

## DETROIT CURLING CLUB

# Scots Wha Hae

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## Practice Ice Available!

While regularly scheduled league play is paused, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services emailed us clarifying that under the current guidelines the ice may be used for practice. Only one athlete may be on the ice at a time, unless a second athlete who is practicing is from the same household. Online signups for a 30-minute practice slots are available on a first-come, first serve basis. You can sign up for a slot here: <https://signup.com/go/QWTjXad>

We have a couple days and times available, but are looking for more volunteers to host the practice sessions. Board members, draw masters, rental instructors, USCA certified and SafeSport certified are all eligible. Please contact Stephanie Whitmore at [steph.meers@yahoo.com](mailto:steph.meers@yahoo.com) if you are interested in hosting a practice session. Keep a lookout on the SignUp page for more slots as more instructors sign up!

## Bowling Green Mixed Doubles Spiel

Several DCC members made a trip to the Black Swamp Curling Center in Bowling Green on the weekend of November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Julie Benson and Bret Jackson won the B event playing against Jeff Peplinski and his partner Lori Markham (Seattle). Mark Wojda won the Mucky Duck event where teammates are randomly assigned in a points event. Detroit curling member Denis Metty tagged up with Traverse City's Jillian Riecke to take the A-Event Runner Up after coming down to the last rock in an extra end versus Mann/DiBaggio from the Mayfield Curling Club with just an inch difference! Denis mentioned "A Final...most exciting back and forth game I have ever played in! Awesome weekend, awesome people and love playing!" Congrats to all participants!

## A Note from Jack's Place

We need volunteers to help prep the ice for leagues throughout the season. This is a great opportunity to get in some volunteer hours and easy if you are already playing that night. Please review the schedule linked below to find a time you are available to help.

There is an Ice Making Clinic on Sunday 12/6. If you are interested but cannot make it, please contact Eric Kortebein at [ekortebe@gmail.com](mailto:ekortebe@gmail.com). He is happy to work with you during a regular ice prep night.

[League Ice Prep Help](#)



## CALENDAR

### Bonspiels & Special Events

**January 29-31, 2021**

**Groundhog Day Open**

Bowling Green Curling Club at the Black Swamp Curling Center. \$320 per team. 13 spots still available !

**\*All future DCC bonspiels have been postponed until April due to Covid-19 precautions. Stay tuned for any new information and updates.\***



*Denis Metty (Detroit) with Jillian Riecke (TC) A-Event Runner Up at the Mucky Duck Mixed Doubles.*

# The Future of our Club is in our Hands

As we look ahead to the rest of this winter, the sport of curling will be very different than it has been in the past. Our usual, casual attention to our surroundings will demand a significantly heightened awareness of what we do and how we do it. Assuming the scientists of the world are still working on the development of a reliable vaccine, we are expected to continue to protect ourselves from this extremely dangerous virus. That means, gloves, masks and social distancing. And of course, everything needs to be constantly sanitized. All this will be a significant distraction to the “normal” conduct when visiting our club facilities. This pandemic situation is all new to every person less than 100 years old and so, everyone must be willing to follow the rules of safe interaction to safely survive the virus. History has proven there will be an end to our troubles once a vaccine is found and we are all vaccinated. But that could take a year or more to get to that point. In the meantime, we have to learn new ways of living and new habits to follow through our daily activities. This will not always be easy. Our club management has worked hard to develop new policies and procedures for us to follow during the new curling season. It is each member’s duty to accept the new rules and guidelines and conduct yourself in the safest manner possible both on and off the ice. This virus has the potential of killing, so we must be vigilant of our personal protection and of those around us.

A reliable vaccine is the key to our freedom to return to the customary form of living we prefer. However, until we get to that point, we need to be careful and live smart. Our new board is stocked with plenty of talent and experience to lead the club confidently and wisely into the future. They will be asking the membership for help along the way and every member must be willing to help. Suggestions, recommendations, new ideas, and of course, dedication of your time and talents are all part of doing what you can to support the board and your fellow members.

Finally, congratulations to our new board. Your leadership in the coming months will be relied on to guide the membership as we go forward, more than most of our past boards. The future of our club is now yours to preserve and lead. It is the membership’s responsibility to wholeheartedly support the board. Together, we will survive and thrive.

Good (and safe) Curling.  
~JD

## Got the Curling Blues on Break?

Missing the ice and looking for a way to keep energized? Canadian clubs have hosted a number of small curling bonspiels with the elite teams. You can catch up on the action on YouTube with the links below.

