



# Potomac NewsFlash

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## Upcoming Events:

Scot Tour	Feb 3
MACA at Chesapeake	
GNCC Sr Men's Championship	Feb 8-11
MACA here	Mar 3

## EXTERNAL

Nashua Ladies; Mixed International (Bmstnes); 100th Anniversary (O-Sch)	Feb 1-4
Stockton (M-TCC); Dykes (M—Rochester); Norfolk Mixed;	Feb 8-11
McKay-Douglas (M-Ardsley); Little Int'l (M-Belfast); Winter Wonderland (W-Norfolk); Kayser (X-Bmstnes)	Feb 22-25

## Scot Tour—February 3rd

This weekend we have the honor of hosting the Scot Tour. As I've mentioned before, the Scot Tour is a friendly exchange between the US and Scotland—every five years one of the countries sends 5 teams across the pond to travel and compete. This time it's the Scots coming to America.

It is always a big honor to be selected to be a part of the traveling team. It is also a great experience to be able to be a part of the home teams. The Scot tour committee was chaired by Bob Pelletier and consisted of John Bittner, Barry Nichols, and Neil Christenson. For selecting our team members, they used the following criteria: longtime membership and service to the club, significant contributions to the building of our club, and significant contributions to the success and growth of our club over the last five years.

So here are the teams:

Team 1

Skip: Jay Davies  
Third: Bob Pelletier  
Second: Howard Griffin  
Lead: Ken Wray

Team 2  
Skip: Barry Nichols  
Third: Dave Thompson  
Second: Bob Semerad  
Lead: Doug Andrew

Team 3  
Skip: Tim Harwood  
Third: Harvey Chalmers  
Second: Bill White  
Lead: Charlie Jennings

Team 4  
Skip: George Shirk  
Third: Barry Bass  
Second: Dave Hamilton  
Lead: Wayne Caskey

There is also a Team 5 which will play hosts to the Scot team which has the bye—John Bittner, Ed White, Neil Christenson, and Carl Duncan.

The schedule of events is as follows:  
The Scots will arrive at our club between 9-9:30am on Feb 3rd. They will be welcomed by an archway of brooms and a bagpiper. At 10am the curling will start. Each Potomac member

will give their Scot counterpart a Potomac pin and a Scottish-American flag pin. Following the games at 12:15pm there will be a lunch served with remarks by Dominique Banville, Bob Pelletier, a poem by Ed White, and a thank you by the Scot tour chair. Then the Scots will leave for a quick tour of DC before they fly to Boston in the evening.

This event is a cumulative competition over their trip. The current cumulative score (as of Jan 28) is 603-627 in favor of the US. We are the second to last stop on the tour—so our guys could be critical in securing the win for the US!

Come out on Saturday and watch the games, welcome our Scottish visitors, and enjoy a fine tradition of our roaring game.

## Another big bonspiel weekend!

We had another weekend chock full of bonspiels and travelers.

### USCA Men's Nationals Challenge Round

We had two Potomac men who competed in the Challenge Round this past weekend in Mankato, MN. The event had 7 teams competing for the final 4 spots at the nationals. Congratulations to Scott Edie as he and his team had a successful weekend (4-1) and advance to the Nationals (Feb 17-24)! They've now won themselves a virtually no expenses paid trip to lovely Utica, NY. Derek Surka competed on Team Clark and had a tough weekend, finishing 2-4. The other teams advancing include Fenson, Brown, and Lemke.

### Rotary Can-Am Championships

Bob Pelletier (playing Third) on the Clarksville, MD Rotary Club team competed in the 53rd Annual

Rotary CanAm Championships in Peterborough, Ontario over the past weekend. His team included Wayne Garman (skip), Linc Cathers (second), and Dean Robbins (lead). Linc was a past President of Potomac (1986-1988). The team went 3-2 losing in the B Event Final to St. Catharines, Ontario. During their stay in Peterborough, they defeated teams from Stratford, Walkerton and Meaford, Ontario and lost their first game to Kingston, Ontario. The Clarksville team came in second among the American teams in the competition and as a result earned a berth in the Rotary International World Curling Championships in Brantford, Ontario in March, 2008. Madison, WI finished first and also earned a trip to Brantford.

Congratulations to Bob on his second trip to the Rotary Worlds! On Bob's last trip (with Jay Davies) - they won the Rotary Worlds.

### St. Paul Winter Carnival

We had three teams competing at this event. Jeremy Singer (S) and Scott Correia (2) were joined by Bernie Barnes (V) from St. Paul and Julie Lively (L) a former Potomac member. Ann Drummie (S), Alex Duncan (V), and Caitlin Shaw (2) were joined by Curt Zepeda (L) also from St. Paul. Rich Collins (S), Kathleen Harlow (V), and Ben Yeung (2) were joined by Sue Mitchell (L). The theme was Dynamic Duos and the only dynamic duo I know was that Jeremy's team went as Death and Taxes. Jeremy's team went 2-2 and wound up playing on Sunday for the event where you won a pig? But, they didn't win it. I believe the other teams went 1-3. All had a great time and highly recommended the spiel.

## Grippers, sliders, and hogs—oh, my!

As many of you know, we provide slip-on sliders to new curlers in learn-to-curl, open houses, and drop-in curling. Many of these sliders are getting overly beat up. In addition, we'd love to be able to have some grippers on hand for folks whose street shoes are too slippery—this would hopefully limit the number of falls in these newbie events. Since many curlers have used (but not destroyed) old grippers (and maybe slip-on sliders

that they had from their early days?) that they are not using, we thought we'd start an old gripper/slider collection bin. Soon you will see a plastic bin under the round table near the bell. Please drop off any old grippers or slip-on sliders that you have that you are no longer using.

Also—we are planning on starting a “hogged” stone can on the ice. Something with cute pigs on it.

Essentially there will be some nominal donation (\$0.25 for leads up to \$1 for skips) expected from any player who hogs a rock. It would be strictly honor system and the contributions would be made (from memory) after the game—so as not to slow down a game unnecessarily. Barring any member uprising, you should expect to see these appear in the next month or so.