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A Quick Look at our Town!

■ THIS 'N' THAT

Another very successful World Crokinole Championship held at the Tavistock and District Recreation Centre this past Saturday - thank you to all those who contributed in any way ... Father's Day coming up this Sunday, June 15th ... also coming up quickly is the Fiddle and Stepdance Competition held here in Tavistock on July 4th and 5th - a jamboree sponsored by the Tavistock Curling Club will be held in the Curling Club area on the Thursday evening July 3rd.

■ BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Shawn Schultz will be 7 years old June 12th; Sophia Bailey, is 5; Gordon and Tanya Waters celebrate their 4th wedding anniversary; Tim and Jayne Whetstone celebrate their 10th ... on June 13th Jaris Marriott is 3; Jennifer Snider, 12; Derek McKay, 13; Reid Yantzi, 19 ... Payge Schlosser is 1 year old June 14th; Julia Harmer also celebrates her first birthday; Kristen Lupton is 8 ... on June 15th Kathryn Halliday is 18; Mackenzie Kalbfleisch, 11; and Jeff Schwartzentruber has a birthday ... Jessalyn Munro is 15 June 16th; Leighton Suderman, 3; Anne Troyer, 11; Daniel Kalbfleisch, 14; Paul Gingerich, 20; and a 2nd wedding anniversary for Dan and Amanda Neumeister ... on June 17th Taylor Yungblut is 11; Leah Winhold, 15; and Taylor McCutchen, 17.

Fiddle and Stepdance plans display competition

The Tavistock Open Fiddle and Stepdance Championships is sponsoring a Business and Residential Display competition this year. Prizes will be awarded to the display which best promotes this event. There will be no entry fee but the business or resident must register by June 21, 2003 with the contest committee by calling 655-2319. Judging of the displays takes place on June 28th. Prizes will be awarded on Thursday, July 3rd at the Jamboree held at the Tavistock Curling Club.

Squirt girls win and lose

The Tavistock Squirt Girls started the season off with a win and loss. They then played in the Mitchell Tournament and faced some tough competition. They lost their first two hard-fought games 8-7 and 3-2. In their final game they managed a 6-5 victory.

All the girls are swinging the bats and starting to make some good plays in the field.

New World Crokinole champion



BILL GLADDING/TAVISTOCK GAZETTE

WCC adult singles finalists Raymond Beierling, Champion Raymond Kappes, Al Fuhr, and Bill Freeman.

Two noticeable differences in the fifth annual World Crokinole Championship were the presence of thirty of the new WCC™-endorsed boards and the media attention the event received this year. While Raymond Kappes was concentrating on his adult singles championship win, video cameras and flashes were seen throughout the arena catching glimpses of both happy and sometimes frustrated players in the seven categories of play.

WCC™ Committee chair Barry Raymer said the media coverage was great and the way everything comes together is 'super'. "Maybe we're just starting to come into our own. People now realize how much fun crokinole can be!" Compliments and appreciation shown by the players to committee members "makes all the work worthwhile," he added.

Total registration reached 398 in 2003. When the committee was formed in 1999, a goal of 400 players was set. The first year saw 278, 310 in 2000, and 361 in 2001, and 385 in 2002. "It looks like we'll surpass that 400 number next year," he said. And if it weren't for a few last minute U.S. cancellations, registrations would have been over 400 this year.

Raymond Kappes of Waterloo took home \$1,000 cash and the adult singles title for 2003. 2000 adult singles champ, Al Fuhr of Shakespeare earned second prize followed by Raymond Beierling of Varna in third place and Bill Freeman of RR 2, Petersburg in fourth. Joe Fulop of Exeter, who has won the singles title the past two years, ranked third in the preliminary round, but failed to make the final four.

Robert C. Mader of Kitchener captured the 20's trophy, recording 90 "doogies" (20's) in the preliminary round.

During competition, players were more than impressed with the new WCC boards. Their consistency was the biggest asset to this year's event. The only negative comment heard was that the side rail was a bit too high. However, chairman Barry Raymer said they were designed that way to keep stray buttons from ricocheting onto the floor. A wider shooting area was also incorporated to allow a more comfortable set-up of the shooting disc.

A new division introduced this year was recreational play in the afternoon. Twenty-four participants of almost every age played for the \$200 cash, trophy and title. Jeremy Howey of Kitchener, 2001 intermediate champion, earned the title with Lloyd Wiseman of Kitchener in second place. Gerald Bedard of Stittsville was third and John Howard of Woodstock was fourth.

