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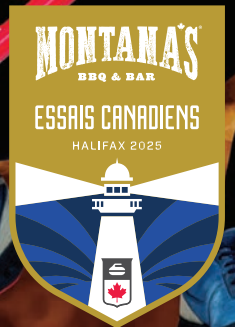


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On behalf of Montana's BBQ & Bar restaurants across Canada, we're proud to welcome you to the Montana's Curling Trials, where the road to greatness begins. As title sponsor, it's an honour to stand alongside Canada's curling community once again, cheering on the athletes who will go on to represent our nation on the world stage.

At Montana's, we know a thing or two about going low and slow, and just like our hickory-smoked BBQ, curling is all about precision, patience, and passion. Whether you're watching the action live in the rink, catching every end at home, or fuelling up with your crew in one of our restaurants, we're thrilled to be part of this unforgettable journey with you.

Together with our partners at Curling Canada, we remain committed to growing the sport and supporting the incredible athletes who inspire Canadians from coast to coast. Here's to the Trials, a true celebration of grit, talent, and community.

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Au nom des restaurants Montana's BBQ & Bar du Canada, nous sommes fiers de vous souhaiter la bienvenue aux Essais de curling Montana's, où commence la route vers l'excellence. En tant que commanditaire en titre, c'est un honneur d'être à nouveau aux côtés de la communauté canadienne du curling et d'encourager les athlètes qui représenteront notre pays sur la scène internationale.

Chez Montana's, nous savons comment y aller en douceur, et tout comme notre BBQ fumé au bois de noyer, le curling est une question de précision, de patience et de passion. Que vous regardiez l'action en personne à l'aréna, appréciez chaque manche à la maison ou savouriez un repas en équipe dans l'un de nos restaurants, nous sommes ravis de partager cette aventure inoubliable avec vous.

En collaboration avec nos partenaires de Curling Canada, nous maintenons notre engagement à faire croître le sport et à soutenir les athlètes exceptionnels qui inspirent les Canadiens d'un océan à l'autre. Vivement les Essais, une véritable célébration du courage, du talent et d'esprit communautaire.

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Mark Sozanski et Dina Ricco
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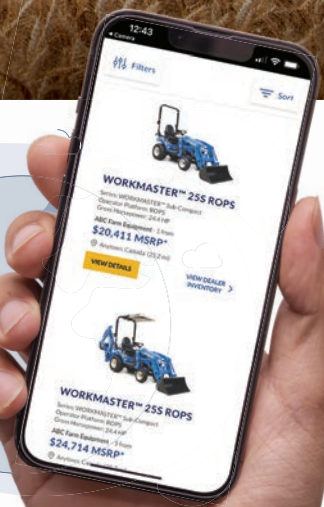
What's true about farming is true for curling. Whether sweeping the ice for gold or harvesting a field for golden yields, success is all about precision and control. For Canada's curling competitors, this season raises the stakes even higher. At New Holland, we can't wait to share in the excitement of every hammer, draw and takeout in tournaments all season long. Harvest the gold in 2026!

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Welcome to the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials!

We're thrilled to be part of this year's most anticipated event, as Canada's top men's and women's teams compete for a chance to represent Canada at the 2026 Olympic Winter Olympics.

These moments — the hard-fought wins, the quiet focus, the shared pride — reflect more than athletic talent. They reflect the values that make curling extraordinary: commitment, determination, and connection.

Connect Hearing is proud to support curling in Canada — a sport where every call, sweep, and decision relies on clear communication and good hearing. We're honoured to be part of a community that shares our passion for connection, and we look forward to continuing to help Canadians hear and live their best, both on and off the ice.

To every athlete, organizer, and volunteer, thank you. To the city of Halifax and the team at Scotiabank Centre: thank you for opening your doors to fans and families from across Canada.

To everyone cheering in the stands — enjoy every second. We can't wait to see what happens next!

Bienvenue aux Essais canadiens de curling Montana's 2025!

Nous sommes ravis de faire partie de l'événement le plus attendu de l'année, alors que les meilleures équipes masculines et féminines du Canada s'affrontent pour avoir la chance de représenter le Canada aux Jeux olympiques d'hiver de 2026.

Ces moments – les victoires âprement disputées, la concentration intense, la fierté partagée – reflètent bien plus que du talent sportif. Ils reflètent les valeurs qui rendent le curling extraordinaire : l'engagement, la détermination et les liens sociaux.

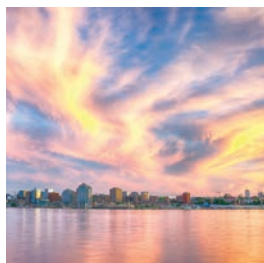
Connect Hearing est fier de soutenir le curling au Canada – un sport où chaque appel, chaque balayage et chaque décision repose sur une communication claire et une bonne audition. Nous sommes honorés de faire partie d'une communauté qui partage notre passion pour la communication et nous sommes impatients de continuer à aider les Canadiens à entendre et à vivre pleinement, sur la glace comme hors glace.

À tous les athlètes, organisateurs et bénévoles, merci. À la ville d'Halifax et à l'équipe du Centre Scotiabank : merci d'avoir ouvert vos portes aux partisans et aux familles de partout au Canada.

À tous ceux qui encouragent dans les gradins : profitez de chaque instant. Nous avons hâte de voir la suite!



messages



WE EXTEND A WARM AND respectful welcome to all athletes, coaches, volunteers, families, and guests arriving in K'jipuktuk (Halifax), the heart of Mi'kma'ki — the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. This land is covered by the Peace and Friendship Treaties, first signed in the 1700s,

which continue to guide our relationships today.

It is an honour for this Halifax Regional Municipality to host the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials at the Scotiabank Centre, from November 22 to 30, 2025. This prestigious national event brings together the country's top curlers in celebration of excellence, teamwork, and community spirit.

We recognize and honour the Mi'kmaq people who have cared for, shared, and learned on these lands since time immemorial. Wela'lin (thank you) to all organizers, staff, and volunteers for their dedication to ensuring this event's success. May this week of competition and connection be guided by the values of respect, friendship, and understanding.



I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY MY warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2025 Canadian Curling Trials, being held in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Over the course of the next nine days, Canada's top eight men's and women's teams will compete for the chance to represent our country at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. I am certain

that everyone in attendance will be captivated by the high level of strategy, skill and precision on display throughout the competition.

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

I wish you all an exciting and memorable competition.

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., O.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada

NOUS SOUHAITONS LA BIENVENUE À TOUS LES athlètes, entraîneurs, bénévoles, familles et invités qui se rassemblent à K'jipuktuk (Halifax), au cœur du Mi'kma'ki — le territoire ancestral et non cédé du peuple mi'kmaq. Ce territoire est régi par les Traités de paix et d'amitié, signés pour la première fois dans les années 1700, et qui continuent d'orienter nos relations aujourd'hui.

C'est un honneur pour la Municipalité régionale d'Halifax d'accueillir le Tournoi canadien de curling Montana 2025 au Scotiabank Centre, du 22 au 30 novembre 2025. Cet événement national prestigieux réunit les meilleurs joueurs et joueuses de curling du pays pour célébrer l'excellence, le travail d'équipe et l'esprit communautaire.

Nous rendons hommage au peuple mi'kmaq, gardien de ces terres depuis des temps immémoriaux. Wela'lin (merci) à tous les organisateurs, employés et bénévoles pour leur dévouement et leur contribution à la réussite de cet événement. Que cette semaine de compétition et d'échanges soit guidée par les valeurs de respect, d'amitié et de compréhension mutuelle.

JE TIENS À SALUER CHALEUREUSEMENT TOUTES les personnes qui participent aux essais canadiens de curling de 2025, à Halifax.

Au cours des neuf prochains jours, les huit meilleures équipes masculines et féminines du Canada s'affronteront pour avoir la chance de représenter le pays aux Jeux olympiques d'hiver de 2026. Je suis convaincu que les fines stratégies, les grandes habiletés et la remarquable précision dont les équipes feront preuve tout au long des essais captiveront l'auditoire.

Je tiens à féliciter les athlètes et à leur souhaiter bonne chance. J'aimerais également remercier les membres du comité organisateur, les commanditaires et les bénévoles de faire de cet événement une réussite ainsi que les citoyens d'Halifax de leur chaleureux accueil.

Je vous souhaite des essais tout aussi enlevants que mémorables.

Le très honorable Mark Carney, C.P., O.C., député
Premier ministre du Canada



IT'S A REAL PLEASURE TO WELCOME

you to Nova Scotia for the Canadian Curling Trials.

Curling runs deep in our province. It's more than a sport — it's a tradition that brings people together and a spirit we are proud to share. We're honoured to host Canada's top teams as they compete for the chance to wear the

Maple Leaf at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

The stakes are high, but so is our support for everyone who steps onto the ice. These athletes have earned our admiration through their dedication, discipline, and teamwork.

I want to thank the organizers, officials, coaches, and volunteers for all the time and energy they've poured into making this event possible.

And to those visiting Halifax for the championship — welcome. I hope you will enjoy the competition, explore our scenic shores and feel the warmth of Nova Scotian hospitality everywhere you go.

Best of luck to all the competitors. May every stone you throw bring you closer to your Olympic dream.

Honourable Tim Houston

Premier of Nova Scotia



AS MAYOR OF HALIFAX, AND ON

behalf of Regional Council, I am delighted to extend warm greetings and a heartfelt welcome to all athletes, fans, and sport enthusiasts taking part in the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials.

We are grateful to the Scotiabank Centre for hosting this premier curling event, and I wish to recognize the

dedication of the organizers and the many volunteers whose efforts ensure the Trials are a true success. Your hard work and commitment are deeply appreciated.

I extend my best wishes to everyone competing and attending. May your experience be memorable as you share in the excitement, camaraderie, and pride that come with one of Canada's most cherished sports.

Andy Fillmore

Mayor, City of Halifax

C'EST UN RÉEL PLAISIR DE VOUS SOUHAITER

la bienvenue en Nouvelle-Écosse pour les Essais canadiens de curling Montana's 2025.

Le curling est profondément ancré dans notre province. Plus qu'un sport, c'est une tradition qui rassemble les gens et une énergie que nous sommes fiers de partager. Nous sommes honorés d'accueillir les meilleures équipes du Canada qui concourent pour la chance de porter l'uniforme unifolié aux Jeux olympiques d'hiver de 2026.

Les enjeux sont élevés, mais notre soutien à tous ceux qui foulent la glace l'est tout autant. Ces athlètes ont gagné notre admiration par leur dévouement, leur discipline et leur esprit d'équipe.

Je tiens à remercier les organisateurs, les officiels, les entraîneurs et les bénévoles pour tout le temps et l'énergie qu'ils ont consacrées à l'organisation de cet événement.

Et à tous ceux qui visitent Halifax pour le championnat : bienvenue. J'espère que vous apprécierez la compétition, explorerez nos côtes pittoresques et ressentirez la chaleur de l'hospitalité néo-écossaise partout où vous irez.

Bonne chance à tous les concurrents. Que chaque pierre que vous lancerez vous rapproche de votre rêve olympique.

L'honorable Tim Houston

Premier ministre de la Nouvelle-Écosse

EN TANT QUE MAIRE D'HALIFAX ET AU NOM DU CONSEIL

régional, je suis ravi de souhaiter chaleureusement la bienvenue à tous les athlètes, partisans et passionnés de sport qui participeront et assisteront aux Essais canadiens de curling Montana's 2025.

Nous sommes reconnaissants envers le Centre Scotiabank d'accueillir cette compétition de curling de premier plan, et je tiens à souligner le dévouement des organisateurs et des nombreux bénévoles qui veillent à assurer le succès de ces Essais. Nous vous remercions de tout cœur pour votre travail acharné et votre engagement.

Je souhaite la meilleure des chances à tous les participants et beaucoup de plaisirs aux spectateurs. Je vous souhaite une expérience mémorable alors que vous partagez l'enthousiasme, la camaraderie et la fierté qui caractérisent l'un des sports les plus appréciés au Canada.

Andy Fillmore

Maire d'Halifax



ON BEHALF OF CURLING CANADA'S

Board of Governors, it is a true privilege to greet and wish the best of luck to everyone competing in, and attending, the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials, presented by Connect Hearing, in the historic city of Halifax.

The province of Nova Scotia has been a significant part of the Road to Italy for aspiring Olympians, with the Canadian Mixed Doubles Trials a year ago in Liverpool and the Home Hardware Canadian Curling Pre-Trials last month in Wolfville. We are all eager to see what transpires here in Halifax.

We could not be more grateful to our partners at Montana's BBQ & Bar for their support of Canadian curling; these events simply can't happen without them, and we look forward to many more years of working together.

To our volunteers, our Organizing Committee, the local event staff, ice technicians, officials, and Curling Canada's national staff, a sincere and heartfelt 'thank you' for all of your efforts in making the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials an outstanding event, on and off the ice.

The ongoing 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.

And to our athletes — good luck and good curling, You make us proud to be Canadian curling fans and we can't wait to cheer on our next Olympians.

Teri Palynchuk

Chair, Curling Canada

AU NOM DU CONSEIL DES GOUVERNEURS DE CURLING

Canada, c'est un véritable privilège de souhaiter la bienvenue et la meilleure des chances à tous ceux et celles qui participeront et assisteront aux Essais canadiens de curling Montana's 2025, présentés par Connect Hearing, dans la ville historique d'Halifax.

La Nouvelle-Écosse a joué un rôle important dans la Route vers l'Italie des aspirants olympiens et olympiennes, ayant accueilli les Essais canadiens de double mixte l'an dernier à Liverpool et les Pré-essais canadiens de curling Home Hardware le mois dernier à Wolfville. Nous sommes tous impatients de constater les résultats de la compétition ici à Halifax.

Nous sommes infiniment reconnaissants envers nos partenaires de Montana's BBQ & Bar pour leur soutien au curling canadien. Ces événements ne pourraient avoir lieu sans eux, et nous nous réjouissons à l'idée de poursuivre notre collaboration pendant de nombreuses années à venir.

À nos bénévoles, à notre comité d'organisation, au personnel local, aux techniciens de glace, aux officiels et au personnel national de Curling Canada, un grand merci pour tous vos efforts qui ont permis de faire des Essais canadiens de curling Montana's 2025 un événement exceptionnel, sur et hors glace.

Il convient également de souligner les sacrifices consentis par les familles et les employeurs des athlètes et des entraîneurs qui participent à la compétition cette semaine. Merci à vous tous.

Et à nos athlètes : bonne chance et bon curling! Grâce à vous, nous sommes fiers d'être des amateurs de curling canadiens et nous sommes impatients d'encourager nos prochains olympiens et olympiennes.

Teri Palynchuk

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BIENVENUE AUX ESSAIS CANADIENS DE CURLING MONTANA'S 2025!



WELCOME TO HALIFAX, and welcome to Nova Scotia! We are thrilled and honoured to host Canada's finest curlers and the world's most passionate curling fans to the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials at the Scotiabank Centre and Halifax Convention Centre.

In just a few short days, the Maple Leaf will be proudly placed on the backs of the men's and women's teams who will represent Canada at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Italy. This moment marks the culmination of years of dedication, and we hope the final leg of this journey creates unforgettable memories for everyone involved.

What began as a conversation among friends at the 2023 Brier in London quickly evolved into a bold vision: to bring a major curling event back to Halifax. That vision became reality thanks to the tireless efforts of our bid committee and partners. We extend our sincere thanks to Paul Forrest, Chris Gosse, Colby Pridham, Ken Bagnell, Billy Comer, and Virginia Jackson for their leadership and commitment. Their work laid the foundation for what promises to be an extraordinary event.

Nova Scotia and Halifax are known for their rich culture, warm hospitality, and vibrant year-round tourism. We invite you to explore our beautiful region, enjoy the camaraderie in the Patch, and take part in the Festival of Rings, a celebration of curling and community.

We are deeply grateful for the generous support received from all levels of funding and sponsorship, including the many businesses and community partners who have helped bring the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials to life. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of Events East and Discover Halifax, whose partnership has been instrumental in shaping this event.

A special thank you goes to our title sponsor, Montana's, whose commitment to Canadian sport and community engagement has played a pivotal role in making this celebration of curling possible. We also extend our sincere appreciation to our funding partners—the Province of Nova Scotia and the Halifax Regional Municipality—for their steadfast support and belief in our vision.

Finally, we extend our deepest gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers whose dedication and enthusiasm will make this a time to remember.

Halifax is ready. The Trials are here. Let the journey to Olympic glory begin!

Hugh Avery, Rob Belliveau, Theresa Breen and Danny Christianson
The 2025 Canadian Curling Trials Vice Chairs

BIENVENUE À HALIFAX et bienvenue en Nouvelle-Écosse! Nous sommes ravis et honorés d'accueillir les meilleurs curleurs et les meilleures curleuses du Canada, ainsi que les amateurs de curling les plus passionnés du monde, aux Essais canadiens de curling Montana's 2025 au Centre Scotiabank et au Centre des congrès d'Halifax.

Dans quelques jours, les uniformes unifoliés seront fièrement remis aux équipes masculine et féminine qui représenteront le Canada aux Jeux olympiques d'hiver de 2026 en Italie. Ce moment marque l'aboutissement d'années de dévouement, et nous espérons que la dernière étape de ce parcours créera des souvenirs inoubliables pour toutes et tous.

Ce qui a commencé comme une conversation entre amis lors du Brier 2023 à London s'est rapidement transformé en une vision audacieuse : ramener un grand événement de curling à Halifax. Cette vision s'est concrétisée grâce aux efforts inlassables de notre comité de candidature et de nos partenaires. Nous remercions sincèrement Paul Forrest, Chris Gosse, Colby Pridham, Ken Bagnell, Billy Comer et Virginia Jackson pour leur leadership et leur engagement. Leur travail a jeté les bases de ce qui promet d'être un événement extraordinaire.

La Nouvelle-Écosse et Halifax sont reconnues pour leur riche culture, leur hospitalité chaleureuse et leur tourisme dynamique à longueur d'année. Nous vous invitons à explorer notre magnifique région, à profiter de l'esprit de camaraderie du Patch et à participer au Festival des cercles, une célébration du curling et de la communauté.

Nous sommes profondément reconnaissants du généreux soutien reçu de tous les niveaux de financement et de commandite, y compris des nombreuses entreprises et partenaires communautaires qui ont contribué à la mise en œuvre des Essais canadiens de curling Montana's 2025. Nous tenons tout particulièrement à souligner la précieuse contribution d'Events East et de Discover Halifax, dont le partenariat a été déterminant dans la réalisation de cet événement.

Nous remercions tout particulièrement notre commanditaire en titre, Montana's, dont l'engagement envers le sport canadien et l'implication communautaire ont joué un rôle essentiel dans la réalisation de cette célébration du curling. Nous exprimons également notre sincère gratitude à nos partenaires financiers, la province de la Nouvelle-Écosse et la municipalité régionale d'Halifax, pour leur soutien indéfectible et leur foi en notre vision.

Enfin, nous exprimons notre plus profonde gratitude aux centaines de bénévoles dont le dévouement et l'enthousiasme rendront cet événement inoubliable.

Halifax est prête. Place aux Essais. Que le parcours vers la gloire olympique commence!

Hugh Avery, Rob Belliveau, Theresa Breen et Danny Christianson
Les vice-présidents des Essais canadiens de curling 2025

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

FLYIN FISH SAMPLING: 4 TO 8 P.M. • **BENJAMIN BRIDGE WINE SAMPLING: 5 TO 7 P.M.**

- 12:00 p.m. Patch Opens
- 5:15 p.m. Up Close & Personal: **Nancy Delahunt, Mary-Anne Arsenault, Kim Kelly (Members of Team Colleen Jones)**
- 5:50 p.m. Entertainment: **Dave Carroll Show (Sons of Maxwell)**
- 10:00 p.m. Entertainment: **Rankin MacInnis & The Broken Reeds**
- 1:00 a.m. Patch Closes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

FLYIN FISH SAMPLING: 4 TO 8 P.M. • **BENJAMIN BRIDGE WINE SAMPLING: 5 TO 7 P.M.**

- 11:00 a.m. Patch Opens
- 12:50 p.m. Entertainment: **Taylor Jensen**
- 5:15 p.m. Up Close & Personal: **Brad Gushue**
- 5:50 p.m. Entertainment: **Andre Pettipas**
- 10:00 p.m. Entertainment: **Harbour City Band**
- 1:00 a.m. Patch Closes

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 11:00 a.m. Patch Opens
- 12:50 p.m. Entertainment: **R.C. Stanley**
- 5:15 p.m. Up Close & Personal: **Team Black**
- 5:50 p.m. Entertainment: **Luke Levy**
- 10:00 p.m. Entertainment: **The East Enders**
- 1:00 a.m. Patch Closes

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 11:00 a.m. Patch Opens
- 12:50 p.m. Entertainment: **Leah & Lyle Samson**
- 5:15 p.m. Up Close & Personal: **Nolan Thiessen, David Murdoch, Al Cameron – Experiences on the Olympic Journey**
- 5:50 p.m. Entertainment: **Shannon Quinn**
- 10:00 p.m. Entertainment: **The Mellotones**
- 1:00 a.m. Patch Closes

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 11:00 a.m. Patch Opens
- 12:50 p.m. Entertainment: **Joe H Henry**
- 5:15 p.m. **Festival of Rings Programming**

- 5:50 p.m. Entertainment: **Moira & Claire**
- 10:00 p.m. Entertainment: **Maximum Overdrive**
- 1:00 a.m. Patch Closes

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

BENJAMIN BRIDGE WINE SAMPLING: 4 TO 7 P.M.

- 12:00 p.m. Patch Opens – **Bud Lite Cowboy Hat Giveaways**
- 4:45 p.m. **Festival of Rings Programming**
- 5:30 p.m. Entertainment: **Cameron Nickerson**
- 10:00 p.m. Entertainment: **Dave Sampson**
- 1:00 a.m. Patch Closes



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Country Day!*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

FLYIN FISH SAMPLING: 4 TO 8 P.M. • **BENJAMIN BRIDGE WINE SAMPLING: 4 TO 7 P.M.**

- 12:00 p.m. Patch Opens
- 4:15 p.m. Up Close & Personal: **Jennifer Jones**
- 4:35 p.m. **Jennifer Jones Book Signing**
- 4:45 p.m. **Festival of Rings Programming**
- 5:30 p.m. Entertainment: **Rachel & Darren McMullen**
- 10:00 p.m. Entertainment: **Merimac**
- 1:00 a.m. Patch Closes

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

FLYIN FISH SAMPLING: 4 TO 8 P.M. • **BENJAMIN BRIDGE WINE SAMPLING: 4 TO 7 P.M.**

- 12:00 p.m. Patch Opens
- 4:45 p.m. Up Close & Personal: **NS Olympians**
- 5:30 p.m. Entertainment: **Christina Martin**
- 10:00 p.m. Entertainment: **Signal Hill**
- 1:00 a.m. Patch Closes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 12:00 p.m. Patch Opens
- 4:30 p.m. Entertainment: **Michael Lloyd & The Right Good**
- 8:00 p.m. Patch Closes

GET YOUR POPCORN READY!

Fans will have a smorgasbord of exciting games, players to watch at the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials

THERE WILL BE NO SHORTAGE OF intriguing storylines at this week's 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials, presented by Connect Hearing, at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax, N.S.

On the women's side there is the hometown favourite team anxious to make its mark on the Canadian and international curling scene.

Among the seven other teams standing in the way is the skip eager to get back to the Winter Olympic Games to make amends for previous non-medal appearances.

On the men's side there will be the former Olympic gold-medal champion and 2022 bronze-medallist who wants to further his reputation as one of the world's all-time greats.

Then there's the snake-bitten skip who fought for years just to get out of his home province and now wants to take another step and wear the colours of Canada.

And just to make things more interesting there's the new format for the 16-team event to determine Canada's four-player women's and men's teams that will be nominated to the Canadian Olympic

Committee for the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina, Italy.

The event will feature an eight-team round robin, with the top three teams in men's and women's making the playoffs. The first-place team gets a bye to the final while the second- and third-place teams play a one-game semifinal.

For the first time in Trials history the final will be a best-of-three competition. That, suggests two-time Trials winner Brad Gushue, is a good thing.

"It minimizes the chance of a team that probably is going to have less of a chance of winning a medal at the Olympics getting through. It increases the odds of having a stronger team."

