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MAIN STREET

A QUICK LOOK AT OUR TOWN!

THIS 'N' THAT

It was beautiful, sunny, warm weather for the many events held this past weekend . . . the Chamber of Commerce town planters are out and look great - also the flowerbeds uptown courtesy of the Tavistock Horticultural Society . . . the Woodstock Relay for Life is this Friday night at Central Secondary School . . . just 4 editions left before our summer holiday - the Gazette is closed July 7th - 23rd inclusive - No newspaper edition July 12th or 19th - please plan your advertising and printing needs accordingly.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Quinlan Brodrecht is 3 years old today June 7th; Elijah Bamberry, 15 . . . on June 8th Emily Wettlaufer is 17 . . . Hannah Ferguson is 3 June 9th; Bruce and Donna Swartzentruber celebrate their 44th anniversary . . . on June 10th Garner Zehr is one year old; a birthday for Devin Kaufmann . . . Jackson and Benjamin Bisch turn 5 June 11th; a birthday for Fran Eekhof; anniversaries for Brad and Laura Witzel, 6th; Keith and Eileen Erb, 52nd . . . on June 12th Kaelynn Schlegel is 8; Carson Gilmore, 8; Nicholas Danen, 18; Sophia Bailey, 19; Tim and Jayne Whetstone mark their 24th wedding anniversary . . . Ava Brooks is 4 years old June 13th; Shelby Zehr, 10; a 17th birthday for Jaris Marriott. Congratulations to all!

ROD & GUN TO HOST 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Tavistock & District Rod & Gun Club will host their 50th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at their location - 336933 33rd Line, near Harrington.

There will be various displays and shooting competitions. For more info go to www.tdrgc.com



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World Crokinole Championship competitive singles winner Robert Bonnett of Wingham gets ready to sink his winning 20 on Saturday evening. He edged two-time champion Jon Conrad in a double tie-breaker to take home \$1,000 cash and the trophy.

WCC crowns new champion

The World Crokinole Championship honoured a new competitive singles winner Saturday night in their 19th annual event; and he may be the oldest winner in the history of the tournament.

Robert Bonnett of Wingham defeated two-time champion Jon Conrad in a double tie-breaker to win the coveted trophy and \$1,000 cash prize.

Mr. Bonnett won over 81 other players competing in the top category this year.

"I think I was just lucky," Mr. Bonnett humbly stated after the win. Two-time World Champion Jon Conrad of Milverton eliminated three-time champion Justin Slater in the playoff round. Then Robert had to play Jon in a double tie-breaker before Jon missed the second last shot allowing Bonnett to drop a winning twenty onto the board.

Mr. Bonnett, who would only admit he's over 60, made it into the top 16 player playoff coming through Pool B with 56 points and 66 twenties to get to the final four. Justin Slater led Pool A with 68 points on 104 twenties to take home the

twenties trophy. Andrew Hutchinson scored 68 points and 61 twenties to lead Pool B.

The final four playoff round saw Jon Conrad against Robert Bonnett for first and second prize and Connor Reinman against Nathan Jongsma for third and fourth place.

Robert Bonnett won the Recreational Singles titles back in 2006 and 2012 and last year placed fourth in the competitive singles category. He said he plays recreationally with friends in his hometown of Wingham, "once in a while," he said.

In other action, Tavistock's Wayne Schultz is the tournament's first five-time winner as he once again took home the Cue Singles title. He won the honour also in 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2014.

Doubles winners this year were the pairing of Clare Kuepfer of Dobbinton and Nathan Walsh of Kitchener. Recreational Doubles champions were the father and son team of Tim and Connor Reinman of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. Connor went on to place third in the competitive singles

category.

Jahjireh Jong of Hamilton won the Juniors title; Abijah Jongsma of Hamilton the Intermediate title, and the team consisting of these two winners also took home the Youth Doubles trophies.

Tyson Kuepfer of Brunner has come up through the Junior (2011 champion) and Intermediate (2014 champion) ranks to win the Recreational Singles title this year over 67 other competitors.

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Tavistock's Wayne Schultz won his 5th WCC Cue championship. From the left are 2nd place winner Curtis Ryan, Wayne Schultz, Floyd Kuepfer, 3rd; and Doug Schwartzentruber, 4th.

Crazy for Crokinole

This year's World Crokinole Championship was another international success with 462 players pre-registered for Saturday's tournament.

In this, Canada's 150th year of Confederation, players came from sea to shining sea ... Newfoundland to British Columbia. Eleven players attended from Prince Edward Island and there was also representation from Quebec, Saskatchewan, and of course, all over Ontario. Roxanne Broer from Carleton Place came the furthest distance within the province.

The doubles pairing of Vincent Leclerc and Vincent Beaubien, who grew up together in Lery, Quebec, left at 4:00 p.m. Friday from Montreal to arrive in Tavistock at 1:00 a.m. They slept in their car overnight and didn't awaken until 8:00 a.m. They said they ran into the arena to register and were seated immediately for the 8:15 start. Little did they know they had been seated in the competitive doubles area instead of recreational doubles. They wondered why the competition was so intense.

Leclerc, a pipe fitter by trade, had attended the championship on his own last year. He first found the game of crokinole on boardgamegeek.com and purchased a Willard board online, a month before last year's tournament. He and Beaubien, a powerline technician, have been practicing since then and the two are now actively following trends on Boardgamegeek.com. "We play a lot of board games," they said, but crokinole seemed to keep their attention.

Baubien was rewarded for his efforts by winning third in the Recreational Singles finals after placing 15th overall out of 68 competitors. Leclerc placed 20th overall in the same category.

There were a record number of players (31) from the US this year representing eight states including New York, Ohio, Texas, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Colorado,

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