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MAIN STREET

A QUICK LOOK AT OUR TOWN!

THIS 'N' THAT

Beautiful sunny, warm weather this past Saturday for the annual World Crokinole Championship and Town Garage and Sidewalk Sales - lots of people out exploring the open street of vendors, bargains and good food . . . great weather also for Stratford's Relay for Life last Friday night . . . just a couple weeks left until the end of the school year . . . don't forget the T.A.P. Food Drive this Thursday night from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the Tavistock Firefighters . . . Father's Day is this Sunday, June 15th . . . just 3 more editions before our summer holidays - the Gazette will be closed July 4 - 20th inclusive - please plan your advertising and printing needs accordingly. No paper July 9 and 16.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jackson and Benjamin Bisch celebrate their 2nd birthdays June 11; a birthday for Fran Eekhof; Brad and Laura Witzel celebrate their 3rd wedding anniversary . . . on June 12, Kaelynn Schlegel is 5; Carson Gilmore is 5; Nicholas Danen, 15; Shawn Schultz, 18; Sophia Bailey, 16; anniversaries for Shawn and Bobbi Ropp, 4th; Tim and Jayne Whetstone, 21st . . . Ava Brooks is one year old June 13; Shelby Zehr, 7; Jaris Marriott, 14 . . . on June 14th Rianna Forthuber is 9; Payge Schlosser, 12; Julia Harmer, 12; Kristen Lupton, 19 . . . Wesley Berendsen is 4 June 16; Leighton Suderman, 14; anniversaries for Wes and Janice Leis, 41st; Dean and Phoebe Steckley, 2nd . . . on June 17th Sophie Chemerys is 2; Jedediah and Lisa Zehr mark their 8th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to all!

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Thursday, June 12, 2014



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16TH ANNUAL WORLD CROKINOLE CHAMPIONSHIP

Brian Cook wins fourth title

Records were meant to be broken and Brian Cook did it Saturday night becoming the first adult singles player to win four World Crokinole titles. But like all records, the road to winning wasn't easy.

Up against 2010 champion Justin Slater in the final, Brian had to take it to a tiebreaker to secure the trophy. "I hate having to play him," said Brian following the tense final. "I tried to keep it simple and focus on my 20's," he said about his strategy. As for his fourth championship, "It's a big relief," he added.

Brian previously won three years in a row, from 2007 to 2009, before being defeated in 2010 by the then 17-year-old Justin Slater, the youngest player to win the singles championship. 2011 belonged to Ray Beierling, then it was John Conrad who accomplished back-to-back titles in 2012 and 2013.

Brian also has five second place finishes in the tournament as well as a third place finish.

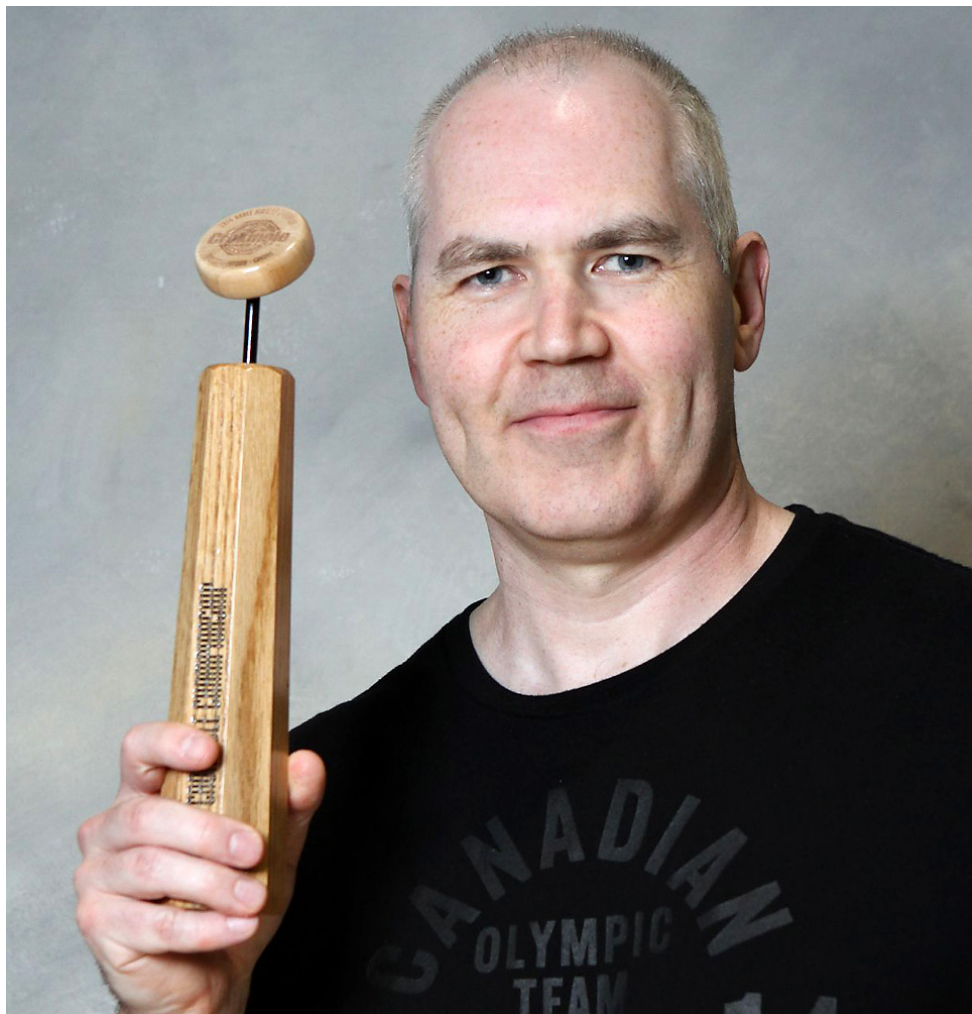
Brian Cook, a 45-year-old researcher with Toronto Public Health, was married November 8, 2013 in Capetown, South Africa, to Stephanie Banks, whom he met through the Toronto Crokinole Club. He admitted he hasn't been practicing as much as he should leading up to the Tavistock tournament.

