

2019-2020 Board

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The Sheet

March 2020

Circle City Curling Club

If you have any suggestions for stories or would like to contribute a piece of writing to the Newsletter, please email newsletter@circlecycling.com

Message from the President:

Here we are in March and I'm wondering where the curling season went. It seems like only yesterday we were painting the ice for the 2019-2020 season. I want to take this opportunity to share a couple of things with the members.

- First, hats off to Jeff Heck and all the members who helped with the Tyler George event. It was impressive to see the ice full of Circle City members working with our guests during this event. Thanks also to Susan Fleck for her stellar photography.
- Twelve of our members ventured down to Cincinnati to compete in a friendly at their new, dedicated ice facility. Our club narrowly defeated the home team on their ice. In the last year, Circle City has won friendlies at Bowling Green, Ft. Wayne, and now Cincinnati. Our only loss was to the Midland club but it was very close.
- Our facilities committee continues to work on efforts to move from arena ice to a dedicated facility. Our discussions with Whitestown continue to move forward as well as do other options. We should have some positive news when we meet for the all-members meeting in June.
- The dedicated ice fund continues to grow from member donations and income from Learn-to-Curl and corporate curling events. Thanks to our members for the volunteer efforts for these events.
- Your board of directors continues to put the finishing touches on the documents defining the duties of club committees. Moving from arena ice to a dedicated facility will require the assistance of many club members to insure the continued success of the club. More details on this in the near future.
- The end of the curling season means we will be looking for nominations for two at-large board positions as well as Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. We will be using the same procedure as we did last year. Self-nomination forms will be sent out by the end of April. If you are interested in serving on the board, submit this form. These forms will be sent to the membership along with the ballots.

Thank and good curling,
Ernie Forney

**Current Dedicated
Ice Fund Total:
\$205,020**

**Thanks to everyone for
their continued
support!**

Upcoming Events

Learn to Curls

Please check out the available dates for Learn to Curls on our [Facebook](#) or [EventBrite Page](#).

Friday, April 3rd, 9:30 pm

Friday, April 10th, 7:30 pm

Friday, April 10th, 9:30 pm

LLS Fundraiser

Friday, April 17th, 6:00 pm

If you plan on attending any bonspiels this year, take pics and send them to: newsletter@circlecycling.com so you can be recognized in the Newsletter!

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Board Elections

June marks the end of the club fiscal year and also the end of the terms for the Board Officers and two at-larger members. The board will be accepting nominations for the offices of **Vice-President**, **Treasurer**, **Secretary** plus two **at-large positions**.

Be advised the Vice-President automatically moves into the President position after two years, then onto the Past-President position after two more years so this is a six year commitment. The Treasurer position requires accounting and tax preparation skills and the Secretary position requires excellent listening and writing skills.

All Board members are expected to contribute to the success of the club by:

- Attending monthly board meetings
- Assisting with Learn-to-Curls
- Be available to serve on a committee (not as the chair)
- Contributing financially to the club

Club member who have questions about these positions can send them to the President at president@circlecycling.com.

Members who are interested in serving on the board are urged to submit a brief bio and photograph to president@circlecycling.com.

Ballets will go out to all of the members in May.

LLS Fundraiser

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, April 17. This is the fifth anniversary of this great event. To date, we have helped this group raise over \$20,000. We will be sending out an e-mail requesting sign-ups to help with this. Most of the participants are repeat curlers so most of the help is with ice prep, scorekeeping, and tear-down.

We need your help!

We have four Learn to Curls coming up on April 3 at during the second shift and April 10 during the first shift and possibly the second shift as well. We're looking for club members to come help out as instructors.

We do ask that you arrive early to help with ice prep.

Please check the box (or more than one) for the Learn to Curls that you can help with. Sign up to help with a Learn to Curl!

Friday, April 3, 9:30 pm (6 needed)

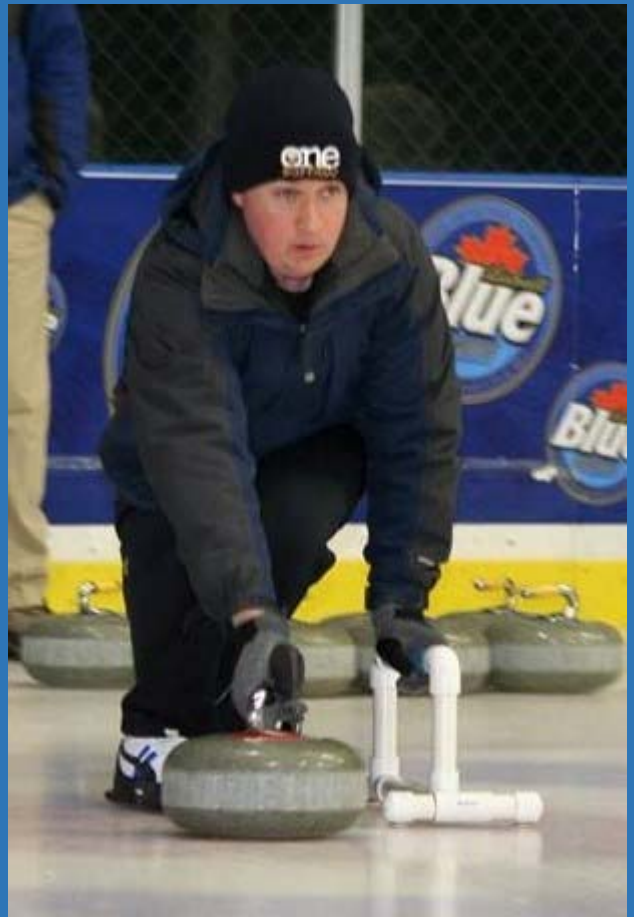
Friday, April 10, 7:30 pm (10 needed)

