

# Scots Wha Hae

October 2, 2025

## welcome

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



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## Registration

**September 22 - October 12, 2025**

Is currently open on website.

[www.detroitcurlingclub.com](http://www.detroitcurlingclub.com)

## Feather Bowling

**October 3, 2025** - Cadieux Cafe - 4300  
Cadieux Road, Detroit, MI 48224

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/other/feather-bowling-10-03-2025>

## Harvest Festival

**October 4, 2025** - Detroit Curling Club  
Volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAA23AAFCC07-57282315-2025>

## Ice Installation

**October 13-24, 2025** - Detroit Curling Club  
Volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAA23AAFCC07-59036313-iceinstall#/>

## Warm Room Setup

**October 25, 2025** - Detroit Curling Club  
Volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAA23AAFCC07-58744545-warm#/>

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## Curling 101

**November 1, 2025**

Volunteer to instruct:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-59012557-satnovember#/>

## Curling 101

**November 15, 2025**

Volunteer to instruct:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-59012785-satnovember#/>

## Mini Bon Group 1

**November 22, 2025**

Volunteer to instruct:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-59012947-2025#/>

## Mini Bon Group 2

**November 22, 2025**

Volunteer to instruct:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-59013156-2025#/>

## Mini Bon Ice

**November 22, 2025** - Ice Crew

Volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-59013274-mini#/>

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## Senior Men's One Day

**December 3, 2025**

Registration is open. Register now!

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/bonspiels/2025-senior-mens-one-day-2>

# Volunteer!

The Detroit Curling Club is participating in 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:

## 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](mailto:mikenutica@yahoo.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](mailto: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

# Club News

## Fall Kick-off Feather Bowling Event

October 3, 2025

Where: Cadieux Cafe - 4300 Cadieux Road, Detroit, MI 48224  
(On Detroit's east side near Grosse Pointe.)

Cost: \$20 per person, register on the member site here. You must be logged in.

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/other/feather-bowling-10-03-2025>

Dinner: Cadieux Cafe is well known for its great Belgian menu and beers, including mussels and pomme frites. We recommend that you arrive no later than 6 PM to enjoy your meal. All food and drinks will be on your tab.

Dress Code: Casual. Jeans, shorts, etc. are acceptable. However, the Cafe requests you wear flat shoes since the playing surface is made of dirt and pointed heels can be problematic for the lanes.

Who: Members and Guests are welcome! There is no age limit and no strength requirement so bring the kiddos. Each ball weighs about 5 pounds and an adult can easily manage it with one hand.

Questions email Duncan Whitmore at [dunkofthedead@yahoo.com](mailto:dunkofthedead@yahoo.com).



# Curlers for a Cure

September 13, 2025

William G. Milliken State Park

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated and donated to the Koman Walk this year.

Team members were Jen Wojtala, Suzanne and Roger York, Gordy Loud, Kelly Monro, Diana Jankowski, Emma Lawton, and Rachel Lewis. On September 13th we had a beautiful day for the walk. We raised \$1,442.46. A big thanks to the Rockettes for matching DCC member donations in the amount of \$515.00.

Hope to see YOU next year.

We'd also like to give a special shout-out to our organizer:  
Laura Call



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# The Sweeping Results



Fort Wayne End of Summer Spiel  
- D Event Winners

## 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.

# From the Bar

## Cashless Bar

We will be moving to a cashless system for league nights at the bar. If you want to settle up at the end of each night, or pay as you go, you will need to use a card for your transactions. We will still accept cash for dues, bonspiel payments, and monthly bar bills -- you just need to put it in the drop box at the club with your name and a note of what it's for. Contact Greg at [treasurer@detroitcurling.com](mailto:treasurer@detroitcurling.com) if you have any questions. Note, we will still accept cash for payments during bonspiels.

