



## CALENDAR

### DCC Five and Under

April 18-19

Detroit Curling Club

### Junior Friendly

April 26-27

Detroit Curling Club

### Motor City Open

May 2-4, 2025

Detroit Curling Club

### Annual Meeting

May 21, 2025

Detroit Curling Club

6:30 PM

### Memorial Day Parade

May 26, 2025

Ferndale Foods Parking Lot

9:15 AM

### Run for Pat

June 15, 2025

Detroit Zoo

### Golf Outing

Saturday August 23, 2025

10:00 AM

Sylvan Glen Golf Club

## Practice Ice

Please remember, there **must be TWO or more** members in the arena/building at a time. It is not safe or permitted for a member to practice alone. Find available practice ice times [here](#). Remember to check the link periodically for updates. Contact Dan Maggio at [practiceice@detroitcurling.com](mailto:practiceice@detroitcurling.com) with any questions.

## Memorial Day Parade

Please join us on Monday, May 26th at 9:15am in the Ferndale Foods parking lot. The address is 600 W Nine Mile Rd, Ferndale. At 9:30 we will be moving to our "line up" location, on West Cambourne, East of Livernois, facing West. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

There will be a short service at the Memorial Mall on Livernois, which is walking distance from the parking lot, following the parade.

## Board Elections

The nominees for the Board of Directors are as follows (3 positions):

John Gaul

Jake Lenz (incumbent)

Josh Lopez

Stephen Ng

Alex Paris

Brian Whitehead

The nominees for the OCA Representative are as follows (1 position):

Jimmy Kirby

Any member at large wishing to run for the Board may do so with signatures from at least ten (10) Class A members in good standing. Signatures must be submitted to the Secretary by Thursday, April 17 (send via email to: [secretary@detroitcurling.com](mailto:secretary@detroitcurling.com)).

## City/DCC Budget & Planning Meeting

We continue to participate in the city budget and planning meetings. We had our last meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a great discussion, and we are happy to have this opportunity with the City and Parks & Rec team. Some items we discussed are the roof leaks (work to begin in April), engaging local businesses during bonspiels and special events, potential future sponsorships, summer Cintas deliveries, possible opportunity of scheduling to accommodate arena repairs over the summer of 2026 or 2027, Martin Road Park ribbon cutting (details to come), and the new pavilion and pickleball courts that are in and ready to use at our neighbor park. Also, as an unsolicited note in the meeting, they mentioned again that they love our relationship and are looking forward to continued communication. If you would like to hear more about the meeting, see Stephanie or Greg.

## Locker Rooms & Broom Boxes

As our season comes to an end, please fully clean out your lockers for the summer. We also ask that you take your brooms home. **Any brooms left over the summer will be repurposed for Juniors or rentals.** The city uses the men's locker room so it will be important not to have extra equipment around which will allow us more space to store our trophies, artwork, etc.

## Save the Date

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendars. We will be voting for three board member positions, one OCA representative, and delivering our normal reports. If you're looking for something specific to be covered, please reach out to a board member ahead of time.

## Volunteer Opportunities

All the volunteer opportunities can be found now and throughout the year on the [members section of the website](#). (remember to login). Or download the Signup Genius app to see all opportunities

### 5 and Under - (4/18-19/2025)

Volunteers needed - use this [link](#)!

### Junior Bonspiel - (4/26-27/2025)

Sign up to help with this event! Use this [link](#)!

### MCO - (5/2-4/2025)

Please use this [link](#) to volunteer today!

### Club Shutdown/Clean Up: (5/10/2025)

Please use this [link](#) to sign up. Other times and days may be added depending on our needs.

