



April 2016 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events

2016

June 4 – Golf tourney

Aug. 31 – registration deadline
for returning members

Sept. 13, 7 p.m. – AGM

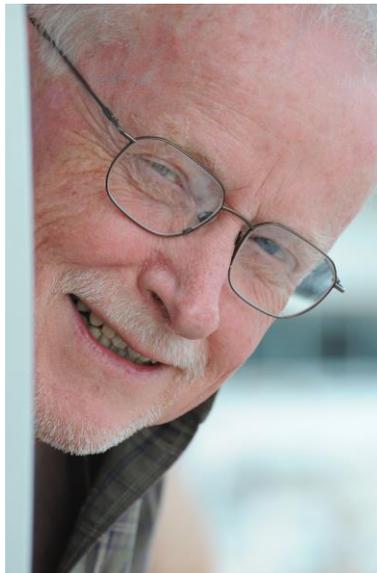
Sept. 28 & Oct. 2 – open house
for the public

Sept. 29 & 30 – practice time for
members

Oct. 2 – League play begins

Nov. 5 – 60th anniversary open
house

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



Message from the President

Spring has arrived and with that, the end of another curling season. I hope that you have many fond memories of fantastic shot making, exciting competition and a wonderful social time with friends.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteered countless hours of their time this season to help make our Club a place to gather for great curling and friendly competition. The Elmira & District Curling Club wouldn't be the place it is without your efforts.

We've had many great successes this season and this newsletter captures many of our year-end events. I hope that you enjoy reading it and I look forward to seeing you next season.

Thank you and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Lorne MacKinnon
President, Elmira & District Curling Club



Curling 101 Retention

I often get asked how many of our Curling 101's sign up to become members. I did an analysis of 3 recent classes (not including the most recent class) and here are the numbers:

Total new participants	Took 101 twice	Joined as members	Existing members taking 101
90	30 (33%)	36 (40%)	5 (5.5%)

Other facts:

- Of the 36 people that curled in the Novice League this season, 23 of them came from our 101 program (64%).
- Of our 11 leagues, there were recent 101 graduates curling in 8 of them.
- We had 57 registrations in the 'Brand New Member' membership category this season.

The introduction of the Brand New Member rate and the Novice league has definitely helped us attract many new members this season.

Paul Fusari

Mixed Maple Syrup Bonspiel

On April 2, we held the mixed Maple Syrup Bonspiel. We hosted 16 teams for a day full of great curling and maple syrup. In the end, Team Colin were the victors for the early draw and Team Green for the late draw. Congratulations to Colin McMillan, Mary Ann Burke, Dan Olden and Annie Uffelmann of the early draw and Bill Green, Elaine Green, Chris Green and Chantel Mundell of the late draw.

A grand thank you also to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle table. Sponsors included Woodburner, Programmed Insurance Brokers Inc., M & G Millwrights Ltd. and Carstar Collision and Glass Elmira. Lastly, a big thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen, behind the bar and with the ice. As well as Kevin Kitsemetry who helped with the prizes. The day was a success due to all your efforts!

Lindsey Kiedrowski





Celebrating 60



Next season Elmira & District Curling Club will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary. I would like to take this time to thank the committee that's helped me organize events for next year.

Paul Fusari, Susan Martin, Cheryl Leis and Linda Dickson. Together we have created a new logo we will be using throughout the season. Also a big thank you to Marc Bernard for digitally creating the logo!

To kick off our 60th Anniversary we will be hosting an open house on November 5, 2016. A piper will kick off our festivities, while hosting exhibition games throughout the afternoon featuring league winners from the previous season. There will be Food and speeches between games, so please mark your calendars and plan to come out and celebrate our clubs accomplishments!

More events will be announced at the beginning of the season!

Thank you.

*Melody Martin
Club and Special Events Coordinator*

Men's Champions

Congratulations to Team Hamelin as our clubs Men's Champions. Shawn Hamlin, David Miller, Ryan Player and Paul Fusari are going to represent our club at the 2016 Traveler's Club Championship in October.

TV Raffle winners

The draw was made April 13 and thank you to everyone who sold tickets or bought tickets to help support our Club. Our two winners are from the Elmira & District Curling Club!

