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While leagues are winding down, there are still opportunities to get on the ice! Check our calendar for more information.

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Calendar of Events (DCC Events)

- **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.
- **April 15, 2018 – Meet and Greet Spiel @ DCC.** See *Rockettes Corner* for more information.
- **April 18, 2018 – Annual Meeting of the Club.** 7pm @ DCC.
- **April 29, 2018 – Last Chance Sinners meeting @ DCC.** Event starts at 9am.
- **May 4 – 6, 2018 – Motor City Open at DCC.** See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.
- **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

MEETING NOTICE

Annual Meeting of the Club
Wednesday, April 18, 2018
7:00 pm at the Detroit Curling Club
All members are welcome.

Election ballots will be emailed to class A and B members.

In Memoriam: DCC Life Member Don Richard – It is with sadness that we send this email with news of the passing of Detroit Curling Club life member Don Richard.

Donald E. Richard died peacefully on March 22, 2018 at the age of 89. He was a dedicated Shriner & Mason, a faithful member of St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham for over 50 years, and the longest tenured member of the Detroit Curling Club.

Don is survived by his son, Joseph John "Jay" (Karren), his grandchildren, Mathew James Sidorski, Andrew Christopher (Beverly), Jessie Lynn Sikkenga (Dean), Dennis Sidorski, Jr., Sarah Jayne Richard, and his great grandchildren, Lily, Everett, Walter, Olivia, Lucas & Sidney. He is preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Barbara, his son, Donald Christopher "Chris", his daughter, Jan Marie Sidorski, and his grandson, Nathan Sidorski.

His Funeral service will take place Thursday 11a.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (between 13-14 Mile). The family will receive friends Wednesday from 3-8PM.

Donations may be made in his memory to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

See more at: <http://www.desmondfuneralhome.com/obituary/Donald-E.-Richard/Michigan/1788396>.

Cash Bar – As of Tuesday, March 20th, we will be going to a cash bar system. No bar chits will be accepted starting on this date, although you may still use a credit card.

Also, please pay your bar tabs at this time. You can pay the bartenders with cash, check or charge. Those members who do not pay their bar tabs after the season is over will not be allowed to register for leagues in the fall.

Questions can be directed to Diana Jankowski, dj.dcc.curling@gmail.com.

Nominees for the 2018 Election – FINAL LIST – Below are the final 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.

Great Lakes Curling Association Representative (1 seat open)

- Paul Badgero
- Jay Clark
- Brooke Schneider

Board of Directors (4 seats open)

- Julie Benson
- Laura Gilchrist
- Nate Glitman
- Craig Gonzalez
- Duke Grimshaw
- Dan Maggio

- Adam Rivera
- Mike Yanska

Board of Trustees (1 seat open)

- Linda McCutcheon
- Brooke Schneider

Bonspiels and Special Events

Ladies 2-Day Bonspiel – The Detroit Curling Club hosted to annual 2-Day Ladies Bonspiel February 10-11, 2018. Harry Potter and the Curse of the Burned Stone was a huge success with 16 teams competing from 12 different clubs. This event is part of the USWCA's Circuit, and we had teams from CA, IN, OH, MN, NJ, MD Ontario, and MI.

Our four Detroit Curling Club ladies teams did a fantastic job, with two teams making it into the A and B event finals. The A Event featured Detroit versus Mayfield. Our A Event winners were Detroit's own Jill Garrity, Skip, Vice Julie Benson, Second, Courtney Urbiel and Lead, Kristine Rathke, (team pictured above right) who battled for a close win against team Borland from Mayfield, Skipped by Jeannie Borland, Vice, Rachel Howell, Second, Hilary Peterson, and Lead Mary Jane Maisonville.

The B event winners were team Reed from the Chatham Granite Club who won a close game against team Demers from Detroit (Skip Elizabeth Demers, vice Deb Freedlander, Second Angie Jones and Lead Wendy Haykus).

The C event winners were Team English from Potomac, and the D Event winners was the Weldon team from San Francisco Bay Area/Detroit Curling Clubs with Skip, BriAnna Weldon, Vice, Megan Richards from CA, and Second, Emily Swank, and Leads Valerie Kurtz and Stephanie Grant all from the DCC.

