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CONGRESS NEWS

Bill, Carol, Vern, Marion, David and other members of the Shuffleboard Association of Alberta (SAA) have their plans well underway for the 2007 Canadians being held in Edmonton, Alberta at the Executive Royal Inn. The hotel is just minutes away from the World's largest Mall & Amusement Centre, West Edmonton Mall, and has great room rates starting at \$88 (\$98.62 with taxes) a night, single or double occupancy.

Doreen and I have been working on the content of the website and Doreen is responsible for all the formatting changes and keeping the website up-to-date. She has done a fabulous job!!! When you get a few minutes, you should take a look at the Congress website at <http://www.geocities.com/cdnshuffleboard>. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to pass them along to any one on the Congress Executive.

The following are some items Congress has been working on:

- **Westjet 10% discount.** Westjet has provided a booking account QC #4698 for the upcoming Canadian Shuffleboard Championships in Edmonton from September 30-October 07, 2007. Attendees can submit their booking request forms via fax at 1-800-582-7072 or email conventions@westjet.com. For flight schedule information, please visit their website at www.westjet.com. This excludes web and promotional fares.

Westjet offers one complimentary ticket for every 50 seats booked. We were shy by 1-2 seats last year so maybe this year, we will break the 50+ mark. This complimentary ticket may be used for a draw or raffle item at the conference/convention only. So, please ensure Doreen is aware of your flight information if booking through Westjet.

- **CSC Logo.** As you can see from this Newsletter and the website, we are using our new Canadian Shuffleboard Congress logo! We have also designed new letterhead. We will have samples at the AGM.
- **3 way tie for 1st place.** Need to review possible rule change to the Playoff format. One suggestion came from Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Association from one of the players directly involved in the Men's Singles first place 3 way tie last year:

The tie breaker games to determine positioning should be best 2 out of 3 games and not a single game. In other words, a 2 out of 3 elimination match rather than single game elimination.

Please bring any other suggestions to the AGM.

- **National Sponsorship.** Nothing to report at this time. If any players have business contacts who may possibly be interested in being a national sponsor for CSC, please provide the contact information to one of the Congress Executive.
- **Rule Books.** The Rule Book has been added to the website. Some wording in the Rule Book needs to be reviewed and will be discussed at the AGM. An example would be:

5(a) Except in singles play, a player shall not walk past the FOUL LINE of the table or it constitutes a foul. PENALTY: Warning for the first offence and the loss of ONE (1) point for each succeeding offence in the same game or match.

Change to: ... Warning for first offence and award of one (1) point to the non-offending player(s) for each succeeding offence in the same game or match.

You can't take a point away so it has to be awarded to the other player(s).

Congratulations to all those players who qualified to represent their Charters at this year's Canadians – some to compete for another Canadian Championship, others competing for their first championship, and those attending the Canadians as first time competitors. We will all soon be meeting in Edmonton. Remember you can always check on the CSC website for more information i.e. hotel, Charter representatives, including information on the Canadian Open in Victoria, the Alberta Open on the May long weekend and the 2nd annual Saskatchewan Open on the July long weekend.

The Agenda for the 2007 AGM will soon be posted to the Congress website. Please advise me, or any member of the Congress Executive, of any items you wish added to the Annual General Meeting's Agenda.

Brian and I are looking forward to being a part of the Canadians in Edmonton and seeing everyone soon.

Your Pres, Lorraine

HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame (HOF) Committee would like to propose the following changes to the nomination process:

- The HOF Committee has the ability to nominate and induct, at any time, a player or builder who meets the qualifications.
- The HOF Committee will review, nominate and induct up to 5 players and 2 Promoters from the players of the Hosting Charter of that year's Canadian Championships. For example, this year would be Shuffleboard Association of Alberta and next year would be Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Association.
- Players and Promoters can continue to be nominated by players and/or Charters as long as those individuals meet the HOF requirements.
- If a Player or Promoter is nominated by the HOF Committee, then the Player's/Promoter's Charter will be responsible for supplying a history or a biography of the individual who is being inducted.
- The Canadian Shuffleboard Congress will be responsible for the banquet tickets for those being inducted and who will attend the Awards banquet.
- Any individual who is being inducted that cannot attend, or is deceased, will be inducted in a ceremony at the Hospitality Night (Monday), as well as being mentioned at the Awards banquet.

I am pleased to advise that the following six Players and/or Promoters will be inducted into the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress Hall of Fame at this year's Canadians:

Sandy Sandquist as a Promoter. Sandy was a pioneer/founder of shuffleboard in Canada.

Dave Neufeld as a Promoter. Dave was the first President of the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress.

Art Evans, Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Association, as a Player and Promoter. I am certain there is not one shuffleboarder from across Canada who has not met or knows Art Evans.

