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Brian Cook Wins Third Straight WCC Title

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It was a 'David and Goliath' match Saturday evening as 16-year-old Nathan Walsh of St. Pauls, Ontario was matched against two-time World Crokinole champion Brian Cook of Toronto for the Adult Singles title. Cook prevailed for his third straight title, but not without a good fight put up by Walsh who was last year's Recreational division winner. Nathan took the first game after a fifth round and Cook earned the second, again after a fifth round. The deciding match also went to a tie in four games with Cook winning the extra tie-breaker game and the \$1,000 cash prize. Walsh took home \$500 cash.

A handshake of congratulations and a wave to his dad and friends in the ring of spectators confirmed the win. Brian Cook has now tied the record set by Joe Fulop of Exeter (2001, 2002, 2004) with three wins, although Brian's have all come consecutively. Both Brian and Nathan have met previously in play with the World Crokinole League and Brian is confident that Nathan will be the one to look out for in the future. "It's difficult with all the spectators and cameras around," Brian said. "You have to stay focussed."

Third place in the Adult Singles division was Ray Beierling of Varna who also earned the trophy for the most 20's (101) in the preliminary round. Fourth place went to Ab Leitch of Goderich.

Over 530 positions were filled in ten categories at the eleventh annual tournament held in the Tavistock and District Recreation Centre. East Zorra-Tavistock Mayor Don McKay gave the opening remarks and welcomes to players from as far away as Australia, France, Italy, Ireland, and England, from the U.S.A. states of Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, and Wisconsin as well as Prince Edward Island and all parts of Ontario. Early Bird registration winners were Marlin Good of Kincardine and Mark Van Heeswyk of Strathroy. The youngest player was 6-year-old Mercades Miltenburg of Hamilton and the oldest player, 90-year-old Charles Moutoux of Kitchener. Max Corrigan of Rosemount, Minnesota was the lucky winner of the draw for an official WCC board.

Emcee for the day was Arena Manager Ken Wettlaufer who went over the rules of the day prior to each preliminary round and was the official timer. Official scorer was Andrew Raymer and Lynn Matthison headed the registration desk.

In the preliminary rounds, 132 players were placed in two pools of play and the top sixteen were chosen to playoff against each other to seed the final four.

Winners from the preliminary rounds of Cue Singles (32 players) and Recreational Singles (84 players) also held their playoff rounds at the same time.

Carl Litt of Kitchener was the Cues winner with second place to Dennis Brubacher of Elmira, third to Wayne Schultz of Tavistock and fourth to Raymond Schwartzentruber of Stratford. A trophy for the most 20's in cues plays was presented for the first time this year, and with 101, it was a tie between Carl Litt and Marjorie Roth. In Recreational Singles, Jason Carter of Newton was first, Jamie McDonald of Peterborough second, third place to Marlin Lichti and fourth place to John Madlensky.

The Junior category had nine players with Kohl Hedley of Beachburg winning for the third consecutive year. Tyler Kuepfer

of Brunner was second, Trevor Grasby of Holland Landing was third, and Coe Miltenberg was fourth. In the Intermediate division, defending champion Joel Hartung of Palmerston once again earned the trophy. Second place went to Katelynn Kuepfer of Brunner, third to Tristan Whytock, and fourth to Maxwell Hosken of Brampton.

Over at doubles play, brothers Jason and Raymond Beierling once again dominated that category winning their fifth title in 11 years (1999, 2000, 2007, 2008, 2009) out of 50 teams. Robert Mader, Breslau and Richard Mader, Waterloo took home second prize with third place going to Justin and Fred Slater and fourth to Wayne Gingerich and Paul Brubacher. For Recreational Doubles there were 58 teams. Nathan Walsh of St. Pauls and Chris Leitch of Goderich were champions. Second place went to Ken and Kent Robinson, third place to Darren and Wayne Campbell, and fourth place to Lloyd and Jesse Wiseman. In Cue doubles play, Lorraine Proud and Carol Litt, Kitchener were champions out of 26 teams. Second place went to Carl Litt and Paul Sorley, Kitchener, third to Wayne Schultz, Tavistock and Floyd Kipfer, Milverton, and fourth to Merv Roth and Marjorie Roth, New Hamburg.

