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### **Detroit Takes Gold & Silver at Senior Nationals**

We had three members competing at Senior Nationals in Seattle March 6-11, 2023. Ann Swisshelm (Skip M. Smith), Sean Silver (Skip J. Wright) and Elizabeth Demers (Skip T. Lawless). Ann and Elizabeth ended up facing each other in what was a repeat of last year's Senior Nationals finals. Elizabeth brought home a silver medal and Ann with Team Smith took gold and will represent the United States at the World Senior Championships April 22-29, 2023 in Gangneung, Korea. In addition, Sean Silver was added as an alternate for Team Larway. Good curling Ann, Sean, and Elizabeth!









# **CALENDAR**

## **Events**

# Club Championships & Champagne Spiel

Detroit Curling Club April 8, 2023

### **Junior 1-Day Friendly**

Detroit Curling Club April 15, 2023

### **Motor City Cup**

Detroit Curling Club April 28–30, 2023

#### Club Clean Up

Detroit Curling Club May 6–14, 2023

#### **Annual Meeting**

Detroit Curling Club May 24, 2023

#### Run for the Ribbon

Detroit Zoo
June 18, 2023

# **Volunteer Opportunities**

There are still opportunities to get involved this year. Many hands make for light work. If you are interested in volunteering, joining the committee, or have questions, reach out to Maryanne Wessels at <a href="mailto:bonspiels@detroitcurling.com">bonspiels@detroitcurling.com</a>. Check out our Volunteer Opportunities <a href="mailto:page-here">page-here</a> for available slots and sign-up for when you are available to help.

- 1. Looking for an event to volunteer for? Check out the number of opportunities available <a href="here">here</a>. Upcoming events with immediate needs: Champagne Spiel, Junior 1 Day Friendly, and Motor City Cup. Take a look at the link and see if there's a spot you can help out!
- 2. Rentals Committee We are looking for members who are interested in joining the Rentals Committee. Rentals are our number one source of income and will be the center of our club's financial health. The committee focuses on behind-the-scenes activities to support rentals. Some of the activities the committee members will take on: help manage the rental bookings, helping manage the instructors, managing corporate rentals, marketing open weekday daytime rentals to schools, helping manage the rentals system, documenting the current processes, and other activities that can improve rentals, etc. One of the roles of the committee is to determine other tasks the committee should take on. If you are interested, please email Don Bleaney at: <a href="mailto:rentalsdirector@detroitcurling.com">rentals.com</a>.
- **3.** The club is looking for a drawmaster for the new Sunday 9:30PM drop-in league. If you have questions or are interested in being the drawmaster for this league, please email Mike Grudzinski at: <a href="mailto:membership@detroitcurling.com">membership@detroitcurling.com</a>.

# **Five and Under Rules Change**

**5 & Under Eligibility Rules** –Included in the <u>2022-2023 USA Curling Rules of Curling & Competition</u> are the updated 5 & Under eligibility rules. Event Eligibility has been changed to be a curling season (July 1st to June 30th of the following year) rather than a calendar year (see page 32). If you need help figuring out your eligibility, contact Don Bleaney at: don.bleaney@gmail.com.

# **Adaptive Curling Clinic**

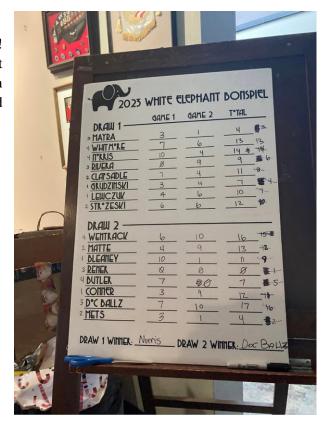
What an amazing and fun event! Thank you to all the participants, DCC & RIM Foundation volunteers who participated in this year's adaptive curling clinic. Special thanks to Bret Jackson for instructing and Jeff Peplinski and Maryanne Wessels for organizing.



# **Bonspiel Updates!**

# **White Elephant**

Another year, another successful and fun White Elephant Spiel! Congratulations to the Hardman and Norris rinks for winning a spot on the trophy. Thank you to Chris Golec, Ian Everett, Al Federlein and Kyle Conner for doing ice. Shelly Zak, Dan Kobs, Abby Bond for volunteering and to Derek for bartending the event.





