



February 2017 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events 2017

March 4 - Men's Texas BBQ

March 11 - Broom Sticks & Glow Sticks Bonspiel

April 1 - Maple Syrup Bonspiel

April 5 – Ladies banquet

April 8 – Diamond Decades year-end party and elimination draw

Please visit the website for more details on upcoming events!



The Prez says...

Hello Members!

Where does the time go? There is just over a month left in our 60th anniversary curling season. Bonspiels and OCA events are in full swing and I hope you are enjoying your league play.

I'm pleased to report a surge in membership for the 2nd half. The Novice League and the new Thursday 6:30 p.m. Social have attracted 32 new members for the Winter session, most of them from our fall Curling 101 class. Some of our other leagues have also added some new faces. Please extend a warm welcome to all our new members!

Save the date alerts: The Ladies banquet will take place on Wednesday, April 5 and our Diamond Decades year-end party and elimination draw will be held on Saturday, April 8. Let's celebrate as our 60th anniversary year comes to a close, and one lucky person heads into spring \$1,000 richer! Don't have a ticket yet? Better get one!

Many thanks to all of you who give time back to the Club and volunteer for various events. It takes a lot of hard work to make all of our events successful and I sincerely appreciate all of your time.

Read on for lots of important information about the latest happenings. Enjoy the remainder of the season and good curling!

Paul Fusari
President, Elmira & District Curling Club



Ladies Chocolate Lovers bonspiel

A beautiful sunny day with no storm clouds in sight. 64 women looking to share some laughs, play a sport they enjoy, make some new friends, part-take in copious amounts of chocolate and go home with sausage, ribs, bacon or some chops. Sounds like a good day, well the Ladies Chocolate Lovers' Bonspiel was just that. Thank you to Tammy Perry and Cindy Nicholson who helped me muchly on the day of the spiel. Also thanks to Steve Ernest from Lindt chocolates who once again was very generous by donating the double take out and trivia prizes as well as the welcome gifts. Thank you Rob for not making the ice squirrely. Also thanks to Dianne Crossley for arranging the food and the meat prizes and Jenn Lipp for organizing the bartenders for the speciality drink. Finally thank you to the many club members who donated prizes or funds for the raffle table.

Lisa Howell



The winner of the 9 a.m. draw was Gail McLeod's team from Elmira. The team was made up of (right to left) Gail as skip, Karen Meadows as third, Jackie Gidge as second and Katie Lepold-Horan as lead.



The 11 a.m. winner was Chris Nowak's team from Chinguacousy. The team was made up of (left to right) Chris as skip, Lynne Simone as third, Dianne Trask as second and Sonia Mota as lead.



Men's Striplin Classic Bonspiel

The January 28 Striplin Classic Bonspiel went off without a hitch again this year, after we managed to replace an unusually large number of volunteers who dropped out at the last minute (all with good reasons.)

Many teams commented on the great ice. Thanks Rob!

The early draw was won by Guelph's Paul Huether team, who defeated KW Granite's Gord Connon in the final. Ex-Elmira member Jeff Renwick returned this year and came in a strong third. It would be best not to mention how the Bob Johnson (including yours truly), ex-Elmira's Todd Campbell, and the Chris Pidgeon teams did. Four teams represented KW Granite.

The late draw was won by Leaside's Dave Huras over Niagara Falls' Jamie Brunaccioni. Other teams were from Buffalo/Niagara Falls, the Royal Canadian club, Wellsely, KW Granite, and Guelph.

Again, we had mainly returning teams. Only one team was completely new, and another was

returning after a long hiatus to replace a one-year withdrawal.

The usual gang of donors again contributed: Foodland (lunch and well-priced steaks and meat prizes), the Woodburner (BBQ and fuel) and Wellington Brewery. Welly was exceptionally generous this year, donating enough beer for 6-pack prizes for every member of all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, and for the raffle draws.

