



UNITED STATES  
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# WREP SHEET

News from the USWCA September 2022 Meeting and Committee Highlights

## THE WOMEN 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 Wednesday, October 19 with lots of great curling in between as the Closing Banquet on November 8, 2022 concludes the Tour.

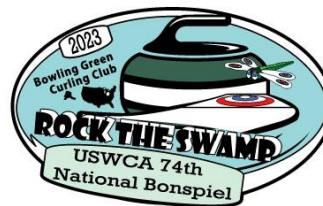
The USWCA website is the place to go for official news and photos. The main Tour page is <https://www.uswca.org/2021-tour>. The all-important Itinerary page will also include the daily report once the Tour begins <https://www.uswca.org/itinerary-of-scots-tour-2022>. And you can meet the teams here: <https://www.uswca.org/meet-the-teams-of-the-2021-scot-tour>

Be sure to check in with Host Clubs and take the opportunity to watch some "International Curling!"



## NATIONAL WOMEN'S BONSPIEL

The 74th National Women's Bonspiel, "Rock the Swamp," will be hosted in the Central Region by Bowling Green Curling Club, Bowling Green, OH, from Wednesday, February 15 to Sunday, February 19, 2023.



There are a few changes to the bonspiel process for this year. Curling will start on Wednesday evening. The Skips' Meeting will be held electronically before the events. 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-2023> for the latest information.

Follow the bonspiel news and plans on social media using hashtag #uswcanb2023

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## ALL-AMERICAN

The All American Event encourages ALL women curlers to participate, especially the new and less experienced. The event is intended to include all the women curlers in your club. You can hold the event as a bonspiel or in league round-robin play, as it can depend on what best fits your curling schedule.

**New this year**, the application form and the results form link to fillable forms.

If you have any questions regarding hosting an "All American" event at your club, please contact Kristin Smith (All American Chair). For more information on the All-American and to find the forms, visit our website, <https://www.uswca.org/all-american.aspx>.

## SENIOR WOMEN'S BONSPIEL

Racine Curling Club is pleased to welcome the 40th Senior Bonspiel, "Diamonds and Denim" to Racine, WI. The event will be held Wednesday to Sunday, November 30 – December 4, 2022. Due to the popularity of this event, this will be the last time a 16-team Senior Women's Bonspiel will be held at a 2-sheet club. This will be an 8-end bonspiel. Follow the excitement on social media using hashtag #uswcasb2022.



For full details and results, visit <http://www.uswca.org/senior-womens-bonspiel-2022>.

## USWCA 2nd SUPER SENIOR WOMEN'S BONSPIEL

Philadelphia Curling Club is excited to welcome the 2nd Super Senior Bonspiel, "Rockin' It-Philly Style" to Paoli, Pennsylvania. The event will be held Tuesday, January 17 to Thursday, January 19, 2023 and 16 teams will participate in the 6-end bonspiel on 2 sheets of ice with a 3-game guarantee. Finals will be on Thursday – timing dependent upon number of teams. Philadelphia curlers have graciously offered to coordinate a sightseeing day of the area on Friday January 20 for those who are interested in staying longer. Eligible participants will be 65 or older by January 1, 2023 and have paid USWCA dues for the 2022-23 season. Members-at-Large are eligible to enter (USWCA dues paid by bonspiel deadline). Enter as an Individual and you will be placed on a team with curlers from other regions. or as a Composite Team - only two players from same club please. The other two players should be from a different region or club. Goal is to play with other curlers from different regions.



The entry fee is \$75 per person and the entry deadline is November 7th. Visit <https://www.uswca.org/super-senior-womens-bonspiel-2023> for the entry form and all the latest information including COVID requirements. Follow the excitement on social media using hashtag #uswccsb2023.

