2026 Potomac Challenge Summary

At The Piedmont Club, Haymarker, VA --- The Free State Seniors Golf Association of Maryland (FSSGAM) team narrowly defeated the Northern Virginia Golf Association (NVGA) Seniors team in the 33rd annual Potomac Challenge team competition completed on Wednesday and Thursday October 28-29 by a score of 16-14.

This was the 33rd annual Potomac Challenge team competition which consists of 12-man teams (10 seniors age 50+ and 2 super-seniors age 65+) that play four nine-hole formats over two days. Day 1 includes six 9-hole 4-ball matches and six 9-hole modified foursome matches (select drive, then alternate shot). Day 2 includes six 9-hole select shot (2-man scramble) matches followed by twelve 9-hole singles matches.

Day 1 Summary



Match #1: Tom Grem and Jim Winner (MD) vs. Rob Keith and Mike Johnston (VA) – (4-ball) VA wins #2 with Rob's birdie but Jim birdies #3 to get back even. Hole #4 is tied with Jim's and Mike's birdies. Holes #5 through #9 are tied with pars and the match ends tied. Result: MD ½ VA ½

(4-some) Holes #10 through #15 are tied with pars. MD wins #16 with par and #18 with birdie to win the match 2-up. Result: MD 1 VA 0



Match #2: Lee Flemister / Rod Frank (MD) vs. Tom Follain / Kevin Dillard (VA) --- (4-ball) MD wins #1 and #2 with Lee's birdies and #5 with Rod's birdie to take a 3-up lead. VA wins #6 with Tom's birdie but hole #7 is tied with pars and #8 is tied with birdies. MD wins the match 2-up. Result: MD 1 VA 0

(4-some) MD wins #10 with par but VA answers winning #11 with par and #12 with birdie to take a 1-up lead. MD birdies #15 to even the match and holes #16 through #18 are tied with pars. Result: MD ½ VA ½



Match #3: Mike Wah / Vance Welch (MD) vs. Carlos Aranda / Eric Walker (VA) – (4-ball) VA wins #1 with Eric's birdie and wins #3 with pars to take a 2-up lead. Vance birdies #4 to cut the lead to 1 hole. Holes #6 through #9 are tied and VA wins the match 1-up. Result: MD 0 VA 1

(4-some) The first holes are traded with VA winning #10 with birdie, MD winning #11 with birdie, VA winning #12 with eagle, and MD winning #13 with birdie. VA wins #14 with par, holes #15 through #17 are tied, and VA wins #18 with birdie to win the match 2-up. Result: MD 0 VA 1



Match #4: Marc Ehudin / Walter Jew (MD) vs. Jon Zampedro / Jeff Klatt (VA) (4-ball) VA wins #2 and #3 with Jeff's birdies. Marc birdies #4 to cut the lead to 1 hole. Holes #6, #7 and #8 are traded with Jon's birdie, Walter's birdie, and Jon's birdie to close out the match 2&1. Result: MD 0 VA 1

(4-some) MD wins #11 and #16 with pars to take a 2-up lead. #17 is tied with par and the MD wins the match 2&1. Result: MD 1 VA 0



Match #5: Carter Steuart / Mike Hollen (MD) vs. Chris Stout / Jn Krinn (VA) -- (4-ball) Holes #1 through #3 are tied with pars and hole #4 tied with Carter's and Chris' birdies. VA wins #5 with Jon's birdie but MD wins #6 and #7 with pars to take a 1-up lead. After hole #8 is tied with Mike's and Chris' birdies, Jon

hits his approach shot on #9 to about 2 ft from the hole for a conceded birdie to tie the match. Result: MD ½ VA ½

(4-some) MD wins #10 with birdie and #11 with par. VA answers with a birdie on #15 to cut the lead to 1 hole. MD wins #17 with a par to close out the match 2&1. Result: MD 1 VA 0



