

Curling, community, and continuity at MCC

Today's column is brought to you by the letter "C," to borrow the famous Sesame Street introduction. "C" for Curling, Community, and Continuity – all of which are featured at Middleton Curling Club last week.

The Seniors' League, which plays Monday and Wednesday afternoons, had a busy week playing at home and away. Normal league play is one full game in the afternoon, but for the past 13 years, a special one-day event is held in memory of Frank West, former postmaster of Middleton, an ardent curler and a club president. Newcomers to Middleton would all get their new post-box and a personal invitation to the curling club. Several years after Frank's death, his friend George Moore, who was running the senior league, instituted the one-day bonspiel in his name, continuing to honour his connection with the club. Wednesday, Feb. 1, Seniors played two six-end games, shared a lunch and the winners' names will be inscribed on a shield that hangs on the club wall.

Home and Home

In addition, last week the Seniors also played away as guests at a "Home and Home" in Bridgetown. This is another long-standing tie between the two curling communities and the MCC will play host to Bridgetown later in the season. Groups play five-end games, then switch opponents so that they meet and socialize with as many members of the host club as pos-

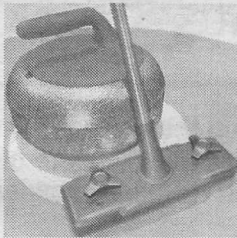
sible. After the games there is time to mingle in the clubhouse over snacks and beverages. The Seniors, being a very social group, also do a similar home and home curling exchange with the Berwick club.

Over the past weekend, the community was using the clubhouse almost continuously. Saturday saw a large contingent from the NSCC Centre of Geographic Sciences come in to the club to try out curling and play a few games, and Sunday a group from the Middleton campus of NSCC also came to the club to give curling a test drive. The ice can be rented for a reasonable cost and with the increased emphasis in active, healthy

living in school curriculums, curling is an excellent sport because there is no requirement for specialized gear beyond clean sneakers.

Dominion Championship

Between the two college events, the final game of the playdown to determine the men's team to represent Middleton in the Dominion Championship was played. The successful Bill Eaton team, which includes Les Smith, Allen Morris, and Cody Spidle, will play in the championship which is being held this year in Greenwood from February 23 to 26. Spectators are welcome to come and cheer on the Middleton team. A link to the scores of both men's and women's games will be on the MCC website once the tournaments begin. Check www.middletoncurlingclub.com



Throwing Rocks

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