



Elmira & District Curling Club

## October 2012 NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming events

#### 2012

November 19 to 21 – Host Tim Horton's Master Men Zone Playdowns

#### 2013

January 5 to 6 – Host Dominion Tankard Regional Playdowns

January 12 - Chocolate Lovers Ladies Bonspiel

February 2 - Men's Striplin Classic

February 9 - Little Rock/Junior

March 2 - Ribs 'n Tails

March 9 - Men's Texas BBQ

March 11 - Teacher's Bonspiel

April 6 - Maple Syrup Bonspiel

**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**

Welcome Members to the 2012-2013 curling season here in Elmira. I am pleased to take on the role of President of this fine Club and wish to thank Brian Henry for all of the work he did as President for the past two years. I welcome your comments and look forward to seeing and speaking with you

over the next several months.

I would like to welcome the 17 new members and wish you "Good Curling" whether you're new to the sport or a seasoned veteran. I hope that you enjoy the season. I would also like to welcome back all of our returning members who have chosen to support the Elmira & District Curling Club again this year. Also welcome to Melody Martin who has joined the Board tasked with Club & Special Events.

Over the summer we recruited and hired a new ice technician. Robert Shaw joins us from the Dundas Granite Curling Club. He also curls in our Monday early and Wednesday late leagues. Welcome Robert! Also in regards to the ice, you may also have noticed that we purchased and installed removable hacks this year to help keep the ice clean. I would also like to thank Lavern Brubacher, Ted Starling and Paul Miller who donated their time removing paint and old sand from the rink and replacing with new in preparation of the ice going in.

Our Curling 101 program has begun! The goal of this six week program is to teach basic curling skills to anyone interested in learning more about our sport. My thanks to those Club members who have volunteered their time and talent to run this program for the close to 40 people registered.

I encourage you to read the rest of this newsletter for important information about our Club. Learn more about this year's fundraiser and about the availability of ice time on Friday nights. Come on out at 8:30 p.m. to throw practise rocks or bring friends to try curling...no charge for members and only a \$5 charge for non-members.

Thank you.

**Bill Barr**

**President, Elmira & District Curling Club**

[www.elmiracurlingclub.ca](http://www.elmiracurlingclub.ca)



### Thank you to our Drawmasters

We appreciate your time and efforts this year.

Sunday	Doug Fickling
Monday, early	Dan Donaldson
Monday, late	Mary Pidgeon
Tuesday, early	Stephen Jones
Tuesday, late	Rick Martin
Wednesday, early	Wendy Anderson
Wednesday, late	Ryan Marshall
Thursday, day	Lorne MacKinnon
Thursday, late	Bob Johnson
Friday	Bill Cronin

### Welcome to our new Club members

Ameer Abdulla	Alyssa James
Michelle Anthony	Yvonne James
Susan Avis	Jackie Jones
Leroy Brubacher	Shawna Reibling
Marlene Brubacher	Robert Shaw
Ryan Brutzki	Anna Tupling
Jane Cottrill	Ben Tupling
Paul Fusari	Cole Vincent
	Bob Witney

### TV Raffle

Elmira & District Curling Club is conducting a TV raffle 50" Plasma TV with 2 year extended warranty, retail value \$1029 under licence 714009. Tickets are available from Linda Dickson and Dan Donaldson. 500 tickets will be sold at a cost of 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. Draw to be made Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 9 p.m. at the Elmira & District Curling Club, 40 Eldale Rd, Elmira.

Thank you to Steve's TV who provided the TV at cost. And to Linda Dickson for organizing.

### Welcome to our new Ice Technician, Robert Shaw



Robert has worked for the past eight years as Manager/ Ice Maker at the Dundas Granite Curling Club. He is a Level 1 Ice Technician through the Canadian Curling Association and is an avid

curler himself. You'll see him curling in the Monday, early and Wednesday, late leagues. In the off season Robert is the Owner/Operator of Valley Scapes – Landscape/Property Maintenance and Management Company.

### Junior Curling update

The Elmira Junior Curling program got underway on Sunday, October 21 with the first of two open houses to welcome both newcomers and returning children to the program. As usual, children between 7 and 17 are invited to try the sport of curling without cost or obligation for our first two Sundays of the year, after which membership fees are due at the very reasonable cost of \$100 for the entire season. Based on our turnout it appears as if Elmira will have a full Little Rock program once again this year.

This year's coaching staff includes Glenn Paulley, Marc Bernard, Dirk Molenaar, Geoff Martin, Shawn Hamelin and Reg Domaratzki. The season has already been underway for nearly a month as the Anika Molenaar rink has played at Galt through September and entered their first bonspiel in October in Orangeville, finishing in second place in their event, losing to a talented foursome from Shelburne. Now that the ice is in at Elmira, plans for our season include participation in various little rock and



Bantam bonspiels throughout the winter, including North Halton the first Saturday in December and possibly several others before the Christmas break. Bonspiel season really gets underway in January with bantam boys and girls playdowns in January along with Little Rock events at Westmount, Milton, and K-W Granite as well as Elmira's own Junior bonspiel on February 9, 2013.

### **2012/2013 Club Bonspiels**

Our Club Bonspiels have been scheduled for the season. Please visit our website for details on format and costs and who to contact if you're Interested in playing. Dates are included on the first page of this newsletter.

