

SPORTS

Back to fun and games at Middleton Curling Club

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Throwing rocks



After a week of relative calm to recover from the events in January, Middleton Curling Club is back to a schedule of fun and games – lots of both.

Last week was very busy for the Afternoon League holding the Frank West Memorial Spiel on Wednesday and then visiting Bridgetown on Friday, despite bad weather.

The Frank West is a full-day event with teams playing a game in the morning and enjoying lunch together before another game in the afternoon. This year the trophy was presented by Frank's son, Karl West, to the winning team of Cindy Robar, Carol Mahar, Dan Prought, and Kathy McKay.

When Friday came the roads were bad and schools were cancelled but by late morning the 12



When teams for the first draw of the annual Valentine Spiel took to the ice they showed off their Valentine best in a group photo at the Middleton Curling Club. **CONTRIBUTED**

hardy Afternoon League curlers ventured out to Bridgetown for the first game of the annual Home-and-Home. Middleton curlers won the day on overall points and host the return match at MCC on Feb. 15 beginning with a 7-point advantage from last week's game.

Also on the road were MCC

curlers Cody Spidle and Emily Neily, playing in the Provincial Mixed Doubles Championship alongside such curling luminaries as Colleen Jones. They progressed steadily through the first two days before being eliminated and attracted lots of club support as the event was nearby, in the new curl-

ing facility in Berwick. This is the first time any curlers from Middleton have entered this competition, and there is no league at MCC for this format, so it really was an adventure into uncharted territory for the duo.

At the same time, the fun part of fun and games was going on at

the club with the annual Valentine Spiel. There were two full draws for this funspiel then lunch for everyone and another game for all curlers in the afternoon. The weather was cold and windy so most folks stuck around enjoying the atmosphere, the curling, and the hi-jinx on the ice, where many people got in the spirit of the season and red was the uniform of the day.

Everyone got a prize, there were door prizes galore, and in the end hosts Nancy and Dave Acker presented the trophy to Ian Reesor's team with Susan Coulter, Paul McDade, and Laura Grant. It was a great day, and all were reluctant to leave the warm hospitality of the club for the cold winds of Nova Scotia winter.

On Feb. 16, hospitality is also extended to club and community alike with the next Big Breakfast. We are inviting everyone to join us between 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

All our events are highlighted at www.middletoncurlingclub.com

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