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Name Tags Are In

To those members, new and old, that ordered a nametag, be advised, they have arrived and are ready for pick up at the club. For those new members, the name tag is posted on the main bulletin board. For those replacing a name tag or ordering a unique tag, see the bartender. You can claim your name tag there for the \$8 charge.

Ahoy!

We hope this message finds you grooving to the sweet melodies of yacht rock! We're dropping anchor in your inbox because we're on a mission - the Ladies International Bonspiel is about to set sail February 3rd - 4th, and we're turning up the yacht rock vibes to full volume.

To make our raffle even more groovin', we're reaching out to you, to contribute a prize that resonates with the smooth rhythms of this genre.

Here's how you can be part of our yacht rock extravaganza:

Donate a Yacht Rock Treasure: Whether it's a yacht rock themed item, booze, spa/self-care items, jewelry or any other wonderful thing you can think of— your donation will be key to making this event amazing.

Donations can be left in the women's locker room in the back corner. Please label that your donations are for the Ladies International, and have them dropped off by Sunday, January 28th. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Smooth sailing and silky tunes,

Amy Simonelli

Ladies International Bonspiel Committee Raffle Chair

CALENDAR Events

Guest Night

Detroit Curling Club
January 20, 2024

Ladies International Playdown

Detroit Curling Club
January 20, 2024

Robert Burns Sinners

Detroit Curling Club
January 21, 2024

Ladies International Bonspiel

Detroit Curling Club
February 2-3, 2024

Sinners/Rockettes

Detroit Curling Club
February 10-11, 2024

Mixed International Bonspiel

Detroit Curling Club
February 17-18, 2024

David Hesse

David had surgery on December 26. He began inpatient Rehab/PT Thursday (JAN11). He is walking short distances/attempting a few steps/stairs (PT equipment). He has been moved to room 9316. It is still in the Beaumont Royal Oak South Tower as of January 13.

Volunteer Sign-ups and All Bonspiel Registrations

See below for upcoming in-club events & bonspiels and their volunteer opportunities. **You will need to be signed into the members section of the website to register for bonspiels.**

2024 Ladies International Bonspiel (2/3/2024 - 2/4/2024) –

We need you to make this event great! The theme this year is Yacht Rock and will be a smooth way to start February. Click [here](#) for the bonspiel volunteer opportunities. The ladies are also requesting raffle donations. Donations can be left in the women's locker room in the back corner by the coat rack. Please label that your donations are for the Ladies International, and have them dropped off by Sunday, January 28th.

2nd Annual Sinner vs Rockettes (2/10/2024-2/11/2024) –

More information below in the Sinners' section of the newsletter.

2024 Mixed International Bonspiel (2/17/2024 - 2/18/2024) –

Detroit teams are still needed for this year mixed. Register [here](#)!
Click [here](#) for the bonspiel volunteer opportunities.

Adaptive Curling Clinic (3/10/2024) –

To volunteer for this fun and very rewarding event sign up [here](#)!

Motown Doubles (3/15/2024-3/17/2024) –

Bonspiel is full. However, please join the waitlist incase a spot opens up.
Volunteer opportunities coming soon.

White Elephant Spiel (3/23/2024) –

This bonspiel is a Skins Game format consisting of two - 4 end games. The cost is \$25 per person (\$100 per team) plus a wrapped, working, gift per person and includes lunch from Mudgie's Deli. Have one person sign up for your full team. **Registration Opens on 3/02/24 at Noon!**

Champagne Spiel (4/06/2024) –

This is the closing party for the season. More information coming soon.

In-Club 5 & Under (4/20/2024) –

More information coming soon.

Junior Friendly (4/27/2024) –

More information coming soon.

2024 Motor City Open (5/3/2024-5/5/2024) –

Registration Now Open! Click [here](#) to register for the event.
Only **12 DCC teams** can register! Volunteer opportunities coming soon.
Out-Of-Town team have a separate registration link.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Paul Mokotoff at pmokotoff@gmail.com or Maryanne Wessels at volunteers@detroitcurling.com

Thank you and good curling!

