# National Women's Bonspiel 2022

## **USWCA Celebrates Its 75th Jubilee**



#### **USWCA 73rd National Bonspiel**

- Host: Utica Curling Club, Whitesboro, NY
- When: February 23 27, 2022
- Hotel: Homewood Suites and Hampton Inn
- Kit Party: Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 6:30 8:30 pm.

The competitors of the 2022 USWCA National Bonspiel comprised of 32 teams from around the country convened on Wednesday, February 23rd for the kit party at the Utica Curling Club (UCC) in Whitesboro, New York. Representatives from the local, state, and federal levels of New York and Wisconsin presented proclamation honoring USWCA's 75th Anniversary. The teams paraded along the ice edge to join in on the National Anthem and the throwing of the first stone, delivered by President Naida Leslie and swept by past presidents. "Miraculously" the stone landed right on the button.

The curling commenced Thursday morning with Ann Fitzpatrick as head official. Ann set a wonderful tone to the whole competition. She expected players to have fun and play fair.

The banquet was held at Utica CC and its highlights included a champaign toast to our 75th Anniversary, a cake that featured a sheet of ice and curling stones and the performance of the play "How it Might Have Come to Be" presented by the UCC National Bonspiel Players. The play imagined the beginning of the USWCA 75 years ago. The performers took some liberties with the earliest records to create a bit of historical fiction.

Another highlight was the presentation by current USWCA President Naida Leslie (pictured in the black jacket) of an honorary award to Bridget Matzke (pictured in the red jacket) for her many years of service as the Promotions Chair.



Friday and Saturday were full days of curling. Participants were able to get out and explore the area. Many visited the Utica Zoo and enjoyed area restaurants.

The host hotels were the Homewood Suites and Hampton Inn.



## **Opening Ceremonies**

USWCA President, Naida Leslie, delivers the first stone to open the bonspiel. Past Presidents (left to right) Beth Lepping, Maureen Guay (hidden), Karen Brattesani, Shelley Dropkin (hidden), Jennifer Stannard, Carol Stevenson, Star Pfiffner, and Bridget Matzke stand prepared to sweep if necessary.



Past and current Presidents in attendance were (left to right) Peggy Rotton, Beth Lepping, Maureen Guay, Shelley Dropkin, Karen Brattesani, Naida Leslie, Carol Stevenson, Jennifer Stannard, Bridget Matzke, and Star Pfiffner.

### Congratulations to the National Women's Bonspiel Champions from the Utica Curling Club of Whitesboro, New York, the Stuhlman Rink.

First Event Winner - Utica Curling Club, Whitesboro, New York



Pictured left to right, lead Erlene Puleo, second Melissa Foote, vice Elizabeth Kaido, and skip Anne Stuhlman.

First Event Runners Up - Blackhawk Curling Club, Janesville, Wisconsin



Pictured left to right, lead Deb Richards, second Jodeen Exner, vice Suzanne Lindsay, and skip Kim Ruskin.

Photos below are captioned left to right, lead to skip, except where otherwise noted. Second Event Winner - St. Paul Bonnie Spielers, St. Paul, Minnesota



Sandy Bromenschenkel (Itasca), Jodie Sigel, Nancy Powers, Sally Augustin

# Second Event Runners Up - Detroit Curling Club, Ferndale, Michigan



(Order unknown) Jenny Levy, Stephanie Whitmore, Diana Jankowski, Melissa Turbow

### Third Event Winner - Chicago Curling Club, Northbrook, Illinois



Kristen Higashakawa lead, Stephanie Martin second, Julie Denten skip, Leslie McGregor vice

# Third Event Runners Up - Four Seasons Curling Club, Blaine, Minnesota



Heather Getty, Lisa Bachmeier, Kari Gullicksen, Jenna Chapiewsky



# Fourth Event Winner - Madison Curling Club, McFarland, Wisconsin

Sandii Zylkowski, Clarion Gilbertson, Star Pfiffner, Kathy Pielage

# Fourth Event Runners Up - Bowling Green Curling Club, Bowling Green, Ohio



Alana Malik, Ruth Brown, Diane Muldowney (Nutmeg), Mary Glowacki

# Teams

The participating teams are listed below, skip to lead, left to right.