Match #6: Todd Williams / Greg Winkler (MD) vs. Chad Hess / Steve Lutkehus (VA) (4-ball) MD wins #2 with birdies by both Todd and Greg but Chad answers with a birdie on #3 to tie the match. Chad wins #5 with birdie to put VA 1-up. Holes #6 & #7 are tied with pars and #8 is tied with Greg's and Chad's birdies. Greg birdies #9 to get back to even in the match. Result: MD ½ VA ½

(4-some) MD wins #10 with birdie, #11 is tied with pars and #12 is tied with birdies. VA wins #13 with birdie to even the match. VA wins #15 with par and #17 with birdie to close out the match 2&1. Result: MD 0 VA 1

Overall result of Fourball matches: MD 2 ½ VA 3 ½

Overall result of Foursome matches: MD 3 ½ VA 2 ½

Day 1 totals : MD 6 VA 6

Day 2 Summary

1st 9 holes --- Select Shot (scramble)



Match #1: Jim Winner / Tom Grem (MD) vs. Mike Johnston / Rob Keith (VA) VA won holes #1 and #2 with birdies. After holes #3-#5 were tied, VA won 6 and #7 with birdies to win the match 4&2. Result: MD 0 VA 1



Match #2: Lee Flemister / Rod Frank (MD) vs. Carlos Aranda / Eric Walker (VA) – MD wins #2 with birdie to go 1—up. Hole #3 is tied with birdies. VA wins #5 with birdie to even the match. Holes #6-#8 are tied. Lee makes putt from about 17 feet on #9 for birdie to win the match 1-up. Result: MD 1 VA 0



Match #3: Vance Welch / Greg Winkler (MD) vs. Jon Zampedro / Jeff Klatt (VA) –MD wins #2 with birdie and Vance chips in from off the green for an eagle on #3 to take a 2-up lead for MD. VA wins #4 with birdie but MD answers with another birdie to win #6. VA wins #8 with eagle. Both teams make their birdie putts on #9, and MD holds on to win 1-up. Result: MD 1 VA 0



Match #4: Todd Williams / Mike Wah (MD) vs. Jon Krinn / Chris Stout (VA) – MD wins #2 and #3 with birdies to take a 2-up lead. VA answers with birdies on #5 and #6 to even the match. MD birdies #7 to retake a 1-up lead. Hole #8 is tied with birdies and hole #9 tied with pars with MD 1-up. Result: MD 1 VA 0



Match #5: Mike Hollen / Carter Steuart (MD) vs. Chad Hess / Steve Lutkehus (VA) – This match is back and forth with MD winning #2 with birdie, VA winning #3 with eagle, MD winning #4 with par, VA winning #5 with birdie, MD winning #6 with birdie and VA winning #7 with birdie. #8 is tied with birdies and MD makes another birdie on #9 to win the match 1-up. Result: MD 1 VA 0



Match #6: Marc Ehudin / Walter Jew (MD) vs. Kevin Dillard / Tom Follain (VA) --- MD wins #1 with birdie to take a 1-up lead. VA wins #3 and #4 with birdies to go 1-up. Holes #5-#7 are tied. MD wins #8 with birdie and both teams concede short putts for birdies on #9 to end the match tied. Result: MD ½ VA ½

Overall result of Select Shot matches: MD 4 ½ VA 1 ½ (MD won 4 matches 1-up)

2nd 9 holes – Singles Matches

Tom Grem (MD) vs. Mike Johnston (VA) --- Mike wins #11 with birdie and #15 with par to go 2-up. Tom's approach on #16 is conceded for birdie. After #17 is tied with bogeys, Mike wins #18 with par to win the match 2-up. Result: MD 0 VA 1

Jim Winner (MD) vs. Rob Keith (VA) – Jim wins #12 with par but Rob wins #13 with par to get back even. Jim wins #14 and #16 to take a 2-up lead. #17 is tied with pars and Jim wins 2&1. Result: MD 1 VA 0

