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Slater Wins 2010 World Championship

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Adult Singles Champion Justin Slater

17-year-old Justin Slater made history Saturday night as the youngest player to win the World Crokinole Championship. He edged three-time World Champion Brian Cook in a third round tie-breaker on the last shot of the third game recording five 20's for the win.

Justin, who placed twenty-third overall in singles competition last year and third with his father, Fred, in last year's doubles competition, has quickly advanced through the National Crokinole Association tour of tournaments this year. He was co-winner with Ray Beierling of Dorchester for the most points in the 2009-2010 season. Justin also won the St. Jacobs and Hamilton tournaments.

Many who have seen him play knew that the Tavistock tournament would be the ultimate challenge between Brian and Justin.

And they didn't disappoint the crowd. Shooting back-to-back 20's throughout

their games, Justin recorded seven 20's in one game. Intense concentration on the part of both players only heightened the suspense as Justin noted he didn't know his last shot was the winner until the points were totalled.

“Brian is by far the most intimidating opponent,” Justin said. Comments throughout the game went unnoticed as each player was in their own zone of concentration, and tough to break.

Justin began playing competitively in 2008 and improved his game immensely after switching shooting fingers. He is the youngest son of Fred and Anna Slater of Toronto. He will be attending Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia in the fall where he is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science program.

Brian Cook explained that “even though he (Justin) is fairly new to the big tournaments, he's shown an ability to play well when he needs to. He's certainly got all the tools to be a very good player for a long time.”

The National Crokinole Association has been responsible for creating new challengers in this year's championship. The group sponsors tournaments within the clubs in St. Jacobs, Exeter, Waterloo, London, Hamilton, Kawartha and begins their next season with the World Crokinole Championship in Tavistock.

“The standard of play overall just keeps getting better and better,” said Brian Cook. It's a very fine line these days between making it to the finals or finishing well back.” Brian qualified for the final 16 by 4 or 5 points after the two preliminary round

pools of 110 competitors were complete and by only two points for the final 4.

Three of this year's top four players were from the Toronto Club which was formed two years ago. Eric Miltenburg, Derek Hale and others convened the club and many of its members “have gotten really good, really fast,” said Brian Cook who is a member there with Justin. Eric Miltenburg placed fourth and John Conrad of Milverton was in third place.

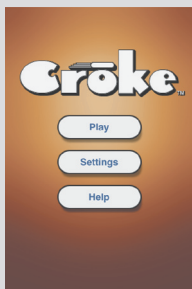
More than 320 players participated in this year's event at the Tavistock and District Recreation Centre filling 500 spots in singles, doubles and cue play. Tavistock's Wayne Schultz won the cue singles category while the team of Paul Sorley and Carl Litt of Kitchener won the cue doubles category. Brothers Jason Beierling of Varna and Ray Beierling of Dorchester took home their sixth doubles championship. They earned the titles in 2009, 2008, 2007, 2000 and 1999.

First-time participants Ian Arnup of Haliburton and son Joe Arnup of Toronto captured the recreational doubles championship while Kyle Vaillancourt of Penetanguishene was the recreational singles champion.

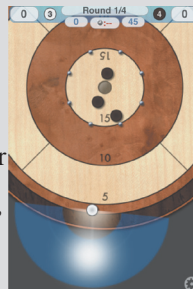
Coe Miltenburg of Hamilton was the junior champion and Emma Hosken of Brampton was the intermediate winner.

Winner of the draw for the crokinole board this year was Laurence Georgiou, Marthaville, Ontario.

Crokinole - There's an App for That!



Available for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch, the Croke application uses the same general rules and scoring as the World Crokinole Championships. It offers two player in person or single player against different skill level computer opponents. It even offers two variations on shooting, the “spring” loaded shot or the “stroke” shot. Be careful though, it can be addictive.



You're Invited to Attend



The World Crokinole Championship Committee Annual Meeting:

Wednesday Oct. 19, 7:30pm
Tavistock and District Recreation Centre
The Committee is in need of
more volunteers ideas and feedback

12th Annual Prince Edward Island Crokinole Championships



Richard Myers (right) was awarded with the Sheldon Moore Memorial Trophy.

Submitted by: Janet Docherty

On April 16, sixty-two enthusiastic crokinole players met at the Cotton Centre in Stratford, P.E.I. to determine who would be the 2011 Champions.

In the Singles competition, Lawson Lea, Vernon River, and Richard Myers, Alexandra, scored highest in the preliminary rounds and played-off in the tension-packed Championship Match. Richard Myers was proclaimed as the overall 2011 Crokinole Champion and was awarded the Sheldon Moore Memorial Trophy. Anne Boswall, North Wiltshire, and Lorna Robertson, Hazelbrook, competed in the Women's championship match. Anne Boswall emerged as this year's Woman Champion.

