

Scots Wha Hae

September 4, 2025

welcome

Stay informed on club information, volunteer opportunities, events, local, regional and national curling news.



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Sept. 7 2025 - Downtown Ferndale. Volunteer:
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AA23AAFCC07-57449471-2025](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AA
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SAVE THE DATE REGISTRATION

September 15 - October 8, 2025
Email will be coming to your inbox soon
with registration details.

Race for the Cure

September 13, 2025 - William G. Milliken
State Park
Registration link for "Curlers for a Cure"
[https://secure.infokomen.org/site/TRR/Rac
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Harvest Festival

October 4, 2025 - Detroit Curling Club
Volunteer:
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A
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Volunteer!

Call for Volunteers

The Detroit Curling Club is excited to participate in Ferndale's Nine on Nine Concert Series for select dates throughout the summer schedule, as well as the city's Harvest Festival hosted at our club. We will be on-site promoting our love of curling and opportunities to engage with our club and would love for volunteers to join us. The dates and a sign-up link are below to register:

Nine on Nine Concert Series at Shiffer Park (Ferndale) -

<https://downtownferndale.com/event/nine-on-nine-concert-series-3/2025-07-13/>

- Date: September 7 - GlenBrooke & The Wild Weeds
- Time: 3:00 – 6:00 pm (Includes Set-Up + Tear Down)
- [Click to Volunteer](#)

Ferndale Harvest Festival

- Date: Saturday, October 4
- Time: 10:45 am – 3:15 pm
- Location: Detroit Curling Club
- [Click here to Volunteer](#)

Mixed International

Mike Grudzinski is looking for volunteers to help chair the Mixed this year. Please email Mike if you can help with this event at mikenutica@yahoo.com



We're looking for volunteers to join our team. Subcommittees include:

Finance Subcommittee

- Identify and engage with lenders, local businesses, and other potential funding sources.
- Coordinate internal fundraising initiatives.

Member Engagement Subcommittee

- Serve as the voice of the membership by communicating project updates and gathering feedback.
- Coordinate a temporary facility for city summer camp use.

If you're interested or would like more information, please reach out to Quentin Way, Steven Smith, or John Gaul at DCCprojectAILSA@gmail.com.

Calling Future Rental Committee Members!

The Rental committee is looking for one or two committee members to help with customer support for the upcoming season. If this sounds like you, reach out to Jake Lenz (Jake.lenz@icloud.com or 419.450.7171). Don't worry, you won't have to help with any actual on-site events, but we are primarily looking for someone willing to help with the following:

- Responding to inbound informational requests and booking questions
- Tracking and recording rental exceptions for the instructors
- Coordinating with the Rental committee team to fill in any other gaps or needs

A Call for DCC Juniors Program Advocates

We're on a mission to spark the next generation of curlers—and you can help! Clubs with thriving juniors programs all have one thing in common: young people get hooked when they hear about curling from someone they already know and trust—a teacher, a librarian, a Scout leader, or even a family friend.

That's where you come in. We're putting together a network of local educators, youth leaders, and community champions who can help us spread the word about our Juniors Program. The more voices we have, the more kids we can get out on the ice!

If you are interested in being an advocate, please email Becky Gilbert at rhartgilbert@gmail.com. We will forward events and flyers to this group, hoping you can disseminate the information to your networks. Currently, we can share the dates for the Fall Juniors "Learn to Curl." The sign-up will go live through Ferndale Parks and Rec in the next few weeks.

Dates: 11/16, 11/23, 12/7 (No class 11/30)

Time: 1:00-2:00 PM

Cost: \$30.00

Little Rocks (ages 6-10) or U19 (ages 11-18)

Here are a few ideas that could work for your organization to engage more youth:

- **Teachers:** Talk up curling with your class or collaborate with gym teachers. Would they be willing to host a short video and demonstration?
- **Secondary Teachers:** Consider sponsoring a "Curling Club" at your school that meets during Junior's practice time at DCC.
- **Librarians:** Host an Olympics Curling Watch Party where attendees can learn about the rules and sign up for a "Learn to Curl" session.
- **Scout or Youth Group Leaders:** Think about renting out the facility or signing your group up for a "Learn to Curl" session together.
- **Community Members:** Help us form a club at your organization that meets during Junior's practice time at DCC.

Thank you for helping us spread the word!

Join the Detroit Curling Club's New Marketing & Sponsorship Committee!

Are you eager to get more involved with the Detroit Curling Club this season? Do you have skills in marketing, graphic design, or social media—or simply a passion for helping our club grow? We're excited to announce the launch of our Marketing & Sponsorship Committee, and we're looking for enthusiastic members to join us! As part of this committee, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Support marketing for club events and programs
- Contribute creative ideas and graphic design
- Help develop and activate sponsorships
- Manage social media and email marketing
- Boost the club's visibility and outreach

Our committee will meet regularly and work together throughout the year to promote membership, rentals, junior programs, bonspiels, and more. Whether you're a seasoned marketer or just looking to get involved, we'd love to have you on the team! If you are interested, reach out to Jake Lenz (jake.lenz@icloud.com or 419.450.7171).

