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CURLING ALBERTA

INSPIRATION EXPO

In concert with its 2020 AGM and Awards Celebration at the Crestwood Curling Club in Edmonton on June 6th, Curling Alberta is excited to announce that it will host an inaugural Inspiration Expo. Don't forget that the day will start off with several high-caliber "Business of Curling" workshops, aimed to support and develop local club managers and volunteers. In the afternoon, Curling Alberta's Board of Directors will host its Annual General Meeting, which will be followed by the Inspiration Expo later in the afternoon. The day of activities will wrap up by celebrating our provincial and national champions, as well as our award winners at a spectacular banquet in the evening.

WHAT IS THE INSPIRATION EXPO?

In short, it's a fun and engaging way for clubs to share their successes and innovative ideas with each other. Participating clubs will have just two minutes to "pitch" their great idea to the audience (think Dragon's Den). Following each presentation, the audience who will have an opportunity to ask any questions, then vote for the best, most inspirational idea!

WHAT COULD MY "INSPIRATION" BE ABOUT AND HOW SHOULD I PRESENT IT?

There's no limit when it comes to possible topics for the presentations. Examples

could include innovative programs, volunteer and community engagement strategies, fundraising methods, special events, or new uses of technology or food and beverage concepts, just to name a few.

Visual props and demonstrations are both welcomed and encouraged. Creativity and potential for impact and implementation will be incorporated into the voting criteria.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any representative, or a team of representatives, of a member club can enter the Inspiration Expo at no cost. You can be a staff member, a volunteer, or a curler.

WHY SHOULD I SIGN UP?

Not only will fantastic prizes be awarded to the winner and runner-up, but you'll also have an opportunity to be inspired by others and to play a role in sharing and celebrating all the inspirational ideas happening in clubs across the province.

HOW DO I SIGN UP MY CLUB OR LEARN MORE?

All the details will be published soon! When that happens, you'll just have to shoot us a quick email to let us know who will be participating and on behalf of which club. For now, start thinking about how you might be able to inspire others with your ideas.

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CURLING ALBERTA HOSTS HIT DRAW TAP CHAMPIONSHIP FOR KIDS

The Hit Draw Tap Provincial Championships presented by Tim Hortons took place in Okotoks after the semi-final of the 2020 Sentinel Storage Alberta Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

The Hit Draw Tap program is a youth skills competition where kids age 6 to 13 compete as individuals. The kids are grouped into three different age categories, 6-8, 9-10 and 11-13 and they perform three different shots – a “Hit,” a “Draw,” and a “Tap.”

Over 450 Participants from across all of Alberta competed at their local clubs with the top five scorers in each age category qualified to compete in the first-ever qualifying Hit Draw Tap Provincial Championship. Fifteen young curlers and their families enjoyed the semifinal game before they got to step onto the same ice

that the best women curlers in Alberta curled on all week. Getting to throw rocks on arena ice was a real hit with the young curlers.

“It just felt awesome — I really wanted to play on arena ice,” said 10-year-old Kesler Bachek of the Okotoks Curling Club. “It curled a ton. Not too fast, it was super fun.”

Bachek competed in the provincial Hit Draw Tap finals in the 9 to 10 year-old category.

“I loved being out there in front of everybody and curling on the different ice,” Bachek said. “I was a little nervous.”

Submitted by Lee Smith, Director of Operations & Community Curling Centre Development

CURLING DAY IN CANADA FEBRUARY 22, 2020

CANADA-WIDE GAME

On February 22, 2020, there was a Canada-wide curling game. The idea was for Curling Canada to try to collect the final score of as many games as possible. Clubs across the country were asked to submit scores from every game played at their rink that day.

More information and the scores can be found here:

<https://curlingdayincanada.ca>

CHANCE TO WIN A \$10,000 RENOVATION GRANT.

Each club that submitted at least one game score received a complimentary ballot into a draw for a \$10,000 club renovation grant.

YOUR STORIES

Curling Canada asked for individual curlers, whether they play the game regularly, once a year, or even once in their lifetime, to submit their unique curling stories! Each submission received before February 22, 2020, earned one ballot for the chance to win an all-expenses-paid closing weekend trip for four people to the 2021 Tim Hortons Brier! All the individual stories can be found on Curling Day in Canada's website at <https://curlingdayincanada.ca/category/blog/individual-stories/>

TEAM WALKER'S ROAD TO THE 2020 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS



Last week, Canada's top women's curling teams faced off at the 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. For newly crowned Alberta champions, Laura Walker, Kate Cameron, Taylor McDonald, and Nadine Scotland, the road to the Scotties was an exciting one.

