

Everyone a winner at funspiel; Intermediates start on Friday

The Middleton Curling Club was alive with activity all weekend as everyone made the most of the few weeks of curling left before the ice is removed at the end of March.

Saturday was the sixth annual "Spring is Here" funspiel run by Dave and Nancy Acker. There was a full house of curlers from Middleton and nearby clubs along with friends and family. Almost everyone was wearing green in some way and many of the participants had added hats, glittery bow-ties, and even more elaborate costumes in honour of the St. Patrick's Day weekend. The ice was a sea of green.

The 12 teams played two six-end games each on a points system. The first game was in the morning and then everyone stopped to share a soup and sandwich lunch. Play continued in the afternoon, with competition getting more heated with every point counting. But when all the counting was done, it was Les Durling with his team of Marcy Gaul, Scott Swindells, and John Pierce who won the day and the trophy. In fact, everyone who participates wins a prize from the prize table, plus there were lots of draws for door prizes, so there were no losers, just varying degrees of winners. Dave and Nancy promise another funspiel next year - same time, same place - so if you missed this year's event make a note on your calendar for 2014!

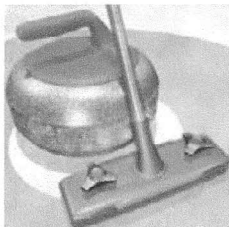
On Sunday there was Family Funspiel of Little Rock and Junior curlers, their families

and friends, organized by Little Rock coordinator Dawn Spidle and Junior coordinator Fred Hole. They had a full house of 12 teams with curlers of all ages and levels

playing two four-end games with a draw at the end for souvenir curling pins. It really was a family event with Dawn's parents and brother helping with the logistics of drinks, snacks, scoring, coaching...team-building on and off the ice.

Friday, March 22 sees the first day of play of the Provincial Intermediate Championships hosted by Middleton and with our club represented by Carol Maher's Women's team and the Men's teams of Wayne Schurman and Bill Eaton. The first draw is 9:30

Friday morning at Middleton with play continuing all day. There will be a canteen open during lunch hours for curlers and the community. Then on Saturday, the club's Big Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. with the first draw at 9 a.m. With 28 teams participating, the club could not accommodate all the draws so some of the games will be played at Greenwood Curling Club. Members of the community are always welcome to come and watch any event at the club, but a Provincial bonspiel in particular gives the public the opportunity to watch curlers who have competed at the national level curling right here at home. The draws are published on the club's website www.middletoncurlingclub.com. The final will be played in Middleton on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.



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