

# DETROIT CURLING CLUB

# Scots Wha Hae

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## Welcome Back, Curlers!

We're all excited to return back to the ice after several months on pause. Leagues have the option to extend their season into April. You will receive details from your drawmaster soon.

We hope we will be able to continue curling for the rest of the season, but we know it could change at an instant. All we can do as a club is continue with our safety protocols and ensure that we keep each other safe. Stay home if you feel sick or are exposed to someone with COVID. In the club please always wear a mask on and off the ice.

This is not the season that any of us wanted, but it sure does make you appreciate what we have. The Board wants to thank all of you for your patience and flexibility this season and for your continued support of your Detroit Curling Club!

## Bingo for Pints!

The DCC Engagement Committee presents DCC Bingo to keep everyone involved on and off the ice! Completed boards will be entered into a drawing for some DCC logo pint glasses. Entries only are good until February 21<sup>st</sup>, so don't delay and get your boards filled out today. (A full sheet version is attached at the end of this issue of SWH to print out.)

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Sub on a League you never have played on	Buy an item from the pro-shop	Introduce yourself to someone new	Write an article for the SWH.	Submit Photos to the DCC archive
Do your part to disinfect & clean your area	Rent the Ice with your friends	Participate in a Club Zoom Call	Check into the club on Social Media	Take the Ice Prep Class
Encourage a teammate on the ice	VOLUNTEER		Thank a Board Member	Empty and recycle your water bottles
Join a Committee	Join the Club Facebook Page	Read the DCC History	Promote the Rental Program	Watch a curling technique video on YouTube
Thank Eric the ICE GUY	Watched an international or National Championship Online	Thank a Drawmaster	Play every position over the course of the year	Invite family and friends to watch curling on our Live Stream



## CALENDAR

### Bonspiels

#### Groundhog Day Bonspiel (Open)

Bowling Green  
Jan 29–31, 2021

#### Ladies' 1-Day Bonspiel

Bowling Green  
Mar 20, 2021

#### 2021 Cherry Bombspiel

Traverse City  
Apr 24–25, 2021

# Reminder of New Curling Etiquette

We are so excited to be able to return to the ice once more, but we must do so with safety as a top priority. The club will be taking all the necessary precautions, disinfected on a regular basis, and abiding by government guidelines, but it only matters if we all do our part. Each of us, every single league, every single night, and every single event, need to look out for one another. ***Wear your mask, wash your hands, keep six feet apart and socially distanced, and please stay home if you have any symptoms.*** Let's not bring COVID to the club and protect our curling family.

Also, as a friendly reminder from House committee, if you finish a hand sanitizer bottle or sanitizer wipes, please place the empty containers onto the bar in the warm room so they can be replenished.



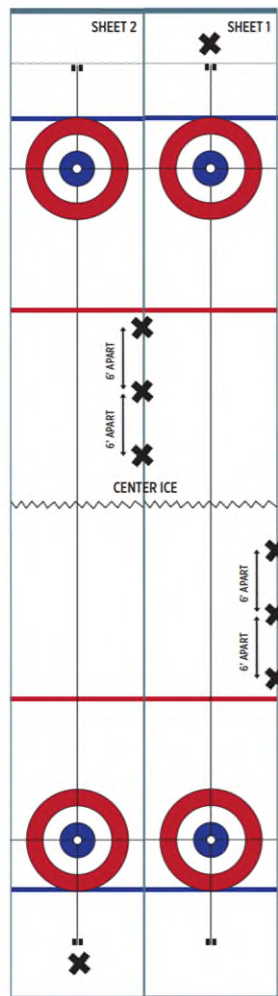
## Rules for Play During Covid-19



### ON THE ICE

**MASK ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES WHILE PLAYING**

#### NON-DELIVERING TEAM POSITIONS



GAMES WILL START ON  
OPPOSITE ENDS

Drawmasters will determine the manner of assigning all hammer and stone colors.

