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## **GHOST MAN ON THIRD**

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## **1. WELCOME TO DC CAPITAL / DC FEDERAL**

Welcome back Ballers,

The weather is making a turn for the better and the grass is green, which makes it time for Kickball. This marks the 14th season of the Capital Division, which is where WAKA was founded. It’s also the 10<sup>th</sup> season for DC Federal. On Wednesday Night we have 8 teams and Thursday Night brings out a whopping 14 teams.

We are proud to say the All Star Festival will be back for its 6th Year, which includes a Home Run Derby and Fastest Man and Woman Competitions. Details for our Midseason Party will be out shortly so look for those. Super Saturday will be July 9th, which will host the final rounds of the playoffs during the day and the End of Season Party that night.

Also, there are a couple of changes this season. In order to accommodate the logistics of 14 teams assigned to Thursday Night two teams each week will play on Wednesday. Don’t worry though the beloved crossover weeks still remain intact for those wanting to know what goes on the opposite night. Also we are welcoming 4 teams from the DC Federal Division that will be playing with us on Wednesday Night.

This is shaping up to be a great season. We have been planning for kick off for the last three months, and are glad you will be balling with us.

See you on the Fields of Glory,

Mike G.

## 2. TIPS FROM THE GHOST MAN

What's up peeps? Your friendly neighborhood Ghost Man here with a hello and a little tip for the 2011 season.

Just because it is raining in your neck of the woods, doesn't mean that it's unplayable on the Fields of Glory. Yes, it's dark and dreary in your office in Alexandria, but it could be dry as a bone at the National Mall.

There are 2 ways to check up on the game status:

- ◇ Check your E-mail. Captains will be notified by 4 PM on game day if we know we're definitely not playing.
- ◇ Follow @wakadccapital on Twitter
- ◇ Check out our message board on Kickball365.com

Lastly, the Ghost Man suggests that everyone remember that it's just kickball. Have some fun out there and don't forget to head to the Times, rain or shine. You'll see the Ghost Man there flipping some cups and taking names.

Peace!

## 3. WHERE ARE THE FIELDS OF GLORY?

I'm glad you asked because this is a FAQ every year. Check out this nifty map of the Washington Monument grounds. See the 1,2, and 3. That's where the fields are. Look for the folks throwing the big red balls and you will find your home. Which one is A, B and C? First come; first serve. If you're not first, look for your opponents.

Now how do I get there?

**Drivers:** prime parking can be found at the Tidal Basin along Maine Ave. Also, if you feel lucky, you can try parking along Constitution or 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Metro:** I recommend Metro'ing to Smithsonian (Blue/Orange Line).

**Walkers/Bikers:** Go Green! For our Eco-friendly people, you can always walk or bike.



## 4. SPEAKING OF FIELDS – SQUATTERS RIGHTS

So how do we manage to secure such prime real estate on the National Mall to play kickball? Well, in an ideal world we'd have a "Reserved parking for Kickballers" sign but unfortunately, this isn't an ideal world, we don't have permits for our fields and the Ghost Man isn't a Jedi Master –

Ghost Man: "These aren't the fields you're looking for".

Softballer: "These aren't the fields we're looking for"

Ghost Man: "You should put down that softball and play a real sport like kickball."

Softballer: "I should put down this softball and play a real sport like kickball."

So what does that mean?

We need squatters.

Do you get out of work early? Can you work from the field? Do you enjoy sitting out in the sun, reading a book and people watching for about two hours? Then this line of volunteer work is for you. If you can squat fields on either Wednesdays or Thursdays starting at around 4:00pm, 4:30pm, please contact our esteemed GMOT Editor "Biased Media" at [andy\\_festa@yahoo.com](mailto:andy_festa@yahoo.com) and let him know.

We need squatters and we need 'em bad.

## 5. GAME TIME

Please get to the fields earlier this week because we expect to have the first round of T-Shirts in. Allow ample time for the board to give your captains the shirts and for your captains to distribute the shirts to you.

Also give yourself enough time to drive through DC traffic and to park. ← Re-read this sentence.

