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ALBERTA ROCKS CURLING CAMPS RETURNING TO LEDUC THIS SUMMER

Curling Alberta is excited to host the [Alberta Rocks Junior Summer Curling Camps](#), once again at the Leduc Curling Club and Leduc Recreation Centre.

The Alberta Rocks Curling Camps have been a tradition in our province for over 25 years. These four-day summer camps, which are delivered by highly qualified and caring instructors, provide young athletes with the opportunity to develop their skills, make new friendships, and a deeper love

for the sport of curling. All areas of the athlete development are covered including technical, tactical, psychological, and physical training. New this season, Curling Alberta will also include a category for wheelchair athletes of all ages!

The cost per participant is \$525. Campers are provided with a camp t-shirt, four days of quality instruction, lunch, and dinner. On top of one-on-one development opportunities, campers will also get to

test their team spirit with team cheer-offs, instructor-led performances, and an evening dance. The Alberta Rocks experience is truly fun for all!

Registration opens May 1 at noon. Please [click here](#) to register.

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VIC LEMECHA: CURLING 70 YEARS AND COUNTING



Born in Edmonton and raised in Coleman, Alberta, there was not much to do in winter, other than play hockey or curl. "I wasn't much of a hockey player," said Vic Lemecha, "so I started to curl when I was 14 and have curled on and off ever since."

At 84 years young, Vic is a competitive curler, on the ice at least three days a week at the Canmore Golf & Curling Club and the Banff Curling Club in the Men's and Mixed leagues.

A Civil Engineer by education, Vic earned his degree from the University of Alberta. By trade, his career as a Construction Manager has taken him and his family all over Canada and the United States, where he found a curling home nearly everywhere he went, except for his four years in Honolulu.

As a long-time member of the Glencoe Curling Club, Vic maintained his membership during his 20 years in the United States. When his wife tried to convince him to give up his membership, he was adamant that he just wanted to curl at the Glencoe, "one more time." Following their return to Canada in 2013, Vic and his wife moved to Canmore and made the weekly trip into Calgary on Tuesdays so he could curl in the men's league. Vic continued curling at the Glencoe in that same Tuesday league, until he was invited by daughter, Karen, to join her in a mixed league in Canmore.

"When I asked her what night it was and she said Tuesday, I replied that's when I curl at the Glencoe," said Vic. "Between her and my wife, they convinced me to curl with my daughter, instead of at the Glencoe, but I'm still a member. So, I pay dues at the Glencoe, dues at the Granite Curling Club in Seattle, dues in Banff, and in Canmore."

Through his years of curling, Vic has curled in multiple bonspiels across Canada and the United States. One of his favorite events was the now discontinued Midsummer Bonspiel in Nelson, where over the course of a week, curlers played one game in the morning and golfed in the afternoon, or vice versa. Another favorite is the famous Bunny Bonspiel in Crowsnest Pass, an event he first curled in when he was 15.

With almost 70 years of curling under his belt, there have been many special curling memories, from traveling to Switzerland to watch the World Championships, attending the Brier, curling with his daughter, and having his son Colin come and cheer him on in his games in Banff. What about the moments that stand taller than the rest?

"I guess one would be the time we lost the Newfoundland and Labrador Championship to go the Brier. I'll never forget that," said Vic. "Several years later, that same team who beat us, again won the provincial championship, and went on to the Brier. That was a long time ago, way before Gushue."

Another standout occasion was when Vic competed on a team representing the Seattle Granite Curling Club in the USCA National Mixed Curling Championships, held in Two Harbors, Minnesota in 1997.

For almost 70 years, Vic has enjoyed countless hours curling with friends and family, at both competitive and recreational levels. Curling is truly a sport for life, and Vic Lemecha is the archetype of longevity and love for the game. As for what keeps this veteran curler coming back, to the game, to the club, and to the ice, to Vic, it is simple.

"It keeps me active. I ski and I curl. Lately, I shovel snow. What else is there to do in winter?"

UPCOMING COURSES

As a benefit of affiliation, Curling Alberta member clubs are able to book certified facilitators to deliver ice technician certification courses, coaching courses, and umpire courses.

If you have any questions about hosting an umpire or competition coach course at your club please contact: Jason Ginter at jason.ginter@curlingalberta.ca.

For information on hosting an Ice Tech or Club Coach course please contact: Shannon Kleibrink at shannon.kleibrink@curlingalberta.ca.

Keep watching our [website](#) and social media for updates to our upcoming course schedule.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES



HEC GERVAIS

ACADEMIC & CURLING SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The **Hec Gervais Academic & Curling Scholarship** has been available to young curlers since 1999. The fund was put in place to honor Hec Gervais, a curling legend and his many accomplishments in curling, to his community, his country, and throughout the curling world.

