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USCA aiming for excellence in the U.S. and beyond

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Dear Curlers,

As a result of the Members’ adoption of the new bylaws for the USCA, a new Board of Directors was seated at the August 2014 meeting in Boston, Mass. Also, the Standing Committee positions were filled by election at the board meeting, and chairs of the Standing Committees were designated.

The new board presently has 19 directors. The new bylaws allow for up to four additional board-elected independent directors (See Terry Kolesar’s story on the next page). The new Nominating/Governance Standing Committee is tasked to make a review of the skills of the current directors and seek out independent director candidates with skill sets needed on the new board. The first skill set for which the Nominating/Governance Standing Committee is seeking is an individual with extensive background in finance in a business or professional setting.

The 19 board members and the 13 non-director Standing Committee members are all passionate about curling and bring a diverse perspective from across the nation. I am honored to have been elected as the first chair of the USCA to lead this group of individuals as members of TEAM USA Curling.

I recently attended the World Curling Federation (WCF) annual Members Congress in Reno, Nev. There are many initiatives being explored and implemented at the world level. The WCF is also undergoing a governance change with its board and officers.

It is clear that the passion for curling and the pursuit of competitive excellence is worldwide. The level of competitive excellence worldwide was evidenced by a report given by Keith Wendorf, Director of Competition and Development with the WCF.

At the WCF Congress, Wendorf reviewed the medals won in the 12 world championships, Olympics and Paralympics contested in the 2013-14 season. Out of the 36 medals possible, Canada claimed eight, Scotland claimed six, Switzerland and Sweden claimed five each, and Russia claimed four. The USA claimed but one, a bronze at the World Senior Women’s. In comparison with the world, these results did not make me proud. Rather, it was both embarrassing and a forceful statement of what work USA Curling has before it to consistently achieve competitive excellence.

This competitive excellence may be realistically achieved only through the wide support from the curling community in the USA. The new governance has laid a foundation for building this competitive excellence. However, the constructive support by all of us in the curling community through our volunteers, through our cheers, and through our generous financial support both personally and as a liaison to the public is required. Our athletes who are representing TEAM USA Curling in the Worlds, Olympics and Paralympics need the level of support that matches and exceeds those of the other nations with which we are competing.

Our athletes and the technical staff certainly have the passion and they have the potential. What TEAM USA Curling lacks in comparison with the rest of the nations who are winning medals is depth of the financial support. Many of our international competitors have anywhere from four to 10 times the amount of annual financial support available to them compared to our teams. This is our challenge as a board, as standing committees, as a staff, and as a curling community. The challenge is to work to overcome this financial resources imbalance so we will be proud to be a part of TEAM USA Curling as we achieve competitive excellence.

What can you do?
- You can support TEAM USA Curling by volunteering with the USCA.
- You can support the development of young and aspiring competitive curlers in your clubs, states and regions.
- You can support TEAM USA Curling by personally making donations and acting as a liaison to your club and non-curling friends to seek their support of our athletes and technical staff as they train to represent TEAM USA Curling in international competitions.
- Look on the USA Curling website for the donation page; or contact USA Curling’s Director of Philanthropy, Michelle Schliebaum, or the office in Stevens Point.

Good curling,
David Carlson
Chair of USCA Board

Thank you!

USA Curling’s High Performance Program (HPP) is delighted to have BalancePlus as its official equipment supplier. BalancePlus has been supplying the USCA HPP teams with brooms and other equipment since 2011 and their generosity is set to continue. All 29 High Performance athletes received a new broom during the recent camp at the National Training Center in Blaine, Minn. The brooms also came with a generous supply of BalancePlus’s revolutionary EQ heads, which takes sweeping to the next level. Other equipment supplied included shoes, pants, gloves, mitts and anti-sliders. Our thanks go to Lino Di Iorio and Scott Taylor of BalancePlus for their continued support of USA Curling.
70 years and counting

By Terry L. Kolesar, Editor, terry.kolesar@usacurl.org

I have accepted that summer is now officially over and it is time to be a little more focused on indoor activities instead of brainstorming curling projects while out basking in the Wisconsin summer sunshine on my Trek bike. Sigh ... ok, time to talk real curling.

This season marks the 70th anniversary of this publication formerly known as the National Curling News and the North American Curling News. A 70th anniversary should certainly not be overlooked! According to a quick Google search, a 70th anniversary should be celebrated with platinum (granite is traditional for 90 years!). Well, my modest budget won’t allow me to bestow all of our readers with a platinum gift to celebrate so our emeritus editor, David Garber, came up with a more economical idea. During this season we will highlight you – our readers. If you are a USCA member and your 70th birthday falls between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, you qualify for a small prize. We ask that you send us a letter or email with this information:

1. Name
2. Years curled
3. Club or clubs where you’ve been a member
4. Email address
5. Mailing address
6. Send us a photo of you curling (we may use it)
7. Any comments you have related to your curling career

We will highlight 70-year-old curlers from time to time this season.

Aloha, curling!

Remember last year when we went to Hawaii and introduced curling as part of a fundraising event? It was a pretty historical moment for our sport! USA Curling is very grateful to American Savings Bank for inviting us back in September to the Ice Palace where icemakers David Staveteig and Kevin Madsen, with the help of super volunteer Kellie Krake, tirelessly flooded and flooded to make curling ice in Honolulu for an event that netted a very generous $25,000 donation to USA Curling to help further grow the sport in the U.S. The day featured the sport being introduced to more than 100 Honolulu school kids by Olympians Ann Swisshelm and Pete Fenson with the night session featuring more than 20 teams of Honolulu business leaders. I could never count the number of smiles I saw throughout that special day. To see photos from the event in Hawaii, see the bonus pages of content featured in the supplemental digital edition of this magazine. Many of you have asked about membership in Curling Club Hawaii. The bank owns the stones and is thinking about a future league at the Ice Palace, which is very interested in bringing curling to the Honolulu community.

So, are you ready for the curling season? Are your curling legs ready to slide? Are your arms prepped to sweep? It’s go time! Have a great season, everyone.

New board meets for first time since bylaws adopted

By Terry L. Kolesar, Editor, terry.kolesar@usacurl.org

The Board of Directors of the United States Curling Association (USCA) gathered in August in Boston for its first meeting since new bylaws were adopted by the Members of the association in April.

Among the actions taken by the new board was the election of Dave Carlson (Portage, Wis.) as chairman of the board. In addition, the board’s five standing committee chairpersons were elected. They include Sean Silver (Chicago), chairman of the Audit/Finance Committee; Chris Sjue (Fargo, N.D.), chairman of the Human Resources Committee; Kent Beadle (Hudson, Wis.), chairman of the Judicial Committee; Michael Shahlhoub (Scarsdale, N.Y.), chairman of the Ethics Committee; and Leland Rich (Fairbanks, Alaska), chairman of the Nominating/Governance Committee.

Also, Vic Huebner (Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.) was appointed treasurer and Gordon Maclean (Atlantic Mine, Mich.) was named secretary by Rick Patzke, USCA’s interim chief executive officer and the board’s interim secretary general.

“The individuals appointed to leadership positions in the USCA are a blend of new leaders and previously serving leaders,” said Chairman David Carlson. “They reflect the nationwide interest and support for USA Curling. I am excited to work with them all as we strive to build the number one member supported curling organization in the world.”

The full Board of Directors in place includes (length of term also noted):
Regional (member-elected) directors:
Alaska and At-Large regions: David Flippo (Anchorage, Alaska), 2016
Grand National region: Jeff Hannon (Norwalk, Conn.), 2015; Gwen Krailo-Lyons (Nashua, N.H.), 2016
Great Lakes region: Courtney Schmidt (Gates Mills, Ohio), 2016
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Mountain Pacific region: Nick Kitinski (Burbank, Calif.), 2015
North Dakota region: Chris Sjue (Fargo, N.D.), 2015
Washington region: James Pleasant (Seattle), 2015
Wisconsin region: Dave Carlson (Portage, Wis.), 2016; Rich Lepping (Madison, Wis.), 2015
Athletes Advisory Council (AAC) elected members: Craig Brown (Madison, Wis.), Maureen Clark (Madison, Wis.), Dean Gemmell (Short Hills, N.J.), Allison Pottinger (Eden Prairie, Minn.), Jared Zezel (Hibbing, Minn.)
United States Women’s Curling Association (USWCA) elected member: Jennifer Stannard (Stamford, Conn.), 2016*

In addition, the following USCA representatives to the World Curling Federation (WCF) have a voice but no vote during board actions: Leland Rich (Fairbanks, Alaska), Beau Welling (Greenville, S.C.) and Mark Swandby (Madison, Wis.).

*Stannard also is a USCA WCF rep and has full voice/vote control as the USWCA’s representative to the board.]
Signs of the season

By Kim Nawyn, Director of Growth & Development, kim.nawyn@usacurl.org

The autumn chill has already begun its descent upon some areas of the country. Brilliant reds and oranges dot the trees, and pumpkins have taken the place of summer fruits at farmers’ markets. Fall clean-up days are on the schedule and icemakers have begun laying down floods. For many curlers, these signs signify the start of the traditional curling season.

In years to come, curlers also may come to view annual attendance at the USA Curling Members’ Assembly as a sign that the season is about to begin.

As of the writing of this article, final preparations are being made for the inaugural USA Curling Members’ Assembly, which takes place Oct. 9-12 in Denver, Colo. Early arrivals will participate in a VIP tour of the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. A slate of seminars focused on topics relevant to running a curling club, on-ice instruction, social activities (including dinner at the new Denver Curling Club), and the annual Members’ Meeting round out this inaugural event. (More details about the Members’ Assembly are available on the USA Curling website and on Page 4 of the August digital-only edition of the U.S. Curling News.)

The Members’ Assembly is not the only new program U.S. curlers will see this year. USA Curling was recently awarded a $20,000 P&G/Team USA Youth Sports Fund Grant. Through use of these funds, USA Curling will introduce a new program called Curling in the Gym. The program, which incorporates the FloorCurl™ Community Centre Package, is designed to expand knowledge of and access to the sport of curling while increasing physical activity in elementary school children. Curling in the Gym includes all materials and equipment needed for a physical education teacher or community program leader without experience in the sport to run an eight to 10 session program. It is essentially curling-in-a-box. Sets will be made available for loan to clubs and multi-sport organizations later this fall. If club members are not involved with daily implementation of the program, USA Curling will connect community groups and schools with local clubs in an attempt to enrich these programs with guest speakers or on-ice visits whenever possible. More details will be made available in the coming weeks!

