

DETROIT CURLING CLUB

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CALENDAR

Events

Men's International

Detroit Curling Club

January 8–9, 2022

Club Mixed Championship

Detroit Curling Club

January 22–23, 2022

Ladies International

Detroit Curling Club

February 5–6, 2022

Olympic Open House #1

Detroit Curling Club

10:00AM–4:00PM

February 12, 2022

Mixed International

Detroit Curling Club

February 19–20, 2022

In-House 5 & Under

Detroit Curling Club

February 26, 2022

Olympic Open House #2

Detroit Curling Club

10:00AM–4:00PM

March 5, 2022

Time Flies By – 20 Years in Ferndale this Week!

Hard to believe it's already been 20 years since the Club moved from West Bloomfield to Ferndale. See the next page for an article from Angus MacTavish about how the Marines helped construct the building we have today.



DCC Member Mark Lazar is going to the Olympics!

A huge congratulations to Mark for being selected as one of the three coaches from USA Curling to go to Beijing this February!! He will be there to help support Team Shuster, Team Peterson, and Persinger/Plys as they compete in the upcoming Winter Olympics. Be on the lookout at the Club for a banner to sign in the next week or so to wish our Team USA Curling good luck in Beijing. *The schedule of events for curling at the Olympics is listed at the end of the Bonspiel section.*

“Thank you for your Service”...

...is a phrase that we hear often these days. Every Detroit Curling Club member owes a debt of gratitude to the U.S. Marines for helping us curl on our own ice in our own club.

On Saturday May 26, 2001 two dozen U.S. Marines dressed in camouflage were training for war—they were building a curling club in Ferndale, MI. Two years earlier on May 24, 1999 the Ferndale city council approved the Detroit Curling Club’s plans to build a curling facility in the city. The Marines’ building exercise was called Innovative Readiness Training. These projects give the men construction experience while leaving behind something civilians need. The corps builds only one project at a time. After our club’s project they built a bridge in Maine.



The Club supplied the material and the design. The Marines provided the labor. About 25 Marine reservists from Selfridge Air National Guard Base worked for two weeks building the foundation. A second platoon followed for two more weeks erecting the steel structure. A third group of Marines supplied 24-hour guard duty over the construction site.

The value of their work was estimated at over \$250,000. When the Marines finished their work, a construction company came in to continue and complete the project. Eight months later we were curling in the building built by the U.S. Marines.

So, the next time you see a Marine; please thank him (or her) for their service.

Semper Fi,

Angus MacTavish

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.



For questions or further information, email The Sinners at: sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com

The annual Toast to the Club was held on January 1, 2022. Twenty-one members made it to the event and toasted our fantastic Club and made wishes for many, many more years of curling and fellowship. A big thank you to Maryanne Wessels for preparing and serving the Tom and Jerry's. All agreed that these were the best Tom and Jerry's yet!!! Mixmaster Gordy Loud was on hand to make nobody went thirsty. Thanks to all the members who provided the club with appetizers and treats. We look forward to a healthy new year full of curling!

Schedule of Events 2021-2022:

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)

Parting Shots with Skippie McSurly

Play “The Pro Side”

There are key shots in a game where it helps to remember to play the pro side. So, what does that mean exactly?

It means you don't want to throw a shot that does not help optimize your chance of success. A negative approach perhaps but you just don't screw it up and make the end worse!

Playing the pro side means you want to consider what (options you have that) you're better off doing in a shot. Are you better off being wide drawing around guards? If you answered yes, you're on the pro side. Are you better off being heavy on a take outs where the ice falls? That answer would be no, of course.

The positive way to consider playing the pro side is: what are you better off doing (than not) to make a good shot and not make it worse!

A classic situation and it causes many skips to lose their minds is when your opponent has a shot rock just below the tee line and your skip wants you to draw down to it. Rather than trying to make the perfect draw or freeze, it helps to think pro side; that you're better off being a little heavy than light. If you tap their rock back or run it through, it's okay! You just don't want to be light and guard their shot rock. When that happens, your skip may give you a strange look or stand there staring at your rock unable to move!

Playing the pro side can mean a lot of things: not being narrow on swingy ice when you need a guard; not being wide or heavy on ice that falls; not being light on draws or heavy on guards and not being narrow on come arounds and hits that curl. Whey!

There are many situations where if you thought about the pro side you would have had a better result. Or you can just hit the broom and throw the right weight. That's always easy for a skip to say!

