March 2011 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events

2011

April 2 - Maple Syrup Bonspiel

April 13 - Ladies Banquet

April 16 - 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.

Message from the President

It's hard to believe the 2010/2011 curling season is coming to an end and our games will soon enter our own personal history books. With just a few short weeks left in our season, let's focus on those last few games and those last few shots and carry those successes into the summer months until we return next fall.

I hope many of you had an opportunity to take in a game at the Brier in London**. Carolyn Adams, Al Dickson, Linda Dickson** and I volunteered at the event and thoroughly enjoyed meeting people from across Canada and many of the curlers themselves. In all there were over 500 volunteers. I would recommend volunteering at an event like this to anyone who has an interest in curling. It was amazing to watch quality curling at its best. The facilities were top notch and the draws were well attended. Congratulations to Jeff Stoughton and his Manitoba rink.

Congratulations to all of our members who achieved curling success this season particularly at the OCA level. We've included a list of names in this newsletter (and apologize to anyone we may have missed).

I would like to announce we now have a defibrillator at the Club, purchased through Waterloo Region EMS. Training will take place in the fall.

Welcome to Bill Barr who has joined the Board as Vice President.

I hope to see everyone out at the closing Shindig on April 16. Everyone is invited to help us celebrate a great year at the Club. Tickets are only $5 and are available from Board members.

Happy curling!

Brian Henry
President, Elmira & District Curling Club

Elmira Bantam Girls represent Elmira at OCA Provincial Curling Championships

(l to r) Bob Johnson (coach), Emily Walsh (lead), Jaime Jones (second), Laura Daniel (third), Deanna Johnson (skip), Steve Jones (coach)

The Elmira bantam team skipped by Deanna Johnson would like to thank everyone for their best wishes as they participated in the OCA Provincial championships at the Land O'Lakes Curling Club in Tweed from March 2 through March 5. The team represented Elmira well as they played some tight matches ending with a 3 and 4 record. Congratulations girls!

Other Elmira member successes

Intermediate Women's zone winners
Dale Curtis, Twyla Gilbert, Dianne Crossley, Linda Dickson

Silver Tankard Men zone winners
Dean Martin, Ken Gilbert, Bill Barr, Chris Pigeon
Steve Chapman, Allan Dickson, Chen Hui, Marc Bernard.

Elmira members with OCA success for other clubs

Twyla Gilbert – Senior provincial semi-finalist
Jaime Jones – Bantam mixed zone winner
Jackie Jones – Bantam girls zone winner
Matthew Dickson – Junior men's provincial finalist
Deanna Johnson – Bantam mixed provincial finalist

Dominion Championships

Congratulation to the teams representing Elmira at next year's Dominion Championships: Men's Dean Martin, Ken Gilbert, Chris Pidgeon and Bill Barr. The ladies team is Colleen Coghlin, Dianne Crossley, Linda Dickson, and Melody Martin.

Do you have some free time this summer?

We are looking for volunteers to do some painting and redecorating during the summer. It is expected the work will be done in late July or early August. This will go towards your volunteer duty for next season. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board.

Icemaker Corner

2011-2012 season

We are looking for an icemaker, custodian and club manager for next year. If you are interested or know somebody who is, please contact Brian Henry for further information. Applications should be submitted directly to Brian for custodian or club manager by June 1. We would consider an icemaker from our membership if you are willing to take your level one training course this summer. Applications for icemaker should be made to the ice committee through our website or to Don Stockman.

Junior Curling

At the Brampton Little Rock bonspiel on January 29, Elmira Little Rockers finished 1st and 2nd out of a field of 12 rinks from all over southern Ontario.

The winning rink was skipped by Anika with Veronica (3rd), Natalie (2nd) and Micaela (lead).

In the picture (L to R): Natalie, Veronica, Anika, Micaela

Just behind in second place was Kate's rink of Kate at skip, Sam at third, Ethan at second and Micah at lead.

Both teams played extremely well, particularly the skips who both executed some precise takeouts in both of their games.

Weekly practices are over – and the last event, the K-W Granite's Monkey Bonspiel will take place April 9. Good luck to the teams participating.

Thank you to coaches Glenn Paulley, Marc and Jennifer Bernard, Dirk and Lisa Molenaar, Geoff Martin, Reg Domaratzki, John Moseley-Williams, and Clara Bean. The Junior Curling program couldn't run without your help, week in and week out.

Watch for a summary of the important accomplishments made in the junior program in the April edition of this newsletter.

Thank you drawmasters

On behalf of all members, we appreciate the great job that you do throughout the season.

Bob Johnson
Bill Cronin
Dan Donaldson
Lorne MacKinnon
Steve Chapman
Sheila Smith-Jones
Wendy Anderson
Steve Jones
Doug Fickling
Mary McGinnis
Jeff Lapierre

Elimination Draw

Congratulations to all of the early bird winners so far: Joanne Atlee, Dianne Lapierre, Ed Ratcliffe, Ted Starling, Jim Brandon, Dan Donaldson, Walt Spence, and Shirley Soehner.

There are only 10 tickets left. If you would like to buy one, please contact Colleen Coghlin at ccoghlin@bdo.ca or 519-669-9208.

Proceeds from the draw go to Junior Curling and will help fund the new set of lite rocks purchased this season. The Grand Prizes will be drawn at the Closing Banquet on April 16, 2011.

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.