Established to reflect Hec's values and beliefs of a strong education, competitiveness and community leadership, this fund is made possible through the cooperation of the governing curling bodies in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and by the support of curlers everywhere.

The Foundation provides young curlers with the financial opportunity to further expand and refine their curling abilities and accomplishments. This fund is made possible through the cooperation of all the governing curling bodies in the Province of

Alberta and friends of curlers everywhere.

Curlers who are a member in good standing with Curling Alberta and 20 years of age or under as of December 31 in the year of application may apply for the scholarships. Curlers who are attending high school or post-secondary education are encouraged to apply. For more specific information refer to the Selection Criteria on the [Hec Gervais Academic & Curling Scholarship website](#).

Applications must be received by May 31.



The **For the Love of Curling Scholarship Program** is intended for young Canadian athletes who excel in curling, maintain a good level of academic standing, and demonstrate a strong commitment to their community through leadership volunteer activities. The purpose is to give talented

junior curling student athletes the support to pursue their curling and academic dreams.

It's thanks to the generous support of the curling community across Canada, including the Governor General's Curling Club Members, that we can play this collective role in supporting the next generation of passionate, talented, and caring curlers.

Each year, eleven scholarships, one of which is presented by the Governor General's Curling Club, and each valued at \$2,500, are awarded to student curling athletes who have been accepted into a post-secondary education program. For more information or to apply, [click here](#).

The 2024 scholarship program will be open for submissions on May 1, 2024.



The **Sandra Schmirler Foundation** encourages the athletic and academic careers of promising Canadian curlers by offering annual scholarships. Since 2013, the Sandra Schmirler Foundation has awarded \$5,000 scholarships to six youth curlers annually. The scholarship funds education and curling expenses equally.

Spirit of Sandra Scholars are mentored throughout the curling season by Olympians and World Champions Lisa Weagle and Brett Gallant. Scholars will be invited to a two-day camp with the Mentors in late summer 2024, where they will learn more about the Foundation's mission, visit a NICU, develop their fundraising activities, and take part in team building activities.

Each Spirit of Sandra Scholar is responsible for organizing a fundraising event to raise funds and awareness to ensure that Sandra's Legacy Lives On.

The scholars are provided with the opportunity to select one hospital foundation to receive a grant to purchase life-saving equipment for their Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Applications will be opening soon. To learn more about the selection criteria and application process, visit the [Spirit of Sandra Scholarships website](#).

Application Deadline: Friday, May 24, 2024, at noon ET



UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE CURLING SPOTLIGHT

As part of Curling Alberta's new University and College Curling Spotlight section, we are pleased to feature the University of Calgary's curling program. We invite all of Alberta's college and university programs to submit an article or story that would showcase their achievements, application process, or anything else they would like featured in It's Our House to casey.thomas@curlingalberta.ca.

Youth curlers, check out [Curling Alberta's](#) page dedicated to post-secondary curling programs to find a curling program that is right for you!



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY DINOS

It's an exciting time to be a University of Calgary curler. After years of no curling program at the university, Jocelyn Peterman and her team of coaches started up the program in the fall of 2022. In only its second year, these two teams of athletes practice 5 times a week at the Glencoe club with their coaches and guest professionals.

Both teams played on the U20 junior curling tour this year solidifying their training as the year progressed. And... in an astounding week of play, both Dinos teams made the final game at the U20 Alberta Provincial Championship, Presented by Hec Gervais, and are headed to Nationals! Hosts Drayton Valley Curling Club put together a great event for all the teams. Team Beaudry (Grace Beaudry, Claire Booth, Keelie Duncan & Carley Hardie)

had a strong week. Playing the best we have seen all year and besting some of the strongest U20 teams as they topped the round robin. They started strong in the final game against Team DeSchiffart but, in the end, took the silver medal and will wear Team Alberta 2 jackets. Team Wipf (Kenan Wipf, Ky Macaulay, Michael Keenan, & Max Cinnamon) had an equally strong week and finished 6-2 in the round robin. Team Marin won their morning 2 vs.3 game against Team Algot and the rematch was strong. After 8 strong ends, Team Wipf won and is thrilled to represent the province as Team Alberta.

Skip Kenan Wipf says "Being a Dinos curler brings along the ability to represent your school while developing with the best coaching staff in the nation. With Olympic level coaching, they have been able to

shed insights into all parts of the game, creating a desire to work the hardest that you can best utilize these resources."

For such a young program, the Dinos are delighted to have finished so strongly in the tough Alberta field and to be able to showcase their training at National competition. Coaches Laine Peter, Heather Rogers, Derek Bowyer and Tyson Toews have so much to be proud of! Go Dinos!

