



USWCA Fall 2025 Call to Meeting

Dear USWCA Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs,

On behalf of the United States Women's Curling Association, I am pleased to invite you to the **2025 USWCA Fall Meeting**, hosted by the **Belfast Curling Club** in beautiful **Belfast, Maine**, from **September 12–14, 2025**.

We are excited to welcome you to Midcoast Maine for this important gathering. My team and I hope you'll join us to reconnect with longtime friends, meet new members, and—most importantly—collaborate to ensure a strong start to the **2025–2026 curling season**.

Curling has grown significantly in popularity over the past 10–15 years, and with **2026 being an Olympic year**, we expect increased attention and participation in the sport. It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting season full of opportunity.

As a national volunteer organization, we deeply appreciate the time, effort, and sacrifice it takes to attend our meetings. If you are unable to be with us in person, we encourage you to join us virtually. Your contributions are vital to the success of our committees and to the continued growth of the USWCA.

As someone who spent her career helping others strike a balance between work and play, that same philosophy will guide our Fall Meeting. We've scheduled time for productive work sessions, along with social activities and entertainment—both at the hotel and during the **President's Dinner at the Belfast Curling Club**. We've also built in free time so you can explore the charm of Belfast and the surrounding areas. Local recommendations will be included in the **Welcome Packets** at registration.

Thank you for your dedication, commitment, and continued support of our organization and the sport of curling.

Welcome to Vacationland!

Good Curling,
Ann C. Kirkpatrick
President, USWCA

Cheryl Pieske
Secretary, USWCA

Note: Please note the **important deadline** for the meeting:

- Deadline for meeting registration and full payment: **mail by September 1, 2025**

To register:

- Read the **Call to Meeting** and **additional information** on uswca.org home page.
- Complete this **USWCA Fall 2025 Meeting Survey** and **Registration** and email it to USWCA.secretary@gmail.com with the subject line "USWCA Fall 2025 Meeting Survey."
- Print your **completed** survey, including your meal selections and the total cost. **Write your name beside the list of meals** and write a check (payable to USWCA) for the total cost of your meals. Mail your survey and check **by September 1, 2025**, to:

Cheryl Pieske
57 Keller Road
Waldo, Maine 04915
(207) 322-2112

Then:

- Check your Fall 2025 Meeting Schedule (in this email).
- Book your flight, if applicable. Bangor (BGR) is closest to the meeting site. However, Portland (PWM) has more options.
- Make your hotel reservations by **September 1, 2025**. See instructions in this Call to Meeting.

NOTE: If you are flying into Boston or Portland, Contact Elaine Ritchie to coordinate transportation. Her contact information is emritchie@yahoo.com or (978) 314-1113.

USWCA Fall 2025 Meeting Survey

Email Address

Your Name*

Your Mobile Phone Number*

Are you: Club Representative, USWCA Officer, or Chair of a Standing Committee?*

- ☐ Yes, I am my Club's Representative
- ☐ Yes, I am a USWCA Officer
- ☐ Yes, I chair a Standing Committee
- ☐ No, I am none of the above

Club Reps: Are you a New Rep for your Club?*

You are a new representative if your first meeting was Winter 2025 or Fall 2025, or even if you have been a Rep longer but this is the first meeting you will attend **in person**.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Is your contact information on the USWCA website and is it current?*

If your information is not on the USWCA website or is not current, go to the Members' Area (uswca.org/members) and add or update your profile information under **My Account**.

I have added, updated, or verified my contact information on uswca.org/members.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

We will also have a copy of the DIRECTORY at the Registration Table to make any necessary changes.

USWCA Fall 2025 Meeting Registration

The Fall 2025 Meeting will be held in Belfast, ME, from Friday, September 12–Sunday, September 14, 2025. If flying, Bangor International Airport (BGR) is closest to the meeting site.