Development continues on USA Curling Sport Education courses. Coaching seminars are nearing completion and Level II Instructor Courses will be offered at several sites this season. In an attempt to better meet the needs of clubs seeking to recruit and train wheelchair curlers, a Wheelchair Instructor Certification Course is currently under development. Steve Brown (National Wheelchair Coach), Patrick McDonald (2010 and 2014 Paralympian), and I spent several days in September collaborating with World Curling Federation Competitions and Development Officers Scott Arnold and Eeva Röthlisberger and 2014 Canadian Curling Association Paralympic Team Leader, Wendy Morgan. This collaboration resulted in an outline for a training program that will likely be used in multiple countries. We believe that this is the first time the three organizations have collaborated on the development of a course.

USA Curling also is continuing work to promote growth in our member clubs through inclusion of recruiting event information on our website in both the Calendar and Find a Club sections. A form to register club open houses, learn to curls, or other upcoming recruiting events for the 2014-15 season has been provided to all clubs and can also be found on the USA Curling website at www.usacurl.org. As clubs have varying seasons, there is no deadline for submission. However, it is recommended that clubs submit information at least a month in advance. Clubs can also request brochures, directories, and ice logos free of charge through calling the national office or by submitting the form located on the Clubs/Membership Materials page on the website.

The club insurance program featuring general liability and medical accident coverage is in the process of being renegotiated for the 2014-15 season. Expect information on renewals to be available in early November. Jim Wilson, a curler from Illinois and licensed insurance agent specializing in mechanical breakdown coverage, recently contacted me about an additional coverage in which clubs may have interest. He created a new program that insures clubs for ice plant break down (compressors, etc.), including coverage for business interruption, green environment and efficiency improvement additional expenses. Anyone interested in learning additional details about the program should contact Wilson directly at jwilson@financialrs.com or (847) 501-3999.

For a more complete listing of programs currently available to members, a member benefits brochure can be found on the Clubs/Member Programs page of the USA Curling website. In addition, currently scheduled Sport Education courses are listed in the Events Calendar.
Wheelchair curling: Help us grow the sport

By Steve Brown, U.S. National and Paralympic Wheelchair Curling Coach, steve.brown@usacurl.org

As the coach for our wheelchair athletes, I have watched them play in many local bonspiels over the last several years against able-bodied curlers. Virtually every game they play in the end result/score is effected significantly by the fact the opposition can sweep stones, and they cannot. Unfortunately, this puts them in a position of not being as competitive as they would like to be on this nonlevel playing field. They are frustrated when they see one of their near perfectly played stones rub a guard by a near quarter of an inch, whereas they watch their able-bodied opponent delivery this same shot a fraction narrow or light, and they sweep the entire sheet and miss this same guard by fractions of an inch and make the shot against them for three. Our wheelchair athletes are paying the same entry fee as able-bodied teams, but frequently only get in the three-game minimum because of this disadvantage.

So what I am suggesting is that “local spiels” strongly look at what I will refer to as a “request/consideration” for their bonspiels, that if an able-bodied team should happen to have a draw against a wheelchair team, that they would forgo sweeping for that one game. I want to emphasize this is proposed as a “request/consideration” and not a rule. In “The Spirit Of Curling” I feel this is a very minor request, and would be looked at favorably by most able-bodied athletes.

Following is a draft of potential wording that clubs or bonspiel chairman could use for their spiels:

USCA Request/Consideration when an able-bodied team plays against a wheelchair team.

With the growth of wheelchair curling we would like to request your consideration to adopt a no sweeping policy for able-bodied teams when your opposition is a wheelchair team in our spiel. In that wheelchair athletes are not able to sweep as a result of their disability, they are at a disadvantage of approximately 35-40 percent. In a typical 32-team bonspiel, your likelihood of having a draw against the wheelchair team is only about one in six. This is a small sacrifice to give up sweeping for a single game, and will help encourage our wheelchair teams to enter more spiels. “In the Spirit Of Curling,” we truly hope your club, members and participants will give this request your utmost consideration.

Thank you for considering this appeal. Good curling!

Caption this photo!

What is Team USA member Cory Christensen thinking in this picture? Send us your best response to curlingnews@usacurl.org and we will select a winner with the wittiest reply.

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Be honest with yourself

By Jon Mielke, USCA Level III Instructor & Level III Coach

A ccording to Albert Einstein, the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. Do you have certain types of curling shots that consistently produce undesired results? Maybe it is time to make some changes. The start of a new curling season is the perfect time to start.

Looking back, were you satisfied with the way that you played last season? Be honest with yourself. Were there certain kinds of shots that you routinely missed (out-turn hits, backline taps, etc.)? How about throwing consistent hit weights? How’s your balance coming out of the hack? Maybe your set-up in the hack and the resulting alignment (both your body and the stone) could use some work? Ever throw weak or dead handles?

Regardless of a curler’s years of experience or level of competitiveness, everyone has something that they could improve. The start of the season is a perfect time to do a self-assessment and to set goals. Working to achieve these goals will make you a better player. You will make more shots, have more fun, and win more games.

In addition to doing a little soul searching, don’t hesitate to ask your teammates for their input on things that you might work on, especially if they are fairly accomplished players. You may find that their suggestions mirror things that you already have on your list.

If you have access to open ice, don’t hesitate to ask one of your club’s instructors if they would help you a bit. Give them your composite list of goals. The list will let the instructor know that you are serious about wanting to get better and it will give him/her a good place to start. You should start with several practice slides so the instructor can look over your pre-shot routine, your set-up in the hack, your alignment, balance, etc. The instructor may notice things that you were not aware of and may present easy fixes that will make a world of difference in your shot making.

There also is a wealth of information on the Internet regarding faults and fixes. A related table is presented at the end of this article (see charts on next page). The Curling News instructional library is available at www.teamusa.org/usa-curling (click on Clubs – Membership Materials – Curling News – Columnists – Mielke).

Identifying goals, working with an instructor, reading articles, and doing a bit of practice are critical first steps, but the really important part is following through and using your new/refined techniques in game situations. Time and time again, instructors universally say that their students do great during practice sessions or in the early stages of their first game, but they gradually regress as the game goes on or as shots become more critical. The player either decides that the new way is just uncomfortable or too hard, or they simply forget and slip back into old habits.

If the game was easy, and if everyone could do it, the game would not be a challenge ... and it wouldn’t be as much fun. Getting better takes work, and the willingness to stick with what you have learned. Don’t expect different results if you keep doing things the same old way.

The start of the season is the perfect time to implement changes to your delivery, sweeping techniques, etc. Everyone else also will be trying to get back in shape and the games probably are not as important as they will be later in the season. Work at improving now and make your new techniques a consistent part of your play. The rewards are many for those who are dedicated and willing to make the effort.

Until next time – Good Curling! ■

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- Jon Mielke, USCA Level III Instructor & Level III Coach

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- Oct. 25, Fargo-Moorhead Curling Club, Fargo, N.D.
- Oct. 25, Tri-City Curling Club, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
- Nov. 8, Petersham Curling Club, Petersham, Mass.
- Nov. 9, Portage Curling Club, Portage, Wis.
- Nov. 15, Appleton Curling Club, Appleton, Wis.
- Jan. 10, Heather Curling Club, Mapleton, Minn.

OFFICIATING COURSES
- Nov. 15-16, Fargo-Moorhead Curling Club, Fargo, N.D.
Four ‘super’ weekends highlight 2014-15 college bonspiel circuit

By Gordon Maclean, Chairman, USCA College Curling Committee

This year’s calendar of college bonspiels is falling into place and it will be a very busy winter.

Currently, 11 college bonspiels are on the calendar for this winter and eight of those take place on four “super” weekends with one bonspiel scheduled in the east and one concurrently scheduled in the west.

College curling teams earn points for their respective schools by participating in college-only bonspiels, head-to-heads, triangular, and quad meetings. The 16 schools with the most points at the end of the season will receive an invitation to participate in the 2015 USA Curling College Championship on March 13-15 at the Rochester (N.Y.) Curling Club.

The first “super” weekend of college bonspieling will take place Nov. 14-16 with ‘spiels at the Stevens Point (Wis.) Curling Club, and the Rochester (N.Y.) Curling Club, with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Rochester Institute of Technology being the respective host schools. That will be quickly followed by the second “super” weekend Dec. 5-7 with the Rice Lake (Wis.) College Bonspiel and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute College Bonspiel at the Schenectady (N.Y.) Curling Club.

Jan. 25-27 will see college bonspiels hosted by Carroll University at the Kettle Moraine (Wis.) Curling Club and the College Crash Spiel hosted the University of Maine at the Belfast Curling Club, which features an “all nighter” curling schedule.

The biggest weekend, in terms of impact for the participating schools, will come on the weekend of Feb. 13-15 with college bonspiels being held at the Copper Country (Mich.) Curling Club hosted by Finlandia University and the Utica (N.Y.) Curling Club co-hosted by Colgate University and Hamilton College. Feb. 15 is the deadline for earning points for the 2015 national championship so these are the final events of the season and crucial to those schools who are on the invitation “bubble.”

Currently on the calendar outside of the “super” weekends are college bonspiels at the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Curling Club hosted by Butler University on Oct. 11; the Broomstones (Mass.) Curling Club College Bonspiel, Nov. 8-9 hosted by Boston University; and the Nutmeg (Conn.) Curling Club College Bonspiel Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

All available college bonspiel event registration forms can be found on the college curling website calendar page at http://www.collegecurlingusa.org/Calendar/calendar.html and listed on the USA Curling website calendar page http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Curling/Events-Section.

For further information on U.S. college curling, including eligibility and registration requirements, current standing tables, event results and a downloadable copy of our Championship Guidelines, visit www.collegecurlingusa.org.
Cedar Rapids to host 2015 Arena National Championships

By Terry L. Kolesar, Editor, terry.kolesar@usacurl.org

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been selected to host the 2015 USA Curling Arena National Championships next summer.

This will mark the third time that the Arena Nationals, one of USA Curling’s newer events, will be staged. The event supports athletes across the U.S. who participate in league play utilizing arena curling facilities, which has created significant growth for the sport in the last decade.

“Each of the three primary entities involved in the bid made a very convincing case for why the 2015 USA Curling Arena Nationals should be held in Cedar Rapids,” said Rick Patzke, interim chief executive officer for USA Curling. “We are confident that these partners and the entire City of Cedar Rapids will build upon the successes of the previous two hosts to make the 2015 championships a memorable experience for all who participate and attend.”