I would also like to thank Debbie Stranz and her kitchen team, and my delightful (and tolerant) wife Linda for helping which allowed me to curl with Bob Johnson's team as we embarrassed ourselves.

Thanks to Dave Millard and Bob Leguerrier for doing a great job barbecuing the steaks.

Brian Morriss



Junior Curling

By Glenn Paulley

Little Rocks

Our Little Rock program at Elmira continues with 16 young, enthusiastic curlers. This year we are transitioning to using granite stones, rather than Lite rocks, to permit the children to play in local bonspiels. At our first event, held just before Christmas, Jelissa Riel, Emma and Lauren Penston, and Valorie Martin took part in the annual Little Rock bonspiel in Milton on December 3 where the girls took second place honours - and brought home a magnificent, fully-decorated gingerbread house which was their between-game activity during the event.

Great kids playing a great game.

Forthcoming events for these children are the annual Rob Shepherd Little Rock bonspiel at the Westmount Golf and Country Club in March, and the KW Granite Monkey bonspiel on Saturday, April 8.





U18 OJCT bonspiel

From January 20-22 Elmira hosted our fourth annual U18 OJCT cash spiel with 16 rinks participating from across southern Ontario to compete for OJCT tour points and for \$2600 in prize money available to qualifying teams.

On the womens' side, Pool A came down to the cumulative draw-to-the-button scores as Teams Emma McKenzie of Elmira, Maddy Warriner of Oakville, and Rachel Snelgrove of Whitby all posted equivalent 2-1 records at the conclusion of round-robin play. McKenzie and Snelgrove enjoyed the best cumulative draw scores and so these two teams qualified out of Pool A for playoff games on Sunday. In Pool B, Team Veronica Bernard of Richmond Hill were undefeated at 3-0, followed by Julia Heitolla of Coldwater and District at 2-1 qualified for playoffs.

In the men's draw in Pool A, Daniel Del Conte and his rink from Hamilton Victoria finished round-robin play at 3-0, followed by Sam Domaratzki of Elmira at 2-1. In Pool B, Owen Purdy of Niagara Falls finished undefeated at 3-0 followed by Evan Running of Coldwater at 2-1.

In the cross-over semi-finals, on the women's side Emma McKenzie and her Elmira rink were forced to play with three players due to an injury and came up short against Veronica Bernard's rink out of Richmond Hill, who cruised to an 8-2 win. Julia Heitolla edged Rachel Snelgrove in the other semi-final which featured some great

shotmaking in the 8th end, with Rachel making an angle-slash takeout with her last stone in 8 to sit one with the score tied, but Heitolla using her excellent feel for draw weight and drawing to bite the button for the winning point with hammer.

On the men's side, Sam Domaratzki upset Owen Purdy 5-4, stealing the win with a single point in 8, while Del Conte edged Evan Running 4-3, taking two with hammer in the eighth end.

In the finals, Veronica Bernard took the championship final 7-2 over Julia Heitolla, another undefeated tournament for Veronica and her team and their third OJCT tour win of the season, and they collected the winner's cheque of \$500. The consolation final saw Rachel Snelgrove steal 2 in 7 for a 6-3 lead and ran Emma McKenzie out of stones in the 8th and final end.



Team Bernard



On the men's side, Sam Domaratzki and his Elmira foursome stole 2 in 8 for an upset win over Daniel Del Conte of Hamilton Victoria, who was just heavy with his final draw with hammer. That win was the Domaratzki foursome's first OJCT tour event victory. In the consolation final, Owen Purdy defeated Evan Running 6-4 in an entertaining game that was tied 4-4 after 7.

