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Presidents Message

As always I would like to take this opportunity to say hello to all the Shuffleboard Family across Canada. I hope the holiday season was joyous for all.

I would like to thank the Southern Alberta Shuffleboard Association for the unbelievably great Canadian Championships held in Calgary for 2016. Special thanks to Jamie, Rita, Debbie, Vernon, Gary, Peggy, Joan, and Aaron for all their hard work making the Canadian Championships a huge success. Kudos go to the staff of RCL #286, Donna, Lorna, Lois, Randy, and Mel for making us all feel at home and making it such an enjoyable experience. A job well done.

Congratulations to all the winners and all who played in the 2016 Championships. In 2015 Cynthia Chudyk - Collins won the triple crown (all three events) but not to be outdone Don Heaton (VISA) pulled off the same feat winning the triple crown. As well there were two first time winners Edie Clark in the Mixed Doubles and Doug Grant in the Men's Doubles (both Don's partners) Congratulations.

I would like to advise everybody that the 2017 Canadian Championships will be held again at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #286 in Calgary as this will give VISA sufficiently more time to find a suitable facility, hotels, etc. in hosting for 2018.

As well I would like to remind all the charters that there were three items that were to be discussed with their members and brought back to the Annual General Meeting in October as follows:

- 1) Whether Congress will allow charters only to miss one rotation in the Canadian Championships.
- 2) Players who have moved but want to remain playing with their original charter - (once again to be discussed with charter members and bring back their determinations to the meeting in 2017.
- 3) Having the Host Charter the option of putting in 2 teams in all the events in the Canadian Championships. As well to be discussed by the charters and brought back to the Annual General Meeting in October 2017.

SASA will be hosting the 2017 Alberta Open May 18 thru May 21 at the Rundle #286 Legion in Calgary. All the information regarding the Alberta Open will be available on the Congress Website shortly.

As always looking forward to seeing You all in Calgary. Have a Healthy, and Happy New Year to You All.

Rick Litman
President

"The Spirit of Canadian Shuffleboard"

Vancouver Island

Greetings to all Shuffleboarders across Canada from wintery Victoria. We have had our fill of winter for this year. It even snowed here.....what's up with that but we are back to our normal rain and grey skies.

On behalf of our reps from the 2016 Championships, I would like to pass along their sincere thanks and congratulations to the fine folks from SASA. Our players were most impressed with the fine show you put on for them.

We have held three tournaments so far this year in Victoria. The first was at the Esquimalt Legion in September to get our reps some practice for Calgary. This event was won by Don Heaton and Edie Clark. The second was an A-B draw partner event held at the Langford Legion in November. Chucky Boustead and her B partner Wendy (??) were victorious in that one. The third was an A-B draw partner event at the Esquimalt Legion. This one was won by Kabal Bimb and Bob Higginbottom. It was played as a 3 and 1 tournie and much fun was had by all. Our next event will be February 25th, 2017 with the Sonja Webb Memorial to be held at the Langford Legion.

I guess we will be getting our heads together quite quickly to make some plans for 2018. We had one plan in the works but the Hotel has been closed and they are building condos. Back to the drawing board so they say.

I am wishing you all a fun year and we will see you all in Calgary in October.

Cheers,
Claudia Wright – Secretary
VISA

Eastern Ontario

(no submission)

Manitoba

News from Manitoba!

We are battling our way thru a winter that is either very nice or very nasty, nothing in between, blizzards are becoming normal, as are the thaws in between.

We are trying something new here in Manitoba, as we had no one willing to be on the executive, we are running our league as a cooperative, and decisions are made as a majority rule.

We have a very informal set up with no teams, we play on Thursday nights at either ANAF #1 or ANAF #283, on a rotating schedule.

Whoever come out plays a minimum of 3 games. So far it seems to be working pretty well, we have a core group of 8 players and some evenings there are more, and some evenings there are less, but it is fun.

Hope all is well across the country and with all of our shuffleboard family!

SASA

Hello everyone from Snowy Southern Alberta!

We hope everyone had fun at the last championships we hosted this past October. We are looking forward to doing it again this year from October 1 – October 9, 2017. It will once again be held at the 286 Legion.

The Coast Plaza Hotel has been booked for the same price as last year for \$104.00 per night. Please make sure you book your room along with your shuttle at the same time. The Information will be posted on the website soon.

