



Winter sports

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Since the winter lasts about 6 months over here we have a lot of activities that fit this time of year like skating, skidoo'ing, sledding, ice fishing, skiing and the list goes on. We've done most of these things at least once already but there was one sport we hadn't tried yet and that was curling! We had seen it lots on TV (Vince really liked it) but we never had the chance to do it ourselves yet.

Yesterday was the annual curling day organised by Wilma employer and we were invited by one of the teams. Well, it is a lot more difficult than it looks like on TV! It took a while before we could make a nice sliding throw but we got better every game. It's pretty hard to give the stone the right speed so that it ends up in the circle. When the stone goes too slow your team members can sweep the ice in front of the stone to make it go faster. It is all about tactics and not too much of a physical sport which makes it playable for all ages. Almost every town here has their own curling rink. Our team ended up in fifth place out of eight teams which wasn't bad for a couple of newbie's like us. Everybody won a prize, Wilma got a survival kit for in the car and Vince got a box with (what else could it be) 12 packages of bacon!



Vince right after the throw, it almost looks like he knows what he's doing ☺

The Olympic winter games in Vancouver will be starting soon and the torch came through North Battleford. Very special but we unfortunately had to miss it due to circumstances. That was too bad since this was a once in a lifetime opportunity. So we will have to do it with the pictures that friends took and maybe we will get a second chance some other time.