



February 2018 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events

2018

Feb. 24 - Ribs 'n Schnitz Mixed
Bonspiel

Feb. 25 – Youth Curling Open
House

March 3 - Men's Texas BBQ

March 10 - Broom Sticks &
Glow Sticks Bonspiel

April 7 - Maple Syrup Mixed
Bonspiel

April 11 - Wednesday Women's
Social Year End Banquet

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



Look for our rink board ad at the
hockey arena this season.



The Prez says...

"Time flies like an arrow and fruit flies like a banana." I can't believe we are almost into March already!

Not surprisingly 2018 has been a very busy year so far. We have hosted many successful events and have a number of bonspiels still to come. Check out the event re-caps in the pages that follow. My sincere thanks to all of the organizers and volunteers - we could not do it without you!

I was pleasantly surprised to have my name drawn for an early-bird prize in our Elimination draw recently! Make sure you get those tickets and save the date for our exciting year-end party - Saturday April 14, starting at 7 p.m. It promises to be a SUPER night to remember and someone will walk away \$1,000 richer.

The 2019 Ontario Championships in Elmira are less than a year away. An executive committee is in place and initial plans are beginning to come together. We'll be sure to keep you informed about what's happening and how you can help. Watch for regular updates in our newsletter and email communications.

I hope you are enjoying all the great curling on TV, despite the challenges our Canadian teams have faced. Lots of great exposure for our sport and some new fans - including Mr. T! #curlingischoolfool



Mr. T  @MrT · Feb 10

Curling is kind of different, but it's Exciting. It's not as easy as it looks. It takes some skills that's for sure. I like it!

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Good curling!

Paul Fusari, President, Elmira & District Curling Club



Elmira & District Curling Club to host 2019 Ontario Provincial Curling Championships

Next January the cry of 'hurry hard' will echo through the Woolwich Memorial Centre as the best curlers from across our province compete in the 2019 Ontario Provincial Curling Championships which are being hosted by our Elmira & District Curling Club (EDCC) January 27 - February 3. Both the women's and men's championships will be contested here as teams vie for a berth in the 2019 Tournament of Hearts or the 2019 Brier.

EDCC curler, Susan Martin is chairing the host committee which is responsible for promoting the event and enlisting the necessary volunteers to prepare the facilities and provide the necessary service for the players and the spectators. On behalf of the committee, Dean and Susan Martin attended the 2018 Men's Championships in Huntsville to see how this year's host committee ran the event.

Steering Committee



Left to right: Sandra Hanmer, *volunteers*; Gwenanne Jorgenson, *secretary*; Linda Dickson, *player services*; Andy Harbison, *liaison with EDCC Board of Directors*; Twyla Gilbert, *event operations*; Paul Fusari, *liaison with EDCC Board of Directors*; Susan Martin, *chair*; Stephen Klinck, *marketing & communication*; Dean Martin, *sponsorships &*

fundraising; Doug Trimble, *finance*. Absent from photo: Brian Henry, *spectator services*.

The committee's second meeting was held at the Woolwich Memorial Centre (recreation complex) which will serve as home for the event. A logo has been prepared for the event and a website is being developed. Information about volunteering is included on the next page of this newsletter. Please watch our EDCC website for more information.

Please help promote the 2019 OCA Championships

You can help promote attendance at this event by distributing event postcards when you visit or play at other curling clubs.



The postcards are available on the bar at the Club. Help yourself.

Contact Stephen Klinck or Susan Martin if more cards are needed.



2019 Provincial Championships - Volunteering

The 2019 Provincial Championships (Jan. 27 - Feb. 3, 2019) is 11 months away, however, it's never too early to start thinking about where you can help out. We are going to need 250+ volunteers event week to make the 2019 Provincial Championships a success. **If you would like to get your name on the contact list please email your name, contact phone number and contact email to 2019volunteers@elmircurlingclub.ca** . You will be the first to get information about volunteer registration. Please note that volunteering for the Provincials is separate from a Club duty – you will still be required to volunteer at the Club to receive your duty refund.

There will be lots of volunteer opportunities during the 8-day event: Community Events, Entertainment, Hospitality – Bar Services, 50/50 Ticket & Program Sales, Hospitality – Food Preparation, Facilities – Decorating, Hospitality – Food Service, Facilities - Set-up/Takedown, First Aid, Facilities – Ice Making, Media/Communication, Scorekeepers, Social Media, Security, Special Events – Ceremonies, Receptions, Timekeepers, Sponsorship, Ticket Sales, Transportation – Parking Coordinators, Transportation – Shuttle Drivers, Volunteer Services, Player Services just to name a few. Registration packages and further details about these duties will be coming out soon.