Volunteer Opportunities:

Additional 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.

Club News



Jimmy John's Field Club Baseball Outing

Jimmy John's Field Club Baseball Outing on Friday, August 8th!

There was a nice turn out at the event. We were able to take a group photo on the field, had a greeting on scoreboard, meet & greet with the mascots and the kids ran the bases after the game. There were fireworks after the game, too!

We'd also like to give a special shout-out to our organizer: Abby Bond

2025 Golf Outing

Sylvan Glen Golf Club
August 23, 2025



We had 48 people come out for the event and other than a tiny bit of rain, the weather was great and the participants had fun!

Winners:

Jesse Hackney
Stephanie Dober
Chris Ingram
David Dober

Longest Drive:

Men - Chase Ansok
Women - Ashley Mayra

Congratulations to the 5 closest to the pin winners!

We'd also like to give a special shout-out to our organizer: Christopher Thomas

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Curlers for a Cure

Let's fight breast cancer together!
 2025 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure
 Will you please join the team for the Race for the Cure?
 Register to join team, Curlers for a Cure,
 and you'll get a free t-shirt

September 13, 2025 - William G. Milliken State Park

Registration link for "Curlers for a Cure"

https://secure.infokomen.org/site/TRR/RacefortheCure/RaceforTheCure?pg=tfind&fr_id=10922

For alternatives for those who do not want to contribute directly through the site, there are a few other options. (Please note that going through the site is the only way to get a receipt for a tax deduction.)

1. Through Laura Call's Paypal: CALLL23@yahoo.com
2. Through Becky Gilbert's Venmo: @Rebecca-Gilbert-17 (last 4 digits 6747)
3. Mail a check to Becky at 616 Wellesely Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48067 (Make checks payable to Rebecca Gilbert, write "Race for Cure" in Memo line)

Please send your donations in by September 13. The Rockettes will match donations up to \$500!



I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the wonderful curlers that donated to help defray medical costs for my granddaughter. Leona is the sweetest child you could meet and she is maintaining a great attitude during this terrible ordeal. Doctors are all positive that she can beat it so we are too! All the DCC members are wonderful, but some of you have been elevated to a historic level!! Thanks again, Todd

The Sweeping Results



Team Levy won the 2nd Event at the Windy City Curling Club Food Truck spiel!



B Event Finalist: Detroit Rock City (Detroit Curling Club) at the Rock-It City bonspiel.

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*.

SAVE THE DATE - The 140 End Game

Have you ever wondered how long it would take to curl 140 ends in a row? Find out November 28-29, 2025
The Detroit Curling Club presents
The 140 End Game One game, 38 hours and a lot of fun!

Sign-up as a team or as an individual!

\$70 per person Includes:
8 end game of curling (max 3 games per person),
Commemorative event t-shirt & 140th Anniversary Party on Saturday.

The teams will rotate every 8 ends and the score will be cumulative.
Somebody will be on the ice from 7 am Friday until 8 pm Saturday!
Dinner and party on Saturday night!

DCC 140th Anniversary Party options if not playing:
Saturday 6 pm Dinner Only - \$30.00
Dinner & Commemorative t-shirt - \$50.00

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE APPLIED TO THE FLOOR FUND!
Additional Donations Welcome

For questions or details contact: Maryanne Wessels at maryanne.wessels@gmail.com



Pro Shop Update

Pro-Shop Off-Season Needs

If you need something from the Pro Shop 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.

New Broom Foam Requirements

Some of you may have seen news that there will be new broom foam requirements for the upcoming season. The Pro Shop will be working to make sure we have all of the right foam stocked in the shop for both recreational and competitive needs.

Online Apparel Store

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. I'd love to hear your ideas—please don't hesitate to share anything you'd like to see added in the future.

Curling Coach

5 Tips to Becoming a Better Curler - <https://youtu.be/81uDjpyHH90?si=oDIY0DSEnsMsh5a6>

Ferndale News and Events

Check out what's happening in Ferndale here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MwIEqIh1OJCX8PPuB1wttLTkEhID06Cb/view?usp=sharing>



This Month's Spotlight:
Stephanie Meerschaert, Board Member

Member Since: 2014

Current Board Position: President (May '22-Present)



Roles held while on the Board: Volunteer Committee Chair (Oct '19-May '22), Bonspiels & Special Events Chair (Oct '19-May '22)

Committees: Champagne Spiel Committee Chair (since April '22), Communication Committee Chair (since May '22)

Favorite part of curling: I love the bond we share. The camaraderie is real, the friendships run deep, and the club always feels like home. Best of all, those friendships extend far beyond our walls and into everyday life.

Most challenging part of your job: Striking the right balance—meeting members' needs while steering the club toward a strong future. Staying tuned in to both helps things run smoothly!

Hobbies: What don't I enjoy doing?! Some of my faves are yoga, walking, hiking, volleyball, card crafting, monthly workout challenges with fellow curling friends, and of course, wine tasting.