## 6. 2010 THE YEAR THAT WAS

The 2009 Season came to a close with DC Capital's **The Others** winning the Founders Cup Title in Las Vegas. A few short months later the team dissolved and went its separate ways. Many of the players joined up with the team they beat in the Capital Cup Finals, **Ballers and Shot Callers**, to make another run at it as the **Other Shot Callers**. Remaining members of the team hooked up with players from the retired DC Capital Teams the **Keg Kickers**, **Caissons**, and **My Left Foot** to form **Inglorious Bastards**. It seemed early on this would be the rivalry that defined the season. In the regular season OSC won 4 to 3 getting the final out with bases loaded.

iB hoped to get another shot at OSC in the finals, but it wasn't meant to be. On Super Saturday iB came up one girl shy and had to forfeit their second round playoff game against #10th seeded **Cool Name Pending**. This made **Off In the Park** ecstatic because they saw this as their chance to get to the finals, but they stumbled against the **Blue Ballaz**. BB rode the momentum all the way into the finals before getting knocked off by OSC.

On the other side of the bracket **Head First into 3rd Base** avoided a first round upset and then hammered the #2 Seed **99 Problems** to make it to the Wednesday Night Finals. There they met up with top seeded **Balls of Glory** who outscored HF3B 8 to 4 to capture the Wednesday Night Title.

In the Capital Cup Finals Balls of Glory scored first, but it wasn't enough as OSC went on to score 7 Straight Runs. OSC wasn't done yet though. They had earned a spot in the Founders Cup Tournament and made it all the way to the finals. There they were edged out in extra innings by a team from Virginia Beach.

Off the Field the bar scene was busy. Balls of Glory continued to be the standard that Wednesday Night Teams are judged on. They earned yet another nomination as a Crystal Pitcher Finalists.

Thursday as usual had great showings by both Off in the Park and **Balls to the Mall**. Each of them earned what seems to be an expected annual nomination for the Crystal Pitcher. However, this year they had company. Hard Partying Cool Name Pending brought out all the stops. They had theme nights and life size Miley Cyrus Cut Outs. By staying out later than most they worked their way into the Crystal Pitcher Conversation and earned themselves a nomination.

When the final votes were counted it was a tie between Balls to the Mall and Cool Name Pending. At the board meeting prior to the End of Season Party it was decided that the only way to decide a victor was by a dance off. Each team selected their best, the spotlight came on, and the late great Michael's Jackson's Beat It came over the house speakers. The dance off can only be described as epic and the voting afterwards was close. In the end there had to be a winner and it was Cool Name Pending that made an improbable run to win the coveted Crystal Pitcher.

So what's going to happen in 2011? Glad you asked...

## 7. THE BOOKIE REPORT: 2011 PREVIEW

Some people enjoy Spring for the weather or the Cherry Blossoms, but in this section we enjoy it for the green. Gambling is prevalent amongst the teams, but before you go putting your hard earned dollar down you should know who are the favorites.

### Wednesday Night:

Each year anything can happen on Wednesday Night, and we learn to expect teams to come from nowhere. This year finds several new teams that look to fill that role:

### *The Final Four:*

**Balls of Glory:** The reigning Wednesday Night Champions look strong this year as they chase their second Wednesday Night Title wearing former Wednesday Night Powerhouse Keg Kicker's Maroon.

**GTB:** In their second year they hope to make a name for themselves against the Rookie Teams new to Wednesday Night.

**Playing for Daddies:** I don't know anything about them, but I am picking them for the kids. It's the right thing to do.

**Multiple Scoregasms:** I am hedging my bet on this one because there are two teams with this name on the same night in the same color. Some call this cheating, but I call it a smart bet.

The Finals: **Balls of Glory** over **GTB**

## Thursday Night:

This has been the night of the Powerhouses for the last couple of years. This year is no different.

### *The Final Four:*

**I'd Hit it Again:** These Wednesday Nighters made a splash last year and look to do it again on Thursday Night this year.

**Head First Into Third Base:** This team made it to the Wednesday Night Finals last year and the DC Rock Creek Semi-Finals as well. Now if the team can fight off imploding they have a shot at the title.

