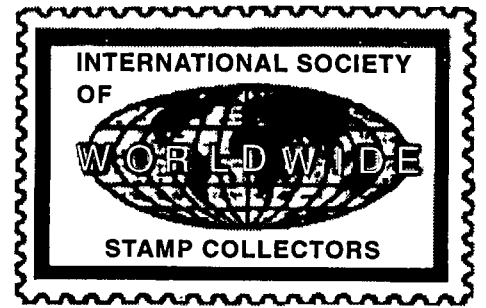


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Curling, Anyone?

by Don Plaskett (# 1257)

If you want to get youngsters interested in this fascinating hobby, try sports. Sooner or later they will discover that Canada issued three stamps about curling.

Curling? What is curling? Well, it's played on ice just like hockey, which may explain why no one south of Minneapolis has ever heard of the game. We do have ice hockey in Tallahassee, but curling—well, maybe some day.

Back in the 1500s in northern Europe, several countries had their own versions of the game. Scotland is probably the country that put it all together, as they did with golf. "Kuting" stones dating back to 1511 have been dug up in Scotland.

The first approach to any kind of rules came in 1739. Curling is a popular sport in the "cool" countries of northern Europe, and curling is number one in many places in Canada during the winter months. All of the stores in small communities close up during "Bon Spiel" (tournament) time.

So, exactly, what is curling? If you have ever watched lawn bowling (see Australia Scott #595 and #1106 and New Zealand #551), you will understand that the scoring is similar. Both are games of strategy controlled by the "Skip," or final player. From there on the similarity ends.

Fig. 1, The Target, Scott #490:

A bull's-eye, or "house" in curling, is the target for players to amass the greatest number of points. The strategy is whether to block the opposing team with guards, or to eliminate the opposition with well-



directed shots. Each team is composed of four players: a "Lead," who will begin the strategy; a second, who will protect the Lead's shots with guards or eliminate

the opposition; the third player, who will do the same as the second; and the Boss Man, the "Skip," who directs the strategy from the far end.

Each player gets two shots for each end and a broom to be used when he is not delivering the "stone." The broom is the kitchen variety of corn broom, except that the straw is longer. These brooms are being supplanted by "push brooms," just as golfers may use a putter with an extended shank. Curlers will swear on 40 Bibles that they can draw the "stone" or "rock" from 20 to 30 feet down the ice when called for by the Skip. And I believe them.

Fig. 2, Stone Sprouting a Handle (or, What is the Rock?)

The rock? Through the centuries the rock has evolved into a 44-pound rounded granite stone about six inches thick. The original stones had holes drilled in



them for the fingers, much like a bowling ball, but the Scots got smarter around 1775 and attached a handle

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Change in Procedure!

by Tony Zollo (#856)

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ISWSC President's Column

by Tony Zollo (#856), President and Executive Director, ISWSC

Hello and greetings from Texas where this summer is a lot more pleasant (read less hot!) than last year.

Enclosed with this issue is the ballot card for this year's elections. As you can see, there is only one candidate for each position and most of those are incumbents such as myself. This represents a disturbing lack of interest and participation by the vast majority of the members. As I have said before, this is *your* society and its very existence requires that members contribute more than just the annual dues!

If you enjoy the benefits of membership and if you would like to see them continue, I suggest that you consider participating in the administration of these activities. The Society cannot continue if there are no members willing to give a few hours to maintain its various programs. I hope that next year we get more than one candidate for each open position.

Our Youth and Charitable activities were once a true service to the hobby of philately. Its contribution was something we could all take pride in. However, since the death of Al Feinberg we have had great difficulty in getting members to take up his work. I want to thank Dave Nelson, John Rose, Bob Reidel and Jeff Hayward in handling parts of this program. Our new VP for Charitable Services (Jeff Hayward is the only candidate) will have to resurrect this program and will need *your* help. Please consider volunteering to assist in the various parts of this program (including publications, youth group support, mentorship services, etc.). Your hobby and your Society need you.

Also in this issue is a repeat of the "Where to Send What" column from two issues ago. It is our plan to re-publish this column periodically to explain where to send various requests, payments, ads, etc. Please refer to it in the future before sending correspondence to the ISWSC. Many members have expressed confusion on how to access the ISWSC's services and this is intended to keep you informed.

