

# STICKS AND STONES

## Wausau Curling Club



Dear Curlers,

The Christmas break is upon us already, and the Sandquist family hopes all our fellow curling friends are healthy and having a great year of curling.

At the curling club, we have worked through equipment failure and our usual hiccups with the changing ice conditions as the weather changes and ground freezes in December, but overall I have not heard many complaints.

Many thanks to the ice committee on doing a great job with what they have to work with, and thank you to our membership for your understanding. With your help this will be our last year at our present facility and hopefully the existing mechanicals will pull us through...which brings me to the next issue - the new facility.

The central Wisconsin community has stepped up and is resoundingly "on board" with contributions now over **\$2.6 million**. I hope you all have received, read, and thoughtfully considered the letter sent to each of you regarding **commemorative tile and House of Honor contributions**. It is my personal goal, to see each and every member of this club contribute to some degree. No one person can do it all, but everybody can do something. Please search your heart and do what you can.

The membership wisely instructed the board to build this new facility with "**no appreciable debt**". Bids for this project will be coming in near the end of January and the Board of Directors will need to decide if enough funds are available to begin construction of the new facility. So please **DO NOT WAIT**, buy your tile, or make your pledge today so that the board has



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an easy decision, and construction can begin when the frost is out of the ground this spring. The board is committed to never placing the club in financial danger, even if it means curling in the present facility for another year. The system at our present facility is failing as we all know, so please make your contributions now.

In addition, please remember that if you have had any guests to the club to teach them about curling, please fill out a **501(c)3 compliance form** located in a white binder behind the bar. This documentation is imperative to maintain our non-profit status.

Bonspiel season is coming up at our club. The Highlander's on January 7 & 8, Badger State Games February 3-5, Wausau Men's Invitational February 9-12, and Silver Spoon February 24-26. Please watch for signup sheets for these events, and **volunteer to help!!** Many hands make for light work! We will need ice help, kitchen help, food and raffle donations, and bartenders. Help us show our guests that famous Wausau hospitality and have some fun in the process!!

Finally, thanks to all of you for allowing me to represent you as your president this year, and best wishes for a great new year!!!

Good Curling!

Our web address: [wausaucurling.org](http://wausaucurling.org).  
Check it out !



## Board of Directors 2011-2012

### Officers

President Corey Sandquist  
V P Jeff Stubbe  
Treasurer Craig Schessler  
Secretary George Goyke

### Board of Directors

3<sup>rd</sup> Year: Kelly Fraser  
Perry Grueber  
Mark Olejniczak  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Steve O'keefe  
Jeff Stubbe  
Marcia Tillisch  
1<sup>st</sup> Year: Susan Sandquist  
Scott Campbell  
Wayne Stretsbury

### Committee Chairs

#### Operations

House - Susan Sandquist  
Beverage - Scott Campbell  
Ice - Jay Emmerich/ Steve Sirianni

#### Finance - John Opolka

Finance Sub - Craig Schessler  
Fundraising - Cal Tillisch  
501(c)3 Comp. - Jeff Stubbe

#### Leagues - George Goyke

Ladies' - Susan Sandquist  
Men's - George Goyke  
Mixed - Terri Fisher  
Open - Terri Fisher  
Rookie - Marcia Tillisch  
Junior - School Coaches  
Senior - Jane Christianson  
Sunday - Steve O'Keefe  
Draft - Rollie Corsten

#### Bonspiels

First Chance- Howie & Terri Fisher  
Highlanders - B. Corsten & T.  
O'Leary  
Men's - Kelly Fraser  
Silver Spoon - Sandquists  
Tietge - High School Coaches

#### Rules, Competition, Playdowns-

David Aicher

#### Membership - Steve O'Keefe

Marketing/PR-Perry Gruber  
Honors/Recognition-Dan LaCerte

## 2012 Curling Calendar

December 31, Sat.	No roster changes after this date
January 2, Mon.	Curling resumes
January 6, Fri.	End of first half/start of second
Jan. 7-8, Sat. - Sun.	Highlanders Women's Bonspiel
Jan. 13-14, Fri. - Sat.	Tietge High School Bonspiel
Jan 28-29, Sat. - Sun.	Making Ice
Feb. 3-5, Fri. - Sun.	<b>Badger State Games are back</b>
Feb. 9-12, Thurs. - Sun.	Men's Invitational Bonspiel—no Thursday leagues
Feb. 14, Tues. AM.	Lead Ladies
Feb. 24-26, Fri. - Sun.	Silver Spoon Bonspiel
Feb. 26, Sun., 4 pm.	Spring league, week 1 of 3 weeks
March 4, Sun., 4 pm.	Spring league, week 2 of 3 weeks
March 9, Fri.	Last day of league play
March 11, Sun., 4 pm.	Spring league, week 3 of 3 weeks
March 12, Mon.	First/second half league playoff
March 13-17, Tue. - Sat.	Men's/Women's Club Championships
March 17, Sat.	Open Championship
March 19, Mon	Spring meeting, 6:00, place TBA

Keep checking the bulletin board  
and the website for the location of  
the Annual Spring Dinner.

