

Scots Wha Hae

October 23, 2026

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



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**Warm Room Set
Up and Yard
Clean Up**

October 24, 2026 - 10 am
Volunteer here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-65722090-warm#/>

Opening Party

October 27, 2026
Register here:
<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/other/opening-party-10-27-2026>

Volunteer here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-65745599-thefloor#/>

**Skills Clinic for
Members -
Delivery/Balance/
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October 31, 2026 - 9am
<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/skills-clinic/skills-clinic-for-members-2026>

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**Skills Clinic for
Members -
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November 14, 2026 - 9am
<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/skills-clinic/skills-clinic-for-members-2026-2>

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2026 DCC 5 &
Under Bonspiel

December 5, 2026
Register here:
<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/bonspiels/december-2026-dcc-5-under-bonspiel-detroit-teams>

Volunteer opportunities coming soon.

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Ladies
International
Playdown

November 21, 2026 - 8pm
Ladies International playdown.
8 team max.
Register here:
<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/other/2027-ladies-international-bonspiel-playdown>

USWCA
Playdown

November 22, 2026 - 9am
USWCA National Bonspiel playdown.
Register here:
<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/other/2027-uswca-bonspiel-playdown>

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2026 Chuck Thomas Memorial Senior Men's One Day Tier 55 and Over

December 9, 2026

Men 55 and over

Register here:

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/bonspiels/2026-senior-mens-one-day-3>

Volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAA23AAFCC07-65727815-chuck#/>

Full DCC calendar can be found on our website.

<https://detroitcurlingclub.com/club-calendar/>

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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:

Club Set-Up & Yard Cleanup – 10/24

The Floor is Lava: Opening Party – 10/27

Learn to Curl and Mini Bon – 10/31, 11/14, & 11/21

Chuck Thomas Memorial Senior Men's One Day Bonspiel – 12/9

Sign Up [HERE](#).

Other Ways to Help the Club

The Volunteer Committee is seeking one volunteer to assist with e-mail communications to volunteers and bonspiel chairs, as needed. Expected time commitment: 1-2 hours a week. Please contact Kara Szpondowski (kszpondowski@gmail.com) or Maggie Peplinski (maggiekorn@gmail.com) if interested.

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The Rentals Committee is seeking one or two volunteers. Please contact Ben Duby at rentals@detroitcurling.com if interested

The House Committee is seeking volunteers:

(1) People who are available to help with miscellaneous tasks and odd jobs around the Club, as needed. For example, things like landscaping, replacing ceiling tiles, putting together furniture, and other types of tasks around the Club that come up throughout the year. If you are handy and/or helpful, this is for you!

(2) People who live near the Club who have availability (mainly on weekdays during the day and/or possibly on weekends) to assist with deliveries or other tasks as needed that require someone's presence at the Club during times when no one is there. It is not anticipated that this will be that frequent once the Club opens.

Please contact Ashley Mayra at house@detroitcurling.com if you are interested in either of the above opportunities.

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>

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Safe Sport

If you are a rental instructor, drawmaster, board member, club representative, adaptive clinic instructor, or junior instructor/committee member: remember to stay up to date on your Safe Sport certification. If you have questions or need assistance, contact [Dennis Pellerin at secretary@detroitcurling.com](mailto:Dennis.Pellerin@detroitcurling.com).

THE BOARD WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

We are launching a new **“Ask the Board”** section. Click [here](#) to submit a question for the next newsletter. Or if you have topic suggestions or curling club questions, please email them to Maryanne Wessels at news@detroitcurling.com.

Member Clinics

Skills Clinic 1 (All Levels) – Delivery/Balance/Line of Delivery

October 31, 2026 - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Description: Learn how to achieve greater balance while delivering stones.

[Click here to register.](#)

Skills Clinic 2 (All Levels) – Sweeping

November 14, 2026 - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Description: This clinic will be focused on examination of curler's sweeping ability.

[Click here to register.](#)

Email Michael Bahr at mbahr02@comcast.net with any clinic questions.

The 2026 Scot Tour is about to begin!

DCC Board Member Elizabeth Demers is about to embark on the 2026 Scot Tour, a once-in-a-lifetime curling adventure!