[Glenn Howard vs. Tyler Tardi](#)  
[Glenn Howard vs. Brad Jacobs](#)  
[Jennifer Jones vs. Hollie Duncan](#)

[Ruohonen vs. Dropkin \(USA\)](#)  
[Glenn Howard vs. Mike McEwen](#)  
[Kevin Koe vs. Brendan Bottcher](#)

In addition to the few bonspiels that have been live broadcasted on YouTube and Facebook, there has been a number of episodes released on two popular curling podcasts. [\*Two Girls and a Game\*](#) is hosted by Mary Chilvers and Lori Eddy and [\*Inside Curling\*](#) is hosted by Jim Jerome with Kevin Martin and Warren Hansen.

# USWCA Ladies Scot Tour: Looking Ahead and Back

So much has changed in the world at large due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the sport of curling has had to adjust in countless ways. Like so many other curling events, the 2021 USWCA Ladies Scot Tour to the United States has been postponed due to the COVID-19 virus.

The USWCA Scot Tour was first held in 1955 and remains a valued exchange between the United States and Scotland to this day. Every 10 years, twenty women are selected to represent the United States. Participants are selected based upon several criteria including physical and social stamina as well as dedication to the organization and game of curling. In between each US tour to Scotland, we welcome an incoming tour from Scotland to the US, which was planned for 2021. The event, which will be hosted at our very own Detroit Curling Club, is now scheduled to take place on January 20, 2022. Planning has been put on hold for the moment but will start again soon. Maryanne Wessels, 2016 USWCA Scot Tour participant and 2021 (now 2022) Incoming USWCA Scot Tour Event Chair, reflects below on her experience as a tour participant in 2016:

*The year that I was selected there were 65 applicants and only 20 were invited to join the tour. From the selected tour participants, teams were created based on the USWCA curling regions. My team (TEAM 5) consisted of Linda Christiansen from Duluth Minnesota as skip, Lisa Johnson from Racine, Wisconsin at vice, myself at second and Stacie Pinnavaia from Charlotte, North Carolina as lead. We played 21 games in 22 days with a record of 16-2-3, although this total was only kept by our team so it's an unofficial record.*

*It's difficult for me to convey in words how much the 2016 Scot Tour meant to me. When I think of my experience, I feel a great sense of pride and accomplishment. Being chosen to join the sisterhood of women curlers who have taken this journey is truly an honor. From the moment that I received my acceptance letter to the end of the tour, it was a whirlwind and participating in the tour was a personal goal I had wanted to achieve for more than a decade so being selected was incredible.*

*The moment I met the wonderful women chosen for the team in Pewaukee, Wisconsin, I knew with certainty that I was going to have the trip of a lifetime in Scotland. The beauty of the Scottish countryside is indescribable; the verdant scenery coupled with a proud and distinguished culture made my experience all the more surreal. Scotland's beauty was only rivaled by the genuine beauty of the relationships formed among the curlers.*

*The four members of my team bonded immediately, making for a delightful and unforgettable experience, both on and off the ice. I still communicate with my teammates at least once a week and I know that I have created lifelong friendships not only with my team, but also with the rest of my tour sisters. I am grateful to have created lasting friendships that span across an entire ocean.*



*My team with our Stranaer piper, Harry.*

*Scotland was a perfect combination of competition and camaraderie. I met so many lovely people and played some memorable games. The Lady Scots were exceedingly hospitable and kind; they truly exemplify the spirit behind the "Grand Old Game." I am truly thankful for being given the opportunity to participate in the tour and I am honored to have represented the United States and the Detroit Curling Club abroad, especially at this point in history where*



*we need ambassadors of dignity and grace. My tour sisters and I did what we could to fulfill such a role and I couldn't be more proud. I would highly recommend the experience and hope Detroit keeps this long-running tradition of participating in and hosting the tour alive. As chair of the upcoming 2022 event, I know that we will provide the Scottish Ladies the same level of competition, camaraderie, and fellowship that I received in 2016.*

*Even though the camaraderie was stellar, we were still there to win. All games and points counted collectively in the overall score. Here's how it all shook out: The Marguerite Roberts Quaich Trophy was captured by the US in three weeks and 21 games with an overall US score of 807 shots to the Scottish ladies' score of 568 shots.*

Feel free to reach out to Maryanne with questions or if you want to see the tour book!

#### Detroit Curlers Who Participated in the Men's Scot Tour

1921 – Dr. F.W. Robbins on the Canadian Tour to Scotland

1952 – The 1st USA Tour to Scotland

- Dr. James Lammy
- John McKinlay
- A.J. Dalton
- Paul Moreland

1962 – Samuel M. Renfrew

1972 – Nelson (Nels) Brown

1992 – Dave Nelsen

2002 – Harry Wylie

2012 – Paul Badgero

#### Detroit Curlers Who Participated in the Women's Scot Tour

1996 – Linda Handyside

2006 – Dawn Zak-Brauninger

2016 – Maryanne Wessels



The Kelpies, 30 meter-high horse-head sculptures located in Grangemouth, near Falkirk.



If you'd like to see your name on this list in the future, the USCA Men's Scot Tour is currently accepting applications for 2022 participants (applications close on December 31, 2020).

