

KMCC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS – 2018-2019

KMCC Membership Committee Annual Report
Submitted by Jo Ball
June 2019

Wisconsin Scottish Highland Games: KMCC once again hosted a table at the Waukesha Highlands Games over Labor Day weekend, August 31-September 2, 2018. Jeff and Carey Nelson coordinated our participation at this event and were there, along with other volunteers, to promote KMCC and curling. These games provide a great vehicle to introduce people to curling and also promote interest for our Learn to Curl classes offered prior to the start of the curling season.

Learn to Curl Events: We hosted three Learn to Curl events this season on October 4, October 7, and December 27, 2018. Two sessions were held on each day. There were 31, 25, and 60 participants respectively. We signed up 3 new trial members and one junior member from the October events and 6 trial members from the December event.

New Member Survey: A survey was sent to 47 first year members at the end of this curling season. While only four people responded, their responses were very positive and they provided some great feedback on things we can do to better communicate and help those who want to improve and better understand the sport.

KMCC Ice Committee Annual Report
Tess Munich
June 2019

The 2018-2019 Curling season saw a lot of changes and we hope, improvements with the KMCC Ice.

Rocks

- New rocks arrived late last summer and were put into service at the beginning of the year. Thank you again for all of your donations for Rocks and Restoration.
- Rochester MN Curling Club purchased sheets four sheets of our old rocks. The remaining sheet of rocks will be raffled and used for upcoming special events - One is already gone, 15 to go.
- An official thank you plaque is currently in production and expected at the annual meeting (or before curling starts in the fall.)

Ice

- New Head Ice Technician Larry Laux took over for the now retired John Geason.
- Garett Galster and Melissa Spindler joined the team to help out with the ice making equipment.
- Dave Kawecky and Dan Hundt took the lead in ice preparation for leagues and for the many Bonspiels and other events we host.
- World Curling Federation Head Ice Maker Mark Callan visited the club in the fall and had numerous suggestions to help improve our ice quality.
- 100% DI water was used to flood this year improving ice quality.
- New, wider nipper was purchased thus making it more time efficient to nip the ice.
- New scraper blade was purchased.
- A new (second) pebble can was purchased and a new set of pebble heads was purchased and put into

service.

- Larry traveled to Kalamazoo for the Men's Nationals, to assist in icemaking and learn from the experts.
- Larry traveled to Denver for the Mixed Nationals, held at the Denver club, to assist in icemaking and learn from the experts.
- The condenser (a major component in the ice making machinery) will be replaced this summer - in part due to funds from the Rock and Restoration donations.
- Training has begun to increase the number of curlers willing to and capable of scraping, nipping and pebbling.
- Most leagues have begun assigning curlers to help with the ice before games start. Usually they show up. Sometimes they don't.

Thank you to everyone who helped this year with the ice - Larry Laux, Dan Hundt, Dave Kawecki, Melissa Spindler, Garet Galster, John Geason and the dozens of others that jumped in when asked.

Many thanks to Dave Kawecki for his years of dedicated service to the ice crew. Enjoy your ice retirement.

Communications and Long Term Assets - Annual Report
Herb Rasmussen
June, 2019

Communications

This year we moved our WEB site to a supplier who specializes in curling clubs and with much time and effort by Tess and Phyllis this transition was successful. Our members registered and signed up for leagues and we even kept W/L records for a league. We are expecting this site to become increasingly more useful as we become more comfortable with its capabilities.

Our newsletter, the Hog and Hack, was started thanks to Steve Everett and hopefully everyone enjoyed reading what's happening with our club and members.

Major Assets

Last year we replaced our leaking flat roof section and this year we addressed the parking lot. Our committee reviewed a number of repair options and determined the best option for the money and longevity was to replace the drive from Oakwood, repair five unstable areas, overlay the lot and restripe parking spots. Construction was completed the second week in May.

Club Games Annual Report
Herb Rasmussen
June 2019

As our membership increased so has our leagues, following are the leagues with a brief comment on participation.

- Men's Wisconsin Event, two sessions with 24 teams in each.
- Women's Kettles and Night Owls, eight teams in each session
- Men's Biersach, 24 team round robin.
- Women's Granite, six teams
- Thursday Open league, this is the second year for this league and we are up to 8 teams, there is room for growth.