Congratulations to:

TV winner: Reg Domaratzki

2nd place - \$200: Chen Hui

Volunteers

It's never too early to start thinking about next season. Are you interested in learning how to pebble the ice? Or are there other areas around the Club that you'd like to get involved in? Contact a Board member if you have any questions.



2015-2016 Junior Curling award winners announced



At a very successful year-end Shindig at Elmira on April 16 we presented achievement awards to those young athletes who distinguished themselves over this past curling season.

This year's award nominees and the winners are as follows.

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: Parker Malloy, Brendan Hickey, and Leia Wrigglesworth. **Winner: Parker Malloy.**
- Bantam nominees: Thomas Kraemer, Adrianna Molenaar, Alison Poluck, Larissa Musselman, and Kyle Henry. **Winner: Larissa Musselman.**

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 their specific program.

- Little Rock nominees: Emma Penston, Mackenna Riel, Parker Malloy, and Lauren Penston. **Winner: Mackenna Riel.**
- Bantam nominees: Blake Roemer, Larissa Musselman, Luke Sinclair, Quinn Caplice, and Riley Domaratzki. **Winner: Blake Roemer.**

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: Valorie Martin, Brody Runstedler, and Leia Wrigglesworth. **Winner: Leia Wrigglesworth.**
- Bantam nominees: Alison Poluck, Sam Domaratzki, Tony Domzella, Kyle Henry, and Riley Domaratzki. **Winner: Tony Domzella.**

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: Valorie Martin and Cameron Johnson. **Winner: Cameron Johnson.**
- Bantam nominees: Emma McKenzie, Veronica Bernard, Sam Domaratzki, and Andrew Paulley. **Winner: Sam Domaratzki.**

Our congratulations to all of the winners, and the nominees, on an outstanding season of curling and we look forward to next season – the ice will be back in for October 1!



2016-17 Membership Information

The Board of Directors has approved the membership registration package for the 2016-2017 season. Please note that printed packages will not be distributed to members this year, but you can print one from the website.

Everyone is highly encouraged to use the online registration and payment system, which will be available this summer. An email will be sent out when online registration opens. Registration via the paper form is still an option.

There are two new league offerings for next season and I am happy to report there will be no fee increases. The registration deadline for returning members is **August 31, 2016**. The AGM will be held on **Tuesday September 13** at 7 p.m. If you are unable to attend, please complete a proxy form (copies available on the website).

Please review the package and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Colleen Coghlin

Changes to OCA events next year

If you participate in OCA competitions, or are considering it for next year, note that the OCA is introducing changes to the playdown structures.

- 1) The Bantam and Junior categories have been replaced with U15, U18, and U21 categories.
- 2) In most cases, the 16 Zone playdowns have been replaced with a lesser number of 'qualifiers', grouping zones together.
- 3) Some events will not allow 'parachuting' - that is, all team members must actively curl at the Club they wish to represent.

Visit the OCA website for more details (Competitions Review) - ontcurl.com

Representing Team Ontario



Allan Dickson – Team Ontario in the Canadian Police Association Curling Championship – National Finalist 2016



Your 2015-2016 Board of Directors

President	Lorne MacKinnon
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Junior Curling	Glenn Paulley
Communications	Pat Johnson
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There is a binder behind the bar with Club By-Laws and Board meeting minutes. Minutes are also available on the Club website.

Next Board meeting is May 18. Watch for the meeting schedule posted at the Club and members are invited to attend these meetings. If you have any comments or suggestions about anything at the club, please feel free to contact a board member to discuss. If you're interested in becoming a board member, please contact Lorne MacKinnon.

Important Information: Online Registration is coming

All members are encouraged to register online for the 2016/17 season. An email notification will be sent when registration is open this summer.

How does it work?

Returning members	Once registration opens, log into the member's area of the website. There will be a link that will take you to the registration. You will key in your registration information (e.g. contact info, membership type, league selections, etc.) and submit.
New members	You must have a website account created by emailing membership@elmiracurlingclub.ca . Once your login credentials are provided, you can proceed to log into the member's area of the website (see above).

What about payment?

