

USWCA Winter Meeting 2011  
Junior Bonspiel Committee Report  
February 9, 2011

The USWCA Junior Bonspiel Committee met on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> in the Executive Suite. In attendance were: Cathy Westphal, Carol Arakelian and myself, along with visitors Nancy Seitz and Maureen Guay.

We discussed the bonspiel schedule and locations for the 2010-2011 curling season, which are each commencing after the New Year. Portage (Wisconsin Region) held their 16 team, 2 division bonspiel on January 11-13<sup>th</sup>. St. Paul Curling Club, for the West Region, will be hosting the junior bonspiel in conjunction with the well-known and attended Kyle Satrom Memorial Junior Bonspiel on February 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. And, Nutmeg for the East Region will be hosting their “Neon” USWCA-sponsored Junior Bonspiel during the weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.

For the 2011-2012 curling season, we identified the following potential new locations for the bonspiel: East Region – Rochester and Cape Cod have been asked; Central Region - Exmoor has been asked to check with their junior coordinator, with Mayfield as a back-up location; and, for the West Region – Duluth has been asked and will confirm back within the next few weeks.

We discussed the trend of seeing the development of these bonspiels expanding in participation, which has often necessitated the division of teams into a competitive and developmental division. This design is very much encouraged, as it allows a balanced bonspiel experience commensurate with the experience level of the bonspiel participants.

Respectfully submitted,  
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