

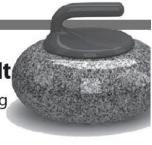
# CURLING COLUMN



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## Surprise on-ice proposal steals the show at Berwick Apple Spiel

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The days continue to be busy for members of Middleton Curling Club.

The afternoon league completed its home-and-home with Bridgetown, coming back in fine style and getting enough points so the two-day event ended in a tie. The trophy was already in Middleton from last year, so it was agreed it may as well remain at MCC for the coming year. The real goal of the event is spending social time with curlers from another club, both on and off the ice, and in this everybody won.

Several more afternoons of stick curling games have been organized, and the two remaining dates are March 24 and March 31, at 1 p.m. It is a great way to try stick curling. The games take about an hour, there is no sweeping between the hog lines, and there are only six rocks per end. Drop in on the dates listed to either watch the game or even come out on the ice to try — the only equipment you need to get started is a pair of clean indoor sneakers.

Annapolis East Elementary School students continued their curling classes last week. With

the number of storm days this year, several sessions earlier in the season had been cancelled so make-up days were in order. By the end of the season, youth co-ordinator Dawn Spidle will have had every class in the school from Grades 1-5 out on the ice at least once this year.

Last weekend two student teams — one two-member little rock team and one two-member junior team — went to Windsor to play in the last valley league for outing for this season

Also last weekend, two teams from MCC competed in the Berwick Apple Spiel, a popular annual event. Team Spidle made it through to the A consolation round, and Team Eaton to the B semifinal. It was not the big news of the bonspiel. Skip Cody Spidle proposed on-ice to mate Emily Neily before their first game and the engagement was certainly the major news of the entire tournament.

Coming up: This weekend, March 14, is the annual Spring is Here Funspiel. Spectators are welcome to come in and enjoy some live curling, where the atmosphere on the ice is equally about fun and competition. The last Big Breakfast of the year is the following week on March 21 — and then that will be it until next October.

You can always check what is happening at [www.middleton-curlingclub.com](http://www.middleton-curlingclub.com) or follow us on Facebook.

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