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Middleton curlers have busy week, gear up for more fun

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Throwing rocks

With the craziness of 'Chase the Ace' in the rear-view mirror, Middleton Curling Club drew a breath and continues with a very busy curling season.

Learn to Curl continues on Sunday nights and many of those new curlers have signed up for the Holiday Funspiel on Saturday. This social event has always included curlers from the students to seniors, with friends and family. In the past, for some curlers, the five minutes before their game started was the first time they had tried the ice.

In January 2019 MCC will host the Provincial Club Mixed Championship again. In the past five years the club has hosted either the Club Mixed or the Masters for the provincial curling body. It helps keep Middleton on the curling map and the curlers from other clubs like the atmosphere and attention to detail they find at MCC.

This year, MCC has four teams that would like to compete and so a play-down has been taking place on the weekends. Teams skipped by Les Smith, Bill Eaton, Cody Spidle, and Larry Drew are playing a round robin to determine their ranking. Then, when the Nova Scotia Curling Association decides how many teams from the club can be accepted, this seeding process will

have decided each team's status and the order in which they will be accepted.

There was lots of social curling last week. The home-and-home series with Berwick continued last Friday. Berwick came to play at Middleton with MCC ahead by two points. There were three sheets playing, and the first two to finish were tied, so it was all down to the last sheet. They finished their game with Berwick ahead by two, so the series ended with a tie, and Middleton got to keep the trophy which they had won last year. Everyone won as it was a great day of curling and there was food and socializing after the game.

The youth programs, always busy, had two teams competing in a funspiel in Windsor which had five clubs from around the Valley participating. The junior team, led by Brooke Thomas, scored a five-ender, a personal best. The Little Rock team took turns playing all the positions, and came out even: two wins, two losses. It seems tying was a theme this week.

The Christmas Fete ticket auction and bake sale is this weekend. The club will be open Friday night from 5 to 7 p.m. for set up and the community is invited to drop in, have a drink and a sneak peek at the great gifts and seasonal items. No tickets will be sold on Friday. Ticket sales open at 8 a.m. on Saturday and the draw for prizes begins at 7 p.m. Further information at www.middletoncurlingclub.com

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