Bonspiel Highlights: Qualifying for the USA Curling 5-and-Under National Championship; winning silver at the USA Curling Women's Club National Championship; conquering the Cape Cod Ladies Bonspiel with Ann Swisshelm, Becca Hamilton, and Jennifer Stannard; and winning the DCC Ladies Club Championship. Okay... one more—nothing beats dressing up as Mike Grudzinski at the Champagne Spiel!

Favorite place to eat near the club: Christine's Cuisine. Bomb Burrito! The pierogis are a must!

Most annoying trait: I quality-check like it's a competitive sport. I can't turn it off! You call it OCD, I call it a quality check...

Sinners

Sinners have BALLS! Lots of 'em! You want 'em? We've got 'em!

The DCC Royal Order of Sinners has moved forward with a purchase of golf balls! Some of the balls pictured in the accompanying photos have been donated to The Club and one will appear in the sack of goodies presented to participants in the DCC Golf Outing.

Lose your balls often? Hit your balls in the water a little too much? Put a nasty slice on your balls? The Sinners have you covered!

Sinners Balls are available for purchase at the following prices:

One single, solitary ball: \$5. This says you want to put your ball on display or you know exactly where your ball is headed when you whack it with a club.

One sleeve of three balls: \$10. One or two balls just doesn't cut it for you. You want one more for backup. Good choice.

One dozen balls (four sleeves of three): \$30. You, my friend, are an avid player. You may mismanage your balls. You may want to share your balls with friends. The world is your oyster when you've got a dozen balls.

Please contact any of your friendly Sinners Board Members to discuss purchasing their balls!

For questions or further information, email the Sinners at: sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com



Rockettes Corner

Do you know someone who has Breast Cancer? I bet you do...unfortunately we all do. It is time our ladies Rockettes and members of the DCC did something BIG about it! The 2025 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure is Saturday, Sept. 13th, 2025 at William G. Milliken State Park (downtown Detroit). Laura Call does an amazing job of getting the Rockettes registered, now, let's show her how it's done! The club does such a great job in June participating in the Run for the Ribbon, we can do the same for this event. Look for information in this Scots issue on how you can donate, and better yet, join us to Race for the Cure! The Rockettes will match up to \$500 donated!

Rockettes Swag:

Start of the season in style! We still have Rockettes short or long sleeve shirts \$20 and \$25 respectively, and Rockettes winter hats, to keep us warm all season long. Stay tuned for a throwback DCC t-shirt that will be ready by the start of the season.

The Club is looking for a few Ladies to help Rachel Lewis run the 2026 Ladies International Bonspiel. Please reach out to any Rockettes Board member with questions or to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to help out the club!



GLCA

Great Lakes Curling Association
<http://www.greatlakescurling.org/>

GLCA Representatives – Elizabeth Demers, Chris Pethke



OCA

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.

Unlock Exclusive Travel Benefits This Summer! Many of you may be planning some exciting travel adventures. We have great news! As a valued member of Curling Ontario, you now have access to exclusive benefits from Best Western. https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/www/ontcurl.html?sob=INFMON099G&cid=INFMON099G:co-op:site-curling

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 Jimmy Kirby and Nate Glitman. #YayCurling! #OCA4Life



USWCA



Super Senior Bonspiel Entry Form

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 \(USWCA\)](https://www.uswca.org) - [Super Senior Women's Bonspiel](#)

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.

USWCA NEWSLETTER can be found here:

<https://www.uswca.org/Data/Sites/2/media/about/brochure-rep-sheet/wrep-winter2025.pdf>

USAC



USA Curling

<https://www.usacurling.org>

The official website of USA Curling. Get caught up on USA Curling news, member information, or the current bonspiel calendar! Remember, the DCC pays your USAC dues as part of your membership. No need to login and pay this on your own.

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The History of The Detroit Curling Club Part I - 1840 – 1899: The Early Years By Angus MacTavish – Detroit Curling Club

As The Detroit Curling Club is preparing to celebrate our 140 th anniversary, I have written a new 3-part history of The Club. Even if you have read all the published DCC History booklets, this series is laced with some new and never published tidbits from our past. Enjoy. Whae's better than us? Naeb'dy! Angus.

Curlers in Detroit owe a debt of gratitude to two Scotsmen for their dedication to the sport of curling. The first, the catalyst for curling in Detroit, was Mr. William Barclay. He was born in 1808 in Beith, Ayrshire, near Glasgow. He came to Detroit in the 1830s and quickly became involved in the city's fire department and politics. By 1840 he had built one of the first iron foundries and machine shops in Michigan. Though the work at the foundry focused on steam engines and propeller repair, it also produced kettles, stove frames and other hollow iron ware.

This led to making iron curling stones. Not a solid piece of iron like the ones used in Quebec, but hollow. These "stones" were the same size, shape and weight as the curling stones that he and other Detroit Scotsmen had used or had seen in Scotland before they came to the United States.

