

## DETROIT CURLING CLUB

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## Detroit Overwhelms GLCA 5 & Under

Six Detroit teams traveled to the Mayfield Curling Club in Cleveland on the February 11<sup>th</sup> weekend for the GLCA 5 & Under Championship. This spiel was organized as a points-based spiel in lieu of the traditional bracket format. In the A Final, Team Smith took control of the game by stealing a point for the first five ends. In the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> ends, Team Sanders (Columbus Curling Club & Mayfield Curling Club) took two points and stole a point in the 8<sup>th</sup> to force an extra end. In the extra end, Steve Smith threw [an impeccable draw](#) through a tiny port that ended up being the game winner after a failed angle raise. Huge congrats to Team Smith as they will represent the GLCA at the National 5 & Under at the Southern California Curling Center in Los Angeles later in May 2022!



*Team Smith (l-r) Theresa Tejada,  
Karl Schubert, Julie Toro-Schubert,  
Steven Smith*

Other Detroit teams found their way into the finals as well! Team Bleaney (Don Bleaney, Chris Pethke, Lauren Woods, and Kara Szpondowski) won the B Event over Team Dolan from Columbus Curling Club. The C Event culminated in a Detroit vs. Detroit showdown between Team Cleary (Dan Cleary, Chase Ansok, Karina Ansok, and Eric Alaniz) and Team Gaul (John Gaul, Mike Clapsadle, Jeff Peplinski, and Al Federlein) with Team Cleary as the victors. Other teams that participated included Team Kobs (Dan Kobs, Ben Messick, Bram Parkinson, and Catherine Haggart) and Team Brosnan (Phil Brosnan, Jason Schubb, Taha Jamil, and Isaac Butler). Congrats all and thank you for repping the DCC so well!



## CALENDAR

### Events

#### **In-House 5 & Under**

Detroit Curling Club

February 26, 2022

#### **Olympic Open House #2**

Detroit Curling Club

10:00AM–4:00PM

March 5, 2022

#### **Highlander Bonspiel**

Detroit Curling Club

March 12–13, 2022

#### **Motown Doubles Bonspiel**

Detroit Curling Club

March 18–20, 2022

#### **White Elephant Bonspiel**

Detroit Curling Club

March 26, 2022

#### **Club Championships & Champagne Spiel**

Detroit Curling Club

April 9, 2022

#### **Motor City Open**

Detroit Curling Club

9:00AM–3:00PM

April 29–May 1, 2022

## GLCA 5 & Under Photos



## Jackson/Levy Win In-House Mixed Championship

Bret Jackson, Julie Benson, Ben Levy, and Jenny Levy are the 2022 Mixed Champions. Other participants included Michele Falvey, Denis Metty, Nate Glitman, Sarah Burns and Mark Wojda, Melissa Turbow, Kyle Connor, and Nicole Van Houw.



## Jackson/Levy Find Continued Success in Leelanau

Bret Jackson, Julie Benson, Ben Levy, and Jenny Levy are the 2022 GLCA Mixed Champions. The tournament took place at the Leelanau Curling Club in Maple City. The team went 4-0 in Round Robin play and sealed the championship with a 6-0 win in four ends over the Gleaton rink from Kalamazoo. Congratulations!



## Detroit Teams in A Final at Groundhogs Day Spiel in Bowling Green

The A Finals in Bowling Green over the Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend was a close match between Bret Jackson, Denis Metty, and the two brothers from Pittsburgh Curling Club, Nicholas and Alexander Visnich vs. last year's winners, Ben and Jenny Levy with Duncan and Stephanie Whitmore. Ultimately came down to the last end and a win for Jackson and company. Congrats to all!







## Detroit At Senior Nationals in Minnesota

### Men's International Recap

2022 marked an historic year for the Detroit Curling Club. The club opened twenty years ago January 4, 2002 at its current home in Ferndale. The opening of the Club coincided with the Men's International Bonspiel, making that the first spiel held at our current home. 2022 also marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Men's spiel with the first held in 1897. It was a pleasure to again hold this event after having to miss 2021 due to the global pandemic.

