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## Order your DCC Dynasty Gear by Dec. 23

The Rockettes are offering DCC Dynasty gear again! If you did not purchase something last year or if you are new to the club, you can use this link to order:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNhspEGOTPPHI5i23As76xC9EetHGZ4Ah4wzNwTVLbLwFrqA/viewform>. Please complete your order by December 23, 2023. If you have questions, contact Celia Jackson at: [celiaj87@gmail.com](mailto:celiaj87@gmail.com).

## Volunteers

The Volunteer Committee is planning to hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Details will be emailed separately. All members are welcome to join the committee. We will be discussing our volunteerism goals for the year and establishing a regular schedule for Volunteer Committee meetings.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Paul Mokotoff ([pmokotoff@gmail.com](mailto:pmokotoff@gmail.com)) or Maryanne Wessels ([volunteers@detroitcurling.com](mailto:volunteers@detroitcurling.com)) prior to our meeting.

Our bonspiel sign-up links are available and live on our Volunteer Opportunities [page here](#). Check out the available slots and sign up for when you are available to help.

## Outgoing Canadian Sr. Friendship Tour Applications Due December 15

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>

## CALENDAR Events

### GLCA U-18 Playdowns

Mayfield Curling Club

December 8-10, 2023

### Men's International Playdown

Detroit Curling Club

December 9, 2023

### Senior Men's One-Day

Detroit Curling Club

December 13, 2023

### Meat and Greet

Detroit Curling Club

December 16, 2023

### New Year's Eve Spiel

Detroit Curling Club

December 31, 2023

### Toast to the Club

Detroit Curling Club

January 1, 2024

11:00 AM

## Club Emails

Ben Levy did a new import from registrations into MailChimp, the service we use to send you emails such as this one. All new members should now be pulled into our account and receive club emails. Even with your emails in our MailChimp, Website, and SignUp accounts, you may need to mark the emails **safe**. Please check your junk or spam for the email addresses below and mark them safe:

Club emails (From **Detroit Curling**

**Club** emails: [news@detroitcurlingclub.com](mailto:news@detroitcurlingclub.com) and [volunteers@detroitcurling.com](mailto:volunteers@detroitcurling.com))

SignUp.com (From **Volunteer Coordinator** email: [mail@signup.com](mailto:mail@signup.com))

Rockettes emails (From **DCC Rockettes** email: [rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com](mailto:rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com))

## Ice Crew

We are creating a contact list for those who can help with the ice and who want to continue to learn to help with the ice. We have events that are coming up and need some coverage. We need your help to keep the ice quality and frequency of preparation up to our standards and expectations. One of the goals of Q being here is to build a strong support crew for the ice. This is a job that can go much better with trained helpers than alone. If you are interested or have questions, please email [ice@detroitcurling.com](mailto:ice@detroitcurling.com) and let Q know. He will be happy to talk you through the process and expectations. We scrape six days a week on average, and some days twice a day. Bonspiel season in Detroit is coming soon and we need our strong crew in place to ensure successful events.

## Curling Etiquette

Here are a few tips on curling etiquette –

1. Walk along the sidelines and not in the middle of the sheet. Go to the sideline as soon as you're able to allow the opposing team to see the signal from their skip.
2. If your opponent is delivering, stay still until they release the stone.
3. Do not cheer your opponent's misfortunes, but instead celebrate their great shots.
4. Do not stand behind the house if you are not the skip or vice. If you find yourself stuck there for some reason, remain still, and keep your broom at your side.
5. When you are ready to deliver, go for it! There is no reason to wait for the person next to you.
6. Vices decide scoring and will measure rocks, if necessary. While it is exciting to know the score of the end, especially during a measure, it slows down the game trying to navigate the scoring and measuring while others are in the house.

## Bonspieling Members

If you are participating in a Bonspiel, make it to an event final, and want the Club to post your results on Facebook and Instagram send your photos along with the bonspiel name, location, athletes' names, and the event results to Maryanne Wessels at [maryanne.wessels@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.wessels@gmail.com) or text to 586-202-0730. Remember to also send a write-up (with photos) about the event to [news@detroitcurlingclub.com](mailto:news@detroitcurlingclub.com) for the *Scots Wha Hae*.

## NO-TICK SHOT Rule

The Detroit Curling Club would like the membership to be aware of the WCF/USA Curling no tick shot rule.