In keeping with the tradition established during previous Tankards, Scotties, and Brier tournaments, 2019 Provincials volunteers will be asked to pay a "Volunteer Rewards Package" fee. In return, volunteers will receive a high quality 2019 Provincials jacket and golf shirt to be worn during the event, unlimited access to all draws while not on volunteer duty, including playoffs, plus free access to numerous volunteer appreciation events prior to,

during and after the 2019 Provincials. Final fee for the Volunteer Rewards Package is still in the works.

We appreciate that some people may question why they need to pay a fee to volunteer. We hope you feel that you are getting good value for your money while understanding that the ultimate goal for any curling club hosting the Provincials is to maximize funds raised during the event.

At this time, we are looking for 3 to 4 volunteers to join each of the following **planning Teams**:

- Sponsorship and Fundraising
- Marketing and Communications
- Event Operations
- Player Services
- Finance
- Spectator Services
- Volunteer Services (including Apparel)

If you are interested in doing some behind the scenes work to help us get ready for the 2019 Provincials, please email your name, contact information (email and phone number) and preferred planning Team to 2019volunteers@elmircurlingclub.ca .

If you have any questions regarding volunteering please don't hesitate to contact me. EDCC has a great volunteerism spirit. Looking forward to seeing that spirit shine for the 2019 Provincial Championships!



Sandra Hanmer
Chair, Volunteer Services
2019 Provincial
Championships





Ladies Chocolate Lovers Bonspiel

The forecast called for a cold, clear day with a chance of good curling and it came true.

The Ladies' Chocolate Lovers' Bonspiel was enjoyed by a lovely mix of new and previous competitors from Guelph, K-W, Milton, Brampton, Oakville, Ayr and Elmira. In addition to good play, the ladies enjoyed laughs, excellent food, speciality drinks and loads of chocolate. Thank you to the people who donated prizes for the raffle table. They were of excellent quality and generated some healthy returns for the Club.



I would like to thank Carol Fife for volunteering her day to help run the event; she was invaluable. I would also like to thank Deb Mitchell for helping make the dessert, ordering the food and ensuring the kitchen staff had clear instructions for the day. We have been very fortunate to have many repeat volunteers resulting in a well-oiled machine. Sue Martin, your creative table feature was very much appreciated and it provided a touch of class to the day.

Finally thank you Rob Shaw for doing a good job at maintaining the ice. It really helped us stay on schedule.

The survey results were excellent and it isn't without many people assisting and the players coming to the event with fun, fellowship and good sportsmanship in mind.

The winner of the 9 a.m. draw was from K-W Granite. The team was made up of Lead (Sherry King) - missing, 2nd (Heather Carr), Vice (Lianne Franklin) and Skip (Renita McLeod).



The 11 a.m. winner was from Guelph. The team was made up of Skip (Phyllis Harrington), Vice (Teri Gilchrist), 2nd (Kristy Boniwell) and Lead (Cathie MacPhedran).



In closing, chocolate is not just lovely tasting it contains protein ... the average chocolate bar contains eight insect parts. Yummy!

Until next year ladies, *Lisa Howell*.



Men's Striploin Classic Bonspiel

The Striploin Classic on January 27 was (as usual) a hit. Only one team from the previous year failed to return. Their replacement team, from Dundas Valley, were happy to progress from many years on the waitlist to active duty, although their last-place finish may not have been what they were hoping for. (Names will be withheld for that reason.)

Carl Jorgenson (KW Granite), who says he has been coming to this spiel for 21 years, won the early draw, after relinquishing fourth-rock to his long-time partner Colin McMillan. He defeated another long-time attendee, Gord Connon (also KW Granite. . .can't these guys settle their battles at home?). Finishing out of the steak and beer prizes were (in order) Paul Huether (Guelph), Ross Campbell (with his son Todd, representing Cookstown and Barrie), Bob Johnson (the only Elmira team in the spiel), Steve Kupicz (KW Granite), Glenn Dickson (Palmerston) and finally our old friend Jeff Renwick (KW Granite). I need to have a talk with Gord Connon and Jeff Renwick about their time-of-play!

The late draw had teams from further away. Dave Huras (Leaside) won the draw, the main Raffle prize, and the secondary raffle prize! He redeemed himself slightly at the prize table by choosing Summer Sausage instead of steaks. Dave beat out Mike Mann's team from Niagara Falls for the second year in a row. Other teams (in final order) were Jeff Watson (Guelph), Kevin Wolfenberg (Niagara Falls), Greg Ault (Guelph), Jason Pye (KW Granite), and Adam Sindall (Wellsely) who avoided last position for the first time in five years by topping the newest team skipped by Bill Krizmanich (Dundas Valley).

