



## Between the Sheets

### President's Greeting

#### Welcome to the 2016/17 Curling Season



We have had a busy summer at the curling club, and we are entering a new phase at the Chicago Curling Club. The popularity and exposure of curling has increased over the past several years, and the club has experienced a corresponding growth with expanding membership and increasing activity. In order to take advantage of this energy and provide our members with an enhanced experience, I want to welcome two new leaders who will join us beginning in September.

We are pleased to have **Tom Slepicka** join us as **Club Manager**. Tom is a veteran of club management, having managed several area country clubs, including Rolling Green, Ruth Lake, and Royal Fox. Tom's experience includes food and beverage, staffing, and office management. Tom has some great ideas on how to support our members and to grow our outside activities, which can be a large part of our financial planning. Tom will be working out of the office in the club on a daily basis. Please introduce yourself to Tom when you are next at the Curling Club.

Additionally, **Ryan Murphy** is transitioning to a new role as **Ice Manager** for the curling club. Many of you know Ryan as a member for the past 5 years. Over that time, in addition to becoming an excellent curler, Ryan has taken an interest in ice making and has helped install and maintain our ice for the past few years. Ryan has also traveled to several training sessions to become a Level I and Level II certified ice technician. To transition to his new role within the club, Ryan has suspended his equity membership. You will still see Ryan in a couple of curling leagues, as we believe that our Ice Manager needs to be a curler and know our curling ice. Ryan will help us upgrade the quality and consistency of our curling ice throughout the season. Please offer your *volunteer support* to Ryan as he installs our ice over the next few weeks and throughout the season.

We are all looking forward to the upcoming curling season. If you have not done so, please take our Member Volunteer Survey on the website. We will only be successful with the continued support of every member in the various activities of the club. We need your volunteer participation to succeed.

**Good Curling everyone!**  
**David Haverick, President**



**NEW**  
**Registration**  
**Process**

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### Meet the New Managers



**Tom Slepicka**  
**Club Manager**



**Ryan Murphy**  
**Ice Manager**

# New Registration Process

**We knew you'd have questions....  
so we tried to answer them before you even asked.**

**Q: Why did we move to a new registration process?**

A: After listening to comments and concerns from membership, we decided that a new registration process was necessary. This new process will:

- Simplify registration by having one easy-to-complete form for all leagues.
- Fill leagues based on your priority, not how fast you can click a button.
- Guarantee that every member curls in their most desired league.
- Provide added value for equity members.

**Q: When will registration open?**

A: Priority Registration will be available from September 19 to September 23. Rinks & Events will then organize each league's registrations and scheduling. Registration will then re-open on the club website starting September 26 for Rookie Rinks, The Cozy (formerly Co McArthur AM), any unfilled leagues, and sub registrations.

**Q: We want to sign up a team. Which one of us needs to fill out the registration form?**

A: All of you! Everyone MUST register individually for whatever leagues they want to play in. To request a team, enter your skip's name when prompted.

**Q: How many leagues can I register for if I am an unlimited member?**

A: You may select up to four leagues in round one of registration. When registration re-opens on September 26, you may register for any unfilled leagues.

**Q: What are the chances I don't get to play in any of my selected leagues?**

A: NONE! Everyone is guaranteed entry into their #1 priority league. Equity members are also guaranteed their #2 priority league.

**Q: Do I have to have a full team to register for the stacked events?**

A: No, you may always register individually. However, any non-guaranteed slots will be filled by team registrations within a given priority level before individuals.

**Q: How do I guarantee that my team will be allowed to play together in a given league?**

A: Make sure each of your team members a) sets that league as #1 priority and b) indicates the skip's name when prompted.

**Q: What if more men sign up for the Tartan than women?**

A: For mixed leagues, if there is a gender imbalance (i.e. more males than females, or vice versa), then registrants on pre-formed teams will receive first entry into the league over individuals, regardless of guaranteed or priority registration, until the league is filled. If an individual is bumped from a guaranteed league, R&E will move their first non-guaranteed selection into a guaranteed slot.

**Q: When will I know which league(s) I got into?**

A: First round registration outcomes will be posted and emailed out by September 25, in time for you to decide if you want to register for additional leagues in round two.

