

SPORTS

Curlers enter March madness as season nears an end

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Throwing rocks



Members of Middleton Curling Club are beginning to feel the pressures of March Madness. And no! This does not have anything to do with basketball.

After a hectic month of January with MCC hosting two major bonspiels, the relative calm of February with the two in-house funspiels was a welcome break. Because with March and the looming end of curl-

ing season for most clubs, the craziness begins and many curlers are curling every weekend from now until the closing of Middleton and other area clubs.

When members have several leagues during the week – some as many as three, and then weekend curling events of three solid days, starting early and ending late – that is a lot of curling!

This past weekend, two MCC teams competed in the Berwick Apple Spiel, an annual event with a little more significance than usual. If all goes well, Berwick Curling Club will play in their new venue in the “Apple Dome” complex next session and so for many teams who

had been in this bonspiel for years, it was an ending of sorts.

Cody Spidle’s team with Dawn Spidle, Bruce Johnson, and Emily Neily won the B event, and Bill Eaton’s team with Barb Eaton, Les Smith, and Stephanie Harvey lost out in the finals of the C division.

For the student curlers, it was the last of the funspiels that have been hosted in the Valley, this one in Windsor and both teams won their games: Jady Phinney with Brooke Thomas, Katelyn Tattersall, and Mary Elliott; and Cash Harris skipping Colby Connell and George Beers. A happy ending for a good season.

The weekend of March 9-11 is

particularly busy. MCC is hosts the Spring is Here funspiel, a one-day event which welcomes curlers of all levels and this year hits the ice with a full house of 48 curlers ranging from those who have never played a game to those who have curled their whole lives.

Some of the club regulars will be missed, because this is also the weekend of the Nova Scotia Curling Association Men’s and Women’s Club Championships. In the past these two events have been held separately at different clubs but this year the two are going on simultaneously at Glooscap Curling Club in Kentville. MCC will have teams in both

events, and they will be missed on the home ice funspiel.

And in the few weeks that follow, MCC curlers will also be participating in the Bridgetown Farmers’ Spiel and the Greenwood Closing in addition to regular club leagues and closing events.

March is certainly a month of intense curling activity. Plus, Friday night’s Chase the Ace and the last Big Breakfast on March 24. Doors open at 8 a.m.

As always details and contacts can be checked by going to www.middletoncurlingclub.com

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