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Shakespeare man earns crokinole title

Al Fuhr of Shakespeare is the Adult Singles World Crokinole Champion for the year 2000. He earned the top prize of \$1,000 cash and a custom-made wooden trophy in defeating 115 other competitors at the tournament held in the Tavistock and District Recreation Centre on Saturday, June 3, 2000.

The intermediate champion (10-14) was Rachel Bender of RR 2, Tavistock and the junior (under 10 years) champion was 8-year-old Cecchi MacNaughton of Andover, Massachusetts. Both winners earned \$200 cash and a trophy. Brothers Jason and Raymond Beierling of Varna successfully defended their title as doubles champions while Nyle Eby and Doug Eby of Kitchener earned the cue doubles title, each player taking home \$200 in prize money and a trophy.

The tournament began at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday with 28 tables of doubles players and 11 tables of cues players. The team of Scott Carnegie of Burlington and Andy Beattie of Sudbury topped the qualifying round with a score of 42 points with 59 20's, just two 20's better than the champion Beierling brothers. Dan Battler and Art Eby of Breslau finished as 1st runners-up; John Conrad of Poole and his partner, Jarmo Puiras of Cambridge were 2nd runner-up; and 3rd runner-up was the team of Joe Fulop, Exeter and Brian Cook, Toronto. Nyle and Doug Eby of Kitchener won the cue doubles category with 1st runner-up Oscar Weber of St. Jacobs and Enoch Weber of Drayton; 2nd runner-up was the father and son team of Donald and Mike Neal of Arthur who had topped the qualifying round with a score of 41 and 61 20's. 3rd runner-up was the Tavistock team of Carl Nicklas and Alfred Ropp.

A brief awards ceremony was held at 1:00 p.m. for the doubles and cue doubles categories. Also recognized at this time were the early bird registration jacket draw winners Fred Pearson of Tavistock and Brittany Zehr of RR 1, Tavistock.

A late start had tournament officials about one half hour behind schedule due to late arrivals and cancellations. One of the most dedicated players arrived on time from Andover, Massachusetts after a memorable trip to the tournament. Mr. George MacNaughton who attended with nine other family members and friends from the US, had his flight cancelled from New York to Toronto, then another flight cancelled from New York to Boston. He took a taxi from New York to Buffalo, but they hit a deer outside Rochester and couldn't continue on. A Toronto cabbie picked him up there and dropped him at the Shakespeare Inn at 7:05 a.m. Saturday, just in time to get to the tournament in Tavistock. Eighteen juniors and first pool of the adult singles began play around 1:30 p.m. Just after 3:30 the intermediates and the second pool of adults began play. Scores were posted for the top 16 players in each of the adult pools and the top 16 from the combined group



BILL GLADDING/TAVISTOCK GAZETTE

LOCAL CHAMPION: Al Fuhr of Shakespeare accepts the trophy and \$1,000 cash from WCC™ chairperson Doris Gladding. Al is the adult singles winner in the World Crokinole Championship held Saturday in Tavistock. Also shown is a replica of the oldest crokinole board on display by Wayne Kelly "Mr. Crokinole" of Stratford.

made up the quarter-finalists. Only four players advanced in the junior qualifying round due to low registration while eight qualifiers advanced in the intermediate category with the playoff rounds beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Cecchi MacNaughton (George's youngest son) earned the junior championship with Michael Dyer of Guelph taking 1st runner-up. 2nd runner-up was a tie between Cody Iutzi of Tavistock and Barrett Bender of RR 2, Tavistock. Rachel Bender of RR 2, Tavistock was the intermediate champion while 1st runner-up was Marc Milton of Stratford. 2nd runner-up was Jesse Schultz and 3rd runner-up Adam Stock, both of Tavistock.

