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Check out what our members have been up to lately! See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for some stories and photos.

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## Calendar of Events (DCC Events)

- **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.
- **March 11, 2018** – St. Patrick's Day Parade. See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.
- **April 29, 2018** – Last Chance Sinners meeting @ DCC. Event starts at 9am.
- **July 15-16, 2018** – DCC Golf Outing. See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.

## 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.

**Call for GLCA Representative Nominations** – The Board is accepting nominations to fill one Detroit Curling Club (DCC) Representative position on the Great Lakes Curling Association (GLCA). The

DCC has three representatives on the GLCA. There is one position open, and it is for a three-year term. The current representatives are Ben Levy (term ending 2020), Josh Lopez (term ending 2019), and Adam Rivera (term ending 2018).

Nominees must be a Class A member (for at least three consecutive years) or a Life Member. The representative will be chosen by member vote in conjunction with the Annual Meeting on April 18, 2018.

Minimum job requirements:

1. The GLCA representative must attend at least one GLCA meeting per year
2. Any other duties as required and/or necessitated by the GLCA

How to Submit a Nomination: Qualified DCC members who want to nominate themselves should submit a letter of intent to the Board secretary (Dan Maggio, [daniel.maggio@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.maggio@gmail.com)), which must include the names and signatures of at least five Class A members supporting the nomination.

Deadline for submission: Thursday, March 1, 2018.

**We need your help!** – We need helpers for the Highlander Bonspiel this weekend. Come help out at this event, it's perfectly safe and we promise there totally won't be any axes AT ALL... plus you can enjoy the BBQ for free!

Saturday, March 3rd

7:00-10:45am - Ice Help: (2)

8:00-11:00am - General Help: (2)

\* this is really important

12:45-3:15 - Ice Help: (2)

2:00-5:00pm - General Help: (2)

Sunday, March 4th

7:00-10:45am - Ice Help: (2)

10:00-2:00pm - General Help: (2)

12:45-3:30pm - Ice Help: (2)

2:00-4:00pm - Clean Up: (2)

Bonspiel SignUp Link: <http://signup.com/go/MrAExqQ>

**Ice Help Needed** – Week of Sunday, March 4th - Friday, March 9th

As always, we are looking for ice help before leagues next week and there are many open spots. Helping with ice will provide open ice time for members to practice before leagues begin. Please check the sign up to find times when we need help.

Ice Help SignUp Link: <http://signup.com/go/kinFHnV>

General questions regarding volunteerism can be directed to Laura Gilchrist at [volunteers@detroitcurlingclub.com](mailto:volunteers@detroitcurlingclub.com).

Thank you for your support!

Laura Gilchrist

Volunteer Coordinator

**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**

**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.

**USWCA National Bonspiel** – Team Brauning (Dawn, Laura Call, Diana Jankowski, Bethany Rivera; pictured on next page) recently competed in the 69th annual USWCA National Bonspiel, held in Durham, NC at the Triangle Curling Club. Triangle is a newer member of the USWCA and their 4 sheet dedicated facility has only been open and in use for a few years. The competition consisted of 32 teams from across the country, with no club having more than one entry due to the increasing popularity of this tournament. Team Brauning, second event runner up in last year's bonspiel, was joined by other winners from Centerville, WI (Roessler), Mayfield (Montgomery) and Chicago (Armstrong).

Following a close loss in the first draw to the eventual overall winner (Cape Cod), Brauning moved to the second event flight and proceeded to sweep their way to victories against Milwaukee CC and Arden Hills CC. All matches were tight games with the Arden Hills game being decided in an extra end. These victories kept Team Brauning in the B flight into Saturday, when games become sudden death. Without the hammer in the tenth end, Team Brauning unfortunately fell to St. Paul CC on Saturday which ended the team's playoff hopes.

