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Presidents Message

I would like to wish all the shuffleboard players from across Canada a Happy and Healthy New Year.

I would like to thank the Southern Alberta Shuffleboard Association for the great Canadian Championships held in Calgary in 2017. Special thanks to Jamie, Rita, Peggy, Joan, and Aaron for all their hard work making the Canadian Championships a huge success. Probably the hardest job of all is moving and setting up the boards so I want to personally thank Derek McCrimmon, and Jordan McCrimmon (Jamie's sons and Peggy's grandsons) for all their hard work. As well I would like to thank all of the people from all of the other charters who helped in several capacities. There are too many to name but Thank You. Thanks to RCL#286 for letting us host the 2017 Canadian Championships. Congratulations to all the winners and all who played in the 2017 Canadian Championships.

David Coulthard has advised that unfortunately the Shuffleboard Association of Alberta will be relinquishing their charter.

Thank You David for all your support over the years and for all your hard work.

VISA will be hosting the 2018 Canadian Championships in Victoria. Information regarding the venue, hotel, will be posted on the website shortly.

As well there were discussions regarding the use of the tournament boards prior to the commencement of the Canadian Championships as well as the host charter having two teams in each event but nothing was finalized. These items will be discussed prior the AGM.

The Grand Aggregate Trophy, Ladies Singles, and Men's Doubles Trophies have all been replaced as there was no longer any more space. All of the previous winners have been put on all the trophies (plaques).

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Looking forward to seeing everyone in Victoria.

Rick Litman
President Canadian Shuffleboard Congress

MANITOBA (MSA)

Greetings from Winterpeg!!!

Hello Everyone!!!

The Manitoba Shuffleboard Association has a new president and secretary-treasurer! Ralph Piett and Mona Sarrasin were elected in January as the new MSA executive.

The MSA plans to host a few tournaments, one on February 24th and another on March 24th. We are hoping for great turnouts.

We still meet every Thursdays at the ANAF #1 for weekly play.

We hope all of you throughout Canada are doing well as we try to keep warm. It's been a cold winter but we know Spring is just around the corner.

We look forward to hearing your news and seeing you soon, hopefully before October in Victoria. Take care until then and here is our contact information for now. Cheers!!!

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SOUTHERN ALBERTA (SASA)

WELCOME FROM THE PRAIRIES

Hello everyone. A new year here came in with lots of chilly weather and snow. More than we have seen for a few years.

We do not have a league again this year but try to get out and play when we can, and we are all still trying to build the league.

Thank you to everyone for attending the 2017 Canadian Championships once again in Calgary last October. Hope fun was had by all. The 286 Legion made it fun for all of us. Many thanks to everyone that assisted from other charters. A special Thank you to Joan Litman and Aaron McMahan that did the ticket selling all week.

We will be also hosting the Alberta Open on the May long weekend once again at the 286 Legion. Please let me know if you will be attending just so that we can determine how many boards we will be needing.

Our playdowns have been scheduled for May 26, 2018 this year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone October 2018 in Victoria, B.C. for the next Canadian Shuffleboard Championships.

Rita McCrimmon
SASA Secretary / Treasurer

SASKATCHEWAN (SSA)

GREETINGS FROM SASKATCHEWAN

Congratulations SASA on once again an excellent 2017 Canadians held in Calgary. A fun 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!! Looking forward to seeing everyone, in beautiful Victoria, October 1-6.

