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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**.

USWCA Rep Position Available!

Current DCC club representative Bethany Rivera will be stepping down from her position as the USWCA representative for Detroit at the end of the curling season. It has been a privilege to be Detroit's representative for so many years. If you are interested in becoming the rep or getting involved, please contact Bethany at aandriviera@yahoo.com.

2024 United States Curling Association (USCA) Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Ann Swisshelm and the rest of the women on the 2003 Team McCormick Rink. She and the others will be inducted to the class of 2024 United States Curling Association Hall of Fame. Read more: <https://loom.ly/eCCG21Q>



CALENDAR

Events

Champagne Spiel
Detroit Curling Club
April 6, 2024

**Last Chance
Sinners' Breakfast**
Detroit Curling Club
April 14, 2024

Rockettes Annual Meeting
Zoom
April 15, 2024

GLCA 5 and Under
Detroit Curling Club
April 20-21, 2024

Junior Friendly Bonspiel
Detroit Curling Club
April 27, 2024

Club Clean Up
Detroit Curling Club
May 11, 2024

DCC Annual Meeting
Detroit Curling Club
May 22, 2024

Komen Race for the Cure
Detroit Riverfront
September 14, 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.**

Champagne Spiel (4/06/2024) –
[Goats registration \(6+ year curlers\).](#)

[Colts Registration \(5 & under curlers\).](#)

Volunteer opportunities for this event are [here](#).

Junior Friendly (4/27/2024) –
Join waitlist [here](#).

Volunteer opportunities for this event are [here](#).

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

Bonspiel Updates

The Pineapples!!! (Grudzinski rink) took home the C-event at the Wood Memorial Bonspiel at the Belfast Curling Club (Belfast, ME). In the final, Pineapples!!! overcame an early 4-0 deficit to take the event crown. En route, they faced another Detroit team, the Hula Hammers, in the semifinals skipped by John Gaul.



Pineapples!!!: Mike Grudzinski, Brian Whitehead, Dan Cleary, Paul Burnham

Hula Hammers: John Gaul, Stephanie Whitmore, DessieRai Gaul, Jenny Levy



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

GLCA Updates

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 waitlist team registration is available here:

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

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 *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.

Rockettes Corner

Nominations

We have a full ballot for our Rockettes board nominations. However, if you did not get a chance to say that you wanted to run, please let our nominations committee (Theresa Tejada or Kara Szpondowski) know.

The Rockettes Annual Meeting will be held April 15 at 7 pm over Zoom. Stay tuned for details.

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

USWCA News

Save the Dates!

The **2025 USWCA National Bonspiel** will be held in Madison, WI from February 12-February 16, 2025. The DCC playdown date will be announced in the fall.

The **2024 USWCA Sr. National Bonspiel** will be held at the Columbus Curling Club – Date TBD and application date TBD. Please watch the USWCA website for information.

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

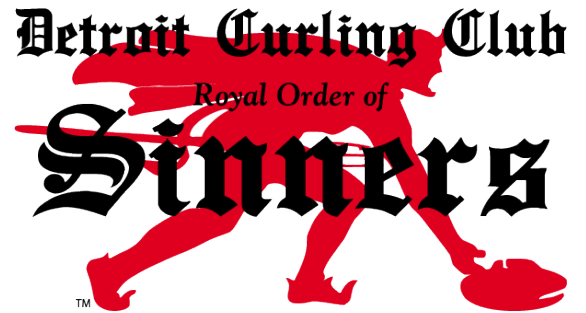
The Bradford Curling Club in Bradford, Ontario hosted their annual **Men's Bonspiel** on February 23, 24, and 25, 2024. Team Levy (Ben Levy, Skip; John Gaul, Vice; Matt Shumacher (KW Granite Club); Bill



Morris, Lead) gave an outstanding performance all weekend and were the Runner-Up of the A Event.