The ladies all enjoyed the competition, "The Dementor's Kiss" chocolate martini's, Butter Beer, trivia, and delicious food. We had great costumes and decorations, and were lucky enough to have Todd Wyber, our bagpiper decked out in his best Harry Potter glasses and scar as he walked out onto the ice for an unforgettable ceremony (pictured at right). A big thank you to all the many wonderful volunteers throughout the weekend, especially Wendy Powers, Suzanne York, and Troy Eller English, and to all who donated food and raffle prizes. A special thanks to our bartenders Amber and Derek, and our Ice crew, Eric and his team. The ice was fantastic!

Pam Buchkowski, Bonspiel Chair



Last Chance Sinners Invitation to all Members – The Sinners are changing their format this year. Usually the Sinners have their usual wrap up meeting at the end of the curling season. However, this year is significantly different. Our membership has lost five senior members including our most respected Sinner in recent years, Joe Livermore. The Sinners are making this one-time unique offer to the entire membership to join them and celebrate the contributions of these important club members. The meeting will be held on April 29, beginning at 8:30 AM and wrapping up by Noon. The Sinners will be serving breakfast and the bar will be open as well. Breakfast will include bacon,

scrambled eggs, sausage, country-style potatoes, toast and coffee or tea for only \$10 per person. If you attend, the Sinners request you bring a bottle or other item as a donation to the raffle table. The Sinners ask that you add your name to the sign-up sheet posted on the freestanding easel to help them estimate how much food they will need to feed. Attendance will be limited to the first 70 members. Sign up soon!

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!



Motor City Open – We have a few spots left for DCC teams for the Motor City Open on May 4-6, 2018. It is a four game guarantee, you receive breakfast every morning, lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Friday and Saturday.

We will have a Kentucky Derby Viewing Party and Cinco De Mayo Celebration, plus some great curling. You can also jump into the Cornhole tournament that is being run by our very own Duncan Whitmore and Tom N. Please don't miss out on this great opportunity. Contact jlopezcanes@gmail.com to sign up.

Don't Wait, It's Never Too Late by J. Danckaert – Is it true? The end of our regular curling season is fast approaching? Several of our fellow members have recently been heard commenting that the season seemed shorter this year or expressed disbelief that we are only days away from the end of the season. Where has the time gone? For a lot of our newest members, this season has been really short. But don't despair. There is still plenty of time to play, practice and improve yourself in this great game. The official wrap up of the season will occur on the day of the Champagne Spiel. But there are more curling opportunities after that.

The Meat & Great Spiel has been organized with the specific intent of getting our newest curlers together with our more senior members so members can introduce themselves to the rest of the club members. Most of our senior members are already planning a new team for next season. It is not too late to introduce and promote yourself with the goal of securing a spot on a team for next season. Every league will need new teams, so start getting set up on a new team now. Then spend a few days this summer getting to know your new teammates better.

The Motor City Spiel is still looking to fill a few spots for the May 4,5,6 event. It's not too late to sign up for the first of what we hope will be a regular new event at our club.

Finally, it's never too late to learn more about the etiquette of the game. Here are several points of courtesy that should always be practiced while playing the game.

- First, never talk to an opponent who is in the hack preparing to make a shot. It is very distracting and in poor taste.
- Second, remain still when a player is in the hack preparing to make a shot. This included persons off the ice as well as on. Don't walk behind a player, even if you are on the carpet. This includes those shooters on other sheets. It only takes a moment and demonstrates the highest regard for the shooter.
- Third, always be courteous of and complimentary to your opponent. When they make a great shot, compliment them. If they make a bad shot, say nothing or make a kind remark.
- Fourth, never act in a distracting manner when on the ice. Your conduct on the ice is seen by everyone there and inappropriate conduct is distasteful and very distracting.
- Finally, NEVER express your frustration by throwing your broom, loudly cursing or throwing a tantrum.

Remember, curling is a game meant to challenge you but also meant to bring enjoyment to all that play and watch the game. Good Curling!

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 28.

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

Rockette Board Nominees – Here is the 2018 Slate of Nominees for your Rockette Board (listed in alphabetical order):

Ann Cramer

Bonnie Czander

Susan DeFilippo

Stephanie Grant

Julie Kent

Valerie Kurtz

Emily Swank

Courtney Urbiel

Look for ballots and ballot box in the locker room. Only Class A and B female members eligible to vote. 1 ballot per person. Vote for 3(three) nominees by circling their names. Top three vote recipients will replace exiting board members Laura Gilchrist, Theresa Lopez, and Courtney Urbiel for a two year term. The nominee who receives the 4th most votes will fill a 1 year replacement term. Votes will be tabulated and announced Monday April 9th at our end of year meeting/fun night. Tacos will be provided by the Rockettes. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to pass if you can. We will only play 6 end games so people playing at 8 can eat.

