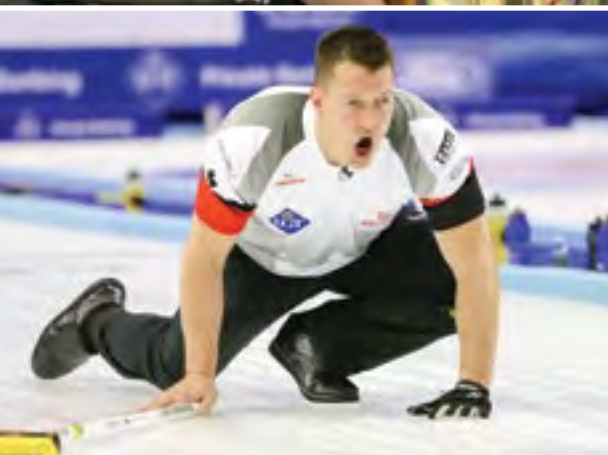


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A Q&A WITH CURLING CANADA'S **KATHERINE HENDERSON**

world stage across all disciplines — we had a world-best five podium finishes at international championships last season. Our broadcast audience remains healthy, and we have amazing corporate business partners whose loyalty and commitment to the sport are key elements in our plans going forward.

Also, we work closely with the likes of Sport Canada, Own the Podium, the Canadian Sport Institute Network, the Coaching Association of Canada, who all want to grow along with us. However, we can't rest on our laurels. Sport moves quickly and we need to continue to work on being a preferred sport that is relevant to all Canadians.

Q: You came into an organization that won three gold medals at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games. Obviously, 2018 is getting closer every day. Is it fair to expect Canadian teams to match that success or, with a fourth gold medal now available in mixed doubles, potentially surpass it?

A: Well, I must commend my colleagues and predecessor for setting the bar rather high! Isn't that what any sport wants? I know it's what our athletes and our fans wish for. Stepping onto the podium is an incredible achievement, and you can't comprehend the work that goes into that achievement. However, we're firmly committed to do this work with our athletes, coaches and high-performance partners. We will go to South Korea with gold in mind!

Q: Your speech at the National Curling Congress referred to the success stories of all 14 member associations during the 2015-16 curling season. Why is that an important theme to you?

A: We are incredibly proud of the work that is done in our provinces and territories every day to build our sport. My colleagues with our member associations and the communities that they serve deserve

recognition for the work that they do, the athletes they support, and the passion and professionalism they bring to the sport that make Canada such a great curling nation. The challenge of making that speech was keeping it to a reasonable length because there was so much positive material to work with!

Q: Give us a sense of your priorities as chief executive officer of Curling Canada, both for the coming season and over the long haul.

A: Plain and simple: we want to bring more curling to more people — open the game up to people who haven't been exposed to it and show them why it's great and why it will be great for their whole lives.

I'll listen to the people who know curling well and find out where they would like to see it go. We'll continue to deliver world-class events and we'll support our athletes across all disciplines and divisions all the way to the top of the podium. We'll be a strong resource to clubs to help them stay healthy and vibrant in their communities. We'll continue to develop our youth feeder program, with the first Canadian Under-18 Boys and Girls Curling Championships next April in Moncton being a key element.

In the long run, we want to be healthy in every sense of the word — sending the message that curling is a healthy lifestyle sport, showing healthy growth in membership, financial health, growing a great brand and, most of all, preserving and sharing the great passion that curlers have for our sport.

Q: We know you did some curling growing up in Thunder Bay. Did we hear correctly that you've got some curling lessons on the horizon?

A: I can confirm those rumours! At this stage, out of respect for the sport, we'll keep those lessons behind closed doors! But, yes, I'm looking forward to making my long-awaited curling comeback!

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A NATIVE OF LONDON, ONTARIO, PETER INCH takes over as chair of Curling Canada's board of governors — a role he's prepared for over the years through countless volunteer hours devoted to the sport of curling.

Before being elected to the board at the 2013 National Curling Congress in Ottawa, Inch worked tirelessly on behalf of the sport, helping to organize numerous championships in his hometown.

He was the host committee chair for the 2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts and the 2011 Tim Hortons Brier, the latter bringing the honour of a 2011 Prestige Award as the Canadian Sports Event of the Year.

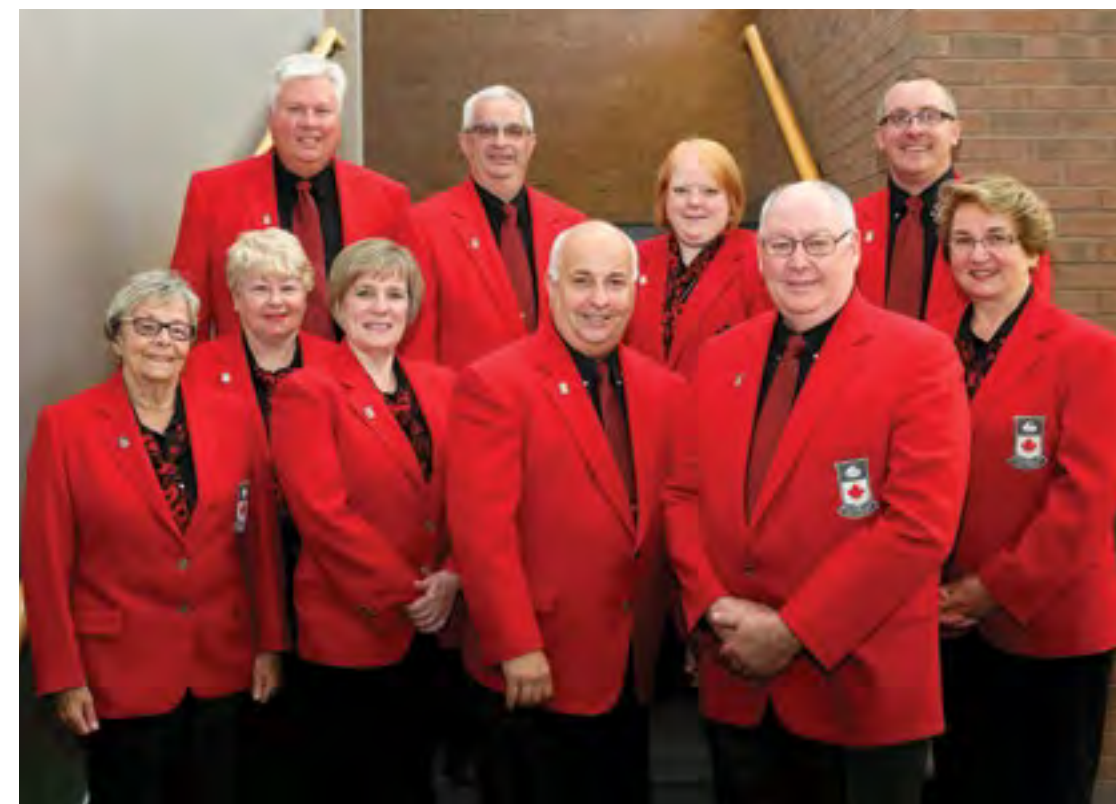
He also served as chair of the 2002 Canadian Senior Men's and Women's Curling Championships host committee in nearby St. Thomas, and was director of ceremonies for the 1994 Ontario Men's

Curling Championship and the 1997 Ontario Intermediate Curling Championship in St. Thomas.

Inch's hard work has earned him a number of civic awards. In 2014, he was given a lifetime membership at the St. Thomas Curling Club. In 2011, he was named Sports Person of the Year in London and in 2007, he was named to the Mayor of London New Year's Honours List for Outstanding Contributions to Sports in the City of London.

In addition to his duties as vice-chair last season, Inch was chair of both the Governance Review and the Events Review committees and was Curling Canada's representative at the Canadian Olympic Committee and international representative for the World Curling Federation meetings.

Inch will be inducted into the Governor General's Curling Club in November 2016.



The 2016-17 Curling Canada board of governors: (front row, from left) Shirley Osborne, Cathy Hughes, Maureen Miller, Peter Inch, Resby Coutts and Lena West; (back row) John Shea, Ron Hutton, Angela Hodgson and Scott Comfort.

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By Con Griwkowsky

won the first Slam in September to kick-start the year. From then on, we could tell we were much better. Every event we went into, we thought we had a good chance of winning.”

Ottawa 2016 was Koe’s third straight Brier appearance and second win in three starts. He skipped Alberta to its 27th Brier title, beating Newfoundland and Labrador’s Brad Gushue in the final to give his adopted province a tie with Manitoba in all-time wins.

Now comes the scary part, at least for all of the teams that are going to be facing Team Canada in the 2017 Brier in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador.

“We’ve been getting better and I think we still have a ways to go,” said Koe. “We’re still improving.”

Not many skips can claim to have won two world championships with different lineups, but Koe belongs to that exclusive club six campaigns after his first world championship in 2010.

“That first worlds was special, but it was nice to get back and follow it up and prove it wasn’t a fluke,” said Koe, who won his first world title in the same year Kennedy and Hebert were winning Olympic gold. “To win it more than once is pretty special. I’ve been fortunate to play with some really good players.”

The worlds and Brier are tough events to win, Koe said, and “once you do, you can look back on them and it’s pretty satisfying.”



PHOTO: WORLD CURLING FEDERATION/RICHARD GRAY

The usually cool and reserved Kevin Koe is pumped after serving up a missile to run Denmark out of rocks in the 10th end to win the world title. Not many skips can claim to have won two world championships with different lineups, but Koe belongs to that exclusive club six campaigns after his first in 2010.

TEAM KOE HITS

ITS STRIDE

THERE ARE FEW CURLING TEAMS WHOSE members can boast that they’re the best in the world in only their second year together.

Kevin Koe’s team can.

After Koe won the 2014 Tim Hortons Brier in Kamloops, British Columbia, he knew his second, Carter Rycroft, was set to retire and that his lineup would have to be different for the next go-round, the start of a new Olympic quadrennial.

After the Brier win, Koe turned down a chance to skip the first-ever Team Canada at the 2015 Brier so he could start the next season with a new team. Despite controversy over the timing of the news, Koe remained convinced it was the only way to move forward.

His new supporting cast had a pedigree of former Olympic and world champions. Third Marc Kennedy and lead Ben Hebert had been part of the

powerhouse Kevin Martin rink. Second Brent Laing had played under Glenn Howard.

“For sure, we had high expectations for our team when we put it together,” said Koe. “It takes a while to figure everything out and how you’re going to play. We came from three different teams and had different ways of doing things. It took some time to find our own style.”

It’s easy to summarize how it all played out. After a sub-par 2015 Brier in its hometown, the Calgary-Glencoe Club crew hit the ground running the following fall.

“It was an awesome year,” said Koe. “We picked the events we wanted to peak for and win — the Canada Cup, the provincials and the Brier. We won them all, so there’s not much more you can say about how the year went. Unbelievable.

“We had a pretty good idea early on when we

World champions Team Canada and family members, together with their Curling Canada support system, celebrate victory at the 2016 World Men’s Curling Championship in Basel, Switzerland. Skip Kevin Koe, vice-skip Marc Kennedy, second Brent Laing and lead Ben Hebert gave Canada its first gold medal since 2012 and 35th overall.



PHOTO: WORLD CURLING FEDERATION/RICHARD GRAY

Team Canada coach John Dunn goes in for a hug with newly crowned world champions Marc Kennedy and Ben Hebert as Kevin Koe waits his turn. Dunn has played an important role in creating team chemistry, says Koe. “He’s great for this team; he’s helped pull us together in the same direction. He deserves a lot of credit for this past year and he’s an important part of this team.”



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After a disappointing first year together, Alberta's Kevin Koe, Marc Kennedy, Brent Laing and Ben Hebert hit the ground running in 2016, including a gold-medal performance at the Tim Hortons Brier in Ottawa. "It was an awesome year," said Koe. "We picked the events we wanted to peak for and win.... We won them all, so there's not much more you can say about how the year went. Unbelievable."

Winning the 2015 Home Hardware Canada Cup in Grande Prairie, Alberta, relieved the pressure of worrying about qualifying for the 2017 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings in Ottawa, where Canada's four-player teams for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games will be decided.

"Now we don't have to focus on chasing points this year," said Koe. "It's still an important year for us and we want to make sure we continue to improve. I've kind of won everything else as far as Briers and a couple of worlds. To get to an Olympics would be pretty cool, let alone win it. For sure, that's the long-term goal. Obviously, it's a big event to win."



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A win for Team Koe at the 2015 Home Hardware Canada Cup earned the Calgary foursome the highly coveted first entry into the 2017 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials in Ottawa. "The most important thing was getting the Olympic trials spot," said vice-skip Marc Kennedy. "That was huge."

Still, it's important not to look too far ahead.

"This year is important, too," Koe said. "We've got another Brier and continue to get better but for sure the trials will come up fast."

Koe's long-term relationship with team coach John Dunn, a sports psychologist at the University of Alberta, will continue as the trials draw closer.

"He's helped us a lot," said Koe. "He's a great coach and has a lot of experience with other sports. He's great for this team; he's helped pull us together in the same direction. He deserves a lot of credit for this past year and he's an important part of this team."

Even though Koe would not reveal how Dunn managed to herd the cats — it's a trade secret — Kennedy agreed that Dunn has played an important role in creating team chemistry.

"He's been a huge part of this team," said Kennedy. The talent was there; it was just a matter of putting it together, he said.

"The most important thing was getting the Olympic trials spot," said Kennedy. "That was huge. From a team perspective, the biggest accomplishment was learning how to win."

They were a group of individuals who had won more than their share but building a new cohesive team that knew how to win took some time.

"It's something we didn't do very well our first season," said Kennedy. "We got over the hump and started to feel real comfortable in those high-pressure situations. That's something that takes a while to do as a team and we were able to do it quite a few times this past season. That's going to bode well for us in the future."

Kennedy would like nothing better than to help Koe and Laing get a taste of the Olympic experience he and Hebert have already enjoyed.

"That's a big motivator for Ben and me, just to see our teammates get to the Olympics as well as for Ben and I to get back. It was an experience of a lifetime and we'd love to have another taste of it."

"We're one step closer and now it's a matter of putting in the effort and hopefully put in a great week. You can't put too much pressure on that one week of curling because anything can happen. You might not win and that's okay."

"We have a season to just play and get better. I know we want to get to the Olympics, but we're not putting all of our eggs in that one basket. There are just too many good teams. We really enjoyed winning the Brier and the worlds and we're going to try to get to some more big events and enjoy the wins as a team."

"It's so hard to win events in Canada. So we're going to enjoy it as much as we can."

Con Griwkowsky has covered curling for the Edmonton Sun since 1986



ON THE ROCKS

BY AL CAMERON

THERE WAS A GAP THAT NEEDED FILLING AND, AS OF next April in Moncton, New Brunswick, that gap will exist no longer.

Curling Canada announced during the summer that it will stage the first Canadian Under-18 Boys and Girls Curling Championships April 18 to 22. The event, which features representatives of both genders aged 17 and under as of June 30, 2016, from all 14 Curling Canada member associations, will be co-hosted by Curl Moncton and the Superior Propane Centre.

The creation of a formal national championship for curlers under the age of 18 has been on Curling Canada's radar for many years — not just as another event to showcase the sport of curling in our country, but to eliminate what has been a gap in our system to develop young curlers.

That gap may not be noticeable to the naked eye; our junior teams continue to thrive at the international level. Last season, for instance, Nova Scotia's Mary Fay skipped Canada to gold at the world juniors in Tårnby, Denmark, and the Canadian mixed team to gold at the Youth Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway, while Manitoba's Matt Dunstone piloted the Canadian men to a bronze medal in Tårnby. A year earlier, Canada swept the world junior gold medals.

Both the Canadian juniors and world juniors are under-21 competitions, and the eligibility rule reads that you can't have turned 21 until after June 30 of the year before the competition, which means that a good many of the competitors are, in fact, 21 — young adults, for all intents and purposes.

For developing curlers in their early-to-mid teens who aspire to competition at the national and international levels, that's an awfully long time to wait to test your game against your peers.

Now, it's worth noting that age isn't always the best barometer to gauge who will thrive under the spotlight of championship curling.

At the 2016 Canadian juniors in Stratford, Ontario, both of the skips in the women's final — Fay and British Columbia's Sarah Daniels — and all four members of the men's silver-medal-winning Northern Ontario team skipped by Tanner Horgan would have been eligible to compete in an under-18 championship if one had existed last season.

But by and large, it's a given that older, more experienced

teams will have an advantage over younger teams, and that being competitive against your age-group peers will give you more confidence than being on the receiving end of constant drubbings at the hands of older teams.

That's one of the foundations on which Curling Canada's Long Term Athlete Development model is based.

"When we became engaged in the comprehensive process of developing and implementing our LTAD, which was focused on ensuring that curling had a well-thought-out pathway that led from the playground to the podium, it became apparent that we were missing a key component," said Gerry Peckham, Curling Canada's director of high performance, "that key stepping stone being a national championship for the most critical age and stage of our LTAD — athletes under 18."

"We're delighted to finally be able to provide an age-stage appropriate competition to add additional motivation to an aspiring community of young, talented curling athletes."

At this stage, there are no world under-18 curling championships, but informal discussions have taken place at the world level, and it follows a path blazed by many other world team-sport federations that already hold under-18 (or younger) championships, including hockey, basketball, baseball, soccer, water polo and volleyball.

While Curling Canada had been interested in the concept of national under-18 championships, resources to operate such an event simply weren't available. But an anonymous \$2 million grant to the Curling Canada Foundation in 2015, with the funds targeted specifically to developing youth curling, was a game-changer that got the wheels in motion to create the championships.

It also opened the door for Curling Canada to hire Helen Radford as its manager of program development for youth curling. Radford already had an extensive resumé as a coach, player and administrator — she's also a national team consultant for Curling Canada — and was an ideal fit to work with Canada's youth feeder system.

"Helen is the ideal leader for this exciting and critical national initiative," said Peckham. "She brings a combination of passion, professionalism and know-how and is therefore just what the program needs — a champion!"

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

FORD HOT SHOTS

THE FORD HOT SHOTS CELEBRATED ITS 22ND SEASON AT the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts and Tim Hortons Brier.

When the Ford Motor Co. of Canada became part of international curling in 1995 as title sponsor of the Ford World Curling Championships, it introduced an opportunity for Hearts and Brier curlers to participate in individual skills competitions known as the Ford Hot Shots.