By 1844, Barclay and his friends were curling on the Detroit River, and the *Detroit Curling Club* was formed.

Later that year, the Detroit curlers received an invitation and a challenge to a curling match from the curlers of Orchard and Pine Lakes: a band of jovial, independent farmers, residing in Oakland County, about 25 miles northwest of Detroit. The challenge was accepted and the match was scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 1845. This would be the first interclub curling competition in the State of Michigan.

Pine Lake was selected as the site of the match. There were 28 players, fourteen to each side, formed into two games. The Detroit teams were skipped by William Barclay and Robert Linn. Early in the games, the Lakes curlers found themselves at an advantage – their "stones" were wooden blocks and at least 15 pounds lighter than the Detroit "stones." But the tide turned once the Detroiters adjusted to the ice conditions. The match lasted five hours, and the final score was 44 - 33, in favor of the Detroiters.

The History of The Detroit Curling Club Part I - Continued

The 1860s and 1870s witnessed a growth in the sport of curling partially due to the popularity of ice skating. Each winter more ice-skating rinks could be found in Detroit's public and private parks. The curlers could find ample ice time on these rinks throughout the winter.

The *Detroit & Milwaukee Curling Club* was formed by the employees of the *Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad*. They curled adjacent to the tracks at Milwaukee Junction – near East Grand Blvd. and St. Aubin – from 1850 to 1871. In 1863, the Detroit Curling Club was using the ice at the Woodward Avenue Skating Park and the Union Skating Park. In 1867, the *Detroit Granite CC* was formed, and used the ice at Milwaukee Junction and at the Jefferson Avenue Skating Park. By 1868, the *Detroit Thistle Club* was formed and found ice to use at Whiting's Park.

In February 1864, the curlers from the *Hamilton (Ontario) CC* travelled to Detroit to play the *Detroit & Milwaukee CC* at the Union Park Skating Rink. It is the first known visit to Detroit by a Canadian curling club. A week later the Detroit & Milwaukee curlers traveled to Hamilton for a weekend of games – the beginning of home-and-home curling exchanges.

The first covered ice rink for curling was erected in 1868 at the Woodward Skating Park – Erskine Street and Woodward. This building covered two rinks and had a waiting or warm-up room.

All these clubs and curlers in Detroit continued to use the hollow iron stones produced by the Barclay & Sons Foundry. This changed in 1868 when the *Detroit Thistle Club* was able to obtain new granite curling stones through a distributor in Waterloo, Ontario. The other clubs quickly followed their lead, and the iron stones disappeared from the scene. (The only known survivor is at the Detroit Historical Museum).



**Curling in Detroit at Recreation Park 1870s
Detroit Free Press**

The History of The Detroit Curling Club Part I - Continued

The year 1870 was a benchmark for curling in Detroit. The three clubs of Detroit hosted **The Western National Curling Tournament**. The *Milwaukee City Club*, the *Buffalo Queen City Club*, the *Buffalo Caledonia*, the *Orchard Lake Club*, the *Cleveland Club*, the *Hamilton (Ontario) Club* and the *three Detroit clubs* competed for the title and the **Gordon Medal**.

The 1870s also saw a rush to build dedicated and enclosed curling rinks, removed from the public skating parks. Curlers had been sharing the ice with skaters since the 1850s. The *Detroit Curling Club* was studying the construction of a 50- by 100-foot building in the Cass Avenue driving park at Cass and Putman Street. (A driving park was a place to exercise horses).

In 1884, the *Granite Club* purchased the building that once housed the Detroit Zoological Gardens and repurposed it to accommodate indoor skating and curling. It was on Michigan Avenue in *Corktown*.

The Detroit curling clubs of this period had only 25-35 members each. This was true in other cities: Buffalo, New York, Toronto and Montreal had multiple clubs, each with a small membership. The curling clubs of Detroit, though, were beginning to flounder. The St. Andrews Society formed a curling club with the hopes of combining all the Detroit clubs into one. The effort failed, as each club tried to stay independent.

In 1884, the *Detroit Curling Club* was having difficulties keeping active. The members tried to re-energize the club and re-elected William Barclay president in an attempt to rebuild the struggling organization. The effort failed. Mr. Barclay died January 22, 1885, and with him so did the original *Detroit Curling Club*.

The last references of activity found for the *Granite CC* are in 1885 as well. The *Orchard Lake Club* had ceased attending events in 1881.

Now it is time to discuss the second man who had a lasting impact on curling in Detroit: Mr. Thomas Williamson. He was born in Dundas, Ontario, on October 5, 1851. His grandparents crossed the Atlantic in 1821 from Biggar, Scotland. In 1867, his parents moved the family to Detroit. Mr. Williamson entered the printing business and by 1884 he had a management position in the job-printing business at the Detroit Free Press.

In December 1885, a group of about 15 men met at the Russell House Hotel to form a new curling club: they called it The *Detroit Curling Club*. We find that only two of the members of the new club had been members of the old club (James C. Cobb and Thomas Fairbairn), yet the death and rebirth are barely a year apart.