During the tournament, the team was rooted on by some old DCC friends, Dave and Jan Dietz (pictured bottom right). The Dietz's were Detroit CC members until 2008 when they relocated to the Raleigh-Durham area. Dave is still an active curler at Triangle, but states he misses the camaraderie and friendships of the DCC. Team Brauning was also rooted on remotely thanks to live streaming of all the games by Triangle. Additionally, the team's social media coordinator, Diana Jankowski, kept our Facebook friends up to date with her frequent posts. After enjoying a couple of 70+ degree days and some keen ice, Team Brauning returns to Detroit where they will next be competing in the Ladies Club Championship.

Article and pictures submitted by Bethany Rivera.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade** – Sign up now to join us for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 11th. The cost is \$25 per person and includes an Irish breakfast at the club, bus ride to and from the parade, beer and snacks on the bus, as well as a Detroit Curling Club St. Pat's hat. Breakfast is at 9am and we'll be back by 4pm. The sign-up sheet is at the club or you can contact Laura Gilchrist at [laura.gilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:laura.gilchrist@gmail.com).



Please sign up as soon as possible!

**DCC 2-day Golf Outing** – It is that time of the year again to start planning for our out of town two day golf outing.

Dates: Sunday to Monday, July 15-16, 2018

Location: Riverwood Golf and Resort, E. Broomfield Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, phone: 989-772-5726.

Cost: \$179 includes a welcome reception, dinner, shuttle to and from the Casino, and 2 to 3 rounds of Golf, plus an overnight stay at the resort in a Villa. \$100 Deposit per person is due by March 15. If you are interested please contact Josh Lopez as soon as possible at [jlopezcanes@gmail.com](mailto:jlopezcanes@gmail.com) or Becky at Riverwood Resort to secure your spot.

**Senior Men's Championships** – The 2018 USSMCA Championships took place February 22-25, 2018 in Wausau, Wisconsin. DCC participating teams are listed below.

Senior Division (32 teams)

Chuck Thomas	Kevin Gault (team pictured at right)
John Heath	Mike DePolo
Michael Heath	Gordy Loud
Leroy Bliven	Pat Cannon

Super Senior Division (16 teams)

Dave Nelsen  
Ron Boehmer  
John Danckaert  
Sam Kilby  
Larry Aubuchon

Masters Division (16 teams)

Dave Hesse  
Dallas Schneider  
Dick Leonard  
Pete Sylvain

We recognize Mike DePolo, Larry Aubuchon, Kevin Gault and Dick Leonard as first-time attendees. DCC had teams in all Divisions. The Nelsen rink had a good finish and won both games Sunday morning. And they received gold medals before departing for home. Several of us had curled in this facility 4 years earlier after it had just opened. Many new features had been added including several rows of seats in the main viewing area. Their lockers were state of the art.

Those of us who were previous attendees enjoyed seeing curlers from all around the US. The 64 team event was oversubscribed so getting your entry in earlier helps ensure you have a spot. The Duluth Curling Club is our venue for 2019.

Article submitted by Dave Nelsen. Photos borrowed from Mike DePolo.



### **Rockettes Corner**

**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

### Save the Dates –

- 2018 USWCA Sr. Women's Bonspiel, November 28-December 2, 2018. Centerville, WI Open to USWCA Women age 55 and over. A Super Senior "friendly" one day fun spiel will be held the day before for women age 65 and over.
- 2019 USWCA National Bonspiel, February 13-17, Chicago Curling Club. Open to all USWCA Women. Please let Bethany Rivera know if you are interested in playing down.

