



USWCA CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

It's official -- USWCA is 75. Proclamations from the State of Wisconsin (where USWCA was founded) and the State of New York (site of the National Bonspiel) recognized us as the oldest national curling association in U.S. The honors were presented at the Kit Party held at the Utica CC on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. Special guests included federal, state, and local government officials and nine USWCA past presidents.

At Thursday night's banquet, USWCA President Naida Leslie led Bonspiel participants and guests in a champagne toast. The evening ended with a one-act play, "How It Might Have Come to Be," performed by a talented troupe of Utica CC members.

Although this curling season may be waning, there's still time to celebrate in our Anniversary Year. Here are some suggestions:

- Recognize the members of your club who have served as Reps, officers, volunteers, or represented USWCA on a Friendship Tour or Scot Tour in your newsletter, social media post, on your bulletin board, or at your annual meeting.
- Print or order your Diamond Jubilee decal to place in your ice next season. See the article on page 3 of this newsletter for details.
- At your welcome new curler event, pair up USWCA members with newcomers, or use an icebreaker that facilitates meeting everyone (People bingo, trivia contest, etc.)
- Order a commemorative pin or the historical review (available at <https://uswca.org/merchandise>) as a thank you gift to recognize a woman in your Club who has gone the extra end to support women or youth. Or order one or both for yourself.
- Organize a get together over the summer to honor long-time curlers.

To see this list of ideas and other information about the Anniversary, visit <https://www.uswca.org/uswca-75th-anniversary> and the USWCA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140673956033173>.

IT'S A GO... THE SCOTS ARE COMING IN OCTOBER

Join us for a great time across the nation—from Minneapolis, MN and Denver, CO through Wisconsin and Central states to the East coast, the Scots will curl and sightsee enjoying meeting new friends and making lifelong memories. Mark your Calendars: the Opening Banquet is Tuesday, October 19 with lots of great curling in between as the Closing Banquet on November 8, 2022 concludes the Tour.

An abbreviated calendar noting dates, location, and curling times will be available later this Spring on the Scot Tour website, <http://www.uswca.org/2021-tour>. Be sure to check in with Host Clubs and take the opportunity to watch some "International Curling!"



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NEW DATES FOR THE SENIOR FRIENDSHIP TOUR

The 2021 Incoming Senior Women's Friendship Tour will take place in the Eastern Region in November 2022. The rescheduled dates have been set and all original clubs are able to host. The tour will travel one week later than it would have in 2021 to avoid travel dates being on Halloween and Veterans/Remembrance Day. The dates are November 7-18, 2022. The Tour will follow the original schedule at the host sites. The committee appreciates the flexibility and support of all of the host clubs.

Designs and items have been selected and gifts are being made and donated.

Some work is moving forward while some is on hold until a final go ahead is given late this spring. The Canadian Maritimes are still on lockdown and so traveling across the border is still unclear. We hope that in another couple of months things will have returned to a more normal state and we will be able to confidently move ahead with an exciting and memorable Tour. The committee stands at the ready to put everything into action.

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

SENIOR WOMEN'S BONSPIEL COMPLETE

The senior women were Curling with Altitude at the 39th Senior Women's Bonspiel on December 1 - 5, 2021. Hosted by the Denver Curling Club, a total of 32 teams from 12 states competed at the 4-sheet club. Congratulations to the First Event Winners, the Brown Rink from the Utica Curling Club of Whitesboro, New York.

Pictured left to right are skip Cindy Brown, vice Carol Jones, second Barb Felice, and lead Kathy Palazzo. For a full listing of event winners, visit <http://www.uswca.org/senior-womens-bonspiel-2021>, and search social media using hashtag #uswcasb2021.



INAUGURAL SUPER SENIOR BONSPIEL COMPLETE

The Blackhawk Curling Club, in Janesville, Wisconsin hosted the Inaugural USWCA Super Senior Women's National Bonspiel, "An 'Old Fashioned' Winter Escape." January 11 - 12, 2022. Fourteen teams from across the United States representing all USWCA Regions participated in the two-day event. Everyone had an enjoyable time. The Blackhawk Curling Club, the ice crew, and on-site event chair Kim Rudkin did a fabulous job. The food was delicious and all were offered the chance to try an "Old Fashioned," a traditional and popular Wisconsin supper club cocktail. Thanks to everyone involved with USWCA Super Senior Women's 1st Bonspiel for your support.

This event fosters excellent curling and fellowship for women curlers 65 years and older. The purpose of this event is to mix players from different regions onto teams. Players signed up as a composite team or as an individual and were placed on a team. New friendships were made and former friendships rekindled. Watch for information on the 2023 Super Senior to be held in Philadelphia January 17-19! Visit <https://www.uswca.org/super-senior-womens-bonspiel-2022> for the latest information.

Congratulations to 2022 1st Event Winners - the Stephens Rink. They are pictured seated, left to right - skip Kelly Stephens, Coyotes, vice Nancy Mutz, Denver, second Alice Sedgwick, Milwaukee, and lead Kathy Bodine, Member-at-Large. Runner Up 1st Event-standing L to R: skip Marnie Devlin, Coyotes, vice Jennifer Wakefield, Wauwatosa, second Karen Haagensen, Wauwatosa, lead Roseann Becker, St. Paul (her first bonspiel!).



