

SPORTS

Full house for Spring is Here Funspiel at MCC

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Throwing rocks



The curlers at Middleton Curling Club were busy at home and abroad last week. At MCC there was a full house for the 15th annual Spring is Here funspiel.

Three Middleton teams competed in the Berwick Apple Spiel, which in the new facility was able to expand to 24 teams curling for three days in four events. Of the MCC teams, Cindy Robar led Larry Drew, Becky Robar, and Jim Marshall to win the D division, and Bill Eaton with Barb Eaton, Les Smith, and Stephanie Harvey made it to the B final.

Despite three teams (with their supporters) being at Berwick, the popular Spring is Here funspiel had two full draws with curlers from all leagues and age groups. Usually this event is closer to St. Patrick's Day and so a lot of people went to their tickle trunks for shamrock themed outfits. Many participants broke out their spring colours and the weather co-operated by being sunny with no precipitation of any kind – a relief after a long and harsh winter.

It really did seem as if spring was just around the corner and the day after the funspiel was Daylight Saving, so everyone felt well on the way to warmer times. There was



Winners of the Spring is Here Funspiel are, from left, Micheline Kennedy, Gerald Grant, host Nancy Acker, and Ron Kielback.
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a lot of talk about golf and beach walks and new calves being born, a sure sign of the turn of the seasons.

Hosts Nancy and Dave Acker have run this event for every one of its 15 years – it is one of their “signature spiels.” Format is six ends of curling for everyone in the morning, with scoring on points, and then a break for lunch and a draw for the many door-prizes. Before the afternoon curling starts half the curlers already have a prize just for attending.

The morning scores re-sorts the teams with a seeding arrangement, putting more equal teams together. This year, in the true spirit of sociable, most of the first draw stayed to watch the second set of games, and attend the prize giving and presentation of the trophy.

The team of Ron Keilback with Nancy Acker, Gerald Grant, and Micheline Kennedy won the day and first pick of the prize table but everyone gets something and more than their money's worth from the day of food, fun, and exercise.

As the curling draws to a close in less than a month, this is the time when events come with the tag “last one of the season.” The Big Breakfast this Saturday, March 16 is in this category. For all those who have enjoyed these popular breakfasts make sure not to miss this one, it's the last until next October.

All upcoming events are on our website www.middletoncurling-club.com

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