After a dominating week at the Alberta provincial championships, skip Laura Walker knew going into that final game versus Team Rocque was going to be a tough one. Playing a team three times in one week is a daunting task, especially against one as strong as Kelsey Rocque's, but they kept their mantra the same. Keep focused, stay committed to the process, and do all the little things that brought so much success all season. Having decisively won every game to that point, Laura Walker talked a bit about their mindset going into that final game on Sunday.

"We just wanted to remind ourselves that just because it was the final, it doesn't mean that it should be different," Walker said. "Let's just go in and do the things that got us here." Their strategies and process obviously worked, as the Walker rink defeated Team Rocque 7-4 to represent Alberta at the upcoming Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Following the Alberta Scotties, Team Walker announced that Kelsey Rocque would be joining them in Moose Jaw as their alternate. As Laura, Taylor and Kelsey were teammates for three years, they know each other fairly well and are quite familiar with each others' game. "Not only do we have a good relationship with her," says Walker, "we know her well enough to know that she's just going to take on that role and do it with 110%. She's that type of person that will do whatever she needs to do and whatever's best for the team, so we're really looking forward to that." Rocque joined the team in Edmonton for a practice session the weekend before the team traveled to Moose Jaw.

It's been quite a journey from a young girl starting out in the Little Rock's program at the Scarboro Golf and Curling club for something to do on Sundays. In a time when many curling clubs frowned on junior curlers participating in their competitive men's and women's leagues, Scarboro's small curling membership gave a resounding yes to letting Walker's up-and-coming team play. "We had the same core group of us going through juniors since I was 6 years old," said Walker. "Had I not had those people there at the club going out every week, I don't know if I would have stuck with the sport and that would have been such a shame now."

The roster for this year's 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts was an impressive one, but not many first year teams have come together as quickly or have the chemistry that Team Walker shares. They are 100% supportive of each other and stand united on women being able to do it all – career, family and carving out their place in professional curling. "We're having lots of fun together so we keep that light side to the game has been a big asset for us," said Walker. That fun has included the team keeping a season-long tally of a "pigs" game, which has been quite the lucky charm.

"For me, when I decide to do something, I'm doing it 100%," said Walker. "I knew that once I was in the game, I wasn't going to ever half-ass it, or do it partway. I was going to give everything. It's easy to do that with my teammates and seeing all the work they are putting in too."

Team Walker finished their 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts run with a 3 - 4 record, missing the championship round. Congratulations to Laura, Kate, Taylor, Nadine, and Kelsey for making Alberta proud!

Submitted by Casey Thomas

ALBERTA CURLING LEGEND FRED STOREY PASSES AWAY

The curling community is mourning the loss of Fred Storey, one of the game's great front end players, at the age of 87.

In an era of corn brooms and 12-end games, Fred's curling career spanned across his high school years, cash spiels and provincial playdowns. With Fred as lead, Calgary-based Team Northcott, went on to win three Brier and World championship titles in 1966, 1968 and 1969. Representing the Calgary Curling Club, Storey earned seven Brier Purple Hearts and was inducted into the Curling Canada Hall of Fame in 1974.

Combined with second Bernie Sparkes, Storey formed one of curling's most awe-inspiring front ends. Warren Hansen, a fellow Hall-of-Farmer and 1974 Brier champion, described how Storey changed the concept of what a lead could provide to a team.

"I think Fred was one of the first great leads in the sport," said Hansen. "If there was a corner guard put up, he'd be behind it, buried, above the tee-line, in a split second. That was a lot of the success of the Northcott team. During the 1960s I don't think I can think of a lead who was better at playing that game than he was. In that time, the lead was the one who set up the end. If your lead was able to get around a corner, you were almost assured of getting a deuce because the runback wasn't a routine shot like it is today."

Thanks to legendary front end players like Fred Storey, the necessity of having a lead that is both strong on the brush and sets the tone for a successful end, is recognized by curling athletes at all levels.



"He provided a lot of the mental strength for that (Northcott) team," said Hansen. "Fred didn't have to say much; it was his actions. He was a no-nonsense guy on the ice; just win, win, win. I'd say he was the best lead in the game in the 1960s; he took the position of lead to another level."