**GFYITP:** This is a merger of Team GFY, Off in the Park, and some members of OSC. OITP is hoping to ride the arm of Josh Folk and the leadership picked up by the veteran OSC Members to the title game that has eluded them in prior years.

**Inglorious Bastards (iB):** This team's season ended earlier than expected last year when they didn't have a fourth female for Super Saturday. This year they reloaded and the teams the players that make up this team have won 6 of the last 7 Capital Cups.

The Finals: **iB** over **GFYITP**

Capital Cup XIV: **iB** over **Balls of Glory**

## Off the Field:

The Crystal Pitcher is the Prize everybody wants, but only one team gets to drink from it on Super Saturday. Last year an epic dance off broke the tie between Balls to the Mall and Cool Name Pending. This year both teams look to be back in force.

### *The Finalists:*

**Balls to the Mall:** These people live the lifestyle that the Crystal Pitcher was founded on. Angry over coming up just shy last year they are wanting their pitcher back.

**Cool Name Pending:** Miley Cyrus parties like no other, and this is Miley's Team so it only seems natural that they would end up as the finalist. It doesn't hurt that they won it last year.

**GFYITP:** Lost in the dance off last year, was former winner OITP. This year they reloaded with hopes of getting better on the field, but now will need to prove they still have it off the field.

**Balls of Glory:** Arguably the Best Team at the Table Games is also the team that makes it out every Wednesday Night and some Thursdays. Look for them to stay in the lead on Wednesdays.

The Winner: We will have to wait for the Dance Off, but until then I am picking Balls to the Mall and avoiding Miley's evil glare.

## 8. WAK-A-LOGY

*Wak-a-logy is a new column in the Ghostman. Our resident Bracketology expert, Mr. Sparkle provides color commentary on his July-Madness bracket.*

A tradition like a no other, the boys and girls of Capital League meet this June and July in a round robin single elimination "Championship Tournament", and you can find all the commentary you can handle right here at Wak-a-logy. Naturally, it is far too early to predict tournament seeds, and bubble teams are born out of disqualifications and alcohol poisoning. That being said, I will offer a few thoughts,

- -Without a defending champion, there isn't a pre season lock on the one seed.
- -There are a lot of returning teams that went on hot streaks last year, and the team sitting on top of the divisions will change week-to-week. Each returning team all had their moment in the sun last year.
- -Two teams named '**Multiple Scorgasms**'; lets see which one is fake.
- **#WINNING** chose a name based on a catch phrase with a shorter shelf life than a Krispy Kreme doughnut.
- There won't be a single rain out, take that to the bank.
- That's it for now. Get out dem cleats, and wash out that solo cup. It is the greatest time of the year.

-Mr. Sparkle

## 9. SCHEDULE, LINES & PICKS WEEK ONE

Last Year's Pick'em Champ, Ol' Dirty Roy (ODR) is setting the Spread this year. Capital's very own resident experts tell you where to place your money when you go to Vegas.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH

#### 6:30, Field A

**Multiple Scoregasms Capital (-2) vs. Multiple Scoregasms Federal**

**LINE REFEREES: DERELICT MY BALLS**

SocialKrau says: This game will be filled with a ton of purple among other comments. I'm picking MS Capital to start off a win in this rivalry.

**Ghost Man: The Ghost Man is totally expecting Rock-Paper-Scissors to determine who is 'shirts' and who is 'skins'. Pick the veteran Federal Scoregasms.**

GP: MS-C   C22: MS-F   M: MS-F   B: MS-F

#### 6:30, Field B

**Balls Of Glory (-6) vs. Kickers and Screamers**

**LINE REFEREES: KICKHEADS**

SocialKrau says: Kickers and Screamers were seen practicing last week! BOG hasn't practiced in years. BOG won't be scared by this team, expect BOG to cover here.

**Ghost Man: BOG Co-Captain, Pete has been waiting years to wear VT colors. There's no way BOG will disgrace those colors on Week 1.**

GP: BOG   C22: BOG   M: TIE   B: K&S

#### 6:30, Field C

**GFYiTP (-7) vs. #Winning**

**LINE REFEREES: GTB**

SocialKrau says: #Winning won't debut the season like Charlie Sheen's Detroit show, but GFYiTP will beat the spread.

