

Newsletter • Volume 88, Number 1 • October 12, 2021 Email: <u>info@detroitcurling.com</u> • Web: <u>www.detroitcurlingclub.com</u>

Ice Prep and Arena Build Help Needed!

Sign-ups are now available at <u>https://signup.com/go/RmqqONR</u> to help get the arena ready for this year's curling season. We'll need help with power washing, installing the boards, sealing, floods, and more. We start on October 13th and should conclude by October 26th. Please take a look at the schedule and volunteer where you're able! No worries if you've never done it before—Eric and others can help guide you, and it's easy! Contact Eric Kortebein, <u>ekortebe@gmail.com</u>, with ice installation questions. Contact Laura Gilchrist, <u>laura.gilchrist@gmail.com</u>, with club set-up questions.

Detroit Teams Sweep Thru Ft. Wayne

Detroit had a tremendous showing at the annual Ft. Wayne 'End of Summer' Bonspiel in September. Each team from Detroit made it to the semifinals and two of our teams competed in the A Event Final! Congrats to 'Girls Just Wanna Throw Stones,' Julie Benson, Ashley Mayra, Kristine Rathke, and Traverse City Curling Club member Jill Riecke for winning the A Event. Also, congratulations are in order for the 'Motor City Madmen' comprised of Bill Morris, John Gaul, Mike Clapsadle, and Eric Kortebein for winning the B Event. Good showing DCC!





Featherbowling Cadieux Cafe 7:00PM–10:00PM October 15, 2021

Ice Prep Detroit Curling Club October 13–26, 2021

Practice Ice Detroit Curling Club 7:00PM-10:00PM October 26–27, 2021

6:00PM-10:00PM October 28-29, 2021

Leagues Begin! Detroit Curling Club 4:45PM October 31, 2021

USCA Level I Instructor Clinic Detroit Curling Club 9:00AM–4:00PM November 6, 2021

Bonspiels

See the Bonspiel Board page!

Welcome Back!

To returning members (those that curled with us in 2019/20 or before). . . Welcome back! We are excited to have you return to your curling home. We ask that everyone request their leagues by October 10, 2021. All dues must be paid in full by October 31, 2021 in order to begin your league(s). If you need to make other arrangements, please contact Marta Bauer at <u>assistanttreasurer@detroitcurling.com</u> before October 31st. For those members who may have a major injury or condition that prevents them from curling this season, the Board has set up a special policy to ensure you can stay an active member and keep your seniority for next season. Please also contact Marta Bauer if you feel this situation is applicable to you.

COVID-19 Protocols

The Detroit Curling Club is welcoming vaccinated and unvaccinated members to curl at the club. To ensure the safety of everyone, members and guests will be required to wear a mask when in the building. Members and guests who can demonstrate proof of vaccination are welcome to remove their mask during broomstacking, eating, and drinking when seated. Members and guests who have not demonstrated proof of vaccination must leave after they are done curling. You may not broomstack, even with a mask on. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a Board member.

DCC Featherbowling at Cadieux Cafe

When: Friday, October 15th, 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM

Where: Cadieux Café 4300 Cadieux Road Detroit, MI 48224 (On Detroit's east side near Grosse Pointe.)

Cost: \$20 per person, collected at the event.

Contact: Stephanie Whitmore to RSVP: steph.meers@yahoo.com

Dinner: Cadieux Cafe is well known for its great Belgian menu and beers, including mussels and pomme frites. We recommend that you arrive no later than 6 PM to enjoy your meal and try the Feather Bowler's Belgian Dubbel. It is a dark, flavorful brew specifically brewed for Cadieux Cafe by Atwater Brewing. All food and drinks will be on your tab.

Dress Code: Casual. Jeans, shorts, etc. are acceptable. However, the Cafe requests you wear flat shoes since the playing surface is made of dirt and pointed heels can be problematic for the lanes.

Who: Members and guests are welcome! There is no age limit and no strength requirement so bring the kiddos. Each ball weighs about 5 pounds and an adult can easily manage it with one hand.

How: Discover more about feather bowling here: <u>http://www.cadieuxcafe.com/featherbowling</u>/. Scoring is similar to curling, easy breezy.

Remember to contact Stephanie Whitmore as soon as possible and indicate how many will be attending: steph.meers@yahoo.com

New Life Membership Members

Congratulations to Todd Gault and Kevin Gault for receiving their Life Membership last season and for this year, congratulations to Dawn Brauninger!

