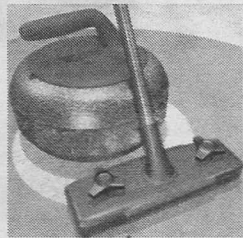


# Club curling championships fun and competitive

Despite the fact there was no bonspiel action at the Middleton Curling Club this past weekend, the spirit of competition was alive and well. Two women's teams played three hotly contested games over the weekend to determine which team would represent Middleton in the Dominion Club Championships. The club championships are held each year and are not open to teams who would compete at the provincial level. The whole purpose is to give teams who curl in ordinary club leagues, but do not go to provincial competitions, a



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chance to compete at a higher level against curlers from other clubs.

Gloria Field's team won the first match on Friday night in a close match that also highlighted one of the delightful aspects of curling. On the ice the competition was intense and everyone was focused on making the shots that would give their team the victory. But as soon as the game was over, the spirit of camaraderie took over and everyone was pleased that the game was a good one, close enough to be interesting and create anticipation for the

rematch. The contest for the position is the best two out of three, so two more games were held on the weekend. The teams were both strong and the outcome was not certain until the end of the third game when Cindy Robar's team took the lead to give them the two games needed to be the Middleton representative.

The Dominion Women's Club Championship is being held in Lower Sackville this year, at the Lakeshore Curling Club, and traditionally has a full house of competing teams from around the province. The men's competition is to be held in Greenwood on the same weekend and in two weeks, Middleton will see another playoff as the Bill Eaton team plays the Rick Greene team for the honour of repre-

senting Middleton in the Men's Club Championship.

Meanwhile, the club is also gearing up to host the Provincial Combined Men's and Women's Masters beginning on Saturday, Jan. 21 and continuing for five days until the final on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 2:30 p.m. The volunteers are busy with the logistics involved in bringing off this event with the style for which Middleton is noted. A cheering section is always welcome and so the community is invited to make the visiting teams from around the province feel welcome by coming in to view the games and cheer on the competitors. Timetables with teams and match times are available at [www.middletoncurlingclub.com](http://www.middletoncurlingclub.com)