



February News

2024

Are you having fun at Learn to Curl? Continue the fun by [becoming a member](#). Attend Member Curling events and continue to develop your skills by playing with members. Our membership is a mix of curlers with over 5 years experience and new curlers. We all play and practice together.

Upcoming Events [Sign Up here](#)

Feb 10	Feb 24	Feb 24	Mar 2
Member Curling Night	Discover Curling	Member Curling Night	Member Curling Night
Members come together to form teams and play a friendly game. The night is filled with the spirit of curling, which is the cornerstone of the sport.	This night is sponsored by the City of Pittsfield's 10 x 10 Festival Outdoor Recreation Activities. Come join a night of curling. Learn how to slide out of the hack and throw a stone. Experience the fun of this Olympic event in a low key setting. This event is full. Consider joining the waiting list that is found in the sign-up.	Members come together to form teams and play a friendly game. The night is filled with the spirit of curling, which is the cornerstone of the sport.	Members come together to form teams and play a friendly game. The night is filled with the spirit of curling, which is the cornerstone of the sport.
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Boy's & Girl's Club	Location: Boy's & Girl's Club	Location: Boy's & Girl's Club	Location: Norfolk Curling Club



[2024 US National Curling Championships](#)

Here's John Shuster trying to recreate his 2018 Olympic gold medal shot on the curling simulator. It was created by CurlBerkshire's very own Chris Begley. Chris was invited down to the USA Curling National Championships to showcase his one of a kind simulator. Click on this [video link](#) to see the simulator in action by John Shuster.

Learn to Curl & Try it Again Curling

On January 13th we had to cancel our curling due to ice conditions. This was a Learn to Curl, Try it Again, and our Member Curling. The Boy & Girls Club notified the board that the ice was not up to their standards. All participants were emailed on January 12th. Everyone has been offered a credit towards an upcoming event or a refund. If you still need to share your preference please contact [Mark Fischetti](#) our Membership Coordinator.

Try it Again Curlers were offered a chance to curl at Schenectady Curling Club on January 20th. This was on dedicated ice, so it was a great opportunity to see what our members have been raving about. We had 24 curlers, two of which were Try it Again curlers. Both of those curlers ended the evening by becoming members...Please welcome our newest members Lance Palmer and Chip Schaller.

Our January 27th Member Curling was expanded to include Learn to Curlers and Try it Again Curlers to compensate for the cancellation

on January 13th.

CurlBerkshires has partnered with the City of Pittsfield by holding a [Discover Curling](#) event on February 24 from 5-6:30 pm. This is like a Learn to Curl with no membership required. Later the same evening Members will be curling from 6:30-9 pm.

Consider becoming a member for \$75 an individual or \$125 for a couple. You are welcome to sign-up for any of our Member Curling Nights which are \$25 per event. This includes events at dedicated ice facilities in addition to events at the Boys and Girls Club. Our members will work with you to understand the game and continue to develop your skills. As a member you might consider joining a Bonspiel as a CurlBerkshire member. Come on and join the fun!



Member Curling is in Full Swing

January has been a busy month. Members curled at Norfolk on January 6th. The event was full in spite of the snow that was predicted. January 20th was curling at the Schenectady Curling Club. They are gracious hosts who allow us to rent ice and share their facility. Our turnout was strong with us using 3 sheets since we had 24 curlers making up 6 teams.

Our next Members Curling is February 10th again at the Boys & Girls Club. Events fill up quickly so don't wait if you are interested. Please join the waiting list if any event fills up. Plans change and we will use the waiting list to reach out to replace any cancellations. If there is enough interest, some events can be expanded by using more sheets or extending the hours.

Sponsor a Stone



You can see your company or business' logo displayed prominently on one of our stones for the 2023-2024 season. We will also give you a "shout out" on all our social media platforms. You can sponsor one stone for \$100 or two stones for \$150. Just follow the link to [Sponsor a Stone](#), by clicking on the blue button to complete the form, payment, and send us your logo and you too can sponsor a curling stone. Please check out our new sponsors at the bottom of this newsletter. Do you know a business owner that might want to get in on the action? If you sponsor a stone(s) now your sponsorship will extend into the 2024-2025 season.

Upcoming Bonspiels

We encourage you to consider entering a bonspiel this year. Think you haven't been playing long enough or aren't good enough? Bonspiels shouldn't be intimidating, they're actually a GREAT way to get MORE experience: you are typically guaranteed a minimum of three games, allowing you to develop your skills on great ice. You will also have the opportunity to socialize with curlers from other clubs, and maybe even learn some strategy while watching other matches. Best of all, winners buy the first round of drinks at broomstacking (after the match) so you really can't lose!

Additional local events and those further afield can be found online at:
<https://www.qncc.org/index.php/calendars/calendar/complete-calendar>

If you are interested in participating in a bonspiel but don't have a full team contact ymaitre@curlberkshires.org to help connect you with others

	Want to try a Bonspiel?	
Feb. 22 - 25	Gordon Emmett Men's	Schenectady Curling Club
Feb. 23-25	Winter Wonderland Womens	Norfolk Curling Club
Mar. 1-3	TAM Open	Albany Curling Club
Mar. 30	Cornhole & Curl Biathlon	Petersham Curling Club
Apr. 4-7	Spring Fling	Petersham Curling Club
Apr. 6 - 7	Bay State Games Curling	Blackstone Valley CC
Jun. 6-9	GNCC Arena Club Championships	Ocean State Curling Club



Club Gear

CurlBerkshires partners with SquadLocker to offer our online club store. Check our site for discounts which are frequently offered.

A portion of the proceeds of all purchases go to support our Curling Club of the Berkshires. Show your support with custom CurlBerkshires gear including shirts, jackets, and more! SquadLocker will periodically offer special sales and discounts. They are shared at the last minute and we will post them here as soon as we are notified of them. They are usually offered around various holidays. If you are interested in taking advantage of them check the [Club Gear page of our website](#) for the latest deal.



Happy shopping!

CurlBerkshires member Tim Egan is working with [Goldline Curling](#) to provide members a savings when purchasing curling equipment. Goldline requires a single point contact which is Tim Egan. To take advantage of this savings, please reach out to Tim by email: tim.egan@roadrunner.com

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