Learn To Curl

As 2022 is around the corner, so are the Winter Olympics in Beijing. The DCC will be hosting two learn to curl sessions this Fall. The first clinic will begin on Saturday, October 30th (11am–1pm and 1pm–3pm), the second session will be Sunday, November 7th (also 11am–1pm and 1pm–3pm), and the final session will be Saturday, November 20th (9:00am–1:30pm and 2pm–6:30pm). Registration opened on September 25th and as of publication, there are only 5 spots left for the morning session and 28 spots in the afternoon. Sign-up information can be found on the DCC website. Volunteer opportunities for the Learn to Curl and Mini-Bon can be found here on <u>SignUp</u>. Please contact <u>Mike Grudzinski</u> at <u>dcc_com_ed@yahoo.com</u> with Learn to Curl or Mini Bon questions.

Junior Curling Returns to the DCC

The DCC will be running a 7-week U13 and U19 Junior Program this year on Monday evenings from 4:30pm–6:00pm starting November 8th. No prior curling experience is required. Open to boys and girls ages 6 to 12 (U13) and 13 to 18 (U19), Juniors will receive instruction and competition suited to their level of play. The sessions will focus on the basics of curling, skills development, and the strategy and etiquette of the game. For any questions regarding the Junior program, please contact <u>Troy Stevenson</u> for U19 at <u>troy.stevenson77@gmail.com</u> and <u>Phil</u> <u>English</u> for U13 at <u>phillip.g.english@hotmail.com</u>.

Adaptive Curling!

The November 6 Level 1 Instructor Clinic will now include teaching Adaptive/Wheelchair curling. As the club is hosting an Adaptive Curling Open House this season, we are welcoming any new members with different needs for delivery and play. This is a great opportunity to get trained in both able-bodied and Adaptive Curling. You can sign up for the clinic at https://usacurling.wufoo.com/forms/q1qvppxb14b88u2/

In addition, the DCC is hosting an Adaptive Curling Clinic for all players on December 5th. Be on the lookout in November for a call for volunteers to help assist with this clinic. If you have any questions or need more information contact Maryanne at:

dcc.adaptive.curling@gmail.com.



Pro Shop News

The Pro Shop will return to its pre-Covid protocol for purchasing items. Please take your item up to the bar and see a bartender to either invoice or cash out your items. If something is out of stock, please use the half sheet that was used for last season to write down the items you would like ordered. John Danckaert or Diana Jankowski will contact you when your order arrives.

Gently Used Equipment – We have several men's and women's curling shoes available in several sizes and both right-handed and left-handed styles. We have at least one used carbon fiber brush available along with a few delivery sticks. Ladies, stop in and check out an official ladies' kilt, available for only \$10. New curlers can snap up some very good equipment for very little money. Take advantage of the generosity of your fellow members today.

Gripper Sale Returns – The Pro Shop is bringing back its \$2 off gripper sale until December 1st. Now is a great time to get some fresh rubber on your shoes and keep our ice fresh and clean!

Fresh Broomheads – Speaking of keeping the ice fresh and clean...when was the last time you replaced your broomhead? Even you skips will be allowed to sweep again past the tee-line this season. The Pro Shop has a variety of replacement broomheads and Hardline covers. So hurry hard to the Pro Shop to get your curling season sweeping off to a great start.

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Sinners News

The Detroit Curling Club Royal Order of Sinners Mission Statement

The Detroit Curling Club Royal Order of Sinners men's club promotes fellowship and camaraderie on and off the ice while creating benefits and lasting experiences.



Your Sinners Board has been hard at work all summer working on our plans for events during this continued unprecedented time. We plan to hold our usual meetings in accordance with all guidelines set forth by the Club's Safety Committee. With the land border remaining closed to incoming Canadians, we remain in "standby status" for the KW Exchange. We continue to monitor border status closely and are ready to meet at a moment's notice to solidify plans. Stay tuned and we will publish information as soon as we are able! We look forward to returning to Sinning as soon as possible!