A successful chicken barbecue hosted by the Tavistock Firefighters was held in the Curling Arena as an evening meal and break for competitors.

You're Invited to Attend



**The World Crokinole Championship
Committees Annual Meeting:**

Wednesday Oct. 20, 7:30pm
Tavistock and District Recreation Centre
The Committee is in need of
more volunteers ideas and feedback

Crokinole Events from Coast to Coast

Eleventh Annual P.E.I. Crokinole Championships

from the National Crokinole Association Website



Pictured: l-r: Lawson Lea, 1st Runner-Up; Janet Docherty, Event Coordinator; Blois Weeks, 2010 Provincial Champion; Olivia Doughart, 1st Runner-Up Junior; Dixie Vickerson, 1st Runner-Up Woman, Richard Myers, Most 20s; Joe Burey, 2010 Junior Champion; Lance Inman, Highest Scoring New Player; Lorna Robertson, 2010 Champion Woman.

On April 10, sixty-two enthusiastic crokinole players met at the North River Fire Hall to determine who would be the 2010 Champions in Head to Head competition. There were separate competition categories for Competitive, Juniors and Recreational players. Hampshire Women's Institute were pleased to host this first event of the 2010 Championships at the newly-renovated fire hall in North River.

In the Competitive category, Lawson Lea, Vernon River, and Blois Weeks, Hunter River, scored highest in the preliminary rounds and played-off in the Championship Match. After a hard fought battle, Blois Weeks was proclaimed as the 2010 Crokinole Champion and was awarded the Sheldon Moore Memorial Trophy. Lorna Robertson, MacLennon Road, and Dixie Vickerson, East Wiltshire, competed in the Women's championship match for the trophy provided by Hampshire Women's Institute. Lorna Robertson is this year's Woman Champion. Richard Myers, and Lawson Lea both netted 76 centres in the preliminary games, and received prizes for accumulating the Most Centres (20s).

The six Juniors entered in the competition played a double Round Robin. Olivia Doughart, Summerside, and Joe Burey, Hunter River, played off in the championship match; Joe Burey emerged as the 2010 Junior Champion.

In Recreational play, Doug Jewell, East Wiltshire, emerged as the highest scoring rec player. Lance Inman, Augustine Cove, was awarded a prize for the Highest Scoring New Player at the tournament.

The second event of the Championships, the Pairs competition, was hosted by Linda and Eldon Acorn at the Cotton Centre, Stratford, on April 16. With sixty people registered for the event, the hall was at full capacity.

Championship honours were presented to the team consisting of Blois Weeks and Wilfred Smith, Hunter River, after a closely paired championship match played against Syd Myers, Charlottetown, and Don Steeves, Alexandra. The Weeks-Smith team also won the prize for the Most Centres (20s) scored; in the eight preliminary games they scored an amazing total of 100 centres.

Saskatchewan Championships

Submitted by Mervin Sundbo

Birch Hills hosted the Saskatchewan Crokinole Championship at Lake Park Baptist Church on February 15, 2010. This 4th annual tournament was the focus of Family Day sponsored by the Birch Hills and District Historical Society. This year there were 22 singles players and 20 doubles teams, with winners in A, B & C divisions. The winners and runners-up were as follows:

Singles A winner and new Sask. Champion – Bryce Sundbo; Runner-up – Mervin Sundbo

Doubles A winners and new Sask. Champions – Bryce Sundbo & Karl Sundbo; Runners-up – Dave Taylor & Marshall Rawlings

Singles B winner – Dane Tessier; Runner-up – Dave Taylor

Doubles B winners – Matthew Teigrob & Mervin Sundbo; Runners-up – Jamie Erb & Arvin Ulvild

Singles C winner – Louie Wudrich; Runner-up – Brayden Ulvild

Doubles C winners – Charles Lees & George Howard; Runners-up – Brayden Ulvild & Greg Bailly

20's Champion – Mervin Sundbo

The organizing committee wishes to thank the sponsors of this tournament:

Bob Cockwill, owner of Rugged Country Manufacturing, donated engraved plaques to the A & B winners.