The History of The Detroit Curling Club Part I - Continued

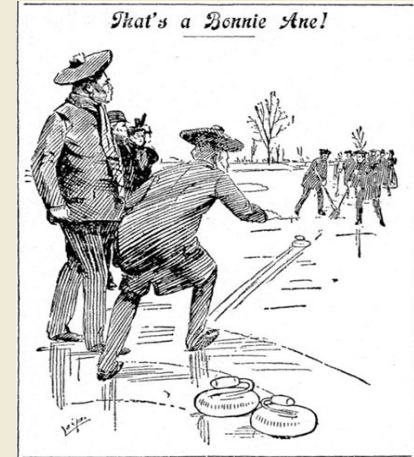
The first home for the new club was a 40- by 200-foot area on the grounds of the Detroit Athletic Association (formerly known as Recreation Park (also the site of the first professional baseball game in Detroit). On Tuesday, December 21, 1886, the Detroit curlers were preparing for the first game of curling ever played under electric light. A 150-foot tower with a ring of electric arc lights was located at Woodward Avenue and Canfield Street, at the corner of the park where the curling ice was located.

A "record breaking" curling season happened in 1886-87. The Club members played their first game on December 13th, and the last game was played on April 4th. The Club began the season with 12 members and closed with 38. Plans were also laid for building an enclosed rink, 60 x 300 feet which will also include club rooms. As of this date, the location was not yet named.

In 1887, the members of the club committed to buy property at Forest Avenue and Fourth Street and build an enclosed ice rink. In 1888, the club incorporated with 126 members – the name was changed to *The Detroit Skating and Curling Club*. (In 1932 the name reverted to *The Detroit Curling Club*).



Detroit Streetcar 1890s



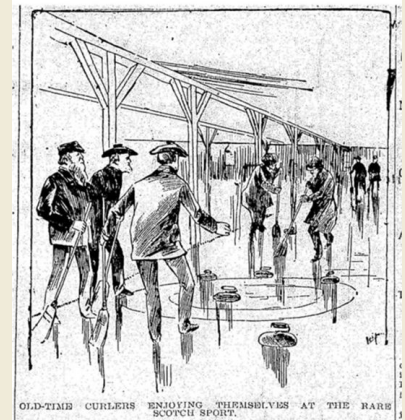
The Detroit News 1899

The Club became a member of the *Royal Caledonia Club* in Scotland when in 1889 the application of The Detroit Curling Club for membership in the Ontario Branch of the Royal Club was accepted. This is not to be confused with the Ontario Curling Association. The Detroit News in January 1896 declared The Detroit Skating and Curling Club's rink to be the largest covered ice rink in Michigan. Yes, ice skating was a very big part of The Club's activities in the early years on Forest Ave. A Grand Masquerade Carnival was held in The Club. People from all over town arrived via the Detroit Street Railway cars.

The History of The Detroit Curling Club Part I - Continued

Yet The Club added even more activities to utilize the ice: *“Two hockey teams have been formed at the Detroit Curling Club and practice will begin tomorrow night. The Canadian rules will be observed. Toward the end of the week a game will have the support of The Club, and it is thought that it will become one of the most pleasant features of an evening at the rink. Improvements to the clubhouse will be made so that the spectators can witness the play from above.”*

“In the skating carnival at the rink last night Clayton Busch won the gentlemen’s prize and Miss Jessie Parkinson that for ladies.” “Two of the club matches in curling were played yesterday afternoon, resulting in wins for Skips Baxter and Cooney.” Reprinted from the Detroit Free Press December 27, 1896. This was thirty years before the Red Wings were formed. At least they curled a game or two before the ice skating & hockey!!!



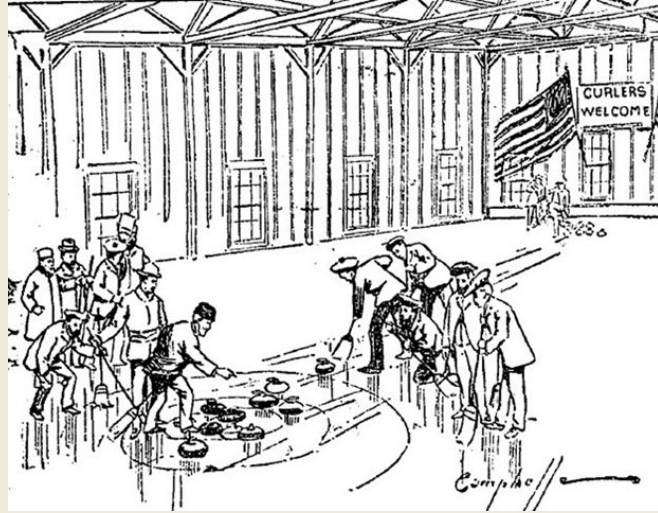
OLD-TIME CURLERS ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT THE RARE SCOTCH SPORT.