For more information about University of Calgary curling program, please visit their website. If you have an interest in joining this curling team while pursuing your studies, check out our Instagram page [@dinoscurling](#) and fill out the recruitment form.

Submitted by Jocelyn Peterman



CURLING ALBERTA



2023-24 ALBERTA CHAMPIONS

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MIXED DOUBLES
Airdrie Curling Club
 Amanda Sluchinski (Second), Aaron Sluchinski (Lead)
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WORLD JUNIOR B SILVER MEDALISTS
2023-24 TEAM CANADA JUNIOR WOMEN
Airdrie Curling Club / Sherwood Park Curling Club
 Myla Plett (Skip), Alyssa Nedohin (Third), Chloe Feduiuk (Second), Allie Iskiw (Lead), Blair Lenton (Coach), David Nedohin (Coach)
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WORLD JUNIOR B CHAMPIONS
2023-24 TEAM CANADA JUNIOR MEN
Saville Community Sports Centre
 Johnson Tao (Skip), Jaedon Neuert (Third), Zach Davies (Second), Adam Naugler (Lead), Skip Wilson (Coach), Ben Morin (Coach)
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U20 WOMEN
Lacombe Curling Club
 Emma DeSchiffart (Skip), Emma Yarmuch (Third), Morgan DeSchiffart (Second), Sarah Yarmuch (Lead), Rhiley DeSchiffart (Alternate), Mark DeSchiffart (Coach)
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NATIONAL BRONZE MEDALISTS
U20 WOMEN, TEAM AB2
The Glencoe Club
 Grace Beaudry (Skip), Keelie Duncan (Third), Claire Booth (Second), Carlie Hardie (Lead), Kate Ector (Alternate), Tyson Toews (Coach)
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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
U20 MEN
The Glencoe Club
 Kenan Wipf (Skip), Ky Macaulay (Third), Michael Keenan (Second), Max Cinnamon (Lead), Zach Davies (Alternate), Derek Bowyer (Coach)
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U20 MEN TEAM AB2
Sherwood Park Curling Club
 Timothy Marin (Skip), Jaxon Hiebert (Third), Evan Hennigar (Second), Nate Burton (Lead), Les Sonnenberg (Coach)
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SENIOR WOMEN
Okotoks Curling Club / Sherwood Park Curling Club / Irricana Curling Club / Calgary Curling Club
 Atina Ford Johnston (Skip), Shannon Morris (Third), Sheri Pickering (Second), Cori Morris (Lead)



SENIOR MEN
Sherwood Park Curling Club
 James Pahl (Skip), Mark Klinek (Third), Kelly Mauthe (Second), John Schmidt (Lead), Cory Wilson (Alternate)



MEN
Airdrie Curling Club
 Aaron Sluchinski (Skip), Jeremy Harty (Third), Kerr Drummond (Second), Dylan Webster (Lead), Mickey Pendergast (Coach)
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WOMEN
Saville Community Sports Centre
 Selena Sturmy (Skip), Danielle Schlemmann (Third), Dezaray Hawes (Second), Paige Papley (Lead), Ted Appelman (Coach)
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NATIONAL SILVER MEDALISTS
MASTERS WOMEN
Sherwood Park Curling Club
 Debbie Santos (Skip), Jackie Rae Greening (Third), Pauline Erickson (Second), Lesley McEwan (Lead), Ed Erickson (Coach)



MASTERS MEN
Thistle Curling Club
 David Olsen (Skip), Gerry Wilson (Third), Douglas Roche (Second), Millard Evans (Lead), Grant Cook (Alternate)



U18 GIRLS
Lacombe Curling Club
 Emma DeSchiffart (Skip), Emma Yarmuch (Third), Morgan DeSchiffart (Second), Sarah Yarmuch (Lead), Rhiley DeSchiffart (Alternate), Mark DeSchiffart (Coach)
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U18 GIRLS, TEAM AB2
Lacombe Curling Club
 Abby Whitbread (Skip), Anna Bakos (Third), Hayley Adams (Second), Faith Thomas (Lead), Rory Whitbread (Coach)
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U18 BOYS
Crestwood Curling Centre
 Peter Hlushak (Skip), Lucas Sawiak (Third), Noah Mason-Wood (Second), Parker Harris (Lead), Rhett Whittmire (Alternate), Reg Reinhardt (Coach)
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U18 BOYS, TEAM AB2
Sherwood Park Curling Club
 Jaxon Hiebert (Skip), Evan Hennigar (Third), Varyk Doepker (Second), Nate Burton (Lead), Les Sonnenberg (Coach)



