



Potomac NewsFlash

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Round-up

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:

Final Fling April 14

EXTERNAL

Bonsqueal (O-Plfd); Spring Fling (O-Petersham) Mar 29-Apr 1

Tropicurl (O-Pburgh) Jun 29-Jul 1

Summerspiel (M, W, X—Cape cod) July 12-22

No—it's not true, this newsletter and I have not fallen off the face of the earth—but things did get a bit busier. So, as the likely season ending issue, I thought I would do a quick recap of the recent weeks' events.

- Men's club nationals: Our team of Derek Surka, Michael Fry, Ron Aubin, and Michael Campbell had a successful run in St. Paul going 5-4 in the round robin, winning their tiebreaker and making it to the semi's. In the semi's they played a great game against the eventual champion Team Farbelow from Minnesota
- Women's club nationals: Our team of Charrissa Lin, Jennifer Kungle, Rachel Sethi, and Becky Andrew also had a good run going 5-4 in the round robin, just short of the semi's. However, they did have a great and victorious game against the eventual champions Team Smith from Minnesota.
- Potomac junior bonspiel:

This was the first time the event was held and it was quite a success with 11 teams. Team Beebe: Katlyn Beebe, Chris Belcastro, Spencer Stewart, and Becca Bates won the first event. Chris and Spencer are both juniors from Potomac. Full results can be found on our website.

- Women's Challenge: Potomac had another great time at a 5-and-under event. We were represented by 3 teams. Team Sethi (Rachel Sethi, Melissa Fox, Karen Smith, Stephanie Torta (Bmstnes)) won the 1st event—winning the “triple crown” for Potomac. Team Shaw (Caitlin Shaw, Hannah Erickson, Evelyn Brown, Amelia Avdic) were runners-up in the 2nd event. Our third team, Team Ettlin (FL Ettlin, Emily Morris, Aileen Reichert, Pam Martin), also did great, winning 2 and then losing 2. All of the participants said that they had a fabulous time.
- Golden Handle: We sent 2.5 teams to the Golden

Handle this year. This is the first time that it was held at Nutmeg's new facility—so it was great to help them celebrate the accomplishment. Team Surka (Derek Surka, Charrissa Lin, Conor Mulvey, Tanya Jacobsen) won the 1st event and Team Shirk (George Shirk, Cay Lodine, Phil Lodine, Barbara Shirk) were runners-up in the 5th event. Team Fry (Michael Fry, Dawn Findlay, Michael Campbell, Joan Twigg) also represented the club well at the event. We were all so happy to see how well Nutmeg is growing!

- Mixed Nationals: Potomac had a partial team at the mixed: Scott Edie and Jennifer Kungle were joined by Janice Langanke and Dean Gemmell from Plainfield. Despite illness, Team Edie did well—finishing the round robin at 4-3 and making it to the semi's. They played a tight game but lost in the semi's to the eventual champion, Team Washington (Clark).

A fabulous Cherry Blossom Bonspiel!

In case anyone missed it, our club hosted the Cherry Blossom bonspiel this past weekend. It was a huge success thanks to the hard work of Michael Fry and his committee. We had 36 teams at the event with teams coming from Texas, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Minnesota in addition to the GNCC states.

The spiel was really amazing. Everyone raved about the food—George Shirk made sure that the food was plentiful and delicious. And I know that George wants to thank many people, but especially Lois Baty for her unflinching work in the kitchen. The decorations were beautiful—Rachel

Sethi imbued the warm room with an Asian flair. And the ice and bar were great throughout the weekend—thanks to all of the ice crew, particularly Scott Correia and thanks to Denis Avdic for his bar work (and those Divine Winds :)). I'm sure I am missing someone, and I apologize in advance for that oversight.

We held our first Potomac Sake Ceremony (very loosely based on a Japanese tea ceremony) to honor those who have attended 5 Cherry Blossoms. This included 3 of our own members (Michael Fry, Dominique Banville, and Brian Galebach) as well as 3 out-of-towners (Sandra McMakin

and Wayne and Ramona Garman). You may recognize Sandra as she's now a member here! (Maybe she loved the CB so much, she had to move here?).

Finally, there was curling—and lots of good curling to boot. Team Surka (Derek Surka, Charrissa Lin, Richard Maskel, and Mark Hartmann) won the first event over Team Duluth (Glen and Elaine Novak, Jay Davies, and Damian Hess). Damian has only been curling since February—so watch out for him! The full results can be found on the web.

Nominations

It's that time of the year again when we look to build our leadership for the next curling season and recognize outstanding efforts from this past curling season.

You should all have received an email from Bob Pelletier, chair of the nominations and awards committee. Board of director elections will be held at the annual meeting and nominations are being solicited now. We have 4 3-year terms available and 2 1-year terms available. If you've ever complained about "the board this and the board that" or wondered why things happened the way they happened, think about running for the board—or think about who you would want to be on the board. It is a big commitment, but one that is very necessary to the running of the club. The board members whose terms are ending in-

clude Barry Bass, FL Ettlin, Dave Hamilton, Charrissa Lin, George Shirk and Ben Yeung.

It is also time for us to recognize individuals with our awards.

Matthews C. Waddell Distinguished Curling Award. Presented to a member in recognition of his or her long and dedicated service to the Potomac Curling Club.

Spirit of Curling Award. Presented to a member in recognition of the Spirit of Curling in that individual who, in his or her first year of curling has exhibited outstanding qualities of enthusiasm, sportsmanship and dedication to the club. Endowed with the spirit of the true curler, he or she exemplifies the finest tradition of the roaring game.

Curler of the Year Award. Presented to a member or members who demonstrate outstanding dedication to

the sport of curling as evidenced by a combination of either outstanding curling skills, exceptional improvement in their curling skills and/or superior training ability. Sportsmanship will also be a major consideration. **Volunteer of the Year Award.** Presented to a member who has demonstrated, through the significant contributions of time, talent and effort, a powerful commitment to the continuing improvement of the Potomac Curling Club and by his or her efforts has helped deliver a high quality experience to its members and guests.

The nominating committee and the Board do not have eyes and ears everywhere, so please nominate someone if you feel that they deserve one of these awards.