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## Ol' Bear, Ol' Beer, Ol' Broom



Alberta's Kevin Martin, Ontario's Glenn Howard and Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton. This trio has dominated Brier play for the past two decades and are the faves this week in Edmonton again.

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# Can the Bear protect his den?

BY JIM MORRIS

The Heart Chart

The Old Bear is waiting in his den.

Kevin Martin, a world and Olympic champion, wants to make history in his home town at this week's Tim Hortons Brier. The man nicknamed The Old Bear is clawing to become the first skip to win five Brier titles. Doing it in his own backyard would make it extra sweet.

Martin and his rink of third John Morris, second Marc Kennedy and lead Ben Hebert rode a home-town advantage when they won the 2009 Olympic trials in Edmonton. They went on to win the gold medal at the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver.

"That was awesome," said Martin, eyes shining at the memory. "The energy of the crowd is really something when you are the home team.

"At the Brier . . . everybody is wearing their provincial colours. It's just going to be a hoot."

The only other skips with four Brier wins are Randy Ferbey and Ernie Richardson.

A field of 11 other teams will be laying traps from Martin. Among the rinks hunting bear at this year's competition, which begins Saturday at Rexall Place, will be Ontario's Glenn Howard, the defending Brier and world champion who is making his record 15th appearance at the Canadian men's curling championship; Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton, the 2011 Brier and world champion; Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador, the 2006 Olympic gold medalist; and Quebec's Jean-Michel Menard, the 2006 Brier champion.

Ferbey said the competition is really a three-team race between Martin, Howard and Stoughton.

"Anybody that doesn't think it's the three teams and the rest, they don't know curling," said the three-time world champion. "If one of them don't make the playoffs, it's a major upset. If one of them don't win the Brier, it's a major upset."

Teams like Andrew Bilesky of B.C., Brock Virtue of Saskatchewan and Paul Flemming of Nova Scotia are all just cubs likely to get swatted out of the way.

"There is a lot of inexperience there," said Ferbey. "Can they beat a couple of teams? Sure. But they are not going to be able to beat Stoughton, Martin and Howard to win the Brier. It's not going to happen."

Being considered one of the herd is not new to Gushue, who is appearing in his ninth Brier.

"I think every Brier we went into we weren't listed as one of the favourites," said the skip from the Bally Haly Country Club in St. John's. "I've been in the playoffs six of the years I've been there. I'm not too worried about it.

"They are the favourites. We've beat them all before. I wouldn't be going if I didn't think we had a chance to win."

Stoughton said the favourites carry targets on their back.

"It's flattering everyone thinks that way but you still have to go out and beat all these guys on the ice," said the three-time Brier champion. "They certainly want to beat all of us."

Virtue is thrilled over his first appearance at the big show.

"We're really looking forward to getting our first game under our belt," he said.

Some teams might wilt under the pressure of playing at home. Howard said Martin's rink has the experience to use the crowd as an advantage.



Alberta's Kevin Martin is among the trio of favourites in Edmonton this week, and being he is the hometown, there's a little added incentive and pressure.

"It's kind of like one extra point on the board," said the skip from the Coldwater and District Curling Club. "You are going to have the majority of the crowd pulling for you.

"It gets your adrenaline flowing and gives you goose pumps."

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Jeff Stoughton

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For Howard, his 15th trip to the national championship is as exciting as his first. "It never gets old," said the 50-year-old from Tiny, Ont. "I have surrounded myself with great curlers. You surround yourself with good curlers and you're going to do pretty well." Stoughton called Howard's achievement "unbelievable."

"What is he, 75 years old now? What's going on with that?" he chided. Getting to Edmonton was an ordeal for some teams. Bad weather and flight cancellations resulted in Gushue arriving around 9:30 p.m. Thursday night. He was originally scheduled to arrive at around 1 p.m. Wednesday. It was even worse for Eddie MacKenzie of Prince Edward Island who finally got into his room at 2 a.m. Friday morning.

"I'm sure we will be to bed early tonight," MacKenzie said during Friday morning's practise. The competition, which will be shown on TSN, will follow the same scheduling format used at this year's Scotties Tournament of Hearts. After Sunday's 8:30 a.m. draw there will not be another morning draw until Thursday.

Organizers say the change was made because in the past the mid-week morning games were weak draws for both crowds and television audiences. It also assures for more games on the weekend.

Howard likes the idea. "I'm not a big fan of early mornings," he said. "I understand why they have to put more games on the weekend."

Stoughton is waiting to pass judgment. "I guess the downside, if there is a downside, is you get pretty crunched in the last few days," he said.

Martin doesn't like the idea of the semifinal, bronze medal game, and the final all being played on the final Sunday. "I would like to see the Sunday be championship Sunday," he said. "One game."

This will be the 84th Brier and the sixth time it's been played in Edmonton. The 2005 Edmonton Brier set an all-time attendance record of 281,985.

Teams will play a round-robin draw leading to the Page playoff. The top two teams will meet in the 1-2 game, with the winner advancing to Sunday's final. The loser goes to the semifinal. The third- and fourth-place teams play in the 3-4 game. The winner advances to the semifinal on Sunday morning. The loser plays in Sunday's bronze-medal game against the semifinal loser.

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## HOW THEY GOT HERE: TERRITORIES

# Just one Koe at Brier this year

## TANKARD TIMES

While the Canadian Curling Association's so-called "Equitable-Opportunity-to-Access-Canadian-Championships" becomes applicable to the soon-to-be fractured Tim Hortons Brier field, one guy who isn't likely to worry about it is Yellowknife's Jamie Koe.

While other territories ignore the whole qualification scheme presumably waiting for free entries, Koe just keeps on rolling through the remainder of the North without much difficulty.

Koe will be represented the Polar regions for the fifth straight year and seventh in the last eight go-rounds at this Brier. And the way he's playing, he'll continue to make a joke of "equitable opportunity" when it comes to the three territories in the nation's far north.

All he accomplished at Fort Smith in January was win an abridged round-robin affair involving five N.W.T. teams with four straight wins — by scores of 13-3, 10-3, 10-2 and 4-2. The affair was such a farce, the last round-robin match between Kevin Whitehead of Yellowknife and Bruce McArthur of Fort Smith was junked.

"We didn't play the Yukon," Koe told

Sunmedia columnist Terry Jones. "It was their turn to send two teams to the N.W.T. for the usual double round robin and they decided not to bother. What we decided to do instead was to send three Yellowknife men's teams and my twin sister Kathy Galusha's women's team to Fort Smith and play against teams from there."

You don't just hop in a van and drive around the Territories in January, of course.

"We chartered a plane for our four teams," said Koe. "It cost \$15,000. Next year it's supposed to be in Whitehorse. To get there we have to fly from Yellowknife to Edmonton to Vancouver to Whitehorse. That costs us \$8,000 for our team alone. It's bizarre."

Naturally, Koe feels cheated by not having had the normal "provincials", even though they've never amounted to much.

"That cost us six competitive games," said Koe. "We needed those games."

But wait until they change the deal in 2015 and all he'll face is the same competition he faced this year while the Yukon and Nunavut try to figure how to stage their own championships with even less competitors.

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Jamie Koe



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 **JOHN DEERE**

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Koe said he thinks the CCA is “nuts” to be putting three teams from the North in the Brier mix.

“I’m not a big fan of it,” he said, re-iterating his stance from last year at Saskatoon where he won a personal-record seven games and qualified for the Final Four playoffs, a first for a Territories outfit.

“The Brier is about tradition,” he said. “It’s the tradition that makes it. I don’t think it should be changed. Nunavut is a long way from being anywhere in curling as the scores in the Canadian junior at Fort McMurray will tell you,” he said.

Well, some of those numbers (male and female) were 17-3, 14-2, 17-0, 20-0, 11-2, 10-1, 17-1, 21-1, another 21-1, 22-2 and 24-1 on the scoreboard and Nunavut amassed all the zeroes, ones, twos and threes.

“And the Yukon not sending teams to the event this year is a red flag,” Koe said. “I’m not sure it’s good for the sport. I don’t think it was very well thought through by the CCA.”

But, as mentioned, it won’t bother Koe at the Brier. Not too much, anyway. In fact, you can bet the 35-year-old government finance director and his team — Tom Naugler, 40, Brad Chorostkowski, 39, and Robert Borden, 26 — will be crowd favourites. It’s getting to be an annually exodus for Koe (seven Briers) and lodge-owner Chorostkowski (nine Briers).