# SQUEEZE



Enough said?

A big **THANK YOU** to the ice committee for working so hard to keep the ice in good shape. Because of their efforts this fall, we are now leaking no brine—zero, zip, nada—no wasted brine equals no wasted dues dollars!

# Silver Spoon Funspiel

February 24-26

Throw the rock!  
The ice is breaking up!



A bonspiel designed for beginning curlers.

(Teams should include at least **two inexperienced** curlers.)

Very, very popular—enter early to insure a spot!

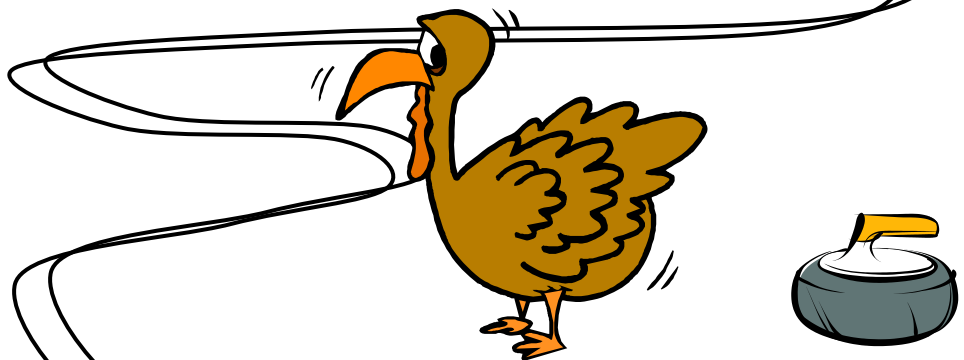
Sign up on the club bulletin board. A team will not be considered entered until it has four curlers listed.

**\$160** per team

Three game guarantee—includes food, soda or beer depending on age

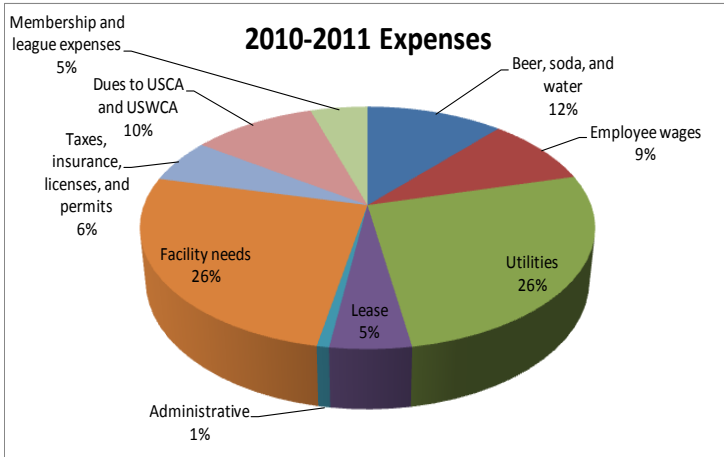
Curling in the dark

A turkey shoot



Susan and Corey Sandquist and family in charge.

## Where did the dues dollars go?



the numbers...	\$\$
Beer, soda, and water	10,868.85
Employee wages	8,709.13
Utilities	24,781.60
Lease	4,530.79
Administrative	684.23
Facility needs	24,145.04
Taxes, insurance, licenses, and permits	5,515.25
Dues to USCA and USWCA	9,806.50
Membership and league expenses	4,554.79
	93,596.18

2011-2012 Membership: (Last year's numbers in red)				
	Male	2011-12	Female	2011-12
Regular	162	156	57	62
Student	20	31	11	6
Tuesday Daytime	---	---	9	10
Mixed Only	5	3	11	12
Senior	20	21	9	8
Honorary Life	4	4	2	2
Sunday Only	15	7	9	9
Emeritus/Social	6	1	9	6
	232	223	117	115
Grand Total	Current membership: 338		(last year: 349)	

## Introducing Curling to the Community

Throughout the season, business groups and service organizations get intrigued by the sport of curling and decide to give it a try. A few weeks ago, about thirty *American Family Insurance* employees had a Friday afternoon team building activity at our club. To reserve a time, outside groups like the *American Family* employees sign up with our Community Curling Coordinator, Susan Sandquist. Since most of the participants have no experience on the ice and need instruction, Susan arranges to have instructors for the group. But, she needs help. Please consider offering your help when Susan calls on you. She needs a crew of 6 to 10 for safe curling. Your job will be to help curlers practice what the instructors demonstrate and generally to encourage their efforts and to let them know what curling and the Wausau Curling Club is all about. Bringing the community into the club is one of the ways that the club builds membership and community support. Share your enthusiasm for the sport: Say, "Yes, I'll help."



