

Scots Wha Hae

January 12, 2025

welcome

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



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Adaptive Curling Clinic

January 18, 2026 - 10am - 12pm

Volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-60788448-adaptive>

Guest Night

January 24, 2026

Registration is full.

GLCA Mixed Playdowns

January 29 - February 1, 2026

Registration closed. Volunteer needs coming soon.

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Ladies International

February 7-8, 2026

Volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-58745778-ladies#/>

Mixed International

February 14-15, 2026

Registration for club members is OPEN:

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/bonspiels/2026-mixed-international-bonspiel-2>

Volunteer:

[signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-61317145-mixed](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-61317145-mixed)

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Olympic Finals Watch Party

February 21-22, 2026
More information coming soon!

Olympics Open House Clinic

February 28, 2026
More information coming soon!

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Olympics Open House Clinic

March 7, 2026
More information coming soon!

Glow Curling

March 7, 2026
More information coming soon!

Motown Doubles

March 13-15, 2026
Registration is full but join the waitlist here:
<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/bonspiels/2026-motown-doubles-bonspiel-dcc-members>

Volunteer info coming soon.

White Elephant

March 21, 2026
More information coming soon!

Olympics Open House Clinic

March 28, 2026
More information coming soon!

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**Club
Championships**

April 11, 2026
More information coming soon!

Champagne Spiel

April 11, 2026
More information coming soon!

**5 & Under
Bonspiel**

April 18-19, 2026
More information coming soon!

**Junior Friendly
Bonspiel**

April 25-26, 2026
More information coming soon!

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Motor City Open

May 1-3, 2026
More information coming soon!

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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:

- Adaptive Curling Clinic (1/18)
- Junior Curling Instruction Basics (1/18)
- ICE CREW: Q Gone (1/22-1/25)
- Ladies International (2/6 - 2/8)
- Mixed International (2/13 - 2/15)
- Juniors Learn to Curl (3/8 & 3/22)

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

A New Year at the Detroit Curling Club

🥂 **A Toast to the Club** Today we raise a glass to what truly makes the Detroit Curling Club special: participation. Every stone thrown, every broom swept, every cheer from the warm room—each one adds to the spirit of our club.

Whether you're a longtime curler or brand new to the ice, your involvement is what keeps our traditions strong and our community thriving. Because of you, the DCC continues to be a place of friendship, fun, sportsmanship, and shared passion for the game.

Here's to showing up, pitching in, and curling together. Here's to the members who make it happen. And here's to another year of great ice, good laughs, and even better company. To the Detroit Curling Club—cheers! 🥂



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New Year's Eve Extravaganza Spiel



Thank you to everyone who came out for the fifth annual New Year's Eve Extravaganza Spiel! Eight teams, with names inspired by Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, competed in a two game, points spiel. In between games, the group enjoyed a delicious dinner from Kruse and Muer. Team Doc was the winner, with skip Mike Hardman leading his team of AJ Hrycaj, Chase Ansok, and Andrea Hudak to victory. With a second win under his belt, AJ is our most winningest member at this spiel! Many thanks to Quentin for the great ice, Kevin Unger for the music, Frank for serving us drinks, and thanks to our volunteers, Dean Robinson, Phil Brosnan, and Jacob Podgorski.

129th Men's International

Congratulations to the winners and runners up of the 129th Detroit Men's International. **A event winner the Levy Rink, Detroit Curling Club.** A runner up Pearson, Bucks County Curling Club. B event winner Williamson Rink, Bradford Curling Club. B runner up Pretty Rink, Beach Grove Golf & Country Club. C event winner Drake Rink (South Detroit) Roseland Golf & Curling. C event runner up Muir rink, Capri Curling Club. D event winner Doc Ballz, Bradford Curling Club. D event runner up Bradtmiller Rink, State of Indiana (Ft. Wayne Curling Club/Circle City).

A special thanks to the organizing committee of Duncan Whitmore, Taha Jamil, Chris Golec, AJ Hrycaj (Moose) and Dave Urbiel. Also thank you to all the volunteers, ice crew and bartenders.