Follow along and keep up with her journey and the entire Tour via the USWCA Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/USWCA>

Wishing Elizabeth and all the tour participants safe travels, incredible experiences, and good curling!



Project AILSA Floor - Update

Project AILSA continues to move forward!

During the past month, the AILSA Committee has been working with B32 Engineering Group to develop the design for our new arena floor. Recent efforts have focused on refining key design elements and establishing the framework that will guide contractor bidding later this fall. The design plan is expected to be finalized within the next couple of weeks.

The project remains on schedule, with contractor bidding anticipated to begin in November and construction planned for the summer of 2027.

We appreciate our members' continued support as we move through this important planning phase. We'll share additional updates as we reach key milestones. If you have any questions, please contact the committee at dccprojectailsa@gmail.com.



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Floor Fundraising Options

Lifetime Membership:

The board has approved the sale of up to 10 lifetime memberships:

- Memberships will be sold at today's Class A rate of \$560/year
- Present Years of membership towards the 35 required years will be calculated from your first full year of Class A membership through the 2026-27 season (spouse member years will be counted as full Class A member years)
- The club's Membership Committee will be the official record of your present years of membership
- Priority will be given based on Club Seniority if there are more than 10 requests

Donations / Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD):

We have received some really generous pledges and donations to the club to date: we have two members who have pledged \$50,000 towards the project each and several additional donations pledged of various sizes. The board is amazed at the generosity shown by our members in the early days of this project. There will be more information coming on how the QCD's work so stay tuned.

Member Bonds:

Thank you to Stephen Ng and Adam Rivera for their assistance in getting the member bond program set up for this campaign. We anticipate the launch of this program once we return to the club. At that time, we will offer materials and information explaining the details of the program. Ultimately, leading to bonds being issued and funds collected in January 2027, coinciding with the club's need for cash to fund the project.

Again, thanks for your generosity with your pledges. There will be an opportunity for you to pledge if you have not done so yet. As always, we welcome any input you have on the project, fundraising, or club in general.

Contact Greg Jorgensen at president@detroitcuring.com if you are interested in any of these options or with any questions/feedback.

Opening Party

Welcome Back, Curlers - THE FLOOR IS LAVA!

Join us as we kick off the season with curling, snacks, drinks and plenty of camaraderie!

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 - 7-11 PM

Come hang out, enjoy some light appetizers/snacks and dessert, and reconnect with your fellow curlers.

Ice should be ready if you want to throw a few Stones. The board will be on hand to answer your questions. The bar will be open. DCC members and their guests only.

Get ready to break out your shoes, hit the ice, and kick off another great curling season!

Register here:

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/other/opening-party-10-27-2026>



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Men's League Play In

The Men's League is gearing up for an exciting start to the season! Two teams have merged, leaving one team in relegation and two spots open in the league. Team Rivera will defend its place, while newcomers Team Duby and Team Danckaert compete for a chance to join the ranks.

Everyone is invited to come out and watch the action!

- Tuesday, October 27, at 6 pm: Team Rivera faces Team Duby in the first game. The winner secures the first spot in the league.
- Sunday, November 1, at 9 am: The losing team from Game 1 takes on Team Danckaert. The winner claims the second spot.

Come cheer on the teams and enjoy some competitive curling as we kick off the Men's League season!

If you're planning to come out for the game on Tuesday, October 27, remember it's also the night of our Opening Party! The party kicks off at 7 pm, so stick around after the game and join the fun. Registration is \$20 per person and includes light snacks and dessert. The bar will be open, too!

[Click here to register](#) and help us kick off the season together!

Hope to see you there!

John, Mike & Jimmy

Scots Tour coming Jan 28-30, 2027

By Bret Jackson

Once every decade, we have the privilege of hosting the incoming Scots Tour. There is a very rich history as DCC has been hosting Scottish curling tours since 1905, well before there the modern official tour was established in the 1950s between our two countries.



This is a great opportunity to engage in Fellowship with an incredible group of curlers from across the pond, and represent your country on curling ice. When I was in Scotland, the people I played against took the competition part as seriously as they took the socializing and drinking that surrounded each of our visits. Right now the USA is +1 in the win column for the series against Scotland, and I am hoping Detroit can do its part to keep the Herries Maxwell Cup at home.

