



SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS

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Presidents Message

Hello to everyone across Canada. In another month the 2018 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships will be by the Vancouver Island Shuffleboard Association in Victoria. I hope everyone had a great summer.

I am looking forward to seeing our Shuffleboard Family once again.

As always I would like to thank this years' executive; Don Heaton, Marlowe Halvorson and Rita McCrimmon for all their hard work.

As well I would like to thank Harvey Groleau for his work as Chairman of the Rules Committee over the past 3 years, unfortunately Harvey has stepped down from this position due to personal reasons.

At this time there are several old and new issues that will have to be dealt with at the upcoming AGM (Annual General Meeting). All members please attend and let your voice be heard.

Looking forward to seeing you in Victoria.

Rick Litman – President
Canadian Shuffleboard Association

VANCOUVER ISLAND (VISA)

Are you ready to rock, Canada?

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in October.

Schedule of Events: all scheduled events at Trafalgar/ProPatria Legion Branch #292, 411 Gorge Road East (just across the bridge from your hotel – main entrance is at the back)

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Monday, October 1st

- 3:00 pm - General Meeting followed by Hospitality Night

Tuesday, October 2nd

- 9:00 am – Mixed Doubles

Wednesday, October 3rd

- 9:00 am – Ladies & Men's Singles

Thursday, October 4th

- 9:00 am – Ladies & Men's Doubles

Friday, October 5th

- 10:00 am Start
- Mixed Doubles Finals, followed by:
- Ladies & Mens Singles Finals, followed by:
- Ladies & Men's Doubles Finals.
- 6:00 pm (approx.)
- Fun Tournament – Everyone invited

Saturday, October 6th – **Awards Banquet**

- 5:00 pm – Cocktails
- 6:00 pm – Dinner

Awards Presentations and Dance to follow.

Please advise of any food allergies by noon, Wednesday, October 5th.

Anyone who has NOT contacted us regarding transportation requirements please call 250-634-0366 or email wilowsspring@telus.net asap.

Sincerely,

Don Heaton, President VISA

ONTARIO (OSA)

Hello Shuffleboard family!

Can't believe another summer is almost over and in a few short weeks we're off to Victoria for the Canadians!

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone again and are very proud to be bringing new players!

The leagues in all our districts will be up and running again right after the Canadian championships and the tournament season will start as well.

We have 18 tournaments scheduled this year in the three districts of Niagara Region, Milton and Kitchener.

Our Playdowns were held in May at RCL Branch 613 Fonthill and there was an excellent turnout once again.

This year there were 18 Mixed Doubles teams, 16 entries for the Ladies Singles and 19 entries for the Men's Singles. The Ladies Doubles had 9 entries and the Men's Doubles had 10.

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

- 🎱 **Mixed Doubles: Brenda Brown** (Branch 412 / Polish Legion) and **Rico Beaulieu** (Branch 412/ Polish Legion)
- 🎱 **Ladies Singles: Brenda Brown** (Branch 412/ Polish Legion)
- 🎱 **Men's Singles: Scott Burwell** (NRSL)
- 🎱 **Ladies Doubles: Shana Smith** (NRSL) and **Jessica Mulkins** (NRSL)
- 🎱 **Men's Doubles: Scott Burwell** (NRSL) and **Marcus Martin** (NRSL)

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Congratulations to all our players especially to Shana Smith, Jessica Mulkins and Marcus Martin who are competing for the first time at the Canadian Championships!

The OSA is well represented with these new players and we wish them all the best in Victoria.

They have all worked very hard to improve their playing skills. **WTG Niagara region!**

Congratulations also to all the other charter representatives from across Canada.

May "The Spirit of Shuffleboard" live on!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we'll see everyone in October!

Theresa Lynk
Secretary / Treasurer
OSA

SOUTHERN ALBERTA (SASA)

Hi again. It is once again that time of year where we have all played very hard to be able to compete in the 2018 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships. Although our league continues to be very small, we are fierce. We are all determined to make our charter keep going.

