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News from the USWCA September 2023 Meeting and Committee Highlights

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from the desk of the president!

We had a wonderful fall meeting in Arizona in September. There was some socializing and fun reunions with friends that developed due to our wonderful sport. The meetings were productive and put everyone in the mood to get this curling season started.

Please enjoy this issue of the WRep Sheet. It contains important information about the upcoming events for this season. Be sure to post it so everyone can find the details about applying for the Senior Friendship Tour 2024, learn the deadlines for entering a team in the National Bonspiel or the Super Senior Bonspiel and learn about the Junior Bonspiels, 5 and Under and the Circuit. Help build excitement for your club to host an All-American. Continue telling your club about the benefits of the USWCA. I want to thank all who attended the fall meeting and encourage you to keep us updated about any fun curling events in your club. Hoping to see you on the ice during the 2023-2024 season.

Good Curling.
Kelly Stephens



OUTGOING SENIOR FRIENDSHIP TOUR 2024

The 2024 Senior Friendship Tour Committee has been busy planning a wonderful friendship tour for 16 lucky curlers to the provinces of Ontario and Quebec on Nov. 3-14, 2024. The tour will stop at eight different curling clubs as well as making time for sightseeing along the way. Online applications will be available on the USWCA website beginning September 15, 2023 and will close on December 15. Selections via lottery will take place at the USWCA National Bonspiel in St. Paul in February 2024. Details regarding eligibility and the selection process can be found on the USWCA website, <https://www.uswca.org/2024-friendship-tour>.



SENIOR WOMEN'S BONSPIEL

Cape Cod Curling Club is pleased to welcome the 41st Senior Women's Bonspiel, "Senior Safari" to Falmouth, MA. The event will be held Wednesday to Sunday, November 29 – December 3, 2023. Twenty-four teams were randomly selected from the four USWCA regions, based on membership and entry form allotment. This will be an 8-end bonspiel. Follow the excitement on social media using hashtag #uswcab2023.

For full details and team rosters, visit
<http://www.uswca.org/senior-womens-bonspiel-2023>.



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Ongoing

- 2024 Outgoing Senior Friendship Tour to Canada application is available on the website.
- 2024 National Bonspiel entries available through Club Reps and the website.

November 2023

- Final day to send National Women's Bonspiel entry form to Club Reps for approval: November 28
- Senior Bonspiel, Cape Cod Curling Club, Falmouth, Massachusetts. November 29 – December 3

December 2023

- Five and Under Open, Kettle Moraine CC, Hartland, Wisconsin, December 1-3
- Five and Under Open (Modified), Charlotte Curling Association, Charlotte, North Carolina, December 8-10
- Final day to submit applications for 2024 Outgoing Senior Friendship Tour to Canada, December 15.
- Final day for National Women's Bonspiel accepted teams to pay entry fee, December 15

January 2024

- Final day to register for the Super Senior National Bonspiel, January 10
- Club Dues due to USWCA Treasurer, January 15
- Five and Under Open, Bucks County CC, Warminster, PA, January 18-20

February 2024

- Junior Bonspiel, Central Region, Bowling Green CC, Bowling Green, Ohio, February 10-11
- National Women's Bonspiel, St. Paul Bonnie Spielers, St. Paul, Minnesota, February 14-18
- Gifts and Grants application deadline, February 24

March 2024

- Winter Meeting, March 9-10, virtual
- Super Senior National Bonspiel, Cincinnati Curling Club, West Chester, Ohio, March 12-14

May 2024

- Junior Bonspiel, West Region, Denver CC, Golden, Colorado, May 10-12

CHEERS TO 75 YEARS IN ST. PAUL

The 75th National Bonspiel, "Cheers to 75 Years!" will be hosted in the West Region by the St. Paul Bonnie Spielers at St. Paul Curling Club, St. Paul, MN, from Wednesday, February 14 to Sunday, February 18, 2024.



Some notes for this year:

Entry forms will be completed online.

Club Rep approvals will be completed electronically.

And payments will be made electronically once a club has been accepted.

See your Club Rep for more information.

Visit <https://www.uswca.org/national-womens-bonspiel-2024> for the latest information.

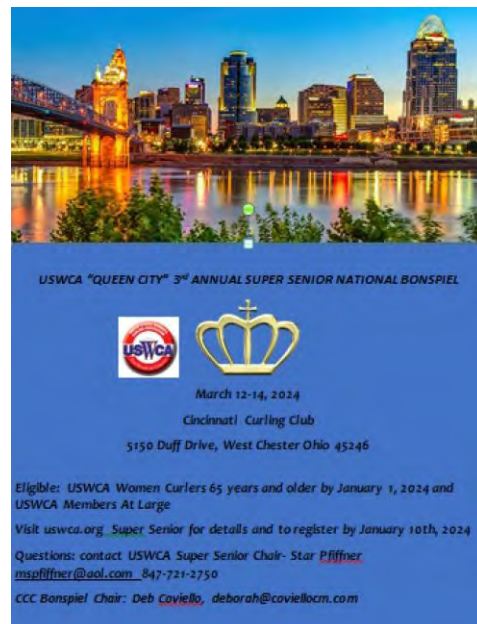
Follow the bonspiel news and plans on social media using hashtag #uswcanb2024

USWCA 3rd SUPER SENIOR WOMEN'S BONSPIEL

The 3rd USWCA Super Senior will take place at Cincinnati Curling Club on March 12-14, 2024.