THE HOMETOWN FAVOURITE

Skip Christina Black and her five-member team out of the Halifax Curling Club should receive the loudest cheers at the Trials as they attempt to build off their success of last season. Black, Jill Brothers, front-end players Marlee Powers, Jennifer Baxter and Karlee

BY JOHN
KOROBANIK

Christina Black and her hometown team of Bluenosers will have the crowd behind them at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax.



Everist lost the semifinal of last season's Scotties Tournament of Hearts on a 10th-end measurement.

"When it was announced it was going to be here in Halifax I felt, OK, I have to do whatever I can to play in this," said the 37-year-old Black. "It's really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play in the Olympic Trials, and for it to be in Halifax is really special."

Special yes, intimidating no. After their breakout season last year the players on the team are brimming with confidence while knowing they will be decided underdogs this week. Similar, suggests Black, to the 2005 Trials when Brad Gushue won over a powerful field that included multiple Brier champions Randy Ferbey, Kevin Martin, and Jeff Stoughton.

"He would have been an underdog in that Trials and he pulled it off. And this is the same building."

That inspiration aside, Black and her teammates know that while they say "it's just to enjoy the experience" here, last season proved they belong in this field that includes teams skipped by five-time Scotties Tournament of Hearts and three-time world champion Rachel Homan, and four-time national champion Kerri Einarson.

"We know we belong," said Black. "We know we can compete with all of the teams ... we believe we have what it takes and we have the skill and the experience now of how to play in these games."

"When you're a new team you don't know how people will react in a big-game moment. We all know now, how we can play, how we can go out and win a big tournament or maybe win a big playoff game when you're the only game on the ice."

"We've worked really hard; we've done all the things that we need to do and now we're ready to go out and keep on doing our thing."

Which could mean there's really no reason the

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— CHRISTINA BLACK

hometown team couldn't be wearing Team Canada colours by the end of the event.

"That would be insane, honestly. Not even thinking about that. We're just going to go out there and curl and give it everything we've got. If we're lucky enough to be the team that pulls it off, that would be hard to even imagine."

THE WORLD'S NO. 1

After the season Rachel Homan and her team had last season they have to be ranked the favourite to win the Trials. And the Beaumont, Alta.-based skip wants nothing more than to get back to the Olympic Games despite having two of her most disappointing performances there.

At the 2018 Games Homan finished sixth, the

THE WOMEN'S FIELD

- Team Rachel Homan, Ottawa
- Team Kerri Einarson, Gimli, Man.
- Team Kayla Skrlík, Calgary
- Team Kaitlyn Lawes, Winnipeg
- Team Kate Cameron, St. Adolphe, Man.
- Team Christina Black, Halifax
- Team Corryn Brown, Kamloops, B.C.
- Team Selena Sturmey, Edmonton

Ottawa's Rachel Homan skips the No. 1 women's team in the world, and is counting on her superb play to continue at the Canadian Curling Trials.



Four-time Canadian women's curling champion Kerri Einarson's team from Gimli, Man., is one to watch.

THE MEN'S FIELD

- Team Brad Gushue, St. John's, N.L.
- Team Brad Jacobs, Calgary
- Team Matt Dunstone, Winnipeg
- Team Mike McEwen, Saskatoon
- Team Kevin Koe, Calgary
- Team Rylan Kleiter, Saskatoon
- Team John Epping, Sudbury, Ont.
- Team Jordon McDonald, Winnipeg

Montana's Brier winner Brad Jacobs comes into Halifax with loads of confidence and would like nothing better than a trip to the Olympic Games in Italy.

first Canadian women's team to fail to medal at the event. In 2022 she and John Morris missed the podium in the mixed doubles event. Despite failing to medal Homan said the Olympics were great learning experiences and now she wants "to get back and medal for Canada."

"That's our goal for the season. We've put in the work the last couple of years to put ourselves in a good position to succeed at the Trials. You never know what will happen in sports but we're really excited to start the Trials."

A FULL TROPHY SHELF

There isn't much, if anything, in curling that 45-year-old Brad Gushue hasn't won — six Montana's Brier championships, 2017 World championship and 2006 Olympic gold medal. He led his team to victory in the 2005 and 2017 Trials.

Amidst all the glory, however, is the fact this will be the swansong for Gushue and his Newfoundland and Labrador teammates and they will want to go out on top together with a gold-medal victory in Italy after winning bronze at the last Olympics.

Halifax represents one more shot at the Holy Grail. Gushue announced in September that this will be his last season in elite curling.

"It would mean a lot, but it's not the end of the world," Gushue said of winning the Trials. "That's what everybody targets, everybody's goal this year is to win the Trials, get to the Olympics and come away with a medal. And our team is no different."

MAGIC HASN'T BEEN ENOUGH

Mike McEwen is nicknamed Magic Mike. The 45-year-old Winnipeg-born skip has all the shots and isn't afraid to gamble, but his resume is full of near misses, including the 2017 Trials. Kevin Koe made a draw to the four-foot with final stone in the 10th end to beat McEwen 7-6.

McEwen has skipped teams from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario to 10 Brier appearances and only once, 2024, has he reached the final. McEwen was the first-team all-star skip but lost the final 9-5 to Gushue.

"I've had a bit of a bumpy career," McEwen said. "Trying to find my way back a little bit and just understanding how important every little piece of the puzzle is."

Question here is can he and his teammates find enough magic to finally reach the top of the mountain.

"Something like winning the Trials, it would be representative of how much work the team has put in," McEwen said. "That would be just an amazing accomplishment that would be, I don't want to say the end of the road, but a massive goalpost that I think our team is worthy of. It's hard to put it in terms of just myself. It feels a lot bigger than just me." ☺

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Brad Gushue hopes to go out in a blaze of glory after announcing that this is his last season in elite curling.

They call him Magic Mike. Does Mike McEwen have some left to win the Montana's Canadian Curling Trials?



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Home Hardware Canadian Curling Pre-Trials

ANDREW H. MCCAIN ARENA * WOLFFVILLE, N.S. * OCTOBER 20 TO 26, 2025

You can't win if you don't have a ticket, and Teams Selena Sturmey (Edmonton) and Jordon McDonald (Winnipeg) have kept their Olympic curling dreams alive by punching their's at the 2025 Home Hardware Canadian Pre-Trials in Wolfville, N.S.

They did it the hard way, hacking their way through the jungle of their respective eight-team men and women fields in a winner-take-all format.

At stake was one remaining spot in both the men and women eight-team fields at the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials, presented by Connect Hearing, set for Nov. 22-30, at Scotiabank Centre in Halifax.

"Feeling everything right now," said Sturmey, who defeated Team Kayla MacMillan (Victoria, B.C.) 9-4 in the third and final game of the women's best-of-three final. "My team played amazing all week. I have to give full credit to them. They made my job really easy out there. Just wanted to say thank you to them. Really looking forward to the Trials."

The Saville Community Sports Centre outfit, completed by vice-skip Danielle Schmiemann, second Dezaray Hawes, lead Paige Papley and coach Ted Appelman, earned the top seed and a bye to the best-of-three final. They won the opener 8-5 but then lost 10-9 to force the decider.

They will now set their sights on the Montana's Trials where the winners earn the right to be nominated to wear Canada's colours at the Winter Games.

The task will get much harder. The eight-team women's field includes the creme de la creme of Canadian curling, including three-time world champion Team Rachel Homan of Ottawa.



PHOTOS: CURLING CANADA/PETER OLESKEVICH

It took some great curling, but in the end Team Jordon McDonald of Winnipeg earned the spoils — a ticket to Halifax and a chance to win the Montana's Canadian Curling Trials (from left): McDonald, third/vice-skip Jacques Gauthier, coach Bryan Miki, second Elias Huminicki, and lead Cameron Olafson.

The task will be equally tough for McDonald and his Assiniboine Memorial teammates who advanced with an 8-5 win over Team Braden Calvert (Winnipeg) in Game 3 of a best-of-three men's final. The men's field in Halifax includes multiple Olympic and world champions.

"It's unbelievable," said McDonald, who, at 22 years old, is the youngest skip in history to qualify for the Montana's Trials. "I feel like this team really deserved that win. We worked really hard. We didn't have quite the start of the season that we wanted, but we stayed patient and did a really good prep for this event. It finally clicked."

Both Team McDonald and Team Sturmey are part of Curling Canada's



Winnipeg skip Braden Calvert was the top seed after round-robin play with a 5-2 record, but came up empty after losing the best-of-three final.



It was a happy moment, deserving of a selfie, for skip Selena Sturmay and her Edmonton team: (from left): Sturmay, vice-skip Danielle Schmiemann, lead Paige Papley, second Dezaray Hawes, and coach Ted Appelman.



Second Lindsay Dubue (left) and vice-skip Brittany Tran worked the brushes hard for Team MacMillan.

National U-25 NextGen Program. McDonald said he'll use that status as motivation in Halifax.

"That kind of gets me a bit emotional," said McDonald, supported by vice-skip Jacques Gauthier, second Elias Huminicki, lead Cameron Olafson, and coach Bryan Miki. "That's really cool. I'm going to go in there knowing that and try to show the U-25 of Canadian curling what's possible in this game. That's an absolute honour for me."

Team Calvert was the top seed after round-robin play and received a direct bye to the best-of-three final where it dropped the opener 10-5, but rebounded by winning the second game 8-5 to force the decider.

WOMEN'S ROUND-ROBIN

STANDINGS

	W	L
Selena Sturmay (Edmonton, Alberta)#	5	2
Kayla MacMillan (Victoria, B.C.)#	5	2
Ashley Thevenot (Martensville, Saskatchewan)#	4	3
Danielle Inglis (Ottawa, Ontario)	4	3
Myla Plett (Edmonton/Sherwood Park, Alberta)	3	4
Krista Scharf (Thunder Bay, Ontario)	3	4
Nancy Martin (Martensville, Saskatchewan)	2	5
Beth Peterson (Winnipeg, Manitoba)	2	5

— QUALIFIED FOR PLAYOFFS

WOMEN'S SEMIFINAL

Kayla MacMillan*	002 001 201 X	— 6
Ashley Thevenot	000 020 020 X	— 4

WOMEN'S BEST-OF-THREE FINAL

GAME 1

Selena Sturmay*	010 210 301 X	— 8
Kayla MacMillan	002 002 010 X	— 5

GAME 2

Selena Sturmay*	201 020 012 1	— 9
Kayla MacMillan	010 202 500 0	— 10

GAME 3

Selena Sturmay	021 120 30X X	— 9
Kayla MacMillan*	100 001 02X X	— 4

MEN'S ROUND ROBIN

STANDINGS

	W	L
Braden Calvert (Winnipeg, Manitoba)#	5	2
Jordon McDonald (Winnipeg, Manitoba)#	5	2
Scott Howard (Navan, Ontario)#	4	3
Jayden King (London, Ontario)	4	3
Jean-Michel Ménard (Montreal, Quebec)	4	3
Sam Mooibroek (Whitby, Ontario)	3	4
Owen Purcell (Halifax, Nova Scotia)	3	4
Mark Kean (Woodstock, Ontario)	0	7

— QUALIFIED FOR PLAYOFFS

MEN'S SEMIFINAL

Jordon McDonald*	020 000 011 1	— 5
Scott Howard	002 101 000 0	— 4

MEN'S BEST-OF-THREE FINAL

GAME 1

Braden Calvert*	102 010 10X X	— 5
Jordon McDonald	030 201 04X X	— 10

GAME 2

Braden Calvert	011 020 121 X	— 8
Jordon McDonald*	000 302 000 X	— 5

GAME 3

Braden Calvert	020 010 020 X	— 5
Jordon McDonald*	202 000 202 X	— 8

* — LAST-ROCK ADVANTAGE

CURLING AND THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

For the eighth time in Olympic Winter Games history, curling will be a full-medal sport in 2026, when the Games are held in February in Milano Cortina Italy. It made its full-medal debut in 1998 in Nagano, Japan.

Curling had, however, been a demonstration sport on four previous occasions — in 1924 in Chamonix, France; '32 in Lake Placid, New York; '88 in Calgary and '92 in Albertville, France. Mixed doubles will, for the third time, be part of the Olympic Games curling competition in Milano Cortina.

CHAMONIX, FRANCE, 1924

Only Sweden, France and Great Britain participated in the curling competition in Chamonix, France, in 1924. Sweden defeated France 18-10, Great Britain defeated Sweden 38-7 and Great Britain defeated France 46-4. All games were 18 ends.

Great Britain	GOLD MEDAL
Captain	Col. John T.S. Robertson-Aikman
Skip	William K. Jackson
	Robin Welsh
	Thomas B. Murray
Alternates	Laurence Jackson
	John McLeod
	Willie Brown
	Major D.G. Astley



Great Britain's curling team, led by its captain, Col. John T.S. Robertson-Aikman, at the opening of the 1924 Olympic Winter Games in Chamonix, France. Britain won gold that year, outscoring Sweden and France 84-11. All games were 18 ends.

LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK, 1932

Canada and the United States were the only countries represented, with four teams each.

Canada

MANITOBA: Skip William Burns, Errick Willis, Robert Pow, James Bowman

NORTHERN ONTARIO: Skip E.F. George, W.W. Thompson, John Walker, Peter Lyall

ONTARIO: Skip Harvey Sim, Russell Hall, Arch Lockhart, Frank McDonald

QUEBEC: Skip Willie Brown, Albert McLaren, John Leonard, T. Howard Stewart

United States

CONNECTICUT: Skip A.R. Hatfield, H.E. Burt, Robert Pryde, S.S. Curran

MASSACHUSETTS: Skip A.S. Porter, F.R. Parks, Charles Curtis, George Willett

MICHIGAN: Skip George Lawton, W.H. Morslet, E.R. Palmer, Don P. Fraser

NEW YORK: Skip J.W. Caler, C.B. Williams, F.D. Peale, G.B. Ogden

FIRST ROUND (ALL GAMES 16 ENDS)

New York	20	Northern Ontario	3
Quebec	14	Connecticut	12
Ontario	21	Michigan	7
Manitoba	19	Massachusetts	10

SECOND ROUND

Quebec	13	New York	11
Connecticut	18	Northern Ontario	13
Ontario	22	Massachusetts	4
Manitoba	22	Michigan	12

THIRD ROUND

Northern Ontario	7	Massachusetts	2
Manitoba	15	Connecticut	14
Ontario	18	New York	11
Quebec	15	Michigan	6

FOURTH ROUND

Connecticut	14	Ontario	13
Massachusetts	17	Quebec	15
Northern Ontario	19	Michigan	11
Manitoba	15	New York	9

FINAL STANDINGS	W	L
Manitoba	4	0
Ontario	3	1
Quebec	3	1
Connecticut	2	2
Northern Ontario	2	2
Massachusetts	1	3
New York	1	3
Michigan	0	4

CALGARY 1988

Men's final

Norway (Eigil Ramsfjell)	032 020 21X X 10
Switzerland (Hansjorg Lips)	*000 101 00X X 2

* LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

NORWAY		SWITZERLAND	
Eigil Ramsfjell	85%	Hansjorg Lips	50%
Sjur Loen	83%	Rico Simen	58%
Morten Sogaard	66%	Stefan Luder	69%
Bo Bakke	79%	Peter Lips	73%
Team totals	78%	Team totals	63%

Semifinal

Norway	8	Canada	5
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Tiebreakers

Norway	6	Sweden	4
Norway	6	United States	3



Canada's Ed Lukowich, John Ferguson and Brent Syme join forces to get Neil Houston's rock into the house in the 1988 Olympic semifinal. An 8-5 loss to Norway's Eigil Ramsfjell — the eventual gold-medal winner — resulted in a bronze medal for the Calgarians.



Norwegian third Dordi Nordby, far right, can only watch as Canada's Lindsay Sparkes, Penny Ryan and Debbie Jones celebrate as Linda Moore's final rock comes to rest, giving the Canadians a narrow 6-5 come-from-behind win in the 1988 Olympic semifinal.

Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Norway (Eigil Ramsfjell)	4	0
Switzerland (Hansjorg Lips)	0	1
Canada (Ed Lukowich)	0	1
United States (Bud Somerville)	0	1
Sweden (Soren Grahn)	0	1

ROUND ROBIN	W	L
Switzerland (Hansjorg Lips)	5	2
Canada (Ed Lukowich)	5	2
United States (Bud Somerville)	4	3
Norway (Eigil Ramsfjell)	4	3
Sweden (Soren Grahn)	4	3
Denmark (Gert Larsen)	3	4
West Germany (Andy Kapp)	3	4
Great Britain (David Smith)	0	7

GOLD: NORWAY

Eigil Ramsfjell, Sjur Loen, Morten Sogaard, Bo Bakke

SILVER: SWITZERLAND

Hansjorg Lips, Rico Simen, Stefan Luder, Peter Lips

BRONZE: CANADA

Ed Lukowich, John Ferguson, Neil Houston, Brent Syme

Women's final

Sweden (Elisabeth Högström)	*102 010 001 0 5
Canada (Linda Moore)	010 102 100 2 7

* LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

SWEDEN		CANADA	
Elisabeth Högström	71%	Linda Moore	78%
Monika Jansson	60%	Lindsay Sparkes	81%
Birgitta Sewik	65%	Debbie Jones	83%
Marie Henriksson	68%	Penny Ryan	86%
Team totals	66%	Team totals	82%

Semifinal

Canada	6	Norway	5
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Tiebreakers

Norway	10	United States	7
Norway	8	Germany	4

Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Canada (Linda Moore)	2	0
Sweden (Elisabeth Högström)	0	1
Norway (Trine Trulsen)	2	1
Germany (Andrea Schöpp)	0	1
United States (Lisa Schoeneberg)	0	1

ROUND ROBIN	W	L
Sweden (Elisabeth Högström)	5	2
Canada (Linda Moore)	5	2
Norway (Trine Trulsen)	4	3
Germany (Andrea Schöpp)	4	3
United States (Lisa Schoeneberg)	4	3
Denmark (Helena Blach)	3	4
Switzerland (Cristina Lestander)	2	5
France (Agnes Mercier)	1	6

GOLD: CANADA

Linda Moore, Lindsay Sparkes, Debbie Jones, Penny Ryan

SILVER: SWEDEN

Elisabeth Högström, Monika Jansson, Birgitta Sewik, Marie Henriksson

BRONZE: NORWAY

Trine Trulsen, Dordi Nordby, Hanne Pettersen, Mette Halvorsen

ALBERTVILLE, FRANCE, 1992

Women's final

Norway (Dordi Nordby)	000 110 00X X	2
Germany (Andrea Schöpp)	*020 000 34X X	9

* LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

NORWAY		GERMANY	
Dordi Nordby	67%	Andrea Schöpp	88%
Hanne Pettersen	50%	Stephanie Mayr	66%
Mette Halvorsen	74%	Monika Wagner	88%
Anne Jötun	86%	Sabine Huth	64%
Team totals	69%	Team totals	77%

Bronze-medal game

Canada	9	Denmark	3
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Canadian skip Julie Sutton, right, discusses shot options with third Jody Sutton during round-robin play at the 1992 Olympics. After a disappointing semifinal loss to Norway's Dordi Nordby, Canada defeated Denmark's Helena Blach 9-3 in the bronze-medal match.



Canada's Kevin Martin, left, shows Kevin Park where to hold the broom during 1992 round-robin action. With the eight teams divided into two pools, Canada emerged with a perfect 3-0 record, but lost the semi to Switzerland and the bronze-medal game to the United States.

Semifinals

Germany	6	Denmark	5
Norway	9	Canada	2

Tiebreakers

Germany	5	Great Britain	4
Norway	9	Great Britain	4

Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Germany (Andrea Schöpp)	3	0
Norway (Dordi Nordby)	2	1
Canada (Julie Sutton)	1	1
Denmark (Helena Blach)	0	2
Great Britain (Jackie Lockhart)	0	2

ROUND ROBIN

GROUP 1	W	L	GROUP 2	W	L
Canada	3	0	Norway	2	1
Denmark	2	1	Germany	2	1
Sweden	1	2	Great Britain	2	1
France	0	3	Japan	0	3

GOLD: GERMANY

Andrea Schöpp, Stephanie Mayr, Monika Wagner, Sabine Huth

SILVER: NORWAY

Dordi Nordby, Hanne Pettersen, Mette Halvorsen, Anne Jötun

BRONZE: CANADA

Julie Sutton, Jodie Sutton, Melissa Soligo, Karri Willms

Men's final

Norway (Tormod Andreassen)	*102 010 011 0 0 6
Switzerland (Urs Dick)	020 101 100 1 1 7

* LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

NORWAY		SWITZERLAND	
Tormod Andreassen	73%	Urs Dick	77%
Flemming Davanger	77%	Jürg Dick	81%
Stig-Arne Gunnestad	85%	Robert Hürlimann	82%
Kjell Berg	86%	Thomas Kläy	76%
Team totals	80%	Team totals	79%

Bronze-medal game

Canada	2	United States	9
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Semifinals

Canada	4	Switzerland	8
Norway	8	United States	3

Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Switzerland (Urs Dick)	2	0
Norway (Tormod Andreassen)	1	1
United States (Tim Somerville)	1	1
Canada (Kevin Martin)	0	2

ROUND ROBIN

GROUP 1	W	L	GROUP 2	W	L
Norway	3	0	Canada	3	0
Switzerland	2	1	United States	2	1
Great Britain	1	2	France	1	2
Australia	0	3	Sweden	0	3

GOLD: SWITZERLAND

Urs Dick, Jürg Dick, Robert Hürlimann, Thomas Kläy

SILVER: NORWAY

Tormod Andreassen, Flemming Davanger, Stig-Arne Gunnestad, Kjell Berg

BRONZE: UNITED STATES

Tim Somerville, Michael Strum, Bud Somerville, Bill Strum

NAGANO, JAPAN, 1998

Men's final

Canada (Mike Harris)	*001 000 20X X 3
Switzerland (Patrick Hürlimann)	020 223 00X X 9

* LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE



Switzerland's Dominic Andres, Diego Perren, Daniel Müller, Patrik Lörtscher and Patrick Hürlimann show off their Olympic hardware. The Swiss, 5-2 after round-robin play, edged Norway 8-7 in the semi before handing Canada a convincing 9-3 loss in the 1998 final.



PHOTO: MIKE RIDEWOOD

Canadian third Richard Hart, left, and skip Mike Harris try to solve Switzerland's Patrick Hürlimann in the 1998 Olympic final. The Canadians sailed through the round robin and semifinal before succumbing to Switzerland in the gold-medal match.

Percentages

CANADA		SWITZERLAND	
Mike Harris	25%	Patrick Hürlimann	78%
Richard Hart	58%	Patrik Lörtscher	72%
Collin Mitchell	73%	Daniel Müller	86%
George Karrys	98%	Diego Perren	89%
Team totals	64%	Team totals	81%

Bronze-medal game

Norway	9	United States	4
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Semifinals

Switzerland	8	Norway	7
Canada	7	United States	1

Tiebreakers

United States	5	Sweden	2
United States	5	Japan	4

Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Switzerland (Patrick Hürlimann)	2	0
Canada (Mike Harris)	1	1
Norway (Eigil Ramsfjell)	1	1
United States (Tim Somerville)	2	2
Japan (Makoto Tsuruga)	0	1
Sweden (Peja Lindholm)	0	1

ROUND ROBIN

	W	L
Canada (Mike Harris)	6	1
Switzerland (Patrick Hürlimann)	5	2
Norway (Eigil Ramsfjell)	5	2
United States (Tim Somerville)	3	4
Japan (Makoto Tsuruga)	3	4
Sweden (Peja Lindholm)	3	4
Great Britain (Douglas Dryburgh)	2	5
Germany (Andy Kapp)	1	6

GOLD: SWITZERLAND

Patrick Hürlimann, Patrik Lörtscher, Daniel Müller, Diego Perren

SILVER: CANADA

Mike Harris, Richard Hart, Collin Mitchell, George Karrys

BRONZE: NORWAY

Eigil Ramsfjell, Jan Thoresen, Stig-Arne Gunnestad, Anthon Grimsmo

PHOTO: MIKE RIDEWOOD



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Canada's Sandra Schmirler peers over the shoulder of Denmark's Helena Blach Lavrsen during the 1998 Olympic final. Winning eight of nine games, including a 7-5 victory over Lavrsen, gave Canada its first-ever Olympic gold medal in curling.