**Ghost Man: Can a team pull confidence from a twitter hashtag? Not this week. Too much firepower, not enough #tigerblood. Sorry folks.**

GP: GFYiTP   C22: GFYiTP   M: GFYiTP   B: #WIN

#### 7:15, Field A

**Derelict my Balls (-3) vs. Playing for Daddies**

**LINE REFEREES: MULTIPLE SCOREGASMS CAPITAL**

SocialKrau says: DMB one of the oldest active teams in the league will come through with their first opening win of the season! But Playing for Daddies will cover.

**Ghost Man: Are you crazy? Are you really picking DMB so early in the year? It's too early for their first win, dude. Look for the kids to cover.**

GP: DMB   C22: PFD   M: DMB   B: PFD

#### 7:15, Field B

**Kickheads vs. G.T.B. (Pick em')**

**LINE REFEREES: BALLS OF GLORY**

SocialKrau says: G.T.B. has had its ups and downs the past few seasons but they're going to start out this season with a win.

**Ghost Man: This is a great matchup. This will be a good gauge to see where the old Federal teams are compared to the Capital teams.**

GP: GTB   C22: GTB   M: KH   B: KH

## THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH

### 6:30, Field A

#### 99 Problems (-2) vs. Balls to the Mall

LINE REFEREES: HEAD FIRST INTO THIRD BASE

SocialKrau says: This is a bit of a toss up but BttM will keep this close, BttM to cover.

**Ghost Man: 99P improved so greatly over the course of last year, but BttM has improved over the off season. Look for 99P to cover.**

GP: 99P   C22: 99P   M: TIE   B: BttM

### 6:30, Field B

#### Bureaucrats with Balls vs. Cool Name Pending (-3)

LINE REFEREES: INGLORIOUS BASTARDS

SocialKrau says: BWB is back for another season after a 2-year layoff with a brand new roster. CNP is coming off a late season resurgence. BWB to cover.

**Ghost Man: Who cares! The Ghost Man is more interested to see how CNP attempts to defend their Crystal Pitcher title. CNP covers anyway.**

GP: CNP   C22: BwB   M: CNP   B: CNP

### 6:30, Field C

#### Here for Beer vs. In the Pink! (Pick'em)

LINE REFEREES: SCOTCHATORY TAPE

SocialKrau says: Two brand new teams, In the Pink gets my vote to win the game, Here for Beer to win at the bar.

**Ghost Man: Well, PINK isn't really a new team, but with new faces, it'll be a good pick to go with them over the team... who states their intentions right up front. The Ghost Man applauds HFB for their honesty – and will drink with them!**

GP: HfB   C22: PINK   M: PINK   B: PINK

### 7:15, Field A

#### Head First Into Third Base (-3) vs. Swamp Donkeys

LINE REFEREES: 99 PROBLEMS

SocialKrau says: Wednesday night's semifinalist HF3B is back but on Thursday this year to face a remodeled Thursday night semifinalist. Expect a close game, I'm picking the former Blue Ballaz to cover here.

**Ghost Man: \*pop\* \*pop pop\*. Oh – the Ghost Man was just getting his popcorn ready for this one. HF3B is no longer a rookie team and is looking to prove that to the world. SD has the experience, but did they lose too much over the offseason? Take SD to cover**

GP: HF3B   C22: HF3B   M: SD   B: SD

### 7:15, Field B

#### Inglorious Bastards (Doesn't Matter) vs. I'd Hit it Again

LINE REFEREES: BUREAUCRATS WITH BALLS

SocialKrau says: iB tends to cover the spread, welcome to Thursday IHI.

**Ghost Man: Now that's a spread! I guess the Ghost Man will take IB to cover the irrelevant spread.**

GP: iB   C22: iB   M: iB   B: iB

### 7:15, Field C

#### Kicktators (-2) vs Scotchatory Tape

LINE REFEREES: HERE FOR BEER

SocialKrau says: Not much known about these two teams, but Scotchatory Tape's previous WAKA experience will help them to victory.