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Project AILSA — January Update

Members, thank you for your patience. It's been a few months since our last update, and we want you to know the committee has been hard at work over the past three months advancing critical steps for Project AILSA (Activities to Improve and Level the Surface of the Arena).

We're pleased to share that the club has signed a contract with B32 Engineering Group, a firm that has completed over 450 ice rink projects, to consult on a geotechnical investigation of our rink floor. This phase focuses on understanding subsurface conditions and developing the best remediation path for long-term ice quality.

Work completed to date

- B32 has been onboarded and has begun preparatory review, including prior documentation and materials from our 2016 investigation, as well as available photos and construction-era blueprints.

Next steps

- Begin discussions with B32 to build a detailed geotechnical investigation plan.
- Draft RFQ bidding materials to solicit quotes from local contractors for drilling.
- Working target for drilling: the committee and board are working together to finalize a late Q2 target to conduct the drilling that avoids impact to leagues and rentals while enabling a thorough assessment of any heaving.

While we need site findings to fully scope the floor project, we're actively fundraising now to be ready for the next phases. Throughout January, Stumblebum Beer Co. (1965 W Maple Rd Troy, MI) has selected its Hazy IPA as Tap #15 and will donate \$1 per pint sold directly to the Detroit Curling Club. Please consider stopping by for a pint (or two) and encouraging friends to do the same.

Social media posts announcing this partnership have been drafted and released via both the Detroit Curling Club and Stumblebum channels. Please like and reshare these posts to amplify the reach. A full menu and tap list can be found at <https://www.stumblebumbeer.com/>

Project AILSA is a club effort, and your input matters. Please send any ideas or questions to dccprojectailsa@gmail.com.

Good curling,
Steven, John, and Quentin

Thank You for Being a Friend (and a Raffle Donor!)

Picture this: February 7–8. A ladies' bonspiel. A Golden Girls–themed weekend. And raffle baskets so fabulous even Blanche would stop mid-monologue to admire them.

The Ladies International Bonspiel is just around the corner, and we're looking for fabulous raffle items to help make this Golden Girls–themed event a total hit!

Do you have:

- Unopened holiday gifts that didn't quite spark joy (sorry, Dorothy)?
- Like-new items that deserve a fabulous second act?
- Fun finds that Rose would call "a real treasure from St. Olaf"?

If so—thank you for being a friend! We'd love to include them in our raffle baskets. Items should be unopened, unexpired, and ready to dazzle.

Drop-off Details (no Miami plane ticket required):

Please leave your donations in the ladies' locker room by Monday, February 2nd, clearly marked as a donation for the bonspiel.

Why Donate?

All raffle proceeds benefit the Rockettes, helping us support the club and expand community outreach to grow the sport of curling—because everything's better when friends come together (preferably over cheesecake).

Questions?

Contact Amy Simonelli at asimonelli2004@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generosity—we can't wait to see the treasures you share! Because as the Girls taught us—friends, laughter, and a little generosity go a long way 🍷

Warmly,
Amy Simonelli
Raffle Chair

🍺 Stumblebum's January Tap #15 Partner: Detroit Curling Club 🇨🇦

We're proud to announce the Detroit Curling Club is Stumblebum's January Tap #15 nonprofit partner!

🏠 Supporting Project AILSA
Proceeds from Tap #15 will support Project AILSA (Activities to Improve and Level the Surface of the Arena) — a major initiative focused on designing and installing a new four-sheet slab floor. This project will resolve ongoing ice “heave” issues and help deliver world-class ice conditions for curlers across the region, with a target completion of Fall 2027.

🍺 How you can help:
Stumblebum has selected its Hazy IPA as Tap #15 for January. For every pint sold, \$1 is donated directly to the Detroit Curling Club in the spirit of Rule 15 of the Hobo Code of Ethics: “Help your fellow hobos, wherever and whenever you can. You will need their help someday.”

Grab a pint, support a historic local club, and help build the future of curling in Detroit — one pour at a time.

Stumblebum Beer Co. is located at 1965 W Maple Rd, Troy, MI 48084



Cheers! to great beer and a great cause.
Stop by Stumblebum in Troy—every Hazy IPA sold now thru Jan 31 supports the Detroit Curling Club!



