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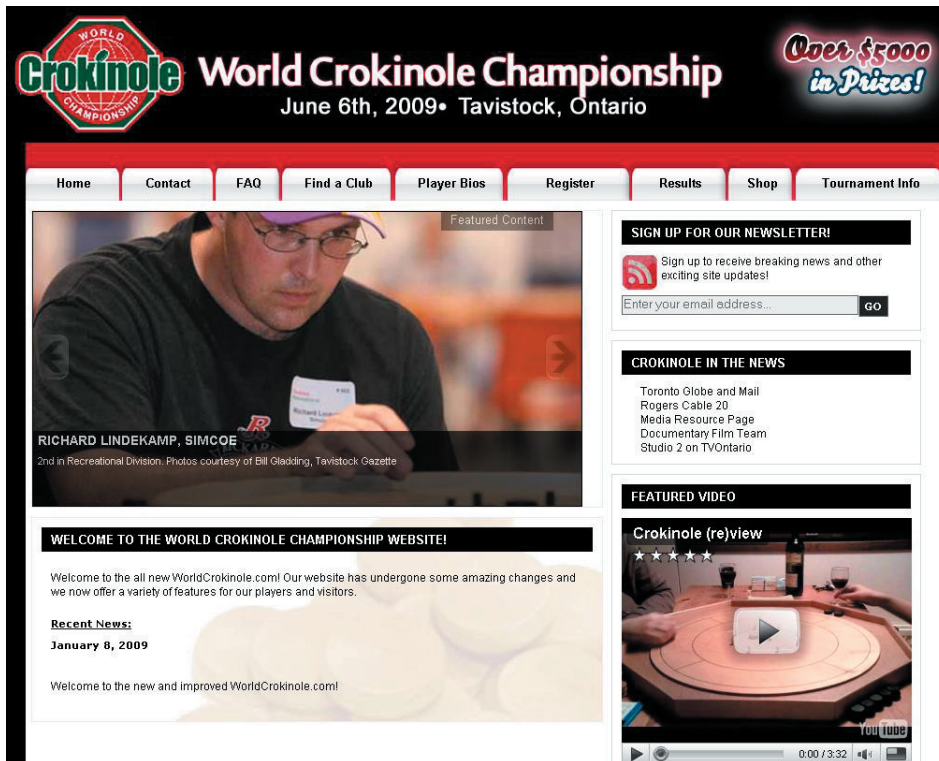
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WCC Web site Scores a twenty for 2010

An exciting new look for the World Crokinole web site...



Submitted By: The World Crokinole Championship Committee

After 10 years of the same web site, the World Crokinole Championship Committee (WCC) decided it was time to update and add some new features to their online presence. The new web site was launched over the winter and is still in the works, but promises many new exciting features and possibilities.

Some of the new features will include player biographies, online registration, video clips, networking and other information about various crokinole clubs, tournaments and other related crokinole events. As well the web site will still feature all the information regarding the day of the tournament, list and links to the tournament sponsors as well as past results and of course pictures from the tournament. This updated web site, once running smoothly should allow for a more interactive visit for online users and hopefully promote a greater community atmosphere.

The World Crokinole Championships will be on Saturday June 6th, 2009. In its 11th year, the tournament registration numbers are looking to reach a new record high as participants register from all over the world.

Past participants have registered from all across Canada as well as from New York, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, California, Texas, Tennessee and Michigan. There has also been representation from Australia, Germany and England. Last year the tournament hosted over 400 participants and crowned champions for Finger Doubles, Cue Doubles, Junior Singles, Intermediate Singles, Adult Singles, Cue singles and Recreational Singles.

New this year is a Recreational Doubles division that has been created to encourage new participants to get involved at a less competitive level. This new division

increases total prize money for the day to \$5800, with the top prize of \$1000 being awarded to the Champion Adult Single.

The Early Bird Draw was made at the Stratford-Perth Archives with 2 of their employees, Betty Jo Belton and Cindy Sinko making the draw. The winners were: Mark Van Heeswyk, Strathroy and Marlin Good, Kincardine.



The Crokinole Skills competition will be in full swing again this year at the World Championships. There are 10 new skill testing shots for all to try. The WCC Committee will have regular merchandise available along with newly developed post cards. (above) The post cards were created based on a participant suggestion from last year. The WCC Committee would like to remind participants to use the suggestion box. As this evidence shows, suggestions are reviewed and considered after every tournament.

Best of luck to all of this years participants!

