

RECREATION

Food, curling, end of the season

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Throwing rocks



The last week of curling at Middleton Curling Club seemed to be as much about eating as about curling.

Every league had its special closing games or celebration of some sort and much of it involved food.

The Western Draw league on Tuesdays has always considered

itself a social league – the team compositions are changed every few weeks, and curlers are encouraged to try different positions on the four-person teams as their skills and confidence increases. So their closing ritual is to really mix it up and assign teams by the drawing of cards. This leads to hilarity and a certain amount of wandering back and forth on the ice as curlers try to find their new teammates and then their opponents. The laughter and good will continues off the ice with a potluck afterward. “Is that really a CHOCOLATE pizza??”

The Afternoon League starts their closing earlier in the day than usual so after a game, there is time for a pizza lunch. There is the possibility of another game after lunch although this does not always happen, depending on how much pizza is consumed and how comfortable everyone is in the clubroom. The Sunday Night league also expands its usual format for the last night to include a potluck with the bar open, after changing opponents every two ends so members get to play with almost everyone else on the last night of the season.

The student curlers finished with curling and some hi-jinx on and off the ice. On March 30 the Family Fun Day had a full house with on-ice curling, floor curling, snacks and games in the dining room. Then the real fun began: out on the ice again, they had glowsticks for games in the dark, and even some sliding around on crazy carpets and inner tubes. Their final day on Monday after school was a repeat of the fun and games followed by the awarding of badges.

The Thursday Mixed League ended play with Les Smith’s team the overall winner. Bill Eaton

runs this league and his closing consists of a two-evening funspiel in which teams collect points for overall standing and to compete for first choice at the prize table. Oh, and of course, snacks with the drinks after the last game.

MCC is proud its members all pitch in to help keep the club running but also enjoy each other’s company at the same time as they live the curling motto “sociable.”

See you next year at www.middletoncurlingclub.com

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