



## April 2017 NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming events 2017

June 3 – Golf tourney

Aug. 31 – registration deadline  
for returning members

Sept. 12, 7 p.m. – AGM

Oct. 5 & 6 – practice time for  
members

Oct. 10 – League play begins

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



### ***The Prez says...***

Hello Members!

April showers bring May flowers and the end to another curling season. Our 60th anniversary year exceeded expectations and was one for the record books!

We had a great turnout at our year-end Diamond Decades party on April 8. Lots of laughs, food, dancing, and great costumes spanning the decades (can you guess who I'm dressed as?). Our Intermediate ladies team were presented with their championship banner, and if that wasn't enough, Team Coghlin (Colleen, Melody Martin, David Miller and Cheryl Leis) danced away with the \$1,000 top prize in our Elimination draw! Thanks to all who made the evening such a great success.

On behalf of the Board I wanted to once again thank all of you for giving back to the Club this year and volunteering. All of our programs, events, and new initiatives don't happen by themselves, so hat's off to everyone. I would also like to personally thank our Board of Directors, our Club manager Jennifer Lipp, and our Ice Tech Rob Shaw. I appreciated all your support this season.

If you recall back in November we had announced the formation of a Governance Review Committee. The mandate of this committee is to assess the adequacy and appropriateness of the Club's current by-laws and Board structure. The committee has been working very hard this season and has submitted some recommendations to the Board. You can read more about it in the pages that follow.

There is a boatload of other great information in the pages that follow so I encourage you to read on! I am *almost* over my curling withdrawal symptoms and I look forward to enjoying the warm weather. I hope all of you enjoy a safe and happy off-season, and we'll see you in the Fall!

**Paul Fusari**

**President, Elmira & District Curling Club**



## Maple Syrup Bonspiel 2017

On April 1 we held the annual Mixed Maple Syrup Bonspiel. We hosted 16 teams for a day full of great curling and maple syrup. We had 6 teams from Elmira in the bonspiel and 10 other teams from across southern Ontario. Results from the early draw had teams from KW Granite Club showing well with 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Places (Team Connon and Team McMillan), to sandwich Elmira's Team "Nautical Nuts" in 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Dan Donaldson, Linda Dickson, Les Sulpher and Sharon Sulpher). Many congratulations to Team Connon of KW Granite Club (Gord Connon, Nathalie Cloutier, Tim Taylor, and Benita-Ann Gallina) for narrowly defeating the home team in an exciting third game.

The leaderboard in the late draw was dominated by visiting teams from Toronto, K-W and Tavistock. Many congratulations also to Team "Sapsuckers" (Bill McAnally, Andrea McAnally, Derek Rose and Stephanie Rose) from the Royal Canadian Curling Club for their 1<sup>st</sup> place win over Team "Sweeps In" of KW Granite Club, and to Team Green of the Tavistock CC for a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish.

A big thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle table or supported the bonspiel.

Sponsors included M&G Millwrights Ltd., Rudow's Carstar Collision & Glass Service, Programmed Insurance Brokers Inc., and the Woodburner Leisure Living Centre. Lastly, a big thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen and behind the bar, and to Rob for preparing the ice. Special thanks to Dianne for answering a million questions and helping the day to run smoothly. The day was a great success thanks to everyone's help!

*Coordinators- Christy Humphrey and Lindsey Kiedrowski*





## Governance Review Committee

On April 12, the Governance Review Committee presented their findings to the Board of Directors. The committee began work in January reviewing the Club's by-laws and board structure. Members of the committee are Stephen Klinck, Sandra Hanmer, Linda Dickson, Bob Johnson, Bill Barr (chair) and Andy Harbison. A revised set of by-laws were drafted using the experience of the committee members, a survey of current and former board members, OCA and non-profit best practices as well as input from other clubs.