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

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In December...It was a hot shot day on Dec. 9th at the Eagles Club for the Annual SSA **Christmas Shoot**. We had 18 players with 6 teams of 3 for an ABC draw. The competition saw some very fancy shots on the board & at the bar!! There were presents for all, including some fresh Ukrainian Co-op Garlic Sausage [a coveted treat by all Regina players] always won by the team who comes in last, along with a fabulous Christmas Gift Basket & 2 Christmas Cheer draws. A huge thanks to Santa Rod Betker & his always trusty elf Liz Patrick for picking out the presents & Christmas Cheer donated by the SSA & to the German Club Giants (Captain Dave Loughren with Mark Anderson, Frank Sauve, Robert Forrest, Kathy Reiss, Tom Loughren, Sheila Pelletier & Cheryl Loughren) for the fabulous gift basket which was raffled off & won by Robyn White raising \$400 for the SSA. The 2 Christmas cheer draws were won by Hazel Turgeon (she always wins) & an Eagles Club Member & raised \$116, along with a Surprise Draw done after tournament was finished...a 15 lb. Turkey donated by SSA & won by Porky Desjarlais. Thanks to Crystal Benjamin for helping Liz at Registration Desk, much appreciated. Thank you to Crystal Benjamin, Crystal Huzina & Robyn White helping Liz sell tickets, on all draws. Thank you to the Eagles Club for the opportunity to host, opening boards & a platter of appetizers which was a welcome treat later in the afternoon. The SSA Christmas Shoot Players: 1st Rod Betker, Hazel Turgeon & Gary Huzina; 2nd Val Pretty, Paul Zerr & Kathleen Reiss; Tie for 3rd Cheryl Loughren, Gloria Desjarlais & Sheila Pelletier; Tie for 3rd Dave Loughren, Porky Desjarlais & Crystal Benjamin; 4th Jeremy Fox, John Lampard & Kim Thurlow & in a Happy Last Place Mark Anderson, Bill Pretty & Mike Benjamin...Cheers to everyone who participated & supported the SSA. Check out pictures on Facebook "Saskatchewan Shuffleboard".

Our 1st Tournament of 2018 was the **Annual Eagles Open** held January 20th at the Eagles Club with 6 teams entering. Thanks to the players & spectators for coming out & the teams were...Porky Desjarlais & Mark Anderson; Rod Betker & Crystal Huzina; Marlowe Halvorson & Buster Holt; Paul Zerr & Kim Thurlow; Dave Loughren & Kathy Reiss and Jeremy Fox & Gloria Desjarlais. Thanks to the tournament coordinators Dave & Marlowe who kept the tournament running smoothly. They played a single round robin with Dave Loughren & Kathy Reiss coming 3rd, and Gloria Desjarlais & Jeremy Fox placing 2nd giving the 1st place team of Rod Betker & Crystal Huzina a run for their money. Congrats to all. A huge thanks for the fabulous Valentine Gift basket made by (Captain Vern Elliott with his team of Kim Thurlow, Porky Desjarlais, Hank Limbeek, Charlene Lucas, Larry Lucas, Alvin Sentes & Jeremy Fox) who play out of the Eagles Club on Board 1 & raised \$260 for the SSA. Many thanks to Cheryl Loughren & Sheila Pelletier, for selling tickets on the Gift Basket won by a club member Darrell Drummond & to Robyn White selling for the 2 Adult Bevie Draws, won by Cheryl Loughren & Gary Huzina. Happy New Year & see you all next January.

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Upcoming events: the **Annual All Stars** on February 24th where we see the top 12 players from the league split into East & West & this season will battle it out at the Eagles Club on Board 2. Our 3rd Annual **Horsecrawler** will be held on March 10th, where participants are teamed up in two's (different at every location) & play a game of Horsecaller. The purpose is to highlight & thank these bar/club locations in the city with shuffleboards & to promote the game to those who might be watching, to help attract new players. The **SSA Provincials** will be held at the Eagles Club on the Hall Side the weekend of April 13th to 15th. The **Annual Awards Banquet** will be held May 12th. And...join us for the **Party on the Prairie** at the **Annual Sask Open** to be held at the Eagles Club on the Bar Side, August 2nd to 5th, so come & enjoy our Saskatchewan hospitality.

