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## In Memoriam

With a heavy heart we would like to pass along the information that former DCC member Bernice Butterworth passed away last March. We were not informed of her death and came upon her obituary after some of her pins and personal items showed up at the club. She was a long time member and favorite skip of female curlers for many years. She embodied the spirit of curling on and off the ice. <https://mckenzieblundy.com/.../Dorothy.../obituary.html>

## Clean Ice

It takes a village to keep our ice clean. Here are some tips from our Ice Committee to keep the ice clean: **Clothes** - change at the club and utilize our lint rollers. Lint rollers and refills are available in both locker rooms and by both doors into the arena. There are more refills in the Sprinkler Room, so if you see one is empty, please swap it out. **Grippers** - grippers are on sale in the Pro Shop, \$2 off! Treat yourself to a new gripper and help keep the ice clean. **Broom heads** - It's also a great time to get a new broom head. Replace them regularly (at least 1-2 times a season per league, but more often is encouraged for cleanliness and effectiveness. The more you play the more they wear). When wiping them off after sweeping during a game, ONLY do this off the ice and over a garbage can.

## Housekeeping

If you or your league host a meal, potluck, or party, please remember to clean up after yourselves including washing all dishes and putting away/taking home all food items. This is not the responsibility of the bar staff. The Rockettes purchased two new cordless vacuums. They are lightweight and very easy to use. If you see a rug that could use some cleaning, please grab one of these new vacuums and put it to good use. They are currently located in the front of the warm room - by the broom box and by The Percy Power Room.

## Bar Tabs

Take a few minutes with the bartenders to check your credit card that is on file to make sure it's not expired or is the card you want to use. If you need to register a new card, see Derek or Frank for the paperwork..

## CALENDAR Events

### MiniBon

Detroit Curling Club  
November 25, 2023

### Ladies All-American

Detroit Curling Club  
December 2, 2023

### GLCA U-18 Playdowns

Mayfield Curling Club  
December 8-10, 2023

### Men's International Playdown

Detroit Curling Club  
December 9-10, 2023

### Senior Men's One-Day

Detroit Curling Club  
December 13, 2023

### Meat and Greet

Detroit Curling Club  
December 16, 2023

## Call for Rental Instructors

Would you be interested in being a DCC Rental Instructor? We are looking for a few additional instructors who can cover some weekday daytime rentals and some weekend rentals. Rental instructors are paid. We are looking for people with a minimum of 3 years of curling experience and/or completed the Level 1 Instructor Program. We will provide instructions on how to conduct a rental session (warm room activities and on-ice instruction/responsibilities, timing, etc.). If you are interested, please email Don Bleaney, Director of Rentals [don.bleaney@gmail.com](mailto:don.bleaney@gmail.com).

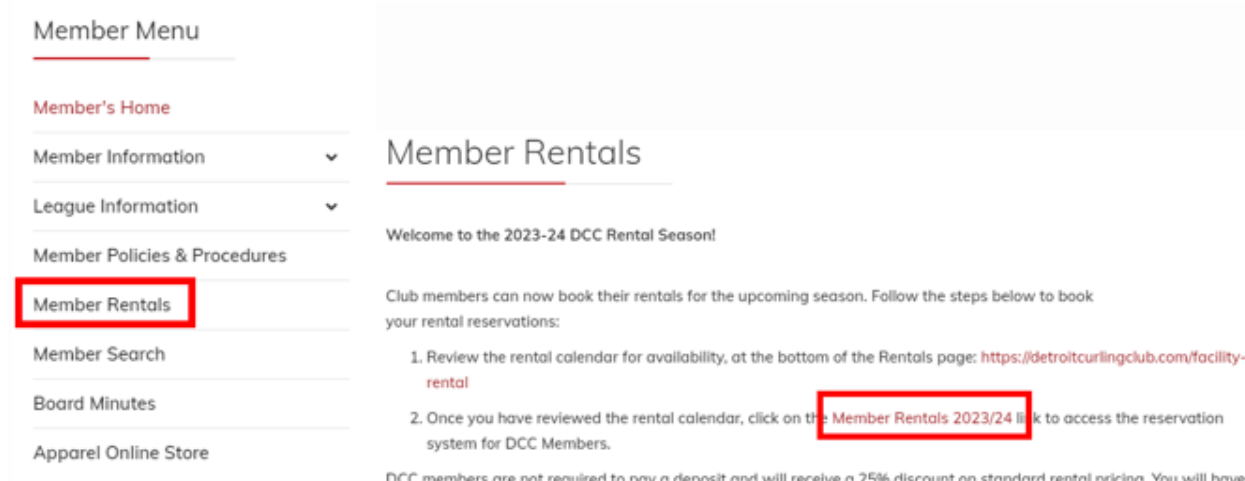
## Member Rentals Are Open

Club members can now book their rentals for the upcoming season. Follow the steps below to book your rental reservations:

1. Review the rental calendar for availability, at the bottom of <https://detroitcurlingclub.com/facility-rental>
2. Use the reservation link in the Member Rentals section of the DCC Website. You will need to log into the Members Area to access the link.

