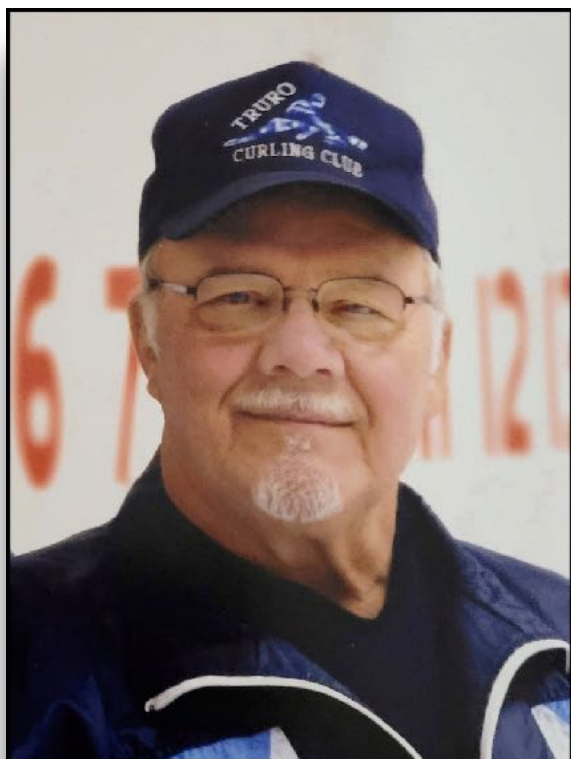


## Nova Scotia Stick Curling Association



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## Hall of Fame Inductee 2023



**Builder / Curler  
Ted Lohnes**

Ted Lohnes was a stick curling pioneer, a driving force in the promotion of the game in Nova Scotia and to bolster the profile of the sport he would travel to clubs around the province to conduct free clinics.

He organized and facilitated many competitions at the provincial level and was part of the founding group who introduced stick curling to the Maritimes.

In those formative years, Ted along with Ron Crowe ( Hall of Fame inductee) spent considerable time organizing an executive body that produced the original by-laws.

Ted was the person called upon for rule interpretations and suggested rule changes that made the game better. David MacDougal (Hall of Fame inductee) said about Ted " as a competitor he was intense whether you played with him or against him. But, off the ice this guitar playing story teller was a delight to be around and was quick to complement those he felt were improving or would do well competitively". Ted said "The stick is what keeps us playing the game let's hope we can do it again next year."

### The NSSCA Accessibility Study

The NSSCA is conducting an accessibility study funded by Para sport NS and overseen by NSCA of all NS curling clubs. This is a first of its kind in Canada and hopefully will spread to other provinces. The final product will be a library of written documentation on accessibility features for each of the clubs and a video library showing exactly what accessibility looks like at each club. It is hoped the information gathered will assist the clubs with accessibility grant applications and facility rentals to groups requiring wheelchair access.

## Provincial Champions



The inaugural Mixed Stick Curling Provincial Championship was held at Amherst CC January 20-22, 2023 and was sponsored by **Xplore**. Fifteen teams from seven different clubs participated. The champions were Peter Boudreau and Joan MacKinnon of Lakeshore CC. Dave MacDougall and Pauline Bullerwell of Yarmouth CC were the finalists. The championship will be held again next year in Amherst.

The Men's and Women's Stick Curling Provincial Championship was held at the Bluenose CC February 17-19, 2023 and was sponsored by **CIBC Wood Gundy**. Thirty teams (21 men – 9 women) competed and the champions were: Men's: Pierre & Paul Doucet Women's: Diane Mallinson & Pauline Bullerwell - Yarmouth CC  
Men's Finalist: Keith Bennett & Paul Landry – Lakeshore  
Women's Finalist: Nancy McConnery & Marilyn Neily – Bridgewater. The championship will be held again next year at the Bluenose CC.





## Clinics:

Funding to offer clinics was obtained again this year from Sport NS. Seven basic skills clinics have been offered as far apart as Barrington and Sydney. A Train the Trainer session was offered in Bridgewater. A Theory / Strategy clinic was developed, and beta tested this year. That clinic was offered in Bridgewater and a modified version of the clinic was also offered in Wolfville. Several clubs had long wait-lists for their clinic and asked for follow-up clinics. We have attempted to accommodate this as much as possible. We are also pleased to see so many club level clinics being conducted by instructors who took our Train the Trainer courses the past two years.



## Competitive League:

The league consisted of ten women's teams and eight men's teams and was sponsored by Baker Tilly. Tournaments were held in Lunenburg, Berwick, Bridgewater and New Glasgow.

Divisional champions were:

Men's – Champions: MacDougal / Cameron

- Finalists: Doucet / Doucet

Women's – Champions: McConnery / Neily

- Finalists: Jay / Hayes

Overall League Champions and winners of the Ron Crowe trophy were: Jay / Hayes

Planning for the 2023-2024 season is underway so stay tuned.

## Maritime Champions

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Maritime Stick Curling Championship was held at Wolfville CC March 10-12, 2023. After two years of covid cancellations it was good to welcome twenty-four teams from three provinces. The Winners in the Women's division were Penny LaRocque & Pauline Bullerwell from NS. The Finalists were Berthe Richard & Marietta Demers from NB. The Winners in the Open division were Paul Landry & Keith Bennett from NS. The Finalists were Pierre Doucet & Paul Doucet from NS.

PEI will host the 2024 Maritime Stick Curling Championship.



## Metro Interclub

For three years, women and men from four of five Metro's curling clubs (Lakeshore, Mayflower, Halifax and Dartmouth) have experienced the ice challenges of different clubs and encountered the skills and strategies of a wide range of curlers through participating in this league. Hosted at Lakeshore and Mayflower CC's, the league's 12 - 14 teams play a sixteen game season. Two of this year's teams took Silver and Bronze medals in the NS Provincial stick curling championship. In future the league seeks to expand its number of teams and hosting clubs.

If you are hosting a similar league in your area, next year send the results to the newsletter committee and we will post the results.



Winners  
Colin Campbell / Bill Milberry



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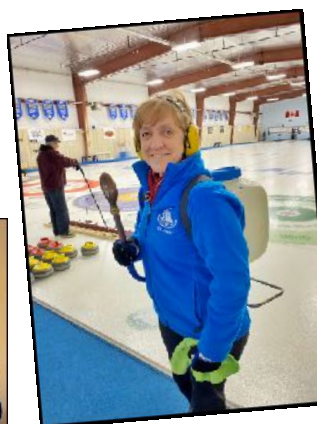


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