Points curling has long been part of the game in most corners of the curling world. While some countries have individual curling competitions, Ford Hot Shots is the first skills competition at major curling events that pits the abilities of championship curlers against one another's.

In each round of competition, each curler delivers six skill-testing shots — hit and stay, draw the button, draw the port, the raise, hit and roll and double takeout.



Ford of Canada's Mike Herniak congratulates Brier Hot Shots winner Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador on winning a two-year lease on a 2016 Ford Edge Sport SUV. Gushue outscored Manitoba's Denni Neufeld 26-23 in the final.

FORD HOT SHOTS RESULTS

Scotties Tournament Of Hearts

Preliminary round (top eight advance)

Jenn Brine, Nova Scotia	24
Jennifer Jones, Team Canada	24
Marie-France Larouche, Quebec	24
Robyn Green, Prince Edward Island	24
Selena Kaatz, Manitoba	24
Marie Christianson, Prince Edward Island	23
Sarah Murphy, Nova Scotia	23
Blisse Joyce, Nova Scotia	22

Quarter-finals (top four advance)

Jennifer Jones, Team Canada	27
Blisse Joyce, Nova Scotia	20
Robyn Green, Prince Edward Island	20
Marie Christianson, Prince Edward Island	18
Jenn Brine, Nova Scotia	17
Sarah Murphy, Nova Scotia	16
Selena Kaatz, Manitoba	16
Marie-France Larouche, Quebec	14

Semifinals (top two advance)

Robyn Green, Prince Edward Island	25
Jennifer Jones, Team Canada	22†
Marie Christianson, Prince Edward Island	22*
Blisse Joyce, Nova Scotia	14

Final

Jennifer Jones, Team Canada	29
Robyn Green, Prince Edward Island	13

† Jones defeated Christianson in a tiebreaking draw to the button to earn a berth in the final

* Third place

Tim Hortons Brier

Preliminary round (top eight advance)

Brett Gallant, Newfoundland/Labrador	27
Scott Jones, New Brunswick	26
Brad Jacobs, Northern Ontario	26
Mike McEwen, Manitoba	26
Brad Gushue, Newfoundland/Labrador	25
Mike Kennedy, New Brunswick	25
Denni Neufeld, Manitoba	25
E.J. Harnden, Northern Ontario	25

Quarter-finals (top four advance)

Brad Gushue, Newfoundland/Labrador	26
Denni Neufeld, Manitoba	26
Scott Jones, New Brunswick	26
Mike McEwen, Manitoba	24
Mike Kennedy, New Brunswick	23
E.J. Harnden, Northern Ontario	21
Brad Jacobs, Northern Ontario	21
Brett Gallant, Newfoundland/Labrador	20

Semifinals (top two advance)

Brad Gushue, Newfoundland/Labrador	25
Denni Neufeld, Manitoba	25
Mike McEwen, Manitoba	21*
Scott Jones, New Brunswick	18

Final

Brad Gushue, Newfoundland/Labrador	26
Denni Neufeld, Manitoba	23

* Third place

Each shot is worth a maximum five points, with the final location of the shooter being valued as follows: button — 5 points, four-foot circle — 4 points, eight-foot circle — 3 points, 12-foot circle — 2 points. On each shot a single point is awarded if the shot has been missed on the professional side or is deemed to have provided some sort of positive result.

The 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts and Tim Hortons Brier Hot Shots winners were awarded two-year leases on a 2016 Ford Edge Sport SUV, each with a retail value of approximately \$49,789 MSRP. Runners-up received \$2,000 and third-place finishers were awarded \$1,000.

FORD HOT SHOTS HONOUR ROLL

Scotties Tournament Of Hearts

2016	Jennifer Jones	Team Canada
2015	Heather Strong	N.L.
2014	Heather Strong	N.L.
2013	Rachel Homan	Ontario
2012	Kerry Galusha	N.W.T./Yukon
2011	Jennifer Jones	Team Canada
2010	Amber Holland	Saskatchewan
2009	Cheryl Bernard	Alberta
2008	Jill Officer	Manitoba
2007	Kelli Turpin	N.W.T./Yukon
2006	Colleen Jones	Nova Scotia
2005	Jenn Hanna	Ontario
2004	Andrea Lawes	Ontario
2003	Suzanne Gaudet	P.E.I.
2002	Kristy Lewis	British Columbia
2001	Kelley Law	Team Canada
2000	Kelley Law	British Columbia
1999	Marcy Balderston	Alberta
1998	Allison Franey	New Brunswick
1997	Sherry Fraser	British Columbia
1996	Gerri Cooke	Manitoba
1995	Kay Montgomery	Saskatchewan

Tim Hortons Brier

2016	Brad Gushue	N.L.
2015	Colin Hodgson	Manitoba
2014	Kirk Muyres	Saskatchewan
2013	Marc Kennedy	Alberta
2012	Wayne Middaugh	Ontario
2011	Richard Hart	Ontario
2010	Glenn Howard	Ontario
2009	Craig Savill	Ontario
2008	Steve Laycock	Saskatchewan
2007	John Morris	Alberta
2006	Steve Gould	Manitoba
2005	Mark Nichols	N.L.
2004	Randy Ferbey	Alberta
2003	Marc LeCocq	New Brunswick
2002	Pat Ryan	British Columbia
2001	Jeff Lacey	New Brunswick
2000	Don Bartlett	Alberta
1999	Steve Gould	Manitoba
1998	Greg McAulay	British Columbia
1997	Mike Coulter	Northern Ontario
1996	Rick Perron	New Brunswick
1995	Ed Werenich	Ontario



Team Canada's Jennifer Jones accepts the keys to a new Ford Edge Sport SUV from Ford of Canada's Gerald Wood after handily defeating Prince Edward Island's Robyn Green 29-13 in the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts Hot Shots final. Ford Hot Shots pits the abilities of championship curlers against one another's in individual skills competitions.



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LET'S GET MORE KIDS CURLING!

New donor-funded program
builds on the success of
Rocks & Rings

"BEFORE CHRISTMAS, WE HAD 12 LITTLE Rock curlers," says Bev McCormick, manager of the Cornwall Curling Club in Prince Edward Island. "Within days of running this new program, we had 30 registered!"

That membership explosion in the Cornwall Curling Club's junior curling program was thanks to a Curling Canada program that helps connect schools, kids and curling clubs in Atlantic Canada.

Curling Canada's Rocks & Rings program has been very successful at introducing kids to curling. But Curling Canada wants to get even more kids to try curling on ice and experience a club. Meet Rocks & Rings' new sister program, Curling 101!

Curling 101 is a one-hour on-ice session created by Rock Solid Productions, with help from Curling Canada, and run by local curling clubs to get more kids throwing their first rocks on ice. All children who participated in the Rocks & Rings program got a flyer telling them about the special Curling 101 program at a local club.

Before now these programs weren't available in Atlantic Canada because of tight school budgets and the cost of bringing Rocks & Rings to communities.

But thanks to donors across the country — and a grant from The Daryl K. Seaman Foundation — hundreds of people got to try curling on ice for the first time! Curling 101 sessions held in curling clubs in Atlantic Canada attracted 468 people, including 307 children.

The foundation was created in memory of legendary Calgary philanthropist Daryl Seaman to help fund new initiatives that will encourage young people to learn about, enjoy and play amateur sport of all kinds, as well as those that increase equal access and promote participation in community-based amateur sport. With support from this grant, Curling Canada also provided bursaries to 30 children who needed financial help to join a Little Rock program.

Thanks to funding from a generous new donor, this project will expand to 125 clubs during the next five years and we can't wait to welcome thousands of new curlers into the curling family!



Thanks to Curling IOI, a new one-hour on-ice curling session, more kids will have the opportunity to throw their first rocks on ice.

With the help of curlers and donors, Curling Canada is revolutionizing the way it gets kids into the sport by creating a new multi-step program that will draw in and keep more kids in curling. Working with all of the provincial associations and with curlers like you, it will:

- Introduce more kids to curling through school-based and community-based Rocks & Rings programs
- Get children and families to attend a Curling IOI session and gain the real community experience of curling
- Create a national Learn-to-Curl program with new skills, games and teaching tools
- Create more opportunities for young people to grow through competition, including inter-club leagues and the new Canadian Under-18 Curling Championship, which will take place in Moncton, New Brunswick, in April 2017



World Curling Federation vice-president Hugh Millikin (in blue shirt with his back to the camera) addresses participants at The Sweeping Summit in Kemptville, Ontario. With a clear mandate to look hard at bringing in rules governing broom heads as well as sweeping techniques, organizers set out to scientifically show conclusively that new materials were indeed scratching the playing surface, damaging it and allowing for major rock manipulations.

BRUSHING ASIDE

THE CONTROVERSY

By Don Landry

BACK TO NORMAL.

That's where the sport of curling should find itself in 2016-17 after a year in which the headlines were dominated by new technologies and materials, fuelled by frustration that left many observers uncertain as to where the game was headed, even if they were certain about where it should *not* go.

After a season during which sweepers' abilities to manoeuvre a rock down the ice exploded exponentially — changing the game's focus immensely — the World Curling Federation has taken steps to ensure that the sport revert to the one it had traditionally been before last year's upheaval.

It will once again be a sport that relies heavily on the abilities of shooters to throw good weight, on target,

and on the fitness and strength of the sweepers who are guiding the stone. It will not be one that relies on broom heads that scratch the ice in order to alter a rock's trajectory in dramatic fashion.

New regulations governing the materials and construction of broom heads for use in most if not all elite-level competitions this season were adopted following the WCF's annual congress in September. Curling Canada revised its own sweeping/broom-head moratorium to be in line with the WCF guidelines.

Returning the game to its rightful station took a lot of hard work by some of the world's top players as well as vital input and co-operation from organizers, manufacturers and fans from all over the planet. It took some pretty serious science too.



Dr. Louis Poirier of the National Research Council of Canada records sweeping data from a specialized broom with measuring sensors used by curler and Curling Canada consultant Nolan Thiessen. Poirier, far right, analyzes data gathered from a series of sweeping tests conducted at the North Grenville Curling Club.



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They called it The Sweeping Summit.

"Almost unanimously, curlers and fans said what they saw last year wasn't acceptable," said Graham Prouse, WCF vice-president of the Americas, explaining why the summit — convened last May at the North Grenville Curling Club in Kemptville, Ontario — was called.

Eleven of the top players in the world took part, including skips Brad Gushue and Niklas Edin and sweepers Ben Hebert, Marc Kennedy, Emma Miskew and Nolan Thiessen.

"We wanted to make sure that we had an eminent group and that the results of the summit couldn't be questioned based on who was or wasn't there," said Prouse, satisfied that the summit brought together a diverse group of invested participants, including players with ties to major equipment manufacturers such as BalancePlus, Goldline and Hardline Curling.

With a clear mandate to look hard at bringing in rules governing broom heads as well as sweeping techniques if necessary, organizers set out to scientifically show conclusively that new materials were indeed scratching the playing surface, damaging it and allowing for major rock manipulations.

"They got the data they needed," Prouse said, "which then allowed us to move where we were trying to get to, which was to find combinations of materials and constructions that wouldn't have that (scratching) effect."

Getting the necessary data meant enlisting some scientific services from outside the world of curling. Organizers brought in experts from the National Research Council of Canada to conduct the tests. Miskew, for one, was impressed with the work they did.

"They were very meticulous with everything they were collecting and it was quite a process," she said. "We couldn't stand in certain spots because they had lasers coming out.... It was crazy how much they had set up at this thing. They really did their due diligence in making sure that all the information would be gathered and provided so that there were no question marks at the end."

That meant being insistent on getting measurements for every type of material that was used, even the obviously more aggressive types. Miskew recalls the players being surprised when researchers asked for more shots and more sweeping.

"It was one of the very obvious fabrics that was not going to pass," she said. "The players were like: 'But we just saw, clearly....' And they were like 'Well, we need all the data.'"

While the material used on broom heads was a major focus of the summit, it was not the only thing to come under the watchful eyes of those scientists with their lasers and sensors. While the broom-head controversies were raging last season, there was a fairly strong lobby concerned that sweeping techniques were just as much

a part of the problem. If all players were forced to sweep at 90 degrees to the path of the rock, they argued, it wouldn't matter what type of material was being used. Prouse said that was proven wrong.

"Turns out that with devices capable of making the scratching effect, if you swept at 90 degrees, you could actually slow the stone down," he said.

That obviously was not acceptable. So players then tried to affect a rock's path using brooms equipped with materials that were not able to scratch the ice.

"They tried every technique they could think of," said Prouse. "They tried snowplowing, they tried corner sweeping. They tried everything they could to have some kind of either a directional effect or some kind of undesired effect on the stones and they couldn't. So, basically, it came down to it really doesn't matter how you sweep if you've got the right construction and material in the brush."

Edin, who had been quite open to a sweeping-technique crackdown before the summit, agreed with Prouse. As the testing played out, it was obvious that materials were key.

"As we went along and we found some of the materials that were not making a rock fall or not doing any scratches on the ice surface, then I don't think it was as important anymore to regulate the techniques because no matter what technique you used you didn't make that big a difference," said Edin.

"I think it was pretty obvious how to go forward. It was only just one really good solution for the players, at least."

Thiessen, who joined Curling Canada this past off-season as a consultant, was satisfied with the process and with the outcome.

"I think, in the end, I like the one-fabric solution and that everybody's playing with the same thing," he said. "Like in racing, where everyone has the same tires. So, in the end, it's who does it best. If everyone's got the same broom in their hands, it's who uses it the best. Who's the strongest? Who judges it the best, not who saved a sharp (fresh broom head) so that when they really needed it they could make something funny happen?"

With the science done and new broom-head regulations in place, curlers are looking forward to once again playing the kind of game they'd known their entire playing careers before last season's turbulence.

"I'm pretty confident we've got the main part of all that behind us," said Edin.

"I'm anxious to get on the ice and see what we're working with this season," said Miskew.

The wild-west era of brooms, short as it was, is over.

That's thanks, in part, to a summit that did far more than scratch the surface when it came to investigating materials that did just that.

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ANOTHER CANADIAN TITLE

Months after achieving a life-long dream, Chelsea Carey still has to pinch herself.

During a visit to her family home in Winnipeg in May, the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion was admiring a picture at her parents' house of

the 1992 Labatt Brier Canadian men's championship team skipped by Vic Peters, with her father, Dan Carey, at third. It was something she had done many times since she was a little girl.

"I was looking up at this picture thinking, 'Man, that's such an incredible thing to have won,' and then I had to pause and go, 'Wait a minute, I did that too!'" she said.



FOR THE CAREY FAMILY

It was a dream come true for Calgary's Chelsea Carey after drawing the full eight-foot with her last shot to edge Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville 7-6 to win the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts title. "To be Team Alberta in Alberta was a really special experience," said Carey. "We were blown away by the support in Grande Prairie."

Carey and her Calgary rink of Amy Nixon, Jocelyn Peterman and Laine Peters rallied with two late three-enders to upset defending Alberta champion Val Sweeting in the provincial final, and then captured the Canadian women's title by winning the Page 1-2 playoff game over five-time national champ Jennifer Jones and the sudden-death final after going 9-2 in the round robin.

"To be Team Alberta in Alberta was a really special experience," said Carey. "We were blown away by the support in Grande Prairie. Anything we did — you'd make a wide-open hit and the crowd would go nuts. That's the kind of experience you dream about."

Carey had to draw only the full eight-foot with her last shot to edge Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville 7-6 in the Hearts final.

"I don't think it matters what you have to throw to win a Canadian championship," she said. "You're going to be losing your mind, for sure. If it's a hit, it's a little easier; you don't have to control that adrenalin as much. You kinda just fire out and your kick speed is not quite so crucial. But on a draw it's tough."

The 32-year-old passionate sports fan had just thrown a draw to the four-foot with her first shot of the 10th end, which undoubtedly helped calm the nerves as she settled in to throw the potential game-winner.

"That was really helpful for me and for the sweepers

as far as judging because it was a little bit tracky at that point of the game," she said. "But certainly, I was taking lots of deep breaths. I called a time-out from the hack, if I recall correctly, because I wanted to take some time and make sure I got my heart rate down enough that I could throw it."

Carey's first thought afterward was to find her dad in the stands, but it wasn't until a TSN cameraman prompted her that she hopped up on the boards and leaned halfway over the stair railing to give Dan a hug.

"It was probably my favourite moment of the whole thing," she said.

The whirlwind of activity that followed was overwhelming for the first-time Canadian champion.

"It's incredible how much there is to do and how little time you have to do it before the worlds. And then you have to go and peak again. The way it is in Canada, you have to peak at the provincials and you have to peak at the Scotties and you have to peak again at the worlds, and they're all within a month and a half of each other. It's an overwhelming and exhausting experience, for sure, but in the greatest possible way."

Alberta's Jocelyn Peterman, Amy Nixon, Chelsea Carey and Laine Peters captured the Canadian women's title by winning the Page 1-2 playoff game 7-5 over five-time national champion Jennifer Jones and the sudden-death gold-medal match after going 9-2 in the round robin.

Canada posted an 8-3 round-robin record at the world women's, but had to win its final game to make the playoffs. Skip Chelsea Carey felt really good about her team's ability to bounce back from losses, winning the next game each time until she dropped both the Page 3-4 and bronze-medal contests to Russia's Anna Sidorova.



Home-crowd favourites, members of Team Canada wave to their fans during round-robin play at the world women's in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. Finishing out of the medals means the foursome will have to find another way to qualify for the Canadian Curling Trials.

Canada posted an 8-3 round-robin record in the Ford World Women's Curling Championship, but had to win its final game to make the playoffs. Carey felt really good about her team's ability to bounce back from losses, winning the next game each time until she dropped both the Page 3-4 and bronze-medal contests to Russia's Anna Sidorova.

"Unfortunately, we didn't get the medal to show for it," Carey said about the resiliency and grit her team displayed in the worlds.

No medal meant Carey's team didn't qualify for the 2017 Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials. Jones instead received the berth based on her CTRS points total.

"We're hopeful we'll get into the trials anyway," said Carey. "We can still qualify by points and all that kind of stuff (including winning the 2016 Canada Cup)."

If Peterman, Carey's second, had been listening to the interview at that point, she might have said: "You got it, Chels. Trust it." That comment became part of Carey's pre-shot routine after missing a key shot early last season and it proved to be an annoyance to TV viewers during the world championship.

