



# 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:

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Start of second half of season	Jan 20
Scot Tour	Feb 3
MACA at Chesapeake	
GNCC Sr Men's Championship	Feb 8-11
EXTERNAL	
Chesapeake (X); Broomstones (M); Empire State (W—Ardsley); GNCC Club championship playdowns (Petersham)	Jan 18-21
Governor's Bowl (M-Albany); Thrifty (O-Plfd); Newell (X-TCC)	Jan 25-28
Nashua Ladies; Mixed International (Bmstnes); 100th Anniversary (O-Sch)	Feb 1-4

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## News and bits

- As a reminder, leagues will be starting their second half next week. If you are interested in a league—be sure to let the league coordinator know before next week. You can always fill out a league sign-up form and make sure it gets to Brian Galebach (there's an envelope on the bulletin board for league sign-ups).
  - On Friday, our good friend Mary McHugh took a spill on the ice and injured her knee. She seems to be doing okay and so far, it seems that no surgery will be required. If all continues to go well, her recovery should be relatively quick. If you want to send her well wishes and don't have contact info for her, just drop me a line
  - There's a board meeting coming up on January 28th. If you have any topics that you want discussed, let Ann Drummie know.
  - The All-American, an internal women's event sponsored by the USWCA, will be coming up this Spring. Any woman in the club can sign-up to play and teams are formed from those who sign-up. It's generally a round robin and the winners receive a cool All-American pin. Look for more info on this event in future editions.
  - We have another MACA coming up at Chesapeake on February 3rd. I don't have official word on our standings, but the word from Plainfield is that we are currently in last
- place. Shocking! How did Philadelphia and Chesapeake get more points than us? Help out in the MACA effort by signing up for any of the next two MACAs.
- I need news! Topics! Articles! I'm running out of ideas for these NewsFlashes—so send me yours!

## The Scot Tour

The Scots are in the country and have started their cross-country curling trek. As a reminder, the Scot Tour is a friendly challenge between Scottish male curlers and US male curlers. Every 10 years, the Scots send a team of curlers over here to travel to as many US clubs as possible (it seems). At each club, they enjoy a game or two and the local hospitality. 5 years

after the Scots come here, the US sends a team of curlers to Scotland and so on.

The Scots have already played at the Chicago, Exmoor, and Wauwatosa curling clubs. The current cumulative scores are Scotland 78—US 77. Tight race!

The Scots arrive at Potomac on February 3rd. While here, they will play one draw (four games), have lunch, and then do some quick touring. If you are interested in helping out—contact Bob Pelletier. Otherwise, stop by the club that day and lend some friendly faces!

## Traveler update

Scott Edie and his men's rink (at least most of it) traveled up to the Mitchell this weekend as preparation for next weekend's Challenge round. He and his rink lost their first game, but then won 5 straight to win the 93-year-old Allen Medal.

Jan Little went to the USWCA Senior Women's Bonspiel in Racine, WI with a team from the Canadian Club of Boston. She and her team were runners-up in the

3rd event. For those of you who have been around a couple of years, this is the event that we hosted at Potomac about three years ago.

This upcoming weekend you can follow the action at the USCA Sr. Men's Championships. Scott Edie will be playing with Paul Pustovar and sweeping for the first time in several years! Also—we have several teams competing in the club championship playdowns up

in Petersham. Two men's teams: Team Galebach (Brian Galebach, Bill MacDonald, Ben Yeung, and Benoit Jarry) and Team Surka (Derek Surka, Michael Fry, Ron Aubin, and Michael Campbell). One women's team: Team Lin (Charrissa Lin, Jennifer Kungle, Rachel Sethi, and Becky Andrew).

## Upcoming things to do

There are lots of events coming up that you can partake in!

First the GNCC Sr Men's Championships will be held at our club from Feb 8-11. We are expecting 24 rinks from around the GNCC to vie for the championship. John Warshawsky and Neil Christenson are chairing the event and are currently looking for house and bar

volunteers.

Second, there's been a "matching" grant offered up by Geoff Broadhurst of Ardsley. For every team that Potomac sends to the McKay-Douglas International on Feb 22-25, he will make sure that Ardsley sends a team to our Cherry Blossom. So men—make some travel plans and have a blast at the

McKay Douglas. Contact George Shirk if you are interested.