Schedule of Events 2021-2022:

November 12, 13, 14, 2021 - KW Exchange, Detroit Side December 12, 2021 9AM Sinner's Breakfast, Men's Event - to coincide with Men's International Playdowns January 1, 2022 - Toast to the Club January 16, 2022 - Men's Sinners Event (Curling Event) January 30, 2022 - Robbie Burns Event (Curling Event) February 13, 2022 - Sweetheart Sinners (Curling Event) March 18, 19, 20, 2022 - KW Exchange, Canadian Side April 3, 2022 - Men's Sinners Event (Curling Event)

Rockettes Corner

New T-Shirt Design: The Rockettes have been working on a new DCC t-shirt design for the upcoming season. Be on the lookout in the Pro Shop soon!

Ladies League Mondays at 6:30 PM



The Monday night women's league is a combination social/competitive league that is perfect for curlers at all levels of the game. Games are played in a traditional 4-person per team format over 8 ends, time allowing. Players may put in their own teams or sign up as individuals. Skips will draft balanced teams out of the individual player pool. The Ladies League has spring and fall seasons, with occasional fun days, development days, and themes, such as the All-American, a local/national event sponsored by the USWCA. Perfect for new curlers and champions alike, women's league creates a fun, laid-back way to grow your game and compete more confidently as a team and as a player. Please contact <u>rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com</u> with any questions.

Save the Date: 2022 Detroit Curling Club Ladies International "Light the Torch" Spiel! February 5–6, 2022

USWCA Bonspiels:

The USWCA National Bonspiel will be held in Utica, NY from February 23–27, 2022. The Detroit Curling Club will host a playdown to determine team priority to the bonspiel. While November 20th (Saturday) is currently reserved on the club calendar for the playdown, an alternative date during the Monday Ladies league is being considered to free up a Saturday for rentals. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the ladies' locker room, but please let Bethany Rivera know as soon as possible if you plan on playing down so we can determine the timing for the playdown. COVID-19 vaccination is required to participate in the National Bonspiel.

The Super Senior bonspiel will be held at the Blackhawk Curling Club, Janesville, WI from January 11–12, 2022. This event is for women 65 years of age or older from all member clubs and USWCA Members-At-Large. Curlers enter as individuals and will be mixed with curlers from other regions. You may enter a composite team but only 2 players from the same club are allowed on the team. Completed entry with check is due November 4, 2021 and can be downloaded from the USWCA website. The cost is \$60 per individual.

Also, the USWCA is hosting a 5 and under Open bonspiel will be held at the Bowling Green CC January 14–16, 2022 and a 5 and under Women's bonspiel at the Waltham CC February 4–6, 2022. Visit the USWCA website for more information or contact Dawn Brauninger. Eligibility for all USWCA bonspiels will be determined by the status of curlers in the 2019–20 season.

The USWCA Circuit Event is designed to increase participation in women's bonspiels and increase the competitiveness of women curlers not currently participating in National Playdowns. Individual curlers register online through the USWCA website. The fee for a season is \$30. Curlers must have at least two (2) members of the Circuit on their team to accumulate points. The DCC Ladies International Bonspiel is a USWCA Circuit event.

Grass Roots Curling Support: The USWCA has a Gifts and Grants Fund to "promote women's and junior curling at a grassroots level by providing funding for special projects and programs". The Fund must be used by USWCA female members in good standing and junior curlers affiliated with a USWCA member club. If you are interested in learning more or applying for a grant, visit the ABOUT page on the USWCA website under the Gifts and Grants section.

2021 now 2022 Incoming Scot Tour Update: Due to the ongoing global pandemic, the incoming Scot Tour has been postponed again to the Fall of 2022. The DCC will still host the Scot Tour on November 3, 2022 in the afternoon. More details to follow as we near that date. Volunteers are still needed to help plan—if interested please contact Maryanne Wessels.

The Bonspiel Board

You asked for them so here they are! Here are postings for bonspiels around the GLCA and beyond. Grab your team or form a new one with people whom you haven't curled with before and go travel to a bonspiel!

It's baaaaack! After a one-year hiatus, the **Columbus Curling Club** is eager to open their doors again and welcome all the women curlers to the 2021 *Ladies* Bonspiel. Theme details TBA. Play will begin Friday October 22, 2021 and conclude with finals on Sunday afternoon on October 24, 2021. Meals are provided for Friday (dinner, maybe lunch), Saturday (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), and breakfast on Sunday. Entry cost: \$400/team. Registration can be found <u>here</u>.





