



**Elmira & District Curling Club**

## March 2015 NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming events

2015

April 8 – Blast from the past –  
Ladies banquet

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



### **Message from the President**

Hello members,

The curling season is winding down and with just over a week to go, there's still time to finesse those final draws and take-outs before you think spring and start practising your golf swing!

March was another busy bonspiel month at our Club. Thanks to all of the volunteers who help make these events so successful. You can read more about a few of the bonspiels in this newsletter.

The Brier party was another fun event as members had the opportunity to compete in the Hot Shots competition. League finalists participated during the Brier final and congratulations to David Miller who placed first!

If you're already looking ahead to summer, check out the Curlers Golf Extravaganza on June 20 (details on page 8) and Doug Adams is running a golf league that you might be interested in. Details are on page 5.

Ladies, save April 8 in your calendar for the Ladies Banquet and a Blast from the Past! Read more about it on page 7.

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

### Ribs and Tails

It was “All about the Pink” for this year's edition of the Ribs and Tails Bonspiel Saturday, Feb. 28!

Teams travelled from far and wide (Toronto, Hamilton, Oakville, Brantford, Orillia, Tavistock, Galt, London and Kitchener/Waterloo) to attend this Gala event. The teams competed in three 6-end games in two full draws.

Congratulations to this year's winning rinks:  
Early 9 a.m. draw: Randy Metzloff (KW Granite)  
Late 10:30 a.m. draw: Hector Corkhum (Oakville).

In addition to the great curling, fun and fellowship, teams were asked to complete a number of off-ice tasks. These tasks ranged from reading a little pigs story aloud to their team, to writing a limerick, to tossing bean bags into hollowed out curling rocks to some challenging curling moves on the ice. At the end of the day, one lucky volunteer from each team came forward to receive the “BIG PINK” prize for completing these tasks. Teams were surprised to learn this actually meant members of their team got to dress them up in a tribute to the glamorous pig of all, Miss Piggy. Pink boa, tiaras, pink lipstick, nail polish, blush and more! It was a fun, crazy, belly laughing memorable day!



Sharing a laugh during Miss Piggy Gala!



Bill Green from Tavistock never looked so good. Bill attends a couple spiels in Elmira each year!



A real beauty!!

Many thanks to all of our hard-working volunteers in the kitchen and bar who prepared fabulous meals. Already Paul and I are conjuring up some themes for the 2016 Ribs and Tails Bonspiel and we look forward to planning another fun day for guest curlers.

*Dianne Crossley and Paul Fusari*



### Men's Texas BBQ Bonspiel

The Men's Texas BBQ bonspiel was held on Saturday, March 7, 2015. We enjoyed decent weather so there were no problems with driving or operating the BBQ.

We had 13 teams return from last year and three new teams join to make two full draws. The teams were from Ayr (4), Elmira (1) KW Granite (5), Galt (1), Galt Country (2), Goderich (1), Guelph (1) and Tavistock (1). The format of the bonspiel is three 8-end games (win/loss). This set-up can result in the event running late if one or more teams are a bit tardy. With a lot of great support from our ice-maker Rob and a bit of good luck, things proceeded in a timely manner.

The winner of the 9 a.m. draw was Bruce McDonnell (KW Granite) with runner-up being Jeff Renwick (KW Granite). In the 11 a.m. draw, Rick Martin (Elmira) came from behind to defeat Andy Williams (Galt) in the championship match. The winning teams took home a nice supply of thick Foodland steaks and a small case of Wellington brew.

The New World Curlers (Guelph Curling) must have anticipated some lively bar activity; some of them showed up for their third game wearing hockey helmets.

Our members who volunteered in the kitchen /dining room, at the bar and at the BBQ did an awesome job. The curlers really appreciated the friendly service and great food.



The success of this bonspiel and the financial contribution it makes to our club is in a big way dependent on the support of our local sponsors. Filling that role again this year were

Foodland (deli meats / Kaiser buns; special pricing on thick steaks), Good's Automotive (cash), Wellington Brewery (16 small cases) and The

Woodburner (BBQ and propane). Many thanks to these sponsors. I encourage members to take business their way when possible.

Our guests really enjoy the club's hospitality, value for money and delicious food. We can expect most of them to return in 2016.

