

# Nova Scotia Stick Curling Association



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## Hall of Fame



The NSSCA Board approved categories and criteria for admission into the NS Stick Curling Hall of Fame. Two submissions were received before the December 1 deadline. A three-person committee, chaired by Penny LaRocque, is currently assessing those submissions. The NSSCA Board will vote on recommendations from the committee.

## Yarmouth's Dynamic Duo



Any serious Nova Scotia curler has heard these names before, David Mac Dougal and Paul Doucet. They are dedicated members of the Yarmouth Curling Club who have been curling together for 13 years and are recognized as an elite Canadian stick curling team. However, it was their success during the 2020 curling season that put them in the running for one of Nova Scotia Curling Associations top awards.

We are happy to present to you the winners of the **2020 NSCA Team Of The Year Award**, David MacDougal and Paul Doucet.

It would have been difficult for any team to top their success.

2019 Canadian National Open Stick Champions

2020 Provincial Open Stick Champions

2020 Maritime Open Stick Champions

**An impressive award for an impressive team!**

## Volunteer Extraordinaire

Some may say Charles Bourque is a quiet man but behind his beard and twinkling eyes, lies the heart of a lion and the mischief of a leprechaun. **Charles the Lion Heart** has given his precious time to the Yarmouth Curling Club for the past 15 years supporting the development of the Junior program, the club's drop in curling program and has also served on the club's Curling Executive.

**Charles the Leprechaun** has delighted club members, and visitors alike, with his creative use of technology while managing the club's website and the photo gallery on the sheet monitors.

We are delighted to announce Charles received the prestigious and much deserved **2020 NSCA Volunteer of the Year Award**.

Volunteers like Charles are the lifeblood of so many of our curling clubs and we extend our recognition and thanks to Charles for his efforts supporting the Yarmouth CC and its very successful stick curling program!



**Well deserved Charles!**

## Covid Update



The provincial stick curling championship was cancelled as part of the NSCA decision to cancel all provincial curling championships up to March 1.

However, the Bluenose Curling Club contacted us and asked to reschedule the stick curling provincials on March 5-7.

We consulted with the NSCA about the feasibility of that plan. The NSCA Board then unanimously agreed to this proposal; subject to Dr. Strang approving tournament play by January 25 and there being sufficient interest from teams.

If that happens then NSCA has agreed to set up a registration portal. All teams wishing to participate in the provincial stick curling championship will need to reregister. The registration deadline would likely be within two weeks of registration commencing.

The failure of the health department to lift tournament restrictions on January 11 effectively cancelled the remaining two competitive league tournaments scheduled for January. If the provincial stick curling championship is moved to March 5-7; the league will reschedule those two competitive league tournaments to February.

If there is no approval of tournament play on, or before, January 25 then we will **cancel the season.**

## Former Competitive Curler Hooked On Stick



Some of you may remember this name “Joan (Hutchinson) MacKinnon”. A traditional curler who some might say has come over to the **dark side**.

Joan started her illustrious career as a junior curler in Charlottetown where she represented PEI at the Canadian Junior championship and The Canada Games. After her move to Halifax she won two provincial Scotties (1985 & 1987) with skip Virginia Jackson. Yes that Virginia Jackson ... the Executive Curling Director of the NSCA. Ready to be impressed; that team finished third in the 1985 Scott Tournament of Hearts. Joan further went on to play on Don Lowden's Mixed team and represented NS at the Canadian Mixed Curling Championship in 1986. Now wait for it... she was also invited to participate in the first Olympic Curling trials. A bad knee and competition fatigue ended her traditional curling career. Her friend Judy Power, a curler of impressive credentials of her own, introduced her to stick curling. A spiel and some club games later she is hooked on the sport and competing at both the club and competitive league level while still working full-time. To quote Joan; “ Stick is definitely an adjustment to regular curling but all in all, it has allowed me to get back on the ice and participate in this wonderful new game called **Stick Curling**.

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