

# Scots Wha Hae

November 14, 2025

## welcome

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



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Volunteer to instruct:

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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#/>**dec.****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>**Men's & Women's  
Playdown****December 13 & 14, 2025**Men will play both days if needed.  
Ladies have one draw on Dec. 13th.

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## Meat and Greet

**December 20, 2025** - 9:00 am -5:00 pm

Register here:

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/bonspiels/meat-and-greet-2025>

## Men's International

**January 2-4, 2026**

Volunteer sign up will be published soon.

## All American Bonspiel

**January 10-11, 2026**

Joint DCC/BG/KZOO event

Register here:

<https://bgcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/bonspiel-registration/350-2025-2026-all-american/individual-registration>

## GLCA Mixed Playdowns

**January 29 - February 1, 2026**

Register here via Sport80:

<https://usacurling.sport80.com/home>

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# Volunteer!

Volunteering at the curling club offers a fantastic opportunity to support the sport and connect with your community. Whether you're helping to prepare the ice, volunteering to instruct, assisting with club maintenance, being a drawmaster, or organizing a bonspiel, your efforts are vital to the club's operation. It's a great way to learn new skills, make friends with fellow enthusiasts, and enjoy the camaraderie that is central to curling culture, often leading to a deeper appreciation for the 'roaring game'.

Currently we are looking for people to help with these events and tasks:

- Skills Clinic #2 November 15, 2025
- Curling 101 November 15, 2025
- Mini Bon Group 1 (11/22)
- Mini Bon Group 2 (11/22)
- Mini Bon Ice (11/22)
- Senior Men's One Day (12/3)
- Juniors Volunteer Coaching Schedule
- Fall 2025 Juniors Learn-to-Curl

Sign Up [HERE](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities can be found now and throughout the year in the members section of the website at

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/member-information/volunteer-opportunities> (must be logged in on the website) or download the Signup Genius app to see all opportunities.

# Club News

## 140 Anniversary Opening Party

November 1, 2025

The recent celebration marking the 140th anniversary of the Detroit Curling Club was a resounding success, demonstrating that a small, but passionate group can create an unforgettable evening. The event was a heartfelt tribute to the club's long and rich history.

A highlight of the evening was Michael Grudzinski, who truly embraced the spirit of "olde time curling." His presence and enthusiasm helped set a wonderfully festive and nostalgic tone, encouraging others to participate in the joyful atmosphere. Many attendees joined in, contributing to the vibrant, celebratory vibe that honored the Club's enduring legacy.

More than just a formal dinner, the anniversary served as a perfect opportunity to strengthen the club's community. Guests relished the chance to catch up with old friends and forge new connections, reinforcing the camaraderie that is central to the sport of curling.

The fantastic meal, catered by the club's friends at Howe's Bayou, was a great Addition to the evening, providing a delicious backdrop for the socializing and celebrating.

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## Opening party continued...

The event's success was largely due to the tireless efforts of key individuals: A huge thank you was given to the incredible organizer, Maryanne Wessels. Who would like to express deep gratitude to Michelle Matte, Bill Belaire, John Wentrack, and Amy & Alan Simonelli for their crucial help with the set up and clean up, ensuring the entire event ran smoothly from start to finish.

The 140th anniversary celebration was a true testament to the Detroit Curling Clubs strong community spirit and a promising start to the next chapter of its history!



T shirts will be available for pick up before the end of the month

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## Skills Clinics

The Detroit Curling Club will present three skills clinics for members, taught by Mike Bahr. Cost is \$30 per curler. Clinics will be capped at 24 spots, with potential for 30, so please do utilize the waitlist.

**Clinic 2 (All Levels)** Delivery / LOD with Curling Etiquette  
**November 15, 2025 - Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am**

**Register:** Sign up for Clinic 2 [HERE](#)

More information to be released soon about Clinic 3.

# Food Drive

The Monday night ladies league and the DCC Rockettes are excited to team up with Gleaners Community Food Bank to help our neighbors in Ferndale facing food insecurity.

At a time when so many households are facing a sudden loss of resources, the women curlers of DCC are asking you to donate food and/or funds.

