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Calendar of Events (DCC Events)

- **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 2-3, 2019** – **DCC Men's 2-Day 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.
- **March 15-17, 2019** – Spring Training Bonspiel at Coyotes Curling Club in Tempe, AZ. See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.
- **May 3-5, 2019** – Lupus Spiel USA. See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.

House Business

Calling All Volunteers – It is that time of the year again and we need volunteers for the Mixed International on February 23rd and 24th. There are several spots open to help out during the

bonspiel. You can assist with Ice or help with set-up for meals for our guests from all over the region and Canada. Below you will find the link to register:

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

I hope to see everyone, Josh Lopez



Girl Scout Cookies at the DCC – Thank you to all who supported the Girl Scouts by purchasing cookies from Claudia! She visited The Club on five league nights and had a great time. She became quite the little sales-lady as time went on! Money raised by the sales of Girl Scout Cookies funds local troop activities and helps subsidize the program to make it more affordable for scouts who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate. Thank you again to everyone for their kindness and generosity.

Submitted by: Damien and Pam Buchkowski

Bonspiels and Special Events

DCC Men's 2-day Bonspiel – The Highlander, March 2-3, 2019. \$240/team. Sign-up sheet is posted in the warm room. You can sign up as an individual or team. This is an in-club men's bonspiel that is intended to have new(er) members play in a competitive men's spiel and meet other members playing on different leagues. Contact Duke Grimshaw for more information.

Lupus Spiel USA – The Lupus Research Foundation invites you to the premiere event of the year, Lupus Spiel USA featuring Eve Muirhead and Kevin Martin. It's in Blaine, Minnesota, at the Four Seasons Curling Club and Anoka Ice Arena May 3-5, 2019. Top curlers in the world will skip your team. Here are just a few:

Eve Muirhead
Kevin Martin
Pat Ryan
Chelsea Carey
Shannon Kleibrink
Cathy Overton-Clapham
Michelle Englot
Jessica Schultz

See website for more skips. We are making it affordable. There is a suggested price for entry (discount for juniors), but the spiel is a Pay-What-You-Can format. Please, check out our website for information! EVERY curler plays with a champion skip – Olympians, World or National Champions. We have the highest number of World Gold medalists, Olympic medalists, Olympians, and National Champions on the ice at one time. Come curl and socialize with them.

You have the opportunity to pick your skip. By raising funds for the foundation, monies raised (including your entry fee) go towards picking your skip. Our website makes it easy for you: we create your campaign and personalized webpage you can circulate to your friends, and we show an auction of the skips so you can zero in on the one(s) you want.

JUNIORS are welcome. The future curlers of our country are encouraged to sign up and really add to the family feel of the spiel. SENIORS and STICK CURLERS are welcome. In year two, two stick curlers won the spiel with John Benton.

This is the BEST BONSPIEL IN THE WORLD. DON'T MISS IT! Access to skips! Fancy gala! This is the WHO'S WHO of curling. Sign up now and get your start on picking your celebrity skip. NEW THIS YEAR: Skip Auction. See more at: www.letscurilupus.org.

Sarnia Mixed International – March 1-3, 2019. 4 game guarantee. \$400/team. Friday meal and mixer, Saturday dinner and dance, Sunday brunch. Contact proshop@sgcc.on.ca for questions.

Spring Training Bonspiel – Our annual Spring Training Bonspiel on March 15 – 17, 2019 is looking for additional teams to fill out this years field. Come out to Arizona where the weather is warm and join us for a weekend of Curling, sportsmanship, cocktails & fun. All Skill levels are welcome at this annual event held at the Coyotes Curling Club in Tempe, Arizona.

COMPLIMENTARY FOOD: Continental breakfast each day.

ACTIVITIES: Discounted tickets to the Angels vs Indians Spring Training game.

TRANSPORTATION: Complimentary bus transportation to and from Tempe's Diablo Stadium, Spring Training home of the Angels.

AWARDS: Awards for event winners and runner ups including, one of the most unique first event prize awards: All four members of the winning team receive a personal custom-sized championship ring with year and name.