DCC members are not required to pay a deposit and will receive a 25% discount on standard rental pricing. You will have the option to pay for your rental at the time of booking or pay later. Full rental payment is due 7 days prior to the rental. A link to pay the balance of the rental is included in the confirmation email.

**Cancellations:** For cancellations made 7 days in advance of your rental, any payments made will be fully



refunded. Reservations canceled within 7 days and up to 48 hours in advance of your rental, the deposit (20% of the rental) will not be refunded. For cancellations within 48 hours of your rental, 50% of the full rental fee will be charged.

**Bar Service:** Please note bar service can be available for member rentals (see Member Rental Bartender Request Guidelines on the Member Rentals page). If you wish to have the bar available for your rental, follow the instructions to contact the bar manager and coordinate Member Bar Service.

If you have questions, please email [rentals@detroitcurling.com](mailto:rentals@detroitcurling.com)

## Help DCC Teams go to Italy

Two DCC teams are headed to the World Masters Games in Italy in January.

Bret Jackson, Julie Benson, Nick Meyers, and Berit Tompkins will be competing in Mixed Fours at the World Masters Games in Madessimo Italy. They are selling Yay Curling! T-shirts for \$30. Please see Julie or Bret if you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt.

A blue poster with white snowflake patterns. At the top, it says "Team Riecke/Metty Winter World Masters Games". Below that, "RAFFLE Fundraiser" in large white letters. To the right is a logo for "CURLING Madesimo". Underneath, "PRIZE" in white, followed by "ONE PAID TEAM ENTRY (guaranteed spot) in the 2024 Traverse City Cherry Bombspiel (April 19-21) OR Private Rental and Instruction for up to 8 people at the Traverse City Curling Club (2.5hr)". Then "TICKETS \$25" in blue, and "DRAW DATE: Sun Dec 3, 2pm Facebook Live" in blue. Below that, "For tickets: Contact Jill: 231-392-5061 or Denis: 586-817-1220". Then "We can arrange ANY type of payment and will send you a photo of your ticket!" with two Venmo QR codes. At the bottom, "Donations also welcome! Thanks for your support!" and "Raffle License #X09874".

Team Riecke/Metty  
Winter World Masters Games

**RAFFLE Fundraiser**

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Help support Team USA Mixed Doubles Team Riecke/Metty as they prepare to compete in the Winter World Masters Games Over 50 Mixed Doubles Competition in Italy this January! For a \$25 dollar raffle ticket, you can win a chance for your TEAM to compete in the coveted 2024 Traverse City Cherry Bombspiel. This event fills up in minutes, so get your ticket and support Team Riecke/Metty!

Not interested in winning a spot in the Cherryspiel? No problem! We have a two and a half hour rental and instruction available at the Traverse City Curling Club for you and your friends!

We are looking forward to the competition in January, and have appreciated the kind words and support from our families at home, friends and curling family!

--Denis Metty and Jillian Riecke

## Bonspiel Updates!

Jenny and Ben Levy won the Triangle Curling Club Mixed Doubles bonspiel that was held November 3-5 outside of Raleigh, NC. They highly recommend visiting the Triangle Curling Club, which has a late season open bonspiel, The Carolina Classic, April 18-21, 2024.





In September, Dave and Pam Hollingsworth vacationed in the UK. Prior to making the trip, Pam reached out to her counterpart on the team she played during the Scots Tour, Janette McLeod. Janette arranged a dinner get together in Edinburgh, for Pam and Dave and three ladies from the tour – Janette, Jill Black, and Kim Dalland. Kim's husband, Magnar, joined them, along with Phyllis and Jim Kirchner, from Kettle Moraine, Wisconsin. The Kettle Moraine Curling Club had also hosted the Scots, and Phyllis and Jim happened to be visiting Edinburgh the same week. In addition to meeting for dinner, Kim arranged for Pam and Dave to participate in some pairs curling at Kinross Curling, where Kim works as Development Officer. Kim's partner was rink office manager, Angela Wilcox. The Kinross Curling facility is home to multiple curling clubs, including the Kinross Curling Club, which dates back to 1668, and is considered to be the oldest curling club in the world.

Right: Pairs Curlers, L->R: Dave and Pam Hollingsworth, Angela Wilcox, Kim Dalland



Below left: Dinner curling ladies, L->R: Janette McLeod, Pam Hollingsworth, Kim Dalland, Phyllis Kirchner, Jill Black

Below right: Dinner large group, L->R: Phyllis Kirchner, Jill Black, Dave and Pam Hollingsworth, Kim and Magnar Dalland, Jim Kirchner, Janette McLeod



**Been to a bonspiel? Send an update to [news@detroitcurlingclub.com](mailto:news@detroitcurlingclub.com)**

## Five and Under Updates

The **National Five and Under Bonspiel** will be held at Chaska Curling Club, April 24-28, 2024. The list of qualifying bonspiels can be found at: <https://www.usacurling.org/5-and-under-national-championship>

**5 & Under Eligibility Rules** –Included in the [2022-2023 USA Curling Rules of Curling & Competition](#) are the updated 5 & Under eligibility rules. Event Eligibility has been changed to be a curling season (July 1st to June



30th of the following year) rather than a calendar year (see page 32). If you need help figuring out your eligibility, contact Don Bleaney at: [don.bleaney@gmail.com](mailto:don.bleaney@gmail.com).