Women's final

Denmark (Helena Blach Lavrsen)	020 000 201 X 5
Canada (Sandra Schmirler)	*300 111 010 X 7

* LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

DENMARK		CANADA	
Helena Blach Lavrsen	75%	Sandra Schmirler	78%
Margit Pörtner	65%	Jan Betker	83%
Dorthe Holm	83%	Joan McCusker	93%
Trine Qvist	80%	Marcia Gudereit	81%
Team totals	76%	Team totals	84%

Bronze-medal game

Sweden	10	Great Britain	6
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Semifinals

Canada	6	Great Britain	5
Denmark	7	Sweden	5

Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Canada (Sandra Schmirler)	2	0
Denmark (Helena Blach Lavrsen)	1	1
Sweden (Elisabet Gustafson)	1	1
Great Britain (Kirsty Hay)	0	2

ROUND ROBIN	W	L
Canada (Sandra Schmirler)	6	1
Sweden (Elisabet Gustafson)	6	1
Denmark (Helena Blach Lavrsen)	5	2
Great Britain (Kirsty Hay)	4	3
Japan (Mayumi Ohkutsu)	2	5
Norway (Dordi Nordby)	2	5
United States (Lisa Schoeneberg)	2	5
Germany (Andrea Schöpp)	1	6

GOLD: CANADA

Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit

SILVER: DENMARK

Helena Blach Lavrsen, Margit Pörtner, Dorthe Holm, Trine Qvist

BRONZE: SWEDEN

Elisabet Gustafson, Katarina Nyberg, Louise Marmont, Elisabeth Persson

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, 2002

Men's final

Canada (Kevin Martin)	*000 021 020 0 5
Norway (Pål Trulsen)	010 200 101 1 6

* Last rock advantage

Percentages

CANADA		NORWAY	
Kevin Martin	68%	Pål Trulsen	60%
Don Walchuk	64%	Lars Vågberg	69%
Carter Rycroft	64%	Flemming Davanger	78%
Don Bartlett	76%	Bent Ånund Ramsfjell	71%
Team totals	68%	Team totals	69%

Bronze-medal game

Switzerland	7	Sweden	3
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Semifinals

Canada	6	Sweden	4
Norway	7	Switzerland	6



PHOTO: HÅKAN SUNDSTRÖM, WORLD CURLING

Norway's Bent Ånund Ramsfjell, Flemming Davanger, Lars Vågberg and Pål Trulsen celebrate Olympic gold in 2002. After squeezing by the Swiss in the semi, they completed the march to the podium with a 6-5 win over Canada's Kevin Martin.

PHOTO: MIKE RIDEWOOD



Canada's Kevin Martin, right, convincingly defeated Norway's Pål Trulsen 9-4 in their 2002 Olympic round-robin meeting but, tied 5-5 after nine ends, Martin failed to execute a wide out-turn draw to the four-foot with his final rock, giving up a gold-medal-winning steal of one.

Final standings

PLAYOFFS

	W	L
Norway (Pål Trulsen)	2	0
Canada (Kevin Martin)	1	1
Switzerland (Andreas Schwaller)	1	1
Sweden (Peja Lindholm)	0	2

ROUND ROBIN

	W	L
Canada (Kevin Martin)	8	1
Norway (Pål Trulsen)	7	2
Switzerland (Andreas Schwaller)	6	3
Sweden (Peja Lindholm)	6	3
Finland (Markku Uusipaavalniemi)	5	4
Germany (Sebastian Stock)	4	5
Denmark (Ulrik Schmidt)	3	6
Great Britain (Hammy McMillan)	3	6
United States (Tim Somerville)	3	6
France (Dominique Dupont-Roc)	0	9

GOLD: NORWAY

Pål Trulsen, Lars Vågberg, Flemming Davanger, Bent Ånund Ramsfjell

SILVER: CANADA

Kevin Martin, Don Walchuk, Carter Rycroft, Don Bartlett

BRONZE: SWITZERLAND

Andreas Schwaller, Christof Schwaller, Markus Eggler, Damian Grichting



PHOTO: HAKAN SUNDSTROM, WORLD CURLING

After limping into the playoffs with a 5-4 round-robin record, Great Britain's Margaret Morton, Janice Rankin, Fiona MacDonald, Debbie Knox and Rhona Martin rattled off four straight wins — including two tiebreakers — to take home gold at the 2002 Olympics.

Women's final

Switzerland (Luzia Ebnöther)	000 100 011 0 3
Great Britain (Rhona Martin)	*000 020 100 1 4

* LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

SWITZERLAND		GREAT BRITAIN	
Luzia Ebnöther	74%	Rhona Martin	74%
Mirjam Ott	90%	Debbie Knox	84%
Tanya Frei	74%	Fiona MacDonald	79%
Laurence Bidaud	78%	Janice Rankin	85%
Team totals	79%	Team totals	80%



PHOTO: MIKE RIDEWOOD

Diane Nelson, left, and Georgina Wheatcroft jump on Kelley Law's stone right out of her hand. After a shocking 6-5 loss to Great Britain in the semifinal, Canada regrouped to defeat the United States handily in the bronze-medal match.

Bronze-medal game

Canada	9	United States	5
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Semifinals

Great Britain	6	Canada	5
Switzerland	9	United States	4

Tiebreakers

Great Britain	6	Sweden	4
Great Britain	9	Germany	5

Final standings

PLAYOFFS

	W	L
Great Britain (Rhona Martin)	4	0
Switzerland (Luzia Ebnöther)	1	1
Canada (Kelley Law)	2	1
United States (Kari Erickson)	1	1
Germany (Natalie Nessler)	0	1
Sweden (Elisabet Gustafson)	0	1

ROUND ROBIN

	W	L
Canada (Kelley Law)	8	1
Switzerland (Luzia Ebnöther)	7	2
United States (Kari Erickson)	6	3
Germany (Natalie Nessler)	5	4
Sweden (Elisabet Gustafson)	5	4
Great Britain (Rhona Martin)	5	4
Norway (Dordi Nordby)	4	5
Japan (Akiko Katoh)	2	7
Denmark (Lene Bidstrup)	2	7
Russia (Olga Jarkova)	1	8

GOLD: GREAT BRITAIN

Rhona Martin, Debbie Knox, Fiona MacDonald, Janice Rankin

SILVER: SWITZERLAND

Luzia Ebnöther, Mirjam Ott, Tanya Frei, Laurence Bidaud

BRONZE: CANADA

Kelley Law, Julie Skinner, Georgina Wheatcroft, Diane Nelson

PINEROLO, ITALY, 2006

Women's final

Sweden (Anette Norberg)	*020 101 101 0 1 7
Switzerland (Mirjam Ott)	002 000 020 2 0 6

* LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE



Sweden's Anette Norberg, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl and Anna Svärd wave to an appreciative crowd after capturing Olympic gold. Facing two Swiss counters with her last rock in an extra end, Norberg coolly played a double takeout to stick for one and a 7-6 win.



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Canada's Amy Nixon, Glenys Bakker, Shannon Kleibrink and Christine Keshen call a time out to discuss their next move during the 2006 bronze-medal game. Canada scored two four-enders en route to an 11-5 victory over Norway's Dordi Nordby.

Percentages

SWEDEN

Anette Norberg	83%
Eva Lund	69%
Cathrine Lindahl	82%
Anna Svärd	61%
Team totals	74%

SWITZERLAND

Mirjam Ott	85%
Binia Beeli	80%
Valeria Spälty	66%
Michèle Moser	83%
Team totals	78%

Bronze-medal game

Canada	11	Norway	5
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Semifinals

Sweden	5	Norway	4
Switzerland	7	Canada	5

Final standings

PLAYOFFS

	W	L
Sweden (Anette Norberg)	2	0
Switzerland (Mirjam Ott)	1	1
Canada (Shannon Kleibrink)	1	1
Norway (Dordi Nordby)	0	2

ROUND ROBIN

	W	L
Sweden (Anette Norberg)	7	2
Switzerland (Mirjam Ott)	7	2
Canada (Shannon Kleibrink)	6	3
Norway (Dordi Nordby)	6	3
Great Britain (Rhona Martin)	5	4
Russia (Liudmila Privivkova)	5	4
Japan (Ayumi Onodera)	4	5
United States (Cassandra Johnson)	2	7
Denmark (Dorthe Holm)	2	7
Italy (Diana Gaspari)	1	8

GOLD: SWEDEN

Anette Norberg, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl, Anna Svärd

SILVER: SWITZERLAND

Mirjam Ott, Binia Beeli, Valeria Spälty, Michèle Moser

BRONZE: CANADA

Shannon Kleibrink, Amy Nixon, Glenys Bakker, Christine Keshen

Men's final

Canada (Brad Gushue)	021 106 00X X 10
Finland (Markku Uusipaavalniemi)	*200 010 01X X 4

* LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

CANADA

Brad Gushue	72%
Mark Nichols	97%
Russ Howard	75%
Jamie Korab	88%
Team totals	83%

FINLAND

M. Uusipaavalniemi	57%
Wille Mäkelä	53%
Kalle Kiiskinen	80%
Teemu Salo	86%
Team totals	69%



Canada's Mark Nichols, left, and Jamie Korab put the brooms to Brad Gushue's rock. Canada held a slim one-point lead over Finland at the fifth-end break in the 2006 Olympic final but broke the game wide open in the next end, scoring a whopping six.

Bronze-medal game

United States	8	Great Britain	6
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Semifinals

Finland	4	Great Britain	3
Canada	11	United States	5

Final standings

PLAYOFFS

	W	L
Canada (Brad Gushue)	2	0
Finland (Markku Uusipaavalniemi)	1	1
United States (Pete Fenson)	1	1
Great Britain (David Murdoch)	0	2

ROUND ROBIN

	W	L
Finland (Markku Uusipaavalniemi)	7	2
Canada (Brad Gushue)	6	3
United States (Pete Fenson)	6	3
Great Britain (David Murdoch)	6	3
Norway (Pål Trulsen)	5	4
Switzerland (Ralph Stöckli)	5	4
Italy (Joel Retornaz)	4	5
Germany (Andreas Kapp)	3	6
Sweden (Peja Lindholm)	3	6
New Zealand (Sean Becker)	0	9

GOLD: CANADA

Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Russ Howard, Jamie Korab

SILVER: FINLAND

Markku Uusipaavalniemi, Wille Mäkelä, Kalle Kiiskinen, Teemu Salo

BRONZE: UNITED STATES

Pete Fenson, Shawn Rojeski, Joe Polo, John Shuster

VANCOUVER, 2010

Women's final

Canada (Cheryl Bernard)	*010 101 201 0 0 6
Sweden (Anette Norberg)	002 020 000 2 1 7

* LAST-ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

CANADA		SWEDEN	
Cheryl Bernard	82%	Anette Norberg	78%
Susan O'Connor	80%	Eva Lund	78%
Carolyn Darbyshire	84%	Cathrine Lindahl	77%
Cori Morris	89%	Anna Le Moine	90%
Team totals	84%		81%

Bronze-medal game

China	12	Switzerland	6
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Semifinals

Canada	6	Switzerland	5
Sweden	9	China	4

Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Sweden (Anette Norberg)	2	0
Canada (Cheryl Bernard)	1	1
China (Bingyu Wang)	1	1
Switzerland (Mirjam Ott)	0	2

ROUND ROBIN

	W	L
Canada (Cheryl Bernard)	8	1
Sweden (Anette Norberg)	7	2
China (Bingyu Wang)	6	3
Switzerland (Mirjam Ott)	6	3
Denmark (Angelina Jensen)	4	5
Germany (Andrea Schöpp)	3	6
Great Britain (Eve Muirhead)	3	6
Japan (Moe Meguro)	3	6
Russia (Liudmila Privivkova)	3	6
United States (Debbie McCormick)	2	7

GOLD: SWEDEN

Anette Norberg, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl, Anna Le Moine

SILVER: CANADA

Cheryl Bernard, Susan O'Connor, Carolyn Darbyshire, Cori Bartel

BRONZE: CHINA

Bingyu Wang, Yin Liu, Qingshuang Yue, Yan Zhou



An elated Cathrine Lindahl, Anette Norberg, Anna Le Moine and Eva Lund after winning Olympic gold. The Swedes, who were defending Olympic champions, stole their way to victory when Canada's Cheryl Bernard missed a routine double takeout in an extra end.

Men's final

Canada (Kevin Martin)	*010 110 201 X 6
Norway (Thomas Ulsrud)	000 002 010 X 3

* LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

CANADA		NORWAY	
Kevin Martin	78%	Thomas Ulsrud	72%
John Morris	85%	Torger Nergård	80%
Marc Kennedy	95%	Christoffer Svae	86%
Ben Hebert	85%	Håvard Vad Petersson	98%
Team totals	86%	Team totals	84%

Bronze-medal game

Switzerland	5	Sweden	4
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Semifinals

Canada	6	Sweden	3
Norway	7	Switzerland	5

Tiebreaker

Sweden	7	Great Britain	6
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Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Canada (Kevin Martin)	2	0
Norway (Thomas Ulsrud)	1	1
Switzerland (Markus Eggler)	1	1
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	1	2
Great Britain (David Murdoch)	0	1

ROUND ROBIN

	W	L
Canada (Kevin Martin)	9	0
Norway (Thomas Ulsrud)	7	2
Switzerland (Markus Eggler)	6	3
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	5	4
Great Britain (David Murdoch)	5	4
Germany (Andy Kapp)	4	5
France (Thomas Dufour)	3	6
China (Fengchun Wang)	2	7
Denmark (Ulrik Schmidt)	2	7
United States (John Shuster)	2	7

GOLD: CANADA

Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy, Ben Hebert

SILVER: NORWAY

Thomas Ulsrud, Torger Nergård, Christoffer Svae, Håvard, Vad Petersson

BRONZE: SWITZERLAND

Markus Eggler, Ralph Stöckli, Jan Hauser, Simon Strübin



Front-enders Marc Kennedy, left, and Ben Hebert jump on Kevin Martin's rock during gold-medal action. Canada cruised through the round robin with a 9-0 record, turned back Sweden in the semi, and then controlled the final against Norway from start to finish.

SOCHI, RUSSIA, 2014

Women's final

Sweden (Margaretha Sigfridsson)	010 020 000 X 3
Canada (Jennifer Jones)	*100 200 012 X 6

* LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

SWEDEN		CANADA	
Maria Prytz	85%	Jennifer Jones	88%
Christina Bertrup	79%	Kaitlyn Lawes	68%
Maria Wennerström	88%	Jill Officer	76%
M. Sigfridsson	94%	Dawn McEwen	99%
Team totals	86%	Team totals	86%

Bronze-medal game

Great Britain	6	Switzerland	5
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Semifinals

Canada	6	Great Britain	4
Sweden	7	Switzerland	5

Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Canada (Jennifer Jones)	2	0
Sweden (Margaretha Sigfridsson)	1	1
Great Britain (Eve Muirhead)	1	1
Switzerland (Mirjam Ott)	0	2

ROUND ROBIN	W	L
Canada (Jennifer Jones)	9	0
Sweden (Margaretha Sigfridsson)	7	2
Switzerland (Mirjam Ott)	5	4
Great Britain (Eve Muirhead)	5	4
Japan (Ayumi Ogasawara)	4	5
Denmark (Lene Nielsen)	4	5
China (Bingyu Wang)	4	5
Korea (Ji-sun Kim)	3	6
Russia (Anna Sidorova)	3	6
United States (Erika Brown)	1	8



Canada's Cori Morris, Cheryl Bernard, Carolyn Darbyshire and Susan O'Connor call a strategic time out. The Canadians finished first in the round robin, with an 8-1 record, and reached the gold-medal game with a 6-5 win over Switzerland's Mirjam Ott in the semi.

GOLD: CANADA

Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen

SILVER: SWEDEN

Maria Prytz, Christina Bertrup, Maria Wennerström, Margaretha Sigfridsson (skip)

BRONZE: GREAT BRITAIN

Eve Muirhead, Anna Sloan, Vicki Adams, Claire Hamilton

Men's final

Canada (Brad Jacobs)	*203 102 01X X 9
Great Britain (David Murdoch)	010 010 10X X 3

* LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

CANADA		GREAT BRITAIN	
Brad Jacobs	95%	David Murdoch	69%
Ryan Fry	81%	Greg Drummond	88%
E.J. Harnden	92%	Scott Andrews	67%
Ryan Harnden	94%	Michael Goodfellow	92%
Team totals	91%	Team totals	79%

Bronze-medal game

Sweden	6	China	4
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Semifinals

Canada	10	China	6
Great Britain	6	Sweden	5

Tiebreaker

Great Britain	6	Norway	5
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Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Canada (Brad Jacobs)	2	0
Great Britain (David Murdoch)	2	1
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	1	1
China (Rui Liu)	0	2
Norway (Thomas Ulsrud)	0	1

ROUND ROBIN	W	L
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	8	1
Canada (Brad Jacobs)	7	2
China (Rui Liu)	7	2
Great Britain (David Murdoch)	5	4
Norway (Thomas Ulsrud)	5	4
Denmark (Rasmus Stjerne)	4	5
Russia (Andrey Drozdov)	3	6
Switzerland (Sven Michel)	3	6
United States (John Shuster)	2	7
Germany (John Jahr)	1	8



Awaiting the medal presentation, Canada's Dawn McEwen, Jill Officer, Kaitlyn Lawes and Jennifer Jones wave to the crowd. En route to the podium, the Canucks made history, delivering the first unbeaten run for gold for women's teams in Olympic competition.



Canada's E.J. Harnden, Brad Jacobs, Ryan Harnden and Ryan Fry celebrate their gold-medal victory. After getting off to a shaky start, the Canadians rattled off six straight round-robin wins before taking down China in the semi and outcurling Great Britain in the final.

GOLD: CANADA

Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden

SILVER: GREAT BRITAIN

David Murdoch, Greg Drummond, Scott Andrews, Michael Goodfellow

BRONZE: SWEDEN

Niklas Edin, Sebastian Kraupp, Fredrik Lindberg, Viktor Kjäll

PYEONGCHANG, SOUTH KOREA, 2018**Women's final**

South Korea (Kim Eun-jung)	*100 001 010 X 3
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	002 110 301 X 8

* LAST-ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

SOUTH KOREA		SWEDEN	
Kim Eun-jung	72%	Anna Hasselborg	94%
Kim Kyeong-ae	82%	Sara McManus	90%
Kim Seon-yeong	86%	Agnes Knochenhauer	83%
Kim Yeong-mi	82%	Sofia Mabergs	100%
Team totals	81%	Team totals	92%

Bronze-medal game

Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	010 100 011 1 5
Great Britain (Eve Muirhead)	*101 010 000 0 3

Semifinals

South Korea	8	Japan	7
Sweden	10	Great Britain	5

Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	2	0
Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	1	1
South Korea (Kim Eun-jung)	1	1
Great Britain (Eve Muirhead)	0	2

ROUND ROBIN

ROUND ROBIN	W	L
South Korea (Kim Eun-jung)	8	1
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	7	2
Great Britain (Eve Muirhead)	6	3
Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	5	4
China (Wang Bingyu)	4	5
Canada (Rachel Homan)	4	5
Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	4	5
United States (Nina Roth)	4	5
Olympic Athletes from Russia (Victoria Moiseeva)	2	7
Denmark (Madeleine Dupont)	1	8



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There is no greater joy in curling than winning an Olympic gold medal, and Sweden's women's team, skipped by Anna Hasselborg, was beyond ecstatic after triumphing in South Korea. The Swedes defeated the host country South Korea 8-3 in the final.

GOLD: SWEDEN

Anna Hasselborg, Sara McManus, Agnes Knochenhauer, Sofia Mabergs

SILVER: SOUTH KOREA

Kim Eun-jung, Kim Kyeong-ae, Kim Seon-yeong, Kim Yeong-mi

BRONZE: JAPAN

Satsuki Fujisawa, Chinami Yoshida, Yumi Suzuki, Yurika Yoshida

Men's final

Sweden (Niklas Edin)	*020 020 102 X 7
United States (John Shuster)	002 102 050 X 10

* LAST-ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

SWEDEN		UNITED STATES	
Niklas Edin	74%	John Shuster	76%
Oskar Eriksson	86%	Tyler George	88%
Rasmus Wranå	84%	Matt Hamilton	74%
Christoffer Sundgren	96%	John Lansteiner	81%
Team totals	85%	Team totals	80%



He was a longshot to win it all, but at the finish John Shuster was last man standing as his United States team marched to the men's Olympic gold medal.

Bronze-medal game

Canada (Kevin Koe)	*000 201 020 X 5
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	011 020 201 X 7

Semifinals

Sweden	9	Switzerland	3
United States	5	Canada	3

Tiebreaker

Switzerland	9	Great Britain	5
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Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
United States (John Shuster)	2	0
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	2	1
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	1	1
Canada (Kevin Koe)	0	2
Great Britain (Kyle Smith)	0	1

ROUND ROBIN	W	L
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	7	2
Canada (Kevin Koe)	6	3
United States (John Shuster)	5	4
Great Britain (Kyle Smith)	5	4
*Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	5	4
Norway (Thomas Ulsrud)	4	5
South Korea (Kim Chang-min)	4	5
Japan (Yusuke Morozumi)	4	5
Italy (Joël Retornaz)	3	6
Denmark (Rasmus Sterne)	2	7

* DEFEATED GREAT BRITAIN 9-5 IN A TIEBREAKER

GOLD: UNITED STATES

John Shuster, Tyler George, Matt Hamilton, John Landsteiner

SILVER: SWEDEN

Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren

BRONZE: SWITZERLAND

Benoît Schwarz, Claudio Pätz, Peter de Cruz, Valentin Tanner

Mixed Doubles final

Canada (Lawes / Morris)	*204 022 XX 10
Switzerland (Perret / Rios)	020 100 XX 3

* LAST-ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

CANADA		SWITZERLAND	
Kaitlyn Lawes	72.7%	Jenny Perret	75%
John Morris	83.3%	Martin Rios	61.1%
Team totals	79.3%	Team totals	66.7%

Bronze-medal game

OAR (Bryzgalova/Krushelnitskiy)	*210 201 11 8
Norway (Skaslien/Nedregotten)	002 020 00 4

Semifinals

Canada	8	Norway	4
Switzerland	7	OAR	5

Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Canada (Lawes/Morris)	2	0
Switzerland (Perret/Rios)	1	1
OAR (Bryzgalova/Krushelnitskiy)	1	1
Norway (Skaslien/Nedregotten)	1	2
China (Rui/Dexin)	0	1

(NOTE — OAR WAS STRIPPED OF THE BRONZE MEDAL WHICH WAS AWARDED TO NORWAY)



Canada's Kaitlyn Lawes and John Morris were the class of the field in the Olympic Mixed Doubles, completing their march to the gold medal with a dominant 10-3 victory over Jenny Perret and Martin Rios of Switzerland in the final.

ROUND ROBIN	W	L
Canada (Kaitlyn Lawes/John Morris)	6	1
Switzerland (Jenny Perret/Martin Rios)	5	2
OAR (Anastasia Bryzgalova/Alex Krushelnitskiy)*	4	3
Norway (Kristin Skaslien/Magnus Nedregotten)**	4	3
China (Wang Rui/Ba Dexin)	4	3
South Korea (Jang Hye-ji/Lee Ki-jeong)	2	5
United States (Rebecca Hamilton/Matt Hamilton)	2	5
Finland (Oona Kauste/Tomi Rantamäki)	1	6

* OLYMPIC ATHLETES FROM RUSSIA
 ** DEFEATED CHINA 9-7 IN A TIEBREAKER

- GOLD: CANADA**
 Kaitlyn Lawes/John Morris
- SILVER: SWITZERLAND**
 Jenny Perret/Martin Rios
- BRONZE: NORWAY**
 Kristin Skaslien/Magnus Nedregotten

Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	401	002	010	30	11
Great Britain (Eve Muirhead)	030	110	204	01	12

Final Standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Great Britain (Eve Muirhead)	2	0
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)*	1	1
Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	1	1
Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	0	2

* WON BRONZE-MEDAL GAME AGAINST SWITZERLAND 9-7

ROUND ROBIN	W	L
Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)*	8	1
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)*	7	2
Great Britain (Eve Muirhead)*	5	4
Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)*	5	4
Canada (Jennifer Jones)	5	4
U.S.A. (Tabitha Peterson)	4	5
China (Han Yu)	4	5
South Korea (Eun-Jung Kim)	4	5
Denmark (Madeleine Dupont)	2	7
ROC (Alina Kovaleva)	1	8

* TOP FOUR TEAMS ADVANCED TO THE PLAYOFFS

GOLD: GREAT BRITAIN

Eve Muirhead

SILVER: JAPAN

Satsuki Fujisawa

BRONZE: SWEDEN

Anna Hasselborg

Men's final

Great Britain (Bruce Mouat)	*100	100	100	10	4
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	021	000	010	01	5

* LAST-ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

GREAT BRITAIN		SWEDEN	
Bruce Mouat	89%	Niklas Edin	87%
Grant Hardie	94%	Oskar Eriksson	93%
Bobbie Lammie	80%	Rasmus Wranå	95%
Hammy McMillan Jr.	95%	Christoffer Sundgren	99%
Team totals	90%	Team totals	94%

BEIJING, CHINA, 2022

Women's final

Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	010	001	010	X	3
Great Britain (Eve Muirhead)	*200	110	402	X	10

* LAST-ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

JAPAN		GREAT BRITAIN	
Satsuki Fujisawa	69%	Eve Muirhead	88%
Chinami Yoshida	64%	Vicky Wright	89%
Yumi Suzuki	82%	Jennifer Dodds	89%
Yurika Yoshida	97%	Hailey Duff	90%
Team totals	78%	Team totals	89%

Bronze-medal game

Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	010	010	203	0	7
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	100	203	020	1	9

Semifinals

Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	010	010	301	0	6
Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	001	041	010	1	8



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Eve Muirhead led Great Britain to its first curling gold since 2002, pulling away with a four-ender in the seventh end for a 10-3 victory over Japan. It was the most lopsided women's final in Olympic history. The jubilant winners (from left): skip Muirhead, Vicky Wright, Jennifer Dodds, Hailey Duff, and Mili Smith.

