

December 2016

Between the Sheets

President's Greeting



For this month's newsletter comments, I would like to discuss our *new member feedback forum*, *second half registration* and *member billings* and respond to a suggestion regarding member care of the curling club.

Member Suggestions

We have already received several great on-line and anonymous suggestions regarding club operations, corporate events, and bar offerings. Please keep those suggestions coming so we can all work together to improve our club operations, attract new members, and maintain our financial stability.

October Invoices and league registration

With the second half / winter curling season registration coming up in mid-December, we are reminding all Chicago Curling Club members that the billing for second half curling was sent with the October invoice. These payments were due by November 30th. Only those members who have paid their October balances in full may register for winter curling, beginning December 12th. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Club Appearance

We have received several member comments with suggestions for improving the cleanliness of the curling cub. We are all doing a great job assisting Ryan and Rinks & Events volunteers with the ice house maintenance between draws.

Please keep in mind that we all have a responsibility to also keep the locker rooms, the warm room, the kitchen, and bar area clean as well. We can all benefit from highlighting a clean club to our prospective members and guests with some simple common sense.

So let's all remember ourselves, and remind our fellow curlers to assist with some basic clean up after broomstacking, kitchen use, practice, etc. With your assistance, we will be in a great position for the next Bonspiel, curling event, or Friends & family activity.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Good Curling everyone.

David Haverick
President, Chicago Curling Club

OP/ED SECTION!

Let your voice be heard!!

Communication is a 2 way street.

We are soliciting your opinions and input! Please Click on the link below to submit your paragraph, article, opinion or suggestion. It is completely anonymous if you want it to be.

[Submit Your Thoughts](#)

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Note from the Club Manager



Happy Holidays!

The holidays are upon us and the staff and I would like to wish everyone at the Chicago Curling Club a joyous and safe holiday season.

If you are planning to entertain guests at the club, please let me know. It's important that all events are on the club calendar so we are prepared and properly staffed to ensure an excellent experience for all. Exclusive use of the club is a privilege for all members and I will be happy to assist you in planning your private event.

If you know anyone looking for a unique facility to hold a corporate event, team building experience, or a social or community event, please have them contact me. Any CCC member who sponsors a non-member event at the club in the 2016/2017 season will receive a club credit for up to \$100 depending on the size of the event. What a great opportunity to showcase the club.

Don't forget that we now serve Home Run Inn Pizza at the club. It's quick, convenient and a great value. If your broom stacking group is looking for that "kitchen sink" style pizza Barnaby's still offers a 25% discount on any large pizza for all CCC members.

We have a great group of new members who have recently signed on at the club. We will continue to post new member names at the club and in the newsletters, so the next time you are at the club you can look for them, introduce yourself and welcome them to the CCC family.

As always, I appreciate all the extra effort of our club members who continue to help keep the club clean and operating efficiently. It's our members who truly make the club shine.

Happy Holidays!

Tom Slepicka

Exciting New Bar Offerings

BEERS

Bell's Amber Ale
Goose Island Honker's Ale
Coming Soon - Revolution Fistmas

Spirits

Captain Morgan Spiced Rum
Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey
Jim Beam Honey Bourbon
Tito's Vodka
Bone Snapper Rye

Cordials

Amaretto
Frangelico
Rumchata

ABOVE THE “T”

If you read nothing else.... Read this page!

In newspaper parlance, the most important articles are published “above the fold” because that is what the readers see first. The CCC newsletter will have a page titled “Above the T” (because honestly, playing behind the T is for the birds!) Think: “What’s News” in the WSJ.

If you read nothing else in the newsletter, read this page! *It will give you the highlights and most important pieces of information you need. But seriously.... read the whole newsletter anyway.*

WINTER REGISTRATION

Registration for the Winter Leagues will open on December 12th and continue to December 16th. The registration process will be the same as it was for the fall session. [See page 4](#) for league information. Remember: You will not be permitted to register for winter events unless you are current on CCC bill payments through the end of October.

KEEP IT CLEAN, FOLKS

While we do have a club manager now, please remember that the CCC is still a volunteer club. This means that we do not have a cleaning crew everyday to come and clean up after each of us. Please do your part to keep the club tidy and pick up after yourselves (and others). Especially, please be sure to leave the kitchen in the same or better shape as when you found it if you will be using it.

PROTECT THE ICE

- Please do not let rocks hit the hacks. And please keep your hands and knees off the ice.
- Please **do not practice** on the ice if the “No Practice Ice” sign is posted .