DCC Members Celebrate Eight Enders!

John Wentrack, Dave Mashinter, and Scott Bluhm scored an eight ender during Tuesday men's league on January 11.



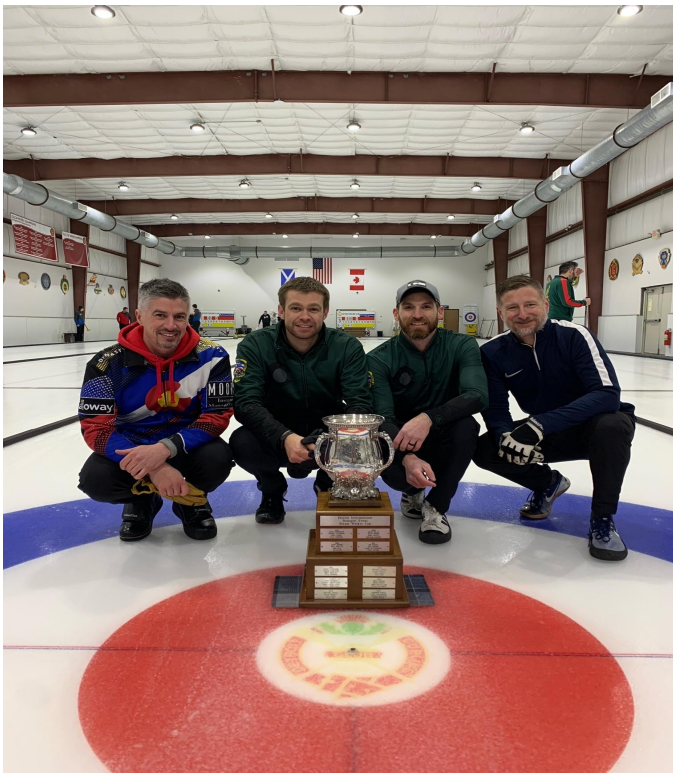
Ann Swisshelm, Melissa Turbow, Elizabeth Demers, and Jenny Levy scored an eight ender at the GLCA playdowns in Kalamazoo.



Bonspiel Updates

Men's International Bonspiel

2024 marked the 127th anniversary of the first DCC Men's International Bonspiel with the first event held in 1897. 24 teams competed from January 5-7, 2024 for the chance to earn a place on the coveted Walker Cup. The Falco rink from the Denver Curling Club proved themselves worthy of the honor by winning the A event this year. The Lagerquist rink from Brampton won the B event, the Drake Rink from Roseland won the C event, and our very own Wentrack rink from the DCC claimed the D event. Congratulations to all of this year's winners. The DCC Men's International Bonspiel Committee would like to thank everyone who came out to volunteer over the course of the event. The efforts provided by our volunteers on the ice and in the warm room were also noted by the out-of-town teams who had many positive comments about our club and the volunteerism. Thank you all!





Club Mixed Championship

Congratulations to A event winners of the Club Mixed Championship the Bahr rink, A runners up the Taha rink, B event winners the Zielinski rink and C event winners the Booth rink.

Been to a bonspiel? Send an update to news@detroitcurlingclub.com

GLCA Updates

The Detroit Curling Club rink of Ann Swisshelm, Melissa Turbow, Elizabeth Demers, and Jenny Levy won the GLCA Club Playdowns in Kalamazoo. Five women's teams and eleven men's teams competed. The Andy Turner rink from Columbus won the men's championship, defeating Ben Levy, Sean King, John Gaul, and Jeff Peplowski from DCC in a best of three showdown.



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

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

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 *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 1st through February 26th.

- 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 28th, 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 30th, 2024.
 - Four open qualifier events over March 22-24, 2024 weekend. Registration is due by February 26th, 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 31st, 2024.
 - There are eight (8) [qualifier events](#) over the April 5-7th weekend to qualify for the Provincial 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. 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

Happy New Year from the Rockettes! As we move into the new year, we look forward to great curling and camaraderie. Here are some updates of

Dynasty DCC wear - Thank you to all who have ordered Dynasty shirts and jackets. We are in the midst of getting everything finalized. Updates to come on when orders will arrive. In the meantime, please work with Celia to get your payment in. If you need to drop one off, please do so in the Rockettes' mailbox in the women's locker room. Gentlemen can grab a Rocketter to help them do so.