Fall 2025 Meeting Attendance*

- ☐ Yes, I will attend the Fall 2025 Meeting.
 - ☐ I am also carrying a proxy for _____
- ☐ No, I will not attend the Fall 2025 Meeting.
 - ☐ I will send a proxy for my vote with _____

USWCA Fall 2025 Board of Directors Meeting

Club Representatives, Committee Chairs, and Officers are voting members of the USWCA and must be present in person for the organization to meet quorum and for the meeting to be viable. For **Club Representatives** not able to attend in person who do not appoint an alternate, **you may assign a proxy** to a Committee Chair attending in person, another Representative attending in person, or the USWCA Secretary. The proxies do not count toward quorum. **Note:** For **Committee Chairs** who are unable to attend meetings in person, an Acting Chair must be designated and communicated to the President and Secretary prior to the meetings. The Acting Chair will assume the voting privileges of the Chair. If the Committee Chair is also a Club Representative, she is entitled to one additional vote and may assign this additional vote via proxy.

On Saturday, September 13th, the day before the Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting, the USWCA Secretary will provide a Zoom link for anyone unable to attend in person. Those attending via Zoom are considered full participants in the meeting and your attendance will count toward the quorum. Your hand raised will be your vote. The BoD will begin at 8:00AM (EST), but you should consider logging into the meeting just after 7:30AM to avoid delaying the count of a quorum.

If you need to leave the BoD Meeting early, you will need to designate someone in the room before you leave the meeting. This is usually the USWCA Secretary.

In order to be a full participant, your screen will need to be turned on just as though you are sitting in the room.

Will you attend the **entire** Board of Directors Meeting on Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ On Line (Zoom)

Please schedule your departing flight no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on Sunday so that you may attend the entire voting portion of the meeting. The Belfast Curling Club is 40 miles (1 hour) from Bangor International Airport-BGR and 97 miles (2 hrs.) from Portland International Jetport- PWM.

NOTE: If you are flying into Boston or Portland, Contact Elaine Ritchie to coordinate transportation. Her contact information is: emritchie@yahoo.com or (978) 314-1113.

Lodging

Lodging is available at the **Fireside Inn and Suites**, 159 Searsport Avenue, Belfast, Maine, 04915; **Telephone: 207-338-2090**, info@firesideinnbelfast.com. We encourage you to call to make your reservations. Let them know that you are with the USWCA/Belfast Curling Club. We have let the hotel know that people will be checking in as early as Wednesday and staying past Sunday!

Do you need a roommate?*

We will send out a list of attendees who need a roommate so you can make your own arrangements.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Meals

Food Allergies/Restrictions

Note: We cannot guarantee accommodation but will attempt to work with the providers to try to meet your needs.

Do you have any food allergies or restrictions?*

- ☐ Yes

Please let us know your dietary allergies or restrictions.

- ☐ Vegetarian
- ☐ Vegan
- ☐ No tree nuts
- ☐ No peanuts/other legumes
- ☐ Gluten-free
- ☐ Other (Please Specify) _____

- ☐ No, Nope, None!!

Friday Boxed Lunch

Note: Anywhere you see (circle one), you'll need to do that on your printed copy.

A boxed lunch from **Bell the Cat** will be available at the hotel on **Friday**, September 12, 2025.

Will you order a boxed lunch from Bell the Cat at a cost of \$20.00 per person?*

If Yes: choose one sandwich or salad. Sandwiches come with chips and a pickle.

- ☐ Yes, I would like a boxed lunch on Friday
 - ☐ Chicken Asiago Wrap: Grilled chicken breast, asiago cheese, tomato, red onion, lettuce and ranch dressing in a spinach wrap.
 - ☐ Ham Melt: Boar's Head ham, tomato, leaf lettuce, pesto, and melted Muenster cheese on your choice of multigrain, wheat, white, or rye bread (circle one).
 - ☐ Chef Salad: Lettuce with tomatoes, peppers, mushrooms, onions, sprouts, cukes, carrots, broccoli, sliced ham, turkey cheddar, Swiss, and a hard-boiled egg. Choice of dressing _____.
- ☐ No, thank-you.

Friday President's Dinner

The President's Dinner will be held on Friday, September 12, 2025 at the Belfast Curling Club. There will be a choice of lobster, chicken, or vegetarian entrees with sides of fresh corn on the cob, Aroostook potato salad, and a fresh blueberry dessert. All meals come with a complimentary Presidential beverage from the bar.

- ☐ Steamed Lobster, corn on the cob, potato salad, and dessert. \$55.00
- ☐ Lemon Chicken with feta Cheese, corn on the cob, potato salad, and dessert. \$35.00
- ☐ Vegetarian: Sweet potato, black bean enchiladas, Costa Rican rice and beans, and dessert. \$30.00
- ☐ No, thank you.

