



62nd Annual USWCA National Bonspiel • The Magic of Curling February 10-14, 2010



Schenectady Curling Club
1084 Balltown Road
Schenectady, New York 12309
Telephone: (518) 372-4063

Congratulations! You and your rink have qualified for the 62nd Annual USWCA National “Magic of Curling” Bonspiel.

We know that you will love the accommodations at the newly constructed Troy Hilton Garden Inn which has been designated as bonspiel headquarters. Reservations may be made by phoning **1-877-782-9444** and identifying yourself with US Women's Curling Association by using code **“USWC”**. The hotel is less than ten miles from the airport, located just off route NY-7 East. If you are renting a car, it will take approximately 15 minutes to get to the hotel. From the airport take Albany Shaker Road South and merge onto I-87 N via ramp on left then merge onto NY-7 E via exit 7 towards Troy/Cohoes. The hotel will be at 235 Hoosick Street and will be on the left. The hotel offers free shuttle service from the airport so if you need transportation to the hotel, please fill in the enclosed form with the necessary flight information and return to me no later than Friday, January 29, 2010. Taxis are also available right outside baggage pick-up and will cost approximately \$25.00. There will be a hospitality suite located on the 7th floor for our group exclusively. The Schenectady Women Curlers will staff a hospitality desk at the Hilton on Wednesday to welcome and assist you in any way possible.

The event kicks off **Wednesday evening, February 10, 2010**, with the Opening Ceremonies and Kit Party at the curling club from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. The skips' meeting will be held at 7:30 pm. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. Information packets will be given out at the kit party.

The banquet will be held on **Thursday, February 11, 2010** at the Hilton Garden Inn. There will be a choice of three dinner entrées, cash bar and entertainment that will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner and meeting at 7:30 pm. **Please indicate your dinner entrée choice for the team on the enclosed form and return it to me no later than Friday, January 29, 2010.**

Friday night's Italian dinner will be held at the curling club beginning at 6:00 pm.

All games will be 10 ends and will be timed. The draws for the semi-final games are Sunday morning. Finals will be played at 1:30 pm with the awards ceremony immediately following. **We will send an e-mail, letter or call with your confirmation and starting time.**

The curling club will be open every morning at 7 am. A continental breakfast will be available beginning at 7:15 am until 10:00 am. The hotel can provide a full breakfast for bonspiel participants at a cost of \$10.99. Dutch treat lunch is available for purchase and will be in the range of \$5-\$7. The club has a bar with modest drink prices.

We will be selling raffle tickets each day for a lovely one of a kind print painted by one of our members and themed New York State baskets that have been provided by our curling club members.

The entire curling club is extremely honored to be hosting the USWCA Bonspiel. We want you to thoroughly enjoy your time here. When you are not engaged in the competition, making friends or rekindling old friendships, please check out what the Capital District Area has to offer. Information will be available at the hotel on Wednesday when you check-in to the hotel or at the curling club during the week. There are three top-rated malls with dining and movie theatres just minutes from the hotel and curling club.

Our insurance provider requires that the club have a signed participant release form for any individual participating in the bonspiel. I have attached a copy of the form. Please have each member of the team sign the form and return it to me with the banquet entree choice and transportation form by later than Friday, January 29, 2010.

I have attached a copy of the USWCA Athlete Agreement - Release of Image form that each member of your team needs to sign also.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. The Schenectady Curling Club and all of our members are looking forward to seeing you in February.

Safe travels and good curling!

Sincerely,

Charlene Fitzgerald

Bonspiel Chairperson

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Banquet Entree Choice (please indicate selection for the team)

Chicken w/ Mushroom _____ Beef _____ Scrod _____

Hotel Transportation

Would your rink like transportation from the airport? yes no

Airline _____ Flight No. _____

Arrival Date _____ Time _____

The Troy Hilton Garden Inn has a shuttle that goes to the airport weekdays from 7 am to 11 pm. They can be called for pick up and/or we can advise them of your arrival time.