DISCOUNTS: Special negotiated rates at nearby hotels. Visit www.Coyotescurling.com for those special rates.

Rockettes Corner

USWCA Winter Meeting – The USWCA winter meeting was held in Chicago from February 11-13 with representative Bethany Rivera attending.

Senior Women's Bonspiel – Invitations for the 2019 Sr. Women's Bonspiel being held in Albany, NY from November 20-24 are out with a signup deadline of September 6, 2019. This event is open to USWCA women age 55 years and older by January 1, 2020. Teams enter their own application and attendees are selected via lottery from the four regions. If you are interested in applying, Bethany Rivera can email you the invitation or you can access it directly on the USWCA.org website. There is no limit to how many teams apply from the DCC, however, only one team from Detroit would be selected. The Super Senior Bonspiel (65 and older) will take place on the day immediately prior on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 also at Albany CC.

USWCA National Bonspiel – The 2020 USWCA National Bonspiel has MOVED to Seattle, WA and will be held February 19-23, 2020. If more than one team from Detroit is interested, we will have a playdown next fall (date and time TBD). If interested, please let Bethany Rivera know of your interest as soon as possible.

New for next year – All USWCA Circuit participants must sign up prior to their first bonspiel on-line and pay via paypal. The USWCA will no longer be accepting checks or allowing individuals to sign-up after their first game at a Circuit Bonspiel. If you have questions, please see Bethany Rivera.

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.

24 people were in attendance at Sweetheart Sinners Breakfast on February 17, 2019. Attendance was a bit light as several of our usual Sinners Crew and guests were out of town curling in the Men's Senior Nationals. Many thanks to Ben Duby and Dave Urbiel who stepped right into the kitchen as guest chefs for the morning. The fare was delicious as always! Thankfully, a few of the ladies in attendance provided some much-needed melody to the choir! All of the ladies received delicious sweets from the Sinners. Congratulations to Jeff Angell, John Becic, and John Gaul for satisfying all of the necessary requirements to enter the esteemed ranks of the Detroit Curling Club Royal Order of Sinners!

Our next event will be Sunday March 17 in Plattsville, Ontario at the conclusion of the K-W Exchange. New attendees to the exchange will be warmly welcomed at this breakfast. This is a Men's event.

Schedule of Events 2018-2019

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 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

Dateline January, 1954 Detroit Curling Club Hosts Annual Men's International Bonspiel – The annual event was hosted at the Detroit Curling Club located on East Forest Avenue in Detroit. Thirty Two teams attended, hailing from the United States and Canada. One of the participants that attended has a clear recollection of the event and a few keepsakes that he has decided to donate to the club archives. That person is Maurice VanColle, one of the winning teammates that is still around to acknowledge the success of that time.

VanColle, pictured at right, was a relatively new curler in 1954, with only one season under his belt. But he was fortunate to be on a rink of experienced curlers and have a little good luck favor his shot-making efforts. Team winners each received a trophy engraved with the names of their team. He has kept the award on his mantle for the last 65 years, and at 94 years of age, VanColle has decided to donate it to our club. Maurice is still active as a life-long resident of our area, growing up on a farm on the east side and residing St. Clair Shores since 1941. VanColle has the exclusive credit of being the oldest, continually active used car dealer in the country! His age is not reflected in his appearance or his daily activities. He still goes to work every day and is still buying, selling and working on cars. His small sales lot, "Van's Used Cars" is a staple on the east side and has a strong reputation for selling quality used cars and trucks. VanColle also has a reputation for auto racing, but that activity is all behind him now. He enjoyed curling for a few years until his family started to grow. He gave up the sport in 1959. Thanks to Maurice, we have another piece of our past brought home for members and guests to see and admire.