The committee was guided by the following objectives:

- simplify the board structure
- make board membership more attractive to club members
- involve more members in the operation of the club
- enhance continuity of club operations as board membership changes

The Board will be discussing the committee's recommendations in the May board meeting in preparation for September's Annual General Meeting. Look for more information from the Board once the recommendations are final. Thanks to the committee members for their efforts!

## Elimination Draw results

The Elimination Draw was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped support our fundraiser! 350 tickets were sold and the Club raised nearly \$4,000!

### Early Bird \$50 winners

Ralph Gingerich  
 Matt Willig  
 Jo Atlee  
 Darcy Weber  
 Jenny Soehner  
 Orville Visneskie  
 Sharon Walkom  
 Carmelinda Del Conte  
 Jeff Prickett  
 Mark Freure  
 Patrick Fioravanti  
 Greg & Sandra Hanmer  
 Team Andy Harbison  
 Leslie Andrews

### Draw night winners

Winner	Prize
Jim Patton	\$ 100.00
Andy Williams	\$ 100.00
Sheila Smith-Jones	\$ 100.00
Lew Ayers	\$ 100.00
Lori Harrison	\$ 200.00
Dan Hilborn & Don Graham	\$ 300.00
Steve Babstock	\$ 500.00
Team Coghlin	\$ 1,000.00



**Diamond Decades party**



Team Pidgeon, Intermediate Women's Provincial Champions were presented with the championship banner





## Junior Curling

By Glenn Paulley

With the end of the 2016-2017 curling season, we had an opportunity to celebrate the success of our Elmira Junior program with our Junior closing on Tuesday, April 11.

First, congratulations to our Little Rock teams who once again achieved a podium finish, this time a third-place finish at the K-W Granite Monkey bonspiel the previous Saturday. Team Switzerland, skipped by Leia Wrigglesworth with Emma and Lauren Penston and Briana Loder, finished with a 1-1 record. However, Team Netherlands, skipped by Valorie Martin and with teammates Cameron and Declan Johnson, along with Jelissa Riel, finished the event in third place with two strong performances.



A number of our U15 and U18 athletes experienced success this year. Veronica Bernard skipped her U18 women's rink (Morgan Blair, Sarah Wallace, and Claire Randell) to a win at the Elmira OJCT U18 cash spiel (photo below) and won two other OJCT tour events, all of them with undefeated records. Veronica capped off her season with a third place finish at the U21 Junior Slam championships in St. Thomas in early April. Team Bernard's performances earned them a runner-up position in the OJCT U18 tour rankings, placing second only to Team Kayla Gray, this season's Ontario U18 champions.



In late March, Quinn Caplice skipped his Elora Public School rink to a podium finish at the 2017 Timbits Elementary School Curling Championships. Quinn and his rink finished the event with a sparkling 7-1 record, with their only loss a 4-2 defeat that knocked them out of contention for the title game.



A number of athletes from the Elmira program competed in the inaugural U18 mixed competition, with Linden Jorna and Lindsay Schmalz, playing on a rink out of K-W Granite skipped by Eric Van de Lande, earning a berth to the U18 Mixed Provincial Championship that was held at the Gananoque Curling Club in Gananoque from March 29 to April 2. Congratulations to Linden and Lindsay!

William Henry, along with Elmira teammates Quinn Caplice, Caden Cherry, and Blake Roemer, competed in the OCA U15 Challenge in mid-February and finished the event undefeated. Congratulations, boys!

Finally, a number of athletes competed in U18 women's and men's playdowns; representing Elmira were teams skipped by Sam Domaratzki, Veronica Bernard and Emma McKenzie. While Sam and Veronica were unable to qualify for a berth at Provincials, Team McKenzie won the B-side at their qualifier in Acton on March 5 and competed at the U18 Provincial Championship at the Hamilton Victoria Curling Club the week of March 20. Emma and her rink of Alyson Duguid, Alison Poluck and Jessica Filipcic finished out of playoff contention but in all respects had a successful tournament, with Emma earning the tournament's Sportsmanship Award as voted on by all of the players and coaches at the event.