# Men's Invitational Bonspiel

62nd Annual  
February 9 - 12, 2012

**Come to help and stay for the fun of it.** This event has generated thousands of dollars that are added to our clubs general funds. The additional dollars that bonspiels earn for the club help to keep costs and dues reasonable. We're asking for just a few hours of your time over the course of a few days. All members young and old (high school, rookie league, seniors and social members) are needed to sign up, even without prior volunteer experience: we will find a place for you! Got stories of past bonspiels to share, or card tricks to teach? The point is, join in, be a Club Member—the capital letter kind. Not everyone will go home with the hardware, but let's send them home with stories to tell back at their home rink! With the help of all club members, we can continue to make this one of the best bonspiels—one that keeps 'em happy, and keeps 'em coming back!

If your time is truly needed elsewhere and you are unavailable on this weekend, there are other ways to contribute... Bake bars or cookies, make a pot of soup, or contribute a prize to the raffle. Raffle prize donations can be anything you choose that you think might bring in \$20 worth of raffle ticket sales. Look for the sign-up sheets at the club. Sign up for a day and time that works for you. If you have questions about specifics, get in touch with the committee chairperson.

Guys, if you want to enter a team, check the club website [wausaucurling.org](http://wausaucurling.org) for registration details.

Overall Chairperson: Kelly Fraser  
Kitchen : Terri Fisher, Susan Sandquist  
Bar and Raffle: Howie Fisher  
Ice : Steve Sirianni





New: Badger State Winter and Summer Games now owned and operated by Sports Authority of the Wausau/Central Wisconsin Convention & Visitors Bureau

## February 3-5 (Friday-Sunday)

All games and the Awards Presentation will be finished by Super Bowl Game time!



Teams wanted for all Divisions: Men's, Women's, Junior Boys' and Girls', Open

New! New! New!

New: Juniors Division extended to age 20 —20 by February 3

New: All games played in Marathon Park—no travel required

New: Entry fees cover food and beverages—but not the tee shirt

New: "Mixed" Division changed to "Open" Division

Sort-of-new: Get your Draw time by checking the website

Register online: Go to [sportsinwisconsin.com](http://sportsinwisconsin.com), then choose "Badger State Winter Games", then "Curling," read the info in the sub-menus, then "Register."

Team Fees:	Until 1/29/12	\$220 Adult
	Until 1/29/12	\$160 Juniors

Curling Commisioners: Howie Fisher and Bob Frihart

Kitchen Chair: Terri Fisher

# Women's Highlander Bonspiel

*Wausau Curling Club*

*January 7-8, 2012*

*"Auld Lang Syne"*

*A Tribute to the Highlander Women Curlers*

**Celebrate our last year at the old Curling Barn  
Share your Highlander memories of years past**

**All food and beverages provided as part  
of the \$160 team registration fee**

**3 game guarantee**

**Dinner, Music, & Dancing**

**Music by the Zopel Jazz Band**

Registration form online [wausaucurling.org](http://wausaucurling.org)

Register by JANUARY 3—times running out! Hurry!

Send the registration form to

Bernie Corsten, 806 N 29<sup>th</sup> Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

If you have any questions, please contact Bernie at

715-845-5124 or at [rbcorsten@charter.net](mailto:rbcorsten@charter.net)

**And remember, raffle prizes are always needed. Get your team together and pool your ideas and money for a basket of goodies. If you can't curl, contribute by donating something for the raffle. Let Bernie or Theresa O'Leary know what you are bringing. Volunteer signup sheets are in the clubroom near the telephone.**

**Rookie curlers are strongly encouraged to give bonspieling a try. Sign up as an individual to be placed on a team or as a sub for just one of the two days. If you have questions or want to talk about being placed on a team, give Bernie a call.**



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**Skips:** Remember to have one team member mark your **win or loss** on the sheet on the bulletin board. Mark only your own team's results.

# A Leisure League

Check the web site to see the capital campaign brochure, order blank, the new building site plans and suggestions for other ways to donate. (Information about ordering tiles or Wall of Honor donations is also available at the club.)

Anyone who is a member of the Wausau Curling Club is eligible to curl with the so called "Senior" league any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday morning. Join us anytime you want a pick-up game. Curling starts at 9:00 sharp. Or, at least we get out on the ice then: some of us forget our starting sheet or position and it has to be sorted out.

Remember to send all donations to the Wausau Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin. Write "Wausau Curling Center Building Fund" on the memo line. All contributions are tax deductible.

We have a couple of special events coming up, one here and one in Waupaca. Every year we host curling for the area seniors from other clubs. We named our event in honor of Bill Tolly who curled with us even as he was struggling with cancer. We're hosting the Bill Tolly Memorial Invitational Wednesday, January 25. Medford, Waupaca, Tri-City, and Stevens Point curlers will join us at 9:00 for curling and lunch.

## ORDER A COMMERATIVE TILE

Show the community  
 that you support curling

Curling makes the  
 gives everyone a  
 most importantly, a



winter go a lot faster,  
 chance for exercise, and  
 chance to talk smart and  
 drink coffee.

**Our web address: [wausaucurling.org](http://wausaucurling.org).  
 Check it out !**

## Logo Tee Shirts for Sale

Proceeds go to the Wausau Curling Center Building Fund

Short Sleeve \$18

Long Sleeve \$24



Check the table by the clubroom door. Try one on to get the size you want.  
 See Bill Edwards if you don't find what you want.