## WELCOME THE SENIOR FRIENDSHIP TOUR

We are excited to welcome 16 senior Canadian women curlers from the Maritimes and Ontario for the 2022 Senior Women's Friendship Tour. The Tour will take place November 7-18, 2022 in the Eastern Region. The Friendship Committee, along with their Canadian counterparts, have been working hard to put together a memorable Tour. As a Friendship Tour, we will provide a comfortable balance of curling and social activities. Eight clubs will host curling and Albany Curling Club will host the Welcome Dinner. Everyone involved looks forward to an exciting Tour. The itinerary can be found on the USWCA website <https://www.uswca.org/itinerary-sr-friendship-tour-2012-22>.

Anyone is welcome to visit along the Tour to support and cheer on the participants. For more information on the Tour, visit <https://www.uswca.org/2021-friendship-tour>.



## RICE LAKE JUNIOR BONSPIEL

The Rice Lake Junior Bonspiel was held September 16-18. Chair Marsha Shuda reported that it was a great success.

“We had 14 teams - 12 competitive and 2 development. Since this was a first bonspiel for the development teams, we kept them separate from the competitive. This event allowed them to improve their skills of great sportsmanship, speed of play and how to keep a positive attitude.

“The winner of the competitive group was Team Grabow from Capital Curling Club in Bismarck, ND.

They are pictured in the front row - Conner Grabow, Ethan Macomber, Miles Grabow, and Jake Ring. The Runners up in the 1st event were - Team Ponzio from Dakota Curling Club, MN, Stevens Point CC, WI: Poynette CC, WI: and Capital Curling Club (ND). They are in the back row - Kenna Ponzio, Teagan Thurston, Alyssa Hahn, and Carly Setter.”



## 5 & UNDER BONSPIELS



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

**East Region:** Albany Curling Club, NY (Open), December 15-18, 2022

**Central Region:** Potomac Curling Club, OH (Open), January 27-29, 2023

**Central Region:** Fort Wayne Curling Club, IN (Women's Challenge), January 20-23, 2023

**Wisconsin Region:** Milwaukee Curling Club, WI (Women's Challenge), December 2-4, 2022

**Wisconsin Region:** Portage Curling Club, WI (Open), February 10-12, 2023

**West Region:** Coyotes Curling Club, AZ (Open), October 28-30, 2022

**West Region:** Fairbanks Curling Club, AK (Open), February 10-12, 2023

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 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>

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

**EAST:** January 27-29, 2023, Norfolk CC, Norfolk, Connecticut

**WEST:** March 10-12, 2023, Four Seasons CC, Blaine, Minnesota

For those planning ahead, Cape Cod CC, Falmouth, Massachusetts, will host in the East in July 23-26, 2023.

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>

**MAIER RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

At the Board of Directors Meeting 18 in Northbrook, Illinois, President Leslie McGregor presented the USWCA Distinguished Service Award to Judy Maier. Leslie read a tribute to Judy written by Bonnie Dixon (paraphrased here). In the tribute, Bonnie wrote that as a member of the Kettle Moraine Curling Club (KMCC) in Hartland, Wisconsin, Judy has contributed her time, skills, and money to make the KMCC one of the best curling clubs in the country. Judy served on the USCA Board of Directors for three years. She was recognized in 2019 for her accomplishments by the State of Wisconsin Curling Association for her contribution to curling. As one of the longest serving members of the USWCA, Judy has served as President in 1996-1997 and has been the chair of many of the USWCA committees. Most recently, she has been instrumental in getting the Super Senior National Women's Bonspiel established. The USWCA would be so much less for not having her dedication to women's curling. Join us in congratulating Judy for this special recognition.



