

## 2009-2010 Season USWCA Report

### **Incoming Scot Tour**

The Women's Incoming Scot Tour is fast approaching and it is time to begin in earnest our plans for hosting the tour next January. The USWCA has set guidelines for host clubs so that everything that is required is done in a timely fashion. I am currently looking for interested members to be on a committee to plan our club's curling event for the Scot Tour. Event planning will start in May and should be finalized by December.

April 2010 our club needs to submit a Club History. It should be 1 paragraph of information about the club. Information that needs to be included: where the club is located, when and how the club began, etc. This information will go in the tour book given to each of the tour members. As I am the Area Coordinator for our club, this information needs to be submitted to me.

We need to send invitations to clubs in our area that are USWCA members asking for their participation. All participants that curl against the Scots must be USWCA members. There is a \$30 fee to curl against the Scot's which is given back to the USWCA to defray the cost of the national tour. Our club will need to determine what the additional cost per curler will be to defray our own costs to host the event. A ballpark fee is approximately \$20 to make a total fee of \$50/curler for the honor to curl against the Scots, participate in the dinner banquet, receive a Tour pin and Tour booklet, and receive a gift from their Scottish opponent.

Further updates on the planning process will be made throughout the first half of next year's curling season. Anyone interested in being on the planning committee please contact me at 745-1924 ASAP.

### **USWCA Junior Bonspiel**

Due to the highly successful USWCA Junior Bonspiel chaired by Jim Shlimovitz held at our club in 2009 the USWCA has chosen Portage to host in the 2010-2011 season. Three USWCA clubs are chosen each year to host this highly popular Junior Bonspiel. I am happy to say Portage was on the top of the list to be contacted to host. We were also the first to accept thanks to Jim Shlimovitz.

### **All-American Event**

It is my hope that next year the Portage Curling Club will be willing to participate in an All-American Event. The All-American is a inter-club event. New rules were adopted at the Fall 2009 Meeting which addresses male participants. The approved rule is as follows: A team is composed of four players; a women must throw skip rocks, with no more than 2 men on a team.

Men wishing to participate in this event must pay \$5 to be a USWCA member.

### **5 & Under Event**

The 5 & Under Event will be host by Wauwatosa Curling Club during the 2010-2011 Season.

### **Senior Women's Bonspiel**

Blackhawk Curling Club of Janesville, WI will host the 29<sup>th</sup> Senior Women's Bonspiel.

### **USWCA National Bonspiel**

Cleveland Skating Club will host the 63<sup>rd</sup> National USWCA Bonspiel February 11-15, 2011.

### **Friendship Tour**

The 2009 Canadian Friendship Tour from the province of Manitoba arrived Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Milwaukee area. They visited 9 clubs and curled at 8 of them. The tour left for home Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> from the Cleveland area.

Mary Cooper of Portage CC curled against the Canadians at the Madison CC and had a wonderful time. Jill Decker and Michele Kornaus attended the dinner hosted by the Madison CC at the Wisconsin Club. They enjoyed being entertained by the Canadians as well as competing against them in a spirited game of Family Feud. Who knew the Canadians knew so much about America?! The evening was extremely enjoyable.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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