We continue to do our annual Alberta Open on the May Long Weekend each year. Even with such a small few planning it is still very successful. As long as people are interested in attending we will continue to host the open. It would not be a success without everyone from out of town attending.

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We look forward to seeing our extended family in October for the championships. Look out Victoria, here we come.
Best of luck to everyone.

Rita McCrimmon
SASA Secretary / Treasurer

SASKATCHEWAN (SSA)

CHEERS FROM SASKATCHEWAN

Annual Christmas Shoot: It was a hot shot day on Sat., Dec. 9th at the Eagles Club for the Annual SSA Christmas Shoot. We had 18 players with 6 teams of 3 for an ABC draw. The competition saw some very fancy shots on the board & at the bar!! There were Christmas presents for everyone (cookies, turtles, mixed nuts, chocolate cookies, mixed dried fruit & some fresh Ukrainian Co-op Garlic Sausage [a coveted treat by all Regina player's, always won by the team who comes in last), along with a fabulous Christmas Gift Basket & 2 Christmas Cheer draws. A huge thanks to Santa Rod Betker & his always trusty elf Liz Patrick for picking out the presents & Christmas Cheer donated by the SSA & to team German Club Giants (Dave Loughren, Mark Anderson, Frank Sauve, Robert Forrest, Kathy Reiss, Tom Loughren, Sheila Pelletier & Cheryl Loughren) for the fabulous gift basket which was raffled off & won by Robyn White raising \$400 for the SSA. Again, cheers to the Eagles Club for the opportunity to host, opening the boards & a platter of appetizers which was a welcome treat later in the afternoon. The 2 Christmas cheer draws were won by Hazel Turgeon (she always wins) & an Eagles Club Member & raised \$116, along with a Surprise Draw done after the tournament was finished...a 15 lb. Turkey donated by the SSA was won by Porky Desjarlais. Thanks to Crystal Benjamin for helping Liz at Registration Desk, much appreciated. And kudos to Crystal Benjamin, Crystal Huzina, Robyn White helping Liz sell tickets on all draws. The tournament came down to a tie breaker between the teams of Rod Betker, Hazel Turgeon & Gary Huzina against Val Pretty,

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Paul Zerr & Kathy Reiss and Rod, Hazel & Gary squeaked out a win. The results were...1st Rod Betker, Hazel Turgeon & Gary Huzina; 2nd Val Pretty, Paul Zerr & Kathleen Reiss; Tie for 3rd Cheryl Loughren, Gloria Desjarlais & Sheila Pelletier; with Dave Loughren, Porky Desjarlais & Crystal Benjamin; 4th Jeremy Fox, John Lampard & Kim Thurlow and in a Happy Last Place Mark Anderson, Bill Pretty & Mike Benjamin (remember, they got the Ukrainian Co-op Garlic Sausage)...Cheers to everyone who participated & supported the SSA. Check out pictures on our Facebook Group "Saskatchewan Shuffleboard"

Eagles Open: It was a fun time at the Annual Eagles Open with 6 teams playing. Thanks to all for coming out & the players were...Porky Desjarlais & Mark Anderson; Rod Betker & Crystal Huzina; Marlowe Halvorson & Buster Holt; Paul Zerr & Kim Thurlow; Dave Loughren & Kathy Reiss; Jeremy Fox & Gloria Desjarlais. They played a single round robin with Dave Loughren & Kathy Reiss coming 3rd, & Gloria Desjarlais & Jeremy Fox placing 2nd giving the 1st place team of Rod Betker & Crystal Huzina a run for their money. Congrats to all. A BIG Thanks to the tournament coordinators Dave & Marlowe, who kept the tournament running smoothly. A HUGE thanks for the fabulous Valentine Gift basket made by Vern Elliott's team of Kim Thurlow, Porky Desjarlais, Hank Limbeek, Charlene Lucas, Larry Lucas, Alvin Sentes & Jeremy Fox, who play out of the Eagles Club on Board 1 & raised \$260 for the SSA. Many thanks to Cheryl Loughren & Sheila Pelletier for selling tickets on the Gift Basket won by a club member Darrell Drummond & to Robyn White selling for the 2 Adult Bevie Draws, won by Cheryl Loughren & Gary Huzina