Members have also expressed confusion as to when their membership expires (especially in view of the recently instituted late fees of \$2 for renewals 1-4 months late and \$5 for renewals 5 or more months late). Your expiration date is printed on the membership card you received at your last renewal, on the mailing label on the envelope of each issue of *The Circuit* you receive

See "President's Message," concluded on page 9.

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“Curling,” continued from page one:

to the stone. (Fig. 2, above) This handle allowed the curler to direct the stone exactly where the Skip wanted it, according to his strategy plan. This seems to be the reason for giving the Skip the broom.

Each player throws two stones toward the “house” at the other end of the ice, a distance of 126 feet. Although it may sound like a feat of strength, if the ice is keen the curler doesn’t have to lift the stone very high to make it slide toward his target.

Enter the “Sweepers”

The curler depends on the other two members of the team to sweep his stone into the target, or wherever directed by the Skip. The stone has to make it over the “hog line,” or the stone is eliminated. “Hog line?” Naw, you don’t even want to hear about that!

Got the idea? When all four members of the team have thrown their two rocks each, the score (which you will never believe or figure out) is recorded on a scoreboard at one end of the rink. “Cliff hangers” develop when Skips are faced with that crucial shot which makes or breaks the game.

On a cold winter’s night in Canada, curling is a most popular sport for service clubs, senior citizens, social groups, neighborhoods, or anyone else who wants two hours of fun and exercise. You are guaranteed to keep warm. It all comes together when a “Bon Spiel” is organized, and teams will travel for hundreds of miles to participate and bring home the prizes. The pinnacle of curling is to participate in the “Golden Broom,” which is similar to what the Masters is in the golfing world. I watched teams compete in the Golden Broom held at Duluth, MN a few years ago. What an experience to watch curling teams from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Italy, Germany, and of course Canada, USA and Scotland!

A team from Hibbing, MN won the world championship, although this news wasn’t covered by ESPN! Every shot was thrown so smoothly, swept in perfect rhythm, and coming to a stop precisely where the Skip called it, made a day I shall never forget. Later in the week I dropped into a shoe store in Minneapolis to inquire if they had any curling shoes. The shoe is lightweight, rises above the ankle, and has a smooth sole that slides great distances on ice. The clerk asked, “Curling shoe? What’s that?”

To the best of my knowledge, Canada has issued three stamps illustrating curling: Scott #647, which

looks like two curlers drawing a guard to protect the stones in the house (Fig. 3).

Scott #1196 (Fig. 4) is indistinct because of the stamp design, but the curler has delivered a perfect shot that should put a smile on the Skip’s face!

So why not try to stimulate some youngster to collect sports stamps?

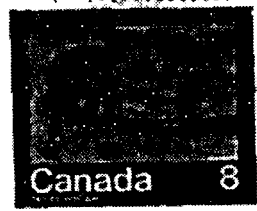


Fig. 3



Fig. 4

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*=plus 250 large commemoratives for the Youth Program or equiv. donation in US \$

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For all addresses, refer to page 2.