As always, the steaks from Foodland were barbecued to perfection by Dave Millard and Edwin Kling, and the kitchen staff handled lunch and dinner fixing to perfection.

FOODLAND

Wellington Breweries donated Tall-boys this year, and increased the numbers of donated units. Thanks Welly!



Jim Brandon did a fine job helping me to keep things moving this year, while I did my extracurricular curling duty: missing Bob Johnson's broom and/or throwing the wrong weight, in order to not deprive visiting teams of the steak or beer that they expect.

Good Curling,

Brian Morriss



U18 Ontario Junior Curling Tour (OJCT) Bonspiel

By Glenn Pauley

On February 2 to 4 Elmira hosted our fifth annual U18 OJCT cash spiel with 16 rinks participating from across southern Ontario to compete for OJCT tour points and for \$2,600 in prize money available to qualifying teams.



On the women's side, in Pool A cumulative draw-to-the-button scores were not required as teams Poluck from Galt Country and Ensing from Elora finished the round robin with matching 2-1 records, but with Erin Ensing earning first place honours via a win over Alison Poluck in draw 3. Similarly, in Pool B, Team Veronica Bernard of Elmira were undefeated at 3-0, followed by Hannah Don from Oshawa at 2-1, and both of these teams qualified for playoffs without the need for tie-breakers.

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 Team Prenevost out of Milton at 2-1. Skip Matthew Prenevost made some outstanding shots during the tournament, including a real pistol: a long angle-runback with his last stone in 8 for the win against Eric Van de Lande from K-W Granite in draw 5. In Pool B, Connor Massey of Bayview finished the round-robin undefeated at 3-0, followed by Alex Flannery of Oakville at 2-1. A close, extra-end finish in draw 6 between Massey and Paige Ballantyne of Bluewater in draw 6 kept all of the B-pool teams and spectators in their seats on the Saturday night, but Massey's win eliminated both Ballantyne and Peter Naus of East York from the playoffs.



Team Del Conte

(cont'd)



U18 Ontario Junior Curling Tour (OJCT) Bonspiel (cont'd)

In the cross-over semi-finals, on the women's side, Alison Poluck defeated Veronica Bernard's rink out of Elmira in a tight 6-5 game that, after a few misses by both teams in earlier ends, had Alison draw the pin with her final stone in the 8th facing two Bernard stones in the four-foot. In the other semi, Hannah Don defeated Erin Ensing 6-3. On the men's side, Connor Massey cruised to a 9-4 win over Matthew Prenevost, while Daniel Del Conte similarly cruised to a 8-1 win over Alex Flannery.

In the finals, Alison Poluck and her rink (pictured here) took the championship final 6-4 over Hannah Don, the championship being her first OJCT tour win as a skip. Alison collected the winner's cheque for \$500 and 128.80 OJCT points. The consolation final saw Veronica Bernard defeat Erin Ensing who conceded after 7 ends. On the men's side, Daniel Del Conte (pictured previous page) of Hamilton Victoria defeated Connor Massey 7-3, whose entire rink struggled to find draw weight in the final and were limited to three singles. This was Del Conte's second Elmira championship in the last three years, and earned his rink 137.95 OJCT tour points in addition to the \$500 first place cheque. In the consolation final, Matthew Prenevost rebounded from their semi-final loss and defeated Alex Flannery 5-4, earning third place honours in a very close game.



Team Poluck

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, club manager Jennifer Lipp, Perry Marshall and John Gabel of the OJCT for setting up live scoring on CurlingZone, our Elmira volunteers who helped run the draw and the kitchen during the event, Andrew Paulley for assisting on Friday night and Saturday, 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



Elmira members continue their success at provincial and national levels



Congratulations to Susan Martin and her team skipped by Dale Curtis out of the Galt Curling Club who have repeated as Ontario Master Women's champions. They will compete in the Canadian Championship in Surrey/White Rock, BC, April 1 to 8.

Good luck to our Intermediate ladies team who have advanced to the Provincials looking to repeat last year's top spot. Mary Pidgeon, Twyla Gilbert, Colleen Coghlin and Jackie Gidge play March 14 to 18 in Gananoque.

Also representing Elmira, Veronica Bernard and her team of Claire Randell, Sarah Wallace and Kyrsten Elson, play in the U-18 qualifiers in Midland Feb. 23 to 25.

Veronica (playing third) representing Elmira, and her team Hazen Enman (skip), Charlie Read (second), Claire Randel (lead), have advanced to U-18 mixed provincials taking place at the Oshawa Curling Club, March 8 to 11.

