



Our House December 2023

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A Message from the President

As 2023 draws to a close it is hard to overstate what a momentous year this has been for the club. While we opened the club in December of 2022, we really didn't get going with leagues and learn to curls until January. Since then, we have introduced curling to hundreds of people and seen our membership grow steadily and significantly. When we opened the doors on the facility to the public in January most of us heaved a sigh of relief that the construction work was over. Most, but not all. When the adjacent space became available, an intrepid crew took up their tools again and built out our events area and the just completed changing room. It is so much fun to see the look on people's faces when they see what lies behind our rather nondescript exterior.

As we moved into our first full season this past fall, we adjusted the learn to curl programs to put more emphasis on bringing people into the sport rather than just giving them a taste of what it is. It is so great to see those of you who have participated in the beginner's leagues develop your skills and knowledge of the game. And it is even better to see you move on into our regular leagues and best of all to see you making this club your own and stepping up to volunteer and take leadership roles. Your enthusiasm invigorates us all. We now have active committees running corporate events and, what I believe to be, a world class learn to curl program. But these require lots of volunteers to be successful so please don't be shy when you see requests to sign up. 2024 promises to bring more excitement. Through the rest of the winter, we will be partnering with The Indianapolis Cultural Trail to introduce downtown residents to curling at the "Curling on the Canal" street curling event they have set up. And of course, we will be hosting our first national event in February when the USCA Senior Women compete for a chance to represent the USA in the world championships. And we can cheer on a team including our own Susan Fleck and Sheila McKinley! How great is that?

We expect to generate lots of publicity through these events and to continue the growth of curling in Central Indiana.

Please accept my sincere gratitude to all who have made 2023 such a successful year and my best wishes to everyone in 2024!

Good Curling!

Jim Puckering

Curling on the Canal



Our partnership with Indianapolis Cultural Trail on Sunday afternoons began in early December, to provide a "curling" activity along the Canal in downtown Indy, teaching the game on a synthetic sheet of ice with "stones" on casters. The program is staffed by two CCCC members each week, paid for by Indianapolis Cultural Trail. This has generated a fair amount of interest from local media, providing great exposure for our club. You can check out some of that coverage here:

<https://www.wthr.com/article/news/local/free-curling-lessons-offered-every-sunday-on-indianapolis-canal-circle-city-curling-club-indianapolis-cultural-trail/531-5c42db80-ea47-482d-9f79-1247f515aa61>

and here:

<https://fox59.com/morning-news/curling-on-the-canal/>

League Champions

Session 1 Champions:

Monday Competitive: Keith Hammer, Todd Shelton, Heidi Ripperger, Karolyn Likins
Tuesday Open: Tammy Hoffman, Wes Hoffman, Katie DeCarlo, Chris DeCarlo
Thursday Open: Jeremy Caron, Geoff Randolph, Dan Randolph, Susie Burton
Friday Open: Jim McNab, Brianna Massey, Kyle Lawrence, Allan Graham

Session 2 Champions:

Monday Competitive: Andrew Sand, Jon Harris, Adam VanZee, Jeff Timmons
Tuesday Open: David Carlson, Bob Leckron, Jan Carlson, Luc Tremblay
Thursday Open: Keith Hammer, Luc Tremblay, Mike Warner, Jim Gangnon
Friday Open: Keith Hammer, Todd Shelton, Kirk Miller, Chris Gross

New Year's Eve Party



A fun time was had on December 31st ringing in the New Year with some curling and great food!

Upcoming Events

- February 3rd - Hoosier Cup @ CCCC
- February 10th - Seven C's Cup (Cincinnati Friendly) @ Cincinnati CC
- February 17th - Friendly with Derby City/Grand Rapids/Troy @ CCCC
- February 21-25th - Women's Senior National Championships @ CCCC
- March 9th - Friendly vs. Fort Wayne CC @ FWCC
- March 16th & 17th - Shamrock Spiel

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