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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, in just under two weeks.

Congratulations to all the charter representatives on making it to the Championships, good luck to all. From looking at the list of charter reps, we have 7 first time participants this year. I hope that they all enjoy the experience that comes with playing in this prestigious event. I know that the organizing committee in Kitchener 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, again this year, for me in terms of traveling. 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 the last couple of years, numbers were down in terms of participants. As I stated last year, 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 remain 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 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 of Charlene Lucas, Rick Litman, and Doreen Hegan for all the work that they have done.

It has been a pleasure, as always, working with you guys. I would also like to acknowledge Vernon Maguire and all the other charter members of the rules committee for the time and effort that they put in. You guys all do a tremendous job.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Kitchener next month.

Jamie McCrimmon, Congress President

ONTARIO

Host of the 2013 Canadian Championships!!

Hello everyone!

Hope everyone has had a great summer! Here we are in September and hustling to get everything ready for the 2013 Canadian Championships.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to Kitchener again and hope we have good weather to match the beautiful fall colors that are already starting to appear!

Please don't forget to let Theresa know your flight information so there will be a smiling "someone" to get to the Holiday Inn!

All the leagues are set to start in the next couple of months and the OSA Tournament schedule is in place with 19 tournaments scheduled in the three districts of Niagara Region, Milton and Kitchener.

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 Kitchener in October:

Mixed Doubles: Darlene Perusello (USL / Milton) and Jean Luc Chatillon (USL / Milton)

- Second Place: Mary Barrett (Branch 412/ Kitchener) and Aaron Taylor (Branch 412/ Kitchener)

Ladies' Singles: Brenda Brown (Branch 412 / Polish Legion / Kitchener)

- Second Place: Mary Barrett (Branch 412 /Polish Legion/ Kitchener)

Men's Singles: Scott Burwell (Niagara Region)

- Second Place: Rico Beaulieu (Branch 412 /Polish Legion/ Kitchener)

Ladies' Doubles: Nancy Jean Wagar (Branch 50 / Fred Gies / Kitchener) and Joyce Davidson (Branch 50 /Fred Gies)

- Second Place: Darlene Perusello (USL /Milton) and Theresa Lynk (Branch 412/ Kitchener)

Men's Doubles: Rico Beaulieu (Branch 412/Kitchener) and John Crites (Niagara Region)

- Second Place: Gary Dixon (Niagara Region) and Elvis Racicot(Niagara Region)

Congratulations to all our players the best of luck as they represent the OSA on home ground!

This year's fundraisers will include a beautiful basket of ladies products to be drawn at the annual Ladies' Only Tournament in February and Bonnie is busy planning her first Bowl a Thon for the season. At all our tournaments there will be 50/50 draws and of course our "cake walks" Congratulations also to all the charter representatives from across Canada.

The OSA is looking forward to hosting this year's Championships and reuniting with all our "Shuffleboard Family".

See everyone in October!

Theresa Lynk, Secretary-Treasurer

ALBERTA

Hello from Edmonton to all of the players across Canada. It has been a quiet summer for our Shuffleboard Association but leagues are starting up for the Fall/Winter season. This year we held our playdowns at different locations for each event and we had a huge increase in participation. This included about 10 players that had never participated before.

Thank you goes to SASA for again hosting the Alberta Open.

We are looking forward to this year's Canadians in Kitchener.

David Coulthard, President

SOUTHERN ALBERTA

The participants who will be attending this year's Canadian Championships in Kitchener are looking forward to seeing everyone and wishing OSA 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 would like to thank Peggy McCrimmon and Debbie Howe for the work they did to get the sponsorship money that was added to tournament, which made it easier for us to entice out of town players to come to Calgary for the tournament. We are aiming for bigger and better things in 2014.

Our league will be starting up on the first Wednesday after the Canadian Championships. We will hopefully have some new members this year and hope to build our league.

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

Jamie McCrimmon, President

SASKATCHEWAN

Hi.

News from Saskatchewan. We are working hard at preparing to host the 2014 Canadian Championships. Plans are coming together, we are resurfacing some boards, we have booked the hotel. The hotel used to be the Regina Inn, but has spent the last year closed and being renewed and should be open in time for Grey Cup. We are excited to be in this updated facility, as it has been a great venue before and will just be that much better with the renovations and updates. Many people and corporations/businesses are stepping forward to help us put on a successful event. Watch the CSA or SSA websites and newsletters for future updates.

