



# SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS

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## CONGRESS NEWS

I would first off like to say hello to all the shuffleboard players from across Canada. I know that everyone is well into their league schedules and hope that everyone is having a successful year so far.

Congratulations to all the people from Kitchener for the tremendous job they did in hosting the Canadian Championships in October. A great time was had by all. Hospitality night was held at the Hotel. We were all entertained with some Oktoberfest festivities. I even got to tap a keg. I was thoroughly soaked with beer, but I think Rico got it worse than I did. The competition through the week in all events was outstanding. I would like to congratulate not only all the winners, but everyone who played. You all represented your charters with tremendous playing and great sportsmanship. The awards banquet and dance was very well attended and was a great wrap up to a tremendous week of camaraderie and competition.

The Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Association is hard at work with their plans for the 2014 Championships to be held in Regina. This is a milestone year for our game, the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships. I know from speaking to many of the people that have been involved in the game for a long time, that they plan on attending this year regardless if they are playing or not. To all of the people that have helped to build this game over the last 50 years, congratulations to you and thank you for all that you have done to make this the great game that it is.

I would like to say thank you to last year's CSC executive. Thank you to Charlene and Doreen for their commitments to our Congress. They are both valuable members of our executive who also commit a lot of time and energy to their positions. I am very fortunate to have both of these ladies working on our executive again this year. Thank you to Rick for not only his valuable commitment to the executive, but also for chairing the Hall of Fame committee. His contributions are invaluable to the success of the game.

There are a number of tournaments that are fast approaching and Doreen does an excellent job of posting these tournaments on the website. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the various events in the coming months.

In closing, I hope that everyone is enjoying their leagues and I look forward to seeing everyone sometime throughout the year.

Jamie McCrimmon  
CSC President

## SASKATCHEWAN

*Host of the 2014 Canadian Championships!!*

Hi from balmy, at least for now, Saskatchewan.

Our league is well underway, about a third of the way through and we are preparing for the League All Star Game in February. We have seven teams for approximately fifty members. Most of the teams are fairly equal.

We are about to embark on some training clinics so as to offer our new players some basic training and offer others a chance to improve their skills. We will be teaching delivery techniques, etiquette, sportsmanship along with Judging and thought processes. We hope this will improve our league and help with retention of players. The more and better they understand these things the smoother our league should run.

I've noticed the number of unsportsmanlike incidents appear to be on the rise not just here but across the country in several Charters. We have started a process here and hope to work with the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress (CSC) and other concerned Charters to improve the etiquette and sportsmanship across Canada. I'll be the first to admit I wasn't always the model player, but I think it is time we all look to the future and our leagues with this being the 50th Anniversary.

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We are very excited and proud to be hosting the 50th Canadian Championships in Regina Saskatchewan. We have booked the finest site we could. The newly remodeled (Regina Inn) is now a Hilton Hotel. This facility has been completely retrofitted over the last 12 or so months and is now like new and is a very high quality venue in the heart of downtown.

The executive along with Cheryl Loughren, her committee chairs, league members and volunteers are hard at work to create the best event ever. We are extending invitations to all Shuffleboarders, current and past to attend this momentous event. You are the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress, the charters and leagues and without you we would be nothing, have nothing. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who came before, dedicated themselves to shuffleboard and growing the leagues and Congress. If you have any names, know of any players/builders send us their information or even invite them to Regina. We would love to host everyone and pay tribute to those who started and build the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress and our Charters. Feel free to email pictures names of players, builders, founders, locations etc. for a scrapbook. Cheryl is planning many special events and the executive are hard at work setting up a website to keep everyone informed. We hope to have it up and running shortly. We will keep all informed once the site is tested and operational.

And, just a friendly reminder to contact Cheryl Loughren with your charter results as soon as they are available.

Looking forward to seeing EVERYONE in October in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Allan Carton,  
President

## VANCOUVER ISLAND

Happy New Year and hello to all our friends and family across Canada! We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that you had wonderful visits with friends and family over the holidays.

Our season has gotten off to a great start. We now have a Tuesday night league with 4 teams participating and the Friday night drop-in league so we are getting lots of practice with two nights of play a week. Many members are playing in both leagues! It is keeping our league coordinator Mike Provencher very busy!

We have had three tournaments so far this year:  
September, Open Doubles won by Leigh Hegan & Kabal Bimb.

November, The Alex Sinclair Mixed Doubles won by Mike Provencher & Doreen Hegan.

December, Open Doubles won by Leigh Hegan & Kabal Bimb.

We have another two tournaments scheduled for Feb and March then it will be Easter and the end of our Season.

We are getting geared up for the Victoria Open which will be held Easter weekend, April 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. It will be held at the Esquimalt Legion in the upstairs lounge. We are happy to announce that there will be added money for the event for the second year running! Our poster will be up on the website soon so don't forget to book your Spring vacation and come for a visit and see all the flowers and blossoms we are famous for!

Chucky Boustead  
President

## **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Hi to everyone from your friends in BC!

February finds us past the midway point of our winter shuffleboard leagues; a Tuesday night shortboard league in North Vancouver, and both a Thursday night longboard league and a Saturday longboard league at clubs throughout greater Vancouver. The leagues will wrap up in April, with award banquets happening in May.

