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## 2022-2023 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

The Portage Curling Club Board looks forward to welcoming our curlers, new and seasoned, back for another amazing year of curling! Last year was a bit strange to say the least, but we were able to curl safely and stay open with minimal speedbumps. We hope that this year will bring us even closer to our new normal.

A lot of improvements have been made to the club since you last saw it! We have successfully replaced all the lights in the icehouse, which should make a huge difference when the ice goes in. We have also updated our cameras and technology to accommodate high-definition streaming of our curling events. We are also putting the finishing touches on the wheelchair ramp and our electricals to make the club even more accessible to curlers of all abilities.

We hope you will join us at our Fall Tailgate Party on October 2<sup>nd</sup> – you do not want to miss out on this! Golf, football, horse races, a chili cook-off, demos of the new features at the club, and much more! Be sure to [RSVP using this link](#) so we know how much food and beverage we need.

More information on the Tailgate and the rest of the 2022-23 season can be found in this newsletter.

Good Curling!

Shannon Schultz, President



## FALL TAILGATE PARTY – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

A full day of festivities awaits! Join in the fun and get ready for the curling season.

### GOLF –

Reserve your spot soon, as tee times are limited. This is a 4-person scramble. Tee times start at 10:00AM. Rates are \$60 per person for 18 holes with cart, along with games and activities at several holes. Raffle and skins are extra. Win back some money and have a great time doing it! Individuals and couples may register and will be paired to make foursomes.

### FOOTBALL –

The Fall Tailgate Party will coincide with the 3:25PM Packers v. Patriots game. Food and drinks are provided, but feel free to bring what you like. Sharable tailgate food is always welcome! Watch the game and see all the changes in the club.

### CHILI COOKOFF –

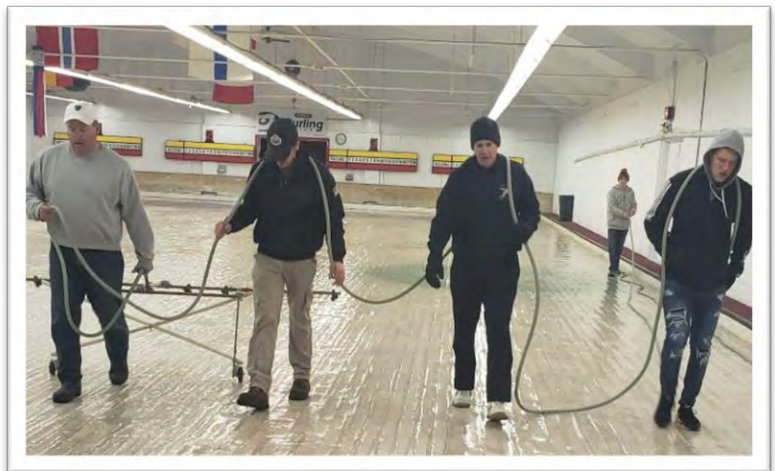
Proud of your chili? Show off your cooking skills by participating in the chili cookoff! Participants will bring their creations—any kind of chili is acceptable, but please bring a list of ingredients (to accommodate dietary restrictions)—and the members will vote for their favorite. The winner will get bragging rights, but there will also be a prize!

REGISTER for all these events in one easy RSVP form. <https://forms.gle/JdF3P7Z8uCiYgLX4A>

We hope to see you there!

## ICE MAKING

Ice making is scheduled to begin on October 12. However, the schedule can be adjusted based on weather conditions. The entire process takes about three weeks. Work takes place most nights starting at 7:00. Steve Benck & Kendra Dorn will be coordinating the signup process. Members are encouraged to lend a hand at least one night during the process. This is a great way to get some volunteer hours—prior knowledge and skills are not required, and there is plenty to do! Someone from the ice crew is always on hand to show you what to do.

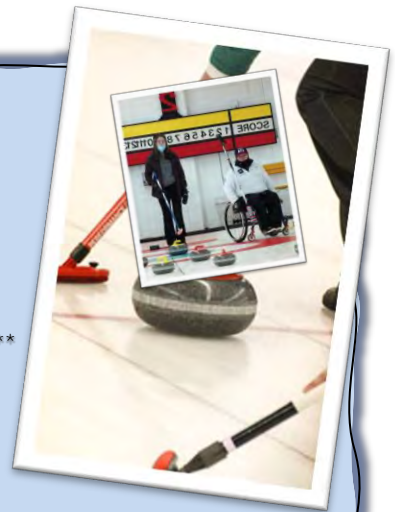


Contact Steve Benck at 617-9884 or [benck.steve@gmail.com](mailto:benck.steve@gmail.com) if you have questions.

