

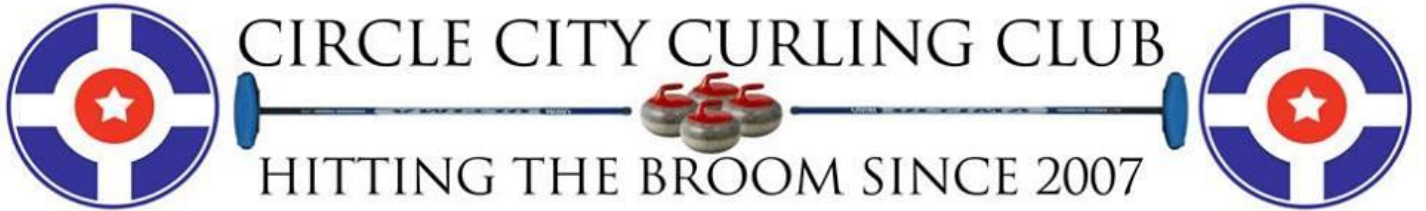
THE SHEET

Newsletter of the Circle City Curling Club

Indianapolis, Indiana

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Guest Column: A Word from the President *By Dan Ivers*

I'd like to welcome all of our new and returning members to a new season of curling in our new home, the Arctic Zone. It has been really great to get back on the ice and curl again especially after a summer filled with uncertainty about if and where we would curl this year. However, the best part of this young season has been the excitement and enthusiasm displayed before each night. Even though the late start time on Friday nights limits broom stacking afterwards, it is encouraging to see so many of you keeping the social aspect of curling alive and well by arriving early to catch up with old friends as well as meeting our new club members.

The Arctic Zone has been very supportive of our club. In addition to opening the upstairs room for us to have something to eat or drink before curling, they have included information about our club in some of their advertisements, and they will also allow us to promote our club by hanging banners at both the Arctic Zone and Carmel Ice Skadium. I look forward to continuing to work with the Arctic Zone personnel to have the best curling experience we can with arena ice.

With our ice time being limited to two hours (plus any extra time after the Zamboni is done), we are trying some things to improve the curling experience such as trying a dry cut only, modifying the hack placement method, and upgrading the hoses and

heads on the pebbles. We are also looking at ways to cool the stones which will improve the play in the first few ends. If you have any suggestions for improvement or see potential safety issues please let me or one of the other board members know.

Although curling in an arena at least provides an opportunity to curl, we know it will always have drawbacks, most of which are beyond our control. Things such as availability of ice being limited to less than ideal times (which restricts our ability to have multiple leagues, or host events such as bonspiels and regional or national events), as well as issues with temporary hacks, warm stones, uneven ice, or even the potential of having to find a new place when an arena closes down or decides to focus on skating or hockey will always occur until we have our own dedicated facility.

Getting a dedicated curling facility won't be easy, but it can be done. The Ft. Wayne Curling Club had dedicated ice four years after the club started. The Charlotte Curling Club was able to build a brand new curling facility within four years of starting the club, and the Columbus (OH) Curling Club had dedicated ice in five years. Now is the time for the Circle City Curling Club to get serious about having dedicated curling ice. Our Fundraising Committee is working on ways to achieve the finances needed for a dedicated facility, and our Facility Committee is working on the details of what is needed for a dedicated facility. However, we need the support and dedication of all of our club members to show people outside of our club

that we are serious about having our own dedicated curling facility.

Good Curling,
Dan

BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Dan Ivers

Breaking News, 11/05/15: An anonymous local sports enthusiast has just recently come forward and has offered to match \$0.50 for every dollar donated by the club membership, up to a maximum of \$30,000. The donations must be from club members and received by March 1, 2016. This is a great opportunity for the club to raise a substantial amount of money towards a dedicated curling facility. The timing is great as it provides our members the opportunity to make donations in both 2015 and 2016 that would count towards our total. Please help us take full advantage of this generous offer between now and March 1.

Upcoming Learn-to-Curl Clinics

Interested in giving curling a try? Join us for one of our Learn-to-Curl clinics! Curling is a fun sport that can be enjoyed by people in nearly every age group! Don't let disabilities deter you, you can curl even with problem joints by using a delivery stick. Come join us and have a great time! (Corporate and private group sessions are available; visit the website listed below to arrange.)

- November 27 10:00 PM to 12:30 AM

To attend a clinic, participants must pay via the web site in advance (\$30/person). Please indicate the number of people attending. (Corporate and private group sessions are available.)

Visit our link for more information and sign-up:
<http://www.circlecitycurling.com/section/clinics>

Welcome New Members!!!

By Tammy Hoffman

New members for 2015 (list includes only paid new members at the time of submission, so it may not include new members who are playing on Sunday mornings).

