

DETROIT CURLING CLUB

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Welcome Members

We want to welcome back a few members who are returning to the club this season after a short time away: Will Burmeister, Paul Gerlach, Carolyn Lewis, and Mike Norris.

There are also a number of curlers joining this year that have moved to the area: Jennifer and Roger Bajorek are joining us from the Plainfield Curling Club in New Jersey, Lauren Groskaufmanis and Jordan Miller previously curled with the Charlotte and Triangle Curling Clubs in North Carolina, Jeff Peplinski previously curled in Seattle, and Delaney Strouse joins us from the Midland Curling Club just north of here.

Goldline Visits DCC

Debbie McCormick will be visiting the Detroit CC with the Goldline Curling Pro Shop. The shop has a variety of curling shoes, brooms, gloves, sliders, stabilizers, replacement broom pads, clothing, novelty items and much more! You will have the opportunity to try on items and ask any questions about equipment you may have. Come and see what the pro's use! As a thank you, percentage of sales will be given to the Detroit CC. Dates are as follows: November 18, 5PM - 9PM, November 19, 9AM - 1PM & 5PM - 9PM, and November 20, 5PM - 9PM.

Skills Development Opportunities

As part of the Strategic Planning initiative, the members identified skills development opportunities as a priority. Based on recommendations by the Skills Development Committee, the dates below have been set aside for open ice/clinics available to all members. Each event with instructors has a cost and all proceeds will go to the skill development equipment fund. Look out for some cool training aids to help members improve their deliveries and sweeping!

Registration for each clinic will be available through the club website. The first date is this Thursday, October 24th, and details on the rest will be available soon. As each clinic is added they will be listed here: <https://detroitcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings/skills-clinic/>

Nov 24 10am-1pm	Line calling, ice reading, and strategy \$20
Jan 26 12-3pm	Delivery and Video Analysis \$20
Feb 9 1-3pm	Sweeping \$10
Feb 23 9am-3pm	All-day clinic - cost TBD

If you would be willing to assist your fellow club members as an instructor at one of these dates, please contact Bret Jackson at bretjackson@hotmail.com. Instructors are needed for all dates.



CALENDAR

Special Events

November 18-20, 2019

Goldline Visits DCC

Debbie McCormick will be at the club with her Goldline Trailer

Bonspiels

November 22-24, 2019

Ten Can Men's Bonspiel

Hosted by Bowling Green Curling Club. Visit www.bgcurlingclub.com for more information.

February 1-2, 2020

Ladies 2-Day Bonspiel

Hosted by DCC. Look for information in future issues.

Bylaws Updates

As part of the strategic planning process led by Fred Zosel this past summer, a committee was formed to address sorely needed updates to the current DCC bylaws. The committee consisted of Adam Rivera, Bret Jackson and DCC Trustees Bethany Rivera, Fred Zosel and Brooke Schneider.

Using a bylaws template provided by the USCA for non-profit corporations, the committee thoughtfully reworked and reworded the current DCC bylaws. The bylaws have been out of date for almost 20 years since the time the club elected to become a 501c3. Additionally, many of the current bylaw provisions were very restrictive, which hampered the Board from making needed repairs and updates to the facility. The current Bylaws also do not allow the board to quickly respond to an emergency situation like a compressor failure or building issue that jeopardize the safety and soundness of our facility.

As such, updated Bylaws are being proposed that are aligned with the club's 501c3 status and more in line with how other non-profit member organizations are run on a daily basis. Many of the provisions of the current Bylaws were worked into the new Bylaws draft, while still allowing the elected Board of Directors to operate the club within the membership's best interest.

In order to change the current Bylaws, a vote of at least two-thirds of Class A members who are present at any meeting, provided the proposed amendment will have been sent electronically or mailed to each Class A member at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting and also posted in the clubhouse (if during the curling season) is required.

The Board has been presented with the proposed bylaws, made additions and clarifications and has now approved the bylaws for distribution to the membership. As such, the following will occur in preparation for a Call to Meeting to specifically vote on the amended Bylaws.

Week of November 11: The draft Bylaws will be posted to the DCC website for review, along with a brief memo explaining the rationale behind the more significant changes.

Week of November 18: Adam Rivera, Bethany Rivera and Bret Jackson will individually and together be available between evening draws ~7:00 – 8:30 pm to answer question and collect member feedback on the proposed bylaws.

November 20th at 7:00 pm – A town hall will be held for all membership to ask questions and voice their opinions to the Bylaw Committee and the Board of Directors.

Based on the feedback received, the Bylaw committee and the Board will determine when to Call a Meeting to formally vote on the new bylaws.

The Bylaws Committee thanks you in advance for your attention to this important matter and looks forward to your feedback and questions.

Meat and Greet

The 2nd Annual DCC Meat & Greet was held on Saturday November 2nd. This year it was moved from the end of the season to the beginning, so there was little notice. We hope to improve this next year and have a better turnout. 32 curlers were able to make it out. Teams were designed to have 2 new curlers (3 years or less experience) paired with more experienced curlers. It was a two game point-spiel format, with pizza and drinks between the two draws. Aside from having a fun time and meeting people in the club you might not curl with on a regular basis, the participants were competing for some wonderful meat prizes.

The winners were Team Kortebein. Our Ice Man, Eric Kortebein stepped in at the last second to fill a vacant spot, and skipped his team to victory. The rest of the team consisted of Lindsey Belzyt, Karl Schubert, and Taha Jamil.

Thank you for all the teams that participated, and hope to see more of you next year. Good Curling!



