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News from the USWCA September 2024 Meeting and Committee Highlights

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Greetings Friends and Members,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the start of the curling season. I am delighted to share that we recently held a very successful fall meeting. It was a productive gathering with fruitful discussions on several new initiatives aimed at our continuing goal towards inclusivity.

Some exciting updates include plans for the upcoming Scot Tour, as well as key details regarding the Circuit, All American, National Bonspiel, Senior and Super Senior Bonspiel and the 5 and Under Bonspiels. I would like to ask all representatives to post this issue in your clubs. It is vital that we keep everyone informed and up to date with all relevant details, especially as we move forward with these important events.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication. Continue sharing the benefits of USWCA. I want to thank all of you that attended the Fall Meeting, and I look forward to seeing positive outcomes of our collective efforts and enjoying a fantastic season ahead.

In the Spirit of Curling
Terri Gleason



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OUTGOING SENIOR FRIENDSHIP TOUR 2024



The 2024 Senior Friendship Tour will kick-off in Toronto starting November 3 and conclude in Montreal on November 14. Sixteen lucky ladies from across the country have been selected to represent the USWCA in a once-in-a-lifetime curling and cultural experience.

Follow their adventures as they travel through Ontario and Quebec on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/people/2024-USWCA-Senior-Friendship-Tour/61563661292383/> and on the USWCA website at <https://www.uswca.org/2024-friendship-tour>.

OUTGOING SCOT TOUR 2026

Imagine it is the Fall of 2026 and you are on a flight headed to Scotland for three wonderful weeks of sightseeing, visiting historic places, and making new friends while you curl your way around the country! The USWCA and the Royal Caledonian Club are offering this once-in-a-lifetime adventure for 20 US female curlers. This could be YOU!!! Applications and information for the 2026 Scot Tour will soon be available on the USWCA website <https://www.uswca.org/scot-tour> and from your USWCA Club Rep.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2024

- 2025 National Bonspiel entries available through Club Reps and the website.

November 2024

- Outgoing Senior Friendship Tour to Ontario and Quebec, November 3-14

December 2024

- Final day for Club Reps to approve National Women's Bonspiel entry forms, December 3
- Five and Under Women's, Albany Curling Club, Albany, NY, December 6-8
- Five and Under Open, Charlotte Curling Association, Charlotte, NC, December 6-8
- Final day for National Women's Bonspiel accepted teams to pay entry fee, December 18

January 2025

- Final day to register for the Super Senior National Bonspiel, January 4
- Final day to pay club dues to the USWCA Comptroller, January 15 (first or only installment)
- Senior Bonspiel, Columbus Curling Club, Columbus, OH, January 15-19
- Five and Under Open, Madison Curling Club, Madison, WI, January 24-26

February 2025

- Five and Under Open, Heather Curling Club, Mapleton, MN, February 7-9
- Five and Under Open, Broomstones Curling Club, Wayland, MA, February 14-16
- National Women's Bonspiel, Madison Curling Club, McFarland, WI, February 19-23

March 2025

- Gifts and Grants application due date, March 1
- Junior Bonspiel, West Region, Hibbing CC, Hibbing, MN, March 1-2
- Five and Under Women's, Racine Curling Club, Racine, WI, March 7-9
- Junior Bonspiel, East Region, Utica CC, Whitesboro, NY, March 14-16
- Winter Meeting, hybrid, Twin Cities, MN, March 14-16

April 2025

- Super Senior National Bonspiel, Coyotes Curling Club, Tempe, AZ, April 1-3
- Junior Bonspiel, Central Region, Detroit CC, Ferndale, MI, April 12-13
- Final dues payments due to USWCA Comptroller to count for 2024-2025 season, April 30

NATIONAL BONSPIEL TO CURL WISCONSINIBLY IN MADISON

The 76th National Bonspiel, "Curl Wisconsinibly" will be hosted in the Wisconsin Region by the Madison Curling Club, Madison, WI from Wednesday, February 19 to Sunday, February 23, 2025.

A reminder that entry forms are 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> for the latest information and follow the action on social media using the hashtag #uswcanb2025.



42ND USWCA SENIOR WOMEN'S BONSPIEL

Columbus Curling Club is pleased to welcome the 42nd Senior Women's Bonspiel, "The Art of Curling" to Columbus, OH. The event will be held Wednesday to Sunday, January 15 to 19, 2025. 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 #uswcassb2024



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

USWCA 4th SUPER SENIOR WOMEN'S BONSPIEL

The 4th USWCA Super Senior will take place at Coyotes Curling Club on April 1-3, 2025. The "Desert Fiesta" 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, or with one other person from your club or region. The entry fee is \$75 per person and the last day to enter is January 4, 2025 so get your entry in.

Any questions- contact Star Pfiffner at mspiffner@aol.com. Applications will be available on the USWCA website by mid October.