Bar inquiries can be directed to the bar manager Derek at [dccbarmanager@gmail.com](mailto:dccbarmanager@gmail.com)

## Ferndale News and Events

Check out what's happening in Ferndale here:

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

# 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!  
**SIGN UP WILL OPEN THE FIRST WEEK OF CURLING**

\$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](mailto:maryanne.wessels@gmail.com)



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# From the Pro Shop

## Pro Shop Opening & Special Orders:

Have you been thinking about getting new shoes? Maybe you are looking at getting a new broom for this season? Did you know that you can order all of that through the DCC Pro Shop? It's as simple as emailing [proshop@detroitcurling.com](mailto:proshop@detroitcurling.com) with a list of what you wish to order. Once the items arrive, you will be sent an invoice and instructions as to how to pick up your items.

We can order anything from the Steve's Curling Supplies and Goldline Curling Supplies websites. New for this season, Goldline acquired Hardline Curling Supplies so we have even more equipment available to us. The benefit to members from purchasing the items from the DCC instead of Steve's or Goldline is that the shipping and taxes are included in the Pro Shop price. If you order from Steve's or Goldline directly, you will incur these costs on top of the price of the equipment. In addition, a portion of each sale also goes back to the DCC.

We are getting ready to place our first orders for the start of the season. If you wish to order anything, please email over your items.

## New Foam Requirements:

The World Curling Federation has recently introduced new regulations regarding the types of brush head foam permitted at WCF-sanctioned events. If you're unsure whether an event falls under WCF regulations, the event rules should specify this. When in doubt, please confirm with the event coordinator to ensure your equipment meets the required standards.

All foam and brush covers will be allowed for recreational (i.e. league) play.

## From the Pro Shop continued...

### In summary, the following foam are approved for WCF competitions:

- BalancePlus with Original RS Foam
- BalancePlus RS with 3.0 foam
- Goldline Impact with Pulsar foam
- Hardline Ice Pad with Recreational foam
- End Game Icon

### As part of these regulations, the following brushes are no longer approved for WCF events:

- BalancePlus RS with Firm 2.0 foam
- Goldline Impact with Evader foam
- Goldline Impact with Pursuer foam (already withdrawn)
- Hardline Ice Pad with Competitive foam

Here is a link to the full article: <https://worldcurling.org/2025/06/sweeping-equipment-update/>

The DCC Pro Shop will be carrying both WCF approved and recreational foam and brush covers. Please check the label before purchasing to make sure you are purchasing the correct items.

### Name Tags:

If you need a new name tag, please email [proshop@detroitcurling.com](mailto:proshop@detroitcurling.com). Please include in your email: your name, the name as you wish it to appear on the name tag 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.

### Online Apparel Store:

We are putting the finishing touches on the first online store for this season. All purchases on this online store will be delivered to the Club. Once the items are delivered, you will receive an email stating how to pick these items up. A portion of the proceeds on these orders also come back to the DCC. Be on the lookout for a link to order!



**This Month's Spotlight:**  
Mike Grudzinski, Board Member

**Member Since:** 2002

**Current Board Position:** Vice President (May '25-Present), Membership Chair (May '19-Present)



**Nickname(s):** At the Club: Pappa, Mike, Mr. President (Diane Nelsen and Jeff Deneen still call me that)  
Family: Szneg or Szneggy (pronounced SCHNEG-gee), Mic, Michael (my mom still calls me that)  
Friends and Coworkers: Grudz or Grudzy, YPY! (pronounced Yippy!, short for You Polack You!)

Member Since: 2002

**Roles held while on the Board:** President (2003-2007), Vice President (twice), Secretary, Membership, House, Calendar & Games, Bonspiels & Special Events. Roles NOT allowed to hold while on the Board: Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer. Roles I avoided like the plague while on the Board: Ice! (I know better!)

**Committees:** Membership, Mixed International Chair, Champagne Spiel Committee Chair, Meat & Greet, 2008 USCA Mixed Nationals Chair, 2018 USCA Junior Nationals

**Favorite part of curling:** Seeing all those bright new faces showing up for Learn To Curls thinking they are going to be in the next Olympics and thinking "Aren't they so cute at this age?!" Mini Bon Saturday is my favorite day of the year!!! Welcoming new members into the club and making lifelong friendships. Attending In-House 5 and Unders and seeing my "kids" grow up! Going to Out of Town Bonspiels with the Great Carmouche (it's a life-changing experience!)

