

## March 2018 NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming events

2018

April 7 - Maple Syrup Mixed  
Bonspiel

April 11 - Wednesday Women's  
Social Year End Banquet

April 14 – Club Year End  
Celebration and Final  
Elimination Draw

**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...*

The sun is about to set on another curling season and it has been a very busy one. Did you know that we had 14 rental bookings this year? We also hosted a 2-day bonspiel for many of the high schools in the area. This was in addition to all of the bonspiels and leagues that we normally run. All I can say is: Elmira Rocks!

Ever wonder how many junior curlers you can fit in our lounge (and on the ice)? Well at least 70+ as we discovered at our amazingly successful junior open house. Congratulations to organizers Melody Martin and Glenn Pauley and thank you to all the parents who rolled up their sleeves to help. Lots of great interest for next season so the future looks bright!

Hey ladies! Be sure to attend our annual Ladies Closing Banquet on April 11th. Lots of fun and good food are guaranteed. And attention all members: I hope to see you at the Year-end Superhero party and Elimination Draw on April 14th. Make sure you pick up a raffle ticket before they are all gone.

We will be looking for members who want to give back and make a difference at the Club. An official call for nominations will be coming out shortly seeking Board positions and other roles for next year. If you are interested or wish to nominate someone I encourage you to get involved because if not you, then who?

Leagues will be winding down soon and spring is on the way so enjoy the last few weeks of the season.

Good curling!

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



## 2019 Ontario Provincial Curling Championships



On behalf of the 2019 Provincial Committee, I would like to thank Elmira & District Curling Club members for their early show of support for this event.

Some things have been progressing well while we are experiencing “hiccups” in other areas. As we wait for CurlION to complete the setup of the event’s official website, people interested in volunteering or sponsoring can do so through our club website.

Ticket packages have not been finalized yet, as we are waiting to hear from CurlION for the format. Since both men and women are playing at this event a new format schedule has to be determined.

I invite all members to take the time to drop by the Woolwich Memorial Centre and see for themselves the great facility we will be using. We welcome suggestions and if you have any ideas please contact me or the committee member overseeing that area.

Sponsorship - Dean Martin  
Volunteers - Sandra Hanmer  
Communication/Marketing - Stephen Klinck  
Event Facilities - Twyla Gilbert  
Player Services - Linda Dickson  
Food/Beverage - Brian Henry

Even though our curling season is coming to a quick end, the Committee will continue to work through the off-season and we will keep you posted regularly as to our progress.



Susan Martin  
Event Chairperson



## Ribs 'N Schnitz Bonspiel

The Ribs 'N Schnitz Bonspiel was held on Saturday, February 24, 2018. This year's theme was the Pig Olympics, which is actually a thing if you look it up. The lounge was beautifully decorated with flags and Olympic spirit to set the stage for a fun day.

We had lots of excitement on the curling side of things, including a rare 8-ender scored by team Dave Holt (KW Granite) in their second game.



We had two full draws comprised of teams from K-W Granite, Westmount, Brant, Galt Country, Tavistock, Collingwood, Acton, Paris and Ilderton/Elmira. The winner of the early draw was team Craig Ireland (Brant) and the runner up was team Bob Skura (Westmount). John Cheyne (Galt Country) won the late draw and the runner up was team Bill Green from Tavistock.

It would not be an Olympic event without medals, and there were beautiful handmade gold, silver and bronze medals to be won, but not based on curling prowess! We secretly assigned participants an animal and they had to

find their own kind by acting out that animal. Once the species were aligned, the herds competed in a Pig slalom race, and tested their Olympic knowledge with a challenging quiz. Sometimes little piglets can be rambunctious (especially the early draw), so we created a Pig Pen in the lounge as a 'time-out' place for those little oinkers who were not behaving.



It was a very busy place throughout the day! The only way to escape the Pig Pen was to correctly answer an Olympic trivia question. At the end of a very exciting day, the fabulous prizes from Stemmler's and Olympic medals were handed out to all the very deserving teams.

Many thanks to all of our hard-working volunteers and to those who generously donated gifts for our prize table. We received many compliments and follow up emails afterwards thanking us for a great day. Until next year, piglets signing out!

