour célébrer le sport du curling à son plus haut niveau. Nous commençons par reconnaître que nous sommes réunis sur le territoire traditionnel, ancestral et non cédé du peuple Syilx (Okanagan). Nous sommes profondément reconnaissants d'être ici et d'honorer le lien durable entre cette terre et ses gardiens.

L'histoire d'amour de Kelowna avec le curling est aussi remplie et durable que le sport lui-même. Le Club de curling de Kelowna, l'un des clubs les plus grands et les plus actifs au monde, est la pierre angulaire de cet héritage depuis sa constitution en 1942. Au fil des décennies, notre ville a fièrement accueilli de nombreux événements de curling de haut niveau, notamment le Brier de 1968, le Championnat du monde féminin Pioneer de 1986 et les Championnats du monde juniors de 2002.

Cet événement n'aurait pas été possible sans les efforts combinés de nombreuses personnes. Nous exprimons notre sincère gratitude à Curling Canada, à la Ville de Kelowna et à Tourism Kelowna pour leur collaboration exceptionnelle dans la gratitude to Montana's, AGI and the many generous sponsors whose support ensures that the Brier remains a cornerstone of Canadian curling.

A heartfelt thanks is owed to the many volunteers who have given their time and energy to this event. Your dedication is the foundation of its success, and we are profoundly grateful for your unwavering commitment.

To all our competitors, we wish you the very best as you take to the ice. Your hard work and determination exemplify the spirit of this great sport. To the fans, we thank you for your enthusiasm and passion. Your presence here makes this championship a celebration not only of curling but of community.

While you are with us, we invite you to explore all that Kelowna and the Okanagan region have to offer − from the stunning shores of Okanagan Lake to the vibrant local arts and cultural scene, diverse culinary experiences, and warm hospitality that define our city.

Together, let us make the 2025 Montana's Brier an unforgettable event and a celebration of curling excellence. Enjoy the championship!

VICE CHAIRS 2025 MONTANA'S BRIER

Sasha Carter, Vice Chair-Special Events Dave Stephenson, Facilities Tanya Stroinig, Hosting

tenue de ce championnat à Kelowna. Nous exprimons également notre plus profonde gratitude à Montana's, à AGI et aux nombreux généreux commanditaires dont le soutien garantit que le Brier Montana's demeure une pierre angulaire du curling canadien.

Nous tenons à remercier chaleureusement les nombreux bénévoles qui ont consacré leur temps et leur énergie à cet événement. Votre dévouement est le fondement de son succès et nous sommes profondément reconnaissants de votre engagement indéfectible.

À tous nos compétiteurs, nous vous souhaitons la meilleure des chances sur la glace. Votre travail acharné et votre détermination illustrent l'esprit de ce grand sport. Pour ce qui est des partisans, nous vous remercions pour votre enthousiasme et votre passion. Votre présence ici fait de ce championnat une célébration non seulement du curling, mais aussi de la communauté.

Pendant que vous êtes avec nous, nous vous invitons à explorer tout ce que Kelowna et la région de l'Okanagan ont à offrir des rives magnifiques du lac Okanagan à la scène artistique et culturelle locale dynamique, aux expériences culinaires diverses et à l'accueil chaleureux qui caractérisent notre ville.

Ensemble, faisons du Brier Montana's 2025 un événement inoubliable et une célébration de l'excellence en curling. Profitez bien du championnat!

VICE-PRÉSIDENTS DU BRIER MONTANA'S 2025

Sasha Carter, Événements spéciaux Dave Stephenson, Installations Tanya Stroinig, Accueil



2025 MONTANA'S BRIER

SCHEDULE OF

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28	5:30 p.m.	Original 16 Patch Opens	Delta Resort Ballrooms
Opening Night	6:30 p.m.	Draw I	Prospera Place
Corcert: 54.40	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch – 54.40	Delta Resort Ballrooms
SATURDAY, MARCH I	12:30 p.m.	Original 16 Patch Opens	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	1:30 p.m.	Draw 2	Prospera Place
	5:30 p.m.	Original I6 – Up Close & Personal: Team NB, NT & ON	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	6:30 p.m.	Draw 3	Prospera Place
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch – Jack & Jill Rocks	Delta Resort Ballrooms
SUNDAY, MARCH 2	8:30 a.m.	Draw 4	Prospera Place
	II:00 a.m.	Original 16 Patch Opens	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	12:30 p.m.	Original I6 – Up Close & Personal: Team NL & SK–Kleiter	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	1:30 p.m.	Draw 5	Prospera Place
	5:30 p.m.	Original I6 – Up Close & Personal: Team BC, NO & AB–Koe	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	6:30 p.m.	Draw 6	Prospera Place
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch – The Andrew Mercer Band	Delta Resort Ballrooms
MONDAY, MARCH 3	8:30 a.m.	Draw 7	Prospera Place
	II:00 a.m.	Original 16 Patch Opens	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	12:30 p.m.	Original I6 – Up Close & Personal: Team MB–Dunstone & NS	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	1:30 p.m.	Draw 8	Prospera Place
	5:30 p.m.	Original I6 – Up Close & Personal: Team QC, YT & PE	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	6:30 p.m.	Draw 9	Prospera Place
	9:30 p.m.	Original 16 Patch – Shalisa Liesch Band	Delta Resort Ballrooms
TUESDAY, MARCH 4	8:30 a.m.	Draw 10	Prospera Place
	II:00 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	1:30 p.m.	Draw II	Prospera Place
	5:30 p.m.	Original I6 – Up Close & Personal: Team NU, MB–Carruthers & Canada	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	6:30 p.m.	Draw 12	Prospera Place
	9:30 p.m.	Original 16 Patch - Rann Berry	Delta Resort Ballrooms

EVENTS



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5	8:30 a.m.	Draw 13	Prospera Place
	II:00 a.m.	Original 16 Patch Opens	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	1:30 p.m.	Draw 14	Prospera Place
	5:30 p.m.	Original I6 – Up Close & Personal: Team SK-McEwen & AB-Jacobs	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	6:30 p.m.	Draw I5	Prospera Place
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Harshmellows	Delta Resort Ballrooms
THURSDAY, MARCH 6	8:30 a.m.	Draw 16	Prospera Place
2 4	II:00 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Delta Resort Ballrooms
Country	12:15 p.m.	Original I6 Patch Enterainment – Michael Daniels	Delta Resort Ballrooms
Might 1	1:30 p.m.	Draw 17	Prospera Place
. 0	5:15 p.m.	Original I6 Patch Enterainment – Devon Coyote	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	6:30 p.m.	Draw 18	Prospera Place
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch – Dawson Gray Full Band	Delta Resort Ballrooms
FRIDAY, MARCH 7	II:30 a.m.	Original 16 Patch opens	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	12:30 p.m.	Draw 19 - Page 1/2 Qualifier	Prospera Place
	5:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch – Jeff Piatelli	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	6:30 p.m.	Draw 20 - Page 3/4 Qualifier	Prospera Place
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch – Three Quarter Crush	Delta Resort Ballrooms
SATURDAY, MARCH 8	II:30 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	12:30 p.m.	Draw 21 - Page 3/4	Prospera Place
	5:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch – Josh & Bex	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	6:30 p.m.	Draw 22 - Page I/2	Prospera Place
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch – Jeff Piatelli Band	Delta Resort Ballrooms
SUNDAY, MARCH 9	II:00 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Delta Resort Ballrooms
	II:00 a.m.	Draw 23 – SEMIFINAL	Prospera Place
	5:00 p.m.	Draw 24 - FINAL	Prospera Place
		Post Final Medal and Trophy Presentation	Prospera Place

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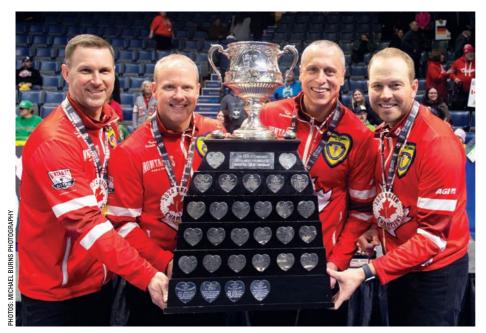






MONTANA'S BRIER PRESENTED BY AGI

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Another year, another Canadian men's curling championship for skip Brad Gushue, who defended his national title with a 9-5 win over Saskatchewan's Team Mike McEwen in the 2024 Montana's Brier final. Gushue is the only man to skip teams to six Brier victories. The joyous champs, representing Team Canada but based in St. John's, N.L., (L-R): Gushue, vice-skip Mark Nichols, second E.J. Harnden, and lead Geoff Walker.

IT NEVER GETS OLD FOR SKIP

Brad Gushue — the thrill of victory, the addiction to winning, the joy and exhilaration of celebrating with teammates.

And so it was again on a Sunday night in Regina as Gushue hugged his Team Canada buddies and waved to the large audience in the Brandt Centre after winning the 2024 Montana's Brier, presented by AGI.

Yes, he may have broken thousands of the hearts across the province by defeating the provincial favourites, Team Saskatchewan, skipped by Mike McEwen, in the gold-medal final, but that's all part of who Brad Gushue is: the ultimate winner.

"This moment is awesome, this is what it's all about. This is why I play the game and I love this moment," said 43-year-old Gushue shortly after his 9-5, nine-end victory over Team Saskatchewan for the team's record-tying third title in a row and his sixth Canadian curling championship in eight years. Only Team Randy Ferbey of Edmonton has won three in a row, from 2001 through 2003.

"It isn't about how many," added Gushue, "it's about this moment right here."

It was an impressive victory for Gushue and his superb team from the RE/MAX Centre and St. John's Curling Club in St. John's, N.L., playing in the first Brier sponsored by Montana's BBQ & Bar. Gushue, backed by vice-skip Mark Nichols, second E.J. Harnden, lead Geoff Walker, and coached by Caleb Flaxey, made a statement in the very first end that said it would take something special to beat them. Team Saskatchewan did nothing particularly wrong in the end, but two superb draws to a piece of the button by Gushue got the defending champs off and running.

Two ends later Gushue chipped a front stone into the rings and rolled his shooter into the house for three more points and a 5-1 lead.

Team Saskatchewan, representing the Nutana Club in Saskatoon, had everything going for it in the leadup to the gold-medal final. It was just coming off an emotional and dominating 7-3 semifinal victory over Team Alberta-Bottcher earlier in the day, were full of confidence and had a housefull of fans cheering on their every shot.

But none of it was enough to dull the knife of Gushue and Co.

"It hurts that we didn't have our best game," said McEwen, supported by vice-skip Colton Flasch, front-end brothers Kevin and Dan Marsh, alternate Pat Simmons and coached by Brent Laing. "You could tell both teams were struggling with the ice but Brad was stellar the first four ends.

"But I'm proud of what we've done in six months ... and we're not done yet. Despite the result today this was a hell of an accomplishment."

McEwen became the first man to skip three different provinces at the Canadian Men's Curling Championship. He previously skipped teams from Manitoba and Ontario. He was also looking to win the first Brier for Saskatchewan since Saskatoon's Rick Folk 1980.

Trailing Gushue by four is the dictionary definition of trouble, but Team Saskatchewan didn't roll over after the early deficit. It had Team Canada in serious trouble in the sixth end when McEwen, without last rock, had three stones



Brad Gushue, who shot a sparkling 97 per cent in the final, won the Hec Gervais Award as the Most Valuable Player of the Montana's Brier playoffs.



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bunched around the button behind cover. The best Gushue could do was bump one far enough to concede only two points, and see his lead shrink to one.

Gushue, however, regained control, making a double in the seventh, aided by the terrific brushing of Harnden, for two.

Gushue, who shot a sparkling 97 per cent in the game and won the Hec Gervais Award as the Most Valuable Player of the Montana's Brier playoffs, was particularly proud of winning his sixth title.

"Longevity is a big thing," he said. "Once you win a couple in a row it's easy for the motivation to drop off and I don't think it has for me, or E.J. or Mark or Geoff. We're still driven, we still want to win."

The 2024 event, with 18 teams in play, was not without its upsets. Perhaps the biggest was Team Northwest Territories, skipped by Jamie Koe, defeating Team Canada.

Team Alberta-Koe, skipped by Kevin Koe, a two-time world champion and four-time Canadian champion, was also the victim of several upsets. So many, in fact, that his team from the Glencoe Club in Calgary stumbled out of the gate with a 1-5 record and never made the playoffs.



Team Manitoba-Dunstone skip Matt Dunstone was his usual big-shot maker, but he couldn't lead his team further than the Page 3-4 game before bowing out.

Team Canada (Brad Gushue)*	020	300	202	x - 9
Saskatchewan (Mike McEwen)	001	012	010	x-5

^{*-} Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Team Canada		Saskatchewan	
Brad Gushue	97	Mike McEwen	89
Mark Nichols	94	Colton Flasch	82
E.J. Harnden	83	Kevin Marsh	89
Geoff Walker	89	Dan Marsh	89
Team Totals	91	Team Totals	90

Round-robin

Pool A	W	L
Manitoba-Carruthers (Brad Jacobs)**	7	1
Alberta-Bottcher (Brendan Bottcher)**	6	2
Manitoba-Dunstone (Matt Dunstone)**	6	2
Northern Ontario (Trevor Bonot)	5	3
British Columbia (Catlin Schneider)	4	4
Ontario (Scott Howard)	3	5
Newfoundland/Labrador (Andrew Symonds)	2	6
Yukon (Thomas Scoffin)	2	6
New Brunswick (James Grattan)	1	7
Pool B	W	L
Saskatchewan (Mike McEwen)**	7	1
Team Canada (Brad Gushue)**	6	2
Northwest Territories (Jamie Koe)**	5	3
P.E.I. (Tyler Smith)	5	3
Nova Scotia (Matthew Manuel)	4	4
Alberta-Sluchinski (Aaron Sluchinski)	3	5
Québec (Julien Tremblay)	2	6
Alberta-Koe (Kevin Koe)	2	6
Nunavut (Shane Latimer)	1	7
** — Top three teams in each group advance to	playoffs	

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

Page 1-2 Qualifiers					
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Team Canada (Gushue)	101 030 300 1 - 9
Saskatchewan (McEwen)*	102 020 002 x - 7
Alberta-Bottcher (Bottcher)	$020\ 202\ 020\ x - 8$

Page 3-4 Qualifiers

Manitoba-Carruthers (Jacobs)*	000 000 200 x -2
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Saskatchewan (McEwen)*	111 110 11x x - 7
Northwest Territories (J. Koe)	$000\ 000\ 000\ x\ -0$

Page Playoffs

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Team Canada (Gushue)*	200 200 111 x - 3

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Saskatchewan (McEwen)*	200	111	000	1	- 6
Manitoba-Dunstone (Dunstone)	010	000	211	0	— 5

Semifinal

Alberta-Bottcher (Bottcher)	000	110	010	X	— 3
Saskatchewan (McEwen)*	003	000	301	X	- 7

^{* –} Last-rock advantage

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	W	L
Team Canada (Brad Gushue)	3	0
Saskatchewan (Mike McEwen)	3	2
Manitoba-Dunstone (Matt Dunstone)	1	1
Alberta-Bottcher (Brendan Bottcher)	1	2
Northwest Territories (Jamie Koe)	0	1
Manitoba-Carruthers (Brad Jacobs)	0	2

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It was a heck of a week for teams from the North at the 2024 Montana's Brier. Jamie Koe (left) guided his team from Yellowknife into the six-team playoffs, while Nunavut's Shane Latimer's team from loaluit defeated Nova Scotia for the territory's second win in Brier history.

Team Alberta-Koe was one of three CTRS teams in the field after Curling Canada changed the qualification process. Team Alberta-Bottcher, skipped by Calgary's Brendan Bottcher, and Team Manitoba-Dunstone, skipped by Matt Dunstone, automatically pre-qualified based on 2022-23 CTRS (Canadian Team Ranking System) points. Team Alberta-Koe joined the field as the top non-qualified team in the 2023-24 CTRS standings following provincial and territorial playdowns.

Six teams made the playoffs, and perhaps the only surprise was Jamie Koe's team from Yellowknife which snuck in with a 5-3 record. But the Polars were out in one game, and joining them on the sidelines quickly was Team Manitoba-Carruthers, skipped by Brad Jacobs, a former Canadian and Olympic champion.

The Page playoffs boiled down to

Team Canada, Team Manitoba-Dunstone, McEwen's Team Saskatchewan and Team Alberta-Bottcher.

Team Canada advanced to the final with a 7-3 win over Team Alberta-Bottcher in the 1-2 game, while Team Saskatchewan dropped Team Manitoba-Dunstone 6-5 in the 3-4 game.

Team Saskatchewan then beat Team Alberta-Bottcher in the semifinal to face Team Canada in the final.

Team Gushue went on to represent Canada at the LGT World Men's Curling Championship in Switzerland where it won the silver medal.

The team also earned a spot in the Canadian Curling Trials at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax in 2025.

The Brier win was worth \$100,000 for first-place prize money for Team Gushue and \$60,000 for Team McEwen.



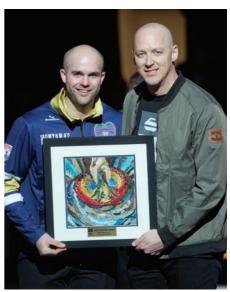
Sharp shooting helped these players make the first all-star team, including (L-R): Mike McEwen, Marc Kennedy, Brett Gallant and Ben Hebert.

ALL-STAR TEAMS First-team all-stars

Skip — Mike McEwen, Saskatchewan **Vice-skip** — Marc Kennedy, Alberta-Bottcher **Second** — Brett Gallant, Alberta-Bottcher **Lead** — Ben Hebert, Alberta-Bottcher

Second-team all-stars

Skip - Brad Gushue, Team Canada **Vice-skip** — Mark Nichols, Team Canada Second — E.J. Harnden, Team Canada **Lead** — Geoff Walker, Team Canada



ROSS HARSTONE AWARD

Nova Scotia vice-skip Luke Saunders was the winner of the 2024 Ross Harstone Award whose recipient is selected by the players. The award is presented to the curler who best combines playing ability and sportsmanship. Making the presentation was Nolan Thiessen, CEO of Curling Canada.