### **Pro-Shop**

Our Pro Shop welcomes back curlers both new and returning for another great season. We carry an extensive range of curling supplies from Goldline, Balance Plus and Tournament Sports. If you don't see what you want, check out our suppliers' websites. We can order from any of them. It is not too early to start thinking about Christmas. We have clothing, jewelry and novelty items for that special person on your list. All profits from the shop go to support our curling programs here at the club. For purchases see Virginia Henry, Linda Dickson, Brian Henry or Scott Foerster.

### **50/50 draw**

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

### **In Memoriam**

Over the summer, two former long-time members passed away. Our condolences are extended to the families of Doris Bast and William Cushing.

### **2012 Home Hardware Bonspiel**

Elmira will be one of 13 clubs participating in this annual event. Check out the sign-up sheet posted at the Club for more information or contact Carolyn Adams. Good luck to all of the Elmira teams who will be playing next month!

### **CCA Rules of Curling for General Play**

Sometimes during a curling game, we're not sure what the rules are in certain situations. As a refresher, the newsletter will include a *CCA Rule of Curling for General Play* in each edition. Here is this month's Rule.

#### ***Touched Moving Stones***

- (1) A stone in motion shall not be touched by any player, equipment or personal belongings of the team to which it belongs.
  
- (2) Between the tee line at the delivering end and the hog line at the playing end:
  - (a) If a moving stone is touched, or is caused to be touched by the team to which it belongs or by its equipment the touched stone is removed from play immediately by that team.
  - (b) If a moving stone is touched, or is caused to be touched by the opposition or by their equipment or is affected by an external force:
    - (i) If the stone was the delivered stone, it is re-delivered;
    - (ii) If the stone was not the delivered stone, it is placed where the team to which it belongs reasonably considers it



would have come to rest had it not been touched.

(3) Inside the hog line at the playing end:

(a) If a moving stone is touched, or is caused to be touched, by the team to which it belongs, or by its equipment, all stones are allowed to come to rest, after which the non-offending team has the option to remove the touched stone and replace all stones that were displaced after the infraction to their original positions; or leave all stones where they came to rest; or place all stones where it reasonably considers the stones would have come to rest had the moving stone not been touched.

(b) If a moving stone is touched, or is caused to be touched, by the opposition or by their equipment, all stones are allowed to come to rest, after which the non-offending team places the stones where it reasonably considers the stones would have come to rest had the moving stone not been touched.

(c) If a moving stone is touched, or is caused to be touched, by an external force, all stones are allowed to come to rest and then placed where they would have come to rest if the incident had not occurred. If the teams cannot agree, the stone is redelivered after all displaced stones have been replaced to their original positions.

### **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.

### **Club duties 2012 – 2013**

The Elmira Curling Club operates to a large degree on a volunteer basis. This allows us to maintain reasonable fees for every member. At the start of the year all members pay a duty fee of \$75.00. Some members choose to ultimately donate this fee to the club. However, most members choose to volunteer their time and talents to assist in the operation of the club.

Volunteer opportunities are listed on the bulletin board near the change rooms. Choose one event that suits your personal schedule and sign up. Please make sure you write your name beside kitchen member and preferred time or bartender and preferred time.

If you must cancel out of your duty less than two weeks prior to an event please find a replacement and notify the event organizer. Then please remove your name from the list.

A duty consists of a minimum five hour commitment to the club. Some members complete their duties by being draw masters, board members, ice pebblers, or bonspiel organizers.

If you choose to work in the kitchen, please refer to the binder in the kitchen drawer for a list of your responsibilities for your shift.



If working as a bartender, volunteers are required to have Smart Serve certification. Please bring your Smart Serve card the day of your duty for liquor license purposes and show it to the event organizer. If you have no bar volunteer experience, please speak to Dan Donaldson, bar manager.

***Thanks you in advance for making Elmira Curling Club a welcoming and friendly community of curlers.***

**Your 2012-2013 Board of Directors**

President	Bill Barr
Past President	Brian Henry
Vice-President	vacant
Secretary	Marc Bernard
Treasurer	Dave Oberholtzer
Assistant Treasurer	Dianne Sherwood
Membership Manager	Colleen Coghlin
Food Services	Dianne Crossley
House Facilities	Lavern Brubacher
Club & Special Events	Melody Martin
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 Vice-President position. If you're interested in filling this position or if you are interested in becoming a board member for the 2013-2014 season, please contact Bill Barr.

**Club awards**

The next 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The written nomination *must* be signed by thirty additional current adult members to demonstrate support for the nomination.

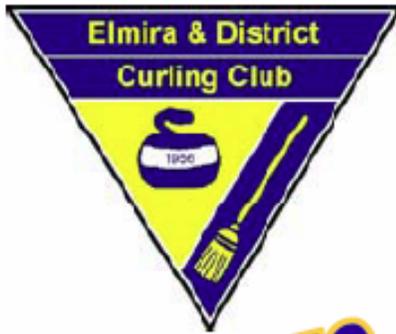
The written nomination must set out how the candidate demonstrates the following criteria:

- 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.



# Drop-in Curling in Elmira



**Fridays ~ Oct 26 to Dec 21**

**Only \$5 for non-members**

**Free for members**

**Show up at 8:15pm to have teams**

**organized for 8:30pm start**

40 Eldale Rd

For more information ~ [membership@elmiracurlingclub.ca](mailto:membership@elmiracurlingclub.ca) or  
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