



# Potomac NewsFlash

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Have news to share? Let me know. Tired of hearing just my opinions? Write an article. Have a topic? Send it my way.—[charrissalin@gmail.com](mailto:charrissalin@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events:

GNCC Sr Men's Feb 8-11  
Championship

MACA here Mar 3

Jr. Bonspiel Mar 9-11

## EXTERNAL

Stockton (M-TCC); Dykes (M—Rochester); Feb 8-11

McKay-Douglas Feb 22-25  
(M-Ardsley); Little Int'l (M-Belfast); Winter Wonderland (W-Norfolk); Kayser (X-Bmstnes)

Granite State Mar 1-4  
(M-Nashua); TAM (O-Albany)

PCC Stone (M-Plfd); Baystate Ladies (Cp Cd); Marie Cobb (X-Utica) Mar 8-11

## Scot Tour—"Out of Sight!"

That was the comment made by George Austin, USCA Escort for the 20 Royal Caledonian Curling Club (R.C.C.C.) members who visited our club on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. The Potomac welcome featured our own Chris Moss playing the bagpipes while the visitors walked into the club under an Archway of Brooms held by all 20 members of the Potomac team. They were then treated to breakfast - they were famished since they had been up since 4:00 a.m without having a chance to eat.

Following a welcome by President Dominique Banville, the teams began the competition but not before a toast with a wee dram was proposed by John Bittner wishing all "Good Curling" that day. Before the games began, the players exchanged pins (three each on both sides). The final score after all games were played was Potomac 28, R.C.C.C. 22. Potomac was one of only 15 clubs to defeat the Scots during their trip.

After the matches, hospitality, friendship and camaraderie reigned throughout the club. Lunch was served along with a few wee drams keeping spirits high. Dom again welcomed the visitors and reviewed the history of our club. David Rutherford of the R.C.C.C. made his official vote of thanks and presented Dom with the official banner of their visit which was then auto-graphed by all the Scottish players. Ed White read his poem, "Welcome, Scots' Tour Curlers" and presented a framed copy to Alistair McCabe, Captain of the R.C.C.C team. Bob Pelletier thanked all of the Potomac members and then presented plaques to each of the R.C.C.C. teams as a memento of their visit to Potomac. To top it off, the whole team (Choir) gave a very appreciative audience one of their best "Highland Cathedral's" and finished with the traditional "Flower of Scotland".

Thank yous to the committee: Bob Pelletier, John Bittner, Neil Christenson, Barry Nichols and Sarah Jo

Pelletier and to all of our teams. Many other Potomacers helped to make this a memorable day: Program – Sherri Fillingham; Decorations/Gifts – Sarah Jo Pelletier; Ice – Barry Nichols and Dave Hamilton; Bagpipes – Chris Moss; Photographers – Scott Correia and Ken Wray; Signage – Doug Andrew; Food – John and Jane Bittner and Sarah Jo Pelletier; Bar – Charlie Jennings; Hospitality – Virginia Chalmers, Rebecca Baxter, FL Ettlin, Pam Martin, Lisa Andrew, Sarah Jo Pelletier, Jane Bittner and John Bittner. Also thanks to John and Jane Bittner, Bob and Sarah Jo Pelletier and Virginia Chalmers for decorating the Warm Room. The hard work ensured that the 2007 Scots' Tour team will long and favorably remember our club.

The final scores after the remaining two games were played in Boston were Scotland: 949, USA 869. The Scots will take home the Herries-Maxwell Trophy, emblematic of their victory.

## Congratulations to Team Edie

The GNCC Mixed Playdowns were held this past weekend in Rochester, NY. Potomac was represented by two teams (or parts thereof): Team Edie: Scott Edie, Janice Langanke (Plainfield), Dean Gemmell (Plfd), and Jennifer Kungle and Team Surka: Derek Surka, Charrissa Lin, Sean Murray, and Ann Drummie. Janice aggravated a back injury shortly be-

fore the event and Tanya Jacobsen filled in for her on the weekend.

There were seven teams in all and after a rocky start (0-2 and 1-1 on the first day), our two Potomac teams swept the field. In the final match of the round robin, Team Edie defeated Team Surka partially creating a 4-way tie at the top with Team Lyons and

Team Palazzoli. After a controversy regarding substitutes, Team Lyons was disqualified and only 3 teams remained. Team Palazzoli was given the bye as they had defeated both Potomac teams on that bad first day. Team Edie had a great Sunday and won both matches to advance to the Mixed Nationals in Grafton, ND.

## Ms. Hogline

Dear Ms. Hog Line,

Have you noticed the flowers that are inevitably found in the NCCC lobby? Just inside the front doors? They really seem to brighten up the place. Where do they come from?

Daisy

Dear Daisy -

These flowers are kindly donated and arranged by Sarah Jo Pelletier. They do help to brighten up our industrial-style warm room.

Dear Ms. Hog Line,

Have you noticed the drink bottles

and cans lining the window sill inside the ice shed? We've even had one or two small spills that don't get cleaned up very well. I've also noticed curlers consuming said beverages during league games. Now I know we all are athletes, and need to keep hydrated, but it's a bit unsightly to come in and find half consumed containers, of various sorts, still on the window sills and the trash cans overflowing. What do you think we can do, or am I over reacting?

Half-empty

Dear Half-empty -

You raise a great point and we all, as members, should take better care of

our facility. The warm room and the window sills are often left in disarray. Drink bottles/cans should be disposed of properly (in the recycling bins by the bar). And people should make an effort not to just junk up the counter and table by the phone. While individual effort would be most effective, it's a good thing to add to the closing (and opening) rink's duties—clear out any debris left from your league.

By the way—the recycling bins get emptied (and the good recycled) by Jennifer Kungle and J. Atkinson. Please do make sure your recyclables end up in those bins rather than in the trash.

**This season, Potomacians have now spieled at 62.5% of the GNCC clubs with ice (if you include playdowns). This only leaves the following clubs: Belfast, Broomstones, Cape Cod, Nashua, Nutmeg and TCC. I know we'll hit Nutmeg and Broomstones—anyone have an event at the others?**

**Feel like your news is not getting into the Newsflash? That's because you haven't told me about it! If you've been to a bonspiel or have an event/happening you want to promote—drop me a line.**