*Dianne Crossley & Paul Fusari*



### 2018 Men's Texas BBQ Bonspiel

The Men's Texas BBQ bonspiel was held on March 3 with two sold-out draws. The weather cooperated and everything got underway on schedule. As with past Texas BBQ bonspiels, many of the teams from last year's event returned and interest to join the bonspiel was strong. We hosted 14 teams from local clubs, 1 team from Oakville and 1 team from Ilderton. The winner of the early draw was Team Hambly from Ayr with Team Pye from K-W Granite coming in second.



Early Draw Winners - Team Hambly

Winning the late draw was Team Campbell from K-W Granite with Team Rivett from Ilderton taking second place.



Late Draw Winners – Team Campbell

The event ran very smoothly thanks to the great efforts of our volunteers who worked in the kitchen, at the bar and on the BBQ squad. And the ice was excellent – thanks Rob.

Financially, the bonspiel grossed over \$6,000. A strong demand for Wellington Brewery products drove brisk bar sales and the raffle netted over \$800.

Our event sponsors were:

- Wellington Brewery – beer for the prize table and raffle
- Good Auto Parts – cash donation
- Foodland – cash donation
- 3 Club members – bottles for the raffle

All of the curlers really enjoyed our club's friendly atmosphere and the great value for money the bonspiel offers. They especially liked the thick and juicy steaks for which this bonspiel is famous. The icing on the cake this year was fabulous steaks from Foodland discounted by more than 60%.

We can be certain that we will see many familiar faces back at Elmira for next year's event.

*John Hrabi*



## Broom Sticks & Glow Sticks Bonspiel

The Broom Sticks & Glow Sticks Bonspiel on March 10 was once again a great success with 16 teams getting their glow on! There were returning teams from Elmira, K-W Granite, Guelph, Detroit, Toronto and some new Elmira teams, another new team from Toronto and a new team from Midland. Returning teams out did themselves as usual with great outfits that glowed under the black lighting or lit up, learning from previous year's experiences.

The winner of the early draw and also best dressed on their draw was team Chartrand from the K-W Granite Club. The winner of the late draw was team Levy from Detroit.

The best dressed on the second draw was team DiMatteo from Guelph. Special thanks to TWB Brewing for donating prizes for the best dressed teams. Also, a big thank you to all the club members who helped in the kitchen and at the bar.

*Scott Coghlin*





## Youth Open House a resounding success

On Sunday, February 25, we held an Open House for kids age 7-12 from 1:30 to 3 p.m., and young adults 13-18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The response we received for the little rock program was overwhelming to say the least with 71 children showing up to give curling a try because they watched it during the Olympics. Our junior program saw 10 young adults come out to participate and two dads. Glenn Paulley did an excellent job organizing the kids into groups, while our 12 veteran players squeezed onto sheet four to play a game of 6 on 6. This gave the new curlers a chance to see what they can eventually accomplish.

A HUGE thank you to parent/guardian members that stepped up to help when the crowds started flowing into our club. It was a successful afternoon and we hope to see many returning in the fall.

*Melody Martin*





## 2018-2019 Registration

The registration package for next season was emailed to members on March 25.

### ***New and important information***

1. Rising Club expenses have caused a slight increase in some membership fees as follows:

<b>Membership</b>	<b>2017/ 2018 rate*</b>	<b>2018/ 2019 rate*</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Unlimited	\$420	\$427	1.7%
One Evening Draw	\$313	\$320	2.2%
One Evening Draw – Half Year	\$165	\$170	3.0%
Brand New Member	\$279	\$285	2.2%

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

2. When paying for your membership online with a credit card, only FULL payments will be accepted. The first installment payment option via credit card will no longer be available. This option was not heavily used and it is difficult for the office to process.

3. Installment payments will only be accepted via post-dated cheques accompanied by the instalment cheque schedule (enclosed in the package). All cheques are due by August 31, 2018.

4. To ensure you are receiving all Club communications please add [president@elmiracurlingclub.ca](mailto:president@elmiracurlingclub.ca) and [membership@elmiracurlingclub.ca](mailto:membership@elmiracurlingclub.ca) to your safe list or contacts in your e-mail program. Check your junk or spam folders frequently.

5. The fee for non-members to spare in a draw has been increased from \$12.50 to \$15.

6. Including an emergency contact in your registration has been made mandatory. A binder will be kept behind the bar of the emergency contacts in case of an emergency.

