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Ladies International Bonspiel Needs Raffle Items!

Baskets and donations are due by January 27, 2025. Please see Rockettes' Corner below for more information.

Bonspiel and Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities can be found now and throughout the year in the members section of the website at <https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/member-information/volunteer-opportunities> (must be logged in on the website) or download the Signup Genius app to see all opportunities.

Registration for the Motor City Open (1/25) -

Registration for the Motor City Open will launch on January 25 at Noon.

Look for the registration link on DCC website. Must be signed in to register.

If you have any questions please contact Joseph Lawrence at 21.jlawrence@gmail.com.

Mixed International Registration (2/15-2/16) –

From Scotland with Love -February 15 - February 16, 2025 - \$420 per team. Event Includes: Breakfast and Lunch - Saturday and Sunday, Dinner, Costume Contest and Dancing on Saturday Evening. Prizes for All Event Winners. Three Game Guarantee. Register [here](#). If you have any questions about the event email Mike Grudzinski at membership@detroitcurling.com.

Dudes of Detroit!

Dudes of Detroit 2025 Calendar

Detroit's finest men are featured in a special Calendar for the 2025 Calendar year. They are on sale at the bar for just \$20. This is a Holiday Gift you don't want to miss! Watch for signage and announcements! Get them while they last!



CALENDAR

Guest Night

January 25

5:30 PM

Detroit Curling Club

Robert Burns Sinners

January 26

9:00 AM

Detroit Curling Club

Ladies International Bonspiel

February 1-2

Detroit Curling Club

Sinners-Rockettes

February 8-9

Detroit Curling Club

Sweetheart Sinners

February 9

9:00 AM

Detroit Curling Club

Mixed International Bonspiel

February 15-16

Detroit Curling Club

Juniors Win Bronze at U18 Nationals!



DCC's own Kate Stevenson won bronze at U18 Nationals at Rock Creek Curling Club, playing second with Team Hollands, aka Holla Curling.

Jersey Hollands, Lillian Molitor, Kate Stevenson, and Isabel Molitor. Congratulations, ladies!

Ice Update

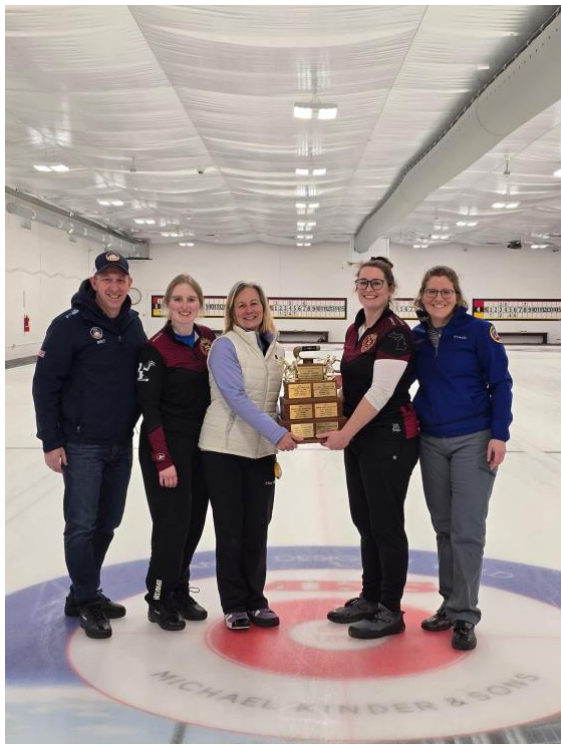
Our intrepid icemaker, Quentin Way, spent the holidays making deep improvements to DCC's ice. Flooding and scraping are only the tip of the iceberg, pun intended. Here's a tiny glimpse into the massive amount of work it takes to maintain speed and curl with our current floor conditions.



DCC Teams Dominate at GLCA Playdowns!

Congratulations to the Benson and Levy rinks on winning GLCA playdowns, hosted by the Fort Wayne Curling Club on January 9-12, 2025. Good luck at Club Nationals in Milwaukee in March!

Pictured: Women: Lauren Woods, Julie Benson, Marta Bauer, Kristine Rathke; Coach: Bret Jackson. Men: Steven Smith, John Gaul, Ben Levy, and Nate Glitman.



Detroit Curling Club Men's International

The 2025 DCC Men's International Bonspiel was held on January 3, 4 and 5, 2025. Twenty-four teams came from near and far for a chance to hold the coveted Walker Cup. This popular event was first held in 1897 and is the Club's longest-running bonspiel. Out of town registration filled in under twenty minutes and Detroit held a separate playdown event as nine teams had to compete for the four slots allotted to DCC teams.

The Wendling rink from the Chaska Curling Club won a hard-fought battle against the Drake rink from Roseland Golf & Curling Club for the A event. Shawn King from the DCC won the B event and made Detroit proud. The Marcus Gleaton rink from the Kalamazoo Curling Club won the C event. And the Bob Benson rink from Beach Grove Golf & Country Club were the winners of the D event.



