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July 2, 2026

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



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July 11, 2026
 Register here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFFCC07-64300160-dccdsc>

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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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Curlers for a Cure

September 12, 2026
 Sign up here:
https://secure.info-komen.org/site/TR?fr_id=11236&pg=entry

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:

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.

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Important Summer Dates –

As we head into the summer, please see below for upcoming events.

Upcoming Events:

Disc Golf and BBQ - July 11

UWM Baseball Outing – August 7

Curlers For a Cure – September 12

Golf Outing – September 12

Board / Representative Election Results

Congratulations to the new board members and Representatives.

The new Board of Directors are as follows:

Ben Duby

Mike Grudzinski

Chris Marchel

Ashley Mayra

The new GLCA Representatives are as follows:

Elizabeth Demers

DessieRai Gaul

The new OCA Representatives are as follows:

Taha Jamil

Annual Meeting

The club's annual meeting took place this evening, with a strong showing of members.

The newly elected board officers are President Greg Jorgensen, Vice President John Gaul, Secretary Dennis Pellerin, and Treasurer Stephen Ng.

The award recipients, recognized for their outstanding commitment to volunteerism and sportsmanship, deserve our congratulations.

Alexander Petrylka received the Ice Makers Award.

Taha Jamil and Theresa Tejada were honored with the President's Award.

Jebidiah Pallot and Alex Rich were presented with the Chuck E. Thomas Award.

Craig Gonzalez received the Sinners award.



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Project AILSA – REPORT

(We are thrilled to share that the membership has approved Phase 1 of Project AILSA—the replacement of our arena slab floor. The vote passed with greater than two-thirds support, 293-2, allowing this important project to move forward.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to engage, ask questions, and participate in this crucial decision for the future of our club.

With approval secured, the Project AILSA team will begin executing the next steps to move Phase 1 forward:

- Engineering Finalization: Award work to formalize detailed plans and specifications for the new arena floor.
- Contractor Outreach & Bidding: Begin outreach to qualified contractors to obtain competitive bids, refine cost estimates, and establish a construction timeline.
- Member Bond & Fundraising Program: Work with the board to finalize the structure and terms of the member bond program and related capital campaign components.

Fundraising Plan –

The Board and the Project AILSA Finance Committee are working together to finalize the details of the fundraising campaign. To help launch this effort, we have included the Fundraising Plan that was presented at last week's Annual Meeting.

While the campaign details are being finalized, we encourage interested members to complete the pledge form. Early pledges will help us gauge member interest and give the campaign a strong start once it is officially launched. Scan the QR Code or click the link below to complete the form.

[Fundraising Plan](#)

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Project AILSA Fundraising Pledge

We remain committed to maintaining transparency as we progress and will continue to provide updates as key milestones are reached. If you have any questions or would like additional information about Project AILSA, email the team at dccprojectailsa@gmail.com.

If you have questions about the fundraising plan, contact Stephen Ng at treasurer@detroitcurling.com.

Good curling,
Project AILSA team & The Board of Directors



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

The DCC was the top fundraising team at the Run for the Ribbon, a 5K run/walk and 1-mile stroll at the Detroit Zoo! We participate each year in memory of our friend and fellow curler, Pat Cannon.

A special congratulations to Carrie Morris, who finished 1st in her age group in the 5K, and to Stephanie, who was recognized as the top individual fundraiser!



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2nd Annual DCC Disc Golf and BBQ - LAST CALL

Disc Golf: Palmer Park Disc Golf Course - 1121 Merrill Plaisance St, Detroit, MI 48203

Time: Saturday, July 11, 2026, at 1:00 pm - Meetup time at 12:30 pm - round starts at 1:00 pm

Cost: \$15 (BBQ and prizes). You may attend the BBQ if you are not golfing. Venmo or cash accepted. *(Any left over money will be donated to the club.)*

Format: Scramble - Don't have your own disc(s), we should have a few to lend.

Details: 1:00 pm disc golf scramble with a staggered hole start at Palmer Park Disc Golf Course.

4:00 pm BBQ at Maryanne's House:
1759 University St, Ferndale, MI 48220.

Bring your beverage of choice & lawn chair.
You are welcome to bring a side or dessert (not required).
Possible putting or challenge shots contest at the nearby park.

Event Chairs: Maryanne Wessels, John Wentrack, John Walsh & Dave Mashinter.

