

SPORTS

Christmas at the curling club

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Throwing rocks



"When up on the roof there arose such a clatter...." - and this year, at Middleton Curling Club, it must have been of Santa Claus.

Previously it might have been raccoons but so much work has gone into critter-proofing the MCC, the obvious conclusion was that the jolly old man himself had come to the Big Breakfast to celebrate the season.

Dec. 16 was the last breakfast until 2018 and what better time to acknowledge the work of the volunteers who make this great community get-together such a success.

Santa found the usual crew at their stations in the dining hall. Co-ordinator Bonnie Morine bakes beans and dishes eggs on the day, and keeps an eye on all the many small details that go into achieving a well-run meal. As on many teams, this one has specialists. The man on bacon is Bob Clattenburg, who comes in during the week to prep his product to ensure each piece is just right. Another specialist is Dave Acker, the "Toast Meister," who for years has been absolutely convinced that folks only come for the toast, perfectly browned "on both sides" as he likes to point out, and buttered right to the edge. Such artistry for a slice of bread!

Running the serving counter



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The Middleton Curling Club got a visit from the Big Guy recently. From left are Paul Stone, Bonnie Morine, Dave Acker, Santa (Ernie Killen), Nancy Acker, Sharon Stone, and Sue Smith.

were Kathy MacKay, Sue Smith, and Nancy Acker. The actual dining-hall chores were looked after by Paul and Sharon Stone, suitably tired in reindeer antlers.

And the unseen work of treasurer Graham Bell must not be forgotten as he spent his morning in the dishpan, washing up. Also on the team but absent this week were Jim

and Norma Carter, who have been on the crew since the breakfasts started.

Santa was pleased with the holiday spirit shown by all at the club, concluded that everyone was on the "nice" list, and left with a twinkle in his eye and his little round belly full of good MCC cooking. But we heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of

sight "here is an MCC update"...

Leagues played, with snacks and partying following the games, but then the club will have a two-week hiatus with no games planned over the holiday. There are several private parties booked, and these can always be arranged by contacting the club through the website at www.middletoncurlingclub.com.

When MCC reopens after the New Year, the first major event is the January Thaw, a mixed bonspiel with clubs from throughout the province. Check out the MCC homepage for the latest news...and to all a good night!"

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