



Elmira & District Curling Club

March 2013 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events

2013

April 6 - Maple Syrup Bonspiel

April 10 – Ladies Banquet

April 13 – Year-end shin-dig

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

The end of the season is upon us. The weather outside doesn't make us think quite as much about our off-season activities like it did last year but for many of us we are down to our last few games of the season.

Bonspiel season continues at the Club and we've hosted more successful spiels. Thanks to our organizers and volunteers who run these events. You can read more about a couple of them in this newsletter. One more bonspiel is taking place April 6.

We have received feedback from some members that there is an issue with some of the rocks. The board will be deciding on a course of action to correct them for next season.

Plans for both the Ladies year-end banquet and the final shin-dig (where the draw for the TV will take place) are well underway. Details are in this newsletter and posted at the Club.

I hope you enjoy these last few weeks of the curling season and I look forward to seeing you at our year-end festivities.

Thank you.

Bill Barr
President, Elmira & District Curling Club



Elmira bonspiels continue to be successful thanks to the efforts of our volunteers

Ribs and Tails Bonspiel Saturday March 2

Thanks to Dianne Crossley who ran the event. Here's what she had to say about the day.

Joe came back all the way from the Collingwood Curling Club to the annual Ribs and Tails Bonspiel! Joe Strader that is with his wife, Sheila and daughter Joanne and her husband. This is a family tradition and Joe told me this year they have made the annual journey to this spiel for 12 years. He says he keeps coming back to see what craziness will happen each year. The bonspiel was full with two draws and all teams curled three 6-end games. Everyone enjoyed good fellowship, food and fun!!

The theme this year was "Down in the Barnyard". Each team used the catapult to knock the pigs off the straw bale barrier to gain the bragging rights of best hog hitter and team points. Between the 2nd and 3rd game all teams chose a team member to participate in the "hog feed". Unbeknown to the chosen hog, feeding time was approaching and all hogs had to go routing for their grub in a trough (tin foil pans). Each player was donned in "pig attire complete with tails". The farmer arrived with her hog slopping pail and prepared "the slop" of chocolate pudding (looked like mud), caramel pudding (farmyard waste), oatmeal (chop), rice (maggots) and Chinese noodles (straw) for her hogs. The 8 hogs came out the swinging barn doors (dining room doors) when the crowd hollered "sui". Snorting and rushing on all fours the bores and hogs fought their way to a trough to retrieve their food (8 fuzzy peaches) using



only their faces, of course. How else would a hog eat!! Teams cheered and "routed" for their favourite boar or hog!!! Much laughter, many pictures and squeals of fun were experienced by all.



A large raffle table had amazing items all generously donated from The Woodburner, St. Jacobs Home Hardware, Exclusive Elements, St. Jacobs and RMP Athletics, Kitchener. We sold 37 sets of tickets (111 tickets) for the draw on the big screen television, hurrah!!!

A delicious chili lunch catered by Dave Muehling Catering and a wonderful ribs and tails dinner catered by Davenport Catering was enjoyed by all guests. The early draw was won by the Gary Crossley team of Colleen Coghlin, Michael Crossley and Allison Moore and the second draw won by the John Cheyne team of Ruth and Doug Alexander and Anne Wood. Congratulations to all the players! Each team received a pork prize from Stemmler Meats in Heidelberg.

Just forty nine weeks until we all join together for our 2014 Ribs and Tails Spiel.

Dianne



Men's Texas BBQ Bonspiel Saturday, March 9

Thanks to John Hrabí who ran the event. Here's what he had to say about the day.

The 2013 edition of the Texas BBQ bonspiel, was another very successful club event. The participants gave the event a big "thumbs up" with a survey score of 4.8 on a 1 to 5 scale.

Teams from Ayr, Elmira, Galt Country, Guelph Curling, KW Granite, Maitland, Mississauga and Stratford took part in the bonspiel. Most of the teams in the early draw were returning teams from previous years while the late draw was an even mix of returning and new teams.

Marc Joyce's team from KW Granite won the 9 a.m. draw with Lorne MacKinnon taking second place after a back-and-forth, "down to the wire" match. Doug Suerich from the KW Granite club won the 11 a.m. draw.

Our sponsors – Foodland (deli meats & kaisers), Good's Auto Supply (cash), The Woodburner (BBQ and propane), and Wellington Breweries (6 packs for the winners) – contributed to the overall success of the bonspiel and helped ensure the bonspiel provides a financial benefit to our Club.

All of the volunteers did an outstanding job in preparing and serving food, working the bar and manning the BBQ. The curlers really appreciated their hospitality and efforts. And, a special thanks to Rob and his son for preparing the ice and getting each sheet ready for the next game as quickly as possible – it certainly helped keep things on schedule.

The steak dinner is always a favourite with the curlers and this year we served up extra thick steaks courtesy of a special deal with Foodland. The curlers rated the dinner a perfect "5".



