

# Portage CC Newsletter

2011/2012

## President's Hog line

Welcome to the 2011/2012 Curling Season!

It is that time of the year again. We are fast approaching the beginning of the season and preparations have already begun to make this another fun and successful year.

For those of you that missed the spring banquet, we are welcoming several new faces to the PCC board of directors. Those members who have left the board this year are, Steve Benck, Sandra Brunt, Andy Voigt and Dan Brunt. On behalf of all of us, **Thank You** for your time, dedication and hard work. We owe this group many thanks for their service to the club. At the same time we have several new members elected to the board this year, Jenny Brunt, Bob Daly, Vietta Kampen, Jon Brunt and Steve Dubberstein. I would also like to thank Chad Edwards for his work as president of the club last year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to all our members for your efforts in sustaining our club's ongoing success and promoting the sport of curling in Portage. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

"Good Curling,"

Jon Brunt

## What's New?

This year's off season was very busy with several important issues. First and foremost, is a new financial obligation of the club. In the past, due to an oversight and a misunderstanding, the club was not assessed, charged, nor did we pay any property taxes on our building. This spring we were hit with a new assessment and have been informed that we will be charged for the current year's taxes as well as unpaid taxes for the past two years.

A very special thanks to Steve Dubberstein and Bob Daly for their successful efforts to argue against the original assessment and to significantly reduce the financial burden of the club!

The matter is not completely finalized and the Board is still actively working on this issue. If you have any specific question regarding this, I would be happy to answer them.

## Club Banquet & Meeting

We will be holding our fall meeting and Club Banquet on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. We encourage all members that are available to attend. We will be having a spaghetti dinner, and there will be a lot to discuss during our meeting. We will be giving away one free membership to a current member who attends the banquet and pays their 2011-2012 dues. If you have a new or potential new member, we encourage you to invite them to this event as an introduction to our club.

## Ice Making

### PRESEASON ICE PREPARATIONS

As always, there are numerous tasks and projects to be completed for the ice making process. All members are invited to the club to assist in this effort. There is plenty of skilled and unskilled work to be done, so don't be shy! Our experienced icemakers will be at the club to delegate and supervise anyone who would like to assist in this process.

We will begin the process of making ice on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Work generally begins at 7:00 PM on Wednesday nights. Everyone's contribution to the effort is appreciated. As in years past, Steve Benck will be in contact with the membership to schedule help on each work night. The ice committee appreciates your flexibility in making yourself available to prepare the club for the start of the season. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Steve Benck @ 617-9884 or [mcgef@yahoo.com](mailto:mcgef@yahoo.com).

We all enjoy the benefits of curling on good ice. It's only fair that we share in the labor of producing that ice as well. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Ice Committee



## Portage Curling Club Calendar of Events

(Please see the Calendar on our website for full schedule and details)

- Oct. 10: Preparation for Ice Making begins  
Oct. 30: Club Clean-up 11:00 AM -No Packer Game  
Nov. 4-5: Two Rivers Bonspiel  
**Steve Dubberstein 742-0139**  
Nov. 5: Fall Banquet and Meeting 6:00 pm  
Nov. 8: Chamber of Commerce Business after 5 Event  
Nov. 15: Men's Leagues Start  
**Harry Erdman 742-6752**  
Nov. 16: Women's League Starts  
**Sandra Brunt 566-5862**  
Nov. 18: Mixed League Starts  
**Chad & Lana Edwards 587-2910**  
Nov. 20: Junior Performance Curling Starts  
**Jim Shlimovitz 742-8470**  
Dec. 3: Varsity HS Open Bonspiel  
Dec. 10: Sat. Morning Curling for Kids Starts  
**Dawn Swan 429-1520**  
Jan. 20-22: Portage Junior Bonspiel  
**Jim Shlimovitz 742-8470**  
Feb. 16-18: State High School Tournament  
**Jim Shlimovitz 742-8470**  
Mar. 9-10: Alumni Spiel  
**Viettea Kampen 697-6510**  
**Dan Brunt 742-7702**  
Mar. 12-14: Club Playdowns  
Mar. 21-24: Mixed Nationals  
**Jenny Brunt and Vietta Kampen**  
Mar. 25: Ice Out

## Club Dues

There will be a modest change in our dues structure this year. Dues for 3<sup>rd</sup> year & over members will be increasing by \$15 to \$240.