**Most challenging part of your job:** Trying to get other Board Members to vote for my "Free Beer For All" platform! It's okay though, I know I have the people behind me! The Struggle is REAL!!!!

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**Mike Grudzinski continued...**

**Hobbies:** I'm a houseplant rescuer and hoarder. I love the art/technique of Bonsai but have killed more little trees then I can count. I love, love, love to cook and try new recipes (Asian, Italian and of course Polish are some standbys). Gardening. Star Wars and Legos (Star Wars Legos are like Reese's Peanut Butter Cups to me, a combination that is better than its parts)!

**Bonspiel Highlights:** 2006 USCA Mixed Nationals, Fairbanks, Alaska (Bronze Medalist); 2004 & 2006 GLCA Mixed Champions; 2007 Ontario Colts Provincials, 2007 Ontario Hotel Challenge Provincials (Shout Out to Greg Jorgensen on the all of those); 2025 Wood Memorial A-Event Winners (with Brian Whitehead, Dan Cleary and Paul "Cheech" Burnham) - Belfast, Maine.

**Favorite place to eat near the club:** Christine's Cuisine (pierogi, kapusta and cabbage soup! What's not to love?) Thai Garden on 9 Mile (Menu Items #: A1 - Chicken Satay; SP10 - Gang Mus Sa Mun; I also want to try SP8 - Pra Ra Long Song - Steamed Meat with Broccoli and Cabbage with a side of Peanut Sauce. I have never had it and haven't seen it on other Thai menus).

**Most annoying trait:** Getting to the point of a story! It's not about the destination; it's about the journey!!!

# Curling Coach

## Instructors



Kevin Martin,  
Olympic Gold Medalist



Todd Birr,  
World Bronze Medalist

**More world-class instructors to be added!**

### Comprehensive Sessions Include:

- ✓ Technical and Delivery Skills
- ✓ Team Systems
- ✓ Sports Psychology
- ✓ Strategy - both on the ice and off!
- ✓ Nutrition, Fitness, and more!

*"The camp was incredible! Every instructor brought their unique experience and top-notch advice for technical, strategic, fitness, and lifestyle tips that immediately improved my confidence and my game!"*  
- Kari Gullickson

# KEVIN MARTIN CURLING Academy

**Broomstones Curling Club**  
Wayland, MA Dec. 5-7

*"It is our goal to give you the skills to become a Champion" - Kevin Martin*

**\$695+fees per curler**

**\*Team Coaches may attend for free!**  
**Meals included**

**Includes a fun, social evening**

**\*Groups will be based on skill level, and teams will be kept together**

**For more information and to register, go to:**

[www.tinyurl.com/kevinmartinacademybroomstones](http://www.tinyurl.com/kevinmartinacademybroomstones)

or point the camera on  
your phone to:



**For questions, reach out to Todd Birr:**

☎ c. 507 381 7529

✉ [todd330@gmail.com](mailto:todd330@gmail.com)

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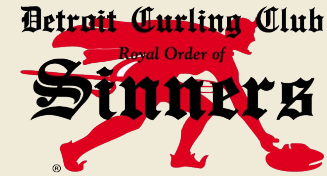
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Lupus Research  
Foundation!  
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# Sinners

Golf Balls still available!

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](mailto:sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com).



# Rockettes Corner

## 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.

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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!



# Junior News

## 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](mailto: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!

# Junior Continued...

## Do you know a young person who may be interested in trying curling?

The DCC will be offering its first official Juniors Learn-to-Curl series. Registration through the Ferndale Parks and Rec catalogue begins in October for youth ages 6-10 and ages 11-18. During this session, students will learn about the rules of the game, the basics of delivery and sweeping and will be able to play a game. Participating students should wear clean athletic shoes, a helmet, and warm clothing. All other gear will be provided. Parents/Guardians will need to complete a waiver at the first practice on November 16.