Please stick around after the meal for the entertainment!

The Hospitality Suite at the hotel will be open at 9:30 - 11:00. Hannah and Katy will be your Hosts!

Saturday Boxed Lunch or Dutch Treat

A boxed lunch from **Bell the Cat** will be available at the hotel on **Saturday**, September 13, 2025.

Will you order a boxed lunch from Bell the Cat at a cost of \$20.00 per person?*

-If Yes: choose one sandwich or salad. Sandwiches come with chips and a pickle.

- ☐ Yes, I would like a boxed lunch on Saturday
 - ☐ The Earl: Boar's Head Roast Beef, mayo and horseradish, lettuce, tomato and red onion and your choice of multigrain, wheat, white, or rye bread **(circle one)**.
 - ☐ Greek Panini: Feta, sliced tomato, pesto, baby spinach, kalamata olives, and provolone on a spinach wrap.
 - ☐ Cobb Salad: Lettuce, grilled chicken, tomato, avocado, bacon, hard-boiled egg, blue cheese crumble, croutons, dressing.
- ☐ No, thank you.

-OR-

Will you sign up for the Dutch-treat lunch at one of the listed restaurants?*

- ☐ Yes, I will sign up for Dutch-treat lunch on Saturday
- ☐ No, thank you.

Dutch-treat sign-up sheets will be available for these restaurants:

BELFAST:

- **Nautilus Seafood & Grill** - 3 Main Street (Downtown on the water)
- **Darby's Restaurant** - 155 High Street (Tavern setting with upscale pub fare)
- **Young's Lobster Pound** - 2 Fairview Street (More than just lobster; picnic style)
- **Dos Gatos Gastropub** - 84 Main Street (Tex-Mex tacos, nachos and more)

SEARSPORT: Angler's Restaurant - 215 E Main St (Family style with lots of seafood options)

Saturday's Dinner

Please explore MidCoast Maine. In addition to Belfast, there are places in Rockland, Rockport, Camden, and Searsport. We will have lists of choices at the registration table.

The Hospitality Suite at the hotel will be open at 8:30 - 11:00. Hannah and Katy are your Hosts!

Sunday Boxed Lunch

A boxed lunch from **Bell the Cat** will be available at the Belfast Curling Club on **Sunday**, September 14, 2025, following the Board of Directors Meeting.

Will you order a boxed lunch on Sunday for a cost of \$20 per person?*

- ☐ Yes, I would like a boxed lunch on Sunday.
 - ☐ The Earl: Boar's Head Roast Beef, mayo and horseradish, lettuce, tomato and red onion and your choice of multigrain, wheat, white, or rye bread (circle one).
 - ☐ Greek Panini: Feta, sliced tomato, pesto, baby spinach, kalamata olives, and provolone on a spinach wrap.
 - ☐ Cobb Salad: Lettuce, grilled chicken, tomato, avocado, bacon, hard-boiled egg, blue cheese crumble, croutons, dressing_____.
- ☐ No, thank you.

Optional list of nearby restaurants for Sunday: see list from Saturday evening meals.

Thank you for completing this survey.

Print your **completed** survey, including your meal selections and the total cost. **Write your name beside the list of meals** and write a check (payable to USWCA) for the total cost of your meals. Mail your survey and check **by September 1, 2025**, to:

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Mail no later than September 1, 2025.

Meals with cost per person (put a check mark beside each meal you wish to purchase; if none, put a check mark by None):

- ☐ \$20.00 Friday boxed lunch
- ☐ \$55.00 President's Dinner- Lobster
- ☐ \$35.00 President's Dinner- Chicken
- ☐ \$30.00 Presidents Dinner- Vegetarian
- ☐ \$20.00 Saturday boxed lunch
- ☐ \$20.00 Sunday boxed lunch

Total cost of meal(s): \$_____

-Check payable to USWCA

If you have questions about the meal options, please contact Cheryl Pieske:

Via email: USWCA.secretary@gmail.com with subject line "USWCA Fall 2025 Meeting Questions"

Via phone or text: (207) 322-2112

Remember to make your hotel reservations no later than September 1, 2025.