**Ghost Man: Scotchatory Tape is one of the best team names the Ghost Man has heard in a long time. That name, and their experience from other divisions will be enough to breeze past the freshmen Kicktators.**

GP: ST   C22: ST   M: K   B: ST

**Legend:** B: Bookie, GP: Glitter Pitcher, C22: Catch-22, M: Michelle

## 10. SPONSOR BAR – KELLY’S IRISH TIMES



Our Sponsor bar is Kelly's Irish Times. 14 F Street NW., Washington, DC. It's been our proud sponsor bar for 13 going on 14 years!

Irish Times has 2 floors to it. The main floor – and The Dungeon of Love. Last fall, Irish Times added bar video games to the Dungeon, and renamed the DoL to “The Lounge.” We don't buy that. It's still the Dungeon of Love to us no matter how many fancy electronics they add. It's only a matter of time before there are pictures of kickballers making out on Big Buck Hunter.

On Wednesday's you may notice another slight odor coming from the basement. That's DC Lightning (AKA The Riff Raff). Don't feed them. Do not get them wet after midnight.

Respect Irish Times. Please do not bring outside food and/or beverages into The Times.

The most popular modes of transportation to get to The Times is via carpool or taxi.

### **Parking:**

Good luck. It's there, you just have to be patient. Oh yeah – and the DC Capital Division Board asks that you drink responsibly. We want to see you back at the fields and bar the next week.

### **Taxi:**

Each week it's a contest to see how many people can fit in a DC cab.

### **Metro:**

Union Station (Red Line) is 1 block away. It is NOT recommended to metro from the fields because there's a transfer needed to get to the Red Line from the fields, and the Metro after rush-hour ends is slow.

### **Walking/Bike:**

Irish Times is approx 2 miles from the fields. Those with a bike – fine. Those who want extra exercise – great. Everyone else – catch a cab.

## 11. SPONSOR BAR –THE EXCHANGE

Since our friends from DC Federal decided to join us for this season, we have a DC Federal's Sponsor Bar as our secondary bar. 1719 G Street NW, Washington, DC. It's been DC Federal's proud sponsor bar for 10 going on 11 years!



The Exchange's biggest pro is location. Only seven blocks from the Fields of Glory, it's the closest bar!

Of course, Exchange has its own version of Riff-Raff in the form of softballers and other kickball leagues.

## 12. HAN SOLO CUP FLICKING COMPETITION

*One of the things kickball is known for is flicking cups upside down. Here's are the official DC Capital Rules of everyone's favorite game (behind kickball of course)*

Teams that play each other on the field, play each other on the table each week. Captains may want to check with their opponents Captain to make sure they're going to the same bar.

Captains should agree on the beverage of choice to be used.

The Official game tables on Wednesday night are upstairs (aka the Green Table Cloth Tables) or at The Exchange. The Official game tables on Thursday nights are in the Dungeon of Love.

Must be at least 5 vs. 5. Up to 8 vs. 8, but due to length of the table no more than 8 per side. If both captains agree, there can be unequal sides, but THERE MUST BE EQUAL CUPS ON BOTH SIDES. (for example, in a 5 vs. 7 game, 2 people on the 5-person team must drink twice)

No all male or all female teams. Must have at least one member of the opposite sex. (We all joined a co-ed kickball league for a reason right?)

If a team forfeits the game on the field, they do not forfeit at the bar (this encourages more people to come to the bar even if they forfeit a game).

No substitutions or re-ordering. Once the team has been set and playing is in progress no substitutions or switching positions.

In the event of a tie, there's a one-on-one flip-off with the final two players who tied. If the flip-off results in a tie, those players flip-off again, this time with 2 cups. If that ties again, those players move to 3 cups. This continues until a tie is eventually broken (or the Mayan Calendar runs out). Multiple cup flip-offs must be flipped in the order the cups are lined up. There is no drinking ahead and returning to missed cups.

First team to 5 wins (best of 9) will be the winner. That also means, when you report your scores, one of teams must have a 5 in their score.