The "Queen City" Bonspiel will feature three days of curling, friendship, great food and ice. Calling all USWCA women curlers and Members at Large 65 years of age and older to participate. You can enter as an individual and you will be placed on a team. The entry fee is \$75 per person and the deadline to enter is January 10, 2024 so get your entry in. Any questions- contact Star Pfiffner at mspfiffner@aol.com.

Visit <https://www.uswca.org/super-senior-womens-bonspiel-2024> for the entry form and all the latest information. Follow the excitement on social media using hashtag #uswcassb2024.



ANOTHER CIRCUIT SEASON UNDERWAY

The USWCA Circuit supports women's bonspiels by attracting more teams to them and supports women curlers in the Spirit of Curling -- meeting other women curlers, involving newer curlers in the sport, improving skills through friendly competition and awarding cash prizes! The Circuit season runs from May 1 to April 30. All funds collected go back as prize money to the Circuit curlers (per Region). About 80% of participants receive prize money. Last year we awarded \$4,335 to Circuit participants.



Check the website for a full listing of the registered Circuit bonspiels, <https://www.uswca.org/participating-bonspiels.aspx>. We always welcome more bonspiels! If you have a ladies bonspiel that is not on the Circuit please consider registering it.

New curlers receive an extra 100 points their first year on the Circuit. This is a great opportunity to introduce newer curlers to competing outside of their clubs and making new friends from other clubs.

Remember to sign up for the Circuit before your first event (necessary for the bonspiel points to count). At least 2 members of the team must be registered with the Circuit for the bonspiel points to count.

For more information about hosting a Circuit bonspiel or joining the Circuit as a player, visit the website, <https://www.uswca.org/uswca-circuit-event>.

2022-2023 CIRCUIT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

This year the winners of the Wisconsin Region were also our national Winners, a three-way tie between teammates Susan Dukes, Stephanie Erstad, and Anne Gravel. On the Regional level Tammy Hoffman won Central, Jodi Sigel won in the West, and in the East we also had a three-way tie between Paula Lancaster, Faye Navratil, and Cathy Offinger. Full a full listing of results from last year's Circuit visit <https://www.uswca.org/uswca-circuit-results>.

LET'S HOST AN ALL-AMERICAN BONSPIEL!

The USWCA would like to encourage all member clubs to host an All-American event, whether it be a bonspiel or through league play. If your club is smaller in numbers, there are several ways to make an All-American event happen:

Ask nearby USWCA member clubs to join your club. Last year as an example: St. Louis, Cedar Rapids and Waltham combined to compete in a one-day event at Waltham. Several clubs included some of their male members by making them Associate Members of the USWCA in order to have enough teams. These men (associate members) can also come from a nearby member club as well.



Rules, guidelines and forms are available on the website, <https://www.uswca.org/all-american.aspx>. Check it out! We hope your club can enjoy presenting the beautiful All-American pins to your winning and runner up teams.

PROMOTIONAL SALES



Stand out in the crowd with these beautiful, bold and one of a kind USWCA designs - perfect for the league curler, member at large, and circuit spieler. Specialty items for the All-American with personalized club and/or team names. Special items marked to support our Junior Curlers and much more. The USWCA Promotional Sales Committee has partnered with Tilson Bay to bring you new USWCA swag. Twenty percent of all proceeds will go to the USWCA to support our programs.

What are you waiting for? Go to the [TilsonBayCompany/USWCA](https://www.tilsonbaycompany.com/uswca) website to check out the new gear and attire or download this Promotional flyer with QR code to post and send to your club. And visit <https://www.uswca.org/merchandise> to view our other merchandise.



5 & UNDER BONSPIELS



This season the USWCA 5 and Under Committee is currently listing three bonspiels across the country for curlers with five years of experience or fewer. Two of our USWCA Five and Under Bonspiels are qualifiers for the USA Curling Five and Under Nationals.

East Region: Bucks County Curling Club, Warminster, PA (Open), January 18-20, 2024

Central Region: Charlotte Curling Association, Charlotte, NC (Modified Open), December 8-10, 2023 (USA National 5U Qualifier Event)

Wisconsin Region: Kettle Moraine Curling Club, Hartland, WI (Open), December 1-3 (USA National 5U Qualifier Event)

Note: There will be no Women's 5 & Under Bonspiels for the 2023-2024 Season. We will restart securing host sites for this event in all regions in 2024-2025. If any of our USWCA member clubs decide to include a 5U Women's event on their 2023-2024 calendar the USWCA 5U Bonspiel Committee will support the bonspiel with event pins and advertising.

