

# 2013 INDUCTEES



## TEAM JACOBS - ATHLETES

The sport of curling in Canada - the game of strategy, tactics and skill has been catapulted into the spotlight by our own home-grown curling team.

This sport has a few nicknames such as “Chess on Ice”.

In 2013 Team Jacobs has managed to change the image and culture of the sport by showcasing their high level of athleticism, skill and sportsmanship. Perhaps a more modern nickname for the sport of curling because of Team Jacobs should be “Power” - “Chess on Ice”.

Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E. J. Harnden and Ryan Harnden exemplify the spirit of curling through their game strategy - aggressively or defensively, good sportsmanship, precision and accuracy. Their focus on strength of body and mind is inspiring and brings forward a new level of respect, competitiveness and interest in the sport of curling.

This team, hailing from the Soo Curlers Association, has had major accomplishments and successes that must be mentioned to include:

- 2013 Tim Hortons Brier Champions - Canadian Men's Curling Championship. (This is only the second Brier won by a Northern Ontario Team since 1985.)
- 2013 Silver Medal - Ford World Men's Curling Championship
- 2013 Northern Ontario Provincial Men's Curling Champions
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- 2010 Tim Hortons Brier Bronze Medalists - Canadian Men's Curling Championship
- 2010 Northern Ontario Provincial Men's Curling Champions
- And most recently awarded the 2013 H.P. Broughton Award

Every successful team is supported and lead by many individuals who are often behind the scenes. Team Jacobs' coach must be acknowledged as one of those supporters. He was the first individual from the sport of curling to be inducted into the Sault Ste. Marie Sports Hall of Fame in 2008 - Tom Coulterman. It was inspiring to see Tom share his experience and knowledge with Team Jacobs and nurture them in their pursuit of excellence.

The families, friends, Dr. Art Perlini, employers, The Soo Curlers Association and sponsors of Team Jacobs must be thanked. Their investment, contributions and belief in Team Jacobs are invaluable. City Council, The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie are beaming with pride and are truly inspired by these men. Team Jacobs showcases our community on a national and international level putting Sault Ste. Marie on the map.

Once again, congratulations Brad, Ryan, E. J. and Ryan. You have come so far, so quickly in the sport of curling. We will continue to be your biggest fans as your team looks ahead to future competitions, successes and Olympic dreams.