## Ontario Curling Association Update

As the only US club in the OCA, we are able to compete in any OCA events that lead to a *Provencial Banner*. Not to say you couldn't compete in one leading to *the National Championship* but we're unable to compete in the Brier or the Scotties.

The OCA offers a number of different categories to compete for a *Provencial Banner* including:

- [Open/Men's/Women's Trillium Club Championship](#) (Location TBA, March 8-10, 2024)
  - Club level event with teams using local bonspiel events to earn points and advance to the Final. The top 16 teams of each gender qualify for the Provencial Championship. The season runs from November 1<sup>st</sup> through February 26<sup>th</sup>.
    - Teams must register in the Club Series *prior* to earning any points. Events have to be held in CurlON Member Facilities and not restricted by age, by invitation only, or inner-league/club based.
    - Teams must declare a maximum of six players and must field 3 out of 6 in all games for events.
    - Submit scores using an online form. The best 3 results will count towards official rankings.
    - For more details, please see the [23-24 ON Competition Rules](#)
- [Four-Person Stick Championship](#) (Palmerston Curling Club, February 9-11, 2024)
  - All participants must use the stick delivery system and be over the age of eighteen. Teams automatically qualify for the round robin pool play at the Championship. Open format. More rules can be found [here](#).
- [Grandmasters Championship](#) (Thornhill Club, March 14-16, 2024)
  - Four event format with a three-game guarantee. Open to male athletes 70 and over and female athletes 65 and over as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - Open Qualifiers will take place November 17-December 12 with [host sites currently TBA](#). Entry fee is \$235 CA with entries closing on November 6 at 9:30AM.
  - Each team will be composed of four or five women or four or five men or any combination of women or men playing on any team position. More rules can be found [here](#).
- [Senior Mixed Championship](#) (Gananoque Curling Club, April 10-14, 2024)
  - Teams must be comprised of four members (two males, two females). Male athletes must be aged fifty and over, female athletes forty-five and over as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - Four open qualifier events over March 22-24, 2024 weekend. Registration is due by February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:30AM. Entry is \$260 CAN. More rules can be found [here](#).
- [Silver Tankard](#) (Oshawa Curling Club, April 19-21, 2024)
  - This unique format requires a four person men's team and a four person women's team playing for a combined score to decide the results. (At the same site, usually on adjoining sheets.) All athletes must be aged eighteen or older by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
  - There are eight (8) [qualifier events](#) over the April 5-7<sup>th</sup> weekend to qualify for the Provencial Championship. Entry is \$370 CAN and must be registered by March 11, 2024 at 9:30AM.

Interested parties looking to compete in any of these events must first register with [canada.curling.io](https://canada.curling.io). If you have any questions about any of these formats or anything else that the OCA offers, please feel to reach out to your representatives Jenny Levy or Nate Glitman. Good curling!

## Rockettes Corner

**DCC Wear:** The Rockette's have bought back, after many requests, the coveted Ford inspired DCC logo for this year's merchandise. You can find hoodies, long-sleeved shirts, and t-shirts in the pro shop. Please pay at the bar. Spread the word to your friends at other clubs as well who are planning to visit DCC, as we have had requests from visiting clubs as well!



**Ladies All American:** The Ladies All American Bonspiel will take place on December 2nd this year as a one-day bonspiel. There are only 32 spots available, and it is already half full, so please be sure to sign up! To register, use this link: <https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/bonspiels/2023-all-america>

**Food Finds:** The Rockette's Freezer finds will be up and running this week! If you are feeling peckish after a long day at work and coming directly to the club, stop by to get one food item for \$3 and 2 for \$5. Please pay at the bar. Remember to clean the microwave after you are done. Additionally, walking tacos will be on sale the week of Nov. 27! If you would like to volunteer, please use the sign up genius link on the DCC volunteer page.



## The Ladies International Bonspiel Committee is Looking for Volunteers!

Please contact your cochairs Elizabeth Demers and Theresa Tejada at [Elizabeth.demers@gmail.com](mailto:Elizabeth.demers@gmail.com) to help plan the most entertaining bonspiel of the year!

## Rockettes Ambassadors

Many of our new (and not so new) members, particularly after Learn to Curl ends, are not in the Monday Ladies League. We realize that sometimes things get lost in emails and having a friendly face to talk with or ask questions to is more helpful. So we would like to have one person on each league that can act as a Rockettes ambassador. This person would simply be someone to help spread information and answer any questions members of the Rockettes might have or point them in the direction of who can answer them. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please let the board know at [rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com](mailto:rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com).

