

Scots Wha Hae

April 27, 2026

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



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Motor City Open**May 1-3, 2026**

Volunteer here:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-63316235-motor#/
/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-63316235-motor#/)**Club Shutdown****May 9, 2026 - Sat. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Sign up here to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-63614694-club>

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Annual Meeting**June 17, 2026**

Save the date!

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**UWM Field Patio
Outing (Formerly
Jimmy John's)****August 7, 2026**

Register here:

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/other/uwm-field-patio-outing-august-7>

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Golf Outing**September 12, 2026**

Save the date!

Sylvan Glen Golf Course

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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:

Motor City Open (5/1-3)
Club Shutdown (5/9)

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

Important End-of-Season Dates –

As we head into the final stretch of our curling season, we want to make sure all members are aware of the key events and deadlines coming up. It's a busy and exciting time at the club, and we hope you'll take part in as much as you can.

Upcoming Events:

Motor City Open – May 1-3

Our signature year-end bonspiel returns. Curl, volunteer, or cheer on the teams.

Club Shutdown – May 9

Annual Meeting - June 17

All members are invited to attend. We'll review the year, share updates, and announce election results.

UWM Field Patio Outing (Formerly Jimmy John's) - August 7

Board of Directors/Representatives Election Timeline:

Posting of Nominees at the DCC – May 1

The complete list of candidates and their bios will be posted at the club and sent via email.

Email Ballot Sent – May 31

Members will receive their ballot electronically. Please watch your inbox. Take a moment to vote electronically or in-person at the Annual Meeting.

Club Championship & League Winners

Congratulations to the winner and runners up!



Sunday Night champions,
the Carmouche Rink



Monday league champions,
the Way Rink



Wednesday Morning Doubles league
champions, John Balch and Chase Ansok



Wednesday Evening Doubles league
champions, Shawn King & Suzanne Hansell

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Lon O' Conner Champions,
the Levy Rink



Thursday league champions,
the Wentrack Rink



Ladies Club Champions,
the Pethke Rink



Friday Late Night league champions,
the Katz Rink



Wednesday Skips Ladder champions,
the Steeby Rink



Friday Elite champions,
the Curi Rink

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Locker Rooms & Broom Boxes

As our season comes to an end, please **fully clean out your lockers by May 3rd**. We also ask that you take your brooms home. Any brooms left over the summer will be repurposed for Juniors or rentals. We use locker rooms for storage so it is important not to have extra equipment around which will allow us more space to store our trophies, artwork, etc.

Champagne Spiel

The conclusion of another season has been marked by the traditional champagne festivities. The Goats emerged victorious in a closely fought battle against the Colts, with a final score of 44-39. We would like to extend our gratitude to chairs Stephanie Meerschaert, Mike Grudzinski and Paul Carmouche for their efforts. Special thanks are also due to Brian Whitehead and Paul Burnham, who provided exceptional desserts and decorations. Appreciation is also expressed to the many volunteers, bartenders and ice crew. Here's to a remarkable year!



Adaptive Curling Clinic

Our latest adaptive curling clinic was a resounding success, thanks to the collective enthusiasm, patience, and support of all participants and volunteers. By fostering an inclusive environment, we empowered athletes of all skill levels to thrive on the ice, creating a truly unforgettable experience. Thank you to the Adaptive Committee for coordinating and facilitating the event.



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Baseball Outting

Join us on August 7th for a fun evening at the ballpark at the UWM Field Patio (formerly Jimmy John's Field)! The game starts at 7:05 PM, with gates opening an hour early and complimentary parking available in Lot A.

Watch the Eastside Diamond Hoppers take on the Birmingham Bloomfield Beavers while enjoying patio table seating and an All-American BBQ picnic featuring classic favorites and unlimited soft drinks. Beverages are available through the 7th inning

The night includes great group experiences like a photo on the field, scoreboard recognition, mascot meet-and-greets, and kids running the bases after the game. Tickets are \$40, and friends and family are welcome. For questions, contact Abby at bondabby@yahoo.com.