Draw 1 Winners: Lindsey Belzyt, John Walsh, Mike Burger, Mike Norris



Draw 2 Winners: Stephanie Whitmore, Diana Jankowski, Laura Call, Mike Hardman

### **DCC Ladies take Silver at Club Nationals**

Congratulations to Ann Swisshelm, Melissa Turbow, Stephanie Whitmore, and Jenny Levy for taking the silver medal at Club Nationals in Wausau, WI over March 16-19, 2023!



### **Detroit Wins B Event at Wood Memorial in Maine**



Congrats to Team Pineapples (Mike Grudzinski, Brian Whitehead, Dan Cleary, and Paul Burnham) for winning the B Event at the 28<sup>th</sup> Wood Memorial Open Bonspiel at the Belfast Curling Club.

A side note, two members of Belfast CC (Rachel and Garrett) were in Detroit for the Motown Doubles Spiel but still rocking their Hawaiian shirts.



### **Motor City Doubles**

Congrats to Ashley Mayra and Jimmy Kirby for taking Runner Up in the A Event and to Diana Jankowski and Kyle Connor winning the B event for the Motown Doubles Spiel over March 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> weekend!





### **Bradford Men's International**

Congrats to Team Whitmore (Duncan Whitmore, Alex Brockman, Paul Gaines, and Nate Glitman) for winning the C Event at Bradford Men's International in Ontario. Mike 'Doc Ballz' Hardman also took runner up in the A Event with his team. Additionally, Mike forgot what his home club was on the way home as he accidentally left his broom, shoes, and curling gear in his old locker. Thankfully one of his teammates caught up with him at the Brier to return his equipment.



## **Detroit Finds Success in Lewiston**

Congratulations to the Wessels rink for winning the A event in the 25th Annual Lewiston International Bonspiel. The Yanska rink also won the A consolation event and the Hill rink won the C event over the Sanchez rink (Alex flew in from Germany).







# **GLCA Mixed Fours Champions**

Congratulations to Team Jorgensen (Greg Jorgensen, Melissa Turbow, Alex Rich, and Stephanie Whitmore) for winning the GLCA Mixed Championship in Lewiston, Michigan over the March 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> weekend. The Team went undefeated against teams from Cincinnati and Bowling Green to earn a berth at the U.S. Mixed National Championships being held on April 12–16, 2023 at the Denver Curling Club in Golden, Colorado.



# USWCA 74th Rock the Swamp

More details can be found in the Rockettes Section.



### GLCA 5 & Under

Four Detroit teams ventured up to the Midland Curling Club over the March 3th weekend to compete for the GLCA 5 & Under Championship. Good curling to all the teams and congrats again to Team Gaul (John Gaul, Jimmy Kirby, Karl Schubert, DessieRai Gaul, and coach/fifth Ashley Mayra) who will be going to Hibbing, MN April 19–23, 2023







## **Senior Men's Nationals**

The DCC was well represented at the Senior Nationals at Kettle Moraine-Wauwatosa, Wisconsin with six of the sixty-four teams from Detroit Curling Club. We had teams representing all three divisions. Though we did not all bring back metals, we did all bring back great memories. Some of our games will be discussed for years.

Team Hesse was runner-up in the third event of the Super Seniors Division at the Senior Nationals, Feb. 16-19, in Wisconsin. The Detroit CC rink – skip David Hesse, vice John Stratton, second Joe George, and lead Bill Collison – finished with a 2-3 record in the bonspiel.

The Rivera rink (Adam Rivera, Roger York, Mike Bahr, Larry Aubuchon) made it to the Senior Division First Event Semi-finals before losing to Team Arrel from Owatonna/Rochester (MN).





# **Mixed International Bonspiel**

Congratulations to the winners of the Mixed International! A event winners, Moncur from Sun Parlour, A Runner ups. Barta Rink from Oshawa, B event winners. Hardman Rink, Bradford/ Detroit. Thank you to all the participants, volunteers and ice crew! Special thank you to Mike Grudzinski for putting together a great event!





## **Save The Dates**

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May 24, 2023 at 6:30PM

Komen Michigan Race for the Cure®

October 8, 2023

Belle Isle, Detroit, Michigan

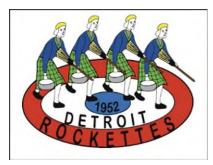
# **Call for Editorial Staff**

Have you wanted to write a column or monthly article for Scots Wha Hae? Nate is looking for additional content writers for next season. If you have any interest, please contact Nate at <a href="mailto:news@detroitcurlingclub.com">news@detroitcurlingclub.com</a>

### **Rockettes Corner**

#### **Rockettes Curling Development Fund**

The Rockettes are committed to providing opportunities to DCC curlers through the Rockettes Curling Development Fund (RCDF). The RCDF provides funding to support curling development or for members to attend events which promote women's curling. Any DCC member of good standing of any age or gender may apply for funding, and the priority is to provide funding to women based on eligible events and activities. Examples of possible RCDF



grants support things like certified instructor programs, coaching programs, ice clinics, officiating clinics, skills clinics, and travel expenses to USWCA, OCA, or USCA Curling events where a team has progressed via a play down.