**The food drive will take place from Sunday, Nov. 9th - Sunday, Nov. 23rd, 2025.**

Donations of non-perishable food items like canned chicken, canned tuna, canned beans, peanut butter, protein drinks, low-sodium soups, canned vegetables, oatmeal, and healthy cereal are welcome. Please avoid donating items in glass containers.

The donation box is in the warm room.

Happy, Not Hungry, Thanksgiving!

You can also make a donation at <https://www.gcfb.org/>

Ford Philanthropy is matching donations until November 18. Give today to double your impact and make it a happy, not hungry, Thanksgiving for our neighbors facing hunger.

Cash or check donations may also be placed in the warm room drop box. Please put the donation in an envelope marked "Gleaners Food Drive."

Please reach out to Suzanne York ([warnimsk@hotmail.com](mailto:warnimsk@hotmail.com)) or Pam Buchkowski ([psabara@hotmail.com](mailto:psabara@hotmail.com)) with any questions. And THANK YOU for your support!

Good curling!

The Monday night ladies league and the DCC Rockettes



**FOOD DRIVE**

The DCC Rockettes and Monday Night Ladies League are thrilled to team up with Gleaners to help our neighbors in Ferndale and Southeast Michigan facing food insecurity.

**NOV. 9 - NOV. 23, 2025**

BRING FOOD OR MONETARY DONATIONS TO THE CURLING CLUB DURING LEAGUE PLAY

**MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS :**

- OATMEAL
- CANNED CHICKEN AND TUNA
- PROTEIN DRINKS
- LOW-SODIUM SOUP
- PEANUT BUTTER
- CANNED VEGETABLES

PLEASE AVOID GLASS CONTAINERS

**FORD PHILANTHROPY IS MATCHING DONATIONS UNTIL NOV. 18TH**

**GLEANERS**  
EST. 1977  
FEEDING PEOPLE. PROGRESSING LIVES.

# Wednesday 10 am League

Did you know there's a Wednesday 10 a.m. league? It's the perfect midweek pick-me-up! Ever wanted to try a new curling position—or maybe give Skipping a shot—without the pressure of a competitive league? This is your chance! The Wednesday morning league is all about fun, learning, and laughter. It's a relaxed vibe where new and seasoned curlers mix, share tips, and enjoy some seriously good food along the way. Come for the curling, stay for the company (and snacks)!

If you're interested, email Holly Belian at [hollybelian@gmail.com](mailto:hollybelian@gmail.com), and she will add you to the weekly email signup list. Even if you can only make it occasionally, they'd love to have you.

## Ferndale News and Events

Check out what is new in Ferndale here:

<https://www.ferndalemi.gov/PDFs/Newsletter%2018%20%28Fall%202025%29%20%286%29.pdf>

# From the Bar

Here we are again folks, another glorious curling season awaits! As we embark upon this upcoming adventure together, we would like to offer a few notes:

- there are some price changes – you are all buying gas, groceries, etc. and the one thing we all know is nothing is getting cheaper. We are tried to minimize any huge jumps, but were are long overdue for some price changes. (If you have a time machine please speak to a board member and we will investigate the safe and efficacious use thereof.)

- we are using a new point of sale system this season. This means there is a learning curve adjusting to the new software etc. While in the long run we believe this will be helpful for all involved, there are some growing pains. Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding.

- leagues are cashless as per the board. As such, funds may not be available for change etc. Please plan accordingly. Bring any concerns or complaints to the board, not your bartenders.

- let's all have a great season!

Cheers!

- Your friendly neighborhood DCC bar staff

# From the Pro Shop

## Pro Shop Inventory & Tariff Impact:

Due to ongoing tariffs between the U.S. and Canada, Pro Shop orders may experience delays or increased costs this season. We're working closely with our vendors to minimize both price changes and shipping delays as much as possible, however, we have already seen some increases in prices on shoes. You will be made aware if there is an increase in price on your item before we purchase it from our vendors.

