

## 2023-24 Major Bonspiel Report

KMCC continues to be the trendsetter in how to run your bonspiels. Clubs from all over the state are mimicking what we do at our bonspiels because they know we do it right and we are successful. We are so grateful for those members who have committed themselves to be on one of our bonspiel committees and those members who continue to step up and help wherever they are needed. If you didn't get a chance to help out at any of our 12 bonspiels last season please make sure to ask someone how you can help this year. A little effort goes a long long way in helping us continue to be the trendsetter.

First, some exciting news for this upcoming curling season. This year we have partnered with LaQuinta Hotel of Delafield to get our out of town guests the very best overnight pricing in the area. Along with the pricing, we will add a link on our website for our out of town guest so as soon as they register for a bonspiel they will get the booking link for the LaQuinta. It should be a smooth transaction for our guests. Also along with the great pricing for our guests LaQuinta will be a new on ice advertiser. Please talk to your friends that come to our spiels and let them know that LaQuinta is the preferred hotel of KMCC bonspiels.

This year your hard work at all our traditional bonspiels plus the Wisconsin Men's and Women's Club Playdown's and the Wisconsin Women's Badger Bonspiel helped our club generate over \$50k in revenue. And while fiscal matters are very important to the long-term health of the club, we recognize dollars aren't the only measurements of success when it comes to these long time events. At KMCC, the outside ice conditions, the always well decorated clubhouse, the amazing food, and the simple opportunity to connect with lifelong friends make attending KMCC's bonspiels a must do for many curlers each year. This past season we had to ask our web volunteers to help us develop a wait

list for several of our Bonspiels and I'd be willing to bet there's almost no other club in the state of Wisconsin that can say that! To all our Chairs, Co-chairs, committee members, and volunteers, Thank You! KMCC couldn't be what we are without all your hard work and efforts.

For the 2024-25 bonspiel season we will be back to hosting only our regular club bonspiel's. That's still 21 days of bonspieling at our club. Hopefully those events will continue to bring in a large amount of revenue which in turn helps keep our dues at a decent price. Please consider helping out at one of our 11 events for even a hour or two.

Who knows, you may even have some fun while your there.

# 2023/2024 Club Games Year End Report

## Reported Results End of First Session 2023/2024

### Monday night:

1<sup>st</sup>: Jeff Moylan

RU: Carson Heinze

2<sup>nd</sup>: Pat Zawada

RU: Craig Schambow

3<sup>rd</sup>: Michelle Heinze

RU: Cindy Godar

4<sup>th</sup>: Scott Huenink

RU: Jeff Seboth

5<sup>th</sup>: Rick Baldry

RU: Neil Feil

Monday night will remain an open. There is discussion to regulate time to 1 hour and 50 minutes so the 2<sup>nd</sup> draw gets on the ice on time; having no rating system and possibility of 5 person teams to accommodate the 2<sup>nd</sup> draw time.

### Tuesday night:

1. Michele Heinze, Chloe VanSistine, Sue Hietala, Bekka Mack

2. Angela Schulz, Jane Lee, Ellen Dowd, Sarah Dolley

3. Bonnie Dixon, Amy Burbach, Stella Geason, Ginnie Baier

### Thursday morning:

Fall Session: Delafield Rocks, Open League Oct 19, 2023 - Dec 21 2023 (7 week round robin) 7 Teams, 28 Curlers = 20 Women, 8 Men Scoring: Win/Loss, Track Points and Ends through 6 ends for tiebreaker after head to head Winning Team: Jeff Moylan, Neil Feil, Pennie Everett, Gerry Flakas Second Place: Cindy Godar, Esther Flakas, Amy Burbach, Randall Riek

## Reported Results End of Second Session 2023/2024

### Second session of Tuesday night (Night Owls):

1st: Bonnie Dixon, Rachel Fletcher, Susan Hietala, Stacy Reid

2nd: Linda Kawecky, Amy Burbach, Deb Wade, Chris Spofford

3rd: Michele Heinze, Esther Flakas, Samantha Schuder, Ginnie Baier

### **Thursday Morning:**

Spring Session: Delafield Rocks, Open League 7 Teams, 29 Curlers (17 Women, 12 Men) 7 week round robin format Scoring: Win/Loss, Track Points and Ends through 6 ends for tiebreaker after head to head Winning Team: Scott Huenink, Randi Feil, Amy Burbach, Gerry Flakas Second Place: Jeff Moylan, Esther Flakas, Mike Becker, Randall Riek

NOTES: The Transition from Women's League to Open League on Thursday mornings went very smoothly. We did cancel one Thursday in November due to inclement weather, but were able to make up the games in December. We held an optional breakfast at Lumber Inn on Dec 14 and a lunch at Beer Snobs on March 7th. John Geason did a fabulous job of preparing our ice. Suggestions have been made to stop tracking points and ends for scoring and to schedule playoff games between the top ranked teams during the final week of each Delafield Rocks Session. For example: Based on Win/Loss record, teams 1 & 2 play to determine overall league winner; option for teams 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 to play for bragging rights as well). We will discuss and decide this next Fall with league participants. Teams, schedules, standings and scoring were recorded on the KMCC website - an improvement from the previous season. It has been a very successful year of curling overall.