The winning team (or team who had hammer last) must clean the rocks and the scoreboard at the conclusion of the game. We will use disinfecting wipes for this process. Only ice technicians and designated members should handle ice making equipment. When cleaning ice, players doing the cleaning should follow these steps: Remove gloves. Sanitize hands. Clean ice. Sanitize hands again.

Please use your own equipment for curling (Broom, stabilizer, grippers, step-on slider). The proshop will be open for members to purchase any needed equipment.

No handshakes or elbow bumps. A simple "Good Curling" or "Good luck" will suffice.

Sheets 1 and 3 will begin each draw on the scoreboard end. Sheets 2 and 4 will begin play at the glass end.

Only Thirds / Vice Skips are to interact with scoreboards.

You can use your feet or a broom to move any rock not in play, but the only use your hands to move rocks if they are the rocks you are throwing.

When measuring, players doing the measure should follow these steps. Remove gloves. Sanitize hands. Do measurement. Sanitize hands again.

Only one sweeper per stone. No relaying the sweep (sweeper switches with teammate halfway down the ice). Skip/Vice-Skip also should not assist sweeping. The Skip/Vice must move away from the sweeper coming down the ice to ensure social distancing.

Non-delivering team Skip/Vice may not enter the house until opposing Skip/Vice relinquishes control. You may not sweep your opponent's stone behind the tee line. If the rock is swept accidentally, the non-offending skip can place the rock back where they thought it would have ended. Non-delivering team locations. Skip stands behind the playing end Hack. Sweepers stand near the center of the ice on the side of the sheet towards the wall on sheet 1. Next to deliver can be at the delivering end courtesy line. Spots will be marked on the ice for suggested places to stand. Always social distance from other players on your sheet and neighboring sheets.

"Community" water pitchers WILL NOT be provided. Please bring your own water bottle or order a single serve item from the bar.

## A Note from Jack's Place

Eric is looking for individuals to learn how to prep the ice, particularly how to use the scraper. We currently only have a small handful of individuals in the club who feel comfortable operating it. If Eric were to contract COVID and become unable to work, our ice quality would suffer until we are able to get more people trained. If you have time and are interested in volunteering, please contact Eric either in person at the club or via email at [ekortebe@gmail.com](mailto:ekortebe@gmail.com).

The volunteer committee also is asking leagues to have one team a week come in early to assist Eric is prepping the ice. Please take a moment to talk with your team and figure out a week where at least two members of your team and [sign up today!](#)

## Match Game 21 with the DCC!

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, John James hosted the Match Game 21 with panelists Katty McLady, Micky OUTturn, Muffy vonTakeout. Nate Glitman had a steady run of matches in the beginning of the game including a super match until paired up against Mike Norris. Mike ran the board for several rounds and ended up winning with approximately 20 points! Lots of laughter and a groovy time for everyone that came out to participate. Participants included: Laura Gilchrist (Katty McLady), Mike Grudzinski (Micky OUTturn), Maryanne Wessels (Muffy vonTakeout), Ian Boynton (Skip Takeout), John Danckaert (John James), Damien & Pam Buchkowski, Samantha & Carolyn Lewis, Margaret Finnegan-Boynton, Mike Norris & Joey, Roger & Suzanne York, Anne & Matt Cramer, and Nate Glitman.

Thanks to the Membership Committee for organizing and putting on this fun event! Hope to see even more people in next month's event!

## Rockettes Corner

### Ladies' 2-Day Bonspiel Update

The Ladies' bonspiel committee has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's event. We look forward to putting on a great weekend of curling next season!

### Bowling Green Ladies' 1-Day

Our friends at the Bowling Green Curling Club are hosting a one-day ladies' bonspiel on March 20, 2021. The BGCC hosts its bonspiels with strict COVID-19 safety guidelines, including social distancing, mask-wearing, and sanitizing. Contact the Rockettes if you want more information about this event.

### USWCA News

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>.

### T-Shirt Sales

The Rockettes are still considering a t-shirt order this season. Stay tuned to the Scots Wha Hae for more details.

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 the last page).