Tarun Jain
Chris Sanford

Kevin Patterson
Kevin Spellman

Jim Puckering
David Strom

Welcome back to Stephen Conway!

USWCA Update

By Tammy Hoffman

The United States Women's Curling Association, USWCA, unites women's curling clubs throughout the United States to develop, nurture and promote the sport among women and youth. During the 2014-15 season, the Circle City Curling Club joined this organization with the Board of Directors electing Tammy Hoffman as the club representative. All dues paying female members of the CCC will automatically become members of the USWCA. Men are eligible to become Associate members; if interested, contact Tammy at indycurler@gmail.com.

In September, I attended the USWCA Fall meeting in Grand Forks, ND and returned with a wealth of knowledge to share about the organization. During my four days in Grand Forks, I learned the responsibilities of being the club representative; participated



Photo taken at "The Ralph" in front of the Mortier Dance Organ which dates back to the 1920's. Tammy Hoffman: 2nd row, center.

in several committee sessions, including: Pins and Trophies, All-American Bonspiel, National Bonspiel, and 5 & Under; toured the Ralph Englestad Hockey Arena on the campus; and, had the opportunity to meet a lot of women who are also passionate about curling.

The next meeting will be held in February, 2016, in Fairbanks, AK. This will coordinate with the 68th annual National Bonspiel. In upcoming editions of "The Sheet", I will continue to share information from the USWCA; but, in the meantime, please check out their website: www.uswca.org.

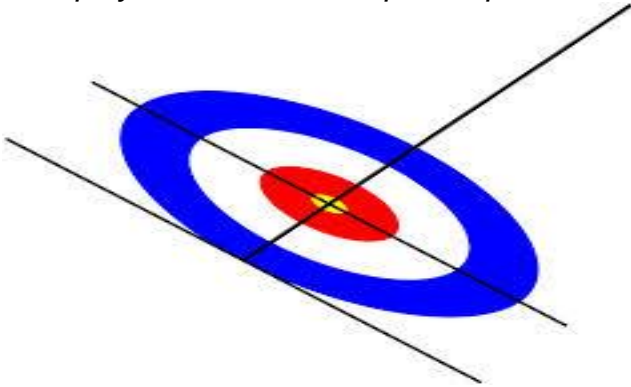
Take a minute to catch up on the news from the Fall Meeting held in Grand Forks by reading the WRep Sheet, the newest edition of which is being sent as a separate attachment with this newsletter.

'Spielin'

A list of upcoming bonspiels primarily located in the GLCA Region (Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan).

Check out the USCA website

(<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-curling/events-section>) for a complete listing of all bonspiels, playdowns, and championships.



November 2015

- 11/06-08 Kalamazoo Craft Beerspiel, Kalamazoo, MI
- 11/13-15 Mad Anthony's Men's Bonspiel, Ft. Wayne, IN

December 2015

- 12/04-06 Beers of the World, Columbus, OH
- 12/12 Senior One Day Bonspiel, Ferndale, MI

January 2016

- 01/16 9th Annual Women's One Day Bonspiel, South Euclid, OH

- 01/23-24 USWCA Central 5 and Under Open Bonspiel, Midland, MI

February 2016

- 02/19-21 Waltham Men's Bonspiel, Triumph, IL
- 02/25-28 Evergreen International Mixed, South Euclid, OH

March 2016

- 03/04-06 Waltham Mixed Bonspiel, Triumph, IL
- 03/04-06 Men's Slider Spiel, Columbus, OH
- 03/11-13 Summit City Open Bonspiel, Ft. Wayne, IN
- 03/19-20 USWCA Five Year & Under, Shaker Heights, OH

April 2016

- 04/15-17 Stone Cold Beauties, Ft. Wayne, IN
- 04/22-24 Cherry Bombspiel, Traverse City, MI

CCCC Member Competition Results

- 09/25-27 End of Summerspiel, Ft. Wayne, IN
- Congratulations to Rob Jennings, Doug Pearson, Jennie Cox, and Brad Cox on winning first place finish in the B-Event. Bob Leckron was also on a team with Ft. Wayne club members.

Bonspiel Notes: Members can use the club forum at www.circlecitycurling/forums/bonspiels to express their interest in forming teams for any bonspiels. New Members: Often bonspiels accept individual players who will be assigned a team on arrival. This may sound scary, but is actually a fun way to meet new people and gain experience playing. Attending a "5-and-under" bonspiel (for members with 5 or less years of curling) is a great way to get more playing experience. "Open spiels" can pit you against players with decades of experience, which can be psychologically challenging. On the other hand, if you go as an individual and get placed on a team with such experienced players, it can be a learning experience.

US Arena Curling Championships

This year's Arena Curling Club Championships will be held May 10-15 in West Chester, PA. Look for additional information regarding the selection process in the future, but start thinking about putting together some men's and women's teams. In the past, we have used the Winter League for the selection of the teams that our club will submit.