## Curlers for A Cure

## Cannon's Curlers for a Cure Run for Pat

Please join us in the 4th Annual Cannon's Curlers for a Cure walk/run at the Detroit Zoo in honor of the late Pat Cannon. Pat joined DCC in 2010 and quickly became part of the fabric of the club along with his wife, Ann Gabhart. Pat was a fine curler who lit up the arena with his smile, his laugh, and his quick-witted comment. His presence at the club is missed tremendously but his spirit is kept alive by those of us who knew him. Pat was an active Sinner, a proud Killer Flamingo, and participated in the USSMCA National Senior Men's Curling Championships.

We invite all DCC members, their friends, and family to join Team Cannon's Curlers for a Cure for the 2025 Run the Ribbon 1 mile or 5k walk/run on June 15, 2025, at the Detroit Zoo. Participants can choose between a 5k run or walk outside the zoo or a 1-mile walk inside the zoo. The event starts at 8 am. For those who cannot attend the event in person, there is a "Doze for Dads" option so you can do the event virtually at your leisure.

This event supports the Michigan Men's Health Foundation, a cause near and dear to Pat. The Foundation is dedicated to men's health advocacy and the awareness, education, research, and treatment of prostate cancer and men's health-related issues. You can visit their website at: <https://michiganmenshealthfoundation.org/>

To sign up for the race, please go to: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/RoyalOak/RunForTheRibbon> (You will even see DCC's own Eli Jorgensen on the front page!)

Choose the "GROUPS/TEAMS" option on the top right of the registration page. Search for "Cannon's Curlers for a Cure" and then click "Join".

For those wishing to make a donation in Pat's honor, please go to: <https://runsignup.com/Race/41312/Donate/aqgdyrHRiwm1Xq0o>

Last year, our team won an award for the Most Funds Raised (Team) for the 3rd year in a row and we are looking to make it 4 years! To date, Cannon's Curlers for a Cure has raised \$5,612 for this amazing cause!!!! Last year we had 52 members join us on Pat's Day at the Zoo!

We are honored to continue supporting this cause in Pat's honor and know that he will be smiling down on his fellow curlers a little harder on this day. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Jankowski at [dj.dcc.curling@gmail.com](mailto:dj.dcc.curling@gmail.com) or Stephanie Whitmore at [steph.meers@yahoo.com](mailto:steph.meers@yahoo.com).

## 2025 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure

Saturday, September 13, 2025  
William G. Milliken State Park

Register for the 2025 Michigan Race for the Cure by May 12 and pay just \$25. Join now with this discounted rate to take the first step toward making a difference in the fight against breast cancer.

registration link for "Curlers for a Cure"

<https://secure.info->

[komen.org/site/TRR/RacefortheCure/RaceforTheCure?pg=tfnd&fr\\_id=10922](https://secure.info-komen.org/site/TRR/RacefortheCure/RaceforTheCure?pg=tfnd&fr_id=10922)



# DCC Curlers Have that Championship Glow!—Bonspiel Reports

## USWCA National Bonspiel

Thirty-two women's teams from across the United States competed in the 76th USWCA National Women's Bonspiel, held at the Madison Curling Club in Madison, Wisconsin, from February 19 - 23, 2025. This year's theme was "Curl Wisconsinably." The event started with the Wednesday night kit party and opening ceremonies where the ceremonial first rock was thrown by current USWCA President, Terri Gleason, The USWCA Past Presidents swept it right to the button as always. Curling began on Thursday, with 10-end, timed games played on Madison's 6 sheets of ice. Curlers bonded with teams from across the country at the banquet Thursday night at the amazing Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Curling continued Friday through the finals on Sunday afternoon. While in Madison, both teams got to take a trip to the Curling Mecca that is Steve's Curling Supplies!



Two teams represented the Detroit Curling Club:

Detroit 1: Elizabeth Demers, Diana Jankowski, Stephanie Whitmore, Jenny Levy

Detroit 2: Laura Call, Theresa Tejada, Suzanne York, Maggie Peplinski



Both teams faced some amazing teams from across the country.

