



Elmira & District Curling Club

FALL 2008 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Curling Clinic
December 5th

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January 16th

Chocolate Lovers Ladies
'Spiel
January 17th

Men's Striploin Classic
January 31st

Curling Clinic
February 13th

Please visit the website
for more details on
upcoming events!

Did you know?

We applied for another Ontario Trillium Grant this year. We will find out in February 2009 if we are approved.

Keep your fingers crossed !!

Your 2008-2009 Board of Directors

President	Brian Rainville
Vice-President	Vacant
Secretary	Lorne MacKinnon
Treasurer	Dave Oberholtzer
Assistant Treasurer	Colleen Coghlin (temporary)
Membership Manager	Scott Coghlin
Food Services	Dianne Crossley
House Facilities	Derek Pass
Club Events	John Ross
Special Events	Colleen Coghlin
Junior Curling	Bob Johnson
General Director	Marc Bernard

If you have issues, comments, or suggestions about anything at the club, please feel free to contact a board member to discuss. We are always on the look-out for potential board members. If you are interested in becoming a board member for the 2009-2010 season, please make your interest known to any current board member.

Membership Statistics

Current number of members – 241

Males – 154

Females – 87

New Members / Returning after > 2 yrs off – 27

Last year members not returning - 42



Home Hardware Bonspiel 2008

Our club had 18 teams participating in this year's Home Hardware Bonspiel. Congratulations to all teams as we had a great showing this year. The teams skipped by Ed Radcliffe, Carolyn Adams, Stephen Jones and Colleen Coghlin made it to Thursday night play, while Bill Cronin made it to Friday night play and Gail McLeod, Stan Sitts and Don Stockman made it to the semi-finals on Saturday!

Congratulations to team John Ross who won the Trophy Consolation Event!!

Pro-Shop

Our pro-shop is run 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 can be custom ordered for you. Why buy your curling supplies elsewhere when you can buy them from the comfort of our club and help support our ongoing club maintenance costs!

Think Christmas Presents!!!

Please get in touch with Virginia Henry, Brian Henry or Linda Dickson to make any purchases. Their numbers are on the board beside the pro-shop display case or in your 2008-2009 planner.

Curling Clinics



Back by popular demand, we will be having 3 curling clinics this year. They will be held on December 5, 2008, January 16, 2009 and February 13, 2009 from 9pm to 11pm. They cost \$10 per person with all proceeds going to our Junior Curling program. The Sign-up sheet is located on the "Social Curling" bulletin board at the club. All clinics are run by qualified instructors. Please mention this to any friends, family or coworkers that may wish to come out and try curling!!



TSC Men's Regional Playdowns

On January 3rd and 4th our club will be hosting the TSC Men's Regional play-downs. Sign-up sheets are on the board downstairs to help out in the kitchen and at the bar. We hope to have some top teams in Men's curling out that weekend so please come out to the club and make them all feel welcome and watch some fantastic curling.



SPRING SHINDIG 2009



Our year-end Spring Shindig will be held on April 18, 2009. Please mark the date in your calendar so you don't miss out on this exciting event. Last year we had a fantastic turnout for the new renewed relaxed format and so we are keeping it in the same format this year. There will be hors d'oeuvres served at the beginning followed by a DJ dance. Also back by extreme popularity will be the Goldfish races and other card games.

Club Awards



During the 2007-2008 season, the Board of Directors decided on new/revised criteria for the Outstanding Volunteer Award and the Life Membership Award. The last two pages of this newsletter set out the criteria and nomination process for these awards.



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Outstanding Volunteer Award

This award is 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 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.