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In Memoriam—Ken Zyrd

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Kenyon (Ken) Zyrd on June 5, 2024 in Traverse City, Michigan.

Ken joined the Club in 1979 and after 35 years, he became a life member. He was an avid curler in Mixed and Men's leagues and Bonspiels. He was an active member of the Sinners committee, especially remembered for his role as the "Judge." Please keep Mitzi and the entire Zyrd family in your prayers.

There will be a Celebration of Life on August 11, 2024 at the American Legion Hall at 2079 Twelve Mile Road, Berkley, MI 48072, from 1:00-6:00 PM. A call for comments from celebrants will occur at 3:00 PM. Just prior to that a piper will play followed by the singing of the Sinners Hymn by Ken's brother Sinners.

For those who wish to make a donation, Ken's favorite charity was St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Sign Up for Bocce by August 9

The Rockettes are sponsoring another fun-filled night of bocce for up to 60 DCC club members and their guests on Friday, August 23 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Palazzo di Bocce (4291 S Lapeer Rd, Lake Orion, MI 48359), cost is **\$40.00 per person**. The event includes three hours of bocce plus courtside noshes. Come join us for camaraderie and competition! [Click here to register](#) and pay for the event. You must be logged into the member site. Must sign up by **August 9**. Please direct any questions to rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com

Golf Outing

The golf outing will be back at Sylvan Glen Golf Course (725 Rochester Rd, Troy, MI 48085) on Sunday, September 8. The cost is \$70/golfer and includes skins, 18 holes of golf and cart, longest drive (both women and men), and four holes closest to the pin. [Click here to register and pay for the event](#) (you must be logged into the member site.). Sign up by **August 31**. Please direct any questions to Chris Thomas at cmthomas1@gmail.com.



CALENDAR

Events

Ken Zyrd Celebration of Life

August 11, 2024

American Legion Hall

Berkley

1:00-6:00 PM

Rockettes' Bocce Outing

August 23, 2024

Palais di Bocce

6:30-9:30 PM

DCC Golf Outing

September 8, 2024

Sylvan Golf Course

10:00 AM

Komen Race for the Cure

Detroit Riverfront

September 14, 2024

Opening Party

Detroit Curling Club

October 23, 2024

7 PM

KW Exchange 108

Detroit Curling Club

November 8-10, 2024

Komen Registration Open

Our powerful community will come together on **Saturday, September 14, 2024** to celebrate life and our vision of a world without breast cancer. Whether you decide to join the live event or participate virtually, you will be part of something spectacular, inspiring and, most of all, impactful. Our team name is Curlers for a Cure. Any questions? Email team captain Laura Call: CALLL23@YAHOO.COM



Annual Meeting/2024-2025 BoD

Thank you to all the members who attended the Annual Meeting in May! It was great to see everyone. If you were unable to attend the meeting, [here is a copy of the Annual Report](#).

Congratulations to the newly elected Board Members: Elizabeth Demers, Nate Glitman, Greg Jorgensen, and Dennis Pellerin! We are excited to have you on our team! See below for a clip of the current board positions.

Bartenders

Derek and Frank will be returning to the club this fall. There will also be a third bartender starting in January. Derek is currently on the hunt for the new employee. We'll make an announcement once the position is filled.

Committees/Volunteers

Q will be organizing a few committees before the start of the season. Be on the lookout over the next couple of months for volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved in the club.

CANAM Cup of Curling

Reminder to the men of the club: Our club will be hosting the CANAM Cup of Curling on Tuesday, November 19th. We are looking for 16 men to play on four teams against the visiting Canadian tourists and then attend the closing banquet later that evening. You must commit to both to be considered. [Click here to complete the survey of interest](#). The cost is \$65 for the game and dinner. Extra dinner space will be available for guests at \$40.00. Please direct any questions to Chris Golec at c.golec.35@gmail.com, Gordy Loud at gordyloud@comcast.net or Maryanne Wessels, maryanne.wessels@gmail.com.

