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CONGRESS NEWS

The Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Association (SSA) have their plans well underway for the 2008 Canadians being held in Regina. I understand Marlowe is a fundraising phenomenon!

Please remember to check out the Congress website for more information on the upcoming Canadians, who has qualified, info on tournaments across Canada, and more.

Some of the items on the Agenda for the AGM are:

Westjet 10% discount. The 10% Westjet discount is still available but has only been used minimally by our Charters/players throughout the year. Please ensure Doreen has your Westjet flight info so we can confirm the # of flights for 2008. We are finding more often that the Westjet sales are less than the discounted conference fares.

National Sponsorship. It was quite exciting this year to be involved in negotiations with Creative Doors, a possible national sponsor, through David Coulthard of the Alberta Shuffleboard Association. Daryl Laprade of Creative Doors advises that they are not able to sponsor our sport at this time.

Expansion of our Game. How do we get 'the word out' about the game we all love in order to increase more interest. I have been working on some wording for possibly a new web page and hope to have a draft ready for discussion either at the AGM, or throughout the week of the Canadians.

Player conduct at tournaments at the charter level, and Congress involvement, if any. There will be no discussion of any particular incident from this year, or in the past.

Advertising in our Newsletter.

Scent Free Canadians. Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Association had some issues with perfume/cologne at their Provincials. They have some players who are highly allergic and this became a health concern. Therefore, SSA is requesting the 2008 Canadians be a Scent Free Week.

Charter Requirements. In particular, fielding a full team at the Canadians. We have encountered this scenario at this

year's Canadians. Congress was just recently advised that the Eastern Ontario charter will not be able to field a full team. Two of their female qualifiers have new jobs/positions and cannot attend so this leaves EOSA with one female player. Our Charter Requirements state if you cannot field a full team, then the Charter is suspended.

The Congress Executive have made a decision contrary to the Charter Requirements and have allowed EOSA to participate, with a partial team. There will be further discussion on the Charter Requirements at the AGM.

Hall of Fame. Your Hall of Fame Committee have had a difficult task this year in finalizing the 2008 HOF inductees. The combination of nominations submitted by Charters and the Committee recommending players/builders from the host charter, creates a challenging situation. This will be discussed at the AGM.

I am pleased to advise that Eleanore Baker, Gayle Conn and Kent Conn will be inducted into the HOF this year as Players. All 3 players are or were members of the Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Assoc. George Wasyliw (SSA), Kent Conn (SSA) and Audrey Denny (OSA) will all be inducted into the HOF as Builders.

The Hall of Fame Committee will have 3 vacant positions as of this year's AGM. Rod Betker (4 years), Bill Cowan and Doug Grant (both 2 years) will be vacating these positions. On behalf of Congress and its members, I'd like to thank these individuals for their years of service and contribution to the HOF Committee. We will need 3 more members to fill these positions, with a preference to having a cross over of charters.

Congratulations to all those players who qualified to represent their Charters at this year's Canadians. I am pleased to see once again we have some new participants, which will strengthen our growth and help expand our sport.

The Agenda for the 2008 AGM is posted on the Congress website. Please advise me, or any member of the Congress Executive, of any items you wish added to the Annual General Meeting's Agenda. Brian and I are looking forward to being a part of the Canadians in Regina and seeing (and of course partying (not us!)) with everyone.

Your President, Lorraine

SASKATCHEWAN

Host of the 2008 Canadian Championships!!

Saskatchewan is in the final planning stages of hosting the 2008 Canadians in Regina. Check our website <http://www.geocities.com/saskshuffleboard/> maintained by Lorrie Guillaume for updates! We are looking forward to seeing you all in **ROCKING REGINA!**

SSA League finished the 2007/2008 season with Awards Banquet held at the Eagles Club, with dinner, awards presentation & fun games. A Side & League Champs were Team "Eating Crow" with Marlowe Halvorson as captain along with his crows Charlene Lucas, Kelvin Swain, Frank Gattinger, Bill Parrell & rookie Mark Anderson & the B Side Champs were team "Myliverhurts" captained by Rod Betker with his "shooter team" of Mike Johnson, Rod Lacelle & rookies Gloria Desjarlais & Ashley Lynas. To all our rookies...super playing!

Tournaments:

Eagles Open Doubles: Jan. 18/19 at Eagles Club 1st Rod Betker & Dave Loughren; 2nd Marlowe Halvorson & Bill Bumphrey; 3rd Olga Forster & Hank Limbeek & 4th Glen Forster & Vern Elliott.

All Stars: Feb. 23rd, saw "West Side Team" Captained by Allan Carton with Rod Betker, Marlowe Halvorson, Charlene Lucas, Vern Elliott & Farelyn Scrimbitt over the "East Team" captained by Bill Pretty, Marcel Lacoste, Liz Patrick, Shelley Coubrough, Val Pretty & Kevin Buchan.

Alberta Open: Our Regina players (25) descended on Calgary & placed in every event. Thanks to SASA & Forest Lawn Legion.