The event is set to take place July 16-19 at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena, which houses Olympic and NHL-sized ice rinks. The arena is home to the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders, a United States Hockey League franchise. The arena has hosted many sporting events over the years including national figure skating, wrestling, and horseshoe competitions.

“The Cedar Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau is excited to join the Cedar Rapids Curling Club in welcoming the 2015 USA Curling Arena National Championships to our city,” said Mary Lee Malmberg, director of sports tourism for the Cedar Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. “Athletes and their families will find Cedar Rapids a great location for competition and pleasure. Transportation into Cedar Rapids is excellent and our regional airport is served by five major airlines. Interstate 380 and major highways provide convenient access to our city. Our hotels, restaurants and wide-range of entertainment options will add to the enjoyment of teams and spectators. Cedar Rapids is recognized for its hospitality and we will work hard to help make the 2015 Championships a success.”

Arena-based clubs now account for about 44 percent of USA Curling’s total membership in comparison to those sites that are curling-only facilities. The Cedar Rapids Curling Club is one of the association’s newer members after becoming established in 2012.

A field of 32 teams participated in the 2014 Arena Nationals, which took place in June in Lansing, Mich. Teams from USA Curling-member clubs across the U.S. competed with rinks from Kalamazoo (Mich.) and Broadmoor (Colorado Springs), Colo., winning the national titles.

“The Cedar Rapids Curling Club is excited to host the 2015 USA Curling Arena National Championships,” said Lon Peper, president of the Cedar Rapids Curling Club. “We look forward to working with our partners, the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena, the Cedar Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, and USA Curling, to provide a top-quality, championship event. The first time I saw the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena when I moved here two years ago, I knew it would be an excellent site for a curling championship. I am glad we were able to make that happen. Cedar Rapids is a great city, and we look forward to hosting curlers from all across the country.”

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For additional information, please refer to the USCA Championships Schedule or call the National Office at 888-287-5377.
Eau Claire preparing for Mixed Doubles

By Fred Fetzer, Event Chairman, 2015 USA Curling Mixed Doubles National Championship

The Eau Claire Curling Club in Eau Claire, Wis., is excited to host the first U.S. national championship this season. The Mixed Doubles National event will be held Dec. 4-7.

Mixed doubles is a unique version of curling where only one male and one female player are on a team. Each end starts with two pre-placed stationary stones then both teams alternate throwing only five rocks. These eight-end games are exciting and the pace of play is much faster than traditional curling.

The winner of this championship will represent the USA at the 2015 World Mixed Doubles Championship in Sochi, Russia, in April. Mixed doubles is quickly growing worldwide, in part because it is easier for countries newer to our sport to form teams and enter. There is even consideration to add it to the Olympics.

We cordially invite spectators to our event. Admission is free so come enjoy both great competition and Eau Claire’s fine hospitality. We are also looking for officials and timers, so please contact us if you are interested. Level I and II officiating clinics will be held at our club on Nov. 8-9.

If you are unable to join in person, online scoring will be provided. More details will be forthcoming as the event draws closer.

For more information, visit our website at www.curlingclub.com or contact fredfetzer@gmail.com. We hope to see you in December, and good curling!

Curling arrives in Aberdeen!

More than 100 eager people attended a Learn to Curl event on Sept. 20 at the Odde Ice Center in Aberdeen, S.D. Members of the Capital Curling Club in Bismarck, N.D., led the instruction. We hope to see a curling club start up in the near future!

Wheelchair instructor course being offered in November in Wausau

A wheelchair instructor certification course will take place from 4:30-6 p.m. on Nov. 8 at the Wausau Curling Center in Wausau, Wis.

This course is open to all individuals interested in learning more about training beginning wheelchair curlers at the club level. In addition to the course, participants are welcome to volunteer to assist on the ice during the Team USA Selection Trials that will run from Friday to Sunday, Nov. 7-9, at the club. Please direct all volunteer inquiries to Terri Fisher at 715-675-6921.

Instructors for the course will include Steve Brown, U.S. National and Paralympic Wheelchair Curling Coach; Rusty Schieber, U.S. National and Paralympic Assistant Wheelchair Curling Coach; Marc DePerno, U.S. National and Paralympic Wheelchair Team Leader; and Tony Colacchio, a Level III Wheelchair Curling Coach.

To register, go to http://usacurl.sportsSignup.com. The fee for this course is $10.
Top athletes, team named for 2014

By Terry L. Kolesar, Editor, terry.kolesar@usacurl.org

Aft er a bronze-medal winning performance in Scotland this spring, Margie Smith’s senior women’s team has been named USA Curling’s 2014 Team of the Year. In addition, two athletes who excelled in the lead position and teamwork this season have been recognized as USA Curling’s top athletes for 2014.

2014 Olympians Ann Swisshelm (Chicago) and John Landsteiner (Duluth, Minn.) have been named USA Curling’s top female and male athletes, respectively, for 2014.

Smith (St. Paul, Minn.) and teammates Norma O’Leary (Silver Bay, Minn.), Debbie Dexter (St. Paul, Minn.), and Shelly Kosal (Edgerton, Wis.) battled through the round robin in Dumfries, Scotland, to earn a spot in the playoffs at the 2014 World Senior Championships, where they ended up with bronze medals with an 8-3 victory over Sweden.

“We worked so hard for this, not just this last year but the last 30 years,” Smith said. “How lucky are we to share a life sport we play well with people we call friends? That is what this game is about and we were thrilled to play well, grateful for all the support and pumped to win!”

The team repeated as U.S. senior women’s champions in January after going undefeated in the pool of seven competing teams to earn the right to become Team USA.

“It was our pleasure to represent the USA at the World Seniors,” Dexter said. “I have been curling since 1974 and have been very fortunate to curl with my friends and to accumulate wins throughout the years. But, when we received our medals on the podium in Scotland, it was totally overwhelming and a dream come true.”

Swisshelm, 46, played lead for the U.S. women’s Olympic team in Sochi and helped Team Erika Brown earn its berth at the 2014 U.S. Olympic Team Trials, where she was near the top of the statistics list for shooting percentages at both high-level competitions.

“I am grateful to the USCA for naming me Athlete of the Year in this wild ride of a year,” said Swisshelm, who recently retired from competitive curling and accepted a coaching position with USA Curling. “This is an incredible and unexpected honor. It is a wonderful ending to an on-ice competitive career.”

Swisshelm previously was named USA Curling’s Female Athlete of the Year in 2001 and has been a member of two teams that were named the association’s Team of the Year – in 2013 and in 2003.

“For me, this award is about the amazing work of our team and must be shared with Erika Brown, Debbie McCormick and Jessica Schultz. Without these three incredible and accomplished women, this doesn’t happen,” said Swisshelm, who competed in 19 straight U.S. women’s National Championships, winning five times. “Lastly, for the ones who work the hardest - my family - thank you for making the last 20 years possible.”

Landsteiner, also a member of the U.S. Olympic team in Sochi, has been named the association’s Male Athlete of the Year for 2014.

“Wow, 2013-14 was an amazing year. My teammates were awesome, and I couldn’t have asked for a greater experience,” said Landsteiner, who works as a civil engineer with Lake Superior Consulting.

Landsteiner, 24, was the top ranked lead at the Olympic Qualifying Event in Germany in December, where the U.S. men secured their berth for Sochi. At the Olympic Games, he was ranked third with an 86 shooting percentage. In addition to winning the Olympic Team Trials and representing the U.S. at the Olympic qualifier and Olympic Games, Landsteiner was a member of the victorious North American team at the 2014 Continental Cup in Las Vegas. As a member of Team John Shuster, he then finished fifth at the 2014 USA Curling National Championships in Philadelphia, which took place a week after the Olympic Games concluded.

These annual awards were determined by USA Curling’s Athlete/Curler Recognition Committee and approved by its Board of Directors this month. The 2014 winners also will be nominated to the United States Olympic Committee for its annual athlete and team awards.
Registration open for the 2014-15 championship season

By USA Curling staff

As of Oct. 1, registration has begun for the 2014-15 championship curling season! A detailed list of playdown information for all our events including entry fees, locations and open and close dates for online registration can be found in the USCA Championships Schedule on our website. Here are a few items of importance you may want to consider this season:

Rules Book

The 2014-15 United States Curling Association Rules of Curling & Competition booklet still needs a few updates before it goes to press. The World Curling Federation (WCF) instituted several rules changes that will not be finalized until sometime in early November. As such, the USCA has posted a temporary copy to our website (www.usacurl.org) for the time being. Some internal revisions include:

- Additional uniform cresting provisions.
- Updates to the World Team Qualification process.
- New World Team fifth player selection criteria.
- A new athlete/coach code of conduct agreement.
- Changes to the 10 qualifiers for the Men’s & Women’s Nationals.

A final copy of the 2014-15 Rules Book in printed and digital format will be made available as soon as possible once the official language for these changes has been provided to us by the WCF. Here is a summary of the changes you can expect to see:

Competition & Rules changes approved by the WCF Annual General Assembly:

- Replace the European Mixed Curling Championship with a World Mixed Curling Championship. Effective from the 2015-16 season.*
- Introduce Thinking Time instead of Running Time for controlling the length of a curling game. This change will be effective from the 2014 European Championships.
- Replacement of the current Zonal Junior qualification system with a World group system. Effective from the 2015-16 season.
- To adjust the rule for the Last Stone Draw (LSD) and Draw Shot Challenge (DSC) to incorporate two individual LSDs per game. Effective Jan. 1, 2015, for 2014-15 season.
- To introduce a new system for measuring the LSD. Tested 2014-15 season.
- To only have one round of tie-breaks in WCF Events. Effective immediately.

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Online registration payments

Just as with last season, all registration payments must be made via credit card during the online registration process at https://usca.sportssignup.com. It is very important to remember that payment must be completed by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on the day of an event deadline. If payment is not received by that time, the registration will be deemed incomplete and automatically wiped from the system. An early registration discount of $20 per athlete will be available to those registering for an event by the early discount deadline (found online within our USCA Championship Schedule).

Fifth Players/Alternates

New this season, fifth players/alternates will be required to pay the same registration fee as all other members of the team. This includes regional fees where applicable.