The Men's International Committee is so very grateful to all of the individuals who made this event memorable. Thank you to Quentin for having the ice in tip-top shape for the event. Many competitors commented on the abundance of volunteers around the club making sure things on and off the ice ran like a well-oiled machine. Your help truly makes all the difference in hosting a large group and running a memorable event. Many thanks to all involved.

Damien Buchkowski, Jim Morris, Paul Gaines, David Urbiel, and Josh Lopez
2025 Men's International Bonspiel Committee

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/>. They also features a new online apparel and gift shop where you can buy cool Curling Ontario swag <https://curlingontario.square.site/s/shop>



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 Swag

Get your Rockettes short or long sleeve shirts. \$20 and \$25 respectively. You can purchase from any Rockettes Board member or at the bar.

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.**

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. Any raffle

prizes you would like to donate can be left in the ladies locker room. Please be sure to clearly label them for the raffle.

2025 DCC Dynasty Jersey Order

Thank you to all those who ordered during our first order of Dynasty jerseys. There will be another round of orders in early spring. Stay tuned for more information.

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 deadline is February 1.

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

The New Year is here and that means one thing. Haggis! The Detroit Curling Club Royal Order of Sinners will be holding the annual Robert Burns Breakfast on Sunday, January 26, 2025. Club Piper, Todd, will be on hand to parade the haggis around the warm room before everyone has a chance to sample this Scottish delicacy.



A special gift awaits Sinners deemed to be "in good standing" with the organization. Come see what the Sinners Board has in store for you! A sign-up sheet is posted in the Club warm room.

2024-2025 Sinners Calendar of Events



- Robert Burns Sinners, January 26, 9 AM
- Third Annual Sinners/Rockettes, February 8-9
- 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!

New In Stock: Pint glasses and Hardline broom heads with the DCC Logo! Buy the pint glasses individually or in pairs for a discount! The DCC Hardline broom heads come in two colors! Also new in stock, broom head covers to keep your brooms clean!

Online Apparel Store

Thank you to everyone who ordered from the DCC Online Apparel Store!!!! Orders are being made and will be delivered to the DCC. Once the items are delivered, you will receive an email stating how to pick these items up. If you missed your opportunity to order, don't worry! We will be opening another round of the store around February.

NEW!!!! DCC Logo Embroidery Items

Do you have a personal item that you would like embroidered with the DCC logo on it? You are in luck! The DCC is partnering with Not So Sorry Goods in Ferndale to offer this service!! Take your personal items to their shop and tell them you wish to embroider it with the Detroit Curling Club logo. They will work with you to get you what you need. I am told the cost should be \$35 per item. They are located at: 22963 Woodward Ave, Ferndale, 48220 and are open Wednesdays - Saturdays from 12-7 pm.

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.

Curling Coach

We have practice ice! Sign up here: <https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/member-information/practice-ice>

But how best to maximize your time on the sheet? Our friends at the Royal Montreal Curling Club have a series of short instructional videos to help curlers at all levels improve their game. In this episode, Coach Matt Bean introduces a game called “Royal Singles,” designed to help you execute more tap and bump back shots.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NmeDThvh4s>

And when you’ve mastered taps and bumps, here’s a great way to learn to line up take outs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ml-DsuMC27w&t=313s>

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!

Marchfest Men’s Invitational, February 28-March 2, Paris Curling Club:

<https://pariscurlingclub.com/eventRegister.php/marchfest-bonspiel-25>

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!

2nd Annual Midland Junior Curling Classic Bonspiel



Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2, 2025

\$250 per team

- 16 Teams: Open Format
- 3 Game Guarantee
- Snacks after each game
- Saturday Soup Lunch and Taco Bar Dinner for everyone!
- Sunday Continental Breakfast and Lunch
- T-shirts for all participants!
- Off-Site Opportunities/Activities for Parents on Saturday

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

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



A night of hidden identities and unforgettable memories await. Will you be there?

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 kelseydburg@gmail.com with questions.

ST. LOUIS CURLING CLUB PRESENTS

JAN. 25TH & 26TH, 2025
AT WALTHAM CURLING CLUB

UNLIMITED FREE BEER 3 GAME GUARANTEE 16 TEAMS* PRIZES FOR EACH EVENT FINAL

SAT: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER
SUN: BREAKFAST & LUNCH

MEALS INCLUDED

RAFFLES 50/50 CURLING STONE BASKETS

MORE INFO: WWW.STLOUISCURLINGCLUB.ORG

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SGCC WOMEN'S 2-DAY BONSPIEL
FEBRUARY 3 & 4, 2025

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF CURLING

Sponsored by: **WOLVERINE**
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ENTRY FEE \$400.00 / Team (Includes HST)

(Includes: Four Games, Coffee, Lunch Both Days, Dinner Monday Evening, and Cash Prizes)

Registration Begins Monday at 8:30a.m.
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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