# 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 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.

## 2020–2021 Schedule of Events

*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)**

## 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.

**Online Shop Orders** – For those of you who took advantage of the online merchandise shop before the Christmas break, THANK YOU! Orders should be arriving within the next week or two. Be on the lookout for an email for pickup at the club!

**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.

**Gripper Sale Returns** – In the best interest to keep our ice fresh and clean, the Pro Shop will be extending it's \$2 off gripper sale until February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you missed out at the beginning of the season, now is a great time to get some fresh rubber on your shoes!

**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 in the Pro Shop.



## Angus MacTavish is in the House



### The Ford Trophy

One of the many framed old pictures hanging proudly in our clubhouse shows four curlers, winners of the *Ford Trophy*. I was asked if the trophy had been presented by the Ford Motor Company.

The *Ford Trophy* was created in 1906 by DCC member John A. Ford to establish an annual tournament between the three curling clubs of Detroit and Windsor at that time: the Detroit Curling Club, the Detroit Racquets and Curling Club and the Windsor Curling Club. The competition was set up for 4 teams from each club and the event would run for a maximum of 5 years. In addition to the trophy the members of the winning team would each be awarded a button or pin—also supplied by Mr. Ford. The Windsor Star called the *Ford Trophy*: “The most coveted prize in local curling.”

John A. Ford was born in 1857 in Wayland, a small town south of Grand Rapids, MI. He was the sixth of seven children. His father had been a farmer, a laborer and a drayman: the driver of a dray—a low, flat-bed horse drawn wagon used for transporting of all kinds of goods. Ford had left home before 1890. By 1895 he was running a saloon at 46 Woodbridge Street in Detroit. The saloon was apparently a very successful endeavor. Within 5 years the saloon moved to larger quarters at 92 Woodward Avenue at Congress. Ford also acquired a cigar store.

The 1900 census states that he was single, rented a house at 46 Griswold and had 3 servants. He was a dog lover and always had at least one fox terrier. As a shotgun enthusiast he belonged to the Pastime Gun Club and the Wolverine Gun Club. Ford also created a *Ford Trophy* for a competition at the Wolverine Gun Club.

He joined the Detroit Skating and Curling Club in 1898. He quickly became known as “an excellent lead or second.” Ford played in many competitions both in-house and on-the-road. In the 1902 season he was listed as a skip. He was elected to the club’s Board in 1903 and served for three years. At 48 years old he married Genevieve Rigby whose father was an inventor – who had designed, patented and manufactured a new type of steel-tired railway wheel - saving money and longer lasting. When the newlyweds returned home from their wedding trip, friends gave Ford a diamond ring and to his wife they gave a tiger’s head pin which had diamond eyes and other gems.

In January 1906 Ford offered the trophy to be competed annually by Detroit, Windsor and Racquets. Each club was to enter four teams. In the first round two Detroit teams would play against two Windsor teams and the other Detroit teams would play against two of the Racquets teams. The remaining Windsor teams would play against the remaining two Racquets teams. The losing teams were eliminated and the winning teams progressed through a “ladder” until a winner was decided. This was not meant as a weekend event, but rather played at agreed upon times throughout the season. It should be pointed out that during this period curling games were a grueling 14 ends.

The first round of games was held February 9<sup>th</sup> at all three clubs. It was a drawmaster’s dream: at each rink the games were split even, leaving two four-man teams from each club still in the race. The final game came down to a Detroit team and a Windsor rink. Windsor won the final game 12 to 8.

January 23, 1907 was round one of the second year of competition. Again all three clubs entered four teams. Two Windsor and two Racquets teams were eliminated in round one. On the second night of competition the Racquets club could not field a team. The two remaining Windsor rinks were eliminated leaving two Detroit teams. Ben Guiney defeated James Craig in the final match for a Detroit win in 1907.

The Racquets Club was eliminated in the first round in 1908. The final game was a Detroit team versus a Windsor rink. Detroit won the last game 18 to 8.

The Detroit Racquets and Curling Club dropped out of the 1909 competition. It was decided that Detroit CC and the Windsor CC would each send 6 teams into the event. In round one 5 of the 6 Windsor rinks lost. Yet the one remaining Windsor rink went on to claim the 1909 title.

