



Elmira & District Curling Club

## April 2011 NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming events

2011

August 15 – watch for your 2011/2012 membership package to arrive in the mail.

December 10/11 – OCA men's and ladies zone competitions

**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

According to the calendar, spring arrived several weeks ago, however, Mother Nature continues to tease us with chilly temperatures. With that it feels like we should still be in the midst of our curling competitions yet our brooms and shoes have all been put into storage with the end of another season.

On behalf of the Board, I hope that your season was enjoyable and your games memorable. Many thanks to everyone who joined us for the year-end shindig where we had a chance to celebrate the end of the season with good friends. A highlight of the night was the pulling of the final Elimination Draw tickets. You will find a complete list of winners later in this newsletter.

At the end of a curling season, I like to reflect on the many successes and exciting events that took place at the Club over the past 10 months, thanks to the volunteer efforts of so many of our members. Please read the accomplishments that are summarized throughout this, our final newsletter of the season.

All the best for a healthy and happy summer and I look forward to seeing you back on the ice in October.

Brian Henry  
President, Elmira & District Curling Club



## Elimination Draw

Thanks to your support, this year's elimination draw was a huge success. Congratulations to all of the winners and special thank you to Colleen Coghlin who managed the ticket sales and draws.

Proceeds from the draw go to Junior Curling and will help fund the new set of lite rocks purchased this season.

### Winners

<b>\$100</b>	<b>Les Sulpher</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Paul Douglas</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Brenda Nicholson</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Jim Anderson</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Norm Clement</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Doug Adams</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Ken Petrie</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Christina Meekison</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Linda Dickson</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Chris Thompson</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Bev Houston</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Les Asselstine</b>
<b>\$250</b>	<b>Robert Koebel</b>
<b>\$500</b>	<b>Paul Rudow</b>
<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Ken Gilbert</b>

### Early Bird Winners

<b>\$50</b>	<b>Joanne Atlee</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Dianne Lapierre</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Ed Ratcliffe</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Ted Starling</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Jim Brandon</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Dan Donaldson</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Walt Spence</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Shirley Soehner</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Lance Crawford</b>
<b>\$50</b>	<b>Paul Hurther</b>

## Junior Curling

(by Glenn Paulley, Head Coach)

Reflecting on this past year, our Junior program at Elmira has accomplished a great deal. Let me summarize some of the more important accomplishments we made this past season:

Our program grew to an unprecedented number of kids, a total of 51 (33 Little Rock and 18 Bantam/Junior). I sincerely hope that most of the children will be returning next year.

I am very proud of the children's accomplishments this year, particularly in how all of them have improved their technical skills:

- 12 Little Rockers and 4 Bantams earned their OCA Red skill level badge;
- 5 Little Rockers and 1 Bantam earned their OCA Blue skill level badge; and
- 1 Bantam and 1 Junior earned their OCA Bronze skill level badge.

We established a website to convey information about the program, forthcoming events, and general information about curling. We also created a Facebook page that links to content on the Throwing Stones site.

We modified the junior hack to properly mount to the side boards on sheet 1, which had been altered due to the new brine pipes that were installed over the summer.

With donations from McDonald's Restaurants and individuals at Elmira, and from Tournament Sports, we were able to purchase 16 new curling brooms, new heads for our existing brooms, and another set of Lite Rock stones from Canada Curling Stone.

With the help of financial contributions from McDonald's Restaurants, Bob Johnson Financial Planning, Adventure Guide, the Elmira Optimist Club, the Elmira Lions Club, and the Elmira branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, we hosted a very successful Elmira

Junior Bonspiel with visiting teams from the Westmount, K-W Granite, Galt, Markdale, Fergus, and Glanford curling clubs.

- Our curlers participated in six bonspiels. Our Little Rockers won three bonspiels – a **first** for **any** rink from Elmira – with wins at North Halton, Brampton, and K-W Granite.

- This season, our bantams participated for the first time in the Bantam Interclub series and played against rinks from Galt, K-W Granite, Guelph, Elora, Fergus, Orangeville, Shelburne, and Alliston.

For next year, my plans include:

- completing the new Little Rock scoreboard to go alongside the rings in the middle of sheet 1;

- hosting a Bantam Interclub event at some point over the winter;

- organizing additional clothing items for purchase, including sweatshirts and T-shirts;

- scheduling exhibition games with Juniors from the Paisley curling club and Little Rockers from Oakville;

- increasing the technical ability of our bantam curlers to be able to field a rink in OCA Zone competitions;

- increasing our use of video analysis to help the kids master delivery skills;

- arranging for more photography of the kids on the ice to help promote the program.

I am delighted to discuss our program at Elmira with anyone, particularly with anyone who has suggestions about how our program can be improved. You can contact me by telephone, by email, or the Elmira Junior page on Facebook.