Good Curling,

Skippy McSurly

Team Levy Duo Wins in Maine

Ben and Jenny Levy traveled to the Belfast Curling Club down in Belfast, Maine to participate in their first Open Doubles bonspiel over the first weekend of December 2021. Ben and Jen are holding the Ben Ames Cup for winning the A event! Congrats Team Levy!



Rockettes Corner

New T-Shirt Design: The new T-Shirt design is now available (both t-shirts and hoodies) in the Pro Shop and can be purchased at the bar. Thanks to Maryanne Wessels for another great design!



Save the Date: 2022 Detroit Curling Club Ladies International “Light the Torch” Spiel! February 5–6, 2022. The Bonspiel is full with 16 teams registered and an open waiting list. Help us welcome our guests, kick off the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, and make it the best bonspiel of the season!

The raffle is one of the Rockettes' most important fundraisers of the year. Please drop off donations of new and amazing raffle items in the Ladies Locker Room in or on top of the cubbies. Prefer to donate cash or gift cards? Use the Rockettes Locker drop box! Our out-of-town teams cannot use raffle prizes such as certificates for local services so as you finish your holiday or Boxing Day shopping, please be on the lookout for enticing potential raffle prizes that you yourself would like to win. Coffee and wine baskets are always popular, as are electronics, curling gear, and Olympics-themed apparel and paraphernalia. Please email Elizabeth Demers with any spiel related questions: elizabeth.demers@gmail.com

The bonspiel committee is also looking for a few good men and women to help out on spiel days: Please sign up to volunteer for the DCC Ladies International: Ladies International (2/5-2/6/2022) - <https://signup.com/go/LDZwkYz>

USWCA Bonspiels:

The USWCA National Bonspiel will be held in Utica, NY from February 23–27, 2022. The Detroit Curling Club hosted a playdown on 11/22 to determine team priority to the bonspiel. Congratulations to Team Turbow: Melissa Turbow, Diana Jankowski, Stephanie Whitmore and Jenny Levy. Thank you to Julie Benson for organizing and running the playdown.

Also, the USWCA is hosting a 5 and under Open bonspiel which 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.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Banner Committee

Bret is looking for volunteers to help spearhead a new committee to help create banners for past in-house championships. We need volunteers for two tasks: (1) people who can help look up the history of past champions and (2) people who can help physically create the banners. If you have any interest in this project, please reach out to Bret Jackson at president@detroitcurling.com

Meat & Greet Bonspiel Recap

A huge shoutout to Mike Clapsadle and his volunteers Kevin Unger, Bill Morris, Sarah Felosak, and Sue Andrews for putting on a great event!



First Draw Champs (l-r)- Jeff DeNeen, Abby Bond, John Lewis, James Kirby



Second Draw Champs (l-r)- Dave Hesse, Ted Marolla, John Gaul, Dawn Abbott



NYE Extravaganza Recap

Thanks to everyone who came out for the first annual New Year's Eve Extravaganza Spiel! Six teams, with names inspired by Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, competed in a two-game, points spiel. In between games, the group enjoyed a delicious dinner from Kruse and Muer. It was fitting that Team Snow White, consisting of Michele Falvey, Eric Kortebein, Amy Unger, and Alex Murdoch, won the trophy in our inaugural year. Team Sneezy, consisting of Don Bleaney, Kitty Lam, Nicole Van Houw, and DessieRai Gaul, took second place. After the second game, the group rang in the new year with a flood and a bubbly toast! Thanks to Phil Brosnan for volunteering, Frank for serving us drinks, and everyone who helped Eric with the flood that night. Check out the new trophy in the lobby!



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!



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 opened 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 on the Waltham Curling Club's website [here](#)

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! Open format – any gender combination allowed. Register online here: <https://bit.ly/3v95NYf>

- 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



JANUARY 21 - 23, 2022



The **Copper Country Curling Club** is excited to announce that the Copperspiel is back and will be held January 21–23, 2022! To register, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/aormes1EYVHw8Sj88>. The club will contact entries in order received for confirmation and deposits.

- \$400 entry fee. \$100 deposit needed to reserve your spot.
- Two groups of four round robin, with page playoff (8 teams).
- Baked goods, lunch, dinner, and keg beer provided.
- Hotel rooms at the AmericInn are set aside at a group rate



There are just a few spots left open at the **Bowling Green Curling Club** for their Groundhog's Day *Open* bonspiel February 4–6, 2022. See flyer for more details and [register here](#).



The **Windy City Curling Club** is hosting an *Open* bonspiel February 4–6, 2022. For more details and registration, click [here](#).

The 5th Annual Groundhog Day Bonsel

Olympic Edition!

