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CONGRESS NEWS

Hello to everyone. We are only a month away to Canadian Championships. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Winnipeg. I know Faye and her executive have been hard at work and I am sure we are all in for a great week. My thanks in advance go out to everyone in Winnipeg who is helping to host this event.

Congratulations to all the charter winners. There are a few new names on that list this year. It is always exciting to have players competing in their first championship. I wish them all luck and hope that their experience is fun and rewarding. To all the "veterans", good luck to you all. With the list of competitors it should be an excellent week of play.

It will be back to league play for most of the charters after the Canadians. I hope that all charters have a successful and fun year.

It has been a busy year tournament wise. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the tournaments in Victoria, Edmonton, and Calgary. All three tournaments were well run and my personal thanks to all involved in the running of these tournaments. There were a few other tournaments that were held over the year that I was unfortunately unable to attend. I have received nothing but positive feedback from everyone who attended the various tournaments. Again, thanks to all involved in running these tournaments. It can sometimes be a thankless job, but please be assured that all the hard work that is involved is very much appreciated by all the players.

As my first year as congress president is coming to a close, I just want to personally thank Rod Betker, Charlene Lucas, and Doreen Clark for all of their help and support this year. In particular, Doreen, who does a tremendous amount of work, including keeping me up to speed on everything that needs to be done.

Jamie McCrimmon
President

MANITOBA

Host of the 2009 Canadian Championships!!

Hello from Manitoba. I can't believe October will soon be here. We are continually getting ready to host the 2009 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships and are looking forward to seeing many of you again, and also to meeting some new reps.

Please remember to contact Raymonde Gerardy at raymonde4@gmail.com with your travel arrangements. We don't want to leave anyone at the airport.

Visit the Norwood Hotel's website: <http://www.norwood-hotel.com/> to view the accommodations. Rooms are \$95.00 plus taxes. Reservations can be made by email at reservations@norwood-hotel.com or yianni@norwood-hotel.com or by calling 1-888-888-1878. Quote group number 059517 or mention the Shuffleboard Association when reserving. This is a smaller venue and all rooms will be strictly used for the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships players and spectators.

The Manitoba representatives this year will be:

Mixed Doubles:	Cynthia Chudyk-Collins Harvey Grouleau
Ladies' Singles:	Raymonde Gerardy
Men's Singles:	Don Heaton
Ladies' Doubles:	Raymonde Gerardy Wendy Popkes
Men's Doubles:	Don Heaton Al Heaton

Our Manitoba Open is coming up soon on September 11, 12, and 13th at the Norwood Legion, 134 Marion St. Check for more information on our website at www.shuffleboard.wordpress.com. We welcome any out of town guests.

We will kick off our next season with our General Meeting on October 20th, 2009 at the Norwood Legion at which time our election of officers will be held. We encourage all of the membership to attend

See you in October

Faye Mitchell
President

SOUTHERN ALBERTA

"Several players from our Charter attended the tournaments which were held in Victoria, Edmonton and Regina. All had a great time and all were very well run. Congratulations to all these Charters for yet another great year of tournaments.

We had our Canadian Playdowns and will be represented this year as follows:

Mixed Doubles: Rick Litman and Peggy McCrimmon
Men's singles: Gary Landgraf
Ladies' Singles: Peggy McCrimmon
Men's Doubles: Rick Litman and Gary Landgraf
Ladies' Doubles: Peggy McCrimmon and Debbie Howe

The Ladies singles, however, will be represented by Rita McCrimmon who placed second because Peggy could not compete in this event.

Our Fall/Winter season will be starting again in October with 6 full teams and a possibility of a seventh.

We are well underway on plans for the 2010 Canadians with the hotel and banquet center in the final stages of being booked.

Vernon Maguire
President

SASKATCHEWAN

GREETINGS FROM SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan Players & Guests are looking forward to attending the 2009 Canadians being held in Winnipeg this October.

