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Intrigued by Curling? Try it in Wayland!

Curling will once again capture the public's attention when Olympic television coverage of the sport commences next week.

The game, involving teams of players who try to outscore opponents by pushing heavy granite "stones" down a sheet of ice, aided by sweepers with brooms, requires finesse, balance, strategy, and teamwork. Some have called it "chess on ice."

Both men's and women's curling teams will be competing for the U.S. in Beijing, as well as a team in the Mixed Doubles competition (involving two players of opposite genders instead of the usual team of four). The Olympic curling schedule can be found here: <https://olympics.com/en/beijing-2022/schedule-by-sport/curling/> (the competition runs from February 2-20).

But Greater Boston residents don't need to look half way around the world or wait every four years to watch — or even try — the game. In fact, curling is played right here in Wayland at **Broomstones Curling Club**, the largest of seven dedicated curling facilities in New England, with 400 members from 90+ surrounding towns (and even a few from neighboring states).

"For many of our members curling is much more than a sport," says Nancy Jennett, Broomstones' President, a resident of Natick. "While we enjoy the exercise and competition, our club is also a tight-knit social community where many life-long friendships are made."

At Broomstones, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018, curling is played daily from October to early April. The club also hosts regional and national events with teams traveling from all over the United States and parts of Canada to compete.

Broomstones members have competed at the national and international level including the the World Women's Championships, the World Junior Championships, the Youth Olympics, and the U.S. Olympic Team Trials (a half dozen club members — present or past — were involved in the recent Olympic trials in December, vying to "be" Team USA).

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE APRIL 3

Members of the public are invited to try curling at a Broomstones Open House event scheduled for Sunday, **April 3**, from 12:00-5:30 p.m. Participants will learn the rules of the game, tour the Broomstones facility, and get out on the ice to throw and sweep some curling stones. Registration information can be found at <https://broomstonesolympicopenhouse2022.eventbrite.com>.

You can find your local curling club here: www.usacurling.org. More information about Broomstones Curling Club is available at www.broomstones.com. Facebook: www.facebook.com/Broomstones.

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