KNOW THE RULES

Each league has its own scoring rules and substitution guidelines. Everyone should know what the substitution parameters are for each league. The SKIPS in particular need to know what the scoring and playing rules are so as to avoid a potential forfeiture.

- How many subs can you have in a game?
- How many minimum players do you have to have to start a game?
- What are the short handed playing rules for scoring?

FINDING SUBS

It is your responsibility to find a sub for yourself. Here are the steps/guidelines on how to do that:

1. Ask your skip if he/she has a preference for who you ask to sub
2. Check and contact the sub list in the comparable player category
3. Check and contact any players that may have the bye that week
4. Contact the event chair letting them know that you have been unsuccessful in the above steps (they may have an idea of someone who is looking to play).
5. Post on the Virtual Warm Room (which is NOT a CCC sanctioned social media outlet, so NOT an official means of finding a sub, but it is a LAST RESORT OPTION.
6. If you are still unsuccessful, be sure to let your skip know. No one likes to play 3 handed, but it is better to be prepared for it than not.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The club will be closed over the Christmas Holiday beginning Friday, December 23 through December 26th, and for the New Years from December 30th - January 2, 2017.

We would like to wish all of our members a very happy and healthy holiday season!

Newsletters will go out the 1st Monday of every month.
Have something you want to add to the next newsletter?

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

Winter Curling Leagues



Time to start planning for our Winter Leagues.

Registration will run from December 12th through the 16th and will follow the same priority registration process as the Fall leagues. Below is the winter curling league schedule:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00am	The Willa					Mixed Doubles	
10:00am			Old Boys				Saints & Sinners
12:15pm							Rookie Rinks
2:30pm							Rookie Rinks
4:00pm						Mixed Doubles	
5:30pm							Ailsa Craig
6:15pm	Dundee	Marta	Wed. Night Open	The Lassie	Highlander		
7:45pm							Ailsa Craig
8:00pm	Dundee	President's	Wed. Night Open	President's	Highlander		

Men's	Mixed	Open	Women's
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Men's

The President's

Men's format league open to curlers of all experience levels. Each team MUST have one curler with 3 or fewer years of experience. A great way for newer curlers to play with more experienced club members.

Mixed

Highlander

Mixed format league open to curlers of all experience levels. Sign up as an individual, pair or team.

Mixed Doubles

Mixed doubles format. The newest addition to Olympic Curling with its own set of rules! A great workout for body and mind! Sign up as an individual or a pair.

Open

The Dundee

Open format league open to curlers of all experience levels. Sign up as an individual, pair or team.

Wed Night Open

Open format league open to curlers of all experience levels. Sign up as an individual, pair or team.

Saints & Sinners

Open format league and to curlers of all experience levels. Sign up as an individual or a pair.

Ailsa Craig

Open format league open to curlers of all experience levels. Sign up as an individual, pair or team.

Rookie Rinks

Open format league open to curlers with 5 years of experience or less.

Women's

The Willa

Women's organized league which allows men to participate in the lead, second or vice positions. Open to curlers of all experience levels. A female must throw skip stones.

The Marta Crawford

Women's format league open to curlers of all levels of experience. Sign up as an individual, pair or team.

The Lassie

Women's format league open to curlers of all experience levels. Each team MUST have one curler with 3 or fewer years of experience. A great way for newer curlers to play with more experienced club members.

ATTENTION!!!

You will not be allowed to register for winter events unless you are current on CCC bill payments through the end of October. If you pay by check, please pay promptly. If you pay by credit card, and your credit card has expired or your card number has changed, please call Club Manager Tom Slepicka at (847) 564-9877



1st Annual All American Bonspiel Sat. Feb 4, 2017 Chicago Curling Club

The All American has been sponsored by the USWCA since 1966. This event is designed to encourage the involvement of women - especially new and less experienced women curlers - so they may have a bonspiel experience within their own clubs and to foster a greater awareness of women's curling and the role of the USWCA.

This event offers the TRUE BONSPIEL ATMOSPHERE! With food, decorations, prizes and a generally great time!!!

The All-American bonspiel is a wonderful in-club event with a national flavor because clubs all over the country are holding the same event on home ice.

Note: Men are invited to play with the ladies!!!!!! A team is composed of four players; a woman must throw skip rocks, with no more than two men on a team. In the spirit of the USWCA, we will accept all female entrants first and then allow men to join space permitting.

