

# Detroit Curling Club

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## Summer Scots Wha Hae

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### Calendar of Events (DCC Events)

- **August 21, 2018 – Club open from 6-7pm to allow for members to see new flooring options for the warm room. Stop in and let your opinion be heard.**
- **Stay tuned for club opening events, coming soon!**

### A Letter from the Editor

I wanted to apologize for not having an issue in July. Unfortunate computer issues and work obligations have kept me busy. Thank you for all your submissions. I've tried to fit as much in as possible, so this issue might be a bit long, but check it out as there has been much work done to our club and our members have been pretty active out and about our lovely state! Keep the news, information and pictures coming. We are rounding the corner on the summer season and I think I can feel the chill of the ice already!

-Lynden Gault, Scots Editor

### House Business

**Club Progress –** Much work has been done over the summer to get the club ready for the curling season. Work on the knee wall went smoothly, thanks to all the volunteers who were able to come out and help. Friday July 6, we had 11 volunteers that spent the better part of the day building. The guys broke into teams and went about their work in a most professional manner. Friday's volunteers included Roger York, Jim McCutcheon, Jeff Deneen, Larry Aubuchon, Frank Duffy, Paul Arsenault, Lee Evans, Dave Palmer, Tim McGee, Bret Jackson and of course myself. We used up all the metal framing and came up short 5 studs.

Saturday, Day 2, started at noon. The reason for the later start was because the main power panel was replaced in the morning hours. When we arrived, the new power panel installation was complete and there was no evidence that anyone had been there. Nice work Mark! Well, the crew went straight to work completing the unfinished framing and fastening the new frames to the building structure. The work was completed by 3 PM.

### Events at a Glance

### Tentative Summer

### Newsletter Schedule

September 4

October 2

The next step was to apply the spray foam insulation. I'd like to thank the following volunteers who came out to work on Saturday. Namely myself, Lee Evans (who brought some well-deserved refreshments), Dave Palmer, Phil Brosnan, Kevin Ingraham, Jim McCutcheon, Tim McGee, Larry Aubuchon and our past president Jim Morris. These are special people and I cannot thank them enough for lending a helping hand.

On Monday morning, July 9 at 9 AM, 11 volunteers arrived to help with the arena knee wall project. WOW! After going over the detailed process of what needed to be done, the guys formed into teams and started in on the work. The insulation process started around 10:30 and by two o'clock in the afternoon, the process was complete. Special thanks to the following volunteers; Dave Hesse, Frank Duffy, Todd Gault, Jim McCutcheon, Jeff Deneen, Tim McGee, Larry Aubuchon, Roger York, Duke Grimshaw, Sam Kilby, and Dave Palmer. The completed work looks very professional and is going to make a big difference in the quality of our new ice.

Wednesday started out at 9 AM with everyone who committed to help being on time and ready for work. The day was spent cleaning up the foam application and installing the wall sheathing. The panels went up fairly easy and the guys broke into groups of two or three and divided the work steps that made the installation go quickly and with a very high level of quality craftsmanship. These guys are really good! Completion of the sheathing installation was at 3 PM. Six hours to install 40 sheets of sheathing was really fast! The material estimates to date have been quite accurate with the exception of the foam insulation. We have one extra set of canisters that did not get used. We hope we can find a buyer for the material. A special thanks to today's volunteers, Lee Evans, Jim McCutcheon, Larry Aubuchon, Sam Kilby, Kevin and Todd Gault, Dave Hesse, Jeff Deneen, Paul Arsenault and little old me. We are about 4 days ahead of schedule. WOW! What a great bunch of guys! A very special thanks to Dave Hesse who brought the day's refreshments. Dave, you are the best!

Well, we are rapidly approaching the end of the week and the FRP panels are going up. The crew arrived promptly at 9 AM. It was a slow start this morning but we managed to get four of the fourteen bays completed. The process of installing the frp is more involved and requires more time to complete. The panels have to be fully adhered to the sheathing and the edges are finished with a special trim. By 3 PM the team had worked out all the bugs of preparing and installing the first twelve panels. We originally thought the process could be completed in two days. Again, a special thanks to Larry Aubuchon for starting the work party this morning. Also a heart-felt thank you to Sam Kilby, Duke Grimshaw, Dave Hesse, Paul Arsenault and Lee Evans for spending their day working on this important project.