In the meantime, inventory levels in the Shop may be lower than usual. We appreciate your patience as we navigate this situation. If you don't see an item you're looking for, please email [proshop@detroitcurling.com](mailto:proshop@detroitcurling.com) with your requested items. We'll confirm availability, pricing, and timing. As long as our vendors have the items in stock, we can typically get them quickly and at standard prices. We'll continue to keep members updated as the situation evolves.

## Name Tags:

If you need a new name tag, 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 tag and whether you would like a magnet back or a pin back. 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 made through this store will be delivered directly to the Club. Once your items arrive, you'll receive an email with instructions on how to pick them up.

Plus, a portion of the proceeds from each order goes back to support the DCC—so your purchase makes a difference! Keep an eye out for the link to start shopping!

# The Sweeping Results



Top L to R: Nate Glitman, Steven Smith, John Gaul, Ben Levy  
Bottom L to R: Anne Romano, Rich Romano, Kara Szpondowski, Don Bleaney

The Bowling Green Devil's Brew bonspiel occurred October 31st to November 2nd. It was a great weekend full of curling competition, live music, fortunes, 'Ghost races', and spooky treats. Among the pool of 22 teams, Detroit was well represented both on and off the ice. Team Levy consisting of Ben Levy, John Gaul, Steven Smith, and Nate Glitman won the A event against the Meyer Rink which includes Detroit's Julius Peplinski. After taking top prize in the costume contest, the Romano rink, consisting of Don Bleaney, Rich Romano, Anne Romano, and Kara Szpondowski won the C event by stealing in an extra end. In true Scooby Doo fashion, their competitors "would have gotten away with it too if it wasn't for those meddling kids and that dog."

## 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*.



Team Roberts defeating Team Waters from Midland in the A final. This is the 3rd year in a row Team Roberts has won the spiel. October 24-26th, 2025

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**This Month's Spotlight:**  
Dennis Pellerin, Board Member

**Member Since:** 2019

**Current Board Position:** Secretary



**Roles held while on the Board:** Secretary, Ice, Calendar & Leagues

**Nickname:** El Dorado Slim, D

**Favorite part of curling:** The friendships. I've met a great group of people who I enjoy spending time with on or off the ice year around.

**Most challenging part of your job:** Balancing my work responsibilities with my club duties. Often times I'm exhausted when I get home from work, and I just want to turn on a Pistons or Wings game and fall asleep. Working on a plan....

**Hobbies:** Golf, traveling, traveling to golf.

**Favorite place to eat near the club:** Best Friend by Roy Choi for kimchi fried rice and garlic chicken, Shamrock Pub for a bar burger, and Bar Verona for short ribs.

**Most annoying trait:** I'm pretty sure my procrastination drives my fellow board members and club members crazy (I'll work on this next month).

# Curling Coach

Hello wonderful Detroit Curling Club! I am reaching out to you on behalf of the clinic at Broomstones Dec. 5-7 with Kevin Martin.

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My name is Regan, and I'm writing to invite you to a wonderful opportunity. Olympic Gold Medalist Kevin Martin is teaching a camp, with my husband Todd who is a World Bronze medalist, Dec. 5-7 at Broomstones curling club in Wayland. We want to let you know about it. It's a great camp for early curlers! I am forwarding you info, which also includes a \$100 incentive.

Would you please share this with your curlers? And everyone in your network?

Our involvement (Todd and I) is that we run the Lupus Research Foundation, the charity partner for this event.

We expect this to fill potentially this week (I've told folks I'm pushing for Halloween), so please sign up or call if you have any questions right away. We can do student discounts for you too.

Regan  
c. 720 470 8049

## 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

**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

# 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**

BROOMSTONES CURLING CLUB: 1 CURLING LN, WAYLAND, MA 01778



**BROOMSTONES  
CURLING CLUB**



*A portion of the  
proceeds goes to the  
Lupus Research  
Foundation!  
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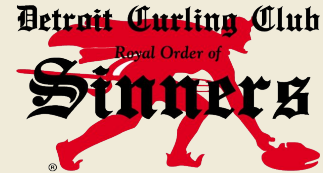
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# Sinners

The Detroit Curling Club hosted the Kitchener-Waterloo Exchange over the weekend of November 9, 10, and 11. Participants from the Canadian side arrived on Friday and were welcomed by the Detroit side. The curling competition for the 2025-2026 Exchange began on Saturday November 10, 2026. Eight ends were played in the morning followed by the traditional corned beef lunch. Saturday afternoon curling followed lunch. The score for all of the games played was tallied and at the end of curling, the Canadians ended up three points ahead of the Americans. The Exchange games will resume in March 2026 with the KW curlers up three points.

