

Curlers play cold turkey to celebrate Christmas

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What do turkeys and curling have in common?

Nothing, except when there's a Turkey Shoot.

For a little extra fun (and we all know curlers do have their fun) the Friday night curling league added a Turkey Shoot to their Christmas curling party. The object of the game is to curl your rock closest to the bird to win. Of course, there is curling strategy even when trying to hit a turkey. Each player planned their shot for that ultimate rock placement with either a draw behind the turkey in hopes the next hit would send the bird towards to their stone, or just hitting it into another time zone creating a 'zig-zag' effect. No sweeping and no skip holding the broom for the target, just simple curling strategy. The ice conditions were fast and the laughter loud as each member threw their rock, sending the turkey in multiple directions across the rink. Never will you see a turkey spin out of control on ice delivering a great amount of pleasure to all. Anyone watching from the side lines would be in wonderment over the sea of rocks with one frozen ButterBall pinned in between them all.

Once all the rocks are thrown a measurement is required determining the closest stone. Winner of the early draw shoot was Kyle Barber after an excellent come around that benefitted from another shooter's hit wicking the bird and spinning it beside his rock. The late draw turkey shoot resulted in some very finesse 'turkey raises' and 'bird bump-ups.' Sheila McKenzie was the second draw winner after her rock ricocheted off another stopping just in time to sit two feet from the turkey.

The spirited evening was completed with a five-end jitney format game and a Pot Luck table with more food than you can possibly imagine. The Friday league is now set to close the first half of the season with their playoff games scheduled for next week. Skips will be hoping their players arrive with their A-game as the final round of curling for 2014 is expected to be electrifying. Good luck and Good curling to all of the club's Social League's playoff round.