Sign-ups to play will be open soon. There will be a fee to cover the costs for the event, and to cover gifts for the participants.

We would also like to help the Scots keep costs down by offering home hosting. This is a really special opportunity to meet a wonderful person get to know them on a more personal level. The couples that home hosted me during my tour are now life-long friends. Contact Bret for more information on hosting bretjackson@hotmail.com

Here is the schedule of events:

- Thursday, Jan 28 - Scots arrive at DCC around 7pm, and we will do a pizza party/social with the Thursday league. Scots leave with home hosts that evening
- Friday, Jan 29 - Scots return to DCC for a 9am game. Afterwards all participants will enjoy a luncheon and fellowship. That afternoon, the Scots will explore Detroit and experience all our area has to offer. Plans for an evening event are still in the works.
- Saturday, Jan 30, the Scots will depart DCC at 10am to head to Mayfield for a game later that afternoon.

As many DCC member can attest when the Tour was last here in 2017, this is a wonderful time and I know those who have not participated in the past will cherish it. Thanks to all of you for your support!

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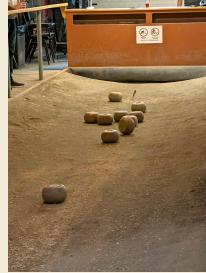
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Fall Kick-off Feather Bowling Event

On October 9th, Detroit Curling Club members traded the ice for the feather bowling lanes for a fun night of friendly competition, laughs, and camaraderie!

A big thank-you to Duncan Whitmore for organizing the event and bringing everyone together for a great night out. It's always fun to connect with fellow curlers off the ice and enjoy another great DCC tradition!



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From Pro Shop

The Pro Shop will be up and running after club setup. For any items needed, including during the off season, please contact me at proshop@detroitcurling.com.

Thank you! Good curling!
Diana Jankowski
DCC Pro Shop Manager

Member Rentals Available

We're excited to announce that members can now enjoy early access to rental bookings for the 2026–2027 season. Rentals for the public will open on October 30th.

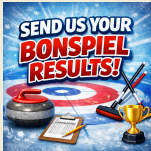
Pricing for this season is below — a discount of around 30% to the prices paid for public bookings:

\$280 for Weekdays (Non-Prime/Holidays)
\$320 for Weekends & Prime/Holidays

To view additional details or book your rental, log in to the Member Area of the website and select 'Member Rentals' from the right-side menu.
Questions? Please email rentals@detroitcurling.com.

Good Curling!
Your 2026-2027 Rentals Volunteer Team
Laura Gilchrist, Rachel Lewis, Katie Szatkowski, and Ben Duby

The Sweeping Results



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.

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This Month's Spotlight:
Ben Duby, Board Member

Member Since: 2006

Current Board Position: Rentals

Nickname: Ben Won

Roles held while on the Board: Rentals Committee Chair

Favorite part of curling: Fellowship on and off the ice.
The game is fun, the friendships are better.

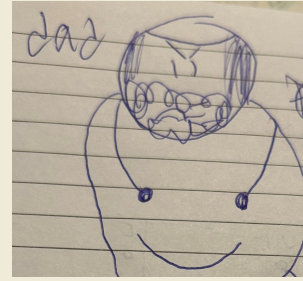
Most challenging part of your job: Just started on the board
so the hardest part is figuring out what I'm supposed to be doing.

Hobbies: Coaching my kids sports, watching my kids sports from
the sidelines, video games, DnD, archery, home brewing,
and beekeeping.

Bonspiel Highlights: Been a long time since I seriously spieled,
but was the Sinners Exchange Bombay Bicycle Club Award Winner in March 2026.

Favorite place to eat near the club: Urban Rest. Gotta be gluten free so finding a good place
to eat is really tough no matter where I am.

Most annoying trait: I am always tired.



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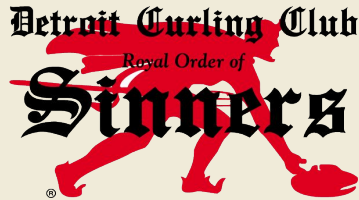
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Sinners

The DCC Royal Order of Sinners is excited to start a new Season of Sinning this year. 2026 marks the 75th anniversary of the DCC Sinners organization and we're planning on commemorating the anniversary with some special items around the club! Just wait and see!

