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DCC Annual Meeting

Scheduled for April 17 at 7pm.

All members welcome!

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Dear Members - With our leagues coming to an end, it's time for us to switch to monthly summer editions of our newsletter. We will continue to keep you up to date on events happening within our club and outside. We'd love for you to keep in touch with us over the summer, so don't hesitate to send us photos of your adventures whether they be on or off the ice.

Good Curling!

Calendar of Events (DCC Events)

- **April 17, 2019 – DCC Annual Meeting. 7pm. All members welcome.**
- **May 3-5, 2019 – DCC Motor City Open Bonspiel. See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.**
- **May 3-5, 2019 – Lupus Spiel USA. See *Bonspiels and Special Events* for more information.**
- **May 11, 2019 – DCC Race for the Cure: 2019 Komen Race for the Cure. See *Rockettes Corner* for more information.**
- **July 19-21, 2019 – Summer Food Truck Spiel at Windy City Curling Club, IL. \$280/team. Follow link for more information: <https://windycity.curling.club/foodtruck/>.**

House Business

MEETING NOTICE

Annual Meeting of the Club**Wednesday, April 17, 2019****7:00 pm at the Detroit Curling Club****All members are welcome.****Election ballots will be emailed to class A and B members.**

DCC Strategic Plan – If you are passionate about curling and the future of our club, then we want you to be a part of the DCC Strategic Plan. An important condition for developing a successful DCC Strategic Plan is having members participate who want to guide the Board of Directors, the club, and its members for the next three to five years.

Participants will meet for thoughtful and thorough discussions. We are looking for 30-40 people who are willing to contribute their ideas on improving the club, from a cross section of members (e.g., Five & Under, Rockettes, Sinners, bonspiellers, once-a-week-curlers, and everyone in between). Participants can expect a rewarding experience that will shape the future of our club. Sign up with the link on the DCC website, “Members/Volunteer Opportunities”.
Good Curling, Fred Zosel, Strategic Plan Coordinator

Bar Tabs – March bar tabs will run through April 6th, after the Champagne Spiel. Invoices will be emailed on April 7th. Unpaid invoices will be charged on April 16th. After April 6th, and during the Motor City Open, bar bills will need to be paid daily.
Thank you, Laura Gilchrist - Assistant Treasurer

Bonspiels and Special Events

Club Finals and Champagne Spiel Results – (Reported by J. Danckaert) Every year, the regular curling season comes to a close in a crescendo starting at 10 o'clock in the morning. Teams gather for one final battle to earn the coveted title of overall winner of their league and earn their position in club history. Each of the following competitions is the result of months of hard work, strategic maneuvering and dedication to the sport and teammates. Congratulations to each of the winning teams and also to the losing teams that made it all the way to the finals. You all did your best to reach this point and have represented the game, and yourselves with true class and honor.

The Results:



Ladies Monday League – The Laura Call rink (pictured at left) versus the Pamela Buchkowski rink final began promptly at 3 PM, seeking to win the prestigious Lee Davis Trophy. The score volleyed back and forth throughout the game, neither team giving much ground to the other. The Buchkowski rink fought hard to keep the scoring close but to no avail. With the last rock thrown, the final result 7/6 was a satisfying win for Laura and her team, Diana Jankowski, Maryann Wessels, Ann Gabhart (who did not play due to an injury), Bethany Rivera (who had to miss the finals) and subbing in, Susanne York. The Lee Davis Trophy was proudly presented to the winners by Lee's spouse, Fred Zosel. Congratulations Ladies on your achievement!

