

Things are cooking at MCC

Things have really been cooking at Middleton Curling Club the past two weeks – literally. The kitchen has been

busy many nights and curlers on the ice were distracted by the smells that somehow circulated through the ice shed. Good food has always been an important part of local hospitality and as the club readied itself for the season ahead, careful analysis of the aromas would have given a clue to the

menus to come. One whole afternoon was given over to baking the pieces that will be decorated and assembled to become the gingerbread fantasies for the Christmas Fete on Saturday, Dec. 7. Some will be decorated houses and cookies for sale at the bake table, and larger more elaborate pieces will be items in the extensive ticket auction on the same day. Nothing is as comforting in cold weather as the warm fragrance of baking gingerbread.

Except maybe the mouth-watering smell of comfort food being prepared on Wednesday for the suppers and lunches of the bonspiels over the holiday period. Many curlers lost focus during the game and several came to check on exactly what was on the menu as chili, chowder and soup were cooked ready for the curlers and friends who would attend the Holiday Funspiel, held on the same day as the ticket auction, Saturday, Dec. 7. The Funspiel is open to individual curlers, and participants do not have to be club members in order to par-

ticipate; the event is open to friends, family, and new curlers and the \$10 entry fee covers two six-end games in

which everyone gets a prize, plus a holiday supper complete with Christmas crackers and party favours. Tickets to the supper are available to non-participants.

This coming Saturday, November 30th, the club joins thousands of others across the country in hosting an event

for the Canada-Wide Sports Day. MCC is calling the afternoon “The Heart of the Valley Rocks” and the club opens at 1 p.m. and invites anyone who would like to come in and experience what it feels like to throw a rock. If you want a little coaching and to learn a bit about the game, club members will be on hand to provide help. But even if you just want to satisfy your curiosity about the size and feel of a curling rock, you are welcome to come and give it a try. Many clubs are calling their events “Throw Your First Rock” since it is meant to encourage people to do just that. Youth league Coordinator Dawn Spidle will be holding a short funspiel at the same time so that there is an opportunity for people to join in an actual game. You don’t have to be a curler or even know one to come and be a part of this Canada-wide initiative. Further information on this and all other club events can be found online at www.middletoncurlingclub.com



Throwing Rocks

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