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New T-Shirts Available!

Celebrate your love of the smoothest curling club in America with the Rockettes' new Yacht Rock t-shirt! The shirt is available in unisex and ladies' sizing, with v- and crew-neck styles available. \$20 at the bar

The GLCA 5 & Under

The Detroit Curling Club will host the GLCA 5 and Under, April 20-21. Team registration is available here:

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/bonspiels/2024-glca-5-under-bonspiel-out-of-town-registration>

Curling Development Fund

As a reminder, the Rockettes 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 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**.



CALENDAR Events

Sinners/Rockettes

Detroit Curling Club

February 10-11, 2024

Mixed International Bonspiel

Detroit Curling Club

February 17-18, 2024

Motown Doubles

Detroit Curling Club

March 15-17, 2024

White Elephant

Detroit Curling Club

March 23, 2024

Champagne Spiel

Detroit Curling Club

April 6, 2024

GLCA 5 and Under

Detroit Curling Club

April 20-21, 2024

Junior Friendly Bonspiel

Detroit Curling Club

April 27, 2024

Volunteer Sign-ups and All Bonspiel Registrations

2nd Annual Sinner VS. Rockettes Invitational (2/10/2024-2/11/2024) –
Volunteer Opportunities for this event please sign up [here](#)!

2024 Mixed International Bonspiel (2/17/2024 - 2/18/2024) –
Click [here](#) for the bonspiel volunteer opportunities.

Adaptive Curling Clinic (3/10/2024) –
Tell a friend that curling is fun for everyone! The clinic is for the mobility impaired. Register [here](#)!
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 in case 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!**

Glow Curling Night (3/30/2024) –
More information coming soon.

Champagne Spiel (4/06/2024) –
This is the closing party for the season. More information coming soon.

GLCA 5 & Under Championships (4/20-21/2024) –
Third Annual GLCA Regional Five-And-Under Championship
April 20 - April 21, 2024 - \$380 per team
Event Includes:

- Breakfast and Lunch - Saturday and Sunday.
- Dinner, Saturday Evening.
- Three Game Guarantee.
- Hal McGrady Cup awarded to the winner.
- 50:50 Raffle.

Important Notes:

- This is not a USA Curling 5-and-Under National Championship qualifying event.
- Open team format. All teams must be comprised of GLCA members in good standing (teams can be split between GLCA member clubs).
- USA Curling 5-and-Under eligibility rules apply: Competitors cannot have more than a total of five years of curling experience. Years when a player curled fewer than 10 games do not count against the total. A year of curling experience is considered ten games played during a calendar year. 2021 does not count as a year of curling experience for any participant.

See USCA Qualifying Procedures for 2023-2024 (page 11) for more information on years of eligibility: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f34a2ea0d87a44cac1ebfb0/t/651ae49b545e0cf1d995a1/1696261276479/2023-24+Qualifying+Procedures-Rev+9-29-23.pdf>

See <http://www.greatlakescurling.org/memberclubs.php> for a list of GLCA member clubs.

DCC registration [here](#) must be logged in to the website. (DCC registration is full, but please join the waitlist. It is highly likely that it will open for more DCC teams)

Volunteer for this event [here](#).

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 teams have a separate registration link.

The board and I would like to thank everyone who volunteered so far this season. The success of our club depends on the volunteer efforts of our members, and we are all so thankful for the time many of you spend to keep our club thriving. For more information on volunteer opportunities, please reach out to Paul Mokotoff at pmokotoff@gmail.com, who would be happy to help find something that meets your schedule or needs.

Ice Safety

As a reminder, Q placed 2x2” foam dividers between the sheets. This means we now have **obstacles on all the sidelines**. We have experienced some falls attributable to the foam so please be aware of your footing. You will no longer be able to cross on to 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. Like the new sideboards, we will all need to try to prevent rocks from tearing into the foam to make it last longer.

New First Aid Kits

The first aid kits are located by the north and south fire extinguishers on the west wall of the arena.

