



## 2021-2022 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Welcome Back Members!

After the trying times we have had in the past 18 months, hopefully, we will have a very successful upcoming year. The board has been working diligently all throughout the Covid Pandemic.

I want to thank all the previous board members for their dedication and service over their last years of service: Kyle Dumbleton, Bobbie Jo Zander, and Craig Johnson. I would like to welcome the following board members: Mark Labor, Kristi Lehman, Ryan Jensen, and Dave Williams.

The Board updated positions at the May meeting:

Jim Shlimovitz - President

Shannon Schultz - Vice President

Kristi Lehman - Secretary

Vietta Kampen - Treasurer - Designee (not a voting board member)

Chris Rietmann, Mark Labor, Ryan Jensen, and Dave Williams - Members-at-Large

- Wheelchair Ramp – All funds were raised by donations! We are hosting the US Open Wheelchair Bonspiel with TEAM USA participating.
- Cooling Tower – Installation will be completed by the start of the season. No chipping ice in -25-degree weather!
- Insulation of the Outside of the Building – This will be done next summer due to delay of supplies/materials.
- Installation of New Cameras and Video Equipment – This will be done next summer when all the funding is secured.

One of the goals is to increase the membership of the curling club, this can be done with your help. We would love you to bring at least one new person into the club to try curling and hopefully we can get them hooked on the sport and they become members of the club. If you have looked at the calendar this year, we have scheduled many events for all the members to assist with to help increase membership and to have fun with other club members.

The calendar has many events that can help bring new curlers into the club. This year is very important to the stability and growth of the club. In the following pages you will see many bonspiel flyers that will bring other curlers into the club and intraclub activities.

Finally, we are also in the process of updating and revamping the website and all the other social media sites to give the members and the community more up to date information about the club. This year is going to be a very busy and fun year, we have included flyers for some of the spiels we are hosting this year. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Thank you!

Jim Shlimovitz

## 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### Our State and National Curling Representatives:

**USWCA:** Shannon Schultz

**WSCA:** Jim Shlimovitz

**BWCA:** Vietta Kampen



Facebook page – Portage Curling Club



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



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### Calendar of Events 2021-2022

September 26	Opening Banquet
October 12	Start making Ice
October 29	Open ice
November 8	High School Starts
November 15	Leagues start
Dec 3-5	US Open Wheelchair Curling - Cash Spiel
Dec. 10 - 12	Bourbon on the Rocks - Mens Spiel
Jan 15-16	Junior Spiel
Jan 29-30	Doubles Spiel
Feb 4-18	Olympic Events
Feb 6	Singles Spiel - Interclub
Feb 12-13	5 and Under Spiel
Feb 26-27	Triples Spiel - Must have one new curler
March 4-5	Alumni Spiel
March 7-11	Club Championship
March 12	End of the year banquet

## ICE MAKING

Ice making is scheduled to begin October 12th. 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 will be coordinating the signup process as he has in the past. Members are encouraged to lend a hand at least one night during



the process. It is a good way to get some volunteer hours. There is plenty of work to be done, and knowledge of the process is not a requirement. There will always be somebody on the crew that can show you what needs to be done.

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

### **CLUB DUES**

1<sup>st</sup> Year member: \$150

2<sup>nd</sup> Year member: \$215

3<sup>rd</sup> Year & over Member: \$265

Family: \$595

Jr. Member (in adult leagues): \$125

Social Membership: \$50

½ year leagues \$120/league

Friday league only: 25% discount

(non-member dues, sub rules apply for ½ year and Fri only)

Saturday Juniors: \$40, Returning Saturday Juniors & U15: \$60

Locker Rental: \$30

## JUNIOR CURLING PROGRAM

### **Junior curling sign-up - Saturday, October 2, 2021 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:** \$30 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.

**New this year!** U15 League on Friday afternoons from 4:00 – 5:15 for curlers in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or lower who would like to work on their bonspiel and playdown skills. The league will be a combination of skills, strategy, and game play. It will run approximately eight weeks and will be conducted by the HS coaches and players. Dues are \$60. If they also play on Saturday, there is no addition fee.