The first Sinners event of the 2026-2027 season will be the Kitchener Exchange, which will be held on November 6, 7, and 8, 2026. The festivities will kick off on Friday November 6 at hospitality as we welcome our Canadian brethren back to the US for a weekend of fun. Curling on Saturday November 7 will be followed by an evening banquet at the American Polish Cultural Center. We will hold the first Sinners Breakfast on Sunday November 8 before the Canadians depart for home.

If you have any questions regarding the Kitchener Exchange, email SINNERS@DETROITCURLINGCLUB.COM for more details. A sign-up sheet for the first Sinners Breakfast will be posted at The Club at the beginning of the season. The breakfast is open to all male DCC members regardless of whether you participate in the Exchange.



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



The Ladies International Playdowns

The 2027 Ladies International playdowns will be held at 8:00 pm on Nov. 21, 2026. Eight Detroit teams can sign up for the playdowns, first come first served. If you win, you're in! We'll have one draw and do a draw to the button to determine a waitlist for the bonspiel. The 2027 Ladies International Bonspiel will be held Feb. 6-7, 2027. The theme is "Curls Gone Wild" with a nature theme.

To sign up, please designate one member of your team as the point of contact and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A8AF2EAAF5C25-65455898-ladies>

Rockettes Thanksgiving Game Squares – Gobble Up a Square and Score Big! More information will be available during leagues.

USWCA National Bonspiel Playdown

November 22, 2026 - 9am - depending on interest, there could be more than one draw on Saturday. Register here:

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/other/2027-uswca-bonspiel-playdown>

Junior News

Parent Orientation

We ask that all parents attend an orientation on the first Sunday practice.

- Little Rocks Parent Orientation - November 1 at 1:30 PM
- U18 Sunday Skills and Social Parent/Child Orientation - November 1 at 2:00 PM

Team Snap

Parents of Junior Curlers, please check TeamSnap for curling dates and updates as we get closer to the start of the season. This is the app through which we primarily communicate with families. Please take a moment to log in and let us know if we can expect you and your curler on November 1. If you are new, please check your email for an invite. Email Becky Gilbert (rhartgilbert@gmail.com) if you have not received your invite yet.

Juniors Curling Structure for the 2026-2027 Season

Sundays

Our Sunday program will continue to be the primary practice for all junior athletes and will provide instruction and development across all skill and interest levels. Here is a breakdown of the Sunday Juniors instruction schedule:

- 12:00-1:30 U18 Sunday Skills
 - This time is heavily focused on improving skills through drills. We welcome all Juniors who can throw full weight rocks into the house, who are engaged, willing to listen and learn, consistently put in the effort, and want to challenge themselves to become better curlers.

- 1:30-2:30 Little Rocks (Ages 6-10)
 - This group will be for curlers who cannot yet throw full weight rocks down the full sheet. Practice time will include a variety of age appropriate, skill-based drills. We will also give the kids opportunities to put all their skills together in half sheet scrimmages.
- 2:30-4:00 Sunday Social
 - Curlers move to Sunday Social when they can through full weight rocks down the full sheet. This group is perfect for curlers who enjoy the game of curling and just want to have fun. This group is also designed for our younger curlers with a goal of competitive curling, but who may have a shorter attention span and need flexibility to move around and between activities. Each week there will be a skill to practice followed by a scrimmage.

Wednesdays - Now U18 Competitive Juniors

This league will be an add on for an additional charge of \$100 and is based on DCC Junior Committee Approval.

Since this group is based on DCC Juniors Committee Approval, please do not pay the extra \$100 until after our first Sunday practice and parent orientation on November 1. This will give us an opportunity to explain the expectations for Wednesdays and make sure the program is a good fit for each athlete. We may also reach out to some returning athletes ahead of time who we know are interested in competitive curling.

Please email Becky Gilbert at rhartgilbert@gmail.com with any questions.

We are looking forward to another great season!

