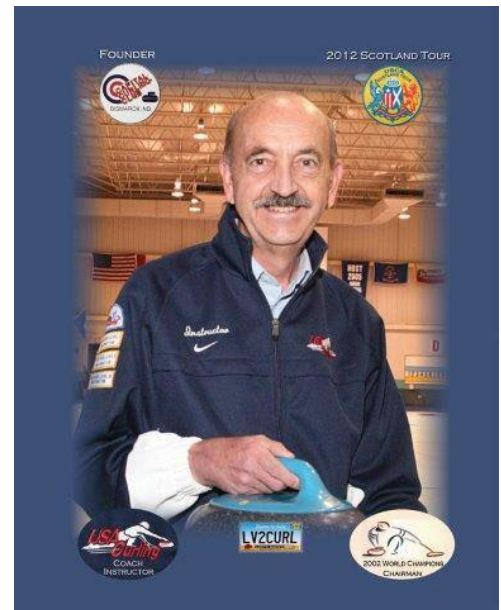


## LIBRARY OF CURLING TRAINING AND STRATEGY ARTICLES WRITTEN BY JON MIELKE

Welcome to the Mielke Library of Curling, containing training and strategy articles written by dear friend and long-time fellow NDCF Board member Jon Mielke. Jon first appeared as a guest columnist in *Curling News* in 2011, and over a period of nine years wrote over 40 articles for *Curling News*. They appear here, a treasure trove of education and knowledge from this grand ambassador of curling. Jon passed away in February 2023, but his knowledge of the Roaring Game and his love of curling endures within this library.

Jon served on the board of NDCF since the Foundation was created in 1998. He was a founding member of Bismarck's Capital Curling Club and a state men's and four-time senior champion. He coached junior and adult teams at numerous national events, was a national level instructor, and served as Chairperson for the 2002 World Curling Championship in Bismarck. Jon held every position on the North Dakota Curling Association's board of directors and was a vice president of the United States Curling Association. In 2012 he was inducted into the United States Curling Hall of Fame, and that same year skipped a 2012 Men's Scotland Tour team. Jon was a Level III instructor and coach.



NDCF hopes the material contained within this library prepared by Jon is helpful in your pursuit of excellence in the Roaring Game. We are forever indebted to Jon for leaving this collection of wisdom to the curling community.

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### 2010-11 Season:

- The Most Important Line (April 2011)

### 2011-12 Season:

- ABCs of a Good Delivery (Fall 2011)
- Poor Release Equals Two Cent Shot (Dec. 2011)
- Timing: Developing Muscle Memory (Jan. 2012)
- Knowing When to Sweep (Mar. 2012)
- Brushing Wins the Battle (May 2012)
- Sweeping Technique / Eye Dominance (Summer 2012)

### 2012-13 Season:

- Tactics vs. Technique – Intro to Basic Strategy (Fall 2012)

- Playing Without a Plan is Planning to Fail (Winter 2012)
- Reading Ice: Believe What You See (Spring 2013)
- The Art of Calling Line (May 2012)
- Recruiting Team Members (June 2013)
- Have a Goal for the Season (Aug. 2013)

#### 2013-14 Season:

- Got a Weight Problem? How to Throw More Weight (Winter 2013)
- Timely Play – Do Your Part (Fall 2013)
- Please Say Thank You (Spring 2014)
- Make Continuing Education a Club Priority (May 2014)
- Need Members? Consider Social Media (June 2014)

#### 2014-15 Season:

- Be Honest With Yourself (Fall 2014)
- Split the Cups for Improved Alignment (Winter 2014)
- Stone Misalignment – Use Your Body and Not Your Arm (Spring 2015)
- Stick With It (May 2015)
- Got Instructors? (June 2015)

#### 2015-16 Season:

- Phrases to Remember (Fall 2015)
- Got Drift? Here's a Fix (Winter 2015)
- Laser Straight Alignment & Release (Spring 2016)
- Never Take Basics for Granted (Summer 2016)

#### 2016-17 Season:

- Who Is the Teacher? (Fall 2016)
- Some Things Are Worth Repeating (Winter 2016)
- Pardon for All Sinner Sweepers (Spring 2017)
- Reducing Variables (Summer 2017)

#### 2017-2018 Season:

- You're the Teacher (Fall 2017)
- Words & Phrases to Remember (Winter 2017)
- Directional Sweeping (Spring 2018)
- 5 Rock Rule (Summer 2018)

#### 2018-2019 Season:

- Analyze Your Misses (Fall 2018)
- Watch Your Movements Around the Hack (Winter 2018)
- What Makes a Good Skip? (Spring 2019)

- When and Where to Build a Granite Wall (Summer 2019)

#### 2019-2020 Season

- No Turtles Allowed (Fall 2019)
- What's Your PSR? (Winter 2019)
- Do Guards Curl More? (Spring 2020)
- The Last End (Summer 2020)