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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 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**.

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

CALENDAR Events

Motown Doubles

Detroit Curling Club
March 15-17, 2024

DCC/Kitchener Exchange
KWCC
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

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.**

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.

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

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.

Bonspiel Updates

Team Buchkowski - Skip - Pam Buchkowski, Vice - Karina Lizzi-Ansok, Second - Kara Szpondowski and Lead - Shelly Bahr, travelled over to the Sun Parlour Curling Club in Leamington, Ontario on Saturday, Feb. 17th to curl in the Ladies One Day Après-Ski. The team won the 1st draw Points spiel with 33 points.



Above: Yolanda Lewczuk, Kelly Soerens, Jen Schade, and a Sun Parlour member, took second place.

Right: Taha Jamil, Jason Schubb, Eric Trytko, Isaac Butler finished third in one day men's point Spiel in Tillsonburg, Ontario.



Detroit Rinks Steal the Hearts of Curling Fans at USWCA National Bonspiel

Thirty-two women's teams from across the United States competed in the 75th USWCA National Women's Bonspiel which was held at the St. Paul Curling Club in St. Paul, Minnesota from February 14 - 18, 2024. The event started with the Wednesday night kit party and opening ceremonies where teams were piped onto the ice carrying their team placards. The ceremonial first rock was thrown by current USWCA President, Kelly Stephens, which the USWCA Past Presidents swept right to the button. Curling began on St. Paul's 8 sheets of ice on Thursday, with 10-end, timed games. Teams bonded and socialized at the banquet Thursday night. Curling continued Friday through the finals on Sunday afternoon.

The Detroit Curling Club was represented by two teams:

Detroit 1: Elizabeth Demers, Diana Jankowski, Stephanie Whitmore, Jenny Levy

Detroit 2: Laura Call, Jen Legge, Suzanne York, Theresa Tejada

For the second year in a row, all the Detroit teams had an amazing showing and ended up in Event Finals.

Team Demers went 4-1 in the event and were the A Event Runners Up! They played all their games against teams from Wisconsin, playing women from the Blackhawk, Rice

Lake and Milwaukee Curling Clubs. They finished their run through the A Event bracket with games against two different teams from the Madison Curling Club. Demers was the only non-Wisconsin team in the A Event Semi-Finals. In the A Event Finals, they battled a Madison rink that has been playing together for many years, just coming up short. They are holding their heads high knowing they played some very good teams and are coming home with the A Event Runner Up Trophy.

Team Call went 4-2 and battled their way into the D Event Finals. They played against teams from the Granite (Seattle), Bowling Green, Cleveland Skating Club, Grand Forks, and Silicon Valley Curling Clubs. In the D Event Semi-Finals, they came up against the Silicon Valley team for the second time, after beating them in their first game. Fans were on the edges of their seats with Team Call stealing their way into the D Event Finals in 11 ends. In the D Event Finals, they had another thrilling game that came down to the last shot for the win!

Both teams would like to thank all of the Detroit Curling Club for their kind words and for watching their games. Your encouragement and support were felt by all of us!!!

---Diana Jankowski



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 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

Hungry after the game? Rockettes' Freezer Finds will quiet that growl with ice cream and other delicious treats! Pay at the bar.

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 \(chipply.com\)](#)

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

February 10 and 11, 2024 saw the return of the **Second Annual**



Sinners vs. Rockettes Bonspiel.

Eight teams of Sinners and Eight teams of Rockettes played over the course of two days to

determine which of the two DCC auxiliary clubs would claim victory and hold bragging rights for the next year. Each of the sixteen teams played two games on Saturday in a points spiel with a skins format. Pam Buchkowski and Kara Szpondowski arranged all of the Saturday dining details while Duncan Whitmore provided evening entertainment with The Match Game.



