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MAIN STREET

A QUICK LOOK AT OUR TOWN!

THIS 'N' THAT

Cloudy skies with the occasional ray of sunshine was perfect weather for the community events held this past Saturday ... Relay For Life in Woodstock is this Friday, June 8th from 6 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at College Ave Secondary School ... the Chamber of Commerce town planters are out and look great - also thank you to the Horticultural Society for the flower-beds uptown ... coming up this Saturday is Shakespeare's 71st Annual Field Day & Fish Fry, and on Sunday the Hickson Lions Club Brunch followed by the Township Community Appreciation event ... remember to get your "Buy Close By" participation card punched in the Tavistock Business Promotion to encourage shopping locally - and remember - WE ARE OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Owen Yantzi is 6 years old today June 6th; Morgan Weicker, 12; Ashley Ropp, 13; anniversaries for Chris and Melissa Stahlke, 3rd; Tom and Lori Dufton, 9th ... on June 7th Quinlan Brodrecht is 4; Elijah Bamberry, 16 ... Emily Wettlaufer is 18 June 8th ... on June 9th Hannah Ferguson is 4; a 45th wedding anniversary for Bruce and Donna Swartzentruber ... Garner Zehr is 2 June 10th; a birthday for Devin Kaufmann; and a 40th wedding anniversary for Phil and Joyce Roth ... on June 11th Jackson and Benjamin Bisch turn 6; a birthday for Fran Eekhof; anniversaries for Brad and Laura Witzel, 7th; Keith and Eileen Erb, 53rd ... Kaelynn Schlegel is 9 June 12th; Carson Gilmore, 9; Nicholas Danen, 19; Sophia Bailey, 20; and a 25th wedding anniversary for Tim and Jayne Whetstone.

Justin Slater wins his fourth WCC title



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Justin Slater, now of London, tied Brian Cook with his fourth World Crokinole Singles Championship win on Saturday night in Tavistock. The 20th anniversary event saw the highest number of participants in the tournament's history. Full results at worldcrokinole.com

WORLD CROKINOLE CHAMPIONSHIP

Cheers for 20 years

Never count out a champion. The 20th Annual World Crokinole Championship competitive final saw two former, multiple winners go head-to-head to decide the title.

Justin Slater came back from a 4-0 deficit to defeat two-time champion Jon Conrad (2012-2013) and win this year's championship and his fourth World Crokinole title (2010-2015-2016-2018). This matches Brian Cook who also has four titles (2007-2008-2009-2014).

"I had the confidence," Justin said after winning the championship round and taking home the \$1,000 first prize. Throughout the top 16 round robin playoff, "others seemed nervous," he added. Then, down two games to none against Jon Conrad, Justin was able to muster up a win on a shot across the centre onto the back side of the board. "It was a tough shot," he said. "I took a minute to gather my thoughts, but afterwards, I felt really calm." The final round saw Jon start with the hammer, but missed his first 20. Justin replied

with 8 consecutive 20's and won even though Jon managed 7 straight 20's of his own.

Saturday night's final was a repeat of the championship round six years ago when Jon Conrad won his first championship by defeating Justin in the last round.

Justin is currently working as a bio-statistician at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences in London.

The Beierling brothers placed third and fourth in this year's competitive final. Ray was third and Jason was fourth out of the 16 finalists who played a round robin playoff to come up with the top four.

This year was the 20th anniversary of the competition with the highest number of entrants in the history of the event. Registration showed 591 players in this year's competition as opposed to 278 the first year, 1999, when Derek Kidnie of Kitchener was named the first winner. This year also marked the most number of tables in play at one time, 120. The

most boards previously was 100 and the committee had to work hard during the final week before the competition to access tables, boards and buttons.

Players coming the farthest away in Canada were first time entrants Wayne and Betty Hann from Corner Brook, Newfoundland. Another dozen entries came from Prince Edward Island, headed by David Younker, who also brought along two binders of memorabilia to share with the committee.

There were also 27 entrants from 9 different states in the U.S. Players represented Connecticut, Virginia, New York, Ohio, Massachusetts, Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Last year's winner, Robert Bonnett of Wingham, was the first to register for this year's competition, however, although he finished 14th overall in the qualifying round out of 82 players, he was unable to make it into the top four.

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Blood Donor Clinic June 13

Tavistock Minor Hockey has partnered with Canadian Blood Services to help ensure lifesaving blood products are available to hospital patients in need. As part of their dedication to their community the Tavistock Minor Hockey Parents have generously adopted a Tavistock blood donor clinic and committed to recruit new donors and fill appointments to help collect donations.

"We are pleased and proud to have the opportunity to help give life in this way," said Jessica Harvey.

"When your community is in need you look for ways to help. We all wanted a way to show our support and help at this time of need, and this seemed like the most appropriate way."

Jessica says that as of May 29th, thirty-one people had already booked to donate and Canadian Blood Services has room for an additional 50 more donors. "They would love to fill all the spots," Jessica said. Also, they are happy to say that the Wynette and Sullivan families will be out to donate and assist in the event.

You can take part by making an appointment to Give the Gift of Life at the Tavistock Memorial Hall on Wednesday, June 13th from 5 to 8 p.m. To book your appointment for the Tavistock clinic, visit www.blood.ca.

Karin Jeske Award

Bev Vaillancourt of Penetanguishine earned her sixth straight top female player award at the 20th anniversary World Crokinole Championship in Tavistock on Saturday, June 2nd. For the complete story, turn to page 3.

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