GLCA

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

GLCA Representatives –
Elizabeth Demers and Dessie Rai Gaul



26-27 GLCA championship sites and dates:

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

Log into <https://usacurling.sport80.com/> to register.

Bowling Green U18: December 3-5, 2026. [Registration is open.](#)

Mayfield 5U: December 11-13, 2026. [Registration is open.](#)

Lewiston Club Women's: December 17-20, 2026 (Thursday through Sunday). [Registration is open.](#)

Circle City Club Men's: January 20-24 2027 (Wednesday through Sunday). [Registration is open.](#)

Columbus Mixed: February 4-7, 2027. [Registration is open.](#)

Cleveland Skating Arenas: May 15-16, 2027.

Note for Women's/Men's Clubs: the cutoff date is for the women's event. After the women's field is locked, the registration for the men's event will reopen.

27-28 GLCA championship sites:

U18: Mayfield
Club Mens: Cincinnati
5U: Traverse City

Club Womens: Midland
Mixed (Fours): Bowling Green
Arena: Detroit

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.

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can be found here:

<https://www.uswca.org/Data/Sites/2/media/about/brochure-repsheet/wrep-winter2026.pdf>

USWCA National Bonspiel playdown

November 22, 2026 - 9am

Registration is open:

<https://members.detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/other/2027-uswca-bonspiel-playdown>

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

GLCA Representatives –
Jimmy Kirby and Taha Jamil

I had the pleasure of representing DCC at the Curling Ontario Annual General Meeting and Conference in Brantford. In addition to meeting club leaders from across the province, I had the opportunity to meet Rachel Homan and Tracy Fleury. (Tracy calls it “De-TROY-it)

I attended workshops on branding and marketing. I also participated in breakout sessions on ways to generate revenue for the club and improve volunteerism. I left the conference feeling energized.

Curling Ontario will have a series of webinars throughout the year for anyone who is interested in helping our club. These are “interactive online educational programs designed to support curling clubs, board leaders, volunteers, and curlers at every level. Built directly around feedback and data gathered from member clubs across the province, this season’s schedule delivers actionable tools, expert insights, and real-world solutions to strengthen the local curling community.” These are all free to attend but do require pre-registration. Learn more at <https://curlingontario.ca/webinar-calendar-2026-2027>

Mark your calendars, the Best Western Challenge qualifiers will be Feb 4-7. Locations are TBD.

Feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or feedback at tjamil@gmail.com

Respectfully - Taha Jamil, Curling Ontario Representative

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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. 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.

USA Curling Level 2 Instructor Course

Circle City Curling Club will be hosting a USA Curling Level 2 Instructor Course on Sunday, October 25, 2026.

USA Curling Level 2 Instructor Course

Sunday, October 25, 2026 - 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM EST

Circle City Curling Club, Anderson, Indiana

The course is open to anyone who has completed the USA Curling Level 1 Instructor training.

Registration Fees:

\$95 – USA Curling Basic Members

\$85 – USA Curling Competitor, Coach, Silver, and Gold Members

\$50 – Currently certified Level 2 Instructors who would like to refresh their knowledge by taking the updated course

How to Register:

Registration is available by clicking here or through your MyUSACurling account:

Log in to your MyUSACurling account.

Select Courses from the menu on the left.

Locate the Level 2 Instructor Course at Circle City Curling Club.

Select Register.

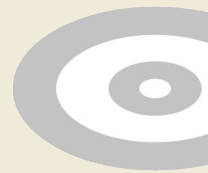
Participants will also need to complete the required First Aid certification, SafeSport training, and event waiver prior to the course. Full prerequisite information is available during the registration and certification process.

We would love to welcome instructors from clubs throughout the region.

Questions regarding registration or certification requirements may be directed to USA Curling Member Services at memberservices@usacurling.org.



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Detroit Curler is named Detroit Citizen of The Month

In May of 1954, a keen curler, named William Barclay was named **“Historical Citizen of the Month”** by **The Detroit Historical Museum**. I stumbled on the article recently and the name William Barclay was already familiar to me. I had planned on writing an article about him as a curler, but I have collected so much information it is amazing. His life and legacy is incredibly complex and busy. You will not believe all that he accomplished in his life. I will try to be brief.



