

Curling is a family affair for the Sullivans!

It all started with Herman Sullivan in 1933 when he joined the St. Andrews Curling Club in Uptown Saint John and curled on their 2 outdoor sheets. According to his wife Dorothy, he joined to get out of the house after the birth of his first son. In the 70s, St. Andrews merged with Thistle to form Thistle-St. Andrews. Herman won many club trophies first at St. Andrews and then Thistle-St. Andrews. Curling was good to him and he gave back – he served as club president and he instilled a love of curling in his sons David and Charlie, and his grandsons Jim and Charlie Jr. He taught his sons to curl as soon as they were big enough to throw stones. And he was a good coach... Charlie and David have competed at the worlds – together.



David now curls out of Fredericton and is one of New Brunswick's most successful curlers, winning twenty provincial championships from Juniors to the Masters, five maritime championships, and a national championship. He represented the province at two Canadian Juniors, six Briers (twice tied for third), and seven Canadian Seniors. He skipped his team to victory at the 1994 Canadian Senior Men's Curling Championship. He is also in the New Brunswick Curling Hall of Fame.

Charlie is a long time member of TSA. Charlie curled competitively for 30 years and during that time won six NB championships, represented NB at eight nationals and went to the Briers five times. Currently, he curls with the Senior Men during the day and plays "Crystals" on Saturday mornings. He is always willing to spare, including with his son Charlie Jr. on Sundays during our new "Open Doubles" league. He is still a top-notch shot maker and has an uncanny ability to read the ice. Charlie was inducted into the Saint John Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.



CHARLES KENNETH SULLIVAN



David and Charlie passed on their passion for curling to the next generation. In fact, David coached his eldest son's team, "The Jim Sullivan Rink" to victories at the 1987 Canadian Junior Men's and the 1988 World Junior Men's Curling Championship. Charlie's son, Charlie Jr., was mate on those teams with his cousin. Charlie Sr. coached his daughter Lisa's team to the 1989 NB Junior women's championship. He has given back to TSA many hours of coaching and clinic instruction.



TSA hosts the annual "Jim Sullivan Curling Classic" each December in honour of Jim, and many of the Sullivans come to compete and to volunteer. But, that's a whole different story -

Nowadays TSA has Charlie Jr. as our Club Pro. He is not only an excellent curler, but an excellent coach who is always willing to share. He is a Certified Level 3 Coach who travels the Maritimes holding coaching clinics. He also competes at mixed doubles, mixed and mens tournaments. He's in the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame (1994). But most people at TSA just know Charlie as a really nice guy who has introduced them to curling. Every Fall, Charlie runs "Learn to Curl" for people brand new to the sport. He has a very structured approach that combines skills learning along with love of the game. Charlie, along with his co-instructor Leah Thompson, provide lots of welcome warmup breaks in the lounge to explain some of the rules and strategies of the game. We know they are successful because many of the Learn to Curl graduates join TSA as members. And our more experienced members are always amazed at how good these Graduates are. They are ready for league play after 8 weeks!

The Sullivans have all left their mark on curling in TSA and New Brunswick. Their curling expertise along with their love of the sport have inspired fellow curlers over many generations to continue to play, and to support the sport.