

KMCC Events Annual Report 2020-2021

Phyllis Kirchner

Due to the COVID pandemic, club events have been limited. “Zoom” calls were used in February and March to try and engage as many members as possible, especially those members who took a leave of absence and those regular members who chose to be Social members for this curling season.

Thirsty Thursdays – We held 2 events where members contributed cocktail recipes and acted as “virtual bartenders”. Our hope is to eventually collect enough recipes to be able to create a KMCC Cocktail Cookbook (it’s going to need a catchier name!). The first event focused on “dark” cocktails, especially Old Fashioneds and Manhattans while the second event was for Martinis and others. Special thanks to Candace Ekstrom!

Wine on Wednesday – Jackie Stetina presented a “virtual wine-tasting” where members would “taste” two wines that she had selected for participants to try, a Pouilly Fume and a Pinot Noir. She held an informational session covering different grapes, wine regions and the “art” of tasting. The event was well received and a lot of fun!

The Bourbon Boys – Adam Passo and Tom Munich presented a tutorial on bourbon, discussing the history, types and other fun facts. They selected three different bourbons for their “virtual tasting”; Jim Beam Double Oak, Evan Williams Bottled-in-Bond, and Knob Creek Barrel Select. We had a great discussion and Adam treated all to a tour of his bourbon room!

KMCC 5 & Under Spiel – Matt and Nikki Raines organized a 1 day event for those curlers with 5 and under experience.

KMCC Tailgate – Instead of a Closing Party, Rob McCarthy and Nikki Raine organized a “Tailgate Reunion” with food and beer out in the parking lot. All members were invited to participate. Approximately 100 were in attendance.

2020/2021 Corporate Events/Promotions Year End Report – Bob Cuomo

We hosted 5 events, beginning in January. Total revenue \$3534

Ice Ad Revenue: \$3655

Web Ads: \$630

Club Games End of Year Report 2020/21

Herb Rasmussen

Our club curling was abbreviated during this season, but we did manage to have some games on most days. The games were different, three on three or two on two were commonly played. We thank Larry and Dan for their work on the ice to accommodate these games, the ice was great.

Monday

Open event consisting of 12 teams playing a 12 week round-robin three on three game.

Tuesday Moonrocks

Drop-in night and teams were formed based upon attendance.

Wednesday

Fourteen team round-robin over 16 weeks playing the three on three game.

Thursday Granite

Drop-in games with approximately 6 curlers.

Thursday TATT

Maintained the traditional two on two games with generally 8 in attendance.

Friday Open

Several curlers used this evening to get together in lieu of Friday Mixed, it became a family evening.

Saturday and Sunday had no organized games.

Communication, Web Site and Major Assets End of year Report 2020/21

Herb Rasmussen

Communication

A thank you to Tess Munich, Phyllis Kirchner and Chris Canaday for their work on getting e-mails out to everyone. We attempted to reduce the number of messages by setting up a major email on Thursday's, we hope you found that informative.

Web Site

We made use of our Web Site for joining the club, sign the new covid waiver and pay dues. We realize that this was a little bit of a challenge but is much more efficient than the paper mailings. After board member approval, we have been posting our weekly minutes timely, check to see what the Board discusses monthly.

Major Assets

All of our major assets are in great and have no issues. The parking lot was repaved two years ago along with replacing our condenser and brine pumps. The flat roof was replaced three years ago. Fortunately we were able to pay for these items without having to borrow any money.

House and Grounds 2020-21 Annual Report

Jeff Seboth

The curling season, do to Covid, has been anything but normal. We still managed to accomplish a few things listed below.

Building Accomplishments:

Push button combination lock added to the back door to facilitate easy access for our wheelchair curlers.

Plasma filtration system added to our furnace—Bob Flemming coordinated

Removal of evergreen tree on the south side of main entrance—Adam Passo coordinated

