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Angus is Back!

Our favorite historian and storyteller is back with another installment in *Member Additions*. Be sure to check it out, and if there's anything you'd like to learn more about curling history or the club's history, let us know and we'll pass along the request!

You can reach your newsletter staff at:
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Calendar of Events (DCC Events)

- **January 4-6, 2019 – DCC Men's International Bonspiel.** See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.
- **February 2-3, 2019 – DCC Women's International Bonspiel, We Can Rock It.** See *Rockettes Corner* for more information.
- **March 1-3, 2019 – Sarnia Annual Mixed International Bonspiel.** See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.

Bonspiels and Special Events

Men's International Bonspiel – A sign-up sheet for Detroit teams has been posted in the men's locker room. The deadline to sign your team up for playdowns is November 29th and the playdowns are scheduled for December 8 and 9.

Sarnia Mixed International – 4 game guarantee. \$400/team. Friday meal and mixer, Saturday dinner and dance, Sunday brunch. Contact proshop@sgcc.on.ca for questions.

Volunteers Needed! – We are in need of volunteers to help with our Learn To Curl courses. Because of overwhelming interest, we are holding two fall courses. That means the club needs more people to volunteer time to make this a successful event. Don't worry if you haven't participated before or if you don't want to instruct, we need people to just hold the broom and assist in keeping things moving.

Volunteers Needed:

Saturday, Nov 24th

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Mini Bon

32 people that want to play in a mini bonspiel. Food and beverages provided.

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm Mini Bon

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I know that many of you joined as a result of our Learn To Curl program and this is a great chance to help the club make it successful again this year. If you can help on just one of the days and one of the time slots, that's GREAT! If you can help on multiple days and times, that's GREAT TOO!!!

<http://signup.com/go/QQWQBjn>

If you have any questions you can contact me at: dcc_com_ed@yahoo.com

Good Curling,

Mike Grudzinski

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Kingsville CC Cancellations – The situation at the Kingsville Curling Club has now been clarified. It is with regret that I advise that the club does not have a facility in which to curl this coming season. Accordingly, would you please amend by hand your calendars to cancel the two bonspiels on November 17, 2018 and December 21, 2018. Those are now open dates.

Ron Robertson

Secretary SWOSMBA

Rockettes Corner

Women's Lockers – Locker fee is \$10 per person per season. Please pay Courtney or put payment in an envelope with your name and locker # and put in the rockette locker-last one on the right with the mail slot. Anyone wishing to keep their locker from last year may do so. If there is anyone that would NOT like to keep their space, please contact Courtney Urbiel at courtney19@aol.com. For those who don't have a locker currently and would like one, please email Courtney. The cubbies are available and provided for members and guests to stow their gear in the locker room during their stay. There is no charge for using them. They are intended to be used only while the member or guest is in the building. Please do not consider them as a substitute for a locker.

Cold and flu season is here! – Hand sanitizer has been installed in the arena. Behind the entry door and near the exit door. Let's all be well this year!!

Food Sales – The Rockette's will again be selling food as a fundraiser this season. Proceeds help fund the Rockette Curling Development fund, including the Ladies Bonspiel. Please see Julie Kent to sign up and help! or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

T-Shirts -Throwback T's will be in by next week. New design will be mid Dec. Great for Christmas gifts!!!

Business Cards – Business cards with our spiel dates are available at the club. Take a couple to out of town spiels for promotion of our spiels.

Ice help – Link for helping with the ice <http://signup.com/go/zqtXXEE>. No knowledge of ice grooming needed. Eric will be more than happy to direct and teach you!!! You can also just show up an hour before you play. Help is needed for ALL nights!! So if you are available, give it some thought!

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

Open Bonspiel - Columbus Curling Club - January 25-27, 2019 OR Rice Lake Curling Club - February 15-17, 2019

Women's Bonspiel - Racine Curling Club - January 4-6, 2019

Details: uswca.org or rep Bethany Rivera

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.