"I only said it to Chelsea," explained Peterman. "I didn't say it every time, but in the scenarios that she requested it to be said. It was something Chelsea needed to hear and it was obviously working for her, so I wasn't going to complain."

Peterman didn't know if Carey would want the same type of encouragement during the 2016-17 season, but added: "I'll say whatever she wants, though."

Year 2 for the team started with Carey landing a job as a territory account manager with Simmons Canada, Ltd., and comfortably settling in Calgary, where her sister, Sam, lives. The team won its first bonspiel in Hokkaido, Japan, in August and is already assured of playing in the Home Hardware Canada Cup in December and the World Financial Group Continental Cup in January, as well as the 2017 Hearts in St. Catharines, Ontario, as Team Canada.

Last season, the team had to find a new skip after Heather Nedohin quit to spend more time with her family. Carey, who had moved to Edmonton in 2014, was asked to join the Calgary-based rink less than two weeks after her former teammates of one season replaced her with two-time world junior champion Kelsey Rocque.

"I was surprised to get the call (from Calgary) but I'm really happy and it's worked out very well," said Carey, who went 3-0 against Rocque last season. "Certainly, I didn't expect to have an option like that with all the experience and the history of championships and winning that all three of those girls have. It made it a pretty easy decision for me."

Nixon and Peters won a bronze medal with Nedohin at the 2012 worlds, while Peterman was the national junior champ that same year. Nixon also has a bronze medal from the 2006 Olympic Winter Games, while Peters was the fifth player on four of Colleen Jones's Canadian championship teams.

"Obviously, with a new skip, we loaded our schedule pretty heavy in the first half of the season just to get used to Chelsea," said Peterman, who also won the Canadian mixed doubles title last season with Brett Gallant. "So the first half of the season was fairly up and down. We had some really great weekends and some really bad weekends."

"We kind of figured things out at the right time — right before provincials — and got in a good groove. Obviously, since then, it's kind of been a little bit of a fairy tale."



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The 2015 Canada Cup champions: from left, skip Kevin Koe, third Marc Kennedy, second Brent Laing and lead Ben Hebert. Koe executed a dramatic skinny double takeout to score a crushing three in the ninth end to finish off reigning champion Mike McEwen 7-3.

It was no big secret that Kevin Koe's Calgary team started out with all of the physical tools to be one of the best — if not THE best — in the world.

So some eyebrows were raised when the quartet of Koe, Marc Kennedy, Brent Laing and Ben Hebert suffered through some valleys as well as peaks during the 2014-15 season. That led to some tinkering going into the new season — Kennedy took over at vice-skip from Laing, holding the broom for Koe's shots.

The results presented by Team Koe at the 2015 Home Hardware Canada Cup at Revolution Place in Grande Prairie, Alberta, were

compelling, to say the least.

Not only did Koe and Co. put together a dominating performance en route to the championship, they made a statement to the rest of the world that the team is built for success.

In addition to winning the Canada Cup trophy, the team collected \$21,500 in prize money, a trip to Las Vegas to be part of Team North America for the 2016 World



Matt Wozniak, left, and Denni Neufeld jump on Mike McEwen's rock in final-game action. The Winnipeggers were in tough against a near-perfect Team Kevin Koe.

MEN'S FINAL

Mike McEwen	000 101 010 X	3
Kevin Koe	*100 020 103 X	7

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Team McEwen		Team Koe	
Mike McEwen	87%	Kevin Koe	92%
B.J. Neufeld	83%	Marc Kennedy	90%
Matt Wozniak	89%	Brent Laing	93%
Denni Neufeld	82%	Ben Hebert	86%
Team totals	85%	Team totals	90%

SEMIFINAL

John Epping	010 020 010 20	6
Kevin Koe	*200 100 201 01	7

TIEBREAKER

John Epping	*202 001 001 1	7
Pat Simmons	020 020 010 0	5

FINAL STANDINGS

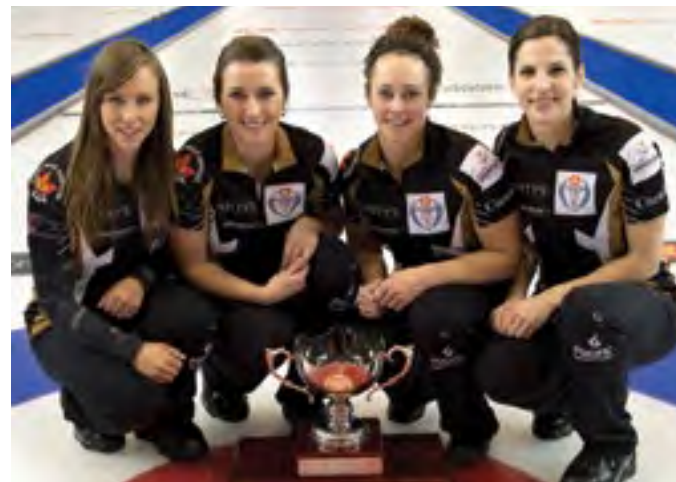
Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Kevin Koe	2	0
Mike McEwen	0	1
John Epping	1	1
Pat Simmons	0	1
Round robin	Wins	Losses
Mike McEwen	5	2
Kevin Koe	5	2
Pat Simmons	4	3
John Epping	4	3
Brad Gushue	3	4
Brad Jacobs	3	4
Steve Laycock	2	5
Reid Carruthers	2	5

PRIZE SUMMARY

Kevin Koe	\$21,500	Brad Gushue	\$4,500
Mike McEwen	\$16,500	Brad Jacobs	\$4,500
John Epping	\$11,000	Steve Laycock	\$3,000
Pat Simmons	\$6,000	Reid Carruthers	\$3,000

Financial Group Continental Cup, and the highly coveted first entry into the 2017 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials in Ottawa.

"More than the wins, the Continental Cup and the Trials, which was really nice, it was big for us as a team," said Koe after the 7-3 win over defending champion Team Mike McEwen of Winnipeg in the final. "We had high expectations last year and probably didn't quite live up to them and we've had a great year this year. Hopefully, it just keeps getting better."



Canada Cup champions: from left, Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Joanne Courtney and Lisa Weagle. In addition to a \$24,000 paycheck, the team secured a spot in the 2016 Continental Cup and the highly coveted 2017 Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials.

Well, yes, it did. The team, coached by John Dunn, went on to claim gold medals at the Tim Hortons Brier in Ottawa and the World Men's Curling Championship in Basel, Switzerland, and stake a claim as the early favourite to represent Canada at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea.

"We put this team together with the goal to do well at those Trials," said Koe, who shaded Team John Epping 7-6 in the semifinal. "Obviously, for me personally the last one (in 2013, where he missed the playoffs with his former team) was disappointing, but they're tough to win. They're the hardest event to win. They're a couple of years away and we'll just keep working and hoping we'll do well when the time comes."

Team McEwen and Team Koe both posted 5-2 round-robin records, but McEwen got the bye to the final thanks to his round-robin win over Koe.

The women's final, meanwhile, offered another intriguing instalment of one of curling's best rivalries, as Ottawa's Rachel Homan took on defending champ Val Sweeting of Edmonton.

Twelve months earlier, in Camrose, Alberta, Team Sweeting picked up its biggest win to date, beating Team Homan in the final of the 2014 Home Hardware Canada Cup.



In a rematch of last year's finalists, Val Sweeting controlled most of the early ends, but a missed attempt at blanking the seventh turned the game around.

In the rematch, though, Homan, with third Emma Miskew, second Joanne Courtney and lead Lisa Weagle, earned her revenge, taking an extra end before nailing down an 8-7 triumph.

An eighth-end double takeout by Homan in the final

WOMEN'S FINAL

Val Sweeting	003 020 100 10	7
Rachel Homan	*020 101 021 01	8

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Team Sweeting		Team Homan	
Val Sweeting	70%	Rachel Homan	85%
Lori Olson-Johns	80%	Emma Miskew	83%
Dana Ferguson	75%	Joanne Courtney	75%
Rachelle Brown	85%	Lisa Weagle	92%
Team totals	78%	Team totals	84%

SEMIFINAL

Val Sweeting	*002 000 020 1	5
Jennifer Jones	000 011 001 0	3

TIEBREAKER

Sherry Middaugh	000 200 100 X	3
Val Sweeting	*100 021 012 X	7

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Rachel Homan	1	0
Val Sweeting	2	1
Jennifer Jones	0	1
Sherry Middaugh	0	1
Round robin	Wins	Losses
Rachel Homan	5	1
Jennifer Jones	4	2
Val Sweeting	4	2
Sherry Middaugh	4	2
Kelsey Rocque	2	4
Kristy McDonald	1	5
Tracy Fleury	1	5

PRIZE SUMMARY

Rachel Homan	\$24,000	Kelsey Rocque	\$4,000
Val Sweeting	\$17,000	Kristy McDonald	\$2,000
Jennifer Jones	\$13,000	Tracy Fleury	\$2,000
Sherry Middaugh	\$8,000		

produced a game-tying deuce, then Homan picked up a crucial steal of one in the ninth and forced Sweeting to a single in the 10th, setting the stage for Homan's game-winning draw in the extra end.

The Homan crew cashed in to the tune of \$24,000, but it was the chance to play in the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings in its hometown of Ottawa that had the team most fired up post-game.

"Unbelievable," said Homan. "I've never been so happy to win a tournament in my life. Getting to the Trials is our No. 1 goal and to accomplish that this early.... We tried really hard to get there, but you never know. In this sport anything can happen, so we're excited to be able to clinch that win."

Team Homan earned a bye to the final thanks to a 5-1 round-robin record, while Team Sweeting needed a 7-3 tiebreaker win over Team Sherry Middaugh of Coldwater, Ontario, and a 5-3 win over Team Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg in the semifinal to reach the final.

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A jubilant Team North America celebrates after winning the 2016 World Financial Group Continental Cup in Las Vegas. In curling's version of the Ryder Cup, the competition includes mixed doubles, men's and women's team games, and mixed, men's and women's skins.

It was a sizzling evening of curling, to be sure. Never in the history of the World Financial Group Continental Cup had the two sides entered the closing Sunday night draw on even terms, with the championship trophy hanging in the balance.

And yes, the drama increased steadily as the night went on at Orleans Arena, leading, finally, to the John Morris in-turn, board-weight takeout on the last shot of his mixed skins game against Team World's Torger Nergård that set off a wild celebration as Team North America nailed down its dramatic victory — 30.5-29.5, the narrowest margin in event history.

But one could make a very compelling argument that, in fact, the 2016 WFG Continental Cup was won some 30 hours earlier, at the conclusion of the final mixed doubles draw.

Two of those games — with double-point values — had already gone to Team World and it was on the verge of what would have

been a crushing clean sweep — following a sweep of Friday night's three traditional team games — to take a 16-8 lead in the overall standings.

But then Jill Officer — the long-time second for Team Jennifer Jones — delivered the dagger that provided the biggest turning point of this four-day championship, which was already overflowing with plot twists.

Officer, partnered with Matt Hamilton of the United States, made a stunning double takeout and wiggled her shooter to bite the top of the button, barely outcounting a Team World stone that was sitting at the back button and that, up to then, had seemed destined to be a game-winner.

And when Nicole Schwägli, partnered with Jialiang Zang, couldn't follow up with a takeout of her own, Team North America had salvaged two points out of nowhere. As the team would consistently point out, there was an enormous difference between being down 16-8 and being down 14-10.

"That was huge," said Team North America coach Rick Lang later that day as Team North America continued its rally.



Jill Officer — partnered with Matt Hamilton in mixed doubles action — made a stunning double takeout that resulted in a steal of one and an all-important 6-5 victory for Team North America. "Oh my God, it was amazing! I was so nervous," admitted Officer of her shot.

"I don't think we can say loud enough how great that was for us. I said she'll be the MVP if we hang on to win this thing. It just lifted all of our spirits and you could sense that during the afternoon draw."

Team World led at the conclusion of the first three days, adding some tension to an event that had been lacking it the past three years as the home team — Team North America in 2013 and '14, and Team Canada last year — had dominated.

Day 1 saw Team World up 5-4 after three draws. Team North



World Financial Group president Rick Williams, left, and Curling Canada governor Lena West, right, present the World Financial Group Continental Cup trophy to Team North America captain Ann Swisshelm and coach Rick Lang.

World Financial Group Continental Cup Results

MIXED DOUBLES COMPETITION

Round 1					
World	Ulsrud/Adams	110	104	01	8
N.A.	Hebert/Miskew	002	010	30	6
World	Nergård/Muirhead	010	011	03	6
N.A.	Kennedy/Lawes	101	100	30	6
World	Svae/Sloan	011	020	02	6
N.A.	Rycroft/Brown	300	202	20	9
Round 2					
World	Pätz/Sundgren	032	000	31	9
N.A.	Jones/Laing	100	321	00	7
World	Winkelhausen/Xu	200	112	2X	8
N.A.	Nicholson/George	011	000	0X	2
World	Yoshimura/Eriksson	010	004	01	6
N.A.	Homan/Morris	204	210	10	10
Round 3					
World	Vad Petersson/Reid	201	1		
	Edin/Ohmiya		40	0X	8
N.A.	Thiessen/Weagle	020	0		
	Koe/Courtney		01	1X	4
World	Lindström/Lehmann	201	0		
	Zang/Schwägli		02	00	5
N.A.	Shuster/McEwen	010	1		
	Hamilton/Officer		20	11	6
World	Ba/Onodera	110	1		
	Wang/Ogasawara		10	5X	9
N.A.	Simmons/Joraanstad	001	0		
	Landsteiner/Pottinger		02	0X	3

Mixed doubles competition totals:

Team World	7.5 points
Team N.A.	4.5 points

TEAM COMPETITION

Round 1					
World	Eve Muirhead	*121	011	02	8
N.A.	Rachel Homan	000	300	50	8
World	Thomas Ulsrud	*101	010	2X	5
N.A.	Kevin Koe	030	501	0X	9
World	Alina Pätz	*032	020	1X	8
N.A.	Erika Brown	000	101	0X	2
Round 2					
World	Jialiang Zang	002	401	00	7
N.A.	Pat Simmons	*100	020	21	6
World	Ayumi Ogasawara	*020	001	0X	3
N.A.	Jennifer Jones	202	210	1X	8
World	Niklas Edin	020	022	01	7
N.A.	John Shuster	*102	100	10	5
Round 3					
World	Alina Pätz	*000	021	01	4
N.A.	Jennifer Jones	101	300	10	6
World	Jialiang Zang	*001	010	30	5
N.A.	John Shuster	010	103	01	6
World	Ayumi Ogasawara	000	100	0X	1
N.A.	Rachel Homan	*021	021	1X	7
Round 4					
World	Niklas Edin	*100	200	01	4
N.A.	Kevin Koe	010	010	10	3

World	Eve Muirhead	*102	021	0X	6
N.A.	Erika Brown	000	100	1X	2
World	Thomas Ulsrud	*040	020	10	7
N.A.	Pat Simmons	000	202	01	5
Round 5					
World	Ayumi Ogasawara	100	010	0X	2
N.A.	Erika Brown	*011	301	1X	7
World	Niklas Edin	*020	010	01	4
N.A.	Pat Simmons	001	002	10	4
World	Eve Muirhead	200	201	00	5
N.A.	Jennifer Jones	*020	020	11	6
Round 6					
World	Thomas Ulsrud	011	000	12	5
N.A.	John Shuster	*000	021	00	3
World	Alina Pätz	001	010	10	3
N.A.	Rachel Homan	*010	102	01	5
World	Jialiang Zang	*000	010	1X	2
N.A.	Kevin Koe	131	002	0X	7

Team competition totals:
 Team World 8 points
 Team N.A. 10 points

SKINS COMPETITION

Mixed: Round 1

Points available	.5.5.5	.5.5.5	1 1	5
World	* S	S S	S S	2.5
N.A.	S S	S S S	S S	2.5

Team WORLD: Thomas Ulsrud, Alina Pätz, Christoffer Svae, Nicole Schwägli
 TEAM N.A.: Pat Simmons, Kaitlyn Lawes, Carter Rycroft, Jill Officer

Mixed: Round 2

Points available	.5.5.5	.5.5.5	1 1	5
World	* S	S S	S	2
N.A.	S S S	S	S	3

Team WORLD: Torger Nergård, Nadine Lehmann, Håvard Vad Petersson, Marissa Winkelhausen
 TEAM N.A.: John Morris, Allison Pottinger, Nolan Thiessen, Natalie Nicholson

Women: Round 1

Points available	.5.5.5	.5.5.5	1 1	5
World	Ayumi Ogasawara	* C	S S	2.5
N.A.	Erika Brown	S C	C S S	2.5

Women: Round 2

Points available	.5.5.5	.5.5.5	1 1	5
World	Eve Muirhead	C	C S	1
N.A.	Jennifer Jones	*C C	S C S	4

Men: Round 1

Points available	.5.5.5	.5.5.5	1 1	5
World	Jialiang Zang	*C	C C S	2
N.A.	John Shuster	S S	S S	3

Men: Round 2

Points available	.5.5.5	.5.5.5	1 1	5
World	Niklas Edin	*S S	S C S	4
N.A.	Kevin Koe	S	S C	1

Skins competition totals:
 Team World 14 points
 Team N.A. 16 points



It's hugs and high fives all around after Team North America clinched the 2016 Continental Cup. John Morris delivered the killer blow, making an in-turn, board-weight takeout on the last shot of his mixed skins game against Torger Nergård to set off the celebration.

America bounced back on Day 2 to sweep the morning traditional team games, but the visitors rallied back with a sweep of their own in the night draw to go up 10-8.

And then came the dramatics of Saturday morning's third and final mixed doubles round.

"Oh my God, it was amazing! I was so nervous," admitted Officer of her shot. "I mean, I'm not used to throwing last rock and my muscles were shaking in the hack. Even when I started to move in my delivery, I could feel my legs shaking. I was just glad I slid good and right at the broom, and that we wiggled it in there for shot."



A clutch draw by Team World's Thomas Ulsrud on a carry-over draw to the button tied his mixed skins game and evened the competition going into the final skins match.

The mixed doubles had been interesting, to say the least. The first two draws saw an experimental timing system used that had all three sheets on the same clock and throwing simultaneously, and allowed music to be played in the arena between shots.

