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No break for the youngsters

March break events kept many busy at MCC

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Throwing rocks



It was recently March break but there was no break for some of the young curlers at Middleton Curling Club.

The official class sessions do not operate when there is no school, but for three teams of junior curlers, coaching still went on. Berwick Curling Club has a Spring is Here spiel for students - a three-day event with two age groups. The Under-12s play with lite rocks and the Under-14s play with regular adult rocks. In format, it is very similar to adult events with four games at least for each team and progression in each category to a championship game.

In preparation for the competition, co-ordinator Dawn Spidle had her teams in the club drilling during their time off from school. There was a little extra excitement on the ice due to a power failure on Thursday but no one was in the dark due to emergency lighting and it added some hilarity to a routine practice. In total, MCC had three teams in the bonspiel: one in the Under-12 and two in the Under-14.

In the Under-12, Sam Roop led Ben Macfayden, Wyatt Boyd, and Daniel Fredericks to enough wins to progress to Sunday's games.

Cole Sawler skipped Matthew Newman, Adam Newman, and George Beers in the Under-14s and Chaya Diggins skipped Katelyn Tattersall, Chloe Thomas, and Lauren Tattersall. This was the first time the four girls had played together and



Middleton's Team Diggins: Lauren Tattersall, Chaya Diggins, Katelyn Tattersall and Chloe Thomas. CONTRIBUTED

also the first time Diggins had skipped in this age group. It was an impressive start for the team as they won all four of their qualifying matches to progress to the championship game on Sunday. They lost that game but came in second place over-

all, an outcome that they and MCC can be proud of.

The other event was the venerable Farmer Spiel, which is held each year in Bridgetown. A bonspiel known as much for its food as its curling, it always has a fair number of MCC curlers playing

on the teams of family or friends.

For many it is the last big curling event before club ice is taken out. MCC finishes its league play on March 31 and then the Commercial League has its closing on April 3, and Bill Eaton's funspiel runs April 1 and 4. At the end

of play on April 4, the switch is flipped and the season is done.

Check the website at www.middletoncurlingclub.com for photos of all the year's events.

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