



## March 2017 NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming events

2017

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!

I have a question for you: How many Club Presidents does it take to change a light bulb?

A: None, it never got out of the feasibility study.

A: None, he prefers out-turns to in-turns.

A: We're not sure, he's still looking for the instruction manual.

I'm sure there are many other creative answers (which I hope you will share with me), but why am I asking? Well, changing light bulbs is something you will read more about in this newsletter, along with a whole heap of other interesting happenings here in Elmira!

It has literally been a banner year so far and we have lots of great successes to share and celebrate this season. We have had a number of write-ups in the local papers highlighting among other things: our 60th anniversary year, our popular U18 OJCT bonspiel and our success at OCA events. A Provincial championship doesn't happen every day so my congratulations to our Intermediate women's team!

The days are getting longer, and that can only mean one thing - our Fall membership registration package is now available! There are a couple of changes from last season so take some time to look it over, and chat with your cohorts about your league plans for the Fall. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Colleen or myself anytime.

Many leagues will be entering playoffs and potlucks, so good luck to all and I hope you enjoy the last few weeks of the curling season. We will be looking for some volunteers at the Board level for next season, so if you are interested please let me know.

Good curling!

**Paul Fusari**  
President, Elmira & District Curling Club



## Ribs 'N Schnitz Mixed Bonspiel

The newly named Ribs 'N Schnitz Bonspiel (formerly called the Ribs 'N Tails) was held on Saturday, February 25, 2017. We had two full draws comprised of teams from K-W Granite, Westmount, Brant, Elora, Galt Country, Tavistock, Toronto Royals, Acton and Elmira. We also had a team of new curlers who are not members of a Club (yet). Many thanks to the two Elmira teams who came together in the last couple days to fill the late draw.

The winner of the early draw was team Skura (Westmount) and the runner up was team Connon (K-W Granite). The late draw was won by our very own Twyla Gilbert's team consisting of Dave Reid, Bonnie Orford and Chris Meadows. The late draw runner up was team Russom from Toronto Royals.

The curlers in this 'spiel have come to expect a few extracurricular activities to round out the day, and this year was no exception! A ruckus could be heard all the way to St. Jacobs when we did our 'barnyard call'. Curlers were secretly assigned different animals and on the count of 3 had to sound off - oinking, mooing, baa-ing... and had to find their own kind. This was followed up by an exciting relay race involving balloons. Curlers had to race with their own species head-to-head against another animal (dogs vs cats, chickens vs turkeys, you get the idea). The winners of the race received yummy pig cookies from the Stone Crock. Finally at the end of the day the participants had to deliver a unique pig call to get their prize.

Many thanks to all of our hard-working volunteers and to the members who generously donated gifts

for our prize table. We received many great compliments on the ice (thanks Rob!), the food and how fun the day was overall. We are looking forward to planning another fun day next season.

*Dianne Crossley and Paul Fusari*





## Men's Texas BBQ Bonspiel

Another successful edition of the Texas BBQ bonspiel was held on Saturday, March 4 to a sold out crowd of enthusiastic curlers. Entrants for the early draw were returning teams from 2016 while the late draw had 5 new teams. Curling clubs represented at the bonspiel were Aylmer, Ayr, Galt Curling, Guelph, K-W Granite and Oakville.

The winning team in the early draw was skipped by Chris Campbell from Galt Curling with Gord Connon from K-W Granite taking second spot.



*Early Draw Winners – Team Chris Campbell*

Brian Cain and his team from Guelph Curling won the late draw with Steve Conrad from Galt Curling taking the runner-up position.

Several club members donated very nice bottles for our raffle. A combination of unique ticket pricing and an energetic sales campaign resulted in \$700 being raised for the club. Total revenue for the bonspiel was just over \$6,000.



*Late Draw Winners – Team Brian Cain*

Our Texas BBQ bonspiel sponsors made significant contributions which helped ensure a successful event. Sponsoring us again this year were Foodland (deli meats / buns for lunch), Good Auto Parts (cash donation), The Woodburner (BBQ / propane) and Wellington Brewery (beer for the prize table).

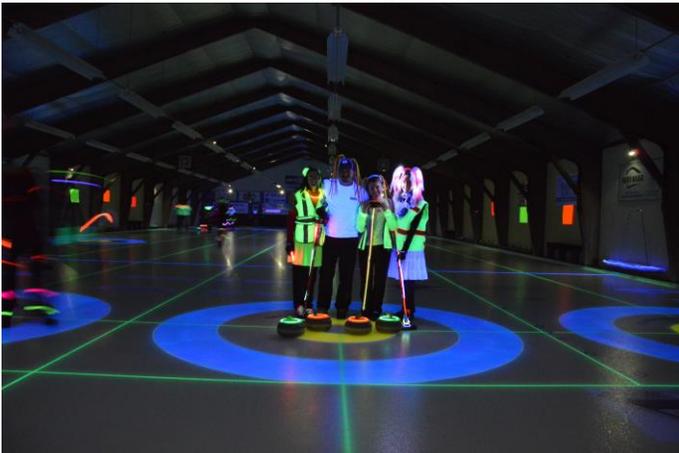
The success of the bonspiel depends on the participation of our volunteers and this year's crew did a fantastic job. So, to all those who worked in the kitchen, served food, cleaned up, worked the bar and ran the BBQ, many thanks. And special thanks to Rob, our icemaker, for providing great ice, keeping things on track and selling Elimination tickets in his spare time. Nice work Rob!