**Yacht Rock**  
February 3 - 4, 2024

**2024 Detroit Ladies International**

**Come sail away with the soulful sounds of the 70s!**

- Three-game guarantee
- Breakfast and lunch; Yacht Rock Saturday Night!
- Boat drinks and raffle
- \$380/team

**Register online at:**  
<https://bit.ly/3ri2EA1> or [www.detroitcurlingclub.com](http://www.detroitcurlingclub.com)

A block of rooms have been reserved at the  
Hyatt Place Royal Oak  
422 N Main Street, Royal Oak, Michigan, 48067 (248) 545-7030  
To book online visit  
[Visit https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/michigan/hyatt-place-detroit-royal-oak/dwar](https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/michigan/hyatt-place-detroit-royal-oak/dwar)  
Select Special Rates, and under group/corporate # input: G-DTRC

We are asking each team to contribute a prize for the raffle.  
For more information contact: [elizabeth.demers@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.demers@gmail.com)

# USWCA News

## Outgoing Canadian Sr. Friendship Tour

After successfully hosting two incoming tours in 2022, its time for US Curlers to travel to Quebec and Ontario Canada as part of the Sr. Friendship Tour. Eligible women must be 50+ years of age and any USWCA female curler is eligible to apply. Tour dates are November 3-14, 2024 (subject to change. **The application deadline is December 15, 2023.** Participants are selected on a lottery basis with equal representation from each of the four USWCA regions. Participants will be drawn at the National Bonspiel in February, 2024. The approximate cost of the tour is \$2,000-\$2,400, not including transportation to the start/end sites, some meals and incidentals. Applications and details are at: <https://www.uswca.org/2024-friendship-tour>

Please visit the USWCA website or contact Bethany Rivera for more information, [aandbrivera@yahoo.com](mailto:aandbrivera@yahoo.com)

## USWCA Five and Under OPEN Bonspiels

**Kettle Moraine, December 1-3:** Registration information available at <https://kmcurlingclub.com/midwest-cup-5-under/>. This is a qualifying bonspiel for the National 5&U.

**Charlotte Curling Association, December 8-10, 2024. MODIFIED, MIXED-GENDER OPEN.** Registration available at <https://charlottecurling.com/event/5under-2023/>. This is a qualifying bonspiel for the National 5&U.

**Bucks County Curling Club, January 18- 2, 2024** Registration Information available at <https://www.buckscountycurlingclub.org/uswca5u.html>.

## The 3d Annual USWCA Super Senior Bonspiel

The 3rd Annual Super Senior Women's National Bonspiel will be held Tuesday, March 12 through Thursday, March 14 in West Chester, Ohio at the Cincinnati Curling Club. This bonspiel is for women curlers 65 years of age and older by January 1, 2024 from all member clubs and Members-At-Large. Curlers enter as individuals (not club teams) and are mixed with players from other regions. You may enter a composite team but only 2 players from the same club are allowed on the team. The other 2 players must be from different regions or clubs. The purpose of the event is to mix players from different regions onto a team. There is a three (3) game guarantee, playing 6 end games. Cincinnati CC has 3 sheets of ice and boasts fabulous food and ice.

Entry deadline is January 10, 2024.

Plan an extra day to tour Bourbon country right across the river!

<https://www.uswca.org/super-senior-womens-bonspiel-2024>.



## USWCA Circuit

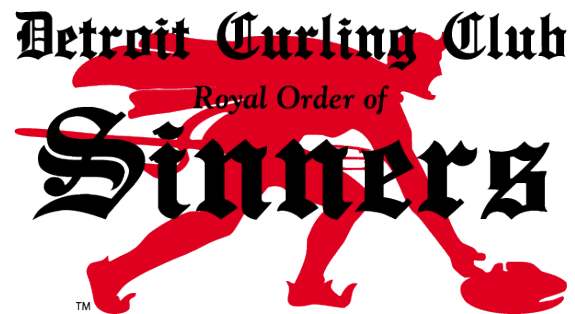
Don't forget to register for the USWCA circuit! Participants can earn cash for their participation in USWCA Circuit Bonspiels. Only two members of a team must be members of the Circuit and it doesn't need to always be the same two people to count towards Circuit points. Information and online registration can be found here: [United States Women's Curling Association - Circuit Events \(uswca.org\)](https://www.uswca.org/circuit-events)

**The USWCA also has New Merchandise for Sale!** [Products - USWCA - Tilson Bay Company \(chipply.com\)](https://www.chipply.com/products-uswca)



Check out the new hoodies, yoga pants and vests with the USWCA logo! Purchase can be made online via the link above.

If you have any questions about the USWCA events or want to get involved, please contact DCC club representative Bethany Rivera at [aandbrivera@yahoo.com](mailto:aandbrivera@yahoo.com)



## Sinners News

The Detroit KW exchange was held on November 10, 11, and 12, 2023. The festivities kicked off on the evening of Friday November 10th when participants from the US and Canadian sides reunited for fellowship and hospitality.

On Saturday November 11th, the Detroit and KW curlers squared off for a day of competition on the DCC ice. At 11:00 am a bugler played Taps in honor of Remembrance Day. Following a hearty corned beef lunch, a staple at the Detroit KW exchange for many years, the competitors took to the ice for a second game.

A Saturday banquet was held at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, MI. A fantastic meal was followed by stories shared by Exchange participants.

Sunday morning came quickly and all of the Exchange members gathered at the DCC for Sunday Sinners. A lively auction saw the sale of some old Sinners/Exchange artifacts as well as some new items. Penalties were assessed to the wicked for transgressions and rewards were gifted to the pure of heart.

The cumulative scores were tallied for all the games played and Detroit will head to the KW Granite Club in March 2024 ahead by 9 points.



