



# Anthracite Curling News

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Winter League 2013, First Edition

## Fall League decided on final shot

House Hunters, faced with a 6-1 deficit after four Ends, staged an epic comeback on Dec. 8, defeating Coal Crackers, 8-6, to complete a perfect [Fall League](#) run with the Championship.

After escaping the 1st End with a single point thanks to a Crackers' miss that could have netted them four points early, House Hunters (6-0) then allowed the opponent to take a pair with the Hammer in the 2nd and then steals of three and one in the 3rd and 4th Ends, respectively.

Four points over the next three Ends left the champs a point shy of completing the comeback heading into the 8th End, 6-5. Clutch shots up and down the



Skip Kimm Montone, Vice/Lead Maria Maas, Second Dana Griesback, and Vice Kurt Maas finished the Fall League with a 6-0 record following an epic comeback win in the Finals.

lineup combined with a miss on the decisive Hammer shot gave House Hunters three points for the win.

House Hunters was Skipped on

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## Winter League begins, double Round Robin format

Four teams will be competing for the 2013 Anthracite Curling Club Winter League championship.

The league will be played bi-weekly from Dec. 22 through

March 16. Each team will play each other twice with the first- and second-place teams meeting in the Finals on the 16th.

Look for a Winter League schedule on the inside of this newsletter.

Games begin at 10 p.m. at The Ice Rink at Coal Street.



### n00bs on Ice

The Club recently welcomed **new members:** Ross Ruschman, Heather Walter, Alex Wood, Jerilynn Haddow, Tyler Piede, Luke Dubin, and John Delamater.



# Special Thanks

Special thanks are in order for Bill Strouse, a local photographer with several ties to the Club.

After accepting an invite from Vice President Matthew Lyons, Bill arrived during a Fall League night and snapped about 70 photos of our curlers in action, as well as some of the unique images of the game.

Bill has graciously donated these images to our Club and also has them featured in a gallery on his Web page: [www.billstrousephotography.com](http://www.billstrousephotography.com). Also, be sure to 'Like' his page on Facebook.

We (or the game, or both) had a lasting effect on the shutterbug. Bill attended the Learn to Curl on Nov. 24 and even stuck around later that night and played as a Substitute in a Fall League game.

We certainly hope to see him the next time he's in the area.



## 2013 WINTER SCHEDULE

**Sat., Dec. 22, 2012**

House Hunters vs. Sons of Shaddrat  
Demented Magenta vs. Bonanza

**Sat. Feb. 16, 2013**

Bonanza vs. Demented Magenta  
House Hunters vs. Sons of Shaddrat

**Sat., Jan. 5, 2013**

House Hunters vs. Demented Magenta  
Sons of Shaddrat vs. Bonanza

**Sat., March 2, 2013**

Demented Magenta vs. Sons of Shaddrat  
House Hunters vs. Bonanza

**Sat., Jan. 22, 2013**

Bonanza vs. House Hunters  
Sons of Shaddrat vs. Demented Magenta

**Sat. Feb. 2, 2013**

Bonanza vs. House Hunters  
Demented Magenta vs. House Hunters



**Sat., March 16, 2013**

**EVENT FINALS**

First place vs. Second place  
Third place vs. Fourth place

## Fall League decided on final shot, caps major comeback

> FALL LEAGUE FROM COVER

Saturday by Kurt Maas, in place of Kimm Montone. Other roster players include Maria Maas, and Dana Griesback. Erica Snarski played as Substitute for

Montone and shot in the Second position.

Crackers (3-3) was Skipped by Joshua Sophy with Mark Dorval at Vice, Evan Smith at Second, and Tyler Piede as Lead.

# Club notebook

Here are some random notes of happenings around the Club since the beginning of the Fall league:

- The following members have been appointed to terms on the Club's Board of Directors: Mark Dorval (1 year, expiring in Aug. 2013), Joe Raymer (2 years, Aug. 2014) and Thom Kivler (3 years, Aug. 2015). The Board has scheduled the following dates for meetings in 2013: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, and March 2.
- We still have Club merchandise for sale: Pins are \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. There are three styles of T-shirts: ACC logo, Diamond City Spiel, and Eat-Sleep-Anthracite. Each shirt is \$15.
- **Late-night Summer curling:** Would you be interested in playing in a late-night Summer League or think you could use some practice ice? If you're interested, please call Mark at (410) 913-1619.



