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## Happy Valentine's Day!

Don't forget to check out all the exciting events coming up in the next few weeks at the club.

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### Calendar of Events (DCC Events)

- **February 16, 2018** – Ilderton CC Senior Men's Tier 55 Bonspiel. \$120/team. Contact Walt Spence for more information at [spencetw2012@gmail.com](mailto:spencetw2012@gmail.com).
- **February 17, 2018** – DCC Member Guest Night. *See **Bonspiels and Special Events** for more information.*
- **February 17 – 18, 2018** – DCC Open Junior Bonspiel. *Contact Duke Grimshaw for more information.*
- **February 24-25, 2018** – Rum Runners Bonspiel @ Roseland Golf and Curling Club 2-Day Open Bonspiel. \$400/team. Email [jasonhebert82@gmail.com](mailto:jasonhebert82@gmail.com) or call 519-980-9297 for more information.
- **February 24-25<sup>th</sup>** – **DCC Mixed International Bonspiel.**
- **March 2-4, 2018** – 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Mixed International Bonspiel @ Sarnia Golf and Curling Club. \$420 entry fee (\$380 prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>). Contact Jaime Parkinson for more information at [proshop@sgcc.on.ca](mailto:proshop@sgcc.on.ca) or 519-336-2201 ext. 234.
- **March 3-4, 2018** – **DCC Highlander Spiel. Be a man, sign up today!**
- **March 10, 2018** – **In-House Five and Under Bonspiel @ DCC.**
- **April 29, 2018** – **Last Chance Sinners meeting @ DCC. Event starts at 9am.**

### House Business

**Run for the Board** – The Nominating Committee (Paul Badgero, Courtney Urbiel, Fred Zosel) is recruiting eight candidates to fill four open board seats and it needs your help. Serving as a board

member is a great way to support the club and ensure we're able to continue curling. It requires time and effort, and in a way that only enhances your curling. If you can do it, email Paul, Courtney or Fred.

**Sinners Schedule** - The Sinners want you to come out and join in the fun on a Sunday morning. They begin arriving around 8:30 AM and serve a hearty breakfast around 9 AM. Usual breakfast beverages are included along with a few more bracing beverages for those more daring souls. Breakfast is \$10 for an all-you-can-eat menu of breakfast meats, eggs, potatoes, toast and more. Plan on joining in on the fun. The Sweetheart Sinners meeting is open to the ladies too with candy for the ladies who attend. Last Chance Sinners is just as it states. Men only at that meeting. Hope to see you then.

April 29, Last Chance Sinners Meeting

### **Bonspiels and Special Events**

**Club Guest Night** – The Detroit Curling Club Guest night is coming up on Saturday, Feb. 17th. A sign-up sheet will be posted this week at the club, with draw times of 6:30pm, 8:00pm, and 9:30pm (with various 30 minute practice times listed beforehand). Cost is \$10 for non-members, \$5 for members, with pizza included. If you have any questions, please contact John Taylor at [jmtaylor19@gmail.com](mailto:jmtaylor19@gmail.com). Thanks, and good curling!

**DCC In-House Five and Under Bonspiel** – The DCC will be hosting an in-house 5 and under for all new members and juniors who wish to play in a bonspiel on Saturday March 10th! Cost is \$25 and you are guaranteed two 6 end games. Sign-up sheet will be posted at the club. Contact Diana Jankowski for more information.

// **BONSPIEL RESULTS**

#### Mucky Duck Mixed Doubles

Nov. 17-19, 2017 // Bowling Green CC, Bowling Green, Ohio

PLACE	TEAM
1EW-Detroit	Ben Levy, Jen Levy
1ERU-Triangle	Trevor Gau, Kerry Radigan
2EW-Bowling Green	Ryan O'Neil, Logan Tingley
2ERU-Bowling Green	Matt Smith, Patty Warner
3EW-Lone Star	Guy Davis, Harley Rohrbacher
3ERU-Bowling Green	Cameron Roehl, Alexis Roehl