- Friday Oakwood Mixed, two shifts first session and theme nights were successful
- Saturday Mixed, due to Bonspiel conflicts this was a short season and additional curlers are needed.
- Sunday Mixed Doubles, number of teams about the same as last year and have room for more curlers
- Sunday Five and Under, this is a new league and was very successful with great participation from our newer curlers.

Major Bonspiels Annual Report
 Dave Lewis
 June, 2019

The Stan Invitational
 Chair; Dave Lewis

Committee; Jen and Rob McCarthy, Tom Haase, Steve Everett Jr., Kirk Gardner, Jeff Van Dam, Nikki and Matt Raine, Lisa and Chris Canaday, Colleen Brueske, Karl Schmit, Shaun Whelan, Ben Williams, and others to be confirmed later.

Dates; October 11, 12, and 13, 2019

Fall Fling

Chair; Sarah Kirchoff

Ladder Members; Lisa Canaday, Diana Gettinger

Dates; October 26 and 27, 2019

Cash Spiel

Co-Chairs; Larry Laux, Craig Sharkus, and Joel Nernberger

Dates; November 8, 9, and 10, 2019

Two on Two Stick Spiel

Chair; John Geason

Dates; January 4, 2020

College Bonspiel

Cancelled at this time.

The Classic Bonspiel

Chairs; Tess and Tom Munich

Dates; February 1 and 2, 2020

Mixed Bonspiel

Chairs; Carey and Jeff Nelson

Dates; February 21, 22, and 23, 2020

Junior Bonspiel

Chairs; Jen and Rob McCarthy

Dates; February 29 and March 1

The Men's Invitational

Chair; Joby Boland

Committee; Craig Sharkus, Bob Cuomo, Jen and Rob McCarthy, Pat Van Till, Steve Everett Jr., Kurt Gardner, Jeff Van Dam, Nikki and Matt Raine, Lisa and Chris Canaday, Colleen

Brueske, Karl Schmit, Shaun Whelan, Ben Williams, Tom Haase, Dave Lewis, and others to be confirmed later.

Dates; March 13, 14, and 15, 2020

KMCC Events Annual Report
Phyllis Kirchner
June, 2019

There were 9 member events this past curling season. Thanks to all who volunteered to chair and to help out. These events are for members by members. In order for them to continue, we need organizers to volunteers run these events or they will no longer be held. Please contact Phyllis Kirchner to volunteer.

Opening Party: The opening party was held in the evening on Friday, October 13th. Janet and Scott Banaski served as chairs of the event. About forty curlers attended a fun filled-evening of curling and schnibbles. Thanks for organizing! **THIS EVENT NEEDS CHAIRS FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON!**

KMCC/MKE Challenge – was held on November 24th, 2018. Jim Ellis and Phyllis Kirchner were chairs. KMCC retained the challenge trophy! Next year's event will be held at Milwaukee Curling Club. **THIS EVENT NEEDS CHAIRS FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON!**

Miller Men's: - KMCC hosted and bested the Wauwatosa Curling Club on December 8th, 2018 at this one-day interclub men's spiel. Chris Canaday was chair and a number of others volunteered to help with the event. Chris will chair next year's event which will be held at Wauwatosa Curling Club

Family Night/Euchre Spiel: was held December 26th with cards, games, curling and potluck dinner. Jim Ellis was chair for this event and will run next year .

Skills night: was organized by Steve Everett during the Oakwood Season.

Intraclub 5-and-Under – was held on February 9. Carolyn Frick and Heather Regan were this year's co-chairs. With assistance from Scott Banaski There were 27 curlers who participated in this 1-day club spiel. Since the "Wheel of Fortune" was out of the attic, they ran a series of "spins" to raise money to cover the cost of the pins. The winning team included Jeff White with Amy and Troy Burbach as the winners. The Runners-up of the third event, Shaun Whelan, Tyler Morse, Mike Rodenbaugh and Bryan Lindgren, have graciously volunteered (voluntold?) to run the event next year.

Bacon Spiel – was held on March 10. Tess Munich and Phyllis Kirchner hosted 40 curlers at the 2nd Annual Bacon Spiel. This years First Event winners of the coveted Bacon Spiel pins (and 16 pounds of bacon) were TJ Harvey, Aiden Montoure, Joe Brom and Mark Browne. TJ Harvey volunteered to run the event next year and Tess and Phyllis volunteered to cook the bacon.

