



Elmira & District Curling Club

February 2010 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events

2010

February 6 - Men's Striploin Classic

February 13/14 - Colts & Trophy Zones

February 20 - Little Rock/Junior

March 6 - Ribs 'n Tails

March 13 - Men's Texas BBQ

March 15 - Teacher's Bonspiel

March 27 - Maple Syrup Bonspiel

April 9, 10, 11 – Club Championships

April 14 - Ladies Banquet

April 17 - Spring Shindig

Please visit the website for more details on upcoming events!

Did you know?

We're on Facebook! Check out the "Elmira & District Curling Club" group.

Message from the President

Greetings everyone,



It's hard to believe that it's February already and that the curling season is nearing its play-off calendar. We're entering our busy bonspiel schedule and I hope that you are able to take part in some of these fantastic activities. Check the website for contact information on each of the upcoming events.

Here's a bit of what's happening soon. I encourage you to read the rest of this newsletter for all of the details.

Don't miss the upcoming **VIDEO curling clinic** scheduled for Feb. 19 at 9 pm. I'm sure that watching your own curling technique will give you a different perspective on your curling performance!

Get your **elimination draw ticket** soon! Proceeds will go toward our Junior Curling Program.

New this year, **Club Championships** will take place April 9, 10, and 11. The Men's and Women's Division Champion will represent our Club at "The Dominion" Curling Championship in the Fall of 2010. Be sure to check the eligibility requirements.

We've had some inquiries from several of our members, particularly those new to the sport of curling about some of the curling rules. At the end of this newsletter, you will find several quick Canadian Curling Association "**Rules of Curling for General Play**" as published on the CCA website.

And finally, a big congratulations to **Twyla Gilbert**, who won the Ontario Senior Women's Provincial Curling Championship! Twyla plays third for Dale Curtis out of the Brampton Curling Club. Good luck at the Canadian Championship in March!

Until next time, I wish you continued good curling.

Brian Rainville
President, Elmira & District Curling Club

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New VIDEO curling clinic scheduled for Feb. 19, 9 to 11 p.m.

Want to watch your own curling performance? Be sure to join us for the final curling clinic of the season on **Feb. 19** and Coach Glenn Paulley will video your curling technique. Qualified instructors will provide useful hints to help you improve your game. It's perfect for new curlers who want to learn more about technique and for more experienced curlers who want to work on a specific aspect of their game.

All clinics are run by qualified instructors and cost \$10 per person with all proceeds going to our Junior Curling Program.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the "Social Curling" bulletin board. Don't miss it!

Silent Auction

We're raising money for a new sound system with a silent auction. The silent auction date has been pushed back to the last week of curling with the final bidding to take place at our **Spring Shindig on April 17, 2010**. We intend on using only items that members donate for the silent auction. Please help us out by donating anything you think another member would enjoy. It can be an item (homemade or store bought), a dinner out (via gift certificate or say you will take them!), something you've created with a special skill, or anything else you think fits. There are silent auction sheets located on the bar for you to fill out for your donation and items can be given to the bartenders to be placed downstairs in storage. All donations need to be submitted by

March 19, 2010. If you have any questions regarding items you would like to donate, please contact Colleen Coghlin.

Elimination Draw

Make sure to buy your ticket soon. Don't miss out on the early bird draws taking place at each of our Club bonspiels. Final draw will take place at the Spring Shindig April 17. Proceeds from the draw will go to Junior Curling.

Chocolate Lovers Ladies bonspiel – January 23

Congratulations to two Elmira teams who placed first in each of the draws.

9 a.m.	
Doris Bolton	Skip
Wendy Anderson	Vice
Virginia Henry	Second
Mary George	Lead

11 a.m.	
Sheri Munro	Skip
Sheila Smith-Jones	Vice
Jennifer Bernard	Second
Jackie Jones	Lead

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the day an enjoyable one.

Club rentals

Did you know you can rent the Club facilities for your own special events? Call our Club Manager, Christina at 519-578-2331 for more information.



Club Championship – April 9, 10, 11

New this year, we will be hosting a Club Championship open to all members of the Elmira & District Curling Club.

Eligibility

You must have played together as a team in one of our leagues for at least four (4) weeks during the 2009/2010 season. The Men's and Women's Division Champion will represent our Club at "The Dominion" Curling Championship in the Fall of 2010.

Format

Three (3) divisions (Men's Women's, Mixed). Games are eight (8) ends, with ties decided by full extra end. Double knock-out. OCA Rules apply. Schedule will be determined based on number of team entries. If you need a spare, check the attached sheet for "The Dominion" Championship.

Check out the poster on the Competitive Draw bulletin board.

Deadline to sign up: February 28, 2010
Questions? Contact Twyla Gilbert
519-669-2787

50/50 draw

Proceeds from our 50/50 weekly draw go toward ongoing improvements around the Club. There is a binder and payment jar located at the bar.