There will be three payment options when you register online:

1) Pay Later	Your registration is accepted and you <u>must</u> submit payment separately (via cheque(s), cash, or debit). Note: late fees apply for returning members after August 31, 2016 (as detailed in the package).
2) Pay in full with Visa or MasterCard	You pay your fees in full online with your credit card by Aug. 31.
3) Pay the first installment Online	Pay your first instalment online with your credit card before the Aug. 31 deadline. Your remaining instalments must be paid separately by post-dated cheques, all submitted by Sept. 30.

Will credit cards be accepted at the Club?

No. Due to the costs associated with providing a credit card terminal at the Club, credit card payment will only be available online. We will continue to accept Interac debit at the Club.

Can I still submit a paper registration form?

Yes, online registration is encouraged but not mandatory, you can still submit a paper form and pay with cash, cheque(s) or debit. There will be some printed forms at the Club or you can print one from the website.

Printed forms will not be distributed to members this year.

How will I know if I got into my selected Leagues?

As registrations are validated, you can log into the website and select 'Teams, Schedules and Standings'. Once your acceptance into a league is confirmed (as per the rules in the membership package), you will see your name listed under Teams for that league.

What if I need help?

We will be hosting registration nights at the Club (mid/ late August – dates TBD) where members can come in and receive help registering online. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Colleen Coghlin (membership@elmiracurlingclub.ca) or Paul Fusari (webmaster@elmiracurlingclub.ca).



2015/2016 League Champs

Sunday 1st place



Chris Pattenden, Melody Martin, Colleen Coghlin, Twyla Gilbert

2nd place



Paul Fusari, Jackie Gidge, Ken Fargo, Dean Martin

Monday early – winner of the Big Cheese



David Fontaine, Ed Ratcliffe (missing from photo: Robert Shaw, David Miller)

Monday late A winners



Team Dickson - Murray Dickson (centre), spares Susan & Dean Martin, missing: Andrew, Allan & Linda Dickson

B winners



Team MacKinnon – Cam MacKinnon, Nancy Holland, Karen Meadows, Lorne MacKinnon

C Winners



Team Brandon - Dave Millard, Debbie Stranz, Brian Morris and Jim Brandon

D Winners



Team Pidgeon – Mary Pidgeon, Reg Weber, Bill Barr and Chris Pidgeon (missing from photo)

Tuesday early A-side



Ken Gilbert, Twyla Gilbert, Lindsey Kiedrowski, Michael MacLean

B-side



Sheila Smith-Jones, Dianne Crossley, Michelle Anthony, Chen Hui

Tuesday late - sponsored by Wallenstein Feeds and Rudow's Carstar

A-side



Shawn Hamelin, David Miller, Ryan Player, Andy Harbison (far left)

B-side



Bob Johnson, Pat Andrews, Brian Morriss, John Hrabi

**Wednesday early
A-side**



Gail McLeod, Marilyn Wideman, Cindy Nicholson, Valerie Alton

B-side



Cam MacKinnon, Debbie Mitchell, Tammy Perry, Katie Lepold-Horan

**Wednesday late
A-side**



Dean Martin, Susan Martin, Twyla Gilbert, Ken Gilbert

B-side



Jaime Jones, Sheila Smith-Jones, Jackie Jones, Steve Jones

**Thursday
A-side**



Pat Andrews, Cheryl Leis, Kyle Mallet, Dan Polischuk

B-side



Bob Johnson, Wayne Uhrig, Sherri Douglas, Bob Leguerrier

Friday early



Chris Meadows, Eric Schwindt, Deb Wells, Sheryl Frey and Bill Cronin

Friday novice

Fall session

A-side



"On the Rocks" - Steve Davidson, Margot Snyder, Linda Flemming, Bob Leguerrier

B-side



"Polished Rocks" – Mark & Lisa Frey, Ellen & Martin Missio

Friday novice

Winter session

A-Side



"Crowded House" - Donna Haskett (spare), Tim Tribe, Vinh Nguyen, Warren Currie, missing: Kim Cuddington

B-Side



"Relatively Sweeping" - Brad Yutronkie, Jordan, Derek & Paul Fusari

Ladies Banquet