## 2022-2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 11	Insulation Installation**
September 21	First Club Clean Up Day**
September 24	Juniors Registration
October 2	Fall Tailgate Party
October 12	Ice Installation Begins (Subject to Change) **
November 7	High School Curling Season Begins
November 9 – 11	HS Curling Camp
November 14	League Play Begins
November 29 – December 1	Wheelchair Camp (Daytime)
December 2 – 4	Portage Open Wheelchair Bonspiel**
December 10 – 12	Bourbon with Rocks Men's Bonspiel**
January 14 – 15	Junior Bonspiel**
February 3 – 5	American Legion Bonspiel
February 10 – 12	5 and Under Bonspiel**
February 24 – 25	Alumni Spiel**
March 6 – 10	Playdowns & Club Championship
TBD	Annual Membership Meeting & Celebration

*\*\*Volunteers needed on these days*



## CLUB DUES

First Year Membership	\$150
Second Year Membership	\$215
Regular Membership	\$265
Family Membership	\$595
Junior Membership for Leagues	\$125
Social Membership	\$50
Half-Year Leagues	\$120/league
Friday League Only	25% discount
Saturday Junior – First Year	\$40
Saturday Junior – Returning	\$60
Locker Rental	\$30

## FRIENDLY REMINDER

Dues should be paid, and the release form signed BEFORE you step on the ice. Skips, it is your responsibility to make sure all members on your team have paid their dues. The treasurer will be at each of the leagues during the first two weeks of the season to help facilitate this.

On December 1st, a list of curlers with unpaid dues will be posted. After Dec. 15th, any team that plays with a curler who has not paid dues will forfeit those games.

## BEER CLUB NEWS



Dave the Beer Guy here. Plans for the beer club are the same as last year. We will continue to emphasize cleanliness, so please avoid handling taps if you are not feeling well.

We will keep Miller Lite on draft, and as many varieties of craft beer as we can get! Feel free to email, text, or talk to me at the club if you have any requests. We'll do our best to get them!

Email: [Dtapke@gmail.com](mailto:Dtapke@gmail.com)

Phone: 309-275-1960

Dues are:

\$125 for men

\$90 for women

Cheers! Slàinte! Good Curling!

## CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Due to rising costs and very limited use, the credit card swipe option is no longer available. We intend to have PayPal and/or Venmo available for payments before the season begins. Checks and cash will still be accepted.



# LEAGUE INFORMATION: REACH OUT TO LEAGUE CHAIRS NOW!

## MONDAY DINNER LEAGUE (FRANK RHYME EVENT)

5:00PM Draw

Chair: Josh Brandsma, 608-790-4558 [brandsmajosh@hotmail.com](mailto:brandsmajosh@hotmail.com)

Monday Men's Dinner league has room for 9 teams, with 8 playing and 1 preparing dinner. Last year only 8 teams played, and we would really like to get back to 9 teams. Individual curlers looking for a team should contact Josh Brandsma.

## TUESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S LEAGUE

6:30PM Draw

Chair: Shannon Schultz, 608-697-9093 [shannon.schultz99@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.schultz99@gmail.com)

Tuesday Women's league consists of 6-end games to ensure plenty of social time. The league focuses on the curling etiquette necessary for our many new curlers to learn, have fun, and represent our club well. Contact Shannon Schultz to play in the Tuesday Women's league.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE (DOC CURTIS EVENT)

5:45PM & 8:00PM Draws

Chair: Steve Dubberstein, 608-697-8818 [steve@dubberstein.com](mailto:steve@dubberstein.com)

Wednesday Men's league has room for 16-17 teams. With only 12 teams last season, there is plenty of room for new teams. Several Wednesday teams are looking for individual curlers looking for a team to play on. Contact Steve Dubberstein regarding joining a Wednesday men's team.

