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Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the Warthman and Livermore families. The club has lost two great men, both on and off the ice.

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## Calendar of Events (DCC Events)

- **March 17, 2018 – White Elephant Bonspiel @ DCC.**
- **April 7, 2018 – DCC Club Championships and Champagne Spiel/Masquerade Party. See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.**
- **April 7-8, 2018 – Stone Cold Beauties Women's Bonspiel @ Fort Wayne CC. 3-game guarantee. Meals included. \$320/team. Register at [www.fortwaynecurling.com](http://www.fortwaynecurling.com).**
- **April 15, 2018 – Meet and Greet Spiel @ DCC. See *Rockettes Corner* for more information.**
- **April 29, 2018 – Last Chance Sinners meeting @ DCC. Event starts at 9am.**
- **May 5, 2018 – Race for the Cure. See *Rockettes Corner* for more information.**
- **July 15-16, 2018 – DCC Golf Outing. See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.**

## House Business

**In Don Warthman's Honor** – I am saddened to learn of the passing of a very special man that many of you have known. He had a quiet but significant presence in our club as a participant and as a contributor. Don joined the curling club in 1988 at the age of 48 and was an active member throughout most of his tenure. Don was a veteran of the Marines and it showed in the manner in which he conducted himself on and off the ice. I am proud to have known Don and will cherish the life lessons he shared with me. He was of course, an excellent curler, and occasionally could offer a stinging compliment about a fellow curler that was always delivered without malice. I will miss seeing

Don behind the bar at Sunday morning Sinners meetings or at the Senior Nationals sharing the joy and companionship of that great event. Our fellow Canadians will also miss seeing Don's big smile and pleasant conversation at the annual exchange. Our club has lost a great man, and I for one will always remember the great times and lessons we shared. God Speed, Don.

John Danckaert

**In Joe Livermore's Honor** – With a very heavy heart we must report the news of the passing of another Detroit Curling Club member, Joe Livermore. Joe was 92 when he passed away over the weekend.

It is hard to even begin to describe the great contributions to the club Joe has made over the years. He has been a member since 1963 and was instrumental in keeping the club running through some tough times. This is true on multiple levels as his promotion of the spirit and fellowship of curling was, and will continue to be, an inspiration to all those who had the joy of spending time talking with him.

Funeral services for Joe Livermore will be this Friday, March 16th, at 10:30 AM at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2365 Woodward Ave in Detroit. The church is at the southeast corner of Woodward and the I-75 service drive. A light lunch will follow in the church. Any DCC Sinners attending are requested to wear their Sinners shirts.

**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](mailto: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

**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**

**Champagne Spiel and Masquerade Party** – April 7, 2018 6pm – Midnight. \$10. 50/50 raffle and silent auction. Dancing, food and cash bar. Draws at 7p-8:15p-9:30p. See warm room for sign up. Costume and masquerade dress encouraged!

**Highlander Bonspiel** – I just want to follow up and let you know that I appreciate all you guys participating in the Highlander. It was great to see the field expand from 12 teams to 16. The intent of the bonspiel is to meet and enjoy the camaraderie of other members while having some competitive games. You did the right thing!

A special thanks to those that helped out over the weekend, from cleaning up to hanging name cards. If I forgot someone, my apologies...

Steve Rietz, Laura Call, Eric Kortebein, Shelly Bahr, Maryanne Wessels, Sam Sloma, Alex Brockman, John Wentrack, Michelle and Amber, Corey and Jim Hojnicky

Fred Zosel: Trophy repurpose  
Dave Sgriccia: Trophy history  
Duncan Whitmore: Horse racing  
Paul Gaines: Deputized Assistant

The event winners and losers are as follows:

A/W: Wentrack

A/L: Soerens

B/W: Lopez

B/L: Ingraham

C/W: Carmouche

C/L: Chuck Thomas

D/W: Chris Thomas

D/L: Grimshaw

Points Contest Winner: Ducharme

The winners (pictured at right) enjoying the moment! (L to R: Chad Oliver, John Wentrack, David Mashinter and Michael D'Agostini)



**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.

## **Rockettes Corner**

**Food Schedule** – Support the club and fill your stomach!!

Sunday	March 18 <sup>th</sup>		6:30-9:30-----Coney's
Monday	March 19 <sup>th</sup>		7:30-11:00----Coney's
Tuesday	March 20 <sup>th</sup>	ROCS	11:30-1:00----Coney's
Tuesday	March 20 <sup>th</sup>		7:30-11:00----Coney's