February 4-6, 2022

Black Swamp Curling Center
19901 North Dixie Hwy.
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

bgcurlingclub.com

24 Teams, 3-Game Guarantee
Saturday Night "Hog" roast
Our Famous Groundhog Races
\$360 per Team Includes Reverse Raffle Entry



"Go for the Gold" at the **Great Lakes Curling Association 5 and Under *Open* Bonsel**, hosted by **Mayfield Curling Club** in Cleveland, Ohio. The 3-day bonspiel will take place on February 11–13, 2022 and is open to any curler (male or female) who has curled for 5 years or less and is approved as a Qualifier for the 5 & Under National Championship. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020–21 curling season DOES NOT count toward a curler's 5-year eligibility regardless of whether one curled last year or not.

Teams can be from multiple clubs. In order to be eligible and for your registration to be accepted, however, curlers need to have a club or region representative certify on the registration form that they have curled for 5 years or less (excluding the '20–'21 curling season). Gold" at the Great Lakes Curling Association 5 and Under Open Bonsel, hosted by Mayfield Curling Club in Cleveland, Ohio. The 3-day bonspiel will take place on February 11–13, 2022 and is open to any curler (male or female) who has curled for 5 years or less. Registration can be found [here](#).





The **Mayfield Curling Club** is hosting its 2022 Evergreen *Mixed* Bonspiel, "The Luck of the Irish," on February 24–27, 2022. The Bonspiel includes: Thursday dinner; breakfast and lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; Friday and Saturday dinners.

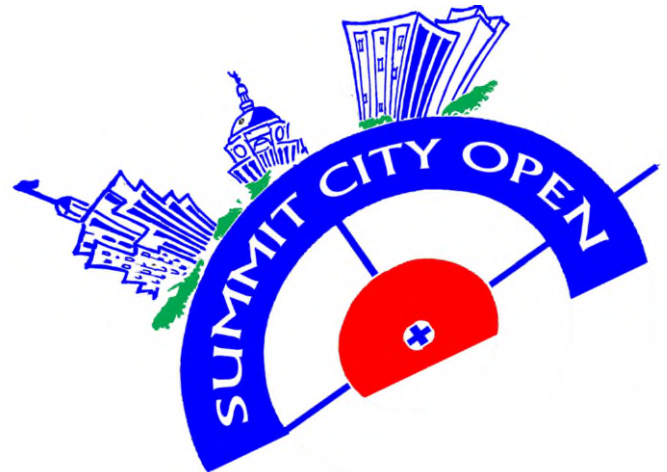
Teams may register by emailing all [team details](#) to Jen Murphy at jennifercarolmurphy@gmail.com, first come first served. Registration will not be confirmed until your entry fee (\$550) is received.

The **Denver Curling Club** is hosting their *Mile High Open* Bonspiel February 24–27, 2022. Please email milehighopen@denvercurlingclub.com for registration password.

- Local DCC member registration opened on January 7th.
- 32 Teams, Guarantee of 4 games and 5 events.
- Entry fee \$420 per team, \$80 extra for 5th/alternate curler
- Meals, some drinks included

* The Denver Curling Club will follow all State, County and Federal Covid-19 guidelines. Currently, masks are required indoors and while curling

Registration is now open for the 2022 Summit City *Open* bonspiel at the **Fort Wayne Curling Club**. This event is a 20-team 2-day bonspiel to be held March 5th and 6th. \$320 per team, 3 game guarantee, meals included. Masks will be required at all times except when seated at a table. Vaccination is required for all participants, spectators and volunteers. Register [here](#).



SPRING TRAINING BONSPIEL



MARCH 10TH – 13TH, 2022

PITTSBURGH CURLING CLUB

491 MCCOY ROAD,
MCKEES ROCKS, PA 15136

PITTSBURGHCURLINGCLUB.COM

3 GAME GUARANTEE

\$420 ENTRY FEE PER TEAM

LUNCH AND DINNER INCLUDED EACH DAY

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.PITTSBURGHCURLINGCLUB.COM/BONSPIELS/

NOTE: THIS IS AN OPEN BONSPIEL (ANY ARRANGEMENT OF ANY GENDERED PLAYERS.)