EAST

Albany: Aimee Wagner, Julie Reynolds, Lindsay Bianco, Christine McLear Broomstones: Joyce Shaffer (Utica), Francesca Simon, Sharon Quill, Jacqui Napoli

Cape Cod 1: Sue Haigney, Pat Jones, Barbara Sheerin, JoAnn O'Connor Cape Cod 2: Krista Longnecker, Matina Heisler, Marinna Martini, Elizabeth Abeltin

Green Mountain: Tish Orr, Meg O'Donnell, Karen Barnes (Utica), Char Mehrtens Nutmeg: Jennifer Stannard, Naida Leslie, Erin Doucette, Karen Shane Rochester: Carol Wood, Rebecca Hahn, Carol Dellavilla, Wendy Strassner Schenectady: Fay Navratil, Paula Lancaster, Denise Cashmere, Leslie Cooke (Mayfield)

South Shore: Kendall Walker, Amanda Darling, Francesca Sanders, Caitlyn Zuber

Utica 1: Anne Stuhlman, Elizabeth Kaido, Melissa Foote, Erlene Puleo Utica 2: Cindy Brown, Carol Jones, Barb Felice, Kathy Palazzoli

#### CENTRAL

Bowling Green: Mary Glowacki, Diane Muldowney (Nutmeg), Ruth Brown, Alana Malik

Charlotte: Jan Mogavero, Stacie Pinnavaia, Aly Athens, Anne Pifer Chicago: Julie Denten, Leslie McGregor, Kirsten Higashikawa, Stephanie Martin Circle City: Tammy Hoffman, Sandy Chouinard, Katie Schoenberg, Susan Fleck Detroit 1: Melissa Turbow, Diana Jankowski, Stephanie Whitmore, Jenny Levy Detroit 2: Julie Benson, Ashley Mayra, Marta Bauer, Kristine Rathke Detroit 3: Abby Bond, Laura Call, Pam Buchkowski, Troy Eller English Exmoor: Marcy Calaway, Elaine Burns, Lori Russell (Tisnai), Barb Hesterberg (Taube)

Mayfield: Irina Khusid, Amy Friedl, Jenny Amador, Kymberleigh Romano

#### WEST

Arden Hills Cairn Lassies: Paula Armstrong, Lisa Rudolph, Maureen Guay, Linda Turner

Coyotes: Kelly Stephens, Marnie Devlin, Carol Ann Naso, Denise Juillard Denver: Cynthia Smith, Dena Rosenberry, Lucy Bradshaw, Miriam Moller Johnston

Four Seasons: Jenna Chapiewsky, Kari Gullickson, Lisa Bachmeier, Heather Getty

St. Paul Bonnie Spielers: Sally Augustin, Jodi Sigel, Sandy Bromenschenkel (Itasca), Nancy Powers

Sillicon Valley: Diane Palme, Julie Wolf, Antoinette Serna, Amanda Lundie Composite West: Katie Feldman, Megan Groh, Ilene Barbree, Lee Ann Shearing

#### WISCONSIN

Blackhawk: Kim Rudkin, Suzanne Lindsay, Jodeen Exner, Deb Richards Centerville: Laura Roessler, Sara Hein, Elyse Sorensen, Megan Delaney Madison: Kathy Pielage, Star Pfiffner, Clarion Gilbertson, Sandii Zylkowski Racine: Pam Wortley, Brenda Tait, Virginia Anderson, Paula Kalke Composite Wisconsin: Kristin Smith, Lisa Johnson, Terri Gleason, Kim Susens

#### Draw Schedule

Click on the links below to see the results for each of the 4 events.

- A Event, First Event
- B Event, Second Event
- C Event, Third Event
- D Event, Fourth Event

### Welcome to Utica

#### **COVID Policy**

Please be aware of and read the Utica Curling Club's very detailed COVID-19 Policy.

#### **Bonspiel Information**

For information about the event, please read the event flyer. More comprehensive information regarding the bonspiel (hotels, transportation, etc.) can be found in this PowerPoint (now a PDF document) Presentation.

#### **Participation Information**

To be considered to participate, a completed hard copy application, along with the entry fee, needs to be received by your club's USWCA Representative by the deadline she establishes. **Please note that this is a fillable form.** Complete it online and then print it to give to your Rep. Please contact your USWCA Representative for more information.

#### **Selection Allocation**

The allocation percentages used to determine the number of teams selected per region will be listed here once it becomes available.



#### Webcasts

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