



Elmira & District Curling Club

December 2011 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events

2012

January 21 - Chocolate Lovers Ladies Bonspiel

February 4 - Men's Striploin Classic

February 11 - Little Rock/Junior

March 3 - Ribs 'n Tails

March 10 - Men's Texas BBQ

March 12 - Teacher's Bonspiel

March 31 - Maple Syrup Bonspiel

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

I hope everyone has had a great start up to the new season.

Welcome to the 18 new members who joined our Club this year bringing our total membership to 228. I hope that you enjoy your season and I look forward to seeing you during the year.

Training for our new defibrillator will take place on January 18 and is open to all Club members. We are hoping that at least two people from each draw will take the training. More details are included at the end of this newsletter and a sign-up sheet is available on the Club bulletin board.

I would like to thank our sponsors who support our Club in various ways. Check out their advertising in the arena and please support their businesses as they offer great assistance to our Club.

Thanks to Dan Donaldson for organizing the weekly 50/50 draw. Congratulations to all of the winners. Check out the book at the bar, put your loonie in the pot, check off your name for that week and if your name is drawn, you split the pot. It's that easy! And you can pay the whole year upfront so you won't miss your chance at earning some tax free dollars.

Our Friday draws are looking for additional curlers. If you know someone who may be interested, please contact the Membership Manager at membership@elmiracurlingclub.ca.

Lastly, we want everyone to get to know our Board members. They put a lot of time and energy into making the Club an enjoyable place to spend our many winter hours. Beginning with this newsletter, we're going to start featuring a few members along with their Board responsibilities. If you have any questions about what they do, I'm sure they would be pleased to talk to you about it.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you all the best for a healthy and happy holiday season. See you on the ice in the New Year.

Brian Henry
President, Elmira & District Curling Club



Welcome to our new members

Jacqueline Alvarez	Stephanie Marshall
Dave Anderson	Debbie Mitchell
Carol Brubacher	Terry Prange
Aden Frey	Sarah Reynolds
Sheryl Frey	Eric Schwindt
Lisa Howell	Stephanie Schwindt
Brenda Lance	Wayne Uhrig
Stephen Lance	Joanne Wideman
Wayne MacKay	Marilyn Wideman

Where do our 228 members live?

Bloomingtondale	1
Bolton	1
Conestoga	1
Drayton	1
Elmira	64
Floradale	2
Guelph	1
Heidelberg	3
Kitchener	30
Linwood	4
Listowel	2
Maryhill	2
Millbank	3
New Dundee	2
St Clements	5
St Jacobs	8
Wallenstein	5
Waterloo	90
West Montrose	3

Junior Curling

We now have 48 juniors (29 Little Rock and 19 bantams). Anika's rink of Kate, Veronica and Natalie came up short in both their games at their first- ever bantam event in Acton but even in their losses impressed their opponents and other coaches with their level of play.

Laurier girls came to the Club on December 4 to run a clinic for both Little Rocks and Bantams.

Bantam Interclub was held at Elmira on November 19 and was very successful. Elmira entered two rinks and we hosted another eight rinks from Shelburne, Alliston, Elora and Orangeville. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped to make this event successful, particularly club members Ben and Margaret, Dianne Crossley, moms Lisa and Clara, and junior coach Reg Domaratzki for running the kitchen and making his beef stew which was highly popular with the parents and coaches.

Next Interclub is December 10 at the Guelph Curling Club.

Elmira sent two Little Rock teams to Georgetown on December 3 to play in the North Halton Little Rock Bonspiel. Looking to send a rink to Milton CC for their Little Rock Bonspiel on December 10.

Elmira coaches upgrade credentials

Over the past few months, several of the coaches at Elmira have upgraded their skills in order to provide better and more up-to-date instruction within our program. Most of these courses are curling-specific courses offered



within the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) developed by the Coaching Association of Canada and Sport Canada.