Contact maryanne.wessels@gmail.com if you have questions.

Sign Up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAAA23AAFCC07-64300160-dccdsc#/>

PLEASE SIGN UP BY JULY 5th.



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Baseball Outing

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>

Curlers for a Cure

Curlers For a Cure invite all DCC members to help prevent breast cancer by participating in the annual Komen Walk.

Don't miss your chance to take advantage of early bird registration prices! Enjoy Early Bird Registration - \$25 for Adults/Virtual Adults and \$15 for Youth/Virtual Youth - from now through Mother's Day

Saturday September 12th at Milliken Park more info at this link below. When registering click on "join a team" and type in CURLERS FOR A CURE.

https://secure.info-komen.org/site/TR?fr_id=11236&pg=entry



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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. The Pro Shop is packed up for the season. For any items needed, including during the summer, please contact me at proshop@detroitcurling.com.

Online Apparel Store:

Thank you to everyone who purchased from the online apparel stores this year. 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. 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!
Diana Jankowski
DCC Pro Shop Manager

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The Sweeping Results



Dallas Schneider, Jeff Deneen, Jeff Angell and Steven Rietz curled in the Rocky Top Open Bonspiel at the Great Smoky Mountains Curling Club, May 29, 30 & 31, 2026.



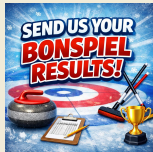
Team Smith won the 1st (Gold) event and Team Grudzinski won the 4th (Pewter) event at the Cleveland Skating Club Funspiel!



At Tropicurl the Levy's with Team Oblander from Mayfield. We went 5-1 and won the 2nd Event.



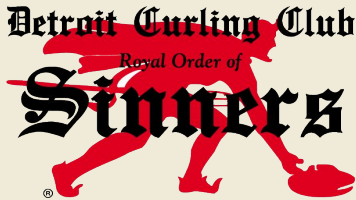
Jenny and Ben(ny) Levy took first place at the Tahoe Cup VII Mixed Doubles 2026 Bonspiel at Lake Tahoe Epic Curling.



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.



Sinners

The DCC Royal Order of Sinners are hard at work to usher forth a new season of sin! The 2026-2027 curling season marks the 75th anniversary of the Sinners organization! 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



Project AILSA Donation

The Rockettes are excited to kick off the fundraising for Project AILSA with a \$5000 donation. This donation was made possible by the many fundraising events that club members support throughout the curling season including Freezer Finds, Walking Tacos, Raffles, and the Superbowl Squares. Thank you for your support throughout each season and look for similar and updated fundraisers in the 2026-2027 season.

Rockettes Sunset Tour on the Detroit River

Fifteen Rockettes participated in a Sunset Tour on the Detroit River in June. A huge thanks goes out to our Detroit River Sports tour guides and DCC's own Ana Owens and Gabby Weiss who shared their time and knowledge to make this an amazing experience. We had such a great time that we might need to make this an annual event! Check out the website for other opportunities to kayak and learn about the area's history: <https://www.detroitriversports.com/>



GARAGE SALE ITEMS NEEDED FOR AILSA FUNDRAISER

Would you like an easy way to help raise funds for the Club's new floor project... AND clear out some space in your garage, attic, closets, and basements?

Sue Race, Amy Unger, and Abby Bond are working together to host two garage sales on the East side:

Friday, July 17 (9-4:00) & Saturday July 18 (9-12:00) at the Race Home in Grosse Pointe Shores
Saturday, August 15 (10-4:00) & Sunday August 16 (10-2:00) at the Unger Home in Clinton Township, on the border of St. Clair Shores (SCS will be hosting their city-wide garage sale event that weekend)

We are asking for garage sale donations of items such as:

- Toys, games, puzzles
- Small appliances & kitchen items
- Clothing, purses, and costume jewelry
- Sporting equipment & bikes
- Tools
- Picture frames & framed art
- Home decor
- Yard & garden items
- DVD's & vinyl LP's
- Much more...

We're also asking members to volunteer a few hours to help staff the sale.

For the July 17-18 event, contact Sue Race (racelcr@aol.com – 313-580-4494) to donate items and/or help with set up or sale dates. For the August 15-16 event, contact Amy Unger (sundin.amy@gmail.com – 586-292-0184) to donate items and/or help with set up or sale dates.