**October 2022**

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

**November 2022**

- Incoming Scot Tour continues
- Incoming Friendship Tour, East, November 7-18.
- Final day for Super Senior Bonspiel Entries, November 7
- Scot Tour Closing Banquet November 8, Natick, MA
- Friendship Tour Opening Banquet November 8 Albany CC and Schenectady CC
- Senior Bonspiel, Racine Curling Club, Wisconsin. November 30-December 4

**December 2022**

- Final day for Club Reps to approve National Women's Bonspiel entries, December 1
- Five and Under Women's Challenge, Milwaukee Curling Club, Wisconsin, December 2-4

- Five and Under Open, Albany Curling Club, New York, December 15-18, 2022

- Final day for National Women's Bonspiel accepted teams to pay entry fee, December 17

**January 2023**

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

- Five and Under Women's Challenge, Fort Wayne Curling Club, Indiana, January 20-23

- Junior Bonspiel, East Region, 2023, Norfolk CC, Connecticut January 27-29

- Five and Under Open, Potomac Curling Club, MD, January 27-29

**February 2023**

- Gifts and Grants application deadline, February 1

- Five and Under Open, Portage Curling Club, Wisconsin, February 10-12

- Five and Under Open, Fairbanks Curling Club, Alaska February 10-12

- Winter Meeting, February 13 – 15, 2023 Bowling Green, Ohio

- National Women's Bonspiel, Bowling Green Curling Club, Ohio, February 15-19, 2023

- Scot Tour Quilt Raffle Drawing at the National Bonspiel Dinner in Bowling Green

**March 2023**

- Junior Bonspiel, West Region, Four Seasons Curling Club, Blaine, Minnesota, March 10-12



**QUILT RAFFLE TO BENEFIT NEXT SCOT TOUR**

During the 2022 - 2023 season, the USWCA will be holding a raffle to benefit the Scot Tour. The raffle prize is a lovely quilt made and donated by Diane Firari of the Kettle Moraine Curling Club. Raffle tickets will go on sale September 19, 2022. They will be available from club representatives that are able to sell them and on the website, <https://www.uswca.org/merchandise>. The tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. And starting this Fall, for every \$50 you donate to USWCA's Giving Campaign, a raffle ticket with your name on it will be put into the drawing. The drawing will take place at the National Women's Bonspiel Dinner on February 16, 2023, this season at Bowling Green. You need not be present at the drawing to win.

**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>.

**IN MEMORY**

We are sad to announce the passing of Past President Margaret Otto in August. Margaret Otto was a member of the Arden Hills Cairn Lassies in St. Paul. She served as USWCA president in 1995 – 1996. Her obituary can be found at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/twincities/name/margaret-otto-obituary?id=36217238>. Margaret's estate has donated several curling items to the USWCA. Some have been added to the USWCA Archive, including her Presidents Pin. We are grateful for these gifts. Other items will be auctioned off to good homes. Stay tuned!

## GIFTS AND GRANTS

The Gifts and Grants Committee continues to financially support curling by women and youth, including Junior Travel Assistance. At the September 2022 Fall Meeting in Chicago, the Board of Directors approved four requests presented by the Gifts and Grants Committee.

Grant Applicants will be asked that they include photos of their event and any receipts. These photos, including the necessary release, will be targeted for inclusion in USWCA media.

Applications are reviewed twice per year, during the Fall and the Winter meetings. The deadline for consideration at the Winter Meeting is February 1, 2023. 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

There are many ways you can support the USWCA.

The Giving Campaign starts this Fall and will continue throughout the year. There are five different funds to which your gift can be directed: Scot Tour, Friendship Tour, Gifts and Grants, General Fund and the Jean Borland Memorial Fund for Youth Curling. Donations can be given in memory or honor of a loved one. Donations can be made at <https://www.uswca.org/make-a-donation> through PayPal or checks can be mailed to USWCA Comptroller, PO Box 658, Scottsburg, IN 47170

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.



## USWCA PROMOTIONAL SALES

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Sometimes in life we need a little inspiration and pep in our step, but  
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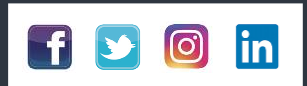
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for our brochure and latest news.

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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).



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