If anyone is interested, rental cars are available at the airport area – Budget, Avis, Hertz, Enterprise, National/Alamo and Thrifty

Club Name: _____

Skip's name: _____

Address: _____

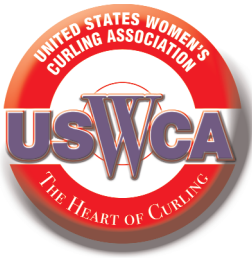
City State Zip _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Please send this form by January 29, 2010 to:

**Charlene Fitzgerald
3641 East Lydius Street
Schenectady, NY 12303**



United States Women's Curling Association

USWCA Athlete Agreement – Release of Image

1. I consent to USWCA and its agent or appointees:
 - (a) photographing;
 - (b) video taping;
 - (c) filming; and/or
 - (d) recording my voice; and further
 - (e) exhibiting, publishing, and broadcasting my name or any photographs, video tapes, films, or any other likenesses of me or any sound recordings of my voice in any promotion, reports, or advertising about or in connection with the USWCA or the event.

2. I hereby waive the right to any payments or royalties in connection with the actions described in subparagraphs 1 (a), (b), (c) and (d) above and in connection with any exhibition, publication or broadcast described in subparagraph 1 (e) above, regardless of whether such exhibition, publication or broadcast is on a commercial basis and regardless of whether a fee or rental is charged or paid to anyone in connection with such exhibition, publication or broadcast.

3. For the purpose of promoting the sport of curling during any telecast relating to the event, I consent to:
 - (a) being interviewed at the event, and
 - (b) wearing, upon the request of the USWCA, a portable microphone during competition.

Athlete Printed Name

_____ Date _____

Athlete Signature

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian if Athlete is under 18



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PARTICIPANT RELEASE

The undersigned hereby makes the following representations: (i) that the undersigned understands that the sport of curling is played on ice and requires physical fitness; (ii) that the undersigned possesses such physical fitness; and (iii) that the undersigned understands that the risks of participating in any curling activity could involve serious injury or death.

In consideration of being allowed access to the Ice House (as defined below) as a participant in any curling activity in the Ice House, I, the undersigned, for myself and my estate, successors, heirs, beneficiaries, administrators, trustees, representatives, and attorneys do hereby remise, release, acquit, and forever discharge (i) Schenectady Curling Club a New York, Not for Profit Corporation (the "Club"); (ii) the United States Curling Association, Inc. ("USCA"); (iii) the Grand National Curling Association ("GNCC"); (iv) the respective successors and assigns or each of the Club, USCA, and GNCC and (v) the respective employees, officers, and directors, but only while acting in their capacity as such, of each of the Club, USCA, and GNCC (collectively, the "Releasees") from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, and liabilities, both in law and equity for damages and any court costs and legal expenses and fees associated therewith in respect of physical, mental, and bodily injury occurring to me while participating in any curling activity in the Ice House prior to the Expiration Date (as defined below); provided, however, that in the event such injury was caused, in whole or in part, by the willful, intentional, reckless, or grossly negligent action or failure to take action of any Releasee, such Releasee shall not be so remised, released, acquitted, or discharged hereby; and provided, further, that nothing herein shall be deemed to limit or exclude any action, cause of action, claim, demand, liability, payment, reimbursement, other benefit, or any court costs or legal expenses and fees that I or my estate, successors, heirs, beneficiaries, administrators, trustees, representatives, or attorneys might have or seek against (a) the Club's "Participant Medical Accident" insurance coverage, (b) any other participant participating in any curling activity in the Ice House, or (c) against any other person or entity other than a Releasee.

The Ice House shall mean the single room containing four sheets of ice in which the sport of curling is played in the building located at 1084 Balltown Road), Schenectady, New York owned and operated by Club. The Expiration Date shall mean the date which is one (1) calendar year after the date this Release is executed below.

I certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and have the legal capacity to execute this Participant Release on my own behalf.

I hereby revoke any and all releases of liability, waivers, and indemnifications previously executed by me in favor of any of the Releasees.

BEFORE SIGNING BELOW, I WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ THIS PARTICIPANT RELEASE AND TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY AS TO ITS SIGNIFICANCE. BY SIGNING BELOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM WAIVING SIGNIFICANT RIGHTS. I UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THIS PARTICIPANT RELEASE AND THE RIGHTS I AM WAIVING. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, I HAVE CHOSEN, OF MY OWN FREE WILL, TO EXECUTE THIS PARTICIPANT RELEASE.

Date: _____ 20 _____

(Signed) _____

Print name: _____

FOR PARENTS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (Under Age 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my child and our heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above. EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

 PARENT/GUARDIAN'S Name

 Date signed

 Parent/Guardian signature