WILLIAM BARCLAY
Reached Top of the Ladder

William Barclay was a pioneer in the early development of Detroit, leaving an indelible mark as an industrialist, public servant, and the true **father of Michigan curling**.

Born in Ayrshire, Scotland, on May 24, 1808, Barclay emigrated to Detroit when it was a frontier town. When he arrived in 1830, the city was a modest settlement of just 2,000 residents. Over the next five decades, Barclay grew alongside the city, shaping its infrastructure, politics, and social fabric as its population surged past 45,000.

Barclay quickly integrated into Detroit's civic life. By 1839, with the city's population climbing to over 9,000, he emerged as an active voice on the Democratic Committee and was elected as a city assessor.

His leadership skills led to his appointment as the Superintendent of the **Hydraulic Works** (Water Works) in 1840.

During his tenure, Barclay’s prominence made him a natural host for visiting dignitaries. On September 24, 1840, he entertained Colonel Richard M. Johnson, the Vice President of the United States. Two years later, In July 1842, he met and entertained former U.S. President Martin Van Buren.

Barclay’s civic duty extended to public safety and fraternal organizations. He was elected Fire Chief in April 1847, became the President of the Democratic Party of Detroit in 1848, and joined the Masonic Lodge in 1856. Even decades later, his status remained high; in 1860, when Detroit’s population hit 45,000, Barclay attended a historic City Hall reception for the **Prince of Wales** (the future **King Edward VII**, the eldest son of Queen Victoria and the first British royal to visit the U.S.).

In 1843, Barclay shifted his focus to heavy manufacturing to form the **Michigan Iron Works** (later the **Michigan Foundry and Machine Shop**) at Lafayette and Shelby streets. The business faced severe setbacks, including a minor fire in 1844 and a catastrophic blaze in August 1848 that left very little saved. Undeterred, Barclay rebuilt, reopening a new brick foundry in April 1849 on the upper part of Atwater Street. At the time, he lived at the northwest corner of John R. and Farrar streets, when the city still had fewer than 15,000 residents.

Barclay’s foundry was renowned for its craftsmanship. In 1851, his company was entrusted with a prestigious national task: shaping the **“Michigan Stone”** This block of pure copper, weighing over a ton, was meticulously cut into a 21.5-inch by 36-inch block to be sent to Washington, D.C., for inclusion in the **Washington Monument**.

Barclay never forgot his Scottish roots. In July 1842, he was a founding member of the **Scotch Presbyterian Church of Detroit**. On November 30, 1849, he organized a historic meeting of 35 men to establish the **St. Andrew’s Society of Detroit**, an organization that still celebrates Scottish culture today.

Most notably, Barclay used his foundry to birth the sport of curling in the Midwest. In 1843, his foundry began casting potash kettles—skills that historians believe allowed them to forge unique, 40-pound iron curling stones to imitate traditional granite which was unavailable.

In 1844, Barclay helped form the **Detroit Curling Club (DCC)**. The following year, in 1845, he skipped one of two Detroit teams (the other skipped by grocer Robert Linn) in the first-ever “bonspiel” (curling tournament) in Michigan.

The **DCC** traveled to Oakland County to play on the frozen waters of Pine Lake against the “Lakes Curlers”. In a grueling five-hour match pitting Detroit’s iron stones against the locals’ wooden stones, the **DCC** emerged victorious.

Barclay remained the bedrock of local curling for the rest of his life. In December 1863, the **DCC** held official meetings at his business offices at Jefferson and Griswold. He served as the Patron of the **Detroit Thistle Curling Club** in 1868, and incredibly, was still skipping teams for the **St. Andrew’s Curling Club** of Detroit as late as 1880.

William Barclay passed away in January 1885 and was laid to rest at Detroit’s historic **Elmwood Cemetery** (Section L, Plot 42).

His impact on the sport of curling echoed into the next generation. In 1890, his daughter Jessie married Robert Williamson. Williamson would carry on his father-in-law’s sporting legacy, serving as a founding member and eventual President of the (new & current) **Detroit Curling Club** from 1899 to 1900, ensuring that the Barclay name remained forever intertwined with the history of the city and the sport of curling.

