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WREP SHEET

News from the USWCA September 2021 Meeting and Committee Highlights

2022 MARKS USWCA's DIAMOND JUBILEE

It's our 75th Anniversary and, like all milestones, it's a chance to look back, look around, and look ahead. Looking back, we see the foresight of the women who met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in January 1945 to form an organization for women curlers. By 1947, a constitution was written and the USWCA was born. Looking around, we see the roarin' game reemerge from the blank end, and, looking ahead, we see more opportunities for encouraging youth and women to grow in the sport of curling.

You and your club can recognize the occasion in a number of ways. A commemorative pin will be available as will an historical review highlighting key events. Visit www.uswca.org/merchandise to place your order. You can also support our mission by making a gift at the respective premium levels and will receive one, or both, of these items. Check a forthcoming email for details. A vest featuring the pin will also be available for sale.

A list of ideas about how your Club can join in the celebration can be found at www.uswca.org/uswca-75th-anniversary and on the USWCA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140673956033173>. If your Club installs ice decals, watch for more information on availability.

The upcoming National Bonspiel in Utica will also recognize our Diamond Jubilee. See the article below for details.

United States Women's Curling Association



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Historical Review

75th Anniversary

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THE NATIONAL BONSPIEL IS BACK



The 73rd National Bonspiel, "USWCA Celebrates its Diamond Jubilee," will be hosted in the East Region by Utica Curling Club, Whitesboro, NY, from Wednesday, February 23 to Sunday, February 27, 2022. Entry forms are available from your club Representative and are also online. Please note: Utica Curling Club requires proof of Covid vaccination to enter the club.

Special events include a banquet and 75th Anniversary Celebration Thursday night featuring a champagne toast, and Utica's best Italian buffet Friday night.

Visit <https://www.uswca.org/national-womens-bonspiel-2022> for the latest information and Utica's Covid policy. Follow the bonspiel news and plans on social media using hashtag #uswcanb2022

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SENIOR FRIENDSHIP TOUR

The 2021 incoming Senior Women's Friendship Tour will now take place in the Eastern Region in November of 2022. Moving the Friendship Tour forward one year was a tough decision but considered the best option at the present time. This is a Friendship Tour, and we want to provide a good and comfortable balance of curling and social activities. Everyone involved looks forward to an exciting Tour in November 2022. The committee welcomes ideas for various aspects of the Tour. Please let the Tour committee know if you would like to contribute.

For more information on the Tour, visit <http://www.uswca.org/2021-friendship-tour>.

SENIOR BONSPIEL



Denver Curling Club is pleased to welcome the 39th Senior Bonspiel, "Curling with Altitude" to Golden, CO in the West Region. The event will be held Wednesday to Sunday, December 1 - 5, 2021. This will be a 32-team bonspiel played at the 4-sheet club. The event will be live-streamed. The link will be available on <http://www.uswca.org/senior-womens-bonspiel-2021>. Follow the excitement on social media using hashtag #uswcab2021

INAUGURAL SUPER SENIOR BONSPIEL

The USWCA is proud to offer a new 2-day event for USWCA women 65 years of age and older. The inaugural Super Senior Bonspiel will be held January 11-12, 2022, at the Blackhawk Curling Club in Janesville, WI, one hour from the Chicago airports. Eligible participants will be 65 or older by January 1, 2022; Games will be 6-ends with a 3-game guarantee. The entry fee is \$60 and the entry deadline is November 4th.

The purpose of the event is to mix with women curlers from other regions so sign up as an individual and you will be placed on a team. Members-at-Large are also welcome. You can also sign up as a composite team with women from other regions; only one person per club is allowed on a team.

Visit <https://www.uswca.org/super-senior-womens-bonspiel-2022> for the latest information.



USWCA CIRCUIT BEGINS SECOND DECADE

WHAT: The Circuit is an "umbrella" for USWCA women curlers to support women's bonspiels at USWCA Clubs, and earn points based on participation, team makeup and games won. Bonus points are awarded for new curlers and juniors. An individual's top three bonspiels count. Pay a fee (\$30) and have at least one other Circuit participant on your team to earn points. At season end, the top 50%+ in each region will receive cash prizes. Can you believe it? This is a tough transition year, but we can each do our part and help our beloved sport. Our goal is to promote and grow women's curling across the country.

