



Elmira & District Curling Club

February 2015 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events

2015

February 28 - Ribs 'n Tails

March 7 - Men's Texas BBQ

March 14 - Broom Sticks & Glow Sticks Bonspiel

March 16 - Teacher's Bonspiel

March 28 - Maple Syrup Bonspiel

Please visit the website for more details on upcoming events!



Message from the President

Hello members,

I hope that you're enjoying the curling season both on the ice and watching your favourite curlers on TV.

Our Club has hosted a number of curling bonspiels so far this season and I would like to thank the organizers and volunteers who helped to make these events so successful. Read more about these bonspiels in this newsletter.

Our second session of Curling 101 has begun and we've got another 40 participants registered. Thanks to the many volunteers who lead these sessions. It's great to share our sport and encourage more people to give curling it a try.

There is important membership information included in this newsletter about next year's season and I encourage you to read it carefully. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Coghlin or any member of the board.

Ladies, save April 8 in your calendar for the Ladies Banquet and a Blast from the Past! Read more about it on page 8.

Check out the rest of this newsletter for other important Club information.

Thank you.

Bill Barr

President, Elmira & District Curling Club



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

Chocolate Lovers Ladies Bonspiel



Thanks to Sheila Smith-Jones who ran the event. Here's what she had to say about the day.

Thank you to everyone for again helping make our annual Chocolate Lovers Bonspiel a huge success!

Congratulations to team Pat Gage from Guelph who won the 9 a.m. draw and Tracey Schaus from Walkerton for winning the 11 a.m. draw. A special thank you to Lisa Howell for helping to run the day and everyone who donated prizes to the draw table.

We appreciate all of the support.

Men's Striploin Classic Bonspiel

It was another great day of curling in the Striploin Classic Bonspiel this past January 31.



A full slate of teams again, most returning from previous years, but two new teams joined the late draw, leaving three teams unsuccessfully wanting in.

The early draw was won by a guy many of us remember as once being a member here, but now curling out of KW Granite: Jeff Renwick, and his team of Chris Thompson, Allen Renwick (Jeff's son) and Allen Osborn. Jeff narrowly edged out Bob Johnson's Tuesday late team (with which I curl this year), relegating us to 3rd place, then went on to defeat Carl Jorgensen's KW Granite team in the

final (members: Colin McMillan, Michael Mann and Dan Olden). The 4th to last spot teams, respectively, were Paul Huetther (Guelph), John Tartt (Guelph), Blair Dickson (yes, those Dicksons, claiming to represent Palmerston), Tim Taylor (KW Granite), and another name some of us will remember: Todd Campbell (and Gary Barfoot, representing Elora, Westmount and Barrie).

The late draw was a full hour late finishing, as usual in this 3-game, 8-end game spiel. The other teams were outlasted by Allan Sawatsky's team from Ayr, with members: Frans Michiels, Jim Ranalli, and Bob Timm. Sawatsky beat 2nd place Dave Huras (from Leaside CC, with Norm King, Irving Reid and Dale Soldiuk). 3rd place went to Gord Connon's KW Granite team. The 4th and 5th positions were occupied by the two new teams this year: Richard Carney (Tavistock) and Sean Follis (with members from the Ottawa area, who wish to be known as representing the University of Waterloo's Bombshelter pub). 6th 7th and 8th went to returnees Jamie Brunaccioni (Niagara Falls), Jeff Watson (Guelph), and Adam Sindall (Wellesley). Friends of Allan Sawatsky won't be surprised to hear that that team was the last to leave the club.

Dave Millard and Edwin Kling froze their hynies standing outside supervising the Foodland steaks on the Woodburner's BBQ, while the curlers were warm indoors enjoying the three Wellington brews on tap. Wellington also donated beer prizes to go along with the meat prizes from Foodland. Foodland donated luncheon meats and buns for the mid-day meal.