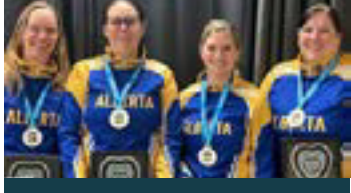
WHEELCHAIR
Garrison Curling Club
 Martin Purvis (Skip), Terry Fowler (Third), Bruno Yizek (Second), Wendy Frazier (Lead), Andy Jones (Coach)



WHEELCHAIR, TEAM AB2
Avonair Curling Club
 Don Kuchelyma (Skip), Cory Galloway (Third), Emma Nagel (Second), Shane Williams (Lead), Marie Laframboise (Alternate)



MIXED
Sexsmith Curling Club
 Kurt Balderston (Skip), Janais DeJong (Third), Daylan Vavrek (Second), Stephanie Malekoff (Lead)



CLUB CHAMPIONS WOMEN
Thistle Curling Club
 Tiffany Steuber (Skip), Brittany Martin (Third), Lisa Miller (Second), Cindy Westgard (Lead)



CLUB CHAMPIONS MEN
Irricana Curling Club
 Rob Johnson (Skip), Lyle Kent (Third), Steve Thomas (Second), Nathan Relitz (Lead), Austin Nixdorff (Alternate)



U21 MIXED DOUBLES
Saville Community Sports Centre
 Hailey Dupras (Lead), Justice Jacques (Second), Glenn Ector (Coach)



U15 CHAMPIONS
Lacombe Curling Club
 Molly Whitbread (Skip), Camryn Adams (Third), Kaycee Johnston (Second), Kendra Koch (Lead), Daniel Humbeke (Coach)



U15 ROCKFEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONS
 Molly Whitbread (Gold), Sydney Taylor-Hunt (Silver), Sophie Chapman (Bronze), Jack Odeen (Gold), Parker Harris (Silver), Andrew Southworth (Bronze)
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EXCEL CUP WOMEN
University of Alberta, Saville Community Curling Centre
 Gracelyn Richards (Skip), Sophia Ryhorchuk (Third), Rachel Jaques (Second), Amy Wheatcroft (Lead), Jessica Amundson (Coach)



EXCEL CUP MEN
St. Albert Curling Club
 Kinley Burton (Skip), Oliver Burton (Third), Kolby MacDonald (Second), Aidan Snider (Lead), Nolan Galardo (Alternate), Tom Kitagawa (Coach)



AB WINTER GAMES GIRLS
Lacombe Curling Club
 Julia Kennedy (Skip), Molly Whitbread (Third), Camryn Adams (Second), Kendra Koch (Lead), Glen Kennedy (Coach)



AB WINTER GAMES BOYS
Okotoks Curling Club
 Kesler Bachek (Skip), Andrew Southworth (Third), Dylan Miller (Second), Max Ingram (Lead), Don Bachek (Coach)



2023 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES BOYS
Sexsmith Curling Club/Grande Prairie Curling Centre
 Cortland Sonnenberg (Skip), Varyk Doepker (Third), Carter Furguson (Second), Robert Nelson (Lead), Les Sonnenberg (Coach)



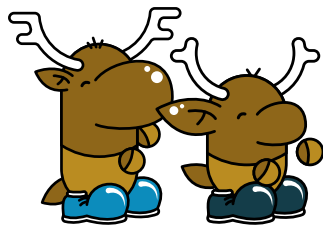
GOLD MEDALISTS
2024 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES BOYS
Sexsmith Curling Club/Grande Prairie Curling Centre/Fort McMurray Oilsands Curling Club
 Varyk Doepker (Skip), Kris Mitsopolous (Third), Robert Nelson (Second), Ryan Gartenburg (Lead), Les Sonnenberg (Coach)



SILVER MEDALISTS
2023 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES GIRLS
Sexsmith Curling Club/Grande Prairie Curling Centre
 Hayden Young (Skip), Lola Rasi (Third), Brylee Girard (Second), Alexis Collins (Lead), Amanda Sparks (Coach)



GOLD MEDALISTS
2024 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES GIRLS
Sexsmith Curling Club/Grande Prairie Curling Centre
 Hayden Young (Skip), Lola Rasi (Third), Kaily Sparks (Second), Siobhan McGriskin (Lead), Amanda Sparks (Coach)



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ALBERTA SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

DARWIN DAVIDIUK



Darwin Davidiuk is a dedicated advocate for curling, deeply committed to preserving its rich history. From the 1970s to throughout the 1990s, Darwin served as a board member and President for various curling clubs and associations in Alberta, representing Northern Alberta's curling interests at provincial and national levels.