Don't get locked out like the MLB players, register your spot today in our Spring Training Bonspiel today! **Pittsburgh Curling Club** is hosting an *Open*, 3-game guarantee March 10th–13th. Lunch and dinner provided each day. Entree fee \$420 per team. More details can be found on PittsburghCurlingClub.com

You are invited to a getaway in the sun
and a weekend full of fun at the 27th

Wood Memorial Open Bonspiel at the Belfast Curling Club

March 18-20, 2022

Twenty 4-Person Teams Three 8-End Games Guaranteed
Rink Fee \$320 Goodie Bags Raffle Prizes

Friday: Lunch & Dinner
Saturday: Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Sunday: Full Breakfast



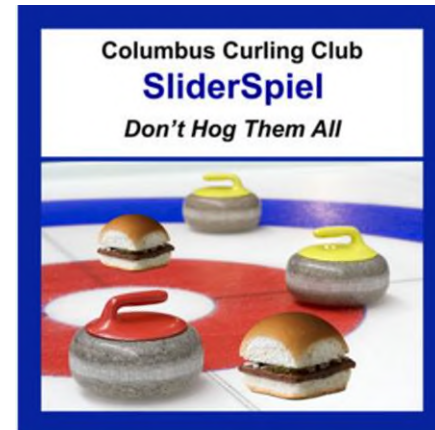
Belfast Curling Club - MARCH WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT! And what happens in March? The Wood Memorial Open Bonspiel! This year is the 27th Wood Memorial Open, one of BCC's most popular spiels! This year we are opening up 8 spots to "away" teams, and reserving 12 spots for BCC Club Teams. BCC Bonspiels are known for their great food, and great hospitality—and this spiel is no different. All meals provided and there will be plenty of fun to be had!

As usual this is "Island Themed" so bring those Hawaiian Shirts. We'll provide the leis!

Online registration opened on January 8th. Don't miss out—here is the link:
tinyurl.com/wood-bonspiel

Columbus Curling Club - 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](#).



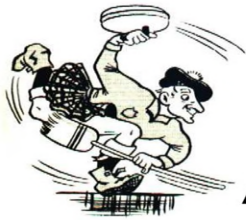
USA CURLING SCHEDULE AT 2022 OLYMPIC GAMES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2 6:05a vs AUS 7:05p vs ITA	3 12:05a vs NOR 11:35p vs SWE	4 6:00a - OPENING CEREMONY	5 12:05a vs CHN 6:05a vs CAN 7:05p vs CZE
6 6:05a vs SUI 7:05p vs GBR	7 6:05a - SEMIFINALS 1vs4 & 2vs3	8 12:05a - BRONZE MEDAL GAME 6:05a - GOLD MEDAL GAME	9 6:05a vs ROC 7:05p vs ROC	10 12:05a vs SWE 6:05a vs DEN 7:05p vs GBR	11 12:05a vs CHN	12 12:05a vs NOR 6:05a vs GBR 7:05p vs CAN
13 12:05a vs SWE 6:05a vs CHN 7:05p vs KOR	14 7:05p vs SUI	15 12:05a vs SUI 6:05a vs ITA 7:05p vs CAN	16 6:05a vs JPN 7:05p vs DEN	17 6:05a - MEN'S SEMIFINALS 1vs4 & 2vs3	18 12:05a - MEN'S BRONZE MEDAL GAME 6:05a - WOMEN'S SEMIFINALS 1vs4 & 2vs3	19 12:05a - MEN'S GOLD MEDAL GAME 6:05a - WOMEN'S BRONZE MEDAL GAME 7:05p - WOMEN'S GOLD MEDAL GAME
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5