Sign up using this link: <https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/other/uwm-field-patio-outing-august-7>

USWCA Central Detroit 5 & Under

Congratulations to the event winners of the Detroit 5 & Under!

A-Event: Emery, Cincinnati
 B-Event: Wales, Detroit
 C-Event: Pyzik, Detroit
 D-Event: Smith, Mayfield

Thank you to the volunteers, bar staff, ice crew and Steven Smith and Theresa Tejada for putting on a great event!



5th Annual Cannon's Curlers for a Cure - We Run For Pat!



Please join us in the 5th Annual Cannon's Curlers for a Cure walk/run at the Detroit Zoo in honor of the late Pat Cannon. Pat joined the club in 2010 and quickly became part of the fabric of the club along with his wife, Ann Gabhart. Pat was a fine curler, but really lit up the arena with his smile, his laugh, and a quick-witted comment. His presence at the club is missed tremendously but his spirit is kept alive by those of us who knew him. Pat was an active Sinner, a proud Killer Flamingo, and participated in the USSMCA National Senior Men's Curling Championships.

We invite all DCC members, their friends and family to join Team Cannon's Curlers for a Cure for the 2026 Run the Ribbon 1 mile or 5k walk/run on June 21, 2026 at the Detroit Zoo. Participants can choose between a 5k run or walk outside the zoo or a 1 mile walk inside the zoo. The event starts at 8am. For those who cannot attend the event in person, there is a "Doze for Dads" option so you can do the event virtually at your own leisure.

This event supports the Michigan Men's Health Foundation, a cause near and dear to Pat. The Foundation is dedicated to men's health advocacy and the awareness, education, research, and treatment of prostate cancer and men's health related issues. Their goal is to enhance men's health engagement and encourage men to have healthy conversations with their families sooner to begin a generational legacy toward healthier lives. The money raised at the Run the Ribbon event helps support their annual Men's Health Event which provides free health screenings to local men. You can visit their website at: <https://michiganmenshealthfoundation.org/>.

The Foundation is very appreciative of the support of the DCC. Both the President and Executive Director of the Foundation have continuously expressed their sincere appreciation for all the work the DCC is doing to raise awareness for the Foundation. Last year our own Diana Jankowski and Gordy Loud were interviewed by Fox2 before the event and photos of DCC members crossing the finish line continue to be shared on the Foundation's social media sites.

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Cannon's Curlers for a Cure Continued...

To sign up for the race, please go to:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/RaceGroup-1?raceId=41312> . This should take you right to the sign up page for you to be added to our team.

For those wishing to make a donation in Pat's honor, please go to:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/41312/Donate/ScB7XfKjudunsXr8>

The team is well on our way to our 5th straight award for Most Funds Raised (Team). As we have done in the last few years, Brian Whitehead has asked for donations for his Make-A-Wish bike ride at the Champagne Spiel and every dollar raised that night was matched with a donation to Cannon's Curlers for a Cure. We raised \$1,165 that night alone for each charity. :) To date (including this year's great start), Cannon's Curlers for a Cure has raised \$9,552 for this amazing cause!!!! Last year we had 43 members join us on Pat's Day at the Zoo!

We are honored to continue supporting this cause in Pat's honor and know that he will be smiling down on his fellow curlers a little harder on this day. We would love to see you at this year's event. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Jankowski at dj.dcc.curling@gmail.com or Stephanie Meerschaert at steph.meers@yahoo.com



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From Pro Shop

Thank you for your understanding as we navigated through the tariff situation with our vendors. I hope the situation will be resolved before next season. If you need anything from the Pro Shop during the month of April, please contact me at proshop@detroitcurling.com to make arrangements. As always, during events or leagues, the Pro Shop is open when a bartender is on-site. The Pro Shop will be packed up for the season on Monday, May 4th. For any items needed after that, including during the summer, please contact me at proshop@detroitcurling.com.

