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Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers needed for GLCA U18 Playdown. Ice help and timers please see links below: Ice use this sign up:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-53702280-u18> Timers use this sign up: <https://signup.com/go/dFFwkAX>

The Senior Men's one day is looking for a few volunteers as well. Link to sign up: <https://signup.com/go/QkoKepH>

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. We have two lightweight cordless vacuums - one in the men's room and one in the janitor's closet. If you see a rug that could use some cleaning, please grab one of these vacuums and put it to good use.

Front Door

If you are the first to enter the building, be sure to use the hex key hanging on the left side of the door to pop the push bars in place on both doors. This will keep the doors unlocked. If you are the last person to exit the building, be sure to use the hex key hanging on the left side of the door to pop both of the push bars out. Please see a board member, bartender or Q for a demonstration.

Rental Instructors Needed

The holidays are nigh, and that means all the elves want to curl! Please sign up as a rental instructor by contacting rentals@detroitcurling.com.



CALENDAR

U18 GLCA Playdown

Detroit Curling Club
December 6-8

Senior Men's One Day

Detroit Curling Club
December 11

Men's International Playdown

Detroit Curling Club
December 14-15
9:00 AM

NYE Spiel!

Detroit Curling Club
December 31
4:30 PM

Toast to the Club

Detroit Curling Club
January 1, 2025
11:00 AM

Men's International Bonspiel

Detroit Curling Club
January 3-5, 2025

Club Mixed

Detroit Curling Club
January 11-12

As we enter into December, we are past our first in-season flood. The surveying laser, which the club added to its equipment stock at the end of last season, shows that we are already measuring a heave of at least 4mm on sheet one. The movement started to become noticeable about two weeks into the season. All four sheets are suffering from this heave movement already. We will be working on ways to cut the ice down in order to maximize the benefit of a flood each time. Before the last flood, we used a wood planer to cut out the high spots. The battery life on the wood planer was inadequate and we have replaced this tool with a corded planer.

We are constantly working to improve the cleanliness of the club. We are looking for a way to clean the arena carpet, which may render some walkways not accessible for certain days. Floor cleanliness is our goal of the month; please consider what you're bringing with you into the club. Have you brought a change of clean clothes to curl in? Are you cleaning out your gripper? Are you making sure to get your knees off the ice after releasing your stone? Do you know where the vacuums in the club are? Saying yes to all of these questions will help keep the club and the arena clean.

I am still looking for people who are willing to spend an hour or two here and there to help clean the club and the ice house. Seeing members take pride in their efforts to help maintain the lobby and arena is a sign of a great club ownership mentality. If we can get a few more people to help give this building a good deep cleaning, we can get the place looking brand new in no time. Many hands make light work. Please reach out to me at ice@detroitcurling.com if you are interested in helping.

Bonspiel Updates

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

GLCA Updates

GLCA Men's and Women's club national playdowns will be held at Fort Wayne Curling Club, January 10-12, 2025. To sign up, log into your USACurling Sport80 account or follow the prompts at: <https://www.usacurling.org/club-national-championships>

Ontario Curling Association

Celebrating their 150th year, the OCA is now identified with this new logo as Curling Ontario.

In addition, the website has changed to **curlingontario.ca** and comes with a complete facelift with more resources available to club members. If you're looking for some good ol' Canadian bonspiels, we encourage you to look at their revamped page and filter by event

(men's/women's/open/mixed/doubles/stick/wheelchair)

<https://curlingontario.ca/club-services/bonspiels/>. The site also features a new online apparel and gift shop where you can buy cool Curling Ontario swag.



Just a friendly reminder that DCC members can compete in any OCA event that leads to a Provincial Banner. The OCA offers a number of different Provincial Banner categories of competition including:

- Four-Person Stick Championship (Orangeville Curling Club, January 31-2, 2025). All participants must use the stick delivery system and be over the age of eighteen. Teams can be formed of any Curling Ontario club and of any gender combination.
- Grandmasters Championship (Oshawa Golf & Curling Club, March 21-23, 2025). This is a 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, 2025. Open Qualifiers will take place December 2-December 6 at these [host sites](#). Entry fee is \$300 CA. 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.
- Senior Mixed Championship (Midland Curling Club, April 2-6, 2025) Teams must be comprised of four members (two males, two females). Male athletes must be aged fifty (50) and over, female athletes forty-five (45) and over as of June 30th, 2024.
- Silver Tankard (Oshawa Golf & Curling Club, April 11-23, 2025) 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.

