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A QUICK LOOK AT OUR TOWN!

■ THIS 'N' THAT

Cool, wet, windy weather over the past few days - lots of tree branches down - but finally some much needed rain ... another successful World Crokinole Championship - thank you to all who played in and who supported this event ... Father's Day coming up Sunday, June 17th ... just a few weeks left until the end of the school year ... the Southwestern Ontario Fiddle & Stepdance Competition coming up here in Tavistock on June 29th & 30th.

■ BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Morgan Weicker is 6 years old today June 6th; Ashley Ropp, 7; and a 3rd wedding anniversary for Tom and Lori Dufton ... on June 7th Elijah Bamberry is 10 ... Emily Wettlaufer is 12 June 8th; Alyssa Hohner, 20 ... on June 9th Tessa Mogk is 18; Laura Lawry, 18; Braden Wilhelm, 18; Andrea Zehr, 18; and Bruce and Donna Swartzentruber celebrate an anniversary ... Jeremy Munro is 20 June 10th; Devin Kaufmann, 16; and a 59th wedding anniversary for Floyd and Hilda Kropf ... on June 11th Brad and Laura Witzel celebrate their 1st wedding anniversary ... Kaelynn Schlegel is 3 June 12th; Carson Gilmore, 3; Nicholas Danen, 13; Shawn Schultz, 16; Sophia Bailey, 14; anniversaries for Shawn and Bobbi Ropp, 2nd; and Tim and Jayne Whetstone, 19th ... belated first birthday wishes to Carter Joseph Cook who celebrated May 30th. Congratulations!

Jutzi plans car wash on property

Jutzi Holdings Inc. has submitted a plan to East Zorra-Tavistock Council for the construction of a single-bay, touchless car wash to be constructed on their property at 5 Woodstock Street North in Tavistock. Council will look at the proposal at their June 6 meeting.

The plan requires a minor variance to reduce the interior side yard from 5 m (16.4 ft) to 2 m (6.6 ft) and reduce the total number of required parking spaces from 30 to 26.

The County of Oxford initial report states that "the proposed parking reduction will have little impact on the site" and reduction of the interior side yard "is considered to have little effect on the neighbouring residential properties."

The public meeting is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. in Hickson.



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Singles Champion John Conrad concentrates on shooting in the finals of the 2012 World Crokinole Championship held in Tavistock on Saturday, June 2.

Practice makes perfect

Retired school teacher John Conrad of RR 1, Milverton is the 2012 World Crokinole champion. He defeated 2010 champion Justin Slater in a playoff round Saturday night, June 2 in Tavistock at the 14th annual tournament.

"Always a bridesmaid, never a bride," John said of his prior finishes. Former three-time world champion, Brian Cook, took third place and last year's champion Ray Beierling earned fourth place. John was presented with the coveted trophy and \$1,000 cash.

"I practice an hour every day," John said about his climb back to the top of the pack. When teaching, John and other teachers would play every noon hour. When he retired, he was looking for something to do, so crokinole practice was the answer. "I didn't have a partner to practice with," John said, "so I just started practicing combination shots."

"John was the one guy I didn't want to meet in the final," Justin said. Justin earned the most 20's in round robin preliminary play with an unbelievable record of 142. A perfect game would allow 320. Ray Beierling said the feat is made possible by some great opponents in the tournament. The better the players, the more 20's they generate, usually one after the other.

John Conrad also took home the top prize for doubles play along with partner Tony Snyder of Waterloo. John is no stranger to the doubles championship rounds.

He has been doubles champion twice before with Paul Hartman in 2003 and 2005 and placed third three times, twice with Hartman (2004, 2006), and his first year with fellow teacher Jarmo Puiras (2000). Also that first year for him, he placed fourth in the singles category and in 2010 was third in singles play. Placing second in doubles was Fred and Justin Slater, Toronto; third place to Ron and Ray Haymes, Wainfleet, and fourth place to Chris Gorsline and Louis Gauthier, Belleville.

The other notable winner for the day was Lorraine Proud of Kitchener who was not only recognized as the oldest female competitor, but the winner of the cue singles title and the cue doubles trophy along with partner Carol Litt. Carl Litt of Kitchener

was second place in cue singles, Wayne Schultz of Tavistock was third, and Wayne Kipfer of Millbank was fourth. In cue doubles, second place went to the team of Floyd Kuepfer of Milverton and Wayne Kipfer of Millbank, third place to Dave Brubacher of Listowel and Dennis Brubacher of Elmira, and fourth place to Leonard and Delphine Schwartzentruber, New Hamburg.

In the junior category, Scott Torrance of Parry Sound was the champion. Second place went to Abijah Jong, third to Kyle Grasby, and fourth to Makeda Jong. Triston Whytock of Drumbo was first place in the Intermediate group while second place went to Kohl Hedley of Renfrew, third place to Trevor Grasby of Holland Landing, and fourth to Tyson

Kuepfer of RR 1, Brunner.

In recreational play, the singles champion was Robert Bonnett of Wingham. Second place went to Dennis Ernest of Kitchener; third place to Gerald Kuepfer and fourth place to Alex Protas of Bridgeport. In the recreational doubles category, Greg Matthison and Murray Matthison of London were champions with second place going to Jason Hogan and Lawrence Wicks of Peterborough. Third place was won by Bob Grasby and Trevor Grasby of Holland Landing, while fourth place went to Oliver Davidson of Sebringville and Kent Davidson of London.

The early bird draw winners of official WCC jackets were Kim George of Montreal, Quebec and Tom Johnston, Goderich.



Lorraine Proud of Kitchener won the cue singles, cue doubles with Carol Litt, and was the oldest female competitor in the tournament. She is pictured here with other cue singles prize winners Wayne Kipfer, 4th (left); Carol Litt, 2nd; and Wayne Schultz, 3rd (right).

Complete results at: worldcrokinole.com