

Our House

March/April 2024

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A Message from the President

I must confess I feel a tinge of sadness as I write this message knowing that our first full season in Anderson has come to an end. However, I am overcome by what a great season it has been and how our club continues to grow and welcome so many new faces. The enthusiasm shown by so many of you at our end of season wrap up event – the "Circle City 500" – was truly inspiring. Planning has already begun to make this an annual event and to bring more similar and fun engagement events to you in the coming season.

Welcoming curlers from other clubs at our Patriot Spiel last fall was a fantastic experience and we look forward to its continued growth this fall. A number of our members have traveled to other clubs to participate in their spiels. This helps spread the awareness of our club as an active member of our national curling community. I would encourage all members to look for opportunities to try the "spieling experience".

Even if you are relatively new to the sport, you will find your participation to be welcomed and you will find your fellow spieler to be the most encouraging and inclusive group of people you will ever encounter. That is the "Spirit of Curling" which our club wholeheartedly embraces. Since we opened in Anderson at the end of 2022, we have welcomed many new members (our end of season membership stood at 207!). I would encourage our newer members to consider participating in 5 and under spiels. These are restricted to people who have been curling for 5 years or less. They are a great opportunity to get into the spieling culture while playing against people with a similar experience level. And there is a path to qualify all the way to a national championship in this category.

And in the context of the Spirit of Curling, I would like to make you all aware of an action your club recently undertook. As many of you know, one of our regional clubs, Windy City in Chicago, suffered significant damage due to a fire in the building in which they are housed. They started a GoFundMe page to which a number of our members contributed. The board of Circle City also approved a \$1000 donation from our club, which was made by check to avoid the on-line fees and provide the maximum benefit to our friends in Chicago. We wish them all the best in their rebuilding efforts.

Finally, I would like to exercise Presidential Privilege, if such a thing exists, in expressing my best wishes to Keith Hammer as he departs to continue his life in North Carolina. It has been a blast working with Keith to help our club achieve the goal of dedicated ice. He has brought such a high level of professionalism and business acumen to our activities, he has been generous with his time and resources, but most of all he has become a friend who I will value forever. Regardless of the address on your driver's license Keith, please know that you will always have a home at Circle City.

Good Curling!

Jim Puckering

Shamrock Spiel 2024



The 2nd Annual Shamrock Spiel was a fun time with great food, fun, costumes, and competition! Many thanks to all who helped with this event, and special thanks to Jan & David Carlson for organizing.