Thanks to our Executive for all their hard work over this past year & very special thank you to Lorrie Guillaume for creating the new & maintaining our SSA Website, great job as usual,
(<http://saskshuffleboard.bravehost.com/>), check it out!!

Our year end awards banquet was held May 2nd supper was BBQ'd by Dan & Marlene Allen & rest of supper provided by Fraternal Order of Eagles...yummy!! **League All Stars Runners Up: West** Dave Loughren, Marlowe Halvorson, Bill Yung, Beth Beausoleil, Doug Lynas & Val Pretty & **League All Stars Winners: East** Rod Betker, Mark Anderson, Allan Carton, Vern Elliott, Doug Gienow & Mike Johnson; **Most Improved With Sportsmanlike Qualities West:** Alvin Sentes & for the **East:** Mike Johnson; **Rookies of the Year West:** Robyn White & **East:** Mark Holt. **West Division League Winners:** Bangers Captained By Fernando Freitas with Val Pretty, John Lampard, Rod Lacelle, Charlie Lewchuck & Sherri Clark & the **East Division League Winners:** Myliverhurts Captained By Rod Betker, with Mike Johnson, Ashley Lynas, Gloria Desjarlais, Jeremy Fox, Charlene Lucas & Larry Lucas.

B-Side League Winners Captained By Bill Pretty with Larry Swain, Tracy Lynas, Doug Lynas, Bill Bumphrey, Bill Yung & Martti Mielonen & the **League Champions** Captained By Marlowe Halvorson with Kelvin Swain, Shelley Coubrough, Bill Parrell, Robyn White, Paul Zerr & Liz Patrick. Congrats to all.

The **4th Annual Sask Open** was held the August Long Weekend, with the following results The ever popular Hot Shots 1st Bill Parrell (Regina) & the following placing 2nd Glen Forster (Regina), 3rd Mark Anderson (Regina), 4th Vern Elliott (Regina) & 5th Carol Cowan (Edmonton) and in the Mixed Doubles (20 Teams) 1st Bill & Carol Cowan (Edmonton); 2nd Rod Lacelle & Sheila Pelletier (Regina); 3rd Rod Betker (Regina) & Charlene Lucas (Fort Qu'Appelle); 4th Marlowe Halvorson & Liz Patrick (Regina) and in the Men's Doubles (12 Teams) 1st Bill Cowan & David Coulthard (Edmonton); 2nd Marlowe Halvorson (Regina) & Mike Provencher (Victoria); 3rd Vern Jensen (Edmonton) & Glen Forster (Regina); 4th Rod Betker & Mike Johnson (Regina); Ladies Doubles (8 Teams) 1st Charlene Lucas (Fort Qu'Appelle) & Liz Patrick (Regina); 2nd Robyn White & Olga Forster (Regina); 3rd Mona Sarrasin (Winnipeg) & Rita McCrimmon (Calgary); 4th Carol Cowan & Marian Jensen (Edmonton) and in the Men's Singles (22 Players) 1st Rod Betker (Regina); 2nd David Coulthard (Edmonton); 3rd Mike Johnson (Regina); 4th Bob Hekl (Winnipeg); Ladies Singles (15 Players) 1st Peggy McCrimmon (Calgary); 2nd Cindy Kehler (Regina); 3rd Sheila Pelletier (Regina); 4th Robyn White (Regina)

A **VERY SPECIAL** thank you to our **In & Out of Town Players**, who made this so successful & to the **Shuffleboard Mascot** "Tawny Cowan" from Edmonton, you sure put a smile on everyone's faces!! A **HUGE** thank you to our Sponsors & Volunteers: Fraternal Order of Eagles, Dan Allen, Shoppers Drug Mart (Wendy), Marlowe Halvorson, Shelley Coubrough, Liz Patrick, Rod Betker, Marty DeVries, Garry Whalen, Olga Forster, Alyson Swift, Robyn White, Tami Running, John Pineau, Gary Klotz & Linda McKendrick. To our Merry Band of Board Movers...Mark Anderson along with James Brown, Paul Zerr, Mike Johnson & Rod Lacelle (under the watchful eyes of Rod Betker & Marlowe Halvorson) & a very special thanks to the Eagle Bartenders, Michelle & Marnie for your exceptional service...wow...superb job!!

