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All Detroit Final at 2nd Annual Motor City Doubles

The 2nd Annual Motor City Doubles Bonspiel was held over the March 18th weekend with 20 teams participating. Teams competed amongst each other with win/loss record and draw shot challenge measurements determining the playoffs. John Gaul and Melissa Turbow played against Eric Kortebein and Mike 'Clappy' Clapsadle in the A Finals. Both teams entered into a slugfest after each playing their five prior games that weekend, but ultimately Eric and Clappy won the A Event.

In the B Event, Don Bleaney and Kara Szpondowski played against Laura Call and Dan Maggio. After a well-played game, the Call-Maggio duo claimed the win for the B Event.

Many thanks to Julie, Bret, Jenny, and Ben for organizing the event and the numerous volunteers that helped in the warm room and out on the ice. We hope to have even more teams for the 3rd Annual Motor City Doubles Spiel. Good Curling!











CALENDAR

Events

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

Ice Removal
Detroit Curling Club
May 9–May 14, 2022

Annual Meeting
Detroit Curling Club
6:30PM–9:00PM
May 25, 2022

End of the Season Bar Update

Bar tabs will remain open through the Champagne Spiel on April 9! This means invoices from March 1 - April 9 will be sent out on April 10 and due on April 20. If you still have a previous outstanding invoice, you can pay at the bar or via PayPal. Please contact Marta Bauer at assistanttreasurer@detroitcurling.com with any questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please sign up to help using the links below:

- Champagne Spiel 4/9
- Individual Curling Experience (ICE) 4/14-15
- Motor City Open Bonspiel 4/29 5/1

Save the Dates!

Please add the following dates into your calendars:

- 1. Ice Removal We need to have the ice removed between May 9–May 14, with all projects completed by May 15th. We need help with power washers, runners, and cleaning up the warm room for the off season. Signups for volunteering can be found on the Volunteer Opportunites page soon.
- 2. Annual Meeting Elections and the Annual Report will take place on Wednesday, May 25 in person at the Club. Be on the lookout for more details soon.
- 3. Scots Tour The Women's Scots are planning to arrive on November 3rd! Please see poster below for more details.
- 4. Komen Walk for Cancer This year's Komen Walk will take place October 2, 2022. Registration information or any questions should be directed to Laura Call.



Rockettes Corner

We are still accepting applications for the Rockette's Curling Development Fund (RCDF). RCDF provides funding to DCC curlers to support curling development or attend events which promote women's curling. Any individual, of any age or gender, may apply for funding. The applicant must be a good standing member of the Detroit Curling Club. Social members are not eligible.



Rockette Annual Meeting will take place via Zoom on Tuesday, April 12 at 7pm.

If any Rockette is not receiving the Rockette eNewsletter, please email the <u>rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com</u> to be added to the mailing list.

Pro Shop News

Your Pro Shop is preparing to wrap up a very busy season. We have inventory still available for you to stock up on for those summer spiels. We have one pair of gently used men's curling shoes remaining for the very reasonable price of \$40. Stop in and check them out. Don't forget to get your set of pint glasses for those summer evening beer socials. We have a limited stock remaining. We also have a fresh delivery of stop watches if you need one.

Thank you for supporting your Pro Shop. We are here to serve your curling equipment needs. We offer a wide range of products at very competitive prices. We are here for your convenience. Let us know if you need something special.

Next season we will offer club crest Hardline brush covers. We also offer custom embroidery service for your

personal items. We will post the details on the information on the bulletin board. Watch for it soon.

Thank You All! John Danckaert. Pro Shop Mgr.

