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# **Bonspiel Volunteer Initiative**

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The Garrison Curling Club (the "GCC" or the "Club") is looking for up to 15 members to assist in planning and executing its bonspiels and tournaments for the 2025-26 season. Working with the General Manager and Food & Beverage team, volunteers will have an opportunity to participate in all aspects of these fun events. Our ultimate goal is to create a Bonspiel Committee that will play an increasingly larger role in GCC events, while reporting to the GM.

### Roles

#### Communications

- Develop and execute a communications plan to promote the event (including external communications for those events that include non-members)
- Create collateral for the event (programs, signs, etc.)

#### Prize & raffle support

- Source cash donations from sponsors
- Source in-kind donations to create fun, in-demand prizes and raffle items
- Sell raffle tickets during the events

#### Draw management

- Prepare the draws for the event
- Monitor game results and assist with any on-ice requests

#### Hospitality

- Support morning coffee and muffin stations
- Develop and host between-draw activities/games to entertain curlers in the lounge
- Identify and book live music performers and acting as on-the-ground liaisons the day of the performance

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### **Bonspiels and Tournaments**

- Ron & Karen Parry Boxing Day Funspiel (December 26, 2025). This is a
  member-guest event that is a fun morning or afternoon of curling for families and close
  friends.
- Ray Tull Memorial Senior Bonspiel (December 27-28, 2025). Open to members and non-members, this two day event is for teams with curlers aged 50+.
- West Side Clashspiel (January 3-4, 2026). This is a new home-and-home event with the Springbank Curling Club.
- Curling Alberta Club Championship GCC Qualifier (January 3-4, 2026). This event
  qualifies up to two men's and two women's teams from the GCC to move on to regionals
  and possibly provincials and nationals. It's as close as club curlers get to playing in a
  Brier or Scotties-type environment.
- GCC Skins Cashspiel (February 14-15, 2026). This is the Club's signature event with a "skins" format (cash on the line every end). Open to members and non-members.
- GCC Club Championships (March 14-15, 2026). This brings together all the league champions to compete for the big prize in their division.
- The Rock & Roller Bonspiel (Mar 28-29, 2026). To close the season, we've got our 'spiel for our novice and intermediate curlers (6 or fewer years' experience). This is a dress-up affair with rock & roll-themed costumes worn on the ice.

## **Next Steps**

If you are interested in helping out with one or more of these events please contact Steve Cloutier, General Manager, at 403-242-8191 or at <a href="mailto:stevecloutier@garrisoncurling.com">stevecloutier@garrisoncurling.com</a> to discuss how you can get involved.