Wilfred Smith, Hunter River, netted an amazing 109 centers (20s) in the preliminary games and received a prize for accumulating the Most Centers.

The six Junior competitors played-off in a round-robin. Logan Myers (son of this year's Champion, Richard Myers) emerged

as the 2011 Junior Champion, narrowly beating the 2010 Junior Champion, Joe Burey, of Hunter River.

In the Pairs competition, with sixty people registered for the event (thirty teams), the room was at full capacity. A twelve-game preliminary competition, each game played at different crokinole boards and against different competing teams, was played to select the top two scoring teams to play-off in the Championship Match. Championship honours were presented to the team consisting of Wendell Jewell, East Wiltshire, and Grant Laird, West Royalty, after a closely paired championship match played against Lawson Lea and Stirling Jenkins, Vernon River. The Fred Doughart-George Doughart pair won the prize for the Most Centers (20s) scored.

The organizers and players wish a special thank you to the major sponsors of this year's competition, namely: UPSE - Partners in the Community, Owl's Hollow, and New Glasgow Lobster Suppers.

Saskatchewan Championships

Submitted by Mervin Sundbo

Birch Hills hosted the Saskatchewan Crokinole championships at Lake Park Baptist church on February 21, 2011. The 5th annual tournament was the focus of the "Family Day" holiday in Saskatchewan and was sponsored by the Birch Hills and District Historical Society. This year there were 42 participants, including 20 doubles teams and 26 in singles competition. All the winners and runners-up in A & B divisions were from Saskatchewan, as follows:

Singles A winner: Jeff Hegland (Warman)

Runner-up, Bryce Sundbo (Saskatoon)

Doubles A winners:

Jeff Hegland & Bryce Sundbo.

Runners-up:

Mervin Sundbo (North Battleford) & Harold Amundson (Shellbrook)

Singles B winner: Brian Jordan (Raymore)

Runner-up: Randy Jordan (Raymore).

Doubles B winners: Joan Lander & Desmond Boisson (Crystal Springs)

Runners-up: Clarence Hagen (Birch Hills) & Heather Schriener (Saskatoon)

Twenties competition: Bryce Sundbo

The organizing committee wishes to thank the sponsors for their generosity: Bob Cockwill, owner of Rugged Country Manufacturing, who, from the inception of this tournament has donated engraved plaques for the A & B winners; Advantage Credit Union and Crokinole Depot (Dorchester, Ont.), who provided a variety of prizes for the winners and runners-up in all other divisions; Birch Hills Co-op, who donated snack foods for the enjoyment of the participants; and the Lake Park Baptist church, who allowed the use of their excellent facilities for this activity.

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

The tournament next year will fall on February 20, 2012.

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

Toronto Team wins Ontario Doubles Championship



Doubles Champions Fred Slater and Brian Cook



Second and Third Place teams: Ray Beierling, Jon Conrad, Barry Kiggins and Jason Beierling

Submitted by Ray Beierling

The 1st Annual Ontario Doubles Crokinole Championship was hosted in Stratford by Crokinole Depot and sponsored by D&D Automation. 15 doubles teams arrived early to compete for the title of Ontario's best team. Players from Michigan, Colorado, Parry Sound and Belleville all made the trip to compete against Southwestern Ontario's best. Crokinole greats Joe Fulop and Brian Cook were both in attendance looking to add a new title to their storied crokinole careers. Recently reunited was a pair of Cameron Heights veterans and a couple of solid Toronto teams also threw their discs into the mix.

When the twenties were counted and the discs stopped spinning, Matt and Dave

Brown took home fourth place. Ray and Jason Beierling collected third place, Barry Kiggins and Jon Conrad were the runners up, and the grand prize was awarded to Brian Cook and Fred Slater.

The grand prize was assistance to the top seeded team willing to travel to B.C. to represent Ontario in the 2011 B.C. Crokinole Championships. Brian Cook was unable to make the journey, but Fred Slater did Ontario proud finishing a very close 2nd in the singles final.

Congrats to Fred and Brian and we hope to see you all there this year to try to beat last years Ontario Doubles Champions. The 2nd Annual Tournament will be held on October 29, 2011.

Sixteen Year Old Wins BC Championship

Submitted by Dr. Alta Mahan

The Third Annual B.C. Provincial Crokinole Championship went off as smoothly as a disc sliding across the board and into the 20 hole. The games were held at the Oliver Community Center on Saturday March 19, 2011. Assistant organizer of the Tournament, Orrin Hargraves, sounded off the opening flick with the wise words of "Make every shot count." This year players attended the games from three different countries - Canada, USA and New Zealand. Oliver's Mayor, Pat Hampson was present for both the opening ceremony and the closing awards ceremony, encouraging each player to play their best and welcoming visitors to Oliver's beautiful community.

