

Stick with Us!

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The past three months have been a whirlwind of competition in the stick curling community, with January, February, and March bringing exciting matchups and outstanding performances.

In this edition, we'll take a look at the champions who emerged from these events and celebrate their achievements.

Provincial Mixed Championship

The competitive season kicked off with the Provincial Mixed Championship, hosted by the Bridgewater Curling Club.

The Championship itself saw a fantastic turnout, with <u>26</u> teams participating - breaking the previous year's record and from all accounts with the continued growth of Mixed Stick Curling in the province we can look forward to even more teams competing next year. Congratulations to this year's Champions, Peter and Donalda on their well-deserved victory.

A huge thank you to Lloyd Tancock and his dedicated team of volunteers for putting on such a well-run event. We look forward to returning next year for the Provincial Mixed Stick Curling Championship.

Peter Boudreau (Lakeshore Curling Club)
Donalda Buckingham (Bluenose Curling Club)



The last time the Lakeshore Curling Club hosted a Provincial Stick Curling Championship was in 2014. At that time, there was only one division- the Open Division- where men and women competed together. The following year, 2015, a separate women's division was introduced, with three teams competing for the title. This year, in 2025 we saw remarkable growth with two separate divisions and a total of <u>37</u> teams competing. The men's division featured <u>24</u> teams, while women's division had <u>13</u>. With the increasing interest in stick curling, we look forward to even greater participation in the years ahead as our numbers continue to grow.

The Last Stone Draw (LSD) continues to play a vital role in our sport, helping to advanced teams to playoff rounds and securing spots in the Maritimes Stick Curling Championship. As Teams progress through competition, not only is shotmaking and strategy an important focus, but so is a strong understanding of this key component of the game. Being well prepared for the LSD can make all the differences as teams move forward in play.

Provincial Men and Women Stick Curling Champions!





Paul/Pierre Doucet Yarmouth Curling Club Marilyn Neilly/Nancy McConnery Bridgewater Curling Club

We're going strong this season

It's been a busy season, but we're not done yet! The top three teams in the Men's, Women's, and Mixed divisions earned the opportunity to compete at the Maritime Stick Curling Championship, held at Thistle Saint Andrew Curling Club in Saint John, New Brunswick. As we mentioned earlier the Last Stone Draw(LSD) played a crucial role in advancing some teams to this event - another reminder of just how important this skill is for you and your team moving forward.

Nova Scotia had a strong presence, with <u>9</u> teams competing, and an impressive <u>7</u> of those advancing to the playoff round. Even more exciting, <u>4</u> of the <u>9</u> teams reach the Championship round. And, <u>2</u> of those went on to win the title in their division. This was an outstanding showing and we look forward to even greater success in the future. <u>Pictured:</u> the seven teams that advanced to the Championship Round.



Penny LaRocque/Peter Boudreau Lakeshore CC

Gail Hayes/ Denise Fitzgerald Mayflower CC/LakeshoreCC







The Nova Scotia stick curling association and its members extend our deepest gratitude to Betty Mattson as she steps back from her role as president. Words cannot fully capture the dedication and impact she has had on the growth and development of our sport.

Betty's contribution to stick curling are extensive – not only as a highly accomplished competitor at the

Provincial and National levels but also through her leadership and commitment to our Association. While she may be leaving the Executive, we're grateful that her involvement is far from over. She will continue her valuable work in data collection and program evaluation, ensuring our sports continue progress. Additionally she will play a key role in hosting the 2026 National Stick Curling Championship, which we will be held at her home club. Both Wolfville CC and Windsor CC will co-host this event.

Betty, thank you for your service, leadership, and unwavering support. We look forward to working alongside you as Stick Curling continues to grow.

Incoming President Marilyn Neilly

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our sponsor, whose stedfast support drives the success and growth of our sport.

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