



Elmira & District Curling Club

2009 – 2010 Information & Registration Package

Annual General Meeting September 15, 2009

Open House Events – October 1, 2 & 4
(see additional flyer)

www.elmiracurlingclub.ca



To all current and prospective members of the Elmira & District Curling Club:

Welcome to the 2009-2010 curling season. We have a schedule packed with opportunities either in the regular draws or bonspiels for everyone to enjoy competition at their respective level and the social connections with other curlers. These events always need volunteers to make them successful. Please sign up early on the Event Volunteer Lists which shall be posted on the bulletin board outside the men's change rooms.

I would like to announce a piece of excellent news. Due to the hard work and persistence of David Oberholtzer, the club shall benefit from a Trillium Grant of \$54,300. This money will be used to upgrade our compressor, brine chiller and replace the doors to the ice arena. We hope to have this work done by the start of this season provided that the equipment can be found in time by our supplier. We are also getting all our rocks checked and refurbished. All in all it looks like an excellent start for this season.

John Lawrie has retired from the ice maker's position. I wish to thank him and his team for their service to the club and wish John well in his future endeavours. Laverne Brubacher shall replace him as the Head Ice Maker. Brian Henry and an Ice Making Committee of volunteers will work with Laverne to monitor ice quality on behalf of the membership.

We are currently interviewing for a new bar manager and shall have someone in place for the start of the season. Stay tuned for further announcements. Thank you to Walter Gosk for his service to the club for the past two years.

In closing, I wish you a great season and good curling.

Brian Rainville
President

Volunteer Opportunities

We have the following volunteer opportunities available that need to be filled for the upcoming season. Please let the contact person know ASAP if you wish to volunteer for the position or would like more details.

Contact Person

Dianne Crossley
519-664-2138

Colleen Coghlin
519-669-9208

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Lorne MacKinnon
519-595-7012

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519-669-9208

Brian Henry
519-885-4425

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Volunteer Position

Start of Season Help—we need a few volunteers to help get the kitchen set up for the season and the furniture back out of the basement. Date/time to be arranged for mid-September.

Open House Kitchen & Bar Help— we need one volunteer to help with the food and beverages and one volunteer to run the bar on Sunday October 4th from 12:30-5pm.

50/50 Draw Facilitator—we need one volunteer to facilitate the 50/50 Draw for the season.

Maple Syrup Bonspiel Convener —we need one volunteer to run the Maple Syrup Bonspiel on March 27, 2010.

Men's Texas BBQ Bonspiel Trainee —we need one volunteer to learn the ropes from Lorne this year with a view to take over running the bonspiel next season.

Chocolate Lovers Ladies Bonspiel Trainee —we need one volunteer to learn the ropes from Colleen this year with a view to take over running the bonspiel next season.

Health & Safety— we need one volunteer who will perform a monthly health and safety inspection based on a pre-determined check-list.

Ice Committee— we need a few volunteers who would act as liaisons between members and our ice maker. Short monthly meetings will occur between the committee and the ice maker.

Elmira Curling Club 'Sweep and Swing' ~ October 3, 2009 ~

Agenda:

10:00am - Curling (8 ends – competitive/jitney style)

12:30pm - Social hour/lunch – bring a sandwich or buy a burger at the Elmira Golf Club

2:00pm - Golf (9 hole Alaskan scramble @ Elmira Golf Course– power cart extra)

5:30pm – Dinner

6:00pm – Trophy & Prize presentation

Non-members welcome but there must be at least **one Elmira Curling Club member** on each team.

Cost: 200.00 per team / \$50 per person

Send entries to: John Ross
29 Thimbleberry Crossing
New Hamburg, ON N3A 4P4
662-3969 or email - bigdog33@sentex.net

Junior Curling at Elmira

The Elmira Curling Club offers a comprehensive Junior Curling Program for children between the ages of 7 and 19 years old. Instruction from accredited coaches is provided for all skill levels on Sunday afternoons from October to March. The emphasis is on skills development, playing the game, and, of course, having fun. Older and more experienced curlers are encouraged to enter one or more bonspiels to enjoy the social and competitive aspects of this great game. All equipment is provided.

