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CONGRESS NEWS

Hello to everyone across Canada. I hope that everyone is doing well and I am looking forward to seeing everyone next month. We are closing in on another Canadian Championships, a little under a month away. Congratulations to all the charter representatives on making it to the Championships, good luck to all. I know that the organizing committee in Victoria has been hard at work and I am confident that they will do a tremendous job with hosting.

It has been a rather quiet year for me in terms of traveling this year. Work commitments did not allow for me to make as many trips this year as in years past. I was able to attend the Saskatchewan Open in August. As always an excellent tournament, but as with everywhere else this year, numbers were down in terms of participants. I do realize that economic times have changed in the last few years making it harder for people to travel; we just have to persevere and do our best to promote this game. I am confident that there are enough players who enjoy this game to sustain and grow the game in the future. More so now than any other time in recent memory, we all need to put our best effort forward to continue growing this game. I appreciate the effort that everyone has put forth and thank you for all for that effort.

With the end of summer upon us, most charters will be starting up their leagues soon. This is the area which we need to recruit and promote the most. Any new player is a bonus to the entire congress in helping sustain the game in the future. The newest player today may be a Canadian Championship next year. It has happened recently so it is possible.

As always, I would like to give a big thank you to this year's executive Rod Betker, Rick Litman, and Doreen Hegan for all the work that they have done. It has been a pleasure, as always, working with you guys. You all do a tremendous job for congress.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Victoria next month.

Jamie McCrimmon
Congress President

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Host of the 2012 Canadian Championships!!

Hello to all our friends and family across Canada! What a great summer it has been! We hope you all had a great summer too and got to visit with friends and family over the last few months.

We are sure looking forward to having everyone here in Beautiful BC in October. Hopefully our weather will remain nice and summer will continue into October. It has happened on occasion and would be especially nice to have this year.

We are working hard to provide a great Canadian Shuffleboard Championship for 2012! We have a nice surprise for the Annual General Meeting and the Meet and Greet! Be prepared to board the bus at 1:00 pm on Monday, October 1st, and that is all I will say on that!

Check out the website to see information on the Ramada Inn and the accommodations:

<http://canadianshuffleboardcongress.com/Championships.html>

Please don't forget to let Doreen know your travel arrangements. We are gathering drivers to pick everyone up at the airport that needs a ride. We just need to know who is coming and when! So don't forget that important item!

Our Drop-in League starts the week of September 3rd, at the Esquimalt Legion, and everyone is welcome to play. So if you are visiting the area feel free to drop in and play with us. We have a lot of fun!

"The Spirit of Canadian Shuffleboard"

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our VISA representatives for this year:

Mixed Doubles: Sharon Juhlke and Kabal Bimb
Ladies' Singles: Doreen Hegan
Men's Singles: Jake Jacob
Ladies' Doubles: Doreen Hegan and Teresa Tate
Men's Doubles: Kabal Bimb and Leigh Hegan

I am sure they will all do us proud! See you a couple of weeks!

Chucky Boustead
President

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Hello Everyone, greetings from the BCSA. Hope this Summer has been a great one for all of you.

Well as the Canadian Championships are fast approaching, the BCSA wishes Vancouver Island all the best in hosting this year's event, which I'm sure will be a huge success. Our representatives are looking forward to seeing all the participants in attendance.

Our leagues winded up successful seasons with banquets in May and June, followed up by our Spring League which had great participation. The BC Open was a great gear up for our playdowns, with a fabulous showing by our members, despite the glorious weather that weekend!

Our Provincial Playdowns were held on September long weekend and were well attended. Congratulations to our representatives:

Mixed Doubles: Ken Griggs & Shirley Aldridge
Ladies' Singles: Katie Docile
Men's Singles: Marty Atkinson
Ladies' Doubles: Susan Clark & Darlene Docile
Men's Doubles: Marty Atkinson & Mike Billings

All 3 leagues will begin play in mid-October, with an expected 8 teams for the North Shore Shuffleboard League and hopefully 9 teams each for the 2 Long Shuffleboard Association leagues.