For our fundraising, each team makes up a **Gift Basket** for every event we host (anyone at the Sask Open knows what kind of Baskets we put together, we had 3 people helping to take out items to winners vehicle). We held our **Grey Cup Fundraiser** in the fall & have our **Super Bowl Fundraiser** happening right now. Dave Loughren & Mark Anderson will have the **Fantasy Hockey Online** underway for the NHL Playoffs & **Mark Anderson** has been hosting a once a month fun night of board at the Eagles Club where he has a 50/50 draw & proceeds go to the SSA. We are also volunteering at the **Eagles Club Card Draw** every Friday & Sunday in January.

Marlowe came up with an idea...any of our membership who have **not been** to a Canadian Championships (there are guidelines): if you volunteer at Eagles Club Card Draws, help move boards in or out for tournaments, sell minimum 25 Grey Cup or Super bowl tickets, serve 1 year on executive or start a new fundraiser: all get you 1 entry each & any fundraiser generating more than \$500.00 to the SSA gets an extra entry. This is our memberships chance to accumulate points towards a **Volunteer Experience** to attend the Championships in Victoria, BC, October 2018, stay tuned for the lucky traveller!!

Our players are looking forward to seeing some of our Shuffleboard family the May Long Weekend in Calgary for the Alberta Open, our Sask Open the August Long Weekend & of course in October at the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships being held in Victoria.

Check out the Facebook Group **Saskatchewan Shuffleboard** Liz created for the SSA; send her an email elizabeth.patrick@sasktel.net to join.

“In youth we learn; in age we understand”

Liz Patrick
Secretary, SSA

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Ontario (OSA)

HELLO FROM THE OSA

Here we go again...a new year is upon us and we wish everyone the best for 2018.

We would like to thank the Southern Alberta Shuffleboard Association (SASA) for a job well done at the 2017 Canadian Championships in Calgary. Everyone had a wonderful time and the hospitality was amazing.

With holding the championship two years in a row we really got to know your team so much better. Great folks!

Congratulations to all the winners of the Championships and congratulations to all the players who played for the first time.

We hope you enjoyed the tournament and hope to see you competing again!

Things are moving along well here in Southern Ontario. Our season is well on the way and we have some new players as well. It's encouraging to see some new faces and to see how well they are doing. There is lots of enthusiasm for the game and that's the goal to keep Shuffleboard going.

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 all districts.

Our Playdowns will be held at the Fonthill Legion in May. Our new players are enthusiastic, and we look forward to seeing who will represent us at the Canadian Championship in beautiful Victoria BC in October of 2018.

Wishing the Vancouver Island Shuffleboard Association (VISA) good luck with their preparations for hosting the 2018 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships.

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

Theresa Lynk
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British Columbia

“Hi from BC.”

Our winter shuffleboard leagues are in full swing, Tuesday shortboard as well as Thursday and Saturday Longboard.

The annual Memorial Tournament was held Saturday Feb 10th. It was a 4 person add to 8 team event.

Congrats to the winners!

3 Perpetual Trophies were presented:

- 1st place: Eric Kolsrud Mel Sinclair Derek Taylor Dave Vickery
Team played in honour of Dan Williams
- 2nd place: Theresa Cartwright Joe Burry Dick Moore Bill Galway
Team played in Honour of Bert Darvault
- 3rd place: Marty Atkinson Elaine Hill Joan Millar Gerry Chang
Team played in honour of Diana Madsen

No date yet for the BCSA Playdowns, probably not until late summer....”

BCSA Executive

Vancouver Island (VISA)

Congratulations S.A.S.A. on hosting a fabulous Canadian championship. You did a great job and everyone had a wonderful time.

We look forward to hosting the 2018 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships. The tournament will be played at Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion Branch 292, 411 Gorge Rd East.

Accommodations have been arranged at:

Days Inn Victoria Uptown

229 Gorge Rd East

Toll Free Number 1-800-565-3777

Please indicate you are reserving for the Vancouver Island Shuffleboard Group Block.

Sunday Sept 30 thru Friday Oct. 5 \$89 + Tax per night

Saturday Oct. 6 \$129 + tax

If there are any questions, or concerns contact me anytime.

Regards
Donald Heaton,
President, VISA



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