As always, our dues alone do not cover the operating costs for the curling club. We also rely on income from bonspiels and fundraising opportunities. We hope that we can count on club members to help in these efforts to ensure that dues can stay in check.

Dues are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year member: \$150  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year member: \$200  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year & over Member: \$240  
Family: \$525  
Jr. Member (in adult leagues): \$125  
Social Membership: \$50

Locker Rental: \$15

If a junior member will be competing in a USCA event, they will be responsible for paying the USCA dues of \$25.00 at the beginning of the curling season as well.

Please fill out the member information sheet and dues form, which can be found by the white dues box at the club or on the website. Send information to, or call, the appropriate league chair to secure a team slot in a league. Mail the dues form with dues to the club treasurer or place in the white dues box.

As a reminder, dues should be paid at the beginning of the year. Skips, it is your responsibility to make sure all members on your team have paid their dues. We will be enforcing this timeline this year and any team that plays with a curler that has not paid dues after Jan. 1 will forfeit those games.

# Club Bonspiels

## Two Rivers Bonspiel

Come join the Portage Curling Club to open the 2011/2012 curling season. Curlers and teams of all ages and abilities are welcome, including beginners. The Two Rivers Bonspiel is a full 4-event bonspiel with three games guaranteed, running from Friday evening through Saturday evening. Games will be 4 ends each. \$30 per curler (\$15 for new curlers) which includes food and refreshments both days, concluding with dinner and the event medal awards on Saturday evening. We will have a drawing for a new membership for the 2011-2012 season.

It's exciting to have a new bonspiel. Let's make this a great event and have a strong PCC showing. Please contact Steve Dubberstein at 608-697-8818 or [steve@dubberstein.com](mailto:steve@dubberstein.com).

## Junior Bonspiel

USWCA and the PCC will team up for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Portage Junior Spiel. This year it will take place on January 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. This event will be open to all junior curlers up to age 21. We will need assistance from club members to host this event. If you are interested in assisting with this event, please contact Jim Shlimovitz at 742-8470.

## Alumni Spiel

This continues to be one of our more popular events. Last year we had over 120 participants and raised enough money to hand out thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving seniors. It is also a valuable membership recruitment tool for the following season. Thanks, Harry and Dan, for your hard work in putting this event together and to all who give a hand to make it a success.

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual 2012 Alumni Spiel is schedule for March 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. The Alumni Spiel will be run this year by Dan Brunt and Vietta Kampen

## Mixed Nationals

Portage will be hosting a fun and exciting even this year, The 2012 Mixed Nationals. We will be welcoming ten teams from across the country who will be competing for one of the USCA national titles.

We will need the support of our membership to ensure this is a successful and profitable event. Please contact Jenny Brunt or Vietta Kampen if you are interested in chairing one of the committees or working as a timer.

## High School Curling

Two club members will again be coaching the high school teams: Joel Caulum the boys' team and Jim Shlimovitz the girls' team. They are always appreciative of any help we can give them whether it would be help at practices, preparing ice on Tuesdays and Thursdays prior to matches, or help with transporting teams to away games. Please contact them and offer your support in any way.

The team schedule can be found on the club website, so come out and show your support for our young curlers.

## Portagecurling.com

Portagecurling.com was created to serve as a central repository of information easily accessible by club members. The site will also serve as a timely means of communication to the membership. Throughout the season, you will receive emails directing you to site content.

Portagecurling.com will continue to evolve, and we welcome comments and suggestions from the membership on changes and improvements. Contact information can be found under the "Club Info" section.



### **Monday Night Dinner League**

Chair: Harry Erdman  
Monday: 5 PM  
Start date: Nov. 14

### **Monday Night Open League**

Chair: Harry Erdman  
Monday: 7 PM  
Start date: Nov. 14

This is an “open” league where any combination of men and women is accepted. This IS NOT a “power league.” For those of you that would like to curl with your son/daughter, this league would be an ideal opportunity to do so.

\*Note\* Any men’s team with 50 points or less in this league will be eligible to participate in the play downs at the end of the season.