It was part of a push to make the mixed doubles format more lively and fan-friendly ahead of its Olympic Winter Games debut in 2018 in PyeongChang, South Korea; Curling Canada had offered to allow the World Curling Federation to test the format at the

TEAM WORLD

Team Edin (Sweden)
 Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Kristian Lindström, Christoffer Sundgren

Team Muirhead (Scotland)
 Eve Muirhead, Anna Sloan, Vicki Adams, Sarah Reid

Team Ogasawara (Japan)
 Ayumi Ogasawara, Sayaka Yoshimura Kaho Onodera, Anna Ohmiya

Team Pätz (Switzerland)
 Alina Pätz, Nadine Lehmann, Marisa Winkelhausen, Nicole Schwägli

Team Ulsrud (Norway)
 Thomas Ulsrud, Torger Nergård, Christoffer Svae, Håvard Vad Petersson

Team Zang (China)
 Jialiang Zang, Xiaoming Xu, Dexin Ba, Jinbo Wang

Captain: Andy Kapp (Germany)
Coach: Pål Trulsen (Norway)

TEAM NORTH AMERICA

Team Brown (United States)
 Erika Brown, Allison Pottinger, Nicole Joraanstad, Natalie Nicholson

Team Homan (Canada)
 Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Joanne Courtney, Lisa Weagle

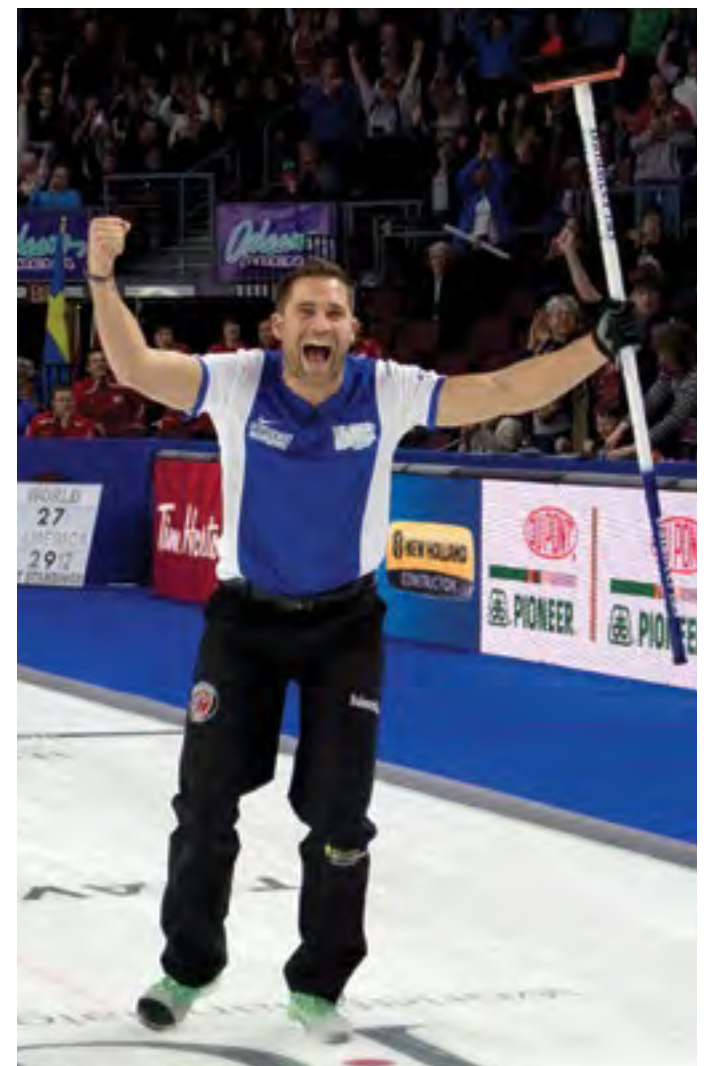
Team Jones (Canada)
 Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen

Team Koe (Canada)
 Kevin Koe, Marc Kennedy, Brent Laing, Ben Hebert

Team Shuster (United States)
 John Shuster, Tyler George, Matt Hamilton, John Landsteiner

Team Simmons (Canada)
 Pat Simmons, John Morris, Carter Rycroft, Nolan Thiessen

Captain: Ann Swisshelm (U.S.)
Coach: Rick Lang (Canada)



"I've never been a part of something like that, a championship that was so close," said an elated John Morris after nailing down a 30.5-29.5 Continental Cup victory for Team North America. "It was pretty electric in there, pretty cool to be a part of."

difficult raise takeout that would have won the game and the overall title against Team World's Niklas Edin. He missed, forcing a carry-over and leaving the 2.5 available points up for grabs, to be decided in a post-game draw to the button.

Finally, on Sheet C, in the mixed skins game, Morris delivered the killing blow.

"I've never been a part of something like that, a championship that was so close," said an ecstatic Morris, whose mixed team was rounded out by third Allison Pottinger, second Nolan Thiessen and lead Natalie Nicholson. "It was pretty electric in there, pretty cool to be a part of."

Team North America won \$52,000 Canadian (\$2,000 per member, including captain and coach), while Team World earned \$26,000 (\$1,000 per member, including captain and coach). Team North America also won a \$13,000 bonus (\$500 per player, plus captain and coach) for winning the most skins points.

Final attendance for the four days was 62,498, a record not only for the event but for any curling event staged in the United States.

WFG Continental Cup, where world-class players and ice would be available.

"I think there are some really good things that have been done," said Morris after one of the mixed doubles draws. "The fact we have music in the background, the power play (the pre-placed rocks can be moved to the side instead of the centre line once a game for teams that have hammer) — those are great things that have been added to bring some energy and spice to mixed doubles. The timing thing is a lot to adjust to and a little confusing. I think it's something they'll re-assess at the end of the season. Maybe go back to thinking time, which makes it easier for the officials and the players."

The traditional thinking-time format was brought back for the final round on Saturday morning.

After Officer's stunning shot, the tide seemed to turn. North America would win the next two traditional team rounds to close out Saturday and cut Team World's lead to 15.5-14.5 going into skins play on Sunday.

North America took eight of the 15 available points in the Sunday afternoon draw, leaving the sides in an unprecedented tie — 22.5 points a piece — going into the final round.

It took three attempts to finally win it for Team North America in the final round of skins play.

Leading 29.5 to 26, Team North America needed an Eve Muirhead miss on her final shot against Jennifer Jones for the title. Instead, the Scottish veteran made her final shot to put one more point on the board for Team World.

Then, on Sheet B, Team North America's Kevin Koe had a

CANADIAN JUNIORS

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They ended the season as Canada's golden girls after a journey whose first step took place on a lovely Sunday afternoon in Stratford, Ontario.

Mary Fay's team from Chester, Nova Scotia, had entered the 2016 Canadian Junior Men's and Women's Curling Championships as one of the favourites based on both the experience of the team and the poised-beyond-her-17-years demeanor of its spectacled skip.

And, as was the case on the men's side with Manitoba's Matt Dunstone taking gold, Fay and Co. lived up to their advance billing to give the Bluenose province its fourth national junior women's title.

"I can't even put it into words," said Fay moments after clinching a 9-5 victory over British Columbia's Sarah Daniels in the gold-medal game at the Stratford Rotary Complex. "It's the most amazing feeling ever. I don't even know if it feels real yet. It's just so hard to believe."

It was the beginning of a journey that would take Fay, vice-skip Kristin Clarke, second Karlee Burgess and lead Janique LeBlanc



The 2016 Canadian junior women's champions: from left, Nova Scotia skip Mary Fay, third Kristin Clarke, second Karlee Burgess and lead Janique LeBlanc. A clutch eighth-end draw by 17-year-old Fay to score a pair quashed a fierce British Columbia comeback from what had been a 5-2 Nova Scotia lead through four ends.

LeBlanc to another gold at the 2016 world juniors in Tårnby, Denmark. Adding to the fairytale story was the gold captured by Fay and Burgess as members of the gold-medal-winning Canadian team (with Sterling Middleton and Tyler Tardi) at the Youth Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

Winning the Canadian title was the first step, and the Nova Scotians were solid from Day 1, racking up a 9-1 record in the round robin to finish first and earn a berth in the gold-medal game.

The silver-medal B.C. team from New Westminster had been a 7-3 semifinal winner over New Brunswick's Justine Comeau to earn its berth in the final.

The B.C. team made it tough on Nova Scotia, coming back from a 5-2 deficit through four ends to tie it going into the eighth. But Fay made a clutch draw for a deuce in the eighth and stole two more in the ninth to pull away for the victory.

Fay's victory was set in motion "a long time ago. A lot of rocks, a lot of practices with just the two of us," said an emotional

Andrew Atherton, the team's coach. "I'm pretty proud of her."

On the men's side, Dunstone's Winnipeg team gave his home province its fourth straight Canadian junior men's title, with Dunstone having started that streak in 2013 in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

He won his second national title in Stratford, rolling to an 11-4 win over Northern Ontario's group of rising stars skipped by Tanner Horgan of Copper Cliff.

"It's just as satisfying (as 2013), for sure," said a jubilant Dunstone, whose team included third Colton Lott (another member of the 2013 team), second and vice-skip Kyle Doering and lead Rob Gordon. "It doesn't change; this is awesome. I'm so proud of these guys; they worked so hard for this and we couldn't be happier, obviously."

Manitoba and Northern Ontario were both splendid in round-robin play, but Horgan's crew earned a bye to the final thanks to a 7-5 extra-end win over Manitoba in the late stages of the round robin.



"I can't even put it into words," said Nova Scotia skip Mary Fay after a 9-5 win over British Columbia's Sarah Daniels to win the Canadian title. "It's the most amazing feeling ever. I don't even know if it feels real yet. It's just so hard to believe."

The 'Tobans rebounded nicely, beating B.C. (skipped by the same Tyler Tardi who played with Fay and Burgess at the Youth Olympics) 8-3 in the semifinal to set up the rematch with Northern Ontario.

Manitoba surrendered a first-end deuce to Northern Ontario but immediately regained control with three in the second end, a crushing steal of three in the third and another steal in the fourth and never looked back. Dunstone finished the game scored at 97 per cent.

Dunstone's team went on to win a bronze medal at the world juniors in Denmark.

Manitoba's four straight wins matched the Saskatchewan record of four in a row set from 1949 to 1952. It was the province's 12th Canadian junior men's crown.



Skip Sarah Daniels and third Marika Van Osch, both of B.C., second Megan Moffatt of Alberta and Manitoba lead Sara Oliver were named to the 2016 first-team all-star squad. It was the second all-star selection for Daniels and Van Osch, who were also honoured in 2013.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S FINAL

British Columbia (Sarah Daniels)	020 011 100 X	5
Nova Scotia (Mary Fay)	*102 200 022 X	9

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

British Columbia		Nova Scotia	
Sarah Daniels	60%	Mary Fay	76%
Marika Van Osch	76%	Kristin Clarke	70%
Dez Hawes	76%	Karlee Burgess	79%
Megan Daniels	84%	Janique LeBlanc	72%
Team totals	74%	Team totals	74%

SEMIFINAL

British Columbia (Sarah Daniels)	*002 200 201 X	7
New Brunswick (Justine Comeau)	010 001 010 X	3

TIEBREAKER

New Brunswick (Justine Comeau)	*020 200 010 2	7
Manitoba (Abby Ackland)	101 010 101 0	5

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Nova Scotia (Mary Fay)	1	0
British Columbia (Sarah Daniels)	1	1
New Brunswick (Justine Comeau)	1	1
Manitoba (Abby Ackland)	0	1

Championship round

	Wins	Losses
Nova Scotia (Mary Fay)	9	1
British Columbia (Sarah Daniels)	8	2
New Brunswick (Justine Comeau)	7	3
Manitoba (Abby Ackland)	7	3
Alberta (Selena Sturmay)	6	4
Quebec (Laurie St-Georges)	6	4
Ontario (Courtney Auld)	5	5
Saskatchewan (Kourtney Fesser)	4	6

Seeding round

	Wins	Losses
Northern Ontario (Megan Smith)	5	4
Prince Edward Island (Katie Fullerton)	4	5
N.L. (Brooke Godslan)	2	7
Nunavut (Sadie Pinksen)	2	7
Yukon (Alyssa Meger)	2	7
Northwest Territories (Zoey Walsh)	0	9

Round robin*

Pool A	Wins	Losses
New Brunswick (Justine Comeau)	5	1
Manitoba (Abby Ackland)	5	1
Alberta (Selena Sturmay)	4	2
Quebec (Laurie St-Georges)	4	2
Northern Ontario (Megan Smith)	2	4
Nunavut (Sadie Pinksen)	1	5
Northwest Territories (Zoey Walsh)	0	6

Pool B	Wins	Losses
British Columbia (Sarah Daniels)	6	0
Nova Scotia (Mary Fay)	5	1
Saskatchewan (Kourtney Fesser)	4	2
Ontario (Courtney Auld)	3	3
Prince Edward Island (Katie Fullerton)	2	4
Yukon (Alyssa Meger)	1	5
N.L. (Brooke Godslan)	0	6

* Top four teams in each pool advance to championship round, remaining teams to seeding round. All teams carry their full win-loss records forward.

JUNIOR MEN'S FINAL

Manitoba (Matt Dunstone)	033 103 01X X 11
Northern Ontario (Tanner Horgan)	*200 010 10X X 4

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Manitoba		Northern Ontario	
Matt Dunstone	97%	Tanner Horgan	70%
Colton Lott	91%	Jake Horgan	64%
Kyle Doering	100%	Nick Bissonnette	81%
Rob Gordon	97%	Maxime Blais	98%
Team totals	96%	79%	

SEMIFINAL

Manitoba (Matt Dunstone)	*010 211 012 X 8
British Columbia (Tyler Tardi)	101 000 100 X 3

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Manitoba (Matt Dunstone)	2	0
Northern Ontario (Tanner Horgan)	0	1
British Columbia (Tyler Tardi)	0	1

Championship round	Wins	Losses
Northern Ontario (Tanner Horgan)	9	1
Manitoba (Matt Dunstone)	9	1
British Columbia (Tyler Tardi)	7	3
Quebec (Félix Asselin)	6	4
Alberta (Karsten Sturmay)	6	4
Saskatchewan (Jacob Hersikorn)	5	5
Ontario (Doug Kee)	5	5
New Brunswick (Alex Robichaud)	4	6

Seeding round	Wins	Losses
Nova Scotia (Matthew Manuel)	5	4
Newfoundland/Labrador (Greg Smith)	5	4
Prince Edward Island (Matt MacLean)	3	6
Yukon (Brayden Klassen)	1	8
Nunavut (Arthur Siksik)	1	8
Northwest Territories (Matt Miller)	1	8

Round robin*	Wins	Losses
Pool A		
Manitoba (Matt Dunstone)	6	0
Quebec (Félix Asselin)	4	2
Ontario (Doug Kee)	4	2
Alberta (Karsten Sturmay)	3	3
Nova Scotia (Matthew Manuel)	2	4
Newfoundland/Labrador (Greg Smith)	2	4
Nunavut (Arthur Siksik)	0	6

Pool B		
British Columbia (Tyler Tardi)	6	0
Northern Ontario (Tanner Horgan)	5	1
New Brunswick (Alex Robichaud)	4	2
Saskatchewan (Jacob Hersikorn)	3	3
Prince Edward Island (Matt MacLean)	2	4
Northwest Territories (Matt Miller)	1	5
Yukon (Brayden Klassen)	0	6

* Top four teams in each pool advance to championship round, remaining teams to seeding round. All teams carry their full win-loss records forward.



Skip Matt Dunstone, third Colton Lott, second Kyle Doering and lead Rob Gordon gave Manitoba its fourth straight junior men's title with a stunning victory over Northern Ontario. "To win this thing four years in a row is pretty much unheard of," said Dunstone.



Manitoba's Matt Dunstone, foreground, won his second national title with an 11-4 eight-end win over Northern Ontario's Tanner Horgan. After giving up two in the opening end, Manitoba responded with three in the second and a steal of three in the third to all but seal the deal.



Alberta's Karsten Sturmay and Gabby Molloy of N.L. are the winners of the 2016 Joan Mead Legacy Award, for best exemplifying leadership, excellence and fair play.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S ALL-STAR TEAMS

First-team all-stars	
Skip	Sarah Daniels, B.C.
Third	Marika Van Osch, B.C.
Second	Megan Moffatt, Alberta
Lead	Sara Oliver, Manitoba

Second-team all-stars	
Skip	Selena Sturmay, Alberta
Third	Kristin Clarke, Nova Scotia
Second	Melissa Gordon, Manitoba
Lead	Hope Sunley, Alberta

JUNIOR MEN'S ALL-STAR TEAMS

First-team all-stars	
Skip	Matt Dunstone, Manitoba
Third	Colton Lott, Manitoba
Second	Kyle Doering, Manitoba
Lead	Nick Neufeld, Saskatchewan

Second-team all-stars	
Skip	Tanner Horgan, N. Ontario
Third	Jason Camm, Ontario
Second	Matthew Hall, Ontario
Lead	Curtis Easter, Ontario

JOAN MEAD LEGACY AWARDS

Newfoundland/Labrador second Gabby Molloy and Alberta skip Karsten Sturmay are the 2016 winners of the Joan Mead Legacy Award. Mead was the CBC's curling producer for many years and produced its curling coverage at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in



The 2016 Asham National Coaching Award winners are junior men's coach Benoit Forget, left, and junior women's coach Michel St-Georges, both of Quebec.

Nagano, Japan. After she died suddenly in January 2000, the CBC Legacy Award was renamed in her memory and in honour of the great work she had done for curling on behalf of the CBC. The awards began after the CBC was presented with the Golden Rings Award by the International Olympic Association for its excellence in broadcasting curling from the Nagano games. CBC decided to fund an annual award for junior curlers in Canada as an ongoing legacy of the Golden Rings Award and established the CBC Legacy Awards.

KEN WATSON AWARDS

The 2016 winners of the Ken Watson Award are P.E.I. third Chloé McCloskey and Nunavut skip Arthur Siksik. The awards are voted on by the players in the Canadian Juniors and presented to the curlers who best combine playing ability with sportsmanship.

ASHAM COACHING AWARDS

The 2016 Asham National Coaching Award winners are junior men's coach Benoit Forget and junior women's coach Michel St-Georges, both of Quebec. The award winners at the Canadian Juniors are chosen by coaches, who are asked to select an opposing team coach who best exemplifies the attributes of coaching.



The 2016 winners of the Ken Watson Award for sportsmanship are P.E.I. third Chloé McCloskey and Nunavut skip Arthur Siksik. The awards are voted on by the players.