The Advantage Credit Union and Crokinole Depot (Dorchester, Ont.) provided a variety of prizes for the winners and runners-up in all other divisions.

Birch hills Co-op donated snack foods for the enjoyment of the participants.

The Lake Park Baptist Church provided an ideal venue for this activity.

Lastly, a big thanks to Shirley Ulvild and Leanne Bailly for serving noon lunch and to all who attended either as participants or spectators.

If you would like to have your crokinole club or tournament profiled please submit background information, results or other interesting facts to jason@crokinoledepot.com

Record Breaking Year for the BC Crokinole Championship Tournament

Submitted by Clif Antypowich

The sun rose on the cold crisp spring morning to find over 70 people gathered together in the Oliver community center. They varied in age from six years old, Bradley Hillson of Osoyoos, to 93 years old, Ralph Zosel from Oroville, WA. Pat Hampson, the Mayor of Oliver, was there for the opening ceremony, sharing his words of encouragement and thanks for hosting the event in the Wine Capitol of Canada. Clif Antypowich, the event coordinator, welcomed players from B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Washington State. And then with the emotion flowing he encouraged the B.C. players to “keep the trophy at home!”

Concentration was in full force, as players realized this was no child’s game they were competing in. They were competing against the World Crokinole Doubles Title holder, Ray Beierling from London, Ontario and all the Crokinole players appreciated the skill and great sportsmanship he exhibited. The biggest surprise of the day, however, was when Michael Hughes from the Summerland players shot down player after player to come face to face with the Crokinole giant up to that point undefeated. The match drew a huge crowd, and tension was high as shot for shot was exchanged. Michael, to the astonishment of the local players, never let up, forcing one of the world’s best into an over time game. But, by the third game, it was decided Ray had faced the west’s best and much to Clif Antypowich’s chagrin took the trophy back home to Ontario, keeping his title as Champion.

Other winners included in the A division: Cornie Zacharias from Oliver as the third place winner, and Ralph Hargrave from Powell River as the fourth place winner. Fast action continued with doubles play. In a double elimination style tournament, team after team was eliminated till there was only the best facing each other. In the doubles, there were families, friends and strangers all playing together as team members. And there were families playing against each other to see who would be the best. Husbands were pitted against wives, fathers against sons, and yet it proved to be the families that triumphed in the doubles. Oliver players Henry Wiebe and Cornie

Zacharias faced the father/son team Ralph and Kris Hargrave from Powell River/ Kelowna. At this level every shot must count, and the father/son team counted themselves the B.C. Doubles Champions. While Henry and Cornie took second place, and Ed Smysnuik of Oliver and Hector Cloutier of Girouzeville, AB took third. There were more than an arm load of prizes to be had this year. With 93 donations from businesses and individuals located all over the province, the prize money totaled over \$1600.00. From door prizes of hats and shirts, to beautifully hand crafted trophies (made by the very own doubles winner himself - Ralph Hargrave), from gift baskets of health products to large bottles of wine, the community pulled together to support this game in a very big way. As the Mayor of Oliver said in the opening Ceremony, the town of Oliver really did welcome the players of the B.C. Crokinole Tournament.

The event was so well organized, so well planned, so well supported; it more than doubled in size of players and donations from the previous year. With this kind of support from the Crokinole community, and the town of Oliver, it is no wonder the tournament has now changed it’s name. From now on, this tournament will be known as the Western Canadian Crokinole Open Championship Tournament! A game where a young brother and sister can compete against each other and against the world champion and still have fun and still have a chance to win in their division. A game where skill far out-shoots luck, and where patience and concentration are required. You can find a game like this only at Oliver. See you there next year!