Sharon Juhlke, Vancouver Island Shuffleboard Association, as a Player – 13 Canadian Championships.

Jim Nicoll, Shuffleboard Association of Alberta, as a Player – 12 Canadian Championships.

Kelly Restau, Shuffleboard Association of Alberta, as a Player – 7 Canadian Championships.

EDMONTON

Host of the 2007 Canadian Championships!!

Hello...the playdowns have been completed for the Shuffleboard Association of Alberta. The results are as follows:

Ladies' Singles: Pat Cerin
Men's Singles: Jim Nicoll
Mixed Doubles: Bill & Carol Cowan
Ladies' Doubles: Diana Madsen & Tania Ketke
Men's Doubles: Bill Cowan & Vern Jensen

We are busily getting things in order to host the 2007 Canadians here in Edmonton. For those who aren't aware, they will be held at the Executive Royal Inn, 10010-178 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5S 1T3. Contact number is 780-484-6000 (you must use the in house reservation # when booking under Group #3925), there will be more information coming shortly relative to the hotel etc. We are looking forward to seeing all the charter reps in October.

TRANSPORTATION: AIRPORT PICK-UP

SAA will have a van available to pick people up at the airport. **If you require a ride please contact Bill Cowan at billcxwxman@shaw or 1-780-455-1344** with your flight number, arrival time and number of people.

Vern Jensen
SAA President

SASKATCHEWAN

Hello shuffleboard friends cross Canada, hope you have enjoyed your summer...it certainly has been a hot one here in Saskatchewan!! SSA has had an eventful year to date & here are a few highlights.

SSA **Super Bowl & Survivor Fever Pools** saw some pretty happy winners & raised good money along with our **Steak Night/Silent Auction Reunion** Feb. 10 which was an overwhelming success with over 200 guests. Art & Irene Evans contacted some original players who attended this exceptional evening at the Eagles Club with superb donated items, along with 50/50 draws, horse races, bottle draws & a Mystery Raffle won by Irene Evans.

Our **All Stars** Tournament in February...had congrats go to "**Your Ugly**" **West Team** captained by Marlowe & his "Uglies": Charlene, Doug, Liz, Kelvin & Bill for their victory over "**The Beasts From The**" **East Team** captained by Rod with his "Beasts": Fernando, Garry, Hank, Beth & Ronda. The **Craven Open** in March had Shelley Coubrough & Liz Patrick taking first place (in only 6 games) over 2nd Doug Geinow & Allan Carton with a tie for 3rd Bill Pretty & Larry Swayn and Mike Johnson & Rod Betker. Both these tournaments saw great camaraderie, close games, far too many shooters & a super time had by all!!

The 2nd **Annual Sask Open** held July Long Weekend at the Eagles Club with players from Victoria, Edmonton & Calgary (nice to see you all, some returning some new) along with our home town players was a huge success & for the most part the money stayed in Regina!! Great friends (I still want to know how Rod survived with 4 women Liz along with Linda, Peggy & Mary from Calgary & kept his cool); excellent games; yummy Jell-O Sliders (all 1,147 of them made by 10 devoted SSA Slider Makers); wonderful door prizes & a great Mystery Raffle. And...the results: the **Open Doubles** 1st Liz Patrick & Marlowe Halvorson (Regina), 2nd Ronda Sentes & Rod Betker (Regina), 3rd Jamie McCrimmon & Rick Litman (Calgary), 4th Robyn "The Shooter" White & Mike Johnson (Regina), the **Ladies Singles** 1st Liz Patrick (Regina), 2nd Hazel Turgeon (Regina), 3rd Olga Forster (Regina), 4th Charlene Lucas (Regina), the **Men Singles** 1st Rod Betker (Regina), 2nd Vern Elliott (Regina), 3rd Rick Litman (Calgary) tied for 4th Mike Provencher (Victoria) & David Coulthard (Edmonton). A **HUGE** thanks to the staff at the Eagles Club, to Marlowe Halvorson for his unique way of fundraising for this event, to Rod Betker for donating Men's Singles Trophy & SSA donating Ladies Singles Trophy, to Jamie McCrimmon for being our Calcutta Caller & Mike Provencher for his "donation" to our Jell-O slider fundraiser & to our Sponsors & Volunteers who are noted on our website!! After the games a BBQ was hosted by Rod & Liz at their home (were you too tuckered out Kabal to attend) with more shuffleboard playing, a bon fire in the back yard & Canada Day fireworks to be seen from their front yard.

Congratulations to our Provincial Reps:

Mixed Doubles: Bill Parrell & Liz Patrick
Men's Singles: Bill Parrell
Ladies' Singles: Charlene Lucas
Men's Doubles: Marlowe Halvorson & Glen Forster
Ladies' Doubles: Charlene Lucas & Liz Patrick

Good Luck in Edmonton!!