The annual **Sweetheart Sinners Breakfast** was held on Sunday morning. With about 70 individuals in attendance, the DCC was abustle with a piping hot breakfast, "true stories," song, and fellowship. Fellowship faded to fierce competition as the top-

scoring Sinners teams faces off against the top-scoring Rockettes teams. The A Event final game saw the Jim Morris Rink (Jim Morris - Skip, Jeff Peplinski - Vice, Jason Ley - Second, Jason Ujvari - Lead) square off against the Laura Call Rink (Laura Call - Skip, Dawn Abbott - Vice, Becky Gilbert - Second, Ben(ita) Glotzhober - Lead). In a dramatic turn of events, Laura Call was unable to make the final match and Pam Buchkowski stepped in to skip. (This put Damien Buchkowski in a precarious position - would he root for his wife or his BFF? He declined to comment when asked.) The final shot of the game ended up being worth 11 of 21 possible points and Pam led the Rockettes to victory.

Thank you to all of the people who took part in the Sinners vs. Rockettes and the volunteers who kept everything on the warm side of the glass running smoothly!

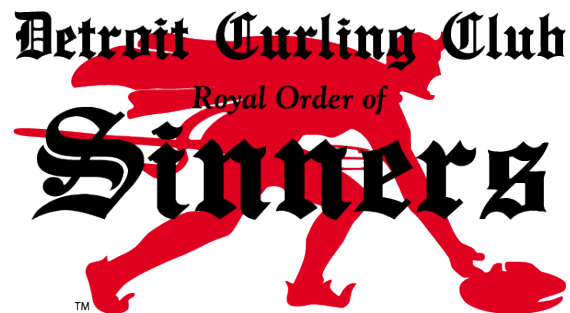
Sinners Merch

If you ordered a new Sinners jacket or a Sinners short-sleeved polo shirt, your new swag is here! Please see a Sinners Board Member if you need assistance locating your items.

KW Exchange

The DCC Sinners will be heading to Kitchener, Ontario on Friday March 15, 2024 for the second half of the Detroit-KW Curling Exchange. Fellowship begins on Friday evening and the scores from the two games played on Saturday March 16 will be combined with the cumulative scores from November 2023 to see if Detroit or Kitchener reigns supreme for the 2023-2024 Exchange. Word from The Olde

Heidelberg Restaurant Tavern & Motel indicates prime conditions for raising pigs in the recent months and the featured dish of the Saturday banquet, braised pigtailed, will be exquisite this year. Male DCC members are eligible to play in the KW Exchange. If you're interested, please see a Sinners Board Member for details.



2023-2024 Sinners Calendar of Events

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 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!

Registration for several **Granite Curling Club (Seattle, WA) Bonspiels** open on Monday, February 5th @ noon (PT).

[Open Doubles Bonspiel](#) [April 26-28, 2024] - REGISTRATION ALREADY OPEN (3 SLOTS LEFT)

Three-day bonspiel starting at 5 pm Saturday, April 26th, and concluded with the finals on Sunday, April 28th at 5:30 pm. Food is included throughout the weekend. The entry fee is \$220 per team.

[Under & Over Bonspiel](#) [May 4-5, 2024]

A 2-day, family-oriented bonspiel where teams must be composed of at least two juniors (U18). Families are encouraged to sign up and play together. The entry fee is \$90 per person. Price includes Saturday Lunch, Saturday Dinner, Sunday Lunch, and snacks.

[Rainbow Spiel - Broadway on Ice](#) [May 17-19, 2024]

Join us for our Annual Pride Spiel! We'll be celebrating musicals throughout the weekend - dress up as characters from your favorite show, come sing along with us on Saturday evening for a Broadway singalong show, or just come curl with us and help raise money for Seattle's queer youth outreach center the Lambert House. The entry fee is \$400 per team. Food throughout the weekend.

[Summer Bonspiel](#) [June 21-23, 2024]

We are daydreaming of warm and sunny weather here in Seattle. Celebrate the start of summer in style with our annual summer event! The entry fee is \$400 per team. Expect tasty food throughout the weekend!

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!

COME ABOARD, WE'RE EXPECTING YOU...

The LOVE BOATspiel

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



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



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



**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!



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

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
CURLING CLUB**



Spring Fling

March 15-17, 2024



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 kelseymburg@gmail.com with questions.

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



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