The Saturday Banquet held at the American Polish Cultural Center never disappoints. The evening was filled with laughter and stories. A hearty Sinners Breakfast on Sunday rounded out the weekend where more stories were shared and camaraderie took place.

The next Sunday Sinners meeting will be held on Sunday December 14, 2025. A sign-up sheet is posted in the warm room of the club.



# Rockettes Corner



## Rockettes Swag

Start the season in style! DCC throwback shirts are AVAILABLE NOW! \$20 for the unisex navy t-shirt, \$30 for the women's long-sleeve striped, and \$25 for the Ladies long-sleeve navy.



We still have Rockettes short or long sleeve shirts \$20 and \$25 respectively, and Rockettes winter hats, to keep us warm all season long. All swag is available at the Pro Shop and you can pay at the bar.

**Locker money** is currently being collected by Shelly Bahr. If you are interested in a locker, please contact Shelly to be added to our waitlist.

**Ladies All-American Bonspiel**, is split between Bowling Green, OH and our club (Jan. 10-11, 2026). Register here: <https://bgcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/bonspiel-registration/350-2025-2026-all-american/individual-registration>

Stay tuned for info on **Freezer finds** and other Ladies events including the **Ladies International Bonspiel** (Feb. 7-8, 2026) and playdowns (Dec. 13, 2025).



**January 10 and 11, 2026**  
10th at the Bowling Green Curling Club  
11th at the Detroit Curling Club

**16 teams max**  
Sign up as an individual - first and second choice preference for position. No teams.  
6 end games and 6 end finals

Sign up is going to be on BG's site:  
<https://bgcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/bonspiel-registration/350-2025-2026-all-american/individual-registration>

**\$50 per person**  
LUNCH PROVIDED BOTH DAYS

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# Junior News

## Spots Still Available for Learn-to-Curl for U19

Help us spread the word! We are still looking for more youth who are interested in trying curling. This Learn-to-Curl series of three sessions is a great opportunity for young people to try curling, without the commitment of a season-long membership. Our Little Rocks class is full, but we still have spots available for the U19 (ages 11-18) class. Visit the Ferndale Parks and

### Register via Parks & Rec link:

<https://app.amilia.com/store/en/1201-livernois/shop/programs/123395>

Dates: Sundays, 11/16, 11/23, 12/7 (No class 11/30)  
Time: 1:00-2:00 PM  
Cost: \$30.00

## Looking for Safe Sport-Trained Volunteer Coaches for Juniors Learn-to-Curl

With 18 new curlers between the ages of 6-10 joining us for the Little Rocks Learn-to-Curl, we will need some enthusiastic, Safe Sport-Trained coaches to help share the joy of curling! Please visit the volunteer page of the DCC website to sign-up. There are also opportunities to volunteer as a coach for regular Juniors League Sundays.

### Learn to Curl:

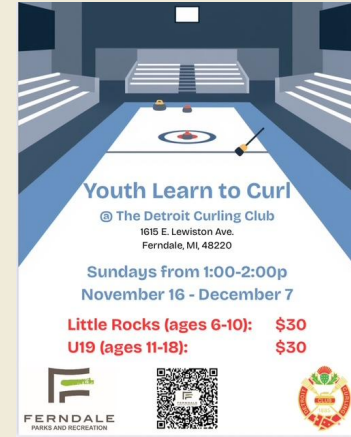
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAA23AAFCC07-60307058-fall>

### Ongoing Juniors Coaching:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAA23AAFCC07-60307345-juniors>

## Call for Snacks




Our juniors can't engage in traditional broomstacking, but they love sharing snacks and laughs after getting off the ice. We'll happily accept donations individually-wrapped, shelf-stable snacks (chips, pretzels, granola bars, etc.). Hot chocolate donations not needed at this time -- Sue Andrews has us covered! Leave donations in the "trophy room," with coaches Troy Stevenson & Troy Eller English, or contact us at [juniors@detroitcurling.com](mailto:juniors@detroitcurling.com).