The **Annual All Stars** on February 24th saw the top 12 players from the league split into East & West & battle it out at the Eagles Club on Board 2. Captains were Rod Betker & Robyn White & selected their players as a "school yard pick". Rod's team "Rowdy Rody's Rockers (RRR)" had Marlowe Halvorson, Crystal Huzina, Hank Limbeek, Val Pretty & John Lampard battling it out against Robyn's team "We Are Not That Drunk (WANT'D)" with Gloria Desjarlais, Tom Loughren, Paul Zerr, Rob Forrest & Shelley Halvorson. Team RRR took 5th & deciding win over Team WANT'D & in the spirit of sportsmanship; the 2 teams continued playing till the 9th game. A HUGE thanks to Crystal Huzina for

organizing & her team Gutterdusters (Crystal Benjamin, Hazel Turgeon, Kristine George, Val Pretty, Gary Huzina, Allan Carton & Jory Turgeon) for the Fabulous Gift Basket, won by an Eagles Club member Gayle MacKay, congratulations & thanks for supporting SSA. Liz Patrick was the scorekeeper with a few adult bebies bought for her to keep the scoring accurate!!!

SSA League Playoffs A Side League Champions are Team "Final Fourgasm" captained by Ronda Sentes, with Gloria Desjarlais, Jasmine Desjarlais, Robyn White, Mike Johnson & Rod Betker. The B Side League Champions are Team "Bull Dogs" captained by Fernando Freitas, with John Lampard, Marlowe Halvorson, Shelley Halvorson, Paul Zerr, Bill Yung & Tami Running. Congrats to all. See more in the Awards Banquet portion.

The **SSA Provincials** were held at the Eagles Club the weekend of April 13th to 15th & our winners are: Mixed Event Jeremy Fox & Charlene Lucas; Men's Singles: Rod Betker; Ladies Singles Robyn White; Men's Doubles Tom Loughren & Dave Loughren; Ladies Doubles Robyn White & Charlene Lucas. They are all looking forward to seeing everyone at the Canadians!!

After Provincial boards were all loaded up Mon., Apr. 16, we did a draw for the **Volunteer Experience**...& drum roll please...the winner was Hazel Turgeon & she will be joining our Provincial Reps attending the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships in Victoria, BC, congratulations & ENJOY!!

Rod Betker started the Annual **Horsecrawler** event & was so popular we are now into our 3rd Annual, held on March 10th, where participants teamed up in two's (different at every location) & play a game of Horsecaller. The purpose is to highlight & thank these "saloons" in the city with shuffleboards & to promote the game to those who might be watching, to help attract new players. The crawlers started at the Eagles Club (they are on Facebook) then to the Barley Mill Brew Pub (barleymill.ca) & the 3rd location was the Hungarian Club (reginahungarianclub.com) & to wrap up this event; the last "saloon" (with a platter of well-deserved grub) was the German Club

(reginagermanclub.ca). Thanks to Sheila Pelletier for chauffeuring our players to each location & to Crystal Huzina for organizing & keeping things running smoothly & for the great homemade goodie bags for the high end winners. See you “ponies” next year.