7. For the 2018/19 season, Paul Fusari will be taking on the role of Membership Manager.

**Membership registrations for returning members are due on Friday August 31, 2018.**

**The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Club on Tuesday September 18, 2018.**





## New Air Broom Head – Pad Replacements

To all Members who have purchase new Goldline Curling Brooms in 2018 with the New Air Head, there is some specific information to make you aware of for replacing the broom head pads. First, Goldline is replacing the Velcro pads with a new snap style. The new replacement pads are available from the pro shop. The broom pads from this year can be removed by using a thin flat edge like a flat head screwdriver to pry the pad off. You will notice one side of the brush head has a notch where you can use the flat edge as a lever to pop the pad off. Once removed the new pads in stock should “snap” in place.

If you have any questions, please contact the Pro Shop [proshop@elmircurling.ca](mailto:proshop@elmircurling.ca).

## 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration



Help **Camilla and Lorne MacKinnon** celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Open house / Drop in at the Elmira Curling Club Lounge. May 12th, 7 p.m. until ?

Cash bar.  
Dancing to 60's and 70's music.  
Best wishes only.

## 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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400 tickets sold

ELMIRA & DISTRICT CURLING CLUB  
\$20 PER TICKET

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

## Early Bird prize winners

March 10 - Lonnie Hussey (\$50), Andrew Gilbert (\$50)

March 3 - David Yoon (\$50), Joanne Atlee (\$50)

Feb. 24 - Susan Schaffner (\$50), John Mestek (\$50)

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!



**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 April 4 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.



Elmira Team Canada, eh having fun in the Arthur Bonspiel

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**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.**

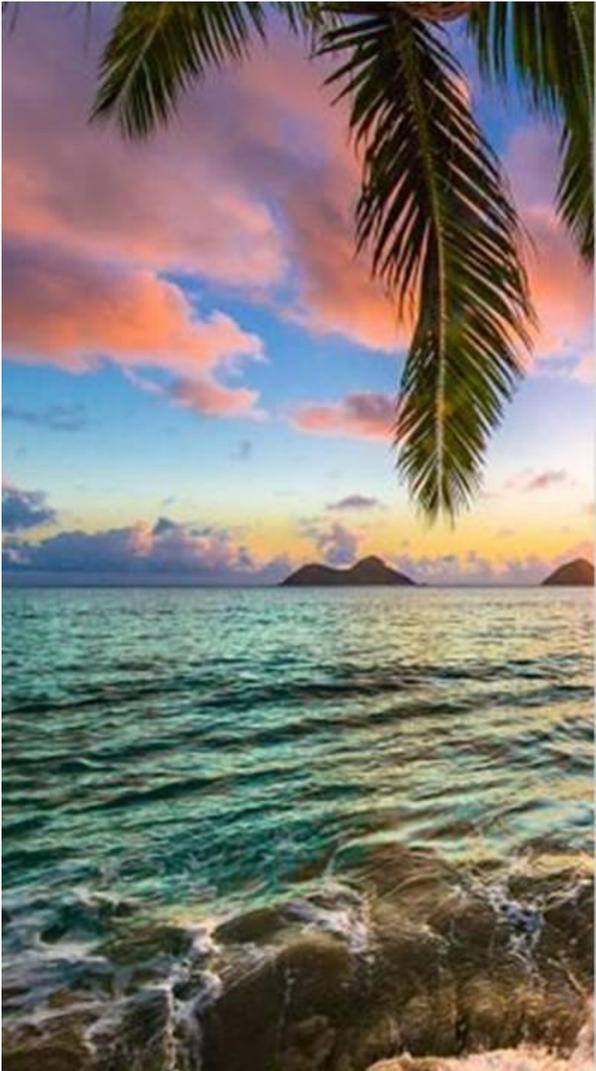
**BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR  
GAMES, MUSIC, FOOD  
AND FUN!!**

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

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 Elmira & District Curling Club



Wednesday Women's Social  
Year End  
**HAWAIIAN THEMED  
POTLUCK**

Join us, Wednesday April 11, 2018, 6:30 – 9:30pm  
for a **HAWAIIAN THEMED POTLUCK**

This invite is open to everyone who has spared for us as well.

**Featuring:** Hawaiian non-alcoholic punch, a free lei, games, prizes, the chance to win a door prize and a 50/50 draw

**Food Sign Up sheet in women's locker room**

**Tickets are \$10**

To purchase in advance please contact **Donna McQuay, Barb Buehler** and **Karen Gowing**. For those unable to purchase in advance tickets will also be available for cash purchase at the door.



**Wear your best coconuts and grass skirt!!**