Men's Tuesday League – The Tuesday evening men's league is considered one of the more competitive leagues and this season was no exception with 19 rinks competing for the finals. The Bret Jackson rink (pictured below left) went into battle against the Geoff Soerens rink Saturday afternoon at 2:30. After two ends, the score remained 0/0. The game was shaping up to be a



significant battle of strategy and high percentage shot making. The suddenly the Jackson rink found a crack in the Soerens rink armor. But Geoff was not rattled by the mark, making his own mark on the next end. This was lining up to be an epic event. The Jackson rink looked at ease on the ice and marked again and again, advancing their lead by six after eight ends. Geoff understood at this point that his team did not have what it would take to overcome the deficit and graciously conceded the victory to the Jackson rink. At that moment, Bret Jackson, Mark Wodja, Ben Vorpahl, John Taylor and John Danckaert became the 2019 Lon O'Connor champions. And this is the first time each of these players has won the Lon. Congratulations Boys!

Wednesday Open League – The Wednesday evening league has become very popular and competitive in the past several seasons. And the two rinks that came head to head at 10 o'clock in the morning, are true competitive teams of skilled curlers. The Jackson rink consisting of Bret Jackson, Julie Benson, John Gaul and Wendy Haykus dominated the Erik Kortebein rink winning with a score of 11/3, taking home the Bostonian Trophy. Bret would go on to skip his men's team in the afternoon to another win. Wow! What a day for Bret!

Thursday Open League – This league has become the most popular league of the week with three draws every week throughout the season. The two teams that rose to the top this year were the Soerens rink and the Schneider rink (pictured at right). The battle for the President's Cup began at 10 AM. The Schneider rink, Dallas Schneider, Laura Call, Gordy Loud, Brooke Schneider and Ann Gabhart went on to defeat the Soerens rink 7/3 with the help of our President, Ben Levy, subbing for Ann who was sitting out with a leg injury. It is an interesting point that the President's Trophy should be won with the assistance of "The President"! Congratulations Team Schneider!



Sunday Out Turn League – Another extremely popular league that includes a large contingency of new curlers gaining experience and developing skills that will propel many into other weekly leagues brought together two motivated rinks, Paul Badgero vs Tom Nowaczok (pictured at left). Both rinks have a mix of new and experienced curlers, so at the opening salvo either team had a great opportunity to take the game all the way to a win. The final result ended with Tom Nowaczok skipping his team to the win. The game had its moments when crucial shots could swing the lead to one side or the other. Emotional responses from the crowd behind the glass ebbed and flowed with each shot made, sometimes screaming in celebration of a shot well executed or groaning over the less-than-desired outcome. Excitement was ever present and evident throughout the warm room. The final outcome was not determined until the last rock was thrown. Well done Team Nowaczok!



Champagne Spiel – With all the excellent curling displayed throughout the day, there was one last event to complete. The annual tradition pits the newer curlers (5 years and under), known as the "Colts" pitted against the more experienced curlers, known as the "Old Goats" to earn the prize of free champagne. Traditionally, the Old Goats have had the advantage of experience and treachery to overcome the youth and enthusiasm of the Colts. The evening competition consists of three four-end draws, with the cumulative score tally of all four sheets revealing which group wins the prize. To turn the tables, the champagne is purchased by the losing group and served to the winning group. The battle began with the Colts being spotted six points due to the lack of Old Goats signed up to play. The disadvantage played well in the hands of the Colts, maintaining

control of the spiel thru two draws. With the score Old Goats +1 after two draws, the Colts needed to call on all their best players to recapture the lead and march on to the first Colt Victory in recent memory. The Old Goats knew this would be a victory they could not accept. The third and final draw of the night proved the Old Goats still had a few tricks up their sleeves. The Colts tried their best to out flank the Old Goats, even bringing out the whole stable of wild animals and weird costumes to distract and annoy the Old Goats, but to no avail. By the time the last rock was delivered, the Old Goats had prevailed with the final score of 58 to 39. Everyone retired to the warm room to celebrate another fantastic season of curling and fellowship.

A special thank you to our trusty bartenders, Frank (Larry) and Derek (the other Larry) for their assistance in making the day and the season great. Also thanks to Mike Grudzinski and Duncan Whitmore who organized and rallied the teams for the champagne spiel. There were over 50 Colts and about 35 Old Goats that signed up to participate in the final game. Thanks to all those that volunteered to help all the events throughout the day go so smoothly. If you did not attend on Saturday, we hope this report will change your mind about attending next year. This is one of the best ALL MEMBER events held each season and should become a priority for everyone to attend. Next, there is still more time to curl. If you want to practice for a summer spiel, organize a rental with friends or family, gather for a pick-up game or whatever, the ice will remain in place for about 4 more weeks. Take advantage of the opportunity.

