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Congress News

Congratulations to the Eastern Ontario Shuffleboard Association for the tremendous job of hosting the 2004 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships.

I would be remiss if we didn't thank all the volunteers. There were many and not wanting to miss anybody we all know who they were. We certainly had an enjoyable and interesting Canadian Championships, both with the stellar play and all the extra curricular activities that most were involved with at the First Canadian Inn in Kingston.

Victoria will host the 2005 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships with the 2006 being hosted by the Ontario Shuffleboard Association.

The 7th Canadian Open Shuffleboard Tournament will be held in Victoria, B.C. March 24 to March 27, 2005, Easter Weekend. Come out and have some fun along with great shuffleboard. Other tournaments to look forward to: **Alberta Open** – May long weekend, Edmonton, Alberta
Northern Lights Tournament, August long weekend, Fraser Lake, B.C.

We still haven't finalized anything to date regarding the possible changes to the format at the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships but once the conference call with all the charters is completed we can advise all if there are or are not any changes forthcoming.

Wishing all good health and happiness in 2005.

**Rick Litman, President
Canadian Shuffleboard Congress**

Vancouver Island Shuffleboard Association

Happy New Year from Victoria. Wow...what weather we have been having. We've had snow, freezing rain, hail and now we are back to what Victoria knows best for this time of year...just good old liquid sunshine. You don't have to shovel it and you can always drive through it. I understand we are far better off than most of our beautiful nation however. You prairie folks can have it. Brrrrrr. I don't even own longjohns. Anyway, back to the task at hand. We are well into our Season now and about ready to split into two groups for the second half of our shuffleboard year.

As usual, there are some tight games being played but so far we have all survived without too many war wounds. It is always fun though win or lose.

For you folks that are planning to attend the Canadian Open...yes we are having it again at the Esquimalt Legion. The Comfort Inn which is only a mile (or so) from here has offered the same rates as in the past. Waterfront Cabin \$125.00. One Bedroom Suite \$85.00, Junior Suite \$75.00, Studio Suite, \$65.00, and Standard Room \$65.00. Based on 2 people sharing, extra person \$15.00. You have to add 8% Local and 7% Federal Tax.

We look forward to seeing you all again this year.

Plans are well underway for the Canadian Championships in October 2005 as well. My goodness, but we are going to be busy people here on the west coast.

We held our last Mixed Doubles tournament this past week-end at the Esquimalt Legion. Everyone had a great time and it was a tight race to victory. The runners up were Jake and Dorothy Jacob with the victors being Leigh Hegan and Teresa Tate. It was a fun day.

We look forward to seeing you all in March. You can let us know at (250) 386-7635 or email

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Have a good season.



Claudia Wright

British Columbian Shuffleboard Association

Happy New Year to All from cold (for us Westerners), snowy and sunny Vancouver. We are all looking forward to the Canadian Open in Victoria in March, the Alberta Open in Edmonton in May and, of course, the Canadians in Victoria in October.

The BC representatives who were at the Canadians in Kingston in October 2004 had a wonderful time. The Kingston trio "Doreen, Sharon and Jim" hosted a great Canadians, along with Bill, Rheal, Marlene, and many others. And I would be terribly remiss if I didn't thank our entertaining host, Angie, at First Canada Inns. Ang made our stay at the hotel a very memorable experience. Also, the

first, and I understand annual, Shuffleboard Survivor game was a great success. Apparently, there is already discussion of events, trophies and prizes for this year's Survivor at the Canadians. A special congratulations to all the Canadian champions, and in particular, the five first-time Canadian Champs.

Our leagues are about two-thirds through the season. Our first Tournament after the Canadians was our annual A-B-C Memorial Tournament that was hosted by ANAF #142 with good participation. The teams were pretty evenly matched. Congratulations to the following:

Position	"A" player	"B" player	"C" player	In Memory of:
WINNERS	Eric Kolsrud	Dave Hannan	Sandi Bohnert	Al Kantor
2nd Place		Katie Docile	Peter Walton	Dot McRitchie
3rd Place	Jackie Stolarchuk	Mike Obasz	Jacqueline Wrightson	Brian Baker

We held a couple of random draw tournaments over the last couple of months, and our usual Holiday Season tournament. This year, because of the way the holiday dates fell, we held this tournament on Sunday, January 2nd, thus entries were down slightly. This too was a random draw, rather than a "ratings" draw and, congratulations to the following:

WINNERS	Harry Oda	Jason Williams
2nd Place	Eric Kolsrud	Dan Williams
3rd Place	Gordie Smith	Brian Burchynsky



Dates and venues will be set soon for our BC Open, A-B Tournament and our Provincial Playdowns.

On closing, Brian and I are looking forward to meeting up with our shuffleboard friends in Victoria and Edmonton.

Lorraine.

Southern Alberta Shuffleboard Association

Kudos to EOSA for hosting a wonderful Canadian Shuffleboard Championships. A great time was had by all. Our city league has started and it is getting competitive as always. A tournament was held at # 286 Legion (Jubilee) with Pam Archibald & Tom Borau finishing in 1st place with Carl Archibald & Dianna Johnston finishing in 2nd place on Jan 8/05. On Jan 22/05 a memorial seeded draw partner

tournament (in memory of former players that have passed on) trophy being donated by Pam Warner was held at the #264 Legion (Kensington) with Rick Litman Louie Anderson finishing in 1st place, Peggy McCrimmon & Laurie Young 2nd place, Gina Williams & Bridget 3rd place , & Jamie McCrimmon & Joan Wisnowski in 4th place. There were 11 teams playing in a single round robin & a great time was had by all.

There was a seeded draw partner tournament held on Saturday Feb 12/05 at #275 Legion (Forest Lawn). We will be meeting shortly to address the possible change to the format at the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships. Hoping everyone has a happy & healthy year in 2005.

Rick Litman for SASA



Shuffleboard Association of Alberta

Our City league is now up to 11 teams from 9 last year.

We are hoping to attract more players and continue to become a larger League.

Presently we are preparing for the Alberta Open in May, we will be forwarding posters by the end of March, so people can make arrangements.

Check the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress website for more information

Hope to see you all here in May.



Bill Cowan

Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Association

Congratulations to EOSA for hosting an excellent 2004 Canadians. I wish to extend a **special thank you** to Doreen Clark for the hard work and many hours she put in to ensure the charter representatives were treated very well and that the 2004 Canadians was a resounding success. The EOSA host charter volunteers ensured the success of the 2004 Canadians. Because of the hospitality shown, there will be stiff competition this year at our Provincials for the privilege to go to Victoria for the 2005 Canadians.

This year the SSA grew from 7 teams to 10 teams and we welcome all the rookies who are participating this year.

SSA has been holding a number of fun tournaments once a month to encourage more rookies and to improve all our skills at the game of shuffleboard. You can check out the Craven Open Doubles this year, March 18 & 19. For more information you can check out the SSA website at www.geocities.com/saskshuffleboard or contact Allan Carton at (306) 543-3903

As of March 1st, League Ranking is: 1st Rod Betker, 2nd Vern Elliott, 3rd Fernando Fietas, 4th Bill Parrell, 5th Olga Forster.



Marlowe Halvorson

Manitoba Shuffleboard Association

Hello from Manitoba . . . Spring is just around the corner.

On behalf of the Manitoba reps, we would like to thank EOSA. for a job well done last October. Kudos to you.

Our league is still doing very well, though this year we have 5 teams in Division 1 and 9 teams in Division II.

We will soon be ending the season with our playoffs beginning towards the end of March. It has been a busy winter. We had our Sweetheart Tournament Weekend with a Fun Tournament kicking it off on the Friday

night. Saturday was the Sweetheart Tournament (won by Al Fulsher and Raye Gerardy) and on Sunday we had the Division II Championship Tournament (won by Amy Dumas and Jim Kowsowan).

We will be having a Fun Tournament Saturday, March 19th at the Winnipeg Hotel.

The Manitoba Championships will be held at ANAF #283 on April 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

The Manitoba Open is scheduled for September 16th, 17th and 18th.

When you find yourself in Manitoba give us a call and let show you some Winnipeg hospitality. In the meantime have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the fall.



Rosie Adams
MSA Vice-president

Eastern Ontario Shuffleboard Association

Happy Year from EOSA:

Hello to everyone, hope you were all good and received everything you wanted for Christmas, and had a very sober New Years.

Hope everyone enjoyed themselves here in Kingston at the 2004 Canadians in October, we felt it was a great success.

Our elections were held in the latter part of October and the results were as following:
President - Rheal Bergeron,
1st Vice - Jim Baker,
2nd Vice - Jean Compeau and our Secretary/Treasurer - Doreen Clark.

We have started our qualification tournaments for the 2005 Canadians; so between our Legion playdowns and all our tournaments we going to have a very busy winter and spring.

Everyone is looking forward to the Canadian Open in April to be held in Victoria B.C. and we all hope to see you there.

Good luck to all those participants who are playing in the Open and to those of us who are trying to qualify for the 2005 Canadians.

Hope everyone has a great summer and we will see you at the 2005 Canadians in October.



**Rheal Bergeron -
EOSA President**

Ontario Shuffleboard Association

Hello to everyone from Ontario.

First of all I would like to thank the Eastern Ontario Shuffleboard Association for the excellent time we had in Kingston. While it was a little different in that we did not play in the Hotel we had a great time. Thanks again.

All three areas have started their leagues and at an open doubles tournament in Fonthill Legion, Geoff Denny and Francis Baverstock

came in first with Claude Crites and Vern Dolan second and Roger Lacourse and Dennis Greenwood third.

At a Draw for Partners tournament in Milton, Claude Crites and Doug Barrett squeaked by Rick Beaulieu and Maurice Savard for first place with Francis Baverstock and Joyce Davidson coming in third.

We are working on the 2006 Canadians and have booked the Holiday Inn in Waterloo for this event. Hopefully we will have more information finalized by this years Canadians to pass on to you.

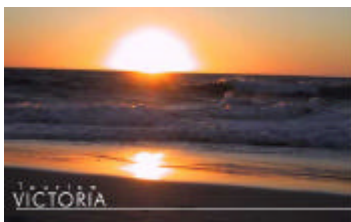
Hope everyone has a good Christmas and a Happy New Year



**Audrey Denny
Secretary
Treasurer**

Some Victoria, B.C. websites:

- ? Tourism Victoria: <http://www.tourismvictoria.com/>
- ? City of Victoria: <http://www.city.victoria.bc.ca/common/index.shtml>
- ? Another Victoria B.C. website: <http://www.victoria-bc.com/>
- ? MapQuest: <http://www.mapquest.com/maps/main.adp?countrycode=ca&cid=mqca>
- ? Yahoo Maps: <http://ca.maps.yahoo.com/>
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