BENEFITS: Support women's curling! More curling leads to improved curling, new friends and you'll be supporting the growth and development of women curlers, not to mention all of the fun at bonspiels. More curlers, fuller bonspiels? It's a WIN/WIN!

SHOULD MY CLUB JOIN? Yes! If you have a women's bonspiel, sign it up! Many women focus on Circuit events to support their "sister curlers" and perhaps win some cash too! A number of women's bonspiels have seen increased participation as a result of joining the Circuit. The fee is \$100 to register your Bonspiel. And you don't need to change a thing about your bonspiel.

The "How to's" are in the links below. Get the word out: join on line before your first bonspiel!

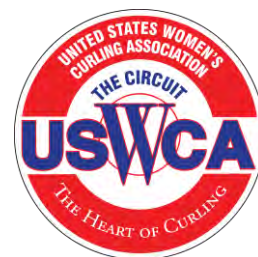
USWCA Club Representatives: Join the Circuit and get your bonspiels registered too. We need you to report back to us on the 'Spiel with a list of all team members and a copy of the completed Draw sheet (legible from start to finish) in a timely manner. We do the rest.

Bonus: Steve's Curling is the only equipment sponsor of the USWCA. Curlers who join the Circuit will get a special discount code for Steve's.

To learn more about the Circuit, visit <https://www.uswca.org/what-is-the-uswca-circuit-event>.

Register a bonspiel: <https://www.uswca.org/circuit-bonspiel-application>

Join as a competitor: <https://www.uswca.org/circuit-individual-application>





HOST AN ALL-AMERICAN EVENT

The USWCA provides all member clubs a beautiful pin for All-American winners. Rules and forms for hosting an All-American event are located on the USWCA website under the Bonspiel tab, or <https://www.uswca.org/all-american.aspx>.

The All-American can be held in different formats and men can participate as long as they pay the USWCA dues, there are some restrictions that apply. To check out all the rules to hosting an All-American, visit the USWCA website.

If you have any questions contact All-American chair, Kristin Smith.

SHOP ONLINE

The USWCA online store is offering commemorative items to help our members celebrate our 75th Anniversary. Visit www.uswca.org/merchandise to purchase the commemorative pin (shown on page 1), the historical review publication, and other related items.

5 & UNDER BONSPIELS

This season the USWCA 5 and Under Committee is currently listing seven bonspiels across the country for curlers with five years of experience or fewer.

NOTE: Due to the blank end policy adopted in September of 2020, the year 2020/2021 does not count towards eligibility for Five and Under Bonspiels.

- East Region:** Utica Curling Club, NY (Open), October 29-31, 2021, <http://uticacurlingclub.org>
- Central Region:** Bowling Green Curling Club, OH (Open), January 14-16, 2022, <http://bgcurlingclub.com/>
- Central Region:** Waltham Curling Club, IL (Women's Challenge), February 4-5, 2022
- Wisconsin Region:** Green Bay Curling Club, WI (Women's Challenge), February 4-5, 2022
- Wisconsin Region:** Wauwatosa Curling Club, WI (Open), date TBD, January 2022
- West Region:** Duluth Curling Club, MN (Open), date TBD January 2022
- West Region:** Grand Forks Curling Club, ND (Open), date TBD 2022

Please note: some host clubs may require proof of Covid vaccinations to participate in their bonspiels. Non-vaccinated curlers submitting applications will need to check with the host club on this requirement.

Check the USWCA 5 & Under Bonspiel website <http://www.uswca.org/5-year-and-under.aspx> for updates as more dates are set. Bonspiel date confirmations, host club flyers, registration and eligibility forms, as well as bonspiel results and pictures, will all be posted there. A flyer listing all the USWCA 'spiels can be posted at your club.



A road to the 5 and Under Nationals Championship comes with participation in the USWCA Five and Under bonspiels. For more information on the National 5 and Under Championship, visit <https://www.5nationals.com/>.

JUNIOR BONSPIELS

The USWCA sponsors three Junior bonspiels per season in the East (GNCC), Central (OH, IL, IN, MI, MO, TN, WI), and West (AK, AZ, CA, CO, MN, ND, NE, OR, WA) territories. The USWCA provides host clubs with winner and runner up pins for four events, as well as a trophy for the first event winners. Travel assistance is available for teams that travel 150 miles or more by car or 300 miles or more by bus, rail or air. This season's bonspiels will be held at:

WEST: January 21 - 23, 2022, Itasca CC, Grand Rapids, Minnesota

CENTRAL: February 11 - 13, 2022, Rice Lake CC, Rice Lake, Wisconsin

EAST: April 8 - 10, 2022, Ardsley CC, Ardsley-On-Hudson, New York

Check with the individual clubs for their Covid-19 policy. For the latest information, visit the USWCA Junior Bonspiel website: <http://www.uswca.org/juniors.aspx>

INCOMING SCOT TOUR

Pending host club approval, the Incoming Scot Tour is postponed from January 2022 to October / November 2022. Respecting the current global pandemic, including the Delta variant, the USWCA remains steadfast in supporting wellness and good curling.

