



Elmira & District Curling Club

October 2009 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events

2010

January 23 - Chocolate Lovers Ladies Bonspiel

February 6 - Men's Striploin Classic

February 13/14 - Colts & Trophy Zones

February 20 - Little Rock/Junior

March 6 - Ribs 'n Tails

March 13 - Men's Texas BBQ

March 15 - Teacher's Bonspiel

March 27 - Maple Syrup Bonspiel

April 14 - Ladies Banquet

April 17 - Spring Shindig

Please visit the website for more details on upcoming events!

Did you know?

We're on Facebook! Check out the "Elmira & District Curling Club" group.

Your 2009-2010 Board of Directors

President	Brian Rainville
Past President	Allan Dickson
Vice-President	Brian Henry
Secretary	Marc Bernard
Treasurer	Dave Oberholtzer
Assistant Treasurer	Colleen Coghlin (temporary)
Membership Manager	Scott Coghlin
Food Services	Dianne Crossley
House Facilities	Derek Pass
Club Events	Vacant
Special Events	Colleen Coghlin
Junior Curling	Bob Johnson
Communications	Pat Johnson

The Board meets the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to attend these meetings or they are welcome to review the minutes located in the lounge. If you have any comments or suggestions about anything at the club, please feel free to contact a board member to discuss. We are still looking for someone to manage the role of Club Events. If you're interested in filling that position or if you are interested in becoming a board member for the 2010-2011 season, please contact any current board member.



Message from the President



On behalf of the Board, I am excited to welcome you to the 2009/2010 curling season. I would particularly like to welcome the new members that have joined our Club this year and wish you well as you start (or continue) playing this great game of curling.

What is curling? (excerpt from Curling for Dummies by Bob Weeks)

Curling, first and foremost, is a game of fun and respect. For more than 500 years, the essence of curling has been based on reverence for the rules, admiration for your opposition, and a belief that playing and enjoying the game is more important than winning it. Along with these ideals, many of the traditions from the earliest days of the game have continued. For example, opponents shake hands at the start of and conclusion of every game. That's not just in fun club games, but right up to the final of the world championships.

And while curling has moved from its early days of being played outdoors on frozen ponds into facilities where computers control the climate, it is still virtually the same sport, with the same rules and rituals. It's kind of nice to know that in our fast-paced and ever-changing world.

I couldn't agree more. Enjoy your season.

Brian Rainville
President, Elmira & District Curling Club

Pro-Shop – check out this great deal!

Do you need some new curling equipment this year? Check out the curling pro-shop in the corner of our main lounge. We've got lots of items on display for purchase and there are a lot more items available that can be custom ordered for you.

Check out this deal – Available until Dec. 5.
Purchase a pair of shoes, gripper and broom for only \$129.50.

Contact Virginia Henry, Brian Henry or Linda Dickson for pro-shop purchases. Their numbers are on the board beside the pro-shop display case.

Curling Clinic – Oct. 30, 9 to 11 p.m.

Our curling clinics continue to be very popular both for new curlers who want to learn more about technique and for more experienced curlers who want to work on a specific aspect of their game. All clinics are run by qualified instructors and cost \$10 per person with all proceeds going to our Junior Curling Program.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the "Social Curling" bulletin board.



Thank you to our Drawmasters

We appreciate your time and efforts this year.

Sunday	Doug Fickling
Monday, early	Dan Donaldson
Monday, late	Chris Pidgeon
Tuesday, early	Steve Jones
Tuesday, late	Steve Loffree
Wednesday, early	Wendy Anderson
Wednesday, late	Steve Chapman
Thursday, a.m.	Lorne MacKinnon
Thursday, early	Sheila Smith-Jones
Thursday, late	Bob Johnson
Friday	Bill Cronin

Ice Committee – new!

In an effort to create a better two-way communication between members and the icemaker, we've formed an ice committee. This group will listen to your comments and act as a liaison between you and the icemaker. Watch for more information coming soon.

Club rentals

Did you know you can rent the Club facilities for your own special events? Call our Club Manager, Christina at 519-578-2331 for more information.

50/50 draw

Our 50/50 weekly draw will be starting again with proceeds going to ongoing improvements around the Club. There is a binder and payment jar located at the bar.

