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WREP SHEET

News from the USWCA September 2026 Meeting and Committee Highlights

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear USWCA Members and Friends of Curling,

Welcome to the Fall issue of the WRep Sheet. It contains the news from the USWCA 2026 Fall Meeting, held in Royal Oak, Michigan and hosted by the Detroit Curling Club.

More than 60 officers, directors, committee chairs and the Outgoing Scot Tour came together from across the country to plan for the upcoming curling season and give the Scot Tour participants a warm send-off before they embark for Scotland at the end of October. In addition to completing the business of the organization, the attendees were able to enjoy fellowship, including a night of dueling pianos and dancing at the President's dinner.

The USWCA has a full calendar of events planned for the 2026-27 season and several initiatives underway to streamline the organization, increase our outreach and further promote women's and junior curling in our member clubs. We also welcomed several new reps and committee chairs to our team. We welcome anyone to join us who would like to get involved in our mission.

The weekend concluded with the Board of Directors Meeting, where we were able to recognize Cory Thiesse for being the first-ever women's curling medalist in the Olympics and hear the Outgoing Scot Tour sing their introductions song. Thank you to all members who attended, both in person and by video, for the time and effort you put into the important work our organization requires and your passion for the sport we all love.

Good Curling!
Bethany Rivera



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HONORING AN OLYMPIC ACHIEVEMENT



The first order of business at the Fall Meeting was to recognize member Cory Thiesse for her historic achievement in the sport of curling. Cory is the first U.S. woman, and first USWCA woman, to medal in curling at the 2026 Olympic Games. Cory won a silver medal for mixed doubles with her partner Korey Dropkin. They most recently went undefeated at the Mixed Doubles World Qualifier, capping off a dominant performance with a gold medal!

Joining on Zoom, Cory was recognized by Bethany Rivera and Ann Kirkpatrick. Ann presented Cory's mom, Linda Christiansen, with a special edition shirt to deliver to her. Korey's mom, Shelley Dropkin, was also recognized. Both moms are active members of the USWCA.

Congratulations, Cory, on this incredible Olympic accomplishment!

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MEET THE 2026 USWCA SCOT TOUR TEAMS

The USWCA Scot Tour women leave for Scotland on October 25th for a long-awaited three-week curling tour playing women's teams across Scotland. Held every 10 years, the Tour brings together 20 women from 20 USWCA clubs across the United States. After nearly a year of reviewing applicants and selecting the team, the USWCA Scot Tour Committee finalized the roster. The team gathered at the USWCA Fall Meeting in Royal Oak, Michigan, in September to complete travel plans, practice songs, and continue building team connections.

Be sure to follow the Scot Tour on social media using hashtag **#uswcascottour2026**.

Team Red (lead to skip): Heather Getty, Jen Mogavero, Kristin Smith, and Jen Tschumakow (Vice Captain)

Team Orange (lead to skip): Lisa Miller, Chris Battat, Lisa Rauliuk, and Elizabeth Demers

Team Yellow (lead to skip): Ann Kirkpatrick, Nancy Mutz, Terri Gleason, and Leslie McGregor

Team Green (lead to skip): Tammy Hoffman, Sara Hein, Naida Leslie, and Nancy Powers

Team Purple (lead to skip): Alana Malik, Elaine Ritchie, Kathleen Dean, and Kathy Pielage (Captain)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 2026

- October 22-25: Five Year and Under Open (West), Coyotes Curling Club, Tempe, AZ

November 2026

- November 20-22: Junior Bonspiel (Mid States), Centerville Curling Club, Galesville, WI
- November 20-22: Five Year and Under Open (West), Frogtown Curling Club, St. Paul, MN

December 2026

- December 1: Final day for Club Reps to approve National Women's Bonspiel entry forms
- December 2-6: Senior Women's Bonspiel, Wauwatosa Curling Club, WI
- December 4-6: Junior Bonspiel (West), Duluth Curling Club, MN
- December 16: Final day for National Women's Bonspiel accepted teams to pay entry fee

January 2027

- January 11-14: Super Senior Women's Bonspiel, Plainfield Curling Club, South Plainfield, NJ
- January 15: Final day to pay club dues to the USWCA Comptroller (first or only installment)
- January 31: Gifts and Grants application due date