**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

**Race for the Cure** – Come and Walk our Way at the 2018 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® Saturday, May 5, 2018. Register at the link below. Click on register, search for "curlers for a cure" team. It's a new web page so even if you registered last year you may have to create a new account, but try your old ID first. Laura Call is the team captain. If you cannot join us PLEASE consider a donation! [http://www.info-komen.org/site/TR/RacefortheCure/DTW\\_GreaterDetroitAffiliate?pg=entry&fr\\_id=7212](http://www.info-komen.org/site/TR/RacefortheCure/DTW_GreaterDetroitAffiliate?pg=entry&fr_id=7212)

**Pro/Am Meet and Greet "fun" Spiel** - Sunday April 15th 3:00: Hosted by the Rockettes! Sign up is posted at the club. Teams will consist of 2 players with 3 or less years of experience paired with more experienced curlers. Sign up individually. 1-2 draws, depending on sign up. Pizza and "prizes" included! \$10 per person. Great way to give and get curling tips and meet new people.

## **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.

**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 [aandriviera@yahoo.com](mailto:aandriviera@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



### “The Finest Consignment of Curling Stones Ever...”

#### Part 2 War

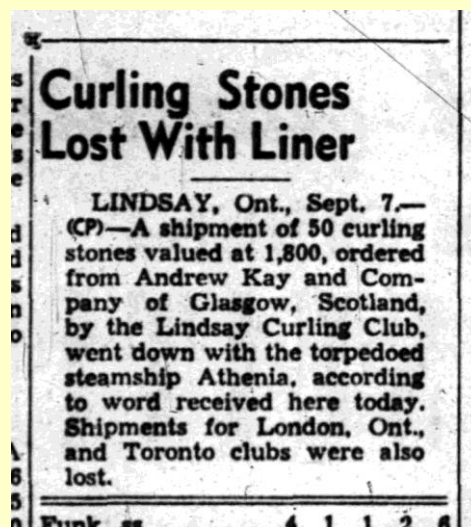
The *Athenia* returned to Glasgow from Canada on August 28, 1939. Over the next few days her cargo was unloaded. It was mostly foodstuffs (grain, butter, eggs), but there was aluminum and copper as well, much needed for the manufacture of aircraft and munitions. Approximately 880 tons were loaded to be transported to Canada.

During the early morning hours of Friday, September 1, 1939 German troops invade Poland. At 12:05 p.m., the *Athenia* is about to leave Glasgow. She is bound for Belfast and Liverpool before crossing the Atlantic for Montreal. On board are 735 people including 315 crew. At 3:45, the United Kingdom sends “a severe warning” to the German government to withdraw from Poland. The *Athenia* weighs anchor and sets course from Glasgow to Liverpool. Another 136 passengers board at Belfast. In preparation for wartime, she has been fitted with blackout curtains and low-wattage running lights.

Throughout Saturday, September 2, 1939, the UK and other countries try to persuade Germany to withdraw from Poland. Italian dictator Mussolini proposes a five-power conference to settle the crisis. At 4:30 p.m. the *Athenia* slips out of port at Liverpool and begins her 2,625-mile voyage to Canada. She is now carrying a total of 1,102 passengers and 315 crew.

Trying to locate a detailed manifest of the cargo on the *Athenia* has been quite difficult. Three history books (written in 1959, 2009 and 2012) about the *Athenia* have stated: “Her cargo amounted to 888 tons, of which 472 were simply bricks. Among the odd items were 50 pairs of curling stones, and a collection of schoolbooks for Toronto schoolchildren.” The two newer books nearly quote verbatim the 1959 book. I have never found a published cargo manifest.

Searching through newspaper archives, I found this article published in The Ottawa Journal on September 8, 1939. A similar article appeared in the Toronto Globe and Mail.



Now we know there were at least 50 stones on the *Athenia*, perhaps 50 pairs. Maybe more, with the references to clubs in London and Toronto. I figured it was time for a shot-in-the-dark – I sent an e-mail to the current offices of curling stone manufacturer Andrew Kay & Co. asking if they knew of the loss of stones with the sinking of the *Athenia*. I was fortunate to have piqued the interest of James

Wyllie, who – as I now understand – is secretary and a director of the company. He told me that his father would have been involved in shipments in 1939. I also have learned that his grandfather had taken over stewardship of the company from Thomas & Andrew Kay in the late 1800s.

Mr. Wyllie spent hours going through old records. His findings have solved the mystery with all the proof anyone could ask for.

I had also sent e-mails to the Toronto High Park Club, the Lindsay CC and the London CC to inquire what type of information they have to back up claims that their ordered stones were lost. Their replies also helped to uncover the truth.

(Next week: **Part 3 Cargo**)

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

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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

**Pro Shop Manager:** John Danckaert

**Volunteer Coordinator** - Laura Gilchrist