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The Sheet

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If you have any suggestions for stories or would like to contribute a piece of writing to the Newsletter, please email the address above!

The Board Report:

The board met on January 3rd and discussed many important topics in regards to recent club business and the upcoming Olympic games. Club/board communications and board by-law processes were discussed at length in an effort to keep all board/club members informed and part of important decisions that need to be made. The board hopes to move to a committee structure in the next few months. Board members were charged with coming up with potential committees and those will be discussed at the February board meeting. The club continues to be in great financial health as the dedicated ice fund grows each year with a good push of end of calendar year donations.

With the Olympics on the horizon, specific discussions were had in regards to media coverage, a proposed Olympic night hosted at the Fuel Tank by Comcast, and a robust Learn To Curl schedule are in the works. Board member Jeff Heck is heading a committee to represent the club at the Olympic night and board members Adam Van Zee and Matt James continue to work to secure dates for LTCs. A coordinated effort will be needed to fill open LTC spots from the entire membership. Both a beginner league and a member league are planned for late March and into April with more details to follow.

**Current Dedicated
Ice Fund Total:
\$158,685**

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



WTHR with Carlos Diaz! Check out our [Facebook page](#) for video from the show! (More pictures on page 6)

Upcoming Events

Olympic Night on Ice at the Fuel Tank: Tuesday, February 13th 5:00-10:00 pm (more info on page 3)

Olympic Viewing Parties at the RAM in Fishers (event details on Facebook)

-Mixed Doubles: [Thursday, February 8th at 6:30pm](#)

-Women's round robin: [Friday, February 16th at 7:00pm](#)

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Fundraiser at the Fuel Tank: Friday, April 20th 7:10-11:30pm

Check out everything on our [Google Calendar of Events](#)

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Game Night

On Saturday January 27th, about 20 curlers descended upon Stephen and Francie's abode for a night full of yummy food, new games and lots of laughs! There was a game for everyone, whether it was a timed dice/puzzle game, or a flying pilot that was trying to attack your chickens, or a game with exploding plastic wishbones, or a real-time battle ship operation mission. Thank you again to our wonderful hosts, Stephen and Francie! We hope to make this a regular get together!



Member Spotlight:

Stephen Conway

You may recognize Stephen by his Superman hat or his beautiful delivery form, but for those of you that don't know Stephen, he makes his living reviewing board games on [The Spiel podcast](#) and is the man behind the [Major Fun Award](#). He also runs [The Spiel Foundation](#) which donates quality board and card games to children's hospitals and senior citizen's centers. Here is a little from Stephen on why he curls: "I started curling about ten years ago when the club had about 10 members. One slide out of the hack and I was hooked. To me, curling is the perfect marriage of sport and board game. It requires skill, technique and even some athleticism but all those factors are balanced by strategy, communication and teamwork. Everyone has to work in concert to make a great shot, especially on arena ice! Curling and curlers are the butt of many jokes but I see this as a great strength of the game. Sliding and sweeping rocks on ice is, admittedly, a ridiculous endeavor. But this means that most curlers know not to take the game (or themselves) too seriously. Sure, we all love to compete and make good shots, but the focus of the sport is clearly on the fun and camaraderie we can all enjoy on the ice. And that's what lures me out onto the sheet with broom in hand every time!"



Winter (Olympics) are Coming...

Olympic Night on Ice

On Tuesday, February 13th, Comcast Cable will present "Olympic Night on Ice" at the Fuel Tank in Fishers ice rink. This will be a live broadcast from 5 PM to 10 PM and will feature many of the on ice sports that will take place during the Olympic games. We could see as many as 1,000 people coming in and out of the doors during the course of the evening. We will have a table in the lobby, and we'll also have the prime time on- ice demonstration of curling from roughly 8:45 PM until 10 PM.

We are in need of volunteers to help with this event. Please email [Jeff Heck](mailto:najor@comcast.net) (najor@comcast.net) if you are interested in volunteering for this event!

Mixed Doubles

This year the Winter Olympics will now include Mixed Doubles Curling. If you were as confused as I was during the Olympic trials, here are a few differences in the rules to help you prepare for watching these matches:

Stone Positioning- The team with the 'hammer' or last stone advantage has the option to choose the placement of the stones before the next end starts. Teams can decide to put their stone in the back four foot and the other team's stone as the center guard. If you choose this option, the opposition would deliver first. If you choose to put your stone as the guard, then you would deliver first. There are three different position options Position A, Position B, and Power Play (which can only be used one per team, per game). There are some helpful diagrams in the link below.

Modified Free Guard Zone- No stone in play, including the "positioned" stones and those in the house, can be moved to an out-of-play position prior to the delivery of the fourth stone of an end (the fourth delivered stone is the first stone that can remove any stone from play).

<http://www.curling.ca/2016mixeddoubles/about-mixed-doubles-curling/>

Olympic Curling Schedule (on NBC)

Medal Games

Mixed Doubles:

Bronze medal match- Monday, Feb. 12 at 7:05 p.m. EST

Gold medal match -Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 6:05 a.m. EST

Men's:

Bronze medal match- Friday, Feb. 23 at 1:35 a.m. EST

Gold medal match- Saturday, Feb. 24 at 1:35 a.m.

Women's:

Bronze medal match- Saturday, Feb. 24 at 6:05 a.m.

Gold medal match- Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7:05 a.m.

Check out the full schedule here:

<https://www.si.com/olympics/2017/10/17/winter-olympics-2018-curling-schedule>



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Club Shirts:

We now have club shirts available for purchase! \$20 each, or 2 for \$35.

You can pick one up at League or at the Olympic Night on Ice Event!

