

May 6, 2021 – Diane Schneidmiller (\$3,265)

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It's a big day for Team Canada as they clinch a spot in the LGT World Women's Curling Championship playoffs and a spot for Canada in the 2022 Beijing Olympics. Also celebrating their big day is Diane Schneidmiller of Chestermere who took home her share of Thursday's 50/50 pot of \$3,265.

When asked how it feels to win, Diane said “Wonderful. I have purchased 50/50 tickets everyday since the Scotties, except one day. I only missed that day because I was 10 minutes late to purchase. I still have a few more days to purchase.”

Coming from a family of curlers, Diane's love for curling takes her all over the world to cheer on her favourite teams. She jokes about running into fellow curling fan, Bernice Merrick of Curler's Corner, in Switzerland during a World Championship years ago. Her stories do not stop there, from the Brier Patch to behind the hogline, or in the stands to ice level as an umpire, she has lots of great experiences that any curling fan would envy.

“My second cousin is married to Randy Ferbie so I followed him around to watch quite a bit, but I also really enjoyed watching Russ and Glen Howard curl”, Diane said when asked about her favourite curlers. “I just loved watching all of those curlers from that time,” she adds.

Although she has not curled in many years, after she had to make the difficult choice between going south for the winter and curling, she is sure to watch the championships on TV while in Texas. With not being able to go south this season, she has been watching curling from home since the start of the Curling's Capital with the Scotties Tournament of Hearts back in February. “Seeing the wonderful ice that they get to play on makes me want get back out there” Diane says.

Congratulations and thank you to Diane for supporting Curling Alberta's 50/50 initiative since the beginning of the 50/50 in February. 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.

Albertans are invited to join in the **‘Share the Love with Your Club** campaign on **Saturday, May 8th**, that will directly benefit Curling Alberta's member curling centres with cash. Fans not only have a chance to win a piece of the big cash prize for themselves, but they also have an opportunity help their local curling centre to receive a portion of the proceeds. 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 from 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM MT (LL#570518)