STUMBLEBUM BEER Co.
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Olympic Clinics

In celebration of the 2026 Milano-Cortina Winter Olympics, the Detroit Curling Club will be offering public opportunities for more of Metro Detroit to try curling after the Games conclude. These six one-hour clinics will introduce new people to the sport while helping to grow curling in our region.

We are looking for **committee members** to support event planning, programming, and promotion for these clinics. Committee members will not need to attend every event, but it is encouraged that you are able to attend at least a few.

Weekdays (Evening), February 16, February 27 & March 4
Saturdays (Mid-Day), February 28, March 7 & March 28

If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to Jake Lenz at jake.lenz@icloud.com.
We will reach out for instructor volunteers at a later date for these events.

5 & Under Eligibility

Included in the [2025-2026 USA Curling Championship Qualification Procedures](#) are the most current 5 & Under Eligibility Rules. Information can be found on page 14. Remember to check your eligibility before registering for a 5 & Under event. If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Mike Grudzinski at membership@detroitcurling.com.

Give the Gift of Curling

Intro to Curling sessions are available on the member site (remember to login):
<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/learn-to-curl/> This is a fantastic way to share curling with your friends and family. Contact Maryanne Wessels at maryanne.wessels@gmail.com if you would like this in the form of a gift certificate.

Around Ferndale

BURNS NIGHT 2026
Urbanrest Brewery
January 24th, 12 pm - 11:30 pm

Swing by for one of the biggest and best events of the year, Burns Night! We can already hear the bagpipes in the distance and see the Highland Dancers jumping, we can't wait to celebrate with you all. Slàinte Mhath!



Dog Etiquette

We're happy to welcome dogs, but please remember that not everyone is dog-friendly. Some members may have allergies, sensitivities, or simply prefer not to be around dogs, and their comfort matters too.

If you bring your dog, they must be well-behaved, supervised at all times, and under your control. Dogs that shed excessively should not be brought into shared spaces, as pet hair can be difficult to manage and impacts others' experience. Please also keep dogs from approaching people uninvited and clean up after them promptly.

Being respectful and mindful helps keep our shared space comfortable and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for doing your part.

From the Bar

2026 is now upon us and we're excited about a lot of things over here! Thanks to everyone that made this year's Men's International a ringing success. Always fun to paddle the Labatt river with you!

In current news :

- We now carry the official beer of USA curling, Dale's Pale. Come on up and taste the beer that launched Oskar Blues Brewing.

- Also now available is Athletic Brewing's Upside Dawn Golden n/a beer. One of the best examples of n/a beer technology reaching new and delicious heights.

- Excited to announce that we are working with Stumblebum Beer Co in Troy. Stop by their taproom and ask how your deviant behavior can subsidize curling in metro Detroit!

- Please try and get your requests for rental bartenders in approx three weeks before the proposed date. This greatly helps our scheduling efforts.

Thanks to you all for welcoming our new bartender Ryan to the fold, putting up with the rest of us, and continuing to be exemplary members and curling ambassadors.

- Your friendly neighborhood DCC bar staff

From the Pro Shop

Pro Shop Inventory & Tariff Impact:

As you are aware, the tariffs between the U.S. and Canada are still on-going. As such, Goldline is still not shipping any orders into the US. If you wish to order something from Goldline, please check the Steve's Curling website first to see if they have it. We are still able to get almost everything we order from Steve's. The Steve's Curling website already has any tariff charges included in their pricing. If you wish to order something from Goldline and it is not on the Steve's curling website, please email me to discuss options. In the meantime, inventory levels in the shop may still 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 with your requested items (links are greatly appreciated). We'll continue to keep members updated as the situation evolves.

Name Tags:

If you need a new name tag, email 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 are \$10 each. Once the name tags arrive, emails will be sent out with instructions as to how to pick them up.

Online Apparel Store:

We are pleased to announce the opening of a new online store for the new year. Going forward, there will be two online stores. One will have screen printed apparel and one will be for embroidery items. The screen printed apparel will process within 1-2 business days and then ship directly to your house. The embroidery store will be open for a few weeks at a time and will be shipped to the Curling Club once the store closes and all items are processed (the prior process for the online store).