#### Bowling Green Ladies Bonspiel

Oct. 28-29, 2017 // Bowling Green (Ohio) CC

PLACE	TEAM
1EW-Detroit	Dawn Brauningner, Laura Call, Diana Jankowski, Bethany Rivera
1ERU-Rochester	Carol Wood, Melanie Rellinger, Carol Stevenson, Alexis Roehl
2EW-Mayfield	Irina Khusid, Leslie Cooke, Julia DiBaggio, Donna Schrieber
2ERU-Bowling Green	Angie Jones, Deb Freedlander, Susan Tortorelli, Wendy Haykus
3EW-Mayfield	Dee Montgomery, Tracie Moore, Dianne Coolidge, Liz Novak
3ERU-St. Paul	Sally Augustin, Mary Glowacki, Gwen Krailo Lyons, Donna Pearson



Winners of the Bowling Green Mucky Duck Mixed Doubles Bonspiel were Detroit's Ben Levy and Jen Levy.



Winners of the Bowling Green Ladies Bonspiel were (l-r) Dawn Brauningner, Laura Call, Diana Jankowski, and Bethany Rivera.

#### Old Boys Bonspiel

Dec. 1-4, 2017 // Chicago (Ill.) CC

**Look, You're Famous!**  
Congrats again to Teams Levy and Brauningner, who were recently pictured in the latest edition of US Curling News.

## **Rockettes Corner**

**Ladies League Update** – Third session tentatively starts February 20th and includes the Ladies Club Championship! Wendy Powers will be our drawmaster. If you would like to participate, teams are due to Wendy Powers [quandloo2@yahoo.com](mailto:quandloo2@yahoo.com) by February 5th if interested in playing for the Lee Davis Zosel memorial trophy. The Final will be held during the champagne spiel on April 7th. There will be a sign-up sheet posted at the club as well. Open to all A and B women members of the club

**Central Area 5 Year and Under Bonspiels** - Open to all curlers with less than 5 years of curling experience. Details: [www.uswca.org](http://www.uswca.org) or rep Bethany Rivera.  
Women's Bonspiel - Bowling Green Curling Club - March 16-18, 2018

**USWCA Circuit** - A competitive curling series that allows individual curlers to earn points towards cash and gift card prizes. Curl in registered circuit bonspiels (DCC Ladies 2 day is a circuit event) and earn points based on your finish. The more bonspiels you attend, the better your chances of winning cash prizes. Full details and rules are on the Circuit Page of [uswca.org](http://uswca.org), including the full calendar of circuit events.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions or want to be involved, please contact the Rockettes board via email [Rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com](mailto:Rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com) or a Rockette Board Member (see contacts on last page).

## **Member Additions**

**Directional Sweeping: What is it and does it work?** – Excerpt from *Training Tips from Jon* in US Curling News Spring 2018 V73 I3.

What is directional sweeping?

*“Directional sweeping involves sweeping on one side of the stone or the other to make it curl more or to make it run straighter. Years ago and in a simpler world we called it corner sweeping.”*

This seems against traditional curling technique that focused on sweeping the entire face of the stone, though this was more for reasons of not allowing debris to fall into the path of the stone. No one likes a burned stone.

*“To explain, imagine that a right-handed curler is throwing an out-turn draw. The stone is rotating counter clockwise as it is traveling down the sheet. To make it travel fatter, both sweepers brush in front of the stone. To reduce the amount of curl the sweeper on the left side is positioned slightly behind the stone and brushes at a 45-degree angle roughly between the stone’s 9 o’clock and 12 o’clock positions.*

*To put it another way, imagine that the sweeper on the left side of the stone is trying to ‘push’ the stone straighter with his/her down stroke by sweeping the nearby front side of the stone.”*

Does this technique really work?

*“Yes, but it depends on the brushes being used and the effectiveness of the sweepers. In 2016 the World Curling Federation (WCF), in conjunction with the National Research Council of Canada, undertook extensive studies concerning the effectiveness of directional sweeping. The study used two types of brush heads; one was a previously allowed fabric head and one was a newly-allowed head. The diagrams below highlight related findings.*