A year ago, this team knocked off Glenn Howard, the eventual Brier winner, and Brad Gushue among other big guns. The only other previous Polar success of a similar magnitude at the Brier transpired prior to playoff days in 1975 when Yukon’s Don Twa finished tied for second with Edmonton’s Tom Reed at 8-and-3 and won the bun trays, emblematic of runnerup status, because he beat Alberta in the round robin.

“Despite how much of a feel of what it might have been like back in Yellowknife from social media and stuff,” said Koe, “we were blown away with the reception we got when we got back. A lot of people met us at the airport. We were named Sports North Team of the Year and they had a big night for us at the curling rink. The premier showed up. There was a lot of buzz. People

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—Jamie Koe

were pretty stoked. People were pretty excited.

“It was a lot different from the year (2010) I was 1-10. We were on TV a lot last year but I don’t think we got on TV at all in 2010.”

Most years, the Territories is a free space on the Brier bingo card. The last two Polar teams to play in Edmonton Briers failed to win a game, between them.

But things changed last year, not just in the standings.

Terry Shea became the Koe coach and Yellowknife icemaker, preparing his team its own special ice sheet similar to those found in arenas.

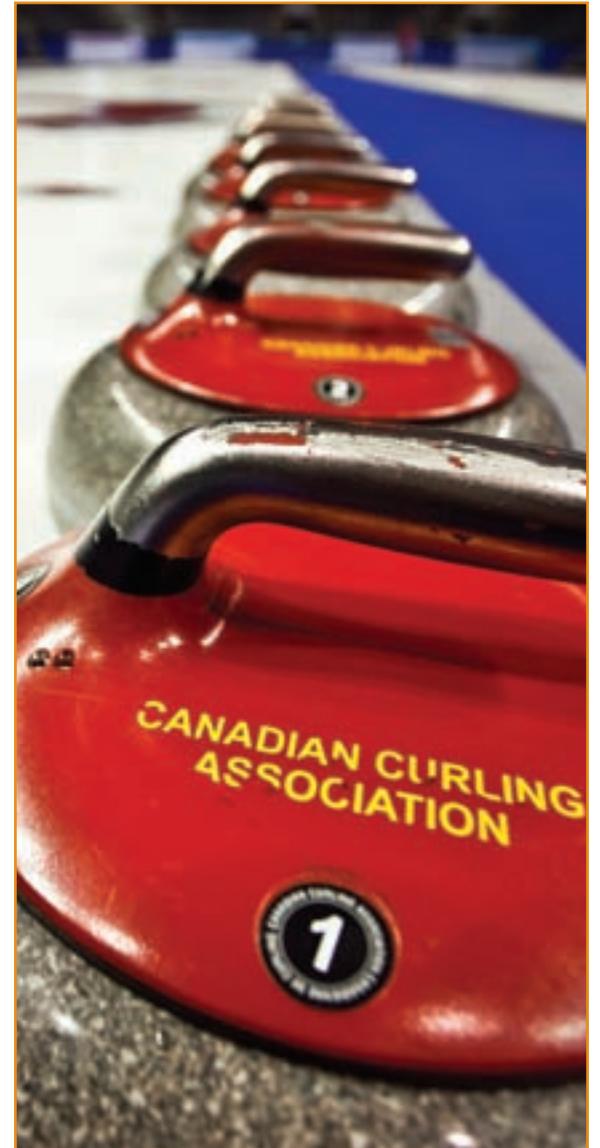
“I try to keep the rocks sharp and keep the ice flat so it curls and these guys know that if they throw it badly they’re going to pay,” Shea explained.

“So we prepare with a mental vision of the rock curling. Hey, you can’t play on straight ice, and then expect to do anything at the Brier. You’re dead. So they play on manicured ice every day. They don’t play on sloppy ice.

“We don’t necessarily take things to a point that it’s going to affect our lives totally, though. We play curling because we like to play it and have fun. And, like I said, we’re just as good as anybody here (at the Brier).”

They should start scouting out guys like Shea to help them in the Yukon and Nunavut.

Meanwhile, at Fort Smith, behind Koe’s 4-0 record, Greg Skaug of Yellowknife was 2-2, Nick Kaeser of Fort Smith was 1-3, Whitehead and McArthur each won once in three starts.



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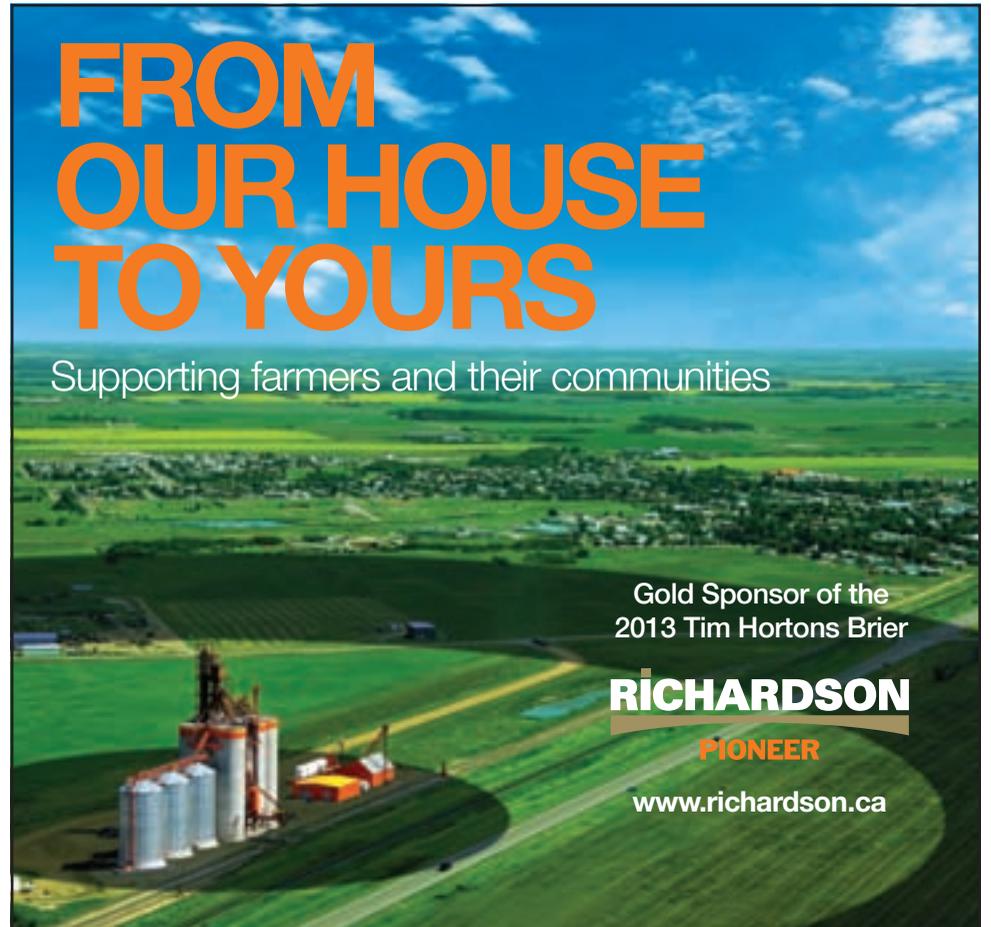
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# Montreal named to host Scotties

BY JIM MORRIS  
The Tankard Times

The Canadian Curling Association is hoping that by placing the 2014 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Montreal it will be a stepping stone to hold other major championships in cities like Toronto and Vancouver.

"Everybody knows Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver are the big three cities in Canada," Greg Stremmlaw, Curling Canada's CEO, said last week after announcing next year's Scotties will be held at Montreal's Maurice Richard Arena Feb. 1-9. "This is really a template to kind of build towards one of the three big cities, see if it can be successful.

"I think Montreal, with all the elements that are there, we are going to be really watching closely to see how the bottom line looks. If it works well, maybe we can start to look at some stuff for Toronto or Vancouver as well."

The last time the Canadian women's champion was held in Montreal was 1979. It was the last year Macdonald Tobacco sponsored The Lassie. It was also the first time the championship used a playoff format and the first time the final game was shown on television.

