



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:

Final Fling April 14

EXTERNAL

Tropicurl (O-Pburgh) Jun 29-Jul 1

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

Meltdown, Squeal and other news

Meltdown/CPIB

When I wrote the last Newsflash, I completely forgot about the Meltdown! The Meltdown is the nickname for the Chesapeake-Potomac Invitational Bonspiel. Before Potomac had dedicated ice, this event was always held over at Chesapeake (although hosted in alternate years by each club). It was held at the end of the season (thus the “meltdown” moniker). It was meant to be a friendly between the two clubs. Now that we have ice, it will probably adhere more towards its official name (CPIB) as we often will have ice after the event.

This year there were 10 teams at the CPIB—I think it was about half and half between the two clubs. Potomac was very well represented despite the numerous conflicts (women’s challenge, Golden Handle).

Mary McHugh’s rink won the 1st event, Jason Sethi’s rink won the 2nd event, Sandra McMakin’s rink won the 3rd event, and Bill

MacDonald’s rink won the 4th event. I have to admit that I don’t know everyone that was on these rinks.

Bonsqueal

Plainfield held their big party event the Bonsqueal this past weekend. The theme was The Year of the Pig (based on the Chinese calendar). We had three teams there. Team Chinese Take-out consisted of Vernon Maher, FL Ettlin, Frank and Tracy Casabianca. They had great costumes (chefs hats, red shirts, aprons) and had a great time. Team MacDonald (Bill MacDonald, Barry and Barbara Frost, and a Plainfield junior) also celebrated the festivities. The final team was Team Murray (Sean Murray, Tim Brooks from Rochester, Doug Andrew, and Ben Yeung). The decorations were cool, the ice was funky, and it was a good time (it always is at Plainfield).

Other news

Harvey Chalmers, Howard Griffin and Bob Pelletier along with Geoff Broad-

hurst of Ardsley represented the Potomac Curling Club at the 113th Annual Gordon International Medal Bonspiel in Montreal, Quebec. The Gordon is the one of the oldest bonspiels in North America - it began in 1884 and matches the Grand National against the Quebec Curling Association. The bonspiel has been cancelled only 10 times (World War I and World War II and one year for weather). This year the Canadians won the Gordon Medal (total team points) where 40 teams (20 from each country participated). The score was 401- 364. Our team played five games at four different clubs which included the Royal Montreal Curling Club which is celebrating its 200th Anniversary. We won one game, tied one and lost three games but had a great time and enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of our Canadian hosts.

Bob Pelletier skipped the Utica team in the finals of the Second Event (cont)

News continued

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at the GNCC Senior Mixed Bonspiel in Albany on March 24th. Bob, who was in town to represent the GNCC, was asked by Fred Hicks of Utica to fill in since he (Fred) was going on a business trip early Sunday. After borrowing a broom, shoes and a "Utica" knee slider, Bob and his team of Joyce Shaffer, Jerry Stevens and Marsha Garber defeated Plainfield to win the Ryer Cup and Medal

End of season and farewell

Well, the end of the season is upon us and it is nearly time to hang up the curling shoes for another summer. A couple of things to note. First, on April 14th there will be a "Final Fling" - goofy curling, hot shots, maybe some league finals—Ann has sent out an email with more details.

The ice will be officially melted down on April 16th. Please look for an email from Dave Hamilton or other ice crew member asking for help putting away our vinyl circles. Also—look for summer workdays where people pitch in to keep our club in good shape and make any needed improvements.

Our annual meeting is on June 2nd and will be held at the club. It's a dinner event where we get to reconnect with curling friends, honor some folks from the previous season, and generally have a good time.

I think that's all to write about. This is definitely the last issue of the season. I hope that the news has been useful and fun— I've enjoyed keeping track of everyone's exploits.

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.