

CURLING

A fun end to 2019, a great start to the new year

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Throwing Rocks



There were no parties at Middleton Curling Club for New Year's Eve – everyone was partied out from the two weeks leading up to the holiday.

The Sunday night league had mixed up their games a little with some glow curling and participants decked out in bright colours and flashing lights.

The Tuesday night league always has a potluck social after their games and the student leagues finished every session with hot drinks and snacks.

The last Big Breakfast of the season was on Dec. 21, 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. The next Big Breakfast is Jan. 18, so watch here for more details.

All the student leagues celebrated with glow curling in some form. The Little Rockers practised turns and sliding with black lights on and rocks glowing. Afterward, the Juniors had the ice to themselves, with Christmas music blasting while they played three ends. They were singing and dancing the whole time. There was even sliding on crazy carpets in the dark and other games; then they created a Christmas tree on the ice using the glowing rocks.

Students continued to be busy with two teams participating in the Glooscap Invitational; two also went to Kentville for the

second day of play in the Valley League that has been started up. And this just in – MCC's Zaida Lilly, provincial winner last year in her age group for the Hit, Tap, Draw competition held during the Briar, has qualified again for this year's competition, to be held during the Scotties Tournament of Hearts and DeLoittes Tankard playdowns. This means she is in the top five for the province to be able to advance. Congratulations Zaida!

Over the holidays most of the club rests, but not the ice-makers. They completely rebuild the ice from the foundation up. The ice is "burned" which

melts many layers and gets rid of small imperfections and bits that have built up. Then there is the painstaking work of building the surface back up again, layer by layer. But before play began again this week, they had the new surface perfect and ready for use.

MCC hosts two bigger events in January, the January Thaw, Jan. 11-12, and the Provincial Mixed Championships Jan. 24-26.

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