## THURSDAY OPEN LEAGUE

6:00PM Draw

Chair: Steve Dubberstein, 608-697-8818 [steve@dubberstein.com](mailto:steve@dubberstein.com)

Thursday is an open league allowing men and women, as well as sons and daughters, to curl together. The Thursday Open League has room for at least 9 teams. The league had only 6 teams last year so there is room for more teams.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

6:30PM Draw

Chair: Shannon Schultz, 608-697-9093 [shannon.schultz99@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.schultz99@gmail.com)

Friday Night Mixed League welcomes new and experienced curlers ages 21 and older. Because of its relaxed, social atmosphere, this league is great for new curlers. The mixed format means that two males and two females make up a team, and the throw order alternates (boy-girl-boy-girl).

*Subbing rules: A non-member may sub a maximum of three times total per season; upon the fourth time subbing the individual is considered a member and dues will be charged.*



## 2021-2022 PLAYDOWN RESULTS



The 2021-2022 curling season at the Portage Curling Club concluded with the Men's and Club Championships.

Winning the Club Championship was the Wagner rink (front, left-to-right): Brent Weigel, Palmer Gohlke, Kyle Dumbleton, and Luke Hensler.

Winning the Men's Championship was Team Caulum (rear, left-to-right): Joel Caulum, Jim Shlimovitz, Tom Kohn, and Shawn Sadowski.

The playdown system worked well this past year and we will keep the same format. This consists of the Men's Playdown and the Club Playdown, followed by the Club Championship game.

- Men's Playdown remains the same as past years. Depending on the total number of teams in the Monday and Wednesday leagues, 14 to 17 teams will be taken into Men's Playdown. The winner of the Monday and Wednesday league will receive a first-round bye in the Men's Playdowns (no ties).
- Any team in any league other than Monday Dinner League and Wednesday Men's League with 50 pts or less is eligible for the Club Playdown. This includes the Women's League, the Open League, and the Mixed League.
- Monday and Tuesday of Playdown week consists of 5:45pm and 8:00pm draws. Draw times will be assigned to avoid conflicts for players on multiple teams as much as possible. (A second draw may be possible on Wednesday and/or Thursday as well.)
- Club Playdown will consist of 8 teams drawn from the eligible leagues. A fixed number of eligible teams from each league will be selected for Club Playdowns proportional to the number of 50-point eligible teams in each. Spots on Club Playdowns will be offered to the highest placed teams in each league at the end of the season.
- Club Playdown will start the Tuesday of playdown week. Some Club Playdown games may be assigned a Monday draw depending on player conflicts and draw availability. Club Playdown Quarterfinals on Tuesday will have the second draw (8:00pm).
- Club Playdown Semifinals are Wednesday at 6:30pm and Club Playdown Finals (Club Championship eligibility game) are Thursday at 6:30pm.
- The Club Championship between the winners of the Club Playdown and the Men's Playdown will be 6:30pm Friday of playdown week.

NOTE: An extended Playdown Week is possible if the club chooses to have more than 8 teams in the Club Championship. See the website for more information on this option.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### MESSAGE FROM SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR KENDRA DORN

We plan to be more active on our social media platforms, especially during the curling season! I would like to post more of our events, include some curling facts, and highlight other important information. At this time, I would like to get a committee together that can assist with brainstorming ways to get people involved and plan events for the off season. If you are interested, please reach out to me via email [kendradorn527@gmail.com](mailto:kendradorn527@gmail.com) or by phone at 608-566-4425.



### SEE OUR NEW WEBSITE!

A huge thank you goes out to Kari Caulum for creating our new website. Better yet, she has volunteered to maintain the site as well! If you would like to have something posted on the website, please email Kari at [karilee.iluvlucy@gmail.com](mailto:karilee.iluvlucy@gmail.com). Thanks, Kari!

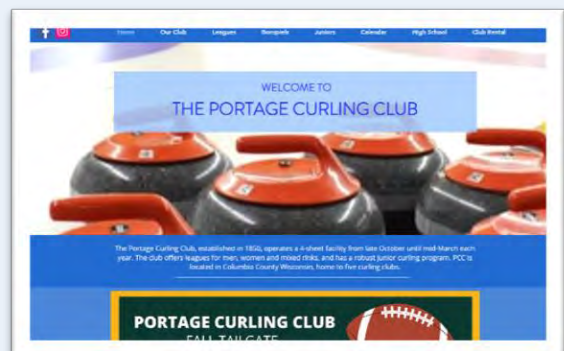
Like us on Facebook and Instagram as well!