Currently the screen printed online store is open! Please visit <https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/OCdzw3ptF3> to order. A portion of the proceeds from each order goes back to support the DCC—so your purchase makes a difference!

We will be opening the embroidery online store shortly so be on the lookout for those details.

The Sweeping Results



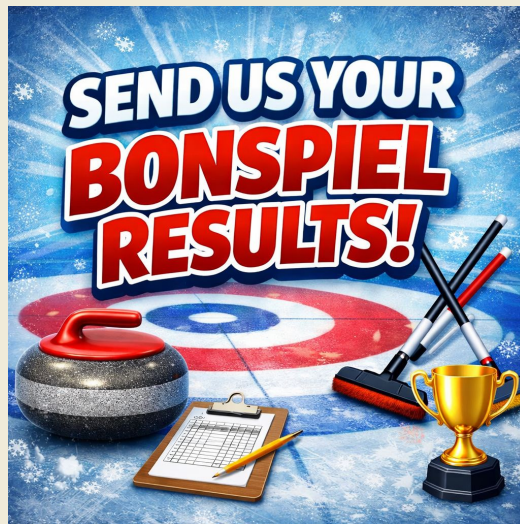
Senior 1 Day Men's Spiel - Sarnia
Made the limited prize table and had a great time.

Skip: John Danckaert
Vice: Rich Romano
2nd: Mike Bahr
1st: Jeff Darnell

Bonspiel 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*.





This Month's Spotlight:
Elizabeth Demers, Board Member

Member Since: 2017

Current Board Position:
Bonspiels and Events



Roles held while on the Board: Assistant Treasurer, 2024-25

Nickname: Elizabeth; "E"

Favorite part of curling: All that yelling and strategy! Seriously, it's the people, the open community, the friendships, and the competition. I love to compete and grow my skills, and I love that curling is for everyone no matter where you are in your life. I also love that curling creates opportunities for volunteer and leadership growth at every level. Our sport attracts amazingly talented people!

Most challenging part of your job: Multitasking.

Bonspiel Highlights: I have to say that chairing the DCC Ladies Internationals from 2022-2024 was a highlight of my bonspieling life. We had such wonderful themes and volunteers and our guests had a ball, every year! And who can forget the iconic 2023 Godzilla/Kong curling t-shirt? As a player--winning the 2022 Motor City Open as the skip for Team Shitshow with Joey Lawrence, Brad Elstone, Jimmy Kirby, Ashley Mayra, and the Honorary Ringmaster—Mark Lazar. Winning 2020 Club Nationals with my DCC teammates Ann, Melissa, and Jenny. First runner up in the 2024 USWCA National Bonspiel with my DCC teammates Diana, Stephanie, and Jenny, and in 2023 with Ann, Jen, and Ashley. And in 2015, winning the Detroit-hosted USWCA National Bonspiel with my then-Exmoor teammates, Tracy, Marcy, and Frances. I've had the good fortune to curl with so many wonderful people over the past 20 years, winning regional women's club championships in Illinois, GNCC, and GLCA. Every bonspiel is so much fun, and I love getting the chance to curl with new people.

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Hobbies: Curling! Traveling, kayaking, golf, running, knitting, skiing, reading. I love to try new things.

Favorite place to eat near the club: I'll echo Stephanie: Christine's Cuisine. Bomb Burrito! The pierogis are a must! If I get a wild yen for an oyster, I go to Voyager and sit at the bar. I also like Anita's Kitchen.

Most annoying trait: Mansplaining! Not just for men anymore. I apologize if I've done it to you. Feel free to mansplain back—I love to learn new things. #alwayslearning

Curling Coach

Curling Etiquette

Here are a few tips on curling etiquette –

- 1) Walk along the sidelines and not in the middle of the sheet. Go to the sideline as soon as you're able to allow the opposing team to see the signal from their skip.
- 2) If your opponent is delivering, stay still until they release the stone.
- 3) Do not cheer your opponent's misfortunes, but instead celebrate their great shots.
- 4) Do not stand behind the house if you are not the skip or vice. If you find yourself stuck there for some reason, remain still, and keep your broom at your side.
- 5) When you are ready to deliver, go for it! There is no reason to wait for the person next to you.
- 6) Vices decide scoring and will measure rocks, if necessary. While it is exciting to know the score of the end, especially during a measure, it slows down the game trying to navigate the scoring and measuring while others are in the house.