Coaching Requirements

Anyone wishing to coach a team during a playdown and/or National Championship event must complete all USCA coaching requirements. This includes registering with the USCA Coaches Association, successfully completing a National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI) background screen, reading the SafeSport handbook, and completing the SafeSport online training (as outlined in the USCA Rules of Curling and Competition). Once an individual registers to coach a team, detailed information about registering with the Coaches Association and completing the respective requirements will be sent via email. As the NCSI background screen may take a couple weeks to clear, coaches are encouraged to complete these requirements sooner than later. Coaches will not be eligible to participate with their team at any USCA sanctioned event (including playdowns) until these requirements have been met. Individuals who coached during the 2013-14 season may only need to renew their background screen with NCSI. Please contact Christy Hering at the USCA office (christy.hering@usacurl.org) to check on the status of your Coaches Association membership.

*Note: If this event is held in the fall of 2015, this will likely mean that the 2014-15 U.S. Mixed National champion will become Team USA for the 2015-16 World Mixed Championship.
Driven to succeed

Norfolk’s Mary Fanette named 2014 Volunteer of the Year

By David Garber, Emeritus Editor, dj.garber@tds.net

Criteria: The USCA Volunteer of the Year Award is designed to recognize and encourage contributions to the sport at the club level. Primary consideration are given to volunteer work the nominee performed in their home club during the past season. All members of the USCA are eligible for nomination with the exception of current USCA board members and employees of USA Curling.

As president of the Norfolk (Conn.) Curling Club, Mary Fanette was heartsick when she heard that arsonists had burned her club to the ground on Dec. 18, 2011. The club’s insurance covered about half of the cost of rebuilding, so fundraising had to be added to the long list of work to be done to rebuild. (The Curling News reported this story early in 2012.)

Over the next months, it was evident that Mary is resilient, well-organized, very determined and a skilled people-person. She resolved to help get the club back on its feet and set about leading an effort that resulted in a new club being built and back in operation by November 2013, less than two years later.

Club Secretary Vickie Brown recalled, “Where do we start? The job seemed overwhelming to us.” Brown knew it would take the efforts of a strong leader to step up and guide club members through the process of rebuilding. Brown reports that, “In a matter of weeks, Mary had deftly structured and provided oversight to the following committees: finance, fund raising, building and membership. Mary attended each committee and sub-committee meeting. It was like a full-time job.”

Brown also recalled stresses and contentious issues. The old club was two sheets. Some members preferred keeping the size to two sheets. Others, including Mary, saw an opportunity to rebuild with three sheets, to allow for a larger membership and bigger bonspiels. The membership voted to keep the size to two sheets based on financial constraints and timing.
“While disappointed,” Vickie Brown remembers, “Mary fully supported the decision and put herself entirely behind the plan as we moved forward.”

Norfolk’s vice president and building committee chair, Ted Stone, writes, “Mary Fanette’s energy and leadership has been instrumental in rebuilding the Norfolk Curling Club.” Stone reports further that so great and effective were her efforts, the members amended the club bylaws to allow her a third term as club president.

Mary did not take long to fall in love with curling at the Norfolk Curling Club, and by the time of the arson, was well-grounded in curling club administration. She started curling in 2005 at Norfolk CC, quickly became an active member, and was named a director in 2008. She promoted the sport of curling and the club throughout the town and in area schools, churches and scouting groups. She ran open houses each year and conducted team-building programs for area companies. She became a certified instructor. In 2009 she became club vice president, and president in 2010 – just in time for the tragic arson.

As for the earning the USCA Volunteer of the Year Award, Mary told the U.S. Curling News, “I was stunned when I heard, and happy for the club members since we did it together.” Mary feels she is not a great curler, “but I really enjoy teaching people to improve their game,” she said.

“Mary did not stop giving after the club was rebuilt – she continued to recruit and train new curlers,” said Kim Nawyn, USA Curling’s Director of Growth and Development.

Vickie Brown hastens to add, “Mary would be very upset if we did not give credit to all the hardworking members of the Norfolk Curling Club who put in so many hours to make our dream happen, as well as to the general curling community who so graciously gave their support in so many ways.”

Club members look forward to hosting visiting curlers at its five annual bonspiels!
What’s love got to do with it?

By Jeannie Borland, USWCA President

Someone recently asked me why I would give up so much of my well-earned retirement time to be president of the United States Women’s Curling Association (USWCA). The question was easy for me because I love the USWCA and find my membership in it to be very rewarding. It got me thinking about why I value my membership so much and I came up with several reasons – the family connections, the social part, the volunteer aspect, the event participation, and the association with dedicated, intelligent women.

My introduction to curling happened at the Bowling Green (Ohio) Curling Club Summer Bonspiel. My sister, Edieann Biesbrock-Didham, an avid USWCA member herself, couldn’t stop talking about how wonderful curling was. I did not yet understand the game but the party was all she promised. Not only did I have a wonderful time but happened to meet my future husband (Robb Borland) during this event. So, I thought I would give curling a try.

At my first USWCA meeting Edieann introduced me to many women, all of whom were so friendly and welcoming that I felt right at home. Being initiated into the customs, traditions, and protocols of the organization allowed me access to the world of curling through the USWCA. This organization also helped me develop leadership skills through committee and chair work. The friends I’ve made working on committees, curling at USWCA events around the country, and participating on the Friendship Tour in Manitoba, Canada, are priceless to me. I place great value on these friendships and social experiences.

My Grandmother Duncan was a tireless volunteer and she lived to be 98. Volunteerism seems to be another way to promote good health. By volunteering in the USWCA, I feel I am helping promote women and youth in curling, the sport of curling itself, plus improving my own longevity. Volunteerism lowers your blood pressure and when you are doing something for others, you’re not thinking about yourself. A study at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh found that volunteering has many rewards – mental, emotional, and physical. How’s that for value?

This all-volunteer organization sponsors many events in which I can participate. I have curled in the All-American event at Bowling Green and Mayfield every year since I began curling 20 years ago. How exciting it was to be a skip and take a team to the Five-Year-and-Under event at the Northshore Curling Club in Chicago! I’ll never forget winning the Second Event at my first Senior Women’s National Bonspiel at the Potomac Curling Club with Joan Freeman (a good friend and wonderful Skip). Getting to curl against and with women curlers from all over the United States at the National Bonspiels has been a great joy to me. My sister had the honor of being on a Scot Tour team, and I was part of a Senior Friendship Tour to Canada. Now, with the addition of the Women’s Circuit event I can curl at different clubs and have a chance to win some money. I certainly value the travel, curling, friendships, and fun times all these events provide.

While sitting in the cottage on a rainy day I read the history of the USWCA and some of the data on past presidents. It is so impressive to read about the hard work and dedication that the women of our founding clubs – Wauwatosa, Indian Hills, Exmoor, Appleton, and Skokie – had to do to begin the organization back in 1947. The USWCA was valued by women curlers of the past because they had a need for unity. That dedication and foresight continues down the line of officers and members today.

I am in awe of the bright women in our organization who have recognized the need to reassess our governance structure and put in place a strategic plan to achieve this for the future. I am blessed with mentors and supporters as I take on the challenges of leadership this year. Join with me in helping all women curlers of today take advantage of their memberships in our organization.

So, back to my title, “What’s Love Got to Do With It?” Absolutely everything! Love, support, nurturing of junior curlers, and mentoring new members have everything to do with our future as a viable organization. If each member in your club reached out and touched another, it could make all the difference in the world (how about inviting a newbie to an event?). There is a saying, “To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.” For me, the saying is valid as I have experienced it many times. Thanks to all of you wonderful women who shared a warm welcome, gave me helpful curling tips with patience, bought me a drink, invited me to a bonspiel, did crazy things at those bonspiels, and asked me to get involved with the USWCA. Let’s all reach out and become the world to at least one member in our clubs. If we can do this, our organization will succeed in our mission – “to develop, nurture, and promote the sport of curling among today’s women and all youth.”

// MEETINGS & WEBINARS

FEB. 2
USCA Board of Directors webinar

FEB. 9-12
U.S. Women’s Curling Association Spring Board Meeting, Kent, Ohio

MAY 15-17
USCA Board of Directors meeting, location to be determined

JULY 13
USCA Board of Directors webinar
2015 National Bonspiel comes to Motown

By Susan Tortorelli, USWCA On-site Bonspiel Chairwoman and
Char Fitzgerald, Chairwoman, USWCA National Bonspiel

“Curl in the Name of Love” combines Valentine’s Day weekend with Motown! “I have a dedicated, capable committee making plans to ensure this a great event!” said Susan Tortorelli, event chairwoman. The Kit Party and opening ceremonies will be held on Wednesday night, Feb. 11, at the curling club. The Westin Hotel, Southfield, is the host hotel. Located about 15 minutes from the Detroit Curling Club, it is a modern, chic hotel, which offers rooms for $99 plus tax, per room, double occupancy. DTW is the airport code for the closest airport. The bonspiel will be a 32-team event held at the four-sheet Detroit Curling Club in Ferndale, Mich. The entry fee is $320 per team. Applications for this National Bonspiel are now available through USWCA member clubs’ representatives.

Eight teams will be drawn from each of the USWCA regions, so get your applications in promptly. The deadline to submit your application is Monday, Dec. 15.

Please read the application carefully and fill out completely. We hope to see you in Motown to “Curl in the Name of Love”!

USWCA ramping up membership drive

By Twila Yednock, Chair: USWCA Membership Committee

Dear curlers,

The United States Women’s Curling Association (USWCA) Membership Committee is making plans to contact every non-member club in the U.S. and invite them to join the USWCA. We should have packets out to all clubs by Nov. 30. If you would like more information or have questions right now, please call or email me and I’ll do my best to help.

Perhaps you are familiar with the very popular five-and-under bonspiels held around the country? They give newer curlers the chance to experience a bonspiel, and to play in skip and third positions. The five-and-under was created and is sponsored by the USWCA, as is the All American event. The All American is played in clubs with at least 20 members, and the USWCA provides beautiful, top-quality winner pins for clubs to award.

Eligible members are also invited to play in the USWCA National and Senior National Bonspiels held throughout the country each year.

These are just a few examples of the diverse and fun benefits of belonging to the USWCA. It’s easy to join. If your club is organized and plays in a regular location, you are probably ready to be part of our dynamic organization. By the way, although it is a women’s curling association, we have quite a few clubs with male associate members. Males are eligible to play in the All American, and, of course, in five-and-under open events.

And we are the sponsors of three junior bonspiels across the U.S. each year as well!

The USWCA mission is to develop, nurture, and promote the sport of curling among today’s women and all youth. Check out our website at www.uswca.org or like us on Facebook: United States Women’s Curling Association.

Look for your packet, or call or email now to be first on the list: Twila Yednock, 931-839-2677 or twila.yednock@yahoo.com.

