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## MAIN STREET

*A Quick Look at our Town!*

### ■ THIS 'N' THAT

The weekend weather turned out perfect for the 12th Annual World Crokinole Championship and Town Garage Sale on Saturday and the Heritage Dog Walk, Sunday ... the flower pots placed uptown by the Tavistock Chamber of Commerce look wonderful ... scrumptious dinners were served by Tavistock Firefighters (chicken barbecue) and the Tavistock Men's Club (fish fry) this past week ... the Southwestern Ontario Fiddle and Stepdance Competition coming up here in Tavistock on July 2nd and 3rd ... get your tickets now for the Tavistock Optimist Steak Stag set for Thursday, June 17 (see ad page 3)

### ■ BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Tessa Mogk is 16 today, June 9; Laura Lawry is 16; Braden Wilhelm, 16; Andrea Zehr, 16; and a wedding anniversary for Bruce and Donna Swartzentruber ... on June 10, Jeremy Munro is 18; Devin Kaufmann, 14 ... Roy and Bessie Longmire celebrate their 5th wedding anniversary on June 11 ... on June 12, Kaelynn Schlegel is 1; Carson Gilmore, 1; Nicholas Danen, 11; Shawn Schultz, 14; Sophia Bailey, 12; and a 17th wedding anniversary for Tim and Jayne Whetstone ... Shelby Zehr is 3, June 13; Jaris Marriott, 10; Jennifer Snider, 19; Derek McKay, 20 ... on June 14, Rianna Forthuber is 5; Payge Schlosser, 8; Julia Harmer, 8; Kristen Lupton, 15 ... Mackenzie Kalbfleisch is 18 on June 15. Congratulations!

## 2010 IS THE YEAR OF THE HOME CHILD

100,000 British Home Children were sent to Canada during the years 1869-1939. They were taken from the streets, workhouses and poor families of Britain and sent to various parts of Canada with the hope of improving their living conditions. 70% of the home children came to Ontario. It is estimated 11% or 4 million of Canada's population is descended from British child migrants.

Many of the children, ages 7 to 14, were treated as servants and farm hands in Canadian households. Some were adopted and raised as family members. In recognition of the Home Children's contribution in this forgotten period in Canada's history, the Canadian Parliament has unanimously designated 2010 as the Year of the Home Child.

We know there were a number of Home Children who came to this area. To honour their memory and contribution to our country, the Tavistock Historical Society is interested in learning about the Home Children who came to our community. If you know of a Home Child who was part of your family or worked for your family or lived / worked in your neighbourhood, please call Mary Nicklas at 519-655-9915.



PHOTOS BY BILL GLADDING / TAVISTOCK GAZETTE

Justin Slater of Toronto reacts after winning the 2010 World Crokinole Championship in Tavistock on Saturday, June 5. He defeated three-time world champion Brian Cook to become the youngest champion in the WCC's 12-year history.

## Young champion

17-year-old Justin Slater made history Saturday night as the youngest player to win the World Crokinole Championship. He edged three-time World Champion Brian Cook in a third round tie-breaker on the last shot of the third game recording five 20's for the win.

Justin, who placed twenty-third overall in singles competition last year and third with his father, Fred, in last year's doubles competition, has quickly advanced through the National Crokinole Association tour of tournaments this year. He was co-winner with Ray Beierling of Dorchester for the most points in the 2009-2010 season. Justin also won the St. Jacobs and Hamilton tournaments.

Many who have seen them play knew that the Tavistock tournament would be the ultimate chal-

lenge between Brian and Justin.

And they didn't disappoint the crowd. Shooting back-to-back 20's throughout their games, Justin recorded seven 20's in one game. Intense concentration on the part of both players only heightened the suspense as Justin noted he didn't know his last shot was the winner until the points were totalled.

"Brian is by far the most intimidating opponent," Justin said. Comments throughout the game went unnoticed as each player was in their own zone of concentration, and tough to break.

Justin began playing competitively in 2008 and improved his game immensely after switching shooting fingers. He is the youngest of three sons of Fred and Anna Slater of Toronto. He will be attending Dalhousie University in

Halifax, Nova Scotia in the fall where he is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science program.

Brian Cook explained that "even though he (Justin) is fairly new to the big tournaments, he's shown an ability to play well when he needs to. He's certainly got all the tools to be a very good player for a long time."

The National Crokinole Association has been responsible for creating new challengers in this year's championship. The group sponsors tournaments within the clubs in Exeter, Waterloo, London, St. Jacobs, Hamilton, Kawartha and begin their next season with the World Crokinole Championship in Tavistock.

"The standard of play overall just keeps getting better and better," said Brian Cook. "There's a very fine line these days between

making it to the finals or finishing well back."

Three of this year's top four players were from the Toronto Club which was formed two years ago. Eric Miltenburg, Derek Hale and others convened the club and many of its members "have gotten really good, really fast," said Brian who is a member there mentoring Justin. Eric Miltenburg, Toronto placed fourth and John Conrad of Milverton was in third place.

More than 320 players participated in this year's event at the Tavistock and District Recreation Centre filling 500 spots in singles, doubles and cue play. Tavistock's Wayne Schultz won the cue singles category while the team of Paul Sorley and Carl Litt of Kitchener won the cue doubles category. Brothers Jason Beierling of Varna and Ray Beierling of Dorchester took home their sixth doubles championship. They earned the titles in 2009, 2008, 2007, 2000 and 1999.

First-time participants Ian Arnup of Haliburton and son Joe Arnup of Toronto captured the recreational doubles championship while Kyle Vaillancourt of Penetanguishene was the recreational singles champion.

Coe Miltenburg of Hamilton was the junior champion and Emma Hosken of Brampton was the intermediate winner.

Winner of the draw for the crokinole board this year was Laurence Georgiou, Marthaville, Ontario.

Players this year came from as far away as Scotland, P.E.I., B.C. and Quebec, as well as U.S. states such as Michigan, North Carolina, District of Columbia, Maryland, Kentucky and Maine.

For a complete list of results go to: [www.worldcrokinole.com](http://www.worldcrokinole.com)

More photos on page 5.



Wayne Schultz, Tavistock Cue Singles Champion



## Tim Hortons Camp Day raises \$3,880

Staff at Tim Hortons, Tavistock had a successful Camp Day last Wednesday, June 2 with all coffee sales going to camps for kids.

Tavistock's coffee sales reached \$3,200 while games and donation proceeds totalled \$680.00. Emily Lockwood guessed closest to the correct number of candies in a jar.

Morning employees, left to right, are Nicole Pye Kirkpatrick, Cathy Mohr, Manager Cheri Sywyk, Terri Reid, Jane Panneton, and baker Mary Anne O'Driscoll.

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