The 2022 Men's International was not quite the bonspiel we are used to having. The field of teams, which usually numbers twenty-four, was reduced to sixteen teams. The weeks and days leading up to the event posed many challenges with teams having to withdraw due to potential difficulties with crossing the US-Canada border and positive COVID-19 cases. Detroit, who is limited to six teams in a typical event, numbered nine at the 2022 event. Out-of-town teams numbered seven with only one team representing Canada, the Mike Hardman rink from Bradford Curling Club. The Hardman rink did make it to the A Event finals, but ultimately lost an exciting and difficult match to the Mike Graves rink from Midland Curling Club.

Thanks are owed to many for making this event possible. Nick Yambura coordinated the Detroit Playdowns. Eric Kortebein was first in the club each morning getting the ice ready. Alex Rich stepped up in the final hours and put a team together to play in the event after another team withdrew due to a positive COVID-19 test. Volunteers who helped on both sides of the glass making our ice and warm room fun and inviting. Thank you to all who played a part, big or small, you are very much appreciated.



# Rockettes Corner

Thank you to all who participated in our Super Bowl Square fundraiser. It was quite the hit, we sold out two boards this year.

The Monday Night Ladies League played the All-American event during the first session of 2022. The winners of this event were Team Benson. The Ladies Championship begins February 21.



The DCC Ladies International Bonspiel took place February 5–6 and was a success. This year's theme was Light the Torch and there were sixteen teams that participated. Special thanks to the bonspiel chairperson Elizabeth Demers and her committee. Thank you to the committee, volunteers, and those that contributed to the raffle. Light the Torch Bonspiel committee: Elizabeth Demers, Melissa Turbow, Suzanne York, Stephanie Whitmore, Ann Swisshelm, Jenny Levy, Maryanne Wessels, and Laura Call.

## **Gold: Team Poland (Detroit)**

Julie Benson, Skip  
Courtney Urbiel, Vice  
Jill Riecke, Second  
Kristine Rathke, Lead

## **Silver: Team Switzerland (Wauwatosa)**

Dawn Majewski, Skip  
Melva Sabatke, Vice  
Rachel Koebel, Second  
Katie Moorhead, Lead



## **Bronze: Team New Zealand (Cinci/Indy)**

Monique Penney, Skip  
Tammy Hoffman, Vice  
Stephanie, Simpson  
Susan Fleck, Lead

## **Olive Leaf: Team USA (Potomac)**

Emily English, Skip  
Judy Racusin, Vice  
Lauren Luethy, Second  
Stacy Bishop, Lead

A special “Go for the Gold” t-shirt arrived in the pro shop on January 31, we already had to place a second order, so get them while they're hot!

The DCC has three teams attending the USWCA National Bonspiel at the Utica Curling Club from February 23–27. We wish Team Benson, Team Bond, and Team Turbow best of luck as they head off to represent our club:

**Team Turbow:** Melissa Turbow, Diana Jankowski, Stephanie Whitmore, and Jenny Levy

**Team Benson:** Julie Benson, Ashley Mayra, Marta Bauer, and Kristine Rathke

**Team Bond:** Abby Bond, Laura Call, Pam Buchkowski, and Troy English

The Rockettes are still accepting Curling Development Fund applications for this season. Please email [rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com](mailto:rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com) for the application or more information.



# 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](mailto:sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com)**

On Sunday January 30, 2022, The Detroit Curling Club Royal Order of Sinners held their annual Robert Burns Birthday Celebration at the Club. A record number of attendees to the Burns event, fifty-one in total, came to The Club bright and early to join in the camaraderie. Historical DCC figures Bill Jamieson and Steve Kinsley were in attendance as well as four representatives from the Bowling Green Curling Club turned out for the event. Club Piper, Todd Wyber, led the procession of the haggis around the club. Following Paul Gaines's reading of *Address to a Haggis* by Robert Burns, the attendees filed in line for the opportunity to sample the Scottish delicacy. A bountiful raffle was held following the morning's proceedings and it is unlikely any of the participants left empty-handed.