### **Wednesday Night Men’s League**

Chair: Harry Erdman  
Wednesday: 5:45PM & 8 PM  
Start date: Nov. 14

### **Tuesday Night Women’s League**

Chairs: Sandra Brunt  
Tuesday: 6:30 PM  
Start date: Nov 15

The Women’s league will be making a move this year, changing from Thursday to Tuesday night.

### **Friday Night Mixed League**

Chair: Chad & Lana Edwards  
Friday: 6:30 PM  
Start date: Nov. 18

Welcome to mixed league! We hope to have another great season. We will continue to have our league primarily on Friday nights; it was fun to have everyone together each week last year! Our league is growing in popularity, which is wonderful – keep spreading the word! Contact us via telephone or email to reserve your team’s spot. This year we will be adding a babysitting service. Students from the STARS program at the middle school will be earning their community service hours by babysitting on Friday nights.

## **New Curler Coordinator**

Due to the decline in membership over the years, the club has decided to create a position to facilitate the recruitment of new members to the club. In addition to the many things he already does for the club, Steve Benck will fill the position of New Curler Coordinator. He encourages anyone who has identified a prospective member to forward that person’s contact information to him. Steve and the league chairs will work together to place a new member on teams with openings or as members of new teams. LET’S WORK TOGETHER TO HELP OUR CLUB THRIVE AND GROW!

## **Juniors Program:**

The Junior program will again be divided into four levels this year.

### **Beginners:** (Dawn Swan) Saturdays **9:00-9:30**

This level is for youth that have never curled before. Points of emphasis include ice safety, curling basics, on & off the ice etiquette and sportsmanship.

### **Intermediate:** (Dawn Swan) Saturdays **9:45-10:30**

This level is for youth curlers that have been taught the basic skills and are ready to put them to use. Sliding, balance, delivery, sweeping skills and basic strategy will be the focus.

### **Developing:** (Dawn Swan) Saturdays **11:00-12:00**

This level is for youth curlers that are ready to put all of their skills to work in game play as well as learn basic strategies of the game.

### **Competitive:** (Jim Shlimovitz) Sundays **4:00-5:30**

This level is for youth curlers that are ready to play more games, learn more strategies and compete in bonspiels.

### **Registration:**

Saturday, November 5th, from 10:00-1:00 P.M.

Cost per child: \$25.00 (paid at registration)

In an effort to balance out the size of the groups and place the kids at the appropriate skill level, if possible we would like the kids to be prepared to throw a few stones at registration. Please be sure the kids have clean shoes for the ice.

## Final Thoughts

We have some new financial challenges this year, but our club is still strong. Any and all help with the many events we are hosting this year, ice making, and daily tasks to keep our club running will be appreciated.

We have advertising opportunities available at the club. If you are a member and a business owner, or know of someone who would like to advertise with us, I have included our advertising information with this newsletter.

The club will be installing new hacks this year. The money has been raised through donations and no additional club funds were needed for this upgrade.

Thank you to Chuck Miller for his donation of a laptop computer to the club!

During the summer months the humidity in the club causes some mold and mildew problems. Next year we would like to have some dehumidifiers run during the humid summer months. If anyone has an extra dehumidifier that the club could use, please contact Jim Shlimovitz.

## 2010/2011 Board of Directors

President – Jon Brunt	617-1121
Vice President – Bob Daly	429-3500
Secretary – Jenny Brunt	742-7702
Treasurer – Melissa Leeland	742-2091
Director– Chad Edwards	697-6510
Director– Vietta Kampen	697-6510
Director – Steve Dubberstein	697-8818
Director – Beth Leege	587-2009
Director – Jim Shlimovitz	742-8470

Building Chair – Jim Shlimovitz

Ice Chair – Steve Benck

House Chair – Beth Leege

Grounds Chair – Bob Daly

New Curler Coordinator: Steve Benck

### **Rating Committee:**

- Harry Erdman
- Mark Considine
- Joel Caulum
- Dan Brunt

### **Our Curling Representatives:**

USCA: Open

USWCA: Michele Kornaus

Columbia County: Bob Daly

BWCA: Vietta Kampen

LEAGUE SIGN UP FORM

**Men's & Open League:**

Chair: Harry Erdman  
N9218 Anacker Rd.  
Portage, WI 53901  
742-6752

\_\_\_\_\_ Mon. 5 PM (dinner)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mon. 7 PM (open)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wed. 5:45 & 8 PM  
(check appropriate league)

