

# Scots Wha Hae

February 2, 2026

## welcome

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



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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)

## Olympic Finals Watch Party

**February 21, 2026**

Potluck at 1pm for the Men's gold medal game. More information coming soon!

## Olympics Open House Clinic

**February 16, 2026**

Volunteer Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-61958063-quicktry#/>

## Olympics Open House Clinic

**February 27, 2026**

Volunteer Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-62031492-quicktry#/>

## Olympics Open House Clinic

**February 28, 2026**

Volunteer Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-62047890-quicktry#/>

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# march

## Olympics Open House Clinic

**March 4, 2026**

Volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-62031503-quicktry#/>

## Olympics Open House Clinic

**March 7, 2026**

Volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-62050161-quicktry#/>

## 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**

Registration will be live on March 1st at Noon.

## Olympics Open House Clinic

**March 28, 2026**

Volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-62050184-quicktry#/>

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# april

## 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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# may

## Motor City Open

**May 1-3, 2026**

Registration is opening February 7.

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/bonspiels/2026-motor-city-open-cup-detroit-2>

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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:

- Ladies International (2/6 - 2/8)
- Mixed International (2/13 - 2/15)
- Olympic Clinics (various dates)
- 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

## Olympic Clinics

We are days away from curling starting at the Winter Olympics which brings the nation's attention to our favorite sport. Many spectators might be inspired to try curling on their own and we have made that easy for them with Olympic Clinics. Participants experience a crash course in the basics through various stations throughout the club before getting the chance to play. We can use help from members in a couple of ways:

1. The DCC will be hosting 6 Olympic Clinics throughout February and March. Please promote these to your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, and strangers. We'd love to have a full house at each clinic! Interested participants can sign up on the website at:

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/learn-to-curls/>

2. We need volunteers to help with instruction. You will guide a group of 8 as they go from station to station. No instructing experience necessary. We'll give you talking points and tips along the way.

Volunteer here: [February 16](#) - [February 27](#) - [February 28](#) - [March 4](#) - [March 7](#) - [March 28](#)

These events are not only an important way for us to share the love of curling with the greater community, but also are an important way that we can bring in revenue to help support the club. Let's make these clinics a success! Thank you for your help.



## Olympic Themed Shirts

Are available in the Pro Shop.  
T-shirts \$25.00 / Long Sleeve \$35.00

# ALL AMERICAN RESULTS



The Bowling Green, Detroit, and Kalamazoo Curling Clubs hosted a joint All American event the weekend of January 10 and 11, with one day played at Bowling Green and the second day at Detroit. The event consisted of 12 women's teams from all three clubs.

4 draws were held on Saturday at Bowling Green and 2 draws plus the finals at Detroit.

The teams were mixed from all three clubs. Winners and runners up received either Gold or Silver All American pins.

The All American is sponsored by the USWCA. This event was designed to encourage the involvement of women - especially new and less experienced women curlers - so they may have a bonspiel experience within their own clubs and to foster a greater awareness of women's curling and the role of the USWCA.

A special thank you to Laura Gilchrist, Suzanne York, Pam Buchkowski, and Adam Rivera for helping out with the event at Bowling Green and Detroit.

- A Event Winners: Team Denmark: Skip Maren Tillman (kzoo), Vice Marta Pethke (det), 2nd Linda Shenk Pauken (BG), Lead Holly Belian (det)
- A Event Runners Up: Team Germany: Skip Laura Call (det), Vice Robin Rex (BG), 2nd Patricia Sill (BG), Lead Char Lettang (det)
- B Event Winners: Team USA: Skip Bethany Rivera (det), Vice Alana Malik (BG), 2nd Anna Owens (det), Lead Gabby Weiss (det)
- B Event Runners Up: Team Norway: Skip Troy Eller English (det), Vice Jacqueline Hahn, BG, 2nd Kris Rieck (Kzoo) and lead Anne Romano (det)
- C Event Winners: Team Italy: Skip Roxanna Martin (det), Vice Kimberlie Todd/Amanda Corbin (BG), 2nd Julia Belian (det), Lead Katie Szatkowski (det).
- C Event Runners Up: Team Sweden: Skip Lori Christman (BG), Vice Laurie Rentschler (Kzoo), 2nd Rebecca Gilbert (det), Lead Jennifer Wotjala

## Adaptive Clinic

Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered at today's adaptive curling clinic. Your enthusiasm, patience, and support made the day truly special. From first-time curlers trying something new to the dedicated volunteers who ensured every athlete felt welcomed and empowered on the ice, this clinic was a wonderful example of what our curling community is all about. Because of you, today was filled with learning, laughter, and meaningful connections—and we're proud to help make curling accessible and inclusive for all. 🇨🇦



## Adaptive Committee

We are looking to grow and strengthen the adaptive curling program. Our long-term goal is to increase to 4-6 adaptive events per season. I would consider this a great way to promote a one-off experience for those that might not always have the means of getting involved.

