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The Board Report:

With the Olympics on the horizon, the board had plenty to discuss in terms of media coverage, the surge of interest for learn to curls, and conversations with city officials about a facility. Board member Jeff Heck laid out the plan for the Olympic Night with Comcast as well as the schedule to be aired on local television news stations. A big thanks to Jeff for spearheading this as we were able to get wide coverage across all platforms. Learn To Curls continued to fill up and are now sold out. Thanks go to board member Matt James for answering the numerous emails from excited community members wanting to give it a try. The board will consider adding additional dates dependent on availability of ice and instructors. Early signs for the beginner and member league registrations are great and should provide ample opportunity for all to enjoy curling this spring.

The board discussed putting in place a committee structure at length and have been tasked to define responsibilities for a proposed 10 committee possibilities. Finally, a new funding model for a dedicated facility was proposed and a timeline for construction has been formed. The board will continue to consider all options in the path to a dedicated facility.

Current Dedicated Ice Fund Total: \$158,750

their continued support!



We had a great time at the RAM in Fishers watching Sweden's women's team take the Gold!

Upcoming Events

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Fundraiser at the Fuel Tank: Friday, April 20th 7:10-11:30pm
If you are able to help with this event, please email: ernieforney@gmail.com

Check out everything on our Google Calendar of Events

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Move to Fishers

On February 3rd a group of our members braved the crowded fairgrounds to help move our equipment North to the Fuel Tank in Fishers. A week later we had an early morning crew of folks that came out to put the lines down as well as lay our vinyl houses down. Thanks to everyone who helped with the move and painting!



Member Spotlight: Jon Harris

I remember watching curling as part of the 2006 Winter Olympics back in college. I thought it would be fun to play, but couldn't find anything nearby and mostly forgot about it until we moved to Noblesville four years ago. Being new to the area, I was looking for something fun to do and somehow stumbled across the CCCC website. I signed up for a learn-to-curl and was instantly hooked. I joined the beginners league that year, did the mini-spiel in Cincinnati (see picture) and a full bonspiel in Ft. Wayne and I've been a league member ever since.

I like curling for several reasons...
It's easy to get started but there is a lot of complexity as you learn more about the game. Every stone is important and every game can swing on a single end (for better or worse). But most of all, it's just fun. There's something about the spirit of the game and



the people that play it. Any day curling is a good day.

Winter Olympics Recap

Olympic Night on Ice

Thank you to everyone who came out to help set up the ice, explain the game to spectators, get out on the ice for a demo, and sell shirts at this event at the Fuel Tank. We got to talk to

a lot of people about the sport we love so much and expose it to those folks who now have the curling bug after watching the Olympics!



Fun Fact: Curling made its debut during the inaugural Winter Olympic Games in Chamonix, France in 1924 before being dropped for the following Olympics in 1928. Then, between 1932 and 1992, curling was intermittently held solely as a demonstration sport, meaning it was presented just to raise awareness of the sport, and none of the medals won actually counted toward a country's final tally.

After being relegated to demonstration status at the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid Games in 1932, the Calgary Games in 1988, and the Albertville Games in 1992, both men's and women's curling officially joined the program in Nagano in 1998. In 2006, however, the International Olympic Committee decided to retroactively upgrade the curling medals from that first Olympics in 1924 from demonstration to official medals.



In case you missed it...The Men's curling team,
Skipped by John Shuster,
made history for USA
Curling! No other US team
has made it to a Gold
medal match!

Olympic Curling Results:

Mixed Doubles:

Gold- Canada

Silver- Switzerland

Bronze-Norway

Men's:

Gold- USA!!!

Silver- Sweden

Bronze-Switzerland

Women's:

Gold-Sweden

Silver- Korea

Bronze- Japan



We feel you Matt, we couldn't hold back the tears either!



Club Shirts & Stickers

We still have club shirts available for purchase!

\$20 each, or 2 for \$35.

You can pick one up at Spring League

Or during a Learn to Curl

Or Contact Adam VanZee (acvanzee@gmail.com)







We also now have stickers available, to adorn your water bottles, laptops, cars, whatever you like! 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5! Pick one up at Spring League or during a Learn to Curl.

Bowling Green 50th Anniversary

On January 13th, Kenny, Ernie, Wes and Tammy traveled to Bowling Green Curling Club to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. The team played in a two-game friendly ending with a record of 1-1 then played three ends of the 50-end game.



Leagues for the Spring

We have moved our curling operations to The Fuel Tank in Fishers for Spring Leagues and Learn to Curls. Here is a reminder about the dates. Also remember that we Broomstack at the RAM afterwards, and everyone is always welcome to join!

Beginner's League (4 weeks): This is FULL!

Wednesdays, 7:10-9:30pm Start Date= April 4th End Date= April 25th

<u>Member League (6 weeks):</u> Very few spots left, email <u>leagues@circlecitycurling.com</u> to check availability if you are interested.

Week 1 ONLY: Wednesday, March 21st 7:10-9:30pm

Weeks 2-6: Thursdays, March 29th – April 26th 7:10-9:30pm

<u>Learn to Curls</u>: These have ALL SOLD OUT! That means 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 Wednesday, March 28th (2 times: 7:10pm-9:00 & 8:45pm - 10:30pm Friday, March, 30th (2 times): 7:10pm - 9:00pm & 8:45pm - 10:30pm

Message from the President

First, let me thank everyone who participated in any of the activities this season, be it playing in the leagues, helping to move equipment, or the plethora of events planned revolving around the Olympics. I'm disappointed that, due to some health issues, I could not have been a part of all this. I especially wanted to participate in playing for the Channel 13 morning show. It looked like everyone who did had a great time. I'm thinking of proposing a 5:00 am league for next fall. Who's in?

Second, we have completely sold out all the available learn-to-curl spots. These not only introduce new people to the sport but also helps to add money into the dedicated ice fund. I know Jeff Heck is making a call to the membership to help with these. You don't have to be a class A curler to assist. Working with learn-to-curl students is fun and you may just be teaching someone who will eventually be on one of your teams.

Lastly, please save the date for Friday, April 20th. For the third year in a row, the club is hosting a fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Indianapolis. This event raised over \$5,000 last year and they anticipate almost double that this year. The Fuel Tank has graciously donated a four-hour time slot. They are expecting 80 participants instead of the 40 they had the last two years. We're working on a slightly different format for this year so hopefully it won't be like trying to "herd hockey players" like it's been the past two years.

As many of you know, this organization and their work hold special meaning to me. If we could get enough volunteers to make it fun for both the participants and us, it would mean a lot. As usual, we need people for ice prep and getting the stones on the ice. We need a person on each sheet to score each shot thrown, and a few to stick around after the event to get the equipment put away. The ice is ours at 7:00pm and need to get the ice prep completed as quickly as possible. There will be more details on how this event will run in next month's newsletter. Please email me (ernieforney@gmail.com) if you are able to help with this event.

Thanks and good curling,

Ernie Forney