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



## 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. If you want to pay with a credit card, see the information below.

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.

### Credit Card Payments

During the first two weeks for a 3% fee, you will be able to use a credit card to pay for your dues. The swipe device is directly linked to our bank. You can still pay with a check or cash.

### Website

Steve Dubberstein has again volunteered to maintain the website. If you have anything that you want posted, you can email Steve at [steve@dubberstein.com](mailto:steve@dubberstein.com). Like us on Facebook, and Instagram as well.



## BEER CLUB NEWS



Dave the beer guy here looking forward to getting back this season. Plans for the beer club aren't really changing much. We would like to emphasize cleanliness this year though, requesting that club members avoid handling the taps if they're feeling sick. Same story for beers on draft, Miller Lite and as much variety in craft beer as we can get! Feel free to send me an email, text, or get a hold of me at the club if you've got any special requests, and 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! And Good Curling!

Dave Tapke

## Portage High School Curling Team

The Portage high school curling team will try to improve last year's 2nd place at state high school championships. The boys and girls 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 Tuesday starting in December.

Check the Portage High School website for games and times.

Coaching staff  
 Jim Shlimovitz - Girls Coach  
 Mike Charles - Boys Coach



<b>2021-22 Southern Wisconsin High School Curling League Schedule</b>				
	<b>BOYS</b>		<b>GIRLS</b>	
Dec. 7	Pardeeville @ Lodi Portage @ Poynette		Lodi @ Pardeeville Poynette @ Portage	<b>Non-conference</b>
Dec. 9	Portage @ Pardeeville Lodi @ Poynette		Pardeeville @ Portage Poynette @ Lodi	<b>Non-conference</b>
Dec. 14	Poynette @ Pardeeville Lodi @ Portage		Pardeeville @ Poynette Portage @ Lodi	<b>Non-conference</b>
Jan 7-8	<b>Tietge HS Bonspiel</b>			
Jan. 11	Pardeeville @ Poynette Portage @ Lodi		Poynette @ Pardeeville Lodi @ Portage	
<b>Break for Junior Nationals (?)</b>				
Jan. 25	Lodi @ Pardeeville Poynette @ Portage		Pardeeville @ Lodi Portage @ Poynette	
Jan. 27	Pardeeville @ Portage Poynette @ Lodi		Portage @ Pardeeville Lodi @ Poynette	
Feb. 1	Pardeeville @ Lodi Portage @ Poynette		Lodi @ Pardeeville Poynette @ Portage	
Feb. 8	Portage @ Pardeeville Lodi @ Poynette		Pardeeville @ Portage Poynette @ Lodi	
Feb. 10	Poynette @ Pardeeville Lodi @ Portage		Pardeeville @ Poynette Portage @ Lodi	
Feb. 18-19	<b>State</b>			

## LEAGUE INFORMATION

### Get in Touch with Your League Chairs Now!

#### **Monday Dinner League**

Monday: 5:00PM

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

#### **Tuesday Night Women's League**

Tuesday: 6:30PM

Chair: Shannon Schultz, 608-697-9093  
[Shannon.Schultz99@gmail.com](mailto:Shannon.Schultz99@gmail.com)

#### **Wednesday Night Men's League**

Wednesday: 5:45PM & 8:00PM

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

#### **Thursday Open League\*\***

Thursday: 6:00PM

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

#### **Friday Afternoon U15 Junior League: 4:00-5:15PM**

Chair: Jim Shlimovitz, 608-617-3104 or Mike Charles, 608-617-9511

#### **Friday Night League: 6:30PM\*\*\***

Chair: Shannon Schultz, 608-697-9093, [Shannon.Schultz99@gmail.com](mailto:Shannon.Schultz99@gmail.com)

\*\*Friday afternoon league is open to all juniors in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or younger from Portage and surrounding areas. This will be a competitive instruction league and augments the Saturday Junior Program. For more information, see the JUNIOR CURLING PROGRAM page.

\*\*Thursday is an open league allowing men and women as well as sons and daughters to curl together. If there are enough teams to have two draws, a bell system will be implemented to ensure that the 8:00 draw is on time.