As a reminder, the **Rockette's Curling Development Fund (RCDF)** is open! The RCDF provides funding to DCC curlers to support curling development or attend events which promote women's curling. The Rockette's board annually dedicates a portion of funds raised each year to this fund. The amount varies depending on the success of fundraising and other obligations to the club and women's events at the club. Applicants may be awarded only a portion of funding requested. Applications are accepted for events occurring in the current fiscal

year only (May 1st to April 30th). Applications may be submitted at any time during the fiscal year in which the event occurs, but once the dedicated funds are assigned for the year, no further awards will be awarded.

If you are interested in applying for these funds, please download [the RCDF application](#) for more information about the process and eligibility. Email your completed application and receipts to the [Rockettes board](#) by **March 31**.

Rockettes Pins

New Rockettes members, it is tradition that each new Rockette member will get a Rockette pin to proudly wear or display where they like. In the new year, we will be working with your league to get these to you! Be on the look out. Please remember that if you are going bonspieling and would like to purchase pins to trade with other curlers from different clubs, you can purchase pins to take with you at the bar. Please just email the Rockettes board at rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com. One of the board members will coordinate with you to get the number of pins you need for the event.

Freezer 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 December 4! If you would like to volunteer, please use the sign-up genius link on the DCC volunteer page.

USWCA News

Please visit the USWCA website or contact Bethany Rivera for more information, aandbrivera@yahoo.com

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 \(uswca.org\)](http://uswca.org)

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

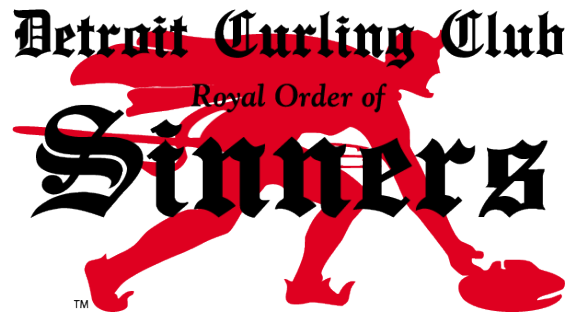
Check out the new hoodies, yoga pants and vests with the USWCA logo! Purchase can be made online via the link above.

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

Sinners News

Robert Burns Breakfast

The Robert Burns breakfast celebration is scheduled for Sunday January 21, 2023. This Men's event will feature haggis, a bagpiper, and a toast in the words of famed Scottish poet Robert Burns. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Club warm room. This is an event that will be sure to please the palate, ears, and soul!



Sinners vs. Rockettes Invitational Bonspiel

The second annual Sinner vs. Rockettes Invitational will be held on February 10 - 11, 2024. Two 6-end Skins format games will be played on Saturday. Dinner and live entertainment will take place following the conclusion of the 3:30 pm game on Saturday. Sunday morning will begin with the Sweetheart Sinners Breakfast followed by the championship games between the top four Sinners teams and the top four Rockettes teams. The price is \$70, which includes lunch and dinner on Saturday plus Sunday Sinner's Breakfast. Come out and support the two clubs that do so much for the DCC! Sign-up via QR code posted on the bulletin board in the warm room. Ask any Sinner or Rockette board member for further details.

Order your Sinners Gear Now!

December 31, 2023 is the last day to order your Sinner's jacket or Sinner's polo shirt! See the links below to order!

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

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

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.

Pro Shop Update

Reminder to all members. Your Pro Shop has a good stock of new and used products for you to purchase.

