



# EMW BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



## “Ponderings” Alumni Newsletter

Spring 2008

**Welcome** to our first EMW Boys & Girls Club Alumni Newsletter. We have had difficulty in obtaining information and especially pictures, as records have been hard to come by. We hope the information presented here will spur your imagination and memories, so that **you** may be able to add to our collection of items that we can publish in future editions of this periodical. Please read the articles with one eye toward remembering and one eye geared for: mistakes, additional information you may be able to add, and items you would like to see addressed in the future. Our intent is to: entertain, generate interest and raise awareness and support for the Mission of the Club.

**OUR MISSION:** To inspire and enable all young people, especially those from two-working family-members & single parent families, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

**APOLOGY:** We are sorry that our letter that went out in December 2007 did so without any contact information. We had three people proofread the letter and no one caught that problem. We will not make that mistake again! (*see below*).

### ELMA SENIOR REDS



*East Aurora Advertiser, 5/15/75*

Shown are members of the 1975-76 Elma, Marilla, Wales Boys' Club Senior Red Hockey Team. They are: Kneeling (l-r), Judson Quimby, Steve Moskal, Dave Chapin, Al Tomasewski. Standing: Pete Tonsitine, coach, Chris Wagner, Bob Waver, Pete Birtsch, Mike Osinski, Tom Mech, Kurt Kessler, Tom Hennigan, Don Haynos.

**We need Your Support!!!**



2/26/76

### E-M-W League Champs

The Boys' Club of Elma, Marilla and Wales has captured the 12- and 13-year-old traveling team championship for the 1975-76 season. The team was led by Ron Zielinski, who averaged 21.5 points per game for the season. On Feb. 14, the Elma Boys' Club team defeated the league Allstars 44-32. The team is coached by Bob “Bear” Coatsworth. The league is sponsored by the Boys' Clubs of East Aurora, Elma, Lancaster, Holland and Depew. Shown: Back row (l-r): Jim Barber, coach; Bill Bainbridge, Tom Kurowski, Jim Regdos, Butch Murr, Ron Zielinski, Bob Liegle, Bob Coatsworth, head coach. Second row: Eric Weber, Dave Weremblewski, Scott McCabe, Bill Schopper. Front row: Greg Evans, Bob Mazurkiewicz, Jeff Souder, Matthew Lewis-Jones.

### Can You Identify Them???



*photo by Norm Gustavel*

**FOOTBALL PARTICIPANTS (unidentified) in the Boys Club indoor activity got together for this photo. (Marilla Site 1981?)**

We know that you would love to help make a difference in a kid's life through the Club and its many programs. There are many ways that you can do that.

- If you live locally, you can volunteer:
  - The Club's Board of Directors is a volunteer group that meets once per month and sponsors several fund raisers each year.
  - The Club also needs volunteer coaches, officials, and those who like to help through committees.
- If you live further away, you can make an annual donation (our “ONE” campaign — *see the enclosed return envelope*) or send your donated items for annual auction. (Scheduled for March, 2009)
- The Club can also use your “gently used” sports equipment, electronic games, books, and craft or life skill items.
- We also accept donated used cars, which will be a major tax write off for you.

**For any financial donation you may like to make, any type of format is accepted, cash, check or plastic. Your credit/debit card donation can be taken over the phone.**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** We sent over 1100 letters in December and we have no idea how many of you may have wanted to contact the Club because of the above mentioned lack of information, so here is your update:

**716-652-9292  
EMWCLUB.ORG  
Box 394, Elma, NY 14059**

*“My childhood home was filled with chaos. The Boy’s Club became my haven. I learned to do things I did not think myself capable of — woodshop, photography, soap box derby, tape recording my own music, fencing, day camp activities, and being a team player, to name a few. The disciplines learned at the Boy’s Club carried into my adult life along with many wonderful memories.”*

(Note: Roger donated a major gift in 1998 - for the new building)

*~ Roger Hill ~*

## 1974 Poster Contest Winners

At the recent Elma Boys’ Club open house, the first three prize winners of the poster contest were announced. Left to right: Lisa Ping, first place; Christy Nelson, second, and Lynn Brunner, third prize. Tom Leney, president of the board and George Roberts, executive director of the Boys’ Club, are pictured with the winners. Honorable mention winners include Edward Anticola, Ellen Underwood, Donna Perison, Bret Moody, Bonnie Wroblewski and Chip Olszewski. The posters are on display at the Elma Public Library on Rice Rd.



## TAX REBATE

Wondering what to do with your Federal Tax Rebate Check? Consider a gift to your Alumni Association: See the envelope enclosed. All gifts are 100% tax deductible

## BEAR MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Our Annual Golf Outing at Byrnclyff Resort will be held this year on June 25th. It is not a tournament, just a fun day on the links. Outing includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, dinner & gift. Cost is \$100. Call the Club if you would like to join us.

## Accomplishments...

- The Club now features a staff that includes: a Games Room Coordinator, a Prevention Specialist and a full time Program Director and Executive Director. We also employ a Creative Arts Instructor, a Computer Room Coordinator, and over 20 part-time employees and Junior Leader Volunteers.
- We rent the building during non-program hours for private parties and businesses. Kids groups use those same hours free of charge.
- The Club basketball program serves as many as 250 kids — 25 teams / all with volunteer coaches.

## 1995 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Floor Hockey



Front: Aaron Derkovitz & Captain Peter Obersheimer  
Rear: Donnie Berger, Jon Zak, Steve Kuebler, Mike Ronan, Jennifer Trzepacz

## 1994 Girls Varsity Travel Team



Front: Current Program Director Tracey Hartmann Karp, unknown, unknown, ? Morrell, Coach Deb Coatsworth, Erica Driggs, Leigh Powers.  
Back: Unknown, Becky Kleitz, unknown, Penny Berg, Angela Fundalinski, Amy Schonblom, Melissa Hageman.

Do you have yours?

### BOYS' CLUB

of ELMA, MARILLA and WALES, Inc.

#### MEMBERSHIP CARD

NAME GREG MERKLE

EXPIRES MARCH '76

*At Zepherus...*

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**"GOOD KIDS DON'T GROW ON TREES"**

## Did You Know The Club.....

- SERVES NEARLY 2,000 KIDS/YEAR
- HAS OVER 50 PROGRAMS
- HAS A DAY CARE CENTER AT ELMA PRIMARY
- AVERAGES OVER 160 KIDS/DAY
- HAS OVER 3,500 ALUMNI SINCE OPENING IN 1973