Registration will open on line on December 15th.

Upcoming Nearby Spiels

Exmoor Men's Bonspiel - December 8-11, 2016
Ladies Kiltie Bonspiel - December 9 -11, 2016
Waupaca Senior Men's - December 9 -11, 2016
Portage Women's Hoopla - December 10-11, 2016
Curl Mesabi Cash Spiel - December 16-18, 2016
Appleton Men's Bonspiel - January 6-8, 2017
Kiltie Mixed Bonspiel - January 6-8, 2017
Leinie's Open Bonspiel (Eau Claire, WI) - January 6-8, 2017
Lodi Men's Bonspiel - January 6-8, 2017
Gloamin' Gaels (Chicago) - January 6-8, 2017
Chicago Men's Bonspiel - January 12-15, 2017
10th Annual Women's One Day Spiel (Mayfield, OH)- January 14, 2017
Appleton Women's Winter Wonderland Spiel - January 14-15, 2017
Blackhawk Mixed Bonspiel (Janesville, WI) - January 20-22, 2017
Centerville Senior Open - January 20-22, 2017
Badger Women's Spiel (Portage, WI) - January 27-29, 2017
Beer Fest Bonspiel (Men's; Waupaca, WI) - January 27-29, 2017
Winter Carnival Mixed Bonspiel (St. Paul, MN) - January 27-29, 2017
St. Louis CC Spiel at Waltham - January 27-29, 2017



Volunteers & Donations REQUESTED

Please help us make every one
of our events spectacular!

MEN'S BONSPIEL

68th Annual Men's International Bonspiel
Jan. 12-15th, 2017

We have the 68th Annual Men's International Bonspiel coming up in January and we will need a small army of volunteers!

- Kitchen Help for Breakfasts & Lunches
- Servers, Bussers, Minglers for the awesome Friday Night Party at the club
- Information Desk Staffers
- Draw Sheet Assistants
- Monetary Donations
- Raffle Prize Donations

As you know, the success of the bonspiel is directly related to having a great group of volunteers.

Sign up Genius emails will be sent out just before Christmas.

Click on the link below to donate or sign up to volunteer.

I'm In

Don't have time to volunteer?
Monetary Donations
are welcome!

Donate by Cash, Check or Chit!

Learn 2 Curl/Friends & Family

So many new friends and curlers to be made!
We are still in need of:

- Sheet Instructors
- Greeters
- Equipment administration
- Smiling faces to make people feel welcome!

Contact Chris Longee to volunteer.
longee7@gmail.com

Or go to the link below to sign up!

I'm In

Gloamin' Gaels

January 7-8, 2017

Haven't you been saying you need a day at the Spa? Well, the Gloamin' Gael Spa Spiel is calling your name! This years' women's Circuit Bonspiel will welcome up to 24 teams from all over the US and Canada. We could use your help with:

- Kitchen Volunteers
- Server Volunteers
- Bartender Volunteers
- Monetary Donations
- Spa Vouchers/Certificates

Contact Christine Blakey
seacowatc@yahoo.com or click below

I'm In

SATURDAY NIGHTS

SATURDAY NIGHT ICE

We would like to host a Saturday Night "Fun Spiel" every week when there is no bonspiel scheduled on our ice.

Running a Saturday night spiel is not difficult. It is a fun evening with fellow curlers, games and food! But it does require communication and promoting the event. If you are interested in hosting one of these events, please contact Michele Rittgers at michelerittgers@gmail.com.

If there are still open Saturdays by January 15th, we will release those Saturdays to corporate events. But wouldn't you all rather curl yourselves?

Nov 5	Prairie State	Open
Nov 12	Mixed Bonspiel	Mixed
Nov 19	Turkeyspiel	Mixed/Open
Nov 26	Thanksgiving	Club Closed
Dec 3	Old Boys' Bonspiel	Senior Men
Dec 10	Jeopardy Spiel	Mixed/Open
Dec. 17	Wassail	Mixed/Open
Dec 24	Christmas	Club Closed
Dec 31	New Year's Eve	Club Closed
Jan 7	Gloamin' Gaels	Women's
Jan 14	Men's Bonspiel	Men's
Jan 21	IL Playdowns	Men's & Women's
Jan 28	Still Open	Mixed/Open
Feb 4	All American	Women's
Feb 11	Alpenspiel	Mixed/Open
Feb 18	Still Open	Mixed/Open
Feb 25	Greenspiel	Open
Mar 4	Friends & Family	Open
Mar 11	Spring Training	Mixed/Open
Mar 18	Still Open	Mixed/Open
Mar 25	Still Open	Mixed/Open
Apr 1	Auld Lang Syne	Open

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



Join us for the
Winter Wonderland
Wassail Spiel!