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DATE	OPPONENT		WATCH
SAT, 4/2	DEN	4:00p	
SUN, 4/3	CZE	4:00p	PEACOCK, OLYMPIC CHANNEL
SUN, 4/3	GER	9:00p	
MON, 4/4	C ALL KOR TEA	4:00p	PEACOCK, OLYMPIC CHANNEL
MON, 4/4	NOR	9:00p	
TUE, 4/5	sco	4:00p	PEACOCK, OLYMPIC CHANNEL
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WED, 4/6	SUI	4:00p	PEACOCK, OLYMPIC CHANNEL
THU, 4/7	CAN	11:00a	PEACOCK, OLYMPIC CHANNEL
THU, 4/7	SWE	9:00p	PEACOCK, OLYMPIC CHANNEL
FRI, 4/8	FIN	11:00a	PEACOCK, OLYMPIC CHANNEL
FRI, 4/8	ITA	9:00p	
SAT, 4/9	QUAL. GAMES	4:00p	PEACOCK, OLYMPIC CHANNEL
SAT, 4/9	SEMI-FINALS	9:00p	PEACOCK, OLYMPIC CHANNEL
SUN, 4/10	BRONZE MEDAL	1:00p	PEACOCK, OLYMPIC CHANNEL

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

Detroit-Kitchener Exchange Returns!

March 18, 19 and 20, 2022 marked the conclusion of the 105th Detroit-KW Exchange in Ontario. It was fantastic to have all of the camaraderie (and tomfoolery) live and in person again! Two years ago, just after the conclusion of the March 2020 Exchange, the Covid-19 global pandemic was just sinking its teeth into the world. Little did anyone realize that it would take two years for life to become just a little more "normal" again. Thankfully with technology, the Detroit and Kitchener sides were able to hold "Virtual Exchanges" while live events were not possible, though the true feel of the event was missing - as was the curling.

Although travel to Canada required proof of a negative pre-entry Covid-19 test and a bit of advance planning, twenty-three individuals represented the Detroit Curling Club at this year's exchange. Oddly, DCC member and Canadian, Mike Hardman, recruited three other curlers from his former home of Bradford, ON to come and represent the DCC. The Detroit Curling Club had a total of ten "Rookies," including the four Canadians. Kitchener had a total of twenty-eight representatives with four new "Rookies."



This year's event began on a Friday evening with hospitality and a joyous reunion of the Detroit and Kitchener groups. Friendly and lively curling began in the morning on Saturday with a break for lunch followed by more curling in the afternoon. The Saturday banquet held at the Olde Heidelberg Inn & Restaurant was enjoyed by all. As always, delicious and the stories the food was memorable! Sunday Sinners Breakfast was held, in usual fashion, at the Plattsville Curling Club. At this breakfast, the "Rookies" earned acknowledgement as full-fledged Exchange participants.

A notable auction occurred at the Sinners Breakfast when a bottle of Ukrainian vodka was put on the auction block with all proceeds pledged to a Ukrainian Relief Fund to help with humanitarian efforts due to the current war. Not only did the bottle auction for more than \$100, attendees made further donations, raising a total of nearly \$800 for those in need. Several comments were made regarding the friendly nature of our exchange between neighboring countries and hope for better times ahead for other parts of the world.

Heartfelt thanks to the Kitchener Committee who put much work into planning an event whose true fate was still unknown until only a couple of weeks prior to the Exchange date. Their efforts were certainly great and are truly appreciated! We look forward to reciprocating in November 2022 for their return to Detroit for the beginning of the 106th Detroit-KW Exchange!

During the Saturday luncheon between curling matches, the Detroit side was informed of the recent passing of long-time KW Exchange member, Les Houston. Les was an Exchange fixture for many years. His charming smile, kindness, and friendly nature will be missed and remembered. Good Curling, Les...

Schedule of Events 2021-2022: April 3, 2022 – Last Chance Sinners Event (Curling Event)

USWCA Women's Bonspiel Recap

Submitted by Diana Jankowski

On February 26, 1946, during inter-club curling at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, it was suggested a national women's curling association be formed. The idea was enthusiastically received. An appointed committee framed a constitution which was presented to representatives of the five founding clubs - Appleton, Exmoor, Indian Hill, Skokie and Wauwatosa - in October, 1947. The constitution was adopted and the USWCA was founded. The USWCA presently consists of 82 clubs.