Online Apparel Store:

Have you always wanted a DCC phone cover? What about a pair of DCC slides to wear in the warm room and help keep the ice clean? Maybe a blanket to warm you up when you get off the ice? Well, we have just the thing! Not only does the online screen printed store have DCC apparel, it has exclusive swag you can only get online!! Even better, the items will process within 1-2 business days and then ship directly to your house. And wait, there's more! A portion of the proceeds from each order goes back to support the DCC—so your purchase makes a difference. The store will be closing on April 30, 2026.

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

If there is any apparel or swag you would like to see in the future, please email proshop@detroitcurling.com with your requested items. Be on the lookout for the stores to reopen this summer before the season starts.

Name Tags:

The last order of name tags for the season has been placed and will be in soon. If you ordered a name tag, you will receive an email once they arrive with instructions as to how to pick it up. As a reminder, 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.

Thank you! Good curling!

From the Bar

Hi! What a season! Thanks to all of you for your help in all facets. For the participants of the Motor City Open, please note that house accounts are no longer in operation as of 4/16. As such we will need either cash money or a physical card for your bar needs.

Also, a reminder that this is the end so don't be surprised when we start running out of things and kindly adjust accordingly. Thank you for your help and understanding. It's been our pleasure. Have a great summer, all!

-Your friendly local DCC bar staff

Final Bar Bills

Final bar bills are in—check your email and click the link to quickly settle up your tab. These are the last bills of the season. And if you're at the club for any upcoming events, be sure to close out your tab before you head out. Cheers to wrapping up the season smoothly!



Olympic Themed Shirts - ON SALE!

Are available in the Pro Shop.
Now on sale: T-shirts \$10.00 / Long Sleeve \$15.00

Curling Coach

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.

The Sweeping Results



Congratulations to the Whitmore Rink who won the C event, the Hollingsworth rink who won the E event and Team A Fed who won the F event at the Traverse City Curling Club Cherry Bombspiel.



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At the Left Handers World Championship held at the Oakville Curling Club, Team Bleaney won the 8th event and Team Romano won the 5th event, distinguishing themselves among the 48 teams that participated in the competition. Also Marc Kennedy brought one of his Olympic shirts, which was part of a drawing, and our own Kelly Soerens was the winner.



Bonspieling Members

If you are participating in a Bonspiel, make it to an event final, and want the Club to post your results on Facebook and Instagram send your photos along with the bonspiel name, location, athletes' names, and the event results to Maryanne Wessels at maryanne.wessels@gmail.com or text to 586-202-0730. Remember to also send a write-up (with photos) about the event to news@detroitcurlingclub.com for the Scots Wha Hae.



This Month's Spotlight:

Maryanne Wessels, Scot Wha Hae Editor
(FYI - I am not currently on the Board)

Member Since: 2002



Nickname: M A, Mary Ellen, Ma & Mare

Previous roles at the club: Former President (2013-16) and Vice President (2012, 2022-25), Secretary (2010-11) & Rockettes President (2009?)

Committees: Adaptive Curling, Social Media, Club Graphics, Opening Party & White Elephant bonspiel chair.

Favorite part of curling: My favorite part of curling is the strong sense of community and teamwork it creates. Being a member of the Detroit Curling Club since 2002 has given me the opportunity to connect with so many incredible people, whether through league play, bonspiels, or volunteering. I love working alongside others to make events successful and helping the club continue to grow and improve. Curling is more than just a sport to me—it's a place where all the things come together, making every experience both rewarding and memorable.

Most challenging part of your job: The most challenging part of putting together a newsletter is balancing engaging content with clear organization and consistency. Gathering timely information from multiple contributors and ensuring accuracy can be difficult—especially when everyone is volunteering their time.