In addition to his administrative roles, Darwin coached students at Innisfree

and McNally High Schools during the 1960s and guided high school Men's and Women's teams across rural Alberta and Edmonton, leading them to compete at Northern Alberta and provincial championships.

Competitively, Darwin excelled in curling until 1990, earning numerous zone berths in Northern Alberta in both high school and Men's competitions. He earned respect from elite curlers and played alongside renowned figures, and Honoured Members, Hector Gervais and Matt Baldwin.

As a founding member and Vice President of the Northern Alberta Curling Championship Society (NACCS), Darwin played a pivotal role in organizing and managing championship curling events, supporting over 100 affiliated curling clubs in the region.

His leadership extended to major curling championships, serving as Vice Chair for Promotions and Sponsorship for several events, including the 1987, 1999, and 2005

Canadian Men's Curling Championships. The 2005 Edmonton Brier set attendance and financial records that stand to this day.

Darwin's efforts were also instrumental in promoting the 2007 Ford Men's World Curling Championship and the 2009 Roar of the Rings – The Olympic Curling, both of which saw record-breaking attendance.

A dedicated historian of curling, Darwin led initiatives to preserve the sport's legacy. He conducted research that documented championship victories and curated stories of curling legends, collaborating with Honoured Member Terry Jones to produce the publication, "World Capital of Curling".

In recognition of his contributions, Darwin was inducted into the Governor General's Curling Club in 2008, an honour reserved for individuals who have made significant contributions to curling across Canada. His passion for the sport and commitment to its legacy continue to inspire generations of curlers.

The Alberta Sports Hall of Fame provides a family-friendly, interactive experience. You will be surprised by what you discover inside! Have fun, laugh, play and discover Alberta sports heroes together. The Alberta Sports Hall of Fame is an interactive, hands-on celebration of Alberta's sporting history. Our over 7,000 square feet of exhibit space includes a multisport area with virtual baseball, basketball, football, hockey, and soccer, a 200-meter wheelchair challenge, a Treadwall climbing wall, the Orest Korbutt Theatre, Hall of Fame Gallery, and much more. Our museum has over 16,000 artifacts of Alberta sports history in the collection and showcases many of these items in a number of displays. The Alberta Sports Hall of Fame also offers an education program, group activities, and a unique environment to rent for your birthday party, special event, corporate reception or meetings.

We are located along Highway QE2, north of 32 Street in Red Deer, Alberta. [Contact us](#) for more information about our museum.



SPCC MURAL UNVEILING

A massive mural has been installed inside the Sherwood Park Curling Club (SPCC), located within the Glen Allan Recreation Complex. Designed and painted by local Sherwood Park artist [Josh Harnack](#), the mural will become a one-of-a-kind focal point for the SPCC and a stunning addition to Strathcona County's public art collection.

Heather Nedohin, Business Manager of the SPCC says, "We are beyond excited to showcase this piece of art history with our community. To see the transformation of the GARC wall into a commemorative art display by all involved individuals, is another example of the Sherwood Park Curling Club's commitment to bringing everyone together through a sport for life. The SPCC is proud of curling in our County and this celebration milestone signifies our continued dedication to bringing social and recreation together. The SPCC prides itself to be the heart of GARC and welcomes all to enjoy this rink showpiece year-round."

Titled "Curling in the County," the mural includes representation of various curling activities, equipment, teams, abilities, and terms. Balancing the curling motif, are visual elements highlighting the diversity within Strathcona County, including local wildlife, flora, and symbols

of Canada. As an Act of Reconciliation to our local Indigenous people, the mural includes various symbols important to their community. Woven throughout the mural, are the colors and landscape found in Alberta's coat of arms, culminating in a colorful, playful, and stylized work of art. The images portrayed are ones of curling from the 1960's through to today, showcasing athletes of different ages and abilities.

"I am deeply honored to have been given the opportunity to paint my largest mural to date at the Glen Allan Rec Complex. Growing up in Glen Allan and now having the chance to leave my mark fills me with profound gratitude," said artist Josh Harnack. "It truly feels like a full circle moment. I am immensely blessed to have such an incredible team supporting me, without whom this endeavor wouldn't have been possible. My hope is that the people of Strathcona County will cherish and enjoy this mural for decades to come."

In 2023, the SPCC celebrated 20 years as a curling club and 60 years of curling in Strathcona County. Wanting to memorialize and honor these milestones, long-time Dianne Loesch-Fika and Donna Dosman spearheaded the idea of a mural to be painted on what had been a blank white wall since the Glen Allan Recreation

Complex opened 47 years ago.