Alison Poluck



Emma McKenzie earns  
U18 Provincials Sportsmanship Award

### Junior Program Awards

Each year we present awards to those athletes in the program that best exemplify the spirit of curling and technical proficiency that they have earned during the past season. The award winners are each presented with an individual plaque, and their names are listed on the Junior Program plaque in the downstairs hallway at the Club.

The following awards were presented at the Junior closing on April 11:

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: Eliza Domzella, Hannah Wilk, and Emma Penston. Winner: Emma Penston.

U15/U18 nominees: Larissa Musselman, Rachel Freure, Tony Domzella, and Blake Roemer. Winner: Tony Domzella.



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: Kara Sims, Jack Diehl, Nicholas Visneskie, and Megan Sims. Winner: Kara Sims.

U15/U18 nominees: Lindsay Schmalz, Adam Smith, and Lauren Schmalz. Winner: Adam Smith.

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: Emma Penston, Lauren Penston, Jelissa Riel, and Hannah Wilk. Winner: Jelissa Riel.

U15/U18 nominees: Alison Poluck, Jade McCallum, Ryan Freure, Cameron Olmsted, and Nathan Lawson. Winner: Jade McCallum.

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 Leia Wrigglesworth. Winner: Valorie Martin.

U15/U18 nominees: Linden Jorna, Quinn Caplice, Emma McKenzie, Sam Domaratzki, and Cody Leslie. Winner: Emma McKenzie.



In the photograph of the award winners: back row, L-R: Tony Domzella, myself, and Adam Smith; front row, Jelissa Riel, Emma Penston, and Valorie Martin. Missing: Kara Sims, Emma McKenzie, and Jade McCallum.

Congratulations to all of the nominees for your hard work and pursuit of excellence throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank my assistants for helping me run the Junior program this past season: Andrew Dickson, Reg Domaratzki, Melody Bridgen-Martin, Bryan Henry, and Tony Domzella all helped on the ice, while I was fortunate to be able to count on Rob Riel in the kitchen for the Little Rockers. Thanks as well to Rob Shaw for his efforts in providing the best ice possible for the Little Rockers and his extra efforts in providing practice ice for the various competitive Junior teams.



**Congratulations Sue Martin and Team Curtis  
– Canadian Silver medalists!**

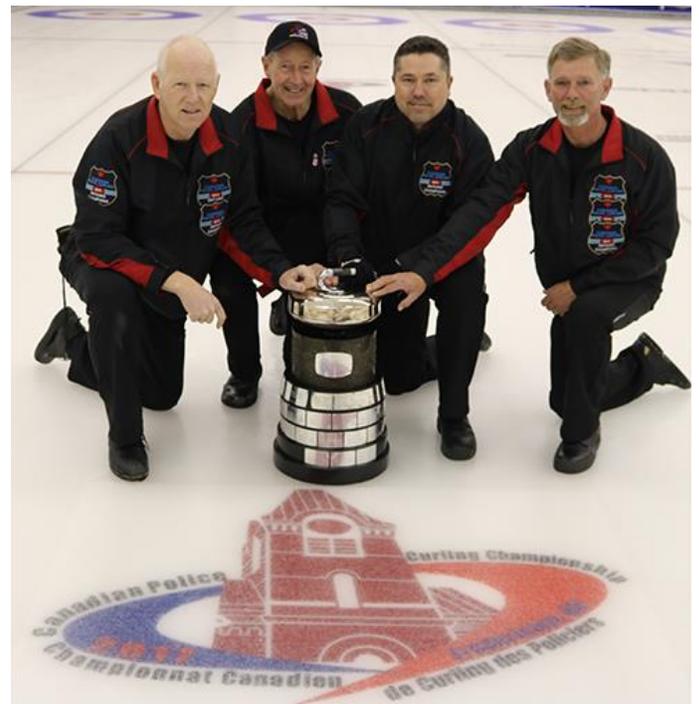


Susan Martin (far right), who plays with Dale Curtis out of the Galt Curling Club in Masters Women competition won silver at the Canadian Championship at the Guelph Curling Club in April.