Congratulations to the Provincial winners from across Canada, looking forward to seeing you all in Edmonton this October! As always thanks to Lorrie Guillaume for maintaining our SSA Website

I'm starting a new **Let's Go Green** Section in our SSA Table Talk Newsletter so here is a tip for everyone...Did You Know if the temperature on your hot water tank is set at 50 degrees Celsius (120 degrees Fahrenheit) that for every 5.5 degrees C (10 degrees F) reduction saves you up to 13 per cent on your water heating costs. Try It!!

Liz Patrick, SSA Secretary/Treasurer
<http://www.geocities.com/saskshuffleboard/>

SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Hi all... well it has been a very hot summer in Calgary, the Stampede is over and we can all get back to normal again. Many are away on holidays at this time.

The following will represent SASA at the Canadians:

Men's Single: Rick Litman
Ladies' Single: Peggy McCrimmon
Mixed Doubles: Gina Williams and Rick Litman
Men's Doubles: Rick Litman and Gary Landgraf
Ladies' Doubles: Gina Williams and Peggy McCrimmon

We wish them all the best in Edmonton.

To all going to the Canadians have a great time shuffleboarding and just have fun, fun, fun!!! Carl Archibald's home was broken into while they were at the Saskatchewan Open so at present they are without a computer. Speaking of the Saskatchewan Open, the people from Calgary reported that a great time was had by all.

Betty Simison
Secretary

ONTARIO

Greeting...well Ontario has finished another successful year with more new players joining us.

On Feb. 24th we held our annual Jackie Baverstock and John Wajtaszynski memorial tournament with 19 teams attending.

- 1st place – Albert Westfall and Rick Beaulieu
- 2nd place – Gord Pembroke and Brenda Brown
- 3rd place – Richie Kresse and Al Kuenzler
- 4th place – Joyce Davidson and Nancy-Jean Wagar

Our last qualifying tournament was held on April 14th and was the 4th annual Earl Kurt Memorial Tournament again with 19 teams.

- 1st place – Randy Homanchuk and Rod Hoffman
- 2nd place – Nick Smits and Albert Westfall
- 3rd place – Mary Thompson and Doug Barrett
- 4th place – Art Gysbers and Richie Kresse

We had a record number of participants in our Ontario playdowns held at the Kitchener Legion on May 11th, 12th and 13th with the following winners.

- Mixed Doubles:** Bonnie Redmond and Francis (Farmer) Baverstock (a father/daughter team who are both new to the Canadian playdown scene.)
- Ladies' Singles:** Brenda Brown
- Men's Singles:** Merv Neil—another new player for the Canadian playdowns.
- Ladies' Doubles:** Brenda Brown and Theresa Lynk
- Men's Doubles:** Francis (Farmer) Baverstock and Rick Beaulieu

Everyone is looking forward to playing in Edmonton and shopping at the Mall. Good luck to all participants.

Audrey Denny
Ontario Shuffleboard Association
Secretary/Treasurer

EASTERN ONTARIO

Hello Everyone ... We hope you all enjoyed your summer vacation. It has been extremely hot here, of late, but should see some relief soon. Our league play is going well, we took the month on June off, this year, and resumed again in July.

Our Canadian Representatives this year are as follows:

- Mixed Doubles:** Cindy Roberts & Jim Baker
- Ladies' Singles:** Bert Rector
- Men's Singles:** Jim Baker
- Ladies' Doubles:** Cindy Roberts & Fran Vrooman
- Men's Doubles:** Kevin (Chuck) Sagriff & Steve (Wolf) Lemon

We wish you all the best of luck with your games and have fun in Edmonton!!

Jean Compeau
President

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Our leagues finished in April/May with a couple of weeks break and then right into our Spring League, Provincial Playdowns, Canadian Masters and A-B Shortboard Tournament.

Our B.C. Open was held the weekend of June 14 – 17, 2007, at ANAF # 45, North Vancouver. Congratulations to all our winners - a job well done.

- Ladies Singles:** WINNER: Avis Sinclair Runner-up: Sandra Docile
- Men's Singles:** WINNER: Ken Griggs Runner-up: Harry Oda
- Ladies' Doubles:** WINNERS: Katie and Sandra Docile
Runners-up: Susan Clark and Lil Dejonghe
- Men's Doubles:** WINNERS: Marty Atkinson and Nick Billings
Runners-up: Brian Burchynsky and Joe Burry
- Mixed Doubles:** WINNERS: Marty Atkinson and Elaine Hill
Runners-up: Mel Sinclair and Jackie Stolarchuk

We held our Playdowns in mid July this year once again at The Elks in New Westminster. Our winners and runners-up are noted below. Congratulations to our BC Team of six, namely: Darlene, Nick, Sandra and Katie Docile, Dan with partner Nick and Joanie with partner Dan.

