

DETROIT CURLING CLUB

Scots Wha Hae

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Detroit selected for Scots' Tour

Congratulations to Bret Jackson for being selected to represent the USCA in the upcoming [2022 Men's Scotland Tour](#). Bret is one of the two members selected from the GLCA to participate to bring the Herries-Maxwell Trophy back to the USA. Bret will play at least 30 games over a 21 day stretch in addition to daily social events whilst travelling across Scotland. Be sure to send a note or say congrats to Bret next time you see him at club!

Raised Takeout Wins the A-Event at Bowling Green Open

The team of Ben Levy, Duncan Whitmore, Stephanie Whitmore, and Jenny Levy won the A-event in Bowling Green over Team Gleaton (Kalamazoo/Columbus/Cincinnati) in five ends after a beautiful raised takeout to seal the game. Other Detroit members that competed over the weekend included Team Lopez (Josh Lopez, Denis Metty, Shawn King, and David Gersenson [TC/Leelenau CC]), Team Gaul (John and DessiRai Gaul, Mike Clapsadle, Joe George), Team Turbow (Melissa Turbow, Daniel Kobs, Karina and Chase Ansok) and Jeffrey Peplinski (playing with two members from Mayfield CC and Washington).



CALENDAR

Bonspiels

Motown Doubles Bonspiel

Detroit

Mar 12–14, 2021

Ladies' 1-Day Bonspiel

Bowling Green

Mar 20, 2021

2021 Cherry Bombspiel

Traverse City

Apr 24–25, 2021

A Word from the President

Hello members!

I hope everyone is doing well. So far everything has been great at the club since our return to leagues last month. I am very happy to report that we have had no cases of COVID-19 due to exposure in the club. That is due to the vigilance of each and every one of you in following the protocols. Please continue to wear a mask at all times in the club. Together we have created a safe atmosphere for all. Keep up the great work!

Updated Safety Protocols

Experts continue to learn a great deal about the virus and how it is spread. As the literature is updated, we will continue to revise our policies around safety. The member safety committee has made the following recommendations to our COVID-19 procedures:

The first issue is that according to many recent and peer reviewed studies it is very rare that you can get the virus from a surface. This seems to be the general consensus from the experts and the CDC has also scaled back its recommendation in this area. The evidence suggests that the virus is airborne and masks and social distancing are valid measures to take to mitigate those risks. Handwashing and not touching your face after contact with surfaces is still recommended.

We are proposing that we amend our policies to not have members clean every surface after each draw. The club will still have the professional cleaning crew continue to do their job once a day. Members would not need to clean the scoreboards and rocks after each game, but they should be done at the end of the night. We will leave cleaning supplies in the warm room and in the arena so that individuals are able to clean surfaces if they feel it is necessary. Rental equipment will still need to be sanitized after use.

Second, a few people have asked us to review the sweeping rules and specifically asked if the skips could sweep rocks behind the tee line. The committee reviewed options and the decision was unanimous to not make any changes to the sweeping rules at this time. Keeping distance while a sweeper is breathing hard is a key element of our safe practices. The one sweeper can sweep their rock through the entirety of a shot, but they cannot switch with any person on their team and everyone on both teams should maintain a safe distance from them.

Bar closure for the rest of the season

The Board decided at the February meeting to keep the bar closed for the remainder of the season. The first priority for the Board this season has been the safety of the members. We do not feel that we could provide a safe environment for everyone with masks off while drinking and socializing. Second, if we operated the bar at 25% capacity per the state guidelines, we would lose money to staff and stock the bar. Derek and Frank (our bartenders) have been notified and they understand and support the decision. We have communicated that we very much appreciate their contributions to the club and we look forward to welcoming them back next season.

Unforeseen Mechanical issues

Murphy and his law (Whatever can go wrong, will go wrong) have been in full effect this season at the club. We have had to make several repairs to key mechanical items in our facility. The mechanical issues included several repairs to the electrical system, compressors, the arena and warm room furnaces, the dehumidifier, a scraper, the fire alarm and suppression system, and the lighted electric sign above the front door. The Board has also approved the repairs to the front doors. We are putting off repairs to the refrigerator in the kitchen and one of the drink coolers behind the bar since we are not opening the bar. There are a number of other small odds and ends that will wait until next season, but we have prioritized the safety and continued use of the facility and ice.