Submitted jointly by Lee Smith and Casey Thomas

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Saville Community Sports Centre's very own **TEAM MARKS AND TEAM JACQUES** on earning the 2020 Curling Alberta Junior Provincial Championship!



Skip Abby Marks, along with vice-skip Catherine Clifford, second Paige Papley, and lead Jaimie Scott won a 6-4 victory over Team Cinnamon in a tight final game, to be named the 2020 Alberta Junior Women's Champions. "I was very excited to be able to go back to Nationals this year and to make it through that tough provincial field," said Marks. Getting to

be Team Alberta is a privilege and always an amazing opportunity. The experience you get from being able to represent your province at the Canadian Juniors is really special and I'm glad I was able to do it a second time."

Team Jacques entered the playoffs with an undefeated record in the round robin to face Team Libbus. With the game tied after 10 ends, skip Ryan Jacques, backed up by vice-skip Desmond Young, second Andrew Gittis, and lead Gabriel Dyck, maintained their composure under pressure to finish 6-5 to win the Junior Men's Championship in the extra end. "With such a tough field of competition in Alberta, it was a huge honour to win the right to represent Alberta at this year's Canadian Juniors," said Jaques. "The high level of junior play in our home province pushed us to perform our very

best, and made our trip to Langley that much more meaningful."

Team Marks and Team Jacques went on to represent Alberta at the New Holland Canadian Junior Championships on January 18th-26th, in Langley, BC. With a 6-4 record in the round robin, Team Jacques finished just one spot shy of a playoff spot in 4th place overall. At the Junior Awards banquet, Ryan Jacques was awarded the prestigious Ken Watson Male Sportsmanship Award, as voted by his fellow players. Team Marks finished their impressive championship run as Silver Medalists and Catherine Clifford was named as one of the women's All Stars with a shooting percentage of 83%.

Both teams plan to stay together next season to focus on men's/women's and university play.



COMMUNITY. GRASSROOTS. UNDERDOG.

Three words often heard in curling rinks everywhere are now becoming synonymous with Great Western Brewery's Original 16 brand. Because the sport of curling is often at the heart of hometowns across BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Great Western Brewery is strengthening their commitment and involvement in curling communities across Western Canada with their Original 16 beers.

Original 16 came into being in 2011 as a tribute to the 16 original founders of the Great Western Brewery. Almost 30 years ago, a merger threatened to close their Saskatoon brewery down. While not a unique story in today's

world, what happened next is certainly extraordinary. Facing the devastating loss of a means to support their families, 16 front-line employees stepped up to combine their life savings to save their brewery, their livelihood and the jobs of hundreds of people. Backed by their families, friends and community, these everyday people had a dream, worked hard for it and ultimately made it happen. Curling athletes, coaches, and fans across Alberta, share that same spirit, determination and commitment to excellence as Original 16 and Curling Alberta is thrilled to partner with them.

From the great tasting, smooth and refreshing Pale Ale to the brand new

Helles Half Acre, Original 16 is committed to being the beer that is enjoyed in those smaller communities by players following a game in the clubs to fans cheering them on from home. With only 90 calories per can and 2.6% ABV, who can say no to a Helles lager?

Clubs interested in featuring Curling Alberta's official beer, should contact Original 16 team members Ryan Zmurchuk in Edmonton ryanz@gwbc.ca or Jorge Castillo in Calgary jorgec@gwbc.ca.

CURLING ART CENTRAL AT THE 2020 SENTINAL STORAGE ALBERTA SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS IN OKOTOKS AB

In an Alberta town well known for there being a “number of things to do in Okotoks AB”, one of those things we have started to do well is connect sport with art.

When the host committee and the Okotoks Curling Club asked Lineham House Galleries if they could help round out the cultural content to the festivities in visual art this year, co-owner Cheryl Taylor got busy in under three weeks to the opening ceremony.

Three key elements were quickly incorporated into the 2020 Alberta Scotties Tournament of Hearts:

- A display of local and sports artists including well known Canadiana and hockey artist, Timothy Wilson Hoey (Victoria, BC), who created the curling rock painting “Hurry Hard” for the occasion (which was used royalty free with his generous permission to help promote the event),
- Local artists created curling art on site to connect art with sport in real time to honour the event and engage spectators in the local arts community between games;
- A 48-hour Youth Art Challenge coordinated to bring youth artist to the games, execute and then show their creation to a primarily sports audience.