Practice Ice

Practice ice will be made available around leagues, events, clinics, and rental bookings. Remember time slots are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

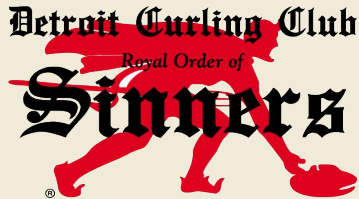
There must be TWO or more members in the arena/building at a time. It is not safe for a member to practice alone. Find available practice ice times [here](#).

Check the link periodically for updates. Contact Dan Maggio at practiceice@detroitcurling.com with any questions.

Sinners

Happy New Year from The Sinners! The DCC Royal Order of Sinners is gearing up to bring you a 2026 full of enjoyment and sin! The Robert Burns Breakfast will be held on Sunday January 25, 2026. Gentlemen of the DCC, plan to attend this annual event and have your taste buds tickled by one of Scotland's most famed delicacies...HAGGIS!

The morning begins at 8:30 a.m. with light refreshments. The Parade of the Haggis led by our bagpiper will begin at 9:00 a.m. A lively raffle will follow our hearty breakfast. The Robert Burns Breakfast is a curling event. Teams will be drawn following breakfast. Come hungry and plan on curling with your fellow Sinners! Sign up for this event on the sign-up sheet posted in the warm room of the club.



Our Mission Statement: The Detroit Curling Club Royal Order of Sinners men's club promotes fellowship and camaraderie on and off the ice while creating benefits and lasting experiences.

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

Rockettes Corner



Freezer Finds

The freezer is once again packed for those of you who need a snack before or after your game. 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5. Please put on the tab with our Bartenders.

Featuring:

La Boulangerie - Ham and Swiss Cheese Wrapped in super flaky layers of buttery dough.

Chicken and Steak Fajita Burritos

Pizza Singles - Cheese or Pepperoni

Ice Cream bars.

Rockettes Swag

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 for \$15, to keep us warm all season long.

All swag is available at the pro-shop and you can pay at the bar.



Junior News

DCC Players U18 Nationals Bound

Coaches Needed for Juniors Learn to Curl Session 2 in March.

We are hoping to secure enough coaches to run a second round of Juniors Learn to Curl on March 8 and 22 from approximately 12:30-2:00.

If you are available to help, please add your name to the Sign-up Genius at

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-61445131-winter#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-61445131-winter#/)

We are also always looking for coaches to help with Little Rocks (6-10) on Sundays from 2:00-3:30. Join us for the Junior Curling Instruction Basics class on Sunday, January 18 from 2:15 to 3:15 pm.

[Click here to register.](#) Email Becky Gilbert at rhartgilbert@gmail.com for more information.

Instructors must complete the SafeSport Training. Free access to Center for SafeSport Training is available through MyUSACurling.com (the USA Curling Membership Portal) in all Basic Memberships.

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



GLCA

Club playdowns

Club Women - Circle City, Jan 23-25

Be on the lookout for the draw schedule to cheer on your DCC teams.

Mixed - Detroit, Jan 29- Feb 1

Chris Pethke is the Chair and Paul Badgero is the Head Official for the Mixed Playdown at Detroit. Please stay tuned for timing, officiating, and other volunteer opportunities.

Great Lakes Curling Association

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

GLCA Representatives – Elizabeth Demers, Chris Pethke

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ONTARIO**

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

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



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.

USWCA NEWSLETTER can be found here:

https://www.uswca.org/Data/Sites/2/media/about/brochure-r epsheet/wrep_fall2025.pdf

USWCA
QUILT RAFFLE

Handmade and Donated by Ilene Barbree from Wine Country CC

Hand-crafted lap quilt with curling stones on the front and a curling theme print on the back.
54 x 56 in

1 TICKET FOR \$10
3 TICKETS FOR \$25

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE USWCA WINTER MEETING
Attendance not required to win

SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

USCA



USA Curling is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for the physical, emotional and social development of all athletes, and to ensuring that we promote an environment free of misconduct.

