



Our House

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A Message from the President

What a great start to the season we have had. It is hard to believe that Session 1 is already wrapping up and we will be crowning league champs. As we move into Session 2 and the upcoming holiday season, we have a packed calendar. In addition to 5 or 6 days of league competition we have essentially sold out our single session Learn to Curl and our second Learn to Curl "Rookie" League is filling up fast. We will host our inaugural external bonspiel over the Veterans Day weekend as work is wrapping up on our additional lounge space. Our Friendly with Midland is scheduled for early December. We also have a world class curler booked to hold a skills clinic for interested members (sign ups for that through USA Curling will be out soon) and an instructor coming to help build our LTC teaching skills. Plus, we are beginning preparations to host the Senior Women's National Championship in February.

Whew – I am exhausted just writing this. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities that these activities represent and, as always, be on the lookout to fill our volunteer needs.

Finally, I would like to call your attention to ice conditions. Our Ice Makers have worked hard to bring us a good playing surface despite having to deal with some tough conditions due to the very warm weather and a less than airtight building. They have done an excellent job. But we can all contribute to good ice, and make their jobs a little easier, by our behavior. Clean your brooms before every match – brushes are provided by the broom bin. Periodically check the sole of your slider and clean it if necessary. Check your gripper regularly and replace it if it is starting to deteriorate (once a year is a good rule of thumb if you curl regularly). Step on the sticky sheets as you enter the ice area. And perhaps most importantly, minimize contact of body parts (knees and hands) with the ice. Body heat from just a few seconds of continuous contact can damage the ice, impacting play and requiring repair. If you find that your trailing knee is in frequent contact with the ice, consider purchasing a sliding knee pad as several of our members have done. These are all little things that can have a big impact. I look forward to seeing everyone on the ice for an exciting Session 2!

Good Curling!

Jim Puckering



November 10th-12th

It's time...time for our members to step up and volunteer! We have several unfilled signups for volunteers and food items. Even if you are not playing in this event, please help us make this a great event for everyone as we host 16 teams from across the country and showcase our new club.

- Volunteers for the event: [Click Here](#)
- Food and other items needed: [Click Here](#)

First Rookie League of the Year is in the Books!



On Saturday October 28th we celebrated the last night of the first 4-week Rookie league of the season and our newest club members with pizza and curling. We had a full house of 24 that included a great mix of Butler University students, rookie league participants, and other members of the club. Lots of laughter, good shots, and the beginning of some great friendships. Welcome to the club!

New Space Almost Ready!

Stay tuned for an announcement on when we can begin using the new space. A huge shoutout to our amazing crew of volunteers led by project managers Keith Hammer and Todd Shelton, who have been working hard on the expansion since May. The transformation has been unbelievable!



In addition to Keith and Todd, special thanks to Ernie Forney, Jim Gangnon, Connie Gangnon, Mike Krizek, Sharon Martin, Doug Pearson, Jim Puckering, and Geoff Randolph for all their hard work week in and week out and the many others who helped out along the way!

Name Tags

Name tags for our new members should be arriving soon. If you need a new name tag, please send an email to Sharon at secretary@circlecycling.com.

Upcoming Events

- November 5th - Start of Session 2
- November 10th-12th - Patriot Games Bonspiel
- December 2nd-3rd - Midland Friendly (at Midland)
- December 16th - Skills Clinic with Leah Yavarow (USCA Athlete Outreach)

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