Here's how it works

Every member's name is included in the draw. If your name is drawn and you've paid that week, you win! If you didn't pay, that week's total is carried forward to the following week or until there is a winner. Good Luck!

Zehrs tapes

Don't forget to drop your Zehrs tapes off on the shelf by the used books.

Open House for new curlers – a huge success

This year, in an effort to draw more individuals to the sport of curling and to our Club, two open houses were offered, designed especially for new curlers, on Oct. 1 and 2. By way of a huge mass mailing to households in and around Elmira, dozens of people from around the area came out to give curling a try and many have since joined our Club. Welcome to you all!



Club awards

The last two pages of this newsletter set out the criteria and nomination process for the Outstanding Volunteer Award and the Life Membership Award awards.

Outstanding Volunteer Award

This award is to recognize outstanding volunteer work at our curling club. This award will be given out at the year-end banquet each curling season.

The chosen individual(s) will receive two tickets to the year-end banquet, their name displayed on a new “Outstanding Volunteer” plaque at the club, and an individualized prize to be determined by the board of directors.

Any current adult member may nominate another member for the award by submitting a written nomination, to a maximum of two pages, to any board member by February 1st of each year. The written nomination *must* be signed by ten additional current adult members to demonstrate support for the nomination.

The written nomination must set out how the candidate demonstrates a majority of the following criteria:

- Must be a member of the club for at least ten years
- Demonstrates leadership skills
 - Such as:
 - Drawmaster
 - OCA rep
 - Committee involvement
 - Bonspiel convener
 - Former board member
 - Other suitable contributions
- Involvement in the promotion of curling
 - Such as:
 - OCA rep
 - Coaching
 - Instruction
 - School/community liaison
 - Maintaining and enhancing the building and facilities
 - Promoting membership growth
 - Other suitable contributions

Each nomination will be reviewed by a committee of five current members appointed by the board of directors, including the President, Past-President, or Vice-President who will chair the committee. The review committee will ensure that each nomination meets the identified criteria and then select the appropriate candidate(s).

It is expected that the review committee will keep all information concerning the nominations strictly confidential. The president will notify the successful candidate personally and any nominations not selected will have a written response to the nominator identifying why the nomination was not selected.

No individual can win this award more than once in every five years and any unsuccessful nomination may be resubmitted for consideration in any following year.

Life Membership Award

The board of directors decided to keep the life membership award as part of our club. This award will be presented at the year-end banquet when an appropriate individual is selected.

To be eligible for this award, the individual nominated must be an exceptional volunteer who has consistently over many years gone 'above and beyond' normal volunteer duties at the club.

The chosen individual will receive two tickets to the year-end banquet, their name displayed the "Lifetime Membership" plaque, and their curling and duty fees waived for the remainder of their life.

Any current adult member may nominate another member for the award by submitting a written nomination, to a maximum of five pages, to any board member by December 1st of each year. The written nomination *must* be signed by thirty additional current adult members to demonstrate support for the nomination.

The written nomination must set out how the candidate demonstrates the following criteria:

- Must be an active member of the club for at least twenty years
- Demonstrates a broad range of leadership skills in the following areas
 - Such as:
 - Drawmaster
 - Board member
 - OCA rep
 - Committee involvement
 - Bonspiel convener.
 - Fundraising efforts
 - Other suitable contributions
- Significant involvement in the promotion of curling
 - Such as:
 - OCA rep
 - Coaching
 - Instruction
 - School/community liaison
 - Maintaining and enhancing the building and facilities
 - Promoting membership growth
 - Other suitable contributions

Each nomination will be reviewed by a committee of five current members appointed by the board of directors, including the President, Past-President, or Vice-President who will chair the committee. The review committee will ensure that each nomination meets the identified criteria and will then submit their recommendations to the board of directors for approval.

It is expected that the board of directors and the review committee will keep all information concerning the nominations strictly confidential. The board will go *in camera* to consider all nominations. The president will notify the successful candidate personally and any nominations not selected will have a written response to the nominator identifying why the nomination was not selected.

No more than one award will be presented each year. An unsuccessful nomination may be resubmitted for consideration in any following year.