



# Potomac NewsFlash

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Delayed by the weather...

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:

MACA here	Mar 3
Jr. Bonspiel	Mar 9-11

## EXTERNAL

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)

Women's Chal- Mar 15-18  
lenge (5&u,  
Belfast); Death  
by Chocolate  
(W-Roch);  
Golden Handle  
(X-Nutmeg)

## What a weekend!

Boy—I'll tell you, we are in the heart of the curling season now. This weekend saw two big GNCC events held and great success from Potomac rinks.

### GNCC Senior Men's Championship.

This event was held at our very own club and we hosted 22 rinks from around the GNCC. John Warshawsky and Neil Christenson were co-chairs with Bob Pelletier and Jan Little on their committee.

In addition to great food and great curling, the men were treated to a day at the races—there was a luncheon held at the Laurel Racetrack. Some said they didn't have much luck, but at least one team won a couple of exactas and trifectas.

Potomac had three full teams and two other partial teams there: Team Caskey: Wayne Caskey, Roman Novak, Charlie Jennings, and Howard Griffin; Team Nichols: Barry Nichols, Bill Mac-

Donald, Bob Semerad, and Dave Garrison; Team Wray: Ken Wray, Barry Frost, Dave Higgins, Rick Bulala; Jay Davies and Mark Curtis were the back-end of Team Davies; and Bob Pelletier played with George Austin's rink. Team Davies narrowly defeated Team Austin in the 1st event. Teams Wray and Nichols lost out on the way to the 3rd event final and Team Caskey lost out in the 4th event semis.

### Dykes

The 5-and-under men's event in the GNCC was held this weekend in Rochester, NY. Potomac sent 5 teams: Team Murray: Sean Murray, Nick Datlowe, Michael Campbell, and Jeremy Vandenhouten; Team Andrew: Doug Andrew, Jeff Erickson, Paul Trimbur, and Scott Correia; Team Fairley: Scott Fairley, David Baxter, J Atkinson, and Vince Seritella; Team Galebach: Brian Galebach, Ben Yeung, Benoit Jarry, and David Bykowski; and Team Casabianca: Frank Casabianca, Vern Maher,

Jason Treesh, and Jason Sethi.

The boys represented our club very well. Each team won some games. Team Fairley ended up losing out in the 3rd event and Team Casabianca ended up losing out in the 4th. The other three teams made it all the way to an event final—giving Potomac 3 of the 8 finalists!

Team Murray won the 1st event (with Sean and Nick winning the Dykes for the second time!) and Team Andrew won the 2nd event. Team Galebach lost in the 4th event final in their 3rd game of the day.

Also—it turns out that I missed Team Findlay's attendance at the Queen of Hearts in Nashua, NH. I'm not sure of their results - but I'm pretty sure the team was Dawn Findlay, Joan Twigg, Susan Arminger, and Nicole Freedman. This brings our percentage of GNCC clubs bonspieled at to 69%!

## Upcoming Potomac events

We do have a few events coming up here at Potomac.

### MACA

The MACA is the Mid-Atlantic Curling Association and is a friendly bonspiel series between the 4 clubs in the Mid-Atlantic (Plainfield, Philadelphia, Chesapeake, and Potomac). Each club hosts a day at their club where two games are played (usually 6 ends) and lunch and good camaraderie are shared for a nominal fee (~\$15). The teams are chosen randomly so that the differently clubs mingle. Players rotate positions each end.

Points are earned for wins, ends, and points and each team member is awarded the full points for their team. Then the individual scores for each club member are added up and the total club score is tallied. At the end of the four events, the total club scores are tallied and a winner is announced. Participation is a heavy influence on the outcome.

Potomac is hosting the last MACA on March 3rd. Contact Caitlin Shaw if you are interested in playing. Those of you up on your history will know

that there were originally 5 clubs in the MACA—Hershey Curling Club unfortunately closed several years back.

### Potomac Junior Bonspiel

On the weekend of Mar 9-11, Potomac will be hosting it's first-ever Junior Bonspiel. This event is reserved for Junior curlers (21 and under—but more typically these are high school age and under). There is a pretty tight-knit community at the core of the junior community—these are the kids who have gone to the Cape Cod junior curling camp and/or bonspied at the couple of junior spiels around. Hosting an event at our club will enable more of our juniors to take part in a bonspiel. Come out and cheer on our juniors that weekend! For more information, or to volunteer your help, contact Harvey Chalmers or Lisa Andrew.

### Cherry Blossom Bonspiel

The Cherry Blossom is the second of the external bonspiels that we host. It is meant to be the more elaborate of the two—more theme, more decorations, more entertainment, etc (again for those of you history buffs, the In-

augural was originally intended to be lower frills and aimed at being slightly more competitive and the CB aimed at being the more social bonspiel).

It is being held on Mar 22-25. The theme is the Japanese Cherry Blossom festival and, over the years, our very talented membership has created some Japanese screens, a Cherry Blossom tree, and other great decorations. Usually at least one of the meals has a Japanese flavor to it.

We would love to get back to our heyday when we had 40 teams at the Cherry Blossom and the vast majority of those were out-of-town teams. We already have a number of out-of-town teams signed up, but please make sure to grab a flyer and talk it up when you travel to bonspiels (including the 5 and unders). Michael Fry is chairing this event and you can contact him for flyers.

*Sorry this is a little late guys...with all of the league cancellations, I just didn't get this out to the club. And... it's going to have to last you through next week as well as I am out of town. Send me your news for the next edition (out sometime around Feb 27).*

*- Charrissa*