Our annual Memorial Tournament was held in November; a good turnout again this year. The venue this year was the ANAF 100 Club in Vancouver and a good time was had by all. The perpetual trophies were awarded to the top 3 teams, have a look at the BCSA website for full results and pictures [www.bcshuffleboard.ca](http://www.bcshuffleboard.ca)

We will be having our BC Open tournament earlier this year, March 21-23 weekend. The entries in this tournament have not been good the last few years so we thought a change to spring, while our winter leagues are going strong, may help bring in more of our players. Our shortboard Spring League will begin once the winter leagues are done, and our Playdowns will take place in June.

Thanks to the Ontario Charter for the job well done in October!

The BCSA team very much appreciated your hospitality.

BCSA executive  
Mike Billings, Katie Docile and Elaine Hill

## **EASTERN ONTARIO**

No submission.

## **ALBERTA**

No submission.

## **MANITOBA**

Hello to everyone from good ole' Winterpeg.

I know we are not the only ones getting this terrible winter but it sure was a cold one in December here. I would like to start off by congratulating Kitchener for the wonderful job they did hosting the Canadians this past October. Seems a good time was had by everyone. I would also like to congratulate all of the winners and hope that we all get a chance to see everyone again next year in Regina, should be a blast. Our executive elections were held and the only change was Wendy Popkes as vice with Ralph stepping down. League play has obviously started for us with a good entry of teams this year and of course we have a few fun tournaments and events planned for ourselves to keep us from going stir crazy with this winter. The Manitoba championship event will be held at the Norwood legion starting April 11th and ending Sunday the 13th this year to determine reps for this up coming Candians. I hope everyone has a good year and stays warm and looking forward to seeing everyone at Regina this year.

Glen Bauming,  
President MSA

## **SOUTHERN ALBERTA**

Hello to all the Charters!! We are well into our winter season of League play.

Our league runs every Wednesday again this year. Although our numbers are down we still have four teams playing every week.

The Alberta Open planning is underway and there will be more information to follow on the format and location.

We wish all the best to Regina in October and we are sure it will be a great 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships.

Rita McCrimmon  
SASA Secretary-Treasurer

## **ONTARIO**

Hello from Southern Ontario

Hope everyone had a great holiday season!

October 2013 saw the end of another Canadian Championship and the OSA was proud to host the 49<sup>th</sup> annual event! It was our pleasure to have welcomed our "shuffleboard family" to Kitchener. *It was "Wunderbar"!*

The OSA executive would like to say thank you so much to all of our volunteers who gave of their time to help make the event a huge success. You are all very special!

On a personal note I would like to thank Doreen Hegan for all the guidance she gave me during the planning stages. It was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2013 CSC Championships and also to the 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees.

Things are rolling along nicely here in Southern Ontario. We have 19 tournaments scheduled for 2013/2014 and already have eight finished.

Check out the website for updates and photos of all the winners and some of our other shenanigans!  
[www.ontarioshuffleboard.com](http://www.ontarioshuffleboard.com)

The three leagues are in full swing and in each district there are several new players which is very encouraging!

Niagara Regional Shuffleboard League has fifty six players in their league this year. Milton has twenty six and Kitchener has sixty six.

Rico Beaulieu and Larry Leiskau held a "Shuffleboard Clinic" on January 11<sup>th</sup> for anyone wanting to improve their playing skills.

Twelve players showed up eager to pick up some tips and learn some strategies. With so many new players and so much enthusiasm this year. OSA Playdowns should be quite interesting!

Playdowns will be held at Trappers Sports Bar in Welland, Ontario on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Fund raisers for this season include 2 Bowl-a-Thons, Annual Texas Mickey draw, Ladies Valentine basket draw and a cake walk at each of our tournaments in Kitchener and Milton. Niagara region will hold two Euchre tournaments.

We are very excited about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Championships' in Regina. Good luck to SSA with all the planning. I am sure it will be a spectacular event!

Wishing everyone the very best for 2014.

Theresa Lynk, Secretary-Treasurer OSA  
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# 2013 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships Kitchener, ON

## GRAND AGGREGATE



Aggregate Was presented to: **Vancouver Island (VISA)**  
 Chucky Boustead and Doug Grant  
 Absent: Don Heaton and Carla Dempsey

## MIXED DOUBLES



**1st Place:** Liz Patrick & Rod Betker, Saskatchewan (SSA) (C)  
**2nd Place:** Rick Litman & Debbie Howe, Southern Alberta (SASA) (L)  
**3rd Place:** Cynthia Chudyk-Collins & Harvey Groleau, Manitoba (MSA) (R)

## LADIES' SINGLES



**1st Place:** Chucky Boustead, Vancouver Island (VISA) (C)  
**2nd Place:** Robyn White, Saskatchewan (SSA) (R)  
**3rd Place:** Elaine Hill, British Columbia (BCSA) (L)

## MEN'S SINGLES



**1st Place:** Rick Litman, Southern Alberta (SASA) (C)  
**2nd Place:** Mike Jacoby, Manitoba (MSA)  
**3rd Place:** David Coulthard, Alberta (SAA)

## LADIES' DOUBLES



**1st Place:** Chucky Boustead & Carla Dempsey, Vancouver Island (VISA) (C)  
**2nd Place:** Wendy Popkes & Raye Gerardy, Manitoba (MSA) (R)  
**3rd Place:** Shirley Oda & Elaine Hill, British Columbia (BCSA) (L)

## MEN'S DOUBLES



**1st Place:** Rico Beaulieu & John Crites, Ontario (OSA) (C)  
**2nd Place:** Marlowe Halvorson & Bill Parrell, Saskatchewan (SSA) (R)  
**3rd Place:** Don Heaton & Doug Grant, Vancouver Island (VISA) (L)

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