Judging from the comments, I expect most of the teams to return next year for more great curling and thick, juicy steaks.

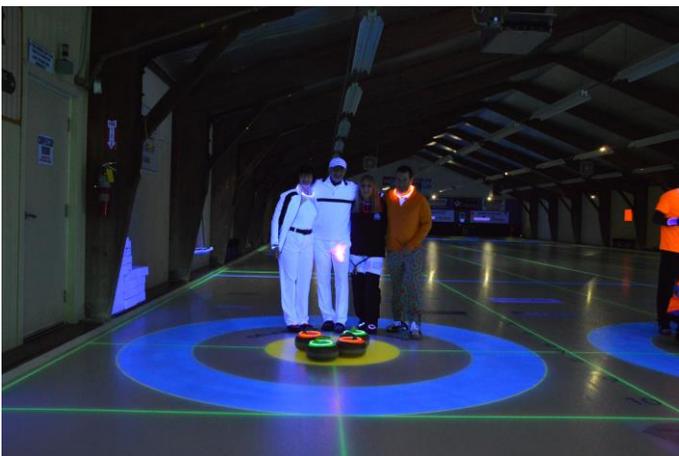
**John Hrabi**



## Glow in the Dark bonspiel



Early draw winners: Team Martin from Elmira (Melody Martin, Larry Martin, Deanna Johnson, Stephanie Marshall)



Late draw winners: Team Grummett from Brant

## Lighting at the Curling Club

The current lights in the rink at the club are T12 Fluorescent fixtures. An American initiative mandated in 2009 that T12 Fluorescent fixtures would be phased-out, with a cut off of production for 2014. A short extension was awarded, however by this time, for many reasons other options were becoming popular and the Phase out is well on its way, with limited parts availability.

Due to the growing popularity of the LED technology we at the Club have maintained these old fixtures until a feasible LED option would become available.

I have been monitoring and evaluating lighting since 2011 and have determined that the time has come to make the switch. The quote is just over \$20,000, however we anticipate an Energy Rebate of \$1,934 for making the conversion, as well our energy use for the lighting should be cut in half, for a savings of over \$2,000 per year.

It is anticipated that the work will be completed on the ice immediately after our last curling of the season. This is done to eliminate the potential for brine pipe damage, if the work was performed in the summer.

**Lavern Brubacher**



**Congratulations Team Pidgeon  
2017 Women's Intermediate Provincial  
Champions**



*Mary Pidgeon, Jackie Gidge, Colleen Coghlin and Twyla Gilbert with their provincial championship banner*

From March 1 to 5, Team Pidgeon played in Fenelon Falls against seven other provincial qualifiers. With a 5 and 2 record during round robin play, they earned their way to the final against Team Michelle Gray from Orangeville. With a score of 8 - 3 after six ends, the Gray team offered handshakes and Team Pidgeon was announced provincial winners.

*The team wishes to send a very big thank you to our sponsors: Rudow's Carstar Collision Centre, GSP Group Inc., Great Canadian Holidays and the curling club for the financial support they provided to us. We were very touched by all of the e-mails, texts and bbm's from club members wishing us well during the week and congratulating us on our win. The support meant a lot to us. Also, a very special thanks to those that made the trip up to watch us on the weekend!*

**Off to the Canadian Championships**



Susan Martin (far right), 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.

**Game schedule:**

Monday, April 3 – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, April 4 – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, April 5 – 11:30 a.m.  
 Thursday, April 6 – 3 p.m.  
 Friday, April 7 – 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 8 – 9 a.m.

**Playoffs:**

Saturday, April 8 – 2 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 9 – 10 a.m.





## Provincial competitions



ELMIRA & DISTRICT CC - ZONE 12

Skip - Lorne MacKinnon; Vice - Stan Sitts; Second - Larry Hammond; Lead - Dan Donaldson

Team MacKinnon won the Grandmasters zone 12 competition and competed at the Provincials in Thornhill March 16 - 18.

Team Emma McKenzie advanced from U-18 Zones earlier in March and competed at the Provincials in Hamilton March 22 - 25.

## Police team off to Nationals



Al Dickson's Police Team won their provincial playdown and will represent Ontario at Nationals in Fredericton next month.

## Elmira Junior Curling

On Saturday, March 4, Team Wrigglesworth of Elmira earned a silver medal for a second-place finish at the annual Rob Shepherd Little Rock bonspiel at Kitchener's Westmount Golf and Country Club. We congratulate Leia Wrigglesworth, Valorie Martin, Cameron Johnson, and Hannah Wilk, playing in her first bonspiel, for earning second place honours and just behind the winning team from the Westmount club.