## When and What are the Fall Leagues

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Monday	9:00am	The Cozy	6:15pm	Dundee Open	8:30pm	Dundee Open
Tuesday			6:15pm	Margo Mack	8:30pm	McBain
Wednesday	10:00am	Old Boys	6:15pm	Windy City Open	8:30pm	Windy City Open
Thursday			6:15pm	Co McArthur	8:30pm	Penfield
Friday			6:15pm	Tartan	8:30pm	Tartan
Saturday	9:00am	Mixed Doubles				
Sunday	10:00am	Saints & Sinners	5:00pm	Rookie Rinks	7:15pm	Rookie Rinks
Mixed	Open					
Men's	Women's					

Each league is described in detail in the [following pages](#)

# New Registration Process

*Follow these simple steps  
and you will definitely curl in your favorite league!*



Do you want to curl this fall?

Yes

No

Do you just want to sub or curl in anything other than:  
*Rookie Rinks*  
*The Cozy*

What is wrong with you?

Yes

No

Have you prioritized the leagues in which you want to play? \*

Yes

No

Between Sept 19 and 23 go to the CCC website and click on "Register"\*\*

Do it!

Then

Still want to register for more leagues?  
Or register as a sub?

Yes

On or after Sept 25, go to the CCC website and click on "Register"

## \*Note

You will rank the leagues in which you want to play in order of preference. If you are signing up as a team, enter your skip's name when prompted. If you are signing up as a pair, enter your partner's name when prompted."

\*\*Click here to be redirected to the registration page after Sept. 19

# Fall Leagues

**Men's \* Women's \* Open \* Mixed**

## Men's Leagues

### **The McBain-Penfield**

*Tuesdays at 8:30pm*

*Thursdays at 8:30pm*

The McBain-Penfield is played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8:30pm. The McBain is played on Tuesday and the Penfield is played on Thursday. Two separate leagues with an A & B division to accommodate curlers of all levels. You can register as an individual, or full team. Full team registration is preferred but not required.

The McBain-Penfield is named in honor of CCC charter member Hughston M. McBain and CCC founder Samuel Penfield. These are the most competitive men's events at CCC, as they lead to the men's club championship and determine the six teams which are granted entry into the club's Men's International Bonspiel in January.

The McBain winner will play the Penfield winner for the Men's Club Championship.

You can only curl regularly in either the McBain or the Penfield but may sub in either.





# Women's Leagues

## **The Cozy** *Mondays at 9:00am*

The Cozy and the Co-McArthur are both named after long time curler "Co" McArthur. Co curled well into her 90s and still has a great love for the sport.

Put your own team together for this event or sign up as an individual. Stacked teams must have one player rated Vice Skip or higher.

## **The Co McArthur** *Thursdays at 6:15pm*

Put your own team together for this event or sign up as an individual. Stacked teams must have one player rated Vice Skip or higher. The winning team of this event will be guaranteed entry into the January 2017 Gloamin' Gael Invitational Bonspiel. The winning team will play in the Women's Club Championship game against the winning team from the Winter stacked event.

## **The Margo Mack** *Tuesdays at 6:15pm*

Balanced teams are drafted under the Rinks and Events Committee guidelines. The winning team of this event also is guaranteed an entry into the Gloamin' Gael Invitational Bonspiel. This event is named in memory of Margo Mack, former chairman of the Gloamin' Gaels when evening and daytime women curlers had different organizations.



# Open Leagues

## **The Dundee**

***Mondays at 6:15pm & 8:30pm***

The Dundee is an intermediate level league that is open to curlers of all abilities. You may register as an individual or as a pair, and there are no restrictions on the gender makeup of teams or the order of play. This league is less competitive than our elite leagues. It is intended to give less experienced curlers a solid league experience, and experienced curlers a chance to try new positions or hone their strategies in a lower-pressure environment.

## **The Windy City Open**

***Wednesdays at 6:15pm and 8:30pm***

This is our most popular open event! Teams are allocated to divisions based upon their competitive level based on rating points. Each draw will consist of eight ends of play with extra ends settling ties. Standard open event rules apply to formation of teams, which of course means any and all can play!

We recommended registering as full teams. Singles and couples are also welcome to sign up. Incomplete teams will be formed as fairly as possible from the list of available registrants.

## **Saints & Sinners**

***Sundays at 10:00am***

Saints & Sinners is the CCC Sunday morning Open league. It is packed with fun both on and off the ice. Crokinole is in order after the curling and counts toward your record. Saints & Sinners is open to curlers of all levels. You can register as an individual or as a pair.



