

RECREATION

#SOCIABLE the hashtag at Middleton Curling Club

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The hashtag for curling should be #SOCIABLE – the sign seen at major bonspiels and called out by fans.

And Middleton Curling Club is always making sure it lives up to this reputation.

Already with the first week of curling just finished, youth coordinator Dawn Spidle has held an afternoon open house for her students and adults, with floor curling and activities off the ice, snacks and an opportunity to learn how to curl on the ice and play short games.

The popular floor curling, known as "Rock and Rings," came to Annapolis East Elementary several weeks ago and

so many new students were introduced to it there. MCC also owns some of the sets, and so Spidle was able to use the school introduction to continue the program at the club. The two-hour open house led directly into the 'Learn to Curl' session for adults, held every Sunday from 5 to 6 p.m. It is not too late to join this group with lessons continuing until Christmas.

Even when MCC was closed for the summer, members continued to enjoy the club and each other for non-curling get-togethers. One of these was the weekly training session for the Dragon Boat team entered in the Bridgetown CARP Regatta – aptly named the Sweeping Dragons. Every Wednesday for several months, the dining hall saw paddlers seated in chairs arranged to imitate dragon boat seating and 'paddling' furiously with upside down brooms -

timed, critiqued and encouraged by leaders Karen Morley and Richard Huebner.

On the day, the club team performed respectably on the river but more importantly, embodied the curling mantra of 'sociable' and claimed the coveted Best Team Spirit paddle for display in the club. We may not be fast but we are fun! This trophy is now hung over the bar in the viewing room.

Coming up is another social event for everyone and the community is invited to a get-together on Nov. 15. Most of Middleton is familiar with the club from Chase the Ace days, and the bar will be open, snacks available and a small silent auction on display in the dining hall, finishing that evening. Doors open at 7 p.m. Come and spend a pleasant evening with friends, check out the new look on the ice for Glow Curling, and other improvements and



The Sweeping Dragons practiced weekly for several months and took part in the Clean Annapolis River Festival dragon boat races. They won the Best Team Spirit paddle that is now hanging in the Middleton Curling Club. **CONTRIBUTED**

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