

2008 Olympics Survey

1. A. If you did participate in the 2008 Olympics, what was your overall satisfaction with the event? (1 = Very unsatisfied; 5 = Very satisfied)

0	11 (No responses)
1	1
2	4
3	16
4	54
5	33

1. B. If you did participate in the past Olympics, what was your overall satisfaction with the event? (1 = Very unsatisfied; 5 = Very satisfied)

0	30 (No responses)
1	1
2	5
3	9
4	47
5	27

1. C. If you did not participate or were unsatisfied, please explain why.

Awards Ceremony

Awards ceremony a little too long.

Olympics Overall

It is a fun event.

I really enjoy it.

Keep up the good work!

It has no interest whatsoever to me and I really miss having a regular meeting and good speaker.

We had fun again this year.

This group and events are getting really “gray.” Survey JCs or younger service organization to find out what would attract them.

I think it is fine.

Okay as is.

Banquet

I attended the dinner, which was well organized and brief!

Bocce

I so enjoy the Bocce, yet it is time consuming. I need between 3 to 3-1/2 hours to set up the courses. Seeing the fun makes it all worth the effort. Thanks!

Club Leadership

In 2007 we had no one to lead the club to get a team.
The leader in our club failed to get everyone in the club excited about the event.

Conflicts

Our members like the Service Clubs Olympics, but they are busy with family, work and child care.

No problem; tied up until dinner.

It has become difficult to get away from work.

Normally I participate, but I was on vacation this year.

Couldn't play tennis at last minute.

Timing.

No partner.

Schedule.

Cribbage

I was in the Cribbage tournament and wish the match-ups were clearer instead of drifting from table to table.

Golf

Have golf in the afternoon.

It's fun to play golf with other service club folks, but you don't contribute much more than just being there in a scramble format.

Participation

More participation in the past made it more enjoyable.

I am over age.

Recent member.

I did not participate in athletic events.

I don't play any of the sports or games and don't run anymore.

Participation is really waning. The numbers on all events are way down. Restructure the event!

Health issues prevented it.

Tennis

I would prefer a set game schedule. We waited one hour for the first two teams to finish their game.

Website

Post winners' scores online.

Have a web site or blog for the Olympics with details. I couldn't find the bike race. I started at 9:50 - 50 minutes late.

2. What would you recommend to the Service Clubs Olympics Committee to improve the event?

Banquet

Something needs to be done about the dinner. I wish I had a good suggestion. Have not attended for several years – too predictable! Not fun.

Have events prior to and after lunch instead of banquet. I believe most service clubs meet over lunch.

Billiards

Have to pay \$5 for pool – a small thing, but does everybody pay to participate? It would seem to be a small but reasonable expense for the club to pay this fee. (I spent seven hours and traveled 50 miles to participate in two events - \$50.) Pool hall used has ?, small tables, coin operation, unclean, etc. Hold billiards at the Brass Rail (on East Washington – 5 blocks from Square). Provide T-shirts or caps, etc., with our logo free to participants. Have a committee meet to organize winning – e.g., support for lessons, practice, etc. Don't have a surcharge for participants.

Club Interaction

I would appreciate more “mixing up” of groups in an effort to meet other service club members at the lunch or dinner. If all we do is sit with our own, why do we bother to have an event? Try to do some kind of ice breaker or mixer, please.

Events - Fewer

Reduce number of events.

Fewer events that are more applicable to participation by nearly everyone. Then have 2 or 3 divisions by size of club. Now only the large clubs dominate.

Limit events to 1 day as it seems there are small numbers of people (or teams) at some events.

Look back at last 3 years; if fewer than x number of teams participating, consider dropping the event (e.g., there were only 4 volleyball teams this year). Open up to more Dane County clubs versus just Madison area.

Shorten day; have luncheon instead of evening event.

Organization of events, possibly less events because of number of participants this year.

Perhaps fewer events and end event sooner so people don't have to take a whole day of vacation.

Events - New

Add more sports of short duration that could be scheduled in the late afternoon.

Maybe add additional new events to allow for more participation. It was a lot of fun!

Promote a walking event as well as a run (5K).

Have more evening events to allow for more participation. Maybe have basketball or something to attract younger participants.

We need a raffle.

