



Elmira & District Curling Club

FALL 2007 NEWSLETTER

Welcome fellow curlers to the 2007-2008 curling season. Over the summer months the club facilities have had some overdue upgrades completed to prepare for this season. The dining room will be the biggest change that most will recognize, it is now bigger and has both new flooring and window coverings. The rest of the Trillium grant money has also been spent on water treatment upgrades, washroom upgrades and making our ice plant room safer.

Please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to come out and try our great sport this season. We have a list of events and bonspiels that run all season and we will ensure the website is updated to keep the membership well informed.

Mr. Walter Gosk is our new Facilities Manager this season. Walter is looking forward to creating an enjoyable facility for all of us to enjoy. Please ensure all rental inquiries are forwarded to Walter to make sure your request can be filled.

This season will help build friendships, provide opportunities for growth and experience to all. May you all have a great season and Good Curling.

Allan Dickson, President



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Upcoming Events

Aim for a Cure Bonspiel
November 3rd

Home Hardware Spiel
November 19-24th

Couples Bonspiel
January 12th

*Chocolate Lovers Ladies
'Spiel*
January 19th

Please visit the website
for all of the details on
upcoming events!

Did you know?

25% of our members did
NOT complete their duty
last curling season!

Sign up now to complete
your volunteer duty.

Your 2007-2008 Board of Directors

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| President | Allan Dickson |
| Vice-President | Brian Rainville |
| Secretary | Lorne MacKinnon |
| Treasurer | Colleen Coghlin |
| Assistant Treasurer | Dave Oberholtzer |
| Membership Manager | Scott Coghlin |
| General Services | Vacant position |
| House Facilities | Mike Lenaers |
| Club Events | John Ross |
| Special Events | Betty Chalmers |
| Junior Curling | Bob Johnson |
| General Director | Derek Pass |

Brian, Dave, Scott, Betty and Derek have just started the first of their two-year term while Allan, Lorne, Colleen, Mike, John and Bob are in the second of their two-year term. We are always on the look-out for potential board members. If you are interested in becoming a board member for the 2008-2009 season, please make your interest known to any current board member.

We currently have a vacancy for General Services (food organization)...please contact Allan Dickson if you are interested in this board position.

Membership Statistics

Current number of members – 241

Males – 154

Females – 87

New Members – 25

Last year members not registered/returning - 48

Junior Curling

The Junior Curling program begins Sunday October 21, 2007. Curlers from 7 to 12 are invited to join the Little Rock program from 1:00 until 2:30 and the junior program, for ages 13-19, runs from 2:30 until 4:00. Cost for the season is \$100 including all equipment and coaching from certified coaches. Newcomers are welcome to give it a try on October 21 and 28 and see how they like the program before committing.

For more details, contact Glenn Paulley (Little Rocks) at 519-725-4921 or Bob Johnson (Juniors) at 519-884-1920.

Pro-Shop

As you may or may not know, we run a pro-shop out of the corner of our main lounge. Some of the items available for purchase are shown in the display case, however, we also have an extensive list of other items that we can custom order for you. We still have some of our 50th Anniversary Clothing left from last year for purchase, come and buy these up as they will never be made again!

Please get in touch with Wendy Anderson or Virginia Henry to make any purchases. Their numbers are on the board beside the pro-shop display case.

Volunteer Awards

Over the past year the Board of Directors decided on criteria for two volunteer awards at the club. The Outstanding Volunteer Award is a new award and the Life Membership Award has been more defined. The last two pages of this newsletter set out the criteria and nomination process for these awards.

PLAYERS WANTED!!!

We are looking for players to fill spots on competitive teams on the Sunday night, Tuesday early and Tuesday late draws. We are also looking for any more full competitive teams for Wednesday late. All of our social draws still need more players, especially the two Thursday draws. If you are interested or know anyone that is interested, please contact Scott Coghlin (519-669-9208 or scoghlin@gmail.com)

Outstanding Volunteer Award

The board of directors has created a new award to recognize outstanding volunteer work at our curling club. This award will be given out at the year-end banquet each curling season.

The chosen individual(s) will receive two tickets to the year-end banquet, their name displayed on a new “Outstanding Volunteer” plaque at the club, and an individualized prize to be determined by the board of directors.

Any current adult member may nominate another member for the award by submitting a written nomination, to a maximum of two pages, to any board member by February 1st of each year. The written nomination *must* be signed by ten additional current adult members to demonstrate support for the nomination.

The written nomination must set out how the candidate demonstrates a majority of the following criteria:

- Must be a member of the club for at least ten years
- Demonstrates leadership skills
 - Such as:
 - § Drawmaster
 - § OCA rep
 - § Committee involvement
 - § Bonspiel convener
 - § Former board member
 - § Other suitable contributions
- Involvement in the promotion of curling
 - Such as:
 - § OCA rep
 - § Coaching
 - § Instruction
 - § School/community liaison
 - § Maintaining and enhancing the building and facilities
 - § Promoting membership growth
 - § Other suitable contributions

Each nomination will be reviewed by a committee of five current members appointed by the board of directors, including the President, Past-President, or Vice-President who will chair the committee. The review committee will ensure that each nomination meets the identified criteria and then select the appropriate candidate(s).

It is expected that the review committee will keep all information concerning the nominations strictly confidential. The president will notify the successful candidate personally and any nominations not selected will have a written response to the nominator identifying why the nomination was not selected.

No individual can win this award more than once in every five years and any unsuccessful nomination may be resubmitted for consideration in any following year.

Life Membership Award

The board of directors has decided to keep the life membership award as part of our club. This award will be presented at the year-end banquet when an appropriate individual is selected.

To be eligible for this award, the individual nominated must be an exceptional volunteer who has consistently over many years gone 'above and beyond' normal volunteer duties at the club.

The chosen individual will receive two tickets to the year-end banquet, their name displayed the "Lifetime Membership" plaque, and their curling and duty fees waived for the remainder of their life.

Any current adult member may nominate another member for the award by submitting a written nomination, to a maximum of five pages, to any board member by December 1st of each year. The written nomination *must* be signed by thirty additional current adult members to demonstrate support for the nomination.

The written nomination must set out how the candidate demonstrates the following criteria:

- Must be an active member of the club for at least twenty years
- Demonstrates a broad range of leadership skills in the following areas
 - Such as:
 - § Drawmaster
 - § Board member
 - § OCA rep
 - § Committee involvement
 - § Bonspiel convener.
 - § Fundraising efforts
 - § Other suitable contributions
 - Significant involvement in the promotion of curling
 - Such as:
 - § OCA rep
 - § Coaching
 - § Instruction
 - § School/community liaison
 - § Maintaining and enhancing the building and facilities
 - § Promoting membership growth
 - § Other suitable contributions

Each nomination will be reviewed by a committee of five current members appointed by the board of directors, including the President, Past-President, or Vice-President who will chair the committee. The review committee will ensure that each nomination meets the identified criteria and will then submit their recommendations to the board of directors for approval.

It is expected that the board of directors and the review committee will keep all information concerning the nominations strictly confidential. The board will go *in camera* to consider all nominations. The president will notify the successful candidate personally and any nominations not selected will have a written response to the nominator identifying why the nomination was not selected.

No more than one award will be presented each year. An unsuccessful nomination may be resubmitted for consideration in any following year.