Covid sterilization procedures—Bob Cuomo coordinated

Updates for the summer: Outside patio complete with gas fireplace

Wheelchair Parking Only sign at back door lot

Repair leaking men's toilet

2020-2021 Ice Committee Report – Adam Passo

1. Larry Laux agreed to continue being the head ice maker despite deciding not to curl this year.
2. Ice was put in a little early, with ice available on October 6, 14 floods were done, and Larry Laux, Dan Hundt and Anne Prestwor were very dedicated helpers during the ice install, thank you!
3. During the install, the compressors ran 75 to 80% of the time. This compares to a 'steady state' (in January) of 45%. There are multiple reasons for this, but the biggest one is, when it's warm outside, the compressors run longer. In April 2021, the compressors were running 55% of the time, even though the weather was not particularly warm.
4. During the shutdown, the ice was scraped once a week. Starting in January, as the various leagues organized, I bumped that up to twice a week. As a result of the lower traffic and some scraper blade baby-ing on Larry's part, we only 'used' 1 scraper blade this year. Last year, we used 5. At \$125 per blade for sharpening, that was a real cost savings.
5. Five sheets were prepared two days a week. We were getting 4-5' of curl, great fast ice.
6. Larry donated two fans sitting on the North end boards for humidity control and doubled to 'mix' air to bring up into the upgraded MERV-13 air filters, which are tight enough to filter out the COVID-19 virus.
7. No bigger projects were completed in the current year budget. Dependent on membership numbers, Larry is hoping to embark on them for this next year.
8. Larry is currently an USCA Certified Level 1 icemaker but would like to take the Level 2 certification next year if the opportunity comes.

Looking forward

1. Water holding tanks in possible expanded shed. Able to filter water well, pump more gallons per minute during floods which is important for consistent ice, and take some pressure off of well pump.
2. Possibly new way to filter water since water is so dirty.
3. Next year Larry would like to get three floods on the calendar right away.
4. Looking to be able to compensate ice crew for all their hard work...especially bonspiels. Cost per scrape, per pebble/nip (may need to do a 1099 for tax purposes)...or percentage of cash from raffles (we use this money to pay our bagpiper, why can't we use it to pay ice crew). If people know a percentage of the raffle will be going to ice crew, would that be more of an incentive to spend?

Kettles Annual Report 2020-2021 - Linda Kawecki

Following are highlights of the 2020-2021 Kettle season (complete committee reports can be found in the Kettle binder and on the Kettle thumb drive):

An Unusual Season - Only 15 out of 80 women chose to curl this year, but we tried to hold our unique group together by offering some events outside of curling. We started a walking group and walked through the winter and spring every Wednesday in Delafield. Anywhere from 2-10 women attended. We had a Zoom cocktail party, attended by 24 women. Phyllis Kirchner also offered on-line seminars on different types of drinks. There were 23 participants. We have tried to personally keep in touch with the women by inviting them to these events.

Leagues - Due to Covid and only 15 women of the club curling this year, regular league play was suspended. We did offer Tuesday night and Thursday morning curling on a drop-in basis.

Tuesday night was organized by Jane Lee and had about 10 women who participated. They started on January 12 and ended April 20. They used TATT format, doubles, triples, and regular four-on-four play with one sweeper.

Thursday morning play was organized by Heather Ragen. It started on January 14 and ran through April 22. There were 10 participants, playing regular 4-on-4 games with 1 sweeper and TATT format.

Next years' Tuesday night chairs will be Carolyn Frick and Jane Lee. Thursday morning chairs will be Heather Ragen and Linda Kawecki.

One-on One Competition - This activity was cancelled due to Covid. Millie Buege will chair again next year, and there will be one competition for Tuesday night and one for Thursday morning curlers.

Banquets and Awards - Our fall banquet and meeting was cancelled due to Covid, but we had a Spring Tailgate meeting and party held on May 12 in the KMCC parking lot. Thirty women attended and awards were given from the 2019-20 season. The Lundbohm rink will be attending the 2021 Fall Fling as the team drawn from last year. Julie Fay-Krivitz was elected as our new Kettles Co-Chair, to serve for 2 years in that position and then taking over as Kettle Chairperson for 2 years. Randi Feil will be serving the next 2 years as Kettle Chairperson.

Pins and Trophies - Carol Stevenson has kept inventory of our pins and awards, and will continue to do so next year.

WISCA Report - WISCA curling was cancelled due to Covid. We will continue providing meals for the home competitions when they resume. Millie Buege will be coordinating.

Sunshine - Randi Feil sent flowers and cards to recognize our club member's personal events such as personal achievements, illnesses and deaths. She will continue in this position.

Badger Womens' Representative - Phyllis Kirchner has attended three Zoom meetings to represent KMCC at the Badger Womens organization. She reported at the Spring meeting (full report in Kettle binder and on thumb drive) and will continue this duty next year.

USWCA Representative - Kathy Hyslop represented KMCC at several meetings this year. She reported at the Spring Meeting and will continue this duty next year. Her full report has been submitted to the board. She is also our representative for the Scot Tour, which will be coming to KMCC in 2022.

