



March 7, 2021 – Francie Sobon (\$8,380)

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Family is the theme of this week’s 50/50, and in the case of Sunday’s winner, it is bringing family together. Francie and her husband Perry are already planning to use their share of Sunday’s \$16,760 jackpot to plan a trip to visit her daughter and grandkids that are currently living in Germany. “That’s what the most exciting thing was,” said Francie. “We can go see the grandkids.”

When Francie received the call from Curling Alberta notifying her that she won, it came as a complete surprise. “Every morning, I go on and look, and it’s oh well, maybe tomorrow. Today, because it’s Monday at work, I just didn’t get there yet.”

Not checking her 50/50 tickets must have been the secret to winning. Congratulations to Francie and her husband, Perry for winning \$8,380 in Curling Alberta’s 50/50 raffle.

While Francie isn’t a curler, her husband Perry curled from the time he could put a rock in hand, in his hometown of Breton. They share a true love of the game and are in the stands for every single curling event in Edmonton. Living on an acreage in Spring Lake, west of Stony Plain, the two spend a great deal of time outside. They also enjoy camping, time with their family and Francie hones her craft as a stained-glass artist. Both are keenly enjoying watching Canada’s best men’s teams take to the ice, though they are each cheering on opposing teams. Francie is one hundred percent Brad Gushue and the rest of Team Canada, while Perry hedges his bets on Kevin Koe and his Wildcard team. What a fun viewing experience in their house Sunday night!

Winning last night’s draw is all the sweeter, as Francie and Perry can’t wait to see their daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren, who recently moved abroad. “It feels awesome, actually,” said Francie. “As soon as possible, we are booking tickets to Germany.”

In this series of the 50/50 draw, all three winners have been from the Edmonton area. “It’s because we are all such avid curling watchers up here,” laughed Francie.

Thank you, Francie and Perry, as well as the thousands of curling fans for supporting the 50/50 initiative during the Curling’s Capital Series of Events. Funds raised will go towards creating a lasting legacy for our sport and keeping the grassroots curling spirit alive and thriving in communities across Alberta.

Tickets for the 50/50 draw are available for purchase each day until March 14th, from 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM MST at <https://curlingalberta.ca/5050>. (LL# 570518)