Registration for of these events can be found on <https://on.curling.io/en/competitions> In addition, if you happen to score an 8-ender or a 6-ender in doubles this season, you can submit [here](#) for a commemorative pin!

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 and Nate Glitman. #YayCurling! #OCA4Life

Rockettes Corner

Rockettes Semi-Annual Open Meeting Monday Dec. 16, 2024

Ladies of the DCC - Wondering who the Rockettes are and what we do? Find out on Monday Dec. 16th at 6:45pm and 8:30 PM when the Rockettes Board will host a meeting to provide info on all things Rockettes. Pizza after the Monday night Ladies league draws will be provided. You don't need to curl on Monday night to join us to learn more! Feel free to bring some holiday cookies for dessert.

Dudes of Detroit 2025 Calendar

Detroit's finest men will be featured in a special Calendar for the upcoming 2025 Calendar year. They will be on sale at the bar for just \$15. This is a Holiday Gift you don't want to miss! Watch for signage and announcements! Get them while they last!

Rockettes Swag

Congratulations Carrie Connor! You are the winner of our Rockette T-Shirt Design and \$250! We have ordered short and long-sleeved T-shirts with a small front and large back design, and should have them by mid-December. They will make for a great Christmas gift for that special someone in your life!

DCC Ladies International Bonspiel

The 2025 Ladies International will be held Feb. 1-2 at the Detroit Curling Club. This year's theme is **Circus!** We have 4 spots available for Detroit teams and will have a **playdown on January 19 at 9 am**. Start putting your teams together! A sign-up sheet is in the ladies locker room. There is 1 team spot left to participate in the playdown. The sign up will close January 6 or once it is filled. More details to come as we get closer to the date. Additionally, if you would like to join the planning committee, please reach out to Co-Chairs Theresa Tejada (theresaatejada@gmail.com) or Jen Legge (jenwoot@hotmail.com). We would love to have your input on entertainment, food and decor and can use your help with organizing the raffle and hospitality items. We will most likely communicate by email but probably have a Zoom meeting as well.

Lockers - Ladies Locker Room

If you haven't yet paid for your locker, it is \$10. Please pay Rachel Lewis, any other Rockette Board Member, or the Rockettes Locker Slot, by putting it in an envelope with your name and amount on it (this will help us keep track of who has paid and who owes).

If you didn't have a locker last year and would like one, or would like a different locker, please email Rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com and we will add you to the west list in order of request.

2024-2025 DCC Dynasty Jersey Order

Thank you to all those who ordered during our first order of Dynasty jerseys. You can pay at the bar for your order. Payment is due in full prior to receiving your order. We anticipate receiving all jerseys at the club by December 20th. There will be another round of orders in early spring.

Freezer Finds are Available!

If you are hungry when you arrive at the club, or once you get off the ice, stop by the freezer to get Burritos, pizza or an ice cream bar. One food item for \$3 or 2 for \$5. Please pay at the bar. Remember to clean the microwave when you are done. We are also planning a week of Walking Tacos in January.

USWCA News

The USWCA is dedicated to supporting Women and Youth Curling at the grassroots level. To get information about applying for a grant, go to the [Gifts and Grants](https://www.uswca.org/gifts-and-grants) page at <https://www.uswca.org/gifts-and-grants>

The USWCA WRep Sheet summarizes the Fall Meeting and important announcements for the coming season. Please see information in the link: <http://www.uswca.org/brochure>

The USWCA Outgoing Scot Tour Committee invites the women of the DCC to consider applying to represent the US during the 2026 US Tour to Scotland. For more information and the application to apply please visit <https://www.uswca.org/scot-tour> .