All for now from **We Three**. My echo, my shadow and me.
Angus MacTavish

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The Bonspiel Board

The Bonspiel Board: you asked for them so here they are! Here are postings for bonspiels around the GLCA and beyond. Grab your team or form a new one with people whom you haven't curled with before and go travel to a bonspiel! Don't forget to consult the USA Curling Bonspiel calendar at: <https://www.usacurling.org/bonspiel-calendar> Keep Scrolling for more Fabulous Bonspiels!



MAYFIELD CURLING
BONSPIEL 26
SCHEDULE 27

Nov 13-15	Men's Invitational
Dec 11-13	5 and Under National Qualifier "Snowbelt US 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
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USA CURLING logo and Mayfield Curling Club logo are also present.



PARIS 1843 CURLING CLUB

2026 / 2027 BONSPIEL SCHEDULE

November 13-14	P'Ayr'is Cup (Paris & Ayr clubs only)
November 27	Interfaith Bonspiel
November 28	7 th Annual CutThroat Curling Funspiel
December 4-5	Stu Sells Nissan Classic (In conjunction w/ Brant CC)
January 23	Ev Perley Memorial Senior Mixed Bonspiel
February 14	*NEW* Youth Bonspiel (Details TBA)
February 19	Bob Dale Memorial PRCA Bonspiel
February 20	Mystery Bonspiel
March 5-7	Marchfest Men's Invitational
March 20	*NEW* Bonspiel (Details TBA)
March 22-23	Ladies 2-Day Bonspiel
April 3-10	Last Chance Before It's Over!

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for more information!

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2026-2027 BONSPIEL CALENDAR

CASH SPIEL W.M.C	OCT 8-11
ALL AMERICAN W	NOV 21
JACK MCCANN M.40	DEC 11-13
THE BIG SPIEL O	JAN 8-10
BONNIES' WOMEN'S SPIEL W	JAN 15-17
WINTER CARNIVAL X	JAN 29-31
KYLE SATROM J	FEB 6-7
RANGER SPIEL O	FEB 13-14
MEN'S INTERNATIONAL M	FEB 26-28
RUGG SPIEL O.I	MAR 20-21
MIXED WIND-UP J	APR 2-3
HOBBER DOBBER O.I	APR 23-25
SUMMER SPIEL O	MAY 21-23

W - WOMEN'S
M - MEN'S

X - MIXED
40 - OVER 40

J - JUNIOR'S
O - OPEN

I - INVITATIONAL
C - CASH

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BROOMS + BAGS TAILGATER OPEN | OCT 16-17 | 2026



CASH KM CASH SPIEL OPEN | NOV 6-8 | 2026



SLICK STICK SPIEL 2-ON-2 STICK OPEN | JAN 2 | 2027



FROSTY FLING WOMEN'S | JAN 8-10 | 2027



MIDWEST CUP 5 & UNDER 5U OPEN | FEB 12-14 | 2027



MIXEDELDEON MIXED | FEB 26-28 | 2027



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OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 1

<https://bgcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/bonspiel-registration/351-2026-devil-s-brew-bonspiel>

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MADISON CURLING CLUB IS HOSTING

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★ USWCA CIRCUIT BONSPIEL ★

NOVEMBER 13-15, 2026

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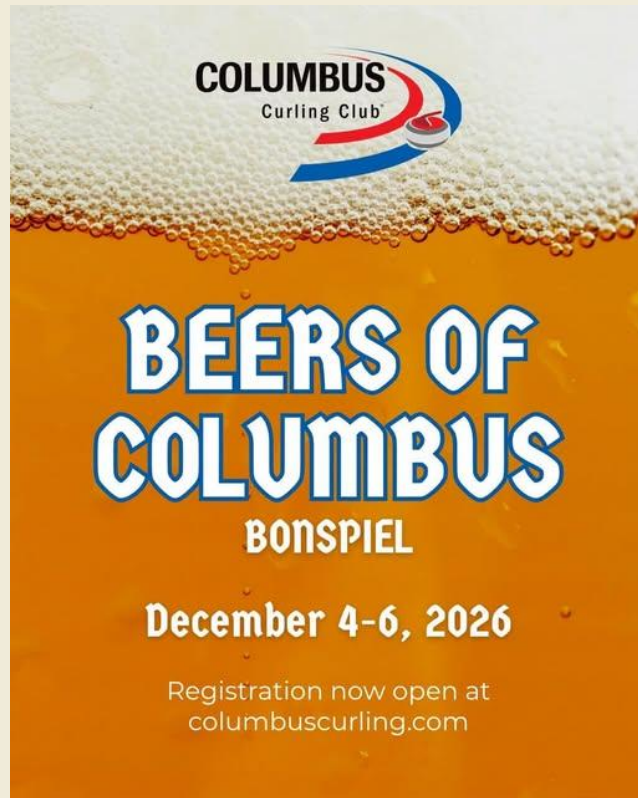
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MAYFIELD CURLING CLUB PRESENTS

