

DETROIT CURLING CLUB

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CALENDAR

Events

Club Clean-Up

8:00am

May 8 & 15, 2021

Annual Meeting

6:30pm

May 26, 2021

Bonspiels

Maybe This Time Bonspiel

Pittsburgh

May 28–May 30, 2021

Mile High Summer Camp Spiel

Denver

June 3–June 6, 2021

Revenge of TropiCurl Bonspiel

Pittsburgh

July 1–July 4, 2021

TBD Named Bonspiel

Pittsburgh

Aug 12–Aug 15, 2021

End of Summer Spiel

Fort Wayne

Sept 17–Sept 19, 2021

Annual Meeting on May 26th!

Mark it in your calendars! The annual meeting will take place on Wednesday May 26th inside the arena at the club at 6:30pm. All members are highly encouraged to attend the meeting. The first piece of business will be a vote to accept the revisions of the bylaws. There will be another Town Hall Meeting for any questions or concerns about the revisions to the bylaws on Monday May 10 at 7:30pm via Zoom. If you cannot be present for a town hall meeting but have questions, please reach out to Bret Jackson or Adam Rivera. The Annual Meeting will include a raffle for a fully paid Class A membership for the 2021–2022 season. (The Joe Bonfoey rule will be in effect [i.e. – must be a current Class A member, present, and vote to win]).

Detroit Slides Into Home with Wins in the A and B Events in Cincinnati

Congratulations to the Jackson/Levy Rink (with super spare Ishan Sethi) and the Clark Rink for winning the A and B events (respectively) in Cincinnati over April 2–4 weekend.



Team Jackson/Levy (L-R) Bret Jackson, Jenny Levy, Ben Levy, Ishan Sethi (Cinci CC). (Not pictured: Julie Benson).



Team Clark (L-R) Rich Ashford (Pittsburgh CC), Shawn King, Jay Clark, Mike Clapsadle.

A Word from the President

Greetings Members,

What a year—but we made it! And we made it work despite new rules, fears, and obstacles. I want to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to the club, and your commitment to the safety of your fellow members. We had a successful season because of your vigilance and dedication to the rules and protocols.

The season was really a triumph. We had great volunteer participation, very active leagues, and held some fun events. Team Swisshelm won another GLCA Championship, and many members won events at local and regional events. The spirit of curling was alive and well at the club and within the membership at large. We made it happen together.

Thank you all for your contributions to the club this season and I hope all of you have a good summer.

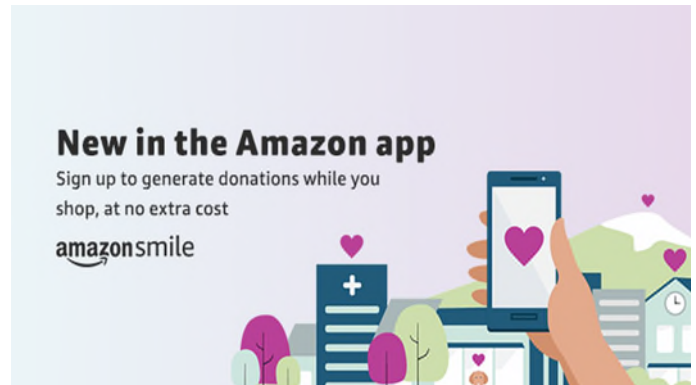
Bret Jackson

President

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- 3. Select "Detroit Curling Club" as your charity*
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Club Clean-Up

Club clean-up is scheduled for May 8th and 15th. Help is needed in the arena and warm room. For the arena, we will need 2-3 power washers. Please use the sign-up below if you have one available. See available times and sign up [here](#)!

Please contact our club clean-up champion, Laura Gilchrist (laura.gilchrist@gmail.com), with any and all questions.

In-House 5 & Under Bonspiel

Submitted by Theresa Tejada and Steven Smith

Photo Credit: DessieRai Gaul

While many great traditions of the Detroit Curling Club had to be altered or postponed this year, the Board was determined to give an opportunity for newer curlers to enjoy the camaraderie and competition of a bonspiel. On Saturday, April 24, eight teams played in the in-house 5 and Under, a two-game, six-end points spiel. There was great representation from all levels of experience, with many people in their second, third, fourth, or fifth year of curling and at least four curlers who just started in January! Additionally, this was the first time skipping a full game for Team Lewczuk, who assembled for the first time at the bonspiel.

