



Our House

March 2023

Board of Directors

President: Jim Puckering
Vice President: Matt James
Secretary: Sharon Martin
Treasurer: Keith Hammer
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Bruce Johnston
Dennis Martin
Andrew Sand
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Upcoming Events

4/1: Hoosier Cup Friendly
with Fort Wayne CC at
CCCC

A Message from the President

As I write this message our winter leagues are wrapping up, we have just completed hosting of the Midland Friendly and in-house Shamrock Spiel and are about to host Friendlies with Cincinnati and Fort Wayne. March is definitely not going out like a Lamb! The end of a season, and especially this inaugural one, brings a little sadness but also the opportunity to reflect on how things have gone. And I can report that it is hard to see how it could have gone any better! The construction crew, under Ernie Forney's leadership, delivered a setting that takes people's breath away when they walk in the door. Our first year ice crew, led by Wes Hoffman, has created and maintained an outstanding playing surface that any club in North America would be proud of. Our technology package including the warm room and over ice monitors and digital scoreboards designed by Matt James has dazzled visitors and enhanced the experience for all. The bar, under Bruce Johnston's stewardship, has been a smashing success and Keith Hammer's and Sharon Martin's management of the facility has kept it running like a well-oiled machine.

So many people have put in so much effort to get us to this point that it is impossible to list everything in this short space. But I can say that witnessing the excitement and camaraderie shared by our rapidly growing membership on an almost daily basis makes it all feel so worthwhile. As we wrap up this season skills have been learned and enhanced, friendships have been made and renewed, and great memories have been created. But we are not resting on our laurels. Be on the lookout over the off-season for volunteer opportunities to help with our warm room expansion and change room construction. We will be adding some new skills improvement technology that I think everyone will find amazing. We will also be holding elections for Board positions in early June followed by our annual meeting. More to come on that in the near future.

Hoping everyone has an enjoyable spring and summer.

Good Curling!

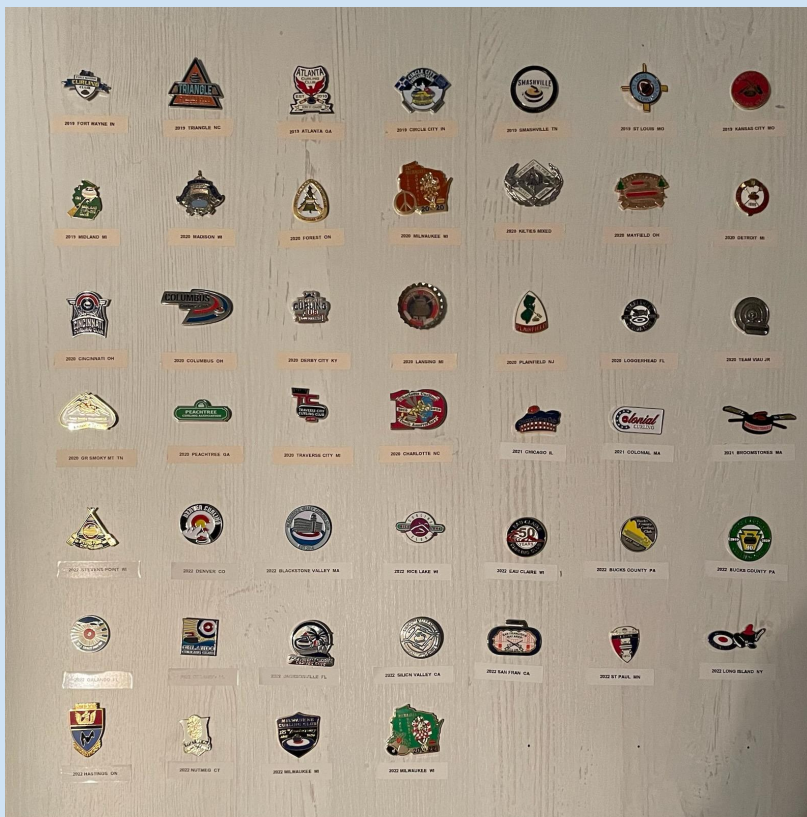
Jim Puckering

About Curling Pins

A huge thank you to everyone for a great friendly season (and good luck with our final friendly with Fort Wayne). As you encounter more curlers from different clubs, it's important to know about another curling tradition: club pins!

When traveling for events and bonspiels, it's tradition to bring your home club's pins to trade with the teams you play against. This serves as a reminder not only of the event itself, but that you're a part of a greater curling movement that spans most states and across the world.

Here are some examples from one of our more experienced and storied curlers, Dave Carlson and from Susan Fleck.



From Susan Fleck's collection



From Dave Carlson's collections

Meet Our Members!



Michael 'Mickey' Krizek

Member since 2018

Mickey is a troubleman at AES Indiana. Troublemens are basically the first responder to every power line emergency (fires, broken poles, vehicle accidents, wire down etc). Mickey was born and raised in Chicago and has two adult children who still live in the Chicagoland area. Mickey currently lives with his beloved Donna Blake and his American foxhound named Seeley on the west side of Carmel. He became interested in curling about 7-8 years ago. He purchased a LTC for the Windy City Curling Club but due to distance and obligations in his life at that time was never able to use it. When he got settled in Indiana, he decided to give curling a try and found a passion. He wanted to learn everything he could about the sport. He has gotten the chance to try a lot of aspects, like how the ice is made and prepped, to observe how stones are carbon logged. He volunteered countless hours to the building of the dedicated ice facility. Unfortunately, a bout of Covid-19 triggered a severe Crohn's attack which required surgery and restricted his participation in the build until the very end of it. Mickey advises he has made great friendships and has curled on some fun teams. He looks forward to the next season and the improvements we will be making to the expansion of our facility. He says "Good curling to everyone".



Karolyn Likins

Member Since 2022

Karolyn is a San Diego native and this is her first year at CCCC! She works at StretchLab and teaches Pilates. During the 2021 olympics, curling was the only thing she said she wanted to watch, so she had to give it a try! Karolyn advises she enjoys playing lead because it is really fun setting up guards and sweeping. She spends a lot of time outside with her pup Koa. In trivia, her best categories are music and movies. She is also a twin!