As in recent years there will be two sessions divided by age. From 1:00 until 2:30, Glenn Paulley will run a Lite Rocks program for curlers ages 7-12. From 2:30 until 4:00, Bob Johnson will head up the Junior Curling program for curlers ages 13-19.

We are looking to grow our program. We hope to see many returning curlers and have room for new members. A two week trial, no-obligation program is in effect for those who would like to give it a test drive before committing. If you, or someone you know, is interested in knowing more about the program, please contact Glenn at 519-725-4921 or Bob at 519-884-1920.

Club Coach (formerly Level 1) OCA Course

The OCA will be running the Club Coach course at our club on Saturday October 17 and Sunday October 18. The course description is below. This can also be a worthwhile course for all curlers because as you are being taught how to teach others to curl you will surely pick up some tips yourself!

To register go to: <http://www.ontcurl.com/courses/coaching.aspx>

Course Description

Coaches who take this two-day workshop will become a trained "Club Coach." This is a program designed to enhance the skill set of the coach or instructor who function primarily at the club level but whose teams are starting their competitive experience. The Club Coach will be competent in training curlers from youth to masters, with skill levels of beginning to intermediate. The Club Coach will be proficient in planning and designing a practice/clinic, ethical decision-making, teaching correct curling skills, skill analysis, safety and program management.

Notice to Elmira & District Curling Club Members

The annual general meeting of members of the Elmira & District Curling Club will be held on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the curling club. The meeting agenda is shown below.

Your Board of Directors urges you to attend this annual general meeting of members and participate in the governance of your club. However, if you are unable to attend, a proxy form is provided below for your convenience.

Agenda for Annual General Meeting of Members of Elmira & District Curling Club Tuesday, September 15th 2009 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order
Appointment of Secretary
Notice of Calling - Secretary
Auditors Report
Appointment of Auditors
Resolution Approving the Acts of Directors and Officers
Proposed Amendment to By-laws
President's Report
Election of New Directors
New Business
Adjournment

Elmira & District Curling Club
P.O. Box 2
Elmira, ON
N3B 2Z5

Proxy

Proxy solicited by Management for an annual meeting of members on September 15th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elmira Curling Club, Eldale Road, Elmira, Ontario.
The undersigned member of Elmira & District Curling Club hereby appoints:

Brian Rainville, President, or failing him
Lorne MacKinnon, Secretary (or
_____ enter name)

as proxy with power of substitution to attend and to vote for the undersigned at the annual meeting of members to be held on the 15th day of September, 2009 and at any adjournment thereof.

I hereby revoke any proxy previously given.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 2009

Name of Member (please print) _____

Signature of Member _____

If unable to attend this meeting, please sign this proxy and return to: Lorne MacKinnon, Secretary
Elmira and District Curling Club
P.O. Box 2
Elmira, ON
N3B 2Z5

NOTICE of MOTIONS to be presented at September 15, 2009 Annual General

Two motions to amend the club by-laws will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on September 15th, 2009. Motions to amend the by-laws require approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of all those present and eligible to vote at a properly called Annual or Special General Meeting.

Motion 1: That Section C which deals with the guidelines and rules for curling draws be removed from the club by-laws.

Explanation: Guidelines and regulations for the operation of curling draws are appropriate and necessary for efficient operation of the club. However, alterations in these rules and guidelines will be necessary from time to time in recognition of changes in membership complement and interests. Having these rules and guidelines embedded in the by-laws, and therefore changeable only via membership vote at an AGM, is unduly restrictive.

Motion 2: That an additional membership category, Affiliate Member, be added to item A3, Membership, as follows:

Affiliate Member: an individual who is an OCA member in another curling club, who has requested permission to represent the Elmira Curling Club in OCA competitions, and for whom such permission has been granted by the Board of Directors; and for whom the permitted usage of club curling facilities is occasional practice sessions arranged with the approval of the Board.

...and that item B1, Membership Fees be altered by adding the following sentence:

Fees for Affiliate members will be established by the Board of Directors taking into consideration the extent and nature of the participation desired, and may vary by individual.