Team Smith	31 points
Team Darnell	30.5 points
Team Bleaney	19.5 points
Team Ansok	18 points
Team Hackney	17.75 points
Team Lewczuk	16.5 points
Team Brosnan	8 points
Team Alaniz	7.75 points

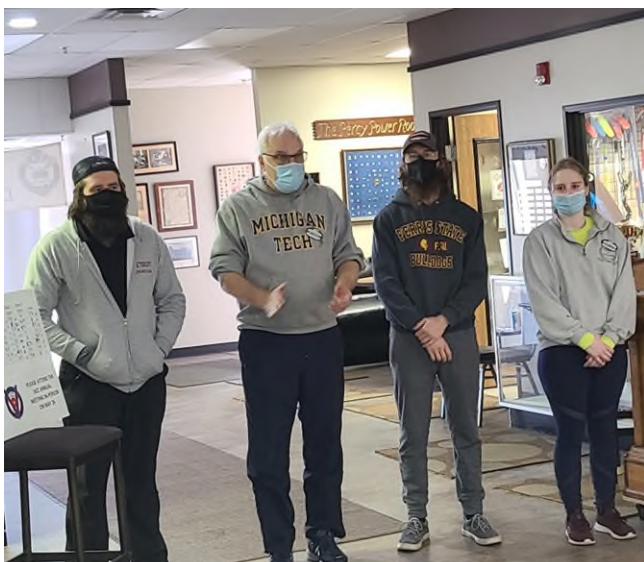
Special thanks to Eric Kortebein for preparing the ice, to Bret Jackson for supporting the development of newer curlers, to Stephanie Whitmore for supporting first-time Bonspiel chairs Steven Smith and Theresa Tejada, and to Diana Jankowski and Maryanne Wessels for their support in obtaining the gift certificates.



Team Smith (left): John Gaul (vice), Steven Smith (skip), Theresa Tejada (lead), Julia Toro Schubert (second).

The day started with a draw to the button to determine who would win a special prize from a COVID protection pack. After two perfect throws from Team Alaniz and Team Brosnan, a second draw to the button was required where Team Brosnan was able to take home their choice of hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, masks, or toilet paper.

The first game was full of spirited competition and close matches that continued into the second set of games, which required a draw to the button tiebreaker between Team Bleaney and Team Hackney. At the end of the day, the top two teams won gift certificates to the Pro Shop to continue to invest in their love of the game. The final results were:



Team Darnell (right): Dan Kobs (skip), Jeff Darnell (vice), Steve Rogers (second), Laura Woods (lead).

Motor City Semi Open Bonspiel

The Motor City Semi Open took place over April 30th thru May 2nd with a full 32 team spread. Most teams came from the DCC and GLCA area, but we were also joined by teams from the Houston CC, Pittsburgh CC, and Chicago (Windy City CC). The ice conditions were great all weekend and so was the weather that the participants enjoyed in the tent outside the Club.



Team Jackson: Bret Jackson, Ben Levy, Jenny Levy. (Not Pictured: Julie Benson, Kathrine Rathke).

Five DCC teams made their way to the finals on Sunday afternoon. In the D Event, Maggio (DCC) won over Degagne (Windy City CC). In the C Event, it was Turner (Columbus CC) over Clapsadle (DCC). In the B Event, Wojda (DCC) winning versus the Whitmore (DCC) rink. The Jackson (DCC) rink won the A Event over the Visnich (Pittsburgh CC) rink in a very close match.

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the ice, food preparation and cleanup, and the teams that stuck around afterwards to help get the stones out of the arena.



Team Wojda: Ian Everett, Mark Wojda, Kyle Connor, Ben Vorpahl. (Not Pictured: Mike Kazellian).



Team Whitmore: John Gaul, Duncan Whitmore, Stephanie Whitmore, Melissa Turbow.

Summer Spiels

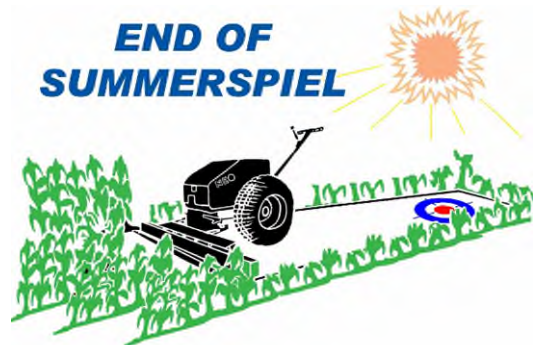
There are a number of bonspiels happening this summer across the country and the GLCA:

Denver is hosting a 'Mile High' Summer Camp Spiel June 3–6. Admission includes food and drinks (beer & wine). Indoor (socially distanced) & outdoor broomstacking with outdoor patio and games, outdoor bar service, food trucks, plus summer in Denver! first draw times will be Thursday 6/3 at 2:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm and Friday 6/4 at 9:00 am. [Registration](#) opened to all teams May 3.