Here's how it works

Every member's name is included in the draw. If your name is drawn and you've paid that week, you win! If you didn't pay, that week's

total is carried forward to the following week or until there is a winner. Good Luck!

Boston Pizza tapes

When you dine at **Boston Pizza** (597 King N Waterloo location only) you can bring your copy of the bill to the Club and a portion of that total is returned to the Club. Every \$500 spent at Boston Pizza earns the Club a \$50 gift card. We use those gift cards throughout the year for bonspiels and other prizes.

So don't forget, next time you're at Boston Pizza, save your copy of the bill and leave it in the box located on the shelf by the used books.

Ice Committee

In an effort to create a better two-way communication between members and the icemaker, we've formed an ice committee to work with our ice technician Lavern Brubacher in order to provide the best possible ice for our members. Currently the committee consists of Brian Henry, Steve Jones and Don Stockman.

Please contact them if you have comments about the rink including things like the ice itself, the ice plant, the equipment used to maintain the ice, the curling stones, temperature control, humidity, cleanliness, training and safety. They look forward to your input and any suggestions you may have. You can speak to Brian, Don, or Steve at the club, phone them or e-mail them at icecommittee@elmiracurlingclub.ca.



Congratulations Twyla Gilbert

Ontario Senior Women's Provincial Curling Champion!



Twyla Gilbert (second from left) is pictured here with her provincial championship team. Twyla plays third for skip Dale Curtis out of the Brampton Curling Club and will represent Ontario at the 2010 Canadian Senior Women's Curling Championship at the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club from March 20 to 28.

Good Luck from everyone at the Elmira Curling Club!

Your 2009-2010 Board of Directors

President	Brian Rainville
Past President	Allan Dickson
Vice-President	Brian Henry
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Club Events	Twyla Gilbert
Special Events	Colleen Coghlin
Junior Curling	Bob Johnson
Communications	Pat Johnson

The Board meets the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to attend these meetings or they are welcome to review the minutes located in the lounge. If you have any comments or suggestions about anything at the club, please feel free to contact a board member to discuss. We are still looking for someone to manage the role of Club Events. If you're interested in filling that position or if you are interested in becoming a board member for the 2010-2011 season, please contact any current board member.

The Rules of Curling for General Play (excerpt from Canadian Curling Association www.curling.ca)

Sweeping/Brushing

(1) Between the tee lines, all members of the delivering team may sweep/brush any of their team's stones that have been delivered or set in motion.

Interpretation: A stationary stone must be set in motion before any sweeping may occur.

(2) Only the skip or vice-skip of the non-delivering team may sweep/brush their team's stone(s) after it is set in motion.

(3) Behind the tee line, only one player from each team may sweep/brush at one time. This may be the skip or vice-skip of either team or the lead or second of the delivering team.

Free Guard Zone

(1) The free guard zone is the area between the hog line and the tee line, excluding the house.

Interpretation: A stone which comes to rest biting or in front of the hog line after making contact with a stone in the free guard zone is considered to be in the free guard zone. A stone which comes to rest outside the house but biting the tee line is not considered to be in the free guard zone.

(2) Any stationary stone(s) belonging to the opposition that is located in the free guard zone shall not be moved to an out-of-play position by the delivering team prior to the delivery of the 5th stone of the end.

Penalty: A stone that is delivered prior to the 5th stone of the end that results in an opposition stone being moved from the free guard zone, either directly or indirectly, to an out-of-play position is an infraction which shall result in the delivered stone being removed from play and any other stone if moved being replaced as close as possible to its original position.

Interpretation: A delivered third or fourth stone of an end may hit an opposition stone(s) located in the free guard zone on to a stone(s) not in the free guard zone providing that any opposition stone originally located in the free guard zone remains in play. If this action results in an opposition free guard zone stone being moved to an out-of-play position, the penalty described above will apply. You may move your own stone from the free guard zone or remove your own stone from the free guard zone, providing you do not cause an opposition stone to be moved from the free guard zone to an out-of-play position. You may also raise your stone located in the free guard zone onto an opposition stone located in the house and remove it from play.

Stones in Play and Scoring

(1) A stone that does not come to rest inside the inner edge (house side) of the farther hog line shall be removed from play immediately except where it has struck another stone lying in play.

Interpretation: A stone which crosses the hog line but, when stopping, spins such that it comes to rest biting the hog line, is considered "out of play".

(2) A stone coming to rest beyond the outer edge of the back line shall be immediately removed from play.

Interpretation: A stone which crosses the back line but, when stopping, spins such that it comes to rest biting the back line, is considered "in play".

(3) A stone that touches a sideline, hits a divider or comes to rest biting a sideline shall be removed immediately from play.

Interpretation: If a delivered stone or stone in motion hits a stationary stone and a sideline or divider at the same time, the stationary stone shall be allowed to take its course as if it had been hit first.