Montreal also hosted the 1977 Brier.

Vancouver hosted the 1978 Brier and the 1997 Scotties.

The Scotties have never been held in Toronto and the last Brier was 1941.



Montreal Scotties organizing committee members Cathy Hughes (left) and Francine Poisson at the announcement the city will host the 2014 Scotties.

Besides the Brier and Scotties, the other championships hosted by the CCA are the Canada Cup, the Continental Cup, the Canadian Juniors and the world curling championship. Next year's Continental Cup will be held in Las Vegas.

Stremmlaw is excited about the marketing

opportunities Montreal presents.

"Curling in Quebec is really a diamond in the rough," he said.

The Maurice Richard Arena is a 4,750-seat multi-purpose arena. It was built in 1962 and renovated in 1994.

The arena hosted boxing and wrestling at the

1976 Summer Olympic Games. It is located on a metro stop making for easy access.

Montreal is also home to Kruger Products, which is now in its 32nd year as title sponsor for the Scotties.

"Kruger has a deep-rooted history in Montreal which dates back over a century," Nancy Marcus, corporate vice-president of marketing, said in a release. "Curling is a part of our company's heritage. We're looking forward to Montreal hosting a milestone event."

One of the challenges of hosting a competition in a large city that also has professional sports teams and many entertainment options is making sure your event doesn't get lost.

"We have to activate the brand and make sure people know all about it and get bums in the seats," said Stremmlaw.

"If people come we're golden. We need to activate the brand and excite people, whether that's through local sponsorship or painting the town red. All the little elements that go into it."

Cathy Hughes, executive vice-chair of the Montreal organizing committee, said 17 curling clubs currently operate on the Island of Montreal. She's confident the Scotties will draw a large crowd.

"We are going to promote it everywhere we can, locally and outside the city," she said.

"The curling clubs are very excited. We are going to make sure everybody knows about it. We are going to tell our tale."

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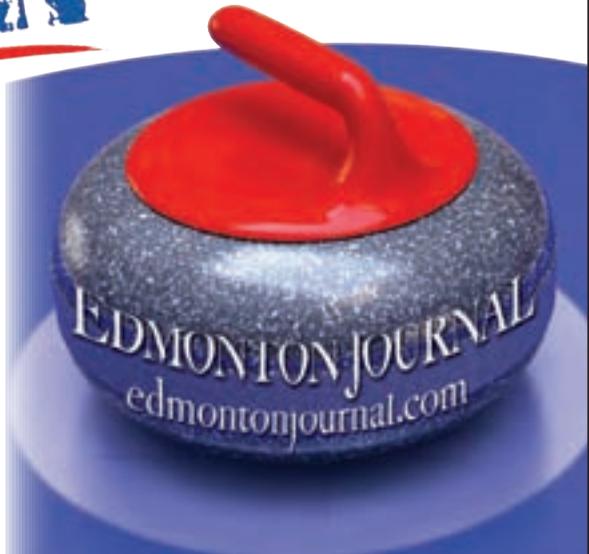


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## HOW THEY GOT HERE: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**'Spuds' leads Island crew into Alberta****TANKARD TIMES**

The last time Eddie (Spuds) MacKenzie skipped a Prince Edward Island unit at the Brier, that unit played the full 10 ends in only three of 11 round-robin games.

That was a mere two years ago, at London, Ont.

"Our on-ice performance was less than ideal," Spuds admitted after finishing dead last with a 1-10 record and being out-scored 100-32.

"We're not only curling on the wrong side of the inch, we're on the wrong side of the foot," he said.

Now, Eddie and a slightly revamped lineup from Charlottetown Curling Centre is back, having won the Island title again by stealing a point in an extra end to leapfrog former champ Rod MacDonald by a 7-6 score in a blizzard-delayed final.

MacKenzie's first Brier appearance was in 1994 at Red Deer, as third for Mike Gaudet. That team finished 2-9.

"I didn't make it back to a Brier (for 17 years) which was definitely another great experience despite the results," Spuds told Sunmedia columnist Terry Jones following his victory at Crapaud.

"But after my last Brier, it was pretty obvious to me that to be in Brier contention we'd have to play on arena ice more often. I hadn't played

in an arena for 17 years and the transition obviously wasn't smooth.

"The Edmonton Brier will be our seventh time playing in an arena over the last two years. We won a World Curling Tour event last year on arena ice and won the Curl Atlantic Championship this year on arena ice, so hopefully we're better prepared."

Hopefully, too, there'll be less controversy.

At London, the outclassed Island team was supposedly fined \$2,000 by the Canadian Curling Association for conceding a game after five ends. The Brier rules stipulate a team must complete six during round-robin play. Spuds and Co., were trailing 11-1 to Glenn Howard at the half.

Ontario vice-skip Richard Hart told Spuds that if he wanted to quit, the Ontario team would split any CCA fines that might be incurred.



MacKenzie

"As for that fine," MacKenzie told Jones. "Richard Hart did make me out a cheque. But I'll let the Canadian Curling Association comment on whether or not it had to be cashed."

Oops! Not to mention . . . tilt!

MacKenzie, 40, took four years away from curling after the 1994 Brier, residing in Calgary and working in the oil patch and at assorted other labour jobs. He slowly eased his way back into competitive curling on the Island upon his return.

MacKenzie has opted for youth with 23-year-old Anson Carmody, a member of Brett Gallant's national junior champs of 2009, taking over at third from Gaudet, who skipped the Islanders to a 3-8 record at last year's Brier. The front end consists of 23-year-old Alex MacFadyen, back from two years ago, and 43-year-old lead Sean Ledgerwood.

"We went undefeated through our provincials (10-team triple knockout) this year but it took a week," Spuds recalled. "We had three days of play, two days of snowstorm, and then two days to finish up once everybody dug themselves out. It was the only time I was involved in a Tankard that had games cancelled due to snow.

"It was tough to keep the momentum going. We know we can play the game well, but for us it will be more important to just try to peak the

week of the Brier, throw the rocks as well as we can and let the chips fall where they may. Obviously we'll have to hit lightning in a bottle to make the playoffs considering the strength of this Brier field."

Since Peter MacDonald last had a plus-.500 record (7-6) and made it to the playoffs in 1996, Islanders have recorded a lot of Brier records from 1-1, 2-9, 3-8, 4-7 to 5-6.

The MacKenzie crew knocked off Allan Inman of 8-1, former champion Robert Campbell 9-3 and MacDonald 6-5 in an extra end to win the A section of the Island playdown. Then Spuds again defeated MacDonald (7-2) in the A-B playoff prior to the final.

MacDonald, a four-time winner over the last decade, won the B section with an 11-8 conquest of Gaudet.

In C, Jamie Newson shaded Blair Weeks 9-8 while Gaudet ousted Campbell 10-6. In the sudden-death C final, Newson prevailed 9-7 over Gaudet by stealing a deuce in an extra end. MacDonald pasted Newson 8-2 in a semi-final that lasted six ends.

The final standings (all Charlottetown teams unless otherwise noted): MacKenzie 5-0, MacDonald 4-2 Gaudet 4-3, Newson 4-3, Campbell 3-3, Weeks 3-3, Robert Shaw 2-3, Mel Bernard of Summerside 1-3, Inman of Crapaud 0-3, Ted MacFadyen of Cornwall 0-3.

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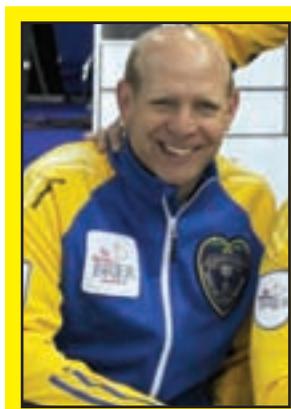
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## ALBERTA

**SAVILLE SPORTS CENTRE  
EDMONTON  
EXPERIENCE FACTOR -26**

Sk — Kevin Martin (46-12)  
3rd — John Morris (34-6)  
2nd — Marc Kennedy (31-5)  
Ld — Ben Hebert (29-7)  
Alt — Karrick Martin (23-1).  
Coach — Julie Owchar  
(Runnerup: Kevin Koe, Calgary)  
Last year's record: Kevin Koe, Calgary, 10-4, finished 2nd.



