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A QUICK LOOK AT OUR TOWN!

■ THIS 'N' THAT

It turned out to be a beautiful sunny, warm weekend after Saturday morning's rain ... another successful World Crokinole Championship – thank you to all who played in and supported this event ... coming up soon is Father's Day Sunday, June 19th ... just three weeks left until the end of the school year ... the Southwestern Ontario Fiddle and Stepdance Competition is coming up held in Tavistock on July 1st and 2nd ... don't forget to check out the Tavistock Opti-Mrs. Annual Silent Auction held from June 6th to June 17th at Scotiabank, Tavistock.

■ BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Emily Wettlaufer is 11 years old today June 8th; Alyssa Hohner is 19 ... on June 9th Tessa Mogk is 17; Laura Lawry, 17; Braden Wilhelm, 17; Andrea Zehr, 17; and a wedding anniversary for Bruce and Donna Swartzentruber ... Jeremy Munro is 19 June 10th; Devin Kaufmann, 15 ... on June 12th Kaelynn Schlegel is 2; Carson Gilmore, 2; Nicholas Danen, 12; Shawn Schultz, 15; Sophia Bailey, 13; a first anniversary for Shawn and Bobbi Ropp; and an 18th for Tim and Jayne Whetstone ... Shelby Zehr is 4 June 13th; Jaris Marriott, 11; Jennifer Snider, 20 ... on June 14th Rianna Forthuber is 6; Payge Schlosser, 9; Julia Harmer, 9; Kristen Lupton, 16. Congratulations to all!

Local athletes successful at OFSAA regionals in London

Five local athletes qualified for for high school track's top meet, the OFSAA track and field championships in Sudbury, held this past weekend. They earned a place in the competition after winning medals the previous week in London. Woodstock Collegiate Institute was represented by Branden Wilhelm, Kaitlin Wilhelm, Alyssa Bickle and Ashley Bickle with Madalyn Ruby competing for Huron Park Secondary School.

Madalyn Ruby competed in the 800m and 1500m junior women's races. She placed third at the OFSAA regionals. The top four qualified.

Branden Wilhelm set a personal best and drew the day's biggest crowd with a 2.15-metre leap in the senior boys' high jump. He shattered his old personal best by six centimetres and narrowly missed setting an OFSAA West Regional record of 2.19-metres.

Kaitlin Wilhelm, Branden's sister, qualified for the junior girls' high jump with a top leap of 1.55 metres.

In the midget girls' high jump, Ashley Bickle's second-place jump of 1.51 earned her the trip to OFSAA in her first year of high school.

Lucky 13

Ray Beierling wins WCC title at 13th annual event in Tavistock.



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2011 World Crokinole Championship Adult Singles winner Ray Beierling of Dorchester gets a celebratory hug from his wife, Sarah, following his win on Saturday night, June 4, 2011 in Tavistock, Ontario at the 13th Annual WCC tournament. (More on page 6)

Ray Beierling has finally done it. After 13 years competing in the World Crokinole Championship, he has won the coveted adult singles title and \$1,000 cash.

He defeated three-time winner Brian Cook (2007-2008-2009) in a 2-out-of-3 round final game. Last year's champion, Justin Slater, finished 8th in the 16-player, final round robin contest.

Ray joins his brother, Jason, in the championship circle. Jason won the singles title in 2006.

Ray has placed third in the singles finals on three occasions, 2003, 2007, and 2009, and in 2008 was fourth.

Ray and his brother have also captured the doubles title six times in the tournament's 13-year history. They won the trophy in the first year, 1999, again in 2000, placed 3rd in 2001, second in 2004, third again in 2005, then won the next four consecutive years - 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. This year, as Ray focused on the singles title, he and Jason placed 13th in the round robin Doubles category and didn't make it to the final four, placing 8th out of 12 teams.

After round robin play in the Adult Singles category, National Crokinole Association 2011 tour winner Brian Cook led the pack with 39 points. Ray followed in second place with 38 points. Paul Brubacher was third with 35 points and Tom Johnston was fourth with 31 points. Jason Beierling came in 13th place.

When all was said and done, Ray triumphed in the tie-breaker game winning all three rounds. After losing every round in the first game, "I got rattled," Ray said. "I wasn't sinking my open shots." He won the second game with two wins and a tie in round three, forcing the tie-breaker.



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Above, 2010 WCC champion Justin Slater (right) edges Ray Beierling in a shootout for the 20's championship. Both players scored 102 20's in round robin play. Below, Lorraine Proud of Kitchener concentrates on a shot during her cue singles win over defending champion Wayne Schultz of Tavistock who placed second.



ing the tie-breaker.

A slider from outside the pegs that took off Brian Cook's button and placed Ray's in the centre for a 20, seemed to be the clincher. "He's good on those sliders," Brian said following the match.

Aside from the best players rising to the top once again this year,

the biggest news of the tournament was 12-year-old Julian Chalmers of Winlaw, British Columbia. He won the Intermediate title sinking 92 20's in the round robin tournament. He then went on to compete in the adult singles division where he placed fifth with 91 20's, just out of the final

round playoff.

Champion Ray Beierling said Julian plays a strong 20's game, but he's got a lot to learn. Julian will have that time as he and his family will return to China where his father, Charles, teaches high school English.

There were a total of 440 players in this year's competition held at the Tavistock and District Recreation Centre on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

In other play, Lorraine Proud of Kitchener was the Cue Singles champion and Lloyd Wiseman of Kitchener the Recreational Singles winner. Tyson Kuepfer of RR 1, Brunner won the Junior category. In Doubles play, Robert E. Mader of Breslau and Richard Mader of Waterloo teamed up for the Doubles championship. Brothers Oscar Weber of St. Jacobs and Paul Weber of Drayton won the Cue Doubles title and the Recreational Doubles crown went to Lloyd and Steve Wiseman of Kitchener.