New Scoreboards

Please do not lean on the scoreboards. If you need assistance while taking your gripper on and off, please use the bench or wall.

Goldline’s Wholesale Show Blow Out is going on now!

To make room for new arrivals, they are offering a 10% discount on selected curling shoe models for their wholesale customers.

How to Redeem: To take advantage of this exclusive offer, please enter the promo code **WSBO1023** when placing your order. They've opted for a manual entry to ensure that you are aware of this special promotion and can benefit from the discount. Please note that supplies on these shoes are limited, and there are already sizing gaps. Once sold out, these models will be discontinued, so act quickly to secure your preferred sizes and styles.



Elizabeth Demers, Diana Jankowski, Stephanie Whitmore, and Jenny Levy won the Third Event: Steal Away!

Bonspiel Updates

The **Brosnan rink** finished runner up in the A final at the Pittsburgh Curling Club to the Mann rink.

Three Detroit Teams made the finals at the Ladies International Bonspiel!



Deb Freedlander, DessiRae Gaul, Rachel Lewis, and Michelle Matte were the Third Event Runners Up.



Michele Falvey, Kitty Lam, Kelli Zielinski, and Kelly Munro won the Fourth Event: Slide, Captain, Slide!

The Ilderton Curling Club's Team Shackleton won the First Event: What a Skip Believes!

The Amador Rink from Mayfield won the Second Event, Takin' It to the Sheets!



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

GLCA Updates

Thanks to the Cleveland Skating Club and the Detroit Curling Club we now have host clubs for the regional Arena Championships and 5 & Under Championship.

The GLCA Arena Championships are open to men's and women's teams from the same arena club within the region. The winners advance to Arena Nationals which is expected to be held in November. It will run at the Cleveland Skating Club May 18th - 19th and registration is through the USA Curling website.

The GLCA 5 & Under Championship is open to any makeup of teams as long as each person is a member of a GLCA club. This year, the regional championship is not a qualifier for nationals (that event is the very next week) but we will be awarding the Hal McGrady Cup to the winners to take home to their club and we have nice event pins for event winners and runners up. The GLCA 5 & Under is at the Detroit Curling Club, April 20-21, and team registration is available here:

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Ontario Curling Association

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](#)
- [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](#).
 - There are eight (8) [qualifier events](#) over the April 5-7th 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. 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

Super Bowl Squares: That's right, Super Bowl squares are for sale this year again. Please see the bar to sign up for a square and follow the directions there for payment. While we are all sad the Lions are not part of it, you can turn that grief into profit and supporting the Rockettes' scholarship programs at the same time!

Rockettes vs. Sinners Bonspiel: We are still in need of **just 3 more Rockettes** to fill out this bonspiel! Sinners spots are already full. Come join the fun of a faceoff between our two in-club groups! Sign up [here](#) or contact Duncan Whitmore for sign up.

Walking Tacos: Get ready, Waling Tacos are coming back Feb. 19 - 24! Get ready to bring your dollars to purchase a tasty meal after a hard night of sweeping. With that said, we do need some volunteers to make the event a success again this round. Please consider volunteering -- sign up with this link: <https://signup.com/go/wBThrbh> If you have any questions feel free to reach out to [Karina Lizzi-Ansok](#).



USWCA News

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

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

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

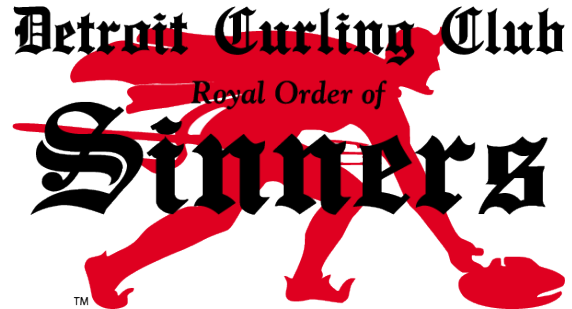
Sinners News

The morning of January 21, 2024 was certainly a day to remember for the Sinners as it held the annual Robert Burns Breakfast. With nearly sixty attendees, the festivities kicked off with an honorary procession honoring the haggis, a Scottish delicacy with an aroma and flavor that will leave a lasting impression upon the palate of any individual fortunate enough to sample this national treasure. The haggis was the leader of the parade with DCC member, David Turner and DCC Club Piper, Todd Wyber following. David masterfully recited Robert Burns' *Address to a Haggis* and then the attendees lined up for a chance to sample the "Great Cheiftan o' the