December 17, 2016 5:00pm

A few spots still open for this fun filled holiday evening!

Perfect for curlers of ALL levels!
michelerittgers@gmail.com

Register

Membership Update

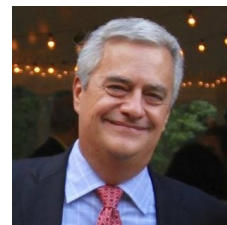
We successfully completed six Learn2Curl sessions this year and had over 100 guests try curling for the first time!

Learn 2 Curl Sessions for 2017

January 24 & January 28

February 25

March 4 & March 18.



Chris Longee
Membership Chair

Please spread the word to any interested parties and if you're interested in helping out contact Chris Longee. Full details and sign-ups can be found at learn2curl.org for all upcoming Learn2Curl sessions.

Upcoming events for newer members:

On **Saturday February 25** we will have our annual **Greenspiel** event hosted by the club president. The Greenspiel is run in a mini-bonspiel format with teams made up of front-end players that are new to the club and a back-end comprised of veteran CCC members, and is a great way for new members to meet and play with some of our most experienced players.

On **Saturday March 4** we will run another **Friends & Family** event, where existing CCC members instruct their guests on how to curl. Similar to a Learn2Curl but cheaper for your guests, it's a great way to show family or friends how much fun curling is and why we all love the sport.

Details for both the Greenspiel and the Friends & Family event will be on the club's home page later this month.

Membership Status

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

The club remains open for new members so we continue to welcome both novice and experienced curlers. 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 who joins the club!

Welcome New Members!

Finally, please welcome the following curlers who

David Goldberg
Megan Fetterman
Todd Killian
John Whalen
Kelly Whalen

Zach Hill
Caren Thomas
Dale Thomas
Philip Arouca
Kari Arouca

**NEED A NEW
NAME BADGE?**

LET CHRIS LONGEE KNOW

They are done in batches. \$5 each.

Please email Chris Longee at longee7@gmail.com with any membership-related questions.

Congratulations!

Every month CCC teams head out to various bonspiels and events. Send us a picture and let us know how your team fared! Please be sure to include names.

ICA 5 and Under Bonspiel



1st Event Winner

Elliott Zeissler
Emily Pajerski
Jim Klus
Lauren Recchia



2nd Event Winner

Kerry Dickson
Ellen Dickson
Kailey Meyer
Scott Meyer



3rd Event Winner

Seth Leonard
Margaret Leornard
Brian McDonald
Travis Hoyne



4th Event Winner

Todd Mackinson
Patrick Shuster
Dylan Fischer
Dan Shriks

Old Boys Bonspiel

1st Event Winner

Madison CC

Paul Matzke
Rich Lepping
Rob Wixson
Brian McDonald



2nd Event Winner

Chicago CC

David Durrant
Jim Wilson
Doug Boyd
Bob Wilson



3rd Event Winner

Kettle Moraine CC

John Geason
Herb Rasmussen
Rick Baldry
Dan Hundt



4th Event Winner

Detroit CC

David Hesse
Gil Schumacher
Peter Sylvain
Gordy Loud



WELCOME HOME SCOT TOUR!

As most of you know, our very own **Julie Denten** was selected to join the USWCA ladies on the decennial Scot Tour this past month.

After three weeks and 21 games, the US ladies lifted the USWCA Tour Trophy with an overall score of 807 shots to 568.

Congratulations, Ladies!



Unique Silent Auction Opportunity

The Chicago Curling Club has been fortunate and received a brand new, full set of curling themed China from the estate of a past Illinois curler.

This beautiful Bone China is by Royal Grafton. The pattern is called Curling. The complete set is complete with:

- 12 Luncheon Plates
- 12 Tea/Coffee Cups
- 12 Saucers

We will be holding a silent auction for the complete set, which will end on the 19th of December.

You can view a sampling of the pieces and **place your bid in the curling museum.**

Bidding will start at \$500.00.

Please contact Betty Duffy with any questions. eduffy3737@aol.com



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