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)

U18 (ages 11-18)!

## Thank you!

Juniors and parents that participated in the 9on9 Concert Series community outreach this summer!



# GLCA

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

GLCA Representatives –  
Elizabeth Demers, Chris Pethke



To all clubs and curlers:

I'd like to introduce myself, or say hello again if we've met. My name is Matt Sussman. I'm from Toledo, Ohio and I play out of the Bowling Green Curling Club. At the conclusion of our fall meeting on Saturday morning, I was named president of the Great Lakes Curling Association.

The outgoing president Ben Levy has done a wonderful job over the last several years leading the GLCA and growing our efforts. He was also term limited in the position. Fortunately he is still a GLCA director and will continue to work with the region, which is great because otherwise this transition would be a nightmare.

I'm excited to be in this position because believe in the value of curling for both individuals and communities. It brings together people from different generations. It's a weird and wonderful sport that anyone can play and be involved with. These shared spaces are so important in combating social isolation. League night is so much better than staying at home scrolling on your phone. And I think we can support those ideals from the region.

Some thoughts on the coming years and what we want to do:

1. Continue to grow the sport within the region, including adding membership and participation in our clubs. We can also try to help new clubs get on their feet. (Such as Ludington, Michigan which recently formed and joined us this summer!)
2. Connect our clubs more. Whether it's help with filling bonspiels or how best to run a beginner's curling experience, we have a lot of knowledge among our 19 clubs and there's no reason to keep it all a secret.

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3. Strengthen our regional championships (aka “playdowns”). This includes more participation, but also supporting our host clubs and volunteers who put time and work into them. For example, this year we are running the men’s and women’s championships separately because a combined event was too large for most clubs. We are also working to grow our list of officials/umpires. And with the inception of the Regions Cup, we have an incentive to put teams from our region in the best position to compete well at nationals.

4. Communicate better with all our clubs. That might mean possibly updating our website???

(<http://www.greatlakescurling.org>)

Basically we want to answer the question: “what do we get out of being part of the GLCA?” Yes, you get to participate in our regional championships and support them but it should be more than that.

I would also like to announce our **executive officer leadership** for the next term:

President: Matt Sussman (Bowling Green)  
Vice-President: Michael Graves (Midland)  
Treasurer: Tammy Hoffman (Circle City)  
Secretary: Julia DiBaggio (Mayfield)  
At-Large: Elizabeth Demers (Detroit)

Additionally, here is our **regional championship schedule for the 24-25 season:**

Under-18 Mens/Womens: Midland, MI, December 5-7  
5-And-Under: Fort Wayne, IN November 7-9 (it will run within their annual Mad Anthony 5U spiel)  
Club Mens: Traverse City, MI January 10-12  
Club Womens: Circle City (Indianapolis, IN), January 23-25  
Mixed (fours): Detroit, MI Jan 30 - Feb 1  
Arena Mens/Womens: Cincinnati, OH (TBD)

We’re looking forward to the season! See you on the ice, everyone!  
–Matt

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# 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?ssob=INFMON099G&cid=INFMON099G:co-op:site-curling](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/www/ontcurl.html?ssob=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

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# USWCA



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).

USWCA NEWSLETTER can be found here:

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

The USWCA National Bonspiel playdown signup is live on the DCC Site for members only:

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/other/2025-uswca-national-bonspiel-playdown>

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# 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.

# ANGUS MacTAVISH IS IN THE HOUSE



## The History of The Detroit Curling Club Part 2 - 1840 – 1899: The Early Years By Angus MacTavish – Detroit Curling Club

The 1900s brought a new growth in the number of curling clubs. In Michigan there were clubs in The Soo, Bay City, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, and Pontiac. Nearby was The Detroit Curling and Racquet Club, Toledo, Cleveland and Windsor. Plus, dozens of clubs in Ontario. This resulted in lots of ice time at home and on the road for the members of The Club. Bonspiels were just starting to be hosted annually by clubs, but “home & home” exchanges were still the most popular way to curl at other clubs. Detroit had annual exchanges with numerous Ontario clubs, Toledo and Grand Rapids. Locally, Detroit curlers had multiple competitions with Windsor, Sarnia and The Detroit Curling & Racquet Club. These included The Ford Trophy, The Directors Buttons and other trophies.