On January 28, 1910 six Windsor rinks crossed the river to compete on the Forest Avenue ice. Forgetful of all the rules of hospitality the Detroiters won every one of the matches therefore ensuring that a Detroit team would claim the trophy in its final year. It should be noted that John A. Ford was one of the six first-round winning skips – this is the only year in which he had competed in the tournament. John Stevenson's rink prevailed through the remaining games. This ended the *Ford Trophy* contest - Windsor winning twice and Detroit three times.

Ford's Restaurant continued as a vibrant business on Woodward for many years. Mr. Ford retired in 1935 when he sold the establishment. He died November 30, 1940. He was survived by his wife and a son – John S. Ford.

The trophy was not supplied by Ford Motor Company. The picture in our club is not one of the three Detroit teams who won it, but rather the 1906 winning rink from the Windsor Curling Club. Unfortunately, the trophy is not at The Club now and it was not listed in a 1951 inventory of our trophies. Perhaps Mr. Ford put it on display in his saloon.

Time to find my doodlesack,

~Angus MacTavish



*The Ford Trophy 1906 Won by J.A. McKay, A.W. Ridout, Dr. Ashbaugh, D. Macgillivray, skip (seated on left)*  
Windsor Curling Club

## Club Jackets & Call for Sponsorship

Greetings fellow curlers! A few months ago, while I was at the End of Summer Spiel in Fort Wayne, I noticed that quite a few clubs around our area had very nice-looking club jackets and I thought, we should have them too! After discussing the idea with fellow members, I approached Bret with this idea and Maryanne for a design, and I am happy to present the following jacket design to you:



In addition to having our very own club jackets, I am hoping to generate some extra revenue for the club, particularly as this pandemic is putting a strain on the club's finances. To generate extra revenue, I talked to Bret about selling advertising space on the jackets and would like to ask club members for help. There are only seven advertising spaces available on the jacket. The pricing for the jackets will be around \$125. If any club member is interested in buying advertising space on the jacket to promote their business or think that their company might be interested, please feel free to email me at [Jeffrey.a.peplinski@gmail.com](mailto:Jeffrey.a.peplinski@gmail.com) for pricing information.

# Parting Shots with Skippie McSurly

“Up the stick!”

When you hear those words, you know it’s important to focus on hitting the broom. A lot of good things can happen when you hit the broom.

The same could be said for draw weight but when you have to remove rocks, nothing is more important than hitting the broom. Most of the time you will be throwing “normal” take-out weight, so the focus shifts from weight to accurately hitting the broom.

Once you can consistently hit the broom on take outs it becomes easier to make more difficult, critical shots like tight come arounds and freezes.

In my opinion, hitting the broom is the last thing you should be thinking about when releasing the stone. Initially, each player should “buy-in” or believe in the shot and “trust the broom” then think about weight before getting in the hack. As you set up in the hack, focus on mechanics and alignment then drive out, release the stone and hit the broom!

Of course, you can’t hit your target or make your shot if you don’t have the right ice. Skips gauge (or guess) ice based on the accuracy of their team and the conditions of the ice. If the team is not hitting the broom, skips start to second guess ice calls, particularly their own. It can be disconcerting when a skip asks teammates, “Do you remember how much ice we took for a shot like this in the second end?” More often than there not, there is dead silence. “Really? You’re the skip!” is what they’re thinking.

Problems arise when a team, especially a skip, is not confident about an ice call and decides to aim at a leg or yells out, “Is that enough ice?” You can hear eyes rolling!

That’s when a lot of bad things can happen.

Confidence is contagious. When you “trust the broom” and make your aim true, everyone gains confidence, especially the skip.

Good curling!

*McSurly TIP:* Use your time on practice ice hitting the broom. Practice ice is notoriously slow and not productive for draw weight. Set up targets or have someone hold the broom half way down the ice. The club has tools and our clinics can accelerate the learning curve. Like golf, find a delivery that works for you...and hit the broom!



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