



Our House

September 2023

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A Message from the President

Wow – where did this off-season (aka – summer) go? As I write this the ice crew is finishing up a month of tireless work flooding, installing graphics and leveling the ice so our leagues can get off to a great start on September 24. As we head into what will be our first full season in our dedicated facility you may notice a few changes. The lighting over the houses has been upgraded, the house monitors have been repositioned for easier viewing, and the entryway and away end has been made much more attractive and ice friendly. And we now have an expanded and functional deck to use when the weather permits. You will also see markings on the ice for our new Klutch system which will provide real-time feedback on your delivery during practice sessions. Work continues on our warm room expansion, and while it won't be ready as the season starts it should be up and running later this fall. This will provide a dressing room area, improved traffic flow and a greatly enhanced capability to host events, including our very first external spiel in November.

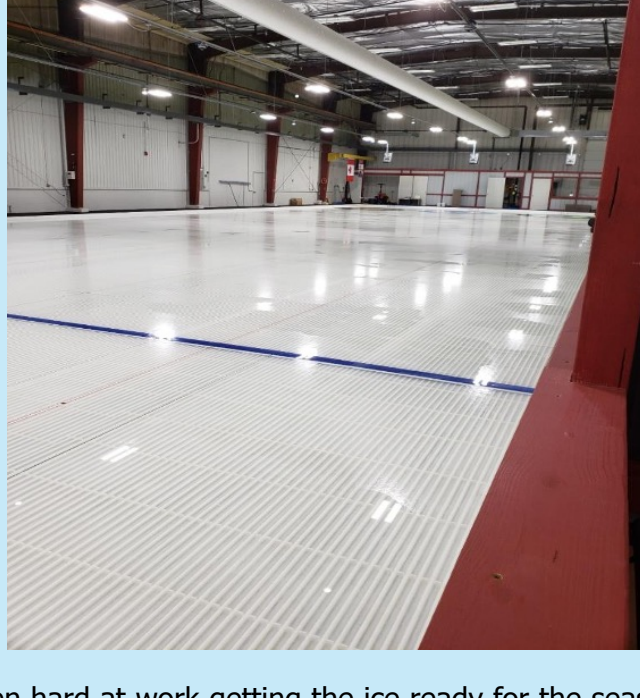
In order to accommodate our growing membership, we will be operating 7 days a week through April of next year. This should provide everyone with ample opportunities to curl at times convenient to you. But this also places a much greater load on our all- volunteer workforce. Please be on the lookout for signups to help and pitch in wherever you can. Finally, I would like to welcome those individuals who have joined since our previous season ended last spring. Don't be shy in introducing yourselves, this is a very friendly group you are becoming a part of.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the ice this fall and to an exciting seven months of curling ahead.

Good Curling!

Jim Puckering

Look At That Crystal Clear (and Clean) Ice - Help Us Keep It That Way!



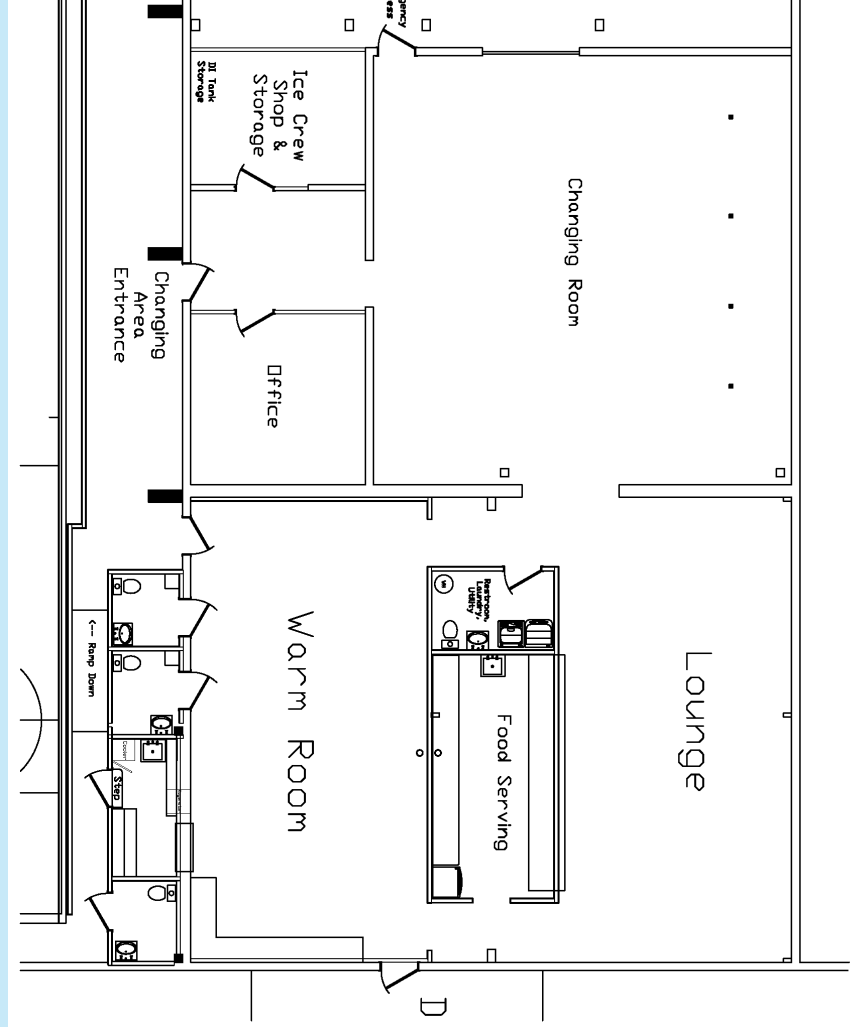
The Ice Crew has been hard at work getting the ice ready for the season. They ask that you check the condition of your gripper. Is it worn down? If so, then please get a new one. Those tiny particles of rubber can cause the stone to change direction or speed.

Expansion Update

Work continues on the expansion in the new space. Pictured below is the framing for the new food serving area in the Special Event Room (Lounge).



Here is the updated floorplan:



Banned Snack



We regret to announce that popcorn has been banned from the CCCC facility this year. The reason is because it is the most common debris carried onto the ice surface according to the Ice Crew. It is difficult to clean up. For this reason, it is not being sold at the bar and we ask that you not bring it into the building.

Tip From The Pros

Proper Hack Foot Position

Top View:



Side View:



There are two major reasons to implement the correct hack foot position:

1. The correct hack position provides greater leverage when pushing from the hack. This will allow you to slide with more ease on draw shots and will allow you to produce more weight for your takeout shots.
2. The correct hack position will prolong the life of your gripper. Hacks are abrasive and will quickly deteriorate the toe of your gripper if it is not in the correct hack position.

Name Tags

Have you picked up your name tag from last year? There are number of name tags that were not picked up last season. If you were a member last year but did not pick up your name tag, please check the bin in the warmroom to see if yours is there. Name tags will be automatically ordered for all new members. If you need a new name tag, please send an email to Sharon at secretary@circlecitycurling.com.

Returning Next Month: Meet the Members

Upcoming Events

- September 24th - Start of 2023/24 Season
- September 30th - Learn to Curl Instructor Clinic 8:30-10:30am
- November 9-12th - Patriot Games Bonspiel

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