Detroit Curling Club proud host of 67th USWCA National Bonspiel Feb. 11-15

By Susan Tortorelli, USWCA On-site Bonspiel Chairwoman

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// IN MEMORIAM

by David Garber, Emeritus Editor

Warren Arndt

Warren Arndt, 67, long time member of the Milwaukee Curling Club, died Sept. 11, 2014. A graduate of Omro High School and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Warren, a certified public accountant for the State of Wisconsin, enjoyed social and competitive curling. He is survived by Sandy, his spouse of 45 years. Memorials to the Milwaukee Curling Association are appreciated.

David Pfiffner

David Mechen Pfiffner, 92, Northbrook, Ill., passed away on June 19, 2014. Dave was a founding member of the Stevens Point (Wis.) Curling Club in 1959 and a member of the North Shore (Ill.) Curling Club for more than 30 years. He served as an officer and director of the United States Curling Association. In 1992, he was a member of the winning USCA Scotland Tour men’s team.

Dave is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia; sons, Dennis (Deborah) and Michael (Starlett); and daughter, Pamela. Remembrances can be sent to the Autoimmune Encephalitis Alliance (www.aealliance.org) or the U.S. Curling Association.

William “Bill” Pattinson

William “Bill” Pattinson, 84, of Mequon, Wis., died June 16, 2014. A Manitoba native, he moved to Milwaukee, Wis., in 1963. Bill became a leader in curling circles, becoming president of the Milwaukee Curling Club, and the Wisconsin State Curling Association (WSCA) and United States Curling Association (USCA). He also served as WSCA and USCA treasurer for several years. On the ice, he was National Senior Men’s Bonspiel champion and a member of the victorious 1982 USCA Scotland Tour men’s team.

He was a key member of the Bid and Host Committees for the 1989 World Curling Championships in held in Milwaukee, a very successful event – the first combined men’s and women’s world championships. Bill is survived by Rae, his spouse of 53 years, and his two daughters, Ruth and Linda, and their families.
Five-and-under events bond curlers for life

By Millie Buege, Committee Chairwoman, 5 Year & Under Bonspiels

This season the USWCA sponsored five-year-and-under bonspiels are scheduled in ALL five regions: Central, East, West I, West II, and Wisconsin. Curling clubs across the country have recognized the importance of this event in providing new curlers with the opportunity to experience curling in other clubs with curlers having the same skill levels, and in positions they normally would not play. What an excellent way to promote curling.

Pins for the winners and runners-up are provided by the USWCA, as is a beautiful traveling plaque that goes for the winning team for display, and is then passed on to the next host club.

Curlers who have curled five years or less, should take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and sign up to curl either as an individual or as a team in their region or in any of the other regions for a broadening experience. New curlers may choose to curl in one of two events; the Five-Year-and-Under Open Challenge, which is open to both men and women or the Five-Year-and-Under Women’s Challenge, which is for women only. In either event, it’s a great opportunity for curlers with five or less year years of experience to enjoy a bonspiel on an entirely new level. All Invitations for the USWCA Five & Under Bonspiels can be found at www.uswca.org as they become available!

Check below is which club is hosting a Five & Under Bonspiel in your region and sign up NOW!

Central: Jan. 23-25 & March 14-15

This season the Five & Under Open Challenge will be held at the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Curling Club Jan. 23-25. Their club has three sheets of ice. So, watch for their flyer and sign up early. The Mayfield Curling Club will be hosting the Five & Under Ladies Challenge on March 14-15. Female curlers with five years or less experience are encouraged to enter. They can be from any region. The invitation will be posted on www.uswca.org later this season.

Last season the Five & Under Women’s Challenge was held at the Waltham Curling Club in Waltham, Ill., the weekend of March 8-9. A wonderful time was had by all. The First Event winners were the composite team representing Chicago and Exmoor consisting of Sarah Calcutt, Lisa Boland, Kelly Boland, and Lauren Sturdy.

The Five & Under Open Challenge was hosted by the Columbus (Ohio) Curling Club on April 12-13. They had 20 teams enter the event. Four-time Olympian Debbie McCormick was there the entire weekend. Each team was given one five-minute timeout where they could consult with her on what to call. Getting coached by an Olympic curler was the highlight! The First Event winners were the team from the Columbus Curling Club. The team members were Ryan Moelman, James Reinaker, Craig Wickman, and Evan Western. The runners-up in the First Event were Arron Frim, Greg Dillinger, Joshus Mulet, and Jack Gaynor from the Columbus Curling Club.

East: Nov. 14-16

In the East Region, the Norfolk (Conn.) Curling Club is pleased to be hosting the Five & Under Open Challenge on Nov. 14-16. The invitation will be posted on www.uswca.org later this season. There were no Five & Under bonspiels hosted by the East Region last season.

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Sign up for a junior event today!

By Leslie Armstrong, Chairwoman, Junior Bonspiel Committee

A new season of curling is upon us. The United States Women’s Curling Association is excited about the upcoming junior spiels. The USWCA sponsors three spiels each year to promote interclub curling among juniors. Most spiels offer competitive and developmental brackets.

The USWCA junior spiels are open to teams from the United States (under 21) and from Canada (under 19). Games are open format (any combination of males and females). Bonspiel participants do not have to belong to USWCA-member clubs. Teams can enter a USWCA spiel from any region and may play in more than one per season.

The East Region Bonspiel will be held at Potomac (Md.) Curling Club Nov. 7-9. The contact for thisspiel is Kim Clawson, kc3@hotmail.com. The Central area spiel will be held at the Madison (Wis.) Curling Club on Dec. 12-14. The contact for this spiel is Steve Dubberstein, steve@dubberstein.com. The West Junior Bonspiel will be held in Grand Rapids, Minn., at the Itasca Curling Club Jan. 9-10. The contact is Sandy Bromenschenkel at jsbromen@hotmail.com.

Travel assistance is available for teams that travel more than 150 miles by car or 300 miles by bus, rail, or air. More information regarding travel reimbursement is available on the USWCA website, www.uswca.org.

Help us promote curling in the U.S.

By Donna K. Pearson, USWCA First Vice President

P romoting the sport of curling throughout the United States, the USWCA strives to enhance communication among our nation’s curling clubs. One source the organization utilizes in providing direct communication is member club representatives or regional liaisons.

Each USWCA club elects a representative and within each region one representative serves as the liaison. Area liaisons strive to:

• Establish personal connections linking the individual clubs and their representative with the USWCA organization;
• Communicate with representatives regarding updates, reminders, and general information via emails, conference calls, and other media resources;
• Coordinate and share USWCA materials such as banners and signage;
• Highlight the benefits of USWCA membership with regional clubs; and
• Mentor representatives to address questions and concerns arising from individual clubs in addition to providing general support.
• Ensuring direct communication assists in identifying areas where the USWCA can help and support member clubs.

Interested in becoming a USWCA representative? Please connect with a regional liaison. Below is contact information for each region. Be sure to visit our website, www.uswca.org.

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- Wisconsin: Mary Beth Goelzer, WisLiaison@uswca.org
- West I: Diane Davis, WestILiaison@uswca.org
- West II: Kelly Stevens, WestIIliaison@uswca.org
- Arena: Martha Mazzarella, ArenaLiaison@uswca.org

2014–15 USWCA Junior Bonspiel Schedule

East Region: Nov. 7-9, Potomac Curling Club, Laurel, Md.
Central Area: Dec. 12-14, Madison Curling Club, McFarland, Wis.
West Region: Jan. 9-10, Itasca Curling Club, Grand Rapids, Minn.

West I: Feb. 7-8
The St. Paul (Minn.) Curling Club is hosting the Five & Under Open Challenge Bonspiel in the West I Region on Feb. 7-8. The invitation will be posted on www.uswca.org later this season. There were no Five & Under bonspiels hosted by this region last season.

West II: Oct. 24-26
In the West II Region, the newly dedicated Coyotes Curling Club is hosting its first USWCA-sponsored Five & Under Open Challenge. The cost is $80 per person with a three-game guarantee. There will be a continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday with a pot luck dinner on Saturday evening. They will also have raffle prizes, Halloween Costume Contest, 50/50 raffle, and Calcutta. Get your invitation, eligibility and entry forms at www.uswca.org or from the Coyotes Curling Club website, www.coyotescurling.com/5andunder.html. There were no five & under Bonspiels in this region last season.

Wisconsin: Jan. 16-18
This season the Madison Curling Club will be hosting the Wisconsin Regional Five & Under Open Challenge Bonspiel. It will take place Jan. 16-18 at the six-sheet facility in McFarland. They are planning an exciting weekend of curling, food, and fun for this popular event, so be sure to get your application in early. The deadline to apply is Dec. 20. The fee is $220 per team. The invitation, as well as the USWCA Eligibility and Entry forms, can be found at www.uswca.org.

Last season, the recently completed Milwaukee Curling Club hosted the Five & Under Open Challenge on Feb. 7-9. There were 28 teams registered, one of the largest Five & Under Bonspiels ever held in the Wisconsin region. The results are listed as follows: First Event winner, Blackhawk: Calvin Merath, Robbie Hall, Evan Fitzgerald, and Kim Rudkin. First Event runner up, Wauwatosa: Matt Schmidt, Nathan Schoember, Josh Wright, and Ryan Schlutz.
Circuit winners enthusiastically eye upcoming season

By Elizabeth Demers, USWCA Circuit Committee

Teamwork and camaraderie characterized the 2013-14 USWCA Circuit race, with teammates tying for the winning spot in three out of the Circuit’s four regions. Overall, and Wisconsin region, winners Lori Karst and Dawn Nonn have curled together in the past at various levels of competition. They and their teammates have previously won the 2013 Club Nationals as well as the USWCA National Bonspiel, and have competed in national playoffs. Even so, Circuit membership added a competitive edge to their game. “We were very excited to have signed up for the Circuit for our first time, and impressed with how smoothly it ran and how contagious we got with it!” Karst said. “We looked specifically for Circuit events, and for events we had not been to before, and even found ourselves talking to Bonspiel coordinators to convince them to put their events on the Circuit.”

To win the Circuit, curlers accumulate points, but only the points from an individual’s top three finishes count. Karst and Nonn played in four Circuit spiels together, and edged Central’s Tracy Lawless and Elizabeth Demers out of the top spot with a First Event win in Centerville’s Sippy Spiel. Strong finishes in the Empire State and Madison Women’s sealed their victory.

“Thank you so much for creating this great, fun way to increase women’s curling. We can’t wait to tell others to join!” Karst and Nonn said.