You're Invited to Attend
The World Crokinole Championship
Committee's Annual Meeting:
Wednesday Oct. 21, 7:30pm
Tavistock and District Recreation Centre
The Committee is in need of
more volunteers, ideas and feedback!

WCL Tour Points up for Grabs at the WCC

Tavistock could be the tipping point as Beierling and Cook battle for top position



Submitted By: Greg Matthison

The inaugural year of the World Crokinole League is coming to an end and so is the highly contested WCL Tour. Ray Beierling and Brian Cook are leading the pack and the showdown at Tavistock looks like it will be pivotal in determining the first WCL Champ. There are as many as 10 players in the hunt for 3rd spot and a log jam of players, where if they finish well in the final two events can claim a top 10 finish. It should be an exciting race to the finish.

The most exciting part of the World Crokinole League is the emergence of new players and new clubs. A year ago there were roughly 15 in existence and now there are 30 clubs. The Ontario region is now covered across the province and nationally we have presence in BC.

The World Crokinole League would not have been successful if it were not for its dedicated group of advisors as well as all of the crokinole club organizers who have support the growth of the WCL.

Ray Beierling, Brian Cook and Joe Fulop have helped share the direction on the new league and specifically Derek Hale and Eric Miltenburg have been instrumental in getting the league successfully off the ground running.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Tavistock and the WCL Tour finals in St. Jacobs on June 20th.

If you have interest in being involved in Advisory Team for the 2009/2010 season, please contact Greg Matthison (gmatthison@roger.com)



Left: London Tournament Organizers and Winners (left to right) Greg Matthison (organizer), Simon Jongsma (Rec Champion), Eric Miltenburg (Competitive Pool B Champion), Ray Beierling (Competitive Pool A Champion), Fred Slater (Competitive Pool A Runner-up) and Doug Steinburg (Organizer)

Below: Players compete at the Annual Joseph Schnieder Haus Invitational Team Tournament in Kitchener



Below: Participants at the Exeter Tournament



Jake Ruggi



Nathan Walsh and Brian Cook



Dave Brown and Greg Matthison

Current WCL Tour Leader Board: Competitive Division

| Rank | Name | Home Club | Events Played | Average Points | Total Points |
|------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Brian Cook | St. Jacobs | 3 | 49 | 147 |
| 2 | Ray Beierling | Varna | 3 | 47 | 141 |
| 3 | Joe Fulop | Varna | 3 | 42 | 126 |
| 4 | Fred Slater | Toronto | 3 | 41 | 123 |
| 5 | Jason Beierling | Varna | 3 | 40.3 | 121 |
| 6 | Ab Leitch | Varna | 3 | 39.3 | 118 |
| 7 | Kent Robinson | London | 3 | 39 | 117 |
| 8 | Jake Ruggi | Hamilton | 3 | 38.3 | 115 |
| 9 | John Harvey | London | 3 | 37.7 | 113 |
| 10 | Justin Slater | Toronto | 3 | 36 | 108 |
| 11 | Nathan Walsh | Stratford | 3 | 35.3 | 106 |
| 12 | Ron Reesor | London | 3 | 33.7 | 101 |
| 13 | Eric Miltenburg | Toronto | 3 | 31.3 | 94 |
| 14 | George Cook | Toronto | 3 | 31 | 93 |
| 15 | Louis Gauthier | Quinte | 3 | 29 | 87 |
| 16 | Dan Shantz | St.. Jacobs | 2 | 41.5 | 83 |
| 17 | Greg Matthison | Stratford | 3 | 27 | 81 |
| 18 | Clare Kuepfer | Hanover | 3 | 26 | 78 |
| 18 | Dave Brown | Quinte | 3 | 26 | 78 |
| 20 | John Conrad | Stratford | 2 | 35.5 | 71 |

BC Crowns Crokinole Champion

First Annual BC Crokinole Championship a Huge Success



The picture is of the singles A,B and C division finals. In the forefront is the A final of Kris Hargrave and Karl Sundbo. Behind in the B division is Henry Wiebe playing Lou Dobos. In the C division is Bill Burles playing John Zosel.

Submitted By: Clif Antypowich

The winner of this year's B.C. Crokinole Championship was not even from B.C.

Karl Sundbo, from Fort McMurray, Alberta, took home the title of winner of the A division singles, and partnered up with the Oliver event organizer Clif Antypowich to take the A division doubles event.

"The event was a huge success," said Antypowich. "The whole day went smoothly with no problems."