Looking ahead, we hope to build a large enough group of instructors and helpers to staff every clinic while keeping individual commitments manageable. Ideally, we will also have instructors trained to help with the Curling 101 courses. This gives adaptive curlers the same track to join the club as others do.

What we need:

- Directors to oversee all subgroups and coordinate all communications and needs.
- People that are interested in learning to teach adaptive curling.
- People willing to make cold calls and/or site visits to entities to grow our outreach, allowing us to fill more events more often.
- People willing to coordinate registration for events and calls for volunteers.
- Please let us know if your interested and we can find the right fit for you. If you have any questions about what you could do to help, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask, email [ice@detroitcurling.com](mailto:ice@detroitcurling.com). There are many ways to help out on and off the ice.

Thank you,  
Quentin & The Adaptive Curling Committee

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## House Shoes / Clean Shoes

To help protect our ice quality and keep the club clean, we're asking everyone to bring house shoes/clean shoes to the club with them. This will help reduce the amount of salt, snow, and dirt being tracked into the club and onto the ice.

When entering, please turn right, drop your outdoor shoes, and change into your clean house shoes. Stay to the right as you walk in—this keeps wet areas contained near the door. When returning to the warm room, again stay to the right; that path will remain dry.

This process is a work in progress, and we'll be finalizing and sharing the full procedure soon. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping our ice in great shape! If you have questions or want to help out, contact John Gaul at [jcedirector@detroitcurling.com](mailto:jcedirector@detroitcurling.com).

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## Ladies International Bonspiel Raffle Items

A friendly reminder that all raffle donations for the Ladies International should be dropped off in the ladies' locker room by the **evening of February 3rd**. That's when the final raffle baskets will be assembled. If you have an item you've been meaning to donate, now's the perfect time to bring it in—clearly marked for the bonspiel. Thank you for being a friend and helping make our Golden Girls-themed bonspiel a success!

Questions? - Contact Amy Simonelli at [asimonelli2004@gmail.com](mailto:asimonelli2004@gmail.com).

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## Signs

A quick reminder that the **"Junior Curlers are Not permitted in the Locker Room"** signs posted by the locker rooms must remain in place. Please do not remove or relocate these signs, as they are there for an important reminder of **SafeSport compliance** and help ensure everyone's safety and comfort. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping them visible. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and compliant environment for everyone.

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## 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](mailto:membership@detroitcurling.com).

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## 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](mailto:maryanne.wessels@gmail.com) if you would like this in the form of a gift certificate.



# From the Pro Shop

## Online Apparel Store:

We are pleased to announce the opening of the new online stores for the new year. As previously mentioned, there are now 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).

Both stores are now open!! A portion of the proceeds from each order goes back to support the DCC—so your purchase makes a difference

Please visit <https://bsnteamsports.com/shop/QCdzw3ptF3> to order from the screen printed store.

Please visit <https://bsnteamsports.com/shop/hcaoGYrUcH> to order from the embroidery shop. This store will close in late February to allow time for shipping.

## Pro Shop Inventory & Tariff Impact Continues:

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](mailto: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](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 are \$10 each. Once the name tags arrive, emails will be sent out with instructions as to how to pick them up.

# The Sweeping Results



Congratulations to Team Brown on earning the silver medal at the 2026 Senior National Championships! 🏆🥈

Skip Erika Brown, third Caitlin Pulli, second Ann Swisshelm, and lead Elizabeth Demers delivered an outstanding performance throughout the week, showcasing experience, resilience, and top-tier shotmaking. The women's final was a thrilling, back-and-forth battle—complete with traded three-enders and multiple measures—right down to the final stones.

An impressive run against a deep national field and a hard-fought championship game—well done, Team Brown!

We are so proud of Ann and Elizabeth!  
🥰❤️



The Thomas Rink was the 5th event runner-up in the 2026 Kiltie Mixed Bonspiel at the Milwaukee Curling Club over the weekend. They went 3-2 overall and had a great time.

Skip - Chris Thomas  
Vice - Abby Bond  
Second - Eric Trytko  
Lead - Renee Kolleth-Thomas



Ft. Ben and Jenny Levy  
Congratulations to Team Piroth of the Bowling Green Curling Club for being the 2026 Copperspiel champions!

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# The Sweeping Results



Congratulations to Levy Rink on being A-Runners up in the 60th President's Cup at Beach Grove (Men's spiel - they made it an international)!