Thirty-two women's teams from across the United States wrapped up competition at the 73rd USWCA National Women's Bonspiel which was held at the Utica Curling Club in Whitesboro, New York. This bonspiel celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the USWCA ran from February 23 - 27, 2022.

The event started with the Wednesday night kit party and opening ceremonies. Teams were paraded onto the ice carrying their team placards with bagpipes playing and all sang the national anthem. Then the ceremonial first rock was thrown by current USWCA President, Naida Leslie. USWCA Past Presidents swept the shot right to the button. Curling began on Thursday, with 10 end, timed games being played on Utica's 6 sheets of ice. At the banquet Thursday night, teams were treated to a skit portraying how the USWCA was founded. Curling continued Friday through the finals on Sunday afternoon.

The Detroit Curling Club was represented by three teams:

Detroit 1: Melissa Turbow, Diana Jankowski, Stephanie Whitmore, Jenny Levy

Detroit 2: Julie Benson, Ashley Mayra, Marta Bauer, Kristine Rathke

Detroit 3: Abby Bond, Laura Call, Pam Buchkowski, Troy Eller English

Team Turbow (Detroit 1) had a hard draw schedule from the start-facing teams that have won this event in the past, facing skips who have played for 40+ years, and still, every game was a hard-fought battle. We had an amazing time going 4-2 and happily accepted being the B final runners up! Thank you to anyone who watched and sent encouraging messages!



USWCA Nationals 2nd Event Runners-Ups: Jenny Levy, Stephanie Whitmore, Diana Jankowski, Melissa Turbow.

Team Benson (Detroit 2) finished the event 3-2 and made it to the C event quarterfinals.

Team Bond (Detroit 3) fought a hard while in the A bracket. After three wins in a row, they were knocked out of the A Event semifinals by the team that won the entire thing. They are happy with how they played together as a team, and the fun they had off the ice.

The Lowlander Bonspiel

Submitted by Damien Buchkowski

On Saturday March 12, 2022 a dedicated group of DCC curlers and guests came to the Detroit Curling Club to participate in the Lowlander Bonspiel. With a last-minute opening of The Club for rentals, this group rented all four sheets and played a one-game tournament to "Do the Right Thing." After eight invigorating ends, the Michael Yanska rink (Michael Yanska - Skip, John Gaul - Vice, Damien Buchkowski - Second, and Keith Giannico (guest) - Lead) were victorious with an expertly-swept draw-to-the-button that settled two inches from the center of the button.



Many thanks go out to all involved in the eleventh-hour planning

of this Bonspiel. To Duncan Whitmore for spearheading the organization of the event and the ice rental, and Sarah Felosak who expertly took care of the early afternoon details of registration and hospitality. Sarah also acted as bonspiel photographer for the duration of the event. Ben Messick generously donated prizes for the winning team (four bottles of Lowland Single Malt Scotch), after being (regrettably) unable to play. A big thank you goes out to Chase and Karina Ansok for opening their home to the participants of this event for after-curling fellowship and camaraderie.

Good curling to all of the participants and supporters of this memorable and last-minute event!

White Elephant Spiels Returns

Another White Elephant in the books after a two-year hiatus! Thank you to Laura Gilchrist for the work she did on the outdoor patio permit! We at least got a great picture even if the weather didn't cooperate. Also thank you to the all the participants and volunteers that made the day great!

Morning Event winners: Mike Clapsadle, Mark Brosnan, Eric Kortebein, and Dennis Pellerin.

Afternoon winners: Ben Levy, Shawn King, Michele Falvey, and Suzanne Hansell.