The Sweepy Hollow Spiel is a Halloween curling event that combines traditional indoor curling with outdoor fall fun at the **Charlotte Curling Club**. Between draws, curlers are invited to head outside to play cornhole and bocce ball on the club's grassy front lawn. On Friday night, there will be Bonfire-Broomstacking and Skip's S'mores. Yum! And get ready to haunt the house during Saturday night's Monster Mash Costume Bash—a killer costume contest and

Halloween party! And what's Halloween weekend without a little trick or treating? The Grim Sweeper will be making the rounds throughout the club all weekend giving away candy to unsuspecting costumed curlers.

Details:

- Open format event
- 32 teams
- 3 game guarantee
- Indoor/Outdoor broomstacking will take place after draws
- There will be optional outdoor games available
- Registration entry fee is **\$420 per team**.

Have you and your teammates been 'dying' to get to a bonspiel?? Are your brooms and sliders encased in cobwebs?? Join the **BGCC** for its first annual Halloween-spiel, the Devil's Brew Bonspiel!

All 'souls' are welcome in this open-format event complete with a 3-game guarantee, a costume contest with prizes, live entertainment, 'Ghost Races', and a deadly assortment of unique spirits and brews! Food will be provided as well as an automatic entry into our reverse raffle.

Register on their website: <u>https://bgcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/list-of-events</u>



\$360/Team Costume Contes 3 Game Guarantee Beer Tasting Live Entertainment



Only a few spots left for this *Junior* Bonspiel in Wisconsin! Please the flyer for more details or check out the **Pardeeville Curling Club** <u>website</u>.

Something spooky is on the horizon at **Peach Tree**! Registration for Night of the Curling Dead October 22nd to 24th 2021 is now open. *Open* format with a 3-game guarantee. Registration entry fee is \$400 per team. Check out the <u>brochure</u> for more details.





Southern California Curling Center is hosting a *Doubles* Bonspiel. It's our first ever Doubles Spiel! No gender restrictions means teams of two can be made up of any two players! All are welcome. \$105 per person/\$210 per team. Each player must sign up individually and indicate their teammate. Free agents may sign up, and we will make best efforts to pair you with another player. More information can be found on their <u>website</u>.

<u>Mucky Duck</u> is a *Mixed Doubles* format bonspiel at **BGCC**. It will take place November 12th–14th and have a 3-game guarantee.

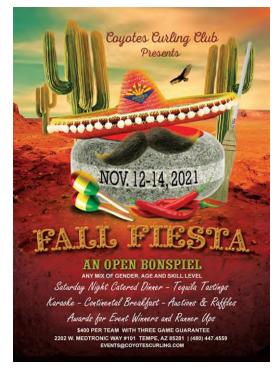
If you are a returning Mucky Duck participant, you can expect all of the Duck Themed Mayhem you have grown to love. If you are a new team, then welcome and get ready for a very fun weekend.



Once the Mucky Duck is full, please join the waiting list. It is very possible that they will need to pull a few teams from the waiting list. If so, they will let you know as soon as possible in the order you join the list.

The Latest Women's Bonspiel on the **USWCA Circuit**! Kick off November at the Carosella (Carochella!) in Schenectady, New York! More details and online registration can be found here on the **Schenectady Curling Club** <u>website</u>.





The **Coyotes Curling Club** is hosting their Fall Fiesta *Open* Bonspiel with a max of 24 teams and a 3-game guarantee on November 12–14. Individuals can also sign-up and will be placed into a team. \$400 per team or \$100 individual. Saturday night is a catered dinner, tequila tastings, karaoke, and more. Registration can be found <u>here</u>.

The Potomac Curling Club is hosting their annual Embassy Row *Open* Bonspiel on November 19-21, 2021. This year's destination is Thailand! It's a 4-game guarantee (2 on Friday, 2 on Saturday) with a max of 16 teams. More details and registration can be found <u>here</u>.



BGSU Men's Ten Can Bonspiel—November 19-21, 2021. Team registration fee is \$320. Ten Can is a 16-team *Men's* bonspiel with a three-game guarantee. All "A-Event" games will be 10-Ends. There will be canned beer specials Friday and Saturday, along with food all weekend. Prizes will be awarded to all finalists and the champions will have a craft beer named in their honor.

