

Portage CC Newsletter

2008/2009

President's Hog line

Hello Curlers!

It is hard to believe that summer has come and gone. As the days get shorter, thoughts of winter linger in the back of my mind. The curling season is right around the corner.

First and foremost I want to extend a thank you to everyone involved in making the 2007-2008 season an outstanding success. Many of you put in countless hours organizing the various events held at our club. It was great to see everyone coming together and lending a helping hand. With all of your effort, the club was able to reduce our mortgage by \$23,000.00. AMAZING! We still have \$88,000.00 to go, therefore it is important for every member to do their part and participate in fundraising activities in the coming year. With everyone's help we can retire this debt!

Our club will once again play host to several new events this year. We will be hosting the WSCA Women's Club Championship, and have been selected to host a USWCA Junior Bonspiel. You will find a list of events along with the chairperson in this newsletter. Please give them a call and offer your assistance. We have some cleaning up to do in preparation for the season, so feel free to bring your cleaning supplies and jump right in. We will start ice preparation on October 11th. Mike is always in need of assistance. Give him a call and offer your help.

Participation of members is what makes a great club! I encourage you to continue promoting our club and welcome new members to give curling a try!

I look forward to seeing all of you on the ice and at the various events throughout the year.

"Good Curling,"

Matt Schultz
President

Portage Curling Club Calendar of Events

- Sept 9: Tuesday night work nights began
Oct. 11: Ice making begins (tentative)
Oct. 18: Weekend Junior Program
Registration
Oct.21: Evening Fall clean up
Oct. 25: Fall Kick-Off Party
Oct 30: Skip meeting 7:00 p.m.
Chris Dreyer 742-1543
Nov. 1: Screwball
Laverne Griffin 742-4001
Nov. 6-7: Open House 6-9 PM
Nov. 8: Curl for a Cure
Michele Kornaus 745-1924
Nov. 10: Men's League Starts
Nov. 13: Women's League Starts
Nov. 21: Mixed League Starts
Dec. 6: Sat. morning Curling for Kids Starts
Dawn Swan 429-1520
Rhea Henney 742-8797
Dec. 6: Varsity HS Open Bonspiel
Dec 12,13,14 Columbia County Open
Jan. 16-18: WSCA Women's Club
Championships
Ken Ryczek 742-0657
Jan. 23-25: UWSCA Junior Bonspiel
Jim Shlimovitz 742-8470
Mar. 6-7: Red Carpet (tentative)
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED
Mar. 13-14: Alumni Spiel
Harry Erdman 742-6752
Dan Brunt 742-7702
Mar. 16-19: Men's & Women's club play
downs

League Information

Men's Chair: Harry Erdman 742-6752

Monday/Dinner League: 5 PM

Start date: Nov. 10

Wednesday League: 5:45 PM & 8 PM

Start date: Nov. 12

Monday Open Chair: Harry Erdman

Monday: 7 PM

Start date: Nov.10

This league is an "open" league where any combination of men and women is accepted. This IS NOT a "power league."

Note any men's team with 50 points or less in the Monday Open League is eligible

to participate in the play downs at the end of the season.

Women's Chair: Stacie Heberlein 742-4671

Thursday: 6:30 PM

Start date: Nov 13

Please try to organize your teams early. Call

Stacie if you are looking to be on a team or need help filling a team.

Mixed Chair: Cindy Moe 742-8752

Tuesday 6:30 & Friday: 6 PM

Start date: Dec 2nd & 5th

Cindy is requesting that only the Skip from each team contact her no later than November 20th with your Tuesday and Friday night preferences.

Junior Chair: Rhea Henney 742-8797

Dawn Swan 429-1520

Jim Shlimovitz 742-8470

The junior's program will have two

groups this year. Jim will run the competitive program. Registration is set for Saturday Oct 18th for all levels. Please feel free to call him for details.

The instructional program (Saturday Curling for Kids) will be run by Rhea Henney and Dawn Swan.

Anticipated start date: Dec.1.

If you are looking to get on a team, or looking to complete a team, please contact the League Chair and they will be able to assist you.

2008/2009 Board of Directors

President - Matt Schultz (429-1550)

Vice President - Steve Benck (745-4344)

Secretary - Sandra Brunt (608-566-1111)

Treasurer - Jon Schneiter (697-4697)

Assistant Treasurer - Ken Ryczek (742-0657)

Member - Dawn Swan (429-1520)

Member - Melissa Leeland (742-2091)

Member - Paul Heberlein (742-4671)

Member - Chris Dreyer (742-1453)

Rating Committee: Harry Erdman, Mark Considine, Joel Caulum, Dan Brunt

Our Curling Representatives

WSCA: Chris Daly

USWCA: Michele Kornaus

Columbia County: Bob Daly

House Chair

Last year the club operated with out a House Chair. For the most part our membership did a great job of cleaning up after themselves, and we expect that to continue as we are all responsible and able to pick up and clean up after ourselves. Northwoods, Inc. comes in several times a week to vacuum, clean the bathrooms and kitchen, and do other light cleaning duties.

We would still welcome a house chair that would be responsible to make sure we have the necessary bathroom, kitchen, and cleaning supplies. They would be the contact for Northwoods, and help coordinate to keep the club clean and inviting. I assure the person taking this position, this board will constantly remind the membership to clean and pick up after themselves. Anyone interested please contact Matt Schultz, at 429-1550, or any board member.