Goods not sold at the first event will be stored and taken to the second event. After the final event, remaining items will be donated to the most appropriate charity.

This is an equal opportunity event for Rockettes, Sinners and general members alike!

Finally, if you'd like to host your own garage sale and work with club members in your geographic area, let's throw the challenge!

- Ferndale/Royal Oak/Madison Heights....are you in?
- Dearborn/Garden City/Westland... want to host a sale?
- Warren/Sterling Heights... have some club neighbors to host a sale with?
- Farmington/Birmingham/Bloomfield... folks love a good sale in your area!



Junior News

Juniors Planning for 2026-2027

Do you have a child interested in curling?

Are you curious about curling as a family activity?

Do you enjoy mentoring youth?

Do you want to help ensure a strong Juniors program is available for the next generation?

The DCC Juniors Program continues to grow, and its future depends on the support of our club members. If you are interested in joining a committed community of parents, coaches, and volunteers who support the Juniors program, please email Becky Gilbert at rhartgilbert@gmail.com. We will add you to our contact list for future information.

GLCA

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

GLCA Representatives –
Elizabeth Demers and Dessie Rai Gaul



26-27 GLCA championship sites: (all dates confirmed except for Mixed)

Bowling Green U18: December 4-6 2026

Mayfield 5U: December 11-13 2026

Lewiston Club Womens: December 17-20 2026 (Thursday through Sunday)

Circle City Club Mens: January 20-24 2027 (Wednesday through Sunday)

Columbus Mixed: TBA (but probably sometime in Feb 2027)

Cleveland Skating Arenas: May 15-16 2027

Note: there is a chance that those club championships will not require Wednesday/Thursdays based on number of teams, but we are putting them in there on the off chance they are needed.

27-28 GLCA championship sites:

U18: Mayfield

Club Mens: Cincinnati

5U: Traverse City

Club Womens: Midland

Mixed (Fours): Bowling Green

Arena: Detroit

The GLCA is hosting working meetings that are open to all club members who are interested in attending. Please reach out to your GLCA rep if you'd like to join so we can get you the link. These will be one-hour meetings at most and we will send meeting links in anticipation of them.

June 14: Junior Curling

July 12: Competition

July 26: Membership Benefits

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>

USWCA Fall Meeting

We will be hosting the USWCA Fall Meeting September 11-13, 2026. Meetings will be at the Hyatt in Royal Oak and the Detroit Curling Club.

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<https://curlingontario.ca/>

GLCA Representatives –

Jimmy Kirby and Taha Jamil

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. #YayCurling! #OCA4Life

USCA



Safe Sport

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). 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.



ANGUS MacTAVISH IS NOT IN THE HOUSE, BUT OTHER INTERESTING HISTORY

Curling photos from the Schindler Museum in Poland

Among all the displays of WWII history was this large wall presentation of men playing curling, January 1941 in Krakow.

When we curled in Poland, I was talking with one of the gentlemen. He is a physician and helped bring curling to Poland; it's only been a sport there for about 25 years.

Sue Race



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Board Liaison – Becky Gilbert

DCC Sinners Board Members:

President – Dallas Schneider

Treasurer – Paul Gaines

Secretary – Damien Buchkowski

Membership Chair – Duncan Whitmore

Member at Large – Jim Morris, Gordy Loud,

David Urbiel, Chris Golec, Steven Rietz

& Alex Sanchez

Board Liaison – TBD

Representatives:

USWCA Representative – Julie Benson

USCA Club Council Representative – Dan Cleary

GLCA Representatives – Elizabeth Demers, Dessie Rai Gaul

OCA Representatives – Jimmy Kirby, Taha Jamil

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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!



**MAYFIELD CURLING 26
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SCHEDULE 27**

Nov 13-15	Men's Invitational
Dec 11-13	5 and Under National Qualifier "Snowbelt U5 Showdown"
Jan 16-17	Women's Bonspiel "Curl for the Roses"
Feb 18-21	Evergreen Mixed Bonspiel "Curl Around the World"

 For Information: www.mayfieldcurling.com/bonspiels
@mayfieldcurling 

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FALL BONSPIELS



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.



AnnMareeDavidson@liveactive.co.uk



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Check out our website event page for details -
<https://broomstones.com/events/broomstones-oktoberfest-open-boo>