Team Mutton Chops (Duncan whitmore, Skip; Paul Gaines, Vice, Dan Kobs, Second; Damien Buchkowski, Lead) walked away the victors of the D Event. The format included a "Two Point Button" all weekend where any rock touching the button counted for two points. This format ended up turning many games around and added much interest in the event.

Caption: Team Mutton Chops, pictured top to bottom: Duncan Whitmore, Paul Gaines, Dan Kobs, and Damien Buchkowski





March 15, 16, and 17 saw the conclusion of the **107th Detroit-KW Exchange**. The first half of the event, held in November 2023 ended with Detroit being up in cumulative points, though the Canadians came up from behind to win the 2023-2024 Exchange. More importantly, both Detroit and Kitchener had a great turnout of "Rookies" who had not yet participated in the Kitchener end of the event. New members in the Exchange are the lifeblood and the reason the tradition has carried on since 1917. Many lifelong friendships have been made during the

KW Exchange. After Saturday curling, a hearty dinner nourished the hungry competitors, though some may not have had the constitution to bring themselves to eat the traditional braised pigtailed. The event concluded with a Sunday Sinners breakfast at Plattsville Curling Club where the "Rookies" became full-fledged Exchange Members following their initiation.



The Last Chance Sinners Breakfast will be held on April 14, 2024. This will be your last chance to sin until the fall of 2024. Come experience the camaraderie and fellowship for the first time if you've never experienced it! There are no better places in southeast Michigan for Breakfast and a Show for ten dollars! Please sign up on the sheet posted in the warm room. For questions or further information, email The Sinners at: sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com

2023-2024 Sinners Calendar of Events

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.**



Pro Shop Update

DCC members, the club has teamed up with Steve's Curling Supplies and Goldline. If you have any equipment needs, whether we stock it currently or not, please reach out to Quentin at ice@detroitcurling.com to see if we can order it for you. We try to keep our prices competitive with retail pricing online with these distributors. By purchasing with DCC, you will save on shipping and sales tax as we account for that in our sales price. We are passing on savings to the membership as a perk to being a DCC member. Consider using the club to order your equipment purchases at any time. The end of the season may be here, but you'll be ready to start the year off right if you want any last-minute special orders.

NEW MEMBERS

New members, do you love curling? Consider getting your own brush! There are several used brushes available in the Pro Shop for under \$50. There is also a wide selection of new brushes. Stop in and see what is available!

NAME TAGS

The Club provides new members with one name tag as part of your initial membership fee. All additional, replacement, and specialty name tags can be purchased for a nominal fee. Effective immediately, any name tag that is or has been ordered as a replacement or supplemental or special order tag, will be charged to your account when ordered. Those who do not maintain a bar tab will be required to pay in advance of the order being placed. Thus, all name tags will be posted on the bulletin board in the warm room, for claiming. For those members who ordered a nametag recently, they are in. Please pick them up from the bulletin board in the warm room.



Angus MacTavish is in the House

WOMEN POLISH THE ICE – DETROIT FEB 4, 1917

Women have curled at The Detroit Curling Club long before the formation of the Rockettes.

“They can hurl 50 pound curling stones, too. Believe this girl reporter who scoffs at “He-Chickens.”

“Dear City Editor: - I adore writing letters – ‘specially fault finding ones. You men are so selfish... You see, the women came down to eat – the men gave them a banquet – and they went right out and began to shinny those enormous stones about and in another minute the first women’s curling match ever held in Detroit was on. My gracious, but it has been a long time coming to that.

“Maybe it is because of their knowledge that they look such “ducks” in Scotch bonnets that caused the women to wrestle with those 50-pound chunks of granite, but the fact remains that they did do it and threw them a very long way, swept just as madly as the men, got just as red-faced and excited and strained 17 parts of the anatomy to prove their ability.

“Why can’t the women have space and be made to feel they are worthwhile in athletics and then maybe we can have a regular women’s curling club and go about the country getting cups and prizes and frost-bitten ears and glory and sore throats and publicity and everything.

“Among the women who showed skill on the ice were Mrs. J.A. Bucknell, Mrs. E.R. Treble, Mrs. Herman Sanderson and Mrs. J.V. Gurney.