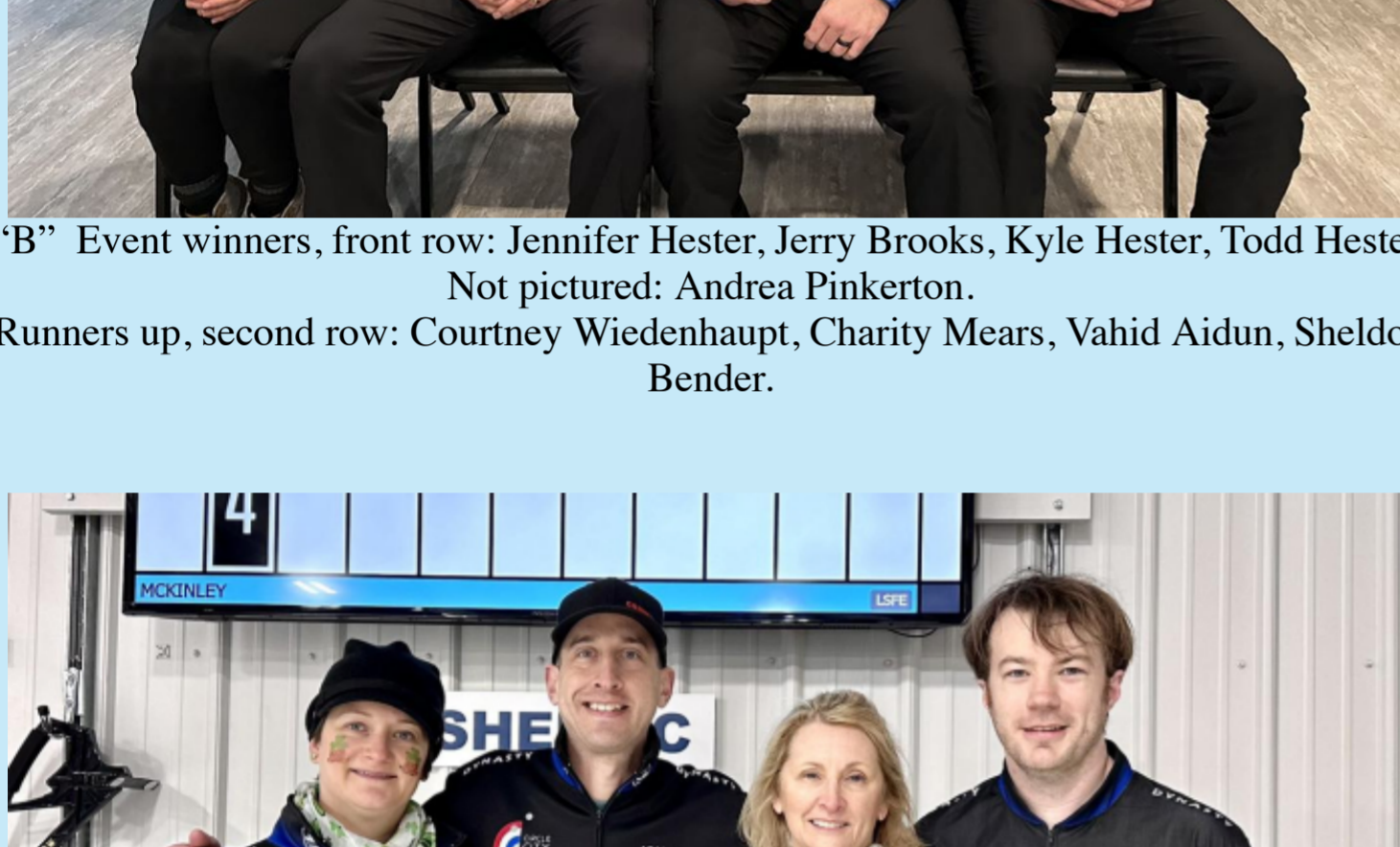
Pictured from left: Jan Carlson, Geoff Randolph, Susan Fleck, and Ernie Forney.



Best Dressed Lad and Lassie: Rob Jennings and Meghan Monaco.



"A" Event winners, front row: Mollie Dawson, Kim Gillian, Katie DeCarlo, Keith Hammer. Runners up, second row: Brian