

2017-18 Board Elections

There are four seats open on the Board of Directors and each will be elected to a two year term.

CANDIDATES



Tom Poppitz **Board Incumbent**

Tom has 2 years curling experience and has recently completed two years of service on the Board of Directors. He is running again because he would like to continue to be involved as the club grows and feels that his skills and contributions can help make curling an enjoyable experience for all.

Tom is a Level I Certified Ice Technician and has headed up our ice crew during the recent year. In his professional career he is an Account Representative for Axalta, which is a paint manufacturer.



Mary Mittelstaedt

Mary is a first year curler and plays in the Monday Night Chamber League. She has lots of community volunteer experience and is the Office Manager at Country Cabinets.

Past volunteer experience includes working for Hope for Tomorrow (mentoring 8th grade girls) and also working for Lakeville and Burnsville Chamber of Commerce in various roles including organizing the Lakeville Women's Lunch Committee and the Burnsville Golf Tournament. She is currently serving on the Home Show Committee and has been the chair of BITE of Burnsville for the last 7 years.

Mary's company frequently sponsors events such as Ramble Jam and Lakeville Block Bash and is very involved with the community.

"I would like to be a board member to learn and grow our club. I would love to learn more about the game, but more importantly to see what goes on behind the scenes. I can bring some creative ideas to planning summer events, fundraising events, and club events. I can help with budget planning, and marketing."



Levi Rosenthal

Levi is a second-year curler and an 11th grader at Lakeville North High School. He was part of the student group that helped get curling adopted as a new school sport in the Lakeville School District. Levi works on the club's Private Event Crew and working on becoming a Level I Certified Instructor. Levi also works at Crystal Lake Golf Course and at Buck Hill.

"I started curling about two years ago and it grew on me to the point that I wanted to get my peers involved as well; and what better way to do so than to get a high school club going with a ton of friends. Something about seeing all my peers fall for the sport and watching all the people who volunteer their valuable time and put in so much work and dedication for the sport makes me motivated to do the same. I would love for the curling club to turn into hockey or one of those mainstream activities but in a sense of leisure like golf; every kid at school talking about the game from last night and getting their parents involved in the club as well. I feel that I have the "millennial" powers to help plan and coordinate social media or events that would involve more of the youth. Now of course, this may seem far-fetched like free college from Bernie Sanders, but I know that I can benefit the club and send it in the right direction with the time and effort that I have to volunteer."



Brian Rich

Brian is a first-year curler and curls with his wife in the Sunday Open League. Brian is interested in running for the board because he has enjoyed all the people he has met in the club and wants to be more involved. He hopes his service to the board will help him learn more about the club and the sport. Brian is a retired Air Traffic Controller.

"I think I bring the perspective of a new member and the challenges that they face, and it appears we have quite a few new members."



Andrew Price

Andrew is a first-year curler and plays in the Thursday Open League. Andrew is a realtor.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed joining the club this year, and becoming a sponsor of Dakota Curling. In some ways I feel my recent membership would be a plus to the board, as a fresh set of eyes and no pre conceptions. In both my prior and current careers I have been on strategic and future planning committees; tech forward and innovative groups that look to grow a brand. I am active on boards at my son's charter school and have become active in strategic planning and fundraising. I also have a strong track record in social media and online marketing, and relationship building."



Marde Munkberg

Marde is an experienced curler and plays in our Thursday night league. He joined the club when we opened in Lakeville in January. Marde was a volunteer on the Cinco de Mayo bonspiel committee.

“I have been involved with curling off and on for as long as I can remember. My childhood club was about a mile from our house where my dad is still one of the ice men. I am currently on my 17th year as a BMW master technician. I hope to bring my mechanical knowledge as well as what I have learned over the years as a curler to continue to improve and grow my new home club.”



Will Anlauf

Will is an experienced curler who joined Dakota Curling when we opened in Lakeville this January, and he curls on Thursday nights. He is an Air Traffic Controller working in Farmington. Will has served on our ice making crew and was the co-chair for our recent Cinco de Mayo spiel.

“I started curling at the Green Bay Curling Club in 2010. I curled there for six years including serving on the board in my last year. I moved back to Minnesota (originally from Cambridge, currently live in Apple Valley) last fall and my search for a place to curl led me to the brand new Dakota club. This year I have volunteered installing the ice, prepping the ice for leagues, organizing the Thursday league and co-chairman of the Cinco de Mayo spiel. I am running for the board because I believe this club has immense potential and I'd love to see it be successful both on and off the ice.”



John Anderson

John has more than 40 years curling experience, most of it in Canada. He curls in the Monday night Business League and is a coach for the Lakeville High School curling team.

John spent 38 years working for Canadian Railroad in Senior Management, now retired, and is currently working part time as a specialized advisor for other Canadian railway in IT/Operations/Specialized Train Control.

John served 8 years in local government as a Council or and Municipal lobbyist and has volunteered and coached youth sporting activities (hockey of course).

John's goals as a prospective board member:

- Continue to grow High School participation in curling so they become lifers! Think of them as an investment!
- Provide expertise in all aspects of curling operations and management.
- Willing to perform any function to ensure success of curling club.



Michael Hoagberg

Years of Curling: 0.5 years

Profession: Headwaters Development (President / Owner) – Healthcare Real Estate

Serve:

While I am new to the game, I see the long-term potential of the club and what the club means to the City of Lakeville. I have a depth of experience to leverage in helping grow the awareness of the club and how to responsibly manage its growth.

Why Me:

I have a lot of energy and get passionate about things I support. I also have a lot of experience managing and growing new ventures. While the group has been around for a long time, the club is a new phase and I look to help it mature. I will give my full attention to areas where I can help out; sponsorship, financials, real estate, city planning, growth planning, and event planning / coordination. I believe I would represent those that are new to the game and give a fresh perspective to those that may have been curling for a while. And I like beer!



Kevin Nieman

Kevin is an experienced curler with more than 10 years' experience. He previously curled in Owatonna before moving up to the Twin Cities and served 5 years on the Board of Directors for Owatonna Curling Club.

While at Owatonna, Kevin was in charge of running one of the club's bonspiels for three seasons in a row.

He is interested in serving on the board at Dakota as a "new face" with experience and wants to help the club grow in its new facility.