As part of that commitment, we are sharing the SafeSport Code, updated for 2026. The Code applies to all Participants in the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement.

[Federal law](#) dictates the Center's authority and jurisdiction within the Movement. The Code was first introduced March 3, 2017 and is revised periodically.

As the New Year begins, we want to ensure that all USA Curling members are aware of it. [You can find the revised Code on our website.](#)

NOTE: As a reminder, all DCC board members, representatives, drawmasters, rental instructors, adaptive clinic instructors, junior instructors and juniors committee members must complete their SafeSport training each year. Training is available at [MyUSACurling.com](#) as mentioned above. If you have any questions or issues accessing this training, contact Dennis Pellerin at secretary@detroitcurling.com.

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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Can Curling Help! The Beatles

Sixty years ago (1965), the Beatles' movie "Help!" was released. It was a whacking film about?... about?... well, I don't really know. It starred the Beatles and a bunch of pretty girls, so it was sure to be a box office success at the time. The scene that interests us is the curling scene. More accurately, the Beatles goof around on the ice. George slides a curling stone towards John. Meanwhile Ringo comically chases after it and sweeps. Paul appears to be more interested in sweeping and tidying up the ice.



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Nearby, a mad scientist is preparing a curling stone containing a bomb and sets the timer. He offers the ticking and smoking curling stone to George who delivers it on the ice toward Ringo. As Ringo sweeps, George realizes it's a bomb – "A fiendish thingy!" He, John and Paul drag Ringo away from the bomb and run. The bomb explodes leaving a gaping hole in the ice and a swimmer appears – asking for directions to the White Cliffs of Dover. You can find it steaming on Apple TV for \$4.99 or perhaps someone has a DVD and will bring it to The Club.

It doesn't connect at the dots...

A little confused,
Angus MacTavish

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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



Belfast Curling Club

2025-2026 BONSPIELS

<p>Maine-iac 'Spiel November 6-9, 2025 Open</p> <p>Belfast Open Doubles December 4-7, 2025 Open</p> <p>Women's Pine Tree January 15-18, 2026 Women</p>	<p>Men's Little International February 19-22, 2026 Men</p> <p>Wood Memorial Open 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

 Belfast, Maine  info@belfastcurlingclub.org



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

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 WILL 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!

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

ADAPTIVE OPEN BONSPIEL

TOGETHER WE MOVE UNITED MEMBER

BONSPIEL DETAILS

The Waukesha Curling Club is excited to host its first ever open adaptive bonspiel for any curler with any form of disability (and any/all ages).

- January 23-24, 2025
- First draws at 4:00 on Friday, and open ice on Saturday 2025 reserved for practice
- Includes dinner on Friday, continental breakfast on Saturday, and lunch and dinner on Saturday
- Foods will be at 8:00 on Saturday
- Free for adaptive curlers
- Guests encouraged to submit \$20 donation to help with food and drink costs
- Sign up online on a team (2 players) or alone
- Registration deadline is January 9, 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@waukeshacurlingclub.com

www.curltosa.com

XXV WINTER OLYMPICS WOMEN'S BONSPIEL

SAT JANUARY 17, 2026
EAST YORK CURLING CLUB

WEAR YOUR FAVE SPORT AND COUNTRY COLOURS!

• Cojt \$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: shelon@gmail.com

PITTSBURGH CURLING CLUB

Ryan Fissella
PARTY SPIEL

JAN. 23-25, 2026

The Party Spiel celebrates the life of **RYAN FISSILLA** - a man whose passion for curling was truly matched by his passion for life.

• TEAM ENTRY FEE: \$150
• 24-TIME LIMIT
• THREE GAME GUARANTEE
• LUNCHEAS AND DINNERS ARE INCLUDED.

OUR FACILITY IS ADA COMPLIANT WITH EASY ACCESS TO THE ICE AND AN ELEVATED WARM ROOM FOR GREAT VIEWING.

CALLING ALL CURLERS!