- Ladies' Singles:** WINNER: **Darlene Docile** Runner-Up: Katie Docile
- Men's Singles:** WINNER: **Nick Billings** Runner-Up: Ken Griggs
- Ladies' Doubles:** WINNERS: **Sandra Docile and Katie Docile**
Runners-Up: Jackie Stolarchuk and Shirley Aldridge
- Men's Doubles:** WINNERS: **Dan Williams and Nick Billings**
Runners-Up: Marty Atkinson and Brian Burchynsky
- Mixed Doubles:** WINNERS: **Joanie Millar and Dan Williams**
Runners-Up: Susan Clark and Nick Billings

Joanie underwent triple bi-pass surgery on August 2nd and has been recovering at her new home and spending time with family in Kelowna. Joanie is doing well and on the road to recovering, however, she will not be strong enough to attend the Canadians and will not be participating in the Mixed Doubles with Dan Williams. Susan Clark, our runner-up, will be teaming up with Dan Williams in the Mixed event. Joanie will most certainly be missed in Edmonton.

Our A-B Tournament is scheduled for September 7-9 at ANAF #45.

Our team and supporters are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Canadians in Edmonton, Alberta.

Susan Clark,
Vice-President

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Hello to you all from Sunny Victoria. After a wet beginning, our summer has finally arrived and most of the inhabitants of this fair Island bask in the warmth, and others, like myself hide under a tree for shade. I hope this finds you all happy and in good health and enjoying your summer.

We have not had any tournaments over the summer months but I am sure that our reps for the Canadian Championships this year will be sharpening their game strategies very soon. This year the VISA reps are as follows:

Mixed Doubles: Mike Provencher & Carla Dempsey
Men's Singles: Kabal Bimb
Ladies' Singles: Teresa Tate
Ladies' Doubles: Carla Dempsey & Chucky Boustead
Men's Doubles: Kabal Bimb & Leigh Hegan

I know Bill and Carol and their crew are busy getting all the final details ironed out for the event and I'm sure they will do a bang up job as usual. I wish all players the best.

On behalf of all the players from VISA I wish Joanie Millar a speedy recovery from her heart surgery. I'm sure she will be fit as a fiddle for the Canadians in October and will give you all a lesson as usual. We love you Joanie and wish you the best.

On a sad note, we have lost three great members over the summer months. Gerry Dempsey lost his hard fought battle to cancer on June 8th. We had a nice gathering to say goodbye to Gerry at the Esquimalt Legion and some very funny stories were told. I have personally known Gerry for 20 years and I did get a few smiles from the stories. Our heartfelt condolences to Carla and the girls.

The second member who passed away, in July, was Gerry Domshy. Gerry played on the Jolly Greens team from the Langford Legion. I was away at the time and did not attend his service but I understand that it was very well attended. Gerry was a great guy who always had a smile for everyone. We will miss him.

The third member who passed away on August 7th was Bryon Waddell. Brian played for the Terminator's team from the Esquimalt Legion.

Again I wish Bill Cowan and the Edmonton crew all the best in October. Good shooting to all participants.

Your friend;

Claudia Wright
VISA President

MANITOBA

Hello from Manitoba: Summer is over, the spring rains finally stopped with July and August being very warm. It was so hot that it killed off a lot of our famous mosquitoes.

Our season ended with Al Fulsher's team winning Division I and Pat Chymy's team won Division II as well as the aggregate. They won by a fraction over Don Heaton's team. It was all very exciting and congratulations to all.

The Manitoba Reps that will be attending the Canadians in Edmonton are:

Mixed Doubles: Harvey Groleau & Cynthia Chudyk-Collins
Men's Singles: Don Heaton
Ladies' Singles: Cynthia Chudyk-Collins
Ladies' Doubles: Wendy Popkes & Raye Gerardy
Men's Doubles: Harvey Groleau & Mike Jacoby

The annual banquet was once again held at the Viscount-Gort on May 12th at which time the trophies were presented.

The summer has been a busy time for everyone and we are now getting ready for the coming season. The Manitoba Open Tournament will be held at the Winnipeg Hotel on September 14th, 15th and 16th. Further information can be found on our website.

The Manitoba Charter will be having their General Meeting in October and the elections for the new executive will be held at that time.

Good Luck to all the reps that will be attending the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships in Edmonton.

See you in Edmonton
Rosie Adams – President

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If there are any changes or updates, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer or one of the Provincial Executive Members above.