**Youth Learn to Curl**  
 @ The Detroit Curling Club  
 1615 E. Lewiston Ave.  
 Ferndale, MI 48220

Sundays from 1:00-2:00p  
 November 16 - December 7

**Little Rocks (ages 6-10): \$30**  
**U19 (ages 11-18): \$30**



# 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.

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://drive.google.com/file/d/1tlzP0uTeY6gZdBdVHhrOd83yqOtWRCMh/view?fbclid=IwY2xjawN4a1dleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRiBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeEPnTbx1e2La4VUzXHPyXN56isc47O3gdqXeAfFT3N\\_jxSpiQTcloEJ5dE3c\\_aem\\_r0vInoHZs6PMiBDp2P6vkw](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tlzP0uTeY6gZdBdVHhrOd83yqOtWRCMh/view?fbclid=IwY2xjawN4a1dleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRiBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeEPnTbx1e2La4VUzXHPyXN56isc47O3gdqXeAfFT3N_jxSpiQTcloEJ5dE3c_aem_r0vInoHZs6PMiBDp2P6vkw)

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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.

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# ANGUS MacTAVISH IS IN THE HOUSE

## CURLING AND BAGPIPES – TOGETHER FOREVER

By Angus MacTavish – Detroit Curling Club



How did bagpipes evolve to lead curlers onto the ice? A very good question. It seems that curling historians have not addressed the issue. Which seems fair since piping the curlers onto the ice has nothing to do with the game itself.

The evolution of bagpipes and the connection to Scotland is one that is very much part myth and part legend. The first clear reference to the use of the Scottish Highland bagpipes is from a French history, which mentions their use at the Battle of Pinkie Cleugh in 1547 (ed note: that would make a good name for a piper). It was claimed that they had replaced the trumpet on the battlefield. This period saw the creation of its martial origins with battle-tunes, marches, gatherings, salutes and laments. Bagpipes found their footing in Scotland firmly in the 1700's.

In more recent history the expansion of the British army, which included Highland regiments, is thought to have brought the bagpipes to many cultures. Bagpipe regiments were active in WWI and WWII. After the two world wars the highland bagpipes became increasingly popular. The tradition of pipe bands in the British Army today, as well as any number of ceremonial and traditional occasions at which pipers are required, is clear indication of just how closely the Scots value their bagpipes.

The oldest references of bagpipes at curling bonspiels that we have found include: 1839 – a team of Scots went to Belfast to challenge the Irish. The Scots brought “a piper and made him march round and round the pond during the game, playing Scotch airs”; 1886 – In Aberdeen a piper led the curlers off the ice and to a banquet of beef and greens.

## CURLING AND BAGPIPES – TOGETHER FOREVER - Continued

During the first Scots curling tour to Canada and the USA in 1902 we know that pipers greeted the visitors in at least Montreal, Toronto and Guelph. We are not sure if the pipes were used in Detroit for that visit. During their next visit in 1912 The Detroit Free Press reported that “The Scots were met at Central Station and the curlers marched up Fort Street to the music of the pipes and were received at city hall by Mayor Thompson and other city officials. They preceded to the St. Andrews’ society rooms where another reception was held.” We have photographs of pipers at The Club for the Scots visit in 1940.

Hhmmm. We have not answered the question.

What we do know is that Bagpipes and their skill is always associated with Scotland. We know that in the 1800’s and early 1900’s nearly all curlers were of Scotch descent. We know that pipers had been used to lead warriors into battle. Roll those three facts together and we have a tartan clad piper named Pinkie Cleugh leading curlers into battle playing ‘Scotland The Brave’ at the next Detroit Bonspiel.