Zehrs tapes

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

Used books

Thanks to everyone who buys and donates books. Please continue to bring in your used books and leave them on the bookshelf for your fellow Club members to purchase and enjoy.

Boston Pizza tapes

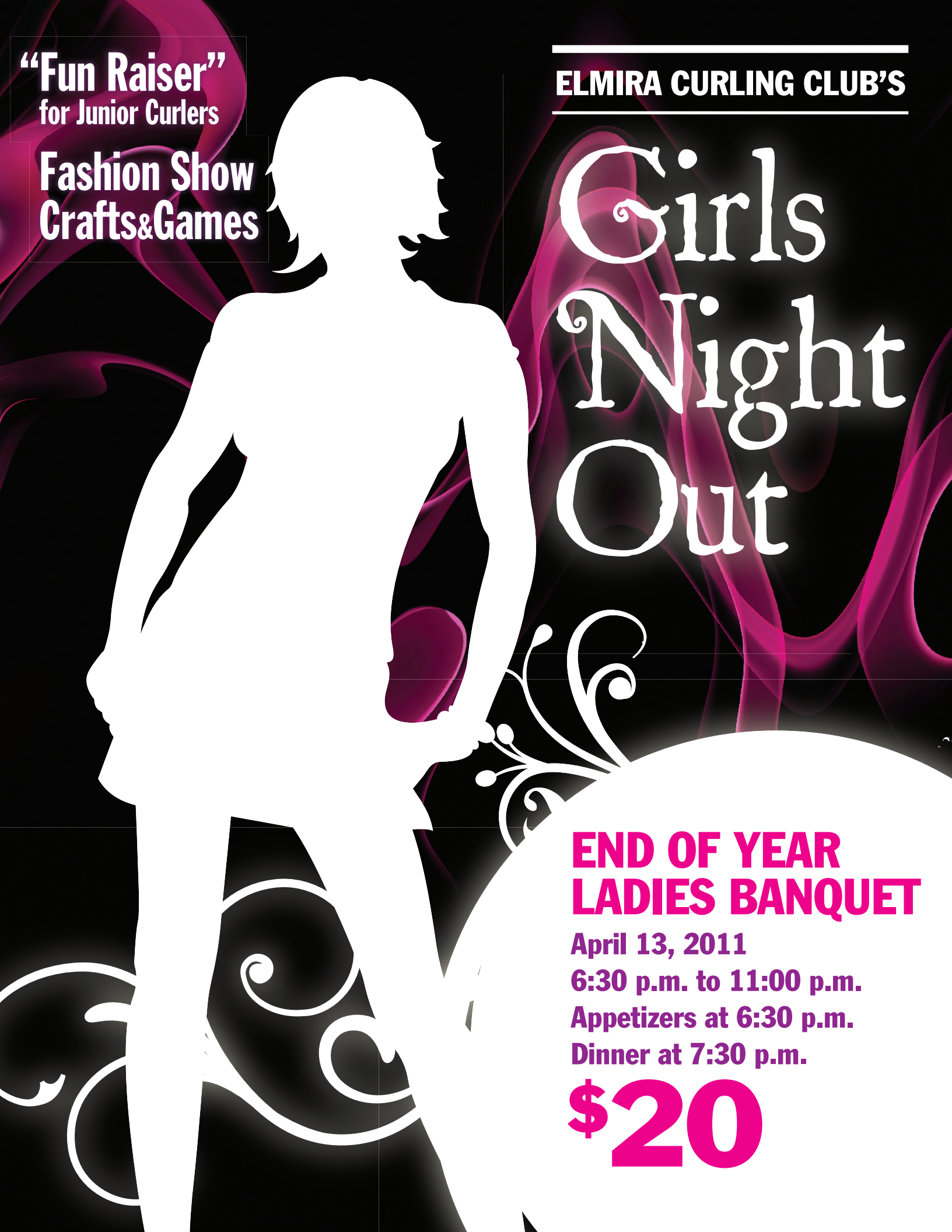
When you dine at **Boston Pizza** (597 King N Waterloo location only) you can bring your copy of the bill to the Club and a portion of that total is returned to the Club. Every $500 spent at Boston Pizza earns the Club a $50 gift card. We use those gift cards throughout the year for bonspiels and other prizes.

So don't forget, next time you're at Boston Pizza, save your copy of the bill and leave it in the box located on the shelf by the used books.

Your 2010-2011 Board of Directors

President	Brian Henry
Past President	Brian Rainville
Vice-President	Bill Barr
Secretary	Marc Bernard
Treasurer	Dave Oberholtzer
Assistant Treasurer	Vacant
Membership Manager	Scott Coghlin
Food Services	Dianne Crossley
House Facilities	Derek Pass
Club Events	Linda Dickson
Special Events	Twyla Gilbert
Junior Curling	Glenn Paulley
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 for the Assistant Treasurer position. If you're interested in filling this position or if you are interested in becoming a board member for the 2011-2012 season, please contact any current board member.


"Fun Raiser"
for Junior Curlers
Fashion Show
Crafts&Games
ELMIRA CURLING CLUB'S
Girls Night Out
END OF YEAR
LADIES BANQUET
April 13, 2011
6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Appetizers at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
$20

Spring Shindig

April 16, 2011

Cocktail Reception ~ 7:30 - 8:30

Games, Music, Elimination Draw ~ 8:30 - ?

Tickets only $5!!!
Available from any board member

Are you up to the Challenge???

MINUTE TO WIN IT