Facebook – Portage Curling Club

Website - [www.portagecurling.com](http://www.portagecurling.com)

Instagram – portagecurlingclubwi

E-mail – [portagecurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:portagecurlingclub@gmail.com)



## ADVERTISING

Our club seeks sponsors interested in advertising in our clubhouse and icehouse areas. Clubhouse signs are 17"x20" and cost \$450 for a three-year period. The on-ice signs are 3'x4' and cost \$900 for a three-year period.

Advertising can be a significant source of revenue for the club. If your company is interested in this opportunity, please contact Steve Benck.

## AMAZON & THRIVENT

If you order from Amazon, try AmazonSmile and 0.5% of your purchases can go to the Club! Portage Curling Association, Inc. is already on their list of charities. It won't cost a thing. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to get started.

If you are a Thrivent Financial customer, you may be earning Choice Dollars. Each quarter you can direct your Choice Dollars to the Portage Curling Club. Contact Vietta Kampen for details.

# VOLUNTEERING

Like most curling clubs, we rely heavily on volunteers for many things. From making and maintaining the ice, to the bonspiels that we host throughout the season, none of these would be possible without the dedication of our club members.

A survey will be sent out to the membership that we strongly encourage every member to complete. Our goal is threefold. First, we hope to educate the newer members on the number of hours that it takes to run the club and show the various ways that members can volunteer. Second, we understand that curling is a part of busy lives for all our members. We want to find out how much time, if any, people are willing or able to volunteer to help around the club. Third, we want to find out what motivates you. What sort of rewards would encourage you to volunteer around the club, or what other options would you like to see to help the club as an alternative to volunteering? We do not intend to implement any changes this season, but we hope to use the feedback we receive from membership to develop a volunteerism plan for next season that generates the greatest amount of participation from the greatest number of people.

This season, you will be asked to choose one of the 3 following options when you fill out your waiver and pay your dues...

1. Volunteer 5 hours around the club. Activities could include making ice, serving on committees, helping at bonspiels (ice crew, kitchen staff, officiating, seeking raffle prize donations, etc.) You can find events on our calendar page. Our Volunteer Hours Binders will allow you to log your hours. We will track hours for all members so please fill them out each time you volunteer, whether you choose this option or not.
2. Sell 5 additional calendars. Choosing this option will mean that your packet will contain ten (10) calendars to sell instead of the original five (5).
3. Donate \$50.

Volunteers don't get paid,  
not because they're worthless,  
but because they're priceless.

-Sherry Anderson

## THIS IS YOUR CLUB!



This is a volunteer organization and there are many ways you can help.

- Make Ice
- Prepare ice for leagues
- Volunteer at bonspiels (ice or kitchen)
- Help with Juniors on Saturdays
- Donate food or money for bonspiels
- Sell extra calendars
- Help with High School program
- Clean or Vacuum when you see it needs it
- Load and empty dishwasher
- Take out garbage



# JUNIOR CURLING PROGRAM

JUNIOR CURLING SIGN-UP - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH FROM 8-11 AM

Parents will be asked to sign up to help on ice and to bring snacks. We will use an online signup app for this.

DUES: \$40 for first year and \$60 after that.

## BEGINNERS: SATURDAYS 9:00 – 10:00

This level is primarily for youth ages 6 to 8. Most of these curlers will be new to curling or returning curlers who still need to work on skills. Curlers will learn basic delivery skills, ice safety, ice etiquette and sportsmanship.



## INTERMEDIATE: SATURDAYS 10:00 – 11:00

This level is primarily for youth ages 8 to 10. The majority have learned the basic skills and are ready to put them to use. Sliding, balance, delivery, sweeping skills will be emphasized. As the season progresses students will play half sheet games and learn basic strategy. Some curlers may be moved up into the developmental group once they are able to consistently throw the stone to the other end with a balanced delivery.

## DEVELOPMENTAL: SATURDAYS 11:00 – 12:00

This level is for middle school curlers with limited experience. Time will be spent learning or perfecting deliveries, sweeping skills, strategy, etiquette, sportsmanship, and half-sheet and full sheet game play. As curlers improve, they may be moved up to the competitive group.

## COMPETITIVE: SATURDAYS 12:00 – 2:00



This level is for junior curlers who have developed their delivery and are ready to play more games, learn more strategy, and compete in bonspiels. Registration for this group will be based on last year's skill level. The goal is for all curlers to compete in at least one junior bonspiel this year. Bonspiel dates will be available at sign-up. When ice is available, you are allowed to use Monday nights open ice to practice.

Parents with children who bonspiel outside of the PCC must take the Safe Sport Training. You will be provided with the training information.

