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CALENDAR

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 –

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 the discounted rate of \$10! This is a sale you don't want to miss!

Watch for signage and announcements! Get them while they last!



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

Motown Doubles

March 14-16

Detroit Curling Club

Glow Curling

March 29

7:00 PM

Detroit Curling Club

Champagne Spiel and Club Championship

April 5

Detroit Curling Club

Ice Update

Another month down and more work on fighting the heave. Even with the two floods and the extra work cutting the high spots down before the Men's International, the heaving is still drastically outpacing the time and means we have for keeping it flat. We will continue to work on better more efficient ways to improve the benefits of each flood.

We are going to be down for two days to repair the main line that supplies the cold glycol to the floor to keep the ice. We discovered a small hairline crack concerning enough to force an in-season repair. About ten feet of pipe and fittings will be removed and replaced. While we are shut down, we will make a few necessary arena adjustments to the ice and to the home end backboard.

The new desiccant wheel for the dehumidifier arrived and was installed. While working in the arena on a rainy day, the system was keeping up well, even with the downpour. Monitoring and adjusting will still follow to adjust to the improved performance. This should make the early and late season ice much less frosty.

We are trying to do everything we can to keep the ice as level as possible. Last year, the foam went in over Christmas break. Due to the issues it added, we hesitated to install the foam barriers this season. The foam added to the control of the heave by isolating flood water to each individual sheet. Cutting down the high spots have not reached the peak level I was hoping, and equipment for this necessary work is not an off the shelf solution. I am working on getting bigger better cutting equipment but if this cannot be procured, I will have to push to use the foam again.

Bowling Green Junior Bonspiel Needs Teams!

This bonspiel is taking place at the Bowling Green Curling Club in Ohio Feb 14-16th and will feature a U15 and U21 division. This club is hosting U21 Nationals in April, so this is your chance to play on the same ice that will be used to crown a national champion in just a couple of months.

<https://bgcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/bonspiel-registration/281-cowbell-classic-2024>

Rental Shoes for Members

As a member, you can participate in the Member Shoe Rental Program. This is a fantastic opportunity to evaluate curling shoes before purchasing a pair of your own. Please [use this link to sign up](#) and agree to the terms if you plan to use the shoes for the remainder of the season. This program helps us maintain access to these shoes for our members beyond the support provided by the Rentals program. The cost is \$30 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 season and the fee will be charged to your bar tab. These shoes are available for all in-club curling activities and you receive a pro-rated discount for the purchase of future shoes at our Pro Shop. Note: shoes may not be taken out of the club under any circumstances. If you have any questions, please e-mail

Rentals@DetroitCurling.com.

GLCA 5 & Under Championship

The GLCA 5 & Under Championship will be hosted by the Circle City Curling Club on February 28 - March 2. The deadline to register is Feb 16, 2025. The price is \$480 per team: open to all GLCA 5 & Under teams, with no specific gender requirements, 3-game guarantee, first draw on Friday at 10 am, final draw on Sunday at 1 pm, and a free t-shirt. **Theme:** Step into the adventure—come dressed as your favorite character from Indiana Jones! Dust off those fedoras, leather jackets, and khakis as we transform the rink into the “Temple of Brooms.” Contact bonspiels@circlecitycurling.com with any questions.

Bartender Corner

We hope everyone has had the chance to meet Jeff, our newest bartender. To help him along, please remember to tell him the name on your tab. This will help ensure that members are billed correctly for their drinks and merch.

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

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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!** 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.

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

Burns Sinners Breakfast

Fifty-three Sinners were in attendance for the Robert Burns Sinners



Breakfast. The morning began with the special guest, The Haggis, being paraded around the warm room with the delightful accompaniment of the bagpipes played by Todd Wyber. Sinner David Turner skillfully recited Robert Burns' Address to a Haggis before a long line of Sinners formed for a chance to sample the Scottish delicacy. The morning was rounded out with a handful of auction items, a raffle, stories (some true), and a few ends of curling. Special thanks go out to Bill Bellair for preparing several dozen sausage rolls, which were absolutely delicious!

The next Sinners Meeting will be the Sweetheart Sinners Breakfast held on February 9, 2025. A sign-up is posted in the warm room. This event is open to both men and women. The event coincides with the Sinners vs. Rockettes Bonspiel and the cost of the breakfast is included in the registration for the event. We do ask that you sign up for the event on the sheet in the warm room even if you've registered for the bonspiel so we can get an accurate count for food preparation purposes.



2024-2025 Sinners Calendar of Events

- 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

Goldline Impact Broom Head Defect

Goldline has informed us about a manufacturing defect affecting only the batch of Impact heads produced in 06/2022. If you have one of these brooms, check your batch number and confirm it is 06/2022.

PRODUCT NOTICE: IMPACT BROOM HEAD

Check your production date!



If you have an Impact head from the 06/2022 batch, and the release buttons that hold the pad in place are not working correctly, Goldline would like to replace it for you. I am putting together a list to send to Goldline. Please take a photo of the batch number on the broom head and note the diameter of your handle. Please email this photo and data to proshop@detroitcurling.com. I will submit these to Goldline for replacement. I need to send both pieces of information to Goldline.

Online Apparel Store

Thank you to everyone who ordered from the DCC Online Apparel Store!!!! Orders have been delivered. If you haven't picked up your order yet, they are on the tables in the warm room. Please grab your items next time you are at the Club. If you missed your opportunity to order, don't worry! We will be opening another round of the

store in February. Be on the lookout for an email with details and check out some samples in the Pro Shop starting this week!

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 12-7pm.

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 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>

In today's Curling Coach, Jamie Sinclair shares some tips on how to improve your balance when delivering big-weight hits. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpWAooMiBlQ>



Angus MacTavish is in the House



Dudes of Detroit Calendar

To assist with the fundraising effort, I bought one of the calendars. A very nice job by all involved... except for the "DCC Fun Fact" for May. The problem is that it is not FACT. The stones ordered in in 1941 arrived safe and sound in Detroit in December 1941.

The stones lost on the sinking of the steamship *Athenia* in 1939 belonged to Toronto High Park CC, Lindsay CC and the London CC.

Yours sincerely,

Angus MacTavish

Right: SS Athenia in Montreal Harbor, 1933; Source, Wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Athenia_\(1922\)#/media/File:Ss_athenia.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Athenia_(1922)#/media/File:Ss_athenia.jpg)

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>

Don't forget to consult the USA Curling Bonspiel calendar at:
<https://www.usacurling.org/bonspiel-calendar>

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 awaits. 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 kelseymburg@gmail.com with questions.



SARNIA GOLF AND CURLING CLUB INVITES YOU TO 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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