Thirty-four people showed up to play in the day-long event, held Saturday, April 18, including players from Birch Hills, Sask., Girouxville, AB., Prince George, B.C., and Oroville, WA. The oldest player was Oroville's Ralph Zosel, at 92 years old, and the youngest was Osoyoos' eight-year-old Sadie Bleiken.

This was the first annual B.C. Crokinole Championship, and Antypowich said the community support, including donations from local businesses, was tremendous. Anyone interested in coming out to learn more about the Canadian game can call 250-498-0304.

Singles Event Winners:

A Division - first place: Karl Sundbo, Ft. McMurray, AB. second place: Kristopher Hargrave, Bridesville, B.C.

B Division - first place: Henry Wiebe, Oliver, B.C. second place: Lou Dobos, Oliver, B.C.

C Division - first place: John Zosel, Oroville, WA. second place: Bill Burles, Penticton, B.C.

Doubles Event Winners:

A Division - first place: Clif Antypowich, Oliver B.C. and Karl Sundbo, Ft. McMurray, AB second place: Mervin Sundbo, Birch Hills, SK. and Wayne Sundbo, Summerland, B.C.

B Division - first place: Mike Thompson, Oroville, WA. and John Kasper, Penticton, B.C. second place: Breta Nunn, Osoyoos, B.C. and Devon Hillson, Osoyoos, B.C.

Most 20s in singles - Mervin Sundbo, Birch Hills, SK. with 72

Crokinole World Shifts in Exeter...

Submitted By: Joe Fulop

The crokinole world shifted slightly on Saturday as Ray Beierling of Varna defeated world champion, Brian Cook in the final event. This ended Cook's two year tournament winning streak. Beierling has played well all season and this win put him at the top of the World Crokinole League standings. John Harvey of London was 3rd.

Ron Reesor of London defeated Justin Slater of Toronto in the B final. Fred Slater was 3rd.

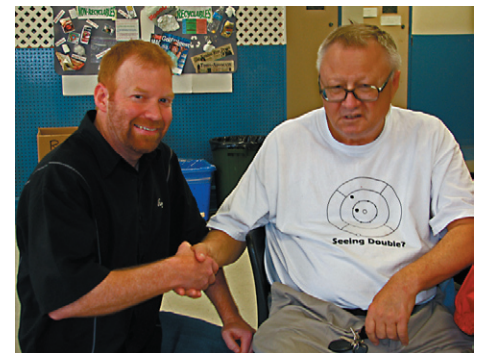
In the C Marlin Lichti of New Hamburg defeated Jason Carter of Milverton.

3 Varna players shared the final 2 spots in the D title. This included Ivan McClymont, Doug Mills and Andy B

50 players were involved with many top guns involved. There was a noticeable decline in numbers of local players. This may have been due to the nice weather, tough competition or poor advertising by myself.

Ab Leach played well until the 2nd round. Jason Beierling just missed the A playoffs. Rex Johnston just miss the B playoff.

Bob Robilliard, Bob Russell, Dave Telford, Tom Walsh, Conrad Sitter and Diane Delbridge kept things running smoothly. Jenny Rowe provided her excellent pies. And a big thank you go out to the custodial staff at the high school.



Exeter Tournament Champion Ray Beierling shakes hands with tournament organizer Joe Fulop

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

Crokinole's Newest Invention...

Submitted By: Jason Beierling

Since the original conception of Crokinole Depot in 2007, we have set out to make a positive impact on the world of crokinole. Our goal is to evolve the game, make it more fun, make it easily accessible to everyone, promote crokinole and generate more interest in the game of crokinole.

We started with the creation of the Crokinole Skills competition in 2007. Now, in 2009 we are proud to introduce a new product to the world of crokinole.

If you have ever played crokinole at World Championships, or at any other tournament you will definitely understand the need for this product.

About twenty years ago the round crokinole board started to replace all the old octagon boards, this came with one large downside; there was no longer a ledge to stack up your 20s and compare them to your competitors.

How many times have you lifted up the 20 cup to see how many 20s each player has? Or how often does your disc bounce out of the cup and onto the floor? What about when you play doubles, where do you place



It slides easily along the outside of most round crokinole boards!



the 20s so that everyone can see them? Or what if you are playing on a small table and there is no room for 20s on the table?

The Crokinole Depot 20 holder is the easiest way to store and display your 20s, so you'll never be in doubt!

Check out our web site for more information on this and other great crokinole merchandise

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