The 2016 first-team all-stars, from left, skip Matt Dunstone, third Colton Lott and second Kyle Doering, all of Manitoba, and Saskatchewan lead Nick Neufeld.

BALANCE PLUS FAIR PLAY AWARDS

Junior Men	
Lead	Rob Gordon, Manitoba
Second	Kyle Barron, N.L.
Third	Daniel Wenzek, B.C.
Skip	Karsten Sturmay, Alberta
Coach	Benoit Forget, Quebec

Junior Women	
Lead	Aleya Quilty, P.E.I.
Second	Dez Hawes, British Columbia
Third	Christianne West, Nunavut
Skip	Courtney Auld, Ontario
Coach	Michel St-Georges, Quebec

The Fair Play Award winners are selected by the junior men's and women's officials.

SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

Revolution Place ▸ Grande Prairie, Alberta ▸ February 20 to 28, 2016

All her life, Chelsea Carey had yearned to be in this position — rock in hand with a shot to win the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

That dream came true at Revolution Place in Grande Prairie, Alberta, and Carey made the best of it. The Alberta skip made a draw to the eight-foot for the winning point to beat Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville 7-6 and claim the Canadian Women's Curling Championship title.

"I dreamed of being a Canadian champion since I watched my dad (Dan) do it in '92 (at the Brier)," a jubilant Carey said after rushing to hug her teammates and her father. "Oh my God, I have no words, honestly... and that doesn't happen very often."

The win capped a magnificent week for the team of Carey, vice-skip Amy Nixon, second Jocelyn Peterman and lead Laine Peters.

The Alberta champs — based at The Glencoe Club in Calgary — posted a 9-2 round-robin record, tied for top spot with



Alberta lead Laine Peters, second Jocelyn Peterman, third Amy Nixon and skip Chelsea Carey are all smiles after capturing the 2016 Hearts title with a last-rock 7-6 decision over Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville. All even after nine ends and facing three Northern Ontario counters, Carey drew the full eight-foot for the win. It was Alberta's seventh title.

reigning champ Jennifer Jones and her Team Canada outfit from Winnipeg.

Alberta had opened the 2016 Hearts with an emphatic 12-5 win over Team Canada, and then maintained that mastery with a 7-5 victory over Canada in the Page 1-2 playoff game to earn a berth in the gold-medal game.

Northern Ontario, meanwhile, finished at 7-4, and reached the final with a 7-5 win over Manitoba's Kerri Einarson, followed by a surprising 7-5 win over Canada in the semifinal — a ninth-end steal of two proving to be the winning margin.

The final was a dandy, as both teams made big shot after big shot, capped by the skips.

In the end, though, Alberta was able to hold Northern Ontario to just a single in the ninth end, tying the game and presenting last-rock advantage to Carey.

"You tend to rush in those situations," said Carey, who also won the Sandra Schmirler Award as the playoff MVP. "I just

took a bunch of deep breaths and I had just thrown that (draw) so it was exactly the same weight. I just had to trust it was going to be there and luckily it was. You trust your million hours of practice are going to pay off and they did."

Northern Ontario was competing in just its second Hearts after making its debut a year earlier in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. McCarville, third Kendra Lilly, second Ashley Sippala and lead Sarah Potts headed home to Thunder Bay with silver medals.

"It wasn't a difficult draw but in the circumstances it was a difficult draw and she (Carey) made it great," McCarville said of Carey's last shot. "It wasn't the result we wanted but we have a lot to take out of this week for next year."

In the bronze-medal game, Jones and her Team Canada made a last-rock draw for one in the 10th end for an 8-7 win over Einarson in a game featuring two teams from the same province.



Alberta skip Chelsea Carey opened the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts with an emphatic 12-5 win over Team Canada's Jennifer Jones, and then maintained that mastery with a 7-5 victory over Canada in the Page 1-2 playoff game to earn a berth in the gold-medal final.



Mario Gosselin, CEO of Kruger Products, presents the Sandra Schmirler Award as the most valuable player in the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts playoffs to Alberta skip Chelsea Carey. Carey shot a blistering 96 per cent in the 1-2 playoff and 88 per cent in the final.

MARJ MITCHELL AWARD

Saskatchewan third Ashley Howard won the Marj Mitchell Award for best embodying the spirit of curling at the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The award is named in memory of Marj Mitchell, who skipped Canada to its first world title in 1980. In 1983, shortly after the second Hearts, Mitchell died of cancer at the age of 35. The winner is selected each year in a vote by all players at the tournament.

FINAL

Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	001 020 201 0	6
Alberta (Chelsea Carey)	*010 201 020 1	7

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Northern Ontario		Alberta	
Krista McCarville	86%	Chelsea Carey	88%
Kendra Lilly	88%	Amy Nixon	90%
Ashley Sippala	71%	Jocelyn Peterman	88%
Sarah Potts	94%	Laine Peters	83%
Team totals	85%		87%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

Team Canada (Jennifer Jones)	*200 201 020 1	8
Manitoba (Kerri Einarson)	011 030 101 0	7

SEMIFINAL

Team Canada (Jennifer Jones)	*202 000 100 0	5
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	010 101 012 1	7

PAGE SYSTEM 3-4 PLAYOFF

Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	001 001 021 2	7
Manitoba (Kerri Einarson)	*010 210 100 0	5

PAGE SYSTEM 1-2 PLAYOFF

Team Canada (Jennifer Jones)	010 000 103 X	5
Alberta (Chelsea Carey)	*200 021 020 X	7

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Chelsea Carey)	2	0
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	2	1
Team Canada (Jennifer Jones)**	1	2
Manitoba (Kerri Einarson)	0	2

** Won bronze-medal game against Manitoba 8-7

Round robin

	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Chelsea Carey)	9	2
Team Canada (Jennifer Jones)	9	2
Manitoba (Kerri Einarson)	7	4
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	7	4
Nova Scotia (Jill Brothers)	6	5
Ontario (Jenn Hanna)	6	5
Saskatchewan (Jolene Campbell)	6	5
Quebec (Marie-France Larouche)	5	6
Prince Edward Island (Suzanne Birt)	4	7
Newfoundland/Labrador (Stacie Curtis)	3	8
British Columbia (Karla Thompson)	2	9
New Brunswick (Sylvie Robichaud)	2	9

Pre-qualifiers (winner advances)

	Wins	Losses
British Columbia (Karla Thompson)	2	1
Northwest Territories (Kerry Galusha)	2	1
Yukon (Nicole Baldwin)	1	2
Nunavut (Geneva Chislett)	1	2



Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville releases her rock to sweepers Ashley Sippala, left, and Sarah Potts. McCarville reached the final with a come-from-behind win in the semi.

2017 PRE-QUALIFIERS

Teams ranked 12th through 15th at the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Grande Prairie, Alberta, will compete in a four-team round-robin pre-qualifier to determine the final team to advance to the 2017 Canadian championship.

New Brunswick (12th): Ranked 12th in 2016

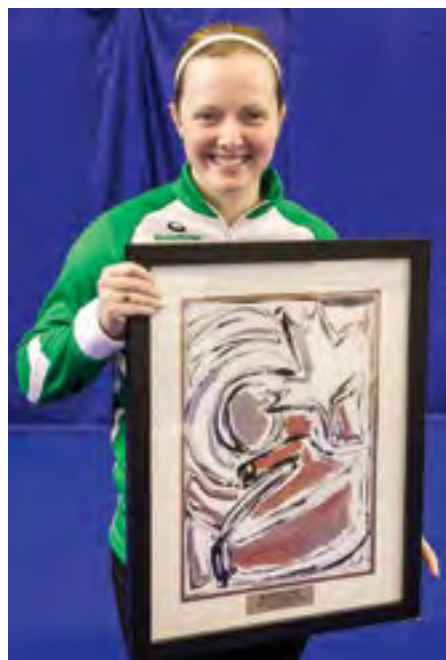
Northwest Territories (13th): Didn't qualify in 2016

Yukon (14th): Didn't qualify in 2016

Nunavut (15th): Didn't qualify in 2016



It was a first-team all-star sweep for Team Canada at the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, with the honours going to skip Jennifer Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen. Officer and McEwen have been first-team all-stars a leading seven times, while Jones and Lawes are five-time winners.



Saskatchewan's Ashley Howard won the 2016 Marj Mitchell sportsmanship award. The woman for whom the award was named skipped Canada to its first world title in 1980.



Curling Canada's Lena West, left, and Nancy Marcus of Kruger Products present Renée Sonnenberg with the 2016 Joan Mead Builder Award for her significant contribution to the growth and development of women's curling in Canada. A two-time Alberta women's champion and veteran coach, Sonnenberg is a performance consultant for Curling Canada.

JOAN MEAD BUILDER AWARD

Presented in the name of Joan Mead, the 2016 Builder Award was presented to Renée Sonnenberg for her significant contribution to the growth and development of women's curling in Canada. Sonnenberg moved to Grand Prairie, Alberta, after graduating from university and became an instant torchbearer and inspiration for female curlers in the Peace District, skipping Alberta champion teams in the 1999 and 2001 Hearts. She started giving back to the game almost immediately, coaching junior curlers in the

area, serving as executive director of the Peace Curling Association and playing a leading role with the Peace Curling Tour. Sonnenberg continues to coach at the junior level and is a performance consultant for Curling Canada.

SANDRA SCHMIRLER AWARD

Presented in the name of the late Sandra Schmirler, the Most Valuable Player Award was presented to Alberta skip Chelsea Carey after she was chosen the most outstanding player in the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts playoffs.

ALL-STAR TEAMS

First-team all-stars

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

Second-team all-stars

- Skip Chelsea Carey, Alberta
- Third Ashley Howard, Saskatchewan
- Second Liz Fyfe, Manitoba
- Lead Sarah Potts, Northern Ontario

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TIM HORTONS BRIER

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The 2016 Tim Hortons Brier champions: from left, Alberta skip Kevin Koe, vice-skip Marc Kennedy, second Brent Laing and lead Ben Hebert. A precisely executed pick by Koe in the seventh end to count three broke open a tight game and ultimately led the Albertans to a 9-5 win over Newfoundland and Labrador's Brad Gushue. It was Alberta's 27th title.

Kevin Koe was in a zone on the closing day of the 2016 Tim Hortons Brier and his teammates know that when their skip has that look in his eyes, it's best just to enjoy the ride.

And enjoy it they did. Koe's trademark big-weight out-turn pick shot produced a crushing three in the seventh end to propel his Alberta team to a 9-5 win over Newfoundland and Labrador's Brad Gushue in the gold-medal game at TD Place in Ottawa.

It was Koe's third Brier title in seven years, and he got to celebrate this one with different teammates — vice-skip Marc Kennedy, second Brent Laing and lead Ben Hebert.

"He's been throwing the out-turn, the hard one so good. We felt he had a really good chance of making that one," said

Kennedy. "He played amazing. The whole team played great but that happens when you feel confident in the player behind you. I felt the whole week I just had to make it easy on Kevin because he wasn't going to miss.

"It's been a long, hard, difficult week and to come out on top we feel we earned this one. We won six or seven in a row to finish against some of the best teams in the world."

That was a more-than-fair description of the field at the 2016 Tim Hortons Brier, which many considered the deepest and most talented in the storied history of the Canadian Men's Curling Championship — so tough that two-time defending champ Pat Simmons and his Team Canada foursome didn't make the playoffs; nor did the legendary Glenn Howard.

It made for a thoroughly entertaining round robin, and it was also an emotional one as Ottawa resident Craig Savill — undergoing treatment in his fight with cancer — made a cameo appearance at the end of the round robin, throwing rocks for Howard's Ontario team.

Alberta had to go the long route to the final, first beating Manitoba's Mike McEwen 7-5 in the Page 3-4 game before dispatching Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs 6-5 in the semifinal on the strength of a 10th-end deuce.

Meanwhile, Newfoundland and Labrador had taken down Northern Ontario 7-6 in the Page 1-2 playoff after the Jacobs foursome ran the table in the round robin to carry an 11-0 record into the playoffs.

But the Team Koe juggernaut was on a roll and it wouldn't stop until they reached the top step of the medal podium.

"Pretty special feeling when you can win a Brier, especially one this tough," said Koe, who also won the Hec Gervais Award as the most valuable player in the playoffs. "So many good teams here. We had an awesome week. Huge for our team. We struggled last year so to come back and have a good year and top it off with a Brier is awesome."

The win was the 27th for Team Alberta, tying it with Manitoba for the most Brier titles, although Team Canada, out of Calgary, won last year, which would give Alberta 28.

Earlier in the day, Northern Ontario needed an extra end to beat Manitoba 7-6 in the bronze-medal game.

HEC GERVAIS AWARD

Presented to the most valuable player in the Tim Hortons Brier playoffs, the 2016 Hec Gervais Award was won by Alberta skip Kevin Koe.

ROSS HARSTONE AWARD

British Columbia second Tyrel Griffith is the winner of the 2016 Ross Harstone



Newfoundland and Labrador's Brett Gallant, Brad Gushue, Geoff Walker and Mark Nichols take a time-out to discuss shot options during the gold-medal game. "Once you get down two against those guys it was hard to come back," said Gushue after the game.



When the Kevin Koe team struggled a bit in their first year together, Marc Kennedy, left, moved to vice-skip in the off-season, a decision that has paid off big time. "It's been a long, hard, difficult week and to come out on top we feel like we earned this one," said Kennedy.

FINAL

N.L. (Brad Gushue)	*001 011 020 X	5
Alberta (Kevin Koe)	110 200 302 X	9

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Newfoundland/Labrador		Alberta	
Brad Gushue	81%	Kevin Koe	96%
Mark Nichols	90%	Marc Kennedy	94%
Brett Gallant	94%	Brent Laing	100%
Geoff Walker	100%	Ben Hebert	85%
Team totals	91%		94%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

Manitoba (Mike McEwen)	200 002 000 2 0	6
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	*020 110 020 0 1	7

SEMIFINAL

Alberta (Kevin Koe)	010 101 010 2	6
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	*101 010 101 0	5

PAGE SYSTEM 3-4 PLAYOFF

Manitoba (Mike McEwen)	001 001 020 1	5
Alberta (Kevin Koe)	*020 210 101 0	7

PAGE SYSTEM 1-2 PLAYOFF

N.L. (Brad Gushue)	001 002 201 0 1	7
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	*200 020 010 1 0	6

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Kevin Koe)	3	0
Newfoundland/Labrador (Brad Gushue)	1	1
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)**	1	2
Manitoba (Mike McEwen)	0	2

** Won bronze-medal game against Manitoba 7-6

Round robin	Wins	Losses
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	11	0
Newfoundland/Labrador (Brad Gushue)	9	2
Alberta (Kevin Koe)	8	3
Manitoba (Mike McEwen)	8	3
Team Canada (Pat Simmons)	6	5
Saskatchewan (Steve Laycock)	5	6
Quebec (Jean-Michel Ménard)	4	7
Ontario (Glenn Howard)	4	7
Northwest Territories (Jamie Koe)	3	8
New Brunswick (Mike Kennedy)	3	8
British Columbia (Jim Cotter)	3	8
Prince Edward Island (Adam Casey)	2	9

Pre-qualifiers (winner advances)	Wins	Losses
Northwest Territories (Jamie Koe)	3	0
Nova Scotia (Jamie Murphy)	2	1
Yukon (Robert Smallwood)	1	2
Nunavut (Wade Kingdon)	0	3



Northern Ontario's Ryan Harnden, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Fry and Brad Jacobs took home the bronze medal with a 7-6 extra-end win over Manitoba's Mike McEwen. The 2013 Brier champions ran the table in the round robin to carry an 11-0 record into the playoffs.

Award, whose recipient is selected by the players in the Tim Hortons Brier. The award is presented to the player who best combines playing ability and sportsmanship.

ALL-STAR TEAMS

First-team all-stars

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

Second-team all-stars

- Skip Brad Gushue, Newfoundland/Labrador
- Third Mark Nichols, Newfoundland/Labrador
- Second E.J. Harnden, Northern Ontario
- Lead Ben Hebert, Alberta



Curling Canada vice-chair Peter Inch, right, presents the 2016 Ross Harstone Award to British Columbia second Tyrel Griffith. Voted on by the players, the award goes to the Brier curler who best combines playing ability and sportsmanship.

2017 PRE-QUALIFIERS

Teams ranked 12th through 15th at the 2016 Tim Hortons Brier in Ottawa will compete in a four-team round-robin pre-qualifier to determine the team that will advance to the 2017 Canadian championship.

Prince Edward Island (12th): Ranked 12th in 2016

Nova Scotia (13th): Didn't qualify in 2016

Yukon (14th): Didn't qualify in 2016

Nunavut (15th): Didn't qualify in 2016



First-team all-star honours went to, from left, Manitoba lead Denni Neufeld, Alberta second Brent Laing and Northern Ontario third Ryan Fry and skip Brad Jacobs. Laing is a four-time first-team all-star, while Fry and Jacobs have each been named twice.



Alberta lead Ben Hebert, Northern Ontario second E.J. Harnden and Newfoundland and Labrador third Mark Nichols and skip Brad Gushue were named to the second-team all-star squad. First and second-team all-stars have been selected at the Brier since 1965.

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FORD WORLD WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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When gold is within their grasp,

Switzerland's women's curling teams tend to be very difficult to beat.

That was proven yet again at the 2016 Ford World Women's Curling Championship last March in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, where Binia Feltscher's Swiss champs won gold for the second time in three years, giving her country its third straight world women's title and fourth in five years.

Switzerland defeated an upstart Japanese team skipped by Satsuki Fujisawa 9-6 in the gold-medal game at the Credit Union i-plex, touching off an emotional European team celebration.

Vice-skip Irene Schori, who was named winner of the player-voted Frances Brodie Award for her skill and sportsmanship, has been battling cancer since April 2015, so, suffice it to say, this victory was more meaningful than the team's 2014 triumph in Saint John, New Brunswick.

"It was always my goal to play curling," Schori said following the gold-medal game. "I had the whole summer to



The 2016 world champions: from left, Switzerland's Binia Feltscher, Irene Schori, Fränziska Kaufmann and Christine Urech. Feltscher made a perfect draw to the side of the button in the ninth end to count two and go up 7-6 against Japan's Satsuki Fujisawa. Looking to force an extra end, Fujisawa was heavy with her final rock, giving up a steal of two and the win.

think about curling. It was my goal to play curling."

She said winning the Swiss championship was great and the worlds was icing on the cake. "I have no words for that," she said.