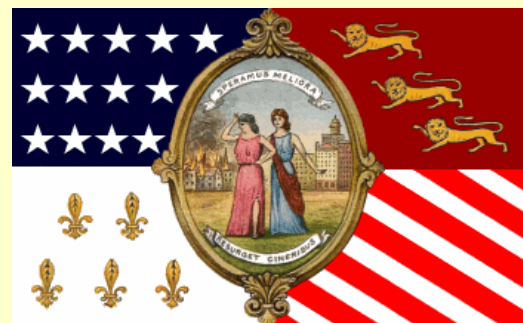
Thank you Maurice. We will take good care of your award. Good Curling.



Angus MacTavish is in the House

"New" Detroit Curling Club Pin – A "new" DCC pin has been discovered and acquired through eBay (pictured above right). This is the first and only pin of its kind that I have seen or heard about. I am calling it the FLAG pin since its design is based upon the flag of the city of Detroit (pictured below right). The flag was originally designed in 1907, but was not adopted by the city until 1948. A curious pin design that (other than the wording "Detroit Curling Club") does not include stone, a broom, an event or a date.

When and why was this pin produced? I asked the eBay seller how and where she acquired it and if she had any more information about the pin. She told me that she obtained it in a group of over 3 dozen pins from an estate sale in Florida. Looking through the other pins, we discovered that based upon their age it appeared the original owner built the collection in the 1940s and 50s. Secondly, there were quite a few Scottish pins



and most of the others were from clubs in the eastern USA. This flag pin and a DCC club pin were the only ones from the Midwest.

Taking all of this into account, my guess is that the original owner visited Detroit with the Scottish Tour Team in 1949. I assume this was a limited production run and the pins were given as gifts to the members of the Scots Team. This would not be the first time that The Club did this. In 1912 a special pin was produced and given to the Scottish curlers who visited Detroit in the 1912 Tour (pictured below). We wrote about this 1912 pin previously and you can read that article here:

<http://detroitcurling.blogspot.com/2016/11/scottish-curlers-visit-club-part-ii-1912.html>.



It is interesting that The Club produced these pins as gifts for our visitors, but did not give or sell them to our members. If they had distributed some to our members, you would think that we would have seen more of them either within pin collections or on eBay.

We now have another mystery of the Detroit Curling Club. If you have seen either of these pins, or if you can offer any information to help solve this mystery, please contact me.

Live long and prosper,
Angus MacTavish

Pro-Shop Business

Hardline Brushes – We have more Hardline Brushes in stock. If you are in need of a replacement Hardline Head Cover, we have a fresh stock of those too. Stop in and check out our stuff. There is still plenty of curling ahead. Be ready with the best!

New Name Tags – The last batch of new name tags has been delivered. If you have not claimed yours yet, check the main bulletin board. If you ordered one as a replacement, see the bar tender. It will cost you \$6, but it is worth it. A new Name Tag sign-up sheet has been posted on the main bulletin board. It will be picked up next Tuesday, so if you want a new name tag, sign up this week. It takes about a week to get them made.

Product Closeout Rack – We have set up a product closeout rack in the Pro Shop. The rack is clearly marked and includes tee shirts, vests, coats and more. Check it out. We also have several pair of used Men's curling shoes available at bargain basement prices. If you wear size 11 1/2, size 12 or size 15, we have a shoe set for you to try. We also have a few delivery devices on sale at reduced prices. Stop in and see what is in stock.

Club Pins – If you want to trade club pins with members outside our club, want a few extra for yourself or want them as gifts, club pins are available at the bar. A single pin sells for \$5, or better yet, buy 5 for \$15. They are a real keepsake. Mr. Kay of Kay Jewelers designed the pin back in the first half of the 20th century and it is one of the nicest designs of any curling club. Stop in and stock up.

Same Quality at a Lower Price – We have 9" oval Tournament TX Brush Heads that perform just like the Goldline Norway brush head but at a lower cost. If you are in need of a new brush head and typically use the Norway head, consider the Tournament TX head. You will not be disappointed in its performance or the price. Available in two colors.

Take your Best Shot – Our stock of shot glasses is shrinking quickly. If you have not picked up a set yet, don't wait much longer. They have been a popular item along with the pint and wine glasses. Stock is limited, so pick yours up soon. They make great gifts too. Available from the Pro Shop or at the bar.

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