Hurry hard! Nov 19-21, 2021

Bowling Green Curling Club Presents the:



3RD ANNUAL TEN CAN MEN'S SPIEL

16 TEAMS - 3 GAME GUARANTEE ALL "A" GAMES ARE 10 ENDS

TIN CAN BEER SPECIALS FOOD ALL WEEKEND

\$320 PER TEAM

Discount room rates at Best Western Falcon Pla Register now! bgcurlingclub.com Bowling Green, OH



Calling All Dynamic Duos!



Belfast Curling Club • Belfast, Maine

We are excited to announce that **Belfast** will be hosting the inaugural <u>Belfast Open Doubles bonspiel</u> December 2–5, 2021. The bonspiel will run from Thursday evening to Sunday with a four-game guarantee.

Registration and other details to come and will be posted on the club's website.

Format: Open Doubles, 8 end games, 4 game guarantee.

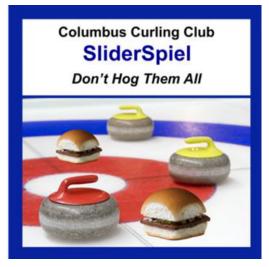
Event Organizer: Garrett Gustafson

The finest spiel in Central Ohio returns for its THIRTEENTH year!

Join **Columbus Curling Club** from December 3 thru 5 for the smoothest, least bitter, and hoppiest (unless you don't want it to be) bonspiel around. The spiel will feature some of Columbus' finest breweries and their most delicious offerings, with featured brews from Combustion Brewery. As you've all come to expect—the Beers of Columbus Bonspiel will have wonderful food, excellent ice, and more 'Spirit of Curling' than you can shake a broomstick at. This year's spiel will feature:

24 teams | 3-game guarantee | 50/50 Raffle AND The club is coordinating a beer class with Combustion Brewery for Thursday evening 12/2. More details to come, please let the club know if your team is interested in attending! Entry cost: \$425/team. Registration can be found <u>here</u>.





We're not sure there is anything better than small, square shaped hamburgers with or without cheese and onions and pickles—but if there's one thing that is: it's combining those sliders with curling!

Play will begin on Friday March 18, 2022 and conclude with finals on Sunday afternoon (March 20, 2022). Meals will be provided Friday (dinner, maybe lunch), Saturday (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), and breakfast on Sunday. And you can bet your bottom dollar that we'll be dining on the finest tiny hamburgers Columbus has to offer on Friday night! (Yes it'll be earlier than midnight. Exact time TBD.) (No, there will be absolutely no lucky coins. We learned our lesson.) Entry cost: \$400/team. Registration can be found here.

Belfast Curling Club is hosting their Pine Tree Bonspiel January 14–16, 2022. Format is *Women's*, 8-end games, 3-game guarantee and is an USWCA Circuit Event. Registration opens October 1st. See flyer to the left for more details.





The **St. Louis Curling Club** is hosting their *Open* Winter Classic Bonspiel at the **Waltham Curling Club** January 17–19, 2022. Registration and more details to come in a few weeks on the Waltham Curling Club's website <u>here</u>

The **FM Curling Club** in Fargo, ND is hosting a *U14* and *U18* bonspiel January 7–9, 2022. Registration deadline is January 3rd with a 24-team maximum. More details can be found in the poster or on the FM Curling <u>website</u>.





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The Bismarck Capital Curling Club in Bismarck, North Dakota is hosting an *Open* Bonspiel on December 10–12, 2021. Cost is \$280 per team, 3-game guarantee, and \$1000 to A Event Champs. Teams max out at 28.

All Meals provided & All Beverages provided – Beer courtesy of the Muddy River Mashers Home Brew Club

CURLERS MUST BE 21 or OLDER

If you have any questions on the Roughrider Bonspiel, please contact Ryan Lagasse at <u>rylagasse@gmail.com</u> or visit <u>www.capitalcurlingclub.org</u>.

The **Madison Curling Club** is hosting their 3rd Annual Frozen *Five and Under* Bonspiel at the Madison Curling Club. You won't want to miss out on this event! 5 & under spiels are perfect for new curlers! This is an *open* spiel and all eligible teams are welcome!

- 3 GAME GUARANTEE, 40 teams
- 4 events, with pins!
- Saturday night entertainment
- Meals and beverages provided all weekend:
 - Friday: Dinner Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Sunday: Breakfast, Lunch Beer & Soda included
- Open format any gender combination allowed

Register online here: https://bit.ly/3v95NYf



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