Pickering, Kelsey Brennan, Tyler Miller, Dan Ivers.



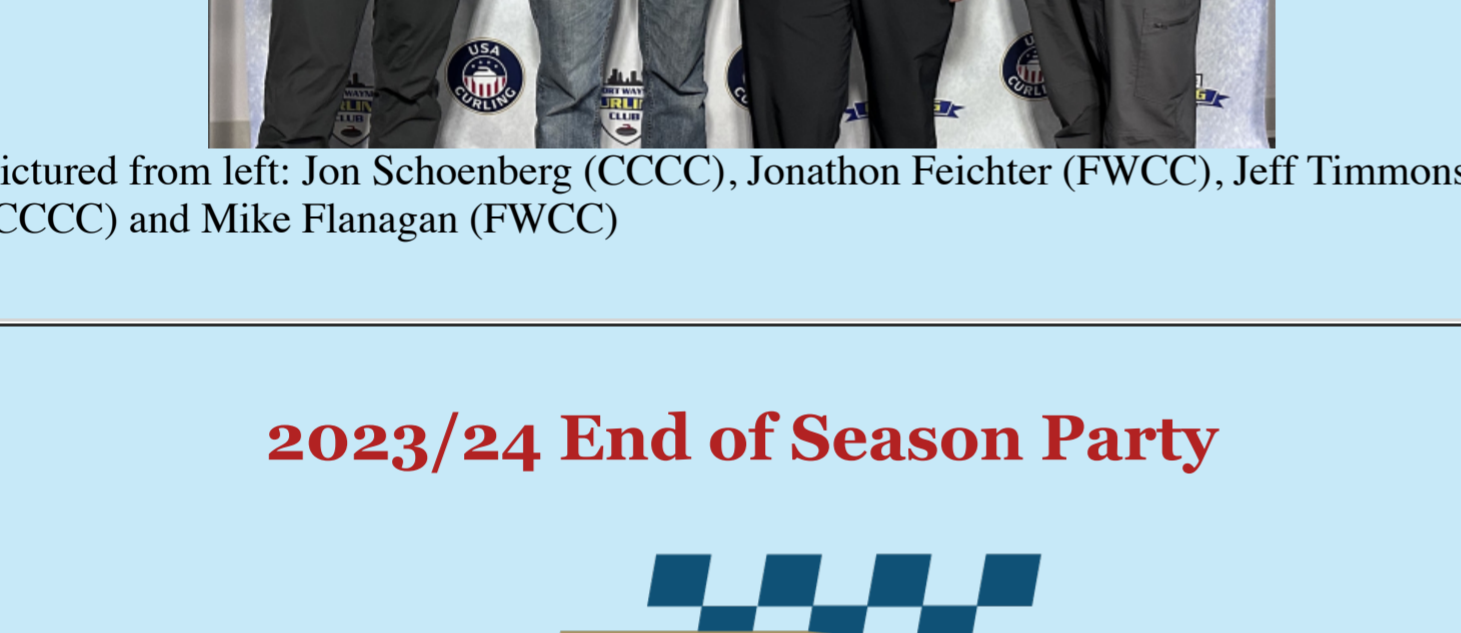
"B" Event winners, front row: Jennifer Hester, Jerry Brooks, Kyle Hester, Todd Hester. Not pictured: Andrea Pinkerton. Runners up, second row: Courtney Wiedenhaup, Charity Mears, Vahid Aidun, Sheldon Bender.