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**SNOW BELT
SHOWDOWN**

— **BONSPIEL** —
NATIONAL QUALIFIER

**DECEMBER
11-13**

\$400

 **32 TEAMS**

 **3 GAME GUARANTEE**

 **REGISTRATION OPENS:**

AUGUST 29 FOR GLCA TEAMS
SEP 5 FOR NON-GLCA TEAMS

WWW.ZEFFY.COM/EN-US/TICKETING/NATIONAL-QUALIFIER-SNOW-BELT-U5-SHOWDOWN

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<https://stlouiscurlingclub.org/index.php/our-club/club-calendar/bonspiel/454-winter-classic-2027>

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The Oakville Curling Club Presents:

50 Years of Annie

A One-Day Women's Bonspiel

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness



Wednesday, January 20, 2027



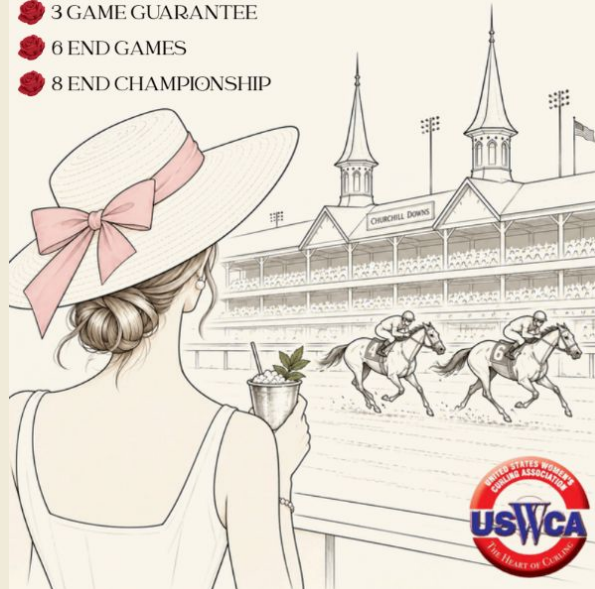
MAYFIELD'S WOMEN'S SPIEL

January 16th - 17th 2027

MLK JR DAY WEEKEND

CURL FOR THE ROSES

- 3 GAME GUARANTEE
- 6 END GAMES
- 8 END CHAMPIONSHIP



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/mayfield-womens-bonspiel-curl-for-the-roses>

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TRAVERSE CITY CURLING CLUB



JUNIOR SPOOKY SPIEL
Novice/Experienced/Doubles
OCT 30 – NOV 1
Registration opens
AUG 1 • 10AM



OVER/UNDER FROZEN TIKI
2 OVER 5 Y EXPERIENCE / 2 UNDER
FEB 26 – 28 NEW DATES!
Registration opens
OCT 1 • 10AM



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OPEN
APRIL 15 – 18
Registration opens
DEC 12 • 10AM

VISIT tccurling.org FOR DETAILS

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57TH ANNUAL EVERGREEN MIXED BONSPIEL

EVERGREEN COMIC-CONSPIEL

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Curling friends & Cherry Bombspielers — by now you've heard the exciting news that Kalamazoo will be a Rock League host site this April! That's HUGE for our region, and we want everyone to be able to support the event without having to choose between pro curling and an epic Cherry Bombspiel weekend.

NEW DATES: APRIL 22-25, 2027

⌚ Registration is still Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10 AM — be fast on that keyboard! New dates. Same party. 🍒🍒🍒