There is always a board player at the Fraternal Order of Eagles if you are ever in Regina area, so do drop in!!

Our SSA Provincial winners are Mixed Doubles: Rod Betker & Charlene Lucas; Men's Singles: Rod Betker; Ladies' Singles: Robyn White; Men's Doubles: Rod Betker & Dave Loughren; Ladies' Doubles Robyn White & Val Pretty Congrats.

Remember...It takes more grace than man can tell to play the second fiddle well.

Liz Patrick
Secretary

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Our winter longboard leagues (LSABC) wrapped-up in May, with a "Tropical Theme" Awards banquet held on June 13, 2009. A great time it was with approx 140 in attendance, flower shirts and leis aplenty!

The North Shore Shuffleboard Assoc (NSSA) also wrapped up their Tuesday shortboard winter league with a banquet on May 30, 2009.

Our Spring shortboard league (BCSA) was very successful this year with draw 4 person teams playing 7 weeks. The winning team players were Ken Griggs, Theresa Cartwright, Randy Storjeoff and Agnes Lee. \$1000 was raised for BCSA. Many thanks to those that participated!

BCSA Playdowns were in June at ANAF #45 in North Vancouver. Our winners and runners-up are noted below. Congratulations to Darlene Docile on her triple crown and to our BC Team of five.

Ladies' Singles:
WINNER: **Darlene Docile**
Runner-Up: Elaine Hill

Men's Singles:
WINNER: **Jim Nicoll**
Runner-Up: Ken Griggs

Ladies' Doubles:
WINNERS: **Darlene Docile and Susan Clark**
Runners-Up: Sandra Docile and Katie Docile

Men's Doubles:
WINNERS: **Jim Nicoll and Gordie Smith**
Runners-Up: Brian Burchynsky and Mike Billings

Mixed Doubles:
WINNERS: **Darlene Docile and Eric Kolsrud**
Runners-Up: Jackie Stolarchuk and Mel Sinclair

Our BC Open is scheduled for September 11-13 with 5 events. Please see the Congress website for more information. If any of shufflers from across Canada would like to join us for our Open, please do not hesitate to contact any of our Executive members.

BCSA is looking forward to hosting the Canadian Championships in 2011 and we are busy checking out possible venues and constantly brainstorming for new fundraising ideas to help reach our financial goals.

This year's team is certainly looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2009 Canadians in Winnipeg!

Elaine Hill
Secretary-Treasurer

EASTERN ONTARIO

Hello from Eastern Ontario

Hope everyone had a good summer!!!

Not much news from here....we had a number of tournaments with 5 to 10 teams participating but there doesn't seem to be as much interest anymore.

We had our playoffs in May with the following people representing Eastern Ontario at the Canadians:

Mixed Doubles: Earl Rector and Donna Teal
Ladies' Singles: Cindy Roberts
Ladies' Doubles: Cindy Roberts and Mary Ellen Amey
Men's Singles: Jim Baker
Men's Doubles: Jim Baker and Andy Crausen

We have a couple tournaments scheduled for September at our local Legion to get us ready to play at the Canadians this year.

We are very sorry to hear about Audrey Denny's passing, she was a fine person and a good friend. She will be missed!

We're looking forward to seeing all our shuffleboard friends in Winnipeg and I am sure they are working hard to put on a great tournament.

See you in October.

Jim Baker
President

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Hello from your friends on Vancouver Island. I hope everyone had a great summer.... our weather couldn't have been better.