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CANADIAN MEN'S CHAMPIONS

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2024	Team Canada	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, E.J. Harnden, Geoff Walker
2023	Team Canada	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, E.J. Harnden, Geoff Walker
2022	Wild Card #1	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant, Geoff Walker
2021	Alberta	Brendan Bottcher, Darren Moulding, Brad Thiessen , Karrick Martin
2020	N.L.	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant, Geoff Walker
2019	Alberta	Kevin Koe, B.J. Neufeld, Colton Flasch, Ben Hebert
2018	Team Canada	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant, Geoff Walker
2017	N.L.	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant, Geoff Walker
2016	Alberta	Kevin Koe, Marc Kennedy, Brent Laing, Ben Hebert
2015	Team Canada	Pat Simmons, John Morris, Carter Rycroft, Nolan Thiessen
2014	Alberta	Kevin Koe, Pat Simmons, Carter Rycroft, Nolan Thiessen
2013	Northern Ontario	Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden
2012	Ontario	Glenn Howard, Wayne Middaugh, Brent Laing, Craig Savill
2011	Manitoba	Jeff Stoughton, Jon Mead, Reid Carruthers, Steve Gould
2010	Alberta	Kevin Koe, Blake MacDonald, Carter Rycroft, Nolan Thiessen
2009	Alberta	Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy, Ben Hebert
2008	Alberta	Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy, Ben Hebert
2007	Ontario	Glenn Howard, Richard Hart, Brent Laing, Craig Savill
2006	Quebec	Jean-Michel Ménard, François Roberge, Éric Sylvain, Maxime Elmaleh
2005	Alberta	Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque
2004	Nova Scotia	Mark Dacey, Bruce Lohnes, Rob Harris, Andrew Gibson
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2000	British Columbia	Greg McAulay, Brent Pierce, Bryan Miki, Jody Sveistrup
1999	Manitoba	Jeff Stoughton, Jonathan Mead, Garry Van Den Berghe, Doug Armstrong
	Ontario	
1998		Wayne Middaugh, Graeme McCarrel, Ian Tetley, Scott Bailey
1997	Alberta	Kevin Martin, Don Walchuk, Rudy Ramcharan, Don Bartlett
1996	Manitoba	Jeff Stoughton, Ken Tresoor, Garry Van Den Berghe, Steve Gould
1995	Manitoba	Kerry Burtnyk, Jeff Ryan, Rob Meakin, Keith Fenton
1994	British Columbia	Rick Folk, Pat Ryan, Bert Gretzinger, Gerry Richard
1993	Ontario	Russ Howard, Glenn Howard, Wayne Middaugh, Peter Corner
1992	Manitoba	Vic Peters, Dan Carey, Chris Neufeld, Don Rudd
1991	Alberta	Kevin Martin, Kevin Park, Dan Petryk, Don Bartlett
1990	Ontario	Ed Werenich, John Kawaja, Ian Tetley, Pat Perroud
1989	Alberta	Pat Ryan, Randy Ferbey, Don Walchuk, Don McKenzie
1988	Alberta	Pat Ryan, Randy Ferbey, Don Walchuk, Don McKenzie
1987	Ontario	Russ Howard, Glenn Howard, Tim Belcourt, Kent Carstairs
1986	Alberta	Ed Lukowich, John Ferguson, Neil Houston, Brent Syme
1985	Northern Ontario	Al Hackner, Rick Lang, Ian Tetley, Pat Perroud
1984	Manitoba	Mike Riley, Brian Toews, John Helston, Russ Wookey
1983	Ontario	Ed Werenich, Paul Savage, John Kawaja, Neil Harrison
1982	Northern Ontario	Al Hackner, Rick Lang, Bob Nicol, Bruce Kennedy
1981	Manitoba	Kerry Burtnyk, Mark Olson, Jim Spencer, Ron Kammerlock
1980	Saskatchewan	Rick Folk, Ron Mills, Tom Wilson, Jim Wilson
1979	Manitoba	Barry Fry, Bill Carey, Gord Sparkes, Bryan Wood
1978	Alberta	Ed Lukowich, Mike Chernoff, Dale Johnston, Ron Schindle
1977	Quebec	Jim Ursel, Art Lobel, Don Aitken, Brian Ross
1976	Newfoundland	Jack MacDuff, Toby McDonald, Doug Hudson, Ken Templeton
1975	Northern Ontario	Bill Tetley, Rick Lang, Bill Hodgson, Peter Hnatiw
1974	Alberta	Hec Gervais, Ron Anton, Warren Hansen, Darrel Sutton
1973	Saskatchewan	Harvey Mazinke, Billy Martin, George Achtymichuk, Dan Klippenstein
1972	Manitoba	Orest Meleschuk, Dave Romano, John Hanesiak, Pat Hailley
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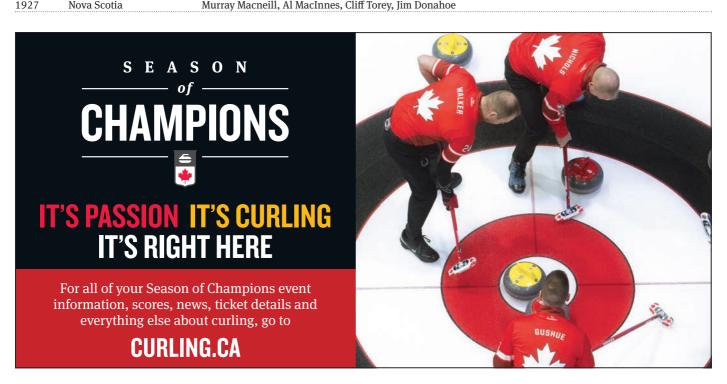
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1966	Alberta	Ron Northcott, George Fink, Bernie Sparkes, Fred Storey
1965	Manitoba	Terry Braunstein, Don Duguid, Ron Braunstein, Ray Turnbull
1964	British Columbia	Lyall Dagg, Leo Hebert, Fred Britton, Barry Naimark
1963	Saskatchewan	Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson, Mel Perry
1962	Saskatchewan	Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson, Wes Richardson
1961	Alberta	Hec Gervais, Ron Anton, Ray Werner, Wally Ursuliak
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1958	Alberta	Matt Baldwin, Jack Geddes, Gordon Haynes, Bill Price
1957	Alberta	Matt Baldwin, Gordon Haynes, Art Kleinmeyer, Bill Price
1956	Manitoba	Billy Walsh, Al Langlois, Cy White, Andy McWilliams
1955	Saskatchewan	Garnet Campbell, Don Campbell, Glen Campbell, Lloyd Campbell
1954	Alberta	Matt Baldwin, Glenn Gray, Pete Ferry, Jim Collins
1953	Manitoba	Ab Gowanlock, Jim Williams, Art Pollon, Russ Jackman
1952	Manitoba	Billy Walsh, Al Langlois, Andy McWilliams, John Watson
1951	Nova Scotia	Don Oyler, George Hanson, Fred Dyke, Wally Knock
1950	Northern Ontario	Tom Ramsay, Len Williamson, Bill Weston, Bill Kenny
1949	Manitoba	Ken Watson, Grant Watson, Lyle Dyker, Charles Read
1948	British Columbia	Frenchy D'Amour, Bob McGhie, Fred Wendell, Jim Mark
1947	Manitoba	Jimmy Welsh, Alex Welsh, Jack Reid, Harry Monk
1946	Alberta	Bill Rose, Bart Swelin, Austin Smith, George Crooks
1942	Manitoba	Ken Watson, Grant Watson, Charlie Scrymgeour, Jim Grant
1941	Alberta	Howard Palmer, Jack Lebeau, Art Gooder, Clare Webb
1940	Manitoba	Howard Wood, Ernie Pollard, Howard Wood Jr., Roy Enman
1939	Ontario	Bert Hall, Perry Hall, Ernie Parkes, Cam Seagram
1938	Manitoba	Ab Gowanlock, Bung Cartmell, Bill McKnight, Tom McKnight
1937	Alberta	Cliff Manahan, Wes Robinson, Ross Manahan, Lloyd McIntyre
1936	Manitoba	Ken Watson, Grant Watson, Marvin MacIntyre, Charles Kerr
1935	Ontario	Gordon Campbell, Don Campbell, Gord Coates, Duncan Campbell
1934	Manitoba	Leo Johnson, Lorne Stewart, Linc Johnson, Marno Frederickson
1933	Alberta	Cliff Manahan, Harold Deeton, Harold Wolfe, Bert Ross
1932	Manitoba	Jimmy Congalton, Howard Wood, Bill Noble, Harry Mawhinney
1931	Manitoba	Bob Gourlay, Ernie Pollard, Arnold Lockerbie, Ray Stewart
1930	Manitoba	Howard Wood, Jimmy Congalton, Victor Wood, Lionel Wood
1929	Manitoba	Gordon Hudson, Don Rollo, Ron Singbusch, Bill Grant
1928	Manitoba	Gordon Hudson, Sam Penwarden, Ron Singbusch, Bill Grant
1927	Nova Scotia	Murray Macneill, Al MacInnes, Cliff Torey, Jim Donahoe







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hen Brad Gushue and his Team Canada sidekicks step on the ice this week in Kelowna, B.C., for the 2025 Montana's Brier, presented by AGI, they will be in the hunt for a record seventh title and fourth consecutive win — something no men's curling team in this country has ever accomplished.

So, is that weighing on the mind of the venerable skip from Newfoundland & Labrador?

"Ah no, not until you brought it up," says Gushue with a laugh. "To be honest, I hadn't thought about it, and I don't worry too much about that."

Whether he's thought about it or not it would be two very impressive records to hold. The defending champions are currently tied with Alberta's Randy Ferbey for six titles (four of those as skip) and three consecutive wins.

"I only get nervous about winning the event itself. I don't think about whether it's four in a row or seven or any other kind of record," adds Gushue.

"It's just about playing as good of an event as possible."

After a slow start at last year's Montana's Brier in Regina, Gushue, with vice-skip Mark Nichols, second E.J. Harnden and lead Geoff Walker, went on to beat hometown team Mike McEwan and his Saskatchewan outfit 9-5 in the final.

It was a historic sixth win as skip for Gushue. The team also made headlines later in 2024 for a different reason — a mid-season lineup change that saw a mutual parting with Harnden and addition of Alberta skip Brendan Bottcher at second. It came as a shock to many in the curling community, but Gushue says moves like this will become more of the norm as teams try to be as ready as they can for the Olympics.

"We weren't the only team this year - lots of teams made changes. I think the fact that our team is such high-profile, and Brendan being a highprofile skip as well, that both of us kind of came together made it a little bit bigger than some of the other moves," says Gushue.

He says while it's been a good change for the team, it hasn't translated as well as they'd like on the ice so far.

"We've got to be patient, and we've got to understand that when you have a new team, particularly this late in an Olympic cycle, there's going to be some bumps in the road."

For long-time skip Bottcher, coming in at second - and having to sweep - has also been anadjustment but he says the team has welcomed him with open arms.

"I think personality-wise it was almost an instant fit. We all got along really well off the ice and we're all similarly motivated to put in the hard hours of work," says Bottcher, who skipped a former team to a national men's championship in 2021.

"Although it's only been a short time together, it feels like we're merging well as a team."

A previous Gushue-Bottcher matchup was always a must-watch curling event with the two skips going head-to-head with strategy and shot-making. Now, working together, both men agree they can benefit from each other's experience.

"I want to engage him as much as I possibly can and get his opinion on certain shots and learn from him as well," says Gushue. "I think it's a good back and forth. I have a lot of respect for what he's accomplished so far and what he's given to the team."

"I think he's taken advantage of some of my strategy knowledge where it makes sense, but similarly, he's a confident skip who's been doing this a long time and he certainly knows how to call a good game," says Bottcher.

Gushue has indeed had much success over his 20-year-plus curling career. He made history in 2006 when he won Canada's first Olympic gold medal in men's curling (with Nichols, Jamie Korab and veteran skip Russ Howard) in Turin, Italy.

Almost a decade later, the team, with Nichols, Walker, and Brett Gallant at second, finally won their first Brier in 2017, made even sweeter by being on home ice in St. John's, N.L.





The Gushue Girls, a group of women from Gander, N.L., wear pink T-shirts while wildly cheering on their favourite team.

"I think once we broke through at home it took a lot of the pressure off when we went to 2018 and every year since," says Gushue. "We don't feel like we have anything to prove anymore and that's a great place to be."

Five more Brier titles, a world title in 2017 and a second Olympic medal — a bronze in Beijing in 2022 — followed, with Gallant departing the team at the end of the season to spend more time with his wife (and mixed doubles partner) Jocelyn Peterman, and Harnden coming in.

Winning another Brier title in Kelowna would not only break some records, it would also send the new-look Gushue team to the BKT Tires World Men's Curling Championship on home soil in Moose Jaw, Sask.

Thanks to its 2024 Brier win, the team has already secured a spot in the Canadian Curling Trials in November in Halifax to determine which team will represent Canada at the 2026 Olympic Games — once again in Italy and 20 years after their first medal.

Gushue says once this season wraps up their attention shifts to the Trials with heavy training both on and off the ice in hopes of a shot at another Olympic medal.

"The goal at this point is to win another one. There's a lot of good teams in Canada and certainly a lot of good teams around the world so we know it's not easy, but we also know we have the talents and capabilities to do it."

But for now, the focus is on defending their title at the Brier in Kelowna, a city Gushue loves playing in but where he has yet to win a national championship.

"I'm excited," he says. "Hopefully the local community comes out and supports and hopefully we get a good crowd from Newfoundland, or at least a bunch of Team Gushue fans from across the country."

He doesn't need to worry about that. Since winning Olympic gold almost 20 years ago, Team Gushue has gained a celebrity status that hasn't waned.

Streets have been named after them in St. John's, and at any curling rink, in any part of the country (or world), there are sure to be Gushue fans and Gushue Girls — a group of fans from Gander, N.L., who have been proudly cheering on their favourite team in their signature pink shirts since 2016.

"We get recognized just about everywhere we go," says Gushue.

Team members have had to learn how to manage all the attention and distractions so they can stay focused on what's happening on the ice, but Gushue says he loves engaging with their fans and is so grateful for all the support.

"When we play at an event, we're the ones out there the longest signing autographs and getting pictures because people have supported us for so long. Taking a few moments after the game is something we're more than happy to do."

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hree of the four pre-qualified teams in the Montana's Brier, presented by AGI, come into Kelowna having escaped the rigours and risk of playing provincial championships, but uncertain whether they successfully navigated the "weird, dark" period in the middle of the curling season.

Team Brad Jacobs out of Calgary, Saskatoon's Team Mike McEwen and Winnipeg's Team Matt Dunstone earned their way into the Montana's Brier under Curling Canada's expanded system to pre-qualify three teams based on the Canadian Team Rankings System (CTRS). The fourth team with early entry is Team Brad Gushue as the defending champions.

Whether pre-qualifying is a positive or negative remains to be seen, and while Jacobs, McEwen and Dunstone appreciate not having to win provincials, they're uncertain what the impact is from the lack of competition ahead of Kelowna.

"This is kind of a weird, dark block in the competitive schedule," McEwen said of the six weeks the teams went without any events. "Are we going to get that momentum boost from winning provincials? No. And that's something we unfortunately will not be able to replace.

"There is positive in the training and planning aspect, but the negative is not having that high of winning provincials because that doesn't get old."

The three teams spent the six weeks between the last Grand Slam event that ended Jan. 19 and the opening draw of the Montana's Brier resting, training and refreshing their bodies both mentally and physically.

Jacobs, who won silver at the 2013 world championship and gold at the 2014 Winter Olympics, said he definitely missed the chance to win another Purple Heart as the provincial winner "but there's also the flip side where we get a great deal of time off to be well rested, well prepared and really focused on training. That's a real powerful thing as well.

"From a training aspect this is a dream, not having to travel and play in provincials and go through that grind and just be well-prepared going into Kelowna. There will be no excuse or reason why we're not 100 per cent ready for Kelowna."

Team Dunstone was one of two pre-qualifiers last year, and after being on the podium three of the previous four years, finished fourth in 2024. So what did he learn from last year's situation?

"We learned it's a mighty long break between mid-January and the beginning of March," he recalled.

So, this winter Team Dunstone adjusted its playing schedule.

"One thing we did this year is we played a lot more prior to Christmas than we did the year before... we wanted to front-load a bit so that's what we did."

With no competitive events for six weeks, the Dunstone team, like Jacobs and McEwen, planned training camps to try to stay as sharp as possible.

"That's pretty much all you can do this time of the year. It's just the more time you can spend together during that five-, six-week period the better off we're going to be."

Jacobs, who took over the Brendan Bottcher team last summer, said his foursome planned a training session in Calgary in mid-February and everyone trained individually as much as they could.





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- MATT DUNSTONE

"That is the one downfall to this system is we don't have that competition," Jacobs said. "But we've played a lot of games this year. Where our team has been fortunate is we played in the last two Grand Slam finals, which we discussed as a team was probably the best thing for us."

McEwen's team took advantage of the long break and a sponsor's invitation to spend some time in Phoenix with their families, watching and playing some golf, and catching an

"So, there's definitely upsides," he said of the break. "Mentally it's getting an absolute mental recharge. There's no excuse not to. As far as physically recovering, it's getting to an optimum level for that. There are some injuries the guys have had, little ones, but it's a great time to try to be 100-per-cent perfect physically for the Brier."

After reaching last year's final of the Montana's Brier, McEwen, third Colton Flasch, second Kevin Marsh and lead Dan Marsh looked at the long break as basically just an extended break from most seasons.

"I think most of us, at worst, have had a four-week break heading into past Briers," said McEwen. "Lots of us are used to that sort of time line so this is just an extension of that. It's not a tremendously different time frame. It's just adding a week or two to what we're used to experiencing."

Perhaps more impactful than the longer-than-usual break for Team Jacobs and Team Dunstone is the dramatic changes to their rosters this season. In December, Dunstone dropped B.J. Neufeld and replaced him with E.J. Harnden, brother of lead Ryan Harnden, and moved Colton Lott to third.

"Anytime you can add one of the best seconds we've seen over the last decade, one of, if not the best sweeper in the world, that's a big advantage," Dunstone said of the switch. "What he brings to the table, the experience of having won the last two Briers, that's something that's key for this group. That's something this group is trying to accomplish.

"It's a very difficult thing to navigate with our sport," he said of roster changes. "It's hard to have a cookie-cutter way of going about it, knowing what's right . . . you take as much time and care and go about it the best way you know how."

When the remnants of the Bottcher team — third Marc

Kennedy, second Brett Gallant and lead Ben Hebert became available, Jacobs jumped at the opportunity to assume the skip role, to face a new challenge in his lengthy, successful career.

"One of the reasons I took this position was because I knew it was going to be a big learning curve and a big challenge and that's what I was looking for," he explained. "I think we all, as people, when we can put ourselves into challenging situations we can really grow. There's certainly been a lot of that from all of us this season.

"That's probably the most special thing we've been able to share with one another is how much better we've gotten between August and now. We feel like we haven't peaked yet. We know we can continue to get better even though getting better is very incremental, very small developments now, but every bit counts, and we know we can push the ceiling of our team much higher."

Team Jacobs and Team McEwen are in one pool while Team Dunstone is slotted in the other pool with Team Gushue.

"It'll be a good test for us, being in the same pool as the guy who won this event the last two years," said Dunstone, who will meet Gushue in the final round-robin draw Thursday evening. "It goes without saying that Brad's the most popular curler in the history of our sport, fans really get up for his game . . . so the game's going to have an atmosphere, something I'm really looking forward to."

And meeting on the last day of round robin means both teams should be at their best.

"It's exciting in the sense both teams at that point are going to be really comfortable with the ice . . . and firing on all cylinders, unlike earlier in the week when you're still feeling things out," he said. "Whereas game seven or eight, whatever it is, everybody's going to have a pretty good handle on it and that's what you want to see out of a heavyweight tilt, two of the best teams in the world playing at their best. If things go correctly, that's what you're going to see Thursday night."

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INSPIRING COMMUNITIES ACROSS CANADA

#EXPERIENCECURLING

Community and youth-focused programs and experiences across the Scotties, Montana's Brier, and BKT Tires World Men's Curling Championship host cities will spark a passion for curling.

ot only do the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Montana's Brier and BKT Tires World Men's Curling Championship give the top curlers in Canada a chance to vie for national and world titles, they also provide an opportunity to showcase the sport and inspire young people across the country.

As part of Curling Canada's 2024-2025 Season of Champions Experience Curling Youth Initiatives, several community engagement programs and sport exposure experiences will be held before and during each event in the three host cities — the Scotties in Thunder Bay, Ont., the Montana's Brier in Kelowna, B.C.,





and the BKT Tires World Men's Curling championship in Moose Jaw, Sask.

"This program is about expanding the definition of 'sport participation' by inviting broader community-level enthusiasm for hosting a championship curling event, and by offering a variety of sport exposure and engagement opportunities, on and off the ice, for local non-curlers," says Brodie Bazinet, Senior Manager, Philanthropy & Youth Impacts for Curling Canada. "The series of initiatives focuses on creating memorable experiences that will increase awareness and welcome a new audience to our national curling community."

One of these initiatives is Curling Canada's Experience Curling School Ticket Program where students in the host cities get a chance to watch a weekday morning draw for free, compliments of Curling Canada.

Carolyne Paddington, who teaches a Senior Kindergarten/Grade 1 split class at Nor'wester View Public School in Thunder Bay, will be taking about 65 students from the primary division to the Scotties. The school also participated in a pre-event: Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings, presented by Curling Canada, an in-school floor curling program.

"When I told them we were going to the Scotties, they were cheering, they were so excited, especially now that they've had the chance to participate in Rocks & Rings," says Paddington.

The young curlers-in-training also picked up some important lessons after giving the sport a try.

"One of the things they told me they learned about curling is that it is for everyone and it's inclusive...I thought that was a great message."

In Thunder Bay alone, a total of 3,409 tickets will be given out through Curling Canada's Experience Curling School Ticket Program (an average of 1,136 students for each of three draws).

Matthew Erdman, who teaches Grades 5 and 6 at St. Ann Elementary School in Thunder Bay, will be bringing a diverse group of students to the Scotties, including some new Canadians.

"A lot of these students have never been exposed to curling. I think it's going to be a great experience to be able to, one, see women in sports, and two, see them at a national level," says Erdman. "Our school wouldn't have the budget to be able to afford to do this so it's huge."

Stacey Collie, the recreation and leisure facilitator at George Jeffrey Children's Centre in Thunder Bay, offers recreation therapy for children with disabilities and helps connect young people with accessible programming, including wheelchair curling.

She is excited to have the opportunity to bring several children to the Scotties.

"We've gone to a few other big things, and you can see the excitement in their whole bodies and the joy in their eyes. I think they're going to love (it)," says Collie.

"Some of them watch curling with their parents and will understand the rules, others will just love the atmosphere."

As you are sure to know by the volume level in Prospera Place at the weekday morning draws, the school ticket program will also be available for students here in Kelowna — as well as in Moose Jaw. There is an estimated 2,000 students that will attend the 2025 Montana's Brier, taking in a Canadian championship, learning about a potentially new sport, and having a blast as they cheer on some of the best men's curling teams in Canada.

Other youth and family engagement opportunities in the host cities will include Free Family Try Curling sessions, Community Pop Up Street Curling, the Future Stars program where a young curlers gets the chance to meet a team and have ice-side seating for their featured draw, free opening weekend tickets, and interactive fun on-site activities.

Some schools will also be visited by athletes where students have a chance to meet and greet, ask questions, participate in a curling warm-up routine, and play FloorCurl.

Provincial and territorial shootouts for Hit Draw Tap, a youth development skills competition for kids ages six-12, will also be held in Thunder Bay, Kelowna, and Moose Jaw.

Our sport is reaping the rewards of these initiatives geared at fostering greater inclusion and awareness.

In 2024, initiatives held for the Scotties in Calgary, the Montana's Brier in Regina, and World Women's Curling Championship in Sydney, N.S., were a huge success with almost 80,000 curling experiences offered, 62,000 of these through Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings.

More than 11,000 school program tickets and more than 4,000 opening weekend family tickets were handed out. Hundreds of students were reached through athlete visits to schools and 16 Free Family Try Curling events and meaningful community partnerships developed. There were also







220 FloorCurl starter equipment kits gifted to local schools and curling clubs.

These initiatives, which are adapted every year based on the needs of each community, wouldn't be possible without the generous philanthropic contributions of the Canada-wide curling community, and the targeted local support of the event organizing committee, provincial/territorial member associations, curling clubs, schools, and community organizations.

It helps bring the sport of curling to new and more diverse audiences, which was the case in 2024 when an Indigenous FloorCurl event was held for First Nations youth prior to the Scotties in Calgary.

Tyler White, Board Chair for First Nations Health Consortium, was thrilled youth from the Tsuut'ina Nation, Siksika Nation, and Stoney Nakoda Nations had a chance to try Rocks & Rings.

White said these events, which had also been offered to 16 other Indigenous communities across the province, are important because they expose First Nations youth to recreation opportunities they might not otherwise have.

Curling Canada hopes the initiatives in each community will help introduce new people to the sport of curling and the local curling community, to reinforce how it's a game for people of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels and that there are countless ways to engage in curling, including as our newest spectators.

"We are in this for the long game," says Bazinet. "We know that these sport exposure opportunities, where we're striving to change perceptions and reach a new-tocurling audience, are often like planting the seed. There's bound to be immediate participation interest, which is amazing, but we're equally interested in offering memorable experiences that will bring someone back to our sport, as a volunteer, spectator, or athlete in the future."







To learn more about Curling Canada's Experience Curling Program or how you can support the For the Love of Curling philanthropic program, scan the QR code or visit www.curling.ca/FTLOC.











VINNING TOGETHER

FROM THE FIELD TO THE ICE.