Visit <https://www.uswca.org/super-senior-womens-bonspiel> for the entry form and all the latest information and follow the action on social media using the hashtag #uswcassb2025



HELP WANTED

The Communications Committee has an opening for a Social Media Content Manager to implement our social media strategy on Facebook and X/Twitter. We are seeking to engage with our members and members clubs, our volunteers and external communities as we inform and educate. Contact the Communications Chair at uswcacommunicationscoviello@gmail.com

ANOTHER CIRCUIT SEASON UNDERWAY

Our goal is to support women's bonspiels at our member clubs by attracting more teams to them and support 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! All funds collected go back as prize money to the Circuit Curlers, by region. A maximum of your top 3 bonspiels will count toward points. At least 2 people on the team must be registered with the Circuit for the points to count.



The new season started on May 1, 2024 and will run until April 30, 2025.
USWCA Member Women Curlers \$30 per season
USWCA Member Clubs \$100 per bonspiel

Last season we had 73 individuals join the circuit and 24 Bonspiels with \$4,770 award in prize money. Congratulations to National Winners (Tied): Anne Gravel and Stephanie Erstad - Madison Curling Club
Central Regional: Jennifer Houk - Windy City Curling Club
East Regional: Jennifer Stannard - Cape Cod Curling Club
West Regional: Maureen Guay - St. Paul Curling Club / Arden Hills Cairn Lassies
Wisconsin Regional: Susan Dukes - Madison Curling Club

Individuals can register at <https://www.uswca.org/circuit-individual-application> and clubs can register their bonspiels at <https://www.uswca.org/circuit-bonspiel-application>.

If you have any questions please email shannon@norfolkcurlingclub.org.

ALL-AMERICAN

The All-American bonspiel is a special event only for those clubs that are USWCA members. Member clubs do different themes and event types. You can elevate your event or give curlers who participate something special from the USWCA merchandise store. The Promotional Sales team has put together a variety of All-American logo items from koozies to T-shirts. Don't want it to be specific to the All-American? There are many other items to choose from for prizes and or participation swag.

Please remember to order your pins using the very easy online pin application form found on the USWCA website under "Bonspiels" then "All-American" tab or click here: <https://www.uswca.org/all-american>. Enter your club results using the form on the same page.

If you have any questions regarding hosting an All-American event, please email Kristin Smith, kshknitnut@gmail.com. She is the All-American chairperson and would be happy to help your club host an All American.



NEW WEBSITE

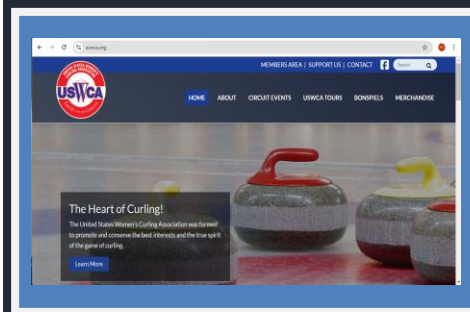
On behalf of USWCA, we are celebrating our updated website. You will notice:

- Updated Look & Feel
- Mobile-Friendly
- Refreshed and Concise Content

Please take a moment to check out the site, login and explore. Be sure to share with your club members.

Your patience is also appreciated as it is still a work in progress. The team is working diligently to be of service to our membership.

If you have any questions, please contact our webmaster at uswca.webmaster@gmail.com



SUPPORT THE USWCA – SHARE WHAT YOU CAN

Please consider donating to USWCA. Donations may be designated for: USWCA's General Fund, Gifts and Grants (Women and Youth curling), Scot Incoming Tour 2031, Friendship Incoming Tour 2026, and the Jean Borland Memorial Fund for Youth Curling. Donations in memory or honor of a loved one can be made anytime. Please consider tapping the heart donate button on USWCA's home page <https://www.uswca.org>. It only takes a minute and each donation can make a world of difference in the USWCA reaching our mission.



SHOP USWCA SWAG

We are very excited to be moving into our second year of our new online platform in partnership with Tilson Bay. Working with input from our USWCA members we have added amazing new merchandise and opportunities for clubs who are hosting USWCA events to pre-order personalized merchandise for their club. We continue to develop items that specifically benefit our Junior curlers and 5 and Under members; we encourage all of our members to support these items.

If you or your club are wanting personalized items and merchandise for your team, event, bonspiel or fundraiser please contact USWCA promotions and we can assist you.

Our updated website is up and running. Please scan the QR code below or check us out via the USWCA merchandise 'Buy Now' link.'

What are you waiting for? Download the Promotional flyer with QR code to post and send to your club. And visit <https://www.uswca.org/merchandise> to view our other merchandise.



WIN A PIECE OF USWCA CURLING HISTORY

The USWCA has acquired a Scottish pin collection and shadow box from the estate of Beverly Sponaule, a member of the 1976 Scot Tour. The tapestry and shadowbox measures 24" x 30" x 4" and would make a great wall hanging or a stunning end table. This prized memento will be raffled on March 16, 2025 at the Winter Board of Directors' meeting; proceeds will benefit the USWCA.



Raffle tickets may be purchased using the QR code for USWCA promotions. Tickets may also be purchased from club representatives, and at USWCA Bonspiels and the Winter Meeting. One ticket for \$10; three tickets for \$20. Don't miss your chance to own this beautiful piece of curling history.