For questions and to receive an application, which includes the full eligibility rules and funding criteria, email rockettes@detroitcurlingclub.com.

The RCDF is funded by things like t-shirt sales, food sales, and Super Bowl Squares so thank you for all of your spending to make this initiative happen!

#### **Super Bowl Squares**

Thank you to everyone who bought a Super Bowl Square! Congratulations to the winners:

Main Board Budget Board

1st Quarter: Buchkowski1st Quarter: Uncle Joe2nd Quarter: Jason S.2nd Quarter: Dallas S.3rd Quarter: Elizabeth3rd Quarter: BuchkowskiFourth and Final: Dennis P.Fourth and Final: Richard Elias

#### **Dynasty Orders**

Thanks to all those who participated in the Dynasty jersey and jacket sale. The order is being finalized and we should receive the items soon!

#### **Curlers for a Cure**

Mark your calendars for the Komen Michigan Race for the Cure on October 8, 2023. More details regarding registration are forthcoming. Thank you to Laura Call for organizing this annual effort!

#### **Rockettes Freezer Finds Reminder**

Remember that the freezer is stocked with personal pizzas, burritos and ice cream bars for your enjoyment!

#### **Rockettes Sinners Invitational Bonspiel**

The inaugural Rockettes-Sinners Invitational was held on February 11-12. The skins format bonspiel pitted Rockettes (and some Sinners who graciously played with them) against the Sinners in two games on Saturday. After a delicious dinner, attendees were treated to a DCC adaptation of the Match Game and other festivities. The traditional Sweetheart Sinners breakfast kicked off the day on Sunday followed by the four highest scoring teams competing in the finals events. The A Event Winners were the Hardman team consisting of Mike "Doc Ballz" Hardman (skip), Ben Duby (vice), John Stratton (second), and Ben Glotzhober (lead).

Shout out to Don Bleaney for creating the trophy and a big thank you to Duncan Whitmore and Karina Lizzi-Ansok for organizing this new event!

#### **USWCA News**

#### **USWCA National Bonspiel Results!**

Congratulations to **Team Swisshelm, Team Turbow and Team Call** for making it to the A, B and D event finals of the USWCA National Bonspiel! The Bowling Green Curling Club hosted an excellent bonspiel in the Black Swamp and a great time was had by all. A big THANK YOU to Detroit's **Paul Badgero** for officiating the event.

Next year's National Bonspiel will be held at the St. Paul Curling Club February 14-18, 2024. Details, including a DCC playdown will be announced in the fall.



#### **USWCA Senior Women's Bonspiel**

The 2023 Senior National Bonspiel for DCC women age 55+ by January 1, 2024 will be held at the Cape Cod Curling Club in Falmouth, MA from November 29-December 3, 2023. **Registration deadline is September 1, 2023.** Please watch the USWCA web page and Rockette emails for registration information. Will last years winners, Team Call be defending their title?

#### **Outgoing Canadian Sr. Friendship Tour**

After successfully hosting two incoming tours in 2022, its time for US Curlers to travel to Quebec and Ontario Canada as part of the Sr. Friendship Tour. Eligible women must be 50+ years of age and any USWCA female curler is eligible to apply. Tentative tour dates are November 3-14, 2024. **Tentative application deadline of December 15, 2023.** Participants are selected on a lottery basis with equal representation from each of the four USWCA regions.

Susan Tortorelli was the last DCC member to participate on the Friendship tour and she would love to hear from DCC women that are interested in applying. Please visit the USWCA website or Bethany Rivera for more information.

The USWCA also has New Merchandise for Sale! Products - USWCA - Tilson Bay Company (chipply.com)

Check out the new hoodies, yoga pants and vests with the USWCA logo! Purchase can be made online via the link above.