Switzerland and Japan each posted 9-2 records to top the round-robin draw, followed by the tandem of Anna Sidorova of Russia and the home-country favourite Team Canada, skipped by Calgary's Chelsea Carey.

The Swiss team — rounded out by second Fränziska Kaufmann and lead Christine Urech — doubled Japan 8-4 in the Page 1-2 playoff to reach the final.

Carey, third Amy Nixon, second Jocelyn Peterman and lead Laine Peters had a tougher go of it.

After a clutch 9-4 win over Scotland's

Eve Muirhead to close out the round robin — simultaneously eliminating the Scots and avoiding tiebreakers — the Canadians were bounced 7-4 by the Russians, bronze medallists at the past two world championships.

Japan, meanwhile, bounced back to beat the Russians 7-5 to reach the final and clinch the country's first world championship medal in either gender.

It was a thrilling final, with the teams trading big three-enders in the seventh (Switzerland) and eighth (Japan) ends, leaving Fujisawa's team with a 6-5 lead.

But the Swiss rallied with a deuce in the ninth thanks to a difficult draw to bite the button on Schori's final delivery, and clinched gold with a steal of two in the 10th.

"Getting to the final, you just get your



Skip Anna Sidorova, third Margarita Fomina, second Alexandra Raeva and lead Nkeiruka Ezekh defeated Canada's Chelsea Carey in a 9-8 thriller to give Russia its third win over Canada on the week and the country's third consecutive world bronze medal.

THE ROAD TO PYEONGCHANG, SOUTH KOREA

The World Curling Federation has 54 member associations, but only 10 are allowed to participate at the medal level of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea. South Korea, as host country, has a berth in both the men's and women's competitions. Seven berths will be assigned on the basis of points accumulated at the 2016 and '17 World Curling Championships. The remaining two berths will be determined at a WCF Olympic qualifying event to be held in December 2017.

Ranking	Points	Points	
Women	2016	2017	
1	Switzerland	14	—
2	Japan	12	—
3	Russia	10	—
4	Canada	9	—
5	Scotland**	8	—
6	United States	7	—
7	South Korea*	6	—
8	Denmark	5	—
9	Sweden	4	—
10	Germany	3	—
11	Finland	2	—
12	Italy	1	—

* South Korea qualifies as host country
** Scotland will represent Great Britain

hopes up," said Fujisawa through an interpreter. "We had a chance (for gold), so it was a bit of a disappointment. But we'll take it."

In the bronze-medal game earlier in the day, Russia captured its third consecutive bronze with a 9-8 win over Canada.

The Canadians led 6-5 through seven ends, but Russia scored three in the eighth to take back control, and scored the winning single in the 10th.

Carey said representing Canada and playing in Swift Current was amazing. "I couldn't ask for more than that, other than standing on the podium," she said. "That's what we wanted, but it's been an amazing week and Swift Current is just incredible. The crowds and the whole city have been absolutely awesome to us all week."

FRANCES BRODIE AWARD

Swiss third Irene Schori is the 2016 winner of the Frances Brodie Award. The award winner is selected annually by competitors in the World Women's Curling Championship as the player who best combines playing ability with sportsmanship.

FINAL

Switzerland (Binia Feltscher)	*010	010	302	2	9
Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	000	102	030	0	6

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Switzerland		Japan	
Binia Feltscher	89%	Satsuki Fujisawa	84%
Irene Schori	76%	Chinami Yoshida	88%
Fränziska Kaufmann	86%	Yumi Suzuki	90%
Christine Urech	88%	Yurika Yoshida	90%
Team totals	85%		88%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

Canada (Chelsea Carey)	020	002	202	0	8
Russia (Anna Sidorova)	*201	110	030	1	9

SEMIFINAL

Russia (Anna Sidorova)	000	010	200	2	0	5
Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	*000	102	011	0	2	7

PAGE SYSTEM 3-4 PLAYOFF

Russia (Anna Sidorova)	*022	010	020	X	7
Canada (Chelsea Carey)	000	100	201	X	4

PAGE SYSTEM 1-2 PLAYOFF

Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	001	011	010	X	4
Switzerland (Binia Feltscher)	*110	100	302	X	8

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Switzerland (Binia Feltscher)	2	0
Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	1	2
Russia (Anna Sidorova)**	2	1
Canada (Chelsea Carey)	0	2

** Won bronze-medal game against Canada 9-8

Round robin	Wins	Losses
Switzerland (Binia Feltscher)	9	2
Japan (Satsuki Fujisawa)	9	2
Russia (Anna Sidorova)	8	3
Canada (Chelsea Carey)	8	3
Scotland (Eve Muirhead)	7	4
United States (Erika Brown)	6	5
South Korea (Ji Sun Kim)	5	6
Denmark (Lene Nielsen)	5	6
Sweden (Margaretha Sigfridsson)	4	7
Germany (Daniela Driendl)	3	8
Finland (Oona Kauste)	1	10
Italy (Federica Apollonio)	1	10

The award was named in honour of Scotland's Frances Brodie, one of curling's pioneering women. Brodie helped establish the women's world championship and chaired the first such event in Perth, Scotland, in 1979. The award was presented for the first time in 1989.



Chief umpire Dianne Barker, right, presents the 2016 Frances Brodie sportsmanship award to third Irene Schori of Switzerland.



Satsuki Fujisawa led her team to Japan's first-ever world championship medal. "We had a chance (for gold), so it was a bit of a disappointment. But we'll take it," said the skip.

WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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It was worth the wait.

It had been four years since a Canadian team stood atop the medal podium at the World Men's Curling Championship, but that dry spell came to a thrilling conclusion in early April in Basel, Switzerland.

Kevin Koe's Calgary team defeated Denmark's Rasmus Stjerne 5-3 in the 2016 world men's gold-medal game.

It was a second world title for Koe, vice-skip Marc Kennedy and lead Ben Hebert, while second Brent Laing was crowned world champ for a third time. Laing had been a member of the last Canadian team to win gold, Glenn Howard's 2012 team, which also prevailed at the same St. Jakobshalle arena in Basel.

"It feels awesome," said Koe, who followed up on his 2010 gold medal at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy — albeit with a different team — by becoming just the 15th skip to win two or more world titles. "It was a battle. They're a good young team. It wasn't flashy, but it was solid, and what a feeling. It's so hard to win the Brier, so you just want to win the worlds when you get here, and it feels awesome."

It was a nail-biting final in which the relatively inexperienced Danish team — the country had never reached a gold-medal game in 39 previous attempts — matched the Canadians shot for shot.

In fact, it was the Danes who were forcing the issue early. Canada had to take a single in the first end and then it was Stjerne who secured the game's first deuce, in the third end.

Canada, though, managed to fight back with a go-ahead deuce in the fifth end to carry some momentum into the second half of the game.

After forcing Denmark to a single in the sixth, Canada blanked the next



The 2016 world men's champions: from left, Canadian skip Kevin Koe, vice-skip Marc Kennedy, second Brent Laing and lead Ben Hebert. The Canucks had Denmark's number all week, posting an 11-8 extra-end round-robin win and a 5-3 triumph in the Page 1-2 playoff before running them out of rocks in the 10th end of their gold-medal encounter.



Skip Rasmus Stjerne and his relatively inexperienced Danish squad played brilliantly all week to reach the championship final, where they gave the Canucks all they could handle.



In a nail-biting final, Canadian skip Kevin Koe threw his trademark heater to pick out a Danish stone and set off a long-awaited celebration for Canadian curling fans.

THE ROAD TO PYEONGCHANG, SOUTH KOREA

The World Curling Federation has 54 member associations, but only 10 are allowed to participate at the medal level of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea. South Korea, as host country, has a berth in both the men's and women's competitions. Seven berths will be assigned on the basis of points accumulated at the 2016 and '17 World Curling Championships. The remaining two berths will be determined at a WCF Olympic qualifying event to be held in December 2017.

Ranking Men	Points 2016	Points 2017	
1	Canada	14	—
2	Denmark	12	—
3	United States	10	—
4	Japan	9	—
5	Norway	8	—
6	Sweden	7	—
7	Scotland**	6	—
8	Finland	5	—
9	Switzerland	4	—
10	Russia	3	—
11	South Korea*	2	—
12	Germany	1	—

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two ends and then scored a decisive hold-your-breath deuce in the ninth when Stjerne — who was simply brilliant all week — barely missed on a double runback raise attempt, giving Koe an open draw for two.

In the 10th, Kennedy's runback double takeout all but killed the Danes' hopes of a comeback, and it was left to Koe to finish it off. After a beautiful freeze by Stjerne, Koe threw his trademark heater and was able to pick out the Danish stone and set off a long-awaited celebration for Canadian curling fans.

"This is why we put this team together," said Koe. "This is it, this is amazing. And there's more in the tank; we have things to

improve on. Honestly, though, you couldn't write a better script for all we've gone through this year.

"We put a lot of hard work into it. Last year was a bit of a struggle and we made some changes (Kennedy moved to vice-skip), and they're paying off. What a year we've had — world champions, we've won a lot of other big events and hopefully we'll just keep getting better. And I think we can. It's only our second year playing together, and with more time, I think we'll get better. We're still learning a lot about each other. But what a team we've put together this year."

Canada won gold for the 35th time in the 58-year history of the world men's championship.

Meanwhile, John Shuster of the United States won the bronze medal, beating Japan's Yusuke Morozumi 8-6.



Japanese lead Kosuke Morozumi won the Colin Campbell Memorial sportsmanship award for the second consecutive year.

FINAL

Denmark (Rasmus Stjerne)	002 001 000 X	3
Canada (Kevin Koe)	*100 020 002 X	5

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Denmark	Canada		
Rasmus Stjerne	88%	Kevin Koe	91%
Johnny Frederiksen	79%	Marc Kennedy	91%
Mikkel Poulsen	89%	Brent Laing	91%
Troels Harry	93%	Ben Hebert	95%
Team totals	87%		92%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

Japan (Yusuke Morozumi)	002 020 200 0	6
United States (John Shuster)	*310 101 010 1	8

SEMIFINAL

Denmark (Rasmus Stjerne)	*203 030 01X X	9
United States (John Shuster)	000 200 10X X	3

PAGE SYSTEM 3-4 PLAYOFF

Japan (Yusuke Morozumi)	*011 001 001 0	4
United States (John Shuster)	100 000 030 1	5

PAGE SYSTEM 1-2 PLAYOFF

Canada (Kevin Koe)	*101 000 300 X	5
Denmark (Rasmus Stjerne)	010 010 001 X	3

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Canada (Kevin Koe)	2	0
Denmark (Rasmus Stjerne)	1	2
United States (John Shuster)**	2	1
Japan (Yusuke Morozumi)	0	2

** Won bronze-medal game against Japan 8-6

Round robin

	Wins	Losses
Canada (Kevin Koe)	10	1
Denmark (Rasmus Stjerne)	8	3
Japan (Yusuke Morozumi)	8	3
United States (John Shuster)	8	3
Norway (Thomas Ulsrud)	7	4
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	6	5
Scotland (Tom Brewster)	5	6
Finland (Aku Kauste)	5	6
Switzerland (Sven Michel)	4	7
Russia (Alexey Tselousov)	2	9
South Korea (Kim Soo Hyuk)	2	9
Germany (Alexander Baumann)	1	10

COLIN CAMPBELL MEMORIAL AWARD

Japanese lead Kosuke Morozumi is the winner of the Colin Campbell Memorial Award for the second consecutive year. The award winner is selected annually by competitors in the World Men's Curling Championship as the player who best combines playing ability with sportsmanship. The award was instituted in 1979 to honour the memory of Colin A. Campbell, who served as president of the International Curling Federation (now the World Curling Federation) from 1969 until his death in 1978.

A Salute to 2016 CHAMPIONS

Canadian Seniors



From left: Ontario lead Ken Sullivan, second Doug Johnston, third Ian MacAulay and skip Bryan Cochrane.



From left: Nova Scotia skip Colleen Jones, third Kim Kelly, second Mary Sue Radford and lead Nancy Delahunt.

Canadian Masters



From left: Saskatchewan skip Merle Kopach, third Sylvia Johnson, second Linda Delver and lead Trudy Dykes.



From left: Alberta skip Ed Lukowich, fourth Jim Walsh, second Don Hier and lead Gord Dewar.

CIS-Curling Canada University Championships



From left: Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks skip Aaron Squires, third Richard Krell, second Spencer Nuttall and lead Fraser Reid.



From left: Alberta Pandas skip Kelsey Rocque, third Danielle Schmiemann, second Taylor McDonald and lead Taylore Theroux.

Canadian Mixed Doubles



From left: Alberta's Jocelyn Peterman and Brett Gallant of Newfoundland/Labrador.

World Mixed Doubles



From left: Russia's Alexander Krushelnitskiy and Anastasia Bryzgalova.

Curling Club

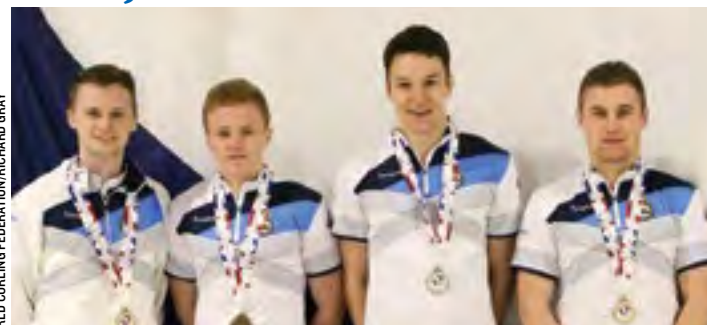


From left: skip Lisa Jackson, third Carolyn Coulson, second Melissa Morrow and lead Jodi Murphy of P.E.I.'s Cornwall Curling Club.



From left: skip Andrew Symonds, third Mark Healy, second Cory Ewart and lead Keith Jewer of the St. John's Curling Club in N.L.

World Juniors



From left: Skip Bruce Mouat, third Bobby Lammie, second Gregor Cannon and lead Angus Dowell of Scotland.



From left: Canadian skip Mary Fay, third Kristin Clarke, second Karlee Burgess and lead Janique LeBlanc

Canadian Mixed



From left: Alberta skip Mick Lizmore, third Sarah Wilkes, second Brad Thiessen and lead Alison Kotylak.

World Mixed



From left: Norwegian coach Ole Ingvaldsen, lead Pia Trulsen, second Sander Rølvåg, third Julie Molnar and skip Steffen Walstad.

Canadian Wheelchair



From left: Saskatchewan alternate Moose Gibson, skip Darwin Bender, third Marie Wright, second Gil Dash and lead Larry Schrader; (back row) coaches Lorraine Arguin and Lloyd Thiele.

World Seniors



Front row, from left: Scottish lead Margaret Richardson, second Isobel Hannen and alternate Margaret Robertson; (back row) skip Jackie Lockhart and third Christine Cannon.



Front row, from left: Swedish lead Gerry Wählin and skip Mats Wranå; (back row) third Mikael Hasselborg, second Anders Eriksson and alternate Lars Lindgren.

World Wheelchair



From left: Russian skip Andrey Smirnov, third Konstantin Kurokhtin, second Svetlana Pakhomova, coach Anton Batugin, lead Alexander Shevchenko and alternate Marat Romanov.

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From the hack to the BROADCAST BOOTH

BY GEORGE JOHNSON

THE EXPECTANT DIN INSIDE EDMONTON'S REXALL

Place dropping to utter silence as Cheryl Bernard released her rock, a deadeye draw to the eight-foot that fended off Shannon Kleibrink's team on the final end of the 2009 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials.

Her inexplicable miss on a routine

double-takeout three months later in an extra end at the Vancouver Olympic/Paralympic Centre that handed a gold medal to Sweden's Anette Norberg.

"Those are two very different shots, with very different outcomes, and bring back very different memories and very different emotions," says Calgary's Bernard more than six years later. "High

Skip Cheryl Bernard, third Susan O'Connor, second Carolyn Darbyshire and lead Cori Bartel knocked off fellow Calgarian Shannon Kleibrink to earn a trip to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver. With the score deadlocked at 6-6, Bernard executed a nail-biting draw to the eight-foot with her last rock of the final end to set off the celebrations.



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Beginning her third full season as part of TSN's on-air team, Cheryl Bernard, one of the most recognizable, successful female curlers of a generation, is finding her voice as a colour analyst beside Vic Rauter, left, and Russ Howard.



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to low. Ecstasy to agony. However you want to describe it.

"But I think that's what helps me as an analyst. Those moments. Both of them. I've made the big shots and I've missed the big shots. That's why I have tears in my eyes when I see great teams lose and why I have tears in my eyes when I see great teams win. I can *relate*. I can *empathize*. Because I've been there. I've been on both sides."

Beginning her third full season as part of TSN's on-air team, Bernard, one of the most recognizable, successful female curlers of a generation, is finding her voice as a colour analyst beside Russ Howard, a two-time world champion and 2006 Olympic gold medallist, and the glue behind the broadcast, the redoubtable Vic Rauter.

"She's a delight to work with," says Rauter, a TSN curling mainstay for the last quarter-century. "Her personality shines through.

"To be honest, she was a little shy at first. Wanted to be provoked and prodded a little bit.

"Same thing with Russ, when they step off the ice sometimes they forget they're broadcasters. They still think they're curlers and they get caught watching the game. I think she'll admit it happened to her a couple times."

For the newly retired Bernard, the invitation to be a guest analyst at the 2014 Home Hardware Canada Cup, a first tentative step into a vastly different world framed within a familiar environment, was an illuminating experience, one instantly familiar to all retired athletes who segue into the broadcast side of their sport.

"Nervous?" Bernard asks with a laugh. "I'll say. I hadn't felt nerves like that at the Olympics. At the end of that week, my jaw ached from clenching it.

"Naively, I thought it would be so simple. And the curling part, the knowledge you've built up as a player, is. It's all the other things going on that make the broadcast so great that you don't appreciate. I had NO idea what went into creating the telecasts, the massive team involved to make them look so great and showcase these players.

"Every player should have to go sit up in that booth and see. It'd give them respect to understand the media, TSN, the camera guys.... Everybody is there to help showcase our sport in the best possible way."

Bernard's comfort level in the gig is growing, her interplay with a different sort of teammate evolving.

"There's a certain comfort factor that builds up between on-air people over time," says Rauter. "Not unlike being married, in some respects. Be married long enough and your wife might start finishing your sentences if you pause, or you might finish hers. You know each other that well. It's not unlike that for us.



