

## Linda Wagner from Calgary Curling Club Inducted into the Governor General's Curling Club



Alain Deschatelets, Linda Wagner, Bonnie Morris and Fran Todd

Linda is one of 10 new Inductees recognized for life contributions to Curling through volunteerism and playing the sport. Her volunteer work began in 1980 and spanned 4 decades. She played in Saskatchewan from the mid-70's and then in Alberta until today. She was a Saskatchewan Provincial Champion (1974), playing third for the Emily Farnham Team, going on to win the MacDonald Lassie in Victoria. Linda's game successes since then are numerous too, including many Provincial Championships and 6 Canadian Championships, winning 2 Golds and medalling in the other 4. She and her teammates were inducted to the Hall of Fame in Saskatoon in 1993 and the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 2007. She coached and taught curling to juniors throughout the years. As a high school teacher in Saskatoon, Linda helped start Special Physical Education classes that included curling. She volunteered in various executive positions in a number of Calgary area curling clubs. Linda has been a three-time chair of the Autumn Gold Curling Bonspiel that has run from 1977 to present. She was the recipient of the Ray Kingsmith Award in 2000 for contributing so much to curling as a volunteer. And now for Linda, this honour!

## 150 years of History - From Curling Canada

A century and a half of curling's history was celebrated Monday evening at the Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club. The [Governor General's Curling Club](#) celebrated its 150th anniversary by honouring those who have made significant contributions to the sport in Canada while also pledging its support to the next generation of the sport's leaders. The dinner and 2024 induction ceremony kicked off the club's annual Safari, an extended weekend of various activities for the members who gather from across the country.

This year's event was nearly double the usual attendance to celebrate the 150th milestone. Ottawa was a fitting host as it is where the [club originated](#) in 1874 when Lord Dufferin, Canada's Governor General at the time, founded the club. Once a physical facility where Dufferin would play the game with his staff, the club has transitioned into an honorary society to recognize curlers, builders of the sport and administrators who have contributed to the game locally, provincially and nationally.

While the prestigious club honours curling's past, it also has sights set on its future. Since 2021, the club has made financial contributions to Curling Canada's scholarship programs through donations from its membership, totalling \$12,500 awarded to five deserving recipients and counting.

The Club selects a recipient annually and honours them at the annual dinner. This year, the Governor General's Curling Club selected and honoured two deserving young candidates: For the Love of Curling Scholarship recipient Amber Gargul and Fran Todd All Heart Scholarship recipient Nathan Poklar.

## Governor General's Curling Club Inductee Class of 2024



Back row, from left: Guy Hemmings, Jennifer Jones, Brian Ross, David Stanley, Fred Koe, John DiLabio;  
Front row, from left: Wendy Morgan, Mark Ideson, Amber Holland and Linda Wagner. (Photo, Curling Canada)