The Detroit Curling Club in 1896

The Detroit News

January 3, 1897, Detroit Free Press: *“THE ICE IS PROMISED. Curlers prepared for the Bonspiel this week. Twenty clubs have entered the contests. Splendid Trophies for the Winners. Just now there is great activity among the members of The Detroit Curling Club, and especially those who are on the ice committee. The International Bonspiel is to begin here on Wednesday, and it is the duty of the committee to provide ice. Committeemen were racing up to the weather office yesterday and members of the club were burning up the phone wires in quest of anything but rain. When word came that there is a cold wave pointed at us, which would avenge the premature advent of spring there was happiness. Everything else has been provided and if the cold snap strikes here and throws out the anchor there will be plenty of fun for the curlers this week.”*

The History of The Detroit Curling Club Part I - Continued



The Detroit Curling Club 1897
Detroit Free Press Bonspiel



THE WALKER CUP.



RUSSELL HOUSE TROPHY.



CADILLAC'S PRIZE.

DCC Bonspiel Trophies in 1897

Detroit Curling Club Contacts

DCC Board Members:

President/Communications – Stephanie Meerschaert – president@detroitcurling.com

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Assistant Treasurer – Stephen Ng – assistanttreasurer@detroitcurling.com

Calendar and Leagues – Dennis Pellerin

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Ice – John Gaul – icedirector@detroitcurling.com

Rentals – Jake Lenz – rentals@detroitcurling.com

Bonspiels/Special Events/Volunteerism – Elizabeth Demers – volunteers@detroitcurling.com

DCC Rockettes Board Members:

President – Pam Buchkowski

Vice President/Membership – Anne Romano

Secretary – Maggie Peplinski

Treasurer/Locker Rentals – Shelly Bahr

Food Sales/Asst. Treasurer – Shelby Curi

Board Liaison – Becky Gilbert

DCC Sinners Board Members:

President – Dallas Schneider

Treasurer – Paul Gaines

Secretary – Damien Buchkowski

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Member at Large – Jim Morris

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The Bonspiel Board

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! Don't forget to consult the USA Curling Bonspiel calendar at: <https://www.usacurling.org/bonspiel-calendar> Keep Scrolling for more Fabulous Bonspiels!

WORCESTER CUP <i>Open 511 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

Bonspiels at The Country Club in Boston

**MAYFIELD CURLING 25
BONSPIEL SCHEDULE 26**

Nov 7-9	Men's Invitational
Dec 12-14	Mayfield U5
Jan 17-18	Women's Bonspiel <small>Don't Miss the Board!</small>
Feb/Mar 26-1	Evergreen Mixed Bonspiel <small>Curl Around the World</small>

For information: www.mayfieldcurling.com/bonspiels
@mayfieldcurling

**PITTSBURGH CURLING CLUB
'25-'26 BONSPIEL SCHEDULE**

Green Ice Special Bonspiel October 10-12, 2025	GNCC Open Championship December 4-7, 2025
Ryan Fissella Party Spiel January 23-25, 2026	TropiCurl June 4-7, 2026



2025/2026 Bonspiel Schedule

Come curl the Queen City!

CincySpiel
November 21-23, 2025

Mixed Doubles Cash Spiel
December 12-14, 2025

5 and Under Spiel
January 30 - February 1, 2026

Sliding Into Home Spiel
March 27-29, 2026

cincinnati Curling Club.org



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Bonspiels for the 2025-26 Season

2025 Chuck Thomas Memorial
Senior Men's One Day Tier 55 and Over
12/10/2025

Men's International
1/2/2026 - 1/4/2026

Ladies International
2/7/2026 - 2/8/2026

Mixed International
2/14/2026 - 2/15/2026

Motown Doubles
3/13/2026 - 3/15/2026

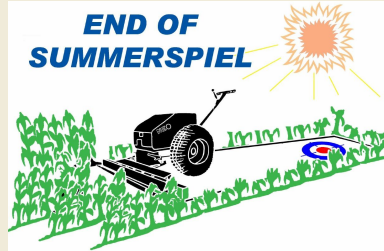
5 & Under Bonspiel
4/18/2026 - 4/19/2026

Juniors Open Bonspiel
4/25/2026 - 4/26/2026

Motor City Open
5/1/2026 - 5/3/2026

Celebrating 140 years!

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER BONSPIELS



<https://fortwaynecurling.com/index.php/calendar/events/bonspiels/137-2025-end-of-summerspiel>



<https://curlvegas.com/index.php/lesson-s-events/event-registrations/bonspiel/57-fabulous-curlvegas-spiel>



September 18-21, 2025

Dear Triangle Curling Club bonspiel participants and guests,

Registration for the 2025 Over-Under Bonspiel will open on **Friday, July 11 at 12 noon EDT**. At that time, registration will be available on the Triangle Curling Club website.

The Over-Under Bonspiel is an open bonspiel where each team must have at least two five-and-under curlers. It's a great event for introducing new curlers to the culture of bonspielling or for getting early-season practice with your five-and-under team.