Battle of Detroit for B Final at Denver 5 & Under

Congratulations to The Smith Rink (Detroit 1) who played the Mayra Rink in The Mountains are Calling Curling 5 and Under Bonspiel at the Denver Curling. B Event winners and Runners-up! Smith Rink: Steven Smith, John Gaul, Julia Toro Schubert, Teresa Tejada, and Karl Schubert. Mayra Rink: Ashley Mayra, Chase Ansok, Jimmy Kirby, and Karina Lizzi Ansok.









The Bonspiel Board

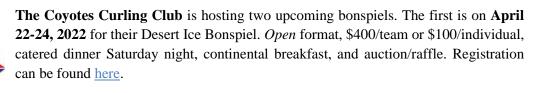
You asked for them so here they are! Here are postings for bonspiels around the GLCA and beyond. Grab your team or form a new one with people whom you haven't curled with before and go travel to a bonspiel!



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 second is the Hotter Than Hell Bonspiel on **July 15-17**, **2022**. *Open* format, \$400/team or \$100/individual, chili cook off Saturday, continental breakfast, and auction/raffles. Registration can be found here.

Ljubljana is welcoming teams from all over the world to participate in the Ljubljana *Open* on **May 6-8, 2022**. Currently, there are no restrictions for entering Slovenia and for participating in the event. Registration can and more details can be found here.

- 8 End Games (Schenkel System)
- 4 Game Guarantee
- Prize pool (dependent on number of teams registered)
- Wine & Cheese Party at venue on Friday night
- Banquet Dinner in Ljubljana City Center (Allegria Restaurant)





Bowling Green/Black Swamp Curling Center has posted their calendar of events for the 2022–2023 Curling Season. Please see the <u>flyer</u> for events and dates.

2022 USWCA Women's All-American Bonspiel -- April 30 - May 1, 2022

Denver Curling and the USWCA invite women curlers of all abilities ages 12+ to participate in this event that promotes friendship, encouragement, and plenty of fun on and off the ice. Individual sign up only. Please indicate preferred position. Teams will be drawn by organizers: 64 players max (16 teams) Register by April 15th 3 game guarantee This year's theme is *Cartoon Characters!* For more information contact: Karen, Brittany, or Joyce



Coming back this Summer is our 12th Annual Summer Blockbuster Bonspiel. This *Open* Bonspiel will take place July 1-3, 2022 at the Southern California Curling Center. 3-game guarantee, can sign up as a team or individually (\$420/team or \$105/individual). Cash bar, Friday night dinner, continental breakfast and snacks all weekend, raffle and silent auction (including curling jerseys and signed

memorabilia), and Registration opens on April

4.

Denver Curling Club is hosting a *Junior* Bonspiel over the **4**th **of July weekend**. \$50 per person, can sign up as a team or individually. More details and registration can be found here.





Seattle Curling Club -- We are proud to announce our inaugural LGBTQIA+ pridespiel - Over the RainbowSpiel! This *Open* bonspiel will be limited to 24 teams but otherwise open to EVERYONE EVERYWHERE! We are hoping to make this event an inclusive and fun celebration of the LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC community, and we hope everyone will join us **June 3-5, 2022**. Registration is now LIVE here.

- 24 team, open format bonspiel with A, B, C, and D events and 3 game guarantee
- Lunch and Dinner provided on Saturday, Brunch on Sunday
- Drag performance and amateur drag/costume contest Saturday evening
- Karaoke on Saturday night
- Raffles, basket auctions, and other curling games to raise money for a local LGBTQIA+ organization
- Masks optional, open to all with proof of vaccination for COVID-19



The Great Smoky Mountains Curling Club are hosting an inaugural summer spiel this year: the Scruffy City Bonspiel!!! The Spiel will be June 3-5 in Knoxville. We are soft-launching the signups 3/24 at noon and general signup at 12pm EST on Sunday the 27th. We hope to see you all this summer in Knoxville! Signup link: https://tinyurl.com/bddpnane

Dallas/Ft. Worth Curling Club -- Our annual *Steers and Beers Bonspiel* will be from **July 8th** - **July 10th, 2022**! Registration will open on April 1st, so mark your calendars! We will have a waitlist set up, so if it fills up, be sure to put your name on the list! We will be taking 24 teams this year as we are doing a 4-game guarantee! The cost per team is \$480.00. All meals will be included.