Hobbies: Walking Ubu, gardening, making soup/cooking, camping, disc golf and home improvement projects.

Bonspiel Highlights: A highlight of my curling career was being selected as a participant on the 2016 Scot Tour—an unforgettable experience that deepened my appreciation for the sport and its traditions. Other notable achievements include winning the GLCA Women's Championship in 2009, being a two-time Lewiston International champion, and earning a Women's Club Championship title. I've also had my fair share of runner-up finishes along the way—proof that while victory is great, the journey (and a little humor) is just as meaningful.

Favorite place to eat near the club: Christine's Cuisine or Thai Garden

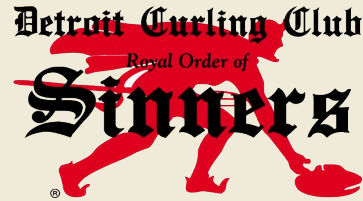
Most annoying trait: Stubbornness and doing too much at the club while being stubborn about it.

Sinners

The DCC Royal Order of Sinners held their Last Chance event on Sunday, April 12, 2026. Despite the event being held bright and early the day after the Champagne Spiel, about fifty Sinners brushed off the dust from the night before and came out to sin one last time for the season. The warm room was full of revelry and the aroma of a hearty breakfast.

Following the traditional breakfast, the Sinners took the opportunity to gather outside for a photo opportunity. Thanks to Paul Gaines for taking the photo. You won't see him in the picture, so just imagine FUPG somewhere in there. Or not... After the photo, a crew of ambitious participants took to the ice for another opportunity for curling before the end of the season.





Sinners House Shoes

The implementation of "house shoes" for the warm room at the DCC made a substantial difference in keeping the ice and the club clean this season. The DCC Board of Directors has decided to continue this initiative moving forward. The Sinners are fully behind this initiative and are considering the purchase of house shoes to be for sale prior to the start of the next season. Stay tuned for updates!

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



Quilt Raffle

Congratulations to the winner of the Curling quilt - Jozsua Helmeczi!
Thank you to all who bought tickets, and a special thank you to
Stephanie Grant, and her mom, for the donation!

2026-2027 Rockettes Board Members

Next year's Rockettes board will be Anne Romano, Becky Gilbert,
Shelly Bahr, Yolanda Lewczuk, Michelle Matte, and Sue Race.
More to come for our new board!



Rockettes!!! Join us for a guided kayak tour of Detroit's historic east side, led by Rockettes Gabby Weiss and Ana Owens!

When: Monday, June 15th, 7pm-9:30pm

Where: We'll meet up and depart from Detroit River Sports (14601 Riverside Blvd, Detroit, MI 48215)
and enjoy the sights and sounds of the water. We'll spend most of our time learning about the history
of the river and the Eastside Canals, visiting Greyhaven Island and the Historic Fisher Mansion along
the way. We'll finish with a quiet paddle through the canals in southern Jefferson Chalmers.

What to bring: DRS will provide: your kayak, paddle, and life vest. We recommend bringing: a water
bottle and sunglasses. Optional: a light snack and small towel (splashes happen!)

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Kayak continued...

Experience level: Experience is helpful, but not required. The route length is 3 miles (around 90 minutes total) and includes ~10 minutes of paddling up river (against the current).

Weight Limit:
275lbs per passenger

Payment: \$25 per person. You can pay on the day of the tour by venmo, cash, or card.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLSc0fL71OkOoMDPv3yFySr8sr7oLSZ-PEHUgt0ddutB_r5ar3w/viewform *Sign-up will be cut off at 20 participants or by May 31, whichever comes first.



Junior News

Stevenson Debuts at U21 Junior Nationals

At the U21 Junior Nationals in Bismarck, ND Kate Stevenson with Team Treynor had an awesome week and went 4-3 in pool play. Their last game went an extra end and down to measure to get the win. That advanced them to the 3v4 page playoff game where they lost to Team Berg, the eventual silver medalist.