Check the USWCA 5 & Under Bonspiel website <http://www.uswca.org/5-year-and-under.aspx> for updates. Bonspiel date confirmations, host club flyers, registration and eligibility forms, as well as bonspiel results and pictures, will be posted there. For more information about the 5 and Under National Championship, visit <https://www.usacurling.org/5-and-under-national-championship>

JUNIOR BONSPIELS

The USWCA sponsors three Junior bonspiels, one per season, in the East, Central (OH, IL, IN, MI, MO, TN, WI), and West (AK, AZ, CA, CO, MN, ND, NE, OR, WA). The USWCA provides host clubs with winner and runner up pins for four events, as well as a championship plaque 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. Contact the Gifts and Grants committee: <https://www.uswca.org/gifts-and-grants>

EAST: July 23-26, 2023, Cape Cod Curling Club, Falmouth, Massachusetts (completed)

CENTRAL: February 10-11 2024, Bowling Green Curling Club, Bowling Green, Ohio

WEST: May 10-12 2024, Denver Curling Club, Golden, Colorado

If you are interested in having the USWCA sponsor a Junior Bonspiel at your club next year, please contact The Junior Bonspiel Chair through the USWCA Contact Form: <https://www.uswca.org/contact>. We provide the event pins, a plaque for the winners, and advertising through the USWCA website. The Junior Bonspiel can piggyback on an already scheduled bonspiel.

For the latest information, visit the USWCA Junior Bonspiel website: <http://www.uswca.org/juniors.aspx>

JUNIOR BONSPIEL RESULTS

Two Junior Bonspiels were hosted last curling season since the last WRep Sheet issue was published.

The Four Seasons Club in Blaine, Minnesota held the West USWCA-sponsored Junior Bonspiel March 10-12, 2023. Todd Birr reported:

A total of 33 teams entered the event. There were 16 boys teams, 13 girls teams and 4 mixed teams. The Open Division winners were Team Berg from Bemidji, MN. Pins were awarded to four events and a plaque to the First Event winner.



The Cape Cod Curling Club in Falmouth, Massachusetts held the East USWCA-sponsored Junior Bonspiel July 23-26, 2023. Chair Matina Heisler reported:

On display at Cape Cod Curling Club's 2023 Junior Summerspiel was the future of curling. Some of the competitors were teams that played on the national and international stage. Some came out for their very first bonspiel. All of them had a great time.

The 2023 Junior Summerspiel was comprised of 11 teams from Maine to California. Team Cenzalli took the win for their second consecutive year. Our other two events were won by Team Vidaurrazaga (Second Event) and Team Neill (Third Event).

The first event winners, Team Cenzalli, was skipped by Nicholas Cenzalli with Vice Shaheen Bassiri, Second Cayden Kraft, and Lead Dylan Ciapka.



GIFTS AND GRANTS

The Gifts and Grants Committee continues to financially support curling by women and youth, including Junior Travel Assistance. At the September 2023 Fall Meeting in Phoenix, the Board of Directors approved four requests presented by the Gifts and Grants Committee. The committee wishes to thank all who helped increase our funding ability. We encourage everyone to consider donating towards Gifts and Grants since this directly increases the amount of grants that can be considered.

A rubric to help clarify eligible requests is being developed and will be posted prior to the Winter meeting.

This year grants were awarded to:

Kate Sherry - Women's team from Broomstones CC for 5 and U Nationals

Daniel Laufer - Junior team from Bucks County CC for the Cape Cod Junior Spiel

Julia Rydzewski and Jaime Christopher Vidaurrezaga - Junior Mixed Doubles team from Broomstones CC for the U21 CK Cup (1 grant each)

Applications are reviewed twice per year, during the Fall and the Winter meetings. The deadline for consideration at the Winter Meeting is February 24, 2024. Applicants will be notified of their grant application status following each meeting. Funds will be released when receipts are received. Applications can be submitted with receipts for an event that has already taken place.

To find the application and for more information about the application process, visit our website, <https://www.uswca.org/gifts-and-grants> or from the home page <https://www.uswca.org> choose "About" and then choose "Gifts and Grants."

SUPPORT THE USWCA – Share What You Can

Later this Fall a letter requesting donations to USWCA will be sent to officers, committee members, bonspiel and tour participants. Donations may be designated for the following causes: USWCA General Fund, Gifts and Grants (Women and Youth curling), Scot Tour - Incoming, Friendship Tour - Incoming, and the Jean Borland Memorial Fund for Youth Curling. Please consider using the donation button on USWCA's home page <https://www.uswca.org/home>. It only takes a minute and each donation can make a world of difference in the USWCA reaching our mission.

BENEFITS OF USWCA MEMBERSHIP

The USWCA is comprised of capable, committed women dedicated to the expansion of the sport of curling. Our members are talented volunteers who collaborate to bring new ideas and direction which help grow this wonderful sport. Our objectives are to build friendships, have fun, and promote fantastic curling. The USWCA promotes women's and junior curling programs.

A full color brochure is available which summarizes our programs. It is ready 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>.



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