MONTANA'S BRIER OFFICIAL DRAW

DATE	DRAW	TIME (PT)	SHEET A	SHEET B	SHEET C	SHEET D
Friday, February 28	1	6:30 p.m.	MB-C vs BC	CA vs NL	NO vs NB	AB-K vs MB-D
Saturday, March I	2	1:30 p.m.	PE vs SK-M	NS vs SK-K	YT vs AB-J	QC vs ON
	3	6:30 p.m.	MB-D vs NU	NO vs AB-K	CA vs BC	NL vs MB-C
Sunday, March 2	4	8:30 a.m.	ON vs NT	YT vs QC	NS vs SK-M	SK-K vs PE
	5	1:30 p.m.	CA vs NO	BC vs MB-D	AB-K vs MB-C	NB vs NU
	6	6:30 p.m.	NS vs YT	SK-M vs ON	QC vs PE	AB-J vs NT
Monday, March 3	7	8:30 a.m.	BC vs AB-K	MB-C vs NB	NU vs NL	MB-D vs NO
	8	1:30 p.m.	SK-M vs QC	PE vs AB-J	NT vs SK-K	ON vs YT
	9	6:30 p.m.	NL vs NB	AB-K vs NU	BC vs NO	MB-C vs CA
Tuesday, March 4	10	8:30 a.m.	SK-K vs AB-J	QC vs NT	SK-M vs YT	PE vs NS
	11	1:30 p.m.	NO vs MB-C	NB vs CA	NL vs MB-D	NU vs BC
	12	6:30 p.m.	YT vs PE	AB-J vs NS	SK-K vs ON	NT vs SK-M
Wednesday, March 5	13	8:30 a.m.	NB vs MB-D	NL vs BC	MB-C vs NU	CA vs AB-K
	14	1:30 p.m.	AB-J vs ON	SK-K vs SK-M	PE vs NT	NS vs QC
	15	6:30 p.m.	NU vs CA	MB-D vs MB-C	NB vs AB-K	NO vs NL
Thursday, March 6	16	8:30 a.m.	NT vs NS	ON vs PE	AB-J vs QC	YT vs SK-K
	17	1:30 p.m.	AB-K vs NL	NU vs NO	MB-D vs CA	BC vs NB
	18	6:30 p.m.	QC vs SK-K	NT vs YT	ON vs NS	SK-M vs AB-J
Friday, March 7	P0-I	12:30 p.m.	Page I vs 2 Qualifiers – TBD			
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PAGE 3 vs 4	Saturday, March 8	12:30 p.m.
PAGE I vs 2	Saturday, March 8	6:30 p.m.

SEMIFINAL AND FINAL

SEMIFINAL	Sunday, March 9	II:00 a.m.
FINAL	Sunday, March 9	5:00 p.m.

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SK-M	Team McEwen
MB-D	Team Dunstone
NO	Team Epping
SK-K	Team Kleiter
ON	Team Mooibroek
AB-K	Team Koe
MB-C	Team Carruthers
QC	Team Asselin
NS	Team Purcell
BC	Team de Jong
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PE	Team Smith
YT	Team Scoffin
NL	Team Dilello
NU	Team Latimer
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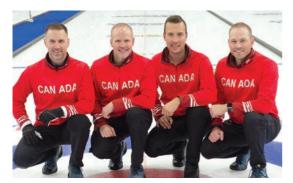


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TEAM CANADA

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From left: Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brendan Bottcher and Geoff Walker

SKIP: Brad Gushue **Age:** 44 **Occupation:** Business owner, Orangetheory Fitness Highlights: Threw fourth rocks for Canada at 2006 Olympics, skip in '22; won gold in '06, bronze in '22. Skipped N.L. at 2003, '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17 and '20 Briers, Canada in '18, '19, '21, '23 and '24, Wild Card #1 in '22; won gold in '17, '18, '20, '22, '23 and '24, silver in '07 and '16, bronze in '11. Won gold at 2017 worlds, silver in '18, '22, '23 and '24. Won gold at 2021 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped at 1996, '98, '99, 2000 and '01 Canadian U-20s, played second in '95; won gold in '01, silver in 2000. Won 2001 world juniors

THIRD: Mark Nichols Age: 45 Occupation: Owner/ personal trainer, Orangetheory fitness Highlights: Third for Canada at 2006 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '06, bronze in '22. Played third for N.L. at 2003, '04, '05. '07. '08. '09. '10. '11. '15. '16. '17 and '20 Briers. Canada in '18, '19, '21, '23 and '24, Wild Card #1 in '22, lead for Manitoba in '13, second in '14; won gold in '17. '18. '20. '22. '23 and '24. silver in '07. '13 and '16. bronze in '11. Won gold at 2017 worlds, silver in '18. '22. '23 and '24. Won 2005 Canadian mixed as skip for N.L.

Played in 2016 and '21 Canadian mixed. Played third for N.L. at 1999, 2000 and '01 Canadian U-20s; won gold in '01, silver in 2000. Won 2001 world juniors

SECOND: Brendan Bottcher Age: 33 Occupation: Territory manager, Spartan Controls Highlights: Skipped Alberta at 2017, '18, '20 and '21 Briers, Wild Card in '19, Canada in '22, Wild Card #1 in '23, CTRS in '24; won gold in '21, silver in '18, '19 and '20, bronze in '22, '23 and '24. Played in 2017, '19 and '21 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Alberta at 2010 and '12 Canadian juniors; won gold in '12. Won gold at 2012 world juniors

LEAD: Geoff Walker **Age:** 39 **Occupation:** Curler Highlights: Won 2022 Olympic bronze as lead for Canada, Played lead for N.L. at 2012, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17 and '20 Briers, Canada in '18, '19, '21, '23 and '24, Wild Card #1 in '22; won gold in '17, '18, '20, '22, '23 and '24, silver in '16. Won gold at 2017 worlds, silver in '18, '22, '23 and '24. Won silver at 2016 Canadian mixed doubles. Won gold at 2006 Canadian juniors as third for Alberta. Won gold at 2006 world juniors

ALTERNATE: Adam Casev **COACH:** Jeff Hoffart

TEAM ALBERTA - JACOBS THE GLENCOE CLUB. CALGARY



From left: Brad Jacobs, Marc Kennedy, Brett Gallant and Ben Hebert

SKIP: Brad Jacobs Age: 39 Occupation: Senior marketing director, World Financial Group Highlights: Won 2014 Olympic gold as skip for Canada. Skipped Northern Ontario at 2010, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21 and '22 Briers and Manitoba in '24, played vice-skip (fourth rocks) in '07, alternate/lead/skip in '08; won gold in '13, silver in '15, bronze in '10, '16 and '19. Won silver at 2013 worlds. Played in 2023 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped at 2005 Canadian U-20s

THIRD: Marc Kennedy Age: 43 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Played second for Canada at 2010 Olympics and second in '18; won gold in '10. Played third for Alberta at 2015 and '16 Briers, second in '07. '08, '09, '11 and '13, third for Canada in '17, third for Northern Ontario in '20. '21 and '22. third for Wild Card #1 in '23, third for CTRS in '24; won gold in '08, '09 and '16, silver in '17, bronze in '23, '24. Won gold at 2008 and '16 worlds, silver in '09. Played in 2021 Canadian mixed doubles. Played second at 1998 Canadian U-20s, third in '99 and 2001; won silver in '98

SECOND: Brett Gallant Age: 35 Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Won bronze as second for Canada at 2022 Olympics. Played third for N.L. at 2013 and '14

SKIP: Kevin Koe Age: 50 Occupation: Land & stakeholder coordinator, TransAlta Corporation Highlights: Skipped Canada at 2018 Olympics. Skipped Alberta at 2010, '12, '14, '15, '16, '19, '22, and '23 Briers, Team Canada in '17, '20, Wild Card #2 in '21, CTRS in '24; won gold in '10, '14, '16, and '19, silver in '12, '17, '21, and '22. Won gold at 2010 and '16 worlds, silver in '19. Won 2000 Canadian mixed as skip for Alberta. Won silver at 1994 Canadian U-20s

THIRD: Aaron Sluchinski Age: 37 Occupation: Accounting manager, Strike Group Highlights: Skipped Alberta at 2024 Brier. Played at 2021, '23, and '24 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Alberta at 2008 Canadian U-20s.

as skip for Yukon/N.W.T.

Briers, second in '15, '16, '17 and '20, Canada in '18, '19 and '21, Wild Card #1 in '22 and '23, CTRS in '24; won gold in '17. '18. '20 and '22. silver in '16. bronze in '23 and '24. Won gold at 2017 worlds, silver in '18 and '22. Played in 2016. '19. '21. '23 and '24 Canadian mixed doubles: won gold in '16 and '19, silver in '23, bronze in '24. Played in 2019 and '22 world mixed doubles: won silver in '19. Skipped P.E.I. at 2012 Canadian mixed. Skipped P.E.I. at 2004, '06, '07, '08, '09 and '10 Canadian U-20s; won gold in '09, silver in '07. Won silver at 2009 world juniors

LEAD: Ben Hebert Age: 41 Occupation: Business development manager, Caltech Surveys Ltd. Highlights: Played lead for Canada at 2010 and '18 Olympics; won gold in '10. Played lead for Saskatchewan at 2005, '06 Briers, Alberta in '07, '08, '09, '11, '13, '15, '16, '19 and '22, Team Canada in '17 and '20, Wild Card #2 in '21, Wild Card #1 in '23, CTRS in '24; won gold in '08, '09, '16 and '19, silver in '17, '21 and '22, bronze in '23 and '24. Won gold at 2008 and '16 worlds, silver in '09 and '19. Won silver at 2005 Canadian mixed as second for Saskatchewan. Played third for Saskatchewan at 2002 Canadian U-20s

ALTERNATE: Mike Caione **COACH:** Paul Webster

SECOND: Tyler Tardi Age: 26 Occupation: Brand and marketing designer, Curling Alberta Highlights: Played third for Alberta at 2023 Brier, CTRS in '24. Played in 2013, '15, '19, '21, '23 and '24 Canadian mixed doubles; won bronze in '23. Skipped British Columbia at 2016, '17, '18, and '19 Canadian U-20s; won gold in '17, '18, and '19, bronze in '16. Won gold as Canada skip at 2018 and '19 world juniors. Won gold as Canada third at 2017 Youth Olympics.

LEAD: Karrick Martin **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Facilities manager, Government of Alberta Highlights: Played lead for Alberta at 2017, '18, '20, '21, and '23 Briers, Wild Card in '19, CTRS in '24; won gold in '21, silver in '18 '19 and '20

ALTERNATE: Mike Libbus COACH: John Dunn

TEAM ALBERTA - KOE THE GLENCOE CLUB. CALGARY **PROVINCIAL CHAMPION**



From left: Karrick Martin, Tyler Tardi, Aaron Sluchinski and Kevin Koe

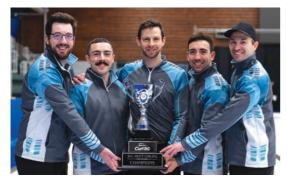




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TEAM BRITISH COLUMBIA VICTORIA CURLING CLUB



From left: Cameron de Jong, Alex Horvath, Corey Chester, Brayden Carpenter and Paul Cseke

SKIP: Cameron de Jong Age: 31 Occupation: Client service representative, BC Pension Corporation Highlights: Skipped British Columbia at 2023 and '20 Canadian mixed. Skipped BC at the 2014 Canadian II-20s

THIRD: Alex Horvath Age: 26 Occupation: Ice technician, Victoria & Esquimalt Curling Clubs Highlights: Played lead for British Columbia at 2023 and '24 Briers. Played second for British Columbia at 2020 Canadian mixed. Played lead for British Columbia at 2014 and '19 Canadian U-20s. Won gold as Canada lead at 2019 world juniors.

SECOND: Corey Chester Age: 32 Occupation: Financial analyst, Government of British Columbia Highlights: Played in 2021 and '24 Canadian mixed doubles. Played third for British Columbia at 2012 and '13 Canadian U-20s.

LEAD: Brayden Carpenter **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Office and program coordinator, Richmond Curling Centre

ALTERNATE: Paul Cseke COACH: Bryan Miki

TEAM MANITOBA - DUNSTONE FORT ROUGE CURLING CLUB, WINNIPEG



From left: Matt Dunstone, Colton Lott, E.J. Harnden and Rvan Harnden

SKIP: Matt Dunstone Age: 29 Occupation: Mortgage broker, Integra Mortgage Highlights: Skipped Saskatchewan at 2020, '21 Briers, threw fourth rocks in '18, skipped Wild Card #2 in '22, Manitoba in '23, CTRS in '24; won silver in '23, bronze in '20 and '21. Played at 2018 Canadian mixed doubles. Won 2013 and '16 Canadian U-20s as skip of Manitoba. Won bronze at 2013 and '16 world juniors

THIRD: Colton Lott Age: 29 Occupation: Carpenter. My Windows Guys Ltd. Highlights: Played lead for Manitoba at 2022 Brier, second in '23 and CTRS in '24: won silver in '23. Played in 2018. '19. '21. '23 and '24 Canadian mixed doubles; won silver in '18 and '21, bronze in '19, gold in '24. Won gold as Manitoba third at 2013 and '16 Canadian U-20s. Won bronze at 2013 and '16 world juniors

SECOND: E.J. Harnden Age: 41 Occupation: Senior manager of Instant Products & Operations, OLG Highlights: Won 2014 Olympic gold as second for

Canada. Played third for Northern Ontario at 2008, '10. '11 and '12 Briers, second in '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21 and '22, second for Canada in '23 and '24; won gold in '13, '23 and '24, silver in '15, bronze in '10. '16 and '19. Won silver at 2013. '23 and '24

LEAD: Ryan Harnden **Age:** 38 **Occupation:** Real estate agent, Royal LePage Northern Advantage, Team Glavota Highlights: Won 2014 Olympic gold as lead for Canada. Played second for Northern Ontario at 2008, '10, '11 and '12 Briers, lead in '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21 and '22, lead for Manitoba in '23, CTRS in '24; won gold in '13, silver in '15 and '23, bronze in '10, '16 and '19. Won silver at 2013 worlds. Skipped at 2007 Canadian U-20s

ALTERNATE: Adam Kingsbury **COACH:** Caleb Flaxey

TEAM MANITOBA - CARRUTHERS

GRANITE CURLING CLUB. WINNIPEG **PROVINCIAL CHAMPION**



From left: Reid Carruthers, B.J. Neufeld, Catlin Schneider and Connor Njegovan

SKIP: Reid Carruthers Age: 40 Occupation: Coach, Team Einarson **Highlights**: Skipped Manitoba at 2015 and '18 Briers and Wild Card #2 in '23, played third for Manitoba in '19. '22 and '24. for Wild Card in '20 and for Wild Card #1 in '21, second for Manitoba in '11 and '13, and lead for Manitoba in '14: won gold in '11. silver in '13. bronze in '14. Won gold at 2011 worlds. Played in 2016, '17, '18 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles: won gold in '17, bronze in '18. Won silver at 2017 world mixed doubles Skipped Manitoba at 2008 Canadian mixed and '03 Canadian II-20s

THIRD: B.J. Neufeld Age: 39 Occupation: Real estate agent, Royal LePage Prime Real Estate - The Neufeld Group **Highlights:** Played third for Manitoba at 2016, '17 and '23 Briers, Wild Card in '18, Alberta in '19 and '22, Canada in '20, Wild Card #2 in '21, CTRS in '24; won gold in '19, silver in '21, '22 and '23, bronze

in '17. Won silver at 2019 worlds. Played second for Manitoba at 2004 Canadian U-20s, third in '05 and '07; won bronze in '04.

SECOND: Catlin Schneider **Age:** 33 **Occupation**: Co-owner & engineer, Prairie Sun Solar Highlights: Played third for Saskatchewan at 2017 and '22 Briers, second in '20, Skipped British Columbia in 2024. Played at 2016, '17, '19 and '21 Canadian mixed

LEAD: Connor Njegovan **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Real estate agent, Connor Njegovan Realtor Highlights: Played lead for Manitoba at 2020. '21 and '24 Briers. for Wild Card #3 in '22, played second for Wild Card #2 in '23. Won silver at 2010 Canadian U-20s as second for Manitoba.

ALTERNATE: Kyle Doering COACH: Rob Meakin



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TEAM NEW BRUNSWICK GAGE GOLF & CURLING CLUB. OROMOCTO



From left: James Grattan, Joel Krats, Paul Dobson and Andy McCann

SKIP: James Grattan Age: 50 Occupation: Customer service agent, Air Canada Highlights: Skipped New Brunswick at 1997, 2006, '08, '10, '11, '13, '14, '18, '20, '21, '22, and '24 Briers, played third in '02, '03, '04, and '09. Skipped New Brunswick at 2013 and '21 Canadian mixed. Skipped at 1995 Canadian U-20s, played third in '91; won silver in '95.

THIRD: Joel Krats Age: 23 Occupation: Merchandising program manager, Goldline Curling Highlights: Played third for New Brunswick at 2024 Brier. Won silver as second for N.L. at 2020 Canadian U-20s. Won gold as Nova Scotia third at 2021 world junior qualifier. Won bronze as Canada third at 2022 world juniors. Skipped N.L. at 2019 Canadian U-18s.

SECOND: Paul Dobson Age: 45 Occupation: Operations, Irving Paper Highlights: Played second for New Brunswick at 2005. '22, and '24 Briers. skipped in '07, third in '20.

LEAD: Andy McCann Age: 42 Occupation: Regional vice president of sales, Salesforce Highlights: Played third for New Brunswick at 2012 Brier, second in '18, '20, '21 and lead in '22 and '24.

ALTERNATE: Drew Grattan COACH: Dean Grattan

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



From left: Ty Dilello, Ryan McNeil Lamswood, Daniel Bruce and Aaron Feltham

SKIP: Ty Dilello Age: 31 Occupation: Journalist Highlights: Played second for Manitoba at 2024 Canadian mixed.

THIRD: Ryan McNeil Lamswood Age: 24 Occupation: Bachelor of Education student, Cape Breton University Highlights: Played in 2017 Canadian mixed doubles. Played third for N.L. at 2015, '16, '18, and '20 Canadian U-20s, second in '19; won silver in '20. Skipped N.L. at 2018 Canadian 11-18s

SECOND: Daniel Bruce Age: 26 Occupation: Site expert, FanSided Highlights: Skipped N.L. at 2018 and '20 Canadian U-20s, fourth in '19; won silver

LEAD: Aaron Feltham **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Parts advisor, Canadian Tire Highlights: Played lead for N.L. at 2023 Canadian U-20s. Played lead for N.L. at 2019 Canadian U-18s.

ALTERNATE: Nathan King COACH: Mike Mahon

TEAM NORTHERN ONTARIO NCU COMMUNITY CENTRE, SUDBURY



From left: Tanner Horgan, Jacob Horgan, John Epping and Ian McMillan

SKIP: John Epping Age: 41 Occupation: Sales director Highlights: Skipped Ontario at 2018, '20, '21 Briers and '19 Wild Card pre-qualifier. Played in 2016. '17. '18. '21. '23. and '24 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped at 2006 and '07 Canadian mixed; won gold in '06. Skipped at 2004 Canadian U-20s.

THIRD: Jacob Horgan Age: 24 Occupation: Business student, Humber College Highlights: Played second for Northern Ontario at 2023 Brier. Played in 2023 Canadian mixed doubles. Played second for Northern Ontario at 2014 Canadian U-20s, third in '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, skip in '20; won silver in '16 and '18, bronze in '19.

SECOND: Tanner Horgan Age: 27 Occupation: Ice technician, Roy's Curling Ice Services Highlights: Played alternate/lead/third for Northern Ontario at 2018 Brier, third in '23, Skipped Northern Ontario at 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18 and '19 Canadian U-20s; won silver in '16, '18, bronze in '19.

LEAD: Ian McMillan Age: 33 Occupation: Credit manager, Canadian Western Bank Highlights: Played second at 2018 Brier Wild Card pre-qualifier. Won silver as Manitoba second at 2023 Canadian

COACH: Mike Harris



TEAM NORTHWEST TERRITORIES HAY RIVER CURLING CLUB



From left: Aaron Bartling, D'arcy Delorey, Norman Bassett and Eric Preston

SKIP: Aaron Bartling **Age:** 48 **Occupation:** Firefighter, Edmonton Fire Rescue Services Highlights: Alternate for P.E.I. at 2021 Brier.

THIRD: D'arcy Delorey Age: 47 Occupation: IT manager, Northwest Territories Power Corporation Highlights: Played third for Northwest Territories at 2012, '13, '14 Canadian club championships, skip in '16 and '24

SECOND: Norman Bassett Age: 49 Occupation: Vice president, Bassett Petroleum Distributors Ltd.

LEAD: Eric Preston Age: 21 Occupation: RCMP

officer.

ALTERNATE: Adam Naugler

TEAM NOVA SCOTIA HALIFAX CURLING CLUB



From left: Owen Purcell, Luke Saunders, Scott Saccary and Rvan Abraham

SKIP: Owen Purcell Age: 24 Occupation: Artificial intelligence trainer, Invisible Technologies Highlights: Won gold as Nova Scotia skip at 2024 Canadian mixed, Skipped Nova Scotia at 2019 and '20 Canadian U-20s. Won bronze as Nova Scotia skip at 2021 world junior qualifier. Won bronze as Canada skip at 2022 world juniors. Skipped Nova Scotia at 2018 and '19 Canadian U-18s; won gold in '18. Won bronze as Canada skip at 2023 FISU World University

THIRD: Luke Saunders Age: 31 Occupation: Tennis professional, The Waegwoltic Club Highlights: Played third for Nova Scotia at 2023 and '24 Briers. Played in 2024 Canadian mixed doubles. Played second for Nova Scotia at 2020 and '23 Canadian

SECOND: Scott Saccary Age: 39 Occupation: Owner, New Scotland Clothing Co. & New Scotland Brewing Co. Highlights: Played second for Nova Scotia at 2017. '18. '20 and '21 Briers and '16 pre-qualifier, third in '22. Played second at 2022 Canadian mixed. Played second at 2002 Canadian II-20s third in '03

LEAD: Ryan Abraham **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Install technician, Oakhill Outdoor Services Highlights: Played second for Nova Scotia at 2022 Brier. Played in 2019 Canadian mixed doubles. Played second for Nova Scotia at 2015, '16 Canadian U-20s, P.E.I. third in '19 and '20.

ALTERNATE: Calan MacIsaac **COACH:** Colleen Jones

TEAM NUNAVUT IQALUIT CURLING CLUB



From left: Peter Van Strien, Justin McDonell, Sheldon Wettig and Shane Latimer

SKIP: Shane Latimer Age: 37 Occupation: Electrician, IBEW 120 Highlights: Skipped Nunavut at 2024 Brier

THIRD: Sheldon Wettig Age: 44 Occupation: Teacher, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, Brandon School Division Highlights: Third for Nunavut at 2020, '23 and '24 Brier. Skipped Northwest Territories at 2000 and '01 Canadian II-20s

SECOND: Justin McDonell Age: 36 Occupation: Project manager, Government of Nunavut **Highlights:** Played second for Nunavut at 2023 Canadian mixed, Played lead for Nunayut at 2018 and '21 Canadian club championships, second in '23

LEAD: Peter Van Strien **Age:** 42 **Occupation:** Finance officer, City of Igaluit Highlights: Played in 2021 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Nunavut at 2021 and '23 Canadian mixed. Played second for Nunavut at 2021 and '23 Canadian club championships.

