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### **May 4, 2021 – Dean Ross (\$3,755)**

The force was strong with Team Canada and their smiles were beaming full force on Tuesday as they continued to build momentum towards championship weekend at the LGT World Women's Curling Championship. Curling Alberta's 50/50 raffle also finished strong on Tuesday night, with the jackpot reaching \$7,510. Dean Ross and a group of friends purchased the winning ticket and will share \$3,755.

"I probably shouldn't say this, but this is the fifth time I have won a 50/50," said Dean. "Before Tuesday's win, the others were purchased at Brier events over the years." Dean is part of a group of friends that have attended numerous Briers together. "Usually when we go to the Brier, there's always someone responsible for buying the tickets every day and we make sure everybody is looked after."

This year with all the curling happening in his hometown, Dean has been the organizer, buying \$50 worth of tickets every single game day since the start. The group includes Dean, Jim Lautner and Brad Kokoroyannis of Calgary, Craig Simms of Kingston, Greg Richardson of Ottawa, Martin Gavin and Scott Mackay of Halifax, and Shawn Kennell from St. John's.

Dean and his wife Susan represented Alberta as part of the team that won the 2008 Canadian Mixed Curling Championship and continue to curl recreationally out of the North Hill Curling Club. "I always tell people my wife is a better curler than me because she came from Newfoundland and she actually won the provincial Scotties there three times," laughed Dean. "She has been to more nationals than I have, so she's got to be a better curler."

Congratulations and thank you to Dean, Jim, Brad, Craig, Greg, Martin, Scott and Shawn for supporting Curling Alberta's 50/50 initiative since the beginning. We are also grateful to every fan that continues to purchase tickets to help create a lasting legacy for our sport and to fund community curling programs throughout Alberta.

50/50 tickets are available each game day of the **LGT World Women's Curling Championship**. Tickets can be purchased from 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM MT at <https://curlingalberta.ca/5050-2/>. (LL#570518)