In the Central region, teammates Lawless and Demers, both from Exmoor Curling Club, curled together in five spiels and posted three First Event finishes, but came up short in a Circuit showdown in the Sippy Spiel first event final. “Knowing the Circuit was at stake gave that game more of an edge, but we hoped our other first event finishes would be strong enough to keep us on top,” Lawless said. Added Demers, “We may not have won on points, but we certainly had fun.” The Gloamin’ Spiel and Kettle Fall Fling also contributed to their win. Jean McCann from St. Paul Curling Club split her bonspieling energy among several Circuit teams and coasted to the West Region victory with impressive point totals in the St. Paul Cold Hard Cash, Sippy Spiel, and Gopher State.

Perhaps the most electrifying winners in the Circuit this year were from Cape Cod, where four women from a single team won the East region. Carol Arakelian, Mary Colacchio, Cathy Offinger, and Linda Pistilli "first got together as a foursome two years ago for the GNCC Senior Women’s Championship in Utica,” Arakelian said. “Although we came in next to last, we realized we traveled well together.” They played in one more spiel that year and “decided to commit together for the next season,” Arakelian said. “Our first spiel was the Carosella in Schenectady. Jennifer Stannard encouraged us to join the Circuit and we made the commitment together, as a team – all for one or none at all.” To their surprise, they won the first event. “We continued the season, playing in as many Circuit spiels as we could. As soon as the season was over we all went out to dinner together to celebrate our season and plan for the next year. Little did we know that we had won the Circuit.” The Arakelian rink swept to victory at Carosella and with strong placements in the Empire and Dutch Shoe.

All of the regional and national winners are excited for another year on the Circuit, with its promise of new adventures, new bonspiels, new friends, and a renewed spirit of competition. Cape Cod’s Arakelian rink noted, “We are looking forward to this year’s curling season. Geography is not an issue. We like to support clubs that come to Cape Cod as well as go to clubs that we have never visited.” Karst and Nonn enthused, “We appreciate that there is a USWCA organization that does a great job promoting women’s curling, and we feel very special to have been awarded the Circuit Event trophy. The Circuit encouraged us to get to a new bonspiel we’ve never been to, the Empire State Bonspiel at the Utica Curling Club. That is, I believe, what the Circuit hopes to do, to get women to subscribe to new bonspiels, travel to new places, and meet new curlers. It worked!” Jean McMann agreed, “The Circuit makes it fun to participate in bonspiels I’d never been to. And now that I know how much fun they are, I get to go to a second time with a chance to win some money without having to win the bonspiel!” The Cape Cod ladies summed up both the spirit of the Circuit and the spirit of curling: “The Circuit is a great motivator, but just being with our curling friends and growing as a team pays far greater dividends.”

There’s still time to enter your bonspiel in the Circuit! Click on the USWCA Circuit club participation web page for entry forms and information. http://www.uswca.org/club-participation

2014-15 Upcoming Circuit Bonspiels

- Fall Fling at the Kettle Moraine Curling Club in Hartland, Wis.
- First Chance at the Blackhawk Curling Club in Janesville, Wis.
- Women’s Mid-Atlantic at the Plainfield Curling Club in South Plainfield, N.J.
- Carosella at the Schenectady Curling Club in Schenectady, N.Y.
- Schmecken Spiel at the Madison Curling Club in McFarland, Wis.
- Ladies Kiltie at the Milwaukee Curling Club in Cedarburg, Wis.
- Gloamin’ Gaels at the Chicago Curling Club in Northbrook, Ill.
- Highlanders at the Exmoor Curling Club in Highland Park, Ill.
- Sippy Spiel at the Centerville Curling Club in Centerville, Wis.

Alternate Reality

By Matt Gamboa

Over the summer, the USCA High Performance Program named the members of the 2014-15 men’s and women’s HPP teams.
2013-14 USWCA All American champs announced

By Judi Page, Chairwoman,
USWCA All American Committee

Thank you to all the chairpersons and committee members who coordinated events this year and made their club’s All American extra special and unique.

During the 2013-14 curling season, a total of 216 teams participated in 36 All American events held in 31 clubs across the country. Five clubs held two events, an a.m. for their daytime leagues and a p.m. event for their evening league. Those clubs included Ardsley in the East Region; Chicago and Mayfield in the Central Region; and Kettle Moraine and Madison in the Wisconsin Region. Congratulations to all participants on another successful All American season.

The USWCA is proud to announce the winning teams:

**EAST:**
- **Albany:** Kathy Bentley, Jeanette Davidson, Winn Schwartz, Mary Arthur, Cynthia Galivan
- **Ardsley (a.m.):** Kris Liddle, Sandy Gaffner, Barb Gabhart, Ann MacMillan, Lillie Baggett
- **Ardsley (p.m.):** Lecce Furman, Karen Luckey, Taylor Block, Leslie Avendano
- **Belfast:** Mary Melton, Nanne Kennedy, Louise Botkus, Melissa Sterry
- **Broomstones:** Sharon Cutter, Sue Fink, Karoline Trela, Yigi Starr
- **Cape Cod:** Natalie Galligan, Leslie LeBlanc, Jennie Yaroch, Donna Pijanowski
- **Chequesapeake:** Majik Jones, Jan Finger, Pam Parks, Sandy Frederick
- **Nutmeg:** Elly Bockley, Heidi Pollin, Elizabeth Falsetti, Kelsey Schuder
- **Plainfield:** Suzanne Lindsay, Leanne Agaman, Kathleen Belschner, Donnalo Landes
- **Potomac:** Rebecca Erickson, Laurie Baty, Majik Jones, Jacquelynn Beres
- **Rochester:** Carol Wood, Rebecca Hahn, Tricia Wright, Lindsay Cochran, Rachel Nadbrzuch
- **Schenectady:** Sara Marchand Johnsen, Eileen Kelliher, Cathy Faulkner, Michele Moffit
- **The Country Club:** Emmie Newell, Joan Partridge, Sally Hinkle, Carolyn O’Donnell
- **Utica:** Cindy Brown, Carrie Casab, Knoyo Law, Frances Cialino

**CENTRAL:**
- **Bowling Green:** Shannon Orr, Matt Sussman, Michelle Breeden, Pete Zaums
- **Chicago (a.m.):** Liz Reid, Carolyn Lloyd, Andy Allen, Carol Cleve
- **Chicago (p.m.):** Liz Reid, Claire Potter, Karrie Gottschild, Ellen Dickson
- **Cleveland Skating Club:** Katy Mercer, Peggy Savani, Molly Dixon, Mary Ann Michael
- **Detroit:** Michele Falvey, Deb Freelandner, Julie Benson, Joan Forbes
- **Mayfield (a.m.):** Tracie Moore, Ann Hull, Christine Carcione, Sally Chisholm
- **Mayfield (p.m.):** Irina Khusid, Dianne Coolidge, Barb Bader, Jennifer Murphy
- **Kettle Moraine (a.m.):** Bonnie Dixon, Carol Stevenson, Tess Munich, Mary Rasmussen
- **Kettle Moraine (p.m.):** Bonnie Dixon, Carol Stevenson, Phyllis Kirchner, Julie Fay-Krivitz, Nancy Hohensee
- **Madison (a.m.):** Kathy Pielage, Dae Jean Jahnke, Judi Page, Carrie McDonald
- **Madison (p.m.):** Mary Ann Jerred, LuAnn O’Connor, Carol Hassemer, Jenn Christenson
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- **Poynette:** Hallie Cibulka, Sue Teeter, Areta Jeves, Dixie Roe
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Please be sure to check with your club’s USWCA representative on the dates for your club’s All American event for the upcoming season. Go to www.uswca.org for more details about the event. Beautiful championship pins are provided to participating clubs by the USWCA.
Olympic coach Henry added to coaching team

By Terry L. Kolesar, Editor, terry.kolesar@usacurl.org

Wally Henry (Beaver Dam, Wis.), who served as head coach for the women’s team at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, has been added to USA Curling’s High Performance Program (HPP) staff as a junior men’s coach.

A member of the Madison Curling Club, Henry is no stranger to coaching at the international level. He has served as head coach at five women’s world championships, the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games, in addition to the 2010 Olympic Games.

As an athlete, Henry represented the U.S. at two men’s world championships, earning a bronze medal both times. He has competed at the U.S. Men’s Nationals, Senior Nationals and Club Nationals, winning at least one title at each level. He was named USA Curling’s Coach of the Year in 2007 and has received coaching honors at the Junior Nationals twice. In addition to his head coaching duties at the Olympic Games in Vancouver, Henry also served as assistant coach at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Henry, along with the 29 athletes who were invited into the 2014-15 High Performance Program, most recently attended a training camp Aug. 23-29 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.
**Cedar Spiel**  
Aug. 22-24 // Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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Winners of the Cedar Spiel at the Cedar Rapids Curling Club were (l-r) Colin Rittgers, Michele Rittgers, Tate Tobkin, and Lloyd Yanis.

Winners of the Twin Cities Open were (l-r) Korey Dropkin, Tom Howell, Mark Fenner, Luc Violette, and Andrew Stopera.

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**Top 10 Additional “World Cup Soccer” Ways to Enliven the World Curling Championships**  
By Richard Markel

10) Adopt the colorful tradition of naming sides like Australia’s “Socceroos,” Mexico’s “El Tricolor,” and Cameroon’s “Indomitable Lions,”— which would no doubt result in national curling squads with monikers like the Australian “Rockeroos,” the Canadian “Eh-Team,” and, of course, the always-popular Norwegian “Fancy Pants.”

9) Replace those unsightly permanent hog lines in the ice with temporary “fade away” lines sprayed on before each shot by officials using aerosol cans.

8) Instruct the British press to place full and unequivocal blame on striker/forward Wayne Rooney for once again failing to win a Men's World Curling Championship for England.

7) Get rid of all those irritating Scottish bagpipe renditions of “Amazing Grace” and substitute them with more pleasing chants of “Olé, Olé, Olé.”

6) Reformat the round robin so that wins are worth “3 Points,” ties are worth “1 Point,” and losses are worth “2 Free Rounds” of complimentary drinks in the VIP lounge immediately after the game.

5) Expand the duration of the curling championships from a mere week-long event into an interminable month-long grind of seemingly endless matches.

4) Require sportscasters to refer to the last two shots of each end as “1-v-1 Situations.”

3) Enhance the run up to the World Curling Championship by organizing a rigorous series of international “friendlies” against teams from Liechtenstein, Chinese Taipei, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

2) Appoint Uruguay’s notorious “bad boy” striker Luis “The Cannibal” Suarez to be the chief umpire in charge of all “biter” measurements.