"C" Event winners: Katie Schoenberg, Jon Schoenberg, Linda Brennan, and Chris Gross.

Hoosier Hospitality Classic

The first Hoosier Hospitality Classic was held at Fort Wayne CC on March 10th. Teams were made up of two curlers each from CCCC and FWCCC. 16 curlers from each club participated.

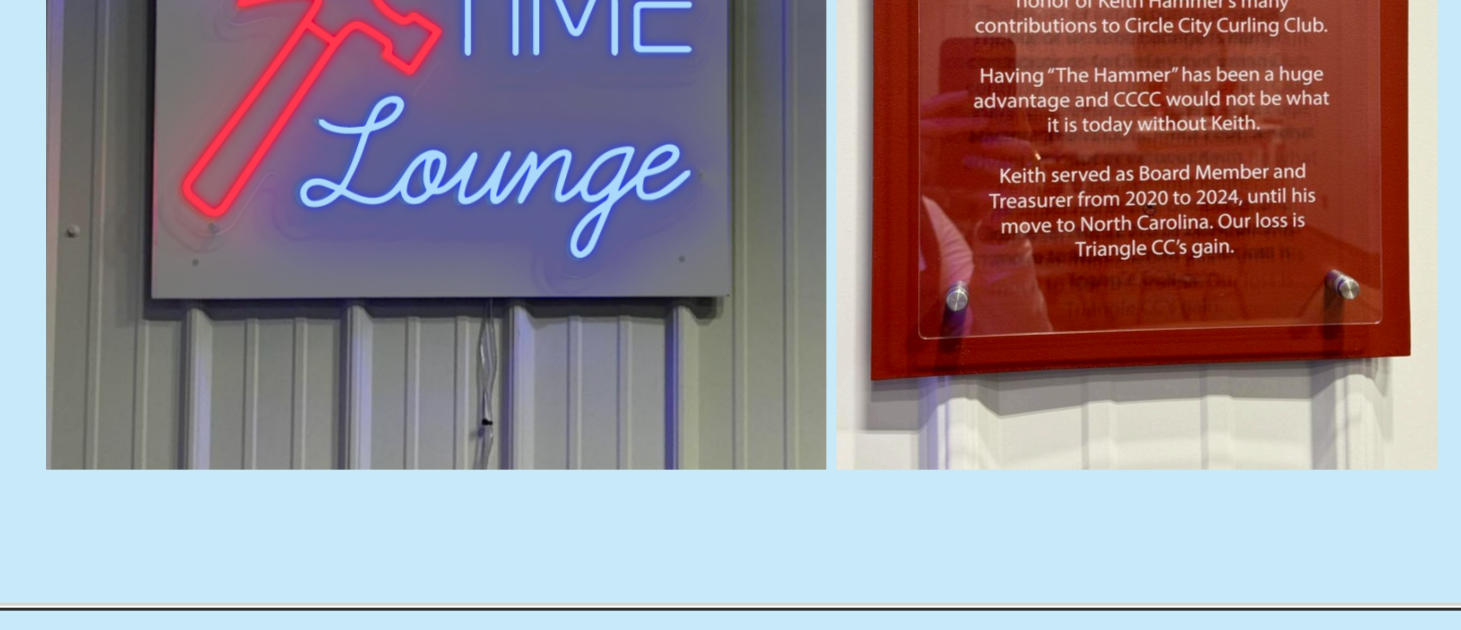
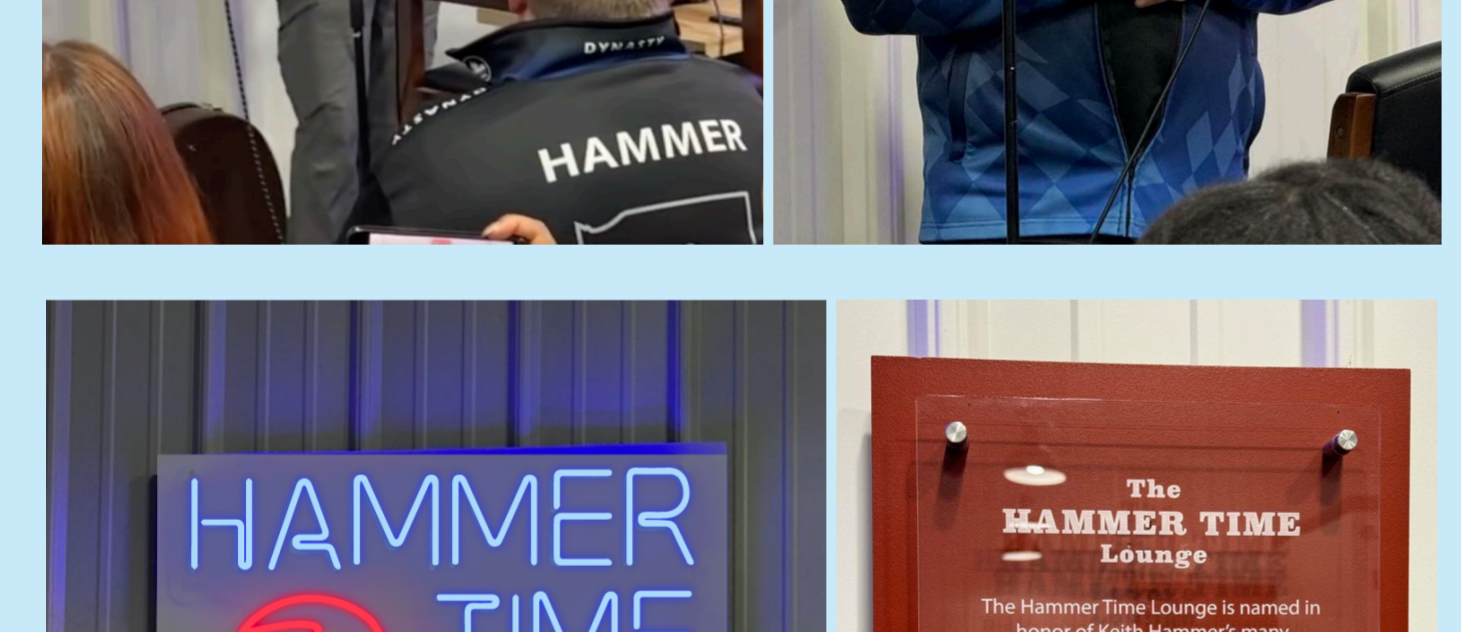


Pictured from left: Jon Schoenberg (CCCC), Jonathon Feichter (FWCC), Jeff Timmons (CCCC) and Mike Flanagan (FWCC)

