



Our House

January 2023

Board of Directors

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Upcoming Events

3/11-3/12: Midland CC
Friendly at CCCC

3/18-3/19: In-House Bonspiel
Register on the website

3/25: Cincinnati CC Friendly
at CCCC

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

A Home At Last!



A Message from the President

This time last year, we were preparing to take possession of our new space in Anderson. After 15 long years of renting hockey ice at various arenas around Indianapolis, we were finally ready to start building our own home. Many months and countless hours of hard work followed. Thanks to a crew of volunteers led by our fearless project manager, Ernie Forney, we were able to

complete construction and begin curling on beautiful ice at the beginning of December. Many thanks to all who came out to help, as well as to all the Dedicated Ice donors, stone sponsors, and corporate sponsors who helped make our dream a reality.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members, as well as all of our returning members. We hope everyone feels a sense of pride in our new facility. This club belongs to all of us. As a 100% volunteer-run organization, we need everyone to get involved. There are many volunteer opportunities available, whether it's helping with Learn to Curl clinics or bonspiels, bartending, ice crew, facility maintenance, or serving on a committee or the board. We also hope to see many of you at our In-House Bonspiel on Mar 18-19, which should be a fun weekend!

I look forward to meeting all of you over the next few months. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of our board members. Email addresses for board members can be found on the website [here](#).

Good Curling!
Jim Puckering

Happenings in the House

The last two months have been a whirlwind of excitement.

Here are some key highlights:

- On December 2nd, 2022 we held our Member Opening party. For many members, it was the first time seeing the new facility and we had a full house, including special guest Dean Gemmell, USCA Interim CEO. Our favorite bagpiper Wes Hoffman led the procession out to the ice, where longtime members Barb Hayford, Jeff Heck and Ernie Forney delivered the ceremonial first stones.
- Members played in open draws in December and leagues began in January. We are currently running full leagues on Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays, with beginner leagues and Learn to Curl clinics on Saturdays. A new Wednesday night league beginning Feb. 15th has just been added.
- The second week of January was our Grand Opening week, with many media visits and appearances, a ribbon-cutting with the mayor of Anderson and the Madison County Chamber of Commerce followed by an open house for the local business community. We also held a well-attended public open house, with more than 160 members of the public visiting to check out our new space.
- The growing interest in our sport is proven by the overwhelming demand for our Learn to Curl clinics. Over 200 people have participated in a clinic as of the end of January, with another 140 participants registered for the remainder of the season.
- Membership growth has exceeded expectations. We began the season with 58 returning members from last year, plus 10 members from previous years. We have added 99 new members to date, for a total of 167 members!

“Brush Up” On Your Etiquette

Curling is known as a game of sportsmanship. To demonstrate this:

- Each curler says “Good Curling” to their teammates and opponent before and after a match. Hands are shaken or fists are bumped.
- Every good shot is celebrated even if it is your opponents.
- Sweepers will get the rocks ready to play for all their team members.
- Sweepers will determine who has the rock (sweeps closest to the stone) before the rock is thrown. This promotes better sweeping and fewer chances of burning the rock.
- The winning team buys the first round of beverages for their opponents while *broomstacking*. This is the socialization period that occurs after each match. CHEERS!



Meet Our Members!

Our club has more than doubled in membership since last year and we are now curling on multiple nights. To help our new and returning members to get to know each other, each month we will highlight a new member and returning member.



Kyle Lawrence

Member Since November '22

Kyle is from Greenfield, Indiana. He went to IUPUI and graduated with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Purdue. He works as a design engineer at Cosco. "I went to a LTC last year for my birthday in Fort Wayne. From a young age, I watched curling on the Olympics while waiting for the morning school bus". He found it to be extremely interesting with all the strategies involved. "I have only been curling regularly since this season when I joined the Circle City Curling Club. I did a few open draws in December and have since joined the Friday open league and Saturday beginner league. I've greatly enjoyed it and even went ahead and bought curling shoes and a broom! First or second is my favorite position in curling right now. Besides curling, my other hobbies include gaming (tabletop and video games), woodworking and 3D printing, and pulling a good shot of espresso. One thing someone might not know about me is that I'm pretty handy because I did construction while going through school."



Dan Ivers

Member Since 2009, Former Club President

Dan is originally from Austin, Minnesota and currently lives in Greenfield with his 16-month-old yellow lab. He works for Elanco Animal Health as a Research and Development scientist for new farm animal products. Dan has a Master's degree in swine nutrition. He started curling in 2009 after attending the Men's World Championship in Grand Forks, ND and throwing some stones with his younger brother at the Grand Forks Curling Club. He enjoys playing vice because he likes to sweep but only has to sweep four stones. Outside of curling, Dan enjoys camping, fishing, and paddle boarding. Something people may not know about him is that when he travels for work or vacation, he will contact the local curling club to see if they need a sub. He has been able to sub at clubs in MI, ID, NE, MN, and Ontario. At one club in MN, he subbed on a team that included the son of a woman with whom he went to grade school. Dan currently serves on the ice crew.