



Curling

The sport that
gets even men
sweeping.

Where was Curling invented?



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



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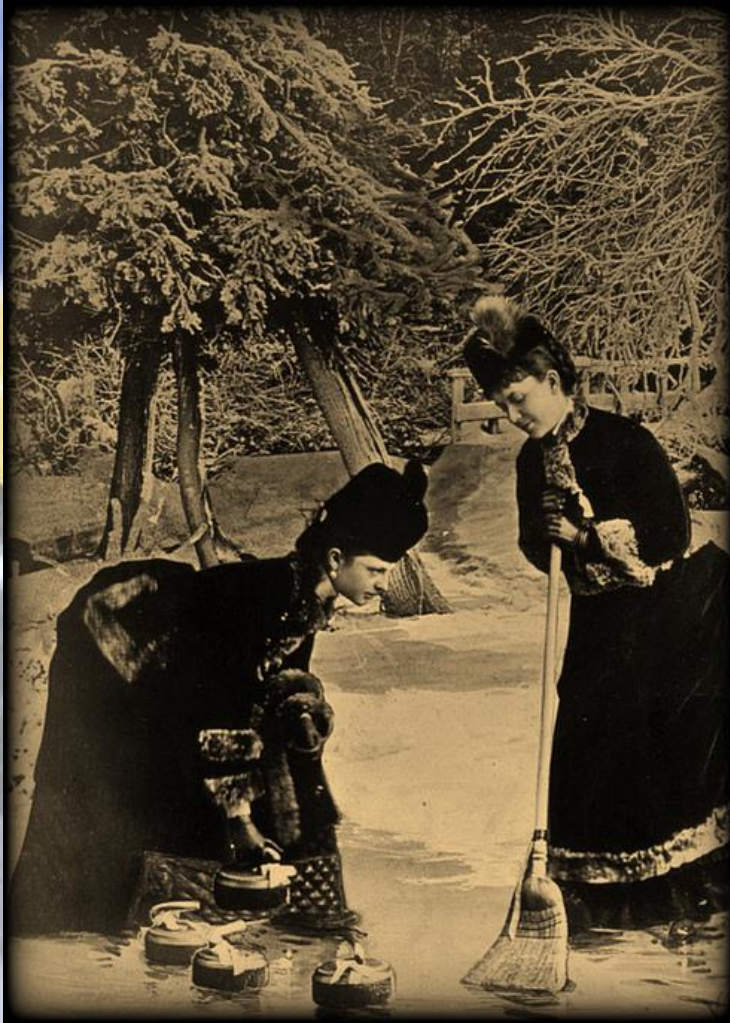
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“[...] a wife would keep her husband's brass curling stone handle on the mantelpiece, brightly polished until the next time it was needed.”

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

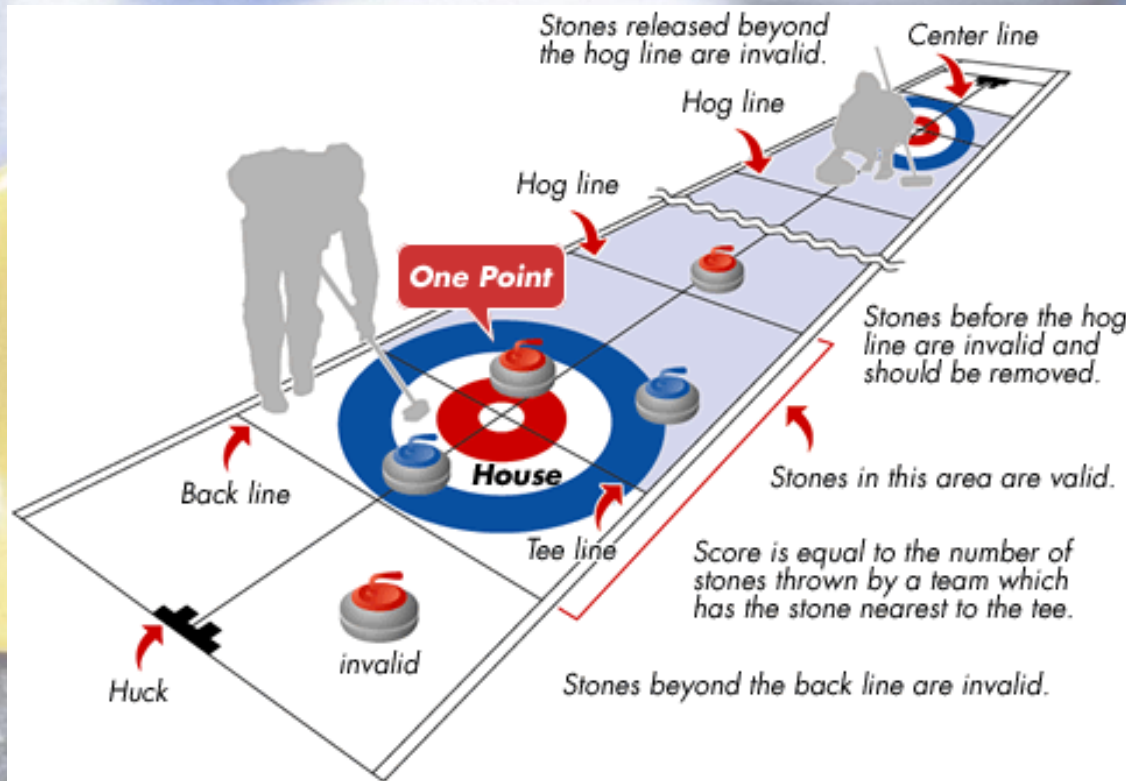


How many Olympic medals did Canada win since 1998?

Olympics	Men	Women
1998 – Nagano		
2002 – Salt Lake City		
2006 – Turin		
2010 – Vancouver		
214 - Sochi		

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The Game



END	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CAN	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
NOR	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

The Game

- 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