Closing Party – was held on March 23. This year Nikki and Matt Raine stepped up to run the event with help from Tara Korsmeyer, Jen Lyles and Toby Van Sistine. About 40 KMCC members and families participated in various games on the ice and pot-luck dinner. **THIS EVENT NEEDS CHAIRS FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON!**

Mini Spiel – was held on March 24. Tess Munich and Phyllis Kirchner chaired this event where no one gets to play their usual position –Skips are leads and leads are skips and seconds and thirds are all

mixed up! This years First Event winning team was Oli Lee, Kyle Fletcher and Jim Ellis. Tom Godar will chair for the 2019-2020 season!.

The WILLY – was held on March 30-31. KMCC was the host his year for the WILLY, a friendly 2-day competition between KMCC, Milwaukee Curling Club, Chicago Curling Club and Exmoor Curling club. Jim Ellis and Phyllis Kirchner were the chairs this year with Rachel and Kyle Fletcher as co-chairs. Exmoor was unable to field 4 teams, so KMCC and MCC curlers stepped in to help fill open slots. KMCC was the champion and now is the keeper of the lovely WILLY trophy!

All events this year were did not incur any losses in income to the club.

NOTE THE EVENTS THAT WILL NEED CHAIRS FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON SO PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!!!!!!!!!!!

Promotions Annual Report
Tom Godar
June, 2019

Corporate Events Report

(And HUGE Thanks to Sarah Kirchoff for her excellent leadership in this area!)

Totals for the 2018-19 corporate event season:

Events: 20

Inquiries: 65

Net Income: ~\$11k

We continue to have huge demand. We're way over the 12 event limit set in the corp event guidelines with 20 events for the 2018-19 season. Sarah Kirchoff recommend re-visiting this guideline in the future as this may be the first year we've actually had the opportunity to exceed this number.

Other Opportunities to review as suggested by Sarah:

- More Learn-to-Curl's in the 2019-20 season - monthly if possible. We had multiple families that came in as corporate/private groups of 8-12 people this year. These groups could have come for a Learn-to-Curl which would help reduce overall number of corporate events and eliminate volunteer burnout as we're combining these smaller groups and creating an opportunity for groups < 8 people.

- Open House in the Fall for participants of Corporate Events. Get them back in the door and out on the ice again for free. Encourage them to bring friends and family at a special rate (\$10?). I've had many people interested in joining from corporate events but the timing doesn't work for most of the season. I've been compiling an email list of all corp event participants (from waiver info) so we can send an email to all.

We have not found a replacement for Corporate Event chair yet. One possibility is splitting the position between 2 people would be best: 1 to email/schedule/communicate and 1 to attend/lead all corporate events.

Youth events Report

(With HUGE thanks to Jennifer McCarthy who Chaired this effort!)

We had a good event with the students from the Flight Academy of Horning Middle School. There were 42 students from grades 6 to 8. Jennifer sent them some videos to watch so they had some idea about curling. They caught on and did well.

Jennifer was very grateful that 8 Kettle members came to help- they did a great job. And their help was absolutely necessary!!

The volunteers reported that the kids were respectful. Everyone had fun.

USWCA Report 2018-2019
Kathy Hyslop, USWCA Rep
June, 2019

I am in the 2nd year (of three) as the United States Women's Curling Association (USWCA) representative for the Kettle Moraine Curling Club. It is my pleasure to serve as liaison between the USWCA and the KMCC Kettles.

I attended the two annual meetings held by the USWCA. The Fall meeting was held in Toledo, OH, on September 14-16, 2018. The Winter meeting was in Northbrook, IL, on February 11-13, 2019.

The USWCA sponsors two annual bonspiels. The 37th Senior Women's Bonspiel was held at the Centerville Curling Club in Centerville, WI, on November 28-December 2, 2018. Kettle Moraine was represented by the Barbara Rampolla team with Linda Kawecki, Millie Buege and Ellen Dowd. Judy Maier, Esther Flakas, and Carol Stevenson also participated on various composite teams. The 71st National Bonspiel was held at the Chicago Curling Club in Northbrook, IL, on February 13-17, 2019. KMCC entered two teams: Cindy Godar, Janet Banaski, Diane Gettinger, and Phyllis Kirchner; and Judy Maier, Carol Stevenson, Ellen Dowd, and Kathy Hyslop.

