

Pictured: Sam Antila

Sam was born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario and raised in Larder Lake. He attended high school in Kirkland Lake and attended Laurentian University in Sudbury where he played varsity football and skied for the varsity ski team, graduating in 1977.

Sam's curling career began when he moved to Lynn Lake, Manitoba in 1977. A move to Thompson in 1982 really developed his love of curling.

On the competitive side of curling Sam has participated in 1 Safeway Select Men's Provincial Championship, 1 Chicken Chef Masters Men's Provincial Championship, 5 Strathcona Senior Men's Provincial Championships and 27 MCA/Manitoba Open Bonspiels.

As a volunteer Sam served on the Burntwood Curling Club executive from 1983 to 1987, the 1994 Labatt Tankard host committee in Thompson, and the 2001 and 2004 Provincial Scotties Championships also in Thompson.

Sam's volunteer involvement, provincially, includes 6 years on the Curl Manitoba Board of Directors (2010-2016) with one year (2015-2016) as President of CurlManitoba. While President of CurlManitoba Sam served as Chair of the Curling Canada Member Association Presidents Council.

Sam is very humbled by being elected as an Honorary Life Member.