Bonspiel Updates

Jenny and Ben Levy won bronze at the Tahoe Cup V, a mixed doubles bonspiel put on by Lake Tahoe Epic Curling. It's a two-sheet, dedicated ice, club with a fun membership located minutes from the lake.



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

GLCA Updates

Stay Tuned!

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.

Rockettes Corner

Calling all dudes of the Detroit Curling Club!

The Rockettes are looking for 12 or more members of the DCC to be featured in our first-ever Dudes of Detroit Curling Club 2025 fundraising calendar! Each month's theme does not have to be curling-related and risqué is *not* required. If you're excited to be part of the calendar but don't have an idea, that's okay, the Rockettes Board is happy to help you brainstorm. Men in kilts, men of Canada, men with animals, men with brooms, men doing the ice, Denis 'Hollywood' Metty...you get the idea! If you are interested, please fill out this short [Google Form](#). If you are signing up as a group, please complete one form. If we have more interest than months in the year, the Rockettes board will choose the most appropriate for the month and theme. The tentative dates for the photoshoot are at the end of October, into the first weekend in November, but subject to change based on theme and weather.

If you're feeling camera shy but have calendar-related skills you'd like to volunteer (i.e., photoshop skills, photography skills, prop skills, etc.), please send an email to Maggie Peplinski (maggi Korn@gmail.com).

Rockettes Call for Designs

We know how talented our club members are, and the Rockettes Board is looking for **your** design ideas for new Rockettes T-shirts and swag for the start of the 2024-2025 season. The winner of the design chosen will receive **\$250**.

Criteria:

- Must include "Detroit Rockettes" or "DCC Rockettes"
- Including the year is encouraged, i.e.: "Est. 1952"
- Colors consistent with Red, Blue, White and Yellow

Some ideas include: "Rockin' it since 1952", Rockettes through the ages (like the evolution picture), Rockin' Rockettes (a rocket theme), and of course we are open to your creativity! Send designs to Rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com. Submissions are due by Monday, September 30th. No limit to the number of submissions per person.

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.

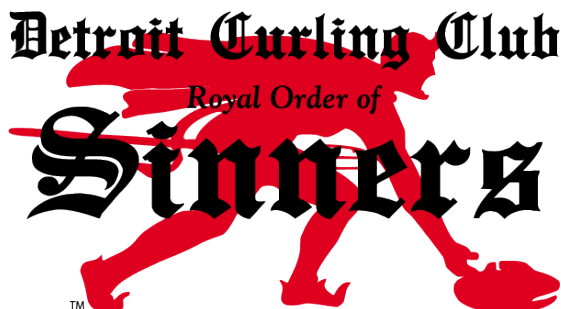
The USWCA has Merchandise for Sale! [Products - USWCA - Tilson Bay Company \(chipply.com\)](https://www.chipply.com/products-uswca-tilson-bay-company)

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 Julie Benson at jmbkalis@gmail.com.

Sinners News

Rest easy knowing the summer heat doesn't keep The Sinners from sinning. The Sinners Board is hard at work planning events for the upcoming curling season. We are especially working hard on taking care of details for the CanAm Cup taking place at our Club in November. Set aside some time from your day to see who comes out on top, Detroit or Canada...details to follow.



2024-2025 Sinners Calendar of Events

Stay tuned!

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.

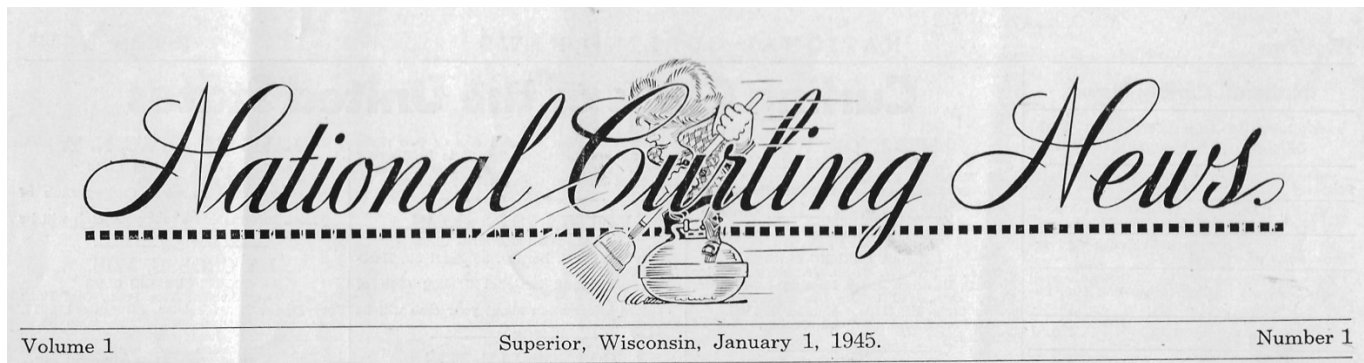
For questions or further information, email The Sinners at: sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com

Pro Shop Update

Stay tuned!



Angus MacTavish is in the House



I thought it was time to get into the “Way Back Machine”, so I pulled out the old issues of the National Curling News. As you can see above, the first issue was January 1, 1945. Let’s see what all the hot topics were for curling in 1945....

Today we have over 185 curling clubs in the USA. In 1945, it was reported that there were 50 clubs in the USA. The article lists nine states with clubs. Wisconsin leading the pack. Michigan only had The Detroit Curling Club. Surprisingly, Ohio had no clubs though we know that there had been curling clubs in Ohio prior to 1945.

It was reported that 3 clubs in Chicago were relying on Mother Nature to allow curling because they only had natural outdoor ice. In Scotland, they reported that curling activity is on the rise even though there is a war in progress. The reason being that artificial compressor-made indoor ice was becoming more widely used in the Scottish clubs.

Ice making machinery was on the rise. St. Paul, MN had a disastrous 1943-44 season due to warm weather. During the off-season they raised the funds necessary to install a total of 6 sheets of curling ice.

The town of Drayton, ND had a population of 650 people, yet over 80 were members of the local curling club. A hefty percentage. The Heather Curling Club in Mapleton report that they now have two sheets of artificial ice. It was back in the late 1800s that they were curling on the river with wooden blocks.

An article had a list of “**Don’t for Curlers**”. The same things we “don’t do” today and continue to instill in our new members. “Don’t delay the game... Don’t stand in the house... Don’t distract... etc....”. But, there was one that is not on the list today, but was still in use in the 1980s...”*Don’t drop tobacco ash, matches or anything else on the ice.*”

Another article on artificial ice stated that it was the wave of the future as club after club had either recently installed or was raising the necessary funds to install a compressor. The issue contained a full-page ad from *Vilter Manufacturing* (now Copeland) in Milwaukee, WI for refrigeration equipment for curling ice.

The Detroit Curling Club was one of the first in the USA and Canada with artificial ice in the 1920s. We have written articles on that fact in the past.

All for now. More gibble-gabble next month.

Angus

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!

CedarSpiel, August 9-11 <https://cedarrapidscurling.com/index.php/calendar/cedarspiel>

Nashville Summer Spiel, August 9-11: <https://playpass.com/NashvilleCurlingClub/summer-open-2024-TbxUAaw>

The Crush, Aug 30-Sept 2: <https://winecountrycurlingclub.com/bonspiels/the-crush-2024/>

Rock-It City, Aug 31-Sept 2: <https://www.rocketcitycurlingclub.org/rock-it-city>

Arch City Bonspiel, August 31-Sept 1: https://stlouiscurlingclub.org/eventPage.php/arch-city-bonspiel-2024?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2VEsnWIFfBnveI33_UJph5pBB7wfpoWhOgqW9Ws0p2IgamTE_9sZ_YKeo_aem_B_j-EoFT0fiYnr9yppSbg