Participation in the KW exchange is open to all male members of the DCC. For more information regarding the exchange, reach out to any of the Sinners Board representatives.

The next DCC Sinners breakfast is scheduled for Sunday December 10, 2023. Keep an eye out for the sign-up posted in the warm room and sign up for this event!

If you are new to the Sinners and wish to participate, send an email to [sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com](mailto:sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com) for registration information.

The Sinners have also been working on additions to their fashion collection. New scarves, t-shirts, and jackets will be available this year so you can show the world you like to sin in style!

Sinners Jackets are available for \$100, which includes embroidery and your name on the sleeve (optional). 2023-2024 polo-style (short-sleeve collared shirts) will also be available for \$40. These items are available only via pre-order and the deadline for ordering is December 31, 2023. Follow the links to place your order:

[2023-24 DCC "Royal Order of Sinners" Jacket Order Form](#)

[2023-24 DCC "Royal Order of Sinners" Polo Shirt Order Form](#)

## 2023-2024 Calendar of Events

December 10, 2023: Men's Sinners

January 1, 2024: Toast to the Club (sponsored in part by the Sinners)

January 21, 2024: Robbie Burns Men's Sinners Breakfast (curling event)

February 11, 2024: Sweetheart Sinners

March 15, 16, 17, 2024: KW 107th Exchange Part II (in Canada)

April 7, 2024: Last Chance Sinners

## 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)

# Pro Shop Update

We are experiencing a delay in receiving product orders from Goldline. If you are in need of Goldline products, we have a limited number of goods available and hope to have the new product in soon. In the meantime, we have a few Goldline grippers and a few Air-X heads and one stopwatch.

## New arrivals:

We have Asham Grippers in stock. We have plenty of Tournament grippers in all sizes available. Get yours early and help keep our ice clean.

Thanks to several members for their recent curling equipment donations to the club. We will accept any equipment donations. We do our best to clean, recondition and offer the used equipment at extremely reasonable prices to our current and future members.

Those members who are assisting in the LEARN-2-CURL, when you encourage the candidates to join, also mention that we have curling brushes, shoes and grippers at super discount prices for them to get started. New members need curling gear too. It is a great way to bring them into the fold. Good Curling!

One last note: If you desire a particular item that we do not have on hand, please let us know. Leave a note or send John ([jpdanckaert@gmail.com](mailto:jpdanckaert@gmail.com)) a request. He will assist in any way possible.

## Custom Embroidery Anybody?

If you have a garment that you really like to wear while curling and want to personalize it, your club has made arrangements with "Not Sorry Goods" located at 99623 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, Mi. They are located on the east side of Woodward at Breckinridge St. Bring your shirt, jacket, parka, stocking cap, scarf, mittens or anything else you would like personalized. They have the digital files of our club crest and the Rockettes logo. You can select to include your name in any color and font style or add any other embellishment you choose. Their prices are reasonable, they are close to the club and their turn-around is fast. Get stylin' and you won't be sorry!

## Donated Used Equipment

Did you get some sweet new curling gear this summer? Why not donate your old gear (brooms & shoes) to the Pro Shop? The Pro Shop reconditions the gear and offers it to our newer members at super low prices, so they have a chance to gear up and get better acquainted with our sport without going whole hog into new equipment. It allows our newer curlers to grow into the sport just like you did way back when. So, dust off that older gear, bring it in and help make our newer members happy.

## Thank You

A huge thank you to all the member donations of used equipment this season. The equipment was better than ever, and we had our best sales record since the Pro Shop opened in 2005! All the monies raised by these donations go into the general fund and we hope more of our seasoned members will consider supporting the program next season. Be sure to look out for an email in the coming months for a chance to order some more DCC branded gear from the online store.

*John Danckaert, Volunteer Pro Shop Mgr.*





## Angus MacTavish is in the House

### The Club Crest

John Kay (DCC President 1901-02) was born in Scotland in 1850. He and his parents immigrated to Canada in 1851. At 13 John learned the jeweler's trade at his father's store in Galt, Ontario. In 1881 he moved to Detroit and became the manager for the 'Roehm & Wright' a jewelry store. He subsequently bought out Mr. Roehm and then reorganized the business as 'Wright, Kay & Company'. Mr. Kay left this endeavor in 1907 to form the jewelry store of 'John Kay and Company'. He specialized in diamonds and other fine jewelry. He was recognized as one of the few experts on diamonds and precious stones in the country and wrote a book – *The Diamond* – a reference book still in use today.

Mr. Kay designed the current Club crest in 1934. The crest is based upon a Scottish Clan crest. The strap and buckle symbolizes the encircling of the membership of the clan and allegiance to the clan chief. Rather than a clan motto we see the name of the club. The rock and crossed brooms have obvious meaning and the thistle is the national emblem of Scotland since the 1200's.



In January 1935 this design was adopted by The Board of Directors as the new club's crest. 'John Kay & Company' produced 100 badges (pins) for the members of The Club. Here is a picture of the front and back of one of these original pins.



Later Club pins were produced by “Weyhing Detroit” (Weyhing Brothers Manufacturing); “Richard Hemsley LTD” (1970s); “The Pin Place Fort Dodge IA”. The pin has always been unique in the pin-collecting world because of the addition of the ‘raised’ rock which is added to the basic pin making it three-dimensional.

The February 2, 1938 Board of Director’s minutes state that the design be adopted as the club crest for producing embroidered cloth patches. The board recommended that the crest be worn on the left upper sleeve. Photo below circa 1945.



Always pandiculate before curling,

Angus MacTavish

## We Need YOU

A huge heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers that assisted in making the club function this season. It may sound like a broken record, but as a club we heavily rely on our own members to function each year. Please consider adding some time this upcoming curling season to help the club. Even if you're only available for half an hour or requires learning something new, your participation is crucial for the longevity of our club and many hands make light work. If you are interested in volunteering, joining the committee, or have any comments/questions, reach out to Maryanne Wessels at [volunteers@detroitcurling.com](mailto:volunteers@detroitcurling.com). Thank you.

## 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!

See the USWCA News section of this Newsletter for USWCA Sponsored 5&Unders!

### Pittsburgh Curling Club Tropicurl, June 6-9, 2024:

<https://www.pittsburghcurlingclub.com/bonspiels/#Tropicurl-24>



COYOTES CURLING CLUB PRESENTS THE  
**DONNA PURKEY CLASSIC**

**MARCH 15 - 17**  
3 GAME GUARANTEE  
\$320 per team

Saturday Banquet & Daily Broomstacking

**USWCA**  
**Our Vision**  
Host one of the premier West Coast USWCA Women's Circuit Events.

**Donna Purkey**  
**Our Inspiration - Donna Purkey**  
Two-time USA Sr National Women's Champion in 2007 & 2008, and bronze medalist in 2002 & 2007 World Senior Curling Championship. Donna was a tireless advocate for women's curling and dedicated member of the USWCA board serving as President in 1994-1995.

**COYOTES CURLING CLUB**  
**Our Mission**  
Build on Donna's legacy of fierce competition on the ice and warm camaraderie off the ice.

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
Registration Deadline  
February 25, 2024

**Join Us!**  
Come for the weather - stay for the curling!  
Leave the cold behind and spend a weekend playing in sunny Phoenix!

Need more info? Contact [events@coyotescurling.com](mailto:events@coyotescurling.com)



Inaugural  
**FROSTY DOUBLES**  
Mixed Doubles Bonspiel

**TRAVERSE CITY CURLING CLUB**

**December 1-3, 2023**  
24 teams-Pool Play-4 game guarantee  
\$240/team entry fee  
Finals start by 12pm Sunday

Registration Opens: 9/16 11am  
[tccurling.org/bonspiels](http://tccurling.org/bonspiels)  
Questions? [jillian.riecke@gmail.com](mailto:jillian.riecke@gmail.com)





2023-24 BONSPIELS	FORMAT	DATES	REGISTRATION
Maine-jac	Open	November 9-12	June 24
Belfast Open Doubles	Doubles	November 30-December 3	July 21
Women's Pine Tree	Women	January 11-14	August 1
Men's Little International	Men	February 15-18	December 1
Wood Memorial	Open	March 14-17	December 1

Plus! January 25-28 we are hosting the GNCC Mixed Senior Championships!

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For notifications about our bonspiels, email: [bonspiels@belfastcurlingclub.org](mailto:bonspiels@belfastcurlingclub.org) or check the bonspiel pages on our website for all the latest information:

[belfastcurlingclub.org/index.php/events/bonspiels](http://belfastcurlingclub.org/index.php/events/bonspiels)   

See our bonspiel webpages for convenient discounted lodging recommendations!







POTOMAC CURLING CLUB PRESENTS

# EMBASSY ROW PHILIPPINES

DECEMBER 8-10

**\$440/TEAM, \$110/INDIVIDUAL  
24 TEAMS MAXIMUM**

**REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 22ND, 12PM ET**

Join us for our annual Embassy Row Bonspiel, where we take a trip to the Philippines!

We will have Filipino food, 50/50 raffle, and KARAOKE to celebrate the Philippines' membership into the World Curling Federation!!

Draws start Friday morning, with event finals at noon on Sunday.  
Must be 21 or over to consume alcohol.



You are invited to ...  
Chatham Granite Club Ladies' Section

## HOLLY & MISTLETOE BONSPIEL

Monday, December 4th, 2023

Two draws: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Two 8-end games with a delicious meal between games

Lots of fun - Draw and Raffle Tables

Entry Fee: \$180.00 per team

Make cheques payable to: Chatham Granite Club Ladies' Section

E-transfer Option: Send to: [granite@cogeco.net](mailto:granite@cogeco.net)

Make note Registration for Holly & Mistletoe

Send Registration by Wednesday, November 15th, 2023 to:

Anita Quenneville, 16 Holland Ave, Chatham, ON N7M 2C7

519-401-0809

# FAIRBANKS CURLING CLUB

## OPEN 5-AND-UNDER BONSPIEL

### FEBRUARY 9-11, 2024

- 3 game guarantee with 8-end games
- Must be 21 years of age and have under 5 years of curling experience
- Registration is open until January 31st, or when 24-team limit is reached
- Winner will secure a spot at the National 5-and-Under Championships held in Chaska, MN in April 2024
- Cost is \$240 per team
- Contact [david@curlfairbanks.org](mailto:david@curlfairbanks.org) for more information





**JAN. 5-7, 2024**


**WOMEN'S DEATH BY CHOCOLATE  
Rochester Curling Club**

71 Deep Rock Road, Rochester NY 14624

Featuring "The Famous Chocolate-tinis" and chocolate at every meal. Our goal is for all participants to "NEVER" want to see another piece of chocolate (...for at least a week).