International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors

Auction # 20

Closing November 15, 1999

Lot #	Lot Description	Catalog Value	Minimum Bid
1	USA Colombians 230-32, 234-5, 237-8 all UN, NG. G-VF. Perfs cut only on 230. All nice appearance but 3 perfs w/ slight toning on 238. Plus 233 (F) & 236 (G) U. All CV/s as U.	106.40	8.00
2	USA 397-99, 400A. G-F, U. Perfs clear on 5 & 10, heavy cancel on 10. SE on 2. Colors a bit drab.	27.50	13.00
3	USA 1922 issue 552/653, G-VF, all MH. Incl 556,575,601 plus 597 line pair.	30.45	4.00
4	USA Flags over porch, 1354a Pl Blk of 20, MNH	9.75	
5	USA 2216-19 cpl set Ameripex S/S Pres, MNH in orig envelope. "Postal Service Guide, 97" @ \$13.	15.00	10.00
6	USA C10, C19 MNH, VG-VF. C11,12,16 VG-VF, MH, some gum glazing.	25.25	5.00
7	USA Q1-6,8-10 U, G-VF, Q3 & 10 SE. QE1-2, JQ1 U, G-VF.	57.35	4.00
8	USA Dues & Speedee Paradise! 6 stamps J3/18. 7 stamps J22/26. 71 stamps J31/67, then 94 dues stamps to end, incl J88-99 MNH, others all U. Also 76 various U, E12-23 (no E18). Damaged not counted. Owners est CV:	60.00	
9	USA 99 cutsquares stamped envelopes, all U, incl U219(2), U350-51.	?	2.00
10	USA 465 U stamps all on paper (incl 32 foreign). Nearly all post-war comems. 43 se-tenants, 19 Pl # singles, 18 blks(half with Pl #'s), 15 \$ values incl 10.75 & 3.00, 2 S/S incl Pathfinder, multiples up to 30.	?	
11	USA 450 recent U, from 1984 on. Comems, regular, S/S, blks, mostly dif. Incl 2394 & 2540.	?	
12	USA Pl # coils, 152 U, some pairs. Mostly Flag over. . . , & Transportation. Plus 19 MNH multiples. In APS book. NET sales value = \$85.05, CV much higher.	?	
13	USA BOB, E22 & J79(2) MNH. E14,E16,E23(2),Q2,Q5(SE), S1(CR), all MH. WS1(2) NG. IT3 not counted.	24.75	3.00
14	USA FDC accumulation. 135 mostly dif, 1957 to early 1960's, + a few 1970's. All addressed & half w/ cachets.	?	
15	GREAT BRITAIN 28a, U, G, perfs cut at top. Some top perfs missing & half of L. side perfs.	110.00	40.00
16	GREAT BRITAIN 103, perfs cut one side, heavy toning on 3 perfs, MH, OG.	250.00	60.00
17	GREAT BRITAIN 43 mint comems, 1971-82. 661'986. 11 dif sets.	17.28	
18	GREAT BRITAIN 1150 U comems, 1975-86, many dupes. Over 200 pre- decimal. Incl 773-5, 982,1086-87B.	?	
19	GREAT BRITAIN 500 dif U, all comems, up to recent issues.	?	20.00
20	GREAT BRITAIN Estimate 400 U Machins, all years, all denominations. All off paper, never checked; just waiting for you to find the goodies!	?	
21	GREAT BRITAIN 29 assorted M to 1960's. Also 57 U stamos in recent full sets, incl 1996 & 97 Christmas, Diana, Henry 8th.	?	7.00
22	CHANNEL ISLANDS 100 dif Guernsey + 100 dif Jersey, all U.	?	16.00
23	GUERNSEY N1-3 MNH, F-VF.	12.00	7.00
24	AITUTAKI & TONGA AIT: 148-151a, MNH. Tonga 392-6, C209-13, CO117-9, MNH. Jubilee issues.	77.30	26.00
25	ASCENSION 85-88 VF, MNH high values.	43.05	24.00
26	AUSTRALIA 500 dif U comems. From 726 to recent. Many CPL sets.		12.00
27	AUSTRALIA Mixture on paper, 5 lbs. Much variety, recent issues. Owner's est. value = \$40.	?	
28	BAHAMAS & BARBADOS, M & U, small & large.		12.00
29	BERMUDA 127a MH, perfect centering. Slight toning on back.	45.00	20.00
30	CANADA 141-45, F-VF U. Confed set.	10.30	5.00
31	CEYLON KG5, all U, as follows: 200-02,202a,203-04a,225-30,233,233a-34a,236,236a-37. Dupes of 201,3,4,4a,230. 27 stamps.	14.10	7.00
32	CEYLON 289A, F, U. fiscal cancel. 379A & B, MNH.	29.75	12.00
33	COOK & PITCAIRN IS. Cook 148-158, Pit 172-84. All U.	33.00	20.00
34	CYPRUS 452-63 MH, F-VF. 12 stamps. '95 CV.	10.03	5.00
35	GIBRALTAR & LABUAN Gib 2 MH, VG, OG, sm CR & some paper adherence. Lab 23 MNH, VF.	92.50	33.00
36	HONG KONG 218 MNH, VF. Free From Hunger.	100.00	50.00
37	HONG KONG 219-220, MNH VF. Red Cross.	67.50	33.00
38	HONG KONG 231-33 MNH, VF. UNESCO.	115.00	50.00
39	HONG KONG 245-46 MNH, VF.	26.00	13.00