### **Year End:**

#### **Biersach:**

The round robin winner is the Laux team and earns a spot in next years Men's Invitational.

#### **TATT Results:**

1st place - John Geason

2nd place - Neil Feil

3rd place - Rick Baldry

#### **Sunday Night Doubles:**

Unfortunately we did not complete the finals for Doubles this year so I do not have any results. We will schedule the finals for early in the Fall season (2024) and distribute pins at that point.

#### **January 2024: 3 Week Women's All American League**

Jan 11, 2024 - Jan 25, 2024 (3 week round robin) 4 Teams, 16 Curlers

Scoring: Win/Loss, Track Points and Ends through 6 ends for tiebreaker after head to head  
Winning Team: Linda Kaweck, Esther Flakas, Pennie Everett & Diana Baldry 2nd place: Cindy Godar, Tess Munich, Debbie Wade, Sue Hoffman

#### **Women's 1-day One-on-One Event: February 15, 2024**

Winner: Angela Schulz; Runner-up: Amy Burbach

## **2024-2025 League Chairs for Club Games**

Monday Night Open: Carson Heinze & Pete Tomes

Tuesday Night Women (Moon Rocks/Night Owls): Jane Lee & Rachel Fletcher

Wednesday Biersach Mens Invitational: Herb Rasmussen, Craig Sharkus & Craig Heinze

Thursday Morning Open: Heather Ragen & Linda Kawecki

Thursday TATT: Rick Baldry

Open-Drop In Thursday Night: Steve Everett, Jr

Friday Night Oakwood Mixed: Michele & Craig Heinze

Sunday Open Double: Neil & Randi Feil (open to stepping down)

Sunday Night 5&U: Matt Raine & Dave Wagoner

Introductory League: Steve Everett Jr, Julie Fay-Krivitz & Carson Heinze

WISCA: Bob Dixon

Women's 1:1: Millie Buege

## **Annual Report 2023-2024**

We had 23 sponsors this season. As you saw on the ice some were a part of the houses on each sheet and some were on the wall. The club directory which will be available at the annual meeting will also list advertisers. We encourage club members to support these businesses.

Our promotions also include outside group events which promote the club to "pre-curlers". These Group events brought many people to our club through their work groups, school, groups, and other organizations. While they experience curling and many go on to sign up for short leagues we also receive income from these events. With the help of many volunteer instructors we have earned around \$18000. I wish to give a big thank-you to all those who took time to join us and help others experience the game we love and the hospitality and friendship that emerges from that.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Godar  
June 14, 2024

## **Building and Grounds Committee Report-Kettle Moraine Curling Club**

Submitted by Chairperson, Julie Fay-Krivitz, June 2024

60-80 plus LED light bulbs are replaced annually in the ice-house (August, 2023).

Carpet cleaning did not take place this curling 2023/2024 season. It will be scheduled in the upcoming 2024/2025 season.

Hobart Dishwasher and Ice Machine were repaired by Mechanical System Services LLC.

Grenz Service Company LLC serviced our furnaces.

Kuhlman Incorporated serviced our compressors and ice system.

Snow Removal and Lawncare Contracts were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

Cleaning Service Contract was reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

Thank you to Mary Rasmussen for the many years of volunteering her time taking care of Locker Assignments and purchasing the club's Paper Supplies. This curling season, 2023/2024, this task was passed onto Nikki Raine. Thank you.

The major issue this past season is the failure of our septic system. Fred's Sanitary Service pumped our tank a minimum of once per week. The second session (January-April) the tank was pumped a minimum of two times per week and daily during a bonspiel.

The building and grounds committee communicated and met throughout the season to stay on top of maintenance issues.

Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped maintain our facility.

# **Club Promotions Committee Report – Kettle Moraine Curling Club**

Submitted by Julie Fay-Krivitz-Chairperson, June 2024

## **Directory**

A club directory was created and to be distributed at the annual meeting, June 19, 2024.

Thank you to our advertisers.

Thank you to our members, Megan Hannah for her graphic design skills and volunteering her time to create the directory layout design. Thank you to Brandon Esser, Special Editions Inc, for printing the directory.

## **Website and Wall Advertising**

Thank you, Rick Baldry, for selling wall and website advertising.

Members, please patronize and support our business advertisers.

Thank you to all the businesses that support KMCC.

## **In-Ice Advertising**

House advertising is available. Graphic are needed prior to July 1, 2024. Consult Craig Sharkus for more information.

## **Historian**

Our club historian is Judy Maier.

## **Photographers**

Our club photographers are Stella Geason. Thank you.

## **Outside Group/Corporate Events**

The 2023/2024 season hosted over 300 guests throughout the curling season. Corporate events were hosted, approximately 1+ event per week participated in “learn to curl” on ice training throughout the season. The corporate events also included learning about KMCC and broom stacking after their on-ice training.

Steve Everett Jr took charge of communicating and scheduling the outside corporate events.