- Friday night reception with heavy appetizers.
- Saturday continental Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Sunday continental breakfast, and brunch during and after the finals.

The Rochester Curling Club requires filling out our liability waiver.

We are participating in the USWCA Circuit: 

3 Game Guarantee

16 Team Limit

\$400 per Team USD

\*Canadian teams receive \$40 bar credit

Registration, Eligibility forms, Waivers and Entry Fee must be received by December 21st.

**REGISTER ONLINE:**

Register online at  
[RochesterCurling.org](http://RochesterCurling.org)

Registrations will not be considered complete without payment.

You will receive a confirmation email.

Recommended hotel: Holiday Inn Express (717 East Henrietta Rd., Rochester, NY 14623)

Please contact Lynda Bloechl ([lbloechl@apogeenow.com](mailto:lbloechl@apogeenow.com)),

or Tricia Chapman ([guardgirl808@gmail.com](mailto:guardgirl808@gmail.com)) with any questions.

**Festivus**

FOR THE REST OF US

**Blackhawk Curling Club's 2nd Annual  
Festivus Open Bonspiel**

When: December 8-10, 2023

If you have any questions contact:  
Elyn Subak: 608-772-3457  
Kathy Wellnitz: 608-289-1982

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**BRANTFORD**  
37th Annual  
**2023 STU SELLS  
BRANTFORD NISSAN  
CLASSIC**  
**DECEMBER 1ST TO 4TH, 2023**

**24 Men's &  
20 Women's Teams**  
**Triple Elimination Format**

Enter your team at [www.stucurls.com](http://www.stucurls.com)



**Crystal Snowflake  
Bonspiel**

**DECEMBER 15-17, 2023**  
USWCA EVENT  
**PRESENTED BY NUTMEG CURLING CLUB**  
REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 - CLOSES NOVEMBER 25, 2023

**4 EVENTS / 3 GAME GUARANTEE**  
**\$420 PER TEAM / \$105 INDIVIDUAL**  
**ALL MEALS INCLUDED**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER VISIT [NUTMEGCURLING.COM](http://NUTMEGCURLING.COM)

**PORTAGE**  
Curling Club  
*established in 1850*  
**MEN'S BONSPIEL**



**BOURBON** *with* **ROCKS**  
December 8-10, 2023

3 Game Guarantee

\$320 Entry fee

**Friday:** Light meal

**Saturday:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Bourbon Tasting

**Sunday:** Breakfast, Lunch, and Awards

**FREE BEER DURING ENTIRE SPIEL**

**BOURBON TASTING**

**local distillery to feature samples and display their goods**

**ENTRY FORM**

**Bourbon Bonspiel -December 8-10, 2023**

Team Entry - Home Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Skip \_\_\_\_\_ Third \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Lead \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Contact email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Draw Times: (CIRCLE ONE)**

Friday 6:00pm, Friday 8:30 pm, or No preference

*First 16 teams are in with a waitlist to reach 24.*

*Checks will be held until entry is confirmed.*

Use easy payment through Venmo by scanning  
the QR code below or search Venmo -  
@portagecurlingclub



**SEND ENTRIES TO:**

Portage Curling Club  
P.O. Box 55 Portage, WI 53901  
Email: shlimo1212@gmail.com  
Phone: 608-617-3104

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Best Western, 2701 County Rd CX,  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-2200



**When:** Friday, March 8th through Sunday, March 10th, 2024

**Where:** Black Swamp Curling Center, Bowling Green, Ohio

**What:** Friday night social mixer; 3 game guarantee bonspiel starting Saturday morning

**Cost:** \$400 per team (includes snacks Friday, light breakfast, lunch, and dinner Saturday, light breakfast and lunch Sunday)

**This is a USWCA Circuit Event.**

Register at [bgcurlingclub.com](http://bgcurlingclub.com).

Email [emilyrvollmar@gmail.com](mailto:emilyrvollmar@gmail.com) or [kelseydburg@gmail.com](mailto:kelseydburg@gmail.com) with questions.





## 2023 Hogmanay Bonspiel

December 29-31, 2023

- \$500 per team
- 4 game minimum
- Food & Drink provided
- New Year's Eve Party

*Celebrate the end of 2023 in Austin, TX with camaraderie and curling!*

First Draw Friday afternoon and  
Last Draw Sunday evening.

Register and find more info at  
[lonestarcurlingclub.org](http://lonestarcurlingclub.org)



Rice Lake Curling Club's



## 47th Annual Mixed\* Invitational

January 5, 6 and 7, 2024

Entry is \$340.00 per Team – \$70.00 for 5<sup>th</sup> Person  
All Inclusive - 24 Teams maximum

All Meals, Beer, Pop & Snacks - All Weekend  
Cocktail Party, Banquet and Dance - Saturday Evening

Winner and Runner-up teams in each final event wins a Stein Spiel Stein,  
handmade by our artist in residence, Patti Fox.