The weekend saw some outstanding play and some great team performances by some teams who will be ones to watch in the coming years. My personal thanks to ice technician Rob Shaw, Perry Marshall of the OJCT for setting up live scoring on CurlingZone, our Elmira volunteers who helped run the draw and the kitchen during the event, Carol McKenzie for her help with lunch on the Sunday, and all of the players and coaches. In addition, I would like to thank our event sponsors without whose support our event would not be possible:

- Adventure Guide, Waterloo
- Frey Building Contractors, Hawkesville
- Century Group Financial, Kitchener
- Rudow's Carstar Autobody, Elmira
- Martin's Mills, Elmira
- Kiwanis Club of Elmira

Elmira Junior Bonspiel

On Saturday, February 4, Elmira hosted our annual Elmira Junior Bonspiel. This year, for the first time, we transformed the bonspiel into a U15 event to provide an opportunity for younger teams to get in some games, and some instruction, before the inaugural OCA U15 qualifiers take place February 11-12. In addition to two games, these young athletes and their coaches participated in a 2.5 hour clinic, where they were introduced to nutrition, brushing technique, strategy, and delivery setup fundamentals. Assisting with the instruction were Marc Bernard, coach of the varsity women at Wilfrid Laurier; Byron Scott, head coach at the University of Guelph; Amy Ballantyne, a nutrition consultant from Waterloo; Alison Poluck, who throws second stones for Elmira-based Team Emma McKenzie; and Jason Rice, a Learning Facilitator with the OCA and the former women's coach at both Guelph and Wilfrid Laurier.



Congratulations to winners Team Prenevost from Oakville, with runners-up Team Fraser and third place finishers Team Henry from Elmira.

Many thanks to our ice technician Rob Shaw, along with the many volunteers who put on the lunch for all the athletes and their coaches. My appreciation to Marc who, along with myself, acted as a mentor coach to teams during the entire day.



Elmira Trillium Scholarships

Each year in August, the Trillium Curling Camp, organized and led by long-time high performance coach Jim Waite, gives an opportunity for 192 youth curlers to experience world-class coaching and a truly tremendous camp experience. To help cover the costs of the camp, three organizations from around the world sponsor young athletes to attend the camp: the Bayview Curling Club in Toronto (convened by former Ontario women's champion Julie Hastings), the Matt Murdoch Foundation in Perth, Scotland (organized by tour champion and Olympic medalist David Murdoch), and the Elmira and District Curling Club. We are very proud to be one of the clubs



who, through our fundraising each year, are able to sponsor two young athletes each year to attend the Trillium camp each August.

This year, two applicants from our Junior program were selected who will be superb ambassadors of the Elmira and District Curling Club at Trillium this summer. Congratulations to Larissa Musselman and William Henry, pictured here with myself and fellow Elmira board member Ian Mathers, on their selection to receive a bursary to attend the 2017 Trillium Curling Camp in Waterloo this August!



Member successes at OCA events



Congratulations to Team Pidgeon (Mary Pidgeon, Twyla Gilbert, Colleen Coghlin and Jackie Gidge) who will be competing at the Intermediate Womens Provincials beginning March 1 in Fenelon Falls.

Susan Martin, who plays with Dale Curtis out of the Galt Curling Club in Masters Women competition, won their provincials and will represent Ontario at the Canadian Championship at the Guelph Curling Club beginning April 3.

Stan Sitts, Larry Hammond, Dan Donaldson and Lorne MacKinnon won the Grandmasters zone 12 competition and will be competing at the Provincials in Thornhill March 16 – 18, 2017.

Twyla Gilbert competed at the Senior Women's Provincials with Team Brown out of Guelph Curling Club February 15 – 19 in Lindsay.

Good luck to these teams who will represent Elmira at upcoming competitions:

Team Domaratzki: U-18 Zones March 3-5 in Teeswater.

Team McKenzie: U-18 Zones March 3-5 in Acton.

Team Bernard: U-18 Zones March 3-5 in Norwich.

Team Leslie: U-18 Mixed Feb 24-26 in Mount Forest.

New Thursday 6:30 p.m. Social League

This season instead of offering a second Curling 101 class in the Winter, a new Open Social draw was created. We have 9 teams participating with a great mix of recent 101 grads, 101 alumni and existing members. It is organized like all of our other Social draws - individual entry and teams are shuffled during the season. The emphasis is on fun and with so many new curlers this may be the beginnings of a "Novice Social" league next season - stay tuned!