For those new members, please make an effort to acquire your own curling gear. The house gear is intended for the rental program, not your own personal use. The Pro Shop has a wide selection of brushes, stabilizers, brush heads, etc. to choose from, including a few used brushes (while they last). And we have several pairs of reconditioned used shoes as well. The same goes for grippers. The bins under the main bulletin board are to be used by those that rent the ice. The Pro Shop has step-on sliders and strap-on sliders for those new members that are still deciding if this sport is for them. They are very reasonably priced and immediately available.

If you have any questions about any of the products offered, please don't hesitate to ask John Danckaert, Chris Golic or Jason Ujvari or any senior member of the club for advice. We are there to help you enjoy the experience of curling in any way you can.

One last item, if anyone is in need of a new Goldline or Asham or Balance Plus grippers, or a new Norway Brush head, we just received a shipment of product. Check them out.

Good Curling!

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.

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 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 or text to 586-202-0730. Remember to also send a write-up (with photos) about the event to 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) 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.

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.

Ice Update + Safety

As everyone has noticed, the sheets have all been changing, and drastically. Within the first three weeks of the season, the floor under sheet 1 has heaved over 1/4" on one side. After the flood, there was no improvement to that sheet. Q made attempts to keep up with the movement to minimal gain. Now other sheets are starting to be affected by the movement of the floor. We want to provide the best ice possible. We have given Q approval to add foam dividers to each sheet to be able to flood them individually. This will ensure that all water meant to improve each sheet will stay in that area. This will also allow more drastic corrective measures to be taken to correct ice out of level.

What this means is we will now have **obstacles on all the sidelines**. The foam will be 2x2” and should roughly align with the height stepping off the ice. Like the new sideboards, we will all need to try to prevent rocks from tearing into the foam to make it last longer. Please be aware of the new foam. You will no longer be able to cross onto other sheets as freely. The members’ safety is of the utmost concern. As some of you have traveled, you will know several clubs have sideboards on all sheets. For those of you who only curl at the DCC, this will be a bit of an adjustment.

Volunteer Committee

We had very low attendance at our Volunteer Committee Meeting on Tuesday night. It was great to see a couple of members are interested in volunteering. However, we can always use more! After some thoughtful discussion with the attendees, the Volunteer Committee plans to:

1. Begin creating/posting flyers that advertise upcoming volunteer opportunities
2. Focus on recruiting volunteers in person at the leagues
3. Promoting volunteer appreciation across the club and during events
4. Explore methods to incentivize volunteering amongst all club members

This is a volunteer club. All of your bonspiels, leagues, and events are run by volunteers and we thank those members who have stepped up to help out so far this season. We need more volunteers to lighten the load and make the club and events run smoothly.

If you are a new member or even a seasoned pro and interested in any of the above plans or want to join the Volunteer Committee, please contact Paul Mokotoff at pmokotoff@gmail.com or Maryanne Wessels at volunteers@detroitcurling.com, and we will get you onboarded at the beginning of 2024. Feel free to also reach out with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have.

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!

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

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



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.



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

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 for more information



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Beach Grove Golf & Country Club's Annual Mixed Invitational Bonspiel

"Spoooner Cup"
in honour of Orest "Spoooner" Shpuniarsky

Saturday & Sunday, February 24 & 25, 2024

- 4 games guaranteed – Finals Sunday @ 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday Lunch, Sunday Lunch, Saturday Night Banquet with DJ and dancing
- Entry Fee - \$450 per team (includes HST)
- Draw Times – 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
- First 16 teams to register

For more information, email Jason at curling@beachgrove.net



SENIOR MIXED BONSPIEL

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Sun Parlour Curling Club

55 Seacliff Dr East, Leamington, ON. N8H 3X4



ENTRY FORM SPCC SENIOR MIXED BONSPIEL

Contact: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Skip & Club: _____

Preferred Draw: 8:30 am _____ 10:45 am _____

TWO 8 END GAMES
Draw times: 8:30 am &
10:45 am

**SWOSMBA Tier 55 rules
of play**
Women 45 +
Men 55 +

**LUNCH and FABULOUS
PRIZES**

**ENTRIES on a
FIRST PAID Basis \$160 /
team**

**SEND COMPLETED FORM
(mail/email-preferred) &
CHEQUE payable to:**

Sun Parlour CC
c/o Les Kovacs
1510 Fuller Dr
Kingsville, ON N9Y3M6
lesmkov52@gmail.com
519-322-9721

Or

e-transfer payment to:

treasurerspec59@gmail.com
(specify SPCC Sr Mixed Bonspiel
under message or note)

**PLEASE advise of any FOOD
ALLERGIES.**

**Help us make this a day of
fun and good fellowship**

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

The logo for the Pittsburgh Pierogy Race, featuring a cartoon pierogiy character and the text "THE GREAT PITTSBURGH PIEROGY RACE".

