

// COLLEGE CURLING

College events in full swing across U.S.

by Gordon Maclean, Chairman, College Curling

The College Curling National Championship will be merit-based for the first time in 2013. That means that 16 schools will be playing for the title in March by invitation, based from their performance during the curling season.

The first College Bonspiel of the season took place at Columbus Curling Club in early October. The College Curling Standings, based on this first event are as follows:

College	Region	Points
Tennessee	5	15
Butler	2	5
Villanova	1	2
Nebraska	5	2
Bowdoin	1	1

There are more college bonspiels on tap as the season heats up. Look for college curlers playing at the following:

The **Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) Curling Club** collaborated with the **Rochester Curling Club** to host an early season bonspiel Nov. 9-11. The bonspiel had 24 slots available, with teams from RIT, Colgate, Boston, and Villanova already entered as of press time. To find out more about curling at RIT, contact Steve Noble at 315-399-2591, spn4788@rit.edu or ritcurling@gmail.com for further information.

The **University of Wisconsin-Superior and University of Wisconsin-**

Barron County are combining forces to host a college-only, open bonspiel format, event at the **Rice Lake (Wis.) Curling Club**, Dec. 1-2. The first draw will be at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Eight teams participated at last year's event; the goal for 2012 is to have 16 teams. Current participants include Nebraska, UW-Superior, Tennessee, UW-Madison, UW-Green Bay, and Carroll University. For further information, contact Tony Nelson, 715-418-0454, tnelso18@uwsuper.edu or Scott Sharp, 715-296-0662, gunner2878@yahoo.com.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) will be hosting a college-only bonspiel at the **Schenectady (N.Y.) Curling Club** on Dec. 1. First draw will be at 8 a.m.; this will be a one-day 'spiel. There is room for up to 12 teams. Entry fee is \$100 per team. For further information, contact Amanda Shagoury, 603-651-8451 or shagoa@rpi.edu.

Carroll University will be hosting a college-only bonspiel at the **Kettle Moraine (Wis.) Curling Club** the weekend of Jan. 25-27. There are 24 slots available; and this event is set up with two experience divisions. Cost is \$175 per team. For more information, contact Michael Schuder, 262-524-7152, mschuder@carrollu.edu.

Colgate University will be hosting a college-only bonspiel at the **Utica (N.Y.) Curling Club** on Feb. 9. Colgate, Hamilton and SUNY are currently entered. There are 16 spots available for this event; the cost is \$25/person. For more information, contact Mary Jane Walsh at 315-228-6194, or mw-alsh@colgate.edu.

For further details on college curling, college bonspiels and current College Curling Standings, visit www.collegecurlingusa.org. ■

// 2013 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Green Bay readies for national event

by Harry Maier, 2013 Nationals Host Committee

Planning is picking up for the 2013 USA Curling National Championships, which will be hosted by the Green Bay Curling Club and the Cornerstone Community Ice Center in Wisconsin.

The championships in the men's and women's divisions will be held Feb. 9-16 at the Community Ice Center, located just west of De Pere in the Village of Ashwaubenon.

The ice center has three sheets of ice, one Olympic-size and two National Hockey League-size, with the curling tournament scheduled to take place in the Resch Olympic Pavilion, which seats about 2,000 people. There will be five sheets of ice, with good viewing spots throughout the facility.

Several major sponsors have agreed to provide financial support including Brooms Up Curling Supplies, a national curling supplier based in Woodbury, Conn.; the Oneida Nation, located just west of Green Bay; Bellin Health, one of the largest health facilities in Green Bay; Triangle Distributing, one of the largest beer and liquor distributors in the Green Bay area; US Bank; and the State of Wisconsin, Department of Tourism.

Bill Rhyme of the Green Bay Curling Club and Don Chilson of Cornerstone are serving as co-chairmen. A number of committees have been

formed and are staffed. Committee chairs report they are right on schedule with plans for the event.

Committees actively working on the Nationals event include: Event coordination and USCA liaison, Janice Jennings (JJ) Rhyme; and Sponsorship Marketing, Harry Maier and Jeff Parish. The Local Organizing Committee also includes: Publicity, Shannon Krein; Competition Operations, Tom Casper; Ticketing, Hal Maier; Logistics, John Schwartz; Volunteer Recruitment and Coordination, Dave and Shirley Destache; Fan-Zone and Expo Coordination, Jay Pennock; Special Events, Chris Casper; and Commemorative Program, Dan Loughney.

To find out more about the 2013 Nationals or to order tickets, please visit <http://www.2013usacurlingnationals.com>. Information about volunteering at the event will be added to the website soon. The event also has a social media presence on both Facebook and Twitter. ■