Puddin-race." A hearty breakfast that included traditional Scottish sausage rolls and meat pies followed. With sated appetites and lifted spirits, attendees welcomed three new Sinners into their ranks. Song, a lively raffle, and a handful of "true stories" rounded out the remainder of the morning.

The next Sinners event, the Sweetheart Sinners Breakfast, will take place on Sunday February 11, 2024. This breakfast will coincide with the Second Annual Sinners vs. Rockettes spiel where the two DCC auxiliary clubs will square off against one another on the ice and enjoy fellowship and camaraderie off the ice. The championship game for the Sinners vs. Rockettes spiel will begin at 10:00 am on February 11 immediately following breakfast. Sign up to attend the breakfast on the sign-up sheet posted in the warm room and stay after to watch the guys and gals on the ice.



2023-2024 Sinners Calendar of Events

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

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!

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*.

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>

The Midland Curling Club (Michigan) and the United States Women's Curling Association will be hosting a Junior curling event on March 9 and 10.

2 Divisions Competitive and Novice - This is the perfect event to attend for an athlete's first bonspiel experience. The Novice division will allow coaches on the ice and if your kids don't have a coach yet, we have experienced former junior athletes willing to help. The competitive division will allow between-end coach interactions and 2 timeouts per game. We will put together teams of individuals as necessary so even if you just have a couple of kids, we can help!

Keep Scrolling for more Fabulous Bonspiels!



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

"Spooner Cup"

in honour of Orest "Spooner" Shpunliarsky

**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



Inaugural Midland Junior Curling Classic Bonspiel

Sponsored by the Midland Curling Club and the United States Women's Curling Association



Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, 2024

Saturday: 12 noon to 10 pm

Sunday 9 am and 4 pm

\$200 per team

16 Teams: Open Format

Competitive and Novice Divisions

3 Game Guarantee

Snacks after each game

Saturday Soup Lunch and Taco Bar for everyone

Sunday Continental Breakfast and Lunch

T-shirts for all participants!

Special Skills Tournament on Saturday Night with PRIZES!

Off-Site Opportunities/Activities for Parents on Saturday

USWCA Travel Stipend Reimbursement available for teams that travel more than
100 miles: [USWCA Website Gifts and Grants](#)

[2024 Midland Junior Curling Classic Registration Form](#)

Questions: Peter Carlson petercarlson1965@gmail.com 989-941-2684



THIRD ANNUAL GLCA REGIONAL FIVE-AND-UNDER CHAMPIONSHIP

DETROIT CURLING CLUB



APRIL 20 - APRIL 21, 2024

REGISTRATION
STARTS FEB 3
AT NOON

\$380 PER TEAM

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](https://bit.ly/theloveboatspiel)

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!

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.

USWCA
COYOTES CURLING CLUB

DONNA PURKEY CLASSIC
Coyote Curling Club

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!

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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



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.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
CURLING CLUB



Spring Fling

March 15-17, 2024

LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA
EUROPE



Contact Us

 Curling Klub Ljubljana
 <https://ljubljana.curling.si/ljopen/>

2024

BONSPIEL

April 25-28



- ✓ 4 days
- ✓ 36 teams
- ✓ 4 games guaranteed
- ✓ great ice
- ✓ Wine and cheese party
- ✓ Banquet dinner
- ✓ Cash prizes & gifts



THE 54TH
EVERGREEN IS
BRINGING BACK THE

90s



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

Register here:



\$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

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