Veronica is also playing third for skip Rachel Steele at the Ontario Winter Games taking place in Orillia, March 1 to 4.



Team Pidgeon, silver medalists at the Hillbilly Hoedown at Sun Parlour Curling Club

Ladies Intercity



Wendy Anderson, Susan Martin and Carolyn Adams visited Marillac Place and presented Kelly Walberg with a donation of \$535 raised from the Ladies Intercity Raffle.

Representing Elmira, Eric Van der Lande, Linden Imeson Jorna, Thomas Kraemer and Kyle Henry are playing in the U-18 qualifiers the Feb. 23 to 25 week-end in Welland.



Cash prizes elimination draw

Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the Club. Only 400 tickets will be sold.

ELMIRA & DISTRICT CURLING CLUB
Elimination Draw
 April 14, 2018
 Elimination Draw – 6pm to 10pm

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

2 draws for \$50 each will be held on:
 January 6, 2018
 January 27, 2018
 February 3, 2018
 February 24, 2018
 March 3, 2018
 March 10, 2018
 April 7, 2018

All draws to be held at the ELMIRA & DISTRICT CURLING CLUB

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Early bird prizes take place at our bonspiels. There is a total of \$3,100 in cash prizes, with a \$1,000 grand prize!



Glenn Dickson, the oldest curler participating in the men's Striploin bonspiel made the draw on January 27 while Robbie Smith from the Events committee looks on. Glenn is 85 years old and curls out of the Palmerston Curling Club.

Early Bird prize winners

Feb. 3 - Harriet Rennie (\$50), Paul Fusari (\$50)

Jan. 27 - Bill Barr (\$50), Sandra Bridgen (\$50)

Jan. 6 - Pat Brandon (\$50), Team Gilbert (\$50)

The final draw will be held April 14, 2018 at our year end party. Thank you for your support!

Hold the date! The Wednesday Women's Social Year End Banquet is being held Wednesday, April 11 starting at 6:30 p.m.

We hope that all the women in the curling club who have spared to help fill our Wednesday 6:30 teams will join us for a fun filled evening.

More information regarding the event will follow via emails and posters.

From this year's organizing committee (Barb Buehler, Karen Gowing, and Donna McQuay)

Add our email to your safe list

Depending on your provider, our email communications can sometimes be blocked or diverted into Junk or Spam folders.

Make sure you are receiving our emails by adding president@elmiracurlingclub.ca and membership@elmiracurlingclub.ca to your Safe List, and regularly checking your Spam, Junk or Bulk Mail folder.



In Memoriam

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of our four Club members that recently passed away.

Ted Starling, a Lifetime Member, passed away Dec. 18, 2017



Joanne Wideman passed away Dec. 28, 2017



Hugh Duncan passed away Jan. 11, 2018



Dave Donald passed away Feb. 18, 2018





Your 2017-2018 Board of Directors

President	Paul Fusari
Vice-President	Andy Harbison
Secretary	Kim Thompson
Treasurer	Ian Mathers
Membership Manager	Colleen Coghlin
Food Services	Dianne Crossley
House Facilities	Lavern Brubacher
Junior Curling	Glenn Paulley
Communications	Pat Johnson

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 7 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 2018-2019 season, please contact Paul Fusari.

Having a blast renting our Club and learning our sport!



Check our website if you know someone who is interested in renting our facility for an upcoming event.

Life Members

These exceptional volunteers went 'above and beyond' normal volunteer duties at our Club. Their names appear on the Life Members plaque in the downstairs hallway. Our Club would not be the same today without them.

**Harold Blair
Amy Blair
Wm. E. Woodall
Veletta Woodall**

**Mary Foerster
Joe Foerster
Ted Starling
Norm Clement**

**Eugene (Sam) Read
Ed Ratcliffe
Arthur Wood
Bea Deckert**

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ELMIRA'S YEAR END PARTY NEWS

- Since 1957

SUPERHEROES CELEBRATE AT OUR CLUB APRIL 14TH, 2018



**THIS SEASONS
EXCITING YEAR
END CELEBRATION
TO BEGIN AT 7PM!!**

**COME DRESSED AS A
TEAM, COME DRESSED
SOLO, OR COME AS
YOURSELF - AN
EVERYDAY HERO!**

**BURGERS, WINGS AND HOT
DOGS WILL BE SUPPLIED. FEEL
FREE TO BRING YOUR
FAVOURITE APPETIZER,
SALAD OR DESSERT.**

**BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR
GAMES, MUSIC, FOOD
AND FUN!!**

**ELIMINATION DRAW STARTS
AT 7PM. WITH THE FINAL
DRAW AT 10PM.**

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