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## Practice Makes Perfect for John Conrad

From the Tavistock Gazette, June 2012 courtesy of Bill Gladding

Former school teacher John Conrad of RR 1, Milverton is the 2012 World Crokinole champion. He defeated 2010 champion Justin Slater in a playoff round Saturday night, June 2 in Tavistock at the 14th annual tournament.

"Always a bridesmaid, never a bride," John said after the win that saw former three-time champion, Brian Cook, taking third place and last year's champion Ