



## Elmira & District Curling Club

# April 2014 NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming events

2014

Oct. 5 – family open house!

**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 2013-2014 curling season is now history and as we hang up our gear for the summer, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Board and all of our members for another successful season.

This season we had our rocks textured and on April 7, Damien Villard completed the matching. Using an electronic timer and consistent throwing, the appropriate handles have been switched and rocks are ready for October.

This season we installed black lights in the arena so that we could accommodate glow in the dark curling. We hosted two very successful bonspiels that more than covered the initial start-up costs.

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent membership survey. We received 71 responses and as an incentive, a \$50 pro shop gift certificate was awarded to one lucky entrant. Congratulations to winner Les Sulpher whose name was randomly drawn from all responses.

Work will begin on preparing the ice in late August with sand replacement. We will be looking for three to four volunteers to help with this. We will also be looking for three volunteers to form an ice committee next season.

I encourage you to read the rest of this newsletter. It contains highlights of the end of our season.

On behalf of the Board, enjoy your summer. See you in the fall.

Thank you.

**Bill Barr, President, Elmira & District Curling Club**

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



## TV draw winner

Congratulations to Elmira member Steve Dreyer (Thursday late) who was the grand prize winner of the raffle. Steve won a 50" Plasma TV with two year extended warranty. Second prize of \$250 went to Scott Priest of Guelph. Shirley Sullivan of Mount Hope won third prize of \$100.

Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle. It was the Club's main fundraising event this season and was a huge success.



## Junior Curling update

This season we celebrated a number of significant accomplishments:

- solid performances by our Little Rock teams in various bonspiels, including a win by Olivia Ronson and her rink in the Elmira Junior Bonspiel
- Team Erica Poluck qualifying for OCA bantam girls' regionals out of Mount Forest (Zone 14)

- Three teams entered in bantam boys and girls competitions: Team Erica Poluck, Team Anika Molenaar, and Team Andrew Paulley
- Team Andrew Paulley finishing as runner-up to Team Walker of the Parry Sound Curling Club in the boys' draw in our first annual OJCT cash spiel in November
- Three bantam mixed teams (an Elmira club record) entered in OCA Zone 12 bantam mixed: Team Emma McKenzie, Team Natalie Bean, and Team Alison Poluck.

We look forward to celebrating top-tier performances next season!

My thanks to all of those who have helped make the program such a success this year: our coaches (Marc Bernard and Dirk Molenaar) and assistants (Reg Domaratzki, Melody Martin, Andrew Paulley and Sam Domaratzki); our ice technician, Rob Shaw; and to Deb Wells, Dave Wells, Alison Olmsted and Sara Ronson for looking after hot chocolate for the Little Rockers each Sunday afternoon. Your involvement and your time are greatly appreciated.

## 2013-2014 Junior Curling season award winners

At a well-attended end-of-season "Shindig" on Saturday, April 12 following K-W Granite's Monkey Bonspiel, our second annual Junior Curling award nominees and winners were announced to a full house at the Elmira & District Curling Club. Each of the winners was presented with a tabletop glass plaque, engraved with the Elmira & District Curling Club logo and their name.



## Award nominees and winners

The **Ken Watson Sportsmanship Award**, presented to the player in each age category that exhibits the highest levels of sportsmanship both on and off the ice

- Little Rock nominees: Linden Jorna, Luke Sinclair, Cameron Olmsted, Thomas Norcott and Logan Brideau. Winner: Logan Brideau.
- Bantam nominees: Quentin Mayer, Nathan Wells, Thomas Kraemer and Morgan Hanley. Winner: Quentin Mayer.

The **Sandra Schmirler Rookie of the Year Award**, presented to the Little Rock and Bantam/Junior player who exhibit the best mastery of the skills of curling in their first year in the program

- Little Rock nominees: Marissa Coe, Logan Brideau, Valorie Martin, and David Fox. Winner: Valorie Martin.
- Bantam nominees: Pauline Ditner and Zack Brideau. Winner: Pauline Ditner.