“Hurry Hard”
Artist: Timothy Wilson Hoey
and O Canada Art Studio

OKOTOKS ARTISTS “SWEEP IN” TO THE 2020 ALBERTA SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

The opening ceremony saw artist Russell Thomas paint this piece over the course of the evening. Russel and his family recently relocated to the arts haven of Elma Street, downtown Okotoks (where Lineham House galleries is also located) from his home in Fort McMurray.

Long time local artist and art teacher. Paul Rasporich, came to the event most days to create pen and ink sketches right in the curling rink. He also created at home in his studio a large, beautiful pastel of winning skip from Team Laura

Walker based on the sketches throughout the week. Paul was interested in the intense focus in which Laura and her team played the game and he maintained he knew they would win from the moment he took pen to paper to capture this will to victory. It was a very special moment when just after the semi-final “Skip” was revealed to Laura and her team. This was especially poignant when Team Walker went on to win the tournament.

It was an absolute joy to have local artist, teacher and children’s book illustrator,

Jennifer Stables, with Jenny Dale Designs bring her whimsical approach to the game in the creation of original curling art pieces, commissions and curling prints. Jenny was on site throughout the tournament to the joy of all who had a chance to meet her and see her beautiful work.

Most of the pieces are now available at Lineham House Galleries and the Jenny Dale Studio on the second floor of the gallery.



Artist: Russell Thomas



Artist: Jennifer Stables



Artist: Paul Rasporich
and Laura Walker

48 HRS YOUTH ART CHALLENGE

There were a total of nine entries and each submission took home a prize of gift certificates for art supplies at the town's local art supply stores. The results exhibited successfully in both the gallery at a wonderful artist reception attended by friends and family and at the Okotoks Recreation Centre to a very positive response from an outstanding crowd the last day of the 2020 Sentinel Storage Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

We had an incredible first place winner in the 14 - 17 year category in Foothills Composite grade 12 student, Catherine Mitchell, whose photography, watercolour and line drawings were collaged to together to produce "Skip". Prints of this work were made available for sale to the public and it was a successful day for Catherine where in addition to \$75 in prize money, she secured three sales for another \$60. This challenge was designed with the opportunity for students to experience their first art sales should they so choose to sell.

We also had beautiful entries in the 12 - 14 year category with the gorgeous piece, "Crowded House", by 14 year-old Cameron Smith, winning top prize. Cameron also sold her work successfully earning her a total of \$125.

Fun fact - Cameron Smith had never been to a curling game prior to this art challenge. After spending a few hours documenting the opening night of the tournament, she became interested in giving it a try and has already connected to a local curling coach.

Faith Thomas is a talented young curler in the Okotoks Curling Club and was part of the opening ceremonies of the 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, cheering the ladies on the entire week. Faith also sold her work to a local fan and with her second prize winnings took away \$70. We were particularly pleased to see this Okotoks art and sport "double-threat" in this wonderful young student.

Lineham House Galleries, our professional artists, youth artists and supportive arts community appreciated the opportunity to be a part of a very special event for Alberta curling which helped to showcase our unique Town of Okotoks.

Thank you to the Okotoks Curling Club, Curling Alberta, and the Town of Okotoks - we look forward to the next opportunity to connect art and sport as a win/win for everyone.

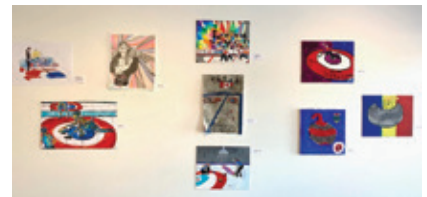
From all of us here at Lineham House Galleries in Okotoks, AB, we wish Team Alberta success at the 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts!

Cheryl Taylor is local artist, teacher, co-owner of Lineham House Galleries and a 20 year resident of Okotoks which has grown into a vibrant arts community just south of Calgary in the beautiful Foothills of Alberta. A huge supporter of Alberta artists and the arts, she loves organizing events, supporting her business community and a challenge.