The knee wall project moved along at a very good pace. The Friday team included Tim McGee, Jim McCutcheon, Lee Evans, Duke Grimshaw, Paul Arsenault, Dave Palmer, Roger York and chief slave driver John Danckaert. At the end of Thursday, the estimated completion of the frp installation was revised to Monday because only four of the fourteen bays had been completed. That schedule was revised again because the guys developed a system that increased production to the point that all the bays were completed by 4 PM Friday. And, there was even time to prime the masonry wall under the glass. At the end of the seven hour day, the team had finished off the top quality installation. The next step is to install the wall cap and seal all the joints at the floor and columns. The bright white walls will make a bigger impact once the new ice is in place. The carpet squares will need to be trimmed once the boards are installed. But we will deal with that detail when the time comes. In the meantime, the team is very proud of the results they have achieved.

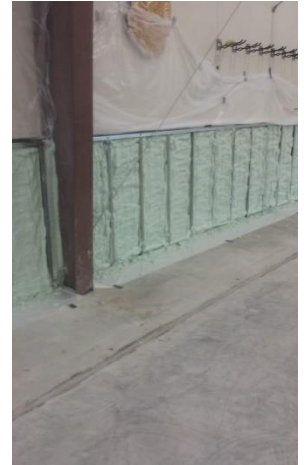
The project started on Friday July 6 and is expected to be fully completed on Wednesday July 18. A total of 9 working days. The target completion date was set at July 20 assuming 15 working days. The original project budget was set at \$9,724.00. The actual total expenses to date amount to \$8,707.50. That puts us under budget by \$1,016.50. Total estimated time invested in the project 415 hours. There were a total of 18 who volunteered on the project. When divided equally between the volunteers, the time invested is over 23 hrs/person. Seven (7) prime members invested in excess of 40 hrs. Those persons are Larry Aubuchon, Tim McGee, Jim McCutcheon, Dave Palmer, Sam Kilby, Lee Evans, and John Danckaert. These guys were the constant thread that kept everything moving

smoothly while finding ways to maximize material efficiencies. These guys and the others worked thru some very hot and muggy weather and never complained. Even when we skipped right over lunch!

The change in the arena appearance is immediately noticeable. We also are very optimistic that the ice conditions will be much improved. We will certainly know more, once the season is underway. Those that donated their time, talents and tools should be very proud of their accomplishment. I am proud to have been given the opportunity to make this significant improvement to our club and to have worked side by side with some of our club's best members.

Thanks Jim, Lee, Duke, Jeff, Frank, Paul, Dave P., Sam, Todd, Kevin G., Kevin I., Larry, Chris, Roger, Bret, Phil, and Dave T. You guys are some of the best people in our club. Thank You - a thousand times. A special thanks to my dear wife, Louise, who worked with me when we were acquiring and delivering all the building materials to the club. She was a great help when I needed it most.

Submission and photos provided by John Danckaert - Project Mgr.



## **Bonspiels and Special Events**

**KW-DCC Exchange** – Your Executive Committee is busy planning for Part I of the 101st Exchange scheduled for November 9-10-11. We will meet our Canadian friends on Friday at the Baymont Inn and Suites (formerly the Fairfield Inn). The Executive Committee will provide food and beverages when our guests arrive and we encourage DCC curlers to join us at the Baymont Inn. Our Saturday evening banquet is once again at Club Venetian.

The fee for the Exchange this year is \$90 (it was unchanged for 15 years). That will NOW include ALL beverages and FOOD for Friday evening at the Motel. No curler need provide any beverages or food.

While November is a few months away, it is always a rush to collect fees since Part I of the Exchange is soon after we begin curling. Mail your check, made out to "Detroit Curling Club" to: Dave Nelsen 18238 Shadbrook St Northville, MI 48168

Your Sinners Executive Committee has picked up the ball and are busy planning this event. Contact any of them if you have questions. The group's second meeting is the end of July and we will update you with more details then.

Sinners Executive Committee: President Dallas Schneider, Treasurer Dave Nelsen, Asst Treasurer Jeff Deneen, Recording Secy Damien Buchowski

Executive Members At Large: Joe Bonfoey, Gordy Loud, Paul Gaines Steve Rietz, Alex Sanchez

PS: We have 28 confirmed attendees and perhaps 8 more who have not confirmed they are attending.