Letters to the Editor

Members, I hope that this column will take shape from questions or comments sent to me about the club or curling in general. Feel free to e-mail me your questions at the address given in the blue box on the back page. – L. Wieland, Editor.

Off Ice

Congratulations to Steve & Aren Straiger on their new house!

Gallery



Winners of the D Event Final at the Midland, MI Open Bonspiel, 10/16-18. L-R: Rob Jennings, Sandy Jennings, Tim Dangler, & Doug Pearson



Winners of the B Event Final at the Fort Wayne, IN End of Summerspiel, 9/25-27. L-R: Brad Cox, Rob Jennings, Doug Pearson, & Jennie Cox

Members, if you have pictures from a bonspiel that you attended that you would like to share with the club, please e-mail them—with information about the event and the participants depicted included—to the editor at the e-mail address given in the blue box on the back page.

This is your “Gallery”; share your good times with us! ☺

Upcoming Club Events:

- Learn to Curl Clinic - November 27 10:00 PM to 12:30 AM
- Inter-club Challenge with Midland Curling Club—December 12 and 13 at Midland, MI

To attend a clinic, participants must pay via the web site in advance (\$30/person). Please indicate the number of people attending. Visit our link for more information and sign-up:

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Members who can assist are encouraged to help with Learn to Curl clinics. Members can sit in on the classroom portion as a general refresher and then assist with the on-ice instruction.

Practice Ice/Pick-Up Games

Members, there is a single sheet available every Sunday morning from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for practice or pick-up games for \$25.00/person. Come hone your skills or play!

Circle City CC Committees

The following is a list of all of the CCCC committees and their chairs. (“Open” means a committee is in need of a chairperson.) Increase your club involvement! Any CCCC member who would like to join a committee is welcome to do so; please contact the committee chair or any Board member.

- Membership/Nominations (Annual election of Officers and Board Members) — Jeff Heck, Bruce Johnston, and Dan Ivers

- **Ice Preparation** (Ice preparation, coaching of Forum staff) — Jeff Heck, Jon Harris, Claire Wegel, and Kenny Towne
- **Leagues** (Schedule leagues, teams, handle questions from members) — Rob Jennings and Rachel Buetens
- **Fundraising** (Fundraising for dedicated facility) — Tammy Hoffman, Dan Ivers, Adam VanZee, Bryan Roesler, Steve Straiger, Ernie Forney.
- **Long Term Planning**—Doug Pearson, Dan Hinderer, Tim Dangler, Ron Giedt, Ernie Forney, Chris Pennington, Rob Jennings, and Susan Fleck
- **Awards/Social** (Maintaining membership) — Rachel Buetens, Peggy Hoy, and Darcy Christian
- **Publicity** (Website, Newsletter) — Wes Hoffman, Steve Straiger on Website; Lisa Wieland on Newsletter, and Jeff Heck
- **Education** (New/existing member training, safety, etc.) — Ron Giedt, Tammy Hoffman, Lisa Wieland, and John Solie
- **Bonspiels/Inter-Club Play** (Scheduling Midland, Hoosier Cup, etc.) — Ernie Forney and Kenny Towne

Fall Schedule & Sub List:

This fall our Friday Night Leagues will play on Friday nights from 10:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Saturdays at our club's new home, The Arctic Zone Iceplex in Westfield (16616 Southpark Dr., Westfield, IN). From 10:00 to 10:30 will be ice prep, 10:30 to 12:30 will be play. Please arrive by 10:00 to assist with set-up if you can. Broom stacking starts upstairs at 9:00.

Starting on Sunday, 10/18, we will have Sunday Leagues from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m., also at The Arctic Zone Iceplex in Westfield. The first Sunday session will run from 10/18 until 11/15, and the second Sunday session will run from 11/22 to 12/20.

League Fees will be \$250/curler for Friday Night League or \$100/curler for one Sunday Morning League session.

To be in a league, you must be a member. Club membership dues are \$100/member. Club membership dues cover everyone's USCA and GLCA dues, as well as insurance for the stones and the club; they also help to defray the cost of other operating expenses.

Send check to:

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PO Box 865
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Or pay online: www.circlecitycurling.com

Circle City Curling Board, 2015-2016:

Susan Fleck, Ernie Forney*, Jeff Heck, Tammy Hoffman*, Dan Ivers*, Rob Jennings, Bob Leckron, Steve Straiger, Ken Towne, Adam VanZee, Claire Weigel.

* Denotes club officer. See blue box on back page for details.

To contact any Board member about anything, please send e-mail to: info@circlecitycurling.com.

Member-to-Member: To obtain contact information for other club members, please get in touch with any CCCC Board Member (see list, p. 6) at the following e-mail address: info@circlecitycurling.com.