*We will continue to follow the COVID guidelines setup for the Portage School District practices and sporting events.*

## PORTAGE HIGH SCHOOL CURLING TEAM



The Portage high school curling team will start the season in Mid-November with practice with games starting at the end of November. Practice will be Tuesday - Friday from 3:30 - 5:5:30. Conference games will be played on Tuesdays starting in December.

### COACHING STAFF

Girls Coach Jim Shlimovitz

Girls Coach Brian Scheibach

Boys Coach Mike Charles



### 2022-2023 SOUTHERN WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL CURLING SCHEDULE

DATE	BOYS	GIRLS
November 29	Poynette @ Portage	Portage @ Poynette
December 6	Portage @ Lodi	Lodi @ Portage
December 13	Portage @ Pardeeville	Pardeeville @ Portage
January 6 – 7	Tietge HS Bonspiel	
January 10	Lodi @ Portage	Portage @ Lodi
January 17	Pardeeville @ Portage	Portage @ Pardeeville
January 24	Portage @ Poynette	Poynette @ Portage
January 31	Poynette @ Portage	Portage @ Poynette
February 7	Portage @ Lodi	Lodi @ Portage
February 9	Portage @ Pardeeville	Pardeeville @ Portage
February 17 – 19	State Finals	

## 2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Shannon Schultz	608-697-9093
Vice President	Mark Labor	608-772-5021
Secretary	Kristi Lehman	608-530-4210
Treasurer	Vietta Kampen	608-697-6510
Director	Kendra Dorn	608-566-4425
Director	Ryan Jensen	608-617-2824
Director	Dave Williams	608-678-0342
Director	Nate Schmudlach	608-617-8907

## 2022-2023 COMMITTEES

Bonspiels	Jim Shlimovitz (Men's)	608-617-3104
	Vietta Kampen (Juniors)	608-697-6510
	Shannon Schultz (5U)	608-697-9093
Ice Making & Maintenance	Steve Benck	608-745-4344
	John Schultz	608-225-2395
	Mark Labor (Board Rep)	608-772-5021
Ice Making Equipment	Dave Williams	608-678-0342
Building/Grounds	Nate Schmudlach	608-697-6510
Kitchen	Shannon Schultz	608-697-9093
Social Media	Kendra Dorn	608-566-4425
	Katie Egan (Facebook)	
	Kayla Wolff (Facebook)	
	Kari Caulum (Website)	<a href="mailto:karilee.iluvlucy@gmail.com">karilee.iluvlucy@gmail.com</a>
Membership/Outreach	Ryan Jensen	608-617-2824
	Kristi Lehman	608-530-4210
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Rating Committee	Joel Caulum	608-742-5527
	Steve Dubberstein	608-697-8818
	John Schultz	608-225-2395
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## STATE AND NATIONAL CURLING REPRESENTATIVES

US Women's Curling Association (USWCA)	Shannon Schultz	608-697-9093
Wisconsin State Curling Association (WSCA)	Jim Schlimovitz	608-617-3104
Badger Women's Curling Association (BWCA)	Vietta Kampen	608-697-6510
Columbia County Rep	Shannon Schultz	608-697-9093

## BROADCAST TECHNOLOGY INSTALLATION

New digital cameras have been installed above each of the houses, and each sheet now has two flat screen monitors showing the near house and the far house, so no more switching channels! Better yet, each monitor displays from hog line to back line.

Eight additional cameras have been installed near the center of the ice so that we can broadcast games. The office behind the beer taps has been converted into a broadcast studio. The final phase is to purchase and install the broadcasting equipment. This system will allow the club to broadcast high school games and bonspiels, and its quality will allow us to host and broadcast national championships.



## CLUB RENTAL

Rental of the Portage Curling Club makes a fun and unique experience for your personal or professional needs. Rent it for a workplace teambuilding experience, a birthday party, or a baby shower. The possibilities are endless! The following rates apply:

### CLUBHOUSE USE ONLY

Member	\$75
Non-member	\$150

### CLUBHOUSE & ICE USE\*

Individual	\$300
Corporate	\$500

*\*Signed liability waivers are required*

## GRILL RENTAL

Did you know that the Club now owns the big old Cardinal Glass charcoal grill that we have borrowed for years? More details, including a sign-out form and borrowing rules, are on the Club's website at [www.portagecurling.com](http://www.portagecurling.com).

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