And don't forget, we will need members to help clean up in mid May. Watch for further announcements and details. Good Curling!

Meat and Greet – Congrats to this year's winning teams! Winners of the first draw were Josh Lopez, Jeff Darnell, Lindsey Belzyt and Bonnie Czander. Winners of the second draw were Duke Grimshaw, Susan DiFilippo and John Walsh.

Motor City Open Detroit Team Sign Up – A sign-up sheet will be posted at the club for Detroit teams looking to play in the Motor City Open bonspiel.

The Motor City Open is an open format bonspiel May 3-5 and includes:

Friday night Cinco De Mayo Party featuring Salvador Torres and his Mariachi

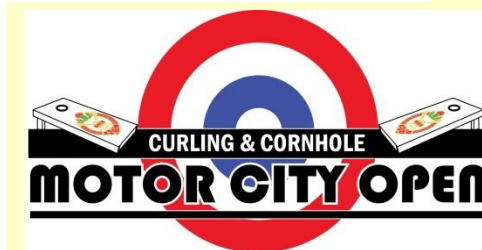
Saturday night Live Kentucky Derby, Live DJ, and Motor City Open Derby - wear your best Kentucky Derby Hat

Saturday Cornhole Tournament - \$20 entry for competitive or social divisions

Team Horse Races all weekend

If we have to limit the number of Detroit teams there will be a playdown on Friday evening and Saturday, April 19 and 20th.

The deadline to sign your team up is Thursday, March 21st, at 9 PM.



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. 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. See more at: www.letscurielupus.org.

It's time to vote for your Rockette Board – Ballots and ballot box are in the locker room. All Class A and B female members are eligible to vote. 1 ballot per person. Vote for 3 (three) nominees by circling their names. Top three vote recipients will replace exiting board members Laura Call, Abby Bond, and Stephanie Grant. Votes will be tabulated and announced Monday April 1st at our end of year meeting/baby shower/fun night. Food will be provided by the Rockettes.

Race for the Cure – Don't forget to sign up for the Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure"---MEN TOO!!!! Come and walk (or run) our way at the 2019 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® Saturday, May 11, 2019. Register at the link below. Click on register, search for "curlers for a cure" team. Laura Call is the team captain. If you cannot join us PLEASE consider a donation!

http://www.info-komen.org/site/TR/RacefortheCure/DTW_GreaterDetroitAffiliate?pg=entry&fr_id=7521.

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.

Schedule of Events 2018-2019

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 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.

Pro-Shop Business

Thank you, one and all, for your support, patronage and help in the Pro Shop. We had a great season in sales as the financial report will reveal at the Annual Meeting. And, a special thank you to those who donated their used brooms, shoes and clothing for resale. Everyone, especially our newest members, benefit from this program. Finally, thank you allowing me to be your Pro Shop manager for the past 15 years. Have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Good Curling! John Danckaert

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DCC Board Members:

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Secretary – Gordy Loud
Treasurer – Diana Jankowski
Assistant Treasurer – Laura Gilchrist
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Rentals - Gordy Loud and Dan Maggio
Bonspiels and Special Events – Josh Lopez
Ice – Adam Rivera

Pro Shop Manager: John Danckaert

Volunteer Coordinator – Laura Gilchrist

DCC Newsletter Staff:

Editor – Lynden Gault
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DCC Rockettes Board Members:

President – Laura Call
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Treasurer/Locker Room – Courtney Urbiel
T-shirts/Board Liaison – Stephanie Grant
Food Sales – Julie Kent

DCC Sinners Board Members:

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Treasurer – Dave Nelsen
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Secretary – Damien Buchkowski

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Jim Morris	Steven Rietz	