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s Middleton student curlers going to Scotties Tournament of Hearts

Karen Sotvedt Throwing rocks



Three of the student curlers from Middleton Curling Club are going to curl in the Scotties Tournament of Hearts this year. Well, not actually curling IN the Scotties, but they will be curling AT the Scotties.

The prestigious event is being held in Sydney, NS next month so the Nova Scotia Curling Association organized a ‘Hit, Draw, Tap’ skills competition that could be entered by any student in a NSCA club program.

MCC youth coordinator Dawn Spidle spent a day with her Little Rock and Junior curlers, testing them on the three elements of the curling game. She then entered the results on the website set up for all clubs across the province that wanted to participate.

The student curlers from MCC more than held their own against their peers from around Nova Scotia: Zaida Lily, Grace Reesor, and Myles Gosse were in the Top 10 for the six- to eight-year-olds category; Matthew Newman, Adam Newman, and Chaya Diggins were in the Top 10 for the 11- to 13-year-olds.

Of these, Zaida, Matthew, and Adam will advance to the finals held during the playing of the Scotties in Sydney. Each gets entry tickets for themselves and two adults, some curling ‘swag,’ and treats from Tim Hortons.

In addition to their families, coordinator Spidle will travel to Sydney to watch her students performing in the competitions that will be held in the time between draws of the Scotties. Well done to our ‘Stars on Ice.’

There was more excitement in the student leagues this weekend. The annual Earl McKinnon bonspiel for student curlers, run by Glooscap Curling Club in Kentville, had expanded to such numbers that the event was split into two, with draws also being played in Berwick at the new facility in the Kings Mutual Century Centre.

An added feature this year was that coaches were able to give teams some on-ice advice during games. Spidle travelled to the Glooscap games to be with the under-12 teams, and club members Bill and Barb Eaton were in Berwick coaching the under 14s. Team Phinney came third in their division and Team Sawler won all their games and played in the semi-final Sunday morning, leading to the “A” division consolation round in Glooscap. Rounding out the roster was Team Diggins and Team Roop – everyone had at least one win and a



Three young Middleton curlers advanced to curl at the Scotties. From left are Matthew Newman, Zaida Lily, and Adam Newman.

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great time playing with their peers from around the province.

Next weekend, MCC hosts the Provincial Club Mixed with the first draw on Friday at 1p.m. Community members are invited to drop in and watch some live curling in a cozy club atmosphere. See all our news at www.middletoncurlingclub.com

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