Pittsburgh is hosting three separate spiels (Memorial Day, 4th of July, and mid-August). All are open format and 3-game guarantee. See the flyer to the right for the dates. More information can be found [here](#).

Fort Wayne is hosting their End of SummerSpiel September 17–19 on their new 4-sheet club. Open format with a 3–game guarantee. [Registration](#) begins on May 1 and is already full, but team can join the waitlist.



The Four Seasons Curling Club in Blaine, MN is hosting their Blazin' Brooms Luau Bonspiel August 20–August 22. Open format with a 3-game guarantee, there will be a game on that Friday before 4PM. For more details, please check out tinyurl.com/BlazinBrooms2021

Rockettes Corner

Rockettes Annual Board Meeting and Election Results

The Rockettes held their Annual Board meeting on Tuesday, April 20th at 7pm via Zoom. It was great to see everyone who was able to participate! During this meeting the election results were announced.

Pam Buchkowski, Stephanie Grant and Bonnie Czander have now finished their term on the Rockettes' Board for the 2020–2021 season and the Rockettes have voted in Elizabeth Demers, Theresa Tejada, and Julia Toro each for a 2-year term to join Kelly Soerens, Pam Hollingsworth and Jennifer Legge.



A special thank you to all those who ran for the board, and the ballot committee, Courtney Urbiel, Laura Gilchrist and Marta Bauer.

The Rockettes will present their end of the year report at the DCC Annual Board Meeting on May 26th

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).

USWCA News

The winter edition of the USWCA rep sheet is now available here: [Winter 2021 USWCA Wrep Newsletter](#). Read all about next year's bonspiels, the USWCA's diamond jubilee and the incoming Scot and Friendship tours.

Speaking of next year's bonspiels, make sure to mark your calendar with the following dates:

The 39th Senior Bonspiel, "Curling with Altitude" will be held at Denver Curling Club, Golden, CO in the West Region. The event will be held Wednesday to Sunday, December 1–5, 2021. Denver has 4 sheets of ice, so this will be a 32-team bonspiel. Participants must be 55 or older by January 1, 2022. Clubs are encouraged to send as many teams as they can. Entry fee will be \$400; the entry deadline is August 27, 2021. Applications are available on the website now. Visit <http://www.uswca.org/senior-womens-bonspiel-2021> for the latest information. Follow the excitement on social media using hashtag #uswcab2021.

The Inaugural Super Senior Bonspiel will be held at Blackhawk Curling Club, Janesville, WI in the Wisconsin Region. The games will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, January 11–12, 2022. Participants must be 65 or older by January 1, 2022. Visit <https://www.uswca.org> for the latest information.

The 73rd National Bonspiel, "USWCA Celebrates its Diamond Jubilee" will be hosted in the East Region by Utica Curling Club, Whitesboro, NY, from Wednesday February 23 to Sunday, February 27, 2022. Applications will be available in September. Visit <http://www.uswca.org/national-womens-bonspiel> for the latest information. Follow the bonspiel news and plans on social media using hashtag #uswcanb2022

Central area 5 and Under bonspiel: Bowling Green Curling Club (Open), January 14–16, 2022, <http://bgcurlingclub.com/>

The USWCA looks forward to the conclusion of the Blank End and a return to all of its sponsored events and uniting women curlers across the county.

If you have any questions about the USWCA, please contact Bethany Rivera, Detroit CC representative.

2021 Detroit Curling Club

★ Champions ★



Monday Doubles Champions: Jenny Levy and Ben Levy.

Monday 8:30PM Champions: Ann Swisshelm, Jenny Levy, Elizabeth Demers, Melissa Turbow.



Tuesday ROC winners: Sue Andrews(2nd) and John Stratton (1st). Points are accumulated by attendance, winning, ends and scores.

Tuesday Night Lon O'Connor Champions: Dave Urbiel, Jason Limke, Martin de la Merced, Geoff Soerens.





Wednesday 6pm Champions: Jimmy Kirby, Bram Parkinson, Bret Jackson (skip), Diana Jankowski (vice).

Thursday Afternoon Men's League Champions: Miss Congeniality Kevin Dober and Gold Medal Winner Eric Kortbein.



Thursday Night League Champions: Melissa Turbow, Ann Swisshelm, Mark Lazar, Elizabeth Demers.



Friday Night 6PM Belt Champions: Karl Schubert, Bill Morris, Duncan Whitmore, Jim McCutcheon.