3rd Annual Sask Open June 26/29, Eagles Club, the Bennett Dunlop Ford Hot Shot Competition was a welcome addition to the 5 Events, thanks to Marlowe for a well run tourney & thanks to our out-of-town guests for making this such a successful event...see you next year.

Check out SSA or CSC website for results of various tournaments.

Fun Tournaments: run by Marlowe are held every couple of weeks throughout the year, drop by the Eagles Club if you are in Regina!!

Fundraiser Survivor Micronesia "Fans vs. Favorites" was won by Garry Whalen receiving \$1,000.00 & 2nd place went to Team "Bangers" captained by Fernando Freitas with John Lampard, Val Pretty, Marcel LaCoste, Korena Olsen, Sherri Clarke & Jack Symes & we made some money for the league too!!

Something to Think About: Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Are you going to be in the Regina area, drop in for a visit or play in one of our Tournaments! See you throughout the year & of course in **October 2008!!**

SSA PROVINCIALS - CONGRATULATIONS TO 2008 REPRESENTATIVES: Mixed Doubles Rod Betker & Charlene Lucas; Ladies Singles Charlene Lucas; Men's Singles Rod Betker; Men's Doubles Bill Parrell & Marlowe Halvorson; Ladies Doubles Charlene Lucas & Liz Patrick

Liz Patrick
SSA Secretary

MANITOBA

Hello from Manitoba. Another shuffleboard year has passed by and our winners for Division 1 were Don Heaton's team and the winners for Division 2 were Faye Mitchell's team. We had a tie for the aggregate so there was a 3 game playoff and the winner was Dennis Huntrod's team. It was a very exciting playoff.

The Manitoba representatives this year will be:

Ladies Singles – Cynthia Chudyk-Collins
Mens Singles – Don Wallbank
Ladies Doubles – Cynthia Chudyk-Collins & Amy Dumas
Mens Doubles – Rob Vandal & Keith White
Mixed Doubles – Cynthia Chudyk-Collins & Harvey Groleau

Our annual banquet was held at the Quality Inn with a catered meal at which time the trophies were presented.

We are starting to get ready for another season. A fun tournament is planned for September 6th and our Manitoba Open will be on September 19, 20, and 21 at the banquet hall of the Westbrook Hotel. We would love to see many of you here.

The Manitoba charter will hold their general meeting on October 15th at which time our election for officers will be held.

We are looking forward to hosting the Canadian Championships in 2009 and I can't wait to see many of you in Regina.

Good luck to all at the Canadian Championships this year!

Faye Mitchell
President

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Greetings Canada from your friends on Vancouver Island. I hope everyone had a great summer. By the looks of our weather today, fall is on the way.

Another Shuffleboard Season is fast approaching and more to the point, we are only 8 weeks from the start of the 2008 Canadian Championships in Regina. We wish each and every player the best. Shoot well and have a good time.

At this point I am not sure how many teams we will have for the 2008-2009 season. We only had 6 last year and it looks as though we will only have 5 this year. We sure need some new young blood in our League or a wealthy benefactor.

Again, I wish you all well in Regina and I know the gang there will have another wonderful experience for you all.

Our reps this year are:

Mixed Doubles: Chucky Boustead & Kabal Bimb
Ladies Singles: Teresa Tate
Men's Singles: Doug Grant
Ladies Doubles: Chucky Boustead & Carla Dempsey
Men's Doubles: Mike Provencher & Jake Jacob

Our 2008-2009 Executive:

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Debby Bowers Secretary
George Prior League Coordinator

Claudia Wright, President

BRITISH COLUMBIA

BCSA hosted a 4 Person 'Bring' team tournament on May 31st. Everyone had a great time. Congratulations to:

Winning team - Brian Burchynsky, Randy Storjeoff, Tanya Morehouse, and Paul Morehouse
Runners up – Marty Atkinson, Elaine Hill, Bill Weir, and Denis Camponero.

We held our Playdowns in June once again at The Elks in New Westminster. Our winners and runners-up are noted below. Congratulations to our BC Team of seven.

Ladies Singles:
WINNER: **Joanie Millar**
Runner-Up: Jackie Stolarchuk

Mens Singles:
WINNER: **Jim Nicoll**
Runner-Up: Ken Griggs

Ladies Doubles:
WINNERS: **Sandra Docile and Katie Docile**
Runners-Up: Elaine Hill and Agnes Lee

Mens Doubles:
WINNERS: **Jim Nicoll and Gordie Smith**
Runners-Up: Marty Atkinson and Brian Burchynsky

Mixed Doubles:
WINNERS: **Elaine Hill and Marty Atkinson**
Runners-Up: Katie Docile and Brian Burchynsky

Our BC Open is scheduled for September 5-7 with 5 events. Please see the Congress website for more information. If any shufflers from across Canada would like to join us for our Open, please do not hesitate to contact any of our Executive members.