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

November 8, 9, and 10 marked the beginning of the annual Detroit K-W curling exchange. Nineteen of our Canadian brethren made the trip across the border for a weekend of curling and camaraderie. Friday night hospitality was full of laughter and shenanigans as the US and Canadian curlers caught up since their last meeting in March. It seems Friday hospitality left many of the Detroit curlers tired for Saturday curling as the Canadians handily won the majority of the matches! As always, there were no ill feelings and all enjoyed a wonderful banquet at the American-Polish Cultural Center in the evening. Sunday morning came early and started with a hearty Sinners Breakfast. Following breakfast, fines were imposed upon the wicked and rewards bestowed upon the pure of heart. The second half of the K-W exchange will take place in March 2025 when the Americans travel to Kitchener to face off against the Canadians on the ice.





The next Sinners Meeting will be held on Sunday December 15, 2024. A sign-up is posted in the warm room.

Information regarding Sinners Merchandise is posted on the bulletin board in the warm room along with a QR code to order new Sinners gear.

2024-2025 Sinners Calendar of Events

- Sinners Breakfast, December 15, 9 AM
- Toast to the Club, January 1, 2025 9 AM
- Robert Burns Sinners, January 26, 9 AM
- Third Annual Sinners/Rockettes, February 9-10
- Sweetheart Sinners, February 9, 9 AM
- Last Chance Sinners, April 13, 9 AM

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

Pro-Shop New Items Arriving!

Thank you to everyone who took advantage of the \$2 gripper sale during November to help keep the ice clean! Also, please check your broom heads to see if they need replacing! We stock a variety of broom heads in both recreational fabric and WCF (Competition) fabric.

New In Stock: Shot glasses and rock/whiskey glasses with the DCC Logo! These just arrived and look great! Buy them individually or in pairs for a discount!

Coming Soon: DCC Logo Hardline broom heads are on order! Also on order are pint glasses with the DCC logo!

Online Apparel Store Opening This Week!

The DCC Online Apparel Store will be opening this week!!!! Be on the lookout for an email with the link to order. New this year, in addition to offering apparel to have the DCC logo embroidered on them, we will be offering items to have the DCC logo screen printed on as well, such as hoodies & t-shirts, etc.!!! We also heard your call for DCC hats and have that included! All purchases on this online store will be delivered to the Club. Once the items are delivered, you will receive an email stating how to pick these items up. A portion of the proceeds on these orders also come back to the DCC.

Pro Shop Info & Hours of Operation

For those of you unaware, equipment in the Pro-Shop is priced the same as you will find on Steve's Curling Supplies and Goldline Curling Supplies. The benefit to members from purchasing the items from the DCC instead of Steve's or Goldline is that the shipping and taxes are included in the Pro-Shop price. If you order from Steve's or Goldline directly, you will incur these costs on top of the price of the equipment. In addition, a portion of each sale also goes back to the DCC!!! If there is anything that you would like to purchase but do not see it currently stocked, please email proshop@detroitcurling.com with a description and/or link to the item you wish to order and we can order it for you. This includes curling shoes. Once the item(s) arrive, emails will be sent out with instructions as to how to pick them up and remit payment.

The Pro-Shop is located in the DCC Office and is open whenever the bartenders are at the Club. If the office is closed and/or locked, please see the bartender(s) and/or Diana Jankowski or Quentin Way to gain access. Purchases can be made by taking the goods to the bar for payment. You may pay by either cash, credit or bar tab.

Name Tag Orders

In a change this year, all name tag orders must be emailed to proshop@detroitcurling.com. There will no longer be a sign-up on the bulletin board. Please include in your email: your name, the name as you wish it to appear on the name and whether you would like a magnet back or a pin back. Similar to the past, for all new members, your first name tag is free. All additional name tags or replacement name tags will be charged to you at cost. Once the name tags arrive, emails will be sent out with instructions as to how to pick them up.

If you have any Pro-Shop questions or comments, please see either Diana Jankowski or Quentin Way or email us at: proshop@detroitcurling.com.



Angus MacTavish is in the House

The Curling Delivery "Stick" - Is the curling delivery "stick" a relatively new invention? Nope.



The idea of curling on skates appears to be the height of absurdity to curlers, but do not be amazed when I tell you it once was seriously proposed to play the game on skates. In the late 1700's the idea of curling on ice skates was presented by the Duke of Athole (excuse me?). He proposed using a long cue or pole to hold the handle of the curling stone. The player on skates would back-up 10 to 12 yards behind the Tee, "then advancing rapidly, with an eye on the object to be accomplished, and when reaching the tee giving the stone the requisite impulse – imitating, after a fashion, the push shot in the game of billiards." When the game is played in this method it was said to be exciting and invigorating.