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

Note that subbing rules apply (a maximum of three times subbing on other leagues or full membership dues will be charged).





## Playdown system for 2021 – 2022

- No change to the men's playdown system, except only Monday Dinner League and Wednesday Men's League teams qualify. Thursday open all-male teams of 50 pts or less are eligible for the club playdowns instead of Men's playdowns.
- Starting this season, women are rated (assigned points on the 5 to 20 points scale).
- Any team in any league other than Monday Dinner League and Wednesday Men's League with 50 pts or less are eligible for club playdowns. This includes the Women's League, the Open League, and the Mixed League.
- The club playdowns will consist of 8 teams drawn from the eligible leagues (method TBD, likely to be a fixed number of eligible teams from each league proportional to the number of 50-point eligible teams in the league).
- Club playdowns will start the Tuesday of playdown week. 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 game will be 6:30pm Friday of playdown week between the winner of the Club Championship eligibility game and the Men's Playdown Champion.
- If there is a Women's League and a women's only playdown or championship game, then the women's playdown or championship would need to be concluded in the week before the men's and club playdowns. The winner of the women's league championship would receive a spot in the club playdowns.
- If it is desired to have more than 8 teams play in the Club Championship bracket, it is possible for a 'play in' draw for up to 4 more teams on the Sunday night before playdown week, which would increase the field to 10, 11, or 12 teams. Depending on the Men's League bye situation, some of these play-in games could be offered to play on Monday instead of Sunday (each bye granted in the Men's championship bracket results in a sheet available on the Monday of playdowns).





## Thrivent Choice Dollars, AmazonSmile, and Kwik Trip Rewards

Donating has never been easier. If you are a **Thrivent Financial** customer, you may be earning **Choice Dollars**. The Portage Curling Club is on their list of organizations. Each quarter you can **Direct Choice Dollars** to the club, and it doesn't cost you a dime. If you have any questions, Vietta Kampen can give you more information.

Amazon has a program called **AmazonSmile** where 0.5% of your purchases can go to a charity of your choice. Again, it doesn't cost you one red cent. Portage Curling Association, Inc. is already on their list. Go to **smile.amazon.com** to get started.

**Kwik Trip** now has a Charitable Rewards program. When you use your Kwik Trip+ Credit or Debit Card for purchases, the club receives a portion of the sales. This is in lieu of the Rewards check you have been receiving. We need at least 5 members signed up to participate in this program. Call **Kwik Trip** at **800-305-6666** to add your account or if you have any questions.



## ADVERTISING PROGRAM

Our club actively works with local businesses to advertise in our clubhouse and icehouse areas. The 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, and we are always interested in adding additional sponsors. If your company is interested in this opportunity, please let Steve Benck know ([benck.steve@gmail.com](mailto:benck.steve@gmail.com)), and he will discuss terms with your company representative.

## Club Rental

Are you looking for a fun and unique team-building event, but don't think Janice from accounting wants to go bungee jumping? Are you having a large family or friends gathering and need some extra space, but don't want to make Grandma eat off a card table in your broom closet? You should rent the club! It will make your event easy and enjoyable while helping support our club. The following rates apply:

### Clubhouse Use Only:

Member: \$75

Non-member: \$150

### Clubhouse & Ice Use:

Individual: \$300

Corporate Rate: \$500

All those entering the icehouse must sign a liability waiver.

## 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.

## VOLUNTEERING

At the start of the season, you will be asked to choose one of the following options:

1. Sign up to work at least five (5) hours around the club. This could be doing ice, chairing leagues, committees, or events. Helping at one or a combination of the bonspiels which includes working in the kitchen, preparing ice, timing, officiating, cleaning, etc. A list of the events is located on the calendar page.
2. Sell five (5) additional calendars. If you make this choice, you will receive ten (10) instead of the normal five (5) when they are handed out in January.
3. Donate \$50



## This is Your Club

This is a volunteer organization and there are many ways you can help. Even if you haven't helped put the ice in before, you can learn. It isn't difficult and there is always someone on the crew who can teach you what you need to do.

- 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



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