## **Rookie Rinks**

***Sundays at 5:00pm and 7:15pm***

This event is great for newer curlers! It is a great introduction to mixed / open league play in a lightly competitive atmosphere. The format is six-end games with warm draws settling ties. There will be sheet coaches on the ice to help guide newer curlers and newer skips on curling etiquette, stone delivery, brushing, and strategy. Pending registration, team members will rotate through positions to get experience in all aspects of the game. We will make every effort to make teams and mentoring as equal and fair to everyone as possible.

# Mixed Leagues

## **The Tartan** *Friday's at 6:15pm and 8:30pm*

### **This is the club's most popular Mixed Event!**

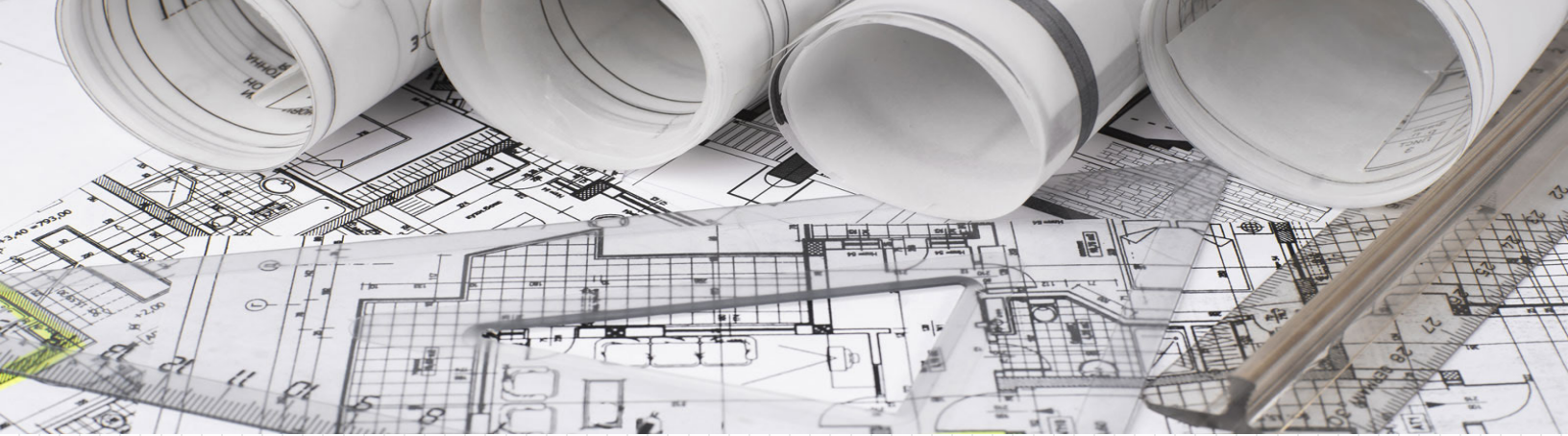
The winning rink from each clan will play off for the Mixed Club Championship in January for the coveted Dunbeck Trophy. The championship rinks also receive an invitation to CCC's International Mixed Bonspiel in November 2017.

We encourage full team registrations, and full teams will be given priority. Remaining slots will be filled as fairly as possible from 3-person teams, couples and singles. Draws, dates and times are subject to change, based on the number of sign-ups. The event will be a full round robin format with a tie breaker, if required. Questions? Contact Colin Rittgers [Colin.Rittgers@gmail.com](mailto:Colin.Rittgers@gmail.com)