On Sunday February 13, 2022 the Detroit Curling Club Royal Order of Sinners held their annual Sweetheart Sinners breakfast. Forty-seven participants came out bright and early on a Sunday morning to enjoy a morning of fellowship, delicious food, and lively storytelling. The traditional Sinner's Hymn, "Softly and Tenderly," always sounds much sweeter when the ladies are there to participate.

The raffle table was especially bountiful and nobody left empty-handed. DCC Sinner Pete Sylvain's luck during the raffle was supernatural and he generously gave away his winning tickets to prize-less guests. The Sinners had a few items up for auction and Claudia Buchkowski, DCC Junior member, had the winning bids for a Detroit Tigers hat and a Short's Brewing Company t-shirt.

Three DCC past presidents, Leroy Bliven, Maryanne Wessels, and Jim Morris were honored and serenaded by those in attendance. The next Sinners meeting will be held in Plattsville, Ontario during the KW Exchange. The next Sinners event at the DCC will be the Last Chance Sinners scheduled for April 3, 2022.

## Schedule of Events 2021-2022:

March 18, 19, 20, 2022 - KW Exchange, Canadian Side

April 3, 2022 - Men's Sinners Event (Curling Event)



## 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](mailto:jpdanckaert@gmail.com)) or Diana Jankowski ([treasurer@detroitcurling.com](mailto:treasurer@detroitcurling.com)) to special order your item. They will contact you when your order arrives.

### **Our Inventory is Shrinking!**

We are trying a new strategy this season. Our plan is to avoid ordering extra Pro Shop inventory as an attempt to limit the amount of overstock at the end of the season. So, if you are in need of any replacement goods for upcoming events or to just keep your equipment in tip top shape, don't hesitate to stop in your Pro Shop today. If we run out, we will not reorder unless we have strong demand for a particular item. We know you prefer fresh, state-of-the-art products and we intend to do our best to deliver that to you. Watch for season close-out sales on select items as we draw closer to the end of our season.

### **Thanks for Supporting the Pro Shop**

Thank you fellow members that took advantage of the Online Store this year. Your support of the store resulted in almost \$4,000 of merchandise sold and that resulted in a return of an estimated \$500 rebate to the club's general funds. We will repeat the online store next season with a new selection of garments and accessories along with retention of some of the most favorite items. We hope those that purchased products are satisfied with their choices. So, watch for our next announcement in mid-September for next year's DCC Online Store.

### **Rental Equipment Maintenance**

There have been regular and consistent comments made about the lack of cleanliness of our ice. Eric does all he can to maintain our ice in pristine condition but he is constantly fighting an uphill battle against the dirt factor. A significant part of the problem lies within the condition of the rental equipment. The grippers are dirty! The rental brooms are growing beards! If the members are so concerned about having clean ice, then do something to help clean up the situation. Make time to pull a box of rental grippers and wash them. The club has water, sinks and cleaning products to make the task easy. The brooms should be aggressively brushed on a regular basis. Dirty brush heads can be rotated to the clean edge too. If the heads are too dirty, there are replacement heads in the storage room. Become part of the solution and quit complaining and expecting someone else to clean up the mess. This is your club. Treat it like it is your second home. If you take care of it, the complaints will stop.

## Volunteer Opportunities

There are still a number of volunteer opportunities available over the next few months. These include: [Olympic Open House #2](#) (Mar 5) and [Motor City Doubles](#) (Mar 18-20). As always, there are opportunities to help with [ice prep](#) and [flooding](#).

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](mailto:president@detroitcurling.com)

# The Bonspiel Board

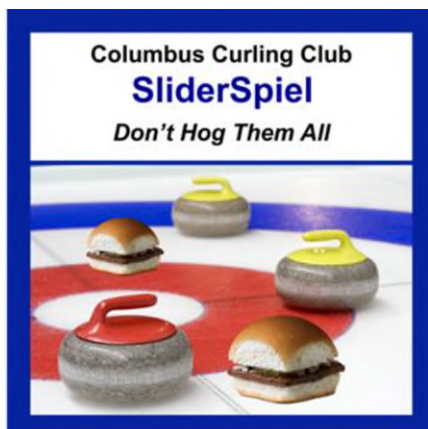
You asked for them so here they are! Here are postings for bonspiels around the GLCA and beyond. Grab your team or form a new one with people whom you haven't curled with before and go travel to a bonspiel!