Good curling to all,  
Angus MacTavish



Piper at Glamis Castle  
2016 USWCA Scot Tour  
Angus, Scotland UK

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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 7-9 Men's Invitational
- Dec 12-14 Mayfield U5
- Jan 17-18 Women's Bonspiel
- Feb/Mar 26-1 Evergreen Mixed Bonspiel

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



## Belfast Curling Club

### 2025-2026 BONSPIELS

<p><b>Maine-iac Spiel</b> November 6-9, 2025 Open</p> <p><b>Belfast Open Doubles</b> December 4-7, 2025 Open</p> <p><b>Women's Pine Tree</b> January 15-18, 2026 Women</p>	<p><b>Men's Little International</b> February 19-22, 2026 Men</p> <p><b>Wood Memorial Open</b> March 19-22, 2026 Open</p> <p><i>View our in-house bonspiels on our website!</i></p>
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Find registration and more information at [belfastcurlingclub.org](http://belfastcurlingclub.org)

 Belfast, Maine  [info@belfastcurlingclub.org](mailto:info@belfastcurlingclub.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!



## 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)

## WINDY CITY 25/26 SPIEL CALENDAR

**MCA 5U**  
CALLING ALL MCA CURLERS WITH 5 OR LESS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

**DEC 5-7**

**FEB 13-15**

**DRAG EFFECT**  
OUR 4TH ANNUAL PRIDE SPIEL FOR LGBTQ+ CURLERS AND ALLIES. DRAG BINGO, TRIVIA, FOOD, DRINKS, AND MORE!

**WINDY CITY OPEN**


**APR 30**  
**MAY 3**

WINDY CITY CINEMA HILL CELEBRATE THE ICONIC FILMS THAT PUT CHICAGO ON THE BIG SCREEN

**MAY 6-9**

**FOUNDER'S CUP**  
OPEN EXCLUSIVELY TO WINDY CITY MEMBERS. PLAY TO GET YOUR NAME ON THE FOUNDER'S CUP!

SAVE THE DATE



## CHERRY BOMBSPIEL


### 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
- Buzzer Raffle
- Cash Bar and Local Beers, Wines, Ciders and Whiskeys
- Live Stream for All Draws


**REGISTRATION OPENS**  
**SATURDAY DECEMBER 6 AT 10AM**

**5500 TEAM**

# NOVEMBER / DECEMBER BONSPIELS



## HARVEST BONSPIEL

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

## STEAK & SUDS Men's Bonspiel




**Saturday, Dec 6th**  
Blenheim's Golden Acres Curling Club

- First 16 teams, \$200 per team
- 2 draws, 9 AM and 11 AM
- 3 games, 6 ends each
- Points System
- Cash prizes!
- Fun, Food, Fellowship!

Entries - Rodger Stefan 705-424-7050  
Email: [Rodger-Stefan@hotmail.com](mailto:Rodger-Stefan@hotmail.com)

MAYFIELD CURLING CLUB  
*under 5*  
**WINTERSPIEL**  
Celebrate the start of the winter season on the ice with us!




**DECEMBER 12-14, 2025**




- 32 Team Limit
- 3 Game Guarantee
- \$400 per team
- All Meals Included

*Let's Go Curling!*  
Registration Opens September 1, 2025  
Questions?  
Contact: Michael Secora  
msecora@mayfieldcurling.com

## BroomSpiel




Sat Nov 22nd - 8:00am Draw East York Curling Club

Sponsors:  




3 Six End Games  
All Day Snacks and a Fantastic Lunch  
Team Entry \$240

- One Draw Only! 3 Games!
- First 12 Paid Entries Accepted
- Door Prizes Galore
- Open Team Format

Register at <https://eastyorkcurling.ca/index.php/component/eventbooking/open-bonspiel/broomspiel-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>

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

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

CURLING CLUB OF ROCHESTER

# SUPERHERO BUILDSPIEL

DECEMBER 5TH - 7TH, 2025



REGISTER NOW




**HOSTED AT THE  
CENTERVILLE CURLING CLUB**

**\$320 PER TEAM  
OPEN TEAM FORMAT  
16 TEAM LIMIT  
3 GAME GUARANTEE  
FOOD PROVIDED  
RAFFLE**

@CURLROCHESTER   

# DECEMBER / JANUARY BONSPIELS







## Women's Cold Cash Bonspiel




In the Spirit of Nancee Melby.