Explanation: Our by-laws currently identify 5 member classifications (Full, Junior, Associate, Life and Social). One of our Full Curling Members wishes to represent the Elmira Curling Club in OCA competition with a team comprising other curlers who are members of other clubs but are not currently Elmira Curling Club members. This is a practice allowed by many other clubs.

This amendment allows for the requested Elmira representation in OCA events while retaining Board of Directors oversight, by individual request. Note also that our by-laws define voting members as those who are either Full, Associate or Life members. By exclusion other membership categories are not voting members.

Rules Governing Admission to Draws

Social Draws

1. The social draws take registrations on an individual basis. Teams are put together by the Drawmaster and often teams are switched around during the season to allow members to socialize with different people.
2. Each draw will consist of a minimum of 16 members and a maximum of 40 members unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
3. Priority will be given to players from the previous year in each draw until *September 15, 2009*.
4. After *September 15, 2009* each draw will be filled on a first come, first served basis;
5. To play on a social draw, *a member should be 16 years of age as of September 1, 2009*, exceptions subject to Drawmaster approval.
6. All registrations will be accepted until the start of the curling season. It will be up to the Membership Manager and Drawmaster as to whether one can enter a draw after the start of the season based on numbers.

Competitive Draws

1. The competitive draws are skip's choice whereby the skip chooses his/her team. If you are not on a team, but would like to be, indicate this on your application form. An attempt will be made to place curlers on competitive teams.
2. In open competitive draws, teams may be any combination of women and men.
3. Each draw will consist of a minimum of 4 teams and a maximum of 10 teams unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
4. Priority will be given to "returning teams" from the previous year in each draw until *September 15, 2009*.
5. To be considered a "returning team", a competitive team must have a minimum of two members returning from the previous season.
6. After *September 15, 2009* each draw will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Teams not accepted because the draw is full will be placed on a waiting list.
7. To be placed on the waiting list, a team must have a minimum of 3 players.
8. A skip's application before *September 15, 2009* reserves an entry for his/her returning team until September 30 at which time at least two other members **must** have submitted an application or teams on the waiting list will be given the spot in the draw. The skip is the person whose name was used as the team name on the 2008/2009 season schedule as prepared by the 2008/2009 season Drawmaster.
9. If a team does not have four members by the start of the curling season, the Membership Manager and Drawmaster will fill open positions with interested players. Returning teams will be filled by this method before teams on the waiting list are given preference to the draw.

House Rules for the 2009/2010 Season:

1. O.C.A. rules regarding late starts apply. No end shall start after 8:20pm if the draw began at 6:30pm, and 8:50pm for draws beginning at 7:00pm.
2. As per provincial, national and international rules of play, we will use the **4 rock rule**.
3. As per provincial, national and international rules of play, the rock must be released before it touches the **hog line**.
4. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the arena part of the building as this is in violation of our liquor license. No glass containers are allowed in the arena.

Safety Guidelines

All of our safety guidelines are posted at the curling club. Please read the guidelines carefully. The lists posted are not an exhaustive list of safety guidelines but are intended to make members aware of some of the safety concerns. It is the responsibility of each member to act responsibly and safely while on club property.

Fee Schedule Notice

Fees for the 2009/2010 curling season are due **September 15, 2009**. A late fee of \$20.00 will be charged after this date. If fees are subsequently not received by **October 31, 2009** a further fee of \$20.00 will be administered and all curling privileges will be revoked until all fees owing are received.

Please enclose a payment with your application form. Cheques post-dated to September 15 will be accepted.

In regards to Service Fees & Extras please note the following:

1. The Elmira Curling Club needs the profits from bonspiels and casual rentals to operate. We need the support of the membership for these events to run successfully. The bar/kitchen duty fee of \$75 is a **mandatory** part of the fees you owe. On a monthly basis the club refunds this fee. When you receive the refund will depend upon when you actually complete your duty. Members not doing a duty will not receive a refund. (Some individuals may be exempt from paying the duty fee. **If you are claiming an exemption**, please provide a reason on the application.)
2. Lockers will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Payment for a locker must be received with your application. Lockers (full or half) will be assigned to you.
3. Name tags can be ordered and will be delivered as soon as possible.