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Niklas Edin of Sweden claimed the only major title missing from a career in which he's established himself as the most decorated skip in curling history by winning Olympic men's gold in Beijing. The winners (from left): Daniel Magnusson, Rasmus Wranå, Oskar Eriksson, Christoffer Sundgren, and skip Edin.

Bronze-medal game

Canada (Brad Gushue)	201 010 022 X	8
United States (John Shuster)	010 202 000 X	5

Semifinals

Sweden (Niklas Edin)	010 200 010 1	5
Canada (Brad Gushue)	001 020 000 0	3
United States (John Shuster)	020 200 000 0	4
Great Britain (Bruce Mouat)	003 020 001 2	8

Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	2	0
Great Britain (Bruce Mouat)	1	1
Canada (Brad Gushue)*	1	1
U.S.A. (John Shuster)	0	2

* WON BRONZE-MEDAL GAME AGAINST U.S.A. 8-5

ROUND ROBIN

	W	L
Great Britain (Bruce Mouat)*	8	1
Sweden (Niklas Edin)*	7	2
Canada (Brad Gushue)*	5	4
U.S.A. (John Shuster)*	5	4
China (Ma Xiuyue)	4	5
Norway (Steffen Walstad)	4	5
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	4	5
ROC (Sergey Glukhov)	4	5
Italy (Joel Retornaz)	3	6
Denmark (Mikkel Krause)	1	8

* TOP FOUR TEAMS ADVANCED TO THE PLAYOFFS

GOLD: SWEDEN

Niklas Edin

SILVER: GREAT BRITAIN

Bruce Mouat

BRONZE: CANADA

Brad Gushue

Mixed doubles final

Italy (S. Constantini/A. Mosaner)	*021 301 01	8
Norway (K. Skaslien/M. Nedregotten)	200 100 20	5

* LAST-ROCK ADVANTAGE

Percentages

ITALY		NORWAY	
Stefania Constantini	83%	Kristin Skaslien	70%
Amos Mosaner	90%	M. Nedregotten	69%
Team totals	87%	Team totals	69%

Bronze-medal game

Sweden (de Val/Nedregotten)	043 110 XX	9
Great Britain (Dodds/Mouat)	100 002 XX	3

Semifinals

Italy (Constantini/Mosaner)	112 110 2X	8
Sweden (de Val/Eriksson)	000 001 0X	1

Norway (Skaslien/Nedregotten)	010 103 01	6
Great Britain (Dodds/Mouat)	102 010 10	5

Final standings

PLAYOFFS	W	L
Italy (S. Constantini/A. Mosaner)	2	0
Norway (K. Skaslien/M. Nedregotten)	1	1
Sweden (Almida de Val/Oskar Eriksson)	1	1
Great Britain (J. Dobbs/Bruce Mouat)	0	2

ROUND-ROBIN

	W	L
Italy (Stefania Constantini/Amos Mosaner)*	9	0
Norway (Kristin Skaslien/M. Nedregotten)*	6	3
Great Britain (Jennifer Dobbs/Bruce Mouat)*	6	3
Sweden (Almida de Val/Oskar Eriksson)*	5	4
Canada (Rachel Homan/John Morris)	5	4
Czech Rep. (Zuzana Paulova/Tomas Paul)	4	5
Switzerland (Jenny Perret/Martin Rios)	3	6
USA (Vicky Persinger/Chris Plys)	3	6
China (Fan Suyuan/Ling Zhi)	2	7
Australia (Tahli Gill/Dean Hewitt)	2	7

* TOP FOUR TEAMS QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS. WITHOUT AN TIEBREAKER GAMES, SWEDEN ADVANCES BASED ON ITS 6-2 VICTORY OVER CANADA IN THE ROUND-ROBIN.

GOLD: ITALY

Stefania Constantini/Amos Mosaner

SILVER: NORWAY

Kristin Skaslien/Magnus Nedregotten

BRONZE: SWEDEN

Almida de Val/Oskar Eriksson



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Italy's Amos Mosaner and Stefania Constantini were the class of the field in Olympic mixed doubles competition in Beijing, China.



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OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS

MEN

MEDAL SPORT

2022	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren
2018	U.S.A.	John Shuster, Tyler George, Matt Hamilton, John Landsteiner
2014	Canada	Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden
2010	Canada	Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy, Ben Hebert
2006	Canada	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Russ Howard, Jamie Korab
2002	Norway	Pål Trulsen, Lars Vågberg, Flemming Davanger, Bent Ånund Ramsfjell
1998	Switzerland	Patrick Hürlimann, Patrik Lörtscher, Daniel Müller, Diego Perren

DEMONSTRATION SPORT

1992	Switzerland	Urs Dick, Jurg Dick, Robert Hürlimann, Thomas Klay
1988	Norway	Eigil Ramsfjell, Sjur Loen, Morten Sjøgaard, Bo Bakke

WOMEN

MEDAL SPORT

2022	Great Britain	Eve Muirhead, Vicky Wright, Jennifer Dodds, Hailey Duff
2018	Sweden	Anna Hasselborg, Sara McManus, Agnes Knochenhauer, Sofia Mabergs
2014	Canada	Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen
2010	Sweden	Anette Norberg, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl, Anna Le Moine
2006	Sweden	Anette Norberg, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl, Anna Svärd
2002	Great Britain	Rhona Martin, Debbie Knox, Fiona MacDonald, Janice Rankin
1998	Canada	Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit

DEMONSTRATION SPORT

1992	Germany	Andrea Schöpp, Stephanie Mayr, Monika Wagner, Sabine Huth
1988	Canada	Linda Moore, Lindsay Sparkes, Debbie Jones, Penny Ryan

MIXED DOUBLES

MEDAL SPORT

2022	Italy	Stefania Constantini / Amos Mosaner
2018	Canada	Kaitlyn Lawes / John Morris



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MONTANA'S CANADIAN CURLING TRIALS OFFICIAL DRAW

DATE	TIME	DRAW	SHEET A	SHEET B	SHEET C	SHEET D
Saturday, November 22	2 p.m.	1	SKRLIK vs STURMAY	LAWES vs BROWN	CAMERON vs HOMAN	BLACK vs EINARSON
	7 p.m.	2	MCEWEN vs McDONALD	DUNSTONE vs EPPING	KOE vs JACOBS	KLEITER vs GUSHUE
Sunday, November 23	9 a.m.	3	HOMAN vs BLACK	CAMERON vs EINARSON	BROWN vs SKRLIK	LAWES vs STURMAY
	2 p.m.	4	JACOBS vs KLEITER	KOE vs GUSHUE	EPPING vs MCEWEN	DUNSTONE vs McDONALD
	7 p.m.	5	EINARSON vs BROWN	BLACK vs LAWES	STURMAY vs CAMERON	SKRLIK vs HOMAN
Monday, November 24	9 a.m.	6	GUSHUE vs EPPING	KLEITER vs DUNSTONE	McDONALD vs KOE	MCEWEN vs JACOBS
	2 p.m.	7	CAMERON vs SKRLIK	HOMAN vs STURMAY	LAWES vs EINARSON	BROWN vs BLACK
	7 p.m.	8	KOE vs MCEWEN	JACOBS vs McDONALD	DUNSTONE vs GUSHUE	EPPING vs KLEITER
Tuesday, November 25	9 a.m.	9	STURMAY vs EINARSON	SKRLIK vs BLACK	HOMAN vs BROWN	CAMERON vs LAWES
	2 p.m.	10	McDONALD vs GUSHUE	MCEWEN vs KLEITER	JACOBS vs EPPING	KOE vs DUNSTONE
	7 p.m.	11	LAWES vs HOMAN	BROWN vs CAMERON	BLACK vs STURMAY	EINARSON vs SKRLIK
Wednesday, November 26	9 a.m.	12	DUNSTONE vs JACOBS	EPPING vs KOE	KLEITER vs McDONALD	GUSHUE vs MCEWEN
	2 p.m.	13	BLACK vs CAMERON	EINARSON vs HOMAN	SKRLIK vs LAWES	STURMAY vs BROWN
	7 p.m.	14	KLEITER vs KOE	GUSHUE vs JACOBS	MCEWEN vs DUNSTONE	McDONALD vs EPPING



PLAYOFFS		
Thursday, November 27	1 p.m.	WOMEN'S SEMIFINAL: 2 nd place vs 3 rd Place
Thursday, November 27	7 p.m.	MEN'S SEMIFINAL: 2 nd place vs 3 rd Place
Friday, November 28	1 p.m.	WOMEN'S FINAL – GAME 1: 1 st place vs Winner of Semifinal
Friday, November 28	7:30 p.m.	MEN'S FINAL – GAME 1: 1 st place vs Winner of Semifinal
Saturday, November 29	1 p.m.	WOMEN'S FINAL – GAME 2: 1 st place vs Winner of Semifinal
Saturday, November 29	7 p.m.	MEN'S FINAL – GAME 2: 1 st place vs Winner of Semifinal
Sunday, November 30	1 p.m.	WOMEN'S FINAL – GAME 3 (if nec.): 1 st place vs Winner of Semifinal
Sunday, November 30	7 p.m.	MEN'S FINAL – GAME 3 (if nec.): 1 st place vs Winner of Semifinal

WOMEN'S
 MEN'S

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TEAM DUNSTONE

Granite Curling Club, Winnipeg, Manitoba



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

MATT DUNSTONE

Position: Skip **Age:** 30

Occupation: Mortgage broker, Integra Mortgage

Highlights:

- 7 Briers – 2 silver (2023, '25), 2 bronze (2020, '21)
- 2 Canadian Trials
- 2 World junior bronze medals (2013, '16)
- 2 Canadian junior gold medals (2013, '16)
- 1 Canadian mixed doubles

COLTON LOTT

Position: Third/vice-skip **Age:** 30

Occupation: Carpenter, My Window Guys Ltd.

Highlights:

- 4 Briers – 2 silver (2023, '25)
- 1 Canadian Trials
- 6 Canadian mixed doubles – 2 gold (2024, '25), 2 silver (2018, '21), 1 bronze (2019)
- 2 World junior bronze medals (2013, '16)
- 2 Canadian junior gold medals (2013, '16)

E.J. HARNDEN

Position: Second **Age:** 42

Occupation: Senior Manager, Instant Products & Operations, OLG

Highlights:

- 1 Olympic men's gold medal (2014)
- 3 World men's silver medals (2013, '23, '24)
- 16 Briers – 3 gold (2013, '23, '24), 2 silver (2015, '25), 3 bronze (2010, '16, '19)
- 3 Canadian Trials – 1 gold (2013), 1 silver (2021)

RYAN HARNDEN

Position: Lead **Age:** 39

Occupation: Real estate agent, Royal LePage Northern Advantage, Team Glavota

Highlights:

- 1 Olympic men's gold medal (2014)
- 1 world men's silver medal (2013)
- 16 Briers – 1 gold (2013), 3 silver (2015, '23, '25), 3 bronze (2010, '16, '19)
- 3 Canadian Trials – 1 gold (2013), 1 silver (2021)
- 1 Canadian U-20s

Coach: Caleb Flaxey

TEAM EPPING

Northern Credit Union Community Centre, Sudbury, Ontario



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

JOHN EPPING

Position: Skip **Age:** 42

Occupation: Sales director

Highlights:

- 4 Briers – 1 bronze (2018)
- 3 Canadian Trials
- 6 Canadian mixed doubles
- 2 Canadian mixed – 1 gold (2006)
- 1 Canadian U-20s

JACOB HORGAN

Position: Third/vice-skip **Age:** 25

Occupation: Business student, Humber College

Highlights:

- 2 Briers
- 2 Canadian mixed doubles
- 7 Canadian U-20s – 2 silver (2016, '18), 1 bronze (2017)
- 2 Canadian U-18s – 1 gold (2017), 1 bronze (2018)

TANNER HORGAN

Position: Second **Age:** 27

Occupation: Ice technician, Roy's Curling Ice Services

Highlights:

- 3 Briers
- 1 Canadian Trials
- 6 Canadian U-20s – 2 silver (2016, '18), 1 bronze (2017)

IAN McMILLAN

Position: Lead **Age:** 34

Occupation: Credit manager, Canadian Western Bank

Highlights:

- 1 Brier
- 1 Canadian mixed
- 1 University championship

Alternate: Patrick Janssen

Coach: Jim Wilson

TEAM GUSHUE

RE/MAX Centre, St. John's Curling Club
Newfoundland & Labrador



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

BRAD GUSHUE

Position: Skip **Age:** 45

Occupation: Owner, Orangetheory Fitness

Highlights:

- 2 Olympics, men's – 1 gold (2006), 1 bronze (2022)
- 5 World men's – 1 gold (2017), 4 silver (2018, '22, '23, '24)
- 22 Briers – 6 gold (2017, '18, '20, '22, '23, '24), 2 silver (2007, '16), 2 bronze (2011, '25)
- 3 Canadian Trials – 2 gold (2005, '21), 1 bronze (2017)
- 1 Canadian mixed doubles gold medal (2021)
- 1 World juniors gold medal (2001)
- 6 Canadian U-20s – 1 gold (2001), 1 silver (2000), 1 bronze (1999)
- Most career Brier wins (189)

MARK NICHOLS

Position: Third **Age:** 45

Occupation: Owner/personal trainer, Orangetheory Fitness

Highlights:

- 2 Olympics, men's – 1 gold (2006), 1 bronze (2022)
- 5 World men's – 1 gold (2017), 4 silver (2018, '22, '23, '24)
- 21 Briers – 6 gold (2017, '18, '20, '22, '23, '24), 3 silver (2007, '13, '16), 3 bronze (2011, '14, '25)
- 4 Canadian Trials – 2 gold (2005, '21), 1 bronze (2017)

- 2 Canadian mixed doubles
- 1 Canadian mixed gold (2005)
- 1 World juniors gold medal (2001)
- 3 Canadian U-20s – 1 gold (2001), 1 silver (2000), 1 bronze (1999)

BRENDAN BOTTCHER

Position: Second/vice-skip **Age:** 33

Occupation: Technical sales specialist, Spartan Controls Limited

Highlights:

- 1 World men's
- 9 Briers – 1 gold (2021), 3 silver (2018, '19, '20), 4 bronze (2022, '23, '24, '25)
- 2 Canadian Trials
- 3 Canadian mixed doubles
- 1 World juniors gold (2012)
- 2 Canadian U-20s – 1 gold (2012)

GEOFF WALKER

Position: Lead **Age:** 39

Occupation: Curler

Highlights:

- 1 Olympics men's bronze medal (2022)
- 5 World men's – 1 gold (2017), 4 silver (2018, '22, '23, '24)
- 14 Briers – 6 gold (2017, '18, '20, '22, '23, '24), 1 silver (2016), 1 bronze (2025)
- 1 Canadian mixed doubles
- 1 World juniors gold (2006)
- 1 Canadian U-20s gold (2006)

Alternate: Adam Casey

Coach: Jeff Hoffart

TEAM JACOBS

The Glencoe Club, Calgary, Alberta



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

BRAD JACOBS

Position: Skip **Age:** 40

Occupation: Senior marketing director, World Financial Group

Highlights:

- 1 Olympics men's gold medal (2014)
- 2 World men's – 1 silver (2013), 1 bronze (2025)
- 16 Briers – 2 gold (2013, '25), 1 silver (2015), 3 bronze (2010, '16, '19)
- 3 Canadian Trials – 1 gold (2013), 1 silver (2021)
- 1 Canadian mixed doubles
- 1 Canadian U-20s

MARC KENNEDY

Position: Third/vice-skip **Age:** 43

Occupation: Curler

Highlights:

- 2 Olympics, men's – 1 gold (2010)
- 4 World men's – 2 gold (2008, '16), 1 silver (2009), 1 bronze (2025)
- 15 Briers – 4 gold (2008, '09, '16, '25), 1 silver (2017), 2 bronze (2023, '24)
- 5 Canadian Trials – 2 gold (2009, '17), 1 silver (2025), 2 bronze (2005, '13)
- 1 Canadian mixed doubles
- 3 Canadian U-20s – 1 silver (1998)

BRETT GALLANT

Position: Second **Age:** 35

Occupation: Curler

Highlights:

- 1 Olympics men's bronze medal (2022)

- 4 World men's – 1 gold (2017), 2 silver (2018, '22), 1 bronze (2025)
- 13 Briers – gold (2017, '18, '20, '22, '25), 1 silver (2016), 2 bronze (2023, '24)
- 2 Canadian Trials – 1 gold (2021), 1 bronze (2017)
- 2 Canadian Mixed Doubles Trials – 1 gold (2025), 1 bronze (2018)
- 3 World mixed doubles – 1 silver (2019)
- 6 Canadian mixed doubles – 2 gold (2016, '19), 1 silver (2023), 1 bronze (2024)
- 1 World juniors silver (2009)
- 6 Canadian U-20s – 1 gold (2009), 1 silver (2007), 1 bronze (2008)
- 1 Canadian mixed

BEN HEBERT

Position: Lead **Age:** 42

Occupation: Business development manager, Caltech Surveys Ltd.

Highlights:

- 2 Olympics, men's – 1 gold (2010)
- 5 World men's – 2 gold (2008, '16), 2 silver (2009, '19), 1 bronze (2025)
- 17 Briers – 5 gold (2008, '09, '16, '19, '25), 3 silver (2017, '21, '22), 2 bronze (2023, '24)
- 4 Canadian Trials – 2 gold (2009, '17), 2 bronze (2013, '21)
- 1 Canadian mixed silver (2005)

Alternate: Mike Caione

Coach: Paul Webster

TEAM KLEITER

Nutana Curling Club, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



From left: Rylan Kleiter, Joshua Mattern, Matthew Hall, Trevor Johnson.

RYLAN KLEITER

Position: Second **Age:** 27
Occupation: Senior accountant, Ernst & Young LLP

Highlights:

- 1 Brier
- 4 Canadian U-20s – 2 bronze (2019, '20)
- 1 Canadian U-18

JOSHUA MATTERN

Position: Third **Age:** 27
Occupation: Mechanical engineer, Nutrien Allan Potash Mine

Highlights:

- 1 Brier
- 4 Canadian U-20s – 2 bronze (2019, '20)
- 1 Canadian U-18

MATTHEW HALL

Position: Second/vice-skip **Age:** 28
Occupation: Oddsmaker, Coolbet

Highlights:

- 1 Brier
- 1 World juniors gold (2019)
- 4 Canadian U-20s – 1 gold (2019), 1 silver (2017)
- 1 Canadian mixed
- 1 Canada Winter Games silver (2015)

TREVOR JOHNSON

Position: Lead **Age:** 27
Occupation: Manufacturing technician Pleasure-Way Industries

Highlights:

- 1 Brier
- 3 Canadian U-20s – 2 bronze (2019, '20)
- 1 Canadian U-18

Alternate: Alex Horvath

Coach: Dean Kleiter

TEAM KOE

The Glencoe Club, Calgary, Alberta



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

KEVIN KOE

Position: Skip **Age:** 50
Occupation: Surface Landman

Highlights:

- 1 Olympic Games, men's
- 4 World men's – 2 gold (2010, '16), 1 silver (2019)
- 13 Briers – 4 gold (2010, '14, '16, '19), 4 silver (2012, '17, '21, '22)
- 5 Canadian Trials – 1 gold (2017), 2 bronze (2005, '21)
- 1 Canadian U-20s silver (1994)
- 1 Canadian mixed gold (2000)

TYLER TARDI

Position: Third **Age:** 27
Occupation: Brand and marketing designer, Curling Alberta

Highlights:

- 3 Briers
- 6 Canadian mixed doubles – 1 bronze (2023)
- 3 World juniors – 2 gold (2018, '19)
- 4 Canadian U-20s – 3 gold (2017, '18, '19), 1 bronze (2016)
- 1 Canadian U-18
- 1 Canada Winter Games bronze (2015)

AARON SLUCHINSKI

Position: Second/vice-skip **Age:** 38
Occupation: Director of finance, Boom Construction

Highlights:

- 2 Briers
- 3 Canadian mixed doubles – 1 bronze (2023)
- 1 Canadian U-20s

KARRICK MARTIN

Position: Lead **Age:** 36
Occupation: Facilities manager, Government of Alberta

Highlights:

- 6 Briers – 1 gold (2021), 3 silver (2018, '19, '20), 1 bronze (2022)
- 2 Canadian Trials

Alternate: Mike Libbus

Coach: John Dunn

TEAM McDONALD

Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club,
Winnipeg, Manitoba



From left: Jordon McDonald, Jacques Gauthier, Elias Huminicki, Cam Olafson.

JORDON McDONALD

Position: Skip **Age:** 22
Occupation: Mechanical engineering student, University of Manitoba

- Highlights:**
- 3 Canadian U-20s
 - 2 Canadian U-18s - 1 bronze (2019)

JACQUES GAUTHIER

Position: Third/vice-skip **Age:** 27
Occupation: Financial analyst, BDO Canada LLP

- Highlights:**
- 2 Briers
 - 4 Canadian U-20s - 1 gold (2020), 1 silver (2019), 1 bronze (2018)
 - 2 world juniors gold (2018, '20)

ELIAS HUMINICKI

Position: Second **Age:** 21
Occupation: Farmer

- Highlights:**
- 3 Canadian U-20s
 - 2 Canadian U-18s
 - 1 Canadian U-21 mixed doubles

CAM OLAFSON

Position: Lead **Age:** 22
Occupation: Senior accountant, Olafson & Jones, CPA

- Highlights:**
- 2 Canadian U-20s
 - 1 Canadian U-18

Alternate: Rob Gordon
Coach: Bryan Miki

TEAM MCEWEN

Nutana Curling Club, Saskatoon,
Saskatchewan



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

MIKE MCEWEN

Position: Skip **Age:** 45
Occupation: Entrepreneur

- Highlights:**
- 10 Briers - 1 silver (2024), 1 bronze (2017)
 - 3 Canadian Trials - 1 silver (2017)
 - 2 Canadian mixed doubles
 - 2 Canadian U-20s - 1 silver (2001), 1 bronze (1998)

COLTON FLASCH

Position: Third **Age:** 34
Occupation: Owner, Flasch Construction INC

- Highlights:**
- 1 World men's silver (2019)
 - 8 Briers - 1 gold (2019), 1 silver (2024), 1 bronze (2015)
 - 1 Canadian U-20s gold (2011)

KEVIN MARSH

Position: Second/vice-skip **Age:** 37
Occupation: Manager of category strategy and performance (Federated Co-operatives Ltd.)

- Highlights:**
- 4 Briers - 1 silver (2024)
 - 1 Canadian mixed silver (2016)

DAN MARSH

Position: Lead **Age:** 37
Occupation: Teacher, Sun West School Division

- Highlights:**
- 4 Briers - 1 silver (2024)

Alternate: Brent Laing
Coach: Pat Simmons

TEAM BLACK

Halifax Curling Club, Nova Scotia



From left: Christina Black, Jill Brothers, Jennifer Baxter, Karlee Everist, Marlee Powers.