For more information about the Scot Tour, visit the website at <http://www.uswca.org/2021-tour>.



CURRENT OFFICERS 2021-2022

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IN MEMORY



The USWCA is sad to report the recent passing of Past President Jeannie Borland of Perrysburg, Ohio. A member and Past President of Bowling Green Curling Club, Jeannie is being remembered by her colleagues, fellow curlers, and her Curlfriends. President Naida Leslie said, "Jeannie was active in the USWCA for years in many capacities. She served as our President from 2014- 2015 and was a member of the 2006 Senior Friendship Tour to Canada, and most of all a friend. She will be remembered as a person who lived life to the fullest right up to the end. Her smile, laughter, and zest for life will be missed by all." Outside of curling, Jeannie was an educator and librarian.

The full obituary can be found here:
<https://www.milestonefuneralcenter.com/obituary/Jean-Borland>.

A memorial fund is being set up in Jeannie's name. To donate to the fund in Jeannie's memory visit the website, <https://www.uswca.org/make-a-donation>.

CANDIDATES FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of nominees to be voted at the Winter Meeting in Utica, NY, February 23, 2022:

President - Leslie McGregor, Chicago Curling Club, Central

1st Vice President - Kelly Stephens, Coyotes Curling Club, West

2nd Vice President - Terri Gleason, Wausau Curling Club, Wisconsin

Secretary - Elizabeth Demers, Detroit Curling Club, Central

Treasurer - Bethany Rivera, Detroit Curling Club, Central (2022-2024)

Parliamentarian - Carol Wood, Rochester Curling Club, East (2022-2024)

In addition, the USWCA will be electing a new Liaison to the USCA. The two nominees for USWCA/USCA Liaison are:

Tracy Lawless Milwaukee Curling Club Wisconsin

Carolyn MacLeod Broomstones Curling Club East

Nominations, letters of recommendation, and other documentation for the Liaison candidates can be found in a folder in the Members Area of the website, <http://www.uswca.org>, under Reports, Fall 2021 Reports, USCA Liaison Nomination Papers. The candidates will each have an opportunity to speak to the Board of Directors prior to the vote, which will be by paper ballot.

GIFTS AND GRANTS

The Gifts and Grants Committee continues to financially support curling by women and youth, including Junior Travel Assistance. Grant applications are reviewed twice a year in mid-September (Fall Meeting) and mid to late-February (Winter Meeting). Applications received after the Fall Meeting will be reviewed at the Winter Meeting. Applicants will be notified of their grant application status following each meeting via a letter from the Gifts and Grants Chair.

We have streamlined the application process and are ready to go. To find the application and for more information about the application process, visit our website, <https://www.uswca.org/gifts-and-grants>. You can also find us on the home page, www.uswca.org.

SUPPORT THE USWCA

Did you know? There are many ways you can support the USWCA.

Shop online using Amazon Smile.

Start at <https://smile.amazon.com/>.

Select "United States Women's Curling Association" as your charity. (This is not a typo.) A portion of every eligible purchase supports the programs and events.



Sign up your men as USWCA members! Any male who curls at a USWCA member club may join as an Associate Member of the USWCA for \$7 each.

Make a cash donation! Visit <http://www.uswca.org> and click "Make a Donation." application.

NEW BROCHURE AVAILABLE

A full-color brochure is available for you to download and print. Share it with your club members, the men at your club, and anyone who wants to learn more about the USWCA.

Visit the website
<https://www.uswca.org/brochure>.



USWCA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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www.uswca.org

for our brochure and latest news.

Twitter handle: @HeartofCurling
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You can also follow the USWCA on Facebook
(group name: United States Women's Curling Association).



The USWCA is the nation's oldest curling association. Visit us at:
www.uswca.org.

Our Mission is to:
Develop, nurture and promote the sport of curling among today's women and all youth.