Please note:

Registration will be available on a strict first-come, first-served basis. Once the event is full, you may join the wait list in case a team drops out. We expect registration to fill quickly, so we recommend registering as soon as possible.

Triangle Curling teams of 3 or more local players: do not register on the website. Instead, email your full roster to overunder@trianglecurling.com before August 8 to be entered into the lottery.

IMPORTANT

Payment will be required at the time of registration. We use PayPal to collect payments, which accepts all major credit cards.

The 2025 Over-Under will be held Sept. 18-21. *(The spiel may start on Sept. 19 depending on registration numbers. Any changes will be communicated to registrants ASAP.)* The registration fee is \$480 per team. Further details are on our website.

<https://links.tccnc.club/overunder>



<https://bqcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/bonspiel-registration/309-2025-devil-s-brew-bonspiel>



<https://ricelakecurling.org/index.php/events/event-registrations/bonspiel/23-tune-up-spiel>

OCTOBER BONSPIELS

**BROOMSTONES
OCTOBERFEST
OPEN**

October 3-5, 2025

\$500 per team • Registration Letters (Opens July 11, 2025 @ 12:00pm • 28 Team Limit (Max. 8 Broomstones)
3 Game Guarantee • Modified Open Format (mixed gender, any position) • All Meats Included • From Hot Digs
Saturday Prime Rib Banquet • Discounted Hotel Rate • Raffle Prizes • Games • Extensive Beer Selection

BROOMSTONES
CURLING CLUB

<https://bit.ly/3Tezyni>

GRITS N' GRANITE XII

**CAMP
GRITSTONE**

Open Format | 3 Game Guarantee | Lunches & Dinners Included

Registration Opens June 11 6pm

\$460 /TEAM

October 16-19, 2025

Charlotte Curling Association | Charlotte, NC

www.charlottecurling.com

The Green Ice Special

Oct. 10-12
24 teams | \$300 Entry

Enjoy that "FRESH ICE" feeling!

<https://pittsburghcurlingclub.com/green-ice-spiel-2025/>

The Milwaukee Curling Club • Follow

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Registration is now open for our 3rd Annual Mixed Doubles bonspiel taking place October 17th-19th, 2025!

We've expanded our spiel to a 4-game guarantee.

Draws start Friday morning, and registration includes raffle basket tickets!

Learn more and register here:
<https://milwauecurlingclub.com/eventPage.php/mixed-doubles-bonspiel>

**MIXED DOUBLES
BONSPIEL**

"ATOMIC DOUBLES"

OCTOBER 17-19, 2025
MILWAUKEE CURLING CLUB

Join the Milwaukee Curling Club for our 3rd Annual Mixed Doubles Bonspiel. Enjoy curling, entertainment, food, drinks and fun!

REGISTRATION \$250

NEW FOR 2025 4-GAME GUARANTEE!

PLEASE VISIT THE EVENT'S PAGE ON FACEBOOK FOR TEAM REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT: <https://www.facebook.com/milwauecurlingclub>

Brooms & Bags Open Spiel October 3-4, 2025

Join us for the season opener tailgate! This open spiel features 6-end games (3-game guarantee), optional bags tournament, RAFFLE and other fun tailgating games.

Team entry fee of \$360 includes food and open bar. Kick off curling season at Kettle Moraine Curling Club!



<https://kmcurlingclub.com/event/brooms-and-bags-bonspiel/>

Save the Dates October 10-12, 2025

for the
Chicago Curling Club Open Bonspiel

A weekend of
good curling, good food and good fun!



The Chicago Curling Club will host 28 teams for a 4-event, guaranteed 3-game open bonspiel.

Email
openbonspiel@chicagocurlingclub.org
for more information



OCTOBER BONSPIELS

GOLDEN GATE BONSPIEL

October 3-5, 2025
4 game guarantee
Registration opens
June 23 at 12 PM



 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
CURLING CLUB

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bayareacurling The new curling season will kick off with the Golden Gate Bonspiel! Join us from October 3-5 for our longest-running, premiere bonspiel—with friends new and old coming from far and wide to be the best in the Bay. 🇺🇸

Registration opens on Monday, June 23 at 12 pm

GLITTER BOMBSPIEL

Oct. 17-19, 2025
Register starting June 26 @12pm

- ★ 24 teams
- ★ First draws Fri. morning
- ★ 3 game guarantee
- ★ All meals included
- ★ Single and team entries welcome!
- ★ Fri. and Sat. entertainment

Visit curldc.org or email glitter@curldc.org for more information

<https://curldc.org/eventPage.php/glitter-bomspiel>

HALLOWEEN SPIEL

October 23-26 **SFX MAKEUP DEMOS**

Madison Curling Club

TAROT CARD READINGS **OPEN FORMAT \$400/ TEAM** **DUELING PLANOS**

FOOD & DRINKS INCLUDED

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 28
*DEPENDENT ON REGISTRATION NUMBERS, GAMES MAY START THURSDAY PM OR FRIDAY AM