“Yours athletically, BUDA STEPHENS”

Ed. Note: Ms. Buda Stephens was a tennis champion and a sports reporter for the Detroit Free Press. One of her more famous articles was an interview with Babe Ruth. Her unflattering article, titled RUTH JUST A BIG JUNGLE INFANT, was published on page one. She pronounced Ruth as lacking in sophistication. “He doesn’t know the answer to anything if it’s more than one syllable”...”He is not suave and intellectual”...And finally, “Babe Ruth possesses none of the Ty Cobb charms.”

Skimble-skamble,
Angus MacTavish

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>



THIRD ANNUAL GLCA REGIONAL FIVE-AND-UNDER CHAMPIONSHIP
DETROIT CURLING CLUB
APRIL 20 - APRIL 21, 2024



\$380 PER TEAM

Keep Scrolling for more Fabulous Bonspiels!

GIRLS WHO CURL SPRING EVENT



ST. PAUL CURLING CLUB, ST PAUL, MN
APRIL 28TH, 2024 - 9:30AM - 4:00PM
 REGISTRATION IS OPEN: WWW.JUNIORCURLINGCONNECTION.COM

CURLERS:

- Ages: 8 - 21
- FREE EVENT! FREE LUNCH!
- Coaches will guide new girls how to play the game and learn skills.
- On Ice Games.
- Socializing with Other Curlers.
- Door Prizes and a Broom Drawing.

PARENTS:

- Network with other Parents
- FREE EVENT!
- FREE LUNCH!
- Parent Presentation to learn about Junior Curling.

NEVER CURLED? COME AND TRY IT OUT AND MEET OTHER GIRLS WHO CURL.

ALREADY A CURLER? BRING A FRIEND WHO ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY CURLING.



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 651.428.3058




**STAR WARS DAY
MAY THE 4TH
BE WITH YOU**

OVERS ⚡ UNDERS SPIEL

REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 5, 2024 AT 12PM PT
WHEN: MAY 4-5, GAMES START AT 9AM ON SAT.
COST: \$90 / PERSON
TRADITIONAL POOL PLAY WITH 6-END GAMES
EACH TEAM MUST HAVE AT LEAST 2 K-18 JUNIORS
 (PERFECT FOR FAMILIES)

- All juniors **MUST** have played in a league with experience playing multiple end games.
- Juniors in elementary school are **required** to register and play with an adult.
- Juniors **MUST** be able to deliver a full weight rock the full length of the sheet.
- All juniors **MUST** have a responsible adult at the club supervising them for the duration of the event.

2024 GRANITE CURLING CLUB SUMMER SPIEL



SEATTLE, WA
JUNE 21-23rd
3-GAME GUARANTEE
32 TEAMS
\$400/TEAM

Fun Possible
Fun Guaranteed

BRING YOUR
LAWN CHAIRS

More info at : curlingseattle.org/bonspiels



FOOD!! PRIZES! GRANITE CURLING CLUB RAFFLE! FUN!!

SEATTLE

**APRIL SPIEL 2024
OFF TO THE RACES**

56 Teams - 4 Game Guarantee - \$450/4 Person Team

START

Registration - <https://curlingseattle.org/bonspiels>



BROADWAY ON Curling ICE

A TRIBUTE TO LGBTQIA+
MUSICALS AND COMPOSERS

MAY 17TH-19TH, 2024 \$400 PER TEAM
 REGISTRATION OPENS
 FEBRUARY 5TH

CURLINGSEATTLE.ORG/BONSPIELS

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



Orlando Curling Club Presents



PIRATES OF THE
CURL-RIBBEAN

We're back! Early-Bird registration is still available!!

May 10-12, 2024

- 4 Game Guarantee
- Shorties tournament
- Meals included
- RUM!!

www.curlingorlando.com/bonspiel



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Bonspiel dates
Competitive Curling Info
Camps and other events
Relative Links

www.juniorcurlingconnection.com