YOUR VOICE WANTED

The USWCA is looking for new voices to help shape the future of women's curling in the twenty-first century. Any woman member of a USWCA club is eligible to serve on committees. You don't have to be a rep or an officer to be an integral part of the USWCA's mission to grow curling for women and all youth. Please reach out to your club rep or contact USWCA president Terri Gleason at uswca.president2024@gmail.com to find out how to volunteer.

5 & UNDER BONSPIELS



The USWCA is sponsoring 5 & Under Bonspiels in all regions this 2024-25 season.

Five of the USWCA 5 & Under Bonspiels are qualifiers for the USA Curling Five and Under Nationals.

East Region:

Albany Curling Club, Albany, NY (Women's)
December 6 - 8, 2024 (qualifier for USA Curling Five and Under Nationals)

Broomstones CC, Wayland, MA (Open)
February 14 - 16, 2025

Central Region:

Charlotte Curling Association, Charlotte, NC
(Open), December 6-8, 2024 (qualifier for USA Curling Five and Under Nationals)

Wisconsin Region:

Racine Curling Club, Racine (Women's) March
7-9, 2025 (qualifier for USA Curling Five and Under Nationals)

Madison Curling Club, Madison (Open),
January 24-26, 2025 (qualifier for USA Curling Five and Under Nationals)

West Region:

Heather Curling Club, Mapleton, MN (Open)
February 7-9, 2025 (qualifier for USA Curling Five and Under Nationals)

Check the USWCA 5 & Under Bonspiel website <https://www.uswca.org/5-year-and-under> for updates. Bonspiel date confirmations, host club flyers, registration and eligibility forms, as well as bonspiel results and pictures, will all 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: March 14-16, 2025, Utica Curling Club, Whitesboro, New York

CENTRAL: April 12-13, 2025, Detroit Curling Club, Ferndale, Michigan

WEST: March 1-2, 2025, Hibbing Curling Club, Hibbing, Minnesota

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.

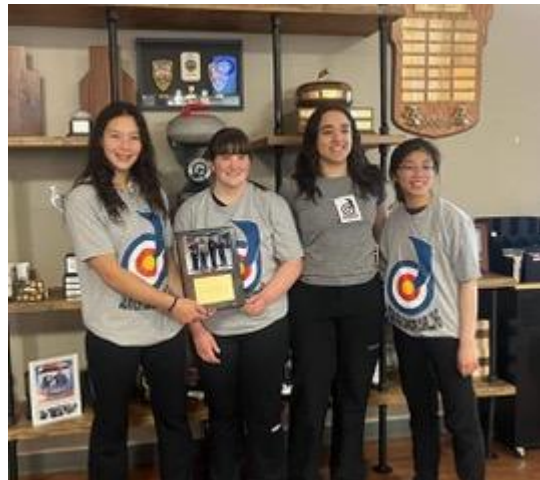
For the latest information, visit the USWCA Junior Bonspiel website: <http://www.uswca.org/juniors.aspx>

JUNIOR BONSPIEL RESULTS

One Junior Bonspiel was hosted last curling season since the last WRep Sheet issue was published.

The Denver Curling Club in Golden, Colorado held the West USWCA-sponsored Junior Bonspiel May 10-12, 2024. The winning team was Team Treyvor: Karina Treyvor and Alexis Kong from San Francisco and Alice Mihm and Violet Bartels from Minnesota.

Twenty-four curlers participated from the Denver CC, Rock Creek CC, San Francisco Bay Area Curling Club and St. Paul Curling Club.



GIFTS AND GRANTS

The Gifts and Grants Committee financially supports curling by women and youth, including Junior Travel Assistance. Thank you to all who helped increase the funding for this year. At the Fall Meeting 2024 in Milwaukee, the Board of Directors approved four requests presented by the Gifts and Grants Committee. This season's grants were awarded to:

- Team Wilson- St. Paul/Four Seasons (4/4 eligible USWCA) - \$300
- Junior Team Charles – Madison, Portage, Lodi, Kettle Moraine (3/4 eligible USWCA) - \$275
- Mayfield Tyler George Event assistance - \$425
- Jersey Pinelands Curling Club – Assistance with Arena Ice Costs for All American – \$320

Club representatives please help drive applications for Gifts and Grants for your clubs. It can be for travel for juniors and women, but also for coaching, helping your club be ADA compliant, events that help a broader group, and so on. USWCA has a special interest in 5 and Under Women's teams attempting to qualify, or who have qualified for Nationals so please look for those teams in your club and encourage them to apply for grants.

Applications are reviewed twice per year during the Fall and the Winter meetings. The deadline for consideration at the Winter 2025 Meeting is 2 weeks prior the Meeting, March 1, 2025. Applicants will be notified of their grant application status following each meeting. Funds will be released when receipts and pictures 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."



USWCA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Surf the website

www.uswca.org

for our brochure and latest news.

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

X handle: @HeartofCurling
Join the conversation on X (formerly Twitter) at any USWCA event including the



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>.

The USWCA is the nation's oldest national curling organization.

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.