Here's a brief summary:

- In early October, Marc Bernard became Competition Coach – Trained by completing the technical Competition Coach course (formerly “Level 2 technical”) held at the K-W Granite Club in Waterloo. Previously, Marc was Club Coach – Youth trained.
- In April, Glenn Paulley became a Certified Competition Coach (formerly called Level 2). In August, he completed his first theory course, entitled “Coaching and Leading Effectively”, towards achieving his Level 3 coaching certification. In September he re-certified his Red Cross First Aid and CPR “C” credentials. In November he completed the Level 3 Technical coaching course offered by the Ontario Curling Association, which was held at the Napanee and District Curling Club in Napanee.
- Also in November, Geoff Martin became Club Coach trained through taking the Club Coach course held at the Mount Forest Curling Club in Mount Forest.

Thanks to Glenn, Geoff and Marc for taking the time and effort to complete this training.

Ice Committee

Thanks to **Bill Barr**, **Steve Jones**, and **Jim Anderson** who are available to discuss any ice conditions and would welcome any comments.

Spots available for Jan. 21 Chocolate Lovers Ladies Bonspiel

Curling and Chocolate! What a sweet combination! There are still spots available in the Chocolate Lovers Ladies Bonspiel so ladies, get your team together and send your registration information to **Sheila Smith-Jones** (email jamjack@golden.net). See the details included in the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

2011 Home Hardware Bonspiel

Our Club entered 12 teams in this year's Home Hardware Bonspiel. Congratulations to Ryan Marshall's team consisting of Ian Harrower, Chris Pattenden and Dan Rahn who made it to the final round of Cup Consolation. Special mention to Norm Clement who at 85 years young is still curling in this bonspiel! Congratulations to everyone who participated.

Silent Auction returns in 2012

Once again we will be holding a silent auction event in 2012. This is our main fundraiser for the 2011/12 curling season. All monies raised from our fundraising efforts help to maintain the club and ultimately help to keep your curling fees reasonable.

More information will be coming your way in the New Year so please start thinking about what you might wish to contribute to our silent auction – donating items or getting your pen out to bid. Let's work together to make this one of the best silent auctions yet!



Smart Serve session January 25

Smart Serve is a dedicated advocate for responsible alcohol service. Anyone who serves or handles alcohol in a licensed establishment in Ontario must be certified by Smart Serve even if they are volunteers.

Sue Martin will be offering a Smart Serve session for 12 people **Jan. 25, 6:30 to 9 p.m.** Cost is \$35 (includes HST).

The Smart Serve training teaches you how to protect yourself from liability by understanding your responsibilities under the Liquor License Act. *You must have your Smart Serve certificate to volunteer behind the bar at the Club.*

Contact Dan Donaldson, Club Manager to register.

Dean Martin's team advances to Intermediate Regions

Congratulations to Dean Martin, Ken Gilbert, Chen Hui, and Bill Barr who won the A side of Intermediate Zones and will compete at Regionals in Markdale in January.

Have a friend who is interested in trying curling?

Beginning Thursday, January 5 at 6:30, and continuing every Thursday at the same time, we will be offering **FREE** clinics to non-members who are interested in trying our sport. Mention it to your non-curling friends and family and watch for more information to be posted around the Club.

Pro-Shop

Why shop anywhere else? Save money by shopping at the Elmira Curling Club Pro Shop. We can beat most catalogue prices. Christmas is just around the corner. We can help you get that special gift for your curling friends. The shop not only has shoes and brooms but some jewelry and clothing as well. See our web page on the Elmira Curling Club website and search the curling catalogues. See Virginia or Brian Henry, Linda Dickson or the bartender to place an order. You can also email us at proshop@elmircurlingclub.ca

Parking update

There is absolutely **NO PARKING** on the **RAMPS** in front of either the Golf Club or the Curling Club. These are **FIRE** access routes and could cause your vehicle to be towed. Thank you.

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.



Zehrs tapes

Don't forget to drop your Zehrs tapes off on the shelf by the used books.

Used books

Thanks to everyone who buys and donates books. Please continue to bring in your used books and leave them on the bookshelf for your fellow Club members to purchase and enjoy.

For sale

One pair of ladies curling shoes size 5 1/2 Goldline Summit brand gently used w/ gripper. Paid \$129 - selling for \$50 or best offer. See bartender at the Club.

