

*'The rocks talk to you,' says  
local ice tech Don Wilkin*

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“Every ice maker has got their own magic recipe for what they think works well,” said Wilkin. “And what works here (in

On this particular day, Wilkin is using a reverse osmosis water temperature of about 120 degrees Fahrenheit coupled with a fairly fine droplet size for his pebbling run at Listowel. When his water concoction is at the temperature he is after, he shoulders on a tank and sprayer that looks



"You can do the exact same thing two different days and get two completely different results," said Wilkin of the pebbling process. "So, I do my experiments more than once."

"On their way out they said, 'thanks for the ice, that was great,'" said Wilkin. "I said, but you lost. 'Yeah, I know, but it wasn't your ice's fault, your ice was really good!' It's the same sheet of ice for both teams – one team will get it, the other one won't sometimes."

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