



Elmira & District Curling Club

October 2014 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events

2014

Nov. 22 - Glow in the Dark
Bonspiel

Nov. to 28 to 30 - Elmira OJCT
Bantam Bonspiel

2015

January 10 - Chocolate Lovers
Ladies Bonspiel

January 31 - Men's Striplin
Classic

February 7 - Little Rock/Junior

February 28 - Ribs 'n Tails

March 7 - Men's Texas BBQ

March 9 - Teacher's Bonspiel

March 28 - Broom Sticks &
Glow Sticks Bonspiel

April 4 - Maple Syrup Bonspiel

**Please visit the website for
more details on upcoming
events!**



Message from the President

Welcome everyone to the 2014-2015 curling season here in Elmira especially to the 27 new members who joined our Club this season! I hope your summer was enjoyable and wish you a wonderful curling season.

We are off to a great start this year with 225 members and there are plenty of things going on at the Club early in the season. Our TV raffle is up and running, Curling 101 Fall session is full at 41 participants, our first bonspiel is set for November 22 and we have a record number of curlers in our Junior curling program at 57. We also have a debit machine for bar purchases and you can now follow us on Twitter!

Thank you to Marc Bernard who has left the Board after serving as Secretary for several years. Welcome to Paul Fusari our new Board Secretary and to Ryan Marshall, Director at Large. The position of Vice President of our Club continues to be vacant and it is urgent that we fill this position quickly. If you're interested, please contact me.

Welcome to Jennifer Lipp, Club Manager. She has done an excellent job helping us get the curling season here in Elmira up and running.

Treasurer's Two Cents is a new column in this newsletter where you will receive regular updates from Dianne Sherwood.

Please read the rest of this newsletter for important information about our Club. I welcome your comments and look forward to seeing and speaking with you during the season.

Thank you.

Bill Barr

President, Elmira & District Curling Club



Thank you to our Draw masters

We appreciate your time and efforts this year.

Sunday	Sheila Smith-Jones
Monday, early	Dan Donaldson
Monday, late	Mary Pidgeon
Tuesday, early	Stephen Jones
Tuesday, late	Rick Martin
Wednesday, early	Wendy Anderson
Wednesday, late	Chris Pidgeon
Thursday, day	Lorne MacKinnon
Thursday 101	Paul Fusari
Thursday, late	Bob Johnson
Friday	Bill & Susan Cronin

Welcome to our 27 new Club members

Valerie Alton	Richard Junkin
Will Broughton	Kristen Ladouceur
Christina Brox	Peter Mackenzie
Ben Constable	Blaire Mackenzie
Reg Domaratzki	Michael MacLean
Sam Domaratzki	Kate Morgan
Marc Ethier	Graham Rumble
Ken Fargo	Ron Serviss
Jackie Gidge	Matt Skogstad
Travis Hambermehl	Lindsey Smeltzer
Andrew Harbison	Penny Stager
Cory Haugerud	Brian Voigt
Bryan Henry	Chris Yakymchuk
Don James	

Welcome back past Club members

Murray Bolton	Art Phelan
Greg Clark	Nanci Phelan
Stan Janicek	Alexander Rudow
Keith Nelson	Don Stockman

Welcome Jennifer Lipp, Club Manager

Jennifer has lived in Elmira for the past five years and has been working at the TD Canada Trust branch in town for 15 years. Married, with three boys ages 10 and twins who are seven, Jennifer looks forward to meeting as many members as she can during the season.

Total membership

	2014-2015	2013-2014
Full-time evening	191	184
Full-time day	11	16
Half-season (evening or day)	20	7
Lifetime	3	3
TOTAL	225	210

2014/2015 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.

We are looking for someone to run the Maple Syrup Bonspiel on Saturday, April 4, 2015. Thank you to Gerry Hahn who has run it successfully in past years. If you're interested, please contact Melody Martin.

Ice Committee

Thanks to Ryan Marshall, Rob Shaw, Twyla Gilbert and Allan Dickson who are available to discuss any ice conditions and would welcome any comments.



Curling 101 update

We have had a tremendous response and the Fall session is fully booked with 41 participants. The last part of the program is devoted to playing practice games, with members overseeing and providing guidance. If you would like to volunteer to help oversee the practice games (instructors are also present), there are duty sheets posted for you to sign up - begins Nov. 13. Volunteer for two sessions to complete your duty. If you would like more information please contact Paul Fusari.

Junior Curling update by Glenn Paulley

The Elmira Junior Curling program is now in full swing with a record number of participants – 57 – from ages 7 to 16. Our Little Rock program is almost completely full with 31 children, many of which are on a sheet of curling ice for the first time. Running a program of this size would not be possible without the volunteer help that we have at Elmira, both on and off the ice. I would particularly like to thank bantam players Anika Molenaar, Veronica Bernard, and Andrew Paulley for helping on the ice with the Little Rocks curlers and teaching them the fundamentals of the game.