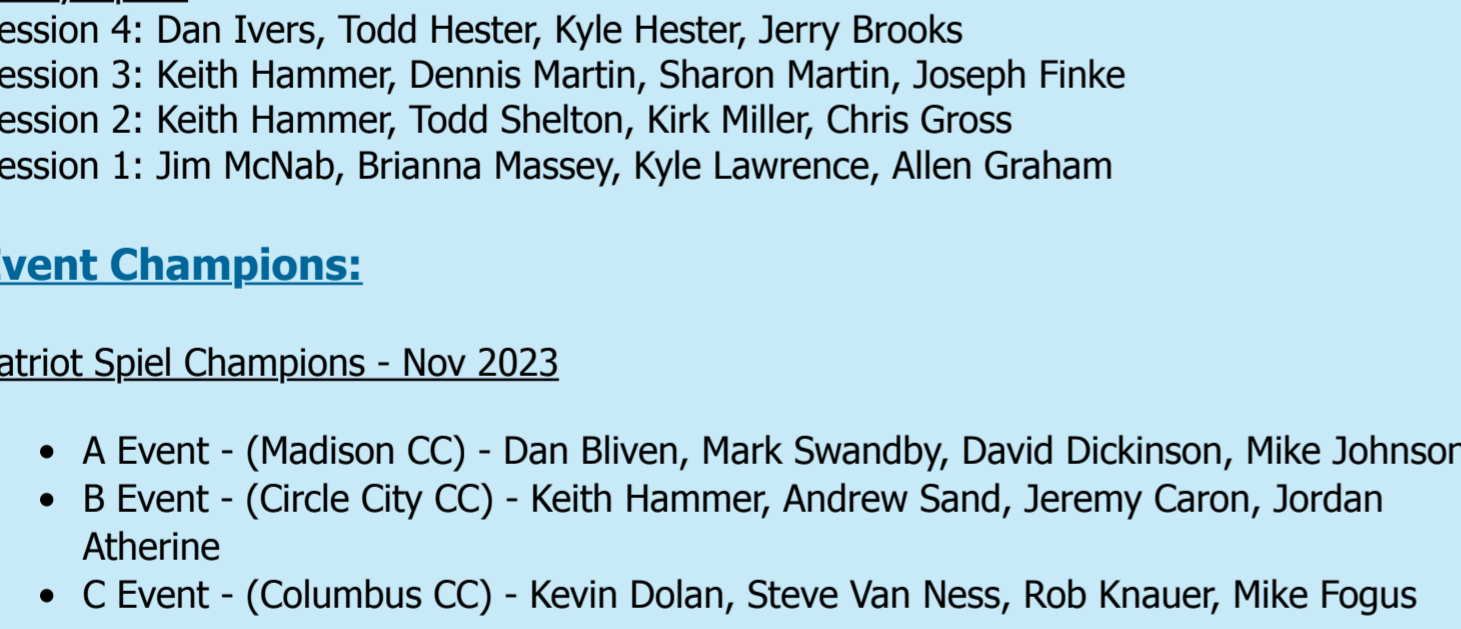
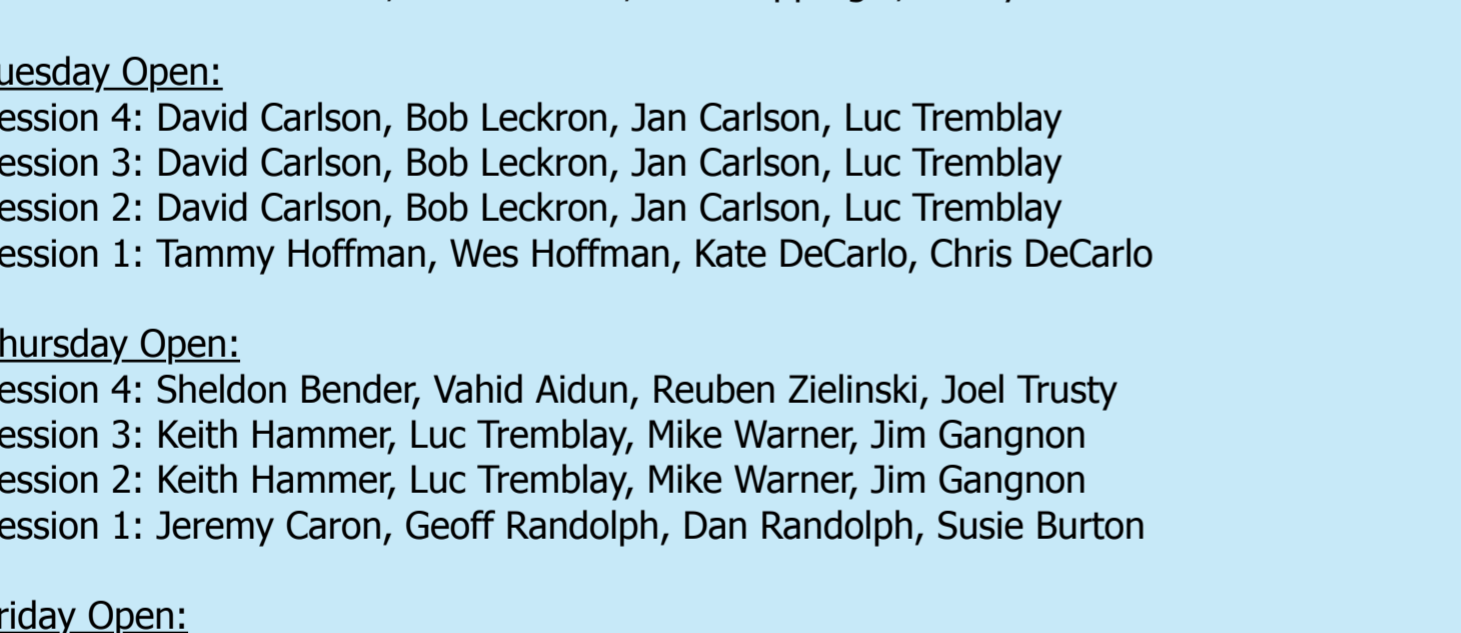
2023/24 End of Season Party