Or Contact [Adam VanZee](mailto:acvanzee@gmail.com) (acvanzee@gmail.com) for more info.



We are moving!

This Saturday, February 3rd, we will need help to move our equipment from the Pop Weaver rink at the fairgrounds (to the Fuel Tank in Fishers). If you can help, please meet at the Fairgrounds anytime between 2:00pm and 4:00pm or if you can't make it until later, please meet at the Fuel tank any time after 4:30pm to help unload! [Let us know if you can help!](#)

Did you know? The hog line gets its name from Scottish farmers calling the weakest sheep in their flock 'hogs'. Hogs were often left for predators and therefore a stone that cannot make it to the hog line is removed from the rest. Brutal!

For those that made donations in 2017, your confirmation letters for tax purposes were mailed on 1/29/18!

Leagues for the Spring

We will be moving our curling operations to The Fuel Tank in Fishers for Spring Leagues and Learn to Curls. See all the options below:

Beginner's League (4 weeks): a sign-up will be sent out soon
 Wednesdays, 7:10-9:30pm
 Start Date= April 4th
 End Date= April 25th

Member League (6 weeks): a sign-up will be sent out soon
 Week 1 **ONLY:** Wednesday, March 21st 7:10-9:30pm
 Weeks 2-6: Thursdays, March 29th – April 26th 7:10-9:30pm

Learn to Curls: These are filling up fast! We will need volunteers for the following dates and times, please let us know your availability via this survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/sBKyMmdYBLOoQ1cT2>
 Wednesday, March, 14th (2 times): 7:10pm - 9:00 pm & 8:45pm - 10:30 pm
 Thursday, March, 15th (2 times): 7:10pm - 9:00pm & 8:45pm - 10:30pm
 Thursday, March, 22nd (2 times): 7:10pm - 9:00pm & 8:45pm - 10:30pm
 Friday, March, 30th (2 times): 7:10pm - 9:00pm & 8:45pm - 10:30pm

If you know anyone who wants to do a Learn to Curl, you can send them to our EventBrite Page where they can purchase tickets: <http://circlecitycurling.eventbrite.com>

The Score is—What?

By Lisa Wieland

If you are new to curling, you might find the scoreboard to be a bit confusing, but once you understand how to read it, you will find that the curling scoreboard allows anyone, players and spectators alike, to see at a glance not only the current score, but also how many points each team has scored in every End* of the game. In this way, the curling scoreboard provides a complete history of a game as well as the present score. Let's take a closer look!

	1				3	5	8					
6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	2			4		6						

The scoreboard above is a model of those used in our club and for this discussion shows the outcome of an imaginary game. It has three rows which, from top to bottom are the "Yellow Row" where the score for the "Yellow Team" (the team throwing the yellow-handled stones) is shown, the "Points Row" where numbers representing the points to be scored are displayed, and the "Red Row" where the score for the "Red Team" (the team throwing the red-handled stones) is shown.

The numbers that get hung in the Yellow and Red Rows represent the Ends that the points were scored in. In other sports, most scoreboards show only the points scored by each team; the curling scoreboard is different.

Looking at the Points row, you may be thinking, so you can't score more than 12 points in a game? The short answer is yes you can, but displaying the score then takes more creativity (see "Displaying More Points than the Board Has" below). Additionally, you may notice that in the scoreboard model above, the marker for the 7th End is backwards and over to the side, not hung over any number in the Points row. This is because, in our club, for a "Blank End", i.e., an End in which neither team scores, the End marker is flipped over and left to the side, so technically, during a real game at Circle City, you wouldn't see that number at all.

Now let's walk through the example game here, End by End.

In the first End the Yellow Team scored one point and the End marker with the number "1" on it was hung over the 1 in the Points Row.

In the second End, the Red Team scored one point and the End marker with the number "2" on it was hung below the 1 in the Points Row.

In the third End, Yellow scored four more points, giving them a running total of 5 points so far in the game, so the End marker with the number "3" on it was hung above the 5 in the Points Row.

In the fourth End, Red scored three more points, giving them a grand total of 4 points for the game, so the End marker with the "4" on it was hung in the Red Row under the number 4 in the Points Row.

In the fifth End, Yellow scored one more point, for a total of six points in the game and the "5" End marker was hung over the number 6 in the Points row.

In the sixth End, Red tied the game up, scoring two more points and giving them a total of six points as well, so the "6" End marker was hung below the 6 in the Points Row.

In the 7th end, no one scored, i.e., it was a "Blank End" and the "7" End marker was left at the side, but flipped over.

In the eighth and final End, Yellow prevailed, scoring one more point. The "8" End marker was hung over the number 7 in the Points Row and the Yellow Team won what was surely a hard fought game with a final score of 7:6.

The curling scoreboard is a little different but once you master reading it, you can see that it stands as a great record of a finished game.

Displaying More Points than the Board Has: It is rare for games to include scores of more than 12 points for a single team, but it can happen. To display point 13 and beyond, you have to wrap back around to hanging End markers over Points 1, 2, 3, 4, ... and so on, realizing that to record the final score, the team that scored that much would have to add 12 to wherever they hung their final End marker.

*For this article, I've chosen to capitalize "End" so we can differentiate between an End of a game from the end of the game.

Play of the Season

During the penultimate week of the Winter curling league there was an incredible shot made (and heard round the rink) by none other than Aren Straiger! Luckily Steve had the foresight to document the house prior to the epic shot, so we have photographic evidence to share!



That lone yellow stone in the picture above was well protected and sitting shot rock...



...that is until Aren picked it clean with the hammer, scoring 5 points for red in the 4th end and tying up the game!

Carlos Diaz from WTHR and the morning curling crew!