Fortunately, curling on skates was not pursued for long, but "the long cue or pole" did return to curling to allow people unable to get into the hack the ability to deliver a stone.

Hey – I do not make this stuff up!

It's pulchritudinous,

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!

Wausau Highlanders, January 10-12, 2025

<https://wausaucurling.org/index.php/events/bonspiels/bonspiel-sample>

GLCA Five and Under Championship at Circle City,

<https://circlecitycurling.com/index.php/events/event-registrations/bonspiels/294-2024-glca-5-under-championship>

On behalf of the Forest Curling & Social Club (FCSC), we would like to advise that our 46th Govenlock Bonspiel will take place from March 28th to 30th, 2025. <https://forestcurling.ca/tournamentPage.php>

Keep Scrolling for more Fabulous Bonspiels!





2024 Hogmanay Bonspiel
December 27-29, 2024

- \$500 per team
- 4 game minimum
- Food & Drink provided
- Catered Dinner & Lowland Games Saturday Night

Celebrate the end of 2024 in Austin, TX with camaraderie and curling!

First Draw ~4pm Friday and Last Draw ~3pm Sunday.

Register as a team or individual and find more info at bit.ly/2024hogmanay



Blackhawk Curling Club
presents
2025 Curl-A-Con
Annual Mixed Bonspiel
January 17-19, 2025



16 Teams with 4 Events

- Meals, Snacks and Open Bar at Club All Weekend
- Banquet & Dancing Saturday Night at **The Venue**, Downtown Janesville
- Team Costumes Encouraged
- Raffle Prizes
- 3 Game Guarantee
- **Team Entry Fee - \$400**

We welcome all interested curlers to join us in Janesville WI for Blackhawk Curling Club's 56th Mixed Bonspiel taking place January 17-19, 2025.

This Bonspiel is a 'modified' mixed Bonspiel. Teams can be made up of two men/two women, one man/three woman or three men/one women.


Email any questions to: bcbonspiel@gmail.com
Or Mark Leach at markleach725@gmail.com

Hope to see you in January!
REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE AT:
<https://blackhawkcurling.com>




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1st Draw Begins at 9:30 a.m.
Buzzer to be in effect for all games

Mail Entry Form to:
Sarnia Golf & Curling Club – Women's 2-Day Bonspiel
Attn: Jamie Parkinson, Draw Master
500 Errol Road West
Sarnia, Ontario, Canada N7V 1X7

or email:
proshop@sgcc.on.ca
subject: Women's 2-Day Bonspiel

Entries will be accepted in the order they are received. First 16 Teams accepted.

Please return this portion of the form by DECEMBER 13, 2024
Payment must accompany entry – No post-dated cheques – No refunds after Jan. 10, 2025

Skip: _____ Vice: _____
Second: _____ Lead: _____
HOME CLUB: _____

CONFIRMATION TO BE SENT promptly to:
Primary Contact Name & Cell Phone Number: _____
Primary Contact Email Address: _____

PLEASE SPECIFY ANY FOOD ALLERGIES: _____

I have enclosed a Cheque (*Cheques to be made payable to: SGCC Women's 2-Day Bonspiel*) - OR -
I will pay by Credit Card (provide card info below or call the proshop @ 519.336.2201 x 234)

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ CCV: _____

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2025 Jam & Glam Women's Bonspiel

When: Saturday, March 8th & Sunday, March 9th, 2025

Where: Black Swamp Curling Center, Bowling Green, Ohio

What: 3 game guarantee bonspiel

Cost: \$440 per team

This is a USWCA Circuit Event.

Register at bgcurlingclub.com.

Email emilyrvollmar@gmail.com or kelscydurg@gmail.com with questions.

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Online Registration is now open
simcoeurlingclub.ca/goldengardensmens
Email draw@simcoeurlingclub.ca for more info

Early Draw Friday 12 pm
Friday 3:30 pm
Saturday 8 am

Late Draw Friday 2:30 pm
Friday 8 pm
Saturday 10:30 am

NOV 29TH & 30TH 2024

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