



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

Upcoming Events:

MACA here	Mar 3
Jr. Bonspiel	Mar 9-11
Cherry Blossom	Mar 22-25

EXTERNAL

Granite State (M-Nashua); TAM (O-Albany)	Mar 1-4
PCC Stone (M-Plfd); Baystate Ladies (Cp Cd); Marie Cobb (X-Utica)	Mar 8-11
Women's Challenge (5&u, Belfast); Death by Chocolate (W-Roch); Golden Handle (X-Nutmeg)	Mar 15-18
Gordon-Emmet (M-Sch); GNCC Sr Mixed (Alb); Wood Memorial (O-Belfast)	Mar 22-25

Another great weekend!

I feel like I'm writing the same things week after week—highlighting the successes of our members. Potomac has really been having a banner year and it's a testament to the club and its founders.

The Kayser

Potomac sent 8 teams to the Kayser, a mixed 5-and-under held this year at Broomstones (Wayland, MA). There were a total of 44 teams competing. Like the Dykes, Potomac had a hugely successful weekend.

Team Murray (Sean Murray, Rachel Sethi, Brian Parsons, Karen Smith) won the 1st event making this a two-fer year for Sean (Dykes and Kayser championships). This is also the second time that Sean has won the Kayser—having been on the winning team when it was held at Potomac.

Team Maher (Vern Maher, FL Ettlin, Frank Casabianca, Tracy Casabianca) won the 2nd event—completing another 1-2

punch for Potomac. They beat out Team J. Erickson in the 2nd event final. Team J. Erickson included Jeff Erickson, Rachel Beylerle, Scott Fairley, and Emily Morris. Rounding out the finalists were Team Sethi (Jason Sethi, Melissa Fox, J Atkinson, Caitlin Shaw) who were runners-up in the 4th event.

Our other teams did a great job representing us as well. Team Galebach (Brian Galebach, Laurie Baty, Ben Yeung, Rachel Treesh) had a great run. Unfortunately, they met Team Murray in the 1st event semis and then Team Sethi in the 4th event semis. Team Baxter (Rebecca Baxter, Nick Datlowe, Lisa Andrew, Doug Andrew), Team Hamilton (Dave Hamilton, Aileen Reichert, Tom Reichert, Pam Martin), and Team H. Erickson (Hannah Erickson, Scott Correia, Amelia Avdic, Jason Treesh) all got their wins in as well. The club is really proud of all of you!

McKay-Douglas

The McKay-Douglas was held this weekend at Ardsley and Potomac had two participants. George Shirk played with Linc Heffner's team and Derek Surka played with Dean Gemmel (both Dean and Linc are from Plainfield). Derek and Dean effectively won the first event, but were then "burnt" by the unique Phoenix feature of the draw (semi-finalists were given another life to resurrect themselves and the winners had to beat the phoenix team again). So, unfortunately, they came home with a silver medal.

USCA Nationals

We had two Potomac members competing at the USCA National Championships. Scott Edie skipped his rink there and Charrissa Lin played third for Cristin Clark. Unfortunately, both teams had disappointing weeks with Team Edie going 1-8 and Team Clark going 2-4 and ending up one game out of tiebreaks.

Team fanmail

We have several teams competing in national competitions coming up. One of the nice perks that the USCA traditionally provides is team email accounts where the team can receive email from its “fans.” From past experience, I can tell you that it means a lot to people when they receive encouraging email from others—before we begin, when we win, even when we have a hard loss. It’s always nice to know that others are out there cheering us on and wishing the best for us. You don’t need to go anywhere special to send it—although you can usually access it from the website for the event—you can send it from your

own email account.

Next week, we will have two teams competing in the Club National Championships in St. Paul, MN. Team Surka (Derek Surka, Michael Fry, Michael Campbell, Ron Aubin) and Team Lin (Charrissa Lin, Jennifer Kungle, Rachel Sethi, Becky Andrew) will be representing the GNCC and Potomac. Their emails will be team-surka@usacurl.org and team-lin@usacurl.org. These accounts have already been established. As far as their odds? The fields are actually pretty strong and each of these teams is probably (on paper) somewhere in the middle of the field. If they play

well and have some luck, they could end up in the final four; if luck goes the other way, they could end up lower than middle.

We also have a partial team competing at the Mixed Nationals which will be held in Grafton, ND in three weeks. Scott Edie and Jennifer Kungle will be joined by Dean Gemmell and Janice Langanke from Plainfield. Their team email will be teamedie@usacurl.org but won’t be set up until closer to the event. Their team should be ranked second and has a great chance to take it all this year.

Good curling to all of our teams!

Spring madness!

Lots of events coming up—not to be missed.

March 3 is the MACA at Potomac. Come out and play—ask Caitlin Shaw if there’s room!

March 9-11 is the first ever Potomac Junior Bonspiel. See the future of GNCC curling!

March 22-25 is the Cherry Blossom—our big final event. This will be lots of fun—come out and watch and help out if you’re not playing in it.

Once again you will be on your own for news for a week as I will be out of town next week. Next edition around March 13. Send me your news. Charrissa