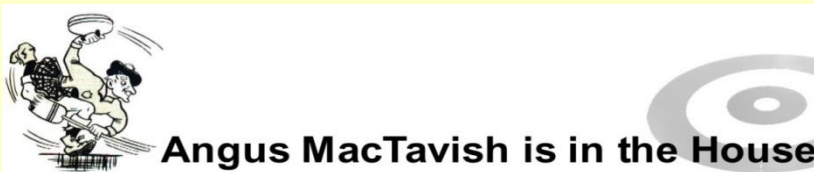
**Friendship Tour –** Please join me in congratulating Michele Falvey on being selected to the 2018 USWCA Senior Women's Friendship Tour. From November 4 - 16, 2018, sixteen members of the United States Women's Curling Association will be participating in a curling tour of the Canadian Maritimes (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island). Michele will be representing both the Detroit Curling Club and is one of four participants from the USWCA Central Region, which also includes curlers from Mayfield, Columbus and Bowling Green. Congratulations on your selection Michele!

**Rockettes Board Nominations –** Currently seeking nominees to be on the ballot for a two year Rockette Board term beginning April, 2018. Please contact Bethany Rivera by March 12th if interested. [aandbrivera@yahoo.com](mailto:aandbrivera@yahoo.com)

**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. Questions on USWCA opportunities and getting involved: See Bethany Rivera, USWCA Rep at [aandbrivera@yahoo.com](mailto:aandbrivera@yahoo.com)

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



**When The Detroit Curling Club Hosted The Brier –** The Detroit Curling Club has had a long and proud association with the Ontario Curling Association. Three of the Club's members have been past-presidents and at least two DCC members were designated Life Members of the OCA. That is common knowledge to our American and Canadian friends. But, they probably do not realize that the DCC played a role in the creation of the Canadian curling championship. It dates to 1925 when the MacDonald Brier Tankard was offered as an extra event to the annual Winnipeg bonspiel. The company offered to present a trophy and a prize which would include a trip to Toronto, Montreal and other eastern points for the winning rink with the object of fostering the granite game and inducing more frequent curling visits between eastern and western Canada.

The winning rink that first year arrived in Montreal on February 23, 1925. They headed to Quebec, Ottawa and Toronto. According to the report, the weather turned mild and ice conditions

were poor. The report stated: "The ice for the Toronto games was in very poor shape for curling owing to the mild weather, but play took place at the Granite Club in the afternoon and evening." The Toronto organizers had planned on four days of curling between Winnipeg, Toronto, and Hamilton rinks, but owing to soft ice it was decided to pay Detroit a visit. The Detroit club was one of the few curling clubs which enjoyed artificial (compressor made) ice. The DCC extended a hearty invitation. Arriving in Detroit, the champions received a very enthusiastic greeting. The visiting teams found the local hosts on hand early at the new Book-Cadillac Hotel to welcome them. DCC President Richard Watson and J.M. Kerr gave the boys a ride all over the big city, which included a visit to Belle Isle and the Ford Motor Works. Lunch and dinner were served at the clubhouse where the Detroiters have a splendid ice-making plant which was installed in 1924 at a cost of \$28,000. The DCC members enjoyed curling from December 1, 1924 until April 1, 1925. The club reported much added interest in the game, especially compared with the increased number of playing days possible after the artificial ice plant was installed.

Afternoon and evening games were played by the Winnipeg champions. The first was a win for the Detroit's Ontario Tankard rink, composed of F.W. Kerr, R. Kerr, J.M. Kerr and Ben Guiney as skip. The evening game resulted in a victory for the Winnipeg team.

The MacDonald Brier Trophy winners the following year (1926) were the last of the Manitoba champions to travel East before play for the MacDonald Brier Tankard became the Canadian men's championship. The Detroit Curling Club was visited again this year. The 1926 Brier Tankard champs spent 24 hours in Detroit: curling, sightseeing and experiencing general enjoyment.

The 1st MacDonald Brier Tankard as the Canadian men's national championship, was held March 1-3, 1927 at the Granite Club in Toronto.

So, now you know the rest of the story...The Detroit Curling Club, the only USA curling club, hosted a portion of The MacDonald Brier "Minus 2" and "Minus 1".  
I'm fair puckled! Angus MacTavish

## **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 you 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 [emailmembership@detroitcurlingclub.com](mailto:emailmembership@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.

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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