Juniors Program Feedback

The Juniors League wrapped up on Sunday, March 29 with a fun afternoon of Glo Curling and pizza. Thanks to all the curlers, parents, and coaches for a great season! We are so proud of our curlers and the growth they have made over the past year. Parents/Guardians and Junior Curlers, please consider completing our survey to provide feedback on the season.

- [Parent/Guardian Survey](#)
- [Youth Survey](#)

GLCA

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

GLCA Representatives –
Elizabeth Demers, Chris Pethke



Happy Friday everyone - I've been asked some questions about the GLCA Five-And-Under Championship this question a fair number of times over the past year so I wanted to answer the question publicly on the GLCA Five-And-Under Championship as it relates to the National 5U championship:

First: a "five and under" curler is defined by a curler age 21 and up who has played five years or fewer. A year is defined by 10 games played. The 2020-21 year did not count.

5U Nationals, unlike the U18, Club, Arena, and Mixed Nationals, is not a regionally-based championship. The teams that qualify do so by winning any of the 23 qualifying bonspiels selected by the national governing body. The host club gets a team as well. USA Curling selects these qualifying bonspiels on a number of factors: geographic location, size of the field, and history of the event. The application process takes place in April and May (so it is open now!) and any USAC club who hosts a 5U bonspiel can apply.

So one question that gets asked often is: why is the GLCA Five-And-Under Championship not an automatic qualifier bonspiel?

In recent years we were not able to find a host site for our regional 5U championship in time for the bonspiel to be picked as a qualifying event. So that one is on us. However in the past few years we have taken some good steps to make sure that a host site is secured a year in advance. There have been other circumstances as well. This past year, Fort Wayne CC made the decision to run the GLCA 5U concurrent with their very successful Mad Anthony bonspiel, which was and has been a qualifier for many years. They awarded the GLCA 5U championship to the GLCA team who did the best in the event, even though the berth was won by an out-of-region team.

GLCA

A secondary question we have received a lot is why the GLCA 5-And-Under Championship allows non-GLCA members to participate in them. This, again, comes down to the host club wanting to run a successful bonspiel. Unlike regional playdowns, which require the USA Curling Competition Tier, these bonspiels can be run like a regular funspiel, host club keeps the proceeds, they can provide food/entertainment/swag, etc. So they have every incentive for the bonspiel to fill.

This year's GLCA 5U championship will be at the Mayfield Curling Club in December. We have had some good two-way communication with the club and they are aware that they have the option to allow only GLCA teams (or teams with a GLCA majority) and then if they are unable to fill the bonspiel, to then allow teams from outside the region. They are also aware of the 5U qualifier application.

The Dakota Territory does something very similar with their 5U championship -- pools for in-region teams and out-of-region teams, then the winners of both pools play for the national berth. With that in mind we would love to send a GLCA team to nationals. Heck, we would love to send 23 teams!

The national qualifying is of course is just one component of the 5U bonspiel experience. These should be accessible bonspiels for people new to curling. For example, the 5U tier allows stick delivery. I'm sure a lot of your new curlers during these Olympics are starting to realize they are likely not going to be come an Olympian, so hopefully they know there are national and regional championships like this well within their reach.

Hopefully this explains what has happened and demonstrates the work we have done to improve the experience. We can always make it better! So if you are interested in making the Five-And-Under bonspiel experience as good as it can be, please reach out to us and we can pass those ideas onto to our clubs that intend on holding 5U bonspiels, whether or not they are qualifiers. Even better, if you are willing to execute some of these ideas, or be on a potential GLCA 5U committee, we would love your help.

Good curling all!
Matt Sussman, GLCA President

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.

