



March 2024

Governor General Curling Club Trophy 2024

(submitted by Alain Deschâtelets)

This annual double rink event final was played February 10, 2024, at the Rideau Curling Club in Ottawa between the Quebec champions from the Buckingham Curling Club and the Ottawa Valley Curling Association champions from the Lanark Highlands Curling Club. Both clubs exchanged the lead through the first part of the two (2) games and after eight (8) ends Buckingham and Lanark were tied. In the

ninth (9) end, the OVCA champions scored a total of four (4) points and in the final end the Quebec curlers were unable to respond.

It was a back-to-back win for the members from the Lanark Highlands C.C. (Team Dupuis & Team Woods). The trophy presentation was made by His Excellency Whit Fraser, the Vic-Regal Consort of Canada.



Service Through Excellence

Congratulations to the following members who have been recognized for their commitment to curling and their communities. Additional information may be found on our website: [Governor General's Curling Club](#)

Darwin Daviduk to be inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame “Darwin a significant figure in the world of curling in Alberta, has made lasting contributions to the sport. He has been actively involved in representing Northern Alberta across various levels and has a noteworthy coaching history, particularly with successful Junior teams until 1990. Beyond his direct involvement in curling events, Darwin has taken up leadership positions, serving as the Vice President of the Northern Alberta Curling Championship Society. His multifaceted involvement in the sport, from competition to administration and commemorative projects, highlights his enduring impact on the curling community in Alberta. He will be inducted in May.” (From Alberta Sports Hall of Fame)

Les Harrison to be inducted curling New Brunswick Hall of Fame Curling NB Hall of Fame announced the upcoming induction of Les Harrison to take place on May 4th, 2024. Les of Moncton, NB was inducted into the Curling Canada Hall of Fame in 2010. He served as president of the World Curling Federation from 2006 to 2010. He is a lifetime member of the NB Curling Club and worked to bring the 2009 World Men's Curling Championships to Moncton. (From Curling NB)

Mike Carson was inducted into Curling Quebec Hall of Fame “We cannot ignore his exploits over the 53 years he spent as a player. Whether it be his 25 participations in the Men's, Mixed, Senior and Masters provincial championships winning him more than 15 medals... His involvement at the organizational level is equally remarkable. During his career he was involved in the 1982 Quebec Games, the 1983 Canada Games, the 1988 Brier, the Canadian Masters championships for 10 years and Curling Quebec, Mike played various roles in each of these organizations, either as director, administrator, technical director, coordinator, or president. He developed the first Page System for curling (used in Quebec in 1984, then Canada in 1995)... and received the Curling Canada Ray Kingsmith Lifetime Volunteer Award (2018). (From Curling Québec)

Robin Wilson honoured by Curling Canada Curling Canada honoured Robin Wilson, whose work behind the scenes from Day 1 was integral in making the Scotties Tournament of Hearts the most famous national women's curling championship in the world. Wilson, a member of Canada's Curling Hall of Fame, constantly worked on behalf of women's curling athletes to build their profile as well as the profile of the Canadian women's curling championship. Beginning with this year's Scotties, the first all-star team will be called the Robin Wilson First All-Star Team in her honour. (From Curling Canada)

Curling's Scholarship Athletes - Smart and Achieving their Dreams.

(submitted by the Scholarship Committee)

What a great success the "For the Love of Curling" Scholarship program has become. It is truly making a difference.

In the 10 years since Curling Canada introduced the program, more than 100 student- curling athletes have been Scholarship recipients, with awards totalling an impressive \$200,800. The program is for young Canadian athletes who not only excel in Curling but who equally maintain significant academic standing and who demonstrate a strong commitment to their communities through leadership volunteer activities. In 2020, the Governor General's Curling Club partnered with the For the Love of Curling Scholarship program. Through funds raised solely from the generous voluntary contributions of our members, the GGCC has presented an additional annual scholarship to a deserving student-athlete.

In 2024, in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the GGCC, we shall award two Scholarships.

Ten years after its inception, there is an impressive group of Scholarship recipients now practising their talents across Canada in fields such as family medicine, Indigenous Policy development, Neuro-Motor Disabilities, Psychology and Education. As impressively, in the past two years alone, FORTY (40) former Scholarship award winners have competed in the 2023 and 2024 Scotties and Briers.

Yes, indeed - Smart, Accomplished and Achieving their Dreams, on and off the ice!! We are proud to be a continuing supporter of student-athletes with our Governor General's Curling Club Scholarship program.

Thank you, GGCC members, for your generous contributions, which make our scholarship possible.

Gander, NL School Program

(Submitted by Jean Blackie)

Like many Curling Clubs across the country, mine in Gander NL was struggling to get new juniors in their program. We have a total population of about 15,000, so need every new recruit we can get, especially girls. There are so many activities available now, that it is a big competition to get kids interested. I remembered that a number of years ago, the junior high school had an enrichment program, where once a week for a six-week length, students would leave the school and try out different activities. Curling was one of the activities and this kept our numbers up for both boys and girls. With a reduction in funding for the schools, they were no longer able to afford the cost of bussing kids anywhere, and our numbers dropped. It seemed that if the students were exposed to the game, many were interested in joining, but if not, there was much less interest in trying it.

When Pat Reid suggested that the GGCC was looking for ways to financially support small initiatives that would promote curling, and asked for ideas, I immediately thought of financial help to finance school trips, and the GGCC generously agreed to \$500.00 per school to make it happen. The next season for five mornings, we had five grade four classes for an hour each to try it out. We recruited enough volunteers so that each had four or five students at each of one of the eight hacks, and they taught the basics of sliding, sweeping, and throwing the rock at a pile of paper cups. The students seemed to like it, and a couple of boys joined right away, and a couple more in the fall. Last year we were unable to arrange visits for a number of reasons but were able to get into the lower school and demonstrate curling in the gym to the grade threes.



This year we had five visits from the grade fours that went very smoothly, and the gym teacher I liaised with was very enthusiastic to continue the practice. With the grade three gym visit followed by the on-ice experience in grade four, we hope to attract a continuing increase in numbers from both genders, and both the school and the club are very appreciative of the generosity of the Governor General's Curling Club.

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Save the Date

March 16-24, 2024

World Women's Curling Championship
Centre 200, Sydney, N.S.

June 17, 2024

Spring Golf and Red Jacket Dinner
Catarauqui Golf and Country Club
\$120 – 18 holes with cart & range
\$60 – 9 holes with cart & range
\$65 – Filet Mignon dinner
Contact: Ken Thompson
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September 8 to 11, 2024

2024 Ottawa Safari and AGM
Contact: Bonnie Morris and Wally Morris
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Call for nominations!

A reminder that your nominations for induction into the Governor General's Curling Club must be received by the Membership Chair by May 1, 2024.

Information is available here:

[Nominations](#)

or by contacting Francois Vary at
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