Club Historian Needed

We are still looking for a member interested in undertaking the club historian duties. Duties include keeping a scrapbook chronicling club events, rink, and individual achievements using photos, newspaper clippings, event programs, etc.... Anyone interested in chairing this important committee, please contact Matt Schultz 429-1550.

Club Dues

The board of directors has decided to keep the dues structure the same as last year. Rising utility costs continue to be a concern, and it is our hope that we can offset any budget deficit with other fund raising activities. Dues only cover 70% of our operating budget; therefore, events like the Red Carpet, donations, and activities such as the Calendar Raffle all need our support to keep dues in check.

Dues are as follows:

1st Year member: \$150
2nd Year member: \$190
3rd Year & over Member: \$220
Family: \$520
Jr. Member: \$70

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

Locker Rental: \$15
Saturday Curling for Kids: \$20

Please fill out the league sign up and dues forms at end of the newsletter. Send league information to, or call, the appropriate league chair. Send the dues form with dues to the club treasurer or place in the white dues box located at the club.

2008/2009 Ratings

You will find attached to the newsletter, and on our web site the men's rating sheet.

Member Information Sheets

At the bottom of the league sign up form is the dues form. Please complete all the information requested. We want to keep our member data base up to date so we can be more efficient. Some of the information is needed for the USCA when we register and pay your dues for this year.

Ice Committee

We are always looking for an additional "Few good Men, and Women" to help make and maintain ice. For the novices that would like to help but not sure what to do, an evening ice maintenance class will be scheduled as soon as we have ice. The

process of making ice for the year takes about 350 man hours (whew!!!). If you're interested in learning the art, we will be starting around October 11th and will be there every evening and weekend until the ice is completed (approx. November 1). Show up and someone will find something for you to do.

Fall Clean-Up

This is the time to get the club ready for the season. With the new addition, the Ice Makers don't quite make the mess they use to, but the cobwebs and dust bunnies still need to be removed and the kitchen readied for the up coming season. Weekends are precious, so again this year we feel we should be able to take care of it in one evening, which will be Tuesday, October 21st starting at 6:00 P.M.

Fall Kick Off

The fall kick off has been planned for Saturday, October 25th. A short meeting is planned at 6:30 with refreshments to follow at 7:00. Please call a board member and reserve your spot

Skips Meeting

This year's skips meeting is planned for Thursday October 30th at 7:00 P.M. for Men's, Women's, and Mixed, Leagues. All skips are requested to attend or send your third in your absence. I encourage all Ice Committee members to be in attendance also.

Calendar Raffle

Jim Murphy will again be running this year's calendar raffle. Calendars will be ready to sell December 1st (tentative) and will be \$10.00 each. The drawings will start April 1st and run through

April 30th. Again, this is an activity that helps keep our dues down with no cost to us - just some time to have fun selling to our friends and neighbors.

Curl for a Cure

The 5th Annual CFAC is scheduled for November 8th. The event is a mini bonspiel and raises funds for Breast Cancer Research and also benefits Columbia County breast cancer patients.

Through the efforts of Michele Kornaus and the Pink Ribbon Angels, significant funds have been donated over the years that have greatly helped members of our community. I thank everyone for their continued support of this worthy cause.

The event will again have a raffle with a quilt donated by the Pink Ribbon Angels as the Grand Prize. As usual, many other great prizes will be included in the raffle as well.

The highly successful Silent Auction will again have some very special items up for bids. Some of the items will be displayed downtown in Hoop La Party Store's display window in the month of October to coincide with Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This will allow the general public to participate in the bidding process.

In addition, this event also serves as a membership drive. Members are encouraged to introduce prospective new curlers to the sport by participating in this fun event. Please refer to the flyer and pledge sheet included in this newsletter.

For additional information, contact Michele Kornaus at 745-1924.

Screwball

Laverne Griffin has volunteered again to bring back this event. It has been absent for a number of years and was once our major recruitment tool. Teams for this event were comprised of two club members and two non-curlers. Griff is asking us to put some teams together for this one day event. With Griff in charge, we know it will be an entertaining day. Let's help him out by forming the

teams early so he can concentrate on entertaining us. Do you have your rink together!!!.

High School Curling

Two club members will again be coaching the High School teams: Joel Caulum the boys' team and Jim Jordan the girls' team (the girls will be defending their State Title this year "Congrats"). They are always appreciative of any help we can give them whether it would be at practices, preparing ice on Tuesdays and Thursdays prior to matches, or help organizing various events. Please contact them and offer your support in any way possible.

If you have a chance, come out and show your support for our young curlers!

Alumni Spiel

This continues to be one of our most popular events. Last year we had over 130 participants and raised enough money to hand out \$2500.00 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.

Red Carpet Spiel

We have not been able to attract enough rinks the last several years to hold this event. Mixed bonspiels across the nation have also been struggling with this. The Red Carpet has a long history with our club and for years was our major fund raiser. The date remains open on our calendar, but so far no one has stepped forward to organize and try to put this event on. If you are interested, **or have an idea for another event**, please contact a board member.

Fund Raising Activities

As was stated in the presidents Hog Line, we all need to be thinking of ways to increase revenue to reduce the clubs debt. Our debt service is \$13,200.00 annually. **It takes the dues of 60 members just to pay the mortgage!!!** The sooner we can retire this debt, the healthier we will be. We are always looking for additional ways to raise funds.

Finally

Well, I am sure I have forgotten to mention something along the way. Throughout the year watch the bulletin boards, **and your emails**, concerning events and activities needing your assistance. I look forward to a busy and exciting curling season.

Good Curling,

Matt Schultz
President