

April 15, 2021 – Toni Gannon (\$5,180)

Thursday's Winner Pays it Forward by Donating a Portion of Her Winning to STARS Air Ambulance.

The first of two Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling events kicked off on Thursday with the Humpty's Champions Cup. This most recent Battle of Alberta saw Team Koe take the win over Team Bottcher, giving them a second and third place position respectively in their pool. Curling Alberta's 50/50 raffle made its return after raising over \$217,000 during the Men's World Championships. Congratulations to Thursday's winner, Toni Gannon, who will take home the big cash prize of \$5,180.

After checking her tickets this morning, to she was thrilled is an understatement. "I'm excited," laughed Toni. "What a way to start the weekend."

Toni has worked in the oil and gas industry with a health, safety and environmental focus for over 36 years. Since the onset of the pandemic, she has added woodworking to her skillset and uses reclaimed maple hardwood to create personalized signs and cutting boards on her acreage. While she is an occasional curler at Oilmen's bonspiel events, she mainly enjoys watching it. "I like all the teams and all the players," said Toni. "It's about watching and cheering for everybody because everybody deserves to win."

She has lived in Alberta all her life and volunteers a significant amount of her time with STARS. Because of that strong connection with STARS, Toni has decided to donate a portion of her winnings to support them.

Thank you, Toni and to the thousands of fans for supporting Curling Alberta's 50/50 Raffle. More than ever, we have seen how the power of sport brings communities together and inspires the athletes of tomorrow. Together, we can continue that momentum as we look to build a significant legacy for our sport and help local curling communities emerge stronger than ever.

50/50 tickets are available each game day of the Humpty's Champions Cup and the Princess Auto Players' Championship. Saturday's edition of the 50/50 raffle welcomes back the **Share the Love with Your Club**. Simply click on the link provided by your local curling club or visit <https://curlingalberta.ca/5050-2/> and choose a club to support from a drop-down menu of participating curling centres in Alberta. The selected club will receive 50 per cent of the net proceeds from that sale. Tickets can be purchased between 9:00 AM –10:00 PM M. (LL#570518)