



April 4, 2021 – Shanine Lafreniere (\$5,010)

What a day at the BKT TIRES & OK Tire 2021 World Men's Curling Championship, presented by New Holland. We cheered on Team Canada as they nearly shut out Team USA and rooted for them while they valiantly battled back against Team South Korea. Off the ice, we are celebrating Sunday's winner of Curling Alberta's 50/50 raffle, Shanine Lafreniere, who will take home \$5,010.

"This is phenomenal. I'm really excited for me," laughed Shanine, "I've never really won anything before and it was just on a whim that we decided to buy tickets. I liked the idea that it supports at-home grassroots initiatives, which is nice."

Shanine is a self-described "wannabe curler" who grew up in the small hamlet of Mallaig, where curling was a huge part of their community. Both her parents were avid curlers and when she was away at university, Shanine played bonspiels for fun and introduced friends to the sport. "Curling reminds me of home," said Shanine, "it's that type of sport I can never get tired of even though I'm sitting on the sidelines."

Today, Shanine and her husband Devon are raising their young family in Fort Saskatchewan. She is a full-time Optometrist and a busy mom with four children aged 8, 6, 4 and 3. Winning the 50/50 is just one reason for their family to celebrate this month. April is also Organ Donation Awareness month, something that hits very close to home. Thanks to a life-saving liver transplant, their oldest daughter is healthy, thriving, and going about 7,000 miles every day.

While no official plans are in place, they have a dream to make something special happen. "My daughter is on the Make-A-Wish list, and we're thinking once travel is okay, we would like to do her wish, which is a trip to Disneyland," said Shanine. "That program is really supportive of their families, but with four kids in tow, there is going to be some expenses, so maybe we will put our winnings towards that. To have a trip like that will be meaningful for all of us, as a reminder and celebration of how lucky we are that she is here and doing so well."

Congratulations are also in order for Sunday's winner of the Early Bird draw. Two names well-known throughout the Alberta curling community, Barb and Cam Dickson, have won a signed Team Canada jersey and a \$150 Guusto e-gift card.

Thank you, Shanine, Barb and Cam, and fans across the province for showcasing their Canadian pride and true curling spirit by purchasing 50/50 tickets in support of grassroots curling. Funds raised will directly benefit the growth, access, development, and leadership of curling, right here in Alberta, and allow our future champions to flourish.

50/50 tickets are available each game day of the BKT Tires & OK Tire 2021 World Men's Curling Championship. Tickets can be purchased from 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM MST at <https://curlingalberta.ca/5050-2/>. Those tickets purchased prior to 2:30 PM MST will also be entered into the Early Bird draw for a signed Team Canada jersey

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