CHRISTINA BLACK

Position: Skip **Age:** 38

Occupation: SSI supervision specialist, Scotiabank

Highlights:

- 6 Hearts – 2 bronze (2018, '25)
- 3 Canadian mixed – 1 gold (2024), 1 silver (2013)

JILL BROTHERS

Position: Third/vice-skip **Age:** 42

Occupation: Technical director, Nova Scotia Curling

Highlights:

- 8 Hearts – 1 bronze (2025)
- 1 World juniors silver (2004)
- 1 Canadian U-20s gold (2004)
- 1 Canadian mixed gold (2010)

JENNIFER BAXTER

Position: Front end **Age:** 38

Occupation: Learning centre teacher, Halifax Regional Centre for Education

Highlights:

- 7 Hearts – 2 bronze (2018, '25)
- 1 Canadian U-20s
- 2 Canadian mixed doubles
- 1 Canadian mixed gold (2024)

KARLEE EVERIST

Position: Front end **Age:** 34

Occupation: Pharmacist, IWK Health Centre

Highlights:

- 3 Hearts – 1 bronze (2025)
- 4 Canadian mixed doubles
- 1 Canadian mixed silver (2019)

MARLEE POWERS

Position: Front end **Age:** 34

Occupation: Planning and logistics manager, Nova Scotia Health

Highlights:

- 1 Hearts bronze (2025)
- 2 Canadian mixed doubles – 1 silver (2025)
- 2 Canadian mixed

Coach: Stuart MacLean

TEAM BROWN

Kamloops Curling Club, British Columbia



From left: Corryn Brown, Erin Pincott, Sarah Koltun, Samantha Fisher.

CORRYN BROWN

Position: Skip **Age:** 30

Occupation: Governance and strategy analyst, Ministry of Education & Childcare

Highlights:

- 4 Hearts
- 3 Canadian U-20s – 1 gold (2013), 1 bronze (2015)

ERIN PINCOTT

Position: Third/vice-skip **Age:** 30

Occupation: Learning strategist, athletics, Thompson Rivers University

Highlights:

- 4 Hearts
- 2 Canadian U-20s – 1 gold (2013), 1 bronze (2015)

SARAH KOLTUN

Position: Second **Age:** 32

Occupation: Family physician

Highlights:

- 8 Hearts
- 8 Canadian U-20s
- 2 Canadian mixed

SAMANTHA FISHER

Position: Lead **Age:** 30

Occupation: Respiratory therapist, Interior Health Authority

Highlights:

- 3 Hearts
- 3 Canadian U-20s – 1 gold (2013), 1 bronze (2015)

Alternate: Tracey Bilsky

Coach: Jim Cotter

TEAM CAMERON

St. Adolphe Curling Club, Manitoba



From left: Kate Cameron, Briane Harris, Taylor McDonald, Mackenzie Elias.

KATE CAMERON

Position: Skip **Age:** 34

Occupation: Child and family services paralegal, Cochrane Sinclair

Highlights:

- 8 Hearts – 1 silver (2017), 2 bronze (2021, '24)
- 2 Canadian Trials
- 2 Canadian mixed doubles

BRIANE HARRIS

Position: Third/vice-skip **Age:** 33

Occupation: Curler

Highlights:

- 3 World women's – 2 bronze (2022, '23)
- 4 Hearts gold (2020, '21, '22, '23)
- 1 Canadian Trials
- 1 Canadian mixed doubles
- 2 Canadian U-20s – 1 bronze (2011)

TAYLOR McDONALD

Position: Second **Age:** 32

Occupation: Mortgage broker, Mortgage Design Group

Highlights:

- 5 Hearts – 1 bronze (2021)
- 1 Canadian Trials
- 1 World juniors gold (2014)
- 1 Canadian U-20s gold (2014)

MACKENZIE ELIAS

Position: Lead **Age:** 25

Occupation: Environmental studies student, University of Manitoba

Highlights:

- 3 Hearts – 1 bronze (2024)

Coach: Derek Samagalski

TEAM EINARSON

Gimli Curling Club, Manitoba



From left: Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, Karlee Burgess, Krysten Karwacki.

KERRI EINARSON

Position: Skip **Age:** 38

Occupation: Curler & commercial fisher

Highlights:

- 3 World women's – 2 bronze (2022, '23)
- 8 Hearts – 4 gold (2020, '21, '22, '23), 2 silver (2018, '25)
- 1 Canadian Trials
- 1 Canadian mixed doubles gold (2021)
- 4 Canadian mixed

VAL SWEETING

Position: Third/vice-skip **Age:** 38

Occupation: Owner, Sweeting Wellness Company

Highlights:

- 3 World women's – 2 bronze (2022, '23)
- 9 Hearts – 4 gold (2020, '21, '22, '23), 3 silver (2014, '15, '25)
- 3 Canadian Trials
- 2 Canadian mixed doubles
- 1 Canadian U-20s

SHANNON BIRCHARD

Position: Second **Age:** 31

Occupation: Bookkeeper

Highlights:

- 4 World women's – 1 gold (2018), 2 bronze (2022, '23)
- 6 Hearts – 5 gold (2018, 2020, '21, '22, '23)
- 1 Canadian Trials
- 3 Canadian mixed doubles
- 2 Canadian U-20s silver (2012, '13)

KARLEE BURGESS

Position: Lead **Age:** 27

Occupation: Conductive education assistant & fundraising coordinator (Movement Centre of Manitoba)

Highlights:

- 4 Hearts – 3 silver (2023, '24, '25)
- 3 World juniors gold (2016, '18, '20)
- 7 Canadian U-20s – 3 gold (2016, '18, '20), 2 bronze (2014, '19)

Alternate: Krysten Karwacki

Coach: Reid Carruthers

TEAM HOMAN

Ottawa Curling Club, Ontario



From left: Rachel Homan, Tracy Fleury, Emma Miskew, Sarah Wilkes.

RACHEL HOMAN

Position: Skip **Age:** 36

Occupation: Curler

Highlights:

- 2 Olympic Games – 1 women's (2018), 1 mixed doubles (2022)
- 5 World women's – 3 gold (2017, '24, '25), 1 silver (2014), 1 bronze (2013)
- 11 Hearts – 5 gold (2013, '15, '17, '24, '25), 3 silver (2019, '20, '21), 1 bronze (2015)
- 3 Canadian Trials – 1 gold (2017), 1 bronze (2013)
- 3 Canadian mixed doubles – 1 silver (2017), 1 bronze (2023)
- 1 Canadian mixed
- 1 World juniors silver (2010)
- 2 Canadian U-20s – 1 gold (2010), 1 silver (2009)

TRACY FLEURY

Position: Third/vice-skip **Age:** 39

Occupation: Financial reporting manager, Laurentian University

Highlights:

- 2 World women's gold (2024, '25)
- 8 Hearts – 2 gold (2024, '25)
- 1 Canadian Trials silver (2021)
- 1 Canadian mixed doubles
- 1 Canadian mixed
- 3 Canadian U-20s

EMMA MISKEW

Position: Second **Age:** 36

Occupation: Graphic designer

Highlights:

- 1 Olympics, women's
- 5 World women's – 3 gold (2017, '24, '25), 1 silver (2014), 1 bronze (2013)
- 12 Hearts – 5 gold (2013, '15, '17, '24, '25), 3 silver (2019, '20, '21), 1 bronze (2015)
- 3 Canadian Trials – 1 gold (2017), 1 bronze (2013)
- 2 Canadian mixed doubles
- 1 World juniors silver (2010)
- 2 Canadian U-20s – 1 gold (2010), 1 silver (2009)

SARAH WILKES

Position: Lead **Age:** 35

Occupation: Psychotherapist

Highlights:

- 3 World women's – 2 gold (2024, '25)
- 8 Hearts – 3 gold (2019, '24, '25), 1 silver (2021)
- 1 Canadian Trials
- 1 Canadian mixed gold (2016)
- 1 Canadian U-20s

Alternate: Rachelle Brown

Coach: Heather Nedohin

TEAM LAWES

Heather Curling Club, Winnipeg



From left: Kaitlyn Lawes, Selena Njegovan, Jocelyn Peterman, Kristin Gordon.

SELENA NJEGOVAN

Position: Skip/third **Age:** 33

Occupation: Owner, Selena Njegovan Virtual Solutions

Highlights:

- 6 Hearts – 1 silver (2018)
- 1 Canadian Trials silver (2021)
- 1 Canadian mixed doubles
- 1 Canadian U-20s silver (2012)

KAITLYN LAWES

Position: Fourth/vice-skip **Age:** 36

Occupation: Farmer

Highlights:

- 3 Olympics, 2 women's (2014 [gold], '22), 1 mixed doubles (2018 [gold])
- 2 World women's – 1 gold (2018), 1 silver (2015)
- 11 Hearts – 1 gold (2015), 2 silver (2011, '13), 3 bronze (2012, '16, '20)
- 3 Canadian Trials – 2 gold (2013, '21), 1 bronze (2017)
- 1 Canadian Mixed Doubles Trials gold (2018)
- 3 Canadian mixed doubles
- 2 World juniors – 1 silver (2009), 1 bronze (2008)
- 2 Canadian U-20s gold (2008, '09)

JOCELYN PETERMAN

Position: Second **Age:** 32

Occupation: Self-employed

Highlights:

- 1 Olympics, women's
- 8 Hearts – 1 gold (2016), 2 bronze (2017, '20)
- 2 Canadian Trials – 1 gold (2021), 1 silver (2017)
- 2 Canadian Mixed Doubles Trials – 1 gold (2025), 1 bronze (2018)
- 3 World mixed doubles – 1 silver (2019)
- 8 Canadian mixed doubles – 2 gold (2016, '19), 1 silver (2023)
- 1 Canadian U-20s gold (2012)

KRISTIN GORDON

Position: Lead **Age:** 32

Occupation: Direct support worker, New Directions

Highlights:

- 8 Hearts – 1 silver (2018)
- 1 Canadian Trials silver (2021)
- 1 Canadian U-20s silver (2012)

Alternate: Laura Walker

Coach: Marcel Rocque

TEAM SKRLIK

Garrison Curling Club, Calgary, Alberta



From left: Kayla Skrlík, Margot Flemming, Ashton Skrlík, Geri-Lynn Ramsay.

KAYLA SKRLIK

Position: Skip **Age:** 28

Occupation: Business transformation consultant, IBM

Highlights:

- 2 Hearts
- 1 Canadian U-20s
- 1 Arctic Games gold (2014)

MARGOT FLEMMING

Position: Third **Age:** 32

Occupation: PhD student, Geography, University of Waterloo

Highlights:

- 4 Hearts
- 3 Canadian mixed – 2 bronze (2021, '22)

ASHTON SKRLIK

Position: Second **Age:** 26

Occupation: Optometric assistant, Eye Q Optometry

Highlights:

- 2 Hearts
- 1 Canadian U-20s
- 1 Arctic Games gold (2014)

GERI-LYNN RAMSAY

Position: Lead/vice-skip **Age:** 37

Occupation: Server, Vintage Chophouse

Highlights:

- 3 Hearts – 1 silver (2010)

Alternate: Crystal Rumberg

Coach: Shannon Kleibrink

TEAM STURMAY

Saville Community Sports Centre, Edmonton, Alberta



From left: Selena Sturmá, Danielle Schmiemann, Dezaray Hawes, Paige Papley.

SELENA STURMAY

Position: Skip **Age:** 27

Occupation: Registered nurse, Alberta Health Services

Highlights:

- 2 Hearts
- 1 Canadian mixed doubles
- 2 Canadian U-20s - 1 gold (2019)
- 1 World juniors silver (2019)

DANIELLE SCHMIEMANN

Position: Third/vice-skip **Age:** 29

Occupation: Acupuncturist, Bloom Therapy Wellness

Highlights:

- 2 Hearts
- 1 Canadian Trials
- 3 Canadian mixed doubles - 1 bronze (2021)
- 1 Canadian mixed
- 1 Canadian U-20s gold (2015)
- 1 World juniors gold (2015)

DEZARAY HAWES

Position: Second **Age:** 28

Occupation: Senior administrator, MNP

Highlights:

- 4 Hearts
- 4 Canadian mixed doubles
- 2 Canadian U-20s - 1 silver (2016)

PAIGE PAPLEY

Position: Lead **Age:** 26

Occupation: Specification sales, WOW Lighting and Control

Highlights:

- 2 Hearts
- 1 Canadian mixed doubles trials
- 3 Canadian mixed doubles
- 1 Canadian mixed
- 2 Canadian U-20s - 1 gold (2019), 1 silver (2020)
- 1 Canadian U-18

Coach: Ted Appelman

ONE DOWN, ONE TO GO

An Olympic Games spot already in hand, Jocelyn Peterman and Brett Gallant set their sights on a second with their respective four-person teams

BY MARIO ANNICCHIARICO

Jocelyn Peterman and Brett Gallant will wear Canada's colours proudly in mixed doubles at the Olympic Winter Games.



THE FIRST HURDLE HAS BEEN cleared, but much remains in the race to the 2026 Olympic Winter Games for Canadians Jocelyn Peterman and Brett Gallant.

The married couple has already qualified for the mixed doubles event to be held at the Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium in Cortina d'Ampezzo in northern Italy in February, 2026.

However, the pair still have the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials — to be held in November at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax — to earn second Olympic spots in the four-person team events for the prestigious Games.

The benefit of already having qualified for the mixed doubles Olympics event means Peterman and Gallant will have a different preparation regimen for the 2025-26 curling season.

“In a Trials year, the time that you want to peak moves up a little, so it’s a bit of a different season plan in a sense. You look to peak in November and then again in February,” said Peterman, who plays



Jocelyn Peterman (left) plays second for the Manitoba-based Team Kaitlyn Lawes.

second for the Manitoba-based Kaitlyn Lawes team, which includes Selena Njegovan and Kristin Gordon.

“We typically start our season a little earlier, just to move that timeline up and making sure we feel really confident with our technical and team dynamics stuff a little bit earlier than usual.”

“It’s exciting to know that we’re going

to the going to the Olympics in mixed doubles a year ahead of time. It allows us to put a bit of a plan together, whereas in years previous, you had to plan around the Trials,” agreed Gallant, who also plays second for a strong Brad Jacobs-skipped team out of Alberta, with Marc Kennedy and Ben Hebert.

“It allows for us to be certain that we’re going to Italy so we can make the plans for friends and family and our own training, so that’s exciting and a good opportunity for us because, a lot of times, you have to do that last minute, especially in Canada (where the competition is so great).”

Both Peterman — a Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion in 2016 with skip Chelsea Carey — and Gallant are both previous Olympians. Peterman missed out on medals while playing with skip Jennifer Jones in 2022 in Beijing. Gallant, a five-time Brier champion, won a bronze medal at the same Games with skip Brad Gushue.

Together the pair are two-time Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship gold medallists

“Once you’ve been there, it almost motivates you. You want to go back and you want to compete on that stage and maybe you don’t have that added pressure of achieving that goal and becoming an Olympian,” offered Peterman, who throws the first and final rocks in mixed doubles play.

“Having been there before and having done that, you have that experience,” agreed Gallant. “You can put it in



Team Brad Jacobs, with Ben Hebert and Brett Gallant on the front end, will be hoping to peak for the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials.

perspective a little bit easier. I think once you start competing, it's really like any other curling event. You're focussing on another event, even though you know the stakes are a little bit greater.

"It's a bit of a pressure cooker of an event, but almost every curler out there right now plans most of their life around those four-year Olympic cycles. I know we have been for sure," added Gallant. "You're not going to get that opportunity every four years to go to the Olympics. As a Canadian, you especially know that, so when it does come up it means that much more."

Peterman and Gallant have experienced a number of highly-competitive events in both four-person team and mixed doubles play. This is their 10th year together as a mixed doubles teams, so they know each other's tendencies.

Living together as a couple also allows them the ability to practise that much more near their home in Chestermere, Alta.

"It certainly helps us a lot being in the same place. We're at the club together a lot, to be able to dedicate at least one practice a week, watching each other throw and being familiar with each other's tendencies and what we're working on certainly helps," said Peterman. "That's certainly something we didn't have the first six years where we weren't living together."

Gallant says they've been fortunate the last few years that they have that ability to be on the ice together as opposed to the first few years as a team, based thousands of miles apart.

"Now we're both in Calgary, or Chestermere, so we're at the Glencoe Club nearly every day together practising on the technical aspects of mixed doubles. It's our 10th year together in mixed, so when you look at familiarity, there aren't a lot of four-person teams that are still playing together for 10 years," he said.

"Even though we don't play a massive amount of events each season, after 10 years, you build up quite a bit of experience under your belt. That's pretty helpful when you step on the ice. You plan your events strategically and make the most of the ones you do play, but that experience you build over those 10 years should help you a lot."

And the pair, who originally got together to compete in mixed doubles

play, have become a staple at the Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship and Trials.

"They're fully committed to curling," said Canadian mixed doubles coach Scott Pfeifer. "They spend most of their time in the off-season working out, learning strategy and trying to refine everything before they get on the ice in the fall.

"They've not only competed in the

Olympics before, but they've competed in the World Mixed Doubles Championships three times in the last six years. We will definitely draw from those experiences and use those learnings to come in as prepared as we can," added Pfeifer, who calls the pair a dream to work with.

"They're very receptive and they take things very professionally," said Pfeifer, adding their relationship as a couple



Living together as a couple allows Brett Gallant and Jocelyn Peterman the ability to practise together near their home in Chestermere, Alta.

helps them on the ice. “It’s cool to be in a position where you can rely on your life partner.”

Unlike 2022, the pair will have the ability to have friends and family on hand to witness the action and assist in caring for their toddler son, Luke, who will also be in tow. This will be their first Olympic Games together as a mixed doubles team.

“It’s kind of a dream come true. That’s

“They’re fully committed to curling. They spend most of their time in the off-season working out, learning strategy and trying to refine everything before they get on the ice in the fall.”

— CANADIAN MIXED DOUBLES COACH SCOTT PFEIFER



Jocelyn Peterman and Brett Gallant will have to wait a bit to board their flight to the Olympic Games in Italy, but they were all smiles after earning the right to represent Canada on the ice.

how we first met,” said Peterman. “We saw the potential in each other and we wanted to do that together and I guess we’re nine years into it now, so it’s really cool to put in the work and stick with it that long and see this comes to fruition.”

“Having mixed doubles as an Olympic discipline is really why Jocelyn and I began playing mixed doubles and what brought us together as a couple,” said Gallant. “Now that we’re getting to go to the Games together as a couple is pretty special. Curling is such a big part of our lives and to be together on the same sheet of Olympic ice is pretty cool.”

Representing Canada on the biggest international stage is not lost on the pair who will attempt to repeat what John Morris and Kaitlyn Lawes did with a gold medal in 2018. Morris and Rachel Homan missed out on medals in 2022.

“We’re going there to perform and we want to bring home a medal for Canada. Gold is the goal and what’s happened in the past doesn’t change our goals,” stressed Gallant. “We know it’s going to be difficult. You know the calibre of teams and you’ve seen a lot of strong teams. You know the challenge and our goals don’t change.”

“The biggest expectations are coming from ourselves. We

want to feel like we’ve had no regrets and feel like we’ve done everything we could in our preparation both on and off the ice as we get ready for the event,” said Peterman.

So, the pair are working diligently on preparation.

“There are slight differences in the practices leading up to it in terms of maybe mixed doubles-specific shots. With me, I’m more about calling the game so some practise is more about in-house and reading ice. The technical aspect is the same,” offered Peterman.

It’s different for Gallant, who is heavily relied upon for his sweeping.

“There are some specific skills where we do a little bit of different training in mixed doubles. For myself, it’s getting used to throwing the rock and then hopping up and getting ready to sweep,” said Gallant.

“Strategies are quite a bit different in doubles as well, so Jocelyn and I are working on that a little, making sure we have a plan in place. It’s a fast-paced game so if you can save some time on the clock with having that strategy dialled in makes a big difference,” he added.

“Technically the game stays the same, but the communication has to be spot on.”

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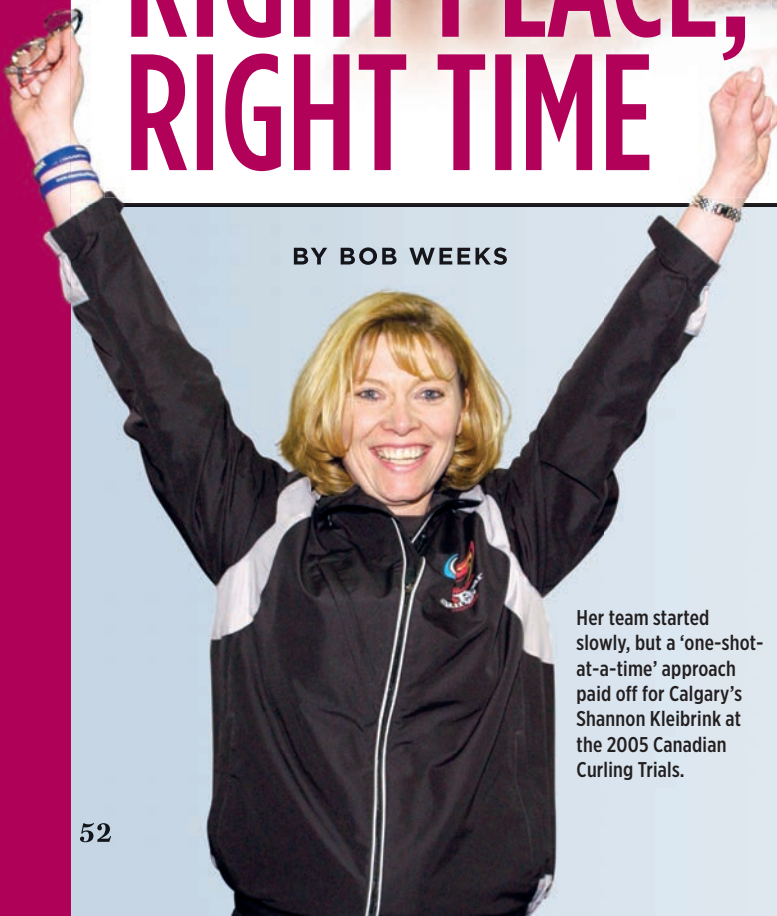


They took different routes to get there, but in the end teams skipped by Brad Gushue and Shannon Kleibrink were champions on the ice at the 2005 Canadian Curling Trials.

RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

Kleibrink, Gushue weren't the favourites but all the pieces came together for them to win at the 2005 Curling Trials in Halifax

BY BOB WEEKS



Her team started slowly, but a 'one-shot-at-a-time' approach paid off for Calgary's Shannon Kleibrink at the 2005 Canadian Curling Trials.

ONE WAS AN UP-AND-COMER WHO WAS supposed to have no chance. The other a veteran seeking a second chance.

The two winning teams at the 2005 Canadian Curling Trials in Halifax skipped by Shannon Kleibrink and Brad Gushue definitely arrived at their destinations using different routes. Both left the Halifax Metro Centre (now Scotiabank Centre) as Olympians.

Kleibrink had come as close as possible to being a curling Olympian, losing the Trials final in 1997 to the Sandra Schmirler team. That loss stung and it took some time to regroup and retool. Eight years later, only Gleys Bakker remained from the '97 team, moving from third to second while Amy Nixon and Christine Keshen took over at third and lead, respectively.

"It's not easy to get there," stated Kleibrink of the Trials. "Every four years you look forward to that event so much. I think we were just excited to be back."

That excitement didn't immediately transfer into wins on the ice. The Calgary rink stumbled out of the gate losing three of its first four matches, two of them in extra ends. That put them in a must-win situation for the remainder of the round robin, but the team was anything but dejected.

"It wasn't like you would think," Kleibrink reflected. "We were just taking one game at a time. We knew that anything could happen in those long weeks, and we'd lost some really close games. So we just decided to go one shot, one game at a time and see what happens."

What happened was a determined winning streak for the team that seemed to be improving with every game. That didn't mean it was by any means easy.

"Every game felt like we were hanging on like a cat on a curtain," Kleibrink recalled. "Every game was down to the wire for us. And there were no moments where we said, 'OK, we're in control.'"

The 6-3 record was good enough for second place in the round robin and, after knocking off Stefanie Lawton in the semifinal, the team moved into the final. For Kleibrink and Bakker, it was a second chance to play in what some regard as the most important game in Canadian curling.

But second place wasn't going to be good enough this time. Despite making it to the final, the job wasn't complete. The final was up against Kelly Scott of Kelowna, B.C., a formidable opponent who was just as hungry to earn a trip to the Olympics.