Our final Little Rock bonspiel of the year is the annual Monkey Bonspiel at the K-W Granite Club on April 8.



## Membership - What's new and important information for 2017/18:

1. Rising Club expenses have caused a slight increase in membership fees.

Membership	2016/17 rate*	2017/18 rate*	Increase
Unlimited	\$410	\$420	2.4%
One Evening Draw	\$305	\$313	2.6%
One Evening Draw – Half Year	\$160	\$165	3.1%
Brand New Member	\$249	\$279	12.0%
Capital Charge (applicable to all memberships)	\$20	\$25	20.0%

\*Excludes applicable taxes, capital charge and volunteer deposit. Includes OCA fees.

2. A new league has been added: Novice Social, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. This league is available for Fall session, Winter session or Full season. More information can be found in the Membership Registration package (under Draw Descriptions).

3. Curling 101 will move to Saturday mornings, Nov. 4 – Dec. 16, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. The class will be 6 weeks in duration (4 weeks of instruction, 2 weeks of game play). More information is available on our website.
4. Online registration and payment will again be available this summer.
5. Printed membership packages are available at the Club, but will NOT be distributed to members. Membership packages are available on our website and members are encouraged to register online.

Membership registrations for returning members are due on  
Thursday August 31, 2017.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Club on  
Tuesday September 12, 2017.



## Curling 101 Update

I wanted to make you aware of some changes coming to our Curling 101 program for the Fall.

In an effort to retain the new members who are curling in the Thursday 6:30 p.m. Winter Social (9 teams!), the Board has agreed to extend this league to a full season next year. It will be called 'Novice Social', intended for curlers with 5 years of experience or less (however experienced curlers are welcome to join as well).

This means Curling 101 has to be moved to a different day/time. The best available block of ice time we have is Saturday mornings. The new class will run for 6 weeks from November 4 to December 16 (no class on November 18), from 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. We will still offer 4 weeks of instruction, but only 2 weeks of game play. We are also capping the enrollment to 24 participants to reduce the number of instructors needed. The cost will be \$125 including HST.

Change is good! We have filled our previously empty Friday late and Thursday early time slots with member leagues. One of the goals of the Curling 101 program is to generate new members, and we have accomplished this! Our membership has grown from around 225 a few years ago to its current level of 290.

Many thanks for your support of this great program. If you are interested in being trained as an instructor, or would like to help out please let me know.

*Paul Fusari*

## Having fun in Arthur



The Elmira team of Wendy Anderson, Cam MacKinnon, Mary George and Doris Bolton recently played in a bonspiel in Arthur. The theme was "Curling through the Decades."

Each of the players dressed representing a different year spanning Curling jackets and different brooms corn, hair, hammer and the modern light weight, tams and even a kilt.



## Ladies year-end potluck

Attention lady members - you're invited to broaden your culinary horizons April 5 starting at 6 p.m. The theme this year is foods from around the world featuring 8 countries; Canada, Ireland, Mexico, Greece, France, Italy, Switzerland and Germany. Dress up and bring a dish from any one of these countries!

Boldly go where your taste buds haven't gone before. Travel the world from our Club and celebrate another successful year of women's curling in Elmira!



## 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.

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**

<p>January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each            January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each            January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each            February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each            March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each            March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each            April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 - 2 draws for \$50 each</p>	<p><b>APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>  <b>ELIMINATION DRAW</b> - 6pm to 10pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup>: 100<sup>th</sup>, 200<sup>th</sup>, 300<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$100</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> last - \$200</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> last - \$300</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> last - \$500</li> <li>• Last - \$1,000</li> </ul>
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**\$20 PER TICKET**

License No. M778250  
400 TICKETS SOLD

**DRAWS to be held at the**  
**ELMIRA & DISTRICT CURLING CLUB**

  
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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## Get involved - make a difference!

The Nominating committee is looking for several volunteers to fill openings for next season. There are many opportunities to get involved and we are looking for Board members, committee members and volunteers to help in the areas of special events, membership, treasury, secretary, drawmaster among others.

As you know, we rely heavily on volunteers for the successful operation of our Club. As our membership grows this becomes even more important! Many hands make light work, so if you are interested in getting involved and making a difference please reach out to us.

Thank you.

ECC Nominating Committee  
 Lorne MacKinnon (chair), Paul Fusari, Andy Harbison, Scott Coghlin

## Your 2016-2017 Board of Directors

President	Paul Fusari
Past President	Lorne MacKinnon
Vice-President	Andy Harbison
Secretary	Donna Trimble
Treasurer	Ian Mathers
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 binder behind the bar with Club By-Laws and Board meeting minutes. Minutes are also available on the Club website.

Next Board meeting is April 12 at 7 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.



## 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](mailto:kwani@hotmail.com).



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