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Canada's 2010 Olympic silver medallists, from left, Cori Bartel, Carolyn Darbyshire, Susan O'Connor and Cheryl Bernard. After making every clutch shot she needed to leading up to the final, Bernard's inexplicable miss on a routine double-takeout in an extra end handed the gold medal to Sweden's Anette Norberg. In a curling career that has seen big shots made and missed, Bernard says that experience helps her as a TV analyst. "I can relate. I can empathize. Because I've been there. I've been on both sides."



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"When Cheryl came in to join us, it was about having a pattern, an understanding, and making her feel comfortable in that pattern."

"It took a little time but right now I think as a threesome we're as good as Linda (Moore) and Ray (Turnbull) and I were in terms of our dynamic."

Bernard isn't one to be telling tales out of school; a line of familiarity has been built up over her competitive days that she refuses to cross. The balance she appreciated from the media as a participant is at the forefront of her work behind a microphone.

"I look at it from a player's perspective. These players aren't making \$7 million a year. Most of them have full-time jobs and families."

"And curling is a funny sport. Shots are always open for interpretation. I love that about the game and I think that's why people in their living rooms are saying: 'I wouldn't have played that shot.' I love that part of our sport. Love it."

"But as a broadcaster, I can't get inside a player's

head. They make certain calls based on how they're feeling or what's working. I know the feeling. So I'm never going to be that person sitting in the booth and saying: 'That's the wrong call. That's a dumb call.' I'll throw out options, such as 'Maybe that would've been a better option...' or something like that. But these players are out there, in the line of fire, making calls that affect the winning and losing of important games. They believe in what they're doing. I understand that."

Since exiting competition in mid-June of 2014, Bernard has managed to find an ideal alternative.

Still, no one can play a game for that long, that well, and not feel pangs of competitive withdrawal, even three years on.

"Oh, I'll always think of myself as a curler first," she admits. "I suppose that's only human nature. But as time goes along, as that part of your life starts to recede, you start thinking in different terms."

"Do I miss the game? I honestly don't know if I'd have stayed so much a part of it if I hadn't joined TSN. To just walk into a rink when I wasn't playing, to watch as a spectator, would've been really ... hard."

"To be able to stay involved up in the booth has been actually way easier than I thought. There are definitely times — at the Scotties especially — you get there the first day, you see the ice and remember what it feels like to play in the arena.... I can't lie, there's that 'Why did I step back?' feeling. But then the tournament starts, you see the shots, the players and you get so involved in it from that end."

"It's been different, but in a way, the same."

"Just a really, *really* wonderful way for me to be able to stay involved in a sport I love."

Calgary's George Johnson has spent the last 38 years covering sports, including seven Olympic Games and four men's World Cups



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Six new members have been inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame — curlers Ina Forrest and Darryl Neighbour, curler/builders Pierre Charette and Earle Morris, builder Bob Weeks and former Curling Canada chair Hugh Avery.



HUGH AVERY
Executive Honour Roll
Hugh Avery chaired the Curling Canada board of governors in 2013-14 and 2015-16. He was first elected in 2010 after years of service to the sport in his home province of Nova Scotia as a director with the Nova Scotia Curling Association and president of the Halifax Curling Club.

He also served as co-chair of the Tim Hortons Brier host committee in 2010, when the event was held in Halifax.

Since being elected to the board, Avery has served as a member of five committees — Governance, CEO Performance and Compensation, Appointments Suggestion, Finance and Audit, and Constitutional Review — and was an international representative to the World Curling Federation.

Avery began to curl at the Westville Curling Club in 1981, when he was in junior high. He has played in men's championships at the provincial level in both Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

PIERRE CHARETTE
Curler/builder

Pierre Charette of Gatineau, Quebec, is one of the most accomplished players in Quebec curling history and has devoted countless hours to building the sport not only in his home province but across the country.

As a player, Charette is a seven-time Quebec champion — in 1989, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99 and 2007 — and won back-to-back silver medals at the '98 and '99 Briers playing vice-skip for Guy Hemmings. He is the only curler to play in the Brier at all four positions, and was named the second-team all-star third in 1998 and first-team all-star third in '99.

In addition to his men's titles, Charette won three Quebec mixed championships — as second in 1986 and as skip in '91 and '92 — and also skipped two provincial senior men's championship teams, in 2010 and '12.

Off the ice, Charette has played an integral role in the development of the Grand Slam of Curling series of events. He is a former president of the World Curling Players' Association and now manages Grand Slam events from coast to coast.

INA FORREST
Curler

A native of Spallumcheen, British Columbia, Ina Forrest is one of the world's most decorated wheelchair curlers.

Since taking up wheelchair curling in 2004, Forrest has won three world wheelchair gold medals and two Paralympic Winter Games gold medals and has been a valued member of Team Canada since 2007.

Forrest attended her eighth consecutive world wheelchair championship last February. She was an alternate for Team Canada in 2007 and has been in the lineup ever since, winning gold in 2009, '11 and '13. She helped Canada claim Paralympic gold in 2010 in Vancouver and in Sochi, Russia, in '14.

EARLE MORRIS
Curler/builder

Ottawa's Earle Morris has devoted his adult life to the sport of curling, having an impact on the game in a number of areas of play, coaching and national performance programming.

His curling career was highlighted by his history-making achievement as the first man to represent three different provinces at the Brier — Manitoba in 1980, Quebec in '82 and Ontario in '85 — a feat now matched by his son, John Morris, and Ryan Fry.

Morris's remarkable coaching career includes mentoring Canadian champions John Morris (juniors in 1998); Rachel Homan (juniors in 2010, Scotties Tournament of Hearts in 2013 and '14); and Pat Simmons (Tim Hortons Brier in 2015). Those teams garnered a world gold medal, two silvers and two bronzes.

Morris spends much of his time working with adults and youth at the recreation level. He has been a major influence on Curling Canada's Adult Learn-to-Curl program, which is changing the look and feel of curling clubs across the country. His concept to replace the traditional one-day clinic with a year-long program, and the creation of a curriculum to teach the trainers in Canadian curling centres, have been game changers for curling.

Morris served as the general manager of the Canadian Curling Association from 1987 to '89.

DARRYL NEIGHBOUR
Curler

Darryl Neighbour of Richmond, British Columbia, proved in the spring of 2015 that age is no barrier in the pursuit of athletic excellence. At 66 — he turned 68 last July — Neighbour added to what had already been a brilliant career by winning his third Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship. He was the vice-skip for the British Columbia team skipped by Gerry Austgarden.

That title, combined with his stellar success on the world stage with Team Canada, earned Neighbour the call from Curling Canada to join the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame.

Neighbour and Forrest were teammates on the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games gold-medal team, as well as on the 2009 and '11 world championship teams.

Neighbour also represented Canada proudly at the 2008 and '12 World Wheelchair Curling Championships.



Curling Canada's Peter Inch, right, presents the 2014-15 Volunteer of the Year Award to Louis Tanguay in recognition of his contribution to the success of the Winkler Curling Club.

Curling Canada Volunteer of the Year Award

Louis Tanguay of Winkler, Manitoba, is the winner of the 2014-15 Curling Canada Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of his significant contribution to the success of the Winkler Curling Club.

Tanguay worked tirelessly on behalf of his hometown and his hometown curling centre during the 2014-15 season to make the 2015 Manitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Winkler an off-the-charts success.

As the event's co-chair, the long-time community booster helped oversee an event that produced a profit in excess of \$100,000 and generated sellout crowds.

Tanguay's hard work earned him both the Curl Manitoba Volunteer of the Year Award and the Winkler and Area Community Foundation Citizen of the Year Award.

Besides being an avid curler, Tanguay has served as president, past president and secretary of the Winkler Curling Club and has volunteered his time in ice preparation, year-end cleanup, fundraising and bartending.

BOB WEEKS
Builder

Bob Weeks has spent most of his journalism career chronicling the sport of curling and is one of the most respected and widely read curling journalists on the planet.

In addition to his newspaper and television work, Weeks has written four books about curling — *The Brier: A History of Canada's Most Celebrated Curling Championship*; *Curling For Dummies*; *Hurry Hard: The Russ Howard Story*, which he co-wrote with Howard; and *Curling, Etcetera*.

He spent more than 25 years as the curling columnist for *The Globe and Mail* and was editor of the *Ontario Curling Report* for 30 years.

A Toronto native, Weeks is working as a curling reporter and analyst for TSN.

He has won the Scotty Harper Award for curling journalism three times, twice since it was revived in 2005, and was made an Honorary Life Member of the Ontario Curling Association in 2009.



Hall of Famers, from left, Pierre Charette, Ina Forrest, Earl Morris, Darryl Neighbour and Bob Weeks.

Paul McLean Award

Winnipeg Free Press sports reporter Paul Wiecek is the 2016 winner of the Paul McLean Award.

The award was created in 2007 by the Canadian Curling Reporters, in conjunction with TSN, in memory of McLean, a TSN executive producer, and his dedication to the sport of curling. McLean passed away on December 14, 2005, at his home in Brampton, Ontario, after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 39.

The award is presented annually to a person in the media who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of curling from behind the scenes.

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Wiecek is a graduate of Carleton University's School of Journalism in Ottawa. In 1989 he joined the *Free Press*, where he covered the police beat before becoming an investigative reporter in 1996. He moved into sports in 1998 and has worked there ever since.

A Season of Champions veteran, Wiecek has covered dozens of Tournament of Hearts, Briers and world championships, as well as Olympic Winter Games, World Series, Grey Cups, NBA championships and thoroughbred racing.

He's a two-time winner of the Scotty Harper Award, awarded annually for the year's best curling story.



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TSN's Brian Mudryk, left, presents the 2016 Paul McLean Award to *Winnipeg Free Press* sports reporter Paul Wiecek for his contribution to curling from behind the scenes.



Board of Governors Special Recognition Award

Hugh Avery of Halifax is the recipient of the 2016 Board of Governors Special Recognition Award, which was previously known as the President's Award. Initiated in 2005, the award is presented annually to an individual or organization whose unique contributions or achievements significantly impact the sport of curling in Canada.

Under Avery's leadership, and thanks to his professionalism and vision, Curling Canada took significant strides forward as an organization. His steady hand during two terms as chair of the board of governors was crucial and his contributions will be recognized long into the future.

Avery worked toward continuing to build and strengthen the lines of communication for all stakeholders in the sport of curling in Canada, doing it all as a volunteer and largely out of the spotlight. His tireless work did not generate media headlines, but it was crucial.



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Curling Canada vice-chair Peter Inch, right, presents the 2016 Scotty Harper Award for the year's best curling story to sports columnist Terry Jones of the *Edmonton Sun*.

Scotty Harper Award

Terry Jones of the *Edmonton Sun* is the winner of the 2016 Scotty Harper Award for the year's best curling story.

Jones's story *John Morris at Peace with Change Back to Third* was chosen as the winner by the faculty of Communication Studies at Mount Royal University in Calgary.

The award is named for the late Scotty Harper, whose curling reports in the *Winnipeg Free Press* enlivened the paper for many years. Not awarded for a number of years, the award was re-introduced in 2005 with the assistance of Curling Canada.

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THE MEMBER ASSOCIATION CUP

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CURLING CANADA HAS CREATED A provincial-territorial ranking system to measure member association performances at all of the national curling championships it operates and sanctions.

The system was implemented in 2010-11 by Curling Canada, which is made up of 14 member associations representing Canada's 10 provinces, Northern Ontario and the territories of Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Member associations are ranked based on their final positions in 10 annual national championships — the men's and women's Travelers Curling Club Championship, the Canadian mixed, Canadian junior men's and women's, Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Tim Hortons Brier, Everest Canadian senior men's and women's and Canadian wheelchair.

The program was created to generate greater interest among curling fans across the country. For years, curling enthusiasts have enjoyed regional rivalries, debating whether their province or territory was better than another. The new system adds legitimacy to a basic ranking system, which tracks how member associations perform.

Under the new system, points totals and results are tracked and updated after



Curling Canada governors Ron Hutton, left, and Scott Comfort present the Member Association Cup to Alberta Curling Federation board members Brenda Asmussen, second from left, and Joan Westgard. Alberta earned 113 points last season, thanks in part to first-place performances at the Canadian mixed, Hearts and Brier.

each applicable Canadian championship throughout the curling season.

The 2015-16 winners were announced in June at Curling Canada's Annual General Meeting in Cornwall, Ontario. Based on the highest average points, the Member Association Cup, presented by TSN, was awarded to Alberta, with 113 points, an average of 11.3 per event.

Alberta's total was bolstered by three first-place performances — Mick Lizmore's at the mixed, Chelsea Carey's at the Hearts and Kevin Koe's at the Brier.

Nova Scotia — the member association making the biggest year-to-year improvement on an average points basis — received the Governors' Cup for an average increase over the 10 events of 2.425 points year over year.

Nova Scotia's advancement was buoyed by gold-medal performances by Mary Fay at the juniors and Colleen Jones at the seniors.

For further details, go to www.curling.ca/macup.

2015-2016 MEMBER ASSOCIATION CUP — FINAL STANDINGS

Rank	Province/Territory	Mixed	Curling Club Championship Men	Curling Club Championship Women	Junior Women	Junior Men	Hearts	Brier	Senior Women	Senior Men	Wheelchair	Points	Average
1	Alberta	14.000	5.000	12.000	10.000	10.000	15.000	15.000	12.000	9.000	11.000	113.000	11.300
2	Saskatchewan	13.000	8.000	10.000	7.000	9.000	9.000	10.000	13.000	8.000	14.000	101.000	10.100
3	Northern Ontario	12.000	9.000	11.000	6.000	13.000	14.000	13.000	3.000	6.000	13.000	100.000	10.000
4	Manitoba	5.000	13.000	3.000	11.000	14.000	12.000	12.000	6.000	13.000	9.000	98.000	9.800
5	Nova Scotia	10.000	11.000	5.000	14.000	6.000	11.000	3.000	14.000	12.000	12.000	98.000	9.800
6	Ontario	6.000	3.000	13.000	8.000	8.000	10.000	8.000	11.000	14.000	7.000	88.000	8.800
7	Quebec	9.000	12.000	7.000	9.000	11.000	8.000	9.000	8.000	5.000	8.000	86.000	8.600
8	British Columbia	4.000	7.000	9.000	13.000	12.000	5.000	5.000	4.000	11.000	10.000	80.000	8.000
9	Newfoundland/Labrador	3.000	14.000	6.000	4.000	5.000	6.000	14.000	9.000	7.000	6.000	74.000	7.400
10	New Brunswick	11.000	6.000	8.000	12.000	7.000	4.000	6.000	10.000	2.000	5.000	71.000	7.100
11	Prince Edward Island	2.000	4.000	14.000	5.000	4.000	7.000	4.000	7.000	10.000	N/A	57.000	6.330
12	Yukon	7.000	10.000	4.000	2.000	3.000	2.000	2.000	5.000	4.000	N/A	39.000	4.330
13	Northwest Territories	8.000	2.000	2.000	1.000	1.000	3.000	7.000	2.000	3.000	N/A	29.000	3.220
14	Nunavut	1.000	1.000	1.000	3.000	2.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	N/A	12.000	1.330

COMBINING EDUCATION AND CURLING

ATHLETIC AND SCHOLASTIC DREAMS have been furthered for 10 deserving young curlers who are winners of the 2016 Curling Canada Foundation For The Love of Curling scholarships.

The \$1,000 scholarships — funded by donations from curling fans and supporters of the Curling Canada Foundation — were introduced to help university or college students cover a portion of their education and curling costs during the 2016-17 school year.

"Picking these 10 winners was both difficult and gratifying at the same time," said Kathy Henderson, Curling Canada's chief executive officer and a member of the selection committee. "There was an abundance of deep and diverse talent — student athletes who excel not only on the ice and in the classroom but also in their respective communities.

"Not that I had any doubt, but this process re-affirmed my belief that we have an amazing next generation of curlers coming up in our country."

Nearly 50 applications were received from across the country.

The 2016-17 scholarship winners are:

Maxime Blais, Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario (University of Ottawa)

Karlee Burgess, Brookfield, Nova Scotia (Dalhousie University)

Kristin Clarke, Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia (Dalhousie University)

Megan Daniels, Delta, British Columbia (Simon Fraser University)

Krista Fesser, Saskatoon (University of Saskatchewan)

Hayden Forrester, Winnipeg (L'Université de Saint Boniface)

Jessica Humphries, Bobcaygeon, Ontario (Brock University)

Sterling Middleton, Fort St. John, British Columbia (Douglas College)

THE 2016-17 FOR THE LOVE OF CURLING SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



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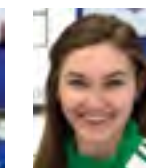
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STERLING MIDDLETON



TYLER TARDI



DANIEL WENZEK

Tyler Tardi, Surrey, British Columbia (Kwantlen Polytechnic University)

Daniel Wenzek, Burnaby, British Columbia (Douglas College)

The scholarship winners were selected by a panel whose members looked at both academic and curling achievements, including a commitment to building the sport through coaching/instructing and/or volunteer activities. In order to qualify, applicants had to be enrolled full-time for at least two semesters at a Canadian university or college, in addition to being registered to compete for Canadian Team Ranking System points during the 2016-17 curling season.

"The quality of these applications never ceases to amaze me, and it was truly challenging to narrow it down to 10 winners," said selection panel member Emma Miskew, vice-skip for Team Rachel Homan. "But it really is an enjoyable process, and it's so gratifying to see what these young curlers are contributing to our sport and to our communities across Canada."

The Curling Canada Foundation philanthropic program was introduced during the 2013-14 season to help junior curling and to support curling centres in Canada. Last season, donors invested almost \$400,000 in the sport of curling through Curling Canada's Rocks & Rings programs, scholarships and grants to curling clubs.

HOME TEAM LOOKING FOR FIVE STRAIGHT AT

2017 WORLD FINANCIAL GROUP CONTINENTAL CUP



Already qualified for Team North America are the reigning Canadian champions — Chelsea Carey, Amy Nixon, Jocelyn Peterman and Laine Peters, who prevailed at the 2016 Hearts, and Kevin Koe, Marc Kennedy, Brent Laing and Ben Hebert, who won the 2016 Brier. They will be joined by two U.S. entries and the winners of the 2016 Canada Cup.

CLOSE OR LOPSIDED — IT DOESN'T MATTER.

Team World is simply tired of losing at the World Financial Group Continental Cup.