Kitts \* Ice \* Socks \* Shots  
Women's Cold Cash Bonspiel


**January 2-4, 2026**  
Hosted by: St. Paul Bonnie Spielers  
St. Paul Curling Club

-  Entry Fee: \$400 per team / \$50 per extra player
-  Food and beverages all weekend
-  24 Teams
-  Saturday night banquet
-  3 game guarantee
-  Raffle and Prizes

Hurry! Registration deadline December 19, 2025.  
[Women's Cold Cash Bonspiel](#)




SCAN ME



A USWCA curling event

## Ilderton Curling Presents: The 44th Annual LADIES 2 DAY BONSPIEL - JANUARY 5 & 6, 2026 Rock the New Year



<p><b>Day 1:</b> Light Breakfast Game 1 Lunch-Soup &amp; Sandwiches Game 2 Hearty Snacks</p>	<p><b>Day 2:</b> Light Breakfast Game 3 Hot Lunch Game 4 Desert and Cash Prizes</p>
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Please arrive 30 to 45 mins before draw time.

Entry Fee: \$320.00/team if received before Nov 7, 2025  
\$340.00/team after Nov 7, 2025

**Priority is given upon receipt of registration and payment.**  
Entry deadline and payment Nov 26, 2025

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Mail or Email registrations to addresses below:  
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E-Transfer payments to: [scs@ildertencurlingclub.com](mailto:scs@ildertencurlingclub.com)  
Cheques payable to: Women's Curling Committee mailed to B. Holman

**For more information:**  
Barbara McLean: 647-234-4730

<input type="checkbox"/> CURLING CLUB:	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM DRAW	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:15 AM DRAW
SKP:	_____	
VICE:	_____	
SECOND:	_____	
LEAD:	_____	
CONTACT NAME:	_____	
EMAIL:	_____	
PHONE #:	_____	
DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:	_____	

# JANUARY BONSPIELS

**Save the Date**  
**GAME NIGHT**

**63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mixed Bonspiel!**  
**January 23-25, 2026**

- ✓ Friendly & Competitive US & Canadian Cutlers
- ✓ 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**

**ADAPTIVE OPEN BONSPIEL**

**BONSPIEL DETAILS**

The Wheelstone Curling Club is excited to host its first ever open adaptive bonspiel for any curler with any form of disability, and any skill level.

- January 23-24, 2026
- First dinner at 4:00 or 5:30 on Friday, and open ice time after 2:00 (if desired) for practice
- Includes dinner on Friday, continental breakfast on Saturday, and lunch and dinner on Saturday
- Fees will be at \$20 on Saturday
- FREE for adaptive curlers
- Guests encouraged to submit \$20 donation to help with food and drink costs
- Sign up online at [www.uswca.com](http://www.uswca.com) or in person
- Registration deadline is January 8, 2025

This is meant to be a fun bonspiel to share the love of curling with the adaptive community but also with some structured competition included. If you have any questions about the event please reach to [adaptive@wheelstonecurlingclub.com](mailto:adaptive@wheelstonecurlingclub.com)

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

**XXV WINTER OLYMPICS WOMEN'S BONSPIEL**

**SAT JANUARY 17 2026**  
**EAST YORK CURLING CLUB**

**WEAR YOUR FAVE SPORT AND COUNTRY COLOURS!**

Cost \$250/Team Includes:
 

- Early snacks & coffee
- 2 games
- Lunch !!
- Prizes
- And lotsa fun!

