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# Big festive weekend coming up at MCC

Suddenly December is upon us and with it all the social events that make the holiday season so special. This weekend is a busy one at the Middleton Curling Club as curlers and commun-

ity members start celebrating with a couple of busy days to begin the season.

Having orchestrated lunch and bridge for a local ladies group, club secretary Bonnie Morine will keep going to open the club for Chase the Ace. The pot this week will start at more than \$1,400. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Friday with the draw at 8:10 p.m. Food is available and the bar will be open.

The big event of the weekend is the annual Holiday Fete – a day-long ticket auction and funspiel that is like a Christmas party. The club opens for the ticket auction and bake table at 8 a.m. Saturday. Items include seasonal gifts and décor, gingerbread fantasies, decorated trees, garlands, wreaths, and more. Also, a funspiel starts at 10 a.m. with a full house of teams comprised of curlers of all levels from Little Rocks to seniors and from new curlers and once-a-year curl-

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ers to championship winners.

The end of the funspiel is not the end of fun, or of curling for that matter. After the prizes are distributed, Bill Eaton runs his annual Draw to the Button - a test of skill that is sometimes won by good luck as much as good curling. The club will run a small canteen while the draw takes place. Many folks return for this part of the day and it becomes like a big holiday party. Middleton is a tight-knit community and often everyone knows the person who gets an item even if they are not present, and results are greeted with cheers for the winner and groans from those who had particularly wanted the item.

Chase the Ace and the Fete are both major fundraisers for the club and everyone is invited.

Events at MCC can always be checked on the club's website at [www.middletoncurlingclub.com](http://www.middletoncurlingclub.com)

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