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DCC is headed to LCA!

Check out House Business for more information.

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Calendar of Events (DCC Events)

- **January 12-13, 2019 – DCC Mixed Club Championship.** See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.
- **January 20, 2019 – Winterfest at LCA.**
- **January 26, 2019 – DCC Playdowns for Mixed International Bonspiel.** Sign up posted at club.
- **January 26, 2019 – DeKoning Brothers Memorial Bonspiel.** 50th Annual Senior Mixed. Chatham Granite Club. \$120/rink. granite@ciaccess.com
- **February 2-3, 2019 – DCC Women's International Bonspiel, We Can Rock It.** See *Rockettes Corner* for more information.
- **February 9-10, 2019 – DCC Junior Open Bonspiel.** \$120/team. Contact Duke Grimshaw for more information.
- **February 22-24, 2019 – Inaugural 5 and Under National Bonspiel.** See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.
- **February 23-24, 2019 – DCC Mixed International Bonspiel.** See flyer at club for more information.
- **March 1-3, 2019 – Sarnia Annual Mixed International Bonspiel.** See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.
- **March 15, 2019 – WCCSA Senior Men's Memorial Bonspiel Tier 55.** Roseland Golf and Curling Club, ON. \$140/rink. Contact Jimmy King for more information, 519-969-0309, king6460@mnsi.net.

House Business

Winterfest – We have some exciting news! The Detroit Red Wings have asked DCC to be part of their Hockeytown Winterfest on Sunday, January 20th. We will be hosting floor curling on the concourse of the main arena, and a learn to curl and curling demonstration games in the Red Wings Practice facility. This is amazing exposure for our club and a chance to develop relationships with the Red Wings and their sponsors. You can see more about the event at <https://www.nhl.com/redwings/fans/winterfest>. We've had tremendous response to our call for volunteers and all of the spots at the Sign Up website have been filled. Thank you to those who so quickly volunteered to help out. For anyone that is still interested, Winterfest is free to attend and we invite any club members to dress up in their finest DCC apparel and come down to see all of the excitement. We have secured rocks from the Lansing Curling Club, so Sunday curling will not be affected. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Bret Jackson at the club or email him at bretjackson@hotmail.com.

Curling Clinics – Highland Country Club in London, ON has two clinics coming up on January 19, 2019. The cost per curler for each clinic is \$30. The first one is a Mixed Doubles Clinic from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. And the second one is a Refresher Clinic from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Register by January 13. Email marv@wocrtc.ca to register or for more information.

Ice Help Needed – More help is needed prepping the ice before leagues. If you have the time you can sign up at this link: <http://signup.com/go/zqtXXEE>

As we get later into the season more work will need to be done to keep the ice as good as it can be and that will take more members volunteering.

Are you afraid of messing up the ice? Don't worry. Most of the volunteer work is simple and you will be supervised. If you would like to be trained or have any questions please email ice@detroitcurlingclub.com. Good Curling, Eric Kortebein.

Bonspiels and Special Events



Men's International Bonspiel – The 2019 Detroit Curling Club Men's International Bonspiel was held on January 4, 5, & 6, 2019. Detroit has been proud to host this event since 1897. Twenty-four teams came from near and far to compete for three days for the chance to have their names placed upon our historic trophies. We could not have a successful event without the help of many volunteers. First and foremost, we would like to thank our ice crew. Without good ice, a curling club is merely a club. We owe a big thank-you to our Ice Technician, Eric Kortebein and the many volunteers who have helped him throughout the weekend.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers who are too numerous to name individually. This year's event ran like a well-oiled machine and their help was paramount during the course of the past three days. We are truly fortunate to belong to a club whose members are involved and willing to spend their free time making sure all of the behind-the-scenes details are taken care of during this event. It was amazing to see so many new club members volunteer. A special thanks to Steve Rietz for being one of the first people in the door every morning to prepare our breakfast and to make sure the building is spick and span. Thanks to Ann Gabhart, Queen of Volunteers, who ran a tight ship! We would like to thank our bar staff, Derrick and Frank, who made sure our competitors stayed well hydrated between their games. A special thanks to Nate Glitman and Chazzano Coffee Roasters for their sponsorship of our event.

Event results are as follows:

The Drake Rink from the Roseland Curling Club won the A Event and the Walker Cup vs. the Soerens Rink from the Detroit Curling Club.

The Doremus Rink from the Curling Club of Houston won the B Event and the Joseph McGlynn Trophy vs. the Roberts Rink from the Detroit Curling Club.

The Gleaton Rink from the Kalamazoo Curling Club won the C Event and the Bob Davidson Trophy vs. the Strouse Rink from the Midland Curling Club.

The Gohr Rink from the Bowling Green Curling Club won the D Event and the Percy Powers Trophy vs. the Wentrack Rink from the Detroit Curling Club.

Thank you again to all who helped make this year's event a success. Damien Buchkowski, Jim Morris, Paul Gaines, Josh Lopez, and David Urbiel

2019 DCC Men's International Bonspiel Chairs

Happy Anniversary – The beginning of the 121st Men's International is also the 10th anniversary of the BFF Club charter members Damian Buchkowski and (past president) Jim Morris. They are very proud of the newest poster to grace the walls of the DCC (pictured at right). Congrats Boys!