Ladies year-end potluck

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 5 for the Ladies year-end potluck. Bar opens at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:45 p.m. The theme is Food Around the World. All ladies of the club are invited. Contact Yvonne James or Cam MacKinnon.



Cash prizes elimination draw

Do you have your ticket yet? Our Elimination Draw will be held April 8, 2017 at our Diamond Decades year end party.

The next early bird prizes will be drawn March 4. There is a total of \$3,100 in cash prizes, with a \$1,000 grand prize!

Tickets are \$20 each (only 400 will be sold) and are available at the Club.

ELMIRA & DISTRICT CURLING CLUB **Elimination Draw**

January 7th, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each
 January 21st, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each
 January 28th, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each
 February 25th, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each
 March 4th, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each
 March 11th, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each
 April 1st, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each

APRIL 8th, 2017
ELIMINATION DRAW - 6pm to 10pm

- 1st, 100th, 200th, 300th ticket - \$100
- 4th last - \$200
- 3rd last - \$300
- 2nd last - \$500
- Last - \$1,000

\$20 PER TICKET

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No. 001 of 400

Happy Birthday Hugh Duncan

Thursday morning draw's Christmas banquet with Lorne MacKinnon congratulating Hugh Duncan on his 88th birthday on December 22.





Pro Shop



We carry a wide range of curling products at member-friendly prices.

The Pro-Shop cupboard is located in the lounge area to your left as you enter the lounge through the main entrance. You will find a selection of

grippers, gloves and mitts, brooms and deliver devices, safety head gear and curling novelties. We have a limited number of shoes and pants available but we do not stock these items as a general rule. We have established dealer accounts with Tournament Sports, Goldline, and Balance Plus and are working on an arrangement with Asham. You can view products that we have available at the club or go to the curling websites for a list of all their products. If what you're looking for is not on display in the shop please speak with a pro-shop representative and we can assist you. We have most draws covered with member volunteers but you can always arrange access

by contacting the pro shop email address proshop@elmiracurlingclub.ca.

During the week please see one of the following for access to the pro-shop or make arrangements with them to access the shop.

- Sunday night – Colleen Coghlin
- Monday night coverage – Linda Dickson, Robbie Smith and Jennifer Brown
- Tuesday/Thursday daytime draws and Tuesday night – Lorne MacKinnon
- Wednesday – Virginia Henry until December and Linda Dickson
- Thursday – Pat Johnson
- Friday – Robbie Smith and Jennifer Brown

This is a volunteer run service that is provided mainly for the benefit of our members. While we may not always be available to address your curling attire needs immediately, we would be happy to work with you to arrange for suitable times by dropping us an email through proshop@elmiracurlingclub.ca. Just let us know what you are interested in purchasing and what night you curl.

Thank you for your support of the Elmira Curling Club Pro Shop.



Elmira Curling Club's trip to the Scotties

On February 19, the Elmira Curling Club travelled to St Catharines to watch two draws of the Scott Tournament of Hearts. Other than an unfortunate break down of the bus when we were ready to head home, it was a great day and lots of action on the ice. Thank you to everyone who enjoyed the trip and congratulations to Team Homan of Ontario for winning the championship!



Your 2016-2017 Board of Directors

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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 March 8 at 6:30 p.m. Check the club calendar on the website for future meeting times 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 for the 2017-2018 season, please contact Paul Fusari.



Diamond Decades year-end party and elimination draw

Saturday, April 8

7 p.m.

Celebrate 60 years at the Club and enjoy the best music* as we travel back in time to the 1950s through to today.

Dress for today or dress for decades past. Pull out those old clothes you've been hoarding in the closet and dress for a different decade if you like!

Dancing, appetizers & FUN!

Admission is FREE

*If you have music suggestions, email Colleen Coghlin at kwani@hotmail.com.



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