**Saturday Night
TRIVIA**
Questions Please Contact
Ryan or Sarah Fissella
Email: Ryan.Fissella@pittsburghcurlingclub.com
Cell: (724) 557-6248 Ryan
Cell: (412) 445-2514 Sarah

COME ABOARD, WE'RE EXPECTING YOU...

The LOVE BOAT spiel

AN EXCITING AND NEW MIXED CURLING EVENT
\$480 PER TEAM
MARCH 22-24, 2024
BROOMSTONES CURLING CLUB,
WAYLAND, MA

INQUIRE: MIXED@BROOMSTONES.COM
REGISTER: BIT.LY/THELOVEBOATSPIEL



BIRTHDAY OPEN DOUBLES SPIEL

JANUARY 19 - 21, 2024

\$160 per team | 24-team limit
Friday Pizza Party and Saturday Birthday Dinner
Eye-openers Saturday morning
CASH PAYOUTS

Register online at curlmesabi.com





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



For notifications about our bonspiels, email: bonspiels@belfastcurlingclub.org or check the bonspiel pages on our website for all the latest information: belfastcurlingclub.org/index.php/events/bonspiels [f](#) [@](#) [v](#)

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.

Email emilyrvollmar@gmail.com or 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



WINTER GAMES

Curling

February 10-11, 2024

Lakeview Arena, Marquette, MI

\$175/team

**3 game minimum - all ages and
abilities welcome**

**Gold, silver, and bronze medals
awarded**

**Register at
www.stategamesofmichigan.com/curling**



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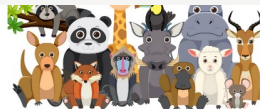
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(RE) MIXED BONSPIEL AT MAYFIELD FEB 22-25, 2024

\$480 per team / 3 game minimum
Includes all meals and a Saturday night
party!
For questions or additional information
contact: Vince Scebbi –
scebbiv10@gmail.com

Register here:



Racine Curling Club's
Mixed Bonspiel



Welcome to the Zoo

(cause curling can get a little wild!)

FEBRUARY 9-11, 2024

16 Teams 4 Events 3 Game Guarantee

- Friday: Eye Openers, Lunch, Dinner and Cocktails
- Saturday: Eye Openers, Brunch, Family Style Dinner and Dancing
- Sunday: Eye Openers and Lunch

Team Entry Information:		Entry \$360 per team
Home Club Name:		
Name:	Phone:	
Address:	Email:	
Friday First Draw Preference: (Every effort will be made to honor draw requests; flexibility is greatly appreciated)	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	
Team Member Names:	Please indicate any special requests or dietary needs:	
Skip:		
Vice:	Our team requests #_____ of vegetarian dinners for the Saturday night banquet.	
2nd:		
Lead:		

Hotel Reservations:

Local hotel rooms are blocked at a special rate. Please mention Racine Curling Club when you call for reservations by 1/31/2024

DoubleTree by Hilton
223 Gaslight Cir
Racine, WI 53403
262- 632-7777

Clarion Pointe Racine
1154 Prairie Drive
Racine, WI 53406
262- 886-6055

Staybridge Suites Racine
7430 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53406
262- 226-3993

Please return form and check payable to Racine Curling Club by 1/20/2024 to:
Becky Johnson, 618 Monroe Ave, Racine, WI 53405

Questions? Contact Becky Johnson – (262) 902-0035
Email: mixedbonspiel@racinecurlingclub.com

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