Please take care in filling out your application - ensure that you are using the correct column.

If you have any questions or concerns about completing your fee schedule or application, please contact Scott Coghlin at 519-669-9208 or e-mail at scoghlin@gmail.com

Please make cheques payable to: **Elmira & District Curling Club**

Please forward completed **individual fee schedule, application form and payment to:**

**Scott Coghlin
236 Park Avenue W.
Elmira, ON
N3B 3N3**



Due date: September 15

Do not mail your application to the club.

A \$10.00 fee is applied to non-members who spare in a regular draw. This fee is payable to the skip or the bartender at the time of play. A non-member may spare on five occasions only before regular membership fees will apply.

Individual Fee Schedule

Please print your name: _____

Membership Fee

Platinum (unlimited curling)	\$375 + \$18.75 GST = \$393.75	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gold (1 competitive draw)	\$290 + \$14.50 GST = \$304.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silver (1 social draw)	\$275 + \$13.75 GST = \$288.75	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bronze (One daytime draw only – NO duty fee req'd)	\$200 + \$10.00 GST = \$210.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student (full time at a Secondary School OR post-secondary institution)	\$145 + \$ 7.25 GST = \$152.25	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total of Membership Fee (A)

Service Fees & Extras

1. Half Locker Rental (first-come first-serve)	\$10 + \$0.50 GST = \$10.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Full Locker Rental (first-come first-serve)	\$20 + \$1.00 GST = \$21.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Name Tag	\$10 + \$0.50 GST = \$10.50	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total of Service Fees and Extras (B)

Bar & Kitchen Duty (Refundable) (C) (Mandatory)

Exempt

Reason for exemption: _____

Late Fee (D) (after Sept. 15th)

Total Fees: A + B + C + D = Total

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- Please make cheque payable to **Elmira & District Curling Club**
 - Curling is scheduled to begin on **October 4, 2008**
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Ladies Intercity Curling

The ladies intercity league runs for approximately 6 weeks from October to December on Friday mornings in various clubs around our region. You do not need to be able to play all of the weeks to sign-up. Please check if you are interested in playing and you will be contacted to determine which weeks you are available to play.

New Members

How did you hear about us? _____
(ie. Referral by existing member – please indicate who, flyer received in the mail, flyer at store, etc)

There will be a \$50 coupon to our Pro-Shop given to each new member and a \$50 coupon to our Pro-Shop given to an existing member for each new member they refer.

Individual Application Form, 2009-2010

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Preferred Position: _____

Email Address: _____

Indicate which draw(s) you prefer to play by marking an "x" in the appropriate box. Admission to draws is governed by the enclosed rules. You will be notified if problems arise with any of your choices.

Sunday		
7:00 p.m.	Open Competitive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday		
6:30 p.m.	Men's Social	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:30 p.m.	Open Competitive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday		
6:30 p.m.	Men's Competitive	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:30 p.m.	Men's Competitive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday		
6:30 p.m.	Women's Social	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:30 p.m.	Open Competitive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday		
9:30 a.m.	Mixed Daytime Social	<input type="checkbox"/>
6:30 p.m.	Mixed Social	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:30 p.m.	Mixed Social	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday		
7:00/9:00 p.m.	Mixed Social	<input type="checkbox"/>

N.B. If numbers warrant, there will be two **Friday night draws**. You will play one week at 7:00pm and the next at 9:00pm.

Please complete the following for application to a **competitive draw**:

- I am:** () On a team skipped by: _____.
- () A player looking for a team at _____ pm on _____.
- () A skip looking for a lead , second , vice for _____ pm on _____.

The cancellation of any draw(s) due to lack of enrolment will be decided immediately after the September 15 registration deadline. Anyone registered in a cancelled draw or an over-subscribed draw will be notified as soon as possible after September 15.

I may be able to spare on:

Draw	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early						
Late						
Daytime						