Curling

The sport that gets even men sweeping.
Where was Curling invented?

Scotland

Evidence dates back to the early 16th century (curling stone from 1511) Kilsyth Curling Club founded in 1716
Canada beat the States!

- The oldest established sports club still active in North America is the Royal Montreal Curling Club, established in 1807.
- The first Curling club in the United States was established in 1830.
“[…] a wife would keep her husband's brass curling stone handle on the mantelpiece, brightly polished until the next time it was needed.”

However...
International Curling

• The first world championship (limited to men) was held in Scotland in 1959. The so called Scotch Cup was won by...

• In 1998 Curling became an official sport in the Winter Olympics in Nagano

• However, Curling was part of the 1924 International Winter Sports Week in Chamonix with Great Britain and Ireland for gold, Sweden for silver and France for bronze
How many Olympic medals did Canada win since 1998?

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The Game
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• Two teams of four players each take turns
• Each team has 8 stones per end
• Beginning team alternates
• Strategy is determined by skip(per)
  → “chess on ice”
Curling Fun Facts

• The maximum weight of a curling stone is 44 pounds or 20 kilograms
• There is about 1,2 million registered curling players in the world
• Curling player Paul Gowsell once ordered a pizza to ice level during a match, briefly earning him the nickname “Pizza Paul”
• In 1912, the Mayflower Curling Club in Halifax served as a temporary morgue for recovered bodies in the aftermath of the Titanic disaster