Informational Curling Websites:

The first website listed is for USACurling's author Jon Mielke, a USCA Level III Instructor and Level III Coach who writes a very helpful column for USAC's newsletter, *The Curling News*. If you go to this site, you can download articles from his archive, save them to your disk, and then read them. Alternatively, if you are finding the USAC archive a bit confusing or overwhelming to navigate, I can just email you a .pdf file of any of these articles. Just contact your editor. —LMW

Topics by year provided below:

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Curling/Clubs/Membership-Materials/Curling-News/Columnists/Jon-Mielke/>

2010-11 Season:

The Most Important Line

2011-12 Season:

ABCs of a Good Delivery
 Poor Release Equals Two Cent Shot
 Timing: Developing Muscle Memory
 Knowing When to Sweep
 Brushing Wins the Battle
 Sweeping Technique/Eye Dominance

2012-13 Season:

Tactics vs. Technique—Intro to Basic Strategy
 Playing Without a Plan is Planning to Fail
 Reading Ice: Believe What You See
 The Art of Calling Line
 Recruiting Team Members
 Have a Goal for the Season

2013-14 Season:

Got a Weight Problem? How to Throw More Weight
 Timely Play—Do Your Part

2014-15 Season:

Be Honest with Yourself [About your play]
 Split the Cups for Improved Alignment
 Stone Misalignment—Use Your Body and Not Your Arm

[Editor's Note: From the 2012-13 Season, the "Reading Ice..." article was and is not actually available on USAC's website. I have notified them of this; they said it probably cannot be fixed before April.]

The following website is another one of your editor's favorites for learning how to curl:

<http://www.curlingschool.com/>

Members, if you know of a website that is educational about our sport, please feel free to add to this list! — LMW

Curling Supply Websites:

Steve's Curling Supplies:
<http://shop.stevescurling.com/>

Brooms Up Curling Supplies:
<http://www.broomsupcurlingsupplies.com/>

Doodle Watch

This newsletter comes out only on a quarterly basis; however, situations may arise where the club membership needs to be contacted more frequently to

find out how many people are interested in certain events. To do that, Circle City Curling employs "Doodle" polls, so, watch your email and the club forums at <http://www.circlecitycurling.com/forum> for Doodles.

Membership: Become a member and join the fun! Visit our website for details!
<http://www.circlecitycurling.com/section/membership>

The Sheet Errors:

If you notice errors in the content of this newsletter, please contact the editor at the email address provided on the back page.—LMW

Submission Deadlines for The Sheet:

Deadline for submission of club or curling-related letters, pictures, and articles is 5 days before publication date. See blue box on last page for details. — LMW

Submission Formats for The Sheet:

Formats for article submissions to The Sheet should either be in plain text or, if in MS Word, please use "No Spacing" style option for page and Times New Roman 12 pt. for the text. —LMW

Please send information with pictures for the Gallery.

About Circle City Curling Club & this newsletter: *The Sheet* is a publication of the Circle City Curling Club., a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and education of the sport of curling in Indianapolis. We offer clinics and league curling two days a week at The Arctic Zone Iceplex, 16616 Southpark Dr., Westfield, IN 46074; phone: (317 896-2155).

Link to Website: <http://theartcticzone.net/site/> .

Link to Map: http://theartcticzone.net/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=20&Itemid=28 .

This club is also part of the Great Lakes Curling Association and the United States Curling Association.

Donations: CCCC gratefully accepts contributions from its members and the public at large as we pursue our goal of dedicated ice. Click here to donate (find the "Donate" button at the bottom of the page.): <http://www.circlecitycurling.com/section/dedicated-ice>. Being a 501 (c)(3) organization, you can also donate to the club through the United Way by designating your gift to be directed to the Circle City Curling Club.

CCCC Dues: Membership dues are currently \$100 for the 2015-2016 season. Benefits include: Membership in the USCA, Membership in the GLCA, Eligibility for USCA sanctioned bonspiels, Subscription to the Curling News, newsletter of the United States Curling Association, Eligibility to participate in CCCC league play. All checks should be made payable to "Circle City Curling Club."

Fees: CCCC League fees are \$250/person for the 2015 Fall Season on Friday nights. Sunday 4-week League fees are \$100/person. Sub fees are \$50.00/season. Sunday practice or open curling is \$25/person.

Change of Address, Phone Number, E-mail? If your U.S. Mail address, phone number, or e-mail address has changed or is expected to change, please notify the CCCC Treasurer at the club e-mail address. We'll update our records so that we can contact you as necessary.

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Letters and articles on curling or club-related topics for consideration/submission can be sent to lmwieland@gmail.com, or by U.S. Mail to Lisa M. Wieland, *The Sheet* Editor, 5912 Wild Cherry Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906.

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