



# Stick with Us!

## Nova Scotia Stick Curling News/Happenings

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### **2024 Newbie “3” PETE**

The 2024 competitive curling season brought some unforgettable surprises. For the first time, Nova Scotia sent not one but *three* newbie teams to the Canadian Stick Curling Championship. It was a landmark moment for these players, all proudly sporting Nova Scotia’s colours for their first time on this national stage.

In this interview series, with each team we’ll try to capture their reflections and experiences—from the challenges they faced to the moments they’ll never forget. Let’s hear from the winners themselves about what it means to represent Nova Scotia for the very first time.



Defending Champions  
Bridgewater Curling Club  
Jeff Crouse - Shelley Crouse

1: “How did it feel to put on the Nova Scotia jacket and represent the province on the national stage for the first time?”

Shelley: Wearing our NS jackets & representing our province as mixed champions at the National level, was a very special and humbling experience. We were very proud indeed & wanted to perform & play as well as we knew we could.

Question 2: What was the most memorable moment or unexpected challenge you faced during the championship?

Jeff: Because of LSD rules, we unexpectedly had to play a tiebreaker against an Ontario team that we previously beat in round robin play. Falling short in this game knocked us out of the quarterfinals.

**Provincial Mixed Stick Curling Championship Registration Is Open**  
Held January 17-19,2025 at Curl Bridgewater, NS. Registration closes on December 3,2024.

To register:

Go to [nsurl.com](https://nsurl.com) and follow the link to “register for an event”



Lakeshore CC  
Bruce Densmore - Peter Boudreau

## 1 Peter:

It is surreal and remarkable to represent Nova Scotia again this time as a Provincial Stick Curling Champion. Wearing the Nova Scotia colours, and being honoured with the sportsmanship award, voted on by my fellow curlers, was truly special.

## 2 Bruce:

I injured my back at a curling tournament two days before flying to the championship. Delayed departure by a day and underwent intensive therapy. Fighting through the early stages of the championship while trying to manage

**Provincial Men's / Women's Stick Curling Championship Registration is Open**  
Held January 13-16 @ Lakeshore CC Halifax, NS. Registration closes on December 30, 2024.

To register:

Go to [nscurl.com](http://nscurl.com) and follow the link to "Register for an event"



Defending Champions  
Mayflower Curling Club  
Gail Hayes - Karen Jay

## 1 Gail:

Having been to 2 Nationals -Masters (Silver) and Stick (Bronze) my memories will always be there. Representing Nova Scotia ( dear to my heart) was a feeling of pride and honour. Wearing the Nova Scotia jacket was simply the best. Promoting stick curling to another level is a must to ensure people have the opportunity to enjoy the sport at a different level.

## 2 Karen:

Our first trip to Canadian Stick Curling Nationals wearing our beautiful Nova Scotia jackets was exciting and nerve wracking. Were we ready? Could we compete at that level? It was a fun and frustrating journey but all the hard work and dedicated time paid off. The best part was meeting all the wonderful women we played and sharing the experience with Gail and with our families we got to visit with that week.

## **A Spark Ignites - The Hubert Sullivan Mixed Event Debuts in Style**

In a thrilling debut that's ignited a new excitement in Nova Scotia's curling scene, the inaugural Hubert Sullivan Mixed Event took off with a bang at the Wolfville Curling Club. Mix Curling's growth in the province was on full display, as 24 enthusiastic teams came together to compete for the title. With a fantastic turnout and spirited competition, the event brought a fresh energy to the season, showcasing a bright future for the mixed format.

Teams from across the province competed in the Competitive and Recreational Division.

Hubert Sullivan was an active stick curler up into his nineties. A member of the Provincial Stick Curling Hall of fame, he believed the stick delivery method would keep people curling for many years and allow clubs to remain vibrant and operational. His wife Merriam and her family were present during the tournament and presented the winners with their medals. It was also very fitting to present Merriam with a participation medal for her many hours at various Nova Scotian clubs watching Hubie curl.

Congratulations to all curlers who participated in this Annual event!

### **Competitive Division Winners**

### **Recreational Division Winners**

**Keith Bennett - Pauline Bullerwell**

**Jennie Bustin - Sheila Stevens**



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