The first running of the Circle City 500 was a roaring success! The end of season event was held on March 30th with over 100 participants in attendance.



During the event, we took a few moments to recognize Keith Hammer before his move to North Carolina with an unforgettable musical tribute by Geoff Randolph and the unveiling of a new neon sign and plaque naming the lounge in Keith's honor. We are grateful to Keith for all of his many contributions to the club during his five years as Board member and Treasurer.



2023/24 League & Event Champions

- League Champions**
- Monday Competitive:**
 Session 4: David Carlson, Jordan Atherine, Jan Carlson, Dan Ivers
 Session 3: Andrew Sand, Adam Van Zee, Jon Harris, Jeff Timmons
 Session 2: Andrew Sand, Adam Van Zee, Jon Harris, Jeff Timmons
 Session 1: Keith Hammer, Todd Shelton, Heidi Ripperger, Karolyn Likins
- Tuesday Open:**
 Session 4: David Carlson, Bob Leckron, Jan Carlson, Luc Tremblay
 Session 3: David Carlson, Bob Leckron, Jan Carlson, Luc Tremblay
 Session 2: David Carlson, Bob Leckron, Jan Carlson, Luc Tremblay
 Session 1: Tammy Hoffman, Wes Hoffman, Kate DeCarlo, Chris DeCarlo
- Thursday Open:**
 Session 4: Sheldon Bender, Vahid Aidun, Reuben Zielski, Joel Trusty
 Session 3: Keith Hammer, Luc Tremblay, Mike Warner, Jim Gannon
 Session 2: Keith Hammer, Luc Tremblay, Mike Warner, Jim Gannon
 Session 1: Jeremy Caron, Geoff Randolph, Dan Randolph, Susie Burton
- Friday Open:**
 Session 4: Dan Ivers, Todd Hester, Kyle Hester, Jerry Brooks
 Session 3: Keith Hammer, Dennis Martin, Sharon Martin, Joseph Finke
 Session 2: Keith Hammer, Todd Shelton, Kirk Miller, Chris Gross
 Session 1: Jim McNab, Brianna Massey, Kyle Lawrence, Allen Graham
- Event Champions:**
- Patriot Spiel Champions - Nov 2023**
- A Event - (Madison CC) - Dan Bilven, Mark Swandby, David Dickinson, Mike Johnson
 - B Event - (Circle City CC) - Keith Hammer, Andrew Sand, Jeremy Caron, Jordan Atherine
 - C Event - (Columbus CC) - Kevin Dolan, Steve Van Ness, Rob Knauer, Mike Fogus
- Midwest Arena Invitational - Feb 2024**
- First - (Grand Rapids CC) - Pete Galsworthy, Chris Kurby, Allan Kozowski, Dug Van Hartesveldt
 - Second - (Circle City CC) - Ron Groves, Jessie Gross, Kate DeCarlo, April Groves
 - Third - (Fort Wayne CC) - Zach Foster, Terry Smith, Jeremy Wordan, Kyle Friend
- 2024 US Senior Women's Champions - Feb 2024**
- Team Montgomery - Madison Curling Club
 - Skip - Angie Montgomery
 - Vice - Susan Dukes
 - Lead - Stephanie Erstad
 - Second - Annie Gravel
- Friendly - Pearson Cup - Midland vs CCCC - Dec 2023**
- Midland 147.5 defeated Circle City 140.5