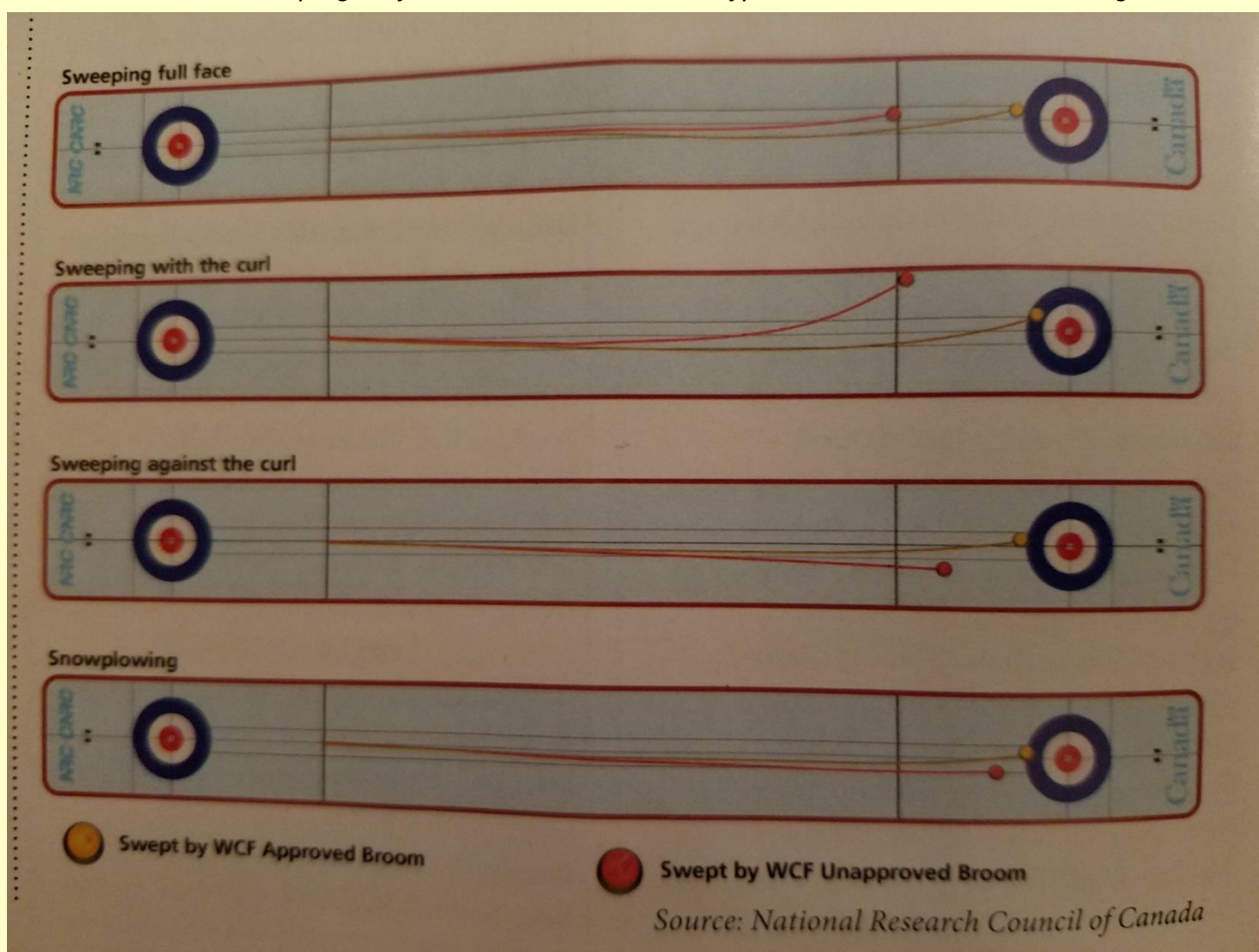
*As these diagrams illustrate, directional sweeping with a certain type of brush head can dramatically impact stone movement in terms of the amount of curl and the distance traveled.” (See image on next page)*

So is this legal?

*“Yes, but...The WCF determined that directional sweeping was having too great an effect on the game. The equipment being used could make rocks curl significantly more, run straight, or even go the opposite direction. Equipment-related rule changes were implemented for the 2017-18 season to govern equipment features such as brush fabric, color, and underlying foam and reflective foam... The ultimate intent of the changes was to return the primary responsibility for making shots to the shooter. Related WCF findings and device specifications are published at <http://www.worldcurling.org/brushes>.”*

What does this mean for the average curler?

