

## CURLING

# Home and away keeps Middleton curlers busy

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Throwing Rocks



MIDDLETON - It was a busy week for Middleton Curling Club members, both at home and away.

The Afternoon League went to Berwick on Friday for the second match in their annual home-and-home. Each team hosts for an eight-end game followed by lunch and socializing, and the total of the scores from both afternoons determines who gets to hold the

trophy for the next year. Last year was a tie and so Middleton, already in possession, got to keep the trophy. This year Berwick won, so they earned bragging rights and the engraved cup.

Two teams of Juniors also played away last weekend, in the Valley League, with the games at Windsor. This is a valuable experience for the students; besides being fun, it is a chance to play at different clubs, on different ice and against different players. It is also an opportunity for learning curlers who don't normally play games, to get the feel for a real game in a more competitive atmosphere. This league

has been going for several years now and is hoping to expand. They meet eight times at the various clubs and MCC will be taking different curlers each time - mixing teams with experience and new curlers.

While teams travelled, the club remained busy with almost daily events. On Friday, the club hosted the IODE Bridge Marathon, ending with a luncheon and presentation to the high scorer. This is an annual event and marks the end of the autumn season. The club provides a great venue with Bonnie Morine heading a team who provide the meal and set up so the players have only to come

and play and enjoy their game. The club is a great spot for this sort of event and the IODE hope to repeat the Marathon during the winter.

On Sunday, Dec. 1, several dozen student curlers participated in trials for the Hit, Tap, Draw competition to be sponsored by the Nova Scotia Curling Association. It was not exactly a competition against each other at the time, but even so, there was a lot of hilarity and boisterous rivalry on the ice. All times for every participant are submitted and then the top five in each category, province-wide, are invited to compete at the finals,

held this year in Dartmouth during Scotties Tournament of Hearts and Deloitte's Tankard playdowns.

And in the spirit of the season, the annual Christmas Fete is this Saturday, Dec. 7. The ticket auction of high-quality items starts at 8 a.m., curling can be viewed in the clubhouse from 10 a.m. and later in the afternoon, there will be glow curling and a canteen before the ticket draw begins at 7 p.m. Details at [www.middleton-curlingclub.com](http://www.middleton-curlingclub.com) or follow us on Facebook.

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