



Elmira & District Curling Club

## March 2012 NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming events

#### 2012

March 10 - Men's Texas BBQ

March 12 - Teacher's Bonspiel

March 31 - Maple Syrup  
Bonspiel

April 11 – Ladies year end  
banquet

April 14 – Year end 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

Bonspiel season continues with Elmira hosting full draws in both the little Rocks/bantam bonspiel and the ever popular Ribs and Tails bonspiel. My thanks to Glenn Paulley and Dianne Crossley respectively, who spent countless hours preparing for these two great events. There are three more exciting bonspiels taking place before the end of the season.

Our free Thursday night clinics during January and February were very successful. Young and old alike came out to give curling a try. We hope that some of them will continue the path of getting to know our sport even more and perhaps consider becoming members next season. My thanks to Twyla Gilbert and her group of volunteers for organizing these clinics.

As the countdown begins to the end of another curling season, I want to remind you of a couple of important dates. The Ladies year end banquet will take place April 11. The year end Shindig takes place April 14. Further details are included in this newsletter.

Lastly, this newsletter continues with getting to know our Board members. They put a lot of time and energy into making the Club an enjoyable place to spend our many winter hours. Featured this month are: Twyla Gilbert, Special Events; Pat Johnson, Communications; Dave Oberholtzer, Treasurer; and me. If you have any questions about what we do, we would be pleased to talk to you about it.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you continued good curling.

**Brian Henry**  
President, Elmira & District Curling Club



## 2012-2013 membership registration

Membership packages for the 2012-2013 curling season are now ready and are sitting on the bar in envelopes for you. They are in alphabetical order with couples having only one envelope per couple. The membership fees have remained at the same level as the current season. The reason for not increasing the fees is that they are covering the day-to-day running of the club. However, a new "Capital Charge" of \$10 per member is now included on the fee schedule to facilitate the club saving for future capital items we know are needed. Packages have been prepared earlier this year to allow curlers to have the opportunity to talk amongst themselves as to whether any new teams could be formed or shuffling of players on existing teams is wanted for our competitive draws. If anyone is thinking about joining a competitive draw but does not know any of the teams or what to do, please contact me directly and I can work to find you a team.

The Annual General Meeting has been set for September 11, so please mark your calendar to attend. If an additional proxy form is required, please visit our website to print one out.

The only change to draws for next season is on Friday night. The board has made the decision to change the draw times on Friday night to 6:30 and 8:30 to be consistent with the other nights and to allow us to more easily rent the club if one of the draws does not fill. The Friday night draws will also be allowed a maximum of 48 curlers due to the nature of their draw (all other draws remain at 40 curlers).

I encourage you to fill out your membership packages before curling season ends this year and submit it along with a post-dated cheque(s)! Our instalment plan is also available this year for your convenience. No one has any excuse for being late this year!! Please give your package to Colleen Coghlin on Sunday/Wednesday, Scott Coghlin on Tuesday/Thursday and the bartender on Monday/Friday.

We are also planning to run an introduction to curling session in the fall for any new curlers to ease them into league play. The time and day has not been set for this and will be based on registration levels received by September.

If you have any questions, please contact me,

*Colleen Coghlin*  
Membership Manager  
(membership@elmiracurlingclub.ca or 519-669-9208)

## Free curling clinics were a huge success

Our free curling clinics offered Thursday evenings during January and February were a huge success with lots of people giving curling a try for the first time. Special thanks to the volunteers who provided their assistance sharing their curling knowledge and skills:

- Twyla Gilbert
- Bob, Deanna, and Pat Johnson
- Glenn Paulley
- Chen Hui
- Dianne Crossley
- Brian and Virginia Henry
- Linda Dickson
- Bill Barr



## Junior Curling

The annual Elmira Junior bonspiel was held on February 11, 2012 and hosted 64 Little Rock and Bantam curlers from the Brampton, Brantford, Markdale, Westmount, K-W Granite, Maitland, and Elmira curling clubs. This year's bonspiel featured new permanent trophies for the winners of both events, and are named in honour of two Elmira & District Curling Club life members: **Norm Clement** and **Ted Starling**.



Elmira life member Ted Starling poses with Sam Mooibroek and his winning bantam rink from Westmount



Norm Clement poses with Tony Domzella and his winning Elmira rink





## Elmira members advance at OCA events

Congratulations to Twyla Gilbert and her team out of the Brampton Curling Club who competed in the Ontario Senior Women's Provincial competition.