*“Directional sweeping may be of little or no value to typical club curlers who are using*



*WCF approved brushes, primarily because of the brush head pressure and sweeping technique that are required to make it work.”*

So there you have it! Find the entire column written by Jon Mielke in the recent edition of US Curling News. And remember “the outcome of games should be determined more by shooter skills and not by the use of unapproved sweeping equipment.”

Submitted by Lynden Gault, Scots Wha Hae Editor  
Images and quoted text from US Curling News

## **Communication and Website News**

**DCC Website Instructions for Signing In** – Every member should be aware of the procedures to set up your accessibility to all the great web site features. If you have not signed in yet, follow these instructions and save your user name and password to stay informed. Keep these instructions handy in case you forget your sign in information.

### **Retrieving Your Username & Password**

You will only be able to complete these steps once you are seeing the new website when you go to [www.detroitcurlingclub.com](http://www.detroitcurlingclub.com). If you do not see, "Forgot Login," as mentioned below you will need to wait a while and try loading the site again.

1. On the right side, under the Member Login section, click on the words Forgot Login.
2. Click to check the box for Lost Username and a space to enter your email address will appear.
3. Enter your email address and click the Send Username button. If you see a message that your email address does not exist on the site, please email [membership@detroitcurlingclub.com](mailto:membership@detroitcurlingclub.com) so we can update your email address.
4. Check your email and you should receive a message with your username.
5. Return to the DCC website and again click on the words Forgot Login under the Member Login section.
6. Click to check the box for Lost Password and spaces for entering both your username and email address will appear.
7. Enter both your username and password and click the Send Password button.
8. Check your email and you should receive a message with a new password.
9. Return to the DCC website and use your username and new password to log in.


### **Changing Your Password**

1. After you have logged in, click on My Information under the Member Menu on the right side.
2. Near the top left of your profile click on Edit and then choose Update Your Profile.
3. Click on User Info to switch to the username and password settings.
4. Enter your desired password in the space provided, and enter it again in the Verify Password field.
5. Click the Update button to save your changes.

## **Pro-Shop Business**

**Pro Shop Back Open** – We are back for the rest of the season. We were gone during the Junior Nationals, but now we are here again to help you with your equipment needs. Don't wait too long. Stock will start to shrink as we close in on the end of the season. Shop early and often.

**Used Curling Equipment** – Used product in the Pro Shop is available from time to time. If you are a new curler and want to save some bucks on equipment or apparel, stop by and ask what is available. Items change so, stop by often to see what is new (I mean old). Long standing members, bring in your unused curling equipment. Donate your unused stuff to the club and give a new curler a chance to get better equipped. The program helps the club by reducing the usage of rental equipment by new members and gets new members going in the direction of improving their equipment by once they are certain to remain club members. Your contributions help keep our membership strong. Thank You.



Date	Weekday	Coverage Time	Food
February 11	Sunday	6:30-9:30 pm	Sweeping Tacos
February 12	Monday	7:30-11:00 pm	Sweeping Tacos
February 12	Thursday	6:30-10:00 pm	Sweeping Tacos
February 13	Friday	7:30-9:00 pm	Sweeping Tacos

**\$3.00 each or 2/ \$5.00 — Chips \$1.00 each**

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### *Detroit Curling Club Contacts*

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#### **DCC Board Members:**

Jim Morris - President  
 Ben Levy - Vice President  
 Brooke Schneider - Treasurer  
 Diana Jankowski - Assistant Treasurer  
 Dan Maggio - Secretary & Rentals  
 Roger York - Calendar & Games  
 Ben Levy - Website and Communications & Membership  
 Mark Hansell - House  
 Gordy Loud - Rentals  
 Josh Lopez - Bonspiels and Special Events  
 Travis Powers - Ice

#### **Rockettes Board Members:**

Laura Call - President  
 Laura Gilchrist - Vice President & Membership  
 Abby Bond - Secretary  
 Courtney Urbiel - Treasurer & Lockers  
 Theresa Lopez - Board Liaison & Shirt Sales  
 Samantha Lewis - Food Sales

**Pro Shop Manager:** John Danckaert

**Volunteer Coordinator** - Laura Gilchrist