## B.C.

**ROYAL CITY CURLING CLUB  
NEW WESTMINSTER  
EXPERIENCE FACTOR -1**

Sk — Andrew Bilesky (29-1)  
3rd — Steve Kopf (24-1)  
2nd — Derek Errington (24-1)  
Ld — Aaron Watson (35-1)  
Alt — Sean Geall (38-2).  
Coach — Dean Joannis  
(Runnerup: Brent Pierce, New Westminster) Last year's record: Jim Cotter, Vernon & Kelowna, 4-7, finished 9th.



## MANITOBA

**CHARLESWOOD CURLING CLUB  
WINNIPEG  
EXPERIENCE FACTOR -25**

Sk — Jeff Stoughton (49-10)  
3rd — Jonathan Mead (45-5)  
2nd — Reid Carruthers (28-3)  
Ld — Mark Nichols (33-9)  
Alt — Garth Smith (43-3)  
Coach — Rob Meakin  
(Runnerup: Sean Grassie, Winnipeg)  
Last year's record: Rob Fowler, Brandon, 9-5, finished 3rd.



## NEW BRUNSWICK

**GAGE GOLF AND CURLING CLUB  
OROMCTO  
EXPERIENCE FACTOR -14**

Sk — James Grattan (38-10)  
3rd — Jason Roach (28-1)  
2nd — Darren Roach (26-1)  
Ld — Peter Case (35-6)  
Alt — Zach Eldridge (28-1).  
Coach — Daryell Nowlan  
(Runnerup: Zach Eldridge, Oromocto)  
Last year's record: Terry Odishaw, Moncton, 5-6, finished 5th. Atkinson, Fredericton, 5-6, finished seventh.



## N.L.

**BALLY HALY GOLF  
AND CURLING CLUB  
ST. JOHN'S  
EXPERIENCE FACTOR -17**

Sk — Brad Gushue (32-10)  
3rd — Brett Gallant (23-1)  
2nd — Adam Casey (23-2)  
Ld — Geoff Walker (27-2)  
Alt — Jamie Korab (33-7)  
Coach — Peter Gallant  
(Runnerup: Colin Thomas, St. John's)  
Last year's record: Brad Gushue, St. John's, 5-6, finished 7th.



## N. ONTARIO

**SOO CURLERS ASSOCIATION  
SAULT STE. MARIE  
EXPERIENCE FACTOR -18**

Sk — Brad Jacobs (27-6)  
3rd — Ryan Fry (34-6)  
2nd — E.J. Harnden (29-5)  
Ld — Ryan Harnden (26-5)  
Alt — Matt Dumontelle (28-1)  
Coach — Tom Coulterman  
(Runnerup: Rob Gordon, Sudbury)  
Last year's record: Brad Jacobs, Sault Ste. Marie, 5-6, finished 6th. finished 11th.



**NOVA SCOTIA  
LAKESHORE CURLING CLUB  
LOWER SACKVILLE  
EXPERIENCE FACTOR -9**

Sk — Paul Flemming (44-6)  
3rd — Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc (28-2)  
2nd — Graham Breckon (33-1)  
Ld — Kelly Mittelstadt (37-3)  
Alt — Kent Smith (34-2)  
Coach — Stuart MacLean  
(Runnerup: Jamie Murphy, Lower Sackville)  
Last year's record: Jamie Murphy, Halifax, 4-7, finished 10th.



## ONTARIO

**COLDWATER CURLING CLUB  
COLDWATER  
EXPERIENCE FACTOR -40**

Sk — Glenn Howard (50-15)  
3rd — Wayne Middaugh (45-9)  
2nd — Brent Laing (34-9)  
Ld — Craig Savill (34-9)  
Alt — Scott Howard (22-3).  
Coach — Scott Taylor  
(Runnerup: Joe Frans, Bradford)  
Last year's record: Glenn Howard, Coldwater, 12-1, finished 1st.



## P.E.I.

**CHARLOTTETOWN CURLING  
COMPLEX  
CHARLOTTETOWN  
EXPERIENCE FACTOR -7**

Sk — Eddie MacKenzie (40-3)  
3rd — Anson Carmody (23-1)  
2nd — Alex MacFadyen (23-2)  
Ld — Sean Ledgerwood (43-2)  
Alt — Phil Gorveatt (47-4)  
Coach — Les Rogers  
(Runnerup: Rod MacDonald, Charlottetown)  
Last year's record: Mike Gaudet, Charlottetown, 3-8, finished 12th.



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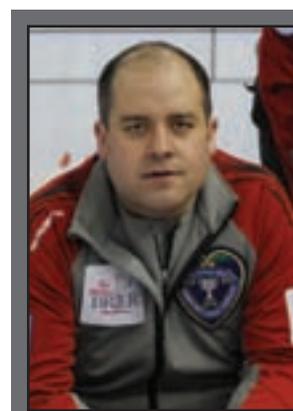
**ETCHEMIN CURLING CLUB  
ST. ROMUALD  
EXPERIENCE FACTOR -26**

Sk — Jean-Michel Menard (37-7)  
3rd — Martin Crete (27-3)  
2nd — Eric Sylvain (41-7)  
Ld — Philippe Menard (26-4)  
Alt — Pierre Charette (57-10)  
Coach — Robert Menard  
(Runnerup: Philippe Lemay, Trois-Rivieres)  
Last year's record: Robert Desjardins, Chicoutimi, 4-7, finished 8th. St-Romuald, 7-6, finished fourth.



**SASKATCHEWAN  
CALLIE CURLING CLUB  
REGINA  
EXPERIENCE FACTOR -0**

Sk — Brock Virtue (26-1)  
3rd — Braeden Moskow (22-1)  
2nd — Chris Schille (30-3)  
Ld — D.J. Kidby (25-1)  
Alt — Brock Montgomery (32-1)  
Coach — Lorne Umscheid  
(Runnerup: Bruce Korte, Saskatoon)  
Last year's record: Scott Manners, Battleford, 3-8, finished 11th.



**TERRITORIES  
YELLOWKNIFE CURLING CENTRE  
YELLOWKNIFE  
EXPERIENCE FACTOR -20**

Sk — Jamie Koe (35-7)  
3rd — Tom Naugler (40-3)  
2nd — Brad Chorostkowski (39-9)  
Ld — Robert Borden (26-2)  
Alt — Kevin Whitehead (34-4).  
Coach — Terry Shea  
(Runnerup: Greg Skauge, Yellowknife)  
Last year's record: Jamie Koe, Yellowknife, 7-6, finished 4th.



# The Party Line

your guide to what's goin' on



## country's best headlines in the patch

The excitement of live championship curling takes over Rexall Place for the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier. The biggest names in the game will compete in the legendary curling classic, with the men's national championship on the line.

Just a short walk away, in the Edmonton EXPO Centre, the party will be rocking all week long in The Original 16 Patch. Enjoy the appetizing selection of food and beverages and dance to the sounds of some of the hottest bands in the land.

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And the best part is, admission to both venues is free with every same-day event pass!

The Party Line will be on the scene all week long to keep you in touch with everything that's happening on the entertainment front at the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier.



Amy Moats

We'll be presenting daily updates from Party Line reporter Amy Moats who will be in the middle of the party - bringing you the inside perspective of the social side of championship curling. Amy is a partner in The Sport of Business, an Edmonton-based sport and event marketing firm. After receiving a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology at the University of Regina, she worked in various capacities for the Western Hockey League. Amy has been involved in a number of special sports projects including the 2005 Canada Summer Games, the 2006 U-17 World Hockey Challenge and the 2010 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championships.



Clayton Bellamy

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## time for the club showdown!

COOL SHOTS! There's cash on the table.



The Club Cool Shots Championship has been underway around Edmonton for the past several weeks - and it all comes down to the finals today in the Patch.

Two-player teams qualifying from competitions at the Crestwood, Ellerslie, Granite and Thistle curling clubs - as well as a public playdown at the West Edmonton Mall - will face off in the small-scale version of the big-time game.

The finalists will play for a \$500 cash prize and \$2,000 they can designate to the curling club of their choice.

## up next

Tomorrow

### Souled Out Shane Chisholm

### Souled Out This Afternoon



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**Tomorrow** – 5 p.m. Former Alberta Champions  
**Monday** – 5 p.m. Teams Alberta & British Columbia

## up close and personal

Today – 5 p.m.  
Former Alberta Champions

Get the inside word from the biggest names in the game. They'll be getting Up Close and Personal for the next week in the relaxing environment of the Purple Heart Lounge. The first one starts today featuring some of Alberta's legendary champs from the past.