**Women's League:**

Chair: Sandra Brunt  
506 W. Carroll St.  
Portage, WI 53901  
617-9175

**Mixed League:**

Chair: Chad & Lana Edwards  
W6450 County Road P  
Endeavor, WI 53930  
587-2910

**Developmental League:**

Chair: Steve Benck  
842 Ridgeview Ct.  
Portage, WI 53901  
745-4344

**Rink Roster**

**Skip** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Third** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lead** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Alternate** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please contact league chair with rink information by Nov. 12th)

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1<sup>st</sup> Year Curler \$150 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Curler \$200 3<sup>rd</sup> Year/+ Curler \$240  
JUNIOR (Sat/Mon-Open/) Curler: \$70  
JUNIOR+ (Adult League) Curler: \$125  
JUNIOR USCA Registration: Additional \$25  
FAMILY: \$525  
LOCKER RENTAL: \$15

**All Names paying dues for**

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Single \_\_\_\_\_  
Junior \_\_\_\_\_ (FILL IN APPROPRIATE DUES AMOUNT)  
Family \_\_\_\_\_  
Locker \_\_\_\_\_  
ENCLOSED \$\$\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Mail form to: Portage Curling Club Drop in "Dues Box"  
P.O. Box 55 OR located at club.  
Portage, WI 53901

\*\*Please submit dues payment prior to start of league play\*\*



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**Friday November 4 - Saturday November 5, 2011**  
 107 West Albert Street, Portage Wisconsin

**◀◀◀ Season Opening Bonspiel ▶▶▶**  
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**Entry Fee:**  
**\$30 per Curler**  
**\$15 for New Curlers**  
**3-Game Guarantee**  
**8 Team Minimum**  
**24 Team Maximum**  
**Opening Ceremony**  
**5:45 PM Friday November 12**

***New Curler Clinic: Thursday November 3 - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM***

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**Team Experience Level:** \_\_\_ Experienced \_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_ Beginner

**Contact Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **email** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Skip</b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>New Curler</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Home Club</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Lead</b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**First draw preference (Friday November 4):**  Any  6 PM  7 PM  8 PM

**Send to:** Steve Dubberstein, 505 Oakridge Drive, Portage WI 53901 [steve@dubberstein.com](mailto:steve@dubberstein.com)

Make checks out to "Portage Curling Club" Contact: Steve Dubberstein 608-697-8818



## Sponsorship & Advertising Packet



- Website Sponsorship:
  - Recognized as a Sponsor of the Portage Curling Club on our website with Logo
  - [www.portagecurling.com](http://www.portagecurling.com)
  - 1- Year Annual Sponsorship: **\$75**
  
- Annual Sponsor
  - Recognized as a Sponsor of the Portage Curling Club with a 17" x 22" colored Sign, that can include Logo, hung prominently above our viewing area for 1 year
  - Sign will be provided- If logo desired must be provided in digital picture format
  - Includes Website Sponsor
  - 1- Year Annual Sponsorship: **\$175**
  
- Three Year Sponsor
  - Recognized as a Sponsor of the Portage Curling Club with a 17" x 22" colored sign, that can include Logo, hung prominently above our viewing area for 3 years
  - Sign will be provided- If logo desired must be provided in digital picture format
  - Includes Website Sponsor
  - 3- Year Sponsorship: **\$450**
  
- Gold Sponsor
  - Recognized as a Sponsor of the Portage Curling Club with a 36" x 48" colored sign, that can include Logo, hung prominently in the playing area for 3 years
  - Sign will be provided- If logo desired must be provided in digital picture format
  - Includes Website Sponsor
  - Includes 3 year Social Membership at the Portage Curling Club
  - 3- Year Sponsorship: **\$950**
  
- Sheet Sponsor
  - Name with Logo inserted into the ice playing surface for 1 year
  - Includes Website Sponsor
  - 1- Year Sponsorship: **\$375**
  - If in conjunction with any other Sponsorship: **\$300**