Curlers come in all shapes and sizes, and from all walks of life. Did you know that in 1905 the mayor of Detroit, George F. Codd, was elected president of the Detroit Curling Club. He later served as a District Judge and then a US congressman.

The year 1917 was very special for members of The Club. Two major firsts in 1917: The Kitchener-Detroit exchange started, and women were curling occasionally. Though it would not be until the 1930s that lady curlers were on the ice on a weekly basis.



**The Detroit Curling Club  
Forest & Fourth St.**

## The History of The Detroit Curling Club Part 2 - Continued

The early 1900s brought many innovations to the game of curling and The Detroit Curling Club was a pioneer in man-made ice. In 1906 a concrete floor was installed, thus more level ice was possible. Pebbling was becoming popular, and Detroit was pebbling the ice – first on a weekly basis and then daily. The Club installed one of the first refrigeration units in the country in 1924 and then hosted The Canadian MacDonald Brier champions in 1925. The team was on a tour of Ontario and the warm weather led to very bad ice at many of the Ontario clubs. The delegation came to Detroit to see what compressor made ice was all about since no clubs in Ontario had refrigeration equipment.

Then came the stock market crash of 1929 which triggered the depression of the early thirties. People saw their life savings going down the drain, many were out of work, and there were those who could no longer pay their dues at the DCC, modest though they were at \$40.00. Lower membership numbers meant shorter seasons and innovative ways to get new members to join. The club restructured the corporation into a non-stock corporation. Essentially a non-profit, but that term was not used until the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Bonds were issued to raise money. We dropped our membership in the GNCC but kept our membership in the OCA.

Despite everything, The Club survived the 1929-30 season, but at the next annual meeting things were getting really tough. The club treasurer reported that we owed the bank \$2,000.00 on a note; some \$800.00 to the Detroit Edison Company, and taxes, insurance, and water bills in various amounts. The bond principal had been reduced to \$22,800.00, but the current interest would have to go in default. There was plenty of precedent for letting this interest go in default because first mortgage bonds were in trouble all over the map. This meeting was a long, drawn-out affair, and the only action taken was to adjourn and to think about the problem and to call a special meeting later in the summer.

The summer meeting was held at the Cadillac Athletic Club (formerly the old Masonic Temple on West Lafayette), and it was well attended and produced many varied suggestions as to how to save the sinking ship. One vocal group thought that perhaps the best way out was to simply fold our tent and go our way without rejoicing. But calmer heads prevailed, and it was decided that this should not be allowed to happen and that money would be found for a short season to start on January 1<sup>st</sup> and run through March 15<sup>th</sup>. This is what happened in the next two curling seasons. The records do not tell us how these two seasons were financed, but money was raised in some manner and curling continued without interruption.



## The History of The Detroit Curling Club Part 2 - Continued

Week by week more members joined Percy, and they eventually made breakfast for all of the attendees. A tradition was born. Meanwhile “married couple” or mixed curling was finding one evening a week on the calendar with dinner offered beforehand. More women were getting involved in the sport and The Club. This led to many members’ wives learning to curl and to “bonspiel” – where they learned about other ladies’ organizations within other curling clubs. In 1954 The Rockettes were formed to be a club-within-the-club.



1948



1950's

During the period 1957-1983 several attempts were made to establish curling at other locations than the Detroit Curling Club. These sites were the Birmingham Ice Arena and the Detroit Skating Club. The curling lasted for a few years at Birmingham. In 1976, for a very short period, the Oliver family was instrumental in promoting curling at the Beechwood Ice Arena in Southfield. However, because curling was only allowed from 10:00 P.M. to midnight, only a few prospective curlers showed interest, and the experiment was abandoned.