**Tomorrow** – 5 p.m. Former Alberta Champions  
**Monday** – 5 p.m. Teams British Columbia & Quebec  
**Tuesday** – 5:30 p.m. Teams Manitoba & Ontario



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## Today's

## junior stars

The Junior Stars program provides 24 young curlers from local clubs with a first-hand experience of championship curling during the Brier.

Junior Stars receive a ticket for themselves and two guests, a commemorative jacket, a 2013 Tim Hortons Brier event pin and souvenir program, a photo with their team and introduction during a pre-game ceremony.

**6:30 p.m. Draw**

**Team Northwest Territories/Yukon**

Ariel Weber  
Kash Schwab

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A legacy project will be underway featuring paintings of the Brier that are created each day. You can view the gallery on the north concourse of Rexall Place. The works of art will be up for auction Saturday, March 9 in The Original 16 Patch.



# Tankard Times fearless predictions

## PICKS OF THE LITTER

### 1. Alberta

#### Savill Sports Centre (Edmonton)

*Skip: Kevin Martin — Third: John Morris, Second: Marc Kennedy — Lead: Ben Hebert*

**The skinny:** The Olympic champs are on home ice for the first time at a Tim Hortons Brier and the suspicion is they'll want to make the most of it in front of the friendly fans. Skip is in for 12th time and seems to have recovered from a hernia problem. Still, this will be a monumental three-way battle.

**THE ODDS – (6-5)**

### 2. Manitoba

#### Charleswood Curling Club (Winnipeg)

*Skip: Jeff Stoughton — Third: Jonathan Mead Second: Reid Carruthers — Lead: Mark Nichols*

**The skinny:** Tenth appearance for the youngest-looking 49-year-old skip on the curling planet. Team seems to have solidified with Newfie import at lead and its Canada Cup showing indicates its best form ever. Not to be counted out for one minute. Won here, too, in 1999.

**THE ODDS – (4-10-3)**

### 3. Ontario

#### Coldwater & District Curling Club (Coldwater)

*Skip: Glenn Howard — Third: Wayne Middaugh Second: Brent Laing — Lead: Craig Savill*

**The skinny:** Defending champ is still a force to be reckoned with, even as skip hurtles into senior-age territory. Obviously, capable of winning anything it enters. Accustomed, though, to running the table in its home province but was given a few frightful moments this time. Always tough to bet against.

**THE ODDS – (3-2)**

## NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED

### 4. Northern Ontario

#### Soo Curlers Association (Sault Ste. Marie)

*Skip: Brad Jacobs — Third: Ryan Fry Second: E.J. Harnden — Lead: Ryan Harnden*

**The skinny:** Probably the best bet outside the top triumvirate, the gang from the Soo has bulked up even more than usual with Ryan Fry moving in at third. Team has had good results on the tour and dominated the northern precinct with nine straight wins. Coming off a definite down-Brier last time around.

**THE ODDS – (4-10-1).**

### 5. Newfoundland/Labrador

#### Bally Haly Golf and Curling Club (St. John's)

*Skip: Brad Gushue — Third: Brett Gallant Second: Adam Casey — Lead: Geoff Walker*

**The skinny:** Seemingly a greybeard at 32, Gushue has experienced more ups and downs with recent lineups than you'll get out at Edmonton International. The form chart shows the 2006 Olympic champ is never far out of it. But there's greenery here with former national junior champs Gallant and Casey in the middle of the batting order and a Peace Country import at lead for the second time around.

**THE ODDS – (6-1).**

### 6. Quebec

#### Etchemin Curling Club (St-Romuald)

*Skip: Jean-Michel Menard — Third: Martin Crete Second: Eric Sylvain — Lead: Philippe Menard*

**The skinny:** Obviously, this outfit is capable. This nice-guy skipper beat everybody here in 2006. But the form has been spotty since then. In fact, he's back from La Belle Province (not exactly a curling hotbed) for the first time since 2009 and only the third time since his big 'annee! Won 10 in '06, has won only 11 at the Brier since.

**THE ODDS – (7-10-1).**

## SPOILERS AT BEST

### 7. Saskatchewan

#### Caledonia Curling Club (Regina)

*Skip: Brock Virtue: Third: Braeden Moskow Second: Chris Schille — Lead: D.J. Kidby*

**The skinny:** One of those have-gun-will-travel outfits put together from guys from two provinces, Virtue had a surprisingly good 2012 provincials in Alberta and has hooked up with the 2011 national junior champ. Trouble here is, no Green Team has scared anybody at the Brier of late. In fact, the last winning Saskabush record was in 2008. The last winner was in 1980!

**THE ODDS – (10-10-1).**

### 8. Territories

#### Yellowknife Curling Centre (Yellowknife)

*Skip: Jamie Koe : Third: Tom Naugler Second: Brad Chorostkowski — Lead: Robert Borden*

**The skinny:** Based on last year's seven-win performance, the best from any Polar team since 1975, Koe's a slam-dunk cinch to spoil this event for somebody. Unfortunately, with the lack of competition this team sees on a weekly basis, total victory is practically out of the question.

**THE ODDS – (12-10-1)**

### 9. Nova Scotia

#### Lakeshore Curling Club (Lower Sackville)

*Skip: Paul Flemming — Third: Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc*

*Second: Graham Breckon — Lead: Kelly Mittelstadt*

**The skinny:** There isn't much to go on here. Shumay wasn't even highly rated in her own province. But this can happen in Saskatchewan where Stefanie Lawton seems to draw a cold hand in provincial finals and everybody else in the lists struggles with inconsistency. Could, of course, be a surprise.

**ODDS – (14-10-1)**

### 10. New Brunswick

#### Gage Golf and Curling Club (Oromocto)

*Skip: James Grattan — Third: Jason Roach Second: Darren Roach — Lead: Peter Case*

**The skinny:** Jimmy The Kid has been trying to live up to that special third-place Brier finish in 1997 for 15 years. Sadly, without success. The more he trains on that razor-straight home ice, the more frustrating it gets, too. A good, capable curler with another new team. But tough to see here.

**ODDS – (16-10-1)**

## WHERE'S THE PATCH?

### 11. B.C.

#### Royal City Curling Club (New Westminster)

*Skip: Andrew Bilesky — Third: Steve Kopf Second: Derek Errington — Lead: Aaron Watson*

**The skinny:** This is the only all-rookie crew in the starting gate and, in this affair, the team will have to rise to heights about which it probably has only dreamed. Has youth going for it, otherwise a heaping helping of wait-and-see. One of those horses that will need at least one race, may more.

**ODDS – (18-10-1)**

### 12. P.E.I.

#### Charlottetown Curling Centre (Charlottetown)

*Skip: Eddie MacKenzie — Third: Anson Carmody*

*Second: Alex MacFadyen — Lead: Sean Ledgerwood*

**The skinny:** Skip Eddie has revised the lineup somewhat from the crew that staggered to a 1-10 record two years ago. Hopefully, this will be less of an embarrassment, although Islanders haven't won more than four games at a Brier since 2001. And before that? Try 1996. In both cases, Peter MacDonald was the skip. He won five.

**ODDS – (30-10-1).**

# Ford Hot Shots: Middaugh looks for repeat

**BY JIM MORRIS**  
Tankard Times

Wayne Middaugh is looking to make it two in a row.

Middaugh, the third on Glen Howard's defending Tim Hortons Brier champion rink from Ontario, also has a chance to repeat as winner of the Ford Hot Shots.

Middaugh finished in a three-way tie for the top score after Friday afternoon's preliminary round of the skills competition. The 45-year-old general manager of the Port Carling Golf and Country Club joined Alberta second Marc Kennedy and Quebec second Eric Sylvian with 27 points.

The top eight curlers advance to Saturday's final.

Winning last year's competition gave him a slight edge this time, Middaugh said.

"You just know the shots and know you have to throw them good," he said. "You are out there and it's just like a curling game."

"You are trying to make the perfect shot every time."

Kennedy said he made it to the second day of the Hot Shots once before but finished eighth in the final.

"I will try and do better than that," he laughed. "The key to the Hot Shots is stay in the hunt and make the double."