*If, prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, a delivered stone causes either directly or indirectly, an opposition stone in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ) which is touching the center line to be moved to an off-center line position or to a position outside the FGZ, the non-offending team has the option to:*

- (i) Remove the delivered stone from play, and replace all stones that were displaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place; or*
- (ii) Leave all stones where they came to rest. If the stone is moved from the center line to an out-of-play position, then the FGZ rule R6(b) applies.*

*This does not apply for Wheelchair Curling or for Mixed Doubles competitions.*

The club is not currently adopting the rule for league play. If you are interested in playing by this rule, skips should discuss the rule before the game to reach an agreement. You may also talk to the drawmaster if your league would like to adopt the rule for your games. In general, we will strive to stay in alignment with the guidelines of the USCA. The USCA currently leaves the adoption of the no-tick rule for league play up to individual clubs. It is in effect for many competitive events and will become more common going forward.

## Rentals

### \* Late Night Rentals

One change the Rentals Team implemented this season was to restrict the **7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Rental Time to DCC Members Only**. This was done because we regularly had alcohol-related issues from public rentals at this time slot. There have been 2 challenges with this.) There are very few bookings for the time by members (and this is traditionally a very popular rental time). 2) Some members have interpreted the "**DCC Members Only**" as they cannot include non-members to their rental.

**This time period can be freely booked by DCC members and they can include non-members for their rental.**

To increase our rentals in this time period, Rentals will be testing a way to allow the public to rent at this time and comply with our non-member alcohol restrictions. Throughout December, any public renter looking to book this time period will be able to with approval from the Rentals Director. As a member, if you want to rent this time slot, then I recommend booking it soon, as the public will be able to request this time. The goal is to ensure we maintain a safe and manageable environment for instructors to work in and for renters to enjoy the opportunity to experience curling safely.

### \* Member Rental Bar Service Requests

As a reminder, bar service can be available for a member's rental, but you need to send an email to the **DCC Bar Manager** ([dccbarmanager@gmail.com](mailto:dccbarmanager@gmail.com)) providing the date and time of their rental and indicating you would like bar service at your rental. Indicating "Yes" at the time of your rental booking does not send this email for you. The requests should be made at least 2 weeks prior to your rental. The Bar Manager will do his best effort to get a bartender for your rental, but this is not guaranteed. If confirmed, the cost is \$80 and is paid at the bar at your rental. For full details see **Member Rental Bartender Request Guidelines** on the **Member Rentals** page.

## 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).

## DCC Members to be Inducted into the Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame

On December 9 in Horsham, Pa., the Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame will induct its classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022. The induction ceremonies had been placed on hold owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine.



Mike & Ernie Slyziuk will be inducted as part of the 2020 class. (Pictured standing in photo Ernie Left & Mike right) Mike joined the Detroit Curling Club in 1948 and Ernie in 1950. In 1963, with Mike skipping and Ernie playing second, they represented the USA at the world curling championship, then known as the Scotch Cup. The Americans won bronze medals and gave Canadian champion Ernie Richardson his only loss.



## Bonspiel Updates!

Zahra Jamil's U18 team won the B event at the Cincinnati Open November 17-19. Her teammates are from Mayfield Curling Club

Lead: Leighton Soback  
Second: Erin Cleary  
Vice: Mallory MacRaild  
Skip: Zahra Jamil



The Detroit team of Skip: Elizabeth Demers, Vice: Laura Call, Second: Suzanne York, and Lead: Shelly Bahr won the second event at the USWCA Senior National Bonspiel, hosted by the Cape Cod Curling Club

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

## GLCA Updates

# 2024 GLCA Regional Championships

Registration open now at [myusacurling.com](https://myusacurling.com)

### U18 Men & Women

December 8-10 at the Mayfield Curling Club  
Registration closes November 17

### Club Men & Women

January 12-14 at the Kalamazoo Curling Club  
Registration closes December 8

### Mixed (fours)

February 9-11 at the Fort Wayne Curling Club  
Registration closes January 4



Each team member must have a USA Curling account, then one team member registers for all under the Competitions section. Find the related national event in the list and click the Enter Now button to get started.

## Ontario Curling Association Webinars and Bonspiels!

### Ontario Curling Association Webinars!

Expand your knowledge with our curling friends north of the border with these webinars, available OCA members:

[https://curlinginontario.ca/learn/occ-webinar-series/?fbclid=IwAR3gs3zz-a0FCxs\\_JAwvlh5IHf14dNnF3\\_cfGqYvCNqmY3baVrOQWBpuSi8](https://curlinginontario.ca/learn/occ-webinar-series/?fbclid=IwAR3gs3zz-a0FCxs_JAwvlh5IHf14dNnF3_cfGqYvCNqmY3baVrOQWBpuSi8)

**And then, take all those smarts to an Ontario spiel! An abundant list is below:**

[https://curl-on.ca/bonspiels/?fbclid=IwAR3IFhR87fWQHThU\\_bAyWKZzwjEth5a8twfCd\\_VfyQPA6H4abJG8fBTUyY4](https://curl-on.ca/bonspiels/?fbclid=IwAR3IFhR87fWQHThU_bAyWKZzwjEth5a8twfCd_VfyQPA6H4abJG8fBTUyY4)