Save the Dates:

2019 USWCA Sr. Women's Bonspiel - Albany Curling Club, November 20-24, 2019

2020 USWCA National Bonspiel - Hibbing Curling Club, February 13-17, 2020

WE CAN ROCK IT – The Detroit Curling Club Ladies Bonspiel will be held from February 2-3, 2019. The DCC Ladies bonspiel is a USWCA Circuit Event. A bonspiel committee is needed! Please see Bethany Rivera or Wendy Powers if interested in playing down or volunteering.

Other Women's Bonspiels in the area:

Milwaukee Ladies Kiltie bonspiel: December 7-December 9th

Columbus Curling Club Mad Hatter's Tea Party: October 19-21

Bowling Green Glam and Jam: October 26-28

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).

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 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.

Member Additions



The Ladies Draw First Ink – Regular publication of English language newspapers started around the beginning of the 18th Century. In America, the Boston News-Letter published its first issue on April 24, 1704. The Ipswich Journal (Ipswich, England) began weekly publications in 1720.

Our interest in The Ipswich Journal is the issue published on Saturday, February 23, 1740. On page 2 (of 4) is an article about things happening in Scotland. The last paragraph reads:

A famous Curling Match was lately play'd on the Water of Skarr in Nithsdale, between the married Wives and the young Girls of the Parish of Tinron ; the Maids shew'd a good deal of Dexterity in handling the Stones, and will, no doubt, be very expert in Time ; but they were defeated by the more experienced Wives, after a Trial of a great many Hours.

This paragraph is recognized as the very first article about the sport of curling to be published in a newspaper. Surprise then, that it is about Ladies curling! Apparently, previous writers did not find men's curling to be of any great significance.

We can learn a lot from this little article by “reading between the lines”. First, we are not sure why the author considered this a “famous match”, since the article implies that the “more experienced Wives” had been curling for some time. The Water of Skarr is a small river - today it is called Scaur Water. The Parish of Tinron (today it is spelled Tynron) is located very near the river. This match took place in Nithsdale, which is a section of the county of Dumfries in south central Scotland.

Ladies curling could not have been too rare since the match lasted “a great many Hours”, which would imply experience handling the stones and the weather. The comment that “the Maids shew'd a good deal of Dexterity ...and will, no doubt, be very expert in Time” would indicate that many curling matches would be available for these lassies to play in the future.

We should also note that no description of the game is given. This seems to indicate that the readership in southeast England would have been aware of the sport and how the game was played. We can only speculate on how this match was played. There were probably eight to ten people per side, with each player delivering one stone. They would play to an agreed upon time or number of points.

Meanwhile: In 1740 America was fully under British control - King George II was on the throne. American pioneers had not crossed the Mississippi River. The Rocky Mountains had just been

sighted by French explorers Pierre and Paul Mallet. In 1701 Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac founded a settlement called Fort Pontchartrain du Détroit. In 1740 Detroit's population was about one hundred artisans, about five hundred braves, about 1,500 family members of the braves, and 17 soldiers. Lewis & Clark did not set off for the West until 1804! It is hard to imagine our American pioneers in 1740 finding the time to curl or participate in any organized sport. Clearing the land; planting crops and building shelters were chores which took up most of their daily lives.

Pure dead brilliant,

Angus MacTavish

PS – Always looking for ideas for new articles...

Pro-Shop Business

Gripper Deal – As in the past, your Pro Shop is offering discounted pricing on grippers during the month of November only. So, stop in and get those new grippers. The Tournament grippers are \$9 each and the Goldline grippers are \$11 each. If you have not taken advantage of the gripper sale, don't wait! The discount price is only good on current inventory. New inventory will cost you more due to increased pricing from our supplier. So get them while they last! Please pay for your selections at the bar. Good Curling!

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DCC Board Members:

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House - Mark Hansell
Rentals - Gordy Loud and Dan Maggio
Bonspiels and Special Events - Josh Lopez
Ice - Adam Rivera

DCC Rockettes Board Members

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Secretary - Abby Bond
Treasurer/Locker Room - Courtney Urbiel
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Food Sales - Julie Kent

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