 - Top Midland Team: Ken Burdett, Jacob Crosthwaite, Matt Thorsett, Jeff Baldwin (47 points)
 - Top Circle City Team: Keith Hammer, Todd Shelton, Grant Shelton, Jonathan Intravia (50 points)
- Friendly - Hoosier Cup - Fort Wayne vs CCCC - Feb 2024**
- Fort Wayne 96.0 defeated Circle City 49.5
 - Top Fort Wayne Team: Keith Bradtmiller, Anthony Harberg, Jeremy Worden, Rachel Soram (40 points)
 - Top Circle City Team: Keith Hammer, Jon Schoenberg, Kirk Miller, Geoff Randolph (20 points)
- Friendly - Seven C's - Cincinnati Curling Club vs Circle City Curling Club - Feb 2024**
- Cincinnati 74.5 defeated Circle City 72.5
 - Top Cincinnati Team: Bethany Hansen, Foe Furlong, Gregg Brenner, Eric Reardon (29 points)
 - Top Circle City Team: Matt James, Kirk Miller, Jessie Gross, Geoff Randolph (31 points)
 - Top Circle City Team: Keith Hammer, Todd Shelton, Grant Shelton, Heidi Ripperger (31 points)
- Friendly - Hoosier Hospitality Classic - Teams mixed from Fort Wayne and Circle City - March 2024**
- A Event: Keith Hammer (CC), Tony King (FW), Karolyn Likins (CC), Zach Butcher (FW)
 - B Event: Rob Jennings (CC), Kyle Johnson (FW), Jonathan Intravia (CC), Chad West (FW)
 - C Event: Sheldon Bender (CC), Jeremy Goldwood (FW), Fred Pabon (CC), Steve Neary (FW)
 - D Event: Jeff Bockelman (FW), Kate DeCarlo (CC), Andy Neu (FW), Chris DeCarlo (CC)
- Shamrock Spiel - March 2024**
- Event A - Keith Hammer, Kate DeCarlo, Kim Gillian (Chris DeCarlo), Mollie Dawson
 - Event B - Todd Hester, Kyle Hester, Jerry Brooks, Jennifer Hester
 - Event C - Jon Schoenberg, Katie Schoenberg, Chris Gross, Linda Brennan
- Circle City 500 - March 2024**
- First - Jonathan Intravia, Nickey Johnson, Linda Brennan, Chris Gross
 - Second - Heidi Ripperger, Kate DeCarlo, Gerry Huber, Jim Gillian
 - Third - Jeff Timmons, Sharon Martin, Shannon Frederick, Susan Fleck
- Butler vs. Notre Dame**
- March 23:
 ND and Butler tied 2 - 2 in games, Butler prevails in skip draws to the button for the tie breaker.
 Team Butler: Tyler Miller, Mindy Smith, Mitchell Adams, Ayrianna Ford, Kiara Somerville, Micah Bohnenstengel, Brianna Massey and Grant Shelton.
- April 6:
 ND defeated Butler 3 - 1, all games were very competitive. Thank you to ND for traveling here and congrats to both teams on a great Saturday of curling.



Pictured above: students from Butler University and University of Notre Dame

Upcoming Events

Saturday June 15th - Annual Meeting & Picnic (1:00 - 4:00pm)

Circle City Curling Club Board of Directors

President:
Jim Puckering

Vice President:
Matt James

Secretary:
Sharon Martin

Treasurer:
Jeff Timmons

At-Large Members:
Linda Brennan
Jim Gannon
Jonathan Intravia
Andrew Sand
Todd Shelton