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](#).



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](http://PittsburghCurlingClub.com)

**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—[click here to register!](#)



**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](#).

**Wine Country Curling Club** is excited to host the 2022 *Open Barrel* at Skatetown Ice in Roseville, California from March 25th to March 27th! **Where else can you hang out with fellow curlers, curl on great arena ice, and enjoy the Northern California weather?** Why, Wine Country Curling Club of course! We are shooting for 16 teams for this year's event and [registration is open now](#). \$440 per team / 4 game guarantee / small gift at check-in / great arena ice.







**Broomstones** is hosting their *Men's* Bonspiel on March 31- April 2, 2022. Features include: Saturday night finals! Multiple events, including Crud tourney, Broomstones' famous "made-shot missed-shot" Elimination Draw. All meals included. Thursday night: Jambalaya, Friday: steak fry, Saturday afternoon: raw bar. NOTE: teams that play first game Friday morning will play again Friday

night. Proof of Covid-19 vaccination will be required for all team members, staff and guests. Registration ends on March 21<sup>st</sup>. See [here](#) for registration details.

Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines! **Charlotte Curling** is pleased to announce the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hogline 500 Bonspiel on March 31-April 3, 2022. This *Open* format event with a three-game guarantee celebrates the racing heritage of the Charlotte area, and will be filled with great people and fun surprises. There is a maximum of 32 teams – team entry is \$420. Registration can be found [here](#).



Our longest-running bonspiel returns to Windy City Curling this **April 21-24, 2022!** This is the bonspiel that put Windy City "on the map" (and is the one we see the most teams come back to, year after year). See why we're *known* for throwing one of the best parties around. Registration is now open! The link to register is [here](#).

#### The details:

- 24 teams, open format (Any & all mix of genders allowed)
- 3-game Guarantee
- \$400 per Team
- Food and drinks throughout the weekend are included in your entry fee!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15th, 2022!!**

The **Rocket City Curling Club** is excited to announce that we have been selected to host a qualifier for USA Curling's *5-and-Under* National Championship. We will be hosting this event, titled "The Space Race", on April 1-3, 2022 in Huntsville, AL. This bonspiel is open to all USA Curling members with 5 or less years of eligibility (2020 does not count towards eligibility). [Registration is now open](#), with 32 team spots available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The price is \$400 per team with a 3-game guarantee.



[Registration](#) is open for the **Hive** Bonspiel at the Olympic Oval in Salt Lake City. This 4-game guarantee event is being hosted April 1-3, 2022 including a Friday Social, Saturday dinner, and a mini-glow spiel. Price is \$440 per team.



## Thanks Fellow Members!

From John Danckaert

I just want to personally thank all the members who have joined me since Jan 1 working side by side to improve and promote our club. Those members that spent their afternoon on Jan 1 and their day on Jan 2 to replace all the fluorescent lights with new LED lights. The effort took more than 100 man hours to complete the work and the savings to the club will begin to pay dividends in less than two years.

Additionally, those members that volunteered to support the club Olympic Open House Program this past week were all wonderful ambassadors for the roaring game and our club. The event was a fantastic success with all slotted reservations filled and several members volunteering more than eight hours of their Saturday to show the public what we already know is a great sport. Thank you one and all!

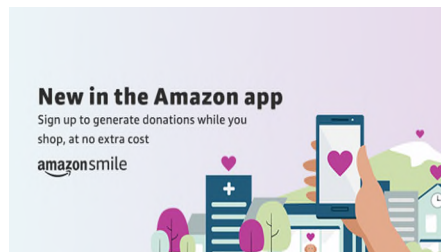
Finally, there is another opportunity to support your club and the sport of curling on March 5. Go to our website and register to be a host, trainer, greeter or general assistant. We need you to be there to keep our club strong and growing.

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*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.*

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