Meet the Circle City Curlers

This month we meet **Brendan Post**

What do Quakers and curling have in common? I'm not sure! But at Earlham College I've got a reputation as the curling CIO (Chief Information Officer). It makes for great stories with colleagues and a much-enjoyed escape on Friday nights from a week of challenges supporting information technology. In 5 years of curling I've enjoyed bonspiels in Niagara Falls, Canada, Buffalo, Bowling Green, and Fort Wayne. Having been a member of a club that moved from arena ice to dedicated ice, I look forward to a future dedicated home for CCCC!

- 1. What brought you to curling and when?** When I moved back to Buffalo, NY in 2015, I decided that I needed a winter sport to participate in. Winters are long in Buffalo so might as well enjoy them curling, right!? I took Learn to Curl lessons at the Rochester Curling Club and joined during the winter season curling outdoors (yes outdoors!) with the Buffalo Curling Club.
- 2. What brought you specifically to the Circle City Curling Club?** My spouse and I moved to Indiana in May 2018 to work for colleges in the area and I started looking for a new club to continue curling with. CCCC was the closest I could find to New Castle and I joined for the fall 2018 league. I've enjoyed meeting and curling with CCCC members ever since!
- 3. What do you love most about the sport?** Curling is a team sport that anyone can participate in and learn the nuances of. While arena ice might not be our favorite, we all get to be challenged and enhance our skills every week. And if you think arena ice is rough, try being outdoors in Buffalo when you're literally sweeping the lake effect snow off the ice during an end! Curling also makes for a fun and entertaining conversation starter!



Brendon Delivers the Perfect Draw



Brendon and Tyler George

Updates From Chris Nicholson

Learn-to-Curls

During the 2019-2020 club year we have conducted 11 Learn to Curl events for a total of 298 participants. This season we started asking participants for their thoughts and experiences after their LTC events. The great majority of participants reported having a great time and getting good value for the money spent on the experience. Thanks to all our instructors who helped make these events a success, and the season isn't over! We have three more LTC sessions scheduled, a sold-out session on April 3rd and two sessions on April 10th. If you have friends who are interested in trying curling let them know to find us on EventBrite!

Winter League

The Winter League is winding down with final games being played on April 3rd. This season we had 19 teams, including one collegiate team from Butler. We had 72 regular members sign up and a great list of subs including many of our new Learn to Curl participants from the 2019-2020 season. It's great to see so many competitive matches and great shots! Stay tuned to the next issue of The Sheet for the league winners and photos!

Call For Instructors

With the growth in our LTC program over the past seasons and our growing interest in corporate events we need as many trained instructors as possible to be sure we can say "Yes!" when we get interest for an event. If you are interested in learning to instruct for the club please reach out to Chris Nicholson (ironchemist@gmail.com). Over this summer we will be organizing our instructor population to minimize spam emails to all members when we need instructors. Even if you have never instructed before we would be happy to pair you up with experienced instructors to learn how to grow interest in the sport and the club.

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as of March 1, 2020

Circle City Bonspiel Participants

Milwaukee Mixed Kiltie – January 10-12

The rink of Tammy Hoffman (Skip), Wes Hoffman (Vice), Susan Fleck (Second) and Keith Hammer (Lead) ventured up to Milwaukee for their Mixed Kiltie. The event celebrated the club's 70th anniversary. The weekend had a 70's theme that can only be described in the photos below. Playing solid the entire weekend, the team qualified for the finals of the Third Event and captured runner-up pins. The CCCC club was the only arena team in the competition. "Along with making some great shots on the ice, we laughed with old friends and met new ones", said Tammy.



Keith, Susan, Tammy, Wes (as a 70's SS Agent)

Mayfield, OH 5 and Under – January 17-18

The rink of Ted Sell (Skip), David Strom (Vice), Keith Hammer (Second) and Ron Hutson (Lead) played in the Mayfield CC 5 and under spiel going 1 and 2 for the weekend.

Bowling Green, OH 7 and under

The rink of Ted Sell (Skip), David Strom (Vice), Keith Hammer (Second) and Ron Hutson (Lead) played in the Mayfield CC 7 and under spiel going 2 and 2 for the weekend. A photo of the Sell Rink at Bowling Green is below.



Ted, Keith, David, David