The next Senior Women's Bonspiel will be held at the Albany Curling Club in Albany, NY, on November 20-24, 2019. The 2020 National Bonspiel will be at the Granite Curling Club in Seattle, WA, on February 13-17, 2020.

Jackie Stetina traveled to the Maritime Provinces, Canada, as a member of the USWCA Senior Friendship Tour in November, 2018. Thank you, Jackie, for representing Kettle Moraine Curling Club.

In addition to the two bonspiels mentioned, the USWCA also sponsors Junior Bonspiels, the 5 Year & Under Bonspiels, the Circuit Event, and the All American Event. Kettle Moraine Curling Club holds two All American Events. The year the winners were as follows:

Daytime (Thursday mornings) Judy Maier, Carol Stevenson, Cyndy Moylan, Heather Regan

Evening (Tuesday evenings) Michele Heinze, Esther Flakas, Megan Passo, Faith McGovern

Kettles One-on-One Event Report
Millie Buege
2018-2019 Season

The One –on – One Event was scheduled two times this season. The first was Tuesday evening on December 18, 2018, and the second was on Thursday morning, January 10, 2019.

Because of the number of sheets and a limited time frame, only 16 women were scheduled to play in one session. Therefore, to assure that every woman had a chance to participate, on Tuesday night, women curling ONLY in that league signed up first. If less than 16 women signed up, Thursday morning ladies could also sign-up to play. There were 16 women that signed up for each event. If the evening league grows, this event can be expanded into two nights giving 32 women a chance to participate. Our club women were e-mailed notice early enough so that anyone that wanted to play had a chance to sign up.

The evening Ladies One-on-One PM Event took place on Tuesday night, December 18, 2018. Sixteen women signed up to play. Pizzas were provided during the event. Games started at 6:30 PM and were scheduled every half hour. Since games took 15-20 minutes to play, a little time between games was provided to accommodate ties and allowed a break between games. Winners moved up on the draw sheet and losers were out. The last draw was at 8:30 PM. Congratulations go to following women:

1st Event: Winner – Michele Heinze Runner-up – Lisa Canaday

The Thursday morning Ladies One-on-One Event took place on Thursday morning, January 10, 2019. Since the One-on-One Chair Millie Buege was on vacation, the event was run by the Games chairs Linda Kuwecki and Randi Feil. Sixteen women competed in the One-on-One Event. The games started at 9:30 AM and were scheduled every half hour. Winners moved up the draw sheet and losers were out. The last draw was at 11:30 AM. Afterwards, all went out for lunch. Congratulations go to the following women:

1st Event Winner – Adah Van Zeckhout Runner-up – Stella Geason

The 1st Event winner's name for both the AM and PM Women One-on One Events will be engraved on the One-on-One Plaque. Beautiful new pins have again been ordered by Carol Stevenson for the winner and runners-up of both events. They will be awarded at the Kettle Spring Dinner on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the 5 O'clock Club in Pewaukee.

Submitted by
Millie Buege
One-on-One Chair

Note: When you sign up for this event, like any other bonspiel, you are expected to play. If you cannot participate, it is curler etiquette to notify the Chair BEFORE the event and/or get a sub. It is unfair to the other curlers in the event not to do so.

WISCA Report
Millie Buege
2018-19 Season

The Kettles hosted five WISCA events this curling season. At each, we provided a continental breakfast and lunch. From the schedule below, it is evident that there was a good variety of menu choices and that each event made a profit. I wish to commend the Thursday Ladies League women for their hard work in making our club stand out by providing the best food at very affordable prices and still making a profit for our club. Thank you all for making my job as WISCA coordinator easy.

The schedule for 2018-19 Season was as follows:

Date	Rink	Menu	Profit
10/23/18	Buege/Stella	Hamburger Soup & Pulled Pork Sandwiches	\$150.00
11/14/18	Maier Rink	Sloppy Joes	\$222.00
01/02/19	Feil Rink	Brats/Sauerkraut & Beans	\$238.00
02/26/19	Rampolla Rink	Chili Dump	\$277.01
03/06/19	Flip/Flakas	Roast Pork Sandwiches	162.74
		<u>Total Profit</u>	<u>\$1049.75</u>

Each rink provided a detailed report of what and how many people were served both for the continental breakfast and lunch, along with recipes and a list of their income and expenses. This information submitted to the board for the annual meeting in June. A copy is also filed in the WISCA folder.

Note: This season the Kettles made over \$1000, the highest profit EVER!