Team Demers went 4-2 in the event and were the 4<sup>th</sup> Event Winners! They played teams from The Country Club (Boston, MA), Madison, and Milwaukee Curling Clubs. They played the ladies from Arden Hills Curling Club in the 4<sup>th</sup> Event Semi-Finals. It was a close game, and they battled back, scoring 4 in the 8<sup>th</sup> to go on top. In the 10<sup>th</sup>, the team successfully scored their 2 to win! In the 4<sup>th</sup> Event Finals, they prevailed over Seattle Granite Curling Club.

Team Call went 2-3 and made it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Event Quarter Finals. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Event is quite daunting with teams potentially having to play three games on Saturday! Team Call played against teams from the Cape Cod, Madison, and Racine Curling Clubs, along with two composite teams made up of individuals from multiple

clubs and regions.

Both teams would like to thank all of the Detroit Curling Club for their kind words and for watching their games.

Your encouragement and support were felt by all of us!!!



**Tuesday Morning ROCS Champs!**  
**Thursday Afternoon Men's Playoff Champs!**

Deb Freedlander, Winner  
John Stratton, Runner Up



Champagne  
Spiel Antics!



## GLOW SPIEL!

Team Falvey won the costume contest!

Michele Falvey, John Lewis, Rachel Lewis, James Salloum



## GLCA News

The Cleveland Skating Club is hosting this season's Arena Club Regional Championships May 17-18. Registration is open now through the USA Curling Sport80 site and the deadline to sign up is **April 25th**.

## 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.

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



## Angus MacTavish is in the House

### The First Rockette

*The Detroit News* February 9, 1934, page 23:

#### *Curling, a Strictly Stag Sport, Breaking Its Ranks*

Another sport is wavering before women. The ranks of curling, strictly a stag sport in the past at The Detroit Curling Club, are penetrated. After nearly six years of effort, Miss Beatrice Kerr has won the consent of the members for the organization of women's rinks and the first women's bonspiel in the history of The Club is scheduled for Saturday night.

Four rinks are expected to take part in this opening event. But the women "still have to show 'em" that there's a place in curling for them. Resistance has lasted a long time, and the battle isn't over yet. This will be only the second time in nearly 10 years that a woman has even curled at The Club.

#### **NEW BLOOD DOES IT.**

There have been a few die-hard Scots who headed the opposition to the idea that their womenfolk should curl, husbands who were keen enthusiasts themselves, but forbade their wives to go near a stone. But with the injection of much new life in the ranks of membership in the last several years, much of this opposition has been subdued.

And bonnie Beatrice Kerr is a trump card and a natural leader in the movement for "women's rights" at The Club.

Wha' lad in the organization, old or young, hasn't a soft spot in his heart for the lassie? Ye ken, she is the daughter of John M. Kerr, next to Benjamin F. Guiney, one of the greatest curlers The Club has ever had. He played No. 3 on the Guiney's rink, which won virtually everything in curling there was to be won, from the Ontario Tankard and the Royal York trophy on down. The trophies of that rink form a good share of the collection piled around the fireplace and on the mantel in the clubhouse, while

two of the immortal Guiney's own stones rest in front of the fireplace, itself.

*She Breaks a Charmed Circle*



#### **AN OLD DESIRE**

"Ever since I was three years old, I've been going to the curling club," said Beatrice. "Naturally I've always wanted to curl. About the only chance I had was when I was going to school at Whitby, near Toronto. We had teams there, but there was no interscholastic competition. For six years now I've been trying to get them to let us have rinks and bonspiels of our own. It looks as if we've finally got started."

(Notes from Angus: I have not yet found any information about the Saturday event, but a month later, on March 16, 1934, in *The Detroit News* I found this reference: "...J.W. Mill was not down on the ice, instead he rested and watched his daughter-

*in-law, Mrs. Albert Mill, curl with Miss Susan Kobel and Miss Helen Shuett.*” Furthermore, the *Scots Wha Hae* began listing Thursday nights as “*Ladies Nights: 6 pm Dinner, Cards, 7 pm Bonspiel.*” This schedule continued through the 1940s. It appears that Ladies Curling League had been established.)