"Skip"

Artist: Catherine Mitchell

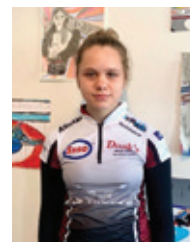


Youth Art Challenge Entries



"Crowded House"

Artist: Cameron Smith



Faith Thomas



Cameron Smith

CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON - UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 4 - 8: Curling Alberta Masters Championship, Airdrie Curling Club

MARCH 18 - 22: Curling Alberta Wheelchair Championship, Garrison Curling Club

MARCH 20 - 22: Junior Club Championship, Grande Prairie Curling Club

MARCH 25 - 29: Curling Alberta Mixed Championship, Oilfields Curling Club

APRIL 1 - 5: Curling Alberta Club Championships Presented by Original 16, Avonair Curling Club

APRIL 2 - 5: Curling Alberta Curler's Corner U-15 Championships, Rocky Curling Club

APRIL 2 - 5: Curling Alberta U-21 Mixed Doubles, Calgary Curling Club



CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Every year Curling Alberta will honour those individuals who make outstanding contributions to the sport we love. There are specific awards to celebrate those coaches, players, volunteers, officials, ice technicians and partners who continue to inspire curlers of all ages and abilities.

We want to recognize these extraordinary people that selflessly give their time and energy to spread the power of sport through curling, from grassroots initiatives up to our high-performance athletes.

Nominations are being accepted for the following awards:

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to a team who is a shining example to others. Considerations include sportsmanship, dedication, positive leadership qualities, and community involvement. All ages, categories, and skill levels are eligible, but competitive achievement will be a highly weighted component. Team accomplishments are limited to Curling Alberta events in the most recently completed season.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to a coach who has directed his or her team with sportsmanship and integrity. This individual possesses proper skills and knowledge to effectively mentor, support, and challenge their athletes while instilling a love of curling. This coach inspires continued learning and improvement, and demonstrates respect and care for athletes. A high standard of personal conduct is also clearly exhibited. The minimum coaching standard to be met by nominees is Club Coach "Trained" or Competition Coach "Trained" as recognized by Curling Alberta and the Coaching Association of Canada.

INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to an instructor who has been a difference-maker in his or her club and community. He or she has gone above and beyond to build membership, preserve and improve existing programs, and introduce beginners to our sport in a safe and enjoyable manner. This individual has a passion for teaching and has also demonstrated a high standard of personal conduct.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to a volunteer who has made an extraordinary contribution to the sport of curling.

CURLERS CORNER YOUTH SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Awarded annually to a team or individual athlete who exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship both on and off the ice with ethical behavior, fair play, respect for others, and a love for curling. The team or player must be eligible to compete in the U15, U18 or U21 categories.



CLUB OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to a member club or community curling centre which displays outstanding impact in and on the community. Areas of consideration may include: development of innovative programs and services; alignment to the provincial programs (e.g. whole of sport approach); evidence of volunteer management strategies (attract, develop, retain); evidence of financial sustainability / viability; sound leadership practices (role descriptions for committees and key club roles, robust governance practices); community engagement (e.g. with other clubs, schools, sponsors, external stakeholders or community groups); coach and/or instructor development processes in place; retention and growth of a diverse membership; success in fundraising and management of large capital projects; etc. Clubs are encouraged to self-nominate for this award. Only member clubs of Curling Alberta are eligible to be nominated for the Club of the Year award.

PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to a sponsor or partner of curling that has shown tremendous support to the sport.

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to an outstanding official who who has demonstrated a high level of knowledge, strength, leadership, dedication, and integrity.

ICE TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to an ice-maker who has provided significant leadership, excellence, and dedication to their craft.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Awarded annually to anyone as selected by the President of Curling Alberta for outstanding service to the sport of curling. Current Board members are not eligible. Nominations for this award will be considered but the recipient is usually self-selected by the President.

Details on each award and the nomination form can be found at <https://curlingalberta.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/CA-Awards-nomination-20-1-1.pdf>. Submit your completed form with any additional details to Curling Alberta's Executive Director, Jill Richard at jill.richard@curlingalberta.ca.

Nominations will be accepted until April 24 and will be presented on June 6th, at the Annual Awards Celebration.

UPCOMING COACHING, ICE TECH AND UMPIRE COURSES

LEVEL 2 ICE TECH

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MAYERTHORPE CURLING CLUB GETS BACK ON ITS FEET

Our club was hit with a massive unexpected maintenance issue this year which has delayed our season.