The games started with the doubles playing in two divisions: recreational and competitive. The difference, being the level of skill of the players and the amount of money being awarded to the winners. With over \$1700.00 in prize money up for grabs, almost double what it was last year, it took all that Penticton's sixteen year old Quin Erzinger, had, to take the Championship Title away from the Ontario champions and bring it back to B.C. Fred Slater of Toronto, Ontario, took second place, only after making Erzinger sweat for the prize. Alan Bleiken, of

Osoyoos, took first in the recreational singles division. Oliver's, Lou Dobos and Linda Irvine won the title of the Doubles Champions in the competitive doubles division. In the recreational doubles division first place winners, Reon Knowler from New Zealand, teamed up with Summerland's 10 year old Jordan Ripley, to show the crowd this Canadian game has really gone international.

Julian Chalmers, an 11 year old from Winlaw, B.C., has played in Crokinole Tournaments all over the world, coming in third place in a tournament held in China. He showed the crowd how well he could flick a disc right into the twenty hole, surpassing Ontario's Double Champion Fred Slater with 75 twenties compared to Slater's 69.

Cliford Antypowich, Founder of the event, has been battling with quickly progressing Parkinson's Disease and is starting to turn the organization of the event over to the Oliver Community Center. Carol Sheridan, programs manager for Oliver Park's & Rec., stepped up to the plate and is now taking control of the games.



Fred Slater (right) accepts his second place prize certificate and wine

In the game of Crokinole age is irrelevant, as proved by 94 year old Ralph Zosel of Oroville and 7 year old Rex Lock of Oliver. Ralph finished in the top 10 in the singles competition and Rex teamed up with his Mom, Janet Lock to finish in the top 11 in the doubles.

Antypowich said, "I have believed in this town from the beginning to support this game and I truly believe that Oliver can hold one of the greatest and largest Crokinole tournaments in all of Canada." Currently this event held in Oliver is believed to be ranked the third largest Crokinole tournament in the country. Antypowich said, "The great success we have had with this event is completely due to the wonderful support we have had from Oliver, and surrounding communities."

National Crokinole Association Tour

Brian Cook wins his Second National Crokinole Association Tour Title



Greg Matthison presents 2010 St. Jacobs Winner and NCA Champion Brian Cook with his trophy

The final event of the National Crokinole Association Tour was held May 14th in St. Jacobs. Thirty players competed in the final tournament of the tour. This year Brian Cook narrowly defeated Jon Conrad in the Final. Justin Slater and Jason Beierling rounded out the top four on the competitive A side. Paul Brubacher won the competitive B trophy, while Bill Geris won the Recreation Title.

The NCA tour this year had seven tournaments. The tour opened in Tavistock at the World Championships last June. Justin Slater captured the title while Brian Cook, Jon Conrad and Eric Miltenburg picked up valuable NCA tour Points.

The next tournament was the Kawartha Bowl held in September in Peterborough and hosted by Jason Hogan. This tournament was won by Brian Cook.

In October, the tour stopped in Stratford for the Ontario Doubles Championship (hosted by Crokinole Depot) and was won by the Fred Slater and Brian Cook team.

20010/20011 NCA Tour Final Standings		
Competitive Division		
Rank	Name	Total Points (top 4 events)
1	Brian Cook	207
2	Fred Slater	194
3	Jon Conrad	192
4	Eric Miltenburg	186
5	Ray Beierling	178
5	Jason Beierling	177
7	Joe Arnup	166
8	Kent Robinson	157
9	Lois Gauthier	153
10	Barry Kiggins	148
10	Dave Brown	148

Recreational Division		
Rank	Name	Total Points (top 2 events)
1	Bill Geris	102
2	Murray Matthison	97
3	Alex Protas	86
4	John Quaiser	84
4	Matthew Baer	73
6	Kyle Vaillancourt	55
7	Chris Leitch	52
7	Elmer Cook	52
7	Diane Keller	52

In January, the Toronto and Hamilton Clubs hosted the Golden Horseshoe tournament. This was also won by Brian Cook.

The BC Open was also included this year and was won by Quin Erzinger and hosted by Clif Antypowich.

Finally, at the Forest City Flickers tournament, Ray Beierling successfully defended his title. This tournament was held by the London Crokinole Club.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Belleville Crokinole Challenge

September 11, 2010 from 10am to 6pm
Join us for our 1st NCA endorsed Crokinole Tournament in the Belleville Ontario area. Contact Dave Brown 613-967-7720 (david.brown3@sympati.co.ca) or Louis Gauthier 613-962-4294 (lgauthier2@cogeco.ca)

Hanover Crokinole Tournament

The First Hanover Crokinole Tournament will be held in the fall of 2011. Check the NCA website for details.

Ontario Doubles Crokinole Championship

October 29, 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 4th 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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