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40	HONG KONG 275-288 (no 276). 13 stamps VF, U, 1973 QE2.	45.70	20.00
41	HONG KONG 388-403 VF, U. 1982 QE2.	87.80	40.00
42	HONG KONG 165 dif, M & U definitives & comems, earlies to recent.		15.00
43	IRELAND 149-152 F-VF, U. Emmet & Madonna.	16.15	7.50
44	IRELAND 155-56, 171-2, 179-81, F-VF, U. 3 sets.	19.80	9.50
45	MALAYSIA J13-15, 18, 20-21, 23, 25-27. VF, U. 10 postage dues.	72.85	36.00
46	NATAL 16, 36 U, both G, perfs cut at right. Some rough perfs & blunt corner on 36. 16 is spacefiller.	65.00	21.00
47	NEWFOUNDLAND 58 MH, F. 84 UN, NG, VG. 226-29 MH. 211, MH, C6 MNH, F.	49.00	19.00
48	NEWFOUNDLAND 212-25, VF, MH. Gilbert set cpl.	80.00	30.00
49	NORTH BORNEO 245-48, 250-55, 259. All U, lite cancels.	11.00	5.50
50	ST. HELENA 45 dif U, mostly large.		6.00
51	ST. LUCIA 12 U, G, perfs cut 2 sides.	25.00	10.00
52	SARAWAK 135-42, 144, 149 VF, U, + 141 MNH. 11 stamps.	16.35	8.00
53	SOLOMON IS. 105 F, U, very lite cancel.	35.00	15.00
54	SOUTH AFRICA 74-78 Coronation. 86-88. All MLH, F-VF, pairs.	31.90	11.00
55	SOUTHWEST AFRICA B6-7, VG-F, MH, bilingual pairs.	39.50	12.00
56	SRI LANKA 726-27 VF, U, fiscal cancels.	15.00	7.00
57	TONGA 32 MH, G, perfs cut at top. 191-202, C37-9, CO15-18, MNH. '97 CV.	26.23	13.00
58	BRITISH OMNIBUS 1935 Jubilees, 5 CPL sets. Bermuda, Leewards, St. Lucia, MH. Grenada, Trinidad, are U.	29.25	18.00
59	BRITISH OMNIBUS CD326-28 MNH, 1978 Coronation. 20 S/S, but each is just half of original sheet, separated at horiz. gutter.	33.12	15.00
60	BRITISH & EUROPE 109 U stamps, a few dupes in 2 ISWSC sales books. Early Canada, + later W. Germany, Swiss, Singapore. Est. CV:	55-60.00	7.00
61	CZECH & SLOVAK 117 dif U, recent stamps from both nations. Also 11 commercial covers.		12.00
62	GERMANY 77 U, F, lite cancel for issue.	17.00	8.00
63	W. GERMANY 9N78 VF, U, CDS.	35.00	15.00
64	W, GERMANY 100 dif U, many recent comems.		10.00
65	GERMANY 4 APS sales books w/ about 576 W. Ger stamps + 60 Berlin, all U. Most cat #'s in 1700-1900 range. Books dupe one another. Total NET value = \$148.19.	?	47.00
66	BERLIN 9N27 U. pair tied to piece w/ nice CDS. One stamp torn at corner.	45.00	22.00
67	GREECE 400 dif U, many comems.		15.00
68	GREECE 100 dif, all U & comems.		6.00
69	ITALY Some old & new. 115, 133-35, 136-39, 1291-97. All U, G-VF.	48.89	19.00
70	LITHUANIA 20 dif FDC & special interest event covers, all w/ cachets, all 1991.		9.00
71	SWEDEN 934 dif M&U on Global pages, 1858-1993. Sparse after 1981. Incl se-tenants Inventory list of ID & CV's. '96 CV.	588.20	85.00
72	SWITZERLAND 7 U, no margin at top, but 3 sides clear. Maybe a repaired tear?	500.00	100.00
73	BRAZIL 375 dif U, 1854-1960's. Early issues w/ dupes & some faults. Some Fournier & Spiro fakes w/ info. 3-400 dupes not counted in quantity.		10.00
74	CHILE 300 dif U, 1856-1960's + 400 dupes not counted. 9 fakes w/ info.	100.00+	8.00
75	COLOMBIA 250 dif U, 1871-1960's incl 33 Tolima. 2-300 dupes not counted. Also 10 Fournier/Spiro fakes w/ info. Est. CV:	140.00	8.00
76	COSTA RICA 100 dif U, 1863-1960's, + 95 dupes not counted.	43.00	5.00
77	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 54 dif U, 1885-1960's. A few dupes not counted, + some Fournier fakes w/ info.	12.65	2.00
78	EGYPT 123 M&U, mostly dif. Earlies, then scattered to 1950's. Incl 9, 13, 20-21, 22b. Plus 278-9 S/S, C2, N57, M. Most post-war are M. Est. CV:	44.00	
79	ERITREA J4-5, 6a U, G-F. Dues overprints.	27.25	7.00
80	GEORGIA 12/B3, 29 stamps, 2 are dupes. Most are MH.	19.72	
81	GHANA 35 dif FDC w/ cachets, 1958-65.		3.00
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83	HAITI 170 VF, 198 G, both U, overprint issues.	23.75	12.00
84	HONDURAS 136 dif M&U, 1865-1960's. Incl C37a, C379, + 50 dupes not counted.	62.85	8.00
85	JAPAN 2 APS books w/ 235 U stamps, mostly large pictorials, between 1996-2458, B43-7. Many are duped between books. Remaining NET value = \$77.05. CV is higher.	?	
86	SOUTH AMERICA Over 100 revenue stamps, U. Strong in Venezuela, Nicaragua, Colombia. Unusual group.	?	
87	WORLDWIDE 5,300 stamps, many sorted by country, others loose. Incl 1150 Venezuela, 900 Madagascar, 700 N.Z., 401 Australia (all MNH), 275 Mauritania, 65 Belgium, + some covers. CV's to \$2. U & many M, MNH. Off paper., expect dupes.	850-950.00	75.00