We found with inspection of starting up our club that our chiller was inoperable. Upon further investigation we found that the condenser, compressor, in floor heat, and brine pump also needed to be replaced. With most of our expenses quoted, materials purchased, labour, permits, and building cost we are around the \$80,000 mark. This is devastating information for a small town club but not an unobtainable goal to overcome with the board, members and volunteers of our club.

Our members have donated back their fees (with no curling in site until hopefully next year), volunteered their time to help run events, apply for grants, gather silent auction items, organize raffles, and so much more. They have stood beside the board of the Mayerthorpe Curling Club, done whatever was asked or needed and

even offered up ideas of their own. We are so proud of this club and community. This is the spirit of why we all curl.

This is why we freeze night after night for the thrill of a curling rock on a clean sheet of ice. This is what brings us together, what forms the leagues, and fills the bonspiels. The passion for this sport, the unity and loyalty it brings between some complete strangers that have the same sport in their heart. It helps us go that extra mile to volunteer and see a small club get back on its feet. When we say "this is our house" we truly mean home. Home for many to come, far and wide. To come with skill or not, years of experience or not, but always always welcome. Curling does that. No matter your age, curling is a sport for all.

We have seen this passion with sincerity in our humble little town this past few months. Curling is not only defined as the rings, rocks, brooms, and rules of the game. It is that passion, that community,

involvement of all ages. A sport where "curling" is community and many generations. Its proudly diverse. Grandpa and grandson can curl together, a ladies team with 40 years of friendship, a young competitive junior team and more. We have a large goal that we at MCC will do all that we can to accomplish, but with a community and club like Mayerthorpe has and the spirit of this beloved game behind us it seems more and more obtainable everyday. This is our inspirational story, no matter the start to the season, no matter the size of the community, passion for the rocks and rings will always get us to the end of another great year of curling.

Thank you for all that you do and all that you support. Our club is so grateful.

Krista Turner
MCC Secretary

BRUSH HEADS COMPLIANCE: PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF THE SPORT AND THE SPIRIT OF FAIR PLAY

For all competitive play that leads to a national championship or awards CTRS points, each player declares one sweeping device that must be WCF (World Curling Federation) approved. An approved WCF code must appear on the brush head to be compliant. The 2018-22 Curling Canada Rule Book now includes the details of the brush heads and the penalties associated. Refer to Section 11. 'SWEEPING' (12) Brush Heads page 45 of the Curling Canada Rule Book. The penalty for using an illegal brush head is the game is forfeited and the player is suspended from the entire competition and cannot be replaced by a spare or substitute.

A PLAYER'S LOOK INSIDE THE CANADIAN CURLING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

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2019 women's Canadian Curling Club Champions Team Dupont, Nanette Dupont, Samantha Davies, Kendra Nakagama, Avice DeKelder, with Coach Bill Kohuch and Alternate Shirley Kohuch

The Canadian Curling Club Championships was an experience my team and I will never forget. We love to curl and we love to compete at a competitive level. But like most club curlers, we all have busy lives that prevent us from putting in the time and effort that it takes to tour and compete in provincial qualifiers year after year. The club championships offers an elite national curling experience to curlers who want to play competitively, but can't make the family and career sacrifices that the top curling teams continually make to stay at the top.

Having volunteered at national competitions, I can confidently say that the organization and schedule of events is much like that of a Scotties Tournament of Hearts or a Brier. We were catered to on many levels both on and off the ice. The volunteers, the ice conditions, the televised games, the camaraderie between teams, and of course, the high level of competition really gave my team a sense of what it is like to perform at the highest level. We will never forget our experience and we can't wait to try and get back there again.

If your team is striving for more than your curling club leagues are giving to you then we highly recommend entering in the Curling Club Championship qualifiers. There is no prerequisite. Your skill level doesn't have to match that of a Jennifer Jones or a Kevin Koe. You don't need an impressive curling "resume", or previous championship experience. In fact, the Curling Club Championships have specific rules against elite curlers entering to ensure that the model stays true to the experience only being offered to "club curlers". If nothing else, you'll make new friends that you are likely to see at the next out-of-town bonspiel.

Cheers from my team to yours... and good luck!

For more information on the Curling Club Championships, visit curlingalberta.ca

Nanette Dupont
Skip of the 2019 women's
Canadian Curling Club Champions

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