MILTON CURLING CLUB
#MILKUP SKINS TOURNAMENT

JANUARY 17 - 18, 2026
MILTON CURLING CLUB + ONTARIO

Competitive Division	Recreational Division
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash for every skin won • Guaranteed 3 round robin games • Bonus cash for semi-finalists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast, lunch & dinner Saturday • Apres curl party ft: Stephen's Garage • Open format- any gender, any position

THOUSANDS IN PRIZES, UNLIMITED FUN.
Register now before it's full: miltoncurlingclub.ca

#MilkUp #CurlMilton #SkinsBonspiel

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 Quailties like the Koyser, Childs, Dykes, Space Race & others.

3 BIG PRIZES
WIN 2026 SU RINK FEES

Logistics: CurlingOntario.ca, FlemingMcGeech.com, SchenectadyCurling.com

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 1-1:45 & 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

JANUARY BONSPIELS

Register Now For
Imperial Bonspiel 2026



95th IMPERIAL OIL
BONSPIEL

JANUARY 23, 24 & 25, 2026



- Excellent Prize Table - VALUED OVER \$6000.00
- Eight Event Finals
- Lunch and Dinner for all participants on Saturday
- Buffet Breakfast for all participants on Sunday Morning
- Coffee and Donuts on Saturday & Sunday Morning
- 32 Team "Open" Division (Any Gender Combination & All Ages Compete in Same Division)

<p>OPEN BONSPIEL Entry Fee \$600.00</p>
<p>32 Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of (4) Eight-End Games • All Teams will play 1-Game on Friday Night • All Teams will play 2 Games on Saturday. • All Teams will play minimum 1 Game Sunday • Requests will be honoured where possible.

<p>Hotel of Choice: Comfort Inn Sarnia 815 Mara Street Sarnia, ON N7Y 0R2 519-383-6767 Ask for the "Bonspiel Rate"</p>
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2025 Champions
Dale Kelly — Skip
Don Bourque — Vice
Gary Pitre — Second
Brian Scott — Lead



"We look forward to seeing you and your team at the Bonspiel and we can assure you of excellent conditions as well as good fun and fellowship."

Spare Rule:
Spares must play the position of the player they are replacing or lower.

Brian Scott
2026 Imperial Bonspiel Committee Chairman
Email: brianmccott01@gmail.com

HELP ?

62nd Annual
Winter Carnival Mixed Bonspiel

CURL UP WITH YOUR FAVORITE FAIRY TALE

January 23 - 25, 2026

St. Paul Curling Club, St. Paul, MN

- \$580 per team + 6 pack or wine
- 4 game guarantee
- Meals and drinks included
- Saturday banquet
- Costume contest
- Silent auction
- Raffle

Register at <https://stpaulcurlingclub.org/index.php/bonspiels>
Contact us at wintercarnivalcurling@gmail.com

FEBRUARY/ MARCH BONSPIELS



YOU BETCHA IT'S GONNA BE A GOOD TIME!

5U BETCHA SPIEL

Join us in Eau Claire, WI for a bonspiel that's more flannel than formal. Curlers with 5 years or less experience and all skill levels are welcome (especially if you appreciate flannel, a few too many ope's, and some refreshing Wisconsin beer).

FEBRUARY 6-8, 2026
EAU CLAIRE CURLING CLUB

\$400 PER TEAM

- ✓ Friday & Saturday Dinner
- ✓ Saturday Breakfast & Lunch
- ✓ Sunday Breakfast
- ✓ Cold Wisconsin Beer
- ✓ Plenty of "Ope, Sorry!" & "Uff da's!"

WISCONSIN FLANNEL FUN

Flannel shirts, cheese curds, and friendly competition. Suspenders encouraged. Northwoods attitude required.

LIMIT 24 TEAMS
REGISTRATION OPENS NOV. 1

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/5U-Betcha to get registered!

Questions? Contact Tom Ryan at tomrhall@gmail.com





WINDY CITY CURLING

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




THE SPACE RACE 5 & UNDER BONSPIEL

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

MARCH BONSPIELS

**49th
GOVENLOCK
Bonspiel**

**Friday March 27 to Sunday March 29,
2026**

Four Divisions:
LADIES MENS MIXED
SENIORS-OPEN (55+)
\$480.00 / team (includes HST)

WHAT'S INCLUDED?
Guaranteed 3 Games, Prizes
Friday Night - Snacks & Social
Saturday - Lunch, Dinner &
Dance with DJ
Sunday - Breakfast



Scan QR Code for more info or to register




Register online!

