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ing Day alumni hockey play at the Middleton and District Arena. The Ancients won 8-2.

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Slowing down for the holidays at Middleton Curling Club

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Throwing Rocks



The rumbling of rocks sliding down the ice at Middleton Curling Club finally came to a stop for the holiday the Thursday before Christmas. But not before the week had been well and truly celebrated by the various leagues

as they said goodbye to 2019 and started the hiatus until the New Year.

The Western Draw leagues on Sunday and Tuesday both had a holiday party atmosphere. The Sunday night league mixed up their games a little with some glow curling. After curling this league usually heads straight home to prepare for the work week, but on the 15th everyone lingered to share snacks and goodies they had brought in to celebrate the season.

The Tuesday night league

did much the same thing. Co-ordinator Bob Clattenburg mixed up the full-house of curlers by drawing cards for placements on teams and positions, then everyone played a shorter four-end game. There was a generous selection of appetizers and sweets when play was over, the bar was open, and folks stayed to discuss holiday plans, and exchange best wishes for the New Year.

The last Big Breakfast of the season was on the 21st - in fact the last event in the club season until the New Year. It was a

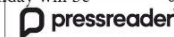
record-breaker, with another full house for the breakfast of bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, beans, toast and beverage. About half-way through Santa Claus made an appearance, and then stayed on to greet newcomers as they arrived. This monthly fundraiser during the curling season has gotten bigger and better than ever this year, benefitting both the club and the hungry guests who flock through the doors.

Now that the breakfast is done, and league play is over, the week of the Christmas holiday will be

quiet as the club and its volunteers rest. But before play begins again on Jan. 6, the building is already becoming busy as the ice-makers spend days on the ice, and work is done preparing for the two bigger events in January, the January Thaw on the 11th and 12th, and the Provincial Mixed Championships Jan. 24-26.

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