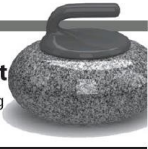


CLUB REPORT

Middleton Curling Club mixing things up in January

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January is always a hectic month at Middleton Curling Club, both at home and away.

The month starts off with the January Thaw Mixed bonspiel, a social event that attracts curlers from around the Annapolis Valley. The leagues are in full swing, the Afternoon League is busy organizing home-and-homes with other clubs and Jan. 24 to 26 is the Provincial Club Mixed.

On the Saturday between the bonspiels, another successful Big Breakfast played to a full house of members and community guests alike. On the same weekend, the



Two Little Rock teams take a timeout from having the time of their lives to gather for a photo. The smiling faces include: Sophie Daley, Kaylee Kershaw, Olivia Daley, Britney Ross, Grace Reesor, Zaida Lily, Iggy Jefferies and Myles Gosse. **CONTRIBUTED**

Little Rock and Junior leagues had teams entered in the Earl MacKinnon Classic hosted by Glooscap

Curling Club out of Kentville. In fact, this event has proved so successful that it has outgrown its

original format and is held in two venues, with the younger curlers at Glooscap and the juniors at Berwick Curling Club.

Earl MacKinnon was a longtime curler at Glooscap and an energetic supporter of youth curling, so the popularity of the event is a credit to his memory. For MCC's two teams of Little Rocks, it was their first tournament, made more thrilling because it was not on home ice.

There was a great deal of excitement and high spirits and, while there may not have been the finesse of the older curlers, there was certainly a single-minded determination to "take out" as many rocks as possible. The team skipped by Sophie Daley, with Kaylee Kershaw, Britney Ross and Olivia Daley, advanced to the Sunday final in the consolation division. The juniors did not have to brave the snow on Sunday as

both teams finished their play on Saturday.

The Provincial Club Mixed starts on Friday, with the first draw at 10:30 a.m. including curlers from all over the province. Spectators are always welcome. There are no entry fees. The games go on all day Friday and Saturday with the two semifinals on Sunday morning and the final played at 1 p.m. Two teams from Middleton are competing: Bill Eaton with Barb Eaton, Bruce Johnson and Kristine Spidle, and Rick Greene with Cindy Robar, Paul Saxon and Becky Robar. In fact, club president Cody Spidle and Emily Neily are also curling, although with a team based in Berwick, so there will be lots of local talent to cheer for.

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