This year, the juniors and intermediates played by their own timetable. The 18 juniors began at 1:30 and had completed their rounds and declared a champion by 3:00 p.m. Todd Fraser of Fergus took home the junior trophy while Will Taylor of Millbrook placed second, Kyle Booy of Aylmer placed third, and Jesse Wiseman of Kitchener was fourth. Twenty intermediates began at 3:15 and Brandon Boyd of St. Marys earned the first place, \$100 cash and trophy. Kyle Vaillancourt of Penetanguishene was second, Cecchi MacNaughton of Massachusetts was third, and Barrett Bender of RR 2, Tavistock was fourth.

A record eighty-one teams registered for the doubles competition with the top six teams going into the final. Partners Jon Conrad of Poole and Paul Hartman of Kitchener captured the first place trophy and shared \$300 cash.

Second place went to Bill Freeman and Dan Shantz of RR 2, Petersburg; third to Raymond Kappes and Kevin Bechtel both of Waterloo; and fourth place to Rob Jones and Paul Mackie, both of Kitchener.

Cues tables, complete with lazy susan boards, were set up at the west end of the arena floor and both singles and doubles play were enjoyed. Wayne Coward of Pickering earned the cue singles title by defeating second place Oscar Weber of St. Jacobs in a double tie-breaker. Tavistock participants Sam Wagler and Carl Nicklas squared off to earn third and fourth place respectively.

In cue doubles, Carl Nicklas of Tavistock and his son-in-law, Terry Ross, of Embro, defended their title from 2002 by earning the 2003 championship. Second place went to the father and son team of Mike Neal and Donald Neal of Arthur. Brothers, Enoch Weber of Drayton and Oscar Weber, St. Jacobs, placed third while Donald Mohr and Howard Herrle, both of St. Agatha, were fourth.

Five thousand dollars in cash and prizes was given out over the one-day tournament. Early bird draw WCC™ jacket winners were also presented with their prizes on Saturday. Winners were Diane Ferguson of Bright and Tim Wigglesworth of Elmira.

A draw table was set up just around the corner from the registration desk at the entrance to the Tavistock and District Recreation Centre. An official board, donated by Wiffen Home Hardware, was won by Bobby Pettigrew of Vienna. Other prizes included a cake from Ritsma Bakery, gift basket from Notsy Nook, summer sausage from Westavi Farms, and a gift certificate from Moose Winooski's restaurant. T-shirts and golf shirts were sold throughout the day as

well as the numbered, official crokinole boards.

Pedro Mendes, the new media producer for CBC Radio Canada, attended this year's event and played in the recreational division in the afternoon. He spent the day interviewing players and spectators, organizers and volunteers, for his radio broadcast on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. at CBC Radio One 99.1 FM.

Mr. Mendes was introduced to the game by his fiancé's (Manitoba) Mennonite family. Now he just loves it, he said. "I'm fascinated by the game, its history and why players are so passionate about it," he said. "I'd really like to try to capture the flavour of the event and what makes it unique," he concluded.

At the same time, Brendan Howley of Stratford, a writer for Saturday Night Magazine, and photographer, Patrick Fordham, stayed until the finals in the evening to record a different perspective on the tournament. Mr. Howley said he couldn't think of another event where you can buy a summer sausage at the registration desk. It's just amazing the way people here work together, he said.

You and Media, a Toronto-based production company that specializes in independent short films, documentaries and corporate promotions was on hand to shadow two Toronto-area amateur players for adult singles and doubles competition. Producer and director Brian Smith, and co-producer Bill Fraser, a competitor in the last two championships conducted interviews with tournament organizers, competitors, and local residents. They envision a 30-minute documentary to be marketed to film festivals and documentary broadcasters. It is hoped that the WCC committee will get a chance to see the final version when it is complete.

Wins Crokinole Board

Saturday was a lucky day for 8-year-old Bobby Pettigrew. He not only got to play doubles in the World Crokinole Championship, but he won an official WCC™ crokinole board.

When he was called and told about the win, he said, "I really liked it." His father, Randall, who accompanied him to Tavistock on Sunday to pick up the prize, said Bobby "jumped up and down" when he heard the news.

Bobby's family, from Vienna, Ontario, had a fairly modest board to practice on, but now are the envy of the neighbourhood with their new board. When asked about playing on the board during the tournament, Bobby said it was "a lot easier to get the button in the middle." The board is Number 2003-017, purchased and donated by Wiffen Home Hardware, Tavistock in a fundraising raffle.