Congratulations to Colleen Coghlin, Dianne Crossley, Melody Martin, Linda Dickson, and Pat Johnson who advanced to Trophy Regionals, representing Elmira in Stayner in March.

Congratulations to Dean and Susan Martin, and Ken and Twyla Gilbert, Zone 12 Senior Mixed winners who advance to Regionals March 24 – 25 in Stroud.

## Silent Auction returns in 2012

A silent auction will be held at the club beginning Sunday, March 24 and ending at the Club Shindig on Saturday, April 14. This fundraiser replaces the elimination draw that the Club has run in the past.

We are looking for donated items to include in the auction. If you would like to donate an item, a service or know of a business or organization that we could approach for donations, please see the sign-up sheet on the Club bulletin board.

Proceeds will go towards funding club capital projects such as a dehumidifier for the ice, new energy efficient lighting, new change room lockers, and kitchen upgrades. Fundraising monies help offset capital cost and help to keep membership fees reasonable.

## Year-end Shindig

Celebrate the end of another great (or not so great!) curling season with your fellow Club members. The year-end Shindig will be held April 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Club. Come out and enjoy a good time with your fellow curlers.

## Duty spots still available

If you have not had a chance to complete a duty this year and would like to, there are still spots available. Check the Bulletin Board on the lower level for details.

## Pro-Shop

Why shop anywhere else? Save money by shopping at the Elmira Curling Club Pro Shop. We can beat most catalogue prices. The shop not only has shoes and brooms but some jewelry and clothing as well. See our web page on the Elmira Curling Club website and search the curling catalogues. See Virginia or Brian Henry, Linda Dickson or the bartender to place an order. You can also email us at [proshop@elmiracurlingclub.ca](mailto:proshop@elmiracurlingclub.ca).

## 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.



## Do you want to rent the Club ice?

Check out the online calendar on our website under *Facility Rentals*. The calendar is always up-to-date so you can see when there is ice available for your event.

## Club dining room – available for your use

Did you know that Club members can use the dining room for free during any league play? Do you want to host an event outside of your home? If you're interested, contact Dan Donaldson, Club Manager.

## 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.

## Your 2011-2012 Board of Directors Introducing...



**Twyla Gilbert, Club Event Coordinator**

I am responsible for the planning and implementation of the seven bonspiels that take place at the Club during the season. I work with the bonspiel organizers to ensure that these events are a source of revenue for our Club and that the teams who attend have a great experience. I also organized the Learn-to-Curl clinics on Thursday nights in the months of January and February.



**Brian Henry, President**

The president can be likened to the conductor of an orchestra. Being blessed with a very talented board, it is my responsibility to bring the talents of the board members together for the good of the club. I preside over the board meetings which are held once a month. Through our marketing committee, I communicate important information to club members. To a large degree it is the role of the president to seek talented individuals to work around the club as volunteers or board members. I represent the board and the club to not only the members but to the others who may seek our services. People often approach me about concerns they may have. I either deal with them directly or pass those concerns on to the appropriate individual for resolution. It



has been a pleasure to serve as Club President over the last year and a half.



**Pat Johnson,  
Communications**

My role on the Board is to ensure that you, our Members, are aware of what's happening at your

Club. I create this newsletter and use email as our major forms of communication. I also liaise with local media when appropriate. I am part of the Marketing Committee, along with Colleen Coghlin, Lorne McKinnon, and Jim Anderson and together we work on ideas to promote and encourage new memberships to our Club.

**Dave Oberholtzer,  
Treasurer**



As treasurer, I am responsible for overseeing all financial matters concerning the Club.

This includes monitoring income and expenditures during the year – ensuring all bills are paid on time and that membership, bar and rental deposits are made. The treasurer also coordinates with our auditors to ensure they have access to all necessary documentation for the yearly audit and completion of our not-for-profit and income tax return. The treasurer prepares annual budgets and interim financial statements for discussion at a board level and audited financial statements to members at the Annual General Meeting.

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Colleen Coghlin  
Dianne Crossley  
Lavern Brubacher  
Linda Dickson  
Twyla Gilbert  
Glenn Paulley  
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. If you are interested in becoming a board member for the 2012-2013 season, please contact any current board member.

To the Ladies of the Curling Club  
You are invited to attend the Year End Banquet  
April 11, 2012 (note new date)

Please note the posters around the curling club advertising the year end ladies banquet. This year we are planning a very special evening with lots of fun activities, special drinks, games, and a theme that everyone can get excited about! The tea party will be catered by Flow Catering of Elmira!

So don't be late for a very special date - sign up today!



Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased from the bartender, Donna Schultz or Mary George