The mural's unveiling will be the culmination of over two years of work by dedicated SPCC volunteers. With support from the club's Executive Committee, the Government of Alberta Arts, Culture and Status of Women, Strathcona County, generous sponsors, and a fundraising campaign, the project moved from concept to reality in a matter of weeks.

"This mural project has been a dream of mine for several years," said Dianne Loesch-Fika, Project Leader and SPCC Milestone Member. "I'm so excited that Josh has brought it to life! It's going to be hard to concentrate on curling next season."

The celebration and official unveiling of the mural took place on May 5 at the Sherwood Park Curling Club. To see pictures of this living legacy of Strathcona County and the SPCC community, visit the [SPCC's website](#) and social media platforms.



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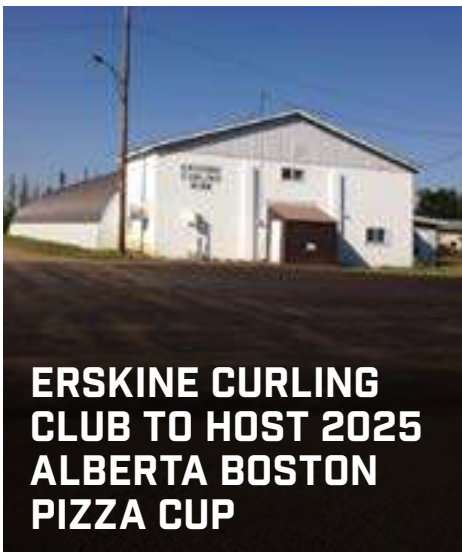
INTRODUCING ROCKY AND ROSIE!

The results are in, and Curling Alberta is excited to formally introduce **Rocky and Rosie** to our roster. Created by our very own in-house Brand and Marketing Designer, Tyler Tardi, our Moose made their debut in early 2024, and have been popping in to 50/50 television spots and the recent Call for Award Nominations.

Congratulations to our contest winners, Carla and Jacqueline, for giving Rocky and Rosie their new monikers. Carla and Jacqueline will each receive two tickets to our Awards Celebration on June 14th,

and a package of Curling Alberta's newest swag. We received over 300 entries with many amazing name suggestions. It was a tough decision, but Rocky and Rosie had the final say. A big thank you to everyone who participated and submitted their ideas – we enjoyed seeing all of them.

Make sure to follow us on [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and keep your eyes out for Rocky and Rosie!



ERSKINE CURLING CLUB TO HOST 2025 ALBERTA BOSTON PIZZA CUP

The Erskine Curling Club is thrilled to partner with Curling Alberta in presenting the 2025 Boston Pizza Cup, at the Stettler Recreation Centre. Set against the charming backdrop of Stettler, from February 5th to 9th, 2025, this celebrated provincial men's curling showdown promises excitement and tradition.

Our Hamlet of Erskine is nestled in a quaint town of 320 residents and our historic club boasts 120 dedicated members. With the Club's 71 years of rich history, our bonspiels have always drawn fantastic support. Our enthusiastic volunteers are eager and prepared to impart our unique touch into this extraordinary event.

CURLING ALBERTA'S TIKTOK IS LIVE!

Welcome to Curling Alberta's TikTok! We are now live and excited to showcase a fun and creative look behind-the-scenes at all things curling here in Alberta. Check out curling highlights, event updates, meet fans, and interviews with your favorite teams as they answer rapid fire trivia and show off their epic dance moves. Learn their favorite pump-up songs, pre-game rituals, and find out if there should or should not be pineapple on pizza.

Stay tuned for our season recap video that is coming soon. If there is a photo or video of you or your team that you would like us to include, please send it to raymond.vanstone@curlingalberta.ca.

Follow us on [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to stay in the know with everything Curling Alberta.



CLASSIFIEDS & BONSPIEL LISTINGS

Are you a member club looking to promote an upcoming bonspiel or a team starting to plan your upcoming season? To see what events are on deck in all levels of competition within our boundaries, visit the [Bonspiels](#) section on Curling Alberta's website under Competitions, where a detailed list of bonspiels will be listed and updated as soon as clubs add them.

Curling Alberta's [Classifieds](#) are a great resource whether you are looking to build a new team, fill a vacancy, or recruit a coach. It also offers our members a platform to buy and sell curling equipment or supplies.

Listings are posted on behalf of teams, curlers and member clubs, so head to the [Bonspiels](#) and [Classifieds](#) pages now to post your ad.





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Visit **CurlingAlberta.ca/hecgervais scholarship**



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OFFICIALS' CORNER

With 32 Provincial Qualifiers and 15 Provincial Championships across the province, the 2023/24 curling season was a busy and successful one for Curling Alberta's Officials Team.