MIXED DOUBLES MEN'S WOMEN'S PLAYOFFS

ALL TIMES LISTED IN CENTRAL STANDARD TIME

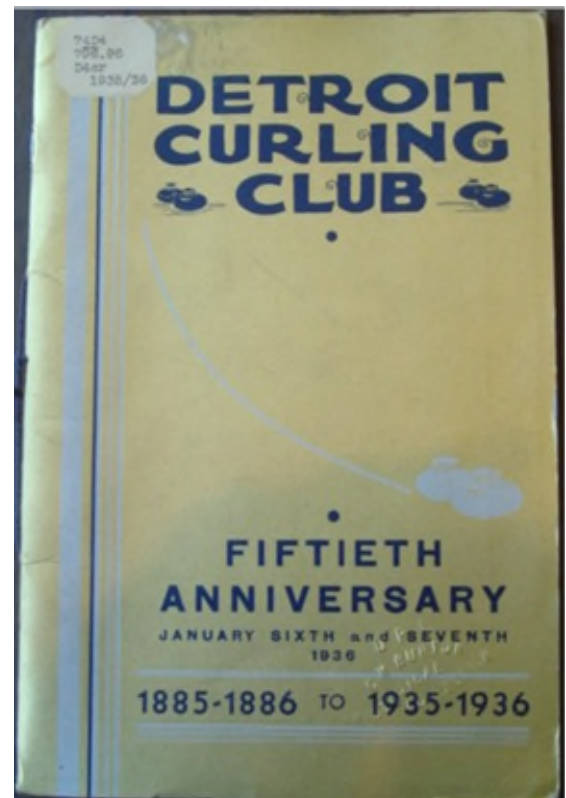


Angus MacTavish is in the House

Men's International Bonspiel History

The Detroit Curling Club was founded by a bunch of disgruntled curlers in the winter of 1885–1886. We arrived at this conclusion because the founding gentlemen had been members of the *Detroit Granite Club*, *The Detroit Thistle Club* or *The Detroit-Mackinaw Railway Curling Club*. Secondly, most of these men were also members of the *Detroit Athletic Club*. This is the reason they curled their first three seasons on the grounds of the old DAC—which were bounded by Woodward, Canfield, Cass and Forest Avenue. This author believes that these fine gentlemen had hopes that curling would become a sanctioned sport within the DAC. This was not to be. This may also explain why our first club President was not appointed until 1887–1888 (Joseph S. Keen). In October 1888 they incorporated The Detroit Skating & Curling Club and purchased land at the corner of 4th and Gold.

The 2022 Men's International Bonspiel represents the 136th Anniversary of the founding of *The Detroit Curling Club*. The first International Bonspiel was held at Detroit in 1897 and the first prize - The Walker Cup—was won by a Detroit team. So, this is actually the 125th Anniversary of the first International Bonspiel.



How many International Bonspiels have actually been held? That is difficult to say. World Wars, pandemics, warm weather and a broken ice compressor have cancelled the spiel in years past.

At the January 1936 International Bonspiel the event's program cover was printed on a gold colored paper and proclaimed that it was the Fiftieth Anniversary of The Detroit Curling Club. We recently obtained a copy of this program another is stored at The Detroit Public Library. From that date forward we continued to count from 50 to today's 136th. But, keep in mind this is the Anniversary of The Club, not the Bonspiel.

Pro Shop News

Just a reminder to please take your items up to the bar and see a bartender to either invoice or cash out your items. The pro-shop is open whenever the bartenders are at the Club. If the door is locked, please ask the bartender to unlock the door. If something is out of stock, please contact John Danckaert (jpdanckaert@gmail.com) or Diana Jankowski (treasurer@detroitcurling.com) to special order your item. They will contact you when your order arrives.

Tag....You're it! If you requested a nametag, check out the bulletin board or ask the bartender for your nametag. If your nametag is on the board, there is no charge. If the nametag is at the bar, you owe \$7 for the item. Please take care of this so everyone will know what to call you next time you make that amazing shot on the ice.

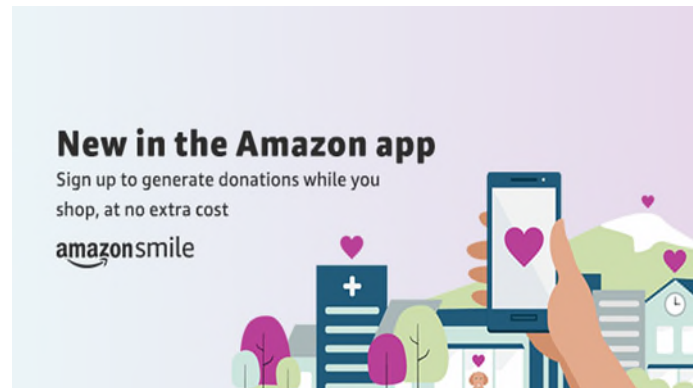
Good to Go We have some new donated items in them Shop that are now available at great prices. Stop by and see what we have to offer.

1/2 Off Goods We have several pairs of new curling shoes in small ladies' sizes that are offered at half price. Some are priced as low as \$28. These deals are limited to available stock. When they are gone, they are really gone. Stop in and check them out. Sizes range from 6 to 7.5. Don't forget to consider those juniors too. They are welcome to try them on any time.

Brush it off! If you are in need of a new brush head for your Goldline Air brush or you Balance Plus brush or you need WCF approved brush heads, stop by the Pro Shop. We have what you need. Don't delay. If you don't see what you need, leave note and we will get the goods you need.

Shop till you Drop! Online is back on line. The [online store](#) is back open. Hurry! The online store will be open for only 2 weeks. Don't delay...Shop today!

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Detroit Curling Club" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.



How it works:

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- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features*
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