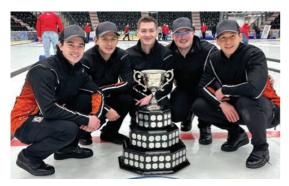
COACH: Katie Brooks



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TEAM ONTARIO WHITBY CURLING CLUB



From left: Nathan Steele, Scott Mitchell, Ryan Wiebe, Sam Mooibroek and Gavin Lydiate

SKIP: Sam Mooibroek Age: 25 Occupation: Ice technician Highlights: Won gold as Wilfrid Laurier skip at 2023 U SPORTS championships.

THIRD: Ryan Wiebe Age: 24 Occupation: Actuarial science student, University of Manitoba

SECOND: Scott Mitchell Age: 23 Occupation: Plumbing apprentice, W. Mitchell & Son Highlights: Alternate for Ontario at 2020 and '22 Canadian U-20s, skip at '21 world junior qualifier; won gold in '22. Played alternate at 2022 world juniors, third in '23; won gold in '22. Played second for Ontario at 2017 Canadian U-18s and third in '18.

LEAD: Nathan Steele **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Plumbing apprentice, W. Mitchell & Son Highlights: Played second at 2020 Canadian U-20s, third in '22: won gold in '22. Played second at 2021 world junior qualifier. Played second for Ontario at 2018 Canadian U-18s.

ALTERNATE: Gavin Lydiate **COACH:** Jake Higgs

TEAM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CRAPAUD COMMUNITY CURLING CLUB



From left: Tyler Smith, Adam Cocks, Christopher Gallant and Edward White

SKIP: Tyler Smith Age: 26 Occupation: Owner, Smith's Excavating Highlights: Played third for P.E.I. at 2021 Brier, skip in '22, '23 and '24. Skipped P.E.I. at 2013, '15, '17, '19 and '20 Canadian U-20s, played third for N.B. in '18. Played third for P.E.I. at 2017 Canadian mixed, skip in '23 and '24.

THIRD: Adam Cocks Age: 27 Occupation: Service advisor, Toyota Highlights: Played third for P.E.I. at 2022, '23 and '24 Briers. Played third for Nova Scotia at 2017 and '18 Canadian U-20s.

SECOND: Christopher Gallant **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Manager, Veterans Review & Appeal Board Highlights: Played second for P.E.I. at 2024 Brier. Fourth for P.E.I. at 2012 Canadian U-21's, third in '17.

LEAD: Edward White Age: 30 Occupation: Red Seal Carpenter/owner, E.D. White Construction Highlights: Played second for P.E.I. at 2022 Brier, lead in '23 and '24. Played second for P.E.I. at 2023 and '24 Canadian mixed.

COACH: Paul Flemming

TEAM QUEBEC

GLENMORE/VALLEYFIELD/ETCHEMIN/DES COLLINES/BELVÉDÈRE CURLING CLUBS



From left: Félix Asselin, Jean-Michel Ménard, Martin Crête and Jean-François Trépanier

SKIP: Félix Asselin Age: 30 Occupation: Geologist. Wesdome Gold Mines Highlights: Played third at 2018 Brier, second in '21, fourth in '22, skip in '23. Played in 2017, '21, '23 and '24 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Quebec at 2019 and '22 Canadian mixed; won gold in '22, bronze in '19. Won bronze as Canada skip at 2023 world mixed. Skipped Ouebec at 2012, '13, '15 and '16 Canadian U-20s.

THIRD: Jean-Michel Ménard Age: 49 Occupation: HR manager, Government of Canada Highlights: Played second for Ouebec at 2003 Brier, skip in '05, '06, '08. '09, '13, '14, '16 and '17; won gold in '06. Won silver as Canada skip at 2006 worlds. Skipped Quebec at 2000, '01 and '21 Canadian mixed; won gold in '01 and '21. Won gold as Canada skip at 2022 world mixed. Skipped Quebec at 1996 Canadian U-20s.

SECOND: Martin Crête Age: 38 Occupation: Business intelligence architect, Desjardins Highlights: Played third for Quebec at 2008, '09, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '21, '22 and '23 Briers, skipped in '19. Skipped at 2002, '03, '04, '05 and '06 Canadian U-20s; won silver in '02, bronze in '03.

LEAD: Jean-François Trépanier Age: 37 Occupation: Manager, Quebec Hydro Highlights: Played lead for Quebec at 2018, '21, '22 and '23 Briers.

COACH: Pierre Charette

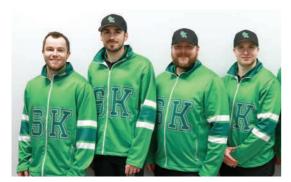




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TEAM SASKATCHEWAN - KLEITER NUTANA CURLING CLUB. SASKATOON PROVINCIAL CHAMPION



From left: Rylan Kleiter, Joshua Mattern, Matt Hall and Trevor Johnson

SKIP: Rylan Kleiter Age: 26 Occupation: Senior accountant, Ernst & Young LLP Highlights: Skipped Saskatchewan at 2017. '18. '19 and '20 Canadian U-20s; won bronze in '19 and '20. Skipped Saskatchewan at 2017 Canadian U-18s.

THIRD: Joshua Mattern Age: 26 Occupation: Mechanical engineer, Nutrien Allan Potash Mine Highlights: Played second for Saskatchewan at 2018, '18, '19 and '20 Canadian U-20s; won bronze in '19 and '20. Played second for Saskatchewan at 2017 Canadian U-18s

SECOND: Matt Hall Age: 27 Occupation: Oddsmaker, CoolBet Highlights: Played second for Ontario at 2016 Canadian U-20s, skip in '17 and '18. second for British Columbia in '19; won gold in '19, silver in '17. Won gold as Canada second at 2019 world juniors. Played second for Ontario at 2022 Canadian mixed.

LEAD: Trevor Johnson **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Manufacturing technician, Pleasure-Way Industries Highlights: Played third for Saskatchewan at 2018, '18, '19 and '20 Canadian U-20s; won bronze in '19 and '20. Played third for Saskatchewan at 2017 Canadian U-18s.

ALTERNATE: John Mattern COACH: Dean Kleiter

TEAM SASKATCHEWAN - McEWEN NUTANA CURLING CLUB, SASKATOON



From left: Mike McEwen, Colton Flasch, Kevin Marsh and Dan Marsh

SKIP: Mike McEwen Age: 44 Occupation: Entrepreneur Highlights: Skipped Manitoba at 2016, '17, '19 and '22 Briers, Wild Card in '18 and '20, Wild Card 1 in '21. Ontario in '23. Saskatchewan in '24; won silver in '24, bronze in '17. Played in 2016 and '17 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped at 1998 and 2001 Canadian U-20s: won silver in '01, bronze in

THIRD: Colton Flasch Age: 34 Occupation: Owner, Flasch Construction INC Highlights: Played second for Saskatchewan at 2014, '15 and '16 Briers, Alberta in '19, Canada in '20, skipped Saskatchewan in '22, third in '24; won gold in '19, silver in '24, bronze in '15. Won gold at 2011 Canadian U-20s as second for Saskatchewan

SECOND: Kevin Marsh Age: 36 Occupation:

Manager of Category Strategy and Performance, Federated Co-operatives Ltd. Highlights: Played third for Saskatchewan at 2019 Brier, second in '22 and '24; won silver in '24. Played second for Saskatchewan at 2016 Canadian mixed

LEAD: Dan Marsh Age: 36 Occupation: Teacher, Sun West School Division Highlights: Played second for Saskatchewan at 2019 Brier, lead in '22 and '24; won silver in '24

ALTERNATE: Brent Laing **COACH:** Pat Simmons

YUKON WHITEHORSE CURLING CLUB



From left: Thomas Scoffin, Kerr Drummond, Trygg Jensen and Joe Wallingham

SKIP: Thomas Scoffin Age: 30 Occupation: Accountant Highlights: Skipped Yukon at 2020, '22, '23 and '24 Briers. Skipped Yukon at 2007, '08, '09, '10. '11 and '12 Canadian U-20s. Alberta in '13: won silver in '13. Skipped Yukon at 2020 Canadian mixed

THIRD: Kerr Drummond Age: 33 Occupation: Sales manager, IFR Workwear Highlights: Played second for Alberta at 2024 Brier. Played lead for Scotland at 2010 and '12 world juniors; won silver in '10 and bronze in '12

SECOND: Trygg Jensen **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Accountant, Swainson Alexander LLP Highlights: Played third for Yukon at 2020, '22, '23 and '24 Briers. Played lead for Yukon at 2014 Canadian U-20s, second in '15 and '16, third in '18, skip in '19

LEAD: Joe Wallingham **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** First Nation education advocate, Yukon First Nations Educations Directorate Highlights: Played lead for Yukon at 2020 Brier, second in '22 and '23, lead/ second in '24. Played second for Yukon at 2013 Canadian U-20s, skipped in '14, '15 and '18, Played lead for Yukon at 2024 Canadian club championships

The wonderful career of

JOHNNY MO

John Morris enjoyed a curling career like few others, complete with Canadian, world and Olympic championships, but also hugely prized are the good times with friends and teammates shared over a 30-year career

BY MARIO ANNICCHIARICO

he list of his accomplishments on the pebbled ice reads like a dream 'to-do' directory in curling.

Two-time Olympic gold medallist (in three appearances); 13 Montana's Brier competitions, winning gold three times and silver four others; gold, silver and bronze medallist at the world championships; two world junior titles; two Canada Cup of Curling golds and four more runner-up finishes; and two Contintental Cup of Curling crowns to go with 11 Grand Slam titles.

Yet, John Morris (a.k.a. Johnny Mo) looks back on his curling career and lists the camaraderie and lessons learned as his greatest memories over his 30plus years of competing in the sport he loves, a game he stepped away from officially more than a year ago.

"I won't miss the travel, I'll tell you that much," Morris — who is more than content at his firefighter's job in Rockyview County in Alberta and being a dad to Jack and Zoe, and a husband to Maggie - said with a laugh. "Throughout my career there were times where I spent 100 days a year in a hotel.

"It's the camaraderie that you miss most. Going back to the hotel, sip on a whiskey, play cards or watch the Edmonton Oilers game. I almost remember that more than the games we played. And going to bonspiels and seeing friends like Jim Cotter or Rick Sawatsky or Paul Flemming; guys you'd only see



when you're curling. Catching up with them over a few beers. That's what I'll miss the most."

Don't get the 45-year-old wrong, though. When it came to competing, Morris was all in, learning from the likes of Ed (The Wrench) Werenich, Wayne Middaugh, Al (The Iceman) Hackner, Kevin Martin, and Russ Howard through his younger years.

"Those were all guys I was fortunate to play against when I was younger and learned from," said Morris. "I remember being 16 years old and playing in the Welton Beauchamp Bonspiel with my dad (Earle, his biggest influence) and beating Ed Werenich and hearing advice from him and Hackner or John Kawaja.

"'Yeah, you're not bad kid, but remember to have fun with this game because it doesn't pay a lot. You have to make sure you enjoy it," they would say. "Man, I feel lucky to have grown up in that time."

And the sport has been fortunate to have had him for more than 30 years.

"I've had a wonderful career, playing with some great teammates and had some of the best experiences of my life," he said, crediting Earle with his early beginnings. He recalls getting hooked at a youth bonspiel in the Ottawa Valley.

"The first prize was Nintendo Gameboy and I was so stoked to win that. Seeing what you might be able to win as a kid was so cool," he recalled. "What made me enjoy curling, too, was going out of town for a bonspiel where curling became secondary to the fun in the hotel. I thought, 'This sport is pretty fun, I could do this some more."

Then in high school, his friends would wonder what he was doing curling while they were playing hockey. He would also miss out on parties while he was out curling.

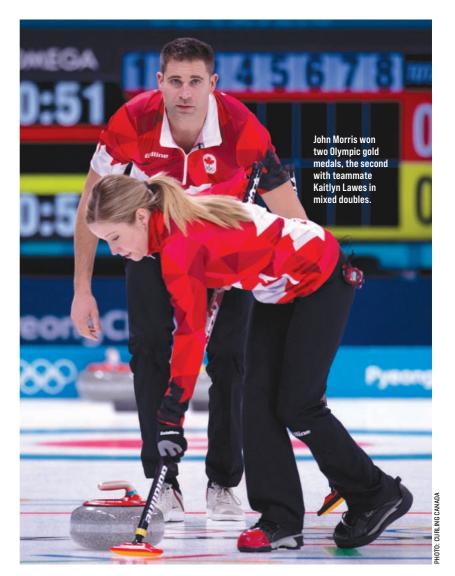
"I thought to myself, 'man I better do something with this sport to make it all worthwhile because I'm missing out on some fun here in high school," he laughed, admitting that was a bit of a driving force in his early beginnings.

But it was his focus that eventually separated him from the field.

"On the ice, I absolutely loved playing in a big moment. Playing in a Brier final with 20,000 people watching. To me there was nothing better than that," said Morris. "To me, sometimes I had trouble playing in tour events that were just another stop. I had to dig deep to find the motivation.

"The bigger the stage, the more I loved it. I loved playing in big moments and big games, be it Olympic Games or Trials or the Brier — to me that was the true test of an athlete."

Kevin Martin concurs. His skip through a halfdozen solid years, Martin, Morris (at vice-skip), second Marc Kennedy and lead Ben Hebert lived





John Morris had the good fortune to play with some of Canada's top skips over his career, including Kevin Martin, Brad Jacobs, Jim Cotter, Pat Simmons, and Kevin Koe (right).



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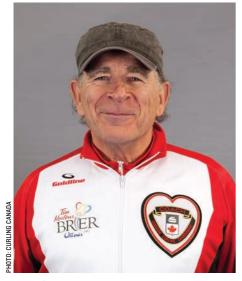
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A big influence in John Morris' career was his dad Earle, who established his own impressive footprint in curling. Dad got his son hooked on the game when he was young.

large on the ice, becoming one of the greatest teams to ever compete.

"To be honest, that team was the best team there ever was in curling and I think I can say that without any kind of arrogance or anything. I think it's just the truth," said Martin. "Every person on that team brought something special.

"With John, on that particular team, he had a unique personality. When he decides to dive into something, that's all he does. If he doesn't though, he's not there at all. He's a very unique individual. When he had his mind into something he was very focused on the job at hand.

"Like the (2010) Olympic gold-medal game — he played unbelievable at the Olympics and especially in that final game. That's what he brought to the team. When he was focused there weren't many that were better," insisted Martin.

It was that event, 2010 in Vancouver, that Morris will never forget. The Martin foursome went through the tournament undefeated in nine round-robin games, out-scoring the competition 75-36. In the medal-round, Canada's rep defeated both Sweden and Norway 6-3, respectively, in the semifinal and championship game, ending the perfect 11-0 run.

"To go undefeated was incredible.
That was the most focused I'd seen John," said Martin. "He was completely lockedin and played amazing. The whole team did, but especially in the final, John was magnificent. That team was built to win the Olympic Games."



"I've been on many great teams and have had some of the best teammates in the world, but there's no doubt the best team I was on was Kevin Martin, Marc Kennedy and Ben Hebert," agreed Morris. "That was the first team I was on where the members were plot committed to doing everything we could to perform and thrive together.

"When you have four talented guys who want to work their butts off to go that extra mile for each other and be successful — the sky is the limit. For four to six years we were the No. 1 team in the world and it wasn't that close.

"I sure feel lucky to have played with them. Playing third for that team is a time in my life that I will never forget. When you're in it, you think it will last forever, but when you look back you say, 'Geez, those were great years and I wish that would have lasted forever."

And to win the Oylmpic gold medal — he would later add his second Olympic gold in Pyeongchang in mixed doubles with Kaitlyn Lawes — at home on Canadian soil was unique.

"The Olympics in Vancouver was something I never experienced before or will ever again. Looking up and Wayne Gretzky is watching your game and cheering you on. Does it get any better than that?" said Morris. "That doesn't happen at the Brier, but the Brier had its own energy, especially in the heydays when you had sociable and sold-out crowds in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton."

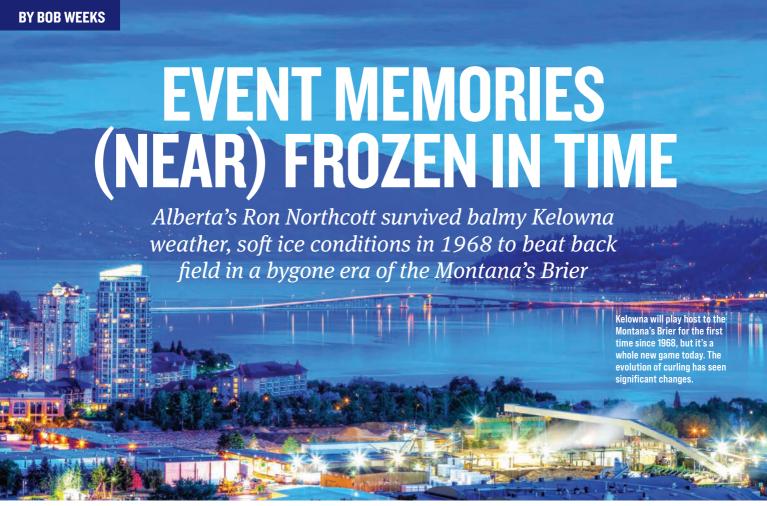
It's those experiences he appreciates the most.

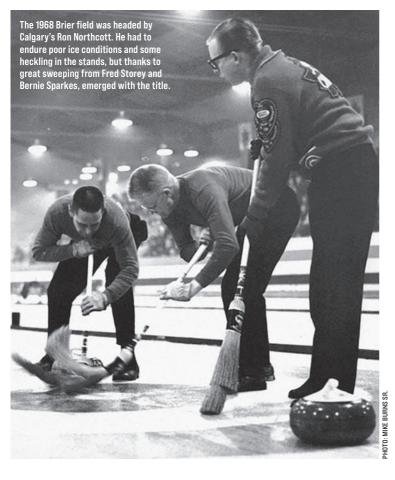
"When I look back on my career, I sure feel grateful for the experiences I've had in the game," said Morris. "I've been able to travel the world, travel many parts of our great country and meet fantastic people I still call friends and keep in touch with. I've shared some wonderful experiences with some awesome teammates.

"It's not one specific medal or championship that stands out. It's more the experiences I've had, the friends I've met and the teammates that I feel lucky and privileged to have played with that really stands out.

"A lot of that came from world championships and Olympics, but I feel like I'm one of the luckiest guys on earth to have experienced what I was able to do and play the sport for so many years."

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he last time the Montana's Brier came to Kelowna, B.C., the competition was a far cry from what curling fans will see this year.

The 1968 championship had just 11 teams in the field and games lasted 12 ends, with early concessions not allowed. There were no playoffs, unless there was a tie at the end of the round robin. Corn brooms were the sweeping instruments of choice and smoking on the ice was allowed. In fact, it wasn't unusual to see a sweeper wielding a broom while balancing a cigarette between his lips.

The field was headed by Alberta's Ron Northcott, who won the 1966 Brier and finished second a year later. He was favoured to win even though his team almost missed the deadline to enter his provincial playdowns.

His third for the previous two years, George Fink, moved to Saskatchewan for business and the Northcott team, which included Bernie Sparkes and Fred Storey on the front end, was scrambling to replace him.

Jimmy Shields was the choice, but he retired from competitive play. He finished runner-up at the Brier in 1960 and '63 but stepped away from competitive curling after that. Only some heavy arm-twisting from the other three led him to suit up again.

"We actually only convinced him the day before the entries closed," remembered Sparkes. "I really don't think he was too keen on the whole idea."

Keen or not, the foursome had no trouble repeating as Alberta champions and was primed for another run at the Brier Tankard.

When the teams arrived in Kelowna they were met by balmy temperatures for the first week of March, with the mercury hitting the low teens. That made the ice

conditions more than a little challenging with frost build-up on every sheet. As play began, the players tried to adjust to the slow speeds, pushing rocks harder and harder, and sweeping more and more, just to get the stones to the other end.

"Down the centre of the sheet, the rocks reacted normally," Northcott said in the book 'The Brier', "but three feet on either side of the centre line it was no man's land. A stone out there had to be 15 to 20 feet heavier to make it to the rings. And you had no idea how it was going to curl."

If that weren't enough, there was something else affecting the ice conditions that week that had nothing to do with the temperatures. CBC was broadcasting some of the games and installed massive television lights over Sheet 3. The big incandescent bulbs slowly heated up the ice as the game went on.

On Tuesday evening, Alberta played New Brunswick on the TV sheet, and after eight ends, the Fredericton team held a 6-4 lead.

"At that point, the ice started to go funny," said Jim Anderson, who played second for New Brunswick. "Northcott ended up taking one in nine, stole one in 10 and one in 11. So we were down one playing 12. By that time the ice was really bad, and nobody could get one in the house. You couldn't get the rock to go all the way down the sheet."

Sixteen rocks were thrown and not one made it to the house in what became known as the strangest blank end in Brier history.

For the rest of the week the TV lights over Sheet 3 were adjusted but Mother Nature made sure the tough ice conditions continued. Some of the scores indicate just how difficult it was: Manitoba beat Newfoundland 22-5; Alberta pummelled Saskatchewan 17-6; and Prince Edward Island needed 13 ends to defeat Newfoundland 17-16, a score that equalled the record for the most points in a Brier match.

The slow ice also meant lots of sweeping and the heavy corn brooms of the day took their toll on the leads and seconds.

"Sweeping with corn brooms for 12 ends was so hard," said Jim Waite, the second on the Ontario team from St. Thomas. "Our hands looked like raw meat. At the end of the day your arms and shoulders were aching like never before. It felt like they might fall off."

Alberta's Sparkes and Storey, two of the best sweepers of the day, were not exempt from the



sweeping pain but a coincidental meeting in the team's hotel gave them a huge boost.

"We ran into the trainer from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and he had a room on the same floor we did," said Sparkes. "He set up a table for Fred and I and gave us rubdowns every day after our games. And that really helped us."

While things were tough on the ice surface, they were great in the stands where the crowds showed up in large numbers to cheer on their favourites. They were appreciative of good shots, applauding and cheering throughout the event.

The set up in Memorial Arena that week had seating just a couple of feet from the ice surface, with only the hockey boards in between. That led to one close-up encounter between a fan and Anderson.

