

Dates to Remember:

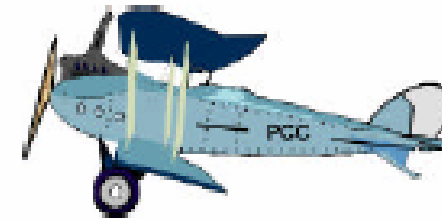
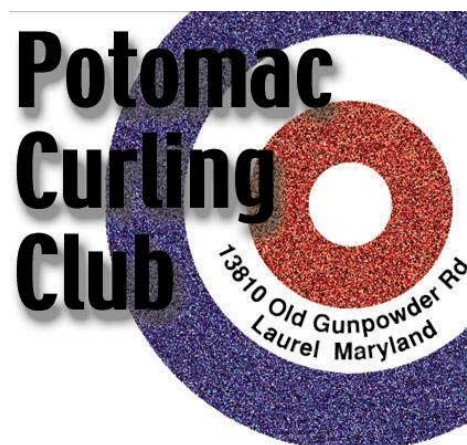
Sunday, Oct. 16	Chili Cook-off and Pick-up Curling
Thursday, Oct. 20	Goldline Store Set-up
Thursday, Oct. 20 to Sunday, Oct. 23	Inaugural Bonspiel
Saturday, Nov. 5	Potomac hosts the MACA
Saturday, Nov. 5	Reunion Party
Saturday, Nov. 12	5 and Under Mixer
Thursday, Dec. 1 to Sunday, Dec. 4	The BIG Spiel
Saturday, Dec. 3	Holiday Party
Thursday, Dec. 15 to Sunday, Dec. 18	USCA Men's Qualifying Round
Thursday, Feb. 9 to Sunday, Feb. 12	GNCC Francis Dykes Memorial Bonspiel
Thursday, Mar. 2 to Sunday, Mar. 5	Chesapeake-Potomac Invitational (Meltdown)
Thursday, Mar. 23 to Sunday, Mar. 26	Cherry Blossom Bonspiel

Did you know?

...that the club is assessed a percentage of every credit card sale?
On a \$450 membership, there is a \$7.50 fee.

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THE SPANNER BANNER

The Potomac Curling Club Member Newsletter

October 13, 2005

To Do List

- sign a new waiver and put it in the binder
- fill out a membership form, write a check for dues, and give it to Barry Bass or Mark Hartz
- fill out a league sign-up form and give it to Brian Galebach
- reserve a locker with Nick Datlowe, give him a check, and get a key
- send Ann Drummie an update email about recent out-of-town bonspiels
- find my favorite/favourite chili recipe, make a pot, and bring it to the club on Sunday, October 16
- look for volunteering opportunities
- stretch
- throw stones
- catch up with old friends and make new ones

Welcome to a new and exciting curling season!

I encourage you to visit the website frequently to be up-to-date on what is going on at your club; we are hosting various events this year at our club while we all look forward to the Olympics on television and the Worlds just next door in Lowell Massachusetts!

This weekend we have our first open House (Thursday, Saturday and Sunday), and next week is the Inaugural Bonspiel. I encourage all of you to pitch in to help in the kitchen, at the bar, on the ice, or in the warm room, even if you don't curl! The more the merrier. One of the most important elements of success at the Potomac Curling Club is the pool of volunteers we have. Unfortunately, this pool is not quite big enough for all the things that we want and need to accomplish. I am making a plea to all members to commit to volunteer a certain number of hours this season. If each member would give five hours of their time during the season, it would make the "full-time" volunteers' lives much easier! If you already put an incredible number of hours at the club, and you know who you are, I challenge you to invite one or two members that may be new or uncertain about the way they can help, to work side by side with you in your projects. Operating as an all-volunteer organization is quite a challenge and I am asking for everybody's cooperation to make this year yet another success!

See you on the ice, *Dominique Banville*

Board of Directors

2005-06

Executive Officers:

President: Dominique Banville
Vice President: Barry Bass
Secretary: Ann Drummie
Treasurer: Mark Hartz

Committee Chairs:

By-Laws: Barry Bass
Membership: Barry Bass, Michael Fry
Training: George Shirk
Leagues: Brian Galebach
Events: Nick Datlowe, Brian Galebach
Outreach: FL Ettlin, Caitlin Shaw
Communications: Ann Drummie
Operations: Dave Hamilton, Nick Datlowe
Ice: Dave Hamilton, Michael Fry
Finance: Mark Hartz



So you painted houses this summer?? (Derek Surka pictured)

What did you do this summer?