Christmas Raffle - The Kettles did not run the Christmas Raffle this year. The KMCC Board asked if they could run a raffle in December instead (this year only), and we agreed. The Kettles Christmas Raffle will resume this December, with Pix Cuomo, Deb Duskey and Candice Eckstrom chairing.

Kitchen Opening and Closing - It turns out that the kitchen did not open at all this year, but the Kettles did a complete cleaning and opening of the kitchen in September and closed things down on May 1.

Social Committee - The committee was unable to decorate this year because of Covid, but will hopefully resume decorating in the fall. They will also be organizing a more traditional fall banquet. We plan on purchasing some new decorations this year. The committee is Nikki Raine and Amy Youngquist (we are looking for one more person)

Women's Interclub - There were no interclub competitions this year because of Covid. We will hopefully be resuming in the fall. Ellen Dowd has resigned this position and we are looking for a new chairperson.

Fall Fling - The Fall Fling was cancelled due to Covid. We will hopefully be able to resume our Fall Fling bonspiel this year, but we have to wait and see what the guidelines will be for bonspiels. Invitations will be sent out soon and the bonspiel is planned for the last weekend in October. Phyllis Kirchner is chairing, Heather Ragen and Amy Burbach will be co-chairing.

Policies and Procedures - We will have to change our current policies and procedures because the KMCC board changed the bylaws so that the Kettle Co-Chair will not be able to vote on the board in the Chair's absence. Currently, our policies include that duty in the Co-chairs description of duties. The Rules committee will have to meet and discuss this and other changes and will probably present the change for vote at the Fall Banquet.

Year End Financials - Due to Covid, we had no income this year. We have \$7018.16 in our account, and have been asked to help fund the building of the patio and fire pit.

The Kettles voted to wait until fundraising has been completed by the project committee to vote on whether or not to fund this project.

Volunteer Opportunities - If we are fortunate enough to go back to regular curling, there will be many opportunities for the Kettles to help out. Volunteering at all bonspiels, coming to the kitchen opening and closings, serving on a Kettle committee, teaching or working at an open house or learn-to-curl, teaching the high school p.e. classes, helping at corporate events, helping with the ice, donating items

for raffles - there are so many ways that you can contribute to our KMCC family. Look for sign up sheets at the Kettles banquets and on the board in the clubhouse.

Badger Women's Curling Association Annual Report

2020-2021 Curling Season

Phyllis Kirchner, KMCC Representative

BWCA meetings were held by Zoom due to COVID-19.

Fall Meeting – September 29, 2020

- Sue Gould was appointed as the Past President/Rules Advisor
- Steven's Point reported on the progress of their "new" curling club
- There is no budget for this season other than the posting of circuit fees being returned and postage for the 2020 Badger Bonspiel.
- The website coordinator is working to updating information on the BWCA website
- It was moved, seconded and approved that the Badger and Senior Badger Bonspiels be cancelled for this season. The Bonspiel rotation schedules will need to be reviewed at a later date.
- It was moved, seconded and approved that club dues would not be accepted for the 2020-2021 season.
- The date for the Spring meeting will be announced at a later time.

Executive Meeting – February 23, 2021

- KMCC was invited to attend to discuss the Bonspiel rotation schedule.
- After discussion, it was determined that the order will stay the same with all dates just moved back a year. KMCC would then be scheduled for January 2024.
- The Bev Schroeder Grant was awarded to Megan McPhee from the Madison Curling Club. I have information to pass on to our Jr girls to apply for next year's grant(s).

Spring Meeting – May 4, 2021

- Most clubs are planning to open in full if all continues well with COVID.

- Bonspiel Schedules were finalized. The 2020-2021 season will be blanked and the order reinstated. KMCC is scheduled for January 2024.

- A late application for the Bev Schroeder Scholarship was denied. Many Badger Representatives were not fully aware of the scholarship or what the deadlines were. There will be a campaign in the fall to help reps promote the scholarship.

KMCC Membership Report 2020/21 – Jeff Nelson

There were roughly 95 Regular and senior members, 90 Leave of absence, 16 1st and 2nd year members, 8 social+practice ice, and 39 social members. There were a number of changes to membership statuses throughout the season. Looking forward, we are working on retaining as many of our members as possible. Plans are for 4 mid/late sept, early oct learn to curls, at least one learn to curl around the holidays and 2 February Olympic learn to curls that can hopefully convert into a late season short “league” similar to 4 years ago.