

From January Thaw to Combine Masters at MCC



The Jimmy Doucet rink from Clare, winners of the recent January Thaw Mixed Bonspiel at the Middleton Curling Club.

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Valley Volunteer Coalition *Volunteer Learning Opportunities*

The Valley Volunteer Coalition is a group of organizations concerned with supporting and promoting volunteers in the Annapolis Valley. This group will be offering workshops for active volunteers from **February to May 2012**, to anyone volunteering in the Annapolis Valley area.

2012 Workshops

All workshops are free of charge, but require pre-registration with the sponsoring

Hospitality is second nature in the Heart of the Valley and nowhere more so than in the Middleton Curling Club. The MCC year began the weekend of January 7 & 8 by hosting the 27th annual January Thaw Mixed Bonspiel. Prophetically players exited the club on Saturday night to mild and wet conditions. However the ice inside was perfect and the event went off with no hitches.

Play consisted of a series of round-robin games on Saturday followed by dinner, then play-downs in an "A" and "B" division on Sunday leading to the finals.

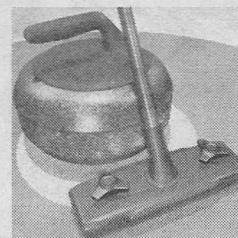
Club teams were in both finals, and the overall winner was the Doucet Team from Clare, pictured here.

Jimmy Doucet brings his team every year and has been in the winner's circle more than once.

Dominion Championships

Competitive action continues this weekend, on January 13 and 14, with club teams competing to represent Middleton in the Dominion Championships. The men's and women's events are separate and the club can only send one team to each. When more than one team would like to participate then a play-down must be held, best two out of three. On Friday, Jan. 13 the first of these

will be held at 7 p.m. with both men's and women's play-downs starting at the same time. Play will continue on Saturday. Community and club members alike are invited to come and watch the competition and spend a little social time with neighbours and friends while cheering on the competitors.



Throwing Rocks

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Provincial Masters

Middleton welcomes the Provincial Masters the following weekend when the Combined Men's and Women's event comes to MCC for the second year in a row. This can only mean that the club plays host well from the viewpoint of participants

and the provincial association. The size of the club does not indicate the size of its heart, and the enthusiasm and willingness of volunteers to put on these events keeps the town on the curling map. Play for this provincial-level bonspiel begins on Saturday morning, January 21 and continues until the final on January 25.

All events at Middleton Curling Club are open to the community to come in and sit in the spectators' gallery and enjoy the show. More information is always available by going to www.middletoncurlingclub.com.