Ok, now for some good news...

The spirit of curling and the camaraderie of the club at all live and well. Despite our challenges, cancellations, and awkward rules, we are making things work. There is a new batch of learn to curlers who have just joined the club. Please say hello and welcome them! We are holding another learn to curl event this weekend. Between the experience of those two learn to curl events we have had a group of members earn their Level 1 Instructor designation from the USCA after they took the class this fall.

Rentals are picking up, which brings much needed revenue into the club. We have begun doing some social media advertising to get the word out about the rental program and a fun and unique event for families and friends.

The club is hosting its first Doubles bonspiel March 12-14. The event quickly filled with 24 teams. Since we will not be socializing at the club, we are setting up agreements with our favorite Ferndale establishments to host the post-game broomstacking. While a majority of teams are coming from within our club, teams are also coming from Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Washington, and California. We have a full doubles league on Mondays at 5pm and with the bonspiel full it is safe to say that this game is popular at our club.

And finally, we wanted to share that **for the first draw of the evening**, the ice will be ready 15 minutes before your draw time. This means that **you can enter the building 20-25 minutes ahead of your draw**, get some practice slides in, and begin games a few minutes early. Many early draws have had shortened games and we want everyone to have the opportunity to get a full game in.

It's an unusual season. If you have questions about this or anything else concerning the club, the Board, and plans for the future, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or anyone else on the Board. You can reach me at president@detroitcurling.com

Good Curling!

Bret Jackson

DCC President

GLCA News

The GLCA Regional Mixed Championship is being held at the Kalamazoo Curling Club on March 5–7, 2021. Registration opened on February 11th and closes on February 24th at 11:45pm. Registration is \$110.00 and can be found at <https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/usacurling/>.

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 21st, 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.)

Speed of Play

Just a friendly reminder that the time of your draw should be when the first stone is being thrown by your lead. Please allow yourself enough time to get your shoes laced up, stretch out, and be out in the arena a few minutes before the draw begins. Doing this will ensure you're able to get all eight (8) ends in and enjoy the full time you're out on the ice.

USCA Membership

You may have received several emails from the United States Curling Association (USCA) or Sport:80 on February 02, 2021 about their new membership system. We wanted to clarify a few things related to member association dues for our members.

The first USCA email explained their new platform that they just rolled out. The second USCA email clarified that membership payment is not required at this time, as their member services team is currently working with member club administrators on submitting rosters and dues for this season. The third email was allowing you to set a password for your online account.

Please do not be alarmed if your membership shows as lapsed on the USCA website. It is not. Payment for all current members has been sent to the USCA. The DCC submitted our membership roster to the USCA on Thursday January 28th. The dues check had to be postmarked by January 31st and a check was mailed to the USCA on Friday, January 28th. It arrived at the USCA office on February 1st.

The USCA emails were, as they stated, is an opportunity for you to familiarize yourself with the platform and update any contact information to complete the setup of your profile. Because of all of the confusion this has caused, the USCA is shutting down the launch to work the bugs out. They will try again when the issues have been addressed.

Every year, the DCC remits member association dues on behalf of its members to the USCA, Great Lakes Curling Association (GLCA) and US Women's Curling Association (USWCA) for its women members. We also pay association dues on behalf of the entire club to the Ontario Curling Association (OCA). These association dues are part of the annual membership dues that you pay each year and are just some of the additional benefits that your dues give you. **We plan to continue this practice going forward so you will not need to worry about separately paying your dues to the USCA.**

If you have any other questions, please contact Bret Jackson at president@detroitcurlingclub.com.