## 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.



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

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



**This Month's Spotlight:**  
Jimmy Kirby, OCA Representative

**Member Since:** 2019

**Roles held at the DCC:** OCA Representative

**Nickname:** JK

**Favorite part of curling:** The best things about curling are the competitive and fun games. Seeing our winter family most nights of the week. And having "curling friends" turn into just friends. I love playing in Mixed Doubles events with Ashley.

**Hobbies:** Curling and Golf split the year evenly. I also enjoy bowling, traveling, and hanging out with my dog, Rosie.

**Bonspiel Highlights:** Winning two different Qualifying events for the 5-and-Under National Championship and finishing 3-2 in that event missing out of playoffs on LSDs. A quarterfinal in the 2024 St. Mary's mixed doubles event, a semifinal in the 2025 Cincinnati mixed doubles event, and a finalist in our own Motown Doubles in 2023.

**Favorite place to eat near the club:** Imperial. Nothing else compares.

**Most annoying trait:** People (Ashley) say I'm slow at saying goodbyes and slow moving in general. I'm conserving energy for future goodbyes.



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# Curling Coach

## Speed of Play

We've all been caught by the clock. To ensure a full game, try out these tactics:

- Vices can flip in the warm room at any point before a game to determine hammer/color.
- Everyone should be in the arena 5 minutes before scheduled game time begins to start cooling off sliders and taking practice slides/getting situated.
- Both teams 2nds and vices, and the hammer team's lead should always put rocks back into the cribs when the end is finished.
- The delivering lead should get in the hack and prepare their rock so they are ready to throw when their skip gives shot direction at the far end.
- Though any non-delivering team person should be waiting at the courtesy lines, only the person to deliver next can be directly behind the thrower, so as to get the rock ready for themselves as soon as the opposing team has delivered past the near hogline. (Your rock should be cleaned and you are ready to throw before your skip calls the shot).
- Skips need to be cognizant of their own thinking time as not to utilize the majority of game time for themselves.

Kindly encourage these behaviors within your own team and we will for sure see more ends.

## 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](mailto:practiceice@detroitcurling.com) with any questions.

# World Curling introduces Sweeping Technique Policy

World Curling, in consultation with the World Curling Athlete Commission, has introduced a new Sweeping Technique Policy aimed at determining the acceptable effects of sweeping and removing sweeping techniques that cause unacceptable effects on the stone.

The acceptable effects of sweeping determined in this policy are “to make the stone go further and to hold a stone straighter, while allowing for some enhancement of the curling trajectory.”

The prohibited techniques now include those that increase the rate of deceleration of a stone, such as:

- Single brush strokes (standard or knifing orientation) using primarily a push motion
- Single brush strokes that keep the brush on the ice while returning to its original position
- Single brush strokes that lift the brush head off the ice before returning to its original position
- These techniques, along with others, when used with the intent of slowing down a stone are against the Statement of Principles and are now prohibited from use in competition.

Game Umpires have been given the authority to observe sweeping in World Curling competitions and should they see a violation, are empowered to remove the delivered stone from play following an official warning to the offending team.

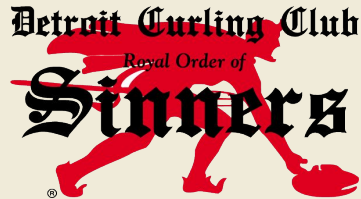
Resources for brushes and sweeping can be found on The World Curling website [here](#).

# Sinners

Sunday January 25, 2026 was filled with snow, the sound of bagpipes, and the warm inviting smell of haggis! The annual Sinners Robert Burns Breakfast had fifty brave attendees come out for a morning of food, stories, and curling.

Thanks to Todd Wyber for braving the elements to provide music, Bill Bellair for making superb sausage rolls, Paul Gaines for his rendition of Robert Burns' Address to a Haggis, and Chase Ansok for wrangling and organizing curling.

The next meeting of The DCC Royal Order of Sinners will be Sunday March 1, 2026. Sign up on the sheet posted in the Club warm room and get ready to sin!



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](mailto:sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com).

# Rockettes Corner



## Super Bowl Squares

Sale starting this Sunday, until the board is full, for \$10 a square. Cash only. There will be 4 winners for each quarter- \$125 per end. The remaining funds will go to the Rockettes funds to support the club.

## Rockettes Quilt Raffle

Raffle tickets will be available Feb. 2nd and will continue to sell through April 11. Cash only. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Proceeds go to the Rockettes fund for the club.

# Junior News

## Winter Learn to Curl for Interested Youth

Help us spread the word about our winter Juniors Learn to Curl Session. The log-in will go live in the next few weeks on the Ferndale Parks and Rec website. The dates are Sunday, March 8 and March 22 from 12:30-2:00. The cost is just \$30. We are also in need of adult and experienced youth curlers to help coach on one or both of these dates.