The **Annual Awards Banquet** on May 12th was held at the Eagles Club with a Steak/Chicken dinner, comp adult beverages from the Eagles & SSA with awards being handed out after dinner. Thanks to Crystal Huzina for the great gifts chosen & presented to our winners & to Crystal Benjamin (our Treasurer) for handling the registration desk & selling tickets for the Gift Basket. A special congrats to our Most Improved Players; Kathleen Reiss & Robert Forrest both from team German Club Giants. Rod Betker & Mark Anderson organized a fun ABC tourney after Banquet with 5 teams & the winners were Rod Betker, Fernando Freitas & John Lampard with 2nd place going to Mark Anderson, Frank Sauve & Robert Forrest. Congrats & thanks to all who participated. Rod & Liz had visited Art & Irene Evans the afternoon of banquet & brought their greetings to all the SSA Family & Guests.

Our SSA players saw some of the Shuffleboard family, May Long Weekend in Calgary for the Annual **Alberta Open**. Check out the results on Congress Website.

Our “**Party on the Prairie**” at the **Annual Sask Open**: On **Tuesday** the Boards were brought in from Hazel’s home to the Eagles Club, then cleaning, buffing, polishing & leveling was done. Thanks to Our Merry Band of Board Movers (see below for names). **Thursday** our SSA President, Crystal Huzina (freshly out of surgery) welcomed everyone to the Annual Sask Open starting with the Thurs. Fun Nite.

Thursday ABC Event (7 teams)

1st Mark Anderson, Paul Zerr & Gary Huzina; 2nd Marlowe Halvorson, Shelley Halvorson & Gary Huzina and 3rd Jeremy Fox, Sheila Pelletier & Hank Limbeek

Friday Singles

Men's (8):

1st Mike Provencher (VISA), 2nd Jeremy Fox (SSA) & 3rd Mark Anderson (SSA)

Ladies (5):

1st Chucky Boustead (VISA), 2nd Debbie Howe (Crossfield, AB) & 3rd Kathy Reiss (SSA)

Saturday Doubles

Men's (7 Teams)

1st Dave Loughren & Rob Forrest (SSA), 2nd Mike Provencher & Marlowe Halvorson (VISA & SSA) and 3rd Mark Anderson & Gary Huzina (SSA)

Ladies (5 Teams)

1st Peggy McCrimmon & Liz Patrick (SASA & SSA), 2nd Chucky Boustead & Debbie Howe (VISA & Crossfield), 3rd Gloria Desjarlais & Ronda Sentes (SSA).

Side story to Ladies Doubles: Shelley had a family emergency & could not commit to playing with Peggy. We tried to get a player for her but to no avail, so we surprised Peggy with Liz who has been & was still out of commission (bad fall no broken bones but to stay off feet for 6 to 8 weeks) stepped in to play (only had to stand at 1 end) & it worked out to be a great swap of a player. Shelley was happy Liz stepped in & an added bonus as you saw, Peggy & Liz won & we are all thinking of Shelley's Mom.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

(10 teams)

1st Jeremy Fox & Cheryl Loughren (SSA), 2nd Mike Johnson & Robyn White (SSA) and 3rd Marlowe Halvorson & Peggy McCrimmon (SSA & SASA)