Doubles Champions Ralph Hargrave(left) and Kris Hargrave (right) with tournament organizer Clif Antypowich (middle)



Singles Champion Ray Beierling (left) and tournament organizer Clif Antypowich



Singles Runner-Up Michael Hughes



National Crokinole Association Tour

Brian Cook wins First ever National Crokinole Association Tour Title



The A Final: Finalist, Kent Robinson, Referee, Eric Miltenberg and Champion Brian Cook

The final event of the National Crokinole Association Tour was held last summer in St. Jacobs.

After defending WCC tittlem Brian Cook of Toronto was leading the tour points. Leaving nothing to doubt, he won the St. Jacobs event defeating Kent Robinson of London in the A final. Jason Beierling of Varna and Jon Conrad of Poole finished third and fourth respectively. In the B final Clare Keupfer edged out George Cook.

In the recreational division final, Jason Carter defeated Marlin Lichti. These two rivals also placed first and second overall in Recreational Division for the the 09-10 season. They have moved up to the Competitive division for the next season.

For a complete list of upcoming crokinole tournaments, past results, NCA standings and points breakdown visit www.nationalcrokinoleassociation.com.

2008/2009 NCA Tour Final Standings

Competitive Division

Rank	Name	Average Points	Total Points
1	Brian Cook	53.3	160
2	Ray Beierling	50	150
3	Kent Robinson	46.7	140
4	Nathan Walsh	46	138
5	Jason Beierling	44	132
5	Fred Slater	44	132
7	Ab Leitch	43.3	130
8	John Harvey	42.7	128
9	Joe Fulop	42	126
10	John Conrad	40.7	122

Recreational Division

Rank	Name	Average Points	Total Points
1	Jason Carter	53.3	160
2	Marlin Lichti	49.7	149
3	Frank Schuurman	40	120
4	Deanna Ruggi	32	96
4	Terry Gough	32	96
6	Annita Dicker	31.7	95
7	Brian Sweet	46.5	93
8	Deb Riopel	29	87
8	Lise Doucette	29	87
10	Conrad Sitter	42	82

NCA Tour 2009 / 2010 Events and Winners

World Crokinole Championships
(Tavistock, June 2009) - Brian Cook

Ricart Trophies Kawartha Bowl
(Peterborough Sept. 2009) - Clare Keupfer

Golden Horseshoe Crokinole Tournament
(Hamilton, Jan. 2009) - Justin Slater

Forest City Flickers Crokinole Tournament
(London, March 2010) - Ray Beierling

Waterloo Classic
(Kitchener, April 2010) - Ray Beierling

Joe Fulop Crokinole Tournament
(Exeter, May 2010) - Ray Beierling

NCA Showdown
(St. Jacob's, May 2010) - Justin Slater

UPCOMING EVENTS

World Crokinole Champinoships

June 5, 2010 from 8:30am to 9:30pm
- Tavistock and District Recreation Center
\$5,800 in cash and prizes. Singles, Doubles, Recreational, Fingers and Cue's Categories

Ricart Trophies Kawartha Bowl

September 11, 2010 from 10am to 6pm
- St. Annes Church Hall 2nd Annual Ricart Trophies Kawartha Bowl \$25 per entry Top 5 Finishers Receive Cash Prizes Contact Jason Hogan for further details hogan_jason@yahoo.ca

Ontario Doubles Crokinole Championship

October 16, 2010 from 10:30am to 6pm
- Knox Presbyterian Church Fingers Doubles Tournament. Recreational and Competitive Divisions. All proceeds assist the top team that is willing to travel to B.C. to represent Ontario in the 3rd Annual Crokinole Players of B.C. Organized by Crokinole Depot (Ray and Jason Beierling) For more information contact ray@crokinoledepot.com



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