The bar at the Texas BBQ spiel always does a brisk business and this year was no exception.

In previous years, we'd received some feedback that the event was too long. Part of this year's survey asked participants if they would like a change in format to shorten the bonspiel. 13 of the 16 teams indicated that the format was just fine so there will be no change in the bonspiel format.

The winning combination of our Club's friendly people, great food and welcoming atmosphere continue to make Elmira Curling events "the place to be".

John

Dominion Club Champions

Our Dominion Club Champions are:

Men's division

Dean Martin, Ken Gilbert, Brian Henry, Bill Barr

Women's division

Mary Pidgeon, Bonnie Forler, Pat Johnson, Linda Dickson

The Men's and Women's Division Champions will represent our Club at "The Dominion" Curling Championship in the Fall of 2013.



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Elmira members advance at OCA and CCA events

Congratulations to Twyla Gilbert and her team out of the Galt Curling Club who won the Ontario Senior Women's Provincial competition and competed at Canadian championships in PEI in March.

Jackie Jones will compete in her second provincial championship this season in the Bantam Mixed Provincials taking place in Galt April 10 to 13. Good luck!

In the Women's Tankard, the two teams consisting of Mary Pidgeon, Bonnie Forler, Pat Johnson, Linda Dickson and Colleen Coghlin/Susan Martin, Dianne Crossley, Michele Anthony, and Jennifer Bernard will compete at Regionals in Cookstown in April.

Brier Party – a huge success and featured our own Ford Hot Shots Skill Competition

I would like to thank everyone who came out for our Brier Final Party on Sunday, March 10. We had a great time with the Ford Hot Shots Skill Competition and had 16 competitors try their shots at a Hit and Stay, Draw to the Button, and a Raise to the Button. Our top winner was Shawn Hamelin who came away with a Hot

Wheels Ford Focus and a Tim's Gift Card. We had a three way tie for Second and Third (each receiving a Tim's Gift Card). Twyla Gilbert, Rick Martin and Andrew Gilbert each had their go at a tie breaker Hit and Roll. Twyla was perfect and clinched second place. Rick and Andrew had a go at a draw through a port with Rick coming out the victor.

Thank you to all that participated and we hope to host a 2014 Olympic Party (if the Russian time difference allows it)!

Melody Martin
Club and Special Events

2013-2014 Registration packages

Due to board discussion and consultations with members, the packages are unable to be ready before the end of the season. They will be mailed out mid-August as per prior years. If anyone is looking to form a new team or is not returning to an existing team, now is the time to have that conversation. It's easier to start building new teams and plugging holes now then it is in August and September. We would love to be operating with full draws but even giving us a 9th team in a draw would do wonders for the ability to bring out spares. Please contact Colleen Coghlin, Membership Manager if you are looking for a team and she can match people up.



Year-end Party – Saturday, April 13

See the last page of this newsletter for more details.

Attention: All Ladies of the Club

You are invited to this year's Year End Curling Banquet

Whine and Cheesy Party

April 10, 2013 - 6:30 p.m. to closing

\$20.00 a ticket

For more information please note the posters on the bulletin boards.

Curler's golf tournament - Saturday, June 22, 2013



Enjoy nine holes of golf, a buffet dinner and prizes. Golfing begins around 3:15 p.m. (exact timing still to be determined). You don't need to be an

experienced golfer to sign up. Dianne Crossley will determine teams.

You can register at the Club (there is a sign-up sheet available) or email Dianne at black_coffee3@hotmail.com. Deadline to sign up is June 1 and payment is due the day of the tournament.

Want to complete your Club duty this summer?



There are plenty of jobs to be done in the off season like painting, gardening, or carpentry. Contact Club Manager Dan Donaldson for more information.

TV Raffle – still a few tickets available to purchase

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 and at the bar.

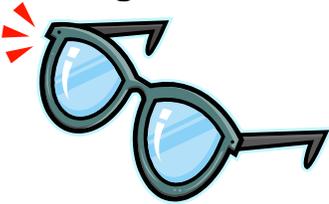
500 tickets will be sold at a cost of 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. Draw to be made Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 9 p.m. at the Elmira & District Curling Club, 40 Eldale Rd, Elmira.



Pro-Shop – Gift certificates available

Our Pro Shop carries 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. 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.

Do you have a pair of eye glasses you no longer need?



The Elmira Lions Club is accepting donations. Just drop them in the box near the book shelf. Thank you.

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 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.



ADULT GAMES NIGHT

POTLUCK SNACKS

7:30pm - ??:00am

FREE Night of board games, card games, races and more.



Poker Tournament
\$5.00/person

Euchre Tournament
\$2.00/person

Sign-up at the bar by April 5th 2013. Winners win half the pot.

* Cash Bar



FAMILY GAMES NIGHT

POTLUCK DINNER

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Bring the family out for a Fun, FREE night of board games, races, Angry Birds and more

* Cash Bar/Drinks