### **There are Rules!**

- All teams will consist of 4 players. Teams may play with three players in the case of sudden illness or injury during a game but 1 point will be hung for the non offending team for every 2 ends played short handed, rounded up.
- In the event that a team is unable to field all four members, and all attempts to find a suitable substitute have been exhausted, they may play with 3 players. The 3 person team will surrender 4 points at the beginning of the match, along with the hammer. A team can only play with 3 players (from start to finish) ONCE per season. (Example: If Team A played a 3 person team from beginning to end in week 3, they can not play a 3 person team from beginning to end later in the season. If a player becomes ill or injured during a game at a later date they may continue as in rule 1.)
- Each team must be composed of two men and two women playing in alternate positions.
- No player can substitute in their own division.
- A player may substitute only ONCE for the same team.
- An individual substitute must be rated no more than 4 points higher than the absentee. The combined rating of a couple must not exceed the combined rating of the absentee couple. The substitute must play the position of the player they are replacing or lower. (A substitute for the lead or second cannot skip if the regular skip is playing.)
- All games are eight ends. A full extra end will be played in the case of a tie.
- Points do not count.
- All games are to be played by December 23, 2016, schedule permitting. Any games not played by the deadline will be considered a loss for both teams. This deadline may be revised once the league schedule is finalized.
- Winners of both leagues will play in the mixed club championship in January 2017 (schedule permitting), and both will represent our club in the CCC mixed bonspiel in November 2017.
- A team will hang 1 point for a game starting more than 10 minutes, but less than 20 minutes late. Only 7 ends will be played in this case. If the game starts 20-30 minutes late, two points will be hung and only 6 ends will be played.
- A game starting more than thirty minutes late is a forfeit by the late team.
- The four rock, free guard zone will be in effect.
- In the event of a record tie, head to head winner will prevail. In the event of a three way tie where head to head cannot determine a winner, playoffs will happen with a flip of the coin for a first round bye.





# FACILITIES UPDATE

- Locks to the club's exterior doors have been changed
- The pantry exterior door, the two dining room exterior doors and the double doors on the west wall of the ice house were replaced
- The broken kitchen window was replaced.
- The ice maker was cleaned and sanitized.
- A new roof was installed over the warm room with new sheet metal and new rain gutters. The new roof carries a 20 year warranty!
- 40' by 40' tarps will cover the leaking ice house roof over sheets 1 and 4.
- The carpet, floor mats and upholstery were professionally cleaned and sanitized
- Electrical work was done throughout the club to ensure we comply with all fire codes.
- New wiring was run to all the on ice cameras so we can have HD feeds from all 8 houses.
- The end boards on the north side of the ice house were lengthened to accommodate the ice mats better.
- The ice house floor was cleaned and painted in preparation for the ice mats.
- Ice mats were rolled out and the glycol was turned on



*Warm Room Roof Before*



*Warm Room Roof After*



*Cleaning the Floor*



*Rolling out the Mats*



*Wiring the Cameras*



# Upcoming Social Events

## GET READY, GET SET, GO ! FOR THE HEATHER'S OPENING SOCIAL PARTY!

WELCOMING ALL WOMEN CURLERS  
TO THE 2016/17 SEASON



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> — \$15.00 FEE

BOARD MEETING/COCKTAILS 6:30 PM

DINNER 7:30 PM

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE \(BY SEP 22\)](#)

AT-THE-DOOR/LATE REGISTRATION  
(AFTER SEP 22) - \$20.00 FEE

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO: COKEY EVANS  
COKEY.EVANS@GMAIL.COM / 312-593-1239

## Club Opening Party!!

Saturday, October 8, 6:00pm

Join us as we  
kick off the 2016/17 Season  
and the first stones are thrown!

Please bring a light appetizer or dessert.  
Main Course will be catered.

This is a great opportunity to meet the new  
club manager, Tom, congratulate Ryan Murphy  
on his new position and reconnect with all the  
CCC members you haven't seen all summer!

Let's all raise a glass together!

*Good Curling!*

*Curlers had fun this summer too!*



On July 9, Jim and Kris Byrnes hosted the 2nd annual Ravinia Spiel!

After a great pre-party at the Byrnes', a group of CCCers headed to Ravinia for drinks, food and a little 1980's fun with Duran Duran!



On August 20th, John, Liz and Michael Reid together with Patty Hemple hosted the annual Cornspiel!

The weather tried to keep us indoors, but we were having too much fun! Roast pig, fresh corn, wonderful sides and beverages galore! So much fun!



Sip 'n Paint!  
Pride Parade!  
Water Fun!  
Birthday parties!  
Hockey!

# Fall Bonspiels

## 8th Annual Windy City Bonspiel Oct. 13-16, 2016

This 40 team international bonspiel welcomes clubs from Ottawa, North Carolina, San Francisco, Detroit, Houston and many other clubs nationwide. This year there will be curling at both CCC and Exmoor clubs.

A great bonspiel is run by a great group of volunteers. We are looking for

- Help in the kitchen,
- Draw sheet managing
- Raffle ticket and merchandise sales
- Cash or raffle table donations

Come on by the club to see some great curling during that weekend and join in the fun!