Rod Frank (MD) vs. Carlos Aranda (VA) – Carlos wins #11 with birdie to go 1-up. Rod wins #15 to tie the match. After holes #16 and #17 are tied, Rod wins #18 with par to win the match 1-up. Result: MD 1 VA 0

Lee Flemister (MD) vs. Eric Walker (VA) --- Lee wins #11, #13 and #14 to take a 3-up lead. Eric wins #15 and #17 to stay alive and extend the match. Lee is unable to get up and down to save par on #18 and concedes the hole to Eric. Result: MD ½ VA ½

Greg Winkler (MD) vs. Jeff Klatt (VA) --- Greg wins #10 with par to take a 1-up lead. Holes #11-#16 are tied. Jeff wins #17 with birdie and #18 with eagle to win the match 1-up. Result: MD 0 VA 1

Vance Welch (MD) vs. Jon Zampedro (VA) --- Jons wins #11 with par and #12 with birdie to take a 2-up lead. Vance wins #15 with par to cut the lead to 1 hole. Hole #16-#18 are tied with pars and Jon wins 1-up. Result: MD 0 VA 1

Todd Williams (MD) vs. Chris Stout (VA) – Chris wins #10 and #11 with pars to take a 2-up lead. Todd rallies winning #12 and #13 with pars to even the match. Chris wins #16 with par but Todd answers again with a birdie to win #18 and tie the match. Result: MD ½ VA ½

Mike Wah (MD) vs. Jon Krinn (VA) – Jon wins #10 and #11 with pars to take a 2-up lead. Mike birdies #12 with birdie to cut the lead to one hole. Jon wins #14 with par to go 2-up. Mike wins #15 and #16 with pars to get back to even in the match. Holes #17 and #18 are tied with pars and the match ends tied. Result: MD ½ VA ½

Mike Hollen (MD) vs. Steve Lutkehus (VA) – Steve wins #10 with par but Mike answers with a birdie on #11 to get back even. Mike wins #13 and #16 with pars to take a 2-up lead. Steve wins #17 with par to extend the match but #18 is tied with pars and Mike wins 1-up. Result: MD 1 VA 0

Carter Steuart (MD) vs. Chad Hess (VA) – Chad wins #10 with par but Carter answers by winning #12 with par to get back even. Chad wins #13 with par, #16 with birdie and #17 with birdie to close out the match 3&1. Result: MD 0 VA 1

Marc Ehudin (MD) vs. Tom Follain (VA) – Marc wins #11 with par and #12 with birdie to take a 2-up lead. Tom rallies by winning #15 with par and #16 with birdie to back to even. After hole #17 is tied with pars, Marc wins #18 with birdie to win the match 1-up. Result: MD 1 VA 0

Walter Jew (MD) vs. Kevin Dillard(VA) --- Kevin wins #10 and #12 with birdies to take a 2-up lead. Walter wins #13 and #15 with pars to get back even. Kevin wins #16 and #17 with birdies to win 2&1. Result: MD 0 VA 1

Overall results of the singles matches: MD 5 ½ VA 6 ½.

Virginia won the Fourball matches by 1 point, Maryland won the Foursome matches by 1 point, Maryland won the Select-Shot matches by 3 points, and Virginia won the singles matches by 1 point. 21 of the 30 matches came down to the last hole with 10 ending in MD's favor, 7 ending in VA's favor, and 4 ending in ties.

The top point winners in these matches were Mike Hollen and Rod Frank, both from the Maryland team, who were undefeated in the four formats. Good playing!

The final score was Maryland 16 Virginia 14. Congratulations to the Maryland team for winning the 33st annual Potomac Challenge! Maryland has now won the last 5 years in a row.

We would like to give our thanks and sincere appreciation to Sedrick Bailey , PGA, Head Golf Professional, Thomas Cook, PGA, Assistant Professional, and Rob Brock, General Manager at The Piedmont Club and their staff for their support and hospitality!

Jon Zampedro (Captain) and Lynn Wessman (Co-Captain)



Day 2 gathering on clubhouse porch after completion of 2026 Potomac Challenge matches