1) Declare that the rather humiliating practice of promoting an opposition stone into scoring position with one’s hammer shot shall henceforth be known as an “Own Goal.”
Reno plays host to WCF Congress

Chicago’s Andy Anderson elected to board position

By Joanna Kelly, World Curling Federation

Members of the World Curling Federation (WCF) have elected a new board and voted to introduce a new World Junior qualification event, a World Mixed Curling Championship, along with approving a raft of other key rule changes.

The competition and rule changes and board elections took place at the World Curling Federation’s Annual General Assembly (AGA) held during the third annual World Curling Congress at the Peppermill Resort in Reno, Nev., in early September.

Delegates and representatives from the Federation’s member associations, key stakeholders and partners gathered in Reno to discuss strategy and development for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter sport of curling.

In the WCF board elections, current President, Kate Caithness of Scotland, was the only candidate nominated for the next four-year term as president and was elected by acclamation.

“It has been a real honor to work and serve for the Federation. I work in a man’s world and you, our member associations, have put your trust in me to raise the profile of curling,” Caithness said. “For the next four years I promise to give you 100 percent in my work to represent you and our great sport.”

In addition, a new Board structure takes effect as part of a new WCF constitution from this congress onward. The new Board is comprised of eight Board directors: a president, three vice presidents each from the three zonal regions of the WCF and another four Board directors.

- Graham Prouse (Canada) was elected vice president by acclamation for the Americas zone for a three-year term.
- Hugh Millikin (Australia) was elected vice president by acclamation for the Pacific-Asia zone for a two-year term.
- Bent Ramsfjell (Norway) was elected vice president by acclamation for the European Zone for a one-year term. Robert Susanj (Slovenia) withdrew from the election for this position.

Elected to the four Board director positions were: Albert “Andy” Anderson (USA) (four-year term of office); Hew Chalmers (Scotland) (three-year term of office); Laura Lochanski (Canada) (two-year term of office); Toyo Ogawa (Japan) (one-year term of office).

President Caithness recognized the exceptional contribution made by departing board members Leif Öhman (Sweden) and Young C Kim (South Korea).

Following the Assembly, the new board will meet and will consider the applications for conditional membership for the Hong Kong Curling Association and Qatar Curling Federation. Armenian National Curling Federation was excluded from membership during the Assembly.

During the Congress it was announced that the 2015 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship and 2015 World Senior Curling Championships have been awarded to Sochi, Russia. The events will take place April 18-25, 2015.

The WCF also revealed plans to member associations for a portable curling facility. This new program offered by the Federation is to help establish dedicated curling facilities in regions which have, up until now, found it difficult to garner the resources to build a permanent curling facility.

Competition & Rules changes approved by the AGA:

- Replace the European Mixed Curling Championship with a World Mixed Curling Championship. Effective from the 2015-16 season.
- Introduce Thinking Time instead of Running Time for controlling the length of a curling game. This change will be effective from the 2014 European Championships.
- Replacement of the current Zonal Junior qualification system with a World group system. Effective from the 2015-16 season.
- To adjust the rule for the Last Stone Draw (LSD) and Draw Shot Challenge (DSC) to incorporate two individual LSD’s per game. Effective immediately.
- To introduce a new system for measuring the LSD. Tested 2014-15 season.
- To only have one round of tiebreaker games in WCF events. Effective immediately.
- Prevent the use of electronic devices (except for approved stopwatches) on the Field of Play. Effective immediately.
- Approve the WCF Wheelchair Classification Rules.

Competition & Rules changes that did not reach the required two-thirds majority:

- To use the traditional 1v4/2v3 semifinal system rather than the Page Playoff system.
- To prevent a change in the position of the chair in wheelchair curling.

Competition & Rules changes withdrawn for further discussion:

- Replacement of current U21 age group with U18 and U23 age groups.
- To fix the light colors for team uniforms.

The fourth annual World Curling Congress will take place at the Crowne Plaza, Belgrade, Serbia, from Sept. 2-5, 2015. The 2015 WCF Annual General Assembly will be held on Sept. 5. To find out more, go to www.worldcurling.org/world-curling-congress.
Thank you!

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#### OCT. 17-19
- Anchorage, AK: O
- Cape Cod, MA: O
- Capital, ND (Bismarck): J
- Chicago, IL: O
- Evergreen, OR (Beaverton): W
- Fairbanks, AK: W
- Midland, MI: O
- Plainfield, NJ: W
- Windy City, IL (Chicago): O

#### OCT. 24-26
- Anchorage, AK: OC
- Capital, ND (Bismarck): O
- Coyotes, AZ (Tempe): FO
- Four Seasons, MN (Blaine): O
- Madison, WI: O
- Schenectady, NY: W

#### OCT. 31-NOV. 2
- Blackhawk, WI (Janesville): W
- Chicago, IL: O
- Cook County, MN (Grand Marais): O
- Fargo-Moorhead, ND: O
- Fort Wayne, IN: M
- Granite, WA (Seattle): O
- Kettle Moraine, WI (Hartland): W
- Madison, WI: XD
- Nashua, NH: O
- Plainfield, NJ: O
- Wausau, WI: O

#### NOV. 7-9
- Albany, NY: M
- Ardsley, NY: O
- Bellevue, ME: O
- Evergreen, OR (Beaverton): O5
- Fairbanks, AK: OC
- Grafton, ND: MW
- Nashua, NH: O
- Portage, WI: O
- Potomac, MD (Laurel): J
- Racine, WI: M
- Rice Lake, WI: W
- Schenectady, NY: M
- Wausau, WI: St
- Wauwatosa, WI: St

#### NOV. 14-16
- Coyotes, AZ (Tempe): O
- Itasca, MN (Grand Rapids): W
- Madison, WI: W
- Mayfield, OH: M
- Norfork, CT: OF
- Portage, WI: M
- Potomac, MD (Laurel): O
- Rochester, NY: Col
- St. Paul, MN: W
- St. Paul, MN: St
- Schenectady, NY: M
- Superior, WI: O
- Wausau, WI: O

#### NOV. 21-23
- Broomstones, MA (Wayland): J
- Fairbanks, AK: XD
- Green Bay, Wis. (USWCA): SW
- Philadelphia, PA: X
- St. Paul, MN: XD
- Stevens Point, WI: Col
- Waupaca, WI: W
- Wausau, WI: Col

#### NOV. 28-30
- Duluth, MN: MWC
- Fairbanks, AK: O
- Granite, WA (Seattle): OC
- St. Paul, MN: O

#### DEC. 5-7
- Anchorage, AK: O
- Brainerd, MN: O
- Centerville, WI: J
- Chicago, IL: SM
- Columbus, OH: O
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): O
- Detroit, MI: S
- Fargo-Moorhead, ND: O
- Madison, WI: OC
- Milwaukee, WI: W
- Philadelphia, PA: J
- Rice Lake, WI: Col
- Schenectady, NY: Col
- Two Harbors, MN: M

#### DEC. 12-14
- Albany, NY: WT
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): W
- Duluth, MN: W
- Exmore, IL: M
- Granite, WA (Seattle): O
- Lake Region, ND (Devils Lake): O
- Madison, WI: J
- Norfork, CT: M
- Poyntette, WI: M
- St. Paul, MN: M
- Schenectady, NY: OT
- Waupaca, WI: SM

#### DEC. 19-21
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): C

#### JAN. 2-4
- Cambridge, MN: O
- Chicago, IL: W
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): M
- Detroit, MI: M
- Eau Claire, WI: O
- Four Seasons, MN (Blaine): C
- Kettle Moraine, WI (Hartland): St
- Lodi, WI: M
- St. Paul, MN: WC

#### JAN. 9-11
- Cambridge, MN: SM
- Centerville, WI: SW
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): O
- Duluth, MN: M
- Fairbanks, AK: O
- Fargo-Moorhead, ND: J & O
- Hibbing, MN: M
- Itasca, MN (Grand Rapids): J
- Milwaukee, WI: X
- Norfork, CT: SX
- Philadelphia, PA: O
- Portage, WI: J
- Rice Lake, WI: X
- St. Paul, MN: O
- Wausau, WI: J
- Williston Basin, ND: O
- Willmar, MN: O

#### JAN. 16-18
- Belfast, ME: X
- Blackhawk, WI (Janesville): X
- Cambridge, MN: M
- Chesapeake, MD (Easton): X
- Chicago, IL: M
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): O
- Duluth, MN: J
- Exmore, IL (Highland Park): W
- Four Seasons, MN (Blaine): O
- Itasca, MN (Grand Rapids): O
- Madison, WI: O
- Marshfield, WI: W
- Mayfield, OH: W
- Superior, WI: X
- Wausau, WI: W

#### JAN. 23-25
- Albany, NY: M
- Ardsley, NY: W
- Cambridge, MN: W
- Centerville, WI: SX
- Cleveland, OH: X
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): O
- Duluth, MN: Col
- Evergreen, OR (Beaverton): J
- Fort Wayne, IN: W
- Granite, WA (Seattle): W
- Hibbing, MN: X
- Kettle Moraine, WI (Hartland): Col
- Marshfield, WI: M
- Plainfield, NJ: O
- Superior, WI: O
- Two Harbors, MN: O
- Wausau, WI: W
- Waupaca, WI: SM
- Woodstock, VT: O

#### JAN. 30-FEB. 1
- Arlington, WI: M
- Brainerd, MN: W
- Broomstones, MA (Wayland): J
- Detroit, MI: W
- Milwaukee, WI: M
- Norfork, CT: SM
- Nutmeg, CT (Bridgeport): Col
- Rice Lake, WI: M
- Schenectady, NY: O
- Waupaca, WI: M
- Wausau, WI: WMJO

#### FEB. 6-8
- Centerville, WI: W
- Itasca, MN (Grand Rapids): O
- Kettle Moraine, WI (Hartland): X
- Las Vegas, NV: O
- Nashua, NH: W
- Pardeeville, WI: O
- St. Paul, MN: WF
- Stevens Point, WI: W

#### FEB. 13-15
- Broomstones, MA (Wayland): J
- Cambridge, MN: O
- Chicago, IL: X
- Copper Country, MI (Calumet): Col
- Detroit, MI (USWCA National): W
- Duluth, MN: O
- Green Bay, WI: M
- Nashua, NH: W
- Plainfield, NJ: J
- Racine, WI: X
- St. Paul, MN: M
- Schenectady, NY: X
- Utica, NY: Col
- Wausau, WI: M
- Wauwatosa, WI: O
# BoNSpiel Calendar