Now this is my favorite part of playing golf!
PCC Golf Outing, June 18, 2005



Are the Daves at the hospitality tent?
Virginia Scottish Games, July 23-24, 2005



Hmmm, a scouting curling badge?
Boy Scout Jamboree, July 30, 2005

Mystery Interview....



Is this someone you know?
Answer revealed in the next issue!

Where were you born?

Utica, NY

What's your alma mater? Major?

State University of NY, Journalism.

University of Cincinnati Emergency Service Management.

What's your favorite movie?

Hunt for Red October or any of the Clancy books on film.

What's your favorite food?

My mother's lasagna.

What's another hobby of yours besides curling?

I have been a volunteer firefighter for 20 years.

What is the last concert/show you attended?

The 4th of July concert at the Capitol with the Beach Boys.

What is your karaoke song?

Billy Joel's NY state of Mind.

What is the last stamp in your passport?

*I don't own one. I haven't finished seeing all of America.
(I have 9 states left.)*

What is your favorite curling moment?

A seven ender many years ago.

What is your advice to new curlers?

Learn the basics and practice good etiquette.

What do most members not know about you?

I am a Mason.

What's the rule for that???

If a stone breaks, the biggest piece counts!

Perhaps from the days before we had such uniformly milled granite rocks ☺

- *If a stone is broken in play, a replacement stone shall be placed where the largest fragment came to rest. The end in play and the game shall be completed using the replacement stone.*

Related, rarely used rules:

- *A stone that rolls over in its course or comes to rest on its side or top shall be removed immediately from play.*
- *Where the handle of a stone quits the stone in delivery, the player is entitled to replay the stone, if the delivering team so desires. (The handle must be completely separated from the stone.)*



The 2005-06 Board of Directors

Left to right:
Dave Hamilton
George Shirk
Dominique Banville
Mark Hartz
Barry Bass
FL Ettlin
Brian Galebach
Ann Drummie
Michael Fry

Not pictured:
Nick Datlowe
Caitlin Shaw



Matthews C. Waddell Award

- presented to a member who has exhibited long, distinguished, dedicated, and invaluable service to the Potomac Curling Club and its members.
2005 - Barry Nichols



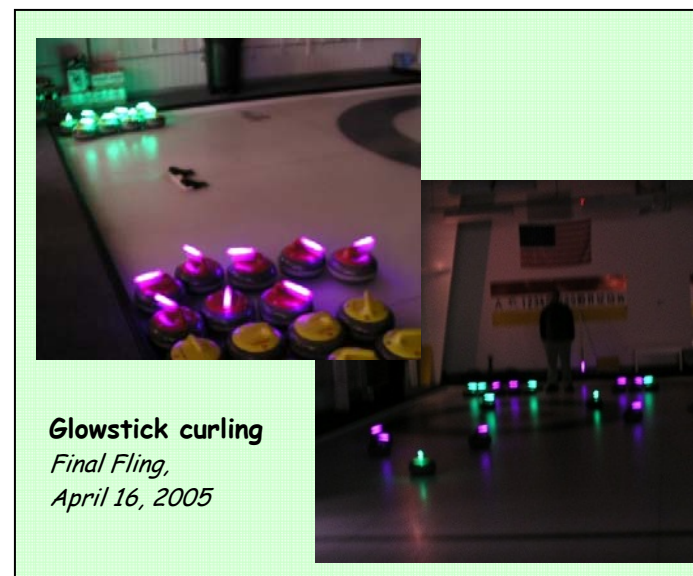
Curler of the Year Award

- presented to a member who over a single season, demonstrated dedication to the sport and model sportsmanship as evidenced by outstanding curling skills, exceptional improvement in his/her skills, and/or superior training ability.
2005 - Derek Surka



Outstanding Volunteer Service

- presented to a member who over a single season, contributed extraordinary time, talent and personal effort, creating an inviting environment and high quality experiences for our members and guests.
2005 - Doug Andrew
2005 - Scott Edie



Glowstick curling

*Final Fling,
April 16, 2005*



Spirit of Curling

- presented to a member 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 traditions of the "roaring game".
2005 - John Warshawsky

2005 - Heather Cook