"Most guys that make the double are the guys that are going to move on."

Saskatoon skip Brock Virtue and Manitoba third

Jon Mead also advanced with 26 points. P.E.I lead Sean Ledgerwood, third Brett Gallant from Newfoundland/Labrador and Alberta third John Morris round out the top eight with 24 points.

All eight curlers will start the finals at zero.

The winner will receive a two-year-lease on a 2013 Ford Fusion SE 2.0L, AWD with EcoBoost, an approximate retail value of \$14,000. The second-place finisher receives a \$2,000 cheque while third place is worth \$1,000.

During the Hot Shots competition curlers throw six different shots. There's a hit and stay; draw the button; draw the port; a raise; hit and roll; and the double takeout.

Each shot is awarded points on a scale from zero to five depending on the result.

Rachel Homan, the Ontario skip who won the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, began her week by winning the Hot Shots. The 23-year-old from Ottawa defeated Sharon Cormier of the NWT/Yukon 23-11 in the final.

Homan was thrilled by the victory.

"My car has lots of miles on it right now," she said.

Middaugh beat teammate Craig Savill 17-15 to win the Hot Shots at last year's Brier in Saskatoon.

Most of the curlers agree the added bonus of the Hot Shots is another practise on the ice.

"It gives you a bit of an idea of how the ice is going to react and what the sweeping is going to do," said Middaugh. "It helps you figure out the rocks a bit too."

"It's like a golf course. The more time you get out there the better chance you get for a feel for it."



Wayne Middaugh (rear):Eyeing another free ride from Ford?

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# Time for trivia

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:**

**One player has appeared in more Briers than any other. His name and the number of Briers in which he has appeared, please.**

1. One player has won more Brier titles than any other. His name?
2. How many Brier titles?
3. One skip leads the Brier league in total victories over the years. His name? (Hint: What's on your TV?)
4. This guy also leads the league in Brier skipping appearances. How many?
5. How many Brier victories?

6. Who is second on the skipping list of Brier victories?
7. How many?
8. Alberta teams have won 25 Briers. Two skips have claimed four each. Name them and their curling homes.
9. The very first Alberta Brier winner was skipped by whom, and when?
10. His team played out of which city?
11. The Brier was played where?
12. Two provinces, Manitoba and Alberta, have combined to win 52 Briers. The remainder of the field has won how many Briers between them?



7. 106 wins.
8. Ferbey and Martin, Edmonton
9. Cliff Manahan, 1933
10. Edmonton
11. Toronto
12. Ontario.
13. 16 silvers?
14. Teams from provinces other than Manitoba and/or Alberta has won 31 Briers.

- (Answers)  
 Q0D: Glenn Howard, 15 Briers.  
 1. Russ Howard  
 2. Randy Ferbey.  
 3. Six Brier titles.  
 4. Russ Howard.  
 5. 113 wins.  
 6. Kevin Martin

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A LITTLE MORE FROM JIM MORRIS

# Has the Brier lost any 'lustre'?

Time often takes a toll.

The years can tarnish a trophy's shine. The familiar becomes boring. An old favourite is easily ignored for the next big thing. There's always a bigger television on the market or a cell phone with more features. Does anyone remember eight-track tape players?

The Brier used to be the ultimate championship for Canadian men's curling. It was like winning the Stanley Cup.

Now other events compete with the Brier for curling's spotlight. The Capital One Canada Cup offers a deeper field and the winner gains one of the six automatic qualification spots for the Olympic trials. There's a lot of money to be won in the Grand Slam events.

Curling's calendar may have added some new dates but for most rinks the Tim Hortons Brier remains circled in red, like Christmas. Curlers still rate the Brier like mountain climbers dream of reaching the peak of Mount Everest.

"It's the Brier," said Chris Schille, the second on Brock Virtue's Saskatchewan rink, who played in two Briers with Brad Gushue. "It's always been here."



Newfoundland/Labrador skipper Brad Gushue says as far as he is concerned, The Brier will always have its stature as the marquee men's event in Canada.

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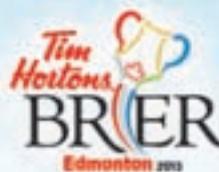


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No argument from Jeff Stoughton, the Winnipeg skip who has won the Canadian men's curling championship three times.

"It's the biggest show out there," said Stoughton. "The most exciting event. It draws the biggest fans."

The Brier claims prestige and pedigree. It's like a stylish old home painted in tradition and tastefully furnished. Some fads fade, but a Brier title never gets old.

"I can't wait," said Ontario's Glenn Howard, who is making his 15th Brier appearance this week in Edmonton, more than any other curler.

"I'm not complacent. I never have been."

Howard has heard the criticisms directed against the Brier.

"You look at the depth of the field in a Brier compared to say a Grand Slam or a Canada Cup. It's not quite as deep," he said. "It still has quality fields, fantastic fields, but it doesn't have all the great teams that are playing in these other events."

"That being said, it is still your national championship. When ever you play in a national championship in anything it's special. To say you're the No. 1 team in Canada and moving on to represent your country at the world championship, you can't get that anywhere else."

Kevin Martin has won Olympic and world titles. He will be in the hunt for a record fifth Brier championship this week.

To him the Brier remains important "in a different way."

"It's cultural, traditional, regional," said the skip from Edmonton's Saville Community



Randy Ferbey

Sports Centre. "Everybody cheers for their provinces and that's a wonderful thing."

Like any event the Brier has evolved. Changes haven't always been easy. Some of the best teams boycotted the competition from 2001 through 2003, demanding cash prizes and the ability to display their sponsors on their jerseys.

The Canadian Curling Association eventually agreed.

Martin and Stoughton were among the 18

teams that fought for change.

"It's nice to see the CCA on board and giving some money to the players," said Stoughton. "It's nice they are rewarding the teams that do well."

The Slam events "have their part in developing curling and what's out there," said Stoughton.

The winning rink at this year's Brier earns \$40,000. They also will receive \$144,000 in Sport Canada funding over a two-year period plus

\$40,000 from Own The Podium for training and competition expenses.

Randy Ferbey, a four-time Canadian champion, said one way to judge the Brier's status is to watch the reaction of players when they win their provincial playoffs and earn a trip to the national final.

"You witness how ecstatic they are to win it," said Ferbey. "You don't see that same excitement when they win a Grand Slam event at all."

"The thing with the Brier, you lose out this year and you have to wait a full year to go back. The Grand Slam events, there are four of them every year. You lose the first one and two weeks later you can go back and try again."

Many curlers rate the Olympic trials and Winter Games as the biggest challenge to the Briers.

"The Olympics kind of take away a little bit from the glory of the Brier," said Gushue, the 2006 Olympic gold medallist. "For the three years in between, there's no doubt is it the biggest event."

The Brier has learned to adapt. There's been some tinkering with its structure and format, but it remains a prize all curlers still want.

"The day this isn't the biggest event, then that's the day I don't play anymore," said Schille. "I don't want to play in anything if it's considered more important than this one."

Gushue said he's "a big fan" of the Grand Slams and Canada Cup.

"They don't have the magnitude or the stature or the significance of a Brier," he said.

"You can give me an infinite number of Grand Slam or Canada Cup wins and I'd trade them all for one Brier."

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# 2015: Brier, Scotties evolve?

Fresh off of an impressive Scotties Tournament of Hearts win, Ottawa's Rachel Homan will wear the Maple Leaf for at least a year starting in Riga, Latvia, at the women's worlds in two weeks.

And here we are at the Tim Hortons Brier in Edmonton where names such as Alberta's Kevin Martin, Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton and Ontario's Glenn Howard are again in the field and certainly the favourites.

These names have dominated Canadian men's curling for nearly two decades.

These two marquee curling events are somewhat sacred to the Canadian curling faithful.

They bring the country together in a celebration of a game borrowed from Scotland and dominated mostly by us.

From tiny P.E.I., to massive but sparsely populated Northwest Territories, the events celebrate Canadian curling tradition where excellence always is achieved and underdogs always are fan favourites regardless of address.

But this all might change.

With curling entering the Olympics, the learning curve at the Canadian Curling Association has been steep. And almost all the tinkering



with the game and events is done in Olympic cycles.