### New Lite Rock stones



John Moseley-Williams of McDonald's Restaurants contributed \$2,000 to the new Lite Rock stones. Each stone is engraved with a name on one side of the handle, and the other side as the McDonald's logo. The club members who contributed \$50 towards each handle were:

Ken Salem and Jo Atlee  
June and Derek Pass  
Melody and Larry Martin  
John Kendall  
Dirk and Lisa Molenaar  
Colleen and Scott Coghlin  
Laurie and Geoff Martin  
Ed Starling  
Joe and Becky Blake  
Jody Soehner  
Rich and Clara Bean  
Glenn Paulley and Leslie Cornwell



Here Coach Marc instructs some of the kids on replacing the generic handles with the new customized handles. From L-R: Marc, Natalie, Anika, and Kate



## **New sound system installed**

If you attended the ladies banquet or shindig, you will have heard the new sound system – a great addition to the Club and something that will get plenty of use in the seasons to come. The sound system was purchased with proceeds from last year's silent auction.

## **Watch for some exciting changes coming to draws next season**

### *1. New Tuesday afternoon open social draw*

Watch for details about a new Tuesday afternoon open social draw. Contact Wendy or Jim Anderson for details.

### *2. Wednesday 8:30 open competitive draw by Ryan Marshall*

Next year if there is a full draw of 10 teams for the Wednesday 8:30 open competitive draw, I will be running it as a divisional curling league. The goal of this format is to allow new or less experienced curling teams to join a competitive draw and be placed in competition against teams that they are at a similar skill level with. A divisional league will also allow the existing strong competition between the returning Wednesday night teams to continue.

It has been evident over the years that some teams leaving the open competitive draws are usually newer or they have been struggling to find a league in which they can allow their skills to develop and still have a good chance to win on any given night.

Some details are still pending, but the general format is that initially each team will be split into either the A or B division based on experience. Each division will then play a 5 week round robin and then the top 2 teams in B and the bottom two teams in A will swap divisions. This format will repeat until the end of the regular season. There will then be a playoff round and a winner of both the A & B divisions will be named on the final week of curling.

I have a strong hope that this format will encourage our members who have played for years in the highly successful social draws to form competitive teams and take their curling to the next level.

## **Teachers Bonspiel winners – late draw**



(l to r: John Ross, Doug Adams, Jim Brandon, Robert Allan)

## **Your 2010-2011 Board of Directors**

President	Brian Henry
Past President	Brian Rainville
Vice-President	Bill Barr
Secretary	Marc Bernard
Treasurer	Dave Oberholtzer
Assistant Treasurer	Vacant
Membership Manager	Scott Coghlin
Food Services	Dianne Crossley
House Facilities	Derek Pass
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. We are still looking for someone for the Assistant Treasurer position. If you're interested in filling this position or if you are interested in becoming a board member for the 2011-2012 season, please contact any current board member.

**A season in review –  
2010/2011 Elmira & District Curling Club**

**2010**

***September***

Mass mailing of curling club flyers to over 10,000 homes in and around Elmira

***October***

6 & 7 Open House for new curlers – tremendous success with full sheets on both nights including three university students from the Netherlands who were visiting Canada and made their way to Elmira for the open house!

10 Club Open House

***November***

Welcome to 27 new members bringing total membership to 241.

Elmira hosts the Senior Men's and Ladies Zone 12 Playdowns.

***December***

Due to the success and record number of youths who joined the Club, the Club purchases a 4<sup>th</sup> set of lite rocks.

**2011**

***January***

22 Chocolate Lovers Ladies Bonspiel

Congratulations to the Elmira bantam girls who earned a berth at the Ontario Provincial Championships in Tweed. The team consists of skip Deanna Johnson, third Laura Daniel, second Jaime Jones, lead Emily Walsh, and coaches Steve Jones and Bob Johnson.

Public Health issues a "Risk Rating: Low" report (which is the best) based on the results of an unscheduled inspection and the continuous efforts of all volunteers who follow the kitchen instructions.

***February***

4 Curling Clinic  
5 Men's Striploin Classic  
12 Little Rocks / Junior Bonspiel

## ***March***

- 5 Ribs & Tails Bonspiel
- 12 Men's Texas BBQ
- 14 Teacher's Bonspiel

Congratulation to the teams representing Elmira at next year's Dominion Championships: Men's Dean Martin, Ken Gilbert, Chris Pidgeon and Bill Barr. The ladies team is Colleen Coghlin, Dianne Crossley, Linda Dickson, and Melody Martin.

Intermediate Women's zone winners

Dale Curtis, Twyla Gilbert, Dianne Crossley, Linda Dickson

Silver Tankard Men zone winners

Dean Martin, Ken Gilbert, Bill Barr, Chris Pigeon

Steve Chapman, Allan Dickson, Chen Hui, Marc Bernard.

Defibrillator is purchased through the Waterloo Region EMS.

## ***April***

- 2 Maple Syrup Bonspiel
- 7 Last night of regular curling
- 13 Ladies Banquet
- 17 Spring Shindig//Elimination Draw final draw

## ***August***

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## ***December***

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