Hope everyone has a great season and I look forward to seeing all of you who are headed to the Canadians.

See you all in Victoria,
Katie Docile
Vice President

ALBERTA

The fun of being President of the Shuffleboard Association of Alberta the past few years and a player since 1983 have come to an end as it is with much regret that I inform the Canadian Shuffleboard Association that the Charter from the Shuffleboard Association of Alberta will not be renewed for the 2012/ 2013 season. The membership was down to 7 players last season, driving from bar to bar being a serious issue and no location in the city of Edmonton with three or more shuffleboards, tournaments were very hard to do.

Thanks go out to SASA for their help in continuing the Alberta Open Shuffleboard Tournament and to SSA for doing the 50th Anniversary of the Canadians.

On behalf of the current members: David Coulthard, Earl Hatfield, Orville Stemmler, Carol Gwilliam, Maxine Laird, Jeani Kovacs, Cheryl Rossi, Pat Cerin, Helen Thorne, Carol Cowan and myself Bill Cowan. I thank you for a wonderful time.

The 2012 Canadians in Victoria will be our goodbye to a great Shuffleboard family
See you in a few of weeks.

Bill Cowan
President

SOUTHERN ALBERTA

The participants who will be attending this year's Canadian Championships in Victoria are looking forward to seeing everyone and wishing VISA a very successful event.

Our Charter held the Alberta Open on the May long weekend and it was a huge success. Thank you to all of the players who came from various charters and helped make this a record setting tournament for SASA.

As always, the play was serious but there were plenty of laughs and fond memories created. We hope to have added \$\$ again next year with even bigger prize funding.

We are trying a new format this season to try and ease the pressures on new players joining our league. League play will now be on Friday evenings with an ABC format. Our league did not normally start until after the Canadians but now we are starting in early September and running longer in the Spring. We have eliminated the membership fee and will be charging \$5 per night for all players.

Teams will be drawn each week so that we are playing with all league members on a regular bases rather than a fixed team for the whole season. Hopefully, with the new night and the new format, we will encourage some new players to join. We have approached our members on the idea of Congress allowing 2 teams from each charter to represent them at Canadians. This was well received by SASA members. Some members indicated it gave them more incentive to compete.

Again, SASA wishes Victoria all the best in the hosting of the upcoming Canadian Championship. We know it will be a great success!!

Vernon Maguire
President

SASKATCHEWAN

Hello from the Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Association. We are sad to announce the unexpected passing of two of our members, Marlene Winter and Cindy Kehler they will be sadly missed by all of us. Cindy had won our provincial playdowns with her partner Charlene, so we had a meeting where it was decided to pick a name out of a hat between the two second place players, so Charlene will be playing with Sheila Pelletier. I would like to wish all of our provincial champion's good luck

Mixed Doubles: Danny Loughren and Cheryl Loughren
Ladies Singles: Val Pretty
Men's Singles: Marlowe Halvorson
Ladies Doubles: Charlene Lucas and Sheila Pelletier
Men's Doubles: Marlowe Halvorson and Bill Parrell

We had a smaller than usual turnout at our Sask. Open on the Aug. long weekend but as usual we sure did have a lot of fun, I would like to congratulate the winners:

Hot Shot Skills Competition – David Coulthard
Mixed Doubles: Mike Johnson and Robyn White
Men's Singles: Marlowe Halvorson
Ladies Singles: Charlene Lucas
Men's Doubles: Marlowe Halvorson and Bill Parrell
Ladies Doubles: Robyn White and Charlene Lucas

In closing I would like to say we are all looking forward to seeing our shuffleboard family in just a few short weeks and we are excited about bringing the newest addition to our shuffleboard family Robyn's daughter Brooke to meet everybody.

Marlowe Halvorson
President

MANITOBA

Hello from Manitoba

It has been a wonderful summer here, I'm sure everyone is enjoying the nice weather.