TO DISPLAY YOUR USWCA MEMBERSHIP— IN YOUR ICE

Does your club have its own ice? This year we have options for you to display your USWCA membership. In addition to the USWCA logo, your club can choose to add the 75th Anniversary logo. And, for clubs that are hosting the Scottish Women or the Canadian Women on the Friendship Tour in the Fall, the Tour logo can be used.

Reps can download the logos from the USWCA website, link below. If you don't have a local printer, you can contact Detroit CC member Maryanne Wessels at wesselsdesign@gmail.com to order.

USWCA Logo - for any member club

USWCA 75th Anniversary Logo 2022-2023, for any member club

USWCA Tour of United States by the Lady Scots 2022

USWCA Incoming Senior Women's Friendship Tour 2022

For sizing, pricing and shipping information, Reps can visit the Members Area of the website,

<https://www.uswca.org/members-news>, under Logos.



NATIONAL WOMEN'S BONSPIEL CELEBRATES

This February, 128 women curlers from USWCA member clubs from across the country came together to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the USWCA at Utica Curling Club in Whitesboro, NY for the 73rd National Bonspiel. The 32-team event began on Thursday morning and continued through Sunday afternoon. In between draws, the teams visited the Utica Zoo, enjoyed Utica Greens and the special 75th Anniversary Banquet.



The first event winners were the Stuhlman rink from the Utica Curling Club. Pictured from left to right, Erlene Puleo, lead, Melissa Foote, second, Elizabeth Kaido, vice, and Anne Stuhlman, skip. Visit <http://www.uswca.org/national-womens-bonspiel-2022> for a full listing of event winners and search social media using hashtag #uswcanb2022.



5 & UNDER UPDATE

The Five and Under Committee would like to thank all the USWCA registration, eligibility forms, as well as bonspiel club representatives for assisting our committee in getting out the 2021-2022 Five and Under bonspiel opportunities available to your club members. Looking ahead to the 2022-2023 season, we will have a destination bonspiel in Fairbanks, Alaska. This is a great opportunity to experience an Alaska winter with curling at the Fairbanks Curling Club, and side trips for dog sledding, northern lights, and the Chena Hot Springs. Bonspiel dates will be available by late summer. Check the USWCA Website often for current information on this and other regional bonspiels.

Check the USWCA 5 & Under Bonspiel website <http://www.uswca.org/5-year-and-under.aspx> for current information on this and other regional bonspiels. Bonspiel dates, host club flyers, results and pictures, will all be posted there.



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 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. This season, bonspiels in Central and Western US were canceled.

The remaining bonspiel dates:

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

Looking ahead to next year:

CENTRAL: September 16 - 18, 2022, Rice Lake CC, Rice Lake, Wisconsin

For the latest information, visit the USWCA Junior Bonspiel website:

<http://www.uswca.org/juniors.aspx>

ALL-AMERICAN

The All-American Event encourages the involvement of ALL women curlers, especially new and less experienced at each member club. Your club can hold the event as a bonspiel or in league round-robin play, as it can depend on what best fits your club's curling schedule. We encourage you to invite every USWCA member to participate in your club's event. If your women's membership numbers are low, consider joining another USWCA member club to meet the eligibility requirements. If you have any questions regarding hosting an All-American event at your club, please contact Kristin Smith (All-American Chair) at kshknitnut@gmail.com. For more information on the All-American, visit our website <https://www.uswca.org/all-american.aspx>.



MATZKE RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

At the Banquet celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the USWCA, President Naida Leslie presented the USWCA Distinguished Service Award to Bridget Matzke. Bridget has been a dedicated member, contributor and supporter of the USWCA for decades. She has been the chair of the Promotional Sales Committee for over 15 years. She served as USWCA President from 2016-2017, was a member of the 1996 Scot Tour and a courier for the 2011 incoming Scot Tour. Over the years Bridget has served on numerous committees for the organization including membership and nominating.

As a talented pin designer, Bridget created the concept of a yearly pin to be sold promoting the USWCA. This endeavor has successfully raised funds for over 20 years. Bridget donated her time and significant artistic talent in designing these and other commemorative Tour pins, as well as unique jewelry pins consistently raising significant funds for the organization.

Join us in congratulating Bridget for this special recognition.