If you have any questions about the USWCA events or want to get involved, please contact DCC club representative Bethany Rivera at aandbrivera@yahoo.com

### **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 February 12, 2023 Sweetheart Sinners breakfast was an overwhelming success with approximately sixty people in attendance. This breakfast coincided with the first Sinners-Rockette's Invitational Bonspiel, which followed a skins format. We look forward to future collaborations between the Sinners and Rockettes!

On Sunday, February 26, 2023 we lost a dear friend and fellow K-W Exchange member. David Cain, member of the KW Granite Club, passed away at home surrounded by family as a result of pancreatic cancer. Dave was a quiet and kind soul with a profound love of organization. Dave had been responsible for maintaining and organizing the Exchange website for many years. In addition to curling, Dave was an avid cyclist and had cycled extensively throughout Europe. Camping and sailing on Georgian Bay rounded out other hobbies that David loved participating in with family and friends. David, we will miss you; thank you for all you have done for the legacy of the Exchange and, most of all, your friendship and kindness. Good curling...

#### 2022–2023 Sinners Schedule

April 2, 2023 Last Chance Sinners

# **Pro Shop Update**

#### **Custom Embroidery Anybody?**

If you have a garment that you really like to wear while curling and want to personalize it, your club has made arrangements with "Not Sorry Goods" located at 99623 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, Mi. They are located on the east side of Woodward at Breckinridge St. Bring your shirt, jacket, parka, stocking cap, scarf, mittens or anything else you would like personalized. They have the digital files of our club crest, the Rockettes logo and the Sinners logo. You can select to include your name in any color and font style or add any other embellishment you choose. Their prices are reasonable, they are close to the club and their turn-around is fast. Get stylin' and you won't be Sorry!

#### **Nametags**

The list of requested nametags has gotten shorter during the past two weeks. If you are in need of a replacement or have not received your initial nametag, be sure to add your name to the list on the bulletin board. We generally wait until there are at least 10 names on the list for best pricing. Be sure to PRINT CAREFULLY, to avoid misspellings.

#### Glassware

The Pro Shop and the Bar offer DCC glassware for sale. The whiskey glasses have almost sold out. Last count indicated only six (6) left. Also available are water bottles, pint and wine glasses. The last of the unique Shot Glasses are still available at the bar. If you have been thinking of getting some, don't hesitate too long or they might be gone. We are selling them to our rental guests too. Be fair warned!

### **Donated Used Equipment**

If you have upgraded your curling equipment, mainly shoes & brooms, and your older stuff is gathering dust in the corner, why not donate to the club? The Pro Shop reconditions the gear and offers it to our newer members are super low prices so they have a chance to gear up and get better acquainted with our sport without going whole hog into new equipment. It allows our newer curlers to grow into the sport just like you did way back when. So, dust off that older gear, bring it in and help make our newer members happy.

John Danckaert, Volunteer Pro Shop Mgr.



#### **Benjamin F. Guiney Memorial Cup**

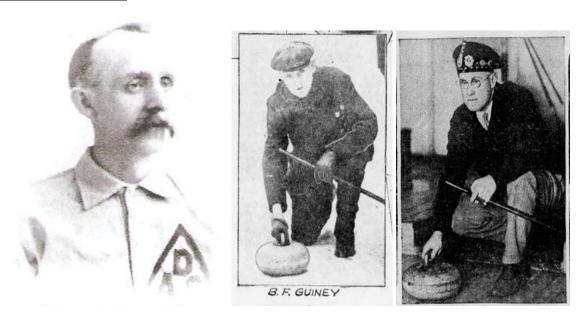
### The Competition

This trophy was awarded to the winning rink of the annual *senior rink championship* within The Detroit Curling Club 1941-1944. Little is known about the competition because it was the last contest of the season. Therefore, it attracted very little attention in the press. We do not know anything about the format of play nor the qualifications to enter.

We have found one reference that the **B.F.** Guiney Memorial Trophy was used for an in-club competition in March 1931 – this was 4 months after Mr. Guiney died. The question now: is why did they wait to engrave the names of the winners until 1941.

The sponsor of the trophy, *Burr*, *Patterson & Auld Co.*, was a jewelry firm and I can find no connection between the personnel of the firm and The Club. So, I do not know how or why they sponsored such a large trophy.

### Benjamin F. Guiney



Base ball player in 1880 - Curler in 1929

Benjamin Franklin Guiney was born on November 16, 1858 in Detroit to Daniel Guiney (1827-1891) and Kate Sullivan (1834-1919). Daniel & Kate emigrated from Ireland in 1850 to Detroit. Daniel held a number of jobs before entering Detroit City Politics where he served as an alderman for most of his life.