February 2027

- February 10-14: National Women's Bonspiel, Charlotte Curling Club, Charlotte, NC
- February 12-14: Junior Bonspiel (East), Nutmeg Curling Club, Bridgeport, CT
- February 14-16: Winter Meeting, in-person or zoom, Courtyard Charlotte Northlake
- February 27-28: Junior Bonspiel (Central), Midland Curling Club, Midland, MI

March 2027

- March 19-21: Five Year and Under Open (East), Nutmeg Curling Club, Bridgeport, CT

April 2027

- April 2-4: Five Year and Under Open (Central), Circle City Curling Club, Anderson, IN
- April 30: Final dues payments due to USWCA Comptroller to count for 2026-2027 season

COME FLY WITH US AT THE NATIONAL BONSPIEL



The 78th National Bonspiel, "Come Fly With Us," will be hosted in the Central Region by Charlotte Curling Association in Charlotte, NC from Wednesday, February 10 to Sunday, February 14, 2027. The entry fee is \$560. Note that this bonspiel will be an 8-end timed-game format for 32 teams with a four game guarantee. Teams and individual entries are accepted.

Entry due dates are set by individual clubs, with all ranked entries due to the Regional Coordinators by December 1. Entry forms are completed online and Club Rep approvals will be completed electronically. Payments will be due by December 16 and also be made electronically once a team has been accepted. See your Club Rep for more information.

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

SUPER SENIOR BONSPIEL

The 6th USWCA Super Senior Bonspiel will take place at Plainfield Curling Club, South Plainfield, New Jersey, January 11-14, 2027. "The Sweepranos" bonspiel will feature three days of curling, friendship, great food and keen 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 \$80 per person and includes curling, one dinner, light breakfasts, lunches and snacks.

The last day to enter is October 15, 2026.

Registration is now open! Full details and the link to the entry form are available on the USWCA website

<https://www.uswca.org/super-senior-womens-bonspiel>



44th USWCA SENIOR WOMEN'S BONSPIEL

Wauwatosa Curling Club is pleased to welcome the 44th Senior Women's Bonspiel, "What a Pair!," to Wauwatosa, WI. The event will be held Wednesday to Sunday, December 2 to 6, 2026. Thirty-two teams have been selected for the 4 sheets of ice at Tosa and games will be 8 ends.

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



USWCA CURLING CIRCUIT

Welcome to a new season for The Circuit!

The Circuit supports women's bonspiels at USWCA member clubs by encouraging more teams to sign up and advances women's curling in general by promoting the Spirit of Curling. We want to make it easy to meet other women curlers, involve newer curlers in the sport, improve curling skills through friendly competition and award cash prizes. All funds collected go back as prize money to the Circuit Curlers, by region. We use the points from your three best bonspiels to calculate scores. Only one person on your team needs to be a member of the Circuit, but as always, we encourage all of you to sign up!

Our goals as a committee are to expand the reach that we have by making sure all of our representatives are promoting The Circuit, and to update our score sheets once a month.

The new season started on May 1, 2026 and will run until April 30, 2027

USWCA Member Women Curlers \$30 per season
USWCA Member Clubs \$100 per bonspiel

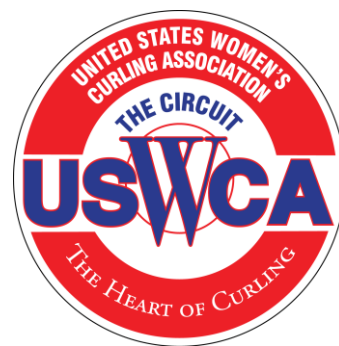
Individuals can register at

<https://www.uswca.org/circuit-individual-application>

and clubs can register their bonspiels at

<https://www.uswca.org/participating-bonspiels>.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please email Amanda Corbin at amanda.corbin@bgcurlingclub.com



THE ALL-AMERICAN

The All-American bonspiel is a special event dedicated exclusively to the **dues-paying women curlers** of USWCA member clubs. It is a fantastic opportunity for your club to celebrate women's curling and bring your members together.

If you need planning help or creative event ideas, please reach out—we are here to help!



Important Reminders

- **Beautiful Event Pins:** The USWCA proudly provides beautiful first and second event pins. Don't forget to submit your online pin application which you can find at <https://www.uswca.org/all-american> (on the USWCA website under "Bonspiels" then "All-American" tab, [form](#) link is in upper right column.)
- **Submit Results:** Once your bonspiel wraps up, submit the results of your winning teams using the All-American section of the form on that same webpage.
- **Event Swag:** Optional All-American logo items and general prizes are also available in the [USWCA merchandise store](#).