A Note from Jack's Place

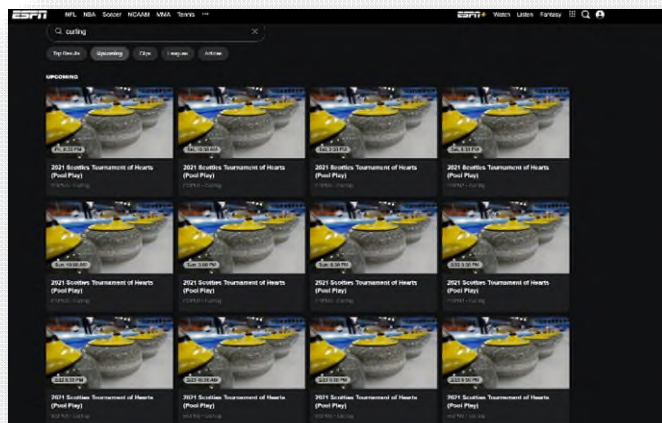
Eric is looking for individuals to learn how to prep the ice, particularly how to use the scraper. We currently only have a small handful of individuals in the club who feel comfortable operating it. If Eric were to contract COVID and become unable to work, our ice quality would suffer until we are able 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.

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!](#)

Eric also would like to share that if you're interested in throwing a few practice rocks before your game, please make sure he has gone over the sheet with the nipper. He doesn't mind if you throw a few rocks whilst he is finishing prepping the other sheets.

World Curling News

The Canadian National Championships are set to take place in the 'bubble' in Calgary. The [Scotties](#) will start February 19–28 followed by the [Brier](#) March 5–14. The format will still feature one team from each province with the addition of three wild card teams (instead of just one like previous years) for a total of eighteen teams. TSN broadcasting the Championships as in previous years with commentary from Russ Howard, Vic Rauter, and Cheryl Bernard. To view the Scotties and the Brier, those with cable tv access should be able to view it in your browser on a computer or smart TV at [ESPN3](#). (In the search bar, enter 'Curling' and the dates and times for draws should appear [See image to right].)



On February 7th, Sweden's best teams faced off in a friendly match between Niklas Edin and Anna Hasselborg. The game can be view from [here](#) in your internet browser.

On February 8th, the World Curling Federation announced the cancellation of the Women's World Curling Championships scheduled to be in Schaffhausen, Switzerland in late March. The Men's is still scheduled to take place in Calgary, Canada in April. The WCF has not decided whether to reschedule the World Championships or replace it with an alternative Olympic qualification event.

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 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 have been delivered and available for pickup on the bar.

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.

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.

Wednesday Night 8-ENDER!

On February 3rd on the 8:15pm league, the team of Paul Badgero, Tyler Herling, and Nate Steeby scored an 8-ender in the 4th end on sheet 1. It came down to a measurement with the biter bar to confirm that, indeed, all eight rocks were in play. Congratulations!



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 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

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

Motown Doubles Bonspiel

The DCC will be hosting its first doubles bonspiel March 12–14. There is already a waiting list as there is a full docket of teams from Michigan, Ohio, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Washington, and California. Please take a look at the [Ice SignUp page](#) for opportunities to help with the ice that weekend.



Angus MacTavish is in the House

“Scots Wha Hae” - The Detroit Curling Club’s Newsletter

...and the Battle Cry of The Club...

“*Scots Wha Hae*” (English translation: “Scots, Who Have”) is a patriotic song of Scotland which served for centuries as an unofficial national anthem of the country. The lyrics were written by Robert Burns in 1793, in the form of a speech given by Robert the Bruce before the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314, where Scotland maintained its sovereignty from the Kingdom of England. (Think of Mel Gibson in Braveheart).

English translation

'Scots, who have with Wallace bled,
Scots, whom Bruce has often led,
Welcome to your gory bed
Or to victory.

'Now is the day, and now is the hour:
See the front of battle lower (threaten),
See approach proud Edward's power -
Chains and slavery....

(Ed Note: You can find the rest of the lyrics online. Also, listen and read along on [YouTube](#).)

The oldest issue of The Club’s newsletter (December 1934) in our records does not use this quote. The second oldest issue in our archives is dated January 14, 1936, Vol. 3, No. 3. The masthead reads:

“SCOTS WHA HAE”

Official Battle Cry of

The Detroit Curling Club

The font size and style have changed a few times over the years, but this has remained the name of our newsletter.

Good Curling.

Penman & Conjuror,

Angus MacTavish



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 for pricing information.