Typically, at each provincial qualifier, one umpire is present, while provincial championships require a larger team to provide coverage for each draw. It is the knowledge, expertise, and experience of all the officials that are integral in keeping these events running smoothly, so the competitive experience is a positive one for athletes, coaches, and fans.

With championship season complete, plans are already underway for the 2024/25 season ahead. Our annual Umpires Meeting dates are confirmed for **October 5th at the Calgary Curling Club**, and **October 19th at the Granite Curling Club in Edmonton**. Times and details will be available shortly.

We are proposing a change to the meeting format to include an on-ice session in the morning, followed by discussions in the afternoon. We strongly encourage everyone, including timers, to attend.

To our certified timers, please consider becoming game umpires. The need to build our Officials team is great. Besides Curling Alberta's qualifiers and championships, umpires are invited to assist at events such as the Arctic Winter Games, Special Olympics, and even at the national and international levels. Opportunities for Umpires to advance are always present and are a unique way to experience the game of curling from a whole new viewpoint.

For those wanting to take that step from timer to umpire, we are in the planning stages to offer the Game Umpire Course for the Edmonton region, Red Deer, and Lethbridge. Additional options may be

added if interest is expressed.

On behalf of the entire Officials team, I would like to express a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved, in any capacity, with competitions hosted by Curling Alberta this season. With everyone working together and supporting each other, these events are not only able to be successful, but allow our athletes to shine.

If you require any rule clarifications or interpretations, please feel free to contact me at cheryl.minns@curlingalberta.ca. If you are interested in becoming involved as an umpire, timer or volunteer at a Curling Alberta sanctioned event please email info@curlingalberta.ca.

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JAMES BALLANCE RECOGNIZED WITH BO DAVIDIUK AWARD

Bo Davidiuk was a truly dedicated curler and avid advocate of our sport. As a front-end player, he honed his craft of sweeping to support his teammates. Each year in his honor, a front-end player is awarded with the **Bo Davidiuk Award**. While this prestigious award recognizes an individual who best demonstrates team support, sweeping prowess and sportsmanship, what makes it even more significant, is it is peer nominated.



Congratulations to James Ballance, recipient of this season's Bo Davidiuk Award.

2024 marked James' debut at the men's provincial championship, playing second for Team Parent. A long-time member of the Okotoks Curling Club, he is also a familiar face on Alberta's junior curling circuit as a successful skip and U20 Provincial Champion. With this rookie year playing at the men's level under his belt,

James is just getting started.

The Bo Davidiuk trophy is etched with names from its first recipient Matthew Ng in 2012, Marc Kennedy, Bradley Thiessen, to last year's winner, Gabe Dyck. This season, James Ballance will be added to that trophy and honored on that impressive list of Alberta's best leads and seconds. Congratulations once again, James, for that hard earned and well-deserved recognition.



REMEMBERING CAM HANTIUK: A MENTOR AND A LEGACY

In August of 1996, a pivotal moment occurred in the life of one individual, forever altering their trajectory and igniting a passion that would endure for years to come. This moment was marked by the chance meeting between myself and Cam Hantiuk, a fellow I would consider my mentor and whose influence transcended the professional realm, leaving an indelible mark on the Granite Curling Club, me and the people who were fortunate enough to cross his path.

For many, an interview serves as a gateway to opportunity, a chance to showcase skills

and potential. However, for me it was more than just a typical job interview—it was the commencement of a transformative journey. Having never set foot in a curling club before, I entered the room with trepidation, uncertain of what lay ahead. Little did I know, I was about to encounter someone whose belief in my abilities would alter the course of my career and life.

Cam Hantiuk saw beyond the resume; he recognized potential, ambition, and a willingness to learn. In that pivotal moment, he made the decision to entrust me with the role of General Manager at the Granite Curling Club—a decision that would not only shape my professional trajectory but also kindle a profound love for the sport and its community.

Under Cam's guidance, the Granite Curling Club flourished. With his unwavering support and mentorship, I swiftly adapted to my new role, utilizing my business acumen to drive tangible results. Within a mere year, the club's leagues were brimming with activity, and the financial health, as reflected in the P&L sheet, underwent a remarkable transformation.

He was a beacon of inspiration, a guiding light who challenged conventional thinking and encouraged innovation.

Cam was not merely the President of the Granite Curling Club; he was a mentor in the truest sense of the word. He facilitated introductions, opening doors to key

figures within the industry and imparting invaluable wisdom garnered from years of Public Affairs experience. His belief in my potential served as a catalyst for my growth, instilling confidence and fostering a sense of purpose.