### OCA Updates and Information

As the only US club in the OCA, we are able to compete in any OCA events that lead to a *Provincial 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

### Ladies All American:



Thank you to all who attended and helped make the All-American Bonspiel a success. It was a thrilling day with extremely close games. Seeing some of our juniors and new members play alongside our experienced members was such a happy sight and what this event is all about - camaraderie and fellowship. Congratulations to our first-place winners, team Freedlander (Deb Freedlander, Celia Jackson, Holly Belian, and Alan Simonelli) and our second-place winners, team Buchkowski (Pam Buchkowski, Kristine Rathke, John Lewis, and David Turner). s



**Food Finds and Walking Tacos:** 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 December 4! If you would like to volunteer, please use the sign-up genius link on the DCC volunteer page.

Walking Tacos are back! The first week of December the Rockettes will be selling walking tacos at each draw. Proceeds go toward our curling development fund, which helps provide scholarships to our Rockettes to help defray the cost of attending bonspiels. So come hungry and eat up!





# The Ladies International Bonspiel Committee is Looking for Raffle Prizes

If you get any wonderful holiday gifts that just don't feel "You," consider regifting to the Ladies' International Bonspiel Raffle! Also, if you see unbeatable bargains as you help Santa stock the tree, the Rockettes are looking for exciting prizes for the raffle table. Please contact our Raffle Chair, Amy Simonelli, to donate: [asimonelli2004@gmail.com](mailto:asimonelli2004@gmail.com). Or simply place your item in the women's locker room, clearly marked for the raffle.

## USWCA News

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

**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

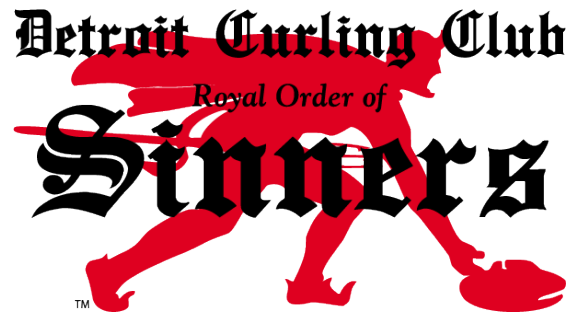
Don't forget to register for the USWCA circuit! Participants can earn cash for their participation in USWCA Circuit Bonspiels. Only two members of a team must be members of the Circuit and it doesn't need to always be the same two people to count towards Circuit points. Information and online registration 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 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 14, 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)

## 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).

# Pro Shop Update

The Pro Shop pricing for grippers has changed slightly. Due to some communication errors the gripper pricing has been revised as follows. Tournament grippers are selling at \$15 each, Balance Plus grippers are selling at \$16 each, Goldline and Asham grippers are selling at \$19 each. These prices are discounted prices. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused, and for those that already purchased grippers, most likely you got extra savings. Trust us, we are not going to ask you to make up the difference.

Please note in recent SWH newsletters, the price of grippers was reported to be \$12. This is NOT the correct pricing. Again, we apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

## Requesting Name Tags

If you are requesting a name tag, PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME CLEARLY. Several of the last names written have been difficult to decipher what letters are being written. If we cannot determine what was intended, we will not order the name tag. Also, please indicate if you are a new member (your first name tag is free) or a current member requesting a replacement name tag. Current member name tags will be charged accordingly. Finally, if you are requesting a unique name tag, please indicate who is requesting it. Unique name tags will be charged to the party requesting the tag.

## Use of Club Equipment

If you are a new member (or even if you are not) please refrain from using the club rental equipment (grippers, brooms, stabilizers, step-on sliders) as your personal gear. Those items are intended to be used exclusively by renters and visitors. You need to get your own gear. The Pro Shop offers a complete selection of curling products for your benefit. And we offer several used items that you can pick up at bargain basement prices to get you started. If the Pro Shop is not open when you are at the club, just ask the bartender to give you access to the shop. And of course, everyone is relying on everyone to do the honorable thing and bring any item(s) you wish to purchase to the bartender for payment. Chris Golec and Jason Ujvari are assisting with managing the Pro Shop, so you can call on them as well.

## Donation Reminder

Those members that have used equipment (shoes, brooms, stabilizers) in decent condition gathering dust in the back of your closet should consider donating the stuff to your club. Used equipment can benefit brand new curlers and the funds go directly into the club general fund. This is a benefit for everyone. And right now, with the infusion of so many new members coming in from the Learn-2-Curl program, we are in need of those items. Thank you for all your contributions.