Early Bird Special: \$225/team  
 Register by: Dec 15, 2025  
 Questions? Contact: [shenlon@gmail.com](mailto:shenlon@gmail.com)

**2026 WOMEN'S HIGHLANDER BONSPIEL**

**RELEASE THE TARTAN!**

**Wausau Curling Club**

**January 9-11, 2026**  
**4 EVENTS - 3-GAME GUARANTEE**

**EARLY REGISTRATION NOW THRU DECEMBER 31!**

\*\$120/team before December 31, \*\*\$140/team after December 31 (for 4th player)  
 All meals, 8 Beers On Tap, Wine, & Mixed Drinks Included

Friday Night Draw  
 Cocktail & Beer Dinner

Saturday - Dress Costume Breakfast, Lunch

Saturday Night Highlander Party (A Scottish Ceilidh)  
 The Highlander Games featuring traditional sports will begin with an evening of Ceilidh, Dinner, Signature Drinks, Ball Dances & More!

Sunday - Finals  
 Breakfast, Lunch, Awards

LEIC Streaming  
 Special Beers Name: **JEFFERSON STREET INN BOUTIQUE HOTEL**  
 Included in Davidson Whiskey & Ball Dances Party for Muskoka Curling Center  
 Call the Hotel (book by 7:00 AM, 6:00 PM) and Ask for the Wausau Curling Bonspiel Block for a discounted rate!

**WHO RUNS THE WORLD?**

**Girls**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**JOIN US FOR**

**MAYFIELD CURLING'S LADIES SPIEL**  
**JAN 17-18 2026**

**USWCA SPONSORED**  
**SCHENECTADY OAKS & DERBY 5 & UNDER BONSPIEL**  
**JANUARY 15-18 2026**

An Open Format Bonspiel, bring your teams with Fillies & Colts for a frozen photo finish to the bottom!  
 A perfect warmup for late SU Quilters like the Kayser, Childs, Dykes, Space Race & others!

**3 BIG PRIZES**

Win 2026 SU RINK FEES  
 1st Place Team up to \$500  
 2nd Place Team up to \$250  
 3rd Place Team up to \$100  
 \*Must have 5 or more players

**LEVANTE Mixed Open Bonspiel**  
**January 23-24, 2026**

Brought to you by:  
**Rogers Cove Muskoka Traditions**  
 retirement residences

**\*\*Schedule\*\***  
 • Friday 4:30 & 7:00 pm draws  
 • Saturday 9:00 & 11:15 am 1:45 & 4:00 pm draws  
 • light breakfast, snacks, lunch & dinner

**\*\*Registration\*\***  
 • Deadline to register: JANUARY 12, 2026  
 • Entry fee \$320/team

**16 teams, 3 games guaranteed, CASH prizes!**  
 Register Online at [huntsvillecurlingclub.ca](http://huntsvillecurlingclub.ca)

# FEBRUARY/ MARCH BONSPIELS



## THE DRAG EFFECT: RINGS OF FIRE

FEBRUARY 12-15, 2026

AN OPEN BONSPIEL FOR LGBTQ+ CURLERS & ALLIES

- 3-GAME GUARANTEE
- FRIDAY NIGHT TRIVIA
- SATURDAY NIGHT DRAG BINGO
- FOOD & DRINKS INCLUDED!
- \$440/TEAM -OR- \$110/CURLER

REGISTER ONLINE:  
[WWW.WINDYCITYCURLING.COM](http://WWW.WINDYCITYCURLING.COM)



### March 27 - 29, 2026

Rocket City Curling Club, 3185 Leeman Ferry Rd., Huntsville, AL 35801

We're excited to invite all players with 5 or fewer years of experience (excluding 2020) to The Rocket City Curling Club (Huntsville, Alabama) for **The Space Race 5U Bonspiel!**

- 3 Game Guarantee
- 32 Teams Max
- All Meals Provided
- \$480 per Team

Basket Raffle and Shooting Stars Contest!

OFFICIAL QUALIFIER  5-AND-UNDER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The winner will be invited to compete at the 5U National Championship on April 22 -26, 2026, at Granite Curling Club of Seattle. 5U curlers of all skill levels are invited to come and have a great time!

Registration opens December 7, 2025 at noon CST




[www.rocketcitycurlingclub.org/spacerace](http://www.rocketcitycurlingclub.org/spacerace)