Curling was improving in quality at the Detroit Club, and it was on April 12, 1958, that a team composed of Doug Fisk, Mike Slyziuk, Ernie Slyziuk, and Merritt Knowlson won the U.S. Men’s Championship at the arena in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This was quite a triumph, since the Wisconsin-Illinois-Minnesota area was the hot-bed of curling.

## The History of The Detroit Curling Club Part 2 - Continued

In 1960 the first mention of what was to become a long and frustrating series of events was presented to The Detroit Curling Club. At a special meeting of the general membership on November 29, 1960, it was learned that a project known as "University City" was to be developed and that the curling club was within the boundaries of the development and thus subject to condemnation. This project was presented as a future development. Upon further investigation it was learned that the development would be five to seven years in the future. Many curlers were worried and apprehensive about the future of curling in Detroit.

1963 saw a triumph for the Detroit club in the U.S. Men's National Championship when a team composed of Mike Slyziuk, Nelson Brown, Ernie Slyziuk, and Walter Hubchik, with an almost impossible shot made by Mike in the last end of the final game, won the championship. Mike Slyziuk, Nelson Brown, and Walter Hubchik are currently enshrined in the *Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame* for their contributions to curling

In 1964 the City of Detroit made a presentation to bring the 1968 Olympic games to Detroit. If this bid were successful, then the land where the curling club was located would be immediately condemned for housing and sports facilities to be built for the Olympic athletes. The club would be immediately "under the gun" and be forced to move at once. If the proposal were not accepted (as was the case) then it was reported that we would be required to move in 1966 or 1967.

In April of 1974 Detroit curlers were saddened by the tragic news of the tornado which virtually destroyed the Windsor Curling Club across the river and killed many of our close friends and acquaintances.

On March 2, 1976, a horrendous ice storm struck the region and caused a large tree to topple and short-circuit the transformer which supplied the club with electricity. The resulting reduced voltage caused a burn-out of the motor which supplied power for the rink compressor. The Mixed International Bonspiel had been scheduled for Friday and Saturday of that week. All plans had been completed, entries filled, and fees paid. All the teams were contacted and



1970s

## The History of The Detroit Curling Club Part 2 - Continued

asked for suggestions. As might be expected from the great confraternity of curlers, the vote was unanimous in favor of a dinner party and dance sans curling. And so, to the annals of the Detroit Curling Club was added the record of the first iceless mixed bonspiel! A glance at the Mixed International Trophy will reveal the winner on an engraved tag as: "The Ice Storm of 1976".

In August 1977 a check was received from the city that made the total monies received \$615,000.00. Coincidentally, on the market at that time there were three acres of real estate on Big Beaver near Rochester Road in Troy. A purchase agreement was later signed for \$108,000.00, and plans were made to hire an architect or engineering firm to prepare a bid package for a new curling club on this property. At one stage one contractor offered to design and build a facility on the Troy property for a figure not to exceed \$600,000.00. Two other contractors were contacted but indicated that they could not match or better this figure. The Board authorized the first contractor to prepare preliminary site plans.

In 1978 the club received notice that the premises would have to be vacated in one year from February 1, 1978. It was later determined that curling would be available through the end of the 1978-79 season; that is, at least to the end of March 1979. It became apparent that building a new clubhouse would be impossible from a financial standpoint, and the planning committee redoubled its efforts to find a suitable partner with whom to merge. Since it was not feasible to build on the Troy property, it was decided to attempt to sell the land.

At a DCC board meeting in July 1978 it was learned that the Centaur Farms facility in West Bloomfield, which was in receivership, was for sale. This complex, although originally opened in 1963 as a horse-riding academy, had recently been used as a hockey arena and thus had ice-making capabilities. It also had a dining room with a viewing area, a full kitchen, a bar, and a Class C liquor license. Since time had expired for the construction of a new clubhouse in time for the 1979-80 season, the Centaur Farms move seemed to be the most promising.