Pin Collector

Yves Morissette is a pin collector and would like any pins that folks might have to contact him.

ymori7@cablevision.qc.ca

Your 2011-2012 Board of Directors

Introducing...

Marc Bernard Secretary

The Secretary of the Board organizes the monthly board meetings and the Club's Annual General Meeting. The Secretary sets the meeting agendas, and records and publishes minutes of the meetings. The Secretary also maintains records of Club correspondence, key holder lists, contracts, job descriptions, and various document templates. In addition, the Secretary publishes employment ads in newspapers and on websites.



Bill Barr Vice President

The role of the Vice President is to assist the President with any and all items as required. Through this exposure to all board activities it helps to train the Vice President for the President role. Bill also chairs the ice committee and will be co-chairing with the Men's Striploin Classic bonspiel in February.



**Lavern Brubacher
House Facilities Director**



My responsibilities being in charge of Facilities include many of the things that you would cover in home maintenance, which may include things like: Water systems,

electrical and appliances, alarm system, TV access, heating system, lighting and parking lot etc...

At the curling club we simply need someone to be in charge and to make recommendations for board approval.

This past fall we completed considerable maintenance on our water treatment system and added a reverse osmosis system, mainly for providing quality clean flooding and pebble water for the rink. An added benefit of this new system has provided a tap at the bar and in the kitchen for drinking water. Another project that is still in the investigating phase includes upgrading the rink lighting to a more energy efficient mode.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our new rink manager Dan Donaldson for his assistance with interfacing with service workers etc.

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| President | Brian Henry |
| Past President | Brian Rainville |
| Vice-President | Bill Barr |
| Secretary | Marc Bernard |
| Treasurer | Dave Oberholtzer |
| Assistant Treasurer | Vacant |
| Membership Manager | Colleen Coghlin |
| Food Services | Dianne Crossley |
| House Facilities | Lavern Brubacher |
| Club Events | Linda Dickson |
| Special Events | Twyla Gilbert |
| Junior Curling | Glenn Paulley |
| 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. If you are interested in becoming a board member for the 2012-2013 season, please contact any current board member.

CARE



COMMUNITY AWARENESS and RESPONSE to EMERGENCIES

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

CARE is a partnership between the Region of Waterloo Emergency Medical Services, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, St. John Ambulance, and the Canadian Red Cross.

This partnership has been established to provide information sessions at **no charge** to increase the knowledge and willingness of community members to aid victims in emergency medical situations, at home, work and play.

UPCOMING SESSION

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

6:30 – 8:00 pm.

Elmira Curling Club

**To register, contact Dan @ 519-669-4220 or
print your name on the sign-up sheet provided.**

Information Session:

This 90-minute session will provide an overview of the following:

- Using 9-1-1 and Telehealth numbers
- Care of the conscious choking victim
- CPR and use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs)
- First Aid procedures including care for seizures, control of bleeding and use of Epi-Pens

This program does **NOT** provide certification in CPR/First Aid/AED. Participants will be given a discount coupon that can be applied to full certification training.

Space is limited to 25 people per session.

For information on future training session dates and locations, please contact Alan Hawes at (519) 579-5451

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Chocolate Lovers Ladies Bonspiel

Join us for our annual Chocolate Lovers Ladies
Bonspiel

Two 8-end games

9 am and 11 am draws

Chocolate Specialty Drinks

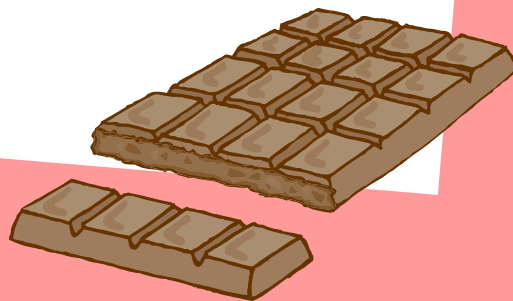
Sit down Lunch

Draw Prizes

\$140 per team

Sat. Jan 21, 2012

All meat prizes



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(519) 747-2710