"My skip called for me to take out one of the rocks our lead had thrown because it ended up in the wrong spot," he said. "So I take it out, and I'm standing beside the boards after and this little lady who was sitting there must have thought I'd made a mistake. She patted me on the shoulder and said, 'Honey, it's all right, you'll do better next time."

As the week progressed, Northcott's Alberta team began to establish itself as the frontrunner. It won its first seven games before finally losing to Ontario on Thursday evening. It rebounded in the next draw, scoring two in the 12th end to edge Manitoba 10-9.

Saskatchewan, skipped by Bob "Pee Wee" Pickering who was known for a delivery that saw his backswing

Jim Anderson (left) and Jim Waite curled in the 1968 Brier, Both remembered the tough ice conditions and the toll it took on leads and seconds trying to sweep.

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take the rock over his head, started slowly, going 3-2 over its first five games but rallied to win its next four matches. With only the final draw left to play, Pickering's squad hoped it could win and Northcott would lose. That would leave the teams in a tie forcing a playoff for the Brier title.

The Alberta team faced the foursome from Northern Ontario which, to that point in the draw, had a dismal record of 1-8. It seemed as if it would be an easy game for Northcott and that a second Brier title was almost a sure thing. But after nine ends, the score was tied at eight.

To make matters worse, a loudmouth in the stands tried to disturb Northcott. No matter if he was making a shot or holding the broom, the fan kept yelling at the Alberta skip, trying to get his attention. But Northcott refused to look up, instead focusing on his game.

Only later did he learn that the fan was holding up a Kelowna newspaper that already printed the front-page headline for the next day: "Northcott Wins Brier," it read in big, bold type.

"Thank God I didn't see that before the end of the game," the skip said in 'The Brier'. "I don't know what I would have done had I seen it, but if we didn't win that game, we were going into a playoff. That might have jinxed everything."

But the front page held up. The Alberta team scored three points in the 10th and two more in the 11th, earning a 13-9 win and a second Brier championship.

"All my Brier wins are special," reflected Sparkes, who won three Canadian championships in 12 appearances. "Each one is different and that one in Kelowna we really had to earn with the difficult ice. We were pretty tired at the end of that week."

Not too tired, of course, to lift the Macdonald Tankard and celebrate before a Kelowna crowd. Just as another team will do at this year's Montana's Brier.

Bob Weeks is a senior reporter and curling columnist for TSN and works out of Toronto. All quotes were obtained firsthand unless cited otherwise.





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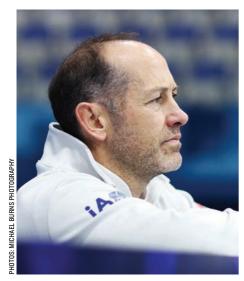




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Brent Laing made a name for himself as a solid, reliable second, garnering four Brier all-star selections in a career that earned him three Canadian and world titles.

EIGHT-TIME WINNER

Glenn Howard — as third for Ontario in 1986, '92, as skip in 2006, '07, '10, '11, '12, '13

SEVEN-TIME WINNER

Marc Kennedy — as second for Alberta in 2007, '08, '09, '11; as third for Northern Ontario in 2022; as CTRS third in 2024

Wayne Middaugh — as second for Ontario in 1992, '93, '94, as skip in '98, 2001, as third in '12, '13

FIVE-TIME WINNERS

Randy Ferbey — as third for Alberta in 1988, '89, 2003, '04, '05

Brad Gushue — as skip for Nfld./Labrador in 2014, '17; as skip for Team Canada in 2018, '21; as skip for Wild Card 1 in 2022

Ben Hebert — as lead for Alberta in 2009, '11; as lead for Wild Card 2 in 2021; as lead for Wild Card 1 in 2023; as CTRS lead in 2024

Pat Ryan — as skip for Alberta in 1985, '88; as third for British Columbia in 1993, '94, '95

Don Walchuk — as second for Alberta in 1987, '88, '89, as third in '96, '97

FOUR-TIME WINNERS

Rick Folk — as skip for Saskatchewan in 1978, '80; as skip for British Columbia in 1989, '94
Neil Harrison — as lead for Ontario in 1983, '84, '88, '97

Brent Laing — as second for Ontario in 2006, '10, '13; as second for Alberta in 2016

Scott Pfeifer — as second for Alberta in 2002.

Scott Pfeifer — as second for Alberta in 2002, '03, '04, '05



He'll go down as one of the great leads in Brier history. Ben Hebert of Alberta was an all-star at his position five times, both for his outstanding shooting and sweeping ability.

Bernie Sparkes — as second for Alberta in 1966, '67. '68. '69

THREE-TIME WINNERS

Ryan Fry — as third for Northern Ontario in 2015, '16.'19

Brett Gallant — As second for Team Canada in 2018; as Wild Card 1 second in 2023; as CTRS second in 2024

E.J. Harnden — as second for Northern Ontario in 2017, '19, '20

Richard Hart — as third for Ontario in 2006, $^{\circ}$ 09, $^{\circ}$ 10

Brad Jacobs — as skip for Northern Ontario in 2015, '16, '19

Kevin Martin — as skip for Alberta in 1996, 2008, '09

John Morris — as third for Alberta in 2007, '08; as third for British Columbia in 2014

David Nedohin — as skip for Alberta in 2002, '03, '05

Denni Neufeld — as lead for Manitoba in 2016, '17; as lead for Wild Card in 2018

Mark Nichols — as lead for Manitoba in 2013, as second in '14; as third for Team Canada in 2018 Ron Northcott — as skip for Alberta in 1966, '68, '69

Marcel Rocque — as lead for Alberta in 2003, '04,

Fred Storey — as lead for Alberta in 1966, '68, '69 Ian Tetley — as second for Ontario in 1990, '98, 2001

FIRST-TEAM ALL-STARS

2024	Lead	Ben Hebert, CTRS
	Second	Brett Gallant, CTRS
	Third	Marc Kennedy, CTRS
	Skip	Mike McEwen, Saskatchewan

2023	Lead	Ben Hebert, Wild Card 1
	Second	Brett Gallant, Wild Card 1
	Third	B.J. Neufeld, Manitoba
	Skip	Matt Dunstone, Manitoba

2022	Lead	Karrick Martin, Canada
	Second	Kevin Marsh, Saskatchewan
	Third	Marc Kennedy, Northern Ontario
	Skin	Brad Gushue Wild Card 1

2021	Lead	Ben Hebert, Wild Card 2
	Second	Brad Thiessen, Alberta
	Third	Braeden Moskowy, Saskatchewan
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2020	Lead	Colin Hodgson, Wild Card
	Second	E.J. Harnden, Northern Ontario
	Third	Reid Carruthers, Wild Card
	Skin	Brondan Bottchor, Alborta

2019	Lead	Dallan Muyres, Saskatchewan			
	Second	E.J. Harnden, Northern Ontar			
	Third	Ryan Fry, Northern Ontario			
	Skin	Brad Jacobe Morthorn Ontario			

	2018	Lead	Denni Neufeld, Wild Card			
Second		Second	Brett Gallant, Team Canada			
		Third	Mark Nichols, Team Canada			
		Skin	Brad Gushue Team Canada			

2017	Lead	Denni Neufeld, Manitoba			
	Second	E.J. Harnden, Northern Ontario			
	Third	Catlin Schneider, Saskatchewan			
	Skin	Brad Gushue N.L.			

	2016	Lead	Denni Neufeld, Manitoba			
Second		Second	Brent Laing, Alberta			
		Third	Ryan Fry, Northern Ontario			
		Skip	Brad Jacobs, Northern Ontario			

	2015	Lead	Colin Hodgson, Manitoba
Second		Second	Carter Rycroft, Team Canada
		Third	Ryan Fry, Northern Ontario
		Skip	Brad Jacobs, Northern Ontario

2014	Lead	Rick Sawatsky, British Columbi			
	Second	Mark Nichols, Manitoba			
	Third	John Morris, British Columbia			
	Skin	Iim Cotter, British Columbia			

	2013	Lead	Mark Nichols, Manitoba
Se		Second	Brent Laing, Ontario
		Third	Wayne Middaugh, Ontario
		Skip	Glenn Howard, Ontario



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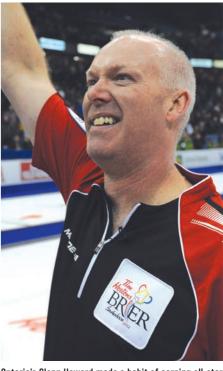
2012	Lead Second Third Skip	Derek Samagalski, Manitoba Carter Rycroft, Alberta Wayne Middaugh, Ontario Glenn Howard, Ontario
2011	Lead Second Third Skip	Ben Hebert, Alberta Marc Kennedy, Alberta Jon Mead, Manitoba Glenn Howard, Ontario
2010	Lead Second Third Skip	Nolan Thiessen, Alberta Brent Laing, Ontario Richard Hart, Ontario Glenn Howard, Ontario
2009	Lead Second Third Skip	Ben Hebert, Alberta Marc Kennedy, Alberta Richard Hart, Ontario Kevin Martin, Alberta
2008	Lead Second Third Skip	Craig Savill, Ontario Marc Kennedy, Alberta John Morris, Alberta Kevin Martin, Alberta
2007	Lead Second Third Skip	Craig Savill, Ontario Marc Kennedy, Alberta John Morris, Alberta Glenn Howard, Ontario
2006	Lead	Steve Gould, Manitoba
	Second Third Skip	Brent Laing, Ontario Richard Hart, Ontario Glenn Howard, Ontario
2005	Third	Richard Hart, Ontario
2005	Third Skip Lead Second Third Skip	Richard Hart, Ontario Glenn Howard, Ontario Marcel Rocque, Alberta Scott Pfeifer, Alberta Randy Ferbey, Alberta David Nedohin, Alberta Marcel Rocque, Alberta
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Kelly Moskowy, Saskatchewan

Second Scott Pfeifer, Alberta

2002 Lead

	Third Skip	Joseph Frans, Ontario David Nedohin, Alberta
2001	Lead Second Third Skip	Dale Ness, Quebec Ian Tetley, Ontario Graeme McCarrel, Ontario Wayne Middaugh, Ontario
2000	Lead Second Third Skip	Rory Golanowski, Saskatchewan Éric Sylvain, Quebec Jonathan Mead, Manitoba Jeff Stoughton, Manitoba
1999	Lead Second Third Skip	Dale Ness, Quebec Chris Fulton, Ontario Pierre Charette, Quebec Paul Flemming, Nova Scotia
1998	Lead Second Third Skip	Doug Armstrong, Manitoba Ian Tetley, Ontario Graeme McCarrel, Ontario Wayne Middaugh, Ontario
1997	Lead Second Third Skip	Neil Harrison, Ontario Pat Perroud, Ontario Don Walchuk, Alberta Vic Peters, Manitoba
1996	Lead Second Third Skip	Bert Hinch, British Columbia Dwayne Mihalicz, Saskatchewan Don Walchuk, Alberta Kevin Martin, Alberta
1995	Lead Second Third Skip	Gerry Richard, British Columbia Wayne Charteris, Saskatchewan Pat Ryan, British Columbia Kerry Burtnyk, Manitoba
1994	Lead Second Third Skip	Peter Corner, Ontario Wayne Middaugh, Ontario Pat Ryan, British Columbia Rick Folk, British Columbia
1993	Lead Second Third Skip	Peter Corner, Ontario Wayne Middaugh, Ontario Pat Ryan, British Columbia Russ Howard, Ontario
1992	Lead Second Third	Don Bartlett, Alberta Wayne Middaugh, Ontario Glenn Howard, Ontario



Ontario's Glenn Howard made a habit of earning all-star recognition at the Montana's Brier, making the grade a whopping eight times in his glittering career.

1991		Don Bartlett, Alberta Don Reddick, Quebec Kevin Park, Alberta Randy Woytowich, Saskatchewan
1990	Lead Second	Pat Perroud, Ontario Ian Tetley, Ontario
	Third	Eric Harnden, Northern Ontario
	Skip	Ed Werenich, Ontario
1989	Lead	Dallas Duce, Saskatchewan
	Second	Don Walchuk, Alberta
	Third	Randy Ferbey, Alberta
	Skip	Rick Folk, British Columbia
1988	Lead	Neil Harrison, Ontario
	Second	Don Walchuk, Alberta
	Third	Randy Ferbey, Alberta
	Skip	Pat Ryan, Alberta



Vic Peters, Manitoba

Did any curler get lower to the ice on delivery than Ryan Fry? The talented curler was selected a Brier all-star no less than three times.

Skip

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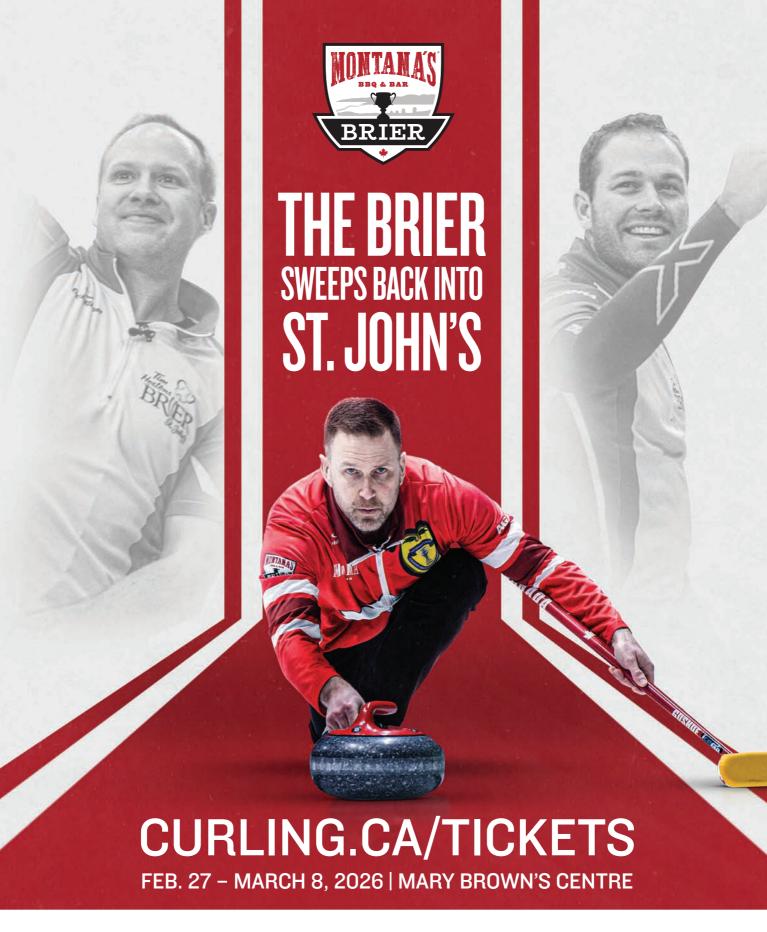






1987	Lead Second Third Skip	Kent Carstairs, Ontario Don Walchuk, Alberta Jim Armstrong, British Columbia Russ Howard, Ontario	1979	Bryan Wood, Manitoba George Campbell, Northern Ontario Bill Carey, Manitoba Barry Fry, Manitoba	1971	Lead Second Third Skip	Gary Ford, Saskatchewan Jim Pettapiece, Manitoba Rod Hunter, Manitoba Bill Tetley, Northern Ontario
1986	Lead Second Third Skip	Garth Meyers, Saskatchewan Craig Meyers, Saskatchewan Glenn Howard, Ontario Ed Lukowich, Alberta	1978	Keiven Bauer, British Columbia Al Cook, British Columbia Mike Chernoff, Alberta Rick Folk, Saskatchewan	1970	Lead Second Third Skip	Gary Ford, Saskatchewan Leo Hebert, British Columbia Jim Carson, Northern Ontario Don Duguid, Manitoba
1985		Bill Fletcher, Ontario Don McKenzie, Alberta Dave Iverson, Manitoba Pat Ryan, Alberta	1977	Bob Collez, Manitoba Lionel Stokes, Yukon/N.W.T. Art Lobel, Quebec Jim Ursel, Quebec	1969	Lead Second Third Skip	Fred Storey, Alberta Bernie Sparkes, Alberta Pete Sherba, British Columbia Ron Northcott, Alberta
1984	Lead Second Third Skip	Neil Harrison, Ontario Wilf Ross, Saskatchewan Dale Graham, Saskatchewan Mike Riley, Manitoba	1976	Keiven Bauer, British Columbia Don Aitken, Quebec Bert Gretzinger, British Columbia Jack MacDuff, Newfoundland	1968	Lead Second Third Skip	Fred Storey, Alberta Bernie Sparkes, Alberta Jack Keys, Saskatchewan Ron Northcott, Alberta
1983	Lead Second Third Skip	Neil Harrison, Ontario John Kawaja, Ontario Paul Savage, Ontario Ed Lukowich, Alberta	1975	Howard Atkinson, Quebec Mike Boyd, Ontario Bill Martin, Saskatchewan Don Twa, Yukon/N.W.T.	1967	Lead Second Third Skip	Keith Reilly, Ontario Bernie Sparkes, Alberta George Fink, Alberta Doug Wankel, Saskatchewan
1982		W. Rechenmacher, Saskatchewan Al Roemer, British Columbia Doug Armour, Manitoba Al Hackner, Northern Ontario	1974	Ron Green, Ontario Gerry Peckham, British Columbia Ron Anton, Alberta Jim Ursel, Quebec	1966	Lead Second Third Skip	Fred Storey, Alberta Bernie Sparkes, Alberta Tom Howat, Ontario Ron Northcott, Alberta
1981	Lead Second Third Skip	Jim McGrath, Ontario Roy Weigand, Quebec Mark Olson, Manitoba Al Hackner, Northern Ontario	1973	Ron Green, Ontario Dave Romkey, New Brunswick Bill Martin, Saskatchewan Harvey Mazinke, Saskatchewan	1965	Lead Second Third Skip	Ray Turnbull, Manitoba Ken Hamilton, Alberta Don Duguid, Manitoba Jack Polyblank, Northern Ontario
1980	Lead Second Third Skip	Jim Wilson, Saskatchewan Tom Wilson, Saskatchewan Neil Houston, Alberta Rick Folk, Saskatchewan	1972	Murray Gregga, Quebec Terry Watchorn, Alberta Dave Romano, Manitoba Bill Kent, Quebec			















ON THE ROCKS

BY AL CAMERON

SUFFICE IT TO SAY, ANY LOOK BACK AT THE

2024-25 Canadian curling season will focus on the undeniable fact that it was unlike any season before it in terms of what took place OFF the ice.

You are seeing team lineups play this week in Kelowna at the 2025 Montana's Brier, presented by AGI, that have been altered from the lineups with which they opened the season last fall. The same was the case at the recent Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Thunder Bay, Ont.

Lineup changes are nothing new, of course. But what was different this season was that they were taking place mid-season rather than at the conclusion of a season, and it certainly led to headlines and an abundance of chatter online.

And, yes, some hurt feelings among players and fans.

All understandable under the circumstances, one supposes, but much of the complaining and outcry from fans in particular lacked context and resulted in much leaping off of bandwagons.

This was disappointing, because it was, once again, a lack of appreciation from some fans about the pressures Canadian teams face to succeed in highperformance curling.

Gone are the days when teams with ambitions of winning the Scotties or Montana's Brier formed at the club level and stuck together for seasons on end.

Those who yearn for those days must come to grips with the reality of curling in the 21st century and appreciate that like any professional sports team — the Canucks, the Oilers, the Blue Jays, pick your favourite franchise — when things aren't clicking and there's not a light at the end of the tunnel, changes are necessary.

As the saying goes, the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

Of course, one has to respect the right of the fan to choose why they cheer for or against certain teams, but abandoning a longtime favourite team on the spur of the moment just because they made a lineup change with the ambition of improving their chances to win the Montana's Brier or Scotties? That doesn't seem like the act of a loval fan.

All that said, it's fair to say that this coming offseason, the spate of mid-season lineup changes will be examined from every angle by Curling Canada's

high-performance department, and decisions will be made on what, if anything, can or should be done about it. That is a standard procedure at the conclusion of every curling season — what went right, what went wrong, and what needs to change.

High-end teams do that as well, both internally and in consultation with the Curling Canada highperformance staff, and be assured, lineup changes − off-season or in-season − are absolutely NOT made without considering every ramification.

Still, there may be something to be said for Canadian teams examining their schedules, particularly in the area of training, and looking outside of our borders for the way successful teams work overseas.

It should come as no surprise that those teams are successful, by and large, because of their preparation — in particular, the amount of time spent practising as a four-player unit, instead of players practising solo or two at a time in different cities than their teammates.

As well, many top-class international teams not only train together most of the time, they also do their own ice preparation and understand how and why ice conditions can change during the course of a game.

To be fair, those teams overseas have geography on their sides. They are based in countries much smaller than Canada, and the ability to get together for practices is undeniably easier than it is for Canada's teams, many of which have players that are one, two and maybe three time zones and thousands of kilometres apart.

But you have to wonder what Canadian teams could accomplish if they spent more time together, both on and off the ice, and becoming teams in every sense of the word.

It's a big ask, and certainly would be a break from the way things are done today (and, ironically, a return to the way teams USED to be formed).

But when your ambition is to be a Montana's Brier or Scotties champion, a world champion or an Olympic champion, all avenues that potentially lead to success need to be examined closely and considered.

Leave no stone unturned — even a lineup change if it means your team could improve.

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



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BRIER TANKARD HAS A STORIED PAST

IN 1924, WINNIPEG'S GEORGE CAMERON WAS

determined to bring together the curlers of the East and West in friendship. As a first step, he persuaded the Macdonald Tobacco Company to award a trophy to Manitoba for annual competition, the winners to receive a goodwill tour to the eastern provinces with all expenses paid.

Two years later, Cameron and a small group of curlers persuaded the Macdonald Tobacco Company to replace the tour with a national competition. The company agreed and presented the Macdonald Brier Tankard for the Canadian Curling Championship in 1927.

Although many think the name "Brier" is an old Scottish curling term, it is - or was - a product made by Macdonald. Brier plug tobacco had a small heart-shaped piece of tin pressed into the plug (the heart of the tobacco) and this heart quickly became the symbol of excellence in Canadian curling — the Purple Heart.

The Canadian Curling Championship was played at Toronto's Granite Club from 1927 through 1939, when it started moving annually across Canada. Macdonald Tobacco and the Stewart family, which owned the company, had a great sense of Canadiana and when Macdonald completed its 50th year in 1979 (there was no play during three years of the Second World War) the Brier had been contested in every province and in every provincial capital.

