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Winterfest Success!

Thank you to all our members who came out to the Winterfest at Little Caesar's Arena. It was a wonderful event that gave many metro Detroit families a chance to try out curling.

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Calendar of Events (DCC Events)

- **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

Ice Help Needed – Eric will be out of town helping with the US national play downs from February 4th through the 11th. To help keep the ice in good condition while he is gone the club will need more volunteers that week. Please consider signing up to assist the volunteers who will be scraping the ice. The leagues will also need people to pebble and nip between games. You can sign up to assist with the ice for leagues here. <http://signup.com/go/zqtXXEE>.

The Junior's bonspiel will also need people to pebble and nip on February 9th and 10th. We already have volunteers in charge of scraping, but they will need assistants. Sign up to help with ice for the Junior's Bonspiel here: <http://signup.com/go/JuniorsBonspiel>. If you are willing to pebble but do not know how please let Eric know, he will teach you how.

Good Curling,
Eric

Bonspiels and Special Events

2019 Winterfest at LCA – The Detroit Curling Club hosted two venues at the first annual LCA Winterfest held on January 20, at the Little Caesars Arena. The event was free to the public and included several indoor and outdoor activities for the public to enjoy. The Detroit Curling Club hosted floor curling in the concourse and on-ice curling demonstrations at the training rink.

For floor curling, curling targets were placed on the smooth concrete floor and half-size imitation curling stones equipped with rollers were sent along the imaginary curling sheet toward the opposite end target. Children and adults alike had a blast trying their best to deliver their rock to the opposite button. The club also hosted two Olympic champions who signed autographs, posed for pictures and displayed their winning metals for guests to see and touch. 2018 Gold Metal winner, Tyler George and 2002 & 2014 Olympian Ann Swisshelm generously shared their afternoon talking about the sport of curling and their Olympic experiences.

Also hosted by the curling club, actual curling on ice was demonstrated on the training rink located inside the arena. Volunteers of the club demonstrated and assisted guests and celebrities in the art of gracefully delivering a 42 pound of granite down the ice toward the opposite target. Tyler and Ann were given autographed hockey sticks that replaced their customary curling brush as rocks were sent their way. Many club members volunteered to staff the greeters table, sign up participants, demonstrate the game, explain the various elements and manage the crowds. Gauging from the smiles and hollering emanating from the participants, it was very apparent the joy of the sport was embraced by both spectator and participant alike.

A huge Thank You goes out to the staff of the Little Caesars Arena, the volunteers of the Detroit Curling Club, to Tyler George and Ann Swisshelm and the Lansing Curling Club who loaned their stones for the event for all the time and effort that went into making



the 2019 Winterfest a wonderful success.

Article submitted by John Danckaert. Photos credited to Theresa Lopez.

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

Calling all Volunteers! – The Ladies 2-day International Bonspiel - *Girl Power: We can Rock It!* is Feb. 2-3 and we are in need of some volunteers! There are several spots open to help. You can help with the ice or help with set-up for meals for our guests from all over the region and Canada. Sign up at: <http://signup.com/go/WomensInternational>.

We are also in need of some amazing raffle table items. Do you knit, make jewelry or crochet? Or do you have some gifts around the house that are really great, but not your thing? Donate it to the raffle! Put a basket together with food or wine to share, or donate unused gift cards. Raffle donations can be left labeled in the Ladies locker room, or can be given to Pam Buchkowski, Wendy Powers, Bethany Rivera, or and Rockette Board member. Donations accepted until Jan. 28th.

Ask Pam for more details: psabara@wowway.com.

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.

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.

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



Curling at the Detroit Zoo – The Detroit Zoo we know today opened in Royal Oak in 1928. It was the creation of the Detroit Zoological Society, founded in 1911--but it was not the first "Detroit Zoo". In 1883, the short-lived Detroit Zoological Garden opened in Corktown, on Michigan Avenue just west of Tenth Street.

For less than a year between 1883 and 1884, Corktown was home to the very first Detroit Zoo. It was a privately-owned enterprise founded by businessmen with apparently no professional experience in animal husbandry. The Detroit Zoological and Acclimatization Society filed for incorporation on June 20, 1883, stating that it was established "for the purpose of exhibiting all manner of wild and other animals, plants, minerals, and other objects of natural history of every kind." It was founded with \$10,000 in capital stock.

On July 11, 1883, the Free Press reported:

"A number of the animals for the Detroit Zoological Garden have arrived and are now domiciled in a temporary structure on the Michigan avenue circus grounds. The animals consist of a lion called "The Duke of Wellington," a lioness, a deer and a hyena."

In order to maintain attendance during the winter months, an ice skating rink was opened on the property on December 17, 1883. Contests for "fancy skating" were held, and music was frequently supplied by the Tenth Infantry Band. It was claimed that "upwards of 3,000 persons" visited the zoo and ice rink on New Year's Day 1884, but this is almost certainly an exaggeration.

The ice became a popular spot for curling, and was frequented by the Detroit Granite Curling Club; the Detroit Thistle Curling Club and the "old" Detroit Curling Club. Curling was becoming a daily occurrence in Detroit – weather permitting – at the Zoo and at the Athletic Club's grounds.

Despite the impressive attendance reported by the zoo, it was unable to meet its financial obligations. The zoo closed on July 29, 1884 and the property and animals were auctioned off immediately afterward. In December 1884 it was converted into the Dime Roller Rink. The lot behind the building was again flooded and opened as an ice skating rink with a new entrance on Church Street.

By September of 1885, the building was remodeled and opened under new management as the West Side Roller Rink. Between 1886 and 1887 it operated as the Granite Rink, named after the Granite Curling Club. In 1888 the building was listed as vacant. At the time a newspaper article described it as an "old, dilapidated, tumble-down brick structure". The Granite Club disbanded after the formation of the current Detroit Curling Club in 1889.

You take the high road, I'll take the shunpike,
Angus MacTavish

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.

Pro-Shop Business

Goldline is Returning – Goldline is returning to our club in the person of American Olympian, Deb McCormick, on February 11 thru February 14. These days fall during the week, so most of the leagues will have a chance to visit her mobile shop. She will be offering all things Goldline for you to purchase and she will also take orders for products she does not have on hand. So, plan to stop and shop for the newest Goldline products available.

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!

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DCC Board Members:

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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