Thank you to the many club members who volunteered to teach and train all the guests who stepped out on the ice to learn to curl. The revenue created helped offset the club’s expenses.

Many thanks to all! Well Done!

## **Three-Week Mini League-Thursday Evening**

An introductory three-week mini league was created to promote curling and gain new members during the 2023/2024 Curling season. The three-week mini leagues were held on Thursday evenings during open drop in league. The mini league was marketed to introduce guests to curling for the first time. The introductory league included a learn to curl session, then introduced to a game with experienced curlers.

The three-week mini league served approximately 50 plus guests and created an additional revenue source for KMCC. Many of those who participated in this introductory three-week league then joined the club as introductory members and participated in our Sunday evening 5 & Under League. The three-week mini league will be continued in the next upcoming season because it was proven successful.



## **Communications Committee Report – Kettle Moraine Curling Club**

Submitted by Julie Fay-Krivitz-Co-Chairperson, June 2024

### **Website**

Steve Everett Jr., Megan, Passo, Michael Hannah and Phyllis Kirchner were trained and support the back-end data input.

Throughout the curling season, Anthony D'Arco, Warm Room Hero, has been available throughout the season supporting our website and has delivered exceptional service.

### **Emails**

The main tool for communicating to the entire membership is via email distribution and our club website.

#### **Outgoing Emails**

Weekly emails and more as needed, are sent to club membership by way of online Mailchimp software. Steve Everett Jr. is our wordsmith and contact person to distribute club emails to the entire membership. The advantage of Mailchimp is it is free, ease of use, and serves the needs of our club. The disadvantage is members may need to check their junk mail and give permission to go into their inbox. The other disadvantage is some members do not use email as a means of communications.

A copy of the most recent club distributed emails is kept in a binder at the club or on the bulletin board.

#### **Incoming Emails**

Our club email is checked often throughout the curling season. It is our goal to respond and reply to pertinent emails and questions in a timely manner. Please note that if you do not get a timely response, please call a Board Member.

Our email address is [kmcurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:kmcurlingclub@gmail.com).

### **Club Calendar**

The club calendar is on our website at [kmcurlingclub.com](http://kmcurlingclub.com) and is kept current. Please contact Julie Fay-Krivitz or Steve Everett Jr. with any calendar inquiries.

### **Social Media**

Facebook and Instagram are administered by Nikki Raine.

Kettle Moraine Curling Club (Members Only) is a private group on Facebook and is a easy way to reach members and connect with one another.

### **Volunteer Sign-up**

With the design of our new website, it now includes signing up and registering for volunteering needs.

As a 100% volunteer club is this has been a beneficial addition.

Volunteer opportunities is on our club website at [kmcurlingclub.com](http://kmcurlingclub.com).

The volunteer sign-up for club events, bonspiel help, and other opportunities are created and updated as needed. Please check the website regularly for volunteer opportunities.

## ICE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Many thanks to Larry and his ice team for another year of great ice for our leagues and our many bonspiels. Larry will be stepping back from the day to day ice maintenance for the 2024-2025 season, however he will still be involved with making sure we continue to have great ice. Many thanks also to Julie and John who worked together to save our ice when the power was out for a few days. There are also many volunteers who's much appreciated help, during bonspiels and league nights, keeps everything on schedule.

We began the season last July with numerous hours spent painting our floor, replacing light bulbs and other routine icehouse and equipment maintenance. That work continued with cleaning the walls, replacing flags and rearranging banners. As the year continued, we added some excellent members to the team and conducted some training sessions which will continue this fall.

We are planning more touch up on the floor this summer and work on the equipment so that everything will be ready to go for flooding in September.

## **Kettles Annual Report 2023-2024**

The Kettles had a successful 2023/2024 season. Some of the highlights include hosting the Fall Fling in October and the Women's Badger Bonspiel in January. The Kettles also won the inter-club bonspiel this season. The Kettles made a couple of modifications including playing the All American as a one-day bonspiel and making the Thursday morning traditionally Kettle League an open league. While the Thursday morning league being an open league appeared to be successful and will continue to the 2024/2025 season, the Kettles will be returning to longer All American session instead of the one-day spiel.

The 2024/2025 season will also include some anticipated changes including modifications to the Fall Fling. This year, we are planning on modifying the bonspiel to a three day bonspiel with 8 end games and the winner determined by wins/losses.

Lyndsay Johnson

## **Membership Annual Report 2023-2024**

Angela Schulz

The club retained 96% of its membership over last season, with a total of 238 members. For this season, we had 47 first year members, 12 second year members, 98 regular members, 54 senior members, 5 junior adults, 6 trial members, and 16 social members.

We hosted Learn to Curl events on September 22, 26, and 28, October 1, and December 21, 28, and 31. For the third year in a row, KMCC offered three-week introductory mini-leagues to the general public on Thursday evenings. Over the course of the year there were four mini-league sessions offered. In addition to Learn to Curl events, we offered private Learn to Curl Experiences throughout the season. Thank you to all the volunteers who came to help at these events! Learn to Curl events for next season have been tentatively booked for September 26, September 29, and October 1. The first mini-league will start on October 3.