In the adult singles category, two pools of eight shooters played a round robin with the top two players from each pool advancing

to the semi-finals. Al Fuhr topped the round robin with a 38/34 score followed by John Conrad with 37/87, Robert Mader with 36/51 and Joe Fulop with 35/69. These four players had a round robin playoff to determine their cede and the top two played off for first and second while third and fourth determined their final ranking. Al Fuhr of Shakespeare defeated Robert Mader of Breslau with two wins and a tie to earn the championship. Joe Fulop of Exeter earned the 2nd runner-up placing by beating John Conrad of Poole.

Joe Fulop of Exeter was also awarded the trophy as this year's 20's champion for the second year in a row recording 101 20's in the qualifying round. He was presented with the trophy and \$100 by Kaye Sommers on behalf of the sponsor, Sommers Motor

Generator Sales of Tavistock. Others players qualifying in the top 16 adult singles included Bill Freeman, Petersburg - 33/56, Bruce Halliday, Tavistock - 33/44; Ray Kappes, Waterloo - 31/80; Dan Shantz, Petersburg - 27/63; Andy Beattie, Burlington - 27/41; . Derek Kidnie, Kitchener - 26/74; . Cliff Berge, Woodstock - 26/44; Art Eby, Breslau - 25/52; Brian Cook, Toronto - 25/33; Tom MacNaughton, Adrian, Michigan - 18/62; David Scott, Stratford - 17/45; David Krafchick - 17/43.

Chairperson Doris Gladding emceed the awards ceremony



INTERMEDIATE: Left to right: 1st runner-up Marc Milton of Stratford, champion Rachel Bender, 2nd runner-up Jesse Schultz, and 3rd runner-up Adam Stock, all of Tavistock.

with business and organization sponsors from the community making the prize presentations. Linda Ruby of the Tavistock Opti-Mrs. presented the junior awards while the intermediate awards were presented by Doug Sparling, president of the Tavistock Men's Club, Greg Schwass from Martin Mills, and Rob Taylor from Tavistock Food Market. Senior awards were presented by Jack Wettlaufer of South Easthope Insurance, Dale Gingerich, president of Tavistock Chamber of Commerce, and Clive Lawry, CMA.

The noon hour doubles and cues awards were presented by Delmer Zehr of Tavistock Golf Course, Bill Klooster of the Shakespeare Inn, and John Schultz on behalf of Schultz Automotive.

Overall, the tournament was a huge success with the number of players registered up to 310 from last year's total of 278. This included 116 in adult singles, 18 in junior, 20 intermediates, 44 in cue doubles and 112 in doubles.

WCC™ committee chairperson Doris Gladding thanked the committee members involved for all their hard work, especially Mary Alice Roth and Chuck McIntyre for scoring and tournament coordination; Ken Wettlaufer, Linda Ruby and Lisa Iutzi for registration; LaVerne Reibling for obtaining the boards; Glenn Roth for announcing; Dave Johnston and the Optimist Club for set-up and Dayle Reibling for referees. She also recognized the dozens of committee members, officials, scorekeepers and volunteers who helped make the tournament day run smoothly.

The garage sale, flea and craft market in the back of the park was also a success in its first season under the coordination of Jane Chesney for the Tavistock Recreation Committee.



JUNIORS: Left to right: 1st runner-up Michael Dyer, Guelph; champion Cecchi MacNaughton of Andover, Massachusetts; and second runners-up Cody Iutzi and Barrett Bender, Tavistock.



ADULT SINGLES: Left to right are adult singles winners, 1st runner-up Robert Mader of Breslau, champion Al Fuhr of Shakespeare, 2nd runner-up Joe Fulop of Exeter, (Joe was also the 20's champion in the qualifying round with 101 20's scored in 320 shots), and 3rd runner-up John Conrad of Poole.



DOUBLES: Champions, brothers Raymond and Jason Beierling of Varna successfully defended their 1999 WCC™ title earning \$200 each.



CUE DOUBLES: Nyle Eby and Doug Eby, both of Kitchener, won the cue doubles title earning the cash prize of \$200 each plus a trophy.