National 5 and Under Bonspiel – Applications are open for the Inaugural 5 and Under National Bonspiel hosted by Olympic Gold Medalist John Shuster! If you competed in a 5 and Under Event in 2017 or 2018 you are eligible to compete, even if you are no longer a 5 and Under Curler. They are adding a new tier of eligibility so that current 5 and Under Curlers who have not competed in an event are eligible too!

The event will be held on February 22-24, 2019 at the Duluth Curling Club in Duluth, Minnesota. The entry fee is \$400 and includes meals and your inaugural pin/patch.

Whether you have been to a bonspiel or not, this is a great opportunity to get out and meet curlers from around the country who are all relatively new to the sport. AND you get a chance to meet one of the nicest guys in curling who happens to be an Olympic Gold Medalist (don't worry, he isn't eligible to play). You can apply at <https://www.5nationals.com/>



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.

Rockettes Corner

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.

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.

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

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.

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).

Sinners News

The Detroit Curling Club Royal Order of Sinners men's club promotes fellowship and camaraderie on and off the ice while creating benefits and lasting experiences.

43 people were in attendance at The Toast to the Club on January 1, 2019. Members who have passed on were noted and honored with a moment of silence. Fred Zosel recited curling-related poetry and all in attendance sang Auld Land Syne. Special thanks go out to Steven Rietz for organizing the morning's munchies, Gordy Loud for mixing up delicious beverages, and John Danckaert for making Brandy Alexanders.

Our next event will be the annual Robert Burns Breakfast on January 27, 2019. Be sure to put

this one on your calendar! If you've ever wondered what haggis tastes like, this is your chance! There will be an opportunity to curl after this event if any are interested. There is a sign-up sheet in the warm room – please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you are interested in curling. This is a men's event.

Schedule of Events 2018-2019

Robbie Burns: January 27, 2019. Traditional Scottish breakfast pastries enhance the already delightful breakfast fare. The haggis and Robert Burns' Toast to the Haggis are sure to leave a lasting memory.

Sweetheart Sinners: February 17, 2019. Open to both men and women. Bring your wife or your girlfriend...just don't bring them both at the same time...

K-W Exchange - Part II: March 15, 16, and 17, 2019: The breakfast on March 17, 2019 is held in Plattsville, Ontario.

Last Chance Sinners: April 14, 2019: This is our last meeting of the year and your last chance to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie until the fall.

For questions or further information, email The Sinners at: sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com

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.

Member Additions

Rental Equipment Maintenance – For the past several years the rental equipment has been maintained mostly by Michele Falvey. This season, Michele has been absent from the club activities

and the result is the rental brooms and grippers have not been getting their regular cleaning. So, we are asking our members to step up and help keep our ice clean by cleaning the rental equipment on a regular basis. Ideally the brooms need cleaning every day, but if the cleaning happened at least once a week, that too would make a big difference in the condition of our ice. As for the grippers, since there are so many, the task is a bit more involved. They need to be washed and inspected for wear every two weeks. If you are willing to help keep our ice clean, everyone will benefit. Give a little to get a lot of satisfaction for helping to keep our ice at its highest quality. Contact Gordy Loud, Dan Maggio, Adam Rivera or Eric Kortebein for advice on how you can help.

Curling Tweet – A tweet by former Detroit Free Press columnist Ron Dzwonkowski:
(submitted by Bill Collison)

"How do you keep Canadian bacon from curling in the pan? Take away the little brooms."

Pro-Shop Business

Attention New Members – New members who put their name on the New Name Tag list should go back and do it again. I sincerely apologize for my lack of responsibility. I seem I have misplaced the list of names before I was able to pass them on to our name tag vendor. So, I need to collect your names again. I am very sorry for the inconvenience and delay in getting your name tags as promised on the first of the year. New sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. As soon as a sheet is filled, I will immediately forward them on to our vendor. Thank you for your patience.
John Danckaert - Pro Shop Mgr.

DCC Bar Glasses – The Pro Shop has finally received its shipment of new pint beer glasses, wine glasses and new this year shot glasses, all emblazoned with the Detroit Curling Club crest. The new shot glass is finished in elegant satin black on the outside and vibrant yellow on the inside. You can examine and purchase all the glassware at the bar or in the Pro Shop. Every year we sell out of the glassware, so don't hesitate to stop in and get yours. Buy a set of two or four and save a few dollars. Skips, treat your team mates to the best little shot glass in town. They make great gifts too! Good Curling!

Detroit Curling Club Contacts

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DCC Board Members:

President - Ben Levy
Vice President - Duke Grimshaw
Secretary - Gordy Loud
Treasurer - Diana Jankowski
Assistant Treasurer - Laura Gilchrist
Calendar and Games - Roger York
Membership and Communications - Ben Levy and Duke Grimshaw
House - Mark Hansell
Rentals - Gordy Loud and Dan Maggio
Bonspiels and Special Events - Josh Lopez
Ice - Adam Rivera

DCC Rockettes Board Members

President - Laura Call
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Food Sales - Julie Kent

Pro Shop Manager: John Danckaert

Volunteer Coordinator - Laura Gilchrist