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CALENDAR

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

Disc Golf

Saturday July 26, 2025

details to come

Baseball Game

Friday August 8, 2025

Jimmy Johns Field

Golf Outing

Saturday August 23, 2025

10:00 AM

Sylvan Glen Golf Club

Race for the Cure

Saturday September 13, 2025

William G. Milliken State Park

Editorial Change for Scots Wha Hae

This is my last issue as your Scots Wha Hae editor. I am turning in my blue pencil and handing over the reins to Maryanne Wessels. It has been my pleasure to work with you all over the past two years.

--Elizabeth Demers

Memorial Day Parade

Please join us on Monday, May 26th at 9:15 am 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](#)

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

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

The election of members for the Board of Directors and Association Representatives is part of the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the DCC. Below you will find the profiles of all the nominees and a ballot for A Members.

You can either (1) print and bring your completed ballot to the Annual Meeting if you plan to attend, or (2) email your completed ballot to secretary@detroitcurling.com (directions are at the bottom of the ballot). Printed ballots will be available at the meeting.

If you email the ballot, please include your name in the email. The names of voting members are recorded to ensure each voting member has only one vote. Any ballot that cannot be authenticated prior to tabulation will not be counted. If you have questions or need a hard copy ballot sent to you, please contact Dennis Pellerin at secretary@detroitcurling.com.

Candidate Profiles: [DCC nominee bios 2025.pdf](#)

Election Ballot: [DCC A Ballot 2025.pdf](#)

Save the Date

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2025, at 6:30 pm. 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

Martin Rd Park Day of Play- (5/24)

The Ferndale Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a Day of Play at Martin Road Park on Saturday, May 24th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Below are the event details. This is a great opportunity to connect with the community and enjoy a playful and community-focused atmosphere.

We are looking for a few volunteers to represent the club. If you are interested, please contact Maryanne at volunteers@detroitcurling.com. We will either have a booth or demo curling with the floor curling set. Details to come.

Ferndale's Objective:

To commemorate the new park amenities from the 2024 Improvement Project (and acknowledge our partners), highlight future improvements, kick off the splashpad season, and activate community engagement on our Boards & Commissions. Residents are encouraged to bring their own 'play stuff' and show how they play!

General Activities Overview

- Ribbon Cutting/Acknowledgement Ceremony
- Pickleball Lessons & Free Play – Instructor-led, open to all
- Basketball Skills Challenge – Timed competitions
- Potato Sack Race – Divided by age group
- Tug of War – Between city commissions
- Open Splashpad Play
- DJ Entertainment – DJ Mysterious/DJ Fury
- Food Truck – Jackson 5 Catering, Others
- Simple Equipment Lending – Frisbees, soccer balls, footballs, wiffle balls, basketballs
- Cornhole, horseshoes
- P&RD Booth – Info, community engagement

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 "Cannons 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 or Stephanie Whitmore at 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



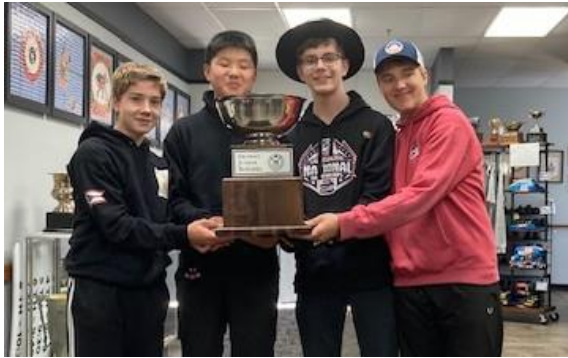
Detroit Junior Bonspiel 2025

The Detroit Curling Club with sponsorship from the USWCA, hosted the Detroit Junior Bonspiel April 26 - 27. We were lucky enough to have 13 teams from Midland, Bowling Green, Kalamazoo, Sarnia, Indianapolis and Detroit come together for both a competitive draw and a developmental draw. Great curling on the ice, delicious food, and fun off the ice was had by all, with games and a karaoke contest. Curlers, coaches and parents got in on all the fun.

The USWCA helped to sponsor this event by providing a plaque and pins for the top 8 teams (4 events). A new DCC Junior Bonspiel Trophy was also presented to the winners of both draws. Winning the Competitive 1st Event was Team Meyer from Bowling Green/Detroit - Kyle Meyer, Zack Meyer, Jin Lazor, Julius Peplinski. Winning the Developmental 4th Event was team Kroll from Buffalo, NY - Tyler Krol, Evan Krol, Abby Kremer.

A big thank you to Troy Stevenson, Junior Coach, and all the other coaches and parents who helped with food, games, scores, clean-up, ice, and everything else that goes into a successful event. We would also like to thank Quentin, Derek and Frank!

As the Junior Curling program grows at the Detroit Curling Club, we would love to have new juniors come to try it out next year! Watch for information or email juniors@detroitcurling.com for more information.



GLCA News

Please welcome **Ludington Curling Club** to the GLCA!

Please see proposed sites and approximate dates for the GLCA championship calendar through 2027-28. The GLCA will finalize information as soon as possible.

		Club M	Club W	Mixed	U18	Arena	5U
Playdown	Date	Jan-Feb	Jan-Feb	Feb-March	2nd wknd Dec	March-August	Oct-March
National	Date	March-April	March-April	April	January	Oct -Nov	May
2025-	2026	Traverse City	Circle City	Detroit	Midland	Cincinnati	Fort Wayne
2026-	2027	Circle City	Lewiston	Columbus	Bowling Green		Mayfield
2027-	2028	Cincinnati	Midland	Cleveland Skating	Mayfield	Detroit	Traverse City

Ontario Curling Association

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

Rockettes Corner

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.