Macdonald Tobacco withdrew its sponsorship in 1979 and the original Tankard was retired.

When Labatt Breweries became the Brier sponsor in 1980, it introduced a gold Labatt Tankard, which became the icon of the Brier and was awarded 21 times. When Labatt decided to end its title sponsorship in 2000, the Labatt Tankard was retired.

When Nokia Products Ltd. became the Brier's new sponsor, an agreement with the Canadian Curling Association — now Curling Canada — reactivated the original trophy beginning with the 2001 Nokia Brier.

The withdrawal of Nokia sponsorship and the introduction of Tim Hortons in 2005, and later Montana's BBQ & Bar in 2023, did not change the storied traditions of the Brier.

For its first 27 years, the Tankard was presented with a sterling silver heart plaque attached to it on which the names of each team member were hand-engraved.



After 27 years, no space was left, so a single plaque was attached to the back, where the names of all of the winners from 1955 to 1979 were engraved.

The size of the base was increased so the plaque could be removed from the back and a silver heart crest could be attached for every Brier-winning team.

The Brier Tankard now proudly displays a hand-engraved silver heart for each of the Brier winners. Teams from British Columbia have lifted the Tankard twice and won the Brier four times.

The original cup on the trophy was hand-tooled in Great Britain and is a work of art that could be re-created only in Europe. The replacement value of the original trophy has been estimated at \$50,000.

The original **Macdonald Brier** Trophy has been beautifully restored and its base expanded to display hand-engraved silver hearts for each of the Brier winners.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

PRESENTED IN MEMORY OF ROSS G.L. HARSTONE (1885-1964)

Nova Scotia vice-skip Luke Saunders was the winner

of the 2024 Ross Harstone Award, presented each year to the player chosen by his peers as the curler in the Montana's Brier who best represents Ross G.L. Harstone's high ideals of good sportsmanship, observance of the rules, exemplary conduct and curling ability.

Saunders was awarded the honour for his performance at the Montana's Brier in Regina.

The award — not nearly as well known to the public as the Brier Tankard — is of tremendous importance to the competitors because it represents the esteem of one's peers, a judgment that reflects how well you measure up to the curling ideals of sportsmanship.

Harstone was a strong advocate of curling as a friendly, non-commercial game in which sportsmanship without victory is enough.

Saunders is the son of Canadian curling legend Colleen Jones, a six-time national women's champion from Halifax.



Luke Saunders (left) accepts the Ross Harstone Award from Nolan Thiessen, CEO of Curling Canada, at the 2024 Montana's Brier in Regina.

HARSTONE AWARD WINNERS

2024	Luke Saunders	Nova Scotia	1993	Trevor Alexander	Northwest Territories/Yukon
2023	Kelly Knapp	Saskatchewan	1992	Jim Armstrong**	British Columbia
2022	Scott Saccary	Nova Scotia	1991	Rick Lang	Northern Ontario
2021	Brendan Bottcher	Alberta	1990	Craig Lepine	British Columbia
2020	Colin Hodgson	Wild Card (Manitoba)	1989	Bert Gretzinger	British Columbia
2019	Darren Moulding	Wild Card (Alberta)	1988	Thomas Hakansson	Nova Scotia
2018	Greg Smith	Newfoundland/Labrador	1987	Jim Armstrong**	British Columbia
2017	Jean-Michel Ménard*	Quebec	1986	Bill Campbell	Nova Scotia
2016	Tyrel Griffith	British Columbia	1985	Daniel Hildebrand	Manitoba
2015	Jim Cotter*	British Columbia	1984	John Helston	Manitoba
2014	Greg Balsdon	Ontario	1983	Jim Armstrong**	British Columbia
2013	Paul Flemming*	Nova Scotia	1982	Mark Noseworthy*	Newfoundland
2012	Scott Manners	Saskatchewan	1981	Mel Watchorn*	Alberta
2011	Jim Cotter*	British Columbia	1980	Wayne Hamilton	Newfoundland
2010	Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc	Nova Scotia	1979	Dr. Wayne Matheson	Prince Edward Island
2009	Dean Hicke	Saskatchewan	1978	Dave Durrant	Nova Scotia
2008	Gerry Adam	Saskatchewan		Peter Murray	New Brunswick
2007	Mark Whitehead	Northwest Territories/Yukon	1977	Joe Power	Newfoundland
2006	Jean-Michel Ménard*	Quebec	1976	Jim Ursel	Quebec
2005	Randy Dutiaume	Manitoba	1975	Harvey Mazinke	Saskatchewan
2004	Daniel Lafleur	Quebec	1974	Larry McGrath	Saskatchewan
2003	Bob Jenion	Manitoba	1973	Mel Watchorn*	Alberta
2002	Mark Lang	Saskatchewan	1972	David Sullivan	New Brunswick
2001	Paul Flemming*	Nova Scotia	1971	R.J. (Bob) Pickering	Saskatchewan
2000	Bryan Miki	British Columbia	1970	Dr. (Ed) Steeves	New Brunswick
1999	Gerald Shymko	Saskatchewan	1969	W.F. (Bill) Piercey	Newfoundland
1998	Toby McDonald	Newfoundland	1968	Charles Piper Jr.	Nova Scotia
1997	Vic Peters	Manitoba	1967	D.S. (Buzz) McGibney	British Columbia
1996	Brian Rafuse	Nova Scotia	1966	George MacCharles	Newfoundland
1995	Rick Folk	British Columbia	*Two-tim	e winner **Three-time winne	er
1994	Mark Noseworthy*	Newfoundland			



Donna Spencer was awarded the Paul McLean Award for her contribution to curling from behind the scenes. She accepted her award from TSN sportscaster Bryan Mudryk at the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Calgary.

Donna Spencer of The Canadian Press has been awarded the Paul McLean Award as a person who has made a significant contribution to curling behind the scenes.

Spencer received the award at WinSport Arena during the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Calgary.

A sports reporter at The Canadian Press since 1999, Spencer has covered curling for the national news service since her first year.

Spencer has witnessed some of the sport's greatest moments covering 16 Tournament of Hearts, 13 world championships, nine Briers and five Winter Olympic Games.

Spencer reported on Canada's Brad Gushue winning an Olympic gold medal in 2006, Brad Jacobs doing the same in 2014 and Kaitlyn Lawes and John Morris winning the first Olympic gold medal in curling mixed doubles in 2018.

The award was created in 2007 by the Canadian Curling Reporters — now the Professional Curling Media Association of Canada — in conjunction with TSN, in memory of McLean, a highly-respected TSN executive producer, for his dedication to CFL football, world junior hockey and, of course, curling. McLean passed away on Dec. 14, 2005, at his home in Brampton, Ont., after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 39.

There were no nominations, thus no Volunteer of the Year or Ray Kingsmith Award winners named this past season.

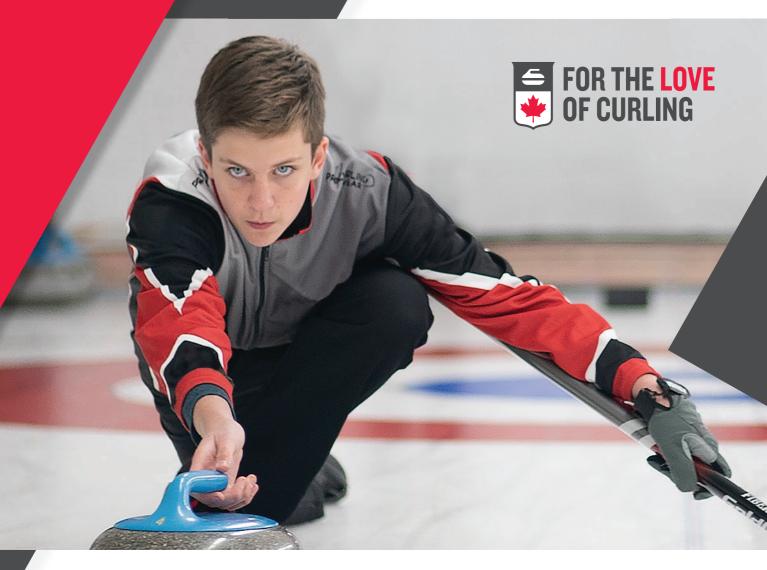
HEC GERVAIS AWARD

The Hec Gervais Award is presented annually to the most valuable player in the Canadian Men's Curling Championship playoffs.

2024	Brad Gushue, skip	Team Canada
2023	Brad Gushue, skip	Team Canada
2022	Brad Gushue, skip	Wild Card #1
2021	Brendan Bottcher, skip	Alberta
2020	Brad Gushue, skip	Newfoundland/Labrador
2019	Kevin Koe, skip	Alberta
2018	Brad Gushue, skip	Team Canada
2017	Brad Gushue, skip	Newfoundland/Labrador
2016	Kevin Koe, skip	Alberta
2015	Pat Simmons, skip	Team Canada
2014	Carter Rycroft, second	Alberta
2013	Brad Jacobs, skip	Northern Ontario
2012	Wayne Middaugh, third	Ontario
2011	Jon Mead, third	Manitoba
2010	Kevin Koe, skip	Alberta
2009	Kevin Martin, skip	Alberta
2008	John Morris, third	Alberta
2007	Glenn Howard, skip	Ontario
2006	Jean-Michel Ménard, skip	Quebec
2005	David Nedohin, third	Alberta
2004	Mark Dacey, skip	Nova Scotia
2003	David Nedohin, third	Alberta
2002	David Nedohin, third	Alberta
2001	David Nedohin, third	Alberta
2000	Bryan Miki, second	British Columbia
1999	Jeff Stoughton, skip	Manitoba
1998	Graeme McCarrel, third	Ontario
1997	Kevin Martin, skip	Alberta



Brad Gushue, who shot a sparkling 97 per cent on his way to winning the 2024 Montana's Brier final in Regina to claim his sixth national men's title, also won the Hec Gervais Award as the Most Valuable Player of the playoffs. He was presented his award by Nolan Thiessen, CEO of Curling Canada.



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British Columbia HONOUR ROLL

The first Brier took place in 1927. Since then, teams from British Columbia have won the Canadian men's title four times

Note: The 2021 British Columbia championship was cancelled due to pandemic; 2020 champions represented British Columbia at the 2021 Brier.

ANDERSON, Chris — of Kelowna as lead in 2010

ARMSTRONG, Jim — of Richmond as second in 1973; as skip in '74; of Vancouver as third in '83, '84, '87; of New Westminster as skip in '92

ARNETT, John — of Vancouver as skip in 1965

ATCHISON, Chris — of Victoria as lead in 2007

AVERY, Frank — of Vancouver as third in 1937, '39, '42; as skip in '46

BAUER, Keiven — of Burnaby as second in 1976; of Vancouver as lead in '78, '83

BEATTIE, Donald — of Kimberley as lead in 1956

BEDDOES, Richard — of Vancouver as lead in 1959

BEUTLE, Frank — of Penticton as skip in 1975

BILESKY, Andrew — of New Westminster as skip in 2013

BRADLEY, Mike — of Vancouver as second in 1990

BRITTON, Fred — of Vancouver as second in 1964

BROATCH, W.R. — of Vancouver as lead in 1936

BROWN, Bob — of Vancouver as third in 1946

BROWN, Ken — of Kamloops as second in 1996, '97

CAMERON, **John** — of Trail as third in 1951, '67

CAMPBELL. Donald — of Vancouver as skip in 1942

CARR, Patrick — of Prince George as lead in 1969, '71

CARTMELL, Elwyn — of Vancouver as skip in 1950, '54

CHESSER, Alf — of Trail as skip in 1951

COBB, Ty — of Vancouver as third in 1950

COLLINSON, **Brian** — of Cranbrook as third in 1991

COOK, Al — of Burnaby as lead in 1976; of Vancouver as second in '78, '83

COOK, Charles — of Vancouver as second in 1950

COTTER, Jim — of Kelowna as third in 2008; of Vernon as skip in '11, '12; of Vernon/Kelowna as third in '14, '17; as skip in '15, '16, '19, '20 '21

DAGG, Lyall — of Vancouver as skip in 1964, '70

DALZIEL, Dale — of Victoria as lead in 1958

DAVEY. Bruce — of Vancouver as second in 1979

D'AMOUR, Frenchy — of Trail as skip in 1947, '48; as second in '62

DAVID, Roland — of Vancouver as skip in 1937, '39; as third in '41

DEVLIN, Paul — of Vancouver as skip in 1985

DICKSON, James — of Vancouver as second in 1954

DUNCAN, Fred — of Duncan as second in 1960

DUNSTAN, William — of Victoria as third in 1958



Jim Cotter took in his first Brier in 2008 and came back nine more times to solidify his ranking as one of the best players to come out of British Columbia.

EBERG, Omer — of Burnaby as lead in 1966

EBERTS, Tony — of Kamloops as third in 1996

EDEN, Brian — of Kamloops as second in 1981, '86

ERRINGTON. Derek — of New Westminster as second in 2013

EYBEN, Neil — of White Rock as lead in 1961

FEENEY, Doug — of Trail as lead in 1967

FEENEY. Tom — of Trail as second in 1967

FENTON, Brad — of New Westminster as lead in 2004

FENTON. Darin — of New Westminster as lead in 1998

FINLAY, William — of Vancouver as skip in 1938, '40, '41

FOLK, Kevin — of Kelowna as second in 2008; of Vernon in '11; as third in '12

FOLK, **Rick** — of Kelowna as skip in 1989, '93, '94, '95

FOWLER, Ed — of New Westminster as lead in 1992

FRANKLIN. Graeme — of Vancouver as second in 1988

FRESCHI, Don — of Trail/Nelson as second in 2005

FRY, Reg — of Vancouver as lead in 1954

GARNHAM, **David** — of Vancouver as lead in 1950

GAUTHIER, **Jacques** — of Victoria as skip in 2023

GEALL, **Sean** — of New Westminster as skip in 2009; of Kelowna as skip in '18

GILES, Brad — of North Vancouver as lead in 1972, '82

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GILES, Brent — of North Vancouver as second in 1972; of Vancouver as skip in '82

GILES, Brock — of North Vancouver as third in 1972

GINTER, Jason — of Victoria as second in 2023, '24

GORDON, Ernest — of Trail as lead in 1957

GORDON, Max — of Trail as second in 1951

GOULDEN. Lowell — of Victoria as third in 1980

GRABER, **Dennis** — of Kamloops as third in 2006

GRAHAM, Ross — of Vancouver as third in 1990

GRETZINGER, Bert — of Burnaby as third in 1976; of Kelowna as third in '89; as second in '93, '94, '95; as skip in '99

GRIFFITH, **Tyrel** — of Vernon as second in 2012; of Vernon/Kelowna as second in '14, '15, '16, '17, '19

GUTOSKI, Anthony — of Victoria as skip in 1958

HARPER, David — of Kelowna as lead in 2018

HARPER, Glen — of Duncan as skip in 1960, '63

HEBERT, Leo — of Vancouver as third in 1964, '77; as second in '70

HEITZ, Jim - of Vancouver as lead in 1984

HENDERSON, Robert — of Vancouver as second in 1942, '46

HILLSON, Glen — of Vancouver as third in 1988

HINCH, Bert — of Kamloops as lead in 1996, '97

HODGE, Harvey — of Duncan as third in 1960, '63

HORNING, **Deane** — of Kelowna as third in 2002; as second in '03; of Trail/Nelson as skip in '05

HORRIGAN, Kelly — of Victoria as second in 1980

HORRIGAN, Tim — of Victoria as skip in 1980

HORVATH, Alex — of Victoria as lead in 2023, '24

ISAAC, Keith — of Richmond as lead in 1968

JACKSON, Glen — of Victoria as second in 2001

JENSEN, Soren — of Vancouver as lead in 1965

JOANISSE, Dean — of Victoria as skip in 2001, '07

JOHNSON, Bill — of Kamloops as lead in 2006

JONES, Raymond — of Penticton as lead in 1975

JORDAN, Harold — of Kimberley as skip in 1956

KASPICK, Vernon — of Duncan as lead in 1960, '63

KENT, Gerry — of Cranbrook as skip in 1991

KILLBURN, Jim — of White Rock as third in 1961

KITSON, Les — of Vancouver as third in 1954

KLOTZ, **George** — of White Rock as second in 1961

KOFFSKI, Rob — of Kelowna as second in 1989; as lead in '02

KOLOMAYA, **Jared** — of New Westminster/Langley/Kelowna/Kamloops as second in 2022

KOPF. Steve — of New Westminster as third in 2013

KUHN, Ryan — of Vernon/Kelowna as third in 2015, '16

KUROYAMA, Rob — of Kamloops as third in 1981,'86

LANGEN, Fred — of Vancouver as third in 1959

LAYCOCK, Steve — of Vernon/Kelowna as third in 2019, '20, '21

LAW, George — of Vancouver as lead in 1939, '42

LEECH, Ron — of New Westminster as third in 2004

LEIBEL, Gary — of Victoria as second in 1958

LEPINE, **Craig** — of Vancouver as skip in 1990

LESAGE, William — of Vancouver as lead in 1938, '40, '41

LIVINGSTONE, James — of Kimberley as third in 1956

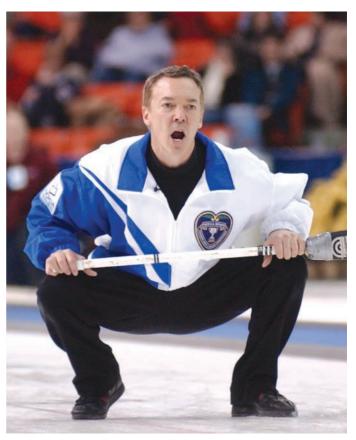
MACKENZIE, Kevin — of Kelowna as second in 2002; as lead in '03

MARK, Jim — of Trail as lead in 1947, '48

MASKIEWICH, Ken — of Vernon as third in 2011

MASON, Lynn — of Burnaby as skip in 1966

MATTHEWSON, Wayne — of Vancouver as third in 1979



Pat Ryan earned a huge reputation playing out of Alberta, but he also had a fabulous career in British Columbia where he was a five-time provincial men's champion.

MCAULAY, Greg — of New Westminster as skip in 1998, '00

MCCABE, Les - of Burnaby as third in 1966

MCCUBBIN, Bob — of Richmond as skip in 1968

MCDONALD, Robert — of Prince George as second in 1969, '71

MCEACHRA, Glen — of Vancouver as lead in 1990

MCGIBNEY, Buzz — of Trail as lead in 1952; as second in '53, '55, '57; as skip in '67

MCGHIE, Bob — of Trail as third in 1947, '48

MCHARGUE, Ken — of Cranbrook as lead in 1991

MCKAY, Hunt — of Trail as lead in 1953, '55, '62

MCPHEE, Barry — of Kamloops as skip in 1981, 86, '96, '97

MEGER, Doug — of Vancouver as third in 1985

MEISTER, Nicholas — of New Westminster/Langley/Kelowna/Kamloops as lead in '22

MELLOF, Dave — of Kelowna as lead in 1999

MERRETT, Gary — of Duncan as second in 1963

MIDDLETON, Sterling — of Victoria as third in 2023, '24

MIKI, Fuji — of Vancouver as lead in 1979

MIKI, Bryan — of New Westminster as second in 1998, '00

MILLER, Hugh — of Trail as third in 1949

MILLER, Terry — of Vancouver as third in 1965

MONKMAN, Greg — of Vancouver as third in 1982; of New Westminster as third in '92

MORRIS, John — of Vernon/Kelowna as skip in 2014, '17

MOSCOVITZ, William — of Kimberley as second in 1956

NAIMARK, Barry — of Vancouver as skip in 1959; as lead in '64, '77; as third in '70

NANTES, Dave — of Victoria as second in 2007

NATION, J.W. — of Vancouver as second in 1936

NELSON, Randy — of Kamloops as second in 2006

NERPIN, Andrew — of Kelowna as second in 2018; of Vernon/Kelowna as second in '20, '21

NOBERT, Rob — of Trail/Nelson as lead in 2005

NORGAN, George — of Vancouver as lead in 1937

OLSON, Mark — of New Westminster as lead in 2009

ORME, Tyler — of Kelowna as second in 2010

PARTRIDGE, Robert — of Penticton as second in 1975

Paulson, Terry — of Vancouver as lead in 1970

PEACHEY, Jay — of New Westminster as skip in 2004

PECKHAM, Gerry - of Richmond as lead in 1973; as second in '74

PIERCE. Brent — of New Westminster as third in 1998, '00, '09:

of New Westminster/Langley/Kelowna/Kamloops as skip in '22

PIERCE, Glen — of Vancouver as skip in 1979

PRUDEN. Greg — of Vancouver as second in 1977

RECKSIEDLER, Kevin — of New Westminster as second in 2004, '09

REIBEN. Dale — of Vancouver as lead in 1985

RICHARD, Gerry — of Kelowna as lead in 1993, '94, '95

RICHARD, Jeff — of Kelowna as skip in 2010; as third in '18; of New Westminster/Langley/Kelowna/Kamloops as third in '22

ROBINSON, Rob — of Vancouver as lead in 1988

ROEMER. Al — of Vancouver as second in 1982

ROSS, W.S. — of Trail as third in 1949, '52

ROTHERY, Harry — of Trail as lead in 1951

RYAN, **Pat** — of Kelowna as third in 1993, '94, '95; as skip in '02, '03

SAWATSKY, Rick — of Kelowna as lead in 2008; of Vernon in '11, '12; of Vernon/Kelowna as lead in '14, '15, '16, '17, '19, '20, '21

SCHLEPPE, Dave — of Kamloops as lead in 1986; as third in '97

SCHNEIDER, Catlin — of Victoria as skip in 2024

SEXTON, Jamie — of Vancouver as lead in 1987

SHERBA, Pete — of Prince George as third in 1969, '71

SHYPITKA, Tom — of Cranbrook as second in 1991; of Kelowna as third in '10

SMALE, Kevin — of Prince George as skip in 1969, '71

SMITH. David — of Victoria as lead in 1980

SMITH, Doug — of Kelowna as lead in 1989



Not many competitive curlers get to the Brier even once. Rick Sawatsky has been there 10 times, playing lead for highly decorated skips Pat Ryan and Jim Cotter.



Three-time world champion Bernie Sparkes left Calgary for the warmer climes of Vancouver where he thrived, winning eight more provincial championships.