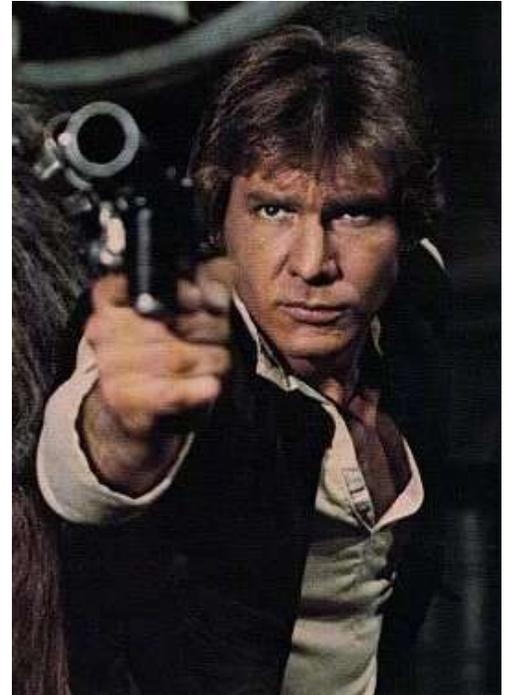
No rematches

Friendly reminder: No building backboards. Backboards just suck and really don't improve your game.

Friendly reminder: Fill to first line in the cup (or its equivalent in cups that don't have any lines)

Afterwards: Unofficial games with more people are encouraged and expected. Feel free to mingle with other teams also. There are MANY variations to this game, and you'll see them used after the official games.

Official Standings will be kept in the GMOT and TWTWTW



## 13. AWARDS

You may have noticed The Bookie mentioning awards. That's right, DC Capital features 2 non-kickball related awards at the end of the season:

**The Crystal Pitcher.** This is the most coveted "Most Social Team" award. If you can't win the Capital Cup, this is the next best thing. There have been cat fights over this award.

**The Golden Kickball.** This is the "Most Spirit" award. Teams have danced, yelled, cheered, and chanted to get this award. Some modify their uniforms. One year a team brought a blow-up cow mascot, last year CNP brought a card-board cut out of a certain pop singer.

## 14. WEATHER REPORT

### Wednesday

Showers all day until 4 PM.



The Opening Pitch of the season will be a little chilly, and likely wet. 52 at game time.

### Thursday

Mostly Sunny.



But on Thursday, we get perfect kickball weather! High of 71.

Get Ready for some Kickball!

## 15. TWTWTW NOMINATIONS

Did something cool happen at your game? Was there a cool double play that won your game? Was your team the last to leave the bar? Do you want to send a shout-out to a team member – or that cute baller who's been checking you out from right field? Do you want to share some pictures with the division? Or do you have a question for the Ghost Man or Bookie? Tell us about it! Send all TWTWTW nominations to Andy "Biased Media" Festa at [andy\\_festa@yahoo.com](mailto:andy_festa@yahoo.com).

## 16. PRE-SEASON POWER POLL

*Greetings from the Ghost Man! Welcome to the 2011 season and the Pre-Season Power Poll! Like almost everything in the Ghost Man on Third, the Power Poll is completely made up and created to foster discussion, inspire trash talking, incite riots and just have fun during the season. Enjoy!*

### 1. **Inglorious Bastards (iB)**

Team Birthday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2010 (8-1; Second round forfeit loss to Cool Name Pending)

Until further notice, iB is the team to beat. They benefited from OSC's departure by picking up the displaced players who no longer had a team.

### 2. **GFY in the Park (GFYITP)** (formerly Off in the Park)

Team Birthday – 5<sup>th</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2007 (7-2-2; Second round playoff loss to the Caisson Steel Erectors)

OITP spent 4 years solidifying the OITP franchise as a decent team that can close the bar. They threw away that brand recognition and merged with Team GFY. This adds depth, and an unprintable team name. This also might be the highest OITP has been ever ranked. They are certainly the one of the benefactors of OSC's departure. Wait... this just in. OITP's Captain Dave just got an advanced copy of this Power Poll. Here's what he said, *"For the last time we didn't throw out the brand recognition... same shirt color, slightly different name. It's still Coke, just a different flavor. (But not the new Coke because that was just awful)"* You heard it here folks! GFYITP promises to last longer than New Coke!