Congrats to our players, great games & now, special thanks to all, who without your help could not host this Sask Open Tournament: **Board Movers:** A round of applause for our Merry Band of Board Movers moving the boards from Hazel's home in Balgonie to the Eagles Club, organized by Marlowe Halvorson with Dave Loughren, Mike Johnson, Mark Anderson, Tom Loughren, Dan Loughren, Rob Forrest, Buster Holt & Tyler Halvorson. The tired group gathered again at the Eagles Monday afternoon to move the boards out, clean up & take back to Hazel's home in Balgonie & 1 board went to Buster & Robyn's home in Southey. Again, a HUGE thanks...we couldn't do the moving without these dedicated group of guys; **Our Sponsors:** SSA, Fraternal Order of Eagles #4126, Bayer Crop Science, Canadian Linen, Booster Juice, Hazel's Hairdresser, Hazel Turgeon, Kristine George, Liz Patrick, Marlowe Halvorson, Gary & Crystal Huzina (Vernon...Liz hopes you enjoy the gift bag she donated, you sure looked lovely on Saturday lol); **Our Volunteers:** Who Donated Their Time & Endless Energy working the Card Draws at the Eagles Club to raise extra prize money. To those who you saw playing during the tournament, Cheryl Loughren, Dave Loughren, Gloria Desjarlais, Hazel Turgeon, Jeremy Fox, Kathy Reiss, Larry Swayn, Mark Anderson, Marlowe Halvorson, Sheila Pelletier, Shelley Halvorson & Hank Limbeek. To those who couldn't attend due to other commitments: Charlene Lucas, Crystal Huzina, Crystal Benjamin, Larry Lucas & Randy Schutz; **Team Building:** Liz got some out of town & in town players partnered up, I believe they had fun & they certainly all played great & a couple of them really bonded (Debbie...did you have to get a room down the street at the nearest hotel...LOL). **Throughout the Weekend:** Thanks to Crystal Huzina with help from Hazel Turgeon for manning Registration Table & for her overall organization along with making Jello Sliders with her Mom Rosemarie Koch & Crystal Benjamin; to Tina Cook, Mark Anderson & Kim Thurlow for selling our famous sliders; to Hazel selling tickets all throughout the Tourney & of course her always tasty treats she brings for all the players & guests; very much appreciated. Our Drawmaster's Dave Loughren & Marlowe Halvorson for keeping things moving along & Marlowe for doing the "Your In The Money" portion of the weekend. The always fabulous **Donated Gift Basket** (SSA does at every tournament & event) this year put together by the Bulldogs:

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Captain Fernando Freitas with his team mates John Lampard, Marlowe Halvorson, Shelley Halvorson, Bill Yung, Paul Zerr & Tami Running, was won by Chucky Boustead from Victoria & raised \$450, way to go Bulldogs & congrats Chucky...Enjoy!!! As always thanks to the **Eagles Bartenders & Staff** for your exceptional service providing beer, wine, cocktails & shooters...oh my...superb job & the afternoon BBQ's were yummy. You all took exceptional care of us crazy bunch of Shuffleboard Players. (Hope your feeling better Peggy, you & Liz are an accident waiting to happen, but it doesn't affect your playing...lol). Most of all thanks to our **Out of Town Players:** MIKE PROVENCHER, CHUCKY BOUSTEAD, PEGGY McCRIMMON, VERNON MAGUIRE, DEBBIE HOWE, JEREMY FOX & TYLER HALVORSON & our own SSA players, their family & friends, who all helped to make this a successful Tournament. **Come on back next year "TO PARTY ON THE PRAIRIE"!!**

Fundraising throughout the season; we start every season with a Team Rotation to make up **Gift Baskets** for every event we host. SSA has been lucky to have very creative players, their gift baskets have been FABULOUS & we raise anywhere from \$200 to \$450 every event. Thanks to all who contribute to this excellent & easy way to raise money. We also raised money through the **Grey Cup & Super Bowl Pools** & **Mark Anderson** hosted a monthly fun night of board at the Eagles Club where he does a 50/50 draw to raise \$\$\$, way to go Mark & we also had a **Fantasy Hockey Pool**.

SSA has the **AGM** scheduled for September 11, 2018 to begin another year of the game we all love...And our players & guests are looking forward to seeing our Shuffleboard Family at the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships in Victoria...see you all there!!

Check out Facebook Group "**Saskatchewan Shuffleboard**", created by Liz Patrick for the SSA; send her an email elizabeth.patrick@sasktel.net to join or if you want something posted & you can also send something to put in monthly SSA Table Talk Newsletter which Liz is editor & distributes on league nights!!

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Until then, remember "How a man competes shows something of his character; but, how he loses shows it all!!

Liz Patrick

Secretary, SSA

MANITOBA (MSA)

No Submission

BRITISH COLUMBIA (BCSA)

No submission

**Good luck Everyone
In Victoria at the
2018 Canadian
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