Our bantam program this year is also strong with 26 bantam-aged players currently registered. We are looking at getting entries into a number of bantam bonspiels throughout the Region and beyond, and in addition we hope that Elmira will be able to participate in Bantam Interclub play with other local clubs including Elora, Fergus, Orangeville, and Shelburne.

Coming up in late November is the Elmira OJCT bantam cash bonspiel, which will host 16 competitive boys' and girls' teams from across southern Ontario including rinks from Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Midland, and Oshawa, along with local teams from Kitchener-Waterloo and Elmira. Play begins Friday, November 28 at 6:30pm and the finals are set for 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 30. Generous sponsorship from local firms, including:

- Kiwanis Club of Elmira
- Century Group Financial Solutions, a division of Sun Life Financial, Kitchener
- Programmed Insurance Brokers of Elmira
- Rudow's CARSTAR Autobody of Elmira
- Frey Building Contractors of Hawkesville
- Adventure Guide of Kitchener
- Martin Mills of Elmira

permit us to hold a first-class event for these competitive bantam-aged teams, with total prize money of \$2,600. Members at Elmira are encouraged to come out and support the teams with players from Elmira, including Team Bernard and Team Molenaar in the girls' draw, and Team Paulley in the boys' draw. Live scoring of this event will be offered through the Ontario Junior Curling Tour website (ojct.ca) and event details, including the complete draw and list of teams, can be found at <http://glennpaulley.ca/curling>.





Treasurer's Two Cents *by Dianne Sherwood*

Please email questions or topics for future articles to treasurer@elmiracurlingclub.ca.

My first topic is the duty fee refunds. At the beginning of each season, duty fees are paid by all members. This duty fee is eligible for reimbursement for one volunteer activity (at least 5 hours of work performed at the club or to make a club event successful). If a member chooses to help out the club by performing another volunteer duty, no further reimbursement will be made. If we were to pay extra duty fees, it is no longer a reimbursement and could be taxable income.

Our curling club relies on members to assist with the operations of the club to keep costs down. We have been able to keep the membership fees the same for a couple of years now. If we do not have members volunteer to help out at club events, we have to hire non-members to staff the event. If members cannot volunteer for a duty, the duty fee goes towards hiring someone. There are many members who put in a lot of extra time at the club above the required five hours and this is very much appreciated.

If anyone has any questions about a duty or has any suggestions for a duty, please talk to a board member.



Elmira & District Curling Club now accepts Debit!

Over the summer we have acquired a Debit machine for use at the bar. This will provide another payment option for the members and will be a welcome addition for rentals and bonspiels. In the future we may also look into this as a payment option for membership dues.

TV raffle

Elmira & District Curling Club is conducting a TV raffle 50" Panasonic TV with 2 year extended warranty. Second place prize in the amount of \$200. Tickets are available from Linda Dickson, board members or at the bar. 500 tickets will be sold at a cost of 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. Draw to be made Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 8 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 Allan and Linda Dickson for organizing.





Member survey



At the end of last season the Board issued a member survey and we had an excellent response with 71 surveys returned. Watch for a complete survey report coming out soon with all of your responses, suggestions, and reaction from the Board with comments and action plans.

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 or Brian Henry.

Protective Headgear for Curlers

Talk to a manager or anyone who has spent time around a curling club and they will have a story, or more likely stories, about falls on the ice. Without fail falls onto the back of the head are seen to be the most serious. Though such incidents happen in every club, there is no record maintained and the issue of head injuries in curling is not captured on any sports injury radar.

Five years ago Goldline introduced a "Sport Band" which provided the protection required in the event of a fall onto the back of the head, however it was "dorky" looking and not adopted by the average curler. Doug Flowers, the project manager at Goldline, states, "While we recognised the need for protective headwear for curlers, we also recognised that design was a key to acceptance. If a critical mass of curlers was going to wear it, it had to be cosmetically attractive."

The final product, four years in development, incorporates a protective shield into a conventionally styled hat. The protective component was designed and tested with the input of Biokinetics, an Ottawa based company world renowned for the testing of protective products that protect the head. The hat itself is available in five styles - baseball, visor, headband, toque and poor boy - and a variety of colours and sizes. Unless you look closely, one would not know this conventional, stylish hat incorporates a protective element.

The Elmira Curling Club Pro Shop now has some samples in stock and more can be ordered. See Virginia Henry or Linda Dickson for these items or any others which may interest you. Presently we have a limited supply of curling pants on sale. Check them out. We can also obtain stock from Goldline as well as Balance Plus and Tournament Sports. Check the catalogues in the pro shop or look online.



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.

2014 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 in November!



Reminder for spares

If you recruit a spare who is not an Elmira Club member, please remind them that they need to pay their \$12.50 to the bartender at the end of their game. Thanks.

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 2014-2015 Board of Directors

President	Bill Barr
Past President	Brian Henry
Vice-President	vacant
Secretary	Paul Fusari
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
Director at Large	Ryan Marshall

There is a new binder behind the bar with Club By-Laws and Board meeting minutes.

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.

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 1st 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 1st 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.