### 3. **Swamp Donkeys** (formerly Blue Ballaz)

Team Birthday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2010 (6-2-1; Loss in the Thursday Night Finals to Other Shot Callers)

The Ghost Man was back and forth on whether to make Swamp Donkeys #2. They were the Thursday Night Runner up, but the offseason was not kind and many of those players from last year have gone elsewhere. GFYITP did more off-season acquisitions.

### 4. **Balls of Glory**

Team Birthday – 6<sup>th</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2010 (5-3-1; Wednesday Night Champions; Capital Cup loss to Other Shot Callers)

DC Capital's co-eldest franchise and Defending Wednesday Night Champions start the year at #4.

Unlike the above teams, BOG doesn't believe in mergers and teams splitting. They are bring back their entire roster from 2010!

### 5. **Kick Heads**

Team Birthday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year with DC Federal

Best Finish: 2010 (6-2; 2010 DC Federal Champions)

DC Federal's Reigning Champions find themselves in a new division at #5 on the Power Poll. Of the two veteran Federal teams, Kick Heads is the more competitive kickball team. That's a great addition to a Wednesday Conference that has been in a 2-year slump!

### 6. **Head First Into Third Base**

Team Birthday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2010 (4-3-2; Loss in the Wednesday Night Finals to Balls of Glory)

HF3B Captain Matt, has said that HF3B has learned a lot from Capital last Spring, and DC Rock Creek in the Fall, and are ready to improve on last year's mark. Moving from a weak Wednesday to a very competitive Thursday gives them an even bigger challenge.

7. **Multiple Scoregasms (Federal)**

Team Birthday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year with DC Federal

Best Finish: 2010 (5-2-1)

How does it happen that not only do we have 2 Multiple Scoregasms, but they are on the same night, and have the same shirt color? It's no coincidence that both Scoregasms play each other on Week 1. The Federal Scoregasms are the more veteran team and with a 5-2-1 finish last season in Federal, they have earned their place at #7. However they have already said that they "Scoregasm" all over the flip-cup table. Suddenly Balls of Glory's ears just perked up. "Did someone say flip-cup?"

8. **99 Problems** (formerly I got 99 problems, but a pitch ain't one)

Team Birthday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2010 (5-3-1; Second round playoff loss to Head First Into Third Base)

Did you hear Lindsey Lohan is shortening her name to just "Lindsey." Hopefully that technique works for 99 Problems who have dropped the mouthful.

9. **I'd Hit It... Again** (formerly I'd Hit It)

Team Birthday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2010 (5-3-1; Second round forfeit loss to Balls of Glory)

Another team to give their team name an upgrade. But will it translate onto the field? IHI lost a few good players over the off-season, but also seem more content on just having a good time.

10. **Gym. Tan. Balls (GTB)**

Team Birthday – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2010 (4-4-1; first round loss to I'd Hit It)

GTB lost a heartbreaker in the playoffs, taking IHI to a tie-game and losing by one run. Now that they've got another year of experience, this could be their year.

11. **Derelict My Balls**

Team Birthday – 6<sup>th</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2010 (3-5-1; first round playoff loss to Head First Into Third Base)

Co-eldest team DMB had their most successful season last year. Rumor has it; they lost people over the offseason. Here's hoping they haven't returned to the drawing board.

12. **Cool Name Pending**

Team Birthday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2010 (2-6-1; Thursday Semi-finals loss to Blue Ballaz)

No one can get over the fact that the #10 seed with a 2-6-1 record made it to the Thursday Night Semi-Finals. We're not fooled though. We CNP's true competitiveness lies at the social scene than at the kickball scene. If you see CNP practicing, most likely they're practicing fist-pumping!

13. **Balls to the Mall**

Team Birthday – 4<sup>th</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2009 (4-6; first round playoff loss to the Drinking You Pretty)

Balls to the Mall leadership asked me not to mention last year. So I won't. This year, BttM stole some players from other teams caught in power mergers. Look for them to have a much better season.