## February 20-22
- Ardsley, NY: M
- Belfast, ME: M
- Cook County, MN (Grand Marais): O
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): M
- Evergreen, OR (Beaverton): O
- Heather, MN (Mapleton): M
- Kettle Moraine, WI (Hartland): X
- Madison, WI: O
- Mayfield, OH: X
- Norfolk, CT: W
- St. Paul, MN–USSMCA National SM
- Waltham, IL: M

## February 27-March 1
- Albany, NY: X
- Anchorage, AK: O
- Cambridge, MN: O
- Centerville, WI: M
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): X
- Denver, CO: O
- Detroit, MI: X
- Fargo-Moorhead, ND: X
- Heather, MN (Mapleton): W
- Kettle Moraine, WI (Hartland): J
- Madison, WI: M
- St. Paul, MN: M
- Superior, WI: OC
- Tri City, WI (Wisconsin Rapids): M
- Two Harbors, MN: F

## March 3-4
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): S

## March 6-8
- Appleton, WI: St
- Columbus, OH: M
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): O
- Grafton, ND: W
- La Crosse, WI: O
- Marshfield, WI: X
- Nashua, NH: M
- Plainfield, NJ: M
- Portage, WI: O
- Schenectady, NY: J
- Stevens Point, WI: M
- Waltham, IL: X
- Wauwatosa, WI: M
- Williston Basin, ND: X

## March 13-15
- Broomstones, MA (Wayland): J
- Cambridge, MN: X
- Centerville, WI: O
- Cook County, MN (Grand Marais): O
- Coyotes, AZ (Tempe): O
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): O

## March 20-22
- Belfast, ME: O
- Blackhawk, WI (Janesville): M
- Centerville, WI: SM
- Duluth, MN: O
- Fairbanks, AK: W
- Green Bay, WI: J
- Heather, MN (Mapleton): J
- Itasca, MN (Grand Rapids): O
- Nutmeg, CT (Bridgeport): O

## March 27-29
- Arlington, WI: SM
- Curl Mesabi, MN (Eveleth): O
- Grafton, ND: X
- Green Bay, WI: X
- Hibbing, MN: M
- Lake Region, ND (Devils Lake): X
- Missoula, MT: O
- Pardeeville, WI: M
- Petersham, MA: O
- Potomac, MD (Laurel): O
- Stevens Point, WI: X
- Two Harbors, MN: X

## March 30-31
- Hibbing, MN: S

## April 2-5
- Fairbanks, AK: MW

## April 10-12
- Anchorage, AK: O
- Coyotes, AZ (Tempe): O
- Fort Wayne, IN: W
- Granite, WA (Seattle): O
- Plainfield, NJ: O

## April 24-26
- Broadmoor, CO (Monument): O

## May 1-3
- Oval, UT (Salt Lake City): O

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### May 22-24
- San Francisco, CA: 0

### June 5-7
- Great Smoky, TN (Knoxville): 0

### June 12-14
- Four Seasons, MN (Blaine): 0
- Granite, WA (Seattle): 0

### July 3-5
- Hollywood, CA (Panorama City): 0
- Pittsburgh, PA: 0

### July 16-19
- Capital, ND (Bismarck): 0

### August 27-30
- Wine Country, CA (Roseville): 0
USCA Head Ice Technician David Staveteig (pictured on the left with fellow icemaker Kevin Madsen and a certain Curling News editor and icemaker wannabe while in Honolulu) recently became a Level 4 Canadian Curling Association certified ice technician.
Scotland the brave!

By David Garber, Emeritus Editor, dj.garber@tds.net

This column is written the day after the vote for Scottish independence. The "no’s" had it, so the Scots remain an integral part of both Great Britain (with England and Wales) and the United Kingdom (the three plus Northern Ireland).

After extensive study, I’ve discovered these five reasons why the vote was OK for curlers:

First, the Scots can still be called “gibbers” at world and Olympic competition (a take-off on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) national designation “GBR”). It’s fun to say, “gibbers!”

Second, as my mother was born Merseyside, I am half English. If Scotland split with Great Britain, I could no longer cover my tracks whilst in Scotland by self-describing myself as “Arf Brit- ish,” because the term would no longer leave the mystery that the “British” may, just may, mean part Scottish. Of course after a pint of bitters or two, the truth always emerges anyway.

Third, an independent Scotland would likely want to fortify their border by rebuilding Hadrian’s wall and erecting sound towers blaring (perhaps with video screen backup) a bagpipe army playing Scotland the Brave. Don’t get me wrong, I truly love hearing bagpipers playing Scotland the Brave, but not from towers with screens and loudspeakers. Save it for piping curlers onto the ice or other in person occasions!

Fourth is the matter of single malt scotch. Since this product and its distribution system are perfect, independence might have somehow, a negative impact, however slight. Egad, don’t tell my Scotland Tour team!

Fifth, curlers visiting the British Isles will not have to find out who is friendlier, Scottish or English border guards, nor obtain a visa to cross the border.

The independence vote would NOT have impacted international curling competitions—Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland are all IOC-recognized nations (even though united in one Kingdom), and each fields international teams if they qualify for a given world or Olympic competition.

Thus, the home of the Roaring Game remains part of the British Isles. From the curler’s perspective, one would trust, either outcome of the vote would have been good. (Hey, I hope to visit Scotland again!)

Scotch and curling are alive across the pond ... what a relief!

Members of the 2014 U.S. Paralympic wheelchair curling team, coaches and support staff, along with 11 Disabled Veterans arrived in Lake Placid, N.Y., on Sept. 3 to train and participate in a three-day Paralympic Veteran Curling Camp at the USA Rink of the Olympic Ice Center. The camp was organized by Marc Deperno of Utica, NY, National Director of Paralympic Curling, and supported by local Lake Placid Curling Club members, who play weekly at the Saranac Lake Civic Center, and by Jim Ridenour, certified ice technician from the Schenectady Curling Club. Veterans and Paralympians and their coaches came from all over the United States to participate in this camp including Washington, Missouri, Texas, Wisconsin, and closer to the camp, Massachusetts and New York state. At the Olympic Training Center, participants were introduced to the sport, some for the first time, with an overview of the game, terminology, equipment and the rules of the game. On-ice instruction in the USA Rink was provided by coaches, support staff, Team USA Paralympians, and local curlers.

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Aloha curling!

Thanks to the American Savings Bank, the second annual Curling For Charity event took place Sept. 11 at the Ice Palace in Honolulu. The event helped raise significant funds for Hope Lodge Hawai‘i and USA Curling via a direct donation from the bank, which also assisted in bringing out Olympians Ann Swisshelm and Pete Fenson as well as two icemakers and one staff member to coordinate a successful event. The day started with more than 100 fifth graders hitting the ice to learn to curl. This was the first on-ice experience for many of the children, let alone a curling lesson. In the evening, local Honolulu business leaders came with teams to compete in two heats of competition over six hours of fun and camaraderie. The Honolulu Curling Club members hope to continue curling at the Ice Palace in the future.

The kids sang a special thank-you song to the bank and USA Curling members. Watch the video here, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oI_3DnRQ58&feature=youtu.be.

Additional photos from the event are posted on our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/pages/USA-Curling/107975609011.
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USCA hiring for controller position

Want to work for the sport you love? The U.S. Curling Association is currently accepting applications for a controller position located at the national office in Stevens Point, Wis.

**Job summary:**
Responsible for management of the Accounting, Budgeting and some Human Resources functions. Manage the implementation of policies and procedures, and goals and objectives of these functions. Responsible for the timely issuance of both internal and external financial reports. Manage the annual external audit, IRS Form 990 preparation, and the preparation of the financial sections of the organization’s annual report.

The U.S. Curling Association (USCA) will be transitioning a new hire into the Controller position throughout the 2014-15 fiscal year (July 1-June 30), in anticipation of the planned retirement of the current Controller. In the transition period, the new hire would also serve as the primary Event Services Coordinator for the USCA, with duties and responsibilities to include maintaining and managing an online event registration system; assisting with the logistics of event operations; assisting with World Champion Team processing; and supporting the coordination and logistics of High Performance Program events, such as camps, travel processing, etc.

Throughout the transition period, the new hire would be working closely with the current Controller to learn the USCA functions and duties to successfully move into the Controller position full-time at the appropriate point, tentatively set for July 1, 2015. After the transition, the new Controller would no longer handle the Event Services Coordinator duties.

To read the full job description, visit www.usacurl.org or call the USCA office at 1-888-CURLERS.

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**Fogerty Arena named curling’s national training center**

Partnering with the year-round curling facility in Minnesota is a strategic step in the evolution of the High Performance Program. It will provide an opportunity for USA Curling’s athletes and staff to work closely together as they strive toward their goals for success on the international scene, according to Derek Brown, USA Curling’s Director of High Performance. Four Seasons was selected because it is an excellent facility which is centrally located, and has year-round, world-class ice.

“We are very happy to be so critically involved with the governing body for curling,” said John Benton, director of curling operations at the Four Seasons Curling Club and a 2010 Olympian.

The partnership allows USA Curling dedicated ice time at the facility for the next four years for camps, High Performance Program (HPP) training, as well as news media events. In addition, office space for HPP staff will be provided. The Fogerty Arena dry-land training center will also be available to help implement USA Curling’s training regimen.

In addition to serving as a national training center, Four Seasons Curling Club is guaranteed to host two national championship events per year through the four-year agreement and will partner with USA Curling in promotional events, including around the 2018 NFL Super Bowl, which will be staged in the Twin Cities.

“The national training center partnership with Four Seasons Curling Club and Fogerty Arena comes at a strategic juncture in the continued evolution of USA Curling’s High Performance Program,” said Rick Patzke, USA Curling chief operating officer. “The athletes, coaches and staff deducing themselves to being the best in the world deserve a first-class, year-round training site like this facility in the very sports-minded community around Blaine. It is also fitting that the first official national training center for USA Curling is in close proximity to where so many world and Olympic curling competitors have come from.”

Fogerty Arena and the Four Seasons Curling Club (9250 Lincoln St. NE, Blaine, Minn.) hosted USA Curling’s first Athlete Combine in July, which featured 48 invited athletes participating and being assessed on technical, tactical, physical and mental skills both on and off the ice. The club has since hosted additional training camps and the Twin Cities Open, a World Curling Tour event that helps teams earn points toward qualifying to become Team USA at the upcoming world championships.