For more Govenlock Information, Contact:

David Burden 519-466-3625 davidburden665@outlook.com
 Frank Rutten 519-786-8011 rutten@brkrtel.on.ca
 Graeme Robson 519-786-2736 manager@forestcurling.ca

Need Accommodations?
Please make your own room reservations early at:
FOREST GOLF & COUNTRY HOTEL
800-265-0214 or 519-786-2397



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ENTRY GOVENLOCK BONSPIEL: Ladies _____ Men _____ Senior _____ Mixed _____
 One game Friday Night; 2 Games Saturday Night; Everyone guaranteed 1 Sunday Game

SKIP: _____ Phone: () - E-mail: _____
 3rd: _____ Phone: () - E-mail: _____
 2nd: _____ Phone: () - E-mail: _____
 Lead: _____ Phone: () - E-mail: _____

SEND ENTRIES TO:
 by MAIL: David Burden 2964 Frances Lane, Bridgton's Grove, Ontario, N0N1C0
 OR - Leave at the Forest Curling Club attn: Lynn
 ENTRY FEE: \$480.00 /team (includes HST) Entrance available, or MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:
 Forest Curling & Social Club

MARCHFEST
Mens Invitational Beer & Meatspiel

MARCH 6TH - 8TH

Paris Curling Club
Paris, Ontario

Presented by



\$480 PER TEAM

- 4 game guarantee
- Opening draw Friday @ 1pm or 3:15pm
- Meals and snacks provided each day
- Beer tasting by The Paris Beer Co.
- Prizes for all participants
- Raffle table

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Questions? Email marchfest@pariscurlingclub.com

Chicago Curling Club

40th Mixed Bonspiel

"Toonspiel"

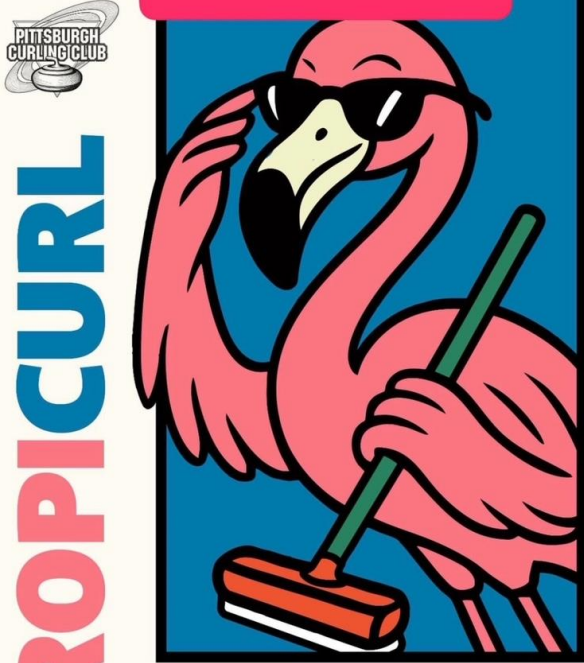


March 20-22

Register at ChicagoCurlingClub.org

\$440/RINK 3 GAME GUARANTEE

SUMMER BONSPIELS



When
2026 / June 4 - 7

Where
Pittsburgh Curling Club

Entry Fee
\$500

40-Team Limit
Open Format

3-Game Guarantee
Lunches & Dinners Included



A two-day funspiel combining the skills and strategies of curling with the spells and abilities of roleplaying adventure games. Curl as a Wizard, Cleric, Fighter, Rogue or Bard. You'll receive a limited number of spells or abilities to use during your matches!

24 TEAMS
TEAM & INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE
THREE GAME GUARANTEE
LUNCHES & DINNERS PROVIDED
ON-ICE SPELLS AND ABILITIES
ONE-SHOT D&D CAMPAIGNS EACH EVENING

Registration Opens Saturday, January 17 at Noon CST
 There is a 24-hour window to enter the initial registration lottery



Rocket City Curling Club
 3185 Leeman Ferry Rd SW
 Huntsville, AL

bonspiels@rocketcitycurlingclub.org
www.rocketcitycurlingclub.org/dragonspiel