<https://madisoncurlingclub.com/product-category/bonspiels/>
halloweenspiel@madisoncurlingclub.com

WOMEN WITH BROOMS

SUPER SENIOR BONSPIEL
Oct 28-30 2025

USWCA WOMEN CURLERS 65 YEARS & OLDER BY JAN 1 2026

VISIT USWCA.ORG /BONSPIELS /SUPER SENIOR DEADLINE: AUG 15 '25



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OCTOBER / NOVEMBER BONSPIELS

LONG LIVE THE SPIEL OF THE DEAD

OCTOBER 27-29, 2023
 32 TEAMS • 4 EVENTS • 3 GAME MINIMUM • \$300
 REGISTER AT FROGTOWNCURLING.ORG
 743 WESTERN AVE N, ST PAUL, MN 55103

HARVEST BONSPIEL

<https://philadelphiacurlingclub.org/eventPage.php/2025-harvest-bonspiel>

Doubles ROC
 Autumn's Open Bonspiel

Half the Brooms. Twice the fun!

\$250 per team
 Open team format
 3 Games Guaranteed
 24 Teams, 3 Draws
 Registration Closes Oct 17
 www.rochestercurling.org

First draw starts 09:00A, FRI Oct 24
 All meals included
 compliments of RCC
 for info, e-mail:
 4ScottOrr@gmail.com

October 24-26, 2025 @ Rochester Curling Club @ Rochester, NY

Slide Through the Driftless
 Centerville Junior Bonspiel
 Nov. 11-16, 2025

Competitive and Developmental Divisions

Register at Centervillecurlingclub.com

The Fort Wayne Curling Club

Registration is now open for the Mad Anthony Men's Bonspiel at the Fort Wayne Curling Club. The event runs November 7 - 9, 2025 and is both a qualifying event for the USA Curling 5 & Under Nationals and also serves as the GLCA 5 & Under Qualifier. So GLCA Teams will have 2 opportunities to qualify - Win the event or be the highest finishing GLCA team.

Register at the link below (please note the separate sign ups for GLCA and non-GLCA teams). If the GLCA slots are not filled by September 1, remaining slots will be released to the general curling population.

\$400 per Team
 3 Game Guarantee
 All meals provided

Also consider getting some early ice time on the same ice by taking one of the remaining places in the Fort Wayne End of Summerspiel Sept 19 - 21.

<https://fortwaynecurling.com/index.php/calendar/events>



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER BONSPIELS



<https://frogtowncurling.org/index.php/club-events/bonspiel-list>

Rice Lake Curling Club

Curl for a Cure Women's Bonspiel
 November 7,8,9, 2025
 Entry Fee: \$300 per team \$60 to add 5th person

The Curl for a Cure "Jug Spiel" is a USWCA circuit event.

<https://ricelakecurling.org/index.php/events/event-registrations/bonspiel/25-curl-for-a-cure-2025>

2nd Annual
neon city spiel

December 12-14, 2025

\$500/team 24 teams
3 game guarantee

Breakfast Daily
 Lunch Friday & Saturday

Wear your
 neon gear!
 50/50 Raffle

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**PORTAGE CURLING CLUB
 MEN'S BONSPIEL**

**BOURBON
 WITH ROCKS**

DECEMBER 12-14, 2025

\$400 ENTRY FEE

THREE GAME GUARANTEE

FRIDAY: LIGHT MEAL
 SATURDAY: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER, AND BOURBON TASTING
 SUNDAY: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND AWARDS
 FREE BEER DURING ENTIRE SPIEL
 BOURBON TASTING
 LOCAL DISTILLERY TO FEATURE SAMPLES AND DISPLAY THEIR GOODS

<https://www.portagecurling.com/bourbon-spiel>

JANUARY BONSPIELS

Save the Date

GAME NIGHT

63rd Annual Mixed Bonspiel!
January 23-25, 2026

- ✓ Friendly & Competitive US & Canadian Curlers
- ✓ Home Hosting Option, Traditional CSC Hospitality!
- ✓ Includes Dinners Thursday thru Saturday -- House Party, Costume Party, and Dinner Dance -- & Sunday Brunch
- ✓ Newly Renovated Club Social Spaces for Broom Stacking & Other Off-Ice Fun!

Watch for registration details in August!

Cleveland Skating Club

CHERRY BOMSPIEL

TRAVERSE CITY CURLING CLUB
 APRIL 16 - 19, 2026

36 TEAMS, 4-GAME GUARANTEE

First Draw · Thursday, April 16 at 2:30pm
 A-E Final Draws · Sunday, April 19 at noon
 Mulligans after each of the first three rounds

- Complimentary Aiming Juice to Promote High Quality Play
 - Friday Dinner and Karaoke
 - Saturday Dinner and Live Band
 - Basket Raffle
- Cash Bar and Local Beers, Wines, Ciders and Whiskeys
 - Live Stream for All Draws

REGISTRATION OPENS
SATURDAY DECEMBER 6 AT 10AM

\$500 TEAM