The Detroit Rockettes Cookbook

Submitted by Nina Sgriccia

In the 1970s through the 1990s it was popular for clubs to publish a member cookbook as a fund raiser. Many Canadian and U.S. Curling Clubs picked up on the idea. The DCC was no exception.

Inspired and produced by the Rockettes, all the recipes of the 100+ page cookbook were submitted by our lady curlers. Many of the recipes were familiar to DCC members because they had been prepared for home entertainment, at bonspiels and for clubhouse parties. Unfortunately, most of the recipes don't recognize the member who submitted it.

There is one recipe from a male member (and former president) Dale Hargreaves that is noted, Dale's Teriyaki. Even Opal Diggs our club cook and honorary member at Forest Avenue contributed her popular ribs and chicken recipes.

Some recipes used by members today who still have a cookbook include: Spinach Dip, Mrs. Mac's Spinach Balls (Jean MacLaughlin), Shrimp Mold and Egg & Sausage Casserole.

The cookbook, circa 1980 had two additional printings (1981 and 1986) for a total of 1,252 copies. It means a lot friends and family bought copies as well as the members!

It's astonishing to think of all the time and effort the ladies put forth to produce the cookbook. The cookbook committee spent countless hours gathering recipes from members, compiling and retyping them by hand, long before computers were mainstream. What a monumental task!

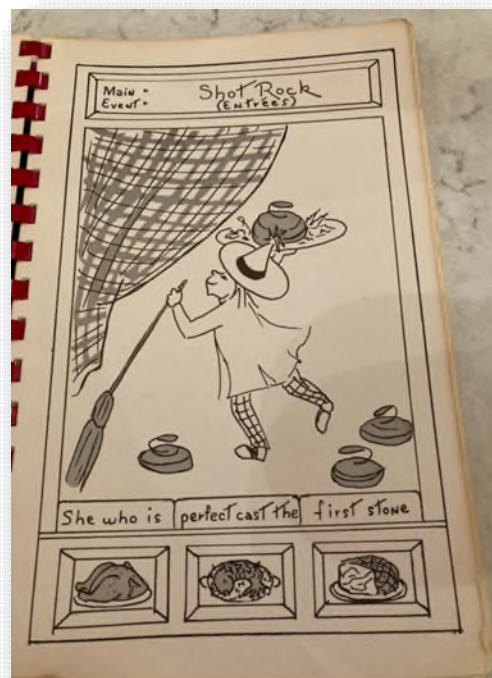
Even the humorous drawings were rendered by Rockettes member, Betty Breidenbach.

Mary Oliver, longtime Rockettes member said she just had her well-used Rockettes cookbook out looking for some appetizer recipes and she settled on the ham roll ups. Mary said, "I did contribute a few recipes. Even snuck in one of Jim's. I remember the first printing being sold out immediately. A lot of good, good memories. And, a lot of good, good friends."

The Rockettes Cookbook is a testament to the dedication and support our ladies have provided to the DCC and their love for the grand ole game.

Curling club cookbooks can be found on eBay from time to time. Currently you can purchase books made by the members of: Cape Cod (1978); Fort Frances (1983); Brandon; Green Bay; Portage (1990); Stevens Point; Waltham (1984) and Virginia Lenot (1986). The Fairbanks CC made one in 1988 and they sold them at our club during the Men and Women's US Nationals in 1989.

The Rockettes' version is harder to find on eBay – in the title, they did not use the words: cook, cookbook nor recipes. You need to be diligent in your search with key words.



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OCA Representative – Dave Nelson, Bret Jackson

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Did you know that you can generate donations for the DCC while shopping for your valentine, at no extra cost? Simply start your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/38-0478480 to confirm "Detroit Curling Club" as your charity of choice, and AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our organization. Good year round!

DETROIT CURLING CLUB BINGO

TO ENTER:

Print out this card add your name below and play.

Members Name: _____

TO WIN:

Create a line of 5 boxes (diagonal or straight)

Submit you card via club drop box or via email to:
dcc_com_ed@yahoo.com by Feb. 21, 2021.

You will be entered into a drawing for a set of
DCC Pint Glasses.



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