Questions? Contact Margaret Leonard  
[bangarrang24@yahoo.com](mailto:bangarrang24@yahoo.com)

## now The Annual Mixed Bonspiel Nov. 14-16, 2016

In the past, the Mixed Bonspiel was a biennial event that alternated with Exmoor's mixed. CCC has decided to make this amazing spiel an annual event and move it to the Fall when there are fewer conflicting spiels out there.

This year's theme will be:

So go ahead and get out that can of Aqua Net, make your sweetheart a mixed tape and pop those collars!



We'll be asking for volunteers to make this the amazing bonspiel it has always been.

Check the October Newsletter for more information. Or, if you have any questions, contact Kerry Dickson. [kdickson402@gmail.com](mailto:kdickson402@gmail.com)

## Saturday Night Fun Spiels

### SATURDAY NIGHT CURL

Every Saturday night when there is no bonspiel at the CCC, we have fun, themed evenings hosted by our awesome volunteer members!!

For the fall, we are still looking for volunteers to host events on October 22 and December 10.

Also, please consider hosting an event on any of the open Saturdays in the Winter and Spring!!! They are really a ton of fun... not just to attend, but to run!

Contact:

Michele Rittgers, [michelerittgers@gmail.com](mailto:michelerittgers@gmail.com)

#### 2016

Oct. 8 Opening Party  
Oct. 15 Windy City Open  
Oct. 22 OPEN  
Oct. 29 Friends & Family  
Nov 5 Prairie State  
Nov 12 Mixed Bonspiel  
Nov 19 Turkey Spiel  
Nov 26 CLOSED - Thanksgiving  
Dec 3 Old Boys Bonspiel  
Dec 10 OPEN  
Dec 17 Wassail  
Dec 24 CLOSED - Christmas  
Dec 31 CLOSED - New Years

#### 2017

Jan 7 Gloamin' Gaels  
Jan 14 Men's Bonspiel  
Jan 21 OPEN  
Jan 28 Alpenspiel  
Feb 4 Greenspiel  
Feb 11 OPEN  
Feb 18 OPEN  
Feb 25 All American  
Mar 4 Friends & Family  
Mar 11 Sprig Training Spiel  
Mar 18 TV Spiel  
Mar 25 OPEN  
Apr 1 Auld Lang Syne

Saturdays highlighted in **blue** are fun, non-competitive evening spiels designed for new and seasoned curlers to come out and enjoy an evening of curling, games and camaraderie!

# General Information

## Membership Update

The club remains open for new members. If you know anyone that might be interested in joining CCC, remember that you will get a \$50 bar credit for every person you successfully recruit.

We will have nine **Learn2Curl sessions** during the first half of the year: two on October 22; two on October 23; one on October 25; two on October 29; one on October 30; and one on November 19. Please spread the word! And if you're interested in helping out contact Chris Longee. Full details and sign-ups can be found at [learn2curl.org](http://learn2curl.org) for all upcoming Learn2Curl sessions.



We will also host a **Friends & Family** event on Saturday, October 29 starting at 6:00 PM. If you ever wanted to teach your friends the basics of curling – this is your chance. We are limited to 32 guests.

If you want to change your membership status please make sure that you notify Joby Berman, the club secretary, so you are properly billed.

And lastly, please welcome the following curlers who have joined CCC this session:

**Marcy Calaway \* Kavan Kucko \* Anne Laurence**  
**Adam Esch \* Liz Kucko \* Catherine Sheehan**

Please email Chris Longee at [longee7@gmail.com](mailto:longee7@gmail.com) with any membership-related questions.

## Timing Rules

Formal timing rules have been very successful, allowing us to run two draws most nights and have everyone off the ice by 10:30. Timing rules require ends to average 15 minutes, so that eight end games will finish within a two hour time limit. The only exception is for an extra end in case of a tie.

**The timer will be set for 1 hour and 40 minutes at the beginning of the draw. Once the timer runs out, you will finish the end you are in, plus one more.**

## Junior Curling

Junior Curling returns this season with classes on alternating Wednesdays and available Saturdays.

Children and grandchildren, and their guests, age 8 and up are invited to try curling.

**If you are interested in getting a junior involved in curling, contact Chris Longee.**

[longee7@gmail.com](mailto:longee7@gmail.com).