NEW - USWCA NEWSLETTER can be found here:
<https://www.uswca.org/Data/Sites/2/media/about/brochure-repsheet/wrep-winter2026.pdf>

UNITED STATES WOMEN'S CURLING ASSOCIATION
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WREP SHEET
 Winter 2026

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear USWCA Members and Friends,
 As we move through the heart of the curling season, I would like to share highlights from our recent winter meetings and the exciting events that followed.

The Board gathered in Natick, Massachusetts where we were graciously hosted with the support of Broomstones Curling Club. Our time together was productive, as we continued the important work of refining our Standing Rules and procedural documents, an ongoing effort that reflects our commitment to clarity, consistency, and good governance, while ensuring that our organization remains strong and well-positioned for the future.

At the conclusion of our meetings, we turned our attention to one of the most anticipated events of the season—the National Bonspiel. The Opening Ceremony was held at Broomstones Curling Club, and competition was hosted at both The Country Club and Broomstones Curling Club, showcasing excellent facilities and the collaborative spirit of our curling community.

Events like these remind us that while governance and structure are essential, it is the friendships, shared experiences, and love of the game that truly define our organization.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the meetings, supported the Bonspiel, and continues to give their time and energy to our sport. I look forward to all that the remainder of the season will bring.

Good Curling,
 Ann G. Kerpapalick, President

OLYMPIC CONNECTIONS

History was made at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano-Cortina when Team USA curler Cory Thesee became the first American woman curler to win a medal at the Winter Olympics. She also set a record for the most ends played by a single curler in a single Olympic Games, totaling 163 ends.

Cory is a member of the USWCA through her membership at Duluth Curling Club. Her mother, Linda Christensen, serves as USWCA Facilitator and is on the Scott Tour committee. Corey Dropkin, the Mixed Doubles partner with whom Cory won the silver medal, is the son of USWCA Parliamentarian Shelley Dropkin. So exciting for all of us!

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Curling Ontario
<https://curlingontario.ca/>

GLCA Representatives –
Jimmy Kirby and Nate Glitman

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 feature 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

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.

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ANGUS MacTAVISH IS IN THE HOUSE

A Brief History on the art of Pebbling Ice

When? Where? Who was first? Are difficult questions to answer. How? That is the question we will try to answer.

Pebbling the ice is not something anyone did to outdoor, natural ice in the 1800s. Since natural ice has texture ... bumps and cracks and ridges. Once curling moved inside, the pebbling became a necessity. Therefore, pebbling began in Canada and the USA before 1902.

The earliest reference we have found is in John Kerr's book Curling in Canada and the United States published in 1904 – describing the Scottish Tour to USA & Canada in 1902. Mr. Kerr writes: "Pebbling is the final finishing touch for making ice for curling. Strange as it may seem to the uninitiated, in this final process hot water is used; and when the mercury indicates a near approach to zero the water may be almost at boiling point, the objective being that the heated water may melt a seat for itself in the ice-sheet before freezing. ... In all the best rinks it is now applied by means of a sprinkler".

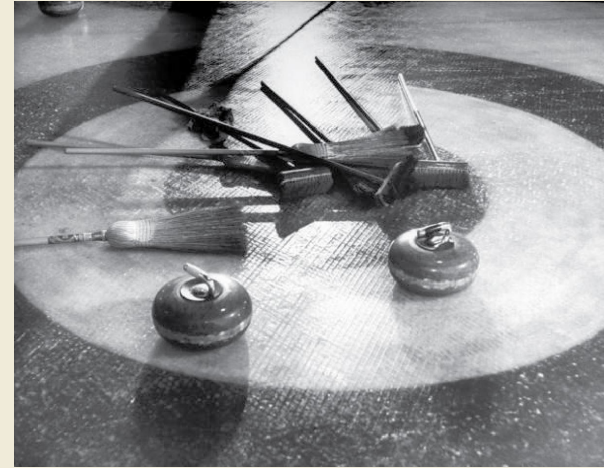
Another member of this 1902 Scots tour wrote: "The surface of the ice is either sprinkled or corrugated .In the former case a watering-can with a very fine rose is used, and hot water is sprinkled sparingly over the whole surface. This, of course, makes no pattern on the ice. In the latter, small streams of water issue from a pipe about 5 feet long, with a pin-head aperture an inch apart, the pipe being fed from a tank attached to it containing hot water. This is rapidly run diagonally across the ice first from one side and then across so as to make a diamond pattern. This gives a certain texture to the ice surface, so that the stone answers more readily to the turn of the hand than it possibly can do on perfectly smooth ice."