Friday Night 10:15pm Champions: Kobs Rink – Dan Kobs (skip), Steve Rogers (second), Eric Trytko (lead) Alyssa Butler (vice).



Sunday Night Champions: Mike Clapsadle (skip), Bram Parkinson (lead), Steve Rogers (2nd), Phil Brosnon (vice).



Angus MacTavish is in the House

Curlers at The Club in Days of Yore

When two or more curlers gather for a friendly chat, sooner or later the conversation will be directed to a discussion of certain characters that frolicked on our ice in the days of yore. As a friendly warning to the current membership, be careful of what you say and do because in another fifty years or more, you may be discussed in the same way.

And so, let's talk about some of the old boys. As starters we can consider John and Horace Dodge fresh out of Niles, Michigan, who were making more money than they could spend. Their idea of a fun evening was to wreck the Ponchatrain bar and then cheerfully pay for the damages the following day. In all fairness you couldn't call them the "good guys with white hats" in those days.

Another favorite haunt of the Brothers Dodge was our own hallowed halls. A well authenticated story has it that one night, following a close game and while they were relaxing as curlers have always done, one of the brothers decided we should have a new club house. This seemed like a good idea and so after another hour or so of elbow bending, one of the Dodges took out his ever-ready check book and wrote one payable to The Detroit Curling Club in the tidy amount of \$50,000.00. The story should have ended there but it did not. One outsider in the group – not a Dodge – took the check in hand and after the rink had called it a night, tore same up, probably figuring that brother Dodge had not known just what he was doing and would probably have stopped payment in the clear light of the following day. This particular boy scout has never been identified, which is just as well, because he no doubt would be remembered today in infamy. In a matter of days after this incident, the writer of this check dropped dead. In the light of subsequent events, would the Dodge estate have ever missed this one little item?

The above story is from the unpublished writings of John W. Taylor (Past President 1942-43). It is printed here for the ~~first~~ second time.

Lang may ur' lum reek, Angus

Pro Shop News

A **HUGE** thank you to John Danckaert for all of his continued hard work to make the DCC Pro Shop a success and to help keep it fully stocked! Also a **HUGE** thank you to Diana Jankowski for her assistance in bookkeeping and keeping the shop organized this season.

Scots' Tour Visiting the DCC

Are you interested in helping welcoming the incoming Ladies' Scot Tour? Or alternatively, do you have a high-end unique item that could be raffled for fundraising for the Scot Tour?

If you said yes to either of these questions, please reach out to Maryanne Wessels to join the planning committee at maryanne.wessels@gmail.com. Thank you!

The incoming Women's Scot Tour planning committee is taking monetary donations to fund the event. Contact Diana Jankowski, club treasure, to make a donation.

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.



For questions or further information, email The Sinners at: sinners@detroitcurlingclub.com

The DCC Sinners decided to make lemonade out of the lemons that the 2020-2021 season handed to all of us. On April 18, 2021 The Sinners hosted a curling event for the registered Sinners. Drawmaster Duncan Whitmore put together the slate of teams and everyone enjoyed eight ends of curling. The weather turned out to be on our side and the Sinners Board provided some light refreshments outdoors afterwards where social distancing restrictions could be observed. We've all said prayers to the Curling Gods for a better 2021-2022 season with a full calendar of Sinning activities. The Sinners Board meets regularly to plan for upcoming events, so keep an eye out for planned dates as these become finalized.

Longtime Sinner Board member, Dave Nelsen, has decided to step away from official Sinners Board duties. We extend a big thank you to Dave for all of his years of service to the DCC Sinners. To make for an easier transition and to minimize confusion, the Board decided to replace Dave with another Dave. The Sinners Board welcomes Dave Urbiel to its ranks. Dave Urbiel has been a long-time Sinner and has already proved himself as a worthy addition to the Sinner's Kitchen Crew by stepping up at events when the usual crew has found themselves in need of a substitute chef. Dave has pledged that the sausage served at the Sinners Breakfasts is in good hands!

We wish you all a safe off-season and look forward to starting the 2021-2022 season with fun events and plenty of fellowship.



Back: Ken Romanik, Bill Morris, Gordy Loud, Frank Duffey, John Danckaert, Don Bleaney, Eric Kortebein

Front: Ron Boehmer, Chris Golec, Chase Ansok, Jim Morris, Josh Lopez, Dave Urbiel, Dave Hesse, John Gaul, Mike Clapsadle, Jeff Peplinski, Ben Messick, John Becic

Kneeling: Paul Gaines, Bret Jackson, Sam Kilby, Joe George, Duncan Whitmore, Dallas Schneider, Dave Turner, Pete Sylvain, Larry Aubuchon

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