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88	WORLDWIDE 5,000 M&U & MNH incl 450 N.Z., 430 Madagascar, 510 Venezuela regular,, 370 Venez airs, 177 Mauritania, 90 Belgium. Also bonus pack of hi-values w/ CV's, .55-\$13 (\$150 total). All sorted in envelopes, + 1,000's loose, off paper. Est. CV.	1,000.00	100.00
89	WORLDWIDE Box, 12 x 5 x 3" crammed w/ 4,000 stamps, all off-paper & loose. CV's up to \$2. If you have time to sort - this is for you!	650-800.00	100.00
90	WORLDWIDE Estimate few 1,000 M&U stamps jammed into 6 x 9" manila envelope. Semi-sorted in glassines from everywhere. Note Netherlands, German occup., Argentina,Australia, etc.		25.00
91	WORLDWIDE 1,000 mystery stamps unseen, sealed in 10 envelopes. 6 envelopes labeled "different," 3 are "mixed," 1 is "Australia." Want to take a chance?	?	100.00
92	WORLDWIDE Aprox. 1,000 M&U stamps crammed into box 7 x 4 x 1,1/2" from everywhere. All off paper. Half loose & half in glassines. Note envelopes of Japan, Singapore, Spain.	?	
93	WORLDWIDE 4 retired Omni Blue books w/ 105 M&U stamps, incl 49 Mexico, 30 Cuba, 22 British (HK, Natal, etc.). Mostly earlies, all over .50 CV each.	94.01	
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95	ALBUM Scotts USA American Album loose leaf, out of print. 1959 ed. + many extra blank pages. Binder in VF condition, but paper jacket torn. Many HR's on pages to 1935, then 100's stamps mounted, incl CPL sets 1938 Pres & 1954 Liberty, U.	?	
96	ALBUM Stanley Gibbons Simplex Blank Album binder. Dark red, springback binder, 10 x 11, 1/2". Some wear at edges & corners, otherwise good condition. No pages or stamps.	?	
97	ALBUMS 3 Scott 2-post specialty albums w/ dust covers, all in fine condition. 150 quadrilled pages, unused. Retail \$90. HBO.		25.00
98	ALBUMS 2 Showgard cover albums, 7, 3/4 x 4, 1/2" Pockets in fine condition. Black w/ 104 pockets; brown w/ 120 pockets. Retail \$30. HBO.		8.00
99	STOCKBOOKS 4 Lighthouse 30-page stockbooks, 3 red, 1 green. Acetate pockets, padded covers, white pages, glassine interleaves, fine condition. Retail \$80. HBO.		20.00
100	BOOKS & STAMPS Box w/ books. Curle: Stamp Collecting, 1947. Linn's World Stamp Almanac, 1982. Old pictorial stamp calendar, Russian literature. Also, four 3-ring binders containing: a few UN souvenir cards, cheap U Gt. Britain & USA comems, Malaysia dupes & some Ghana pages w/ stamps. Some Australia, + G.B. MEF #14-15, MH. Maybe 80 stamps total.		50.00

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