At a special meeting on December 14, 1978, the membership voted that the Board of Directors should actively pursue negotiations for the purchase of the Centaur Farms property, without negating any other options. At a special board meeting on December 20, 1978, two special committees were formed for the express purpose of anticipating a move to Centaur Farms. One was the negotiating committee, chaired by Bill Jamieson, and the second was the relocation committee, chaired by Jack Allingham. These two committees in the weeks to come did a tremendous job, and one cannot say enough in praise of their fine efforts. It was also decided at

## The History of The Detroit Curling Club Part 2 - Continued

this same meeting that the DCC could offer up to \$350,000.00 for the Centaur property. At a special meeting of the membership in March 1979 all actions taken by the Board of Directors regarding Centaur Farms were approved by the membership.



The Visiting Scots were using Brushes as early as the 1920s

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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!

<b>WORCESTER CUP</b> <i>Open 511 Curling</i>	NOVEMBER 6 - 9, 2025
<b>BAY STATE BONSPIEL</b> <i>Women's Curling</i>	DECEMBER 4 - 7, 2025
<b>NEWELL BONSPIEL</b> <i>Mixed Curling</i>	JANUARY 15 - 18, 2026
<b>STOCKTON BONSPIEL</b> <i>Men's Curling</i>	FEBRUARY 5 - 8, 2026

Bonspiels at The Country Club in Boston

**MAYFIELD CURLING 25  
BONSPIEL SCHEDULE 26**

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

For information: [www.mayfieldcurling.com/bonspiels](http://www.mayfieldcurling.com/bonspiels)  
@mayfieldcurling

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

<b>Green Ice Special Bonspiel</b> October 10-12, 2025	<b>GNCC Open Championship</b> December 4-7, 2025
<b>Ryan Fissella Party Spiel</b> January 23-25, 2026	<b>TropiCurl</b> 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](http://cincinnati Curling Club.org)



[detroitcurlingclub.com](http://detroitcurlingclub.com)



### Bonspiels for the 2025-26 Season

2025 Chuck Thomas Memorial  
Senior Men's One Day Tier 55 and Over  
12/3/2025

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!

# OCTOBER BONSPIELS



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

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

2025 Oktoberfest Bonspiel

**2025 Oktoberfest Bonspiel**  
 2025 Oktoberfest Bonspiel – Circle City curling Club  
 Dates: **October 17-19, 2025**  
 Location: Circle City Curling Club – Anderson, Indiana  
 Registration: Now Open!  
<https://tinyurl.com/Oktoberfest2025>  
 Join Us for a Weekend of Curling, Camaraderie, and Oktoberfest Fun!

Calling all curlers! The Circle City Curling Club proudly invites you to be part of our **2025 Oktoberfest Bonspiel**, taking place the weekend of **October 17-19**. This annual fall favorite combines the thrill of competition with the cozy charm of an Oktoberfest celebration.

The Milwaukee Curling Club · Follow  
 9h · 🌐

📌 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://milwaukeecurlingclub.com/eventPage.php/mixed-doubles-bonspiel>

**MIXED DOUBLES BONSPIEL**  
 AT  
**"ATOMIC DOUBLES"**  
 OCTOBER 17-19, 2025  
 MILWAUKEE CURLING CLUB

Join the Milwaukee Curling Club for their 3rd Annual Mixed Doubles Bonspiel. 4-Game Guarantee, Lunch, Drink and Fun!

**REGISTRATION**  
 Please visit the event page or use the QR code for team registration and payment. [www.milwaukeecurlingclub.com](https://www.milwaukeecurlingclub.com)

**\$250**

**NEW FOR 2025 4 GAME GUARANTEE!**

**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](mailto: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](https://curldc.org) or email [glitter@curldc.org](mailto:glitter@curldc.org) for more information

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

**OCTOBER 23-26**    **SFX/MAKEUP DEMOS**

# HALLOWEEN SPIEL

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](mailto: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](https://www.uswca.org/) /BONSPIELS /SUPER SENIOR DEADLINE: AUG 15 '25

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Rice Lake, WI 54868

# 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](http://Centervillecurlingclub.com)

QR code: SCAN ME

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**The Fort Wayne Curling Club**  
 2h

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>



**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**

**63<sup>rd</sup> 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**