For questions or hosting inspiration, email All-American Chairperson Kim Rudkin at rudkiki@gmail.com

JUNIOR BONSPIELS

The USWCA Junior Bonspiel Committee sponsors four USWCA member Junior Bonspiels annually across the country, one in each region: East, Central, Mid States, and West. This season's Junior bonspiels are:

- MID STATES: November 20-22, 2026, Centerville Curling Club, Galesville, WI
- WEST: December 4-6, 2026. Duluth Curling Club, Duluth, MN, Elizabeth Busche Junior Bonspiel
- EAST: February 12-14, 2027, Nutmeg Curling Club, Bridgeport, CT, Neon Junior Spiel
- CENTRAL: February 27-28, 2027, Midland Curling Club, Midland, MI

As an event sponsor, the USWCA provides winner and runner-up pins for 4 events, an inscribed plaque for first-event winners, and advertisement of the bonspiel on the USWCA website. Travel assistance funds and funds for host clubs with arena ice are available through [the Gifts and Grants section of the USWCA website](#). Clubs hosting a USWCA-sponsored junior bonspiel must be USWCA members.

Looking Ahead for Junior Curling

The Junior Committee is excited to take new steps to expand how the USWCA supports junior curling across our member clubs. In addition to continuing our support of junior bonspiels, we're exploring new opportunities such as **coaching clinics, developmental events, one-day spiels, and partnerships with organizations like the USJRCA (U.S. Junior Curling Association)**. Our goal is to create more flexible, accessible opportunities that help both established and growing junior programs get more young curlers on the ice. Stay tuned for website updates with updated information and resources.

If your club is hosting a Junior Bonspiel in the next couple of years and would like the USWCA to be a sponsor, please contact Andie McDonald at andie.mcdonald22@gmail.com for more information or junior_bonspiel@uswca.org.

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

FIVE YEAR AND & UNDER BONSPIELS

The USWCA is sponsoring 5 & Under Bonspiels in all regions this 2026-27 season. All but one of the bonspiels are qualifiers for the USA Curling Five and Under Nationals (taking place May 4-9, 2027 at CurlVegas, Las Vegas, NV) as noted.

- East Region: Nutmeg Curling Club, Bridgeport, CT (Open) March 19-21, 2027
- Central Region: Circle City Curling Club, Anderson, IN (Open), April 2-4, 2027*
- Mid States Region: Appleton Curling Club, Appleton, WI (Open) January 15-17, 2027*
- West Region: Coyotes Curling Club, Tempe, AZ (Open) October 22-25, 2026*
Frogtown CC, St. Paul, MN (Open) November 20-22, 2026*



*qualifier for USA Curling Five and Under Nationals

Check the USWCA Five Year and Under Bonspiel page, <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>

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2027-28

The Nominating committee would like to present the Slate of Officers for the calendar/fiscal year for the USWCA organization, May 1, 2027 to April 30, 2028. They are as follows:

President	Julie Denten
1st Vice President	Kristin Smith
2nd Vice President	Jacquelyn Schmidt
Treasurer	Kelly Zahn
Comptroller	Elizabeth Demers
Secretary	Caitlin Yount
Parliamentarian	Shelley Dropkin
USWCA/USCA Director	Tracy Lawless



SUPPORT THE USWCA

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has donated to the USWCA. Every gift helps us advance our mission to support curling opportunities for women and youth.

There are several ways to give:

- Donate online: Visit www.uswca.org and click "[Donate](#)" on the home page.
- Send a check: Visit www.uswca.org, About, pull down menu to Gifts and Grants page, under Financial Stewardship look for the "[Hard Copy USWCA Donation Form](#)" to access the donation form and mailing instructions.
- Give through your employer: Ask if your employer offers matching gifts or payroll-based donations. You may be able to make a one-time or recurring donation.

This year we will be sending out letters and emails to reach our past presidents, past tour participants, and club reps. We will also be working with our social media team as we move into the 80th Anniversary of the USWCA!

Thank you for supporting the USWCA and helping strengthen the future of curling.

USWCA MERCHANDISE

Curl. Wear. Share. Support.