## 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!

*John Danckaert, Volunteer Pro Shop Mgr.*



## Angus MacTavish is in the House

### HOCKEY, SKATING AND CURLING – 1896

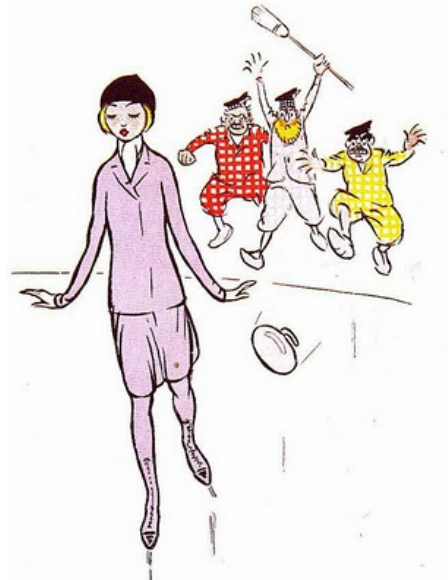
Winter is here. Time for 3 on-ice action packed sports: Hockey, Figure Skating and Curling.

*“Two hockey teams have been formed at the Detroit Curling Club and practice will begin tomorrow night. The Canadian rules will be observed. Toward the end of the week a game will have the support of The Club and it is thought that it will become one of the most pleasant features of an evening at the rink. Improvements to the clubhouse will be made so that the spectators can witness the play from above.*

*“In the skating carnival at the rink last night Clayton Busch won the gentlemen’s prize and Miss Jessie Parkinson that for ladies.*

*“Two of the club matches in curling were played yesterday afternoon, resulting in wins for Skips Baxter and Cooney.”*

Reprinted from the Detroit Free Press December 27, 1896. This was thirty years *before* the Red Wings were formed. At least they curled a game or skating & hockey!!! two before the ice



Your favorite snollygoster,

Angus MacTavish



## Yay! Volunteering!

A huge heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who have assisted so far this season. It may sound like a broken record, but we heavily rely on our own members for the club to function each year. Please consider adding some time this upcoming curling season to help the club. Even if you are only available for half an hour or if it requires learning something new, your participation is crucial for the longevity of our club.

Our bonspiel sign-up links are available and live on our Volunteer Opportunities page [here](#). Check out the available slots and sign up for when you are available to help.

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!

## 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.

## 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!

**Wauwatosa Curling Club Men's Invitational, March 2024, plus lots of other fun Tosa Spiels! <https://wauwatosacurlingclub.com/index.php/events/bonspiels>**

**Wausau Highlanders Women's Bonspiel, January 12-14, 2024 in Wausau, WI.** We've had a good response so far (thank you if you've already registered) and we're looking for additional teams. Never been to Wausau? We're an 8-sheet curling club in central Wisconsin. Your entry includes a 3-game guarantee, meals, snacks, beer (8 on tap), wine and mixed drinks. We'll have some off-ice activities planned for between games, so a nice mix of curling and socializing. Hope to see you in January!

[Wausau Curling Club - Highlander Bonspiel](#)

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

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

**Keep Scrolling for more Fabulous Bonspiels!**

COYOTES CURLING CLUB PRESENTS THE

# DONNA PURKEY CLASSIC

**MARCH 15 - 17**

3 GAME GUARANTEE

**\$320 per team**

**Saturday Banquet & Daily Broomstacking**

**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)

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

**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.

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







**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



# 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)**

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

hosted by St. Paul Bonnie Spielers





# 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)

## 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 6pm 1st Draw)

Three 8-End Games Guaranteed

Rink Fee \$440 US (\$340 CAN)

Includes Meals and Postgame Snacks!

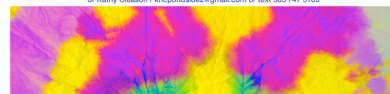
Team Welcome Bags!

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 signup information, accommodation suggestions and rates, directions, and  
any other questions, contact Ann Kirkpatrick / [ack1002@yahoo.com](mailto:ack1002@yahoo.com) / call 207 325 8595  
or Kathy Cleason / [khopondside@gmail.com](mailto:khopondside@gmail.com) or text 585 747 5189



#### 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**  
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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.



**The Belfast Curling Club  
in Maine puts on several  
fantastic events each season.  
Come check one out!**

*Good Curling!  
Good Food!  
Good People!  
Good Fun!*






2023-24 BONSPIELS	FORMAT	DATES	REGISTRATION
Maine-iac	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!*

**Belfast Curling Club • Belfast, Maine • [belfastcurlingclub.org](http://belfastcurlingclub.org)**



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!*



**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).

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## *Detroit Curling Club Contacts*

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