“**Buy a drink or get out!**” Yes, that was me: January 1988.

Angus MacTavish

## Rockettes Corner

The Rockettes held their annual end of the year meeting last Monday, March 31st. Thank you for all those who joined our meeting and actively took part in voting for our new board members. Thank you again to all the nominees, and of course the outgoing board members, Celia Jackson, Rachel Lewis and Lauren Woods!

Congratulations to our new Rockettes Board members, **Anne Romano** (Vice President), **Shelly Bahr** (Treasurer), and **Becky Gilbert** (Board Liaison). They will support Shelby Curi (Food Sales), Maggie Peplinski (Secretary) and myself, Pam Buchkowski (President).

Congratulations to The Ladies Club Championship Team Laura Call, winner of the 2025 Lee Davis Trophy.

Skip - Laura Call

Vice - Diana Jankowski

Second - Stephanie Whitmore

Lead - Jennifer Legge

They played a tough match against Team Falvey.

Skip - Michele Falvey

Vice - Kelly Munro

Second - Kitty Lam

Lead - Becky Gilbert

Please watch for information in emails and the Scots on participating the **2025 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure –Saturday, Sept. 13th, 2025** – William G. Milliken State Park (downtown Detroit) Register by May 12 for just \$25 or contact Laura Call for more information and the **2025 Run for the Ribbon - 5 K run/walk for men’s health** and in honor of DCC member Pat Cannon - Sunday, June 15th 8am at the Detroit Zoo.

If you curl during the Ladies Monday Night League, or want to next year, please respond to the information Suzanne York emailed regarding ideas for next year, as she is the draw master. If you have questions, please contact her: [warnimsk@hotmail.com](mailto:warnimsk@hotmail.com)

The Club is looking for a few Ladies to run the 2026 Ladies International Bonspiel. Please reach out to any Rockettes Board member with questions or ideas. We have everything you will need to be successful and there is always a team of Ladies to help! This is your opportunity to help out the club!

Over the summer, the Rockettes will be planning an event of two to get together. Watch for emails and Facebook posts to learn more.

## 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>

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](mailto:jmbkalis@gmail.com).

## Sinners News

### Sinners Invade Kitchener

March 14, 15, and 16 2025 marked the second half of the KW Exchange. A full regiment of Sinners crossed over into Canada for a weekend of curling and camaraderie. Friday night hospitality, held at the KW Granite Club, was full of reunion and catching up after four months since the last meeting between Kitchener and Detroit. The Saturday morning and afternoon games were full of fierce competition. The Canadian players ended up ahead of the Americans after the scores of all of the games were tallied. The Saturday evening banquet held at the Olde Heidelberg Restaurant exceeded expectations with amazing fare and lively stories being shared. The Sunday Sinners breakfast held inside the Plattsville Curling Club rounded out the weekend. "Rookies" of The Exchange received the blessings and were initiated into the group. Planning for the November 2025 KW Exchange is already underway!



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](mailto:sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com)

## Pro Shop Update

### ProShop April Hours

If you need anything from the Pro Shop during the month of April, please contact me at [proshop@detroitcurling.com](mailto:proshop@detroitcurling.com) to make arrangements. As always, during events, the Pro Shop is open when a bartender is on-site. The Pro Shop will be packed up for the season on Sunday, May 4th. Any items needed after that, please contact me at [proshop@detroitcurling.com](mailto:proshop@detroitcurling.com).

### Online Apparel Store

Thank you to everyone who ordered from the DCC Online Apparel Store this season! If you missed your opportunity to order, don't worry! **We have a few sample items in the Pro Shop that are now available for sale! You can purchase them at the bar or email [proshop@detroitcurling.com](mailto:proshop@detroitcurling.com)! Prices are listed on the items.** We will be opening another round of the store just in time for next season. Be on the lookout for an email with details this summer. If there are any items that you would like to see in the future, please let me know.