Rocky Mountain invitational, September 12-16: <https://denvercurlingclub.com/index.php/curling/event-listings/events/bonspiels/207-rmci-co-2>

Triangle Over-Under, September 19-22: <https://trianglecurling.com/index.php/events/over-under-spiel>

Golden Gate Bonspiel, October 4-6: <https://bayareacurling.com/events/bonspiels/golden-gate-bonspiel>

Oktoberfest, October 4-6: <https://broomstones.com/index.php/calendar/event-registrations>

Thin Air Bonspiel, October 13-15: <https://laketahocurling.com/eventPage.php/ltec-thin-air>

Chicago Open, October 11-13: <https://chicagocurlingclub.org/eventPage.php/coc-open-24>

Bogspiel, October 17-20: <https://capecodcurling.org/>

Three Rivers Over/Under, October 17-20: <https://capecodcurling.org/>

Grits n' Granite, October 17-20: <https://charlottecurling.com/event/gritsngranite-2024/>

Glitter Bombspiel, October 18-20: <https://curlcdc.org/eventPage.php/glitter-2024>

Bone-Spiel, October 19: <https://curlaksarben.com/index.php/club-events/bonspiels>

Creepy-Sweepy Bone-Spiel, October 28-30: <https://lastchancecurlingclub.com/events/4245>

Spiel of the Dead, October 25-27: <https://frogtowncurling.org/index.php/club-events/bonspiel-list>

Midland Open, October 25-27: <http://www.midlandcurls.org/bonspiels>

Devils' Brew, October 25-27: <https://bgcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/bonspiel-registration>

Curl for a Cure, November 1-3: <https://ricelakecurling.org/>

Keep Scrolling for more Fabulous Bonspiels!



Hodag Open Bonspiel
Oct 25-27, 2024
3 Game Guarantee
Four Events – Two divisions:
Experienced and Newbies
Newbies consists of two
experienced and two with 1
year or less
\$400 Entry fee
Friday: Dinner
Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch
Banquet
Sunday: Breakfast, Lunch
Awards
Beverages all weekend
Presented by
Rhineland Arena
2021 E Timber DR
Rhineland WI 54501
Sponsored by The Rhineland
Chamber of Commerce
Live the Legend

Leading Partner - Holiday Aerie Resort
4000 Shore Drive
Rhineland WI 54601
715-889-1000

There are a variety of rooms 1-4 bedroom cabins and 2 large houses, 4 miles from the curling club. Discount rates are available until September 1 so get your reservations in today.

Special Entry Form

Team Entry – Home Club _____
Skip _____ Third _____
Second _____ Lead _____
Team Contact email _____
Team Contact Phone _____

Any Dietary Needs _____ Division _____

Please let us know if you prefer an afternoon or evening draw and we will do our best to accommodate.

Entries received prior to July 15 will receive 4 free club pins for the team!

Team Swag is also available. Long sleeve Kelly green t-shirts for \$20 each with "I curled in the 1st Hodag Bonspiel" on the back and the Hodag on the front. Include the cost of the shirts and the sizes needed with your entry fee.

Checks payable to Rhineland Curling Club

Send entries to: Terri Gleason

W6395 W Kraft Road Tomahawk WI 54487

Email: letsocurling@rhinelandcurling.org

Phone: 608-575-0457

Rice Lake Curling Club's

**A NO FRILLS
PRE-SEASON
WARM UP EVENT**



Open Bonspiel (16 team limit)

September 20, 21 & 22, 2024

Entry Fee: \$220.00 per team
\$35 for 5th player

Come and enjoy our early ice and community.

3 Game Guarantee

Beverages & light snacks included. No meals.

Online Registration opens July 1st

Go to www.ricelakecurling.org - scroll down under

Member Log In to Upcoming Events

We now only accept Credit Card payments when registering online

If you have any questions, contact
the Club Manager
rlcc@ricelakecurling.org
or call (715) 234-9812



Rice Lake Curling Club, 912 S. Wisconsin Avenue, Rice Lake, WI 54868

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