Our Provincial Champions are excited to get to Ontario and the Canadians. They include:

Mixed Doubles: Rod Betker & Liz Patrick

Ladies' Singles: Robyn White

Men's Singles: Marlowe Halvorson,

Men's Doubles: Bill Parrell & Marlowe Halvorson

Ladies' Doubles: Liz Patrick & Sherri Clarke

Good luck to all participants at the Canadians.

Our last big event was the SASK Opens Tournament on the August long weekend with players from the 4 western provinces. Winners were:

Ladies' Doubles:

1st-Robyn White & Charlene Lucas, Regina, SK

2nd- Peggy McCrimmon & Shelley Coubrough, Calgary, AB/Regina, SK

3rd-Gloria Desjarlais & Rhonda Sentes, Regina, SK

Men's Doubles:

1st- Mike Provencher & Marlowe Halvorson, Victoria, BC/Regina, SK

2nd-Kabal Bimb & Rod Betker, Victoria, BC/Regina, SK

3rd-Mike Johnson & Jamie Loughren, Regina, SK

Ladies' Singles:

1st-Mona Sarrasin Winnipeg, MB

2nd-Rita McCrimmon, Calgary, AB

3rd-Peggy McCrimmon, Calgary, AB

Men's Singles:

1st-Marlowe Halvorson, Regina, SK

2nd-Rod Betker, Regina, SK

3rd- Jeremy Fox, Regina, SK

Mixed Doubles:

1st- Mona Sarrasin & Greg Swift-Winnipeg, MB

2nd-Liz Patrick & Dave Loughren- Regina, SK

3rd- Robyn White & Mike Johnson- Regina, SK

Looking forward to seeing everyone there and having a successful meeting and events. It should be a fantastic time.

Allan Carton, President

MANITOBA

It has certainly has been a weird summer here in Manitoba...either extremely hot or very cool.

We will be holding our General Meeting on September 23rd to kick off the new season and we are looking forward to seeing some familiar and new faces. Our 2013-2014 league should start beginning of November. Our Manitoba Open will take place November 15th, 16th and 17th at the Norwood Legion. We will also begin our planning for hosting in 2015.

With the Canadians in Kitchener just a month away, our reps are getting flights and reservations put in order and getting excited about getting back to throwing some pucks. I am sure the Ontario charter will put on a great show. Our reps are familiar faces: Harvey and Cynthia in the Mixed Doubles, Mike and Wendy playing in the singles respectively, Raye and Wendy in Ladies' Doubles and Harold and Nick in Men's Doubles.

On behalf of the MSA, I want to wish all the Canadian Reps the best of luck. All have a great time and enjoy the city of Kitchener and everything it has to offer.

Glen Bauming, President

BRITISH COLUMBIA

No Submission!

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Hello to all our friends and family across Canada, we hope everyone had a great summer and that you had wonderful visits with friends and family during your vacations.

Our season is starting September 13th and we are hoping for a great start this year. We are continuing our drop in league and play Friday nights at the Esquimalt Legion, we hope you drop in to play with us if you are in town over the fall and winter! We are still working on the possibility of having a Tuesday night league or being more flexible and having the home team pick the night they play. We will know if we have the numbers when we get back from Kitchener in October.

Our next tournament will be an Open Doubles event on September 28th. We are hoping we get some new players come out to play!

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

Mixed Doubles: Carla Dempsey and Don Heaton
Ladies' Singles: Chucky Boustead
Men's Singles: Don Heaton
Ladies' Doubles: Carla Dempsey and Chucky Boustead
Men's Doubles: Doug Grant and Don Heaton

Congratulations to all the charter representatives from across Canada. I am sure they will all do us proud!

Good luck to OSA on hosting the 2013 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships. If it is anything like the last time we were there, I know we will have fun!

See you all in a couple of weeks!

Chucky Boustead
President

EASTERN ONTARIO

Hi from Eastern Ontario,

We started our tournaments on September 7th and will continue to have them the first Saturday of each month.

Looking forward to the Canadians in Kitchener.

Our reps are:

Mixed Doubles: Kelly Arthur & Jim Baker
Ladies' Singles: Kelly Arthur
Men's Singles: Jim Baker
Ladies' Doubles: Sandra Rosebrugh & Barb Lloyd
Men's Doubles: Andy Crausen & Andrew Crausen

We have lost a lot of our players over the last couple years but still hope we can continue with our charter.

See you in October!

Jim Baker, President

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