*John Hrabí*

### Broom Sticks & Glow Sticks Bonspiel



Teams came from all over to get their glow on and participate in our Broom Sticks & Glow Sticks bonspiel. Our furthest team being a returning team from Detroit! With two full draws playing three 6-end games, it was a packed day of curling. While not on the ice, the participants relaxed to the sounds of a local musician, Nathan, and tested their reflexes with a Lightening Reaction game. A lot of laughs were had with that game (just ask Alan Dickson how much fun it is to play!). At the end of the day, all teams went home with meat prizes from Stemmler Meats & Cheese. The picture is one of our best dressed teams – a group from Thursday night curling in Elmira!

*Colleen Coghlin*



## Rookie League Wrap-Up by Paul Fusari

The inaugural Rookie league season finished up on Friday, March 13 and was a great success. We had an enthusiastic group of curlers, a number of them recent Curling 101 graduates. The teams competed in a round robin schedule, the winners to be awarded the 'Rookie Cookie' prize (curling rock cookies). For additional fun and team spirit, each team was asked to create a unique team name. Congratulations to the winning team "On The Rocks" - Bob Leguerrier, Steve Davidson, Margot Snyder and Linda Flemming who finished with a 6-1 record - well done! The winners of the 'Most Honest' team award were The Rolling Stones - Warren Currie, Kim Cuddington, Ron Pfeifle and Paula Pfeifle.

We are looking forward to the fall when this league becomes a full member league called 'Novice Team' - Fridays at 8:30 p.m. Check the membership package for details if you are interested.



## Brier party – Sunday, March 8

Our Club's Brier party was another huge success. Finalists from our leagues competed in the Hot Shots final and then enjoyed chili, salad and apple crisp. Thanks to Melody Martin for organizing another great Club event.



Organizer Melody Martin; First place winner David Miller:  
Second Colleen Coghlin; Third Bob Johnson

## Treasurer's two cents by Dianne Sherwood

As we are nearing the end of the curling season, please remember to ask the bartender to see if your duty cheque is behind the bar. Cheques for completed duties are typically printed the week after completion as long as the bonspiel coordinator or board member has submitted their approval.

We are no longer leaving cheques out on the bar for security reasons. The bartenders do not know everyone, so it is up to you to check.



## **Announcing an exciting change to Tuesday night curling**

Tuesday late is now brought to you by Wallenstein Feed & Supply Ltd. with a total prize fund of over \$1,000 with eight teams!

### **Interested in becoming a Drawmaster?**

Drawmasters are a valuable part of each league and we're starting to recruit for future seasons.

Contact Ryan Marshall (ryanmarshall@gmail.com) or any Board member if you have questions.

### **Interested in joining a summer golf league?**

Doug Adams runs a league every Thursday afternoon starting at approximately 2 p.m. They golf a lot in Innerkip (40% off pass books available online - March 23 - 6 p.m.) and some in Elmira. This year they will be golfing more at other clubs that are in the 'Green Fee Passport 2015' book (available at most golf stores).

Doug emails the members as to what course they will be golfing at the next week and if they email him back by that Tuesday at 8 p.m. they are in for that week. There are already a number of curling club members on Doug's list but always room for more!

### **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.



### Curling in his own backyard



Stuart Cross curls Friday night social. Here he is with a member of his family getting ready for some practice on his backyard sheet.

### 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 Wednesday, April 1 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!!**



# **CURLERS GOLF EXTRAVAGENZA**

- When:** Saturday June 20, 2015
- Where:** Elmira Golf Course, 9 holes
- Who:** Elmira Curlers and Significant others/friends
- Why:** To have fun!!!
- Cost:** \$60 per person (same as last year)  
(9 holes of golf, buffet dinner)  
\$32 for Golf Members/Golf Employees  
(9 holes of golf, buffet dinner)  
\$65 per person  
(9 holes of golf, buffet dinner, cart)  
\$28 dinner only
- Teams:** Four person teams will be made up of experienced and less experienced golfers
- Drinks:** We will drink at the curling club. We cannot bring drinks from golf course to curling club.
- Dinner:** Buffet dinner will be prepared by the golf course. If anyone has any food allergies or require special diets please let Dianne Crossley know as soon as possible.
- Each person registering:** Will receive an email of team confirmation or a phone call early June.
- Payment:** Cheque made payable to the "Elmira Golf Club" or cash (exact would be great) the day of the event. If you sign up, you pay up!!

**Sign up soon to avoid disappointment!**