Until next year: Good Curling,

Brian Morriss





Junior Bonspiel *Glenn Paulley*

The 2015 Elmira Junior Bonspiel was held on February 7 and everyone enjoyed a great day of curling. My thanks to Kevin Garrett of PKG Photography for supplying the photography, Rob Shaw for doing the ice, assistants Jen and Marc Bernard, Andrew Paulley, and Veronica Bernard, and the food committee, led by Elmira member Noreen Michels, who prepared the wonderful lunch for all of the athletes.

Little Rock Draw

Six teams competed in the Little Rock draw, with 3 teams from Elmira and one each from K-W Granite, Acton, and Palmerston curling clubs. The winning rink was skipped by Ben Alpaugh of the K-W Granite Club in Waterloo, with Alistair Barfoot at third, Ainsley Sills at second, and Adrian Barfoot at lead, and earned the right to have their names engraved on the Norm Clement Trophy:



Bantam Draw

The bantam draw featured eight entries, with teams from K-W Granite, Elmira, Elora, Listowel, Milton, Uxbridge and Orangeville divided into two pools of four. The teams who emerged as pool winners were the Josh Leung mixed foursome from Uxbridge, and the Breanne Donegan rink from Listowel. The young crew from Uxbridge just edged out the Donegan foursome in total points, and this team of Josh Leung at skip, Rachel Steele at third, twin brother Nathan Steele at second, and Samantha Maki at lead will have their names engraved on the Ted Starling Trophy that resides at the club.





Rookie League and Curling 101 Update
by Paul Fusari

Our new Rookie League is now in full flight on Fridays at 8:30 p.m. We have a full draw (8 teams) of enthusiastic new curlers who are all showing a solid foundation of skills and etiquette. Most of the league is comprised of Curling 101 graduates from our Fall session, and the rest are previous 101 graduates, current members, and some new people to our club.

The Winter session of Curling 101 got underway on Thursday, Jan 29. We have another full session (40 participants), with about 10 of them taking the course a second time (fall graduates). Thanks to the incredible group of instructors we have, we are able to split the class and give the returning curlers (aka the 102s) some more advanced instruction, while still teaching the normal curriculum to the new participants. If you want to see it first hand, I still have a couple volunteer spots open for this season, or consider helping out next fall. Thanks to all the volunteer instructors and members for helping make this program run so smoothly and for referring us to friends and family!

Club Championships – deadline is March 1

Sign-up is posted on the competitive board.

Brier party – Sunday, March 8

Begins at 6:30 p.m. and features the hot shots final! Chili, salad and apple crisp to follow – just \$5 per person. Bring your family! Everyone is welcome!

Treasurer’s two cents
by Dianne Sherwood

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

We installed a debit machine at our club at the start of this season. Interac sales have been strong at the bonspiels. Regular league nights are not using the debit machine that much, although it is very convenient for pro shop sales. Exciting news: we will be offering payment for next season's membership using the debit machine if done before the club closes this year. So please take advantage of the debit machine for club purchases when you don't have cash or don't want to use a cheque

Good luck to members curling in upcoming competitions



Mixed Bantam Regions, March 7, Coldwater	Anika Molenaar Sam Domaratzki Emma McKenzie Tony Domzella
Two team entries – Zones, March 7, Galt Country Club	Two teams of men Two teams of women
Senior Mixed Regions March 21, Stayner	Dean Martin Sue Martin Ken Gilbert Twyla Gilbert
Grand Masters Mens Provincials, March 19 to 21, Thornhill Golf &Country Club	Lorne MacKinnon Stan Sitts Larry Hammond Dan Donaldson

Our apologies if anyone was missed.



Membership Update for 2015/2016

The Board has approved some important changes for the 2015/2016 membership package. Although the packages have not been finalized we still plan on having them out by the end of the season. Please review carefully and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Colleen Coghlin or any Board member.