MARK YOUR CALENDER

April 2022

Junior Bonspiel East Ardsley Curling Club

September 2022

- Fall Meeting, September 16-18 Chicago, Illinois

- Junior Bonspiel: September 16 - 18, Rice Lake CC, Wisconsin

- Scot Tour Quilt Raffle – Raffle tickets will be available at the Fall Meeting in Chicago

October 2022

- Incoming Scot Tour begins October 17. Opening Banquet October 19, Minneapolis, MN

November 2022

- Incoming Scot Tour continues. Closing Banquet November 8, Natick, MA

- Incoming Friendship Tour, East, November 7-18. Begins at Albany CC

- Senior Bonspiel, Racine Curling Club, Wisconsin. November 30 – December 4

January 2023

- Super Senior National Bonspiel Philadelphia Curling Club, Pennsylvania, January 17-19

February 2023

- Winter Meeting, Bowling Green, Ohio

- Scot Tour Quilt Raffle Drawing at the Winter Meeting in Bowling Green

- National Women's Bonspiel, Bowling Green Curling Club, Ohio, February 15-19



QUILT RAFFLE TO BENEFIT NEXT SCOT TOUR

Next season USWCA will raffle a lovely handmade quilt. Raffle tickets will go on sale in September at the Fall meeting in Chicago. Tickets will be available from club representatives. The drawing will take place at the National Bonspiel in Bowling Green in February. The quilt was made and donated by Diane Firari of Kettle Moraine CC and it benefits the next Scot tour. Contact Susan Williams with questions, susanwilliams134@gmail.com.

ELECTION RESULTS

At the Annual Meeting held in Whitesboro, New York on February 23, 2022, officers were elected for the 2022-2023 season:

President Leslie McGregor (Chicago CC), First Vice President Kelly Stephens (Coyotes CC), Second Vice President Terri Gleason (Wausau CC), Secretary Elizabeth Demers (Detroit CC), Treasurer Bethany Rivera (Detroit CC 2022-2024).

Also elected were Parliamentarian Carol Wood (Rochester CC 2022-2024) and USWCA/USCA Liaison Tracy Lawless (Milwaukee CC 2022-2025).

Continuing in her term is Comptroller Tammy Hoffman (Circle City CC 2021-2023).

IN MEMORY

We are sad to announce the passing of Past President Anne Winslow in December. Anne was a member of The Country Club. She served as president in 1985-1986. Her obituary can be found at <https://www.lawlerfuneralhome.com/obituary/Anne-Winslow>.

For more information on the events of Anne's presidency, see the 75th Anniversary Historical Review, available from our online store, <https://www.uswca.org/merchandise>

We also have sad news of Nancee Melby's passing on March 16th. A member of the St. Paul Bonnie Lassies, Nancee has been an active member of the USWCA for years in many capacities. She has served on many committees, was a Club Representative, Representative Liaison, and a committee chair. Nancee was an advocate for all Club Reps and Liaisons and was always looking for ways to help Club Reps best serve their clubs. Her smile, sense of humor, and commitment will be missed by all Nancee's obituary can be found at this link: <https://bakken-young.com/nancee-melby-03-16-2022/>

GIFTS AND GRANTS

The Gifts and Grants Committee continues to financially support curling by women and youth, including Junior Travel Assistance. At the February 2022 Winter Meeting in Utica, the Board of Directors approved four requests presented by the Gifts and Grants Committee. We also implemented a new process for releasing awarded funds.

When we inform an applicant of their grant, we will include a questionnaire that they will need to complete in order to receive funds. We will ask that they include photos of their event and any receipts. We hope this process will help us demonstrate how Gifts and Grants is supporting Juniors and Women Curlers.

Applications are reviewed twice per year. Applications received by September 1 will be reviewed at the USWCA Fall Meeting (mid-September). Applications received by February 1 will be reviewed at the USWCA Winter Meeting (mid/late-February). Applicants will be notified of their grant application status following each meeting.

To find the application and for more information about the application process, visit our website, <https://www.uswca.org/gifts-and-grants> or on the home page <https://www.uswca.org> under "Support the USWCA."

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."

USWCA ANNOUNCES DONATIONS

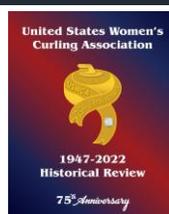
USWCA is a non-profit organization, and all donations, which are tax-deductible, are welcomed. Donations can be received through the mail or from the organization's website (<https://www.uswca.org/make-a-donation>) using PayPal. Donations have been made to the Scot Tour, Friendship Tour, Gifts and Grants, General Fund and Jean Borland Memorial Fund for Youth Curling

The Board of Directors expresses their sincere appreciation to the following individuals for their generosity:

Wendy Berger, Twila Yednock, Jacquelyn Schmidt, Martha Mazzerella, Georgia West, Dorothy Szymaszek, Barbara Moss, Leslie Cooke, Judy Maier, Margaret Knitter, Carol Ann Naso, Doris Eberlein, Kathleen Hyslop, Tracy Lawless, Patricia Cobb, Lucy Harr, Carolyn MacLeod, Chris Pollack, Dawn Gutro, Beverly Sponaugle, Jennifer Tschumakow, Susan Williams, Shelley Dropkin, Maureen Guay, Jane Wilson, Marsha Edmunds, and all those that donated so generously in memory of Jeannie Borland.

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, the historical review publication, and other related items.



USWCA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Surf the website

www.uswca.org

for our brochure and latest news.

Twitter handle: @HeartofCurling
Follow us on Twitter, and join the conversation at any USWCA event including the handle in your tweet.

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



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.