14. **Scotchatory Tape**

Team Birthday- ROOKIE

Best Finish: N/A

Scotchatory Tape's first season playing kickball together was in DC Thunder in the fall. A 5-2 record is not too shabby for one of the other divisions. Welcome to the Big Leagues!

15. **In the Pink!** (formerly Awkward Thursday Mornings)

Team Birthday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2010 (2-6-1; first round forfeit to Code Walker)

ATM fizzled out toward the end of last season. Captain Steve brought back what was left of his crew and merged with some fresh new faces. Steve has also promised to bring the Pink and own it!

16. **#Winning**

Team Birthday- ROOKIE

Best Finish: N/A

(pronounced “hashtag winning” for those twitter novices out there). Wow. It's crazy how quickly Charlie Sheen went from pop culture icon, to drunk, to pop culture icon, to “that guy just needs to go away.” Hopefully #Winning has better longevity than the washed-up sitcom star.

17. **Bureaucrats with Balls**

Team Birthday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Best Finish: 2008 (2-6-1; Second round loss to Whiskey Kick)

Just like the Cleveland Browns, the Bureaucrats with Balls franchise has been resurrected years after its original demise. The Ghost Man is skeptical if this reboot will have as much success as they did in 2008. That was a much different Thursday Night Conference.

18. **Here for Beer**

Team Birthday- ROOKIE

Best Finish: N/A

With a team name like this, they better show up to the bar or we'll be disappointed.

19. **Kickers and Screamers**

Team Birthday- ROOKIE

Best Finish: N/A

Sounds feisty!

20. **Kicktators**

Team Birthday- ROOKIE

Best Finish: N/A

I've reached the part in the Power Poll where I've run out of things to say.

21. **Multiple Scoregasms (Capital)**

Team Birthday- ROOKIE

Best Finish: N/A

Capital Scoregasms is looking for their first kickball experience.

22. **Playing for Daddies**

Team Birthday- ROOKIE

Best Finish: N/A

What does this mean? It's almost as if it's only part of a sentence. Playing for Daddies Approval? Playing for Babies Daddies? The Ghost Man is baffled. Sorry for being #22. Someone had to be last. Don't hate.

## 17. DC CAPITAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA

### Official Website

WAKA's official League Website: <http://www.kickball.com/dccapital>

KickballLegends League Manager: <http://www.kickballlegends.com/dccapital> (Schedule, Standings, Blogs)

### Kickball365

Where can you find an open forum to talk trash about your upcoming games? Where can you find a semi-anonymous place to rub the loser of last night's game in the dirt? Or can you not get enough of kickball and want to discuss it with others around the country? That would be the wonderful world of Kickball365.com We have our own forum in the best place to talk kickball.

DC Capital forum: <http://www.kickball365.com/forum/viewforum.php?f=103>

### Twitter

Follow @wakadccapital for all official live announcements. Like score updates, GMOT updates, rain out notifications, etc. ...Or you can just send us drunk tweets while at The Times, or on your way home.

<http://twitter.com/wakadccapital>

### Foursquare

If you play foursquare, the Fields of Glory are a venue that you can check into. Check into WAKA DC Capital

Kickball Fields: <http://foursquare.com/venue/2781430>

and of course, so is Irish Times: <http://foursquare.com/venue/5533>

and Exchange <https://foursquare.com/venue/5481>

## 18. GET BACK TO WORK!

That's it for now! See you all on the Fields of Glory this week!

Send announcements and other tidbits to [andy\\_festa@yahoo.com](mailto:andy_festa@yahoo.com) .

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- \* **Andy "Biased Media" Festa** – GMOT Editor and Twitter'er
- \* **Dave "Social Krau" Krauter** – Party Planner all-round cool guy.

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- \* **"Old Dirty Roy" Gifford** – Head Umpire type person, and Spread Setter
- \* **Natalie "Glitter Pitcher" Leonhard** – Awards and random stuff

- \* **Ryan “Catch-22” Hart** –All-Star Festival Coordinator
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