**Hot Shots Curling Camps** – We hope you are enjoying your summer whether it be at the beach, on the boat, or golf course. Our two 2018 USA Camps are scheduled for:

September 7-9, 2018  
Nantucket Ice  
Nantucket, Massachusetts

October 19-21, 2018  
Dakota Curling  
Lakeville, Minnesota

While no experience is necessary to attend our clinics, some knowledge is of help as we can elevate their skill level much faster if they have some of the basics. Also, if you have members who are keen to become Instructors and/or Learn To Curl ambassadors, our curriculum is shareable. Lastly, if you want a refresher, please sign up to one of clinics.

At HOT SHOTS, we are entering our 23rd year of operation staging camps in Canada and the USA. We have over 3000 alumni who've experienced our program. We thank you for your support and hope our clinics will make a difference in your curling career.

Our annual summer camp in Oakville, Ontario August 24-16, 2018 only has four spots remaining. Register immediately.

Thanks for your support of HOT SHOTS, and we in turn look forward to supporting curling in the USA.

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David Gravelle  
Camp Director

## **Rockettes Corner**

**The Detroit Curling Club at the Antiques Roadshow** – On June 14, 2018, Wendy Powers and Bethany Rivera attended the Antiques Roadshow at Meadowbrook Hall with some Detroit Curling Club memorabilia. Clad in their DCC T-shirts, the two boarded the bus early Thursday morning with the 1913 Willis Buhl Trophy, the 1936 Detroit News Trophy, the Horace Dodge and Guests Curling Picture from 1916 and the antique stone from the late 1800's. The goal for the day was not to strike riches with DCC memorabilia, but to get on TV.

After a short wait to meet the first appraiser, we were immediately pulled to the side and told to speak with a Producer. Yay! One step closer to TV. Lots of visitors were impressed with



the story of the DCC and its connection to the Dodge Brothers and curling in general. People were definitely rooting for us to get on TV. After some more waiting, we had another conversation with a second producer. Still thinking we're getting on TV at this point. Next up, an interview with the Detroit News; who were pretty impressed with their trophy. The curator at Meadowbrook also showed up to review our items and add to the story. With all this attention, we must be destined for the bright lights.

Finally, time to meet with the Executive Producer and tell the story of the DCC and our items. And that's where things went south. Because the DCC memorabilia were institutional items and not owned by Wendy and Bethany, we were not eligible to be on TV. Of all the dumb rules!

So after 5 hours in the sun, hauling around trophies and carrying that HEAVY rock all over Meadowbrook, Wendy, Bethany and the DCC are not getting their five minutes of fame. Regardless, we had a great time, the DCC will probably get some good press in the Detroit News and there is still a chance for the gals to show up in the Feedback Booth. The appraiser estimated the entire collection to have an insurance value of \$2,800. Look for the episode to air sometime in 2019! Check out the FREEP article here: <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/life/home-garden/2018/06/14/antiques-roadshow-visits-meadowbrook-hall/690356002/>

**Winners of DCC "Meat and Greet" 2018 – 3:00 draw:** the Dawn Brauning rink; Catherine Haggart, vice, Troy Stevenson, 2nd, and Lee H. Evans, lead. **5:30 draw:** the Abby Bond rink; Jeff Darnell, vice, Mark Gilbert, 2nd, and Deb Freedlander, lead. Despite the ice storm we had a good time! Hope to see you next year!

**Walk for the Cure –** It was a beautiful day for the Komen Walk. Thanks to team members Suzanne York, Diana Jankowski, Deb Freedlander, Julie Kent, Elizabeth Demers, Gordy Loud, Alexa Gazda, Alanna Farrugia, Wendy Haykus, and Laura Call. We have raised \$2,391.40 to date. Donations are still being accepted at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/183544342294270/> A big thank you to all who donated!!!

**DCC at Comerica –** On Friday, June 8th, Detroit Curlers met up downtown to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Cleveland Indians. The weather was perfect, the seats were good, the camaraderie was great.... but the Tigers were unfortunately not that night. They lost to the Indians with consecutive runs in the ninth inning. The bull pen just couldn't hang on for the win, despite an appearance by the Rally Goose across the scoreboard. Regardless, the group



had a great time and caught up on each other's happenings since the end of the season. Thank you to Josh Lopez and Mary Ann Wessels for coordinating the event. Maybe next time!  
#Rallygoose

#### **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 [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).