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MAIN STREET

A Quick Look at our Town!

■ THIS 'N' THAT

Perfect weather for the Chamber sponsored Town Garage Sale and the 11th Annual World Crokinole Championship held last weekend ... an excellent Chicken BBQ by the Tavistock Firefighters and Fish Fry by the Tavistock Men's Club last week ... Father's Day coming up Sunday, June 21st ... coming up on July 3 and 4 is the South-western Ontario Fiddle and Stepdance Competition held here in Tavistock ... get your tickets for the Tavistock Optimists Steak Stag (see ad page 3).

■ BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jeremy Munro is 17 today June 10th; Devin Kaufmann, 13 ... on June 11th Roy and Bessie Longmire celebrate their 4th wedding anniversary ... Nicholas Danen is 10 June 12th; Shawn Schultz, 13; Sophia Bailey, 11; and a 16th wedding anniversary for Tim and Jayne Whetstone ... on June 13th Shelby Zehr is 2; Jaris Marriott, 9; Jennifer Snider, 18; Derek McKay, 19 ... Rianna Forthuber is 4 June 14th; Payge Schlosser, 7; Julia Harmer, 11; Kristen Lupton, 14 ... on June 15 Mackenzie Kalbfleisch is 17 ... Leighton Suderman is 9 June 16th; Anne Troyer, 17; Daniel Kalbfleisch, 20. Congratulations!

Hickson Park renovations underway

Construction has started on a new washroom facility as well as septic and hydro upgrades for the Hickson Community Park. This new building is being funded as a joint venture involving the Hickson Recreation Committee, the Hickson Lions Club, Township of East Zorra Tavistock and through a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

In early 2009, a business plan was presented to the Township requesting funding for a three-pronged project: hydro upgrade to accommodate new lighting at the Hickson Ball diamond, a new washroom facility and a new septic system to accommodate the new washrooms. Approval was received in principle and the Lions Club applied to the Trillium Foundation for funding for the \$150,000 project.

In April 2009, a Trillium grant for \$74,700 was approved and the Lions Club took the lead in organizing the construction process.

Installation of the 600 Amp hydro service has commenced and the foundation has been installed for the six stall, handicapped accessible washroom facility. Local contractors have been hired for this project with an anticipated completion date of July 1, 2009, to be fully operational for the local Hickson Lions Daze community festival on July 17-18. Further updates will be provided as progress continues on the project.

Brian Cook wins third straight WCC title

It was a 'David and Goliath' match Saturday evening as 16-year-old Nathan Walsh of St. Pauls, Ontario was matched against two-time World Crokinole champion Brian Cook of Toronto for the Adult Singles title. Cook prevailed for his third straight title, but not without a good fight put up by Walsh who was last year's Recreational division winner. Nathan took the first game after a fifth round and Cook earned the second, again after a fifth round. The deciding match also went to a tie in four games with Cook winning the extra tie-breaker game and the \$1,000 cash prize. Walsh took home \$500 cash.

A handshake of congratulations and a wave to his dad and friends in the ring of spectators confirmed the win. Brian Cook has now tied the record set by Joe Fulop of Exeter (2001, 2002, 2004) with three wins, although Brian's have all come consecutively.

Both Brian and Nathan have met previously in play with the World Crokinole League and Brian is confident that Nathan will be the one to look out for in the future. "It's difficult with all the spectators and cameras around," Brian said. "You have to stay focussed."

Third place in the Adult Singles division was Ray Beierling of Varna who also earned the trophy for the most 20's (101) in the preliminary round. Fourth place went to Ab Leitch of Goderich.

Over 530 positions were filled in ten categories at the eleventh annual tournament held in the Tavistock and District Recreation Centre. East Zorra-Tavistock Mayor Don McKay gave the opening remarks and welcomes to players from as far away as Australia, France, Italy, Ireland, and England, from the U.S.A. states of Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, and Wisconsin as well as Prince Edward Island and all parts of Ontario. Early Bird registration winners were Marlin Good of Kincardine and Mark Van Heeswyk of Strathroy. The youngest player was 6-year-old Mercedes Miltenburg of Hamilton and the oldest player, 90-year-old Charles Moutoux of Kitchener. Max Corrigan of Rosemount, Minnesota was the lucky winner of the draw for an official WCC board.

Emcee and announcer for the day was Arena Manager Ken Wettlaufer who went over the rules of the day prior to each preliminary round and was the official timer. Official scorer was Andrew Raymer and Lynn Matthison headed the registration desk. The Mayor announced the winners in each category with awards, cash and certificates handed out by many of the tournament sponsors.

In the preliminary rounds, 132 players were placed in two pools of play throughout the day and the top sixteen were chosen to playoff against each other to seed the final four. Winners from the preliminary rounds of Cue Singles (32 players) and Recreational Singles (84 players) also held their playoff rounds at the same time. Carl Litt of Kitchener was the Cues winner with second place to Dennis Brubacher of Elmira, third to Wayne Schultz of Tavistock and fourth to Raymond Schwartzentruber of Stratford. A trophy for the



BILL GLADDING / TAVISTOCK GAZETTE

Brian Cook, Toronto, took home the 2009 WCC Adult Singles trophy and \$1,000 cash. More World Crokinole Championship photos on page 6 and at www.tavistock.on.ca.



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Some international players at this year's crokinole tournament included, from the left, Joe Henson, England; Simone Speziale, Italy; John O'Brien and Sarah Croke, Ireland; and Daniel Caulfield and Chabriel Colebatch, Australia.

Brampton.

Over at doubles play, brothers Jason and Raymond Beierling once again dominated that category winning their fifth title in 11 years (1999, 2000, 2007, 2008, 2009) out of 50 teams. Robert Mader, Breslau and Richard Mader, Waterloo took home second prize with third place going to Justin and Fred Slater and fourth to Wayne Gingerich and Paul Brubacher. For Recreational Doubles there were 58 teams. Nathan Walsh of St. Pauls and Chris Leitch of Goderich were champions. Second place went to Ken and Kent Robinson, third place to Darren and Wayne Campbell, and fourth place to Lloyd and Jesse Wiseman. In Cue doubles play, Lorraine Proud and Carol Litt, Kitchener were champions out of 26 teams. Second place went to Carl Litt and Paul

Sorley, Kitchener, third to Wayne Schultz, Tavistock and Floyd Kipfer, Milverton, and fourth to Merv Roth and Marjorie Roth, New Hamburg.

To add an international flavour to the tournament again this year, a group of European players, some who are co-workers at the Perimeter Institute in Waterloo, enjoyed the tournament. In the Recreational Division out of 84 competitors, Simone Speziale of Italy placed 29th, Sarah Croke of Ireland was 50th, Joe Henson of England was 53rd, John O'Brien of Ireland was 56th, and in Adult Singles, Australians Daniel Caulfield was 46th and Chabriel Colebatch 48th in Pool B.

A successful chicken barbecue hosted by the Tavistock Firefighters was held in the Curling Arena as an evening meal and break for competitors.