Even as the years passed and circumstances evolved, the lessons learned under Cam's tutelage remained etched in my mind. The principles of innovation, resilience, and community that he imparted continue to resonate, shaping my approach to both professional endeavors and personal interactions.

As we reflect on the life and legacy of Cam Hantiuk, we are reminded of the profound impact that a mentor can have on the lives of those they touch. His passing on March 13, 2024, marked the end of an era, but his spirit lives on in the countless individuals whose lives he influenced.

To our mentor, our guide, and our friend—thank you for believing in us, for challenging us, and for inspiring us to reach new heights. Your legacy will forever endure, a testament to the transformative power of mentorship and the enduring bonds forged within the curling community.

Submitted by Michael Laderoute



Looking for Curling Alberta merchandise to wear while cheering on the curler in your life? (Or maybe you are the curler needing some swag?) Well, look no further, we have you covered. We are pleased to introduce our new merchandise store full of Curling Alberta gear.

Orders will be placed 2 weeks after the store opens and products may take up to 3 weeks for production. Please note as this is a custom store, refunds and/ or exchanges will not be available due to ordering wrong sizes.

Once your items are ready, you will receive an email from Elite Promotions. Items can be picked up at either the Curling Alberta Edmonton Office (1st Floor Percy Page Centre, 11759 Groat Road), in Calgary at the Elite Promotions Office (#10-2239 Pegasus Way NE) or shipped directly to you at your own cost.



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2023-24 CHAMPIONS HIGHLIGHT

What an exciting championship season 2023/24 has been! Our new provincial champions have already made Alberta proud at both the National and International levels, stealing the show at both the Montana's Brier and Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The Alberta Winter Games, the Arctic Winter Games, and the new U15

Rockfest West event showcased the talents and skills of curling's future stars. Team Plett and Team Tao returned to Finland to once again represent Canada in the World Junior A Championships, and coming up in the fall, we will be cheering on the Team Alberta Senior Men and Women, Mixed, and Club Champions as they take to the ice for their national championships.

While we will recognize these remarkable athletic achievements, at our upcoming Awards Celebration on June 14th, let's celebrate more of Alberta's Provincial Champions:

2024 BOSTON PIZZA CUP, PRESENTED BY BEST WESTERN

Team Alberta – Team Sluchinski
Team Alberta – Team Koe
Team Alberta – Team Bottcher

WORLD JUNIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN

Team Alberta – Team Plett

WORLD JUNIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP MEN

Team Canada – Team Tao

U15 ROCKFEST

Regional Rockfest Champions –
Molly Whitbread, Sophie Chapman, Jack Odeen, Parker Harris, Andrew Southworth

U20 ALBERTA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP, PRESENTED BY HEC GERVAIS – WOMEN

Team Alberta – Team DeSchiffart
Team Alberta 2 – Team Beaudry (U21
Canadian Bronze Medalists)

U20 ALBERTA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP, PRESENTED BY HEC GERVAIS – MEN

Team Alberta – Team Wipf (U21 Canadian
Champions)
Team Alberta 2 – Team Marin

CURLING ALBERTA U15 CHAMPIONSHIPS, PRESENTED MNP & CORNINE COMMODITIES LTD.

Team Alberta – Team Whitbread

KANANASKIS NORDIC SPA ALBERTA MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP – MEN

Team Alberta – Team Olsen

2024 Canadian Masters Curling
Championships

KANANASKIS NORDIC SPA ALBERTA MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP – WOMEN

Team Alberta and Canadian Masters
Silver Medalists – Team Santos

2024 Canadian Masters Curling
Championships

CURLING ALBERTA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP – MEN

Team Alberta – Team Pahl

2024 Everest Canadian Senior Curling
Championship – Dec. 2-7, 2024
Moncton, New Brunswick

CURLING ALBERTA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP – WOMEN

Team Alberta – Team Ford Johnston

2024 Everest Canadian Senior Curling
Championship – Dec. 2-7, 2024
Moncton, New Brunswick

KANANASKIS NORDIC SPA ALBERTA MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP

Team Alberta – Team Balderston
Canadian Mixed Championship –
Nov. 3-9, 2024
St. Catharines, Ontario

CURLING ALBERTA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, PRESENTED BY ORIGINAL 16 – WOMEN

Team Alberta – Team Steuber

2024 Everest Canadian Senior Curling
Championship – Nov. 18-24, 2024
Barrie, Ontario

CURLING ALBERTA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, PRESENTED BY ORIGINAL 16 – MEN

Team Alberta – Team Johnson

2024 Everest Canadian Senior Curling
Championship – Nov. 18-24, 2024
Barrie, Ontario

CURLING ALBERTA U21 MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Team Alberta – Team Dupras/Jacques



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