## Men's New Shoes For Sale

Guys!! Have you been thinking of new curling shoes and wear a size 11.5 or 13? We have the following brand-new shoes available in the Pro Shop for purchase. If you would like to try them on, please stop in the Pro Shop, however, please do not try them on the ice or we cannot return them.

**Balance Plus 904 Men's Coated Shoes, Size 13 - \$329. (Gripper sold separately - Balance Plus XL Gripper is recommended \$19)**



**Balance Plus 403 Men's Shoes, with Toe Coating, Size 11.5 - \$194.00 (Gripper sold separately - Balance Plus L Gripper is recommended \$19)**



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email [proshop@detroitcurling.com](mailto:proshop@detroitcurling.com). Thank you for an amazing season! Good curling!

## Curling Coach

Put down the popcorn! Just because the season's over there's no reason not to stay in shape for curling. Besides, with the bounty of summer spiels, is the season ever really over? In between trips to the driving range (or at the turn), consider some of these great ways to stay in shape during the off-season:

<https://www.greatcurling.com/post/rock-your-offseason-a-curling-guide-to-stay-sharp-and-have-fun>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

Our friends at **Windy City Curling Club** are back up and running after the fire and they have three great bonspiels they want you to come to:

After a year off, the **Food Truck Summer Open Bonspiel** is BACK and bigger than ever! Since you registered for the madness before, we're giving you **priority access** to register before general registration opens on April 1, 2025. That means **you get first dibs on all the shenanigans starting March 25, 2025.**



### [The Untouchables Bonspiel](#) | May 1-4, 2025

Step into the world of speakeasies and rival gangs at this mobster-themed showdown. Taking



out the competition isn't just encouraged, it's expected! and see if you can run the ice, or get "whacked" and sent packing.

Suit up, grab your crew,



### [Hot Handles Bonspiel for Ladies](#) | June 19-22, 2025

Ladies, it's time to take over the ice! This first-of-its-kind, premium event is all about bold, fearless, and unapologetic fun. Expect high-energy curling, surprises around every corner, pampering and an atmosphere that's just the right amount of spicy.

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

**Keep Scrolling for more Fabulous Bonspiels!**

Welcome the World was started in 2011 by Sherry and Bob Armstrong and the Senior Curling League at the Stroud Curling Club in Ontario. The goal is to give Senior Curlers (50+) the opportunity to travel, socialize and curl with like-minded individuals around the world. It is not a competition. Participants enter as individuals or couples. Event hosts offer a week of curling intermixed with activities and tours that showcase the local community. All for the joy of curling.

Complete entry by **April 15** and send it to WTW Midland Chair John Zimmerman and WTW Coordinator Kent Cheesman at [kjcheesman@rogers.com](mailto:kjcheesman@rogers.com). If entries exceed the 24-participant limit, the WTW Midland Committee and the WTW Coordinators will determine a balanced participation, honoring old friendships and welcoming new participants to the WTW community.

Accepted entries will be notified ASAP after April 15, and any additional entries will be placed on the waiting list. Invoices will be mailed by May 15 and payable by credit card or PayPal.



<b>WORCESTER CUP</b> <i>Open 5U Curling</i>	<b>NOVEMBER 6 - 9, 2025</b>
<b>BAY STATE BONSPIEL</b> <i>Women's Curling</i>	<b>DECEMBER 4 - 7, 2025</b>
<b>NEWELL BONSPIEL</b> <i>Mixed Curling</i>	<b>JANUARY 15 - 18, 2026</b>
<b>STOCKTON BONSPIEL</b> <i>Men's Curling</i>	<b>FEBRUARY 5 - 8, 2026</b>

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**USWCA Representative** –Julie Benson

**GLCA Representatives** – Elizabeth Demers, Chris Pethke

**OCA Representatives** – Jenny Levy, Nate Glitman

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Secretary – Damien Buchkowski  
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### **Sinners Members at Large:**

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