



Amateur Curlers Score Once-In-a-Lifetime Shot To Play With Canadian Pros
Third Annual Everest-Ferbey National Pro Am Roaring into Fredericton, NB

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 22, Toronto Ont. --- The Everest-Ferbey National Pro Am is about to take over Fredericton, NB as the roster of Canadian amateur curlers are set to arrive Thursday March 23 and take the ice Saturday alongside Pros and fan-favourites Randy Ferbey, Jennifer Jones, Brad Jacobs, Brent Laing and Al Hackner during the final day of the 2017 Everest Canadian Seniors Curling Championships.

Donalda Buckingham - New Glasgow, Nova Scotia; Murray Walsh - Trail, British Columbia; Lee Johns, - Camrose, Alberta; and Bill Brown - Barrie, Ontario were selected in a nationwide contest open to senior curlers of all levels. Now in its third year of giving a sports dream-come-true experience to senior curlers across Canada, the Everest-Ferbey National Pro Am will hit the ice between the semi-final and final Seniors Championship games on Saturday, March 25 at 12 p.m. at Willie O'Ree Place in Fredericton, NB.

Namesake of the Pro Am, Randy Ferbey will take the helm as Official Host this year. "We are absolutely thrilled with the interest and participation in the Everest-Ferbey National Pro Am," says Ferbey. "We're excited to be in Fredericton and to have Jennifer, Brad and Al back for the fun. And, with the addition of Brent Laing, we may introduce a little family rivalry this year into the Jones-Laing household. We're all looking forward to our four lucky contest winners getting on the broom with us."

Senior curlers have been in hurry-hard mode all season qualifying to enter each time they play at their home clubs to win the chance to curl with the Pros. Over 200 curling clubs participated in the Everest-Ferbey National Pro Am contest. Teams will be made up of a mix of amateurs and Pros giving each contest winner a chance to go elbow to elbow with some of the country's most legendary names in the sport. The draft to select teams will be held on Friday, March 24 at the Capital Winter Club.

The curling opportunity of a lifetime was too hard to believe for one of this year's winners. When Trail, BC curler Murray Walsh received the congratulatory call from Hall-of-Famer Randy Ferbey informing him that he had won the contest, Walsh thought it was a prank and hung up the phone. Murray, and the other winners will all get their chance to see that dream come true on March 25 in Fredericton.

Grand Prize Amateur Contest Winners:

1. Donalda Buckingham, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia - Bluenose Curling Club
2. Murray Walsh, Trail, British Columbia - Trail Curling Club
3. Lee Johns, Camrose, Alberta - Rose City Curling Club
4. Bill Brown, Barrie, Ontario - Barrie Curling Club

Professional Curler Roster:

1. Hall-of-Famer and four-time world curling champion, Randy Ferbey – Edmonton, AB
2. Olympic gold medalist, Jennifer Jones – Winnipeg, MB
3. World Champion and Brier Champion, Brent Laing – Shanty Bay, ON
4. Olympic gold medalist, Brad Jacobs – Sault Ste. Marie, ON
5. Hall-of-Famer, two-time Brier Champion, Al Hackner – Thunder Bay, ON

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