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Try to imagine a 5- or 6-foot pipe with small holes drilled in one straight line, an inch apart, the entire length of the pipe. The pipe is connected to a six- or eight-foot hose which is then connected to a large tank of hot water. Now imagine a three-man team to work this contraption. One fellow would lay the pipe on the ice near the hack on sheet number 1. The other two gents would handle the tank of water. When they are all ready, someone turns on the water, and it flows out of the small holes onto the ice. The man starts dragging the pipe across the ice in a diagonal ending up at the far end of sheet number 4. They repeat the process until the entire arena is covered in one diagonal direction. Then they start again at the near hack on sheet 4 going diagonally to the opposite end of sheet 1. This new pebble crisscrosses the first pebble. The result is long ridge pebbling forming a diamond shape instead of the individual random 'dots' that we see today.

What would this pebble look like? The picture below was taken at The Detroit Curling Club in 1949 during the Scots Tour. The players stacked brooms for a Photo-op.





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When the photo is enlarged the diamond shaped “ridge” pebbling is easy to see.



This type of pebbling is normally done only once per week. Even at the Canadian Brier they only made ridge pebbling at the start of competition. No more pebbling during the week. As the week progressed the ice would become more “swingy”. I am sure that it would become much heavier ice, too.

Life can only be understood backwards; but must be lived forwards. Have a good summer.
Angus MacTavish

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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!

WINDY CITY 25/26 SPIEL CALENDAR

MCA 5U **DEC 5-7**
CALLING ALL MCA CURLERS WITH 5 OR LESS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE!

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!

PITTSBURGH CURLING CLUB
'25-'26 BONSPIEL SCHEDULE

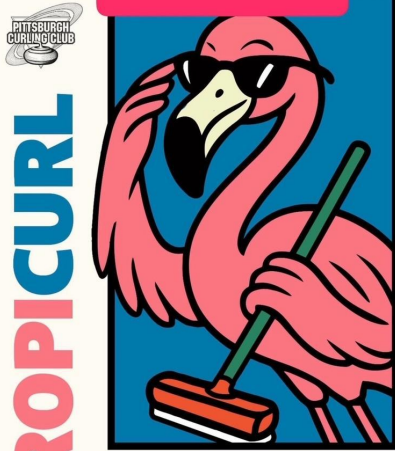
Green Ice Special Bonspiel
October 10-12, 2025

GNCC Open Championship
December 4-7, 2025

Ryan Fissella Party Spiel
January 23-25, 2026

TropiCurl
June 4-7, 2026

SUMMER BONSPIELS



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40-Team Limit Open Format	3-Game Guarantee Lunches & Dinners Included	



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FOURTH EDITION
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FALL 2026 BONSPIELS



PERTH FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL CURLING BONSPIEL

Perth Friendly International Bonspiel will take place on Friday 18th till Sunday 20th September 2026. This is a fun, friendly bonspiel and is opened to curlers of all abilities, and we hope it will be played in the true spirit of curling. Teams maybe all male, all female or mixed.

The entry fee is £440, the entry fee includes at least 4 games of curling, lunch on Saturday & Sunday and dinner on Saturday for 4 players.

Closing date Tuesday 1st September 2026, with the successful teams being contacted afterwards to confirm if they have been selected for this event.

A deposit of £100 will then be required to secure your space. For more information please contact me below.



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