After a back-and-forth start, the teams found themselves deadlocked at five after seven ends. But in eight and nine, Kleibrink and her team had to scramble just to hold Scott to singles. That led them to the final end, two down but with the advantage of last rock.

After some great shot-making from the three players in front of her, Kleibrink was left with a tricky hit to score three points. She wasted no time in making her decision, putting the broom down and sliding to the other end to deliver her final shot.

The rock was perfect, leaving Kleibrink with three points and trip to the Olympics which had eluded her eight years earlier.

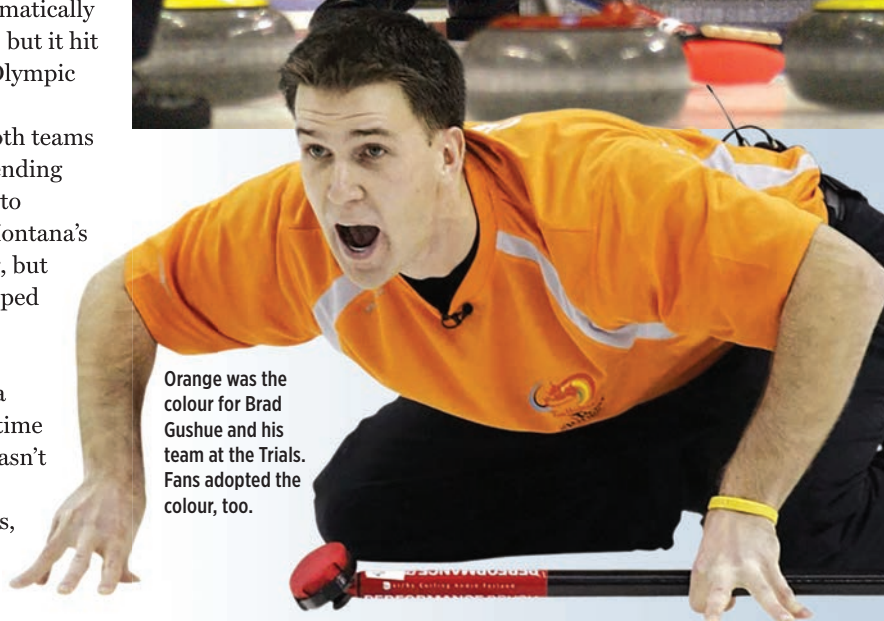
"It doesn't immediately hit you," admitted the skip. "You win the game, and it's such a dramatic finish, it doesn't automatically hit you. I think we were just celebrating in the moment, but it hit us when we were on the podium, and they gave us the Olympic jackets. We're going to the Olympics."

Kleibrink praised the Halifax fans who cheered on both teams that week, exploding in cheers for the good shots and sending a murmur throughout the rink on the misses. She'll get to experience that again in Halifax this year at the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials, presented by Connect Hearing, but from off the ice as coach of the Calgary-based team skipped by Kayla Skrlík.

Brad Gushue will also get a second dose of Halifax hospitality and likely the support of the Atlantic Canada fans who are expected to pack Scotiabank Centre. This time he will step onto the ice as one of the favourites. That wasn't the case back in 2005.

That year, Jeff Stoughton, skip of one of the top teams, was quoted in the press prior to the competition as saying the team from St. John's, N.L., had no chance

The addition of veteran Russ Howard (bottom of photo) was the missing piece of the puzzle, and helped propel Brad Gushue's team from Newfoundland and Labrador to the Olympic Games.



Orange was the colour for Brad Gushue and his team at the Trials. Fans adopted the colour, too.



Above: Shannon Kleibrink praised the fans in Halifax for cheering on the competitors during the 2005 Curling Trials. Halifax will host the major event once again and Kleibrink, as team coach, will be there.

Inset: They fought tooth and nail to get them, but in the end Brad Gushue (left) and Shannon Kleibrink held up the winning medals in 2005 and were off to Olympic Games. Gushue would go on to win gold and Kleibrink claim bronze.



to win the competition filled with Canada's best curlers.

"He was right," Gushue chuckled, "but it still gave us a little incentive to go out and play harder, prove him wrong."

Gushue took every step he could to give his team the best possible chance at representing Canada at the Olympics. At the start of the curling season, it became apparent they weren't up to the task of beating the field qualified for the trials, so they decided to add another curler.

That was Russ Howard, one of the game's greats who had done almost everything in the sport and now, at 49, was hoping he could go to the Olympics.

At first, Howard was going to serve as the fifth player but in events leading up to the trials, it became apparent the team would be better served with him on the ice. Mike Adam stepped aside and Howard called the game but threw second stones. Jamie Korab played lead

and Mark Nichols was at third. Gushue continued to deliver the last two rocks.

"I'd skipped since I was 10 years old," said Howard. "As second, a lot of my shots were peels and free draws and they weren't quite as complicated as the skip's shots. I would actually get a little rush when I was going to play a peel."

The smooth transition on the ice was one thing but adjustments were needed off it too. They also came easily, often through some unusual means.

"I remember Russ and I rooming together," said Gushue. "We used to buy these oatmeal chocolate chip cookies at a grocery store close to us, and we must have gone through four cases of them throughout the week. I think it was kind of our stress relief."

The team got off to a solid start, defeating Russ's brother, Glenn Howard when Gushue's final shot landed perfectly

in the four-foot. They won their next three games before Pat Ryan handed them their first loss. But they rolled through the rest of the round robin undefeated.

Along the way, the underdog team also became the fan favourite. With home-province teams skipped by Shawn Adams and Mark Dacey out of the running, the crowd turned to the remaining Atlantic Canada entry. The stands were soon filled with people wearing orange jackets and shirts to match the uniforms worn by the Gushue team. When the supply of those garments ran out around the city, the fans turned to orange garbage bags.

In the final, the team from St. John's faced Stoughton, the man who gave them no chance to win. That prediction seemed ready to finally fall away, especially when the Gushue team stole two points in the fourth for a 6-2 lead. But as the two teams prepared to play the 10th end, the lead slipped to just two. And the nerves on the inexperienced team started to show.

"What a disastrous end we played," acknowledged Gushue.

When the time came for him to throw his rocks, his team was in trouble, with the possibility of giving up three points and losing the game very real. But a missed sweeping call from Stoughton vice-skip Jon Mead and a tricky raise-takeout by Gushue gave the team from Newfoundland and Labrador the win, completing the improbable journey.

"It's arguably the toughest field in the toughest event to win in curling," said Gushue. "And when you win it, you're just pumped. And then all of a sudden, you're standing up on the podium, and they give you the Olympic jackets. And then you realize that 'Oh my God, we're we get to go to the Olympic Games.'"

Gushue won a gold medal at the Olympics while Kleibrink earned a bronze. And Halifax proved to be a wonderful host for one of curling's most memorable events. ©

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SHAPING FUTURE CHAMPIONS

As the country's top athletes face off to represent Team Canada at the Montana's Canadian Curling Trials, the next generation of curlers are preparing to be future champions

U-15 ROCKFEST is a key Curling Canada Youth Development program that gives athletes under the age of 15 a chance to grow their skills and compete against their peers from neighbouring provinces and territories. Officially launched during the 2023-24 season, the one-of-a-kind program has already become a huge hit.

"Since we introduced U-15 RockFest regional events, not only have they become some of the most popular events for young athletes across the country, but they've also anchored their position as a crucial piece of our Long-Term Curler Development framework," said Curling Canada's Manager of Youth Development & Programming, Dustin Mikush.

Prior to the launch of this National Youth Development program, there were only Youth Competitions for Under-18 and Under-21 athletes, leaving a large gap for the Under-15 players – a critical age in terms of learning and growth.

Steve Laycock, a U-15 Coach and 10-time Montana's Brier competitor from Saskatchewan, says this program, which allows young curlers to compete in

various skills and triples curling formats, is invaluable.

"Historically curlers would get introduced to the sport via the Learn to Curl programs run at their local curling centres but there wasn't a clear path on what came next until they reached the U-18 age group," says Laycock.

"It is especially nice to see the triples discipline being used for U-15 play. Triples allows curlers a chance to try every position during the game, which I think is important at that stage of athlete development."

This allows the curlers the opportunity to practice all curling positions, learn key aspects of decision making, and have a better understanding of the various roles on a team.

Combining strategy, training, and competition in a fun environment, U-15 RockFest gives young curlers the tools to develop their maximum potential. It marks the final Foundational Stage of Curling Canada's Long-Term Curler Development framework, which is designed to develop curlers' skills for all aspects of the game, whether they choose a recreational or competitive path.

Claire and Evelyn Fish know all about how much fun RockFest can be. They had the opportunity to compete at the 2024 U-15 RockFest East event in their hometown of Niagara Falls and took advantage of everything it had to offer.

"I had a great time meeting new friends and trying new curling formats," says Evelyn.

"It was a fun weekend! It was great to meet new friends and learn more about curling. The instructors were really helpful," adds Claire.

To qualify for U-15 RockFest, curlers must download Curling Canada's free Skills Curling app, complete a variety of shots including hit, draw, guard, and peel, and record their scores. The top scoring athletes from each Provincial/Territorial Member Association then receive an invitation to their respective regional event. There are currently more than 1,000 U-15 curlers across the country using the app to qualify for RockFest.

The top ranked scores advance to four regional competitions operated by Curling Canada: **U-15 RockFest West** (British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Alberta); **U-15 RockFest Prairies** (Saskatchewan, Manitoba);



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U-15 RockFest East (Northern Ontario, Ontario, Nunavut, Quebec) and **U-15 RockFest Atlantic** (New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland & Labrador).

A total of 312 curlers across the country took part in the inaugural 2024 U-15 RockFest events with 96 curlers in Yorkton, Sask. (Prairies), 84 curlers in Sherwood Park, Alta. (West), 72 curlers in Niagara Falls, Ont. (East) and 60 curlers in Moncton, N.B. (Atlantic).

This increased to 355 curlers in the 2025 U-15 RockFest events with 91 curlers in Winnipeg (Prairies), 120 curlers in Kelowna, B.C. (West), 72 curlers in North Bay, Ont. (East) and 72 curlers in Halifax (Atlantic).

“The U-15 RockFest West was a wonderful experience for Team Yukon. Our curlers (and parents!) had a terrific time, top to bottom. My daughter can’t stop talking about it,” says parent Scott Cameron.

“Upon arriving home, the four Yukon participants delivered a talk and slideshow to the youth at the Whitehorse Curling Club. They shared photos and stories from RockFest West 2025, and then we highlighted the 2026 event in Calgary, to motivate our young curlers to set goals for next season.”

Paul Cseke, alternate with Team B.C., and Youth Development Manager with Curl BC, was one of the on-ice coaches for the 2025 U-15 RockFest West event in Kelowna, which coincided with the 2025 Montana’s Brier.

“It was really special watching the athletes learn from Brier athletes and then getting to follow that up by playing on the championship ice. Not only was it a great experience for their skill development, but getting to meet and learn from some of their curling heroes takes the experience to a whole new level,” says Cseke.

Across the four 2025 U-15 RockFest events, a total of 73 coaches offered instruction during the skill development clinics, all creating a greater impact in the system with more coaching opportunities and development of youth leaders.

Parent and coach Chris Stockdale also attended the 2024 U-15 RockFest West event and echoes the sentiment.

“The chance to learn from some of today’s best curlers as well as champions



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U-15 athletes celebrate the weekend at U-15 RockFest West at Sherwood Park, Alta.

from the past is a unique experience,” Stockdale says. “The introduction of skills and triples curling to this age group will provide greater options for competition and learning and will help grow the sport of curling in the next generation of athletes.”

The momentum continues to grow with 360 curlers expected to take part in the 2026 U-15 RockFest events with 96 curlers in Moose Jaw, Sask., (Prairies), 96 curlers in Calgary (West), 72 curlers in Mississauga, Ont. (East) and 96 curlers in Cornwall, P.E., & Crapaud, P.E. (Atlantic) – the first time a U-15 RockFest regional event will be held in PEI.

“This event is a fantastic opportunity for young curlers to build their skills, connect with fellow athletes, and be inspired by the sport,” says Amy Duncan, Executive Director of Curl PEI.

Expanding the overall impact and reach; in addition to being able to qualify directly through the Skills Curling app, Curling Canada will be strategically investing funds to support Member Associations in running in-person U-15 RockFest Qualification events.

- 2023-24 Season: 5 U-15 RockFest in-person qualification events were hosted across 3 MAs.
- 2024-25 Season: 11 U-15 RockFest in-person qualification events were hosted across 7 MAs.
- 2025-26 Season: 18 U-15 RockFest in-person qualification events will be hosted across 9 MAs.

Curlers and parents can visit www.curling.ca/youthcurling for more Qualification information.

The U-15 RockFest East event in Mississauga will be held during the opening weekend of the 2026 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in January, providing young curlers an opportunity an opportunity to both play on the championship ice and watch the best female curlers in Canada.

While curlers competing at U-15 RockFest West will also have a special opportunity to see the best curlers in the world as the event kicks off alongside the 2026 BKT Tires World Women’s Curling Championship in Calgary in March.

“This event provides an incredible opportunity for young curlers to develop their skills, connect with their peers, and be inspired,” says Jill Groves, Executive Director of Curling Alberta.

Mikush is pleased to see the growth of the U-15 RockFest program as it heads into its third season.

“Together with youth program leaders, curling centres across the country, and Provincial Territorial Member Associations, we are excited to deliver these impactful skill development events, and we know these young athletes will have a fun, memorable experience in 2026.”



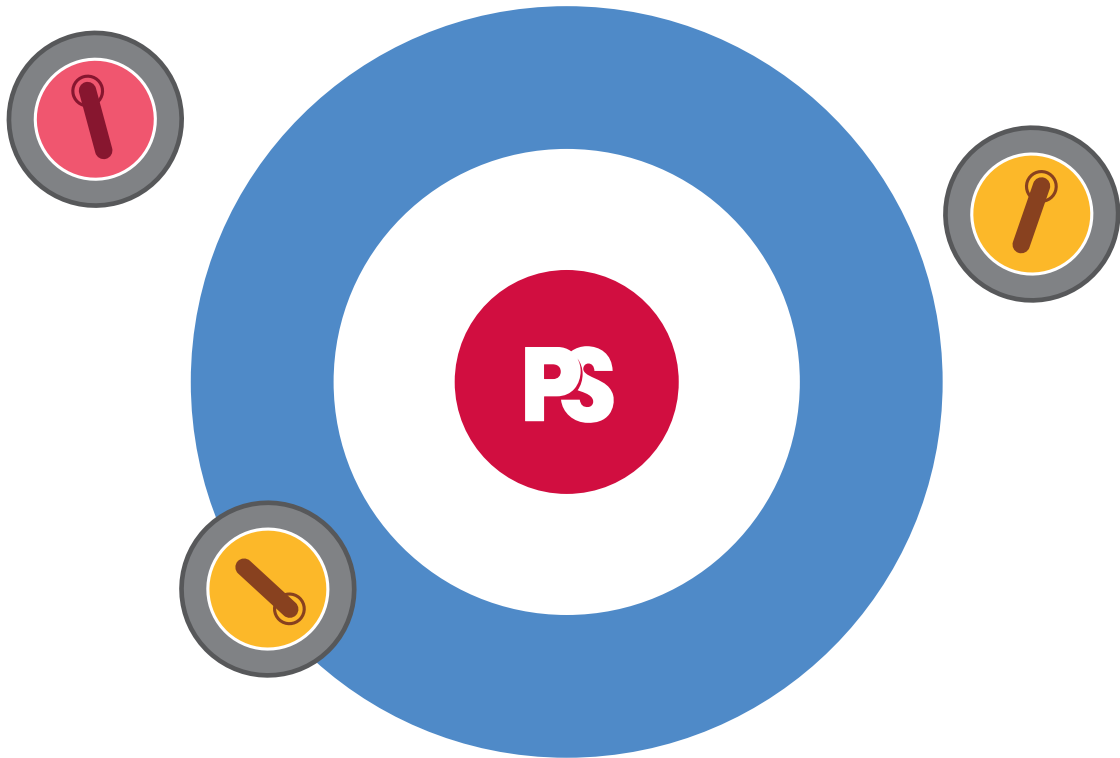
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MAKING WAVES ON THE EAST COAST

Nova Scotia is coming on strong nationally in curling thanks to an aggressive and intelligent high-performance program

BY MELISSA MARTIN





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IN THE SPRING OF 2023, THE NOVA SCOTIA Curling Association was ready to take its game to the next level. For years, the association had been building its high-performance program; now, it turned to Kevin Ouellette to take the reins as its first full-time high-performance coach.

In a way, Ouellette came into the job with a fresh perspective. A longtime coach, he'd never been in charge of a whole provincial program, and as he took stock of the local curling landscape, he saw a world of potential. The province had recently boosted its financial support, and a bevy of talented young teams were jostling to take advantage.

Ouellette's job: find out what those teams needed to make their dreams come true.

"A lot of it is trial and error," Ouellette says, chatting over the phone earlier this fall, as he prepared to get the new season underway. "We try something and go 'hey, that worked great,' or 'no, that didn't quite work, let's move on to seeing what else will work for the teams.'"

Already, that effort is paying off. Over the past two seasons, Nova Scotia youth have made waves at the national level. That included the stunning showing last February, when the province swept the 2025 Canadian Under-18 Championships, as Team Cassidy Blades and Team Zach Atherton won the female and male competitions.

At the New Holland Canadian Under-20 Championships in March, Nova Scotia again shone. Its second team, skipped by Calan MacIsaac, took home the men's gold, while Atherton earned

bronze. On the women's side, Team Rebecca Regan curled to a fine fourth-place finish.

For those showings, the province took home the For The Love of Curling Cup, an honour awarded to the member association that posted the best combined results in Curling Canada's two NextGen events. It was the second year in a row that Nova Scotia clinched the title.

Perhaps that, in part, explains why local interest in an elite pathway is growing — and becoming more accessible. In Ouellette's first two years at the helm of the high-performance program, 12 teams applied for support; this year, 15 lined up for consideration.

"Success brings success," Ouellette says. "Once kids see their friends who are only a year or two older having success, it just brings on that positive reinforcement. It's like 'yeah, we can do this. We may be a small province, but we can do this.'"

So what else is driving that momentum in Nova Scotia?

It starts, Ouellette says, with funding. In addition to cash support from the province, athletes have also benefitted from the Nova Scotia Curling Association's partnership with the Canadian Sport Institute Atlantic, which provides access to a dietitian, strength coach, and mental performance training — all at no cost to the teams.

From there, coaching is also key: "I would have to highlight that," Ouellette says. "The money is great and having these services are great, but the coaches are the ones that really, really take these teams to the next level."

Above all, he thinks the secret to Nova Scotia's recent success is flexibility. "It's listening to the teams: 'what do you need to make yourself better, to make yourself champions?'" he says. "Every team is unique. Every team has its own DNA, its own culture. Tapping into what each team needs to be successful is one of the strengths that we have."

Though the support teams ask for varies, there are some common themes. The biggest is regular ice time, on high-quality ice. With that in mind, Ouellette forged a partnership with the Halifax Curling Club to ensure Nova Scotia's top youth could get early-season practice ice and a two-day high-performance camp, along with reliable weekly practice time.

But perhaps the foundation of Nova Scotia's recent youth success starts even deeper. After all, to get rising talent on a high-performance track, you first have to get them on the ice and falling in love with curling, in all corners of the province.

To that end, Nova Scotia Curling Association technical director Jill Brothers has been dreaming up ideas to introduce more youth to the sport. Two seasons ago, she partnered with the local YMCA

For the second straight year, Nova Scotia Curling has won the For The Love of Curling Cup, which goes to the Member Association that has the best combined results at Curling Canada's NextGen events. Pictured below, from left: Curling Canada CEO Nolan Thiessen, Nova Scotia Curling Vice-President of Organizational Effectiveness Devon Chisholm, Nova Scotia Curling Executive Director Daniel Baldwin, Nova Scotia Curling President Rob Belliveau, and Curling Canada Senior Manager of Philanthropy & Youth Impacts Brodie Bazinet.





A Nova Scotia team, skipped by Calan MacIsaac, won men's gold at the New Holland Canadian Under-20 Championships.

to attract more young players; she's also organized floor curling events at local malls, and teamed up with Curling Canada to host events including Girls Rock and RockFest.

"We really just try to grab on to everything we can, whether it's around club curling or junior curling or high-performance curling," Brothers says.

There are some challenges to making those connections. Nova Scotia is not a big province, in either size or its nearly 1.1 million population. In one way, that close-knit community is one of the province's strengths, Brothers thinks: she herself grew up in Liverpool, a community of just a few thousand people on the province's southern shore, and went on to become an eight-time Nova Scotia champion.

"When I talk to some of the other provinces and territories, I never realized how far some of these kids have to travel to find their teammates," Brothers says. "A lot of our great curlers come from small towns that can get ice whenever they want ... and later in their high school career, they're reaching out to other competitive curlers who also are from small towns. Even if you're going from the South Shore to Halifax to meet up with a teammate, it's just not that far."

Yet even if the distances are relatively forgiving, young curlers in rural Nova Scotia don't always have the same access to higher-level resources. To address this, Brothers and Ouellette recently piloted a series of regional development camps that put top coaches into smaller communities to work



KEVIN OUELLETTE



JILL BROTHERS

Above: Nova Scotia's young women's curlers are making their mark in Canada. Skip Cassidy Blades and her team were outstanding in winning the Under-18 championships this past season.

with, and identify, rising talent. The response from last season's two camps was so promising, this year they expect to offer four.

"We're just trying to spread all the knowledge to everyone, so that people aren't left out even if they're hours away from the metro area," she says. "We want everyone to know all of the information."

So what's next on the horizon? Brothers would like to see registrations increase across the province, especially at the youth levels. In the years ahead, the team at the Nova Scotia Curling Association hopes to get a dedicated high-performance training centre. And who knows, as the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials roar into Halifax, perhaps one of the young Nova Scotia fans in the stands will be a future Olympic champion.

"It's all just really connecting, and I think a lot of the teams are really excited to be working with Nova Scotia Curling on a lot of different levels," Brothers says. "We're just all excited about what we can do together." ☺

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CANADIAN CURLING TRIALS

Records & Statistics

MEN

Most appearances (excludes alternates)

- 7 — Glenn Howard
- 6 — Brent Laing
- 6 — Kevin Martin
- 6 — John Morris
- 6 — Jeff Stoughton
- 5 — Russ Howard
- 5 — Marc Kennedy
- 5 — Kevin Koe
- 5 — Jon Mead
- 5 — Wayne Middaugh
- 4 — Scott Bailey
- 4 — Don Bartlett
- 4 — John Epping
- 4 — Randy Ferbey
- 4 — Ben Hebert
- 4 — David Nedohin
- 4 — Mark Nichols
- 4 — Kevin Park
- 4 — Carter Rycroft
- 4 — Craig Savill
- 4 — Gary VanDenBerghe
- 4 — Don Walchuk

Longest game

12 ends — Kevin Martin vs. Dan Bentley in 1991

Highest score, one team

Russ Howard, 12, vs. Greg McAulay, 6, in 2001; Randy Ferbey, 12, vs. Wayne Middaugh, 7, in 2001; Kevin Koe, 12, vs. Steve Laycock, 5, in 2017; Brad Jacobs, 12, vs. Tanner Horgan, 5, in 2021

Lowest score, one team

Wayne Middaugh, 0, vs. Dave Smith, 8, in 1997

Highest score, two teams combined

21 — Shawn Adams, 11, vs. Glenn Howard, 10, in 2005

Lowest score, two teams combined

4 — Mike McEwen, 3, vs. John Morris, 1, in 2017

Highest single-end score

6 — Russ Howard (without hammer) vs. Kevin Park in 1997



Wayne Middaugh, left, and Glenn Howard have combined for 12 trips to the Canadian Curling Trials.