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 the REGISTER button and then JOIN A TEAM (curlers for a cure)... then follow instructions/prompts. Everyone is using the Registration system for the first time, so you will select NO when it asks if you have participated in the race before. When you select NO, you will be asked to create a USER NAME and PASSWORD (Note: your email address is the unique identifier in our system. Emails can only be used once per registration process. Laura Call is the team captain. If you cannot join us PLEASE consider a donation! Rockettes will match donations up to a total of \$500.00.

http://www.infokomen.org/site/TR/RacefortheCure/DTW_GreaterDetroitAffiliate?pg=entry&fr_id=7212

*Experienced Curlers Needed for Meat and Greet!
See below for more information*

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

Member Additions

The Annual Champagne Spiel by J Danckaert – As is customary, the Annual Champagne Spiel will mark the end of the competitive curling season. This event has been a tradition for as long as anyone can remember. I'm certain Angus McTavish may have some insight on the history of the event.

Anyway, the event starts around mid-day with the final games played to determine the overall champions of the Monday night ladies league, the Tuesday night men's league, the Thursday afternoon men's league, the Thursday night open league and the Sunday night open league. Trophies and awards will be handed out to the victors and the evening's celebration will begin.

The Champagne Spiel is highlighted by a friendly and spirited competition between the newer members (5 years and under) of the club, known as the "the Colts" versus the more senior members of the club, known as "the Old Goats". Teams of colts and old goats are randomly drawn from the sign-up sheet and paired off to play a four-end game. The process is repeated two more times and the respective scores are cumulative until the last end is played. Now here is the switch! The side with the LOWEST total score has to buy champagne for the winners! In the past, the Colts have come close to beating the Old Goats, but have never topped the scoreboard. This might be the year when that changes. This year, we have seen some amazing shot making by our newer members, and remember, the older members are getting older and maybe not as good as they once were. So, anything can happen at the annual Champagne Spiel.

In the past, the Colts have tried hard to distract the Old Goats by dressing up in weird outfits, riding bikes around the arena, making strange noises and more. But the Old Goats have always prevailed. So, all you new members, bring your "A" game and your most imaginative ideas of distraction and confusion to the rink and have a blast. And don't forget, the Old Goats will be using their age old treachery, to sneak around your best efforts.

Additionally, this year, there is the added fun of the masquerade that will add a little mystery to the party. And a chance to take home something nice from the silent auction table.

As you can see, there will be plenty to do and see along with dinner and dancing too. So, plan on attending and celebrating the end of another great season of competitive curling. Good Curling!



Things I found while looking for other things

In the archives of the Detroit Free Press I found some seriocomic clippings.

Saturday February 13, 1892

There will be a hockey match at the Detroit Skating and Curling Rink to-night.

Saturday December 9, 1893

There will be a band at the Detroit Skating and Curling Club's rink this evening. Curlers are anticipating a very successful season.

Sunday April 5, 1896

TO RENT--Detroit skating and curling rink, Forest ave., between Sixth and Seventh sts., for bicycle riding school. Apply R. WILLIAMSON, Free Press Printing Co., corner Larned and Shelby st.

Monday December 28, 1896

AMUSEMENTS.

The Greatest Ice
Skatorial Artist,
ALBERT WELTZ

Introducing an Original Novelty Act, of
**BICYCLE
ICE FIGURE SKATING.**

Also performing sensational feats on high still
skates and marvelous fancy trick, contortion and
acrobatic skating on ordinaries.
Will appear for a limited engagement at the
Detroit Skating and Curling Club's
FOREST AVENUE RINK
Between Sixth and Seventh Streets.
Commencing Monday Evening, December 28.
Admission 15 Cents.

Hockey, bands, bike riding and skatorial artists:
Entertainment that would be difficult to replicate at The Club today.

Hey! Are you phubbing me?
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. 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 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 News – The Pro Shop will be packing up its wares for the season at the end of the week. If you have been thinking of purchasing anything equipment related from the shop, do it this week. Thank you, one and all, for your patronage of the Pro Shop. We appreciate your business. We exist for your convenience and benefit. Our goal is to provide you with the type of products you want and need at the lowest cost possible. We hope you all return for another great season of curling. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

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

Pro Shop Manager: John Danckaert

Volunteer Coordinator - Laura Gilchrist