

Things settled down; curling has begun

After the hard work for the ice-makers of getting the ice in, the preparation for another season by the Breakfast Committee, and the working out of team schedules by the league coordinators, things settled down at Middleton Curling Club and this week the curling actually began.

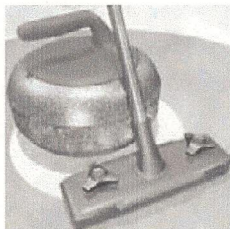
There is always a lot of pressure on the volunteers in the last week before the season starts, as people make the switch from summer activities back to a winter schedule.

Some years, with better weather, members can combine the two for several weeks. And for snow-birds who don't stay in Nova Scotia for the entire winter but want to curl while they are here, the club accommodates with a special reduced snowbird rate.

Plans for MCC's participation in Sports Day in Canada continue with our club event called "The Heart of the Valley Rocks" being held Saturday, Nov. 30. The Little Rocks and Juniors coordinator Dawn Spidle is putting together an afternoon of curling for friends and family of curling club members who may not have curled but would like to give it a try. Based on the "each one, bring one" model, the theme across the country is to get people out and active and more involved in sports.

Curling is ideal for someone who has never really been involved in sports before because the only real equipment needed to start out is a pair of clean sneakers. From there, curlers can graduate to pull-on grip-

pers and sliders at minimal expense and the Middleton Curling Club has an on-site shop where basic equipment can be bought at competitive prices.



Throwing Rocks

Karen Sotvedt
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Community members who have felt an interest in exploring curling but never quite managed to try should mark this day on their calendar and come out for the afternoon knowing that they are joining hundreds of thousands of Canadians across the country. Club members will be on hand to help first-time participants, and a funspiel-type game will be held with everyone who comes getting to play on a team. The club will open at 1 p.m. on November 30, and more details will be given in

the coming weeks.

With Thanksgiving and Halloween in the past, the Christmas Fete Committee is working hard on the next holiday event, the annual Fete and Holiday Funspiel. The club puts on a day-long party for the season which includes a Big Breakfast, Funspiel (individual entries for members and non-members), the fabulous ticket auction of high-quality items which goes on all day, and a Draw-to-the-Button contest. This event has been complimented as one of the best auctions going and has regular attendees from up and down the Valley. Mark Saturday, Dec. 7 on your calendar and make sure to drop in to have a look. If you forget the date, details of club events are always available at www.middletoncurlingclub.com.