Most extra-end games, one trials

11 — 1991

Fewest extra-end games, one trials

0 — 2001

Undefeated records

Brad Jacobs — 8-0 in 2013

Back-to-back winning teams

None

Most wins, one skip

42 — Kevin Martin

Most appearances, one skip

6 — Kevin Martin
6 — Jeff Stoughton

Skips with 11 or more wins

42 — Kevin Martin
32 — Jeff Stoughton
27 — Russ Howard
20 — Kevin Koe
19 — Brad Jacobs
19 — John Morris
14 — Glenn Howard
13 — Brad Gushue
13 — Mike McEwen
12 — Kerry Burtnyk

12 — Randy Ferbey

11 — Pat Ryan

11 — Ed Werenich

Top trials records

8-0 — Brad Jacobs in 2013
9-1 — Russ Howard/Brad Gushue in 2005
8-1 — Kevin Koe in 2017
8-1 — Brad Gushue in 2021
7-1 — Kevin Martin in 2009
8-2 — Mike Harris in 1998
8-2 — Kevin Marin in 2001
8-2 — Brad Jacobs in 2021
7-2 — Glenn Howard in 2009
10-3 — Kevin Martin 1991
6-2 — Kevin Martin in 2013
6-2 — Pat Ryan in 1987
8-3 — Jeff Stoughton in 2005
7-3 — Ed Lukowich in 1987
6-3 — Brad Gushue in 2017
6-4 — Mike McEwen in 2017

Men's champions

2021 — Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant, Geoff Walker
2017 — Kevin Koe, Marc Kennedy, Brent Laing, Ben Hebert

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2013 — Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry,
E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden
2009 — Kevin Martin, John Morris,
Marc Kennedy, Ben Hebert
2005 — Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols,
Russ Howard (skip), Jamie Korab
2001 — Kevin Martin, Don Walchuk,
Carter Rycroft, Don Bartlett
1997 — Mike Harris, Richard Hart,
Collin Mitchell, George Karrys
1991* — Kevin Martin, Kevin Park,
Dan Petryk, Don Bartlett
1987 — Ed Lukowich, John Ferguson,
Neil Houston, Brent Syme

WOMEN

Most appearances (excludes alternates)

5 — Jennifer Jones
4 — Jan Betker
4 — Colleen Jones
4 — Dawn McEwen
4 — Sherry Middaugh
4 — Jill Officer
4 — Cathy Overton-Clapham
3 — Sherry Anderson
3 — Rachelle Brown
3 — Joanne Courtney
3 — Dana Ferguson
3 — Marcia Gudereit
3 — Rachel Homan
3 — Christine Jurgenson
3 — Marliese Kasner
3 — Kim Kelly
3 — Shannon Kleibrink
3 — Andrea Lawes
3 — Kaitlyn Lawes
3 — Stefanie Lawton
3 — Krista McCarville
3 — Joan McCusker

3 — Cary-Anne McTaggart
3 — Emma Miskew
3 — Sandra Schmirler
3 — Sherri Singler
3 — Val Sweeting
3 — Georgina Wheatcroft

Longest game

11 — 41 games

Highest score, one team

Heather Houston, 14, vs. Francine Poisson,
1, in 1991; Colleen Jones, 14, vs. Cathy
Cunningham, 2, in 1991

Lowest score, one team

Colleen Jones, 0, vs. Pat Sanders, 7, in 1987

Highest score, two teams combined

19 — Heidi Hanlon, 11, vs. Heather Houston,
8, in 1991; Sherry Middaugh, 10, vs.
Amber Holland, 9, in 2001; Jennifer
Jones, 11, vs. Sherry Middaugh, 8, in
2005; Kerri Einarson, 10, vs. Jennifer
Jones, 9, in 2021; Jacqueline Harrison,
10, vs. Laura Walker, 9, in 2021

Lowest score combined, two teams combined

4 — Colleen Jones, 3, vs. Chris More, 1,
in 1987

Highest single-end score

6 — Connie Laliberte vs. Anne Merklinger
in 1997; Jennifer Jones vs. Chelsea
Carey in 2013

Most extra-end games, one trials

10 — 1991

Fewest extra-end games, one trials

1 — 1997

Undefeated records

None

Back-to-back winning teams

None

Most wins, one skip

26 — Jennifer Jones

Most appearances, one skip

5 — Jennifer Jones

Skips with 11 or more wins

26 — Jennifer Jones
21 — Shannon Kleibrink
20 — Sherry Middaugh
18 — Colleen Jones
16 — Sandra Schmirler
15 — Rachel Homan
15 — Krista McCarville
14 — Kelley Law
13 — Stefanie Lawton
12 — Sherry Anderson
12 — Chelsea Carey
11 — Julie Sutton

Top trials records

11-1 — Julie Sutton in 1991
9-1 — Rachel Homan in 2017
8-1 — Chelsea Carey in 2017
8-1 — Tracy Fleury in 2021
7-1 — Cheryl Bernard in 2009
7-1 — Jennifer Jones in 2013
8-2 — Kelley Law in 2001
8-2 — Sandra Schmirler in 1997
6-2 — Linda Moore in 1987
8-3 — Shannon Kleibrink in 2005
7-3 — Kelly Scott in 2005
7-3 — Jennifer Jones in 2021
6-3 — Connie Laliberte in 1987
6-3 — Shannon Kleibrink in 2009

Women's champions

2021 — Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes,
Jocelyn Peterman, Dawn McEwen
2017 — Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew,
Joanne Courtney, Lisa Weagle
2013 — Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes,
Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen
2009 — Cheryl Bernard, Susan O'Connor,
Carolyn Darbyshire, Cori Morris
2005 — Shannon Kleibrink, Amy Nixon,
Glenys Bakker, Christine Keshen
2001 — Kelley Law, Julie Skinner,
Georgina Wheatcroft, Diane Nelson
1997 — Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker,
Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit
1991* — Julie Sutton, Jodie Sutton,
Melissa Soligo, Karri Willms
1987 — Linda Moore, Lindsay Sparkes,
Debbie Jones, Penny Ryan

* THE 1991 TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS AND BRIER TOOK THE PLACE OF A TRIALS COMPETITION, WITH THE WINNERS REPRESENTING CANADA AT THE 1992 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES.



Jennifer Jones will long be remembered in Canada for winning the Olympic gold medal in women's curling in 2014 after securing a Canadian Curling Trials victory in 2013 in her hometown of Winnipeg.

Montana's Canadian Curling Trials

HONOUR ROLL



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Canada's 2022 Olympic representatives (front row, from left): Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jocelyn Peterman, Dawn McEwen, Lisa Weagle; (back row, from left): Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant, Geoff Walker.

WOMEN

- ADAMS, Diane** — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as second in 1991*
- ALEXANDER, Diane** — of Edmonton as second in 1991*
- (ALLARDYCE) ELLWOOD, Kathie** — of Winnipeg as skip in 1987, '91*
- ALLEN, Michelle** — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as alternate in 2005
- ANDERSON, Sherry** — of Delisle, Saskatchewan, as skip in 2001, '05; as alternate in '09; of Saskatoon as third in '13
- ARMSTRONG, Jacquie** — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as lead in 2009
- ARMSTRONG, Leigh** — of Coldwater, Ontario, as lead in 2013
- ARNOTT, Janet** — of Winnipeg as lead in 1987, '97; as alternate in 2005
- ARSENAULT (WAYE), Mary-Anne** — of Halifax as second in 2001, '05
- ASHAM, Sandra** — of Winnipeg as lead in 1987
- AUCOIN, Shelley** — of Whitehorse as second in 1991*
- BAKKER, Glenys** — of Calgary as third in 1997; as second in 2005
- BALDERSTON, Marcy** — of Edmonton as alternate in 2001
- BÉLANGER, Nancy** — of St-Romuald, Quebec, as third in 2001; as alternate in '05
- BELL (MATSON), Chelsey** — of Saskatoon as lead in 2005; of Calgary as lead in '09
- BELL, Mary Susan** — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as alternate in 1991*
- BELL, Patty** — of Regina as lead in 2001
- BERNARD, Cheryl** — of Calgary as skip in 2009
- BETKER, Jan** — of Regina as second in 1987; as third in '91*, '97; as alternate in 2001; as skip in '05
- BEVERIDGE, Corie** — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as second in 1997; of Richmond, British Columbia, in 2001
- BIRCHARD, Shannon** — of Gimli, Manitoba, as second in 2021
- BOBBIE, Tess** — of Woodstock, Ontario, as second in 2017
- BODOGH (DARTE), Marilyn** — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as skip in 1987, '97
- BOHMER, Brenda** — of Edmonton as second in 1997, 2001

- BONAR, Maureen** — of Winnipeg as alternate in 1997
- BOWMAN, Mary** — of Toronto as lead in 1997
- BREEN, Theresa** — of Ottawa as third in 1997
- BRENNAN, Ellen** — of Saint John, New Brunswick, as alternate in 1991*
- BROWN, Janet** — of Coldwater, Ontario, as third in 2001
- BROWN, Katie** — of Montreal as third in 1991*
- BROWN (PIDHERNY), Rachele** — of Edmonton as lead in 2013, '17, '21
- BRYANT, Angie** — of Halifax as third in 1997
- CAMERON, Kate** — of Winnipeg as third in 2017; of Edmonton as third in '21
- CAMERON (REID), Nancy** — of Halifax as lead in 1991*
- CAMPBELL, Jolene** — of Kronau, Saskatchewan, as alternate in 2009; of Winnipeg as alternate in '17
- CAREY, Chelsea** — of Winnipeg as skip in 2013; of Calgary as skip in '17; of East St. Paul, Manitoba, as alternate in '21
- CARTER, Sasha** — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as second in 2005, '09
- CAUDLE (WALTER), Cathy** — of Halifax as lead in 1987
- CHARETTE, Agnès** — of Montreal as alternate in 1991*
- CLARKE, Hayley** — of Halifax as alternate in 1997
- CLARK-ROUIRE, Jennifer** — of Winnipeg as alternate in 2009, '17
- CORDINA, Sheri** — of Coldwater, Ontario, as lead in 2001, '05
- COURT, Morgan** — of Toronto as lead in 2017
- COURTNEY, Joanne** — of Edmonton as second in 2013; of Ottawa as second in '17; as lead in '21
- CUNNINGHAM, Cathy** — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as skip in 1991*
- DAGG-JACKSON, Elaine** — of Victoria as alternate in 1991*
- DARBYSHIRE, Carolyn** — of Calgary as third in 2001; as second in '09



Canada's 1992 Olympic representatives: (front row, from left) Julie Sutton, Jodie Sutton, Elaine Dagg-Jackson, Melissa Soligo and Karri Willms of Victoria; (back row) Edmonton's Kevin Martin, Kevin Park, Jules Owchar, Dan Petryk and Don Bartlett.

DELAHUNT, Nancy — of Halifax as alternate in 1991*; as lead in 2001, '05
DILLON, Anne — of Charlottetown as alternate in 1991*
DOLAN, Kim — of Charlottetown as second in 1987
DUHAIME, Chantal — of Woodstock, Ontario, as third in 2017
EDDY, Lori — of Toronto as third in 1997; of Coldwater, Ontario, as alternate in '13
EINARSON, Kerri — of Gimli, Manitoba, as skip in 2021
ELLWOOD, Laurie — of Winnipeg as second in 1987, '91*
ENGLT (RIDGWAY), Michelle — of Regina as skip in 2001; of Winnipeg as skip in '17
FAHLMAN, Kathy — of Regina as skip in 1987
FERGUSON, Dana — of Edmonton as third in 2013; as second in '17, '21
FLAXEY, Allison — of Toronto as skip in 2017; of Dundas, Ontario, as third in '21
FLEURY, Tracy — of East St. Paul, Manitoba, as skip in 2021
FLINN-BURTON, Jayne — of Brantford, Ontario, as alternate in 2005
FLOYD, Kathy — of Saint John, New Brunswick, as third in 1991*
FORD, Anita — of Regina as alternate in 1991*
FORD, Atina — of Regina as alternate in 1997
FOSTER, Kristen — of Winnipeg as second in '13
FRASER, Sherry — of Richmond, British Columbia, as second in 1997; as skip in 2001
FREY, Audrey — of Ottawa as lead in 1997
FYFE, Liz — of East St. Paul, Manitoba, as second in 2021
GAGNON, Karo — of St-Romuald, Quebec, as alternate in 2001; as third in '05
GATCHELL, Sara Jane — of Brantford, Ontario, as lead in 2005
GELLARD, Kim — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as third in 1997
GEORGE, Tara — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as third in 2009
GERVAIS, Chris — of Saskatoon as second in 1987
GIGNAC, Donna — of Delisle, Saskatchewan, as lead in 2001; as second in '05
GORDON (MACCUISH), Kristin — of East St. Paul, Manitoba, as lead in 2021
GORING, Alison — of Toronto as skip in 1991*, '97
GRAHAM-MACDONALD, Bea — of Charlottetown as lead in 1991*
GRANDY, Clancy — of Toronto as third in 2017
GREENING, Jackie-Rae — of Edmonton as third in 1991*
GRÉGOIRE, Véronique — of St-Romuald, Quebec, as lead in 2005
GRENIER, Valerie — of St-Romuald, Quebec, as lead in 2001
GUDEREIT (SCHIML), Marcia — of Regina as lead in 1991*, '97, 2005
GUSHULAK (MCLEAN), Diane — of Richmond, British Columbia, as third in 2001
HANLON, Heidi — of Saint John, New Brunswick, as skip in 1991*
HARDING, Mary — of Saint John, New Brunswick, as lead in 1991*
HARRIS, Briane — of Gimli, Manitoba, as lead in 2021
HARRISON, Jacqueline — of Dundas, Ontario, as skip in 2021
HARVEY, Janet — of Winnipeg as third in 1987
HAUGHIAN (SCHEIDEGGER), Jessie — of Lethbridge, Alberta, as second in 2017, '21
HENSLEY, Merna — of Whitehorse as third in 1991*
HERLINVEAUX, Louise — of Victoria as second in 1987
HICKEY, Laura — of Dundas, Ontario, as lead in 2021
HODSON (ARMBRUSTER), Kim — of Saskatoon as alternate in 1997; of Delisle, Saskatchewan, as third in 2001, '05
HOLLAND, Amber — of Regina as skip in 2001; of Delisle, Saskatchewan, as alternate in '05; of Kronau, Saskatchewan, as skip in '09; of Edmonton as alternate in '13
HOMAN, Rachel — of Ottawa as skip in 2013, '17, '21
HOOPER PERROUD, Jane — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as lead in 1997
HOPKINS, Heather — of Halifax as lead in 1997
HORNE, Kate — of Edmonton as lead in 1997, 2001



The 1997 Canadian Curling Trials champions: (front row, from left) Paul Savage, George Karrys, Collin Mitchell, Richard Hart and Mike Harris; (back row) Anita Ford, Atina Ford, Marcia Gudereit, Joan McCusker, Jan Betker and Sandra Schmirler.

HOUSTON, Heather — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as skip in 1991*
INGLIS, Nancy — of Regina as alternate in 2005
ISKIWI, Beth — of Saskatoon as alternate in 2005; of Edmonton as third in '13
JENKINS (RIPPEL), Sandra — of Edmonton as lead in 1987; of Calgary as alternate in 2005
JONES, Colleen — of Halifax as skip in 1987, '91*, 2001, '05
JONES, Jennifer — of Winnipeg as skip in 2005, '09, '13, '17, '21
JONES-WALKER, Debbie — of North Vancouver, British Columbia, as second in 1987
JURGENSON, Christine — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as second in 1987; of Richmond, British Columbia, as lead in '97, 2001
KALENCHUK, Heather — of Kronau, Saskatchewan, as lead in 2009
KARWACKI, Krysten — of Gimli, Manitoba, as alternate in 2021
KASNER (MILLER), Marliese — of Saskatoon as third in 2005, '09; as lead in '13
KAVANAGH, Sheila — of Saskatoon as lead in 1987
KEHLER, Lorie — of Regina as third in 2001
KELLY, Kimberly — of Halifax as second in 1991*; as third in 2001, '05
KESHEN, Christine — of Calgary as lead in 2005
KING (BORST), Cathy — of Edmonton as skip in 1997, 2001; of Coldwater, Ontario, as alternate in '05
KLEIBRINK, Shannon — of Calgary as skip in 1997, 2005, '09
KREVIUZUK, Alison — of Ottawa as second in 2013; of Toronto as alternate in '17
KREVIUZUK, Cheryl — of Ottawa as alternate in 2017
KREVIUZUK, Lynn — of Toronto as second in 2017; of Dundas, Ontario, as second in '21
LALIBERTE, Connie — of Winnipeg as skip in 1987, '97
LANG, Lorraine — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as third in 1991*; as lead in 2009
LAROUCHE, Marie-France — of St-Romuald, Quebec, as skip in 2001, '05
LAW, Kelley — of Richmond, British Columbia, as skip in 1997; of New Westminster, British Columbia, in 2001
LAWES, Andrea — of Toronto as second in 1991*; of Coldwater, Ontario, in 2001, '05
LAWES, Kaitlyn — of Winnipeg as third in 2013, '17, '21

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LAWRENCE, Margaret — of Whitehorse as alternate in 1991*

LAWTON (MILLER), Stefanie — of Saskatoon as skip in 2005, '09, '13; of Edmonton as alternate in '21

LEMAY, Annie — of St-Romuald, Quebec, as second in 2001, '05

LEONARD, Judy — of Saskatoon as lead in 1997

LEWIS, Kristy — of Regina as alternate in 2001

LIDGREN, Anna — of Whitehorse as skip in 1991*

LILLY, Kendra — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as third in 2017, '21

LINTON, Sherry — of Regina as third in 2005

MacDONALD, Lawnie — of Edmonton as third in 2001; of Grande Prairie, Alberta, as third in '13

MacLEAN, Kari — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as second in 2009

MacLEOD, Lisa — of Halifax as second in 1997

MAIR, Jessica — of Edmonton as second in 2013

MALIKOFF, Stephanie — of Calgary as lead in 2009

MALLET (GEIGER), Marla — of Richmond, British Columbia, as third in 1997; as alternate in 2001

MARTIN, Denise — of Calgary as lead in 2001

MARTIN, Heather — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as alternate in 1991*

MARTIN, Sue — of Montreal as third in 1991*

MASSULLO, Debbie — of Victoria as lead in 1987

MATERI, Roberta — of Regina as second in 2001

MATTATALL, Mary — of Halifax as third in 1991*; as skip in '97

McCRADY, Christine — of Ottawa as alternate in 1997

McCURDY, Susan — of Charlottetown as second in 1991*

McCUSKER (INGLIS), Joan — of Regina as second in 1991*, '97, 2005

McDONALD (JENION), Kristy — of Winnipeg as third in 2013

McDONALD, Taylor — of Edmonton as second in 2021

McEDWARDS, Kathy — of St. Catharines, Ontario, as third in 1987

McEWEN (ASKIN), Dawn — of Winnipeg as lead in 2009, '13, '17, '21

McHUGH, Cindy — of Montreal, as second in 1991*

McKNIGHT, Patti — of Ottawa as second in 1997

McPHERSON, Cheryl — of Toronto as lead in 1991*; of Brantford, Ontario, as third in 2005

McTAGGART (SALLOWS), Cary-Anne — of Grande Prairie, Alberta, as second in '13; of Lethbridge, Alberta, as third in '17, '21

MEAKIN, Breanne — of Winnipeg as alternate in 2013

MERKLINGER, Anne — of Toronto as alternate in 1991*; of Ottawa as skip in '97

MERKLINGER, Lee — of Coldwater, Ontario, as second in 2013; of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as alternate in '17

MIDDAUGH (SCHEIRICH), Sherry — of Saskatoon as skip in 1997; of Coldwater, Ontario, in 2001, '05, '13; of Woodstock, Ontario, as alternate in '17

MIHARIJA, Ashley — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as alternate in 2009

MISKEW, Emma — of Ottawa as third in 2013, '17, '21

MONTGOMERY, Kay — of Regina as third in 2001

MOORE, Kim — of Toronto as second in 1997

MOORE, Kristie — of Calgary as alternate in 2009; of Lethbridge, Alberta, as lead in '17, '21

MOORE, Linda — of North Vancouver, British Columbia, as skip in 1987

MORE (PIDZARKO), Chris — of Winnipeg as skip in 1987

MORRIS (BARTEL), Cori — of Calgary as lead in 2009

MULRONEY, Sandra — of Saskatoon as second in 1997; of Delisle, Saskatchewan, in 2001

NEDOHIN (GODBERSON), Heather — of Edmonton as third in 1997; of Calgary as alternate in 2009; of Edmonton as skip in 2013

NELSON, Diane — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as lead in 2001

NIMMO, Shannon — of Calgary as second in 1997

NIXON, Amy — of Calgary as third in 2005, '09; of Edmonton as alternate in '13

NJEGOVAN, Selena — of East St. Paul, Manitoba, as third in 2021

NOBLE, Cheryl — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as alternate in 2001

O'CONNOR, Susan — of Calgary as third in 2009; of Lethbridge, Alberta, as alternate in '17, '21

O'DRISCOLL, Kathy — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as second in 1991*

OFFICER, Jill — of Winnipeg as second in 2005, '09, '13, '17

OLSON-JOHN, Lori — of Calgary as third in 2009; of Edmonton as third in '17

O'ROURKE, Kathy — of Charlottetown as third in 1991*

OVERTON, Kim — of Winnipeg as alternate in 1991*

OVERTON-CLAPHAM, Cathy — of Winnipeg as third in 1991*, '97, 2005, '09; of Calgary as third in '17

OWEN, Desirée — of Grande Prairie, Alberta, as alternate in 2013

PASIKA, Rona — of Edmonton as lead in 2013

PETERMAN, Jocelyn — of Calgary as second in 2017; of Winnipeg as second in '21

PETERS, Corinne — of Winnipeg as second in 1987

PETERS, Laine — of Halifax as alternate in 2001; of Edmonton as lead in '13; of Calgary as lead in '17

PINCOTT, Erin — of Edmonton as alternate in 2021

POISSON, Francine — of Montreal as skip in 1991*

POTTS (LANG), Sarah — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as lead in 2017, '21

PRESTON, Samantha — of Calgary as second in 2009

PROCTOR, Jill — of Winnipeg as lead in 1991*

PROSS, Margaret — of Montreal as lead in 1991*

PURDY, Karen — of Regina as second in 2001

PUSHKAR, Diane — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as lead in 1991*

PUTLAND, Rose — of Whitehorse as lead in 1991*



The 2001 Canadian Curling Trials gold medalists: (front row, from left) Kelley Law, Julie Skinner, Georgina Wheatcroft and Diane Nelson of New Westminster, British Columbia; (back row) Edmonton's Kevin Martin, Don Walchuk, Carter Rycroft and Don Bartlett.