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

Senior Women's Bonspiel Invite Now Available

The 43rd USWCA Senior Women's Bonspiel will take place at the Grand Forks Curling Club, December 10-14, 2025. Registration is open now and must be received by Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Team selections will be announced shortly thereafter. The bonspiel fee of \$500 a team will be collected after team selection. [United States Women's Curling Association \(USWCA\) - Senior Women's Bonspiel](#)

Super Senior Bonspiel Entry Form and Flyer Now Available

The entry form and flyer are now available for the next Super Senior Bonspiel to be held in Rice Lake, Wisconsin October 28-30, 2025. [United States Women's Curling Association \(USWCA\) - Super Senior Women's Bonspiel](#)

Please see the USWCA Rep Sheet, an appendix to this issue of the Scots Wha Hae!

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](#) 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.

Sinners News

The Detroit Curling Club Royal Order of Sinners ended the season on April 13, 2025 with their Last Chance Sinners event. Forty two Sinners came to participate in the event. The morning began with some light refreshments while the Sinners Kitchen Crew prepared the hearty morning meal. The raffle table was filled with a sundry of prizes and nobody left empty handed. Following breakfast and an entertaining program, the gathering took advantage of the great weather to take a group photo. A strong contingent of curlers took to the ice after the program to get another game under their belt before the end of the curling season.

The Sinners Board will be busy planning next season's event during the next several months. We are already working with the DCC Board of Directors to establish next year's calendar and look forward to providing you with a new Season of Sin next Fall!





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 Closed

Thank you for a successful season!! The Pro Shop has been closed and packed away for the summer. If you need something before next season, please email proshop@detroitcurling.com. I will do my best to get you the equipment you need. I will be placing orders for next season starting in September so if you wish to get some new equipment before we start in the fall, please let me know.

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 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 by emailing me at proshop@detroitcurling.com.



Angus MacTavish is in the House

CURLING MATCH – 1845

The oldest local newspaper article about our sport we found was printed on Feb 27, 1845 in Detroit's *Democratic Free Press* describing a trip to Orchard Lake for a curling match. The author claims that this match was the first of its kind in Michigan. We reprint some of it here...

“The Curlers of Detroit having formed themselves into a Club, and prepared cast iron blocks, of forty to fifty pounds weight, molded precisely in the form of the old *Stones*, set earnestly to practice this winter upon the ice of our noble river. The Curlers of Orchard and Pine Lakes, a band of jovial, independent farmers, residing in Oakland County, about 25 miles from this city, instilled with the spirit of sportive rivalry, sent us a challenge to meet them at any given time, upon either of these lakes, “to do battle”. This challenge, of course, was eagerly accepted, and Thursday, the 13th was the appointed day.

“The morning of the day of battle betokened just such weather as a Curler could wish – keen, cold and cloudy. Pine Lake was selected as the scene of operations. About nine o'clock the combatants were on the field and proceeded to choose sides. Twenty-eight players were chosen, fourteen to a side, making two *Rinks*. Dr. Wilson and Squire Gilmore being appointed *Skips* on the part of the Lakes Club and Messrs. Robert Linn and William Barclay on that of the Detroit Club. (*Ed note: Wm Barclay was the blacksmith who made the iron stones*).

“The sport commenced in the true spirit of older time. Modern cares and modern phraseology were lost in the kindly enthusiasm. Nothing could be more amusing to those who understood or more unintelligible to those who did not understand the peculiar technicalities of the game:

“Man, Gordie ye're a jewel, that was a bonny shot.” “Draw Jonny to my Cowe.” “Rab the house is open noo, slide straight in an' tak ye're dinner on the Tee.” “Gies the ice Wille, soup' him past!” “Ha! Ha! Jamie ye're a *hog*.”

“Fortune dawned at the outset upon the Lake Curlers, owing to the advantage of their wooden *blocks*, which were some fifteen pounds lighter than the opposing iron ones; but the tide of luck turned, and the struggle continued equal for some time. After a lively contest of five hours, the victory was declared in favor of the Detroit Club - the aggregate of both *Rinks* being 44 to 33. It was really pleasing to observe the good humor, free of all profane or vulgar expressions, which prevailed throughout the day.

“Dr. Wilson politely invited all hands to take dinner at his house. The evening was spent “in mirth and glee”. Old songs charmed the fleeting moments. One half of us remained with the Doctor, while the other half returned to the house of Mr. George Dow. We all fell asleep with the impression that if we ran them in our debt on the ice, they double repaid us in hospitality and kindness.

“Next morning we mounted our wagons for Detroit, each with a twig of Juniper in his cap by way of laurel. The curiosity of the good people by the road side, was greatly excited at our appearance, and having no idea of the badges being worn upon any occasion except a political one, actually supposed we were celebrating the annexation of Texas.”

Another curling season has finished, and I am feeling mushyheaded. See you next season.

Angus MacTavish

Curling Coach

You need more handle!

Our friends at Mississauga Curling Club discuss the importance of rotation in your curling shots and how to improve your delivery. Remember the three rules of curling—rotation, rotation, rotation!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raFVHq21yAU>

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!

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**.



[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!

The Oakville Curling Club
invites you



SCAN ME

The Gathering III

September 26 -28th, 2025



CALLING ALL CURLERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The Oakville Curling Club is hosting a friendly open mixed bonspiel for curlers seeking great games and unforgettable fun in Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

Our premier Club is well situated with Niagara Falls a short, one-hour drive to the South and Toronto 40 km to the East. Oakville is just 33km from Toronto Airport.

Join us for a rock-solid 3 days of curling & camaraderie
Thursday practice ice • Social meet & greet • 6 (6-end) games
Ceilidh dinner and dance • Club entertainment and lunch



visit oakvillecurlingclub.com for more details



Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Bonspiels at The Country Club, Boston:

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

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