The **Vera Pezer Most Improved Player award**, awarded to the player who in the view of the coaching staff improved their curling skills the most during the past season

- Little Rock nominees: Adrianna Molenaar, Olivia Ronson, William Henry, Matthew Kraemer, and Fiona Bernard. Winner: Matthew Kraemer.
- Bantam nominees: Natalie Mayer, Erica Poluck, Veronica Bernard, and Tony Domzella. Winner: Natalie Mayer.

The **Russ Howard Most Valuable Player Award**, given to the player of each age group who, in the opinion of the coaching staff, is the most valuable to their team or to bonspiel teams that are formed during the season.

- Little Rock nominees: Olivia Ronson, Quinn Caplice, Linden Jorna, William Henry, and Connor Stone. Winner: Olivia Ronson.
- Bantam nominees: Emma McKenzie, Andrew Paulley, and Erica Poluck. Winner: Emma McKenzie.

Congratulations to all of the nominees and the winners of each award! Each of the award winners has their name engraved on our Junior Curling Awards plaque that hangs in the downstairs hallway adjacent to the main bulletin boards.

## Team Bernard wins silver at Timbits provincials

Congratulations to the Veronica Bernard rink from the Elmira & District Curling Club, who along with Elmira teammates Thomas Kraemer, Kyle Henry, and Matthew Kraemer won the silver medal at the 2014 OCA Tim Hortons Timbits Elementary School Championships held in Gravenhurst, representing St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Elementary School in Elmira.



The final was a close game, with the Elmira foursome with the lead in the sixth end after Veronica made a crucial raise against five in the fifth. Fisher drew for one in six, knotting the game and setting the stage for an extra end which came down to last stone, with Veronica's final rock rolling just a few inches too far and giving up the steal of one to the McDougall foursome for the win.



Veronica Bernard delivers a stone during the Championships, under the careful watch of Kyle Henry and Matthew Kraemer

We are immensely proud of this team, who not only exceeded all expectations for the Championships but were universally credited amongst the other teams, coaches and spectators for their fine example of good play and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Well done!



Veronica Bernard at the 2014 Timbits Provincial Championships

Finishing round-robin play with a 3-1 record within their pool, Team Bernard earned a spot in the playoffs on a tiebreaker. They then proceeded to win their next three games to find themselves in the Championship final against the Maddie Fisher rink from McDougall Elementary Public School in Parry Sound.



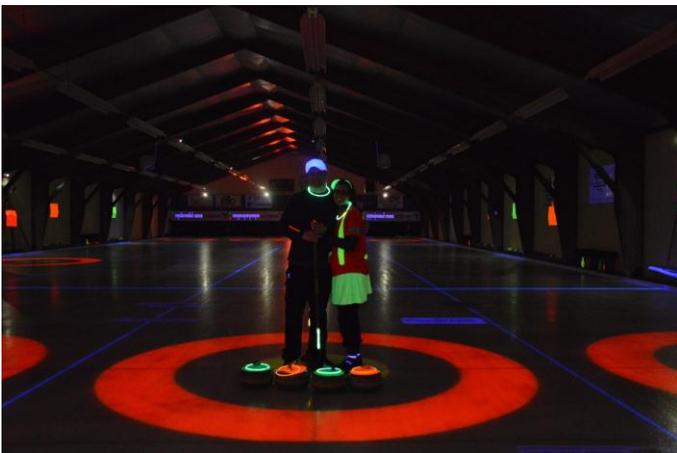
Team Bernard, representing St Teresa of Avila Elementary School in Elmira and the Elmira and District Curling Club



## Glow-in-the-Dark bonspiel

On March 29 we held our second Glow-in-the-Dark bonspiel this season. We, along with our husbands, Larry and Scott, organized the event. We began advertising in February and within a matter of two weeks we had two draws filled, four teams having at least one member from our own club. By the time our event ran, we had received another 17 teams on a waiting list. Thanks to Wayne Uhrig for helping Friday evening with the set-up of the viewing area when we had an unfortunate cable mishap.