Our yearly Alberta Open is also planned to be held from May 18 – May 21, 2017 at the 286 Legion as well.

We all look forward to seeing our Shuffleboard Family again this year.

Good luck to everyone in your play downs this year. Ours is being played on the weekend of May 27, 2017 .

Rita McCrimmon
SASA Secretary/Treasurer

SASKATCHEWAN

GREETINGS FROM SASKATCHEWAN

We first want to congratulate SASA on an excellent Canadians. A great time was had by all our players & cheerleaders who attended. Thanks to the 286 Legion staff, you certainly provided our players & guests with superb hospitality & catering to our every need!! See you again in October 2017. A special congrats to Don Heaton on your triple win!!

Our league started shortly after the Calgary Canadians & we are playing out of the Eagles Club & the German Club.

It was 40 below but some “hot shots” played in the Annual Christmas Shoot. Players were paired up thru a draw out of a hat. The competition was lively, even when there was a water line break at the club, which OMG...had some players without Christmas cheer & some had to pee down the street at the Bus Station; but the tournament kept going. After an hour...a cheer was heard as it was announced the bar was open again. Every player received a Christmas Gift. A HUGE thanks to: Rod Betker for organizing, shopping for prizes, making Jell-O Sliders & running the tournament along with his trusty elf Liz. To Cheryl Loughren putting together a fabulous Christmas Gift Basket for her team mates the German Giants: Dave, Sheila, Rod, Mark, Judy, Sherri & Tom raising \$430!!! To Rod, Mark, Crystal, Dave, Marlowe & Liz for selling tickets on Gift Basket, 2 Adult Bevie draws & selling those yummy Christmas Sliders. And to the Eagles Club for the opportunity to host by opening the boards & donating a platter of cold cuts with cheese & buns, this certainly a welcome bite to eat. There was a tie for 1st place & the 2 teams decided (in the spirit of Christmas) to share the winnings, congrats to Dave & Cheryl Loughren and Rod Betker & Larry Swain.

Upcoming events are the Annual All Stars February 18th where we will see the top players from each team split into East & West & this season battle it out on Board 1 at the Eagles Club. We have our Super Bowl Fundraiser happening right now & our Provincials will be held at the Eagles on the Hall Side the weekend of April 21st to 23rd & the Sask Open being played at the Eagles Club on the Bar Side August 3rd to 6th, so come on & enjoy our Saskatchewan hospitality.

Our players are also looking forward to seeing some of our Shuffleboard family at the Alberta Open in Calgary & of course in Calgary again for the 2017 Canadians.

Until then, remember...The best things in life, aren't things!!

Alberta

(no submission)

British Columbia

(no submission)

Ontario

Hello from the OSA. Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2017!!

We would like to thank the Southern Alberta Shuffleboard Association (SASA) for a job well done at the 2016 Canadian Championships in Calgary. Everyone had a wonderful time and the hospitality was amazing. The SASA team proved that the game will go on even on a budget. Kudo's to all of you!

Congratulations to all the winners of the Championships and to the 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees. Special congratulations to the newest Triple Crown winner Don Heaton from Victoria Shuffleboard Association (VISA) and to first time winners Edie Clark and Doug Grant also from VISA.

Things are moving along well here in Southern Ontario. We have had eight tournaments to date so we are kept pretty busy.

Check out the website for updates and photos of all the winners and some of our other shenanigans!
www.ontarioshuffleboard.com

We are back at fundraising once again after a Xmas and New Year break and the three leagues are in full swing once again.

Fund raisers for this season include the annual Bowl-a-Thon, Annual Texas Mickey draw, Annual Ladies Valentine basket draw and a cake walk at each of our tournaments in Kitchener and Milton. NRSL will hold their first cake walk this year and we wish them luck with that!

Our Playdowns will be held at the Kitchener Polish Legion in May. We have some enthusiastic new players this year and we look forward to seeing who will represent us at the Canadian Championship in Calgary Alberta in October of 2017.

Wishing the Southern Alberta Shuffleboard Association (SASA) good luck with their preparations for hosting the 2017 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships once again in October in Calgary!
It is so great that your charter has taken on the challenge two years in a row and after a successful tournament last year this one will likely be awesome!

Happy shuffling and may this new year bring lots of good things to everyone!

Theresa Lynk
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