This event will start at 9AM on Friday. Each team will be playing two games on Friday so please come in Thursday evening and be ready to play an early game and a later in the day game. Back by popular demand this year, the all-you-can-drink-beer mugs! If you want to come just for the mug, that is fine by us!! We will have a limited number so be sure to get there early to get yours! We are looking forward to seeing y'all again soon! Put your party pants on and get to Texas!



Women Curlers at The Detroit Curling Club

There has been a long-standing misconception that women did not start curling at The Club until the mid-1950s – when the Rockettes organization was formed. This is not true. Women have been curling at The Club from at least 1917. Finding evidence of the women curling is difficult. It can be found, but only in very small pieces.

Throughout the late 1800s and early 1900s The Club was fortunate to have a few members that worked at the Detroit Free Press. So numerous articles and photographs were published in the FREEP – articles, pictures and match scores – of men only. The Detroit News, though, had a female sports reporter – Buda Stephens – a Tennis champion. Buda visited The Club in 1917 and wrote a very nice, but short, article about the women curlers at The Detroit Curling Club. She named four wives of the members that took her on the ice and demonstrated the sport. She called it "the first women's curling match ever held in Detroit". Unfortunately, she did not report on upcoming games or leagues.

Another subtle hint can be found in the minutes of the Board of Directors. Many years between 1930 and 1940 there was a committee position on the board called: *Ladies* or *Ladies Activities*. Unfortunately, I have never seen a report by this committee in the minutes nor any references to ladies curling in the Treasurer's reports throughout this timeframe.

The *Scots Wha Hae* gives us a subtle hint that the women were curling in the 1930s. In the oldest known issue of the *Scots* (Dec 1934), listed in the monthly calendar on Thursday nights we find: "Ladies Night – Dinner – 6:00 P.M. Bonspiel – 7:00 P.M". Let's keep in mind that a "bonspiel" had a different meaning in olden days. A bonspiel was any curling competition to rank the participating teams from first to last (Well, in curling we do not say "last". We politely say "runner-up"). So, we can only imagine that this Thursday night Bonspiel was actually a weekly league. Today when we hear the word "bonspiel" we think of a weekend event with teams from a number of clubs.

Unfortunately, the SWH editors throughout the 1930s, 40s, and 50s never mention the Ladies curling scores. So, we have no known record of names or completions. Such a shame. I hope future editors of the SWH take this to heart – what you include or do not include will be studied by future historians of The Club.

Sidebar: The earliest reference to Mixed (or couples) Curling at Detroit is a 1955 Detroit Free Press article. The author writes about the *Sinners*, the *Saints* and the *Rockettes*. Apparently, the nickname "Saints" was used to refer to the every-other Friday night couples curling league at The Club. I guess the moniker did not last long, I have never seen it used before or after this one FREEP article. The article does mention that the *Rockettes* curled on Tuesdays and Thursdays (daytime or evenings – was not mentioned).

'Til next time,

SWEEP!! Sweep like you've never swept before....

Angus MacTavish

Call for Goats!

The Champagne Spiel is a yearly tradition where the 5 & under curlers (Colts) battle off against the seniors (Goats: 6+ year curlers). You are not going to want to miss out on this great event! The theme will be roaring 20s, and we invite everyone to dress up in your best 20s outfit. As of the morning of this publication, there are only about 27 Goats signed up versus the 40+ Colts. Registration closes this Sunday so please sign up 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:

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
- 3. Select "Detroit Curling Club" as your charity
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app



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