

## Bent Ramsfjell runs for President in the World Curling Federation

Mr. Bent Ramsfjell has forwarded his candidature for the position as president of World Curling Federation (WCF). The election will be held at the WCF Congress on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September in Lausanne.

*– I have forwarded my candidature for the position as President of the WCF, and my overarching aim is to be a uniting President for the entire international curling community. I want to see a democratic WCF where all voices are listened to. Curling is one of the fastest growing winter sports world wide. Even though respect for the long standing traditions is important, WCF must also be a driver for new and innovative ideas. Should I have the honor of being elected President, I certainly look forward to take on this exiting and challenging task, says Bent Ramsfjell.*

Mr. Ramsfjell has a long experience from central positions in Norwegian and international curling. He has been a member of the WCF Executive Board for 10 years, where he has held the position as vice president for Europe. Prior to his elected positions in the WCF, he was the President of the Norwegian Curling Federation for four years.

In addition to his experience as a leader in Norwegian and international curling, as well as an extensive background from the business sector, Ramsfjell will bring a strong and dedicated athlete oriented approach to the table. Mr. Ramsfjell has been a prolific curling athlete on the highest international level. He won an Olympic Gold Medal in Salt Lake City 2002. His merits also include two silver and two bronze World Championship medals.

Mr. Ramsfjell is the sole European Presidential candidate. The three other candidates are from the USA, Canada and Australia.

The Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (NIF) has given its full support for his candidature as WCF President.

*– Ramsfjell is one of our most respected winter Olympians, and the Olympic Gold medal from 2002 is one of our proudest Olympic moments. He is a respected and highly capable sports administrator. His contributions to the international success of Norwegian curling and to the development of curling in Norway has been vital, says the NIF President Berit Kjøll. - We firmly believe that his experience as an athlete and as a sports administrator on the national and international scene will add further value to the development of WCF and international curling, says Kjøll.*

The Norwegian Curling Federation (NCF) give its full support to Ramsfjell and his Presidential candidature.

*– His dedicated and tireless work for national and international for curling gives him a unique political perspective and experience. In addition, he will bring his extensive experience as a top international athlete to the Presidential position, says NCF President Dagfinn Loen.*