



MANKATO CURLING CLUB

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

WELCOME HOME TEAM USA
TODD & KEVIN BIRR
APRIL 10

ANNUAL ALL MEMBERS
MEETING, POTLUCK & CLUB
CLEANUP
APRIL 13

ADAM & EVE COUPLES GOLF
LEAGUE
MAY 7 - AUGUST 13

HOTDOG STAND FUND RAISERS
HILLTOP HYVEE
JULY 13TH-15TH,
JULY 27TH-29TH AND
AUGUST 24TH-26TH

WE ARE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS TO RUN AND
WORK AT THE HOTDOG STANDS
SO PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD
MEMBER IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED.

WELCOME HOME TEAM USA AT THE CURLING CLUB
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH AT 7:00 PM

TEAM USA BRINGS HOME BRONZE

Courtesy of USA Curling

BRIEF:

- * USA men lose to Germany, 6-4, for bronze-medal finish
- * This is the first medal for the U.S. men's program since 1993
- * Third-place finish earns 10 points for the U.S. toward qualifying for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - April 7, 2007

USA men collect the bronze at 2007 World Championship

(EDMONTON, Canada) - Team USA's unexpected run to the 2007 World Championship gold medal came to an end Saturday afternoon at the hands of Andy Kapp's Germany team, 6-4, at Rexall Place.

Birr (Mankato, Minn.) and teammates Bill Todhunter (Menasha, Wis.), Greg Johnson (Appleton, Wis.) and Kevin Birr (St. Peter, Minn.) came into the tournament this week as an underdog but finished with a bronze medal - the first for the U.S. men's program since 1993. The third-place finish earns the U.S. 10 points towards qualifying for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Nations can earn points at the three world championships leading up to the Olympic Games.

"Later this summer we'll be happy with it but right now we're disappointed," Birr said. "I think the Germans' experience helped them out."

The U.S. had a chance to tie the game and send it into an extra end but called off the sweepers too soon with Birr's last takeout leaving him a few inches short of playing in the gold-medal game.

ADAM AND EVE LEAGUE

**Monday Nights 5:30
Minneopa Golf Course**

**Mixed Doubles Social Golf League
Each team must consist of one man
and one woman**

**Both team members will tee off on
hole one**

**The team will choose one drive and
then alternate every shot**

**When: Monday nights from May 7
through August 13 (excluding May
28)**

First tee time at 5:30 sharp!

**Cost: \$160 per person includes
green fees and league fee
Payable by check to Adam and Eve
League**

**At least half must be paid on or
before May 7**

**Remainder must be paid on or
before July 2**

**Carts, for those interested, are \$6
per person**

**Rules: Winter rules apply
everywhere USGA rules apply
If ball is lost, count penalty, drop in
the drop zone and alternate players
If ball is hit out of bounds, count
penalty and alternate players
Replace divots, rake sand and
repair ball marks**

**All beverages must be purchased
from the golf course**

**Only soft spikes and tennis shoes
are allowed**

**Contact Kim or Greg Rheume or
Jill or Bob Mason. Only 30 teams
will be accepted, so sign up early.
Sign up deadline is April 30.**

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"Both Bill and I called them off and we shouldn't of," Birr admitted. Birr could have chosen a difficult draw to the button. "I think it was a no-brainer. That draw was tough," Birr said of his decision.

Birr's team ended the tournament the way they began - with two losses in a row. The Germans, meanwhile, are riding a four-game win streak that began yesterday after winning both tiebreaker games and the Page Playoff 3-4 game. "It is 10 years after we went to the final," Kapp said. "It's really good for us. We are really looking forward to it. It was a really great team effort."

Germany will battle Canada's Glenn Howard team for the gold medal at 11:30 a.m. local time tomorrow. "Glenn Howard's team... they're the perfect team. They seem to be unbeatable but they first have to beat us and right now we are on a really good road," Kapp said.

The game started a little shaky again for the U.S. much like it had in the previous three games. Germany caught a break in the when Andy Kapp partially buried a stone behind the center guard and Birr wrecked on the guard trying to chip it out. After Germany drew another stone down to his shot rock, Birr couldn't get both out on his double attempt giving up a steal of one.

The Americans were forced to draw for one in the third and gave Germany an opportunity for the deuce in the fourth end. After playing a freeze game behind a corner guard for most of the end the U.S. got shot rock when Uli Kapp couldn't make a double takeout. Birr drew down too deep to the nest of rocks in the back of the house giving Germany the set-up for the deuce.

Uli Kapp jammed a U.S. stone trying to remove it in the fifth end giving the U.S. a chance to set up the deuce but his brother made up for it with a clutch double takeout that looked risky to force Birr to make a hit for one.

The U.S. had control of the sixth end until Birr came down heavy with his first throw trying to freeze to the German stone in second position to lie two. Birr made up for it, however, with a perfect freeze with his second stone to force Germany to draw the button for one. The U.S. tied the game up in the seventh end when Birr made a clutch draw for two. The Americans controlled the eighth end as well eventually forcing Kapp to draw the button for a single.

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After deliberately blanking the ninth end, the Americans went for the win but came up short when Kapp made an angle raise off his stone in the top 12 to remove the American shot rock forcing Birr to try to force the extra end.

"It was a great learning experience," Birr said of his first world championship experience. "We've seen things that we need to improve on but it was great being here."

Semifinal line score:

*USA 001 010 200 0 4

GER 100 201 010 1 6

*designates last-rock advantage in first end

ANNUAL ALL MEMBERS MEETING, POTLUCK, & CLUB CLEANUP TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH, AT 6:30 PM AT THE MANKATO CURLING CLUB.

The All Members Meeting is the time for members to bring up their concerns and comments about the curling season and the curling club. We need to be out of the building by April 15th, so plan on cleanup after the meeting

6:30 pm Potluck Meal – Please bring a dish to pass.
Beer will be provided.

7:00 pm - Members Meeting & Board Elections.

We need to elect three board members this year so contact a board member if you are interested on being on the board so we can get you on the election ballot. Terms are a 3 year term. We also need someone for Vice President with the understanding you will replace the president after the president's term is complete.

Club Cleanup following Meeting.

We would like everyone to Attend!

Thank You

Mankato Curling Club Board Members

Mankato Curling Club Members, Mapleton Curling Club Members, Past Curling Members, and Public come to the curling club to watch team USA go for a medal during Worlds. Thank you to Kim and Greg Rheume for lining up the screen, computer, speakers and having the club available for people to watch the games. There were between 20 & 45 people watching the games. Friday, April 6th night's game against Canada drew around 100 people to watch team USA curl. Thank you to everyone who came to show support for team USA.



BOARD MEMBERS:

Kevin Birr, President
Roxanne Deegan, Vice President
Tom Duncanson, Treasurer
Jill Mason, Secretary
Gary Berger
Todd Birr
Scott Dobie
Carrie Lindsey
Greg Rheume
Don Simons
Lisa Strassburg
Trent Vorlicek

Thank you to Kevin Birr for being President, and for the following board members who's terms are complete, Scott Dobie, Carrie Lindsey, Greg Rheume, and Todd Birr.

**DUE TO THE CITY OF MANKATO'S NEW SMOKE FREE ORDINANCE,
THE MANKATO CURLING CLUB WILL BE SMOKE FREE THIS SEASON**

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