**2017 Canadian Police Curling Champions**

Congratulations Allan Dickson (far right) on your national win in Fredericton!





## 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 May 17 at 7 p.m. 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.

# Online Membership Registration Information

All members are encouraged to register online for the 2017/18 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](mailto: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 3 payment options when you register online:

- 1) Pay Later: Your registration is accepted and you must submit payment separately via cheque(s), cash, or debit. **Note:** late fees apply for returning members after **August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017** (as detailed in this package).
- 2) Pay in full with Visa or MasterCard You pay your fees in full online with your credit card by Aug 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 3) Pay the first installment Pay your **first instalment** online with your credit card before the Aug 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Your **remaining instalments** must be paid separately by **post-dated cheques**, all submitted by September 30th.

## 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](mailto:membership@elmiracurlingclub.ca)) or Paul Fusari ([webmaster@elmiracurlingclub.ca](mailto:webmaster@elmiracurlingclub.ca)).

# 2016/2017 League Champs

## Sunday A winners



Gwenanne Jorgenson, Dan Rahn, Pat & Bob Johnson (sparing for Sue Martin and Bill Rudow)

## B winners



Chris Meadows, Ian Mathers, Christy Humphrey, Karen Meadows (sparing for Heidi Mathers)

## C winners



Andrew Cowan , David Nelson, Ian Harrower , Dave Hagedorn

## Monday early – winner of the Big Cheese



Brian Boyle (skip), Larry Hammond (vice), Matt Skogstad (second) and Bill Harris (lead).

## Monday late Congratulations to the winners

**Tuesday early  
A side**



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

**B side**

Team Crawford

**Tuesday late  
A side**



Brian Morriss, John Hrabj, Bob Johnson, Pat Andrews

**Wednesday early  
A side**

Skip: Carolyn Adams  
Vice: Jackie Gidge  
2nd: Joanne Wideman  
Lead: Donna Haskett

**B side**

Skip: Gail McLeod  
Vice: Bonnie Orford  
2nd: Katie Lepold-Horan  
Lead: Cindy Nicholson

## Wednesday late

Division A Champs – C. Coghlin

Runner-up – C. Pidgeon

Division B Champs – R. Marshall

Runner-up – P. Johnson

Division C Champs – S. Chapman

Runner-up – K. Coultis

Division D Champs – D. Martin

Runner-up – C. Walker

## Thursday early A side



Stephen Karley, Mike Estoesta, Martin Missio

## Most honest team



Adrienne Gumz, Lori Plate, J.P. Pretti

## Thursday late A side

Bob Johnson, Jim Arnald, James Horan, Stephen Hindbest

## B side

Stephen Klinck, Chris Wilk, Katie Lepold-Horan

### Friday early

The Friday night curling came to an end with Stuart Cross, Noreen Michels, Susan Cronin and Aden Frey winning the year end Turkeys.

As always we had a great year of fun. Pizza and hot dog nights and best of all was our Pot luck nights made for a close nit bunch of curlers.

Sue and I have enjoyed being your draw masters for the past many years (more than I want to count). There is no easier lot of people to work with then the Friday night curlers. So One really big thank you to all of you for your support and friendship all these many of years. THANKS.

*Bill Cronin*



**Friday novice**

**Fall session  
A side**



"School of Hard Rocks" - Katie Lepold-Horan, James Horan, Yvonne & Ralph Gingerich

**B side**



"3 Sheets to the Wind": Kayla Beaudry, Rob Leach, Kim Thompson, Miln (Bay) Harvey

**Friday novice**

**Winter session  
A side**



"On the Rocks" - Barb & Roger Buehler (sparing for Bob Leguerrier and Linda Flemming), Margot Synder, Steve Davidson

**See you next season!**

