

April 6, 2021 - Bill Sharpe (\$7,745)

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The Bottcher Express is picking up steam after Tuesday's double win at the BKT Tires & OK Tire 2021 World Men's Curling Championship, presented by New Holland. While a pair of victories is reason enough to celebrate, we also wish to congratulate Bill Sharpe on winning the largest 50/50 cash prize to date during this latest event in Curling's Capital series. The jackpot in Curling Alberta's 50/50 raffle gained momentum Tuesday night to reach \$15,490 and Bill will bring home his share valued at \$7,745.

Yesterday was definitely Bill's lucky day. "I never win anything. It feels really good," laughed Bill. "We were watching the game last night and it was just kind of a last-minute decision to enter. I'm glad I did."

Bill curls in the senior's league and spares in the men's at the Crowsnest Curling Club, home to the famous Bunny Bonspiel. Both Bill and his wife served as police officers in Medicine Hat and moved to Hillcrest Mines in the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass when they retired over eight years ago. They have never looked back and are enjoying life in their beautiful corner of the world. Most of Bill's time is spent outside quadding, fishing and exploring the backcountry. This summer, Bill is looking forward to getting plenty of hours in at the Crowsnest Pass Golf Club and hopefully getting to see their two children and four grandkids.

We also want to celebrate Gary Forget, the winner of Tuesday's Early Bird Prize for a signed Team Canada jersey and a \$150 Guusto e-gift card. Congratulations, Gary!

Thank you, Bill, Gary and to 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 MT at https://curlingalberta.ca/5050-2/. Those tickets purchased prior to 2:30 PM MT will also be entered into the Early Bird draw for a signed Team Canada jersey and a \$150 Guusto e-gift card. (LL#570518)