Our playdowns were held in April with the following players representing VISA:

Mixed Doubles: Leigh Hegan and Teresa Tate
Ladies' Singles: Teresa Tate
Men's Singles: Kabal Bimb
Ladies' Doubles: Doreen Clark and Teresa Tate
Men's Doubles: Mike Provencher and Jake Jacob

We are looking forward to Manitoba's hospitality. See you all very soon.

Leigh Hegan
Vice President

ONTARIO

Hello from southern Ontario!

Hope everyone has enjoyed the summer, as wild and unusual as it was all across Canada!

In January our AGM was held and there was a change in the OSA executive. Audrey Denny has decided to retire from her position after almost two decades. Audrey has been the reason the OSA has stayed so organized and has always kept things running smooth. We wish her lots of luck and plenty of rest. It will be a challenge but I will try very hard to fill her shoes. The new executive is as follows:

- President: Richard (Rico) Beaulieu
- Vice President: Bonnie Redmond
- Secretary / Treasurer: Theresa Lynk

Another shuffleboard regular season has passed and all three leagues from Milton, Niagara Region and Kitchener have had their playoffs and banquets.

OSA Playdowns were held in May and the following players will be representing the OSA charter in Winnipeg in October.

- Mixed Doubles:** Brenda Brown and Al Kuenzler (Branch 412 Polish Legion)
- Ladies Singles:** Darlene Perusello (Milton)
- Men's Singles:** Rico Beaulieu (Branch 412 Polish Legion)
- Ladies Doubles :** Darlene Perusello (Milton) and Theresa Lynk (Branch 412 Polish Legion)
- Men's Doubles:** Rico Beaulieu (Branch 412 Polish Legion) and Scott Burwell (Welland)

As everyone put away the shuffleboard supplies for the summer many of us have turned our interests to beaches, cottages and golf courses!

We have an exciting and full schedule planned for the 2009 / 2010 fall, winter season, with 18 tournaments in total divided between our three districts.

Milton has five tournaments on their roster so that should conquer the Shuffleboard thirst in that district!

Niagara Region has a new "Rookie" format on their list which will hopefully attract new players from that area.
Kitchener has seven tournaments scheduled so we will all be kept busy.

A special tournament has been organized by Paul Baker and the Polish Legion Branch 412 Sports Committee. This in hopes that everyone can hone up their playing skills before we all jump into the new season and of course it will be a great chance for the 2009 OSA representatives to dust off the summer cobwebs before heading to Winnipeg.

A first annual "Fun Raiser" dance is scheduled for September and we're hoping for a good turnout. There will be music, dancing, prizes and food for everyone. It will be nice to reunite with all the shufflers again after all the vacations are said and done.

As some may already know "Geocities" is shutting down the free websites and we are currently looking for a new "free" website if possible. There are a few options that I have in mind including a possible sponsor so hopefully there won't be any interruption.
Congratulations to SSA and Lorrie Guillaume for the great job she did on relocating their site!

Congratulations also to all the charter representatives from across Canada.

Good luck to MSA on hosting the 2009 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships. See everyone in October.

On a very sad note: Since the time of this newsletter being created the OSA has lost a very important icon to our association. Audrey Denny lost her battle with cancer on August 25, 2009. She passed on peacefully, at home, with her husband Geoff and all her family at her side.

Our condolences go out to all her family and her so many friends. Audrey's name has been synonymous with shuffleboard in Southern Ontario. She was a very important part of establishing the Ontario Shuffleboard Association. Audrey was known by most players from all across Canada and will be missed so very much. Thank you so much to the CSC for Audrey's induction into the HOF at the CSC Championships in Regina in October 2008. She was so grateful for such a great award and such a worthy recipient.

Theresa Lynk
Secretary-Treasurer

ALBERTA

The Alberta Open was our last home tournament and due to a SNAFU our location had to be moved to The Kingsway Legion on short notice resulting in a very small profit margin.

The summer was very quiet here so we are looking forward to our season starting in September. There is hope we will have about 40 in our League for the 2009- 2010 season.

Carol and I are getting ready for Winnipeg, see you there.

Bill Cowan,
President

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