Ben Guiney was an athletic young man and while attending The Detroit High School he was one of the first people in Detroit to play a new game called *base ball*. The game's popularity grew thru the late 1800s and various cricket clubs in Detroit started forming base ball teams. Eventually these amateur teams even traveled from city to city. Ben joined The Landing Club and The Cass Club.

On June 27, 1879 The Detroit Free Press stated that "one of the best games of base ball ever played in this city was played on the grounds of the Peninsula Cricket Club yesterday by the Cass Club and the Lansing Club." During the game Ben Guiney as catcher was credited with a spectacular play at home plate.

May 2, 1881 saw the first Major League Base Ball Game in Detroit

The Detroit Wolverines, newest member of the country's most powerful baseball circuit, the National League, inaugurated big-league ball in the city with a 6-4 loss to Buffalo before 1,265 at Recreation Park. The Wolverines won the National League pennant in 1887 and an unusual cross-country "world's series" against the St. Louis Browns of the American Association. The Wolverines disbanded in 1888 after eight seasons.

Ben Guiney played in 3 games for the Wolverines. In 1883 he played in 1 game and had 1 hit in 5 at-bats. In 1884 he played in 2 games going hitless in 7 at-bats. He also umpired a National League game on July 6, 1882 and another game on September 25, 1883. (In these days there was only 1 umpire).

Recreation Park was also used in the winter by the curling clubs of Detroit: The Granite, The Thistle and The Detroit Curling Club. We can only assume that Ben was exposed to our sport during the late 1800s. We believe he joined the DCC in about 1900. He served as President during the 1910-1911 season.

Ben married and had 8 children. It is not known if any of them ever curled or joined the club. As an interesting sidebar: Ben & his family "summered" at their *island home*.... on Grosse Ile.

He was a very active and extremely talented curler – both at home and on the bonspiel circuit.

Ben died December 5, 1930.

Another trivia point is that Walter O. Briggs (owner of The Detroit Tigers 1919-1952) was a member of The Club but I have not found much information on his curling activities or any interaction with Ben F. Guiney. We do know that they were both active in the political arena and the wives crossed-paths on the social circles.

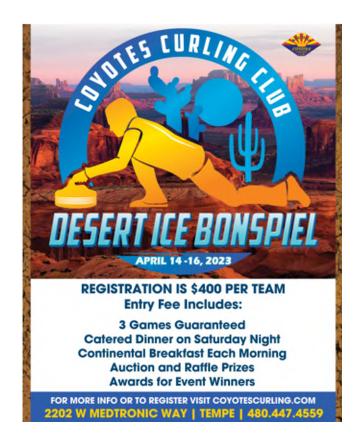
In conclusion, we have discovered another very interesting and complex story within the membership of The Detroit Curling Club. "Who's better than us? Naebody!"

Lang May Ur Lum Reek,

Angus MacTavish

# The Bonspiel Board

You asked for them so here they are! Here are postings for bonspiels around the GLCA and beyond. Grab your team or form a new one with people whom you haven't curled with before and go travel to a bonspiel!















Friday through Sunday, June 16-18, 2023
24 teams
3-game guarantee
Open format
Saturday night banquet & entertainment
\$440 per team/\$110 per individual

# Mark Your Calendars for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Arch City Bonspiel, Sept 2-3, 2023



St Louis, MO

Up to 24 teams, 4 events, 3 game guarantee 50/50, basket, and curling stone raffles

All meals provided throughout the weekend

Beer flights from local microbreweries on Saturday at the ice rink







# OCTOBER 28-29, 2023

### THE KETTLES 43RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S BONSPIEL

20 RINKS -- 5 EVENTS 3 GAME GUARANTEE

ENTRY FEE \$320/RINK

SATURDAY – SUNDAY BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVED SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:

BASKET RAFFLE, COSTUME CONTEST, TRADITIONAL HALLOWEEN GAMES WITH A TWIST!

#### REGISTER ON KMCC WEBSITE, OPENS MAY 1:

HTTPS://KMCURLINGCLUB.COM/EVENT/FALL-FLING-WOMENS-BONSPIEL/



#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Ask for "KMCC Curling Rate" at area hotels: La Quinta Delafield (262) 395-1162 Holiday Inn Express Delafield (262) 646-7077

Kettle Moraine Curling Club 2630 Oakwood Road Hartland WI 53029 This is a USWCA Circuit Event



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