

Midland Curling Club Classic

Local rinks look good at 30,000 Island's bonspiel



Eyeing up the situation

Bob Newhouse of Midland Curling Club eyes up the shot during this past weekend's 30,000 Island Curling Bonspiel held in Midland Curling

Club. Altogether, there were 28 rinks involved in the annual bonspiel that has been running for over 40 years in Midland.



Bringing it on home

Peter Watts, right and Jackie Gyte of Midland Curling Club guide a rock home Friday in the 30,000 Island Curling Bonspiel. The eight-end affair has been held in Midland for the past 40 years and featured 28 rinks from

Midland and surrounding areas, 10 of those rinks from Midland. The Midland rink of Jim Shaw took the fourth event with other Midland rinks placing second and third in the other three events.

Midland rinks made some good points in the 30,000 Island's Curling Bonspiel held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Midland Curling Club.

Although no local rinks placed in the first event, that one won by the Sundland rink from Thornhill to claim the Orr Jeweller's Trophy, Midland rinks did finish with respectable placings.

The Midland rink of Jim Clark was runners-up in the second event while Chuck Walton of Midland was third.

Winning the second event to take the Molson

Trophy was the Currathers rink of Brampton.

Fourth place finishers in the second event was the Dick Dixon rink of Orillia, two Midland curlers on that rink, Leighton Smith and Cindy White.

Smith actually skipped that rink but it was entered under Dixon's name.

Don Polkinghorne's rink of Midland placed third in the third event, the Hiram Walker Trophy being taken by the Hill rink of Newmarket for that event.

Brunelle rink bonspiel winner

The Don Brunelle rink of Penetanguishene were the winners in the fifth annual Penetanguishene Curling Club Family Bonspiel held Sunday as organized by Wally Meisenger and family and Larry Merkley and family, both of Penetanguishene last year's winners.

For their win, the Brunelle rink receives the Lillie Gignac Family Trophy.

Runners-up in the event were the rink members of John Gignac of Penetanguishene.

Winners of the second draw were the rink of Len Miller of Penetanguishene with runners-up being Tom Ferguson's rink of Penetanguishene.

All four teams had an equal number of points at 26 but the winners were decided on aggregate points throughout the competition.

All children entered in the event received a silver dollar while the winning children received a silver dollar plus a free pass to the Pen Theatre in Penetanguishene.

After the action was over, everyone sat down to a buffet supper.

Marty Forget of Penetang Bottling provided the soft drinks for the children while Dave Babcock of the Pen Theatre provided the passes.

Don Brunelle and family will organize next year's event according to the rules.

Second in that event was the Ryedale rink of Oakville with Lynn Morton of Midland acting as vice on that rink.

The Howard Markham Trophy for the fourth event was won by Jim Shaw of Midland and his rink members.

The 30,000 Island

Bonspiel has been running for over 40 years in Midland and has been traditionally been an eight-end affair.

The next action planned for Midland Curling Club is the Leah Boutique Curling Bonspiel in which local rinks will compete, that event planned for April

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A pre-school screening will be arranged for each child by the Simcoe County Health Unit. The school nurse will be in attendance at this registration.

F. G. Archer, Principal.

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I. C. Harris, Director.

Midland was way ahead with its Bell system

There have been moments through the years when Midland has been way ahead of its time. The year 1880 was no exception.

On April 29, 1880 The Bell Telephone Company of Canada was incorporated and the company's first long distance line was erected from Toronto to Hamilton. In 1880 Midland's first telephone was installed in a bakery owned by H.S. Ruby. Mr. Ruby came to Midland from Barrie to set up his business.

The telephones were "acoustic" and were set up for communication between Ruby's bakery at the corner of Midland Avenue and Hugel Avenue east and his bake shop located two blocks away.

The connection was made of iron wire stretched between two fibre diaphragms. The line had to be perfectly straight and free from contact of any kind. Primitive bells were rigged up over the apparatus at each end. These would ring when the instrument was given a good shake.

Midland's first telephone

exchange was opened in 1886 when a long distance line was constructed between Penetanguishene and

Midland. It took four miles of iron wire and three miles of poles to complete it.

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