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Winners of the 2005 Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials: (front row, from left) Calgary's Shannon Kleibrink, Amy Nixon, Glenys Bakker and Christine Keshen; (back row) Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Russ Howard and Jamie Korab of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

RADFORD, Helen — of Calgary as alternate in 2001; of Kelowna, British Columbia, in 2009

RADFORD, Mary Sue — of Halifax as alternate in 2005

RANKIN (FOWLIE), Heather — of Calgary as skip in 2001

RIZZO, Jo-Ann — of Brantford, Ontario, as skip in 2005; of Coldwater, Ontario, as third in '13

ROBERTS, Angela — of Charlottetown as skip in 1991*

ROCQUE, Kelsey — of Edmonton as skip in 2021

SANDERS, Pat — of Victoria as skip in 1987

SANTOS (SHERMACK), Deb — of Edmonton as skip in 1991*

SCHANTZ (RYAN), Penny — of North Vancouver, British Columbia, as lead in 1987

SCHARF (MCCARVILLE), Krista — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as skip in 2009, '17, '21

SCHEIDEGGER, Casey — of Lethbridge, Alberta, as skip in 2017, '21

SCHMIEMANN, Danielle — of Edmonton as third in 2021

SCHMIRLER (PETERSON), Sandra — of Regina as third in 1987; as skip in '91*, '97

SCHNEIDER, Kim — of Kronau, Saskatchewan, as third in 2009

SCHNEIDER, Sheila — of Regina as lead in 1987

SCHNEIDER, Tammy — of Kronau, Saskatchewan, as second in 2009

SCHRAEDER, Jeanna — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as third in 2005, '09

SCOTLAND (CHYZ), Nadine — of Edmonton as lead in 2021

SCOTT, Kelly — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as skip in 2005, '09

SHAW (PIDZARKO), Cathy — of Edmonton as third in 1987

SHIGEHIRO, Sally — of Calgary as alternate in 1997

SIMONS, Renee — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as lead in 2005

SINGLER, Sherri — of Saskatoon as second in 2005, '09, '13

SIPKA, Joanne — of Calgary as lead in 1997

SIPPALA (MIHARIJA), Ashley — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as second in 2017, '21

SKINNER (SUTTON), Julie — of Victoria as skip in 1991*; of New Westminster, British Columbia, as third in 2001

SMITH, Heather — of Ottawa as alternate in 2013

SMITH, Yvonne — of Toronto as alternate in 1997

SOLIGO, Melissa — of Victoria as second in 1991*

SONNENBERG (HANDFIELD), Renée — of Grande Prairie, Alberta, as skip in 2013

SPARKES, Lindsay — of North Vancouver, British Columbia, as third in 1987

STAUB (THURSTON), Jill — of Winnipeg as second in 1997

STEWART, Sheri — of Saint John, New Brunswick, as second in 1991*

STRICKER, Joan — of Regina as lead in 2001

SUTTON, Jodie — of Victoria as third in 1991*

SWEETING, Val — of Edmonton as skip in 2013, '17; of Gimli, Manitoba, as third in '21

SYMYROZUM, Sandy — of Edmonton as alternate in 1991*

THOMAS, Maria — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as third in 1991*

TIPPIN, Julie — of Woodstock, Ontario, as skip in 2017

TITHERIDGE, Lindsay — of Winnipeg as lead in 2013

TRELOAR, Cathy — of Winnipeg as third in 1987

TUCK, Kimberley — of Brantford, Ontario, as second in 2005

TURCOTTE (HOLMAN), Kristin — of Toronto as third in 1991*

USHER, Leanne — of Edmonton as lead in 1991*

VANDEKERCKHOVE, Patti — of North Vancouver, British Columbia, as alternate in 1987

VEY, Lana — of Saskatoon as lead in 2009

VINK, Rachelle — of Woodstock, Ontario, as second in 2017

WALKER, Laura — of Edmonton as skip in 2021

WALL (HARMARK), Kirsten — of Coldwater, Ontario, as alternate in 2001; as third in '05; of Winnipeg as alternate in '13

WALSH, Heather — of Delisle, Saskatchewan, as alternate in 2001; as lead in '05

WEAGLE, Lisa — of Ottawa as lead in 2013, '17; of Winnipeg as alternate in '21

WEBSTER (SAUNDERS), Bronwen — of Calgary as second in 2001, '09

WEBSTER, Crystal — of Calgary as skip in 2009

WESTCOTT, Raunora — of Winnipeg as lead in 2017

WHEATCROFT (HAWKES), Georgina — of Victoria as third in 1987; of New Westminster, British Columbia, as second in 2001; of Winnipeg as lead in '05

WILKES, Sarah — of Edmonton as alternate in 2017; of Ottawa as second in '21

WILLMS, Karri — of Victoria as lead in 1991*

WILSON, Leslie — as second in 2017

WRIGHT, Susan — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as lead in 1991*

ZIELKE, Colleen — of Saskatoon as third in 1997

ZINCK (SMITH), Kay — of Halifax as third in 1987

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ADAM, Gerry — of Davidson, Saskatchewan, as third in 2009

ADAM, Mike — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as alternate in 2005

ADAMS, Kevin — of Montreal as skip in 1987, '91*

ADAMS, Shawn — of Halifax as skip in 2005

APPELMAN, Ted — of Winnipeg as alternate in 2009

ARMSTRONG, Doug — of Winnipeg as lead in 2001

ARMSTRONG, Jim — of Vancouver as third in 1987

ASHAM, Arnold — of Winnipeg as alternate in 1997

BAGNELL, Trevor — of Halifax as alternate in 1991*

BAILEY, Scott — of Toronto as lead in 1997, 2001, '09; as third in '13; as alternate in '05

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BARTLETT, Don — of Edmonton as lead in 1991*, '97, 2001, '05
BELCOURT, Tim — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as second in 1987
BENTLEY, Dan — of Halifax as skip in 1991*
BENTLEY, Darren — of Halifax as second in 1991*
BEUK, Jonathan — of Kingston, Ontario, as third in 2021
BICE, Steve — of Coldwater, Ontario, as alternate in 2009
BOLAND, John — of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, as skip in 1991*
BOTTCHER, Brendan — of Edmonton as skip in 2017, '21
BRYANT, Doug — of Whitehorse as lead in 1991*
BUCK, Wyatt — of Regina as second in 1991*
BURGESS, Craig — of Halifax as second in 2005
BURTNYK, Kerry — of Winnipeg as skip in 1997, 2001
BUTLER, Mark — of Charlottetown as lead in 1991*
BUTLER, Mike — of Moncton, New Brunswick, as lead in 1991*
CAMM, Mat — of Toronto as third in 2017; as second in '21
CAMPBELL, Robert — of Charlottetown as skip in 1991*
CARRUTHERS, Dave — of Toronto as alternate in 2001
CARRUTHERS, Reid — of Winnipeg as second in 2013; of West St. Paul, Manitoba, as skip in '17; as third in '21
CARSTAIRS, Kent — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as lead in 1987
CARTER, Andrew — of Montreal as lead in 1991*
CASEY, Adam — of Morris, Manitoba, as third in 2021
CHADWICK, Scott — of Kingston, Ontario, as lead in 2021
CHARETTE, Pierre — of Montreal as alternate in 1991*
COLLISON, Brian — of Cranbrook, British Columbia, as third in 1991*
CORNER, Peter — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as lead in 1991*
COTTER, Jim — of Vernon/Kelowna, British Columbia, as third in 2005, '13, '17
DACEY, Mark — of Halifax as skip in 2005
DUNSTONE, Matt — of Saskatoon as third (fourth stone) in 2017; of Regina as skip in '21
DUTIAUME, Randy — of Winnipeg as alternate in 2009
ENGEL, Ron — of Edmonton as second in 2001
ENRIGHT, Adam — of Edmonton as alternate in 2009



The 2009 Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials champions: (front row, from left) Calgary's Cheryl Bernard, Susan O'Connor, Carolyn Darbyshire and Cori Morris; (back row) Edmonton's Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy and Ben Hebert.

EPPING, John — of Toronto as second in 2009; as skip in '13, '17, '21
FENTON, Brad — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as lead in 2005
FENTON, Darin — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as alternate 2001
FENTON, Keith — of Winnipeg as lead in 1997, 2001
FERBEY, Randy — of Edmonton as third in 1987; as skip (third stone) in 2001, '05, '09
FERGUSON, John — of Calgary as third in 1987
FLAXEY, Caleb — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as alternate in 2013
FLEMMING, Paul — of Halifax as third in 2005
FLETCHER, Bill — of Ottawa as lead in 1987
FLORENCE, Malcolm — of Whitehorse as third in 1991*
FORGET, Wesley — of Kingston, Ontario, as second in 2021
FOWLER, Rob — of Winnipeg as second in 2009
FRANS, Joseph — of Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, as third in 2001
FRY, Ryan — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as third in 2013, '17; of Toronto as third in '21
FULTON, Chris — of Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, as alternate in 2001
GALLANT, Brett — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as second in 2017, '21
GALLANT, Peter — of Charlottetown as third in 1991*
GERMSHEID, Tony — of Edmonton as third in 2001
GIBSON, Andrew — of Halifax as lead in 2005
GOULD, Steve — of Winnipeg as lead in 1997, 2005, '09
GRANT, Scott — of Winnipeg as alternate in 1997
GRATTAN, James — of Moncton, New Brunswick, as second in 2001
GRETZINGER, Bert — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as skip in 2001; as alternate in '05
GRIFFITH, Tyrel — of Vernon/Kelowna, British Columbia, as second in '13; as lead in '17
GRUNDY, John — of Regina as lead in 1991*
GUNNLAUGSON, Jason — of Winnipeg as skip in 2009; of Vernon/Kelowna, British Columbia, as alternate in '13; of Edmonton as alternate in '17; of Morris, Manitoba, as skip in '21
GUSHUE, Brad — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as third (fourth stone) in 2005; of Edmonton as alternate in '13; of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as skip in '17, '21
HAINES, Chuck — of Whitehorse as skip in 1991*
HANNAH, Brad — of Edmonton as third in 1997
HARDEN, E.J. — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as second in 2013, '17, '21
HARDEN, Ryan — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as lead in 2013, '17, '21
HARRIS, Mat — of Halifax as alternate in 2005
HARRIS, Mike — of Toronto as skip in 1997
HARRIS, Rob — of Halifax as second in 2005
HARRISON, Neil — of Toronto as lead in 1987, '97
HART, Richard — of Toronto as third in 1997; of Coldwater, Ontario, in 2005, '09
HART, Wayne — of Calgary as alternate in 1987
HARVEY, Don — of Winnipeg as lead in 1997; as alternate in 2005
HEBERT, Ben — of Calgary as alternate in 2005; of Edmonton as lead in '09, '13; of Calgary as lead in '17, '21
HELSTON, John — of Winnipeg as alternate in 1997
HENDERSON, Scott — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as third in 1991*
HICK, Andy — of Winnipeg as alternate in 2001
HODGSON, Colin — of West St. Paul, Manitoba, as lead in 2017, '21
HOLOWAYCHUK, Dan — of Edmonton as alternate in 2001, '05, '09
HORGAN, Jacob — of Kingston, Ontario, as alternate in 2021
HORGAN, Tanner — of Kingston, Ontario, as skip in 2021
HORNING, Deane — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as alternate in 2001

A top-down view of a dark wooden surface. In the top left, a red mug is partially filled with coffee. Scattered around it are several dark coffee beans. In the top right, a metal cooling rack holds several golden-brown donuts. In the bottom left, a donut is covered in multi-colored sprinkles. In the bottom right, a plain, golden-brown donut is visible. The overall scene is warm and inviting, suggesting a morning coffee and donut ritual.

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HOWARD, Glenn — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as third in 1987, '91*, '97; of Moncton, New Brunswick, as third in 2001; of Coldwater, Ontario, as skip in '05, '09; of Penetanguishene as skip in '13; of Toronto as alternate in '21

HOWARD, Russ — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as skip in 1987, '91*, '97; of Moncton, New Brunswick, in 2001; of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as skip (second stone) in '05

HRITZUK, Eugene — of Saskatoon as skip in 1987

IVERSON, Dave — of Winnipeg as third in 1991*

JACKSON, Warren — of Davidson, Saskatchewan, as alternate in 2009

JACOBS, Brad — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as skip in 2013, '17, '21

JANSSEN, Patrick — of Toronto as second in 2017; as alternate in '21

JOHNSON, Mark — of Edmonton as alternate in 1997

JOHNSTON, Wade — of Edmonton as lead in 1997

JOURNEAUX, Ian — of Montreal as lead in 1987

KALLOS, Jack — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as alternate in 1991*

KARRYS, George — of Toronto as lead in 1997

KAWAJA, John — of Toronto as second in 1987; as third in '97

KENNEDY, Marc — of Calgary as second in 2005; of Edmonton in '09, '13; of Calgary as third in '17; of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as third in '21

KENT, Gerry — of Cranbrook, British Columbia, as skip in 1991*

KIDBY, Dustin — of Regina as lead in 2021

KIELEY, Phil — of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, as third in 1991*

KING, Jamie — of Edmonton as alternate in 1991*; of Calgary as alternate in '13

KNAPP, Kelly — of West St. Paul, Manitoba, as alternate in 2021

KOE, Kevin — of Calgary as third in 2005; of Edmonton as skip in '09; of Calgary as skip in '13, '17, '21

KORAB, Jamie — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as lead in 2005

LAING, Brent — of Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, as lead in 2001; of Coldwater, Ontario, as second in '05, '09; of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as second in '13; of Calgary as second in '17; of Toronto as lead in '21

LANG, Rick — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as skip in 1991*

LAPPALAINEN, Art — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as lead in 1991*

LAYCOCK, Steve — of Davidson, Saskatchewan, as lead in 2009; of Saskatoon as skip (third rock) in '17

LEECH, Ron — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as third in 2005

LOEVENMARK, Phil — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as lead in 1997

LOHNES, Bruce — of Halifax as third in 2005

LOTT, Colton — of Regina as third in 2021

LUKOWICH, Ed — of Calgary as skip in 1987

MacDONALD, Blake — of Edmonton as second in 1997; as third in 2009

MacDONALD, Brent — of Edmonton as skip in 1997

MacDONALD, Peter — of Charlottetown as alternate in 1991*

MacKENZIE, Kevin — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as second in 2005

MacLEAN, Robbie — of Montreal as third in 1991*

MacLEAN, Stuart — of Halifax as alternate in 2005

MARCH, Tim — of Toronto as lead in 2017

MARCHAND, Denis — of Trois-Rivières, Quebec, as second in 1987

MARTIN, Karrick — of Edmonton as lead in 2017, '21

MARTIN, Kevin — of Edmonton as skip in 1991*, '97, 2001, '05, '09, '13

MATHERS, David — of Toronto as lead in 2013

MAYNE, Dave — of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, as lead in 1991*

MCAULAY, Greg — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as skip in 2001

MCCARREL, Graeme — of Toronto as third in 1997, 2001

MCCUSKER, Brian — of Regina as third in 1991*

McEWEN, Mike — of Winnipeg as skip in 2013, '17; of West St. Paul, Manitoba, as skip in '21

MCHARGUE, Ken — of Cranbrook, British Columbia, as lead in 1991*



The 2013 Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials champions: (front row, from left) skip Jennifer Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen; (back row) skip Brad Jacobs, third Ryan Fry, second E.J. Harnden and lead Ryan Harnden.

McKENZIE, Don — of Edmonton as lead in 1987

MEAD, Jonathan — of Winnipeg as third in 1997, 2001, '05, '09, '13

MEAKIN, Rob — of Winnipeg as second in 1997, 2001

MELLOF, David — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as lead in 2001

MELNYK, Brendan — of Winnipeg as alternate in 2013

MERKLEY, Larry — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as alternate in 1991*, '97

MIDDAUGH, Wayne — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as second in 1991*; as third in '13; of Toronto as skip in 1997, 2001; of Coldwater, Ontario, as alternate in '05; of Toronto as skip in '09

MIKI, Bryan — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as second in 2001; as alternate in '05

MILLS, Ron — of Saskatoon as third in 1987

MITCHELL, Collin — of Toronto as second in 1997, '13

MITCHELL, Gary — of Moncton, New Brunswick, as skip in 1991*

MITTELSTADT, Kelly — of Halifax as lead in 2005

MOFFAT, Paul — of Calgary as lead in 2005

MORRIS, John — of Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, as skip in 2001; of Calgary in '05; of Edmonton as third in '09; of Vernon/Kelowna, British Columbia, as skip in '13, '17; of Calgary as second/vice-skip in '21

MOSKOWY, Braeden — of West St. Paul, Manitoba, as third in 2017

MOULDING, Darren — of Edmonton as third in 2017, '21

MUYRES, Dallan — of Saskatoon as lead in 2017

MUYRES, Kirk — of Saskatoon as second in 2017; of Regina as second in '21

NEDOHIN, David — of Edmonton as third (fourth stone) in 2001, '05, '09; as third in '13

NEUFELD, B.J. — of Winnipeg as third in 2013, '17; of Calgary in '21

NEUFELD, Denni — of Winnipeg as lead in 2013, '17; of Calgary as alternate in '21

NICHOLS, Mark — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as second (third stone) in 2005; of Winnipeg as lead in '13; of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as third in '17, '21

NICHOLS, Peter — of Winnipeg as second in 1997

NJEGOVAN, Connor — of Morris, Manitoba, as lead in 2021

ODISHAW, Grant — of Moncton, New Brunswick, as third in 1991*; as lead in 2001

ODISHAW, Terry — of Moncton, New Brunswick, as alternate in 1991*, 2001



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The men's and women's winners at the 2017 Roar of the Rings Trials in Ottawa. Back row, left to right, Kevin Koe, Marc Kennedy, Brent Laing and Ben Hebert; below, left to right, Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Joanne Courtney and Lisa Weagle.

OLSON, Mark — of Winnipeg as third in 1987
O'ROURKE, Mark — of Charlottetown as second in 1991*
OWCHAR, Jules — of Edmonton as alternate in 1991*, '97
PACKET, Jim — of Regina as alternate in 1991*
PARK, Kerry — of Edmonton as lead in 1997
PARK, Kevin — of Edmonton as third in 1991*; as skip in '97, 2001; of Winnipeg as third in '09
PARK, Scott — of Edmonton as alternate in 1997
PARK, Shane — of Edmonton as alternate in 2001
PARROTT, Gerry — of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, as alternate in 1991*
PATTERSON, Scott — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as second in 1997
PEACHEY, Jay — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as skip in 2005
PERRON, Rick — of Moncton, New Brunswick, as second in 1991*
PERROUD, Pat — of Toronto as second in 1997
PETERS, Vic — of Toronto as alternate in 1997
PETRYK, Dan — of Edmonton as second in 1991*
PFEIFER, Scott — of Edmonton as second in 2001, '05, '09; of Calgary as alternate in '17
PIERCE, Brent — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as third in 2001
QUALLY, Lorne — of Cranbrook, British Columbia, as alternate in 1991*
RAMCHARAN, Rudy — of Edmonton as second in 1997
RECKSIDLER, Kevin — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as second in 2005
REDDICK, Don — of Montreal as second in 1987, '91*
RESTALL, Howard — of Winnipeg as alternate in 1991*
RICHTER, Justin — of Winnipeg as third in 2009
ROCQUE, Marcel — of Edmonton as lead in 2001, '05, '09
ROGERS, Les — of Edmonton as third in 1997
RYAN, Jeff — of Winnipeg as third in 1997, 2001
RYAN, Pat — of Edmonton as skip in 1987; of Kelowna, British Columbia, in 2005
RYCROFT, Carter — of Edmonton as second in 2001, '05, '09; of Calgary as second in '13
SALLOWS, Tom — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as alternate in 2017

SAMAGALSKI, Derek — of West St. Paul, Manitoba, as second in 2017, '21
SAVAGE, Paul — of Toronto as third in 1987; as alternate in '97
SAVILL, Craig — of Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, as second in 2001; of Coldwater, Ontario, as lead in '05, '09; of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as lead in '13; of West St. Paul, Manitoba, as alternate in '17
SAWATSKY, Rick — of Vernon/Kelowna, British Columbia, as lead in 2005, '13; as alternate in '17
SCHNEIDER, Catlin — of Vernon/Kelowna, British Columbia, as second in 2017
SEMEN, Jerry — of Edmonton as second in 1997
SEXTON, Jamie — of Vancouver as lead in 1987
SHARP, Jeff — of Davidson, Saskatchewan, as second in 2009
SHYPITKA, Tom — of Cranbrook, British Columbia, as second in 1991*
SIMMONS, Pat — of Davidson, Saskatchewan, as skip in 2009; of Calgary as third in '13; of Saskatoon as alternate in '17
SKANES, Robert — of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, as second in 1991*
SMITH, David — of Winnipeg as skip in 1997
SMITH, Garth — of Winnipeg as alternate in 2013
SPARKES, Bernie — of Vancouver as skip in 1987
SPENCER, Jim — of Winnipeg as alternate in 2001
STAMBAUGH, Doug — of Edmonton as lead in 2001
STESKI, Pete — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as alternate in 2017
STOKES, Lionel — of Whitehorse as alternate in 1991*
STOUGHTON, Jeff — of Winnipeg as skip in 1991*, '97, 2001, '05, '09, '13
SVEISTRUP, Jody — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as lead in 2001
SYME, Brent — of Calgary as lead in 1987
TETLEY, Ian — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as second in 1987; of Toronto in '97, 2001
TETLEY, Ross — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as second in 1991*
THIESSEN, Brad — of Edmonton as second in 2017, '21
THIESSEN, Nolan — of Edmonton as lead in 2009; of Calgary as lead in '13
THOMAS, Charley — of Toronto as alternate in 2017
THOMAS, Jeff — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as alternate in 2021
TRALNBERG, Ken — of Edmonton as alternate in 2001
TRESOOR, Ken — of Winnipeg as second in 1991*; as third in '97
TURNER, Malcolm — of Montreal as third in 1987
TUTON, Craig — of Whitehorse as second in 1991*
URSEL, Bob — of Winnipeg as lead in 1987; of Kelowna, British Columbia, as third in 2001
VAN DEN BERGHE, Garry — of Winnipeg as lead in 1991*; as second in '97, 2001, '05
WALCHUK, Don — of Edmonton as second in 1987; as third in '97, 2001, '05
WALKER, Geoff — of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, as lead in 2017, '21
WALL, Trevor — of Toronto as alternate in 2009, '13
WALSH, Jim — of Halifax as third in 1991*
WERENICH, Ed — of Toronto as skip in 1987, '97
WHITTLE, Mark — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as second in 2001
WOYTOWICH, Randy — of Regina as skip in 1991*
WOZNIAK, Matt — of Winnipeg as second in 2013, '17; of Morris, Manitoba, as second in '21
XIDOS, George — of Halifax as lead in 1991*
ZAWADA, Braden — of Winnipeg as second in 2009
ZIOLA, Kirk — of Estevan, Saskatchewan, as skip in 1987
ZIOLA, Monte — of Vancouver as second in 1987

* THE 1991 BRIER TOOK THE PLACE OF A TRIALS COMPETITION, WITH THE WINNER REPRESENTING CANADA AT THE 1992 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

It's Halifax. It's the Trials. So you can be sure great, new memories will be made

BY AL CAMERON



TWENTY YEARS AGO, I arrived in Halifax as a curling journalist for the Calgary Herald, focused primarily on covering two teams.

On the men's side, it was a rapidly improving John Morris-skipped team that included Kevin Koe at vice, Marc Kennedy at second, and Ben Hebert at (wait for it) alternate. Lead rocks then were thrown by Paul Moffatt, one of the true nice guys of the sport, an underrated player who'd go on to skip the winning men's team at the 2019 Canadian Club Championships, and by any standard the best karaoke curler performer; he would have cleaned up at the Grand Slam of Karaoke events.

On the women's side, I was there to cover the team that went on to win it all — Team Shannon Kleibrink, featuring vice Amy Nixon, second Glenys Bakker, and lead Christine Keshen.

Such vivid memories come back as I reflect on that event, and the memories that were made afterward as Team Kleibrink went on to win Olympic bronze. Upon their return to Calgary shortly after winning the Trials, they followed up on a team promise, and I accompanied them to a local tattoo parlour, where they had the Olympic rings inscribed.

Two decades later we return to Halifax for the 2025 Montana's Canadian Curling Trials, presented by Connect Hearing, where, as was the case in 2005, a trip to Italy to represent Canada at the Winter Olympics will be on the line.

The same ... but oh so different, as we are certainly in a different era for curling.

For most curling fans, of course, the overwhelming memory of those 2005 Trials was the victory of Brad Gushue's team — a team that was lightly regarded entering the event, but after the addition of Russ Howard in the weeks leading up to the event, they became an instant contender.

Brad and his longtime teammate Mark Nichols will be in Halifax again, and yes, they'll be donning orange uniforms, just as they did in 2005.

But they'll be just two of the five (Koe, Kennedy and Hebert are the others) athletes who participated in 2005 who will be making a return trip to the 2025 Trials.

In many ways, the 2005 Trials seem like so long ago.

But in others they seem like yesterday — I can still hear Howard's jubilant "Lord Tunderin' Jesus!" bellowed in the media scrum after the final. And as I was watching the CBC feed of the women's final on the media bench, with Team Kleibrink down two with hammer coming home, I can still hear colour commentator Mike Harris say "three is definitely in play" after a pair of early misses from Team Kelly Scott.

He was right, and Kleibrink's on-ice celebration also is etched in my personal memory book forever.

So this week we are back in Halifax, with more memories to be made at the most competitive, tension-filled and anticipated event in Canadian curling.

The eight men's and eight women's teams that qualified have spent the past four years with this event in mind. They have sacrificed family time, work time, and down time to prepare for this week. They have spent countless hours away from the spotlight in gyms, with coaches, sport psychologists and nutritionists, looking for some kind of an edge that will make the difference — that millimetre of curl a winning team needs to make a shot that could turn them into Olympians.

Suffice it to say, the Trials are different in so many ways. I've seen grown men cry when they realize their Olympic dreams are over. I've seen skips ask their leads to take over shot-calling in the middle of a playoff game. Like I said, it's different, on and off the ice, and it's probably a good thing it happens only once every four years because I'm not sure I could take the accompanying tension on a yearly basis.

But it will produce worthy Olympians — of that, you can be sure. As always, there were tweaks made by my colleagues at Curling Canada in the qualifying process as well as the competition format. A best-of-three final will be used for the first time, and one can only imagine what the vibe will be like if there are third and deciding games to decide our champions.

It's Halifax. It's the Trials. And, just like 2005, it'll be special, and it will be a privilege to have been here in person. ☺

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