## Road to the Club Championship begins in April

Team Kerrick (above) took home the 2012 [Anthracite Curling Club championship](#).

The road to the 2013 Club Championship begins this April. When you become a Member of the Club, you're eligible to compete in our seasonal Leagues, all leading to the Club Championship.

And that road begins at a Learn to Curl event. We'll be hosting events this Spring. Look for details on our Web site and at The Ice Rink.

**TEAM KERRICK** (from l-r) Monica Lynn (Vice), Lyle Kerrick (Skip), Thom Kivler (Lead), and Erica Snarski (Second).

## \* Donate to the Club's Stone Handle Engraving Program \*

### Etch your name into our history, help us complete our stone purchase

#### WHAT IS THIS?

Last year, the Club purchased three very expensive sets of curling stones from another Club in Canada. It's now time to make them a permanent fixture to our Club by attaching a new handle to them.

We're offering a chance for you to become a permanent part of Anthracite Curling Club history by engraving your name, your family's name, or your business name on one of the 48 handles.

#### WHAT DO YOU GET?

With your donation to our Club, you'll be providing us with a brand new handle for our stones, which we expect to get many more years of competitive play from. More importantly, your donations helps us offset the tremendous cost of the stones to our Club.

Your new handle will adorn that stone for the life of it. The engraving of your choice will appear on one side of the stone handle, opposite the Club's name.

When your stone is finally put into play, we'll send you a certificate and small photo of your new stone handle in action to show our appreciation.

To help our Club and carve your name into the handles of one of our stones, either take a picture of the code in the bottom right corner with your mobile device to be directed to the Web site or visit <http://bit.ly/UG3921> to download our order form.

Your donation will be greatly appreciated for future decades each time we use our stones in Club competitions.

Funds pay off our stone loan. Thank you for your support!



# USA Curling announces plans for national arena curling championship bonspiel in Fort Wayne

By Jonathan Havercroft, Chair  
USCA Arena Curling Committee

The inaugural United States Curling Association Arena Curling National Championship, an event designed specifically for curlers who utilize arena curling facilities, will debut next summer. This new championship will take place July 18-21 at the Fort Wayne Curling Club in Fort Wayne, Ind.

“The Fort Wayne Curling Club is excited that the USCA has initiated a new Arena Championship to provide many of the newest curling clubs in the United States, like us, the ability to compete against clubs of similar circumstances,” said Craig Fisher, Fort Wayne Curling Club president and chairman of the 2013 Arena Curling National Championships.

The event will feature 32 teams, with men’s and women’s divisions, and the hopes of growing the event in the future. To be eligible to enter, team members must all be dues-paying, league-playing members of the same arena curling club.

The USCA launched this championship to meet the needs of

its members in arena curling clubs. Arena curling is the fastest growing segment of the USCA, with 53 clubs and 2,627 members. While arena curlers are often some of the USCA’s most enthusiastic members, there are several unique obstacles that arena curling club members face that make it difficult for them to compete in USCA events. With these obstacles in mind, the USCA has designed an arena championship that is strictly for arena curlers. The event will have a modified double knockout format for 16 men’s teams and 16 women’s teams in their respective divisions. This four-day event will be a great way to keep cool during the summertime and will include special clinics for the participants on arena ice making and curling skills.

Due to time and space constraints, and because we’re unsure of the interest and participation levels of arena curlers, the size of the field has been limited to 32 teams for the inaugural event. One of the goals of this event is to promote women’s arena curling. As such, we have developed a unique

registration process that will ensure regional diversity and full participation of women’s curling teams in the championship. For this event, each club can enter one men’s team and one women’s team. It is up to the club to determine its representatives. Clubs can accomplish this either through an internal playdown or by using records from their club’s regular league schedule to determine the most deserving entries.

Each region is assured of at least one entry. If more than one arena club within a region enters a team, then the entry will be awarded to whichever club entered both a men’s team and a women’s team. In the event more than one club in a region entered a team for both divisions, then the region’s entrant will be determined by selecting the club entry at random.

The registration fee for the event is \$400 per team. Pre-registration is required. The pre-registration deadline is April 15, 2013.

## ABOUT OUR CLUB

**Anthracite Curling Club** is a member of and governed in part by the Grand National Curling Club and the U.S. Curling Association. You can find out more about the organizations on the Web at [anthracitecurling.com](http://anthracitecurling.com), [gncc.org](http://gncc.org), and [curlingrocks.net](http://curlingrocks.net)



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