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April 25, 2021 – William Simpson (\$29,640)

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Since the onset of Curling Alberta’s 50/50 raffle in support of grassroots curling initiatives and community curling programs, fans in Alberta have come together to bring the jackpot total to \$1,000,000. There have been 48 lucky winners and today we recognize William Simpson of Calgary as the latest winner on the final day of the Princess Auto Players’ Championship. Sunday’s \$59,280 jackpot was one of the top five jackpots during all of the Hub City events and William will take home his \$29,640 share.

“I’m still surprised. You never think you’re going to win that much,” said William. “I’ve won a few things over the years, like a trip to the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, but I’m a guy who enters a lot of things.”

William has been a big curling fan since his early days as an RCMP officer in small town Alberta. “I remember stopping in at the rink in Coronation and I was asked if I liked curling. At the time, I had never watched it before in my life. Later that year, a friend convinced me to play lead on a team and we played four games, losing everyone. I was invited to play a few more times and began winning. Then I played in some police bonspiels and began winning those too,” said William. “Since then, I have been a big fan and have watched all the events from the Curling Canada and World Championships to the Grand Slams.”

After 39 years serving with the RCMP, William has a passion for genealogy that began with specific goals to find missing links within his family. It all started with a quest to find his dad’s oldest sister that he never knew, and trying to trace his lineage on his father’s side. He has worked with a genealogist, navigated through countless genealogy sites and census records to rediscover a treasured family history. Along the way he was successful in finding his father’s sister, narrowed down the search for his grandfather’s father, learned about his six-times great-grandfather’s role as a United Empire Loyalist and developed new family connections along the way. “Most people do have an amazing history,” said William. “It’s just a matter of figuring it out.”

Congratulations William and thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets in Curling Alberta’s 50/50 Raffle. Your continued generosity directly benefits clubs in your community and helps create a lasting legacy for the sport that continues to inspire and entertain us.

The final ten days of Curling Alberta’s 50/50 raffle will return with the **LGT World Women’s Curling Championship**, beginning April 30th. Tickets will be available for purchase each game day from 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM MT at <https://curlingalberta.ca/5050>. (LL# 570518)