## Practice Ice

**4:00pm - 5:30pm**  
**Monday - Friday**

The club is open for individual practice and arranged private lessons weekdays from 4 to 5:30pm (once the ice is in).

Private lessons are a great, FREE way to get better and figure out what you should practice when on your own - so find an instructor on the website and get going! (Committees > Instructors)



# Please Help...

## Calling all Members....

The Chicago Curling Club has a long tradition of being a **volunteer based club**. While we do have a Club Manager and an Ice Maker, two people can not make the club what it is.

We strongly urge you to assist in many areas of the club's upkeep and events. If you have not yet done so, please complete the member volunteer survey on the website. Here are just some of the areas in which you can help... no experience necessary!

- **Help putting in the ice!** Ryan will need assistance to get the ice ready in time for the Opening Party and the Windy City Bonspiel. (Bonus: You might learn a thing or two!)
- **Volunteer to assist any of our bonspiels!**
- **Clean the ice after your draws!** This will give Ryan more time to focus on keeping the ice in pristine condition.
- **Donate money or raffle prizes** to the club's many events
- **Volunteer to run a Saturday night event!**  
(Please see the previous pages for open evenings)



***We will only be successful with the  
continued support of every member of the club.  
We need and expect your participation beyond curling.***

## Please Recycle

The use of red solo cups has increased around CCC. Did you know that you can recycle that sad but empty red solo cup once you've finished your drink?

Do your part to help the environment and recycle that red solo cup!!! You can also recycle metal cans, plastic bottles and containers, paper, paper juice containers, flattened cardboard, or glass bottles and jars. Just make sure any item you are going to recycle is free of any food waste. Another item that is highly recyclable is aluminum beer or soda cans. So next time you see a blue garbage can at CCC, think of what you can recycle and know you are making a difference.

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**RECYCLE OFTEN.  
RECYCLE RIGHT.**



### RECYCLE OFTEN.



#### Metal Cans

Steel, tin & aluminum soda, vegetable, fruit & tuna cans



#### Plastic Bottles & Containers



#### Paper

Brown paper bags, non-confidential office paper, newspaper, magazines



#### Paper Cardboard, Dairy & Juice Containers



#### Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



#### Glass Bottles & Jars

### RECYCLE RIGHT. Things you can do to ensure quality material is recycled:



**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Food waste, plastic bags, polystyrene foam cups & containers, hangers or hazardous waste

- Paper and cardboard must be dry and free of food debris.
- Tissues, paper towels or other paper that has been in contact with food is not acceptable.
- Make sure food contamination and caps are removed from cans and plastics and all containers are empty.
- Separate plastic lids from plastic bottles (often made from different materials).
- Do not place medical waste (needles, catheters or lancets) into the recycling containers.

## CCC Board of Directors

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## NEED A NEW NAME BADGE?

LET CHRIS LONGEE KNOW

They are done in batches. \$5 each.

## Thank You!

We don't say it often enough. And yet it is so important for people to know that we are eternally grateful to each and every one of our volunteer members for helping to make the Chicago Curling Club the warm, welcoming facility with great ice, sincere hospitality and an all around exemplary "Spirit of Curling".

We'd like to particularly thank the following individuals for their assistance through the summer and into the fall as we prepare our ice.

**Jim Klann** and **Jack Bernauer** for taking the reigns in the accounting department.

**Greg Wilson** and his team of volunteers for the ongoing efforts to improve our ice house.

**Steff Neff** for coordinating and overseeing all the facility repairs

**Patty Hempel** and **The Reid Family** for organizing the CornSpiel

**Jim and Kris Byrnes** for hosting the Ravinia Spiel

The entire **Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons** for dedicating their personal time and efforts toward building a better CCC.

### CCC Memorial Fund

Additional thanks go out to the **Chicago Curling Club Memorial Fund**. This fund exists for members to make donations in the memory of friends, family members or fellow curlers who have passed or celebrate life's milestones. These funds are used for special projects to enhance the CCC experience.

Recent fund donations were made by:

**Carol Cleave** in honor of the de la Boise-Porter Wedding.

**David Geake** in memory of Jim Frieze.

**Ed Roob** in memory of Jim Frieze and Don Wink.

**Newsletters will be going out on the first Monday of every month.**

Have something you want to add to the next newsletter? Have general questions about the club or the items in this newsletter?

[Click here to send an email!](#)