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Season's End - Closing events are starting to appear on the calendar. Make sure you check for sign-up sheets in the warm room so you don't miss out on the festivities before the ice melts!

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Calendar of Events (DCC Events)

- **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.
- **March 17, 2018 – White Elephant Bonspiel @ DCC.**
- **April 7, 2018 – DCC Club Championships and Champagne Spiel.**
- **April 7-8, 2018 – Stone Cold Beauties Women's Bonspiel @ Fort Wayne CC.** \$320/team. Register at www.fortwaynecurling.com.
- **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

Detroit Curling Club Nominees for 2018 Election – Below are the current nominees for the 2018 elections. Nominee profiles and election ballots will be emailed to eligible voting members two weeks prior to the April 18 Annual Meeting.

NOTE: Per DCC bylaws, "Additional nominations [for Directors and Trustees] may be made by petition of at least ten (10) Class A members in good standing. Such petitions must be submitted to the Secretary no later than ten (10) days after the initial nomination posting. A revised list of nominations shall then immediately be posted in the Clubhouse." Additional nominations, as outlined above, will be accepted up until 11:59 PM on March 12 by giving the required petition to the board secretary, Dan

Maggio at daniel.maggio@gmail.com or at the Club.

Great Lakes Curling Association Representative (1 seat open)

- Paul Badgero
- Jay Clark
- Brooke Schneider

Board of Directors (4 seats open)

- Paul Arsenault
- Julie Benson
- Laura Gilchrist
- Nate Glitman
- Duke Grimshaw
- Dan Maggio
- Adam Rivera
- Mike Yanska

Board of Trustees (1 seat open)

- Linda McCutcheon
- Brooke Schneider

Ice Help Needed – ERIC NEEDS SPECIAL HELP WITH ICE, FOR A FLOOD:

Sunday, March 4th

9:00-11:30pm: (1)

Monday, March 5th

8:30am-12:00pm: (2)

Ice help also needed:

Week of Sunday, March 4th - Friday, March 9th

Week of Sunday, March 11th - Friday, March 16th

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.

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.

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. 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 or Becky at Riverwood Resort to secure your spot.

Rockettes Corner

All American Winners – Congratulations to Elizabeth Demers, Margaret Boynton, Anne Cramer, and Yolanda Lewczuk for winning the All American session! Team pictured at right.

Central Area 5 Year and Under Bonspiels - Open to all curlers with less than 5 years of curling experience. Details: 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.

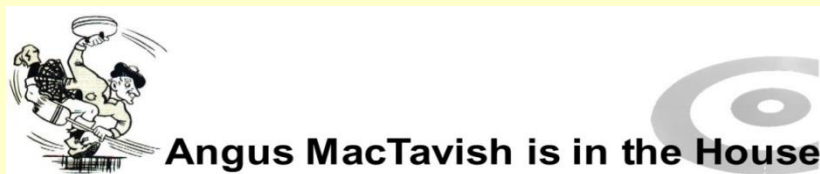
Friendship Tour – Please join me in congratulating Michele Falvey on being selected to the 2018 USWCA Senior Women's Friendship Tour. From November 4 - 16, 2018, sixteen members of the United States Women's Curling Association will be participating in a curling tour of the Canadian Maritimes (New Brunswick, 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

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, including the full calendar of circuit events. Questions on USWCA opportunities and getting involved: See Bethany Rivera, USWCA Rep at 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 or a Rockette Board Member (see contacts on last page).

Member Additions



"The Finest Consignment of Curling Stones Ever..."

Part 1 Background

There should have been noise – lots of noise. But, it was eerily silent. Everything moved in slow motion. Some of the crates burst open. Red ones and blue ones toppled out. Some rolled; some slid. Finally all movement ceased. Two hundred seventy-eight came to rest on the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean 200 miles off the coast of Ireland. Only curlers would mourn their fate. The *SS Athenia* had been sunk by a torpedo fired from U-30 – a German U-boat. World War II was only hours old.

My involvement in this saga began shortly after I joined the Detroit Curling Club in 1979, when I was told a story that new curling stones ordered by the club in the 1940s had been lost at sea. "Sunk by a Bosch submarine in WWII." The story intrigued me and I wanted to uncover the details. Unfortunately, the facts I found disproved the story. On March 26, 2013, I wrote an article on the blog (<http://detroitcurling.blogspot.com>) that showed the timing of the club ordering the stones (June 1941), and receiving the stones (December 1941), and the lack of ships sunk in this timeframe did not match up to make the story viable.

That blog-posting led a member of the Wausau (WI) Curling Club to write a comment on the blog about a similar story in his club's history. That story was even easier to debunk since they actually ordered and received their stones after the end of WWII (same Blog: January 7, 2015). The North

American Curling News article of February 1, 1947, was the deciding proof. The Wausau CC had ordered and received its stones after the end of the war.

I asked U.S. Curling News columnist David Garber to publish a request in the spring 2015 edition of the magazine asking if other clubs have had similar rumors or stories floating around their membership. No one replied.

The story continued to attract my curiosity. How and why could a couple of curling clubs have such similar stories of curling stones lost in WWII? I started reading the history Webpages at various curling clubs throughout Ontario and the eastern USA. I found one article at Toronto's High Park Club: "... In 1939, 41 pairs of stones, weighing 41.5 lbs. each with black or white handles, were purchased for \$36 per pair. The first sets of stones were lost when a German torpedo hit the *Athenia*, the ship carrying them. New ones arrived in time for the following year." We now had the name of a ship.



The SS *Athenia*, a passenger ship, was built in 1922 for the Donaldson Line of Glasgow. She was a 13,465 gross ton ship, length 526 feet, beam 66 feet, one funnel, two masts, twin screw and a service speed of 15 knots. On her maiden voyage she sailed from Glasgow to Liverpool, Quebec and Montreal and returned to Glasgow. This became her normal route. In March 1927 she was refitted to carry additional passengers. The ship could now accommodate 314 cabin-, 310 tourist-, and 928 third-class passengers. The cargo capacity was 1,000 tons.

(This is a four-part story. Next week **Part 2 War**)

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. 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 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.

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