



Our House

February 2023

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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 Message from the President

Another month and the exciting times continue! I would like to extend a warm welcome to those new members who have joined since the publication of our last newsletter.

Our membership growth has been truly amazing and I am pleased to announce that we will soon have more “elbow” room. We have agreed to a lease on the space adjacent to us that was formerly occupied by Danger Zone Off-Road. We are still formulating plans for how to best utilize this space but initially we will be adding men’s and women’s changing areas. We are also considering altering the main entry so that it is not directly into the icehouse. While we are being cautious at first, other amenities may be added as we get a better handle on our cash flow and club needs. This additional 3000+ square feet of space provides many possibilities. We welcome your ideas.

Our esteemed Project Manager, Ernie Forney, has agreed to oversee the work here. The first task will be to give the space a good cleaning. There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer for this and other build out tasks between now and next season. You need no greater skill than the ability to push a broom – and curlers are always looking for opportunities to practice their sweeping! Be on the lookout for signups for these activities.

As we head into a very busy month of March with three “Friendlies” and our in-house spiel, as well as the final weeks of league play, we look forward to wrapping up this initial season in our new facility on a high note.

Good Curling!
Jim Puckering

ABOUT “FRIENDLIES”

We are looking forward to welcoming members of the Midland, MI, Cincinnati, OH and Fort Wayne, IN curling clubs for 3 friendlies in March and early April.

Unlike a bonspiel in which individual teams compete in a round robin or tournament bracket format to determine a champion, a “friendly” is an inter-club competition where teams from each club compete to score cumulative points based on the outcome of each end and each game result.

We have a long-standing relationship with Fort Wayne dating from when we were both arena-based clubs. Initially we alternated hosting for the Hoosier Cup, emblematic of curling bragging rights for the State of Indiana, but for the last several years since they obtained dedicated ice the event has been held in Fort Wayne exclusively. We are excited to host the competition once again, now in our new dedicated facility.

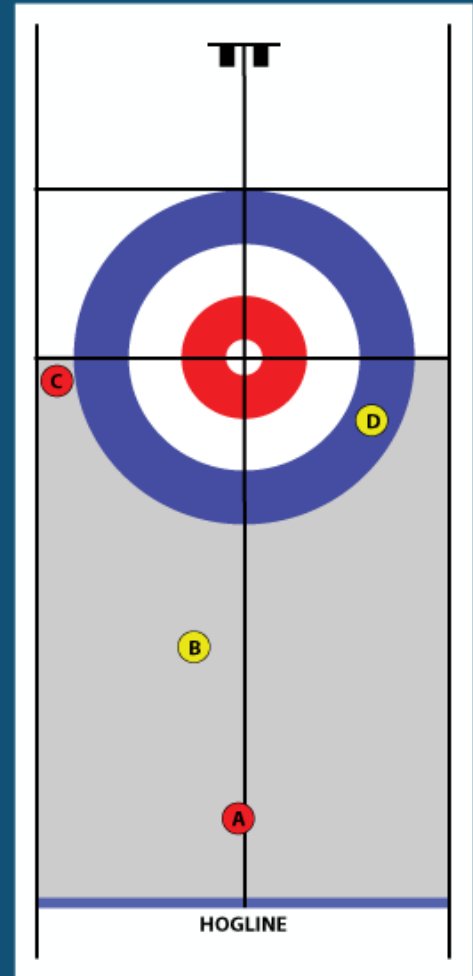
Cincinnati moved to their dedicated ice facility a couple of years ago and our relationship with them is more recent. They hosted us last season and this year we look forward to returning the favor in what we hope will become an annual event competing for the “Seven Seas” trophy (CCCC vs CCC – get it?).

Geographic proximity helps explain our relationships with Fort Wayne and Cincinnati. Our ties with the Midland club may be a little less obvious. Midland has had dedicated ice since the early 1960’s. It is also where the global headquarters of Dow Chemical is located with that company’s former agricultural chemicals business (now Corteva) located in Indianapolis. One of our current and early members, Doug Pearson, was a member of the Midland club before transferring to Indy. Building on this tie the Midland club offered to host our intrepid band of arena curlers and so the “Pearson Cup” was born. For many years we have made the 6 hour drive to Midland and this year we are delighted to be able to host what, for us, is an historic event. Jim Puckering, our current club president, is also a former Midland member.

Over the years these three clubs have been very generous in providing us ice time, advice and other support and cheerleading our endeavors to obtain dedicated ice. We look forward to showing off the culmination of these efforts. Please join in giving these folks a warm Anderson welcome!

“Brush Up” On Your Rules

The Five Rock Rule



The five rock rule means that a stone cannot be removed from the “Free Guard Zone”, indicated by the gray area above, until after the fifth stone is played. If a stone is removed from play before such stones, the stone is placed back in its original position and the opponent’s stone is removed from play. In the image above, stones A through C are stones that cannot be removed until after the 5th rock has been thrown. Stone D can be removed because it is not in the Free Guard Zone.

Meet Our Members!



Barb Hayford

Member since 2007

Barb says that she had never heard of curling growing up in Oswego, NY. She and her husband Jack were introduced to the sport in Chicago and it was love at first rock. They curled out of Chicago Curling Club in Deerfield, Illinois, starting in the mid-70's until they moved to Indianapolis in 1984. Barb curled with the women, Jack with the men and as a couple for mixed curling. Two of their children curled with the juniors.

After selling their bakery, Breadsmith, in 2007 and retiring, they discovered Circle City Curling, then in its infancy. Barb says, "I can't tell you how excited we were. I have played all four positions but prefer to play lead. The opportunity to go to various bonspiels also provided an opportunity to seek out local yarn shops. I have yarn and knitting projects for several lifetimes. Something you may not know about me is that in the 1990's a friend and I wrote two cookbooks for St. Martin's Press, New-Fangled, Old-Fashioned Bread Puddings and Coffeetime Indulgences."



Grant Shelton (G Man)

Member since 2022

G man is a middle school student from Pendleton. He has been curling since Jan 2022 when his father Todd Shelton convinced him to take a Learn to Curl clinic with CCCC. He likes playing second position. He enjoys rock climbing and playing dungeons and dragons. Most people would not know that he plays baritone saxophone. Grant's father Todd is also a member.