Because qualifying for Olympic trials involves three full years of event-winning and the gathering of points from the cashspiel circuit as well as CCA events, you won't see major changes between Olympiads.

But curling fans should expect to see a different kind of Brier and Scotties after Sochi next February.

Next year's events in Kamloops and Mon-

treal, respectively, will likely be the last in the current format.

In 2015, Team Canada will join men's play and Northern Ontario will be added to women's play.

This is a very interesting twist on an old debate. There have been those who have long advocated adding Team Canada on the men's side at the expense of Northern Ontario. The thought: If Brad Jacobs, for example, is good enough to go to the Brier, he can beat Glenn Howard to get there.

Two problems with this argument:

Firstly, how can you justify costing a region of the country that technically would be technically one of the country's largest provin-

ces were it one, and still offer a spot to P.E.I. that sees on average six-to-eight competitive teams? Kenora, Fort Frances, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, North Bay, The Soo, to name a few, house a lot of brick throwers of calibre.

Secondly, how about history and tradition? Northern Ontario has produced many great champions on both sides of the gender - Al "The Iceman" Hackner, Rick and Lorraine Lang, Al "Snapper" Harnden and Heather Houston are some good examples.

That Northern Ontario women would get a spot really came from off the radar, but the CCA must have numbers to show it makes sense.

Nunavut's emergence has led to this, methinks. But how many curlers are there in Nunavut?

The joke around the barn is this is Randy Ferbey's chance at a comeback - once he finds three other curlers from Iqaluit.

In an attempt to add territorial involvement, all three territories will take part - kind of.

But this year, for example, Yukon teams did not even try to challenge the Koe Yellowknife dynasty.

Cost is really at the root of that.

Managing a national draw with as many as 16 teams is not do-able, so there will be a qualifying segment involving two Territories and

the last-place finisher from the previous year, all competing for one spot to complete the draw. These games would be played on the last days leading up to the "official" start. Winner in, losers go home.

The thought process is to be more inclusive but the logistics suggest it could be quite the opposite.

Imagine a Brier or Scotties without P.E.I. or Saskatchewan? Could happen.

The idea of being able to market a Team Canada on the men's side makes sense, where you could have had both Kevin Martin and Kevin Koe here in Edmonton.

Imagine the marketing value?

What about a Brier that included the 12 top teams in the country instead of the champs-by-geography.

Would you like to see a Brier that featured Kevin Koe, Kevin Martin, Glenn Howard, John Epping, Jeff Stoughton, Rob Fowler, Mike McEwen? Throw in Brad Gushue and Brad Jacobs and that doesn't leave an awful lot of wiggle room.

While that scenario won't happen anytime soon, the times are indeed changing.

But the question is, do Canadians want the best curlers period, or all provinces and territories at what has become in our history, truly coast-to-coast-coast traditions.

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# 50/50 Raffle Rules and Regulations

## SCHEDULE "D" 50/50 RAFFLE RULES

1. Licensee: The 50/50 Raffle (the "Raffle") shall be conducted by the 50/50 Licensee pursuant to a license (the "License") from the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission ("AGLC") and in accordance with the Criminal Code of Canada, Alberta Gaming and Liquor Act and Regulations, AGLC Policy, AGLC Raffle Terms and Conditions, and the terms of the 50/50 Raffle Licensee Agreement between the 50/50 Licensee and Rexall Sports Corp (the "Service Provider").

• Date and Location of Draw: At Rexall Place (7424 118 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta) during each 2013 Tim Hortons Brier curling draw in Edmonton listed in the License (the "50/50 Licensed Game(s)").

• Rules: These are the official 50/50 Raffle Rules and are available upon request.

• Eligibility: Ticket purchasers must be 18 years of age or older. The following are NOT eligible to participate (defined as purchase tickets or receive prizes) in the 50/50 Raffle: (i) Staff and members of the executive committee of the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier, director of the Raffle, members of the 50/50 Licensee with signing authority, and spouses of the above; (ii) the 50/50 Volunteers for Games they are working; and (iii) Employees of the Service Provider. Each ticket sold shall be eligible to participate in each draw conducted under the authority of the License.

• Minor Children: AGLC requests that ticket sellers advise adult ticket purchasers not to give their ticket to a person under the age of eighteen (18) years as required by the Public Trustees Act.

• Tickets: Ticket pricing shall be:

Regular: Discount 1:

Discount 2:

Five dollars (\$5.00) for one (1) ticket Ten dollars (\$10.00) for three (3) tickets Twenty dollars (\$20.00) for (10) tickets

• No Refunds. All ticket sales are final. There will be no refunds issued to anyone for any reason.

• The Draw: A ticket stub containing the ticket serial number of each sold ticket shall be placed in a draw container.

The Draw will take place during the seventh end of play of the slowest curling game at of each 50/50 Licensed Game in the Count Room of Rexall Place.

### The Draw shall be conducted as follows:

• One (1) ticket will be manually drawn at random (the "Draw") to win the Prize;

• If there is an unclaimed Prize(s) from any of the Raffles, a separate pool for the final Game will be created. The first ticket drawn at the final Game will be the winning ticket of the final Game Prize and the second ticket drawn will be the winning ticket of the pool of the unclaimed Prize(s);

• At least one (1) executive member of the 50/50 Licensee and one (1) member of the public who is not a member of the 50/50 Licensee, shall be present to witness each Draw;

• The Draw can be made by any person who does not own a ticket or a share of a ticket in the Draw;

• The arm of the person making the Draw must be "bare" of clothing below the elbow, he/she must exhibit his/her Draw arm and both sides of his/her open hand to the Draw witnesses immediately prior to making the Draw;

• Only the person making the Draw may put their arm/hand in the Draw container. When selecting a winning ticket, the person making the Draw shall look away from the container;

• Winning tickets shall be immediately exhibited to the Draw witnesses and held open for inspection; and

• The 50/50 Licensee shall videotape the Draw.

• Winner Notification: The winning ticket number will be shown on the video score clock and all the dedicated 50/50 televisions in Rexall Place as soon as possible and it will be announced over the public address system at the completion of the slowest game. If there is only one (1) game being played, the winning number will be announced over the PA system and shown on the video score-clock and all the dedicated 50/50 televisions in Rexall Place at the completion of the 8111 end. If the Prize is not claimed during the Game, the winning ticket number will be posted on two (2) display boards on the concourse, one (1) display board at the entrance to the Brier Patch and posted on the Northern Alberta Curling website at [www.northernalbertacurling.com](http://www.northernalbertacurling.com).

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The holder of a winning ticket will have until forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of the final Game on March 10, 2013 to present the winning ticket to the 50/50 Licensee. The holder of a winning ticket can present the winning ticket to a 50/50 Licensee representative who will be available at the North Information Booth on the main concourse of Rexall Place near Section 116 during the 50/50 Licensed Game. If the holder of a winning ticket does not have access to the final Game, they can access the North Information Booth from the outside through the suite entrance on the north side of Rexall Place to claim the prize.

All Prizes not claimed on or before the Prize Claim Expiry Date (forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of the final Game on March 10, 2013), will be pooled and drawn as a separate prize creating an additional Prize for the final Game, with AGLC approval. This means that any unclaimed Prizes will be redistributed by adding the amounts of the unclaimed Prizes together to create a separate Prize at the final Raffle of the designated 50/50 Licensed Game (the "Bonus Prize Draw").

It is the responsibility of the 50/50 Licensee to communicate during the final Game that if there are any unclaimed Prizes, all unclaimed Prizes will be pooled for the Bonus Prize Draw. For the Final Draw, the 50/50 Licensee will draw two (2) tickets. The first ticket will be used to determine the winner of the Final Draw. The second ticket will be used to determine the winner of the Bonus Prize Draw (if applicable). The winner of the Final Draw will have fifteen

(15) minutes to claim the Prize. If the Prize for the Final Draw is not claimed within fifteen (15) minutes of the announcement, the Prize for that Final Draw will be added to the pool for the Bonus Prize Draw.

If there is a Bonus Prize Draw, the holder of the winning ticket of the Bonus Prize Draw has seven (7) days to present the winning ticket to the

50/50 Licensee at the Brier Office, Suite 200 1603 91 Street, Edmonton, Alberta TOX OW8 (phone 780-466-0316) to claim the Prize. If the unclaimed Prize is not claimed within seven (7) days, then the Raffle Prize amount for the Bonus Prize Draw will be provided to the designated charities identified under the 50/50 Licensee's Raffle License.