Rockettes Corner

USWCA National Bonspiel – The 72nd USWCA National bonspiel will be held at the Granite Curling Club in Seattle, Washington from February 19-23, 2020. If interested, please let Bethany Rivera know of your intent to playdown by November 9th. Play downs to determine the entries from Detroit will be held on Sunday, November 17th from 9 – 2:30pm.

Central Area 5 Year & Under Bonspiels

Open to curlers with less than 5 years of curling experience. Details: uswca.org or rep Bethany Rivera

- USWCA 5 & Under Open Challenge – Mayfield Curling Club, January 17 – 19 2020
- USWCA 5 & Under Women's Challenge – Exmoor Curling Club, February 29 – March 1, 2020

USWCA Circuit – New for this season: 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. Full details and rules are on the Circuit Page of uswca.org, including the full calendar of circuit events. If you have questions, please see Bethany Rivera.

Lights, Camera... Murder! – The Detroit Curling Club Ladies Bonspiel will be held from February 1-2, 2020. A play down for DCC ladies is scheduled on January 11th from 9 - 2:30 if needed. 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 Circuit Bonspiels in the area:

- Mayfield – Women's ENDGAME Bonspiel, December 14 – 15, 2019
- Chicago – Gloamin' Gaels Spiel, January 4 – 5, 2020

Save the Dates:

- 2021 Incoming Scot Tour visit to Detroit – Tentative: January 21, 2021. A host committee is needed. Please let a Rockette board member know of your interest.
- 2020 USWCA Sr. Women's Bonspiel – Columbus Curling Club, Columbus, OH November 11-15, 2020
- 2021 USWCA National Bonspiel – Madison Curling Club, Madison, WI, February 21-23, 2021

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.

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.

Kitchener-Waterloo Granite/Detroit Curling Exchange - A Curling Tradition Since 1917

Beginning in 1917 an annual exchange began between the Detroit Curling Club and the Kitchener-Waterloo curling Club. The Plattsville Curling Club participation began later and they now host this event with the KW Granite Club when Detroit Curlers travel to Canada. When the Exchange began, travel entailed horses, trains and boats - at least a week long adventure. Fortunately, this is now a weekend event.

The 2019-2020 Exchange began on November 8, 2019 with a reunion of members in the evening. Friendships and camaraderie were renewed and the curling began on Saturday November 10. After eight ends, the cumulative scores of the Detroit and Kitchener teams were tied. Following a fantastic lunch, six more ends were played and the K-W contingent edged out Detroit by a handful of points. A Saturday evening banquet full of entertainment followed a day of curling. The weekend was rounded out by a full, delicious breakfast on Sunday morning and the weekend's events were recounted. New Sinners patches and pins sold like hotcakes and are available to all for purchase for \$5 each. See any member of the DCC sinners for information on how to get your patch or pin!

Funds raised during the K-W exchange and all Sinners events are for the betterment of the Curling Club. Most recently, the Sinners donated funds to purchase a new television for the warm room and also partially sponsored the recovering of the chairs in the warm room. Men are welcome to join us at the next Sinner's event on Sunday December 8, 2019 beginning at 8:30 AM for a hearty breakfast and an entertaining program. We hope to see you there.

A more detailed description of The Exchange as well as photos of exchanges through the decades can be viewed at: <http://kwgranite.com/exchange/>



Schedule of Events 2019-2020

Morning meetings for the 2019-2020 Detroit Curling Club Royal Order of Sinners are as follows:

Men's Sinners: December 8, 2019. Open to male members. This event will coincide with any potential playdowns for the DCC Men's International Bonspiel.

Toast to the Club: January 1, 2020. Sponsored in part by the DCC Sinner's. Open to all Club members. The gathering begins at 11:00AM and light finger fare is served. The Toast to The Club is made at 12:00PM followed by Auld Lang Syne.

Robert Burns Sinners: January 26, 2020. 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 9, 2020. 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 13, 14, and 15, 2020: The breakfast on March 15, 2019 is held in Plattsville, Ontario.

Last Chance Sinners: April 19, 2020: 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



AmazonSmile – Did you know you can support the DCC by shopping at AmazonSmile? .5% of your purchases through www.smile.amazon.com are donated to the club!

Pro Shop News

Gripper Promotion – Your Pro Shop is again offering grippers at wholesale pricing. Regrettably, the price has increased substantially. We are offering them at the wholesale price of \$13 each for the standard tournament gripper and \$15 for the Goldline gripper. This promotion will last thru the month of November. We encourage every member to examine your present grippers and replace them if they are worn out. This helps keep our ice in good condition and it is safer for you on the ice. If we run out of your size before the end of the month we will give you a rain check when new stock arrives.

Used Equipment – Several members have been very generous and have donated their older shoes and accessories to the club for resale. All proceeds go to the general fund of the club. New curlers should take advantage of this offer. We have several pairs of ladies and men's shoes to choose from and all are in very good condition. Prices vary depending on the condition and quality of the shoes. We also have a few pair of men's curling pants, knee protectors and more. So, stop by and see what we have. Members can donate their older equipment at any time. Thank You!

New Products – We now have shoe laces available. They are high quality round laces available in 36" and 45" lengths. Another new accessory is the Hogline Knee Slider. This product is a huge improvement over past knee sliders. The design has a replaceable teflon slide pad, extra knee padding and a better method of wearing it. We had two in stock and they were gone in two days. More are on the way. Watch for them soon. We have received a large amount of new product so our shelves will be well stocked in time for the holidays. Get your shopping finished early.

Wear the Colors – We have club insignia patches, stickers and decals, club pins and more for you to be able to show off the club colors. Stop in and get yours today.

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