If you are available to help, please add your name to the Sign-up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-61445131-winter#/>.

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





# GLCA

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

GLCA Representatives – Elizabeth Demers, Chris Pethke

GLCA Mixed Championship - Team Strouse of Traverse City captured the GLCA Mixed championship title in an exciting final with a tap to the button on their last shot in Detroit this past weekend. They will represent the region at US Mixed Nationals at the Denver Curling Club April 15-19!  
L-R: Scott Strouse, Jillian Riecke, Ralph Puertas, Joann Hanafi

Thank you to chair Chris Pethke, Official Paul Badgero, Quentin Way and his ice crew along with all the timers. The event couldn't be a success without you!



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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.

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

# 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-r epsheet/wrep\\_fall2025.pdf](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!

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# 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](https://www.usacurling.com) as mentioned above. If you have any questions or issues accessing this training, contact Dennis Pellerin at [secretary@detroitcurling.com](mailto: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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## Things I found while looking for other things...

*triv-i-a* [triv-ee-uh]

*plural noun*

*matters or things that are very unimportant, inconsequential, or nonessential; trifles; trivialities.*

If you have read Thomas Williamson's history booklet of The Detroit Curling Club, you know that in the early 1900s The Club was located at Forest & Fourth Avenues in Detroit. In 1906 the old original building was replaced by "substantial and commodious quarters".

Recently, we found a copy of The American Architect and Building News dated June 30, 1906. There was a short article:

"Detroit, Mich. – Architects Grylls & Gies, 520 Wayne County Savings Bank (Bldg), have prepared plans and are ready to take figures for a club-house for the Detroit Curling Club, B.F. Guiney, secretary, 230 Jefferson Ave.: to be a 2-story, 97 x 101 ft., of frame and brick, composition roof."

Then we discovered a copy of The Plumbers Trade Journal dated July 1, 1906:

"J.W. PartIn, 56 E. Congress St., has secured the plumbing contract for the new Detroit Curling Club..."

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(Did he supply the original classic wooden toilet seats? The same seats gone missing during the move from Detroit to West Bloomfield – rumored to have been taken to Windsor, but that's another story.)

I wonder what happened to Grylls & Gies and if the original plans still exist somewhere in a file cabinet.

We are not sure how to use this information in an after-curling bar bet, but we are confident that someone in The Club will figure out a way to use this trivia.

Lang may yur lum reek.  
Angus MacTavish

# Detroit Curling Club Contacts

## DCC Board Members:

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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



## 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!

**CincySpiegel**  
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**  
WINDY CITY CINEMA WILL CELEBRATE THE ICONIC FILMS THAT PUT CHICAGO ON THE BIG SCREEN

**MAY 3**

**MAY**  
6-9

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

# 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](http://bit.ly/5U-Betcha) to get registered!

Questions? Contact Tom Ryan at [tomrhall@gmail.com](mailto:tomrhall@gmail.com)





**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)





**THE SPACE RACE FIVE & 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](http://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  
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**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 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup>**

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](mailto:marchfest@pariscurlingclub.com)

**Chicago Curling Club**

**40th Mixed Bonspiel**

**"Toonspiel"**

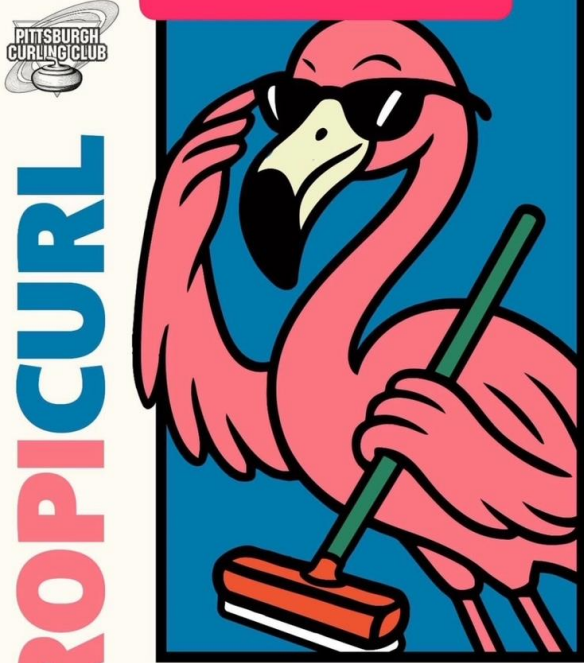


**March 20-22**

**Register at [ChicagoCurlingClub.org](http://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



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