The overseas contingent will be looking to snap a four-year losing streak against Team North America when the 2017 edition of curling's version of the Ryder Cup is contested January 12 to 15 in the Entertainment Capital of the World, Las Vegas.

Two years ago in Calgary, the end result was never really in doubt and the home team cruised to an easy victory.

Last year at Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, just one point separated the teams in the end — a historically tight finish — but it was still Team North America hoisting the trophy and Team World looking on in disappointment.

So with a return to Vegas in the offing, Team World must have the feeling that enough is enough.

"We really can't wait to get back to Las Vegas and show the fans what we're capable of," said Sweden's veteran skip Niklas Edin, who'll be making his ninth Continental Cup appearance.

"We have a ton of respect for the North American teams, obviously, and they've been deserving of their success. But we also know that the World teams, when we're on top of our game, can be just as good. I know all six of our teams coming to Las Vegas are excited because

it's such a great show, but also we are extremely hungry and focused on winning that trophy."

The four-day competition features three unique styles of curling competition — traditional team, skins and mixed doubles. Each segment awards points for wins or ties. A total of 60 points is available, so the side that earns more than 30 points will be declared the champion.

Team World's lineup was confirmed during the summer, with coach Pål Trulsen of Norway and captain Andy Kapp of Germany (also last year's Team World brain trust) bringing four of last season's six world championship podium teams to Las Vegas in a bid to take the trophy off of North American soil for the first time since 2012 in Langley, British Columbia.

All three medal-winning teams from the 2016 Ford World Women's Curling Championship last spring in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, will be in Las Vegas, led by two-time world champ Binia Feltscher of Switzerland, who won her second gold medal in Swift Current, beating Japan's Satsuki Fujisawa in the championship game. Russia's Anna Sidorova, the bronze medallist in Swift Current, will round out the Team World women's contingent.

On the men's side, Edin, the 2015 world champ, is joined by 2014 world champ Thomas Ulsrud of Norway,

who is preparing for his eighth trip to the event. On the other hand, Denmark's Rasmus Stjerne, who won silver at the 2016 World Men's Curling Championship last April in Basel, Switzerland, after losing to Kevin Koe's Canadian team in the final, will be making his Continental Cup debut.

Their Team North America opponents won't be completely known until December. Already qualified for Team North America are the reigning Canadian champions — Calgary's Koe, who won the 2016 Tim Hortons Brier in addition to the world men's title, and fellow Calgarian Chelsea Carey, whose team prevailed at the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

"We've been extremely fortunate over the past four years because that World team always has a lot of talent, but we've been able to rise to the occasion," said Koe, whose team was a member of last season's victorious Team North America squad.

"We see those teams throughout the season, and we know how much this event means to them, and we also know that we'll have to be at the absolute top of our games if we want to make it five in a row."

Rick Lang is back as Team North America coach, and he'll be joined by three-time world championship medallist Debbie McCormick of Rio, Wisconsin, as captain.

"What a true honour this will be," said McCormick, a four-time Olympian who also skipped the U.S. to gold at the 2003 world championship in Winnipeg. "My focus is to make this opportunity extraordinary for the athletes of Team North America and to assist them in finding success and enjoyment on and off the ice. This is a new and exciting role for me, one I will embrace and give 100 per cent, guaranteed."

The other two Canadian teams will be the men's and women's champions of the 2016 Home Hardware Canada Cup, which takes place November 30 to December 4 in Brandon, Manitoba.

The two U.S. entries will be decided based on World Curling Tour results through November 22.

"I know our teams will be ready to play in Las Vegas, and they'll have to be because Team World is tired of losing, and they'll be extremely eager to end that streak," said Lang. "I'm thrilled to be working with Debbie, and we'll be trying our best to keep the Cup here in North America."

The previous two Las Vegas editions of the World Financial Group Continental Cup — in 2014 and '16 — each broke event records for attendance, and the 2016 renewal also set the standard for the best-attended curling event on U.S. soil.

Projections for the 2017 event indicate more attendance records could be attainable.

"Team World's star-studded roster shows they're all-in to win," said Jon Killoran, event manager of the 2017 WFG Continental Cup. "So far, nearly 4,000 fans are also all-in, having purchased full-event packages. But we still have plenty of great seats available and a city waiting to entertain curling fans like no other."

TEAM WORLD LINEUPS

TEAM EDIN (SWEDEN)



Niklas Edin



Oskar Eriksson



Rasmus Wranå



Christoffer Sundgren

TEAM FELTSCHER (SWITZERLAND)



Binia Feltscher



Irene Schori



Fränziska Kaufmann



Christine Urech

TEAM FUJISAWA (JAPAN)



Satsuki Fujisawa



Chinami Yoshida



Yumi Suzuki



Yurika Yoshida

TEAM SIDOROVA (RUSSIA)



Anna Sidorova



Margarita Fomina



Alexandra Raeva



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TEAM STJERNE (DENMARK)



Rasmus Stjerne



Johnny Frederiksen



Oliver Dupont



Troels Harry

TEAM ULSRUD (NORWAY)



Thomas Ulsrud



Torger Nergård



Christoffer Svae



Håvard Vad Petersson

Captain: Andy Kapp (Germany) Coach: Pål Trulsen (Norway)

TEAM CAREY CALGARY



Chelsea Carey



Amy Nixon



Jocelyn Peterman



Laine Peters

SKIP: Chelsea Carey
Born: September 12, 1984
Occupation: Territory account manager, Simmons Canada

THIRD: Amy Nixon
Born: September 29, 1977
Occupation: Senior legal counsel, Mount Royal University

SECOND: Jocelyn Peterman
Born: September 23, 1993
Occupation: Kinesiologist, TotalCardiology Rehabilitation

LEAD: Laine Peters
Born: March 24, 1970

TEAM ROCQUE EDMONTON



Kelsey Rocque



Laura Crocker



Taylor McDonald



Jen Gates

SKIP: Kelsey Rocque
Born: March 25, 1994
Occupation: Recreation therapy student, University of Alberta

THIRD: Laura Crocker
Born: November 19, 1990
Occupation: Mortgage associate, Mortgage Design Group

SECOND: Taylor McDonald
Born: May 12, 1993
Occupation: Kinesiology student, University of Alberta

LEAD: Jen Gates
Born: April 22, 1990
Occupation: Student/curling instructor

TEAM EINARSON WINNIPEG



Kerri Einarson



Selena Kaatz



Liz Fyfe



Kristin MacCuish

SKIP: Kerri Einarson
Born: October 3, 1987
Occupation: Rehabilitation aide, Betel Home Foundation

THIRD: Selena Kaatz
Born: January 22, 1992
Occupation: Staff accountant, Deloitte Canada

SECOND: Liz Fyfe
Born: May 11, 1987
Occupation: Self-employed wedding planner

LEAD: Kristin MacCuish
Born: December 8, 1992
Occupation: Small-medium business specialist, IDC Communications

TEAM SWEETING EDMONTON



Val Sweeting



Lori Olson-Johns



Dana Ferguson



Rachelle Brown

SKIP: Val Sweeting
Born: July 9, 1987
Occupation: Case processing agent, Case Processing Centre Vegreville

THIRD: Lori Olson-Johns
Born: November 24, 1976
Occupation: Physical education teacher, St. Albert Public Schools

SECOND: Dana Ferguson
Born: February 25, 1987
Occupation: Curling development coach, Saville Community Sports Centre

LEAD: Rachelle Brown
Born: July 9, 1986
Occupation: Teacher, Black Gold School Division

TEAM FLEURY SUDBURY, ONTARIO



Tracy Fleury



Jennifer Wylie



Jenna Walsh



Amanda Gates



Crystal Webster

SKIP: Tracy Fleury
Born: June 13, 1986
Occupation: Chartered accountant, Laurentian University

THIRD: Jennifer Wylie
Born: August 1, 1984
Occupation: Chartered accountant, Vale

SECOND: Jenna Walsh
Born: March 2, 1988
Occupation: Letter carrier, Canada Post

LEAD: Amanda Gates
Born: March 26, 1986
Occupation: Insurance broker, PBL Insurance Limited

ALTERNATE: Crystal Webster
Born: February 26, 1975
Occupation: Mortgage specialist, RBC

TEAM CARRUTHERS WINNIPEG



Reid Carruthers



Braeden Moskow



Derek Samagalski



Colin Hodgson

SKIP: Reid Carruthers
Born: December 30, 1984
Occupation: Substitute teacher, Louis Riel School Division

THIRD: Braeden Moskow
Born: August 14, 1990
Occupation: Account manager, Emco

SECOND: Derek Samagalski
Born: September 9, 1984
Occupation: Grounds crewman, Larters at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club

LEAD: Colin Hodgson
Born: June 8, 1990
Occupation: Chef, Ovations/Investors Group Field

TEAM HOMAN OTTAWA



Rachel Homan



Emma Miskew



Joanne Courtney



Lisa Weagle

SKIP: Rachel Homan
Born: April 5, 1989
Occupation: Student

THIRD: Emma Miskew
Born: February 14, 1989
Occupation: Industrial and graphic designer

SECOND: Joanne Courtney
Born: March 7, 1989
Occupation: Registered nurse

LEAD: Lisa Weagle
Born: March 24, 1985
Occupation: Communications advisor, Department of Canadian Heritage, Sport Canada

TEAM EPPING TORONTO



John Epping



Mat Camm



Pat Janssen



Tim March

SKIP: John Epping
Born: March 20, 1983
Occupation: Sales consultant

THIRD: Mat Camm
Born: March 29, 1990
Occupation: Home renovation contractor

SECOND: Pat Janssen
Born: May 12, 1987
Occupation: Industrial engineer, Syncreon

LEAD: Tim March
Born: April 28, 1987
Occupation: Accountant, Cathy Tune, CA

TEAM JONES WINNIPEG



Jennifer Jones



Kaitlyn Lawes



Jill Officer



Dawn McEwen

SKIP: Jennifer Jones
Born: July 7, 1974
Occupation: Senior legal advisor, National Bank Financial/motivational speaker

THIRD: Kaitlyn Lawes
Born: December 16, 1988
Occupation: Sales representative, Goldline/IMPACT team ambassador, Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries

SECOND: Jill Officer
Born: June 2, 1975
Occupation: RBC Olympian, RBC Royal Bank

LEAD: Dawn McEwen
Born: July 3, 1980
Occupation: Case officer, Federal Government of Canada

TEAM GUSHUE ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR



Brad Gushue



Mark Nichols



Brett Gallant



Geoff Walker

SKIP: Brad Gushue
Born: June 16, 1980
Occupation: Business owner/real estate investor

THIRD: Mark Nichols
Born: January 1, 1980
Occupation: Business owner

SECOND: Brett Gallant
Born: February 18, 1990
Occupation: Curler

LEAD: Geoff Walker
Born: November 28, 1985
Occupation: Instructor, Rock Solid Productions Inc./golf course maintenance, The Derrick Club

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PLAYER PROFILES

TEAM JACOBS SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO



Brad Jacobs



Ryan Fry



E.J. Harnden



Ryan Harnden

SKIP: Brad Jacobs
Born: June 11, 1985
Occupation: Business development manager, Community First Curling Centre

THIRD: Ryan Fry
Born: July 25, 1978
Occupation: Corporate partnerships manager, Winnipeg Blue Bombers

SECOND: E.J. Harnden
Born: April 14, 1983
Occupation: Senior manager, channel development, Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation

LEAD: Ryan Harnden
Born: June 28, 1986
Occupation: Owner, Algoma Property Appraisals

TEAM KOE CALGARY



Kevin Koe



Marc Kennedy



Brent Laing



Ben Hebert

SKIP: Kevin Koe
Born: January 11, 1975
Occupation: Surface landman, Repsol Oil & Gas Canada

THIRD: Marc Kennedy
Born: February 5, 1982
Occupation: RBC Olympic ambassador/MBA student, University of Alberta

SECOND: Brent Laing
Born: December 10, 1978
Occupation: Operations manager, Collingwood/Barrie Weed Man

LEAD: Ben Hebert
Born: March 16, 1983
Occupation: Business development manager, WSP Canada

TEAM LAYCOCK SASKATOON



Steve Laycock



Kirk Muires



Colton Flasch



Dallan Muires

SKIP: Steve Laycock
Born: October 29, 1982
Occupation: Senior compensation specialist, University of Saskatchewan

THIRD: Kirk Muires
Born: June 29, 1990
Occupation: Mortgage associate broker, Kirk Muires Mortgages

SECOND: Colton Flasch
Born: February 27, 1991
Occupation: Construction worker, K&S Contracting

LEAD: Dallan Muires
Born: February 25, 1987
Occupation: CAD/design technologist, Saskatchewan Research Council

TEAM McEWEN WINNIPEG



Mike McEwen



B.J. Neufeld



Matt Wozniak



Denni Neufeld

SKIP: Mike McEwen
Born: July 30, 1980
Occupation: Sales representative, Hardline Curling

THIRD: B.J. Neufeld
Born: February 28, 1986
Occupation: CPGA golf professional, Larters at St. Andrews

SECOND: Matt Wozniak
Born: January 6, 1983
Occupation: Mortgage broker, Vertuity Mortgage

LEAD: Denni Neufeld
Born: January 25, 1981
Occupation: Realtor, Royal LePage Prime Real Estate

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OFFICIAL DRAW

DATE	TIME	DRAW	A	B	C	D	E
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30	10 a.m.	1	CARRUTHERS vs EPPING	McEWEN vs JACOBS	EINARSON vs SWEETING	ROCQUE vs JONES	
	3 p.m.	2	FLEURY vs JONES	EPPING vs KOE	LAYCOCK vs McEWEN	CAREY vs HOMAN	GUSHUE vs JACOBS
	8 p.m.	3	KOE vs LAYCOCK	EINARSON vs HOMAN	CARRUTHERS vs GUSHUE	SWEETING vs FLEURY	CAREY vs ROCQUE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1	10 a.m.	4		JONES vs CAREY	FLEURY vs HOMAN	JACOBS vs KOE	McEWEN vs EPPING
	3 p.m.	5	HOMAN vs ROCQUE	LAYCOCK vs GUSHUE	SWEETING vs CAREY	FLEURY vs EINARSON	KOE vs CARRUTHERS
	8 p.m.	6	LAYCOCK vs JACOBS	SWEETING vs ROCQUE	McEWEN vs CARRUTHERS	EPPING vs GUSHUE	JONES vs EINARSON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2	10 a.m.	7		CAREY vs FLEURY	GUSHUE vs KOE	CARRUTHERS vs LAYCOCK	HOMAN vs SWEETING
	3 p.m.	8	GUSHUE vs McEWEN	JACOBS vs CARRUTHERS	ROCQUE vs EINARSON	JONES vs SWEETING	EPPING vs LAYCOCK
	8 p.m.	9	EINARSON vs CAREY	HOMAN vs JONES	JACOBS vs EPPING	KOE vs McEWEN	ROCQUE vs FLEURY

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TIEBREAKERS • SEMIFINALS • FINALS

WOMEN'S TIEBREAKERS	Saturday, December 3	10 a.m.	MEN'S TIEBREAKERS	Saturday, December 3	10 a.m.
WOMEN'S SEMIFINAL	Saturday, December 3	3 p.m.	MEN'S SEMIFINAL	Saturday, December 3	8 p.m.
WOMEN'S FINAL	Sunday, December 4	3 p.m.	MEN'S FINAL	Sunday, December 4	8 p.m.

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HOME HARDWARE CANADA CUP

November 30 to December 4, 2016 ▶ Brandon, Manitoba

Round robin

Nov. 30	9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 1	9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.*
Dec. 2	9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Women's semifinal	Dec. 3	2:30 p.m.
Men's semifinal	Dec. 3	7:30 p.m.
Women's final	Dec. 4	2:30 p.m.
Men's final	Dec. 4	7:30 p.m.*

* 7:30 p.m. draw on December 1 to be aired on TSN1, 3, 4 and men's final on December 6 at 7:30 p.m. to be aired on TSN2

WORLD FINANCIAL GROUP CONTINENTAL CUP

January 12 to 15, 2017 ▶ Las Vegas, Nevada

Team competition	Jan. 12	12 noon
Mixed doubles	Jan. 12	4:30 p.m.
Team competition	Jan. 12	9:30 p.m.*
Team competition	Jan. 13	12 noon
Mixed doubles	Jan. 13	4:30 p.m.
Team competition	Jan. 13	9:30 p.m.
Mixed doubles	Jan. 14	12 noon
Team competition	Jan. 14	4:30 p.m.
Team competition	Jan. 14	9:30 p.m.
Skins	Jan. 15	4:30 p.m.
Skins	Jan. 15	9:30 p.m.

* Team competition on January 12 at 9:30 p.m. to be aired on TSN1, 3, 4

CANADIAN JUNIORS

January 21 to 29, 2017 ▶ Victoria

Women's semifinal	Jan. 28	4:30 p.m.
Men's semifinal	Jan. 28	8:30 p.m.
Women's final	Jan. 29	12 noon
Men's final	Jan. 29	4:30 p.m.

SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

February 18 to 26, 2017 ▶ St. Catharines, Ontario

Round robin

Feb. 18	2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m.*, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m.*, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m.*, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	9:30 a.m.

Tiebreakers	Feb. 24	2:30 p.m.
Page playoff	Feb. 24	7:30 p.m.*
Page playoff	Feb. 25	2:30 p.m.
Semifinal	Feb. 25	7:30 p.m.
Bronze medal	Feb. 26	2:30 p.m.
Final	Feb. 26	7:30 p.m.

* 2:30 p.m. draws on February 19, 22 and 23 and Page playoff on February 24 at 7:30 p.m. to be aired on TSN1, 3, 4

TIM HORTONS BRIER

March 4 to 12, 2017 ▶ St. John's, Newfoundland/Labrador

Round robin

Mar. 4	1:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 5	8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 6	1:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.*
Mar. 7	8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.*, 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 8	8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 9	8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.*, 6:30 p.m.*
Mar. 10	8:30 a.m.

Tiebreakers	Mar. 10	1:30 p.m.
Page playoff	Mar. 10	6:30 p.m.
Page playoff	Mar. 11	1:30 p.m.
Semifinal	Mar. 11	6:30 p.m.
Bronze medal	Mar. 12	1:30 p.m.
Final	Mar. 12	6:30 p.m.

* 6:30 p.m. draws on March 6 and 9 and 1:30 p.m. draws on March 7 and 9 to be aired on TSN1, 3, 4

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