Group photo in front of Alisa Craig.

# Rockettes Corner

## Ladies' 2-Day Bonspiel Update

The Rockettes are pleased to announce that our traditional two-day ladies' bonspiel will move to the weekend of April 24/25, 2021. With COVID-19 restrictions and some uncertainty about the status of the US/Canadian border, it was decided that we move our bonspiel to April to allow for more certainty and planning. Playdowns will take place Jan. 16/17 if needed.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan this unprecedented event-- as one of the very few spiels on the schedule, we know it will be popular. **Please email the bonspiel chair, Elizabeth Demers at [elizabeth.demers@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.demers@gmail.com) if you'd like to be on the planning committee.** All are welcome!

## USWCA News

In light of the Coronavirus pandemic and the financial difficulties many clubs will face this year, the USWCA has made the difficult decision to cancel all USWCA events for the '20-'21 curling season. This includes both the Senior and National bonspiels, the Circuit, the All American, and 5&Under bonspiels. Additionally, the incoming Scot tour has been postponed for one year. The USWCA will not be collecting any dues from clubs or individuals for the '20-'21 curling season. The USWCA is calling this year a blanked end. However, the organization is still hard at work and would like to share the current Wrep letter so that you can keep up with the happenings of the USWCA. Our own Maryanne Wessels is the designer of the Wrep letter. If you haven't checked out the printed version at the club in the past, click on this link and take a look! If you have any questions about the USWCA, please contact representative Bethany Rivera.

<https://www.uswca.org/brochure>.

The Rockettes will be meeting in the coming weeks to determine if a new T-shirt design will be sold this season. Stay tuned to the Scots Wha Hae for more details to come.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions or want to be involved, please contact the Rockettes board via email [Rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com](mailto:Rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com) or a Rockette Board Member (see contacts on last page)

## US Curling News Goes Digital



Did you know that the US Curling News Magazine moved to an online only format? You can read up on the Fall 2020 US Curling News Magazine [here](#). It mentions the Detroit CC in an article by Angus MacTavish on the early history of the Detroit CC 1840-1899 and an 8-ender from league play.

# Sinners News

The Detroit Curling Club Royal Order of Sinners Mission Statement

**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.**

With great disappointment, the Detroit end of the K-W Exchange scheduled for November 6, 7, and 8, 2020 was canceled due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

With current COVID-19 restrictions in place, it is not feasible to hold Sunday Meetings with the warm room being limited to 16 individuals. We remain hopeful to hold Sinners events during the 2020–2021 season but hold the safety and wellbeing of our Club and members in the highest regard. Events will be considered canceled while current restrictions remain in place one month prior to the scheduled event. This has led to the cancellation of the December 6, 2020 Sinners Breakfast.

## 2020–2021 Schedule of Events

*Robert Burns Sinners:* January 24, 2021. 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 impression.

*Sweetheart Sinners:* February 14, 2021. 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* (Kitchener/Plattsville): March 2021 - Dates TBD. Sunday breakfast held in Plattsville, Ontario.

*Men's Sinners:* March 28, 2021. Enjoy the breakfast, raffle, and stories.

*Last Chance Sinners:* April 18, 2021. 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](mailto:sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com)**

## Men's Scots Tour 2022

Applications are now being accepted for the Men's Scots Tour for 2022. The tentative dates are from January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 thru January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Details and criterion can be found on [page 13](#) in the US Curling News Magazine. The deadline to apply is December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

# Pro Shop News

While the bar is closed, we have implemented a new way to purchase items from the Pro Shop. There are order forms on the Pro Shop door. Please completely fill out this form and place it along with the items you wish to purchase behind the bar. The Treasurer, Diana Jankowski, will be at the Club on Mondays to process the invoices for the orders. You will receive an invoice via Square through your email. Once the invoice is paid, you may take your items from behind the bar.

If there is something you need but cannot find in the Pro Shop, email Diana at [dj.dcc.curling@gmail.com](mailto:dj.dcc.curling@gmail.com) and she can work with you to get you what you need.

**Gently Used Equipment** – We have several men's and women's curling shoes available in several sizes and both right handed and left handed styles. We have at least one used carbon fiber brush available along with a few delivery sticks. Ladies, stop in and check out an official ladies kilt, available for only \$10. New curlers can snap up some very good equipment for very little money. Take advantage of the generosity of your fellow members today.

**New Products** – We have restocked our brush collection with more Hardline Brushes. We also have Balance Plus Grippers in stock and more stop watches. We have Balance Plus Replaceable Grippers in stock. AND, we have a broom bag for one member who requested it. Stop in and replenish your gear inventory for the big finale!

**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.

**Curl with Glass** – The new pint glasses and shot glasses are in stock and available for you to start or add to your collection. And we also have wine glasses available too. Available today at the bar or in the Pro Shop.

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