SPARKES, Bernie — of North Vancouver as skip in 1972; of Richmond as third in '73, '74; of Burnaby as skip in '76; of Vancouver as skip in '78, '83, '84, '87

STONE, Reg — of Trail as skip in 1949, '52, '53, '55, '57, '62 STONE, Roy — of Trail as second in 1949, '52; as third in '53, '55, '57, '62

SVEISTRUP, **Jody** — of New Westminster as lead in 2000

TERVO, Randy — of Victoria as lead in 2001

THOMPSON, Ron — of Vancouver as third in 1978; as second in '84; as skip in '88; of New Westminster as third in '92

THOMSON, Fred — of Trail/Nelson as third in 2005

TINLING, Fred — of Vancouver as second in 1937; as third in '38, '40

TINLING, Lionel — of Vancouver as second in 1938, '41

TRIMBLE, Ted — of Richmond as second in 1968

TUCKER, Jack — of Richmond as third in 1968; as skip in '73

TUSON, Jay — of Victoria as third in 2001

URSEL, Bob — of Kelowna as third in 1999, '03; as skip in '08

VINTHERS, **Roy** — of Vancouver as skip in 1977

WALKER, Glen - of Vancouver as second in 1965

WATSON, Aaron — of New Westminster as lead in 2013

WATSON, Ken — of Vancouver as second in 1985

WENDELL, Fred — of Trail as second in 1947, '48

WHALEN, Bill — of Vancouver as third in 1936

WHALEN, William — of Vancouver as skip in 1936

WHITTLE, Mark — of Kelowna as second in 1999

WICKSTROM, Roland — of Vancouver as second in 1939

WIGINTON, Edward — of Vancouver as lead in 1946

WILLIAMS, Norman — of Vancouver as second in 1940

WINDSOR, Brian — of Kamloops as skip in 2006

WINTERTON, Clark — of Richmond as lead in 1974

WOLFE, Evan — of Vancouver as second in 1959

WOOD, **Donald** — of Penticton as third in 1975

WOOD. Mike — of Victoria as third in 2007

WOLFE, **Tony** — of White Rock as skip in 1961

YOUNG, Grant — of Kamloops as lead in 1981

ZIOLA, **Monte** — of Vancouver as second in 1987

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If there is anything almost guaranteed in sports, it's that Brad Gushue will be in the lineup of the Montana's Brier. He's been in 21 already, and will make it 22 this year.

Most appearances (excludes alternates)

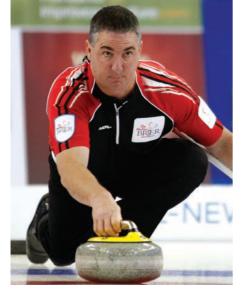
- 21 Brad Gushue of Newfoundland in 2003; of Newfoundland/Labrador in '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '20; of Team Canada in '18, '19, '21, '23, '24; of Wild Card in '22
- 20 Mark Nichols of Newfoundland in 2003; of Newfoundland/Labrador in '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '15, '16, '17, '20; of Manitoba in '13, '14; of Team Canada in '18, '19, '21, '23, '24; of Wild Card 1 in '22
- 18 Glenn Howard of Ontario in 1986, '87, '89, '91, '92, '93, '94, 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '16, '17, '22
- 17 Jamie Koe of the N.W.T./Yukon in 2006, '07, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14; of N.W.T. in '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '22, '23, '24
- 16 James Grattan of New Brunswick in 1997, 2002, '03, '04, '06, '08, '09, '10, '11, '13, '14, '18, '20, '21, '22, '24
- 16 Ben Hebert of Saskatchewan in 2005, '06; of Alberta in '07, '08, '09, '11, '13, '15, '16, '19, '22; of Team Canada in '17, '20; of Wild Card 2 in '21; of Wild Card 1 in '23; of CTRS 1 in '24
- 15 E.J. Harnden of Northern Ontario in 2008, '10, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22; of Team Canada in '23, '24
- 15 Ryan Harnden of Northern Ontario in 2008, '10, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22; of Manitoba in '23; of CTRS 2 in '24
- 15 Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario in 2007, '08 '10, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22; of Manitoba in '24
- 15 Brent Laing of Ontario in 2002, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '20, '21, '23; of Alberta in '15, '16; of Team Canada in '17

- 14 Brad Chorostkowski of N.W.T./Yukon in 1998, 2001, '06, '07, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14; of N.W.T. in '15, '16, '17, '18
- 14 Ryan Fry of Manitoba in 2007; of Newfoundland/Labrador in '09, '10, '11, '12; of Northern Ontario in '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19; of Ontario in '20, '21, '23
- 14 Russ Howard of Ontario in 1980, '86, '87, '89, '91, '92, '93, '94; of New Brunswick in '99, 2000, '02, '03, '04, '09
- 13 Marc Kennedy of Alberta in 2007, '08, '09, '11, '13, '15, '16; of Team Canada in '17; of Northern Ontario in '20, '21, '22; of Wild Card 1 in '23; of CTRS 1 in '24
- 13 Geoff Walker of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2012, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '20; of Team Canada in '18, '19, '21, '23, '24; of Wild Card 1 in '22
- 12 Brett Gallant of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2013, '14, '15, '16, '17, '20; of Team Canada in '18, '19, '21; of Wild Card 1 in '22, '23; of CTRS 1 in '24
- 12 Kevin Koe of Alberta in 2010, '12, '14, '15, '16, '19, '22, '23; of Team Canada in '17, '20; of Wild Card 2 in '21; of CTRS 3 in '24
- 12 Kevin Martin of Alberta in 1991, '92, '95, '96, '97, 2000, '06, '07, '08, '09, '11, '13
- 12 John Morris of Ontario in 2002; of Alberta in '07, '08, '09, '11, '13, '22; of British Columbia in '14, '17; of Team Canada in '15, '16; of Wild Card 2 in '21
- 12 Bernie Sparkes of Alberta in 1966, '67, '68, '69; of British Columbia in '72, '73, '74, '76, '78, '83, '84, '87
- 12 Éric Sylvain of Quebec in 2000, '02, '05, '06, '08, '09, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19

- 11 Reid Carruthers of Manitoba in 2011, '13, '14, '15, '18, '19, '22, '24; of Wild Card in '20; of Wild Card 1 in '21; of Wild Card 2 in '23
- 11 Martin Crête of Quebec in 2008, '09, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 11 Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba in 1991, '96, '99, 2000, '06, '07, '09, '10, '11, '13, '14
- 10 Garnet Campbell of Saskatchewan in 1947, '54, '55, '57, '61, '66, '68, '69, '70, '71
- 10 Jim Cotter of British Columbia in 2008, '11, '12, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19, '20, '21
- 10 Paul Flemming of Nova Scotia in 1998, '99, 2001, '05, '11, '13, '18, '20, '21, '22
- 10 Rick Lang of Northern Ontario in 1975, '76, '80, '81, '82, '85, '88, '91, '93, '95
- 10 Steve Laycock of Saskatchewan in 2007, '08, '11, '14, '15, '16, '18; of British Columbia in '19, '20, '21
- 10 Jean-Michel Ménard of Quebec in 2003, '05, '06, '08, '09, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17
- 10 Wayne Middaugh of Ontario in 1991, '92, '93, '94, '98, 2001, '05, '12, '13; of Wild Card 3 in '21
- 10 Mark O'Rourke of Prince Edward Island in 1991, '93, '95, '97, '99, 2001, '07, '08, '09, '10
- 10 Pat Ryan of Alberta in 1979, '85, '87, '88, '89; of British Columbia in '93, '94, '95, 2002 '03
- 10 Rick Sawatsky of British Columbia in 2008, '11, '12, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19, '20, '21
- 10 Ed Werenich of Ontario in 1973, '74, '77, '81, '83, '84, '88, '90, '95, '97
- 9 Don Aitken of Quebec in 1970, '72, '75, '76, '77, '79, '80, '82, '85
- 9 Robert Borden of N.W.T./Yukon in 2012, '13, '14; of N.W.T. in '15, '16, '17, '18, '21, '22



Jean-Michel Ménard of Quebec was always a fan favourite in his 10 appearances at the Brier. Ménard is notable for being the first Francophone skip from Québec to win the Brier, which he did in 2006. He will make his 11th appearance this year.



Wayne Middaugh carved out quite a curling career. Besides winning three Brier titles, he is the only player to have won at three different positions: skip, third, and second.

- 9 Adam Casey of N.L in 2012, '13, '14; ofP.E.I. in '15, '16; of Saskatchewan in '17; ofManitoba in '20, '21; of Wild Card 3 in '22
- 9 Peter Gallant of Prince Edward Island in 1982, '91, '93, '95, '97, '99, 2001, '07, '08
- 9 Al Hackner of Northern Ontario in 1980, '81, '82, '85, '88, '89, '92, '95, 2001
- 9 Mike McEwen of Manitoba in 2016, '17, '19, '22; of Wild Card in '18, '20; of Wild Card 1 in '21; of Ontario in '23; of Saskatchewan in '24
- 9 B.J. Neufeld of Manitoba in 2016, '17, '23; of Wild Card in '18; of Alberta in '19, '22; of Canada in '20; of Wild Card 2 in '21; of CTRS 2 in '24
- 9 Grant Odishaw of New Brunswick in 1991, '96, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '04, '12, '19
- 9 Derek Samagalski of Manitoba in 2012, '15, '18, '19, '22, '24; of Wild Card in '20; of Wild Card 1 in '21; of Wild Card 2 in '23
- 9 Craig Savill of Ontario in 2002, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13
- 9 Pat Simmons of Saskatchewan in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '11; of Alberta in '12, '14; of Team Canada in '15, '16
- 8 Brendan Bottcher of Alberta in 2017, '18,
 '20; of Wild Card in '19; of Wild Card 2 in '21;
 of Canada in '22; of Wild Card 1 in '23; of
 CTRS 1 in '24
- 8 Robert Campbell of Prince Edward Island in 1991, '93, '95, '97, '99, 2002, '03, '07
- 8 George Dillon of Prince Edward Island in 1958, '59, '60, '61, '63, '65, '70, '77
- 8 Randy Ferbey of Alberta in 1987, '88, '89, 2001, '02, '03, '04, '05
- 8 Richard Hart of Ontario in 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '16, '17
- 8 Marc LeCocq of New Brunswick in 1993, '96, 2002, '03, '04, '16, '17, '19
- 8 Karrick Martin of Alberta in 2017, '18, '20, '23; of Wild Card in '19; of Wild Card 2 in '21; of Canada in '22; of CTRS 3 in '24
- 8 Don Walchuk of Alberta in 1985, '87, '88, '89, '96, '97, 2000, '06
- 7 Don Bartlett of Alberta in 1991, '92, '95, '96, '97, 2000, '06
- 7 Doug Cameron of Prince Edward Island in 1958, '59, '60, '61, '63, '65, '73

- 7 Kevin Champion of Prince Edward Island in 2003, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10
- 7 Pierre Charette of Quebec in 1989, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, 2007
- 7 Bob Dillon of Prince Edward Island in 1962, '64, '65, '68, '69, '73, '74
- 7 Colton Flasch of Saskatchewan in 2014, '15, '16, '22, '24; of Alberta in '19; of Canada in '20
- 7 Rick Folk of Saskatchewan in 1978, '79, '80; of British Columbia in '89, '93, '94, '95
- 7 Bruce Lohnes of Nova Scotia in 1989, '92, '95, 2003, '04, '06, '09
- 7 Rod MacDonald of Prince Edward Island in 1978, '81, '96, 2005, '06, '09, '10
- 7 Philipe Ménard of Quebec in 2011, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19
- 7 Darren Moulding of Alberta in 2017, '18, '20; of Wild Card in '19; of Wild Card 2 in '21; of New Brunswick in '22; of Northern Ontario in '23
- 7 Kirk Muyres of Saskatchewan in 2014, '15, '16, '18, '19, '21; of Wild Card 2 in '22
- 7 Carter Rycroft of Alberta in 2000, '06, '10, '12, '14; of Team Canada in '15, '16
- 7 Paul Savage of Ontario in 1970, '73, '74, '77, '83, '84, '88
- 7 Fred Storey of Alberta in 1960, '63, '64, '66, '67, '68, '69
- 7 Brad Thiessen of Alberta in 2017, '18, '20, '23; of Wild Card in '19; of Wild Card 2 in '21; of Canada in '22
- 7 Malcolm Turner of Quebec in 1978, '79, '80, '82, '86, '87, '90
- 7 Jim Ursel of Manitoba in 1962; of Quebec in '74, '75, '76, '77, '79, '80
- 6 Jim Armstrong of British Columbia in 1973, '74, '83, '84, '87, '92
- 6 Mark Butler of Prince Edward Island in 1991, '93, '95, '97, '99, 2001
- 6 Glen Campbell of Saskatchewan in 1947, '54, '55, '57, '61, '66
- 6 Peter Case of New Brunswick in 2008, '09, '10, '11, '13, '18
- 6 Phil Crowell of Nova Scotia in 2010, '17, '18, '20, '21, '22
- 6 Mark Dacey of Saskatchewan in 1995; of Nova Scotia in 2001, '03, '04, '06, '09
- 6 Matt Dunstone of Saskatchewan in 2018, '20, '21; of Wild Card 2 in '22; of Manitoba in '23; of CTRS 2 in '24
- 6 Steve Gould of Manitoba in 1996, 2006, '07, '09, '10, '11
- 6 Bert Gretzinger of British Columbia in 1976, '89, '93, '94, '95, '99
- 6 Tyrel Griffith of British Columbia in 2012, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19
- 6 Perry Hall of Ontario in 1930, '38, '39, '40, '41, '46
- 6 Neil Harrison of Ontario in 1981, '83, '84, '88, '95, '97
- 6 Colin Hodgson of Manitoba in 2015, '18, '19; of Wild Card in '20; of Wild Card 1 in '21; of Northern Ontario in '23
- 6 Scott Howard of Ontario in 2015, '16, '17, '21, '22, '24
- 6 Mike Kennedy of New Brunswick in 1992, '93, '96, 2008, '16, '17
- 6 Jamie Korab of Newfoundland in 2003; of Newfoundland/Labrador in '04, '05, '07, '09, '10

- 6 Eddie MacKenzie of Prince Edward Island in 1994, 2011, '13, '14, '18, '21
- 6 Peter MacPhee of Manitoba in 1978, '79, '80, '82, '85, '90
- 6 David Mathers of Ontario in 2015, '16, '17, '21, '22, '24
- 6 Andy McCann of New Brunswick in 2012, '18, '20, '21, '22, '24
- 6 Jon Mead of Manitoba in 1999, 2000, '06, '11, '13, '14
- 6 Braeden Moskowy of Saskatchewan in 2013, '20, '21; of Manitoba in '15, '18; of Wild Card 2 in '22
- 6 Jamie Murphy of Nova Scotia in 2012, '14, '16, '17, '18, '20
- 6 Dallan Muyres of Saskatchewan in 2011, '14, '15, '16, '18, '19
- 6 Ron Northcott of Alberta in 1963, '64, '66, '67, '68, '69
- 6 Bob Pickering of Saskatchewan in 1961, '66, '68, '69, '70, '71
- 6 Chris Schille of N.L. in 2007, '08; of Saskatchewan in '13; of N.W.T. in '16, '17, '18
- 6 Howard Stewart of Montreal in 1927, '28, '30; of Quebec in '31, '32, '37
- 6 Reg Stone of British Columbia in 1949, '52, '53, '55, '57, '62
- 6 Roy Stone of British Columbia in 1949, '52, '53, '55, '57, '62
- 6 Dave Sullivan of New Brunswick in 1966, '67, '72, '76, '82, '83

Longest game

15 ends — Northern Ontario vs. Toronto in 1927; Northern Ontario vs. Quebec in 1927 (All games 14 ends that year)

Highest score, one team

Saskatchewan, 30, vs. New Brunswick, 3, in 1957

Lowest score, one team

Prince Edward Island, 0, vs. Newfoundland, 11, in 1977

Newfoundland, 0, vs. Alberta, 11, in 1986 Territories, 0, vs. Ontario, 11, in 1986 N.W.T./Yukon, 0, vs. Manitoba, 10, in 1996 Prince Edward Island, 0, vs. Manitoba, 8, in 1998 Manitoba, 0, vs. Northern Ontario, 3, in 2021

Highest score, two teams combined

33 — Ontario, 17, vs. New Brunswick, 16, in 1932;
 Saskatchewan, 30, vs. New Brunswick,
 3, in 1957; Prince Edward Island, 17, vs.
 Newfoundland, 16, (extra end) in 1968

Lowest score, two teams combined

3 — New Brunswick, 2, vs. Prince Edward Island, 1, in 1990; Ontario, 2, vs. Prince Edward Island, 1, in 1993; Manitoba, 2, vs. Prince Edward Island, 1, in 2000; Northern Ontario, 3, vs. Manitoba, 0, in 2021

Highest single-end score

7 — Saskatchewan vs. Montreal in 1928; Montreal vs. New Brunswick in 1931; Manitoba vs.
 Prince Edward Island in 1936; Manitoba vs. Prince Edward Island in 1947; Manitoba vs. New Brunswick in 1950; Prince Edward Island vs. Nova Scotia (steal) in 2000; New Brunswick vs. British Columbia in 2018; Canada vs. Nunavut in 2019





Most extra-end games, one Brier

14 - 1981, '90

Fewest extra-end games, one Brier

0 - 1933, '42, '46, '49, '52

Most blank ends, one Brier

195 - 1976

Most blank ends, one draw

22 - 11th draw, 1991

Most blank ends, one game

8 — New Brunswick 2-1 over Prince Edward Island, 1990; Ontario 2-1 over Prince Edward Island, 1993

Fewest blank ends, one Brier

0 - 1931, '32

Biggest comeback, one game

9 — Quebec vs. Alberta in 1965. Down 9-0 after five ends, Alberta wins 16-12 in 12 ends

Undefeated records (includes losing teams with perfect round robin)

Alberta — 10-0 in 1957; 10-0 in 1969; 11-0 in 1985 (lost in playoff); 12-0 in 1988; 13-0 in 2003; 13-0 in 2008; 13-0 in 2009; 13-0 in 2019

Manitoba — 9-0 in 1929; 7-0 in 1934; 9-0 in 1938; 9-0 in 1940; 9-0 in 1947; 9-0 in 1949; 10-0 in 1952; 11-0 in 1997 (lost in playoff)

Nova Scotia — 10-0 in 1951

Northern Ontario - 11-0 in 2016 (lost in playoff) Ontario - 11-0 in 2010 (lost in playoff) Saskatchewan - 10-0 in 1955

Wild Card 1 - 8-0 in 2022

Four-way ties for first place

1993 — Manitoba, Northern Ontario, British Columbia and Ontario, 8-3. In playoffs, Ontario over Manitoba 6-4; British Columbia over Northern Ontario 5-3; Northern Ontario over Manitoba 6-5; Ontario over British Columbia 3-1; British Columbia over Northern Ontario 5-3 in the semifinal; Ontario over British Columbia 5-3 in the final

Three-way ties for first place

1928 - Manitoba, Alberta and Ontario

1946 — Alberta, Northern Ontario and Manitoba

1962 - Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba

1971 — Manitoba, Northern Ontario and Saskatchewan

1989 — Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario

2011 — Newfoundland/Labrador, Manitoba and Alberta

2014 — British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba

Two-way ties for first place

1930 - Manitoba and Alberta

1932 — Manitoba and Alberta

1937 — Alberta and Manitoba

1939 - Ontario and Manitoba

1953 — Manitoba and Quebec 1956 — Manitoba and Ontario

1958 — Alberta and Manitoba

1959 - Saskatchewan and Alberta

1966 — Alberta and Ontario

1999 - Manitoba and Quebec

2001 - Alberta and Ontario

2004 — Nova Scotia and Alberta

2017 — Manitoba and Newfoundland/Labrador

Six-time winner

Randy Ferbey of Alberta as third in 1988, '89; as skip in 2001, '02, '03, '05

Brad Gushue of N.L. as skip in 2017, '20; of Team Canada as skip in '18, '23, '24; of Wild Card 1 as skip in '22

Mark Nichols of N.L. as third in 2017, '20; of Team Canada as third in '18, '23, '24; of Wild Card 1 as third in '22

Geoff Walker of N.L. as lead in 2017, '20; of Team Canada as lead in '18, '23, '24; of Wild Card 1 as lead in '22

Four-time winners

Brett Gallant of N.L. as second in 2017, '20; of Team Canada as second in '18; of Wild Card 1 as second in '22

Ben Hebert of Alberta as lead in 2008, '09, '16, '19 Glenn Howard of Ontario as third in 1987, '93; as skip in 2007, '12

Kevin Koe of Alberta as skip in 2010, '14, '16, '19 Kevin Martin of Alberta as skip in 1991, '97, 2008, '09

David Nedohin of Alberta as third in 2001, '02, '03, '05

Scott Pfeifer of Alberta as second in 2001, '02, '03, '05

Arnold Richardson of Saskatchewan as third in 1959, '60, '62, '63

Ernie Richardson of Saskatchewan as skip in 1959, '60, '62, '63

Garnet Richardson of Saskatchewan as second in 1959, '60, '62, '63

Marcel Rocque of Alberta as lead in 2001, '02, '03, '05

Three-time winners

Matt Baldwin of Alberta as skip in 1954, '57, '58 Don Duguid of Manitoba as third in 1965; as skip in '70, '71

E.J. Harnden of Northern Ontario as second in 2013; of Canada as second in '23, '24

Marc Kennedy of Alberta as second in 2008, '09; as third in '16

Brent Laing of Ontario as second in 2007, '12; of Alberta as second in '16

Rick Lang of Northern Ontario as third in 1975, '82, '85

Wayne Middaugh of Ontario as second in 1993; as skip in '98; as third in 2012

John Morris of Alberta as third in 2008, '09; of Team Canada as third in '15

Ron Northcott of Alberta as skip in 1966, '68, '69 Wes Richardson of Saskatchewan as lead in 1959, '60. '62

Pat Ryan of Alberta as skip in 1988, '89; of British Columbia as third in '94

Carter Rycroft of Alberta as second in 2010, '14; of Team Canada as second in '15

Bernie Sparkes of Alberta as second in 1966, '68, '69 Fred Storey of Alberta as lead in 1966, '68, '69 Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba as skip in 1996, '99,

Ian Tetley of Northern Ontario as second in 1985; of Ontario as second in '90, '98