Our reps for this year are:

Mixed Doubles: Cynthia Chudyk-Collins & Harvey Groleau
Ladies Singles: Cynthia Chudyk-Collins
Men's Singles: Harold Schmidt
Ladies Doubles: Cynthia Chudyk-Collins & Mona Sarrasin
Men's Doubles: Harvey Groleau & Mike Jacoby

Our General Meeting is September 24th. We hopefully have a couple new teams which will be nice since we lost a few last year.

Have a great Canadians in Victoria.

Faye Mitchell
President

ONTARIO

Hello everyone,

Hope everyone has had a great summer! As we enter September we are once again busy organizing tournaments and fundraisers and planning our trip to beautiful Victoria for the Canadian Championships. Together again for another fun filled week!

The leagues are preparing to start up for another season of Shuffleboard with Milton starting Oct 12th. Kitchener starting October 17th. The USL in Milton had their annual windup party in August and NRSL also held a day of food and fun for all their members.

Our Playdowns were held in May at the Polish Legion in Kitchener and there was a very good turnout. There were 18 Mixed Doubles teams, 14 entries for the Ladies Singles and 14 entries for the Men's Singles. The Ladies Doubles had 8 entries and the Men's Doubles had 11.

The following players will be representing the OSA charter in Victoria in October:

- ❖ **Mixed Doubles: Darlene Perusello** (USL /Milton) and **Roger Lacourse** (Niagara Region)
 - Second Place: Brenda Brown (Branch 412/ Kitchener) and Rico Beaulieu (Branch 412/ Kitchener)
- ❖ **Ladies Singles: Darlene Perusello** (Milton)
 - Second Place: Brenda Brown (Branch 412 /Polish Legion/ Kitchener)
- ❖ **Men's Singles: Rico Beaulieu** (Branch 412/ Kitchener)
 - Second Place: Larry Leiskau (Branch 50 /Fred Gies / Kitchener)
- ❖ **Ladies Doubles : Brenda Brown** (Branch 412 Polish Legion/Kitchener) and **Bonnie Redmond** (Milton)
 - Second Place: Nancy Jean Wagar (Branch 50 /Fred Gies) and Joyce Davidson (Branch 50 /Fred Gies)
- ❖ **Men's Doubles: Rico Beaulieu** (Branch 412/Kitchener) and **John Crites** (Niagara Region)
 - Second Place: Aaron Taylor (Branch 412/Kitchener) and Doug Barrett(Branch 412/Kitchener)

We wish all our players the best of luck!

There is a full schedule planned for the 2012 / 2013 season, with 19 tournaments in all.

This year we have a new "Winner Take All" tournament added and will be played at RCL Branch 50 /Fred Gies in Kitchener. Thanks to Larry Leiskau for arranging this.

Milton will kick off the season with the Audrey Denny Memorial the week after the Canadians and will host 4 other tourneys as well. Kitchener has 8 scheduled and Niagara Region's first tournament of 6 for the year will be an A/B Draw tournament. This is a new for them. There are several new players and this format will help to improve their playing skills by pairing them up with more experienced players.

Our annual "Fun Raiser" dance will be held in Milton on September 08th and everyone looks forward to that!

Congratulations also to all the charter representatives from across Canada.

Good luck to VISA on hosting the 2012 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships. It sure sounds like they are very organized. See everyone in October.

Theresa Lynk
Secretary-Treasurer

EASTERN ONTARIO

We started our 2012/2013 season with a tourney at the Bath Legion #623 on Sept 8-12 and even though the power was out due to a wind storm we had 10 teams in an open draw tournament. The bar was open so players stayed and power was restored at 2:00 p.m. We had a great tourney. There was lots of talk about next years Canadians in Ontario and there were many new people showing interest. Hopefully this will help us rebuild our charter and possibly play in future Canadian Championships.

We have tournaments set for the first Saturday of each month at the Bath Legion #623 until May 2013.

Best of luck to all players at the 2012 Canadians in Victoria. I wish I could be there.

Bye for now, hope to see all my shuffling friends in the future.

Jim Baker, President

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