Your next favorite curling shirt might also help grow the sport! Browse the USWCA merchandise collection with Tilson Bay for the new Chick Pin shirts, Pride apparel, team uniforms, bonspiel swag and USWCA gear for curlers who love showing off their sport.



Special event collections make it easy to find gear for the All-American, Super Senior, Senior and National Bonspiels, while customizable apparel lets your team or club add its own personality, colors or identity. Clubs can also work with Tilson Bay on custom merchandise and fundraising opportunities—turning your curling swag into a way to support your own club.

And every order has an impact beyond your own wardrobe: **20% of sales are returned to USWCA programs**, helping support the USWCA mission and programs benefiting women and youth curling. Find your bonspiel swag, outfit your team, support junior curling and celebrate the community that makes curling special.

Ready to shop?

[Find your USWCA curling apparel and bonspiel swag at Tilson Bay](#)

[Shop traditional pins and stationary](#)





The Gifts and Grants Committee continues to financially support curling by women and youth, including Junior Travel Assistance. At the Fall Meeting 2026, the Board of Directors approved six requests presented by the Gifts and Grants Committee. The total amount awarded was \$7,800.

This season's grants were awarded to:

1. Junior Team Mihm – Four Seasons CC, St. Paul CC, Rice Lake CC and Brainerd CC
2. Club Support – Detroit Curling Club – we don't typically help with club remodeling but in this case, as a gift-in-kind for hosting the fall meeting and providing their meeting space, which saved the USWCA considerable funds, the USWCA is donating \$2,000 to the Detroit Curling Club to assist with a new floor and mechanical equipment.
3. Club Support – Petersham Curling Club (MA) – requested support to buy grippers for their learn to curl programs as an added safety feature.
4. Female Team Blaske – San Francisco Bay Area CC, Chaska CC
5. Club Support – Jersey Pinelands CC – will be putting together a multi-year program for wheelchair curling with the intent to increase the number of wheelchair curlers in the area and nationally. As an arena club they have asked for help with the ice team. They are awarded \$2,000.
6. Joint Initiative – this is another new category for the committee. A Women's Can-Am bonspiel, which has invited 8 USWCA Clubs in the East to play 8 Canadian teams, was brought forward by 8 USWCA clubs and we feel it has the potential to grow across regions. The Grant is sponsored by Belfast CC and The Country Club. They are awarded \$2,000 to get started.

Club representatives, please encourage applications for Gifts and Grants for your clubs. The opportunity is flexible, it can be for travel for juniors and women, but also for coaching, helping your club be ADA compliant, and events that help a broader group and club.

Applications are reviewed twice per year during the Fall and the Winter meetings. **The deadline for consideration at the Winter 2027 meeting is January 31, 2027.** 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."

YOUR VOICE WANTED

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 Bethany Rivera at president@USWCA.org. Join us to help shape the future of women's curling in the twenty-first century!

USWCA TO TURN 80 IN 2027

On February 26, 1946, during inter-club curling at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, it was suggested a national women's curling association be formed. The idea was enthusiastically received. An appointed committee framed a constitution which was presented to representatives of the five founding clubs – Appleton and Wauwatosa out of Wisconsin alongside Exmoor, Indian Hill and Skokie out of Illinois. The constitution was adopted and the USWCA was founded in October 1947!

Today's USWCA focuses on several national women's bonspiels (National, Senior National and Super Senior), the Junior National Bonspiel, the All-American (country-wide 'in club' events), 5 Year and Under regional events, and International tours between both Scotland and Canada with the United States.

The USWCA is the oldest national curling organization in the United States and presently consists of more than 5,500 members at 84 clubs, providing tens of thousands of dollars in support of women's and junior curling since its founding. We are proud of all of the work we have accomplished together and excited about the many, many years to come!



BENEFITS OF USWCA MEMBERSHIP

USWCA members are capable, committed volunteers who collaborate to bring new ideas and direction to help expand curling programs for women and juniors. Our objectives are to build friendships, have fun, and promote fantastic curling.

A full color brochure which summarizes our programs is ready to download and print. Share it with your female club members, the men at your club, and anyone who wants to learn more about the USWCA. The brochure can be found at this [link](#).



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).

Join the conversation on X - USWCA handle: @HeartofCurling - at any USWCA event.



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

Visit us at:

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