On the other hand, Justin Slater hasn't been practicing as much either as he continues his studies at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Tavistock's Wayne



20's Champion
Ray Beierling with 131



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Brian Cook set a new record as the first four-time grand prize winner of the World Crokinole Championship Adult Singles division at the 16th annual tournament on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

Schultz wasn't to be outdone by Cook as he captured the Cue Singles championship for the fourth time as well. Wayne defeated Andrew Hutchinson in this year's final in another tiebreaker to add to his total of four firsts, two seconds and three third place finishes. Wayne also teamed up with Floyd Kuepfer of Milverton to take second place in the cue doubles division. Dennis Brubacher earned the most 20's in Cue Singles play with 95. Andrew Hutchinson partnered with David King to win the Cue Doubles title.

Raymond Beierling managed 131 20's in the round robin portion of the tournament to take home the trophy. The finger Doubles championship went to Fred and Justin Slater while the Recreational Doubles champions were Robert Bonnett, Wingham and Peter Carter of Teeswater. Albert Leitch won the Recreational Singles title again after a three-year layoff. Tyson Kuepfer was

the Intermediate winner and Abijah Jong repeated as the Junior champion. Another repeat winner was Bev Vaillancourt of Penetanguishene who took home the Karin Jeske

Award for the top female player in the Singles tournament. Bev won the trophy last year and this year managed 39 points and 65 20's in the preliminary round.



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Wayne Schultz of Tavistock also won his fourth World Crokinole Championship in the cue singles category. From the left are the other cue singles award winners all from Kitchener, Murray Kuehl, 3rd; Andrew Hutchinson, 2nd; Wayne; and Carl Litt, 4th. Results at www.worldcrokinole.com

Registration for this year's 16th Annual Championship was down slightly with about 240 players registered in 367 playing spots. Travelling the furthest distance was Viva Jongsma who now lives in La Serena, Chile, South America. She went there two years ago to visit a former exchange family and work as a German and French translator. There she met her future husband and the couple are expecting their first child in September.

Our friends from south of the border also attended with representatives from Louisville, Kentucky; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Ohio, Connecticut, Vermont, Michigan and New York. From across Canada, eight players returned from Prince Edward Island and one from Burnaby, British Columbia.

The oldest male player this year was Curtis Ryan of Kitchener who is almost 83. Aden Brubacher and Orvie Martin were close seconds at 82 years. Lorraine Proud was the oldest female in the competition at 79 years. The youngest players were siblings Jahrieh Jong, 6, and his sister, Zionne Jong, 8, of Hamilton.

The day's proceedings were opened and closed with words from East Zorra-Tavistock Mayor Don McKay. Ken Wettlaufer was emcee for the day.