This is an invitational and online registration will only open if the spiel is not full.  
\*teams consist of 2 men / 2 women – alternating positions

Registration Opens October 1, 2023

Register your team online @ [www.ricelakecurling.org](http://www.ricelakecurling.org)

You are not considered fully registered until your entry fee is received.  
Credit card payment with convenience fee now available.

If you have any questions,  
contact Club Manager Marsha Shuda  
at [rlcc@ricelakecurling.org](mailto:rlcc@ricelakecurling.org)  
or call (715) 234-9812



## Highlander Northwoods Spiel

January 13-15, 2023

3 Game Guarantee  
Four Events – Typical Draw  
\$240 Entry fee, incl. tax

Friday: Dinner  
Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch  
Banquet and entertainment  
Sunday: Breakfast, Lunch Awards

Presented by  
Wausau Curling Club  
1920 Curling Way, Wausau, WI 54403

Host Hotels –Specify “Wausau Highlander”  
Holiday Inn & Suites, 1000 Imperial Drive, Rothschild, WI  
\$124/night 715-355-1111  
Price is good for January 13-14, Rooms are released Dec 23

First Draw is 4:30 Friday night, 2<sup>nd</sup> draw 7:00 Please let us know which draw you prefer and we will do our best to accommodate.

Deadline for team entry is December 15, checks payable to Wausau Curling Club. First 16 teams are in with a wait list to reach 24. Checks will be held until entry is confirmed.

Send entries to: Terri Gleason  
W6395 W Kraft Road Tomahawk WI 54487  
Email: [mntgleason@gmail.com](mailto:mntgleason@gmail.com) Phone: 608-575-0457

### Highlander Northwoods Spiel Entry Form

January 13-15 2023

Team Entry – Home Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Skip \_\_\_\_\_ Third \_\_\_\_\_  
Second \_\_\_\_\_ Lead \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Contact email \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Any Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

## Duluth Cash Spiel

01-12-2024 - 07-14-2023  
Duluth Curling Club

\$800 Per Team

Triple Knockout

Limit to 16 men's teams and 12 women's teams.

Contact Courtney Benson with any questions: [courtneycgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:courtneycgeorge@gmail.com)

You can cancel your registration 14 days prior to the event for a full refund by emailing  
[manager@duluthcurlingclub.org](mailto:manager@duluthcurlingclub.org).

# January 19 - 21, 2024 PITTSBURGH Party Spiel Pittsburgh Curling Club

Free Reverse Raffle Entry  
3 Game Guarantee  
Lunch & Dinner Provided  
24 Teams Max  
\$450 Per Team

Registration will open Tuesday, September 12, 2023

## Saturday Night



## TRIVIA

Questions Please Contact  
Ryan or Sarah Fissella  
Email: [Ryan.Fissella@pittsburghcurlingclub.com](mailto:Ryan.Fissella@pittsburghcurlingclub.com)  
Cell: (724) 557-6248 Ryan  
Cell: (412) 445-2514 Sarah



### Women's Pine Tree Bonspiel



## Rockin' Woodstock!

Belfast Curling Club  
Women's Pine Tree  
Bonspiel

January 11-14, 2024  
(Thursday 8pm 1st Draw)

Three 8-End Games Guaranteed

Rink Fee \$440 US (\$540 CAN)

Includes Meals and Postgame Snacks!

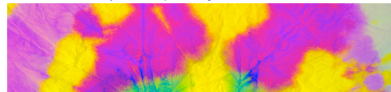
Team Welcome Bags!

Friday Banquet with Costume Contest,  
Prizes, and Raffles!

Registration opens August 1, 2023

Registration forms will be available on  
[www.belfastcurlingclub.org](http://www.belfastcurlingclub.org) at that time

For sign up information, accommodation suggestions and rates, directions, and  
any other questions, contact Ann Kirkpatrick / [ack1062@yahoo.com](mailto:ack1062@yahoo.com) / cell 207 323 8595  
or Kathy Cleason / [kthpcordade@gmail.com](mailto:kthpcordade@gmail.com) or text 985 747 0180



Team Registration

Please help us spread the word. For a PDF of the flyer to share or print, [click here](#)

To receive notifications about Belfast Curling Club bonspiels, please  
email [bonspiels@belfastcurlingclub.org](mailto:bonspiels@belfastcurlingclub.org).

**CONTACT US**  
Belfast Curling Club  
211 Belmont Ave (Route 3)  
PO Box 281, Belfast, Maine 04915

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# THE ERAS TOUR

## WOMEN'S COLD CASH BONSPIEL

*in the spirit of Nancee Melby ... dress in the era of your choice*

## January 5-7, 2024

24 Team Limit • 3-Game Guarantee • \$380 per team



register today!

[stpaulcurlingclub.org](http://stpaulcurlingclub.org)

hosted by St. Paul Bonnie Spielers

Questions? [board@spbonnies.org](mailto:board@spbonnies.org)  
or call Julie Carlson, 651-353-6835



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## *Detroit Curling Club Contacts*

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