The day began at 9 a.m. with teams arriving in full Neon get-ups. There was much creativity and learning to find out what glows under our black lights. We ran two draws with three, 6-end games. The winners of the first draw were, myself, along with my husband Larry. Due to an unfortunate plane delay from Cuba our front end did not make it to play with us. We owe a HUGE thank you to Scott Coghlin who filled in for us during our first game, Stephanie Marshall for our second game and David Miller and Stephanie for our third game. The winner of the second draw was Doug Suerich's team from the K-W Granite Club. Using their creativity from participating in our Broom Sticks and Glow Sticks bonspiel in December, they created fancy hand motions and signals with their lights for easier communication.



We awarded prizes for the team that had the highest score on the brain teaser quiz. Each received glowing crowns and swords to use during their games. Beginning at 1 p.m., Nathan Jagger came to perform live music with his guitar, free of charge, with a tip jar set up for his time. He sang all afternoon and right into the evening, entertaining both draws for a number of hours. This was well received by those in attendance and the crowd sang right along. A thank you to Rob Shaw for coming out and prepping the ice for us (pebbling and nipping in the dark sometimes!), as well as the volunteers for the Kitchen and Bar throughout the day. If it wasn't for your help, we wouldn't be able to run these events smoothly.



We are excited this event was a huge success making almost as much bar revenue as a men's bonspiel does. If anyone is interested in running this event next year in February or March, please let either of us know. We are more than happy to help with set up, and lead you through what needs to be done throughout the day.

We do have a two 8-end game Glow-in-the-dark bonspiel planned for November (Colleen will run) so get in early if you want to be part of this fun event!

Thank you,  
Melody Martin and Colleen Coghlin



## Curling 101 continues next season

Thursdays this fall will shine as we continue to host our smash hit Curling 101 program. The 10 week course features 4 weeks of instruction followed by 6 weeks of game play, all for only \$125 plus tax. If you have a friend or family member who wants to give curling a try it's an excellent choice! We will also be on the hunt for members willing to help with instruction and supervise games (volunteering for two nights counts as your duty). The fall program kicks off on October 16 and the winter session starts January 22.

For information and sign-up please contact Paul Fusari; [curling101@elmiracurlingclub.ca](mailto:curling101@elmiracurlingclub.ca) or 519-746-0778. Space is limited so don't wait until the last minute!

## League winners

Here's how some of our leagues finished the season

Sunday – A - Doug Fickling; B-Ryan Marshall

Monday late – Gold - Chris Pidgeon; Silver - Doug Adams

Wednesday late – A - Ryan Marshall

Thursday morning

The Thursday morning league wrapped up another fun, successful season with a catered luncheon at the club on Thursday April 3. We don't record wins and losses; we don't do playoffs; we do emphasize fun and camaraderie ... so everyone's a winner. This year, we had a number of "half-season" participants but were able to balance fall season departures with

winter season entrants and maintained a full complement of nine teams across the entire season.

*Lorne McKinnon, Thursday morning drawmaster*

Thursday – A - Pat Johnson, Aden Frey, Ken Steele, Wayne Uhrig; B - Rich Clemmer, Stephen Klinck, Darcy Weber, Marsha Arnald

Friday



Again this year we had a great Friday night draw. We started in October with set teams and then switched the teams around five more times which seemed to work well. During the season we did a couple of pot luck lunches as well we had a couple of hot dog nights and of course we did a pizza night plus on occasion we went out after curling. This year was not competitive. Our focus was on helping the new curlers learn the sport with the goal on having fun as well as the social aspect of being together. Next year we will ask at the beginning of the season if the group would like to make it more serious with score keeping. (I hope not!).



At our closing party we had prizes for all the Friday night curlers. Plus the winning skip Richard Clemmer; vice Susan Cronin; second Paul Norris; lead Marilyn Martin also received a turkey.

Looking forward to next year's 6:30 draw.

Thanks

*Bill and Susan Cronin*

## **Your 2013-2014 Board of Directors**

President	Bill Barr
Past President	Brian Henry
Vice-President	vacant
Secretary	Marc Bernard
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 2014-2015 season, please contact Bill Barr.