Changes to Leagues

- a. A new league called “Novice Team” will be slated for Friday at 8:30 p.m. This league is to provide another option for Curling 101 graduates and new curlers, and to help increase membership. This league will run in two half-seasons and is open to curlers with 5 years of curling experience or less (one exception per team).
- b. The Tuesday 8:30 p.m. draw will be changed from “Men’s Team” to “Open Team” and be brought to you by Wallenstein Feed & Supply Ltd. The current prize fund of \$20 per curler will be collected with the registration fees to ensure members are aware when they sign up. With additional sponsorship from Wallenstein Feed & Supply Ltd, the prize fund will be over \$1,000 with 8 teams!
- c. Curling 101 registration will happen on a separate form.
- d. The Fall and Winter sessions (for half season leagues) have been made equal in length. Each are approximately 12 weeks (+/- one week) depending where stat holidays and other bookings fall. Previously the Fall session ended at Christmas and was shorter. This will be more equitable and simplify the membership fee structure.

Membership Fees

- a. As a result of increasing operating costs (property insurance, heating costs, ice making expenses), the Board carefully considered and approved an average 4% increase in membership fees for next season.
- b. As a result of member survey feedback and in line with our objective to grow the membership, a new

membership category 'Brand New Member' has been created. New Members (never-ever been a member of Elmira CC before) will receive a special rate of \$249 +HST for a full season Unlimited membership (almost 40% off the regular rate of \$410 +HST). Capital charge and Volunteer Duty Fee will still apply.

- c. As an increased incentive for younger people, we have changed the Student membership to a “25 & Under” with no restriction on post-secondary enrolment.
- d. The duty fee is now applicable to all membership levels except “Daytime Only”, previously Fall season members were excluded.

Registration Due Date

Note that the registration and payment due date for members has been moved up from September 15 to August 31. This was necessary to allow more time for registrations to be processed and additional teams to be pulled together before the start of the season.

Other

We have changed the checkboxes for how e-mails addresses are collected and used. All e-mail addresses will be provided to the president and membership manager but if you want them to be provided to the drawmaster and/or all members you will need to check the boxes on your form. If you do not provide an e-mail address on the form, any e-mail address you provided in a previous year will be removed from the database.

We have added two evenings of open practice time for members following our fall Open House: Thursday, October 1 and Friday, October 2 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Membership Fees can be paid-in-full using the Interac at the bar before the end of the season!

The Annual General Meeting will be held on September 15.





Teachers Bonspiel – March 16

Still openings in the 9:45 a.m. draw. You don't have to be a teacher to register. Contact Brian Rainville for information.

TV raffle – get your ticket soon!

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.



Pro-Shop

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. 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.

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.

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.

Advertise your company logo in the arena

- You pay for your sign and we'll hang it on the side wall (\$200+HST) or end wall (\$350+HST). It's not too late for this season and of course we'll prorate the cost.
- In ice at the beginning of the season (\$150+HST)
- Contact Jennifer Lipp (manager@elmiracurlingclub.ca)



Your 2014-2015 Board of Directors

President	Bill Barr
Past President	Brian Henry
Vice-President	Lorne MacKinnon
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 next Board meeting is Monday, March 9 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, please contact Bill Barr.

All Women of the Curling Club are invited to join in a **BLAST FROM THE PAST!**



The Ladies Banquet will be held on April 8, 2015 at the Curling Club in the lounge and dining room. This year we are having a potluck. There will be no tickets. Your admission will be a dish of food. The setting will be the Fifties when potlucks were the thing to do. Imagine wearing poodle skirts, cashmere sweaters, a string of pearls, and saddle shoes ... dress up if you

dare! Listen to your favourite records while you drink a cocktail and socialize with your girlfriends.

The bar will open at 6 p.m. with the smorgasbord line starting at 6:45 pm. **Yes, ladies, the men are still going to clean up and do the dishes - not like the Fifties we have come a long way!!**





BRIER FINAL PARTY



Sunday March 8th

Brier Final Begins at 7:00pm

**Chili, Salad, and Apple Crisp for
dessert!**

\$5.00

Sign-up at the Bar



FORD HOT SHOTS FINAL CHALLENGE



Begins at 7:00pm

Disciplines

There will be four disciplines
that each competitor must do:

- The "hit and stay"
- The "draw to the button"
- The "raise"
- The "hit and roll"

If a tie-breaker is needed, it will be
decided with a fifth discipline:

- The "draw through the port"