New activity: sing-a-long (non-competitive; participation credit only). Invocation should be a neutral time of reflection (not moment). A conservative/Christian/Baptist leader??

Add an event such as Password.

Events - New (Continued)

Try new events every year—dancing, rowing, current board games.
New events - ladder golf.
Badminton.
Need to add Badminton.
Make a contribution to a cause and publicize it.

Golf

The golf outing was at a remote location – perhaps set aside some time or something after the event to promote interaction between the clubs.

Hole prizes for golf (long drive, long putt, etc.). For golf Scramble, require 2 tee shots per player in each foursome (too easy now to use all the drives of one excellent golfer) to make a true team event.

Maybe different golf format and play with other clubs' golfers – not just Downtown Rotary golfers.

Golf was a bit disorganized with the course not having all the names of the golfers.
Nine holes of golf – not 18.

Location

Host the events in a more centralized location instead of far northeast side of Madison.
Move event.

Consider a different location.

Go back to Blackhawk.

Move to the west side.

Consider a different location.

Have on west side of Madison.

Go to west side.

Have as much as possible at the same venue.

Olympians

Don't think you have to invite back all of the old Olympians – maybe last 5 years.
Put the emphasis on Olympian of the Year - we need more dinner attendance.

Olympics - Reformat

Do it after work Friday, plus Saturday morning, end with lunch. Try a non-skilled event: scavenger hunt, road trip “hunt” Jeopardy-type game

Participation Overall

You probably need an organized sales effort to the clubs. Recruit a team that could go from club to club, maybe with music or props or something to stir up interest. Maybe a short film. Get somebody familiar with promotion – there are a number of professionals in the clubs.

Make sure people show up that sign up.

Somehow we need to get more participation. This should be a landmark event for club camaraderie and competitive friendship with other clubs.

Open to all of Dane County.

Perhaps holding it earlier in the summer or later in the summer. Maybe too many people on vacation in middle of July.

Participation Overall (Continued)

Move event to June or September.

Encourage clubs to participate.

Read Putnam's "Bowling Alone" and it will help you understand.

Do what you can to get all the clubs more active, more excited, etc.

Generate greater participation.

I believe about all that can be done is being done. Unfortunately, service clubs seem to be in decline.

We need to increase participation.

Consider assessing each club enough to have prizes. Seek business support/sponsorship.

Find a way to increase attendance.

Try to encourage more participation from area service clubs.

More clubs participate, but not sure how.

Publicity

More publicity in the local media.

More marketing - aim message to younger members.

Racquetball

Racquetball at 3 PM with social gathering afterward.

Schedule

Continue bait casting, agility, etc., closer to dinner time so diners can participate, i.e., until 5 PM.

Scoring/Rules

I'm just curious about how the Olympics are scored. I wasn't able to make the awards ceremony – perhaps it was explained there. Also, I would have liked to know what the rules were to one of my events (Scrabble) before starting. I thought it might be single elimination, so I wasn't really able to schedule it well in my day.

Tennis

Start tennis earlier - 12:30.

3. Would you prefer the Awards Ceremony be an evening event or a luncheon?

Evening	60
Luncheon	40
Either	10
No comment	9

Prefer evening event if it continues to be held at Cherokee just for travel purposes.

Have a regular luncheon with a good speaker for all the service clubs participating for the many people who don't want to do this. Not the award ceremony. Have it at a central location like Alliant, Inn on the Park, Concourse. Thank you.

Move to a lunch or breakfast.

It's fine as it is.

Consider holding more events in the evening so individuals still working would not have to take a day off to participate.

Try lunch to see if it's better.

I suspect changing to a luncheon would simply speed up the eventual demise of the event.

No, leave as is. (Miss lunch served at course - this is probably five years ago.)

Start at 6 PM - not 5:30 PM.

Lunch would be good if later, like 2 PM or so.

Lunch - maybe we'd get more attendance.

With activities going on, a luncheon event would be difficult.

Do luncheon one week after the events to allow for results to be tabulated.

I would attend either luncheon or dinner. Hard to run all events in the AM so as to have results by noon, so that implies you would have to devote time on two days, and some complain about the time commitment now. Tough decision.

Don't have a preference (lunch versus dinner), but have it move around to make the program more enjoyable.

Replace dinner with lunch.

Consider luncheon time frame for Awards ceremony.

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