• The Prize: In each Raffle the Prize will be 50% of the gross revenue from all tickets sold. Prize is not transferable and must be accepted as awarded with no substitutions, except at the 50/50 Licensee's sole discretion. The Prize shall be paid by cheque from the 50/50 Licensee. The designated 50/50 ticket is the only valid receipt for claiming the Prize.

Unauthorized persons copying, selling or altering tickets are subject to prosecution. A 50/50 Raffle ticket will be void and a Prize not paid/redeemed if there is proof that the ticket was stolen, not issued, ineligible, altered, counterfeit, defective, printed in duplicate, or printed/produced in error. The Service Provider and the 50/50 Licensee are not responsible for lost or stolen tickets or tickets redeemed in error by their agents. All tickets, transactions and winners associated with the 50/50 Raffle are subject to the rules, regulations and procedures put in place by the 50/50 Licensee and the lawful charges thereof.

• Cancellation: The 50/50 Licensee may rescind, cancel, amend or revoke the Raffle, subject to the prior approval of AGLC. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the 50/50 Licensee reserves the right to cancel or modify the Raffle and/or these Official Rules, in whole or in part and without notice, if the 50/50 Licensee determines that fraud or technical or other failures have threatened or destroyed the integrity of the Raffle.

Contact Information: Complaints, comments or concerns should be addressed to the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier Director of 50/50 Steve Pritchard at 780-467-0960 (home), 780 803-0475 (cell) or [sbpritchard@shaw.ca](mailto:sbpritchard@shaw.ca). Alternatively, you can contact Assistant Director Barry Sheptycki at 780 499-6605 (cell) or [tycki@telusplanet.net](mailto:tycki@telusplanet.net)

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| SATURDAY<br>March 2                   | 1:30 p.m.   | 1           | NO vs NT                   | NB vs QC | NS vs NL | SK vs PE |
|                                       | 6:30 p.m.   | 2           | NL vs PE                   | AB vs MB | NT vs NB | ON vs BC |
| SUNDAY<br>March 3                     | 8:30 a.m.   | 3           | QC vs AB                   | BC vs NO | SK vs ON | NS vs MB |
|                                       | 1:30 p.m.   | 4           | NB vs NS                   | NL vs SK | NO vs PE | QC vs NT |
|                                       | 6:30 p.m.   | 5           | ON vs MB                   | PE vs NT | BC vs AB | NL vs NB |
| MONDAY<br>March 4                     | 1:30 p.m.   | 6           | BC vs SK                   | NS vs ON | QC vs MB | AB vs NO |
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| TUESDAY<br>March 5                    | 1:30 p.m.   | 8           | AB vs NB                   | MB vs PE | ON vs NT | BC vs NL |
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| WEDNESDAY<br>March 6                  | 1:30 p.m.   | 10          | SK vs NS                   | NT vs NL | NB vs PE | NO vs QC |
|                                       | 7:30 p.m.   | 11          | NT vs AB                   | ON v NB  | MB vs NL | PE vs BC |
| THURSDAY<br>March 7                   | 8:30 a.m.   | 12          |                            | NO vs SK | NS vs QC |          |
|                                       | 1:30 p.m.   | 13          | ON vs NL                   | PE vs AB | NT vs BC | NB vs MB |
|                                       | 7:30 p.m.   | 14          | MB vs NO                   | BC vs NS | AB vs SK | QC vs ON |
| FRIDAY<br>March 8                     | 8:30 a.m.   | 15          | NB vs BC                   | MB vs NT | PE vs ON | NL vs AB |
|                                       | 1:30 p.m.   | 16          | NS vs PE                   | NL vs QC | NO vs NB | SK vs NT |
|                                       | 7:30 p.m.   | 17          | QC vs SK                   | AB vs ON | BC vs MB | NS vs NO |
| <b>PAGE PLAYOFFS</b>                  |             |             |                            |          |          |          |
| <b>IF NO TIE BREAKER DRAWS</b>        |             |             |                            |          |          |          |
| SAT. March 9                          | 1:30 p.m.   | PP          | Page Playoff               |          |          |          |
|                                       | 6:30 p.m.   | PP          | Page Playoff               |          |          |          |
| <b>IF ONE (1) TIE BREAKER DRAW</b>    |             |             |                            |          |          |          |
| SAT. March 9                          | 8:30 a.m.   | TB1         | Tie-Breaker                |          |          |          |
|                                       | 1:30 p.m.   | PP          | Page Playoff               |          |          |          |
|                                       | 6:30 p.m.   | PP          | Page Playoff               |          |          |          |
| <b>IF TWO (2) TIE BREAKER DRAWS</b>   |             |             |                            |          |          |          |
| SAT. March 9                          | 8:30 a.m.   | TB1         | Tie-Breaker                |          |          |          |
|                                       | 1:30 p.m.   | TB2 & PP    | Tie-Breaker / Page Playoff |          |          |          |
|                                       | 6:30 p.m.   | PP          | Page Playoff               |          |          |          |
| <b>IF THREE (3) TIE BREAKER DRAWS</b> |             |             |                            |          |          |          |
| FRI. March 8                          | 11:00 p.m.  | TB1         | Tie-Breaker                |          |          |          |
| SAT. March 9                          | 8:30 a.m.   | TB2         | Tie-Breaker                |          |          |          |
|                                       | 1:30 p.m.   | TB3 & PP    | Tie-Breaker / Page Playoff |          |          |          |
|                                       | 6:30 p.m.   | PP          | Page Playoff               |          |          |          |
| <b>SEMI FINAL</b>                     |             |             |                            |          |          |          |
| SUN. March 10                         | 8:30 a.m.   | SF          | Semi Final                 |          |          |          |
| <b>BRONZE MEDAL</b>                   |             |             |                            |          |          |          |
| SUN. March 10                         | 1:30 p.m.   | BRZ         | Bronze Medal               |          |          |          |
| <b>FINAL</b>                          |             |             |                            |          |          |          |
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# Clark, Brown to represent U.S.A.

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The United States has decided its representatives at the upcoming world championships in Riga, Latvia (women) and Victoria, B.C. (men), on the frozen, non-tundra, not far from Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

On the men's side, Seattle, Washington's Brady Clark outduelled some of the field favourites to earn the berth to Victoria. Ironically, Clark could very well be the curler who has to travel the least distance to get there – via ferry.

The 35-year-old skipper is a Grand Forks, N.D. native, and his third is Sean Beighton, a Seattle product.

Enter the Canadian flavour.

Second on the club is Darren Lehto, an Athabasca, Alta., product, while lead Phil Tilker is from Bracebridge, Ont.

The team reeled off five wins in a row, then turned around and dropped four straight.

But they would not lose again.

They beat Madison, Wisconsin's Craig Brown twice in a row to get to



Skip Brady Clark (left) and his team (left to right) third Sean Beighton, second Darren Lehto, and lead Phil Tilker will represent the U.S. at the Ford Men's Worlds in Victoria

the Page playoffs, where he knocked off defending U.S. champ Heath McCormick, who plays out of New

York, but lives in Sarnia, Ont.

Duluth, Minnesota's John Shuster was his opponent in the semi-fi-

nals, and Clark etched out a 6-5 win, and then matched that score in the final over another Duluth crew – Tyler

George.

Clark looked to be in control of the final leading 4-2 in the eighth, but gave up a three, to trail 5-4. But he blanked the ninth and scored a deuce in 10 to grab the title.

On the women's side of the draw, a familiar face returns – also with Canuck flavour.

Erica Brown's Madison, Wisconsin crew returns to the worlds in Riga, reprising the role they had in Swift Current, Sask., three years ago.

Brown, from Oakville, Ont., and her crew of third Deb McCormick (Saskatoon, Sask.), second Jessica Schultz, who hails from Anchorage, Ak., and lead Ann Swisshelm (Middletown, Ohio) led the way in the round-robin and beat defending champ Allison Pottinger in the Page 1-2 game. In an interesting contest, Brown had a late 7-4 lead, but Pottinger scored a deuce and a single to tie it, forcing Brown to score one for the win.

She then beat Duluth's Courtney George, again up two late and gave up a single and a steal, but used hammer in and extra end to secure victory 7-6.



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