Nolan Thiessen of Alberta as lead in 2010, '14; of Team Canada as lead in '15

Don Walchuk of Alberta as second in 1988, '89; as third in '97

Grant Watson of Manitoba as third in 1936, '42, '49

Ken Watson of Manitoba as skip in 1936, '42, '49 Bryan Wood of Manitoba as lead in 1970, '71, '79 Howard Wood of Manitoba as skip in 1930, '40; as third in '32

Two-time winners

Ron Anton of Alberta as third in 1961, '74 Don Bartlett of Alberta as lead in 1991, '97 Kerry Burtnyk of Manitoba as skip in 1981, '95 Jim Congalton of Manitoba as third in 1930; as

Rick Folk of Saskatchewan as skip in 1980; of British Columbia as skip in '94

Hec Gervais of Alberta as skip in 1961, '74 Steve Gould of Manitoba as lead in 1996, 2011 Ab Gowanlock of Manitoba as skip in 1938, '53 Bill Grant of Manitoba as lead in 1928, '29 Al Hackner of Northern Ontario as skip in 1982, '85 Gordon Haynes of Alberta as third in 1957; as second in '58

Russ Howard of Ontario as skip in 1987, '93 Gordon Hudson of Manitoba as skip in 1928, '29 Rod Hunter of Manitoba as third in 1970, '71 John Kawaja of Ontario as second in 1983; as third in '90

Al Langlois of Manitoba as third in 1952, '56 Ed Lukowich of Alberta as skip in 1978, '86 Don McKenzie of Alberta as lead in 1988, '89 Cliff Manahan of Alberta as skip in 1933, '37 Andy McWilliams of Manitoba as second in 1952; as lead in '56

Jonathan Mead of Manitoba as third in 1999, 2011 Pat Perroud of Northern Ontario as lead in 1985; of Ontario as lead in '90

Jim Pettapiece of Manitoba as second in 1970, '71 Bill Price of Alberta as lead in 1957, '58 Craig Savill of Ontario as lead in 2007, '12 Pat Simmons of Alberta as third in 2014; of Team Canada as skip in '15

Ron Singbusch of Manitoba as second in 1928, '29 Garry Van Den Berghe of Manitoba as second in 1996. '99

Billy Walsh of Manitoba as skip in 1952, '56 Ed Werenich of Ontario as skip in 1983, '90

Back-to-back winning teams

Saskatchewan: Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson and Wes Richardson in 1959, '60

Manitoba: Don Duguid, Rod Hunter, Jim Pettapiece and Bryan Wood in 1970, '71

Alberta: Pat Ryan, Randy Ferbey, Don Walchuk and Don McKenzie in 1988, '89

Alberta: Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer and Marcel Rocque in 2001, '02, '03 Alberta: Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy

and Ben Hebert in 2008, '09 Alberta-Team Canada: Pat Simmons, Carter Rycroft and Nolan Thiessen in 2014, '15

Newfoundland & Labrador-Team Canada: Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant and Geoff Walker in 2017, '18

Wild Card 1-Team Canada: Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, E.J. Harnden and Geoff Walker in 2022, '23, '24 (Note: Harnden in 2023 and '24)

Back-to-back winning skips

Gordon Hudson of Manitoba — 1928, '29 Matt Baldwin of Alberta — 1957, '58 Ernie Richardson of Saskatchewan — 1959, '60 and 1962, '63



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Ron Northcott of Alberta — 1968, '69 Don Duguid of Manitoba — 1970, '71 Pat Ryan of Alberta - 1988, '89 Randy Ferbey of Alberta -2001, '02, '03 Kevin Martin of Alberta − 2008, '09 Brad Gushue of N.L./Team Canada -2017, '18 and 2022, '23, '24

Most games, one player

257 - Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador -Team Canada – Wild Card 1

Most wins, one skip

181 - Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador -Team Canada - Wild Card 1

Most appearances, one skip

21 - Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador -Team Canada - Wild Card 1

Skips with 25 or more wins

Brad Gushue of N.L.-Team Canada-Wild Card 1 -

Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario-Manitoba — 115 Russ Howard of Ontario-New Brunswick -113Kevin Martin of Alberta - 113

Kevin Koe of Alberta-Team Canada-Wild Card 2-CTRS 3 - 107

Glenn Howard of Ontario - 100

CHAMPIONSHIP SITES 1927 to '39 Toronto

1977

1978

1979

1980

1981

1982

1983

Montreal

Ottawa

Calgary

Halifax

Brandon

Sudbury

Vancouver

Kerry Burtnyk of Manitoba — 44 Bernie Sparkes of British Columbia - 43 Ed Lukowich of Alberta — 42

Granite Club

Velodrome

Civic Arena

Metro Centre

Pacific Coliseum

Stampede Corral

Keystone Centre

Sudbury Arena

Pat Simmons of Saskatchewan-Team Canada — 41 Reg Stone of British Columbia - 41

Matt Dunstone of Saskatchewan-Wild Card

2-Manitoba-CTRS 2-40Ron Northcott of Alberta — 40 Jim Ursel of Quebec — 40

Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba — 98

Canada-Wild Card 1-CTRS 1-70

Al Hackner of Northern Ontario - 62

Jean-Michel Ménard of Quebec - 59

Pat Ryan of Alberta-British Columbia - 51

Jamie Koe of the N.W.T./Yukon-N.W.T. -50

James Grattan of New Brunswick - 48

Ernie Richardson of Saskatchewan - 45

Randy Ferbey of Alberta - 57

Ed Werenich of Ontario — 55

1-Ontario-Saskatchewan - 64

Brendan Bottcher of Alberta-Wild Card-Team

Mike McEwen of Manitoba-Wild Card-Wild Card

Rick Folk of Saskatchewan-British Columbia — 62

Matt Baldwin of Alberta - 38 Mark Dacey of Nova Scotia - 37

Bob Pickering of Saskatchewan − 36 Cliff Manahan of Alberta - 35

N/A

Wayne Middaugh of Ontario-Wild Card 3 - 35

1984

Victoria

Brandon

Kingston

Lethbridge

Calgary

London

Regina

Kelowna

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

Hec Gervais of Alberta - 34 Guy Hemmings of Quebec -32Steve Laycock of Saskatchewan -32Paul Savage of Ontario - 32 Vic Peters of Manitoba - 30 Gordon Campbell of Ontario - 29 John Morris of Ontario-B.C.-Team Canada — 28 Doug Cameron of Prince Edward Island − 26 Garnet Campbell of Saskatchewan -26Robert Campbell of Prince Edward Island — 25 Mark Noseworthy of Newfoundland - 25 Ken Watson of Manitoba − 25

Top Brier records (all teams; *won)

13-0 - Randy Ferbey of Alberta in 2003*

13-0 - Kevin Martin of Alberta in 2008*

13-0 - Kevin Martin of Alberta in 2009*

13-0 - Kevin Koe of Alberta in 2019*

12-0 - Pat Ryan of Alberta in 1988*

12-1 - Ed Werenich of Ontario in 1983*

12-1 — Kevin Martin of Alberta in 1997*

12-1 - Wayne Middaugh of Ontario in 1998*

12-1 — Glenn Howard of Ontario in 2010

12-1 - Glenn Howard of Ontario in 2012*

12-1 - Brad Gushue of Team Canada in 2018*

12-2 - Kerry Burtnyk of Manitoba in 1995*

12-2 — Vic Peters of Manitoba in 1997

Memorial Arena

Westoba Place

Leon's Centre

ENMAX Centre

Brandt Centre

Prospera Place

Budweiser Gardens

WinSport Event Centre

12-2 - Mark Dacey of Nova Scotia in 2004*

86,811 65,475 97,684 66,793

45,220

151,538 76,878 88,894 121,555 130,076 130,625 121,896 127,746

1940	Winnipeg	Amphitheatre	N/A	1985	Moncton	Moncton Coliseum
1941	Toronto	Granite Club	N/A	1986	Kitchener-Waterloo	Memorial Gardens
1942	Quebec City	Quebec City Arena	N/A	1987	Edmonton	Agriplex
1946	Saskatoon	Saskatoon Arena	22,000	1988	Chicoutimi	Georges Vezina Centre
1947	Saint John	Saint John Arena	10,000	1989	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan Place
1948	Calgary	Victoria Arena	30,000	1990	Sault Ste. Marie	Memorial Gardens
1949	Hamilton	Hamilton Arena	16,500	1991	Hamilton	Copps Coliseum
1950	Vancouver	Kerrisdale Arena	25,000	1992	Regina	Agridome
1951	Halifax	Dalhousie Rink	17,000	1993	Ottawa	Civic Arena
1952	Winnipeg	Winnipeg Arena	12,500	1994	Red Deer	Centrium
1953	Sudbury	Sudbury Arena	22,000	1995	Halifax	Metro Centre

1951	пашах	Dalilousie Kliik	17,000	1990	Ullawa	CIVIC AIGIIA	130,076
1952	Winnipeg	Winnipeg Arena	12,500	1994	Red Deer	Centrium	130,625
1953	Sudbury	Sudbury Arena	22,000	1995	Halifax	Metro Centre	121,896
1954	Edmonton	Edmonton Gardens	32,000	1996	Kamloops	Riverside Coliseum	127,746
1955	Regina	Exhibition Arena	51,725	1997	Calgary	Canadian Airlines Saddledome	223,322
1956	Moncton	Moncton Arena	25,800	1998	Winnipeg	Winnipeg Arena	147,017
1957	Kingston	Kingston Arena	19,000	1999	Edmonton	Skyreach Centre	242,887
1958	Victoria	Memorial Arena	36,000	2000	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan Place	248,793
1959	Quebec City	Le Colisée	16,000	2001	Ottawa	Civic Arena	154,136
1960	Fort William	Fort William Gardens	26,000	2002	Calgary	Pengrowth Saddledome	245,296
1961	Calgary	Stampede Corral	51,575	2003	Halifax	Metro Centre	158,414
1962	Kitchener-Waterloo	Memorial Gardens	37,013	2004	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan Place	238,129
1963	Brandon	Brandon Arena	42,113	2005	Edmonton	Rexall Place	281,985
1964	Charlottetown	Memorial Arena	13,573	2006	Regina	Brandt Centre	125,971
1965	Saskatoon	Memorial Arena	52,319	2007	Hamilton	Copps Coliseum	107,199
1966	Halifax	Halifax Forum	11,905	2008	Winnipeg	MTS Centre	165,075
1967	Ottawa	Hull Arena	26,174	2009	Calgary	Pengrowth Saddledome	246,126
1968	Kelowna	Kelowna Arena	25,813	2010	Halifax	Halifax Metro Centre	107,242
1969	Oshawa	Oshawa Arena	28,448	2011	London	John Labatt Centre	113,626
1970	Winnipeg	Winnipeg Arena	60,255	2012	Saskatoon	Credit Union Centre	177,226
1971	Quebec City	Pavilion de la Jeunesse	8,501	2013	Edmonton	Rexall Place	190,113
1972	St. John's	St. John's Arena	12,890	2014	Kamloops	Interior Savings Centre	65,005
1973	Edmonton	Edmonton Gardens	37,575	2015	Calgary	Scotiabank Saddledome	151,835
1974	London	London Gardens	48,170	2016	Ottawa	TD Place	115,047
1975	Fredericton	Lady Beaverbrook Rink	20,672	2017	St. John's	Mile One Centre	122,592
1976	Regina	Agridome	61,110	2018	Regina	Brandt Centre	110, 555

50,000

63,851

89,081

93,185

67,257

106,394

65,927

75,617

96,076

74,238

95,338

101,401

N/A

- 12-2 Glenn Howard of Ontario in 2007*
- 12-2 Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario in 2016
- 11-1 Pat Ryan of Alberta in 1985
- 11-1 Ed Werenich of Ontario in 1990*
- 11-1 Rick Folk of British Columbia in 1994*
- 11-1 Brad Gushue of Wild Card 1 in 2022*
- 11-2 Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba in 1996*
- 11-2 Greg McAulay of British Columbia in 2000*
- 11-2 Randy Ferbey of Alberta in 2001*
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- 11-2 Randy Ferbey of Alberta in 2004
- 11-2 Randy Ferbey of Alberta in 2005*
- 11-2 Glenn Howard of Ontario in 2006
- 11-2 Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba in 2011*
- 11-2 Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario in 2015
- 11-2 Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2017*
- 11-2 Brendan Bottcher of Alberta in 2020
- 11-3 Russ Howard of Ontario in 1993*
- 11-3 Kevin Martin of Alberta in 1996
- 11-3 Glenn Howard of Ontario in 2008
- 11-3 Kevin Koe of Alberta in 2010*
- 11-3 Glenn Howard of Ontario in 2013
- 11-3 Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario in 2013*
- 11-3 Kevin Koe of Alberta in 2014*
- 11-3 Kevin Koe of Alberta in 2016*
- 11-3 Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2020*
- 11-3 Brendan Bottcher of Alberta in 2021*
- 10-0 Don Oyler of Nova Scotia in 1951*
- 10-0 Billy Walsh of Manitoba in 1952*
- 10-0 Garnet Campbell of Saskatchewan in 1955*
- 10-0 Matt Baldwin of Alberta in 1957*
- 10-0 Ron Northcott of Alberta in 1969*
- 10-1 Ernie Richardson of Saskatchewan in 1959*
- 10-1 Barry Fry of Manitoba in 1979
- 10-1 Brad Gushue of Canada in 2023*
- 10-2 Rick Folk of Saskatchewan in 1980*
- 10-2 Matt Dunstone of Manitoba in 2023
- 10-2 Ed Lukowich of Alberta in 1983
- 10-2 Ed Lukowich of Alberta in 1986* 10-2 — Russ Howard of Ontario in 1987*
- 10-2 Vic Peters of Manitoba in 1993
- 10-3 Kerry Burtnyk of Manitoba in 1993
- 10-3 Russ Howard of Ontario in 1986
- 10-3 Kevin Martin of Alberta in 1991*
- 10-3 Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba in 1999*
- 10-3 John Morris of British Columbia in 2014
- 10-3 Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba in 2014
- 10-3 Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2016
- 10-3 Kevin Koe of Wild Card 2 in 2021
- 10-3 Mike McEwen of Saskatchewan in 2024
- 10-4 Shawn Adams of Nova Scotia in 2005
- 10-4 Jean-Michel Ménard of Quebec in 2006*
- 10-4 Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2011
- 10-4 Glenn Howard of Ontario in 2011
- 10-4 Kevin Koe of Alberta in 2012
- 10-4 Pat Simmons-John Morris of Team Canada in 2015*
- 10-4 Kevin Koe of Team Canada in 2017
- 10-4 Mike McEwen of Manitoba in 2017
- 10-4 Brendan Bottcher of Alberta in 2018
- 10-4 Brendan Bottcher of Wild Card in 2019 10-5 — Ed Werenich of Ontario in 1984
- 10-5 Rick Folk of British Columbia in 1993
- 10-5 Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba in 2009

Champions

- 29 Alberta in 1933, '37, '41, '46, '54, '57, '58, '61, '66, '68, '69, '74, '78, '86, '88, '89, '91, '97, 2001, '02, '03, '05, '08, '09, '10, '14, '16, '19, '21
- 27 Manitoba in 1928, '29, '30, '31, '32, '34, '36, '38, '40, '42, '47, '49, '52, '53, '56, '65, '70, '71, '72, '79, '81, '84, '92, '95, '96, '99, 2011
- 10 Ontario in 1935, '39, '67, '83, '87, '90, '93, '98, 2007, '12
- 7 Saskatchewan in 1955, '59, '60, '62, '63, '73, '80
- 5 Northern Ontario in 1950, '75, '82, '85, 2013
- 4 Team Canada in 2015, '18, '23, '24
- 4 British Columbia in 1948, '64, '94, 2000
- 3 Newfoundland in 1976; Newfoundland/ Labrador in '17, '20
- 3 Nova Scotia in 1927, '51, 2004
- 2 Quebec in 1977, 2006
- 1 Wild Card 1 in 2022

Championships hosted (including 2025)

	NUMBER	LATEST
Ontario	29	2023
Alberta	16	2022
Saskatchewan	12	2024
British Columbia	8	2025
Manitoba	8	2019
Nova Scotia	6	2010
Quebec	5	1988
New Brunswick	4	1985
Northern Ontario	4	1990
Newfoundland	2	2017
Prince Edward Island	1	1964



It's tough enough to go through the Brier undefeated, but Alberta skip Kevin Martin managed to do it twice, going 13-0 in back-to-back years, 2008 and 2009.

Win-Loss Records (includes playoffs)

	WINS	LOSSES	PERCENTAGE
Team Canada (2015 to present)	90	32	.738
Alberta (1928 to present)	717	308	.700
CTRS 2 (2024 to present)	7	3	.700
Manitoba (1928 to present)	691	332	.675
CTRS 1 (2024 to present)	7	4	.636
Ontario (1927 to present)	632	394	.616
Saskatchewan (1928 to present)	584	411	.587
British Columbia (1936 to present)	511	398	.562
Northern Ontario (1927 to present)	515	481	.517
Quebec (1927 to present)	403	565	.416
Nova Scotia (1927 to present)	379	560	.404
New Brunswick (1927 to present)	373	591	.387
Newfoundland/Labrador (1951 to present)	295	500	.371
P.E.I. (1936 to present)	268	600	.309
CTRS 3 (2024 to present)	2	6	.250
Northwest Territories (2015 to present)	20	68	.227
Yukon (2018 to present)	10	44	.185
Nunavut (2018 to present)	2	52	.037
DEFUNCT TEAMS:			
Wild Card 1 (2021 to 2023)	24	8	.750
Wild Card 2 (2021 to 2023)	20	10	.667
Wild Card (2018 to 2020)	24	13	.649
Toronto (1927-1931)	28	18	.609
Wild Card 3 (2021 to 2023)	17	13	.567
Western Canada (1927)	3	4	.429
Territories/N.W.TYukon (1975 to 2014)	127	316	.287
Montreal (1927-1931)	10	33	.233





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September 25 to 29, 2024 Calgary				
Sweep 16	Wed. Sept. 25	3 p.m.		
Sweep 16	Wed. Sept. 25	8 p.m.		
Sweep 16	Thurs. Sept. 26	3 p.m.		
Sweep 16	Thurs. Sept. 26	8 p.m.		
Elite 8	Fri. Sept. 27	3 p.m.		
Elite 8	Fri. Sept. 27	10 p.m.		
Final 4	Sat. Sept. 28	3 p.m.		
Final 4	Sat. Sept. 28	10 p.m.		
Women's Final	Sun. Sept. 29	Noon		
Men's Final	Sun. Sept. 29	5 p.m.		

SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

February 14 to 23, 2025 Thunder Bay, Ont.

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Draw 1	Fri. Feb. 14	7 p.m.
Draw 2	Sat. Feb. 15	2 p.m.
Draw 3	Sat. Feb. 15	7 p.m.
Draw 4	Sun. Feb. 16	9 a.m.
Draw 5	Sun. Feb. 16	2 p.m.
Draw 6	Sun. Feb. 16	7 p.m.
Draw 7	Mon. Feb. 17	9 a.m.
Draw 8	Mon. Feb. 17	2 p.m.
Draw 9	Mon. Feb. 17	7 p.m.
Draw 10	Tues. Feb. 18	9 a.m.
Draw 11	Tues. Feb. 18	2 p.m.
Draw 12	Tues. Feb. 18	7 p.m.
Draw 13	Wed. Feb. 19	9 a.m.
Draw 14	Wed. Feb. 19	2 p.m.
Draw 15	Wed. Feb. 19	7 p.m.
Draw 16	Thurs. Feb. 20	9 a.m.
Draw 17	Thurs. Feb. 20	2 p.m.
Draw 18	Thurs. Feb. 20	7 p.m.
Page Qualifiers	Fri. Feb. 21	1 p.m.
Page Qualifiers	Fri. Feb. 21	7 p.m.
Page 3v4	Sat. Feb. 22	1 p.m.
Page 1v2	Sat. Feb. 22	7 p.m.
Semifinal	Sun. Feb. 23	1 p.m.
Final	Sun. Feb. 23	7 p.m.

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February 28 to March 9, 2025 Kelowna, B.C.

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Draw 1	Fri. Feb. 28	9:30 p.m.
Draw 2	Sat. March 1	4:30 p.m.
Draw 3	Sat. March 1	9:30 p.m.
Draw 4	Sun. March 2	11:30 a.m.
Draw 5	Sun. March 2	4:30 p.m.
Draw 6	Sun March 2	9.30 n.m.

Draw 7	Mon. March 3	11:30 a.m.
Draw 8	Mon. March 3	4:30 p.m.
Draw 9	Mon. March 3	9:30 p.m.
Draw 10	Tues. March 4	11:30 a.m.
Draw 11	Tues. March 4	4:30 p.m.
Draw 12	Tues. March 4	9:30 p.m.
Draw 13	Wed. March 5	11:30 a.m.
Draw 14	Wed. March 5	4:30 p.m.
Draw 15	Wed. March 5	9:30 p.m.
Draw 16	Thurs. March 6	11:30 a.m.
Draw 17	Thurs. March 6	4:30 p.m.
Draw 18	Thurs. March 6	9:30 p.m.
Page Qualifiers	Fri. March 7	3:30 p.m.
Page Qualifiers	Fri. March 7	9:30 p.m.
Page 3v4	Sat. March 8	3:30 p.m.
Page 1v2	Sat. March 8	9:30 p.m.
Semifinal	Sun. March 9	2 p.m.
Final	Sun. March 9	8 p.m.

LGT WORLD WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

March 15 to 23, 2025) Uijeongbu, Korea Draws TBD

BKT TIRES WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

March 29 to April 6, 2025 Moose Jaw, Sask.

Draw 1	Sat. March 29	4 p.m.
Draw 2	Sat. March 29	9 p.m.
Draw 4	Sun. March 30	4 p.m.
Draw 7	Mon. March 31	4 p.m.
Draw 9	Tues. April 1	11 a.m.
Draw 11	Tues. April 1	9 p.m.
Draw 12	Wed. April 2	11 a.m.
Draw 14	Wed. April 2	9 p.m.
Draw 15	Thurs. April 3	11 a.m.
Draw 17	Thurs. April 3	9 p.m.
Draw 19	Fri. April 4	4 p.m.
Draw 20	Fri. April 4	9 p.m.
Playoff Qualifiers	Sat. April 5	11 a.m.
Semifinals	Sat. April 5	5 p.m.
Bronze-medal Game	Sun. April 6	11 a.m.
Gold-medal Game	Sun. April 6	5 p.m.

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