Personals:

BCSA lost a long time member and good friend with the passing of Marg Wonnacott (Okum) on July 19, 2008. Marg loved the game of shuffleboard and worked very hard to make it the best it could be. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

On a positive note, Diane Heil is in good health at this time. She is playing shuffleboard, the girls are playing cards as often as we can manage to get together, and she is spending lots of quality time with family at their lakeside retreat.....

Our team and supporters are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Canadians in Regina!

ALBERTA

We have three new representatives for Alberta this year: Maxine Laird, Carol Gwilliam and Bob Gwilliam. They may be new to the Canadians but not new to shuffleboard as all three have competed in the Alberta Legion Provincial Tournaments many times.

Mixed Doubles: Carol Cowan & Bill Cowan
Ladies Singles: Carol Cowan
Men's Singles: Bill Cowan
Ladies Doubles: Maxine Laird & Carol Gwilliam
Men's Doubles: David Coulthard & Bob Gwilliam

Carol and Bill Cowan will be arriving on the Sunday before the AGM so we will see everyone there.

Bill Cowan, President

ONTARIO

Ontario has been busy this year with a lot of tournaments every month in all areas.

In February, the Ninth annual "Ladies only draw for partners" was held at the Polish Legion in Kitchener with a record number of ladies attending – both regular players and non-players. This tournament has increased the interest of the ladies and convinced them they can play in the regular tournaments and over the years several have joined the Kitchener league.

Winners this year were 1st place – Theresa Lynk and Lynn Derbyshire, 2nd place – Brenda Brown and Sandra Reinhart, 3rd place – Joan Brenton and Carolann Haviland with Kelly Hoffman and Vi Graham in 4th place.

Also in February the annual Jackie and John Memorial tournament was also held at the Polish Legion in Kitchener with 17 entries and winners were 1st place Rod Hoffman and Randy Homanchuk, 2nd place Richie Kresse and Al Kuenzler, 3rd place Nick Smits and Larry Leiskau and in 4th place Rick Beaulieu and Albert Westfall.

An open doubles tournament held in Milton resulted in the following winners - 1st Brenda Brown and Al Kuenzler, 2nd David Gillies and Roy Stuart, 3rd Merv Neil and Francis Baverstock with Joyce Davidson and Nancy-Jean Wagar in 4th place.

At a draw for partners held in Port Colborne 1st place was Gary Dixon and Dennis Greenwood, 2nd place Marcus Martin and Claude Crites with Reggie Mailloux and Roger Lacourse coming in 3rd.

Our Playdowns were held in May at the Belmont Hotel in Port Colborne with the following results.

Mixed Doubles – Joyce Davidson and Randy Homanchuk
Ladies Singles – Brenda Brown
Men's Singles – Aaron Taylor
Ladies Doubles – Brenda Brown and Theresa Lynk
Men's Doubles – Scott Burwell and Rick Beaulieu

Hope to see everyone in Regina.

Audrey Denny, Secretary-Treasurer

EASTERN ONTARIO

Hi from EOSA

I hope everyone out there has had a great Summer, we have gone Spring to the rainy season. We just had our Playdowns and the results were:

Ladies Singles

1st Frances Vrooman
2nd Bert Rector
3rd Cindy Roberts

Ladies Doubles

1st Bert Rector & Mary Ellen Amey
2nd Frances Vrooman & Cindy Roberts

Mixed Doubles

1st Jim Baker & Frances Vrooman
2nd Bert Rector & Rheal Bergeron
3rd Cindy Roberts & John Gencarelli

Men's Singles

1st Jim Baker
2nd John Gencarelli
3rd Ray Bergeron

Men's Doubles

1st Jim Baker & Bill Head
2nd Ray Bergeron & John Gencarelli
3rd Andrew Carson & Ryan Fairbanks

Everyone is looking forward to going to Regina and competing this year. Who knows it may be our year to win all the hardware (well here's hoping).

See you in October!

Rheal Bergeron
President

SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Our league wrapped up April with our team playdowns.

Winners of the A division

Was Gary Landgraf's team of Rick Litman, Emile Cote, Ron Richter, Terry Howard, and Pete Izzo.

Winners of the B Division was Jamie McCrimmon's team of Laurie Young, Rita McCrimmon, Chanda Symington, and Kim Stenhouse.

Winners of the C Division was Carl Archibald's team of Louis Anderson, Colleen Durrant, and Shawn Larocque.

We were proud to host the Alberta Open over the May long weekend. We were very proud to have members from every charter across Canada attend. The results have been posted on the Congress website. Thanks to all who attended and hope to see you next year.

Summer is almost over and we are gearing up by having our first draw partner tournament on Saturday, September 6, 2008 after the voting of the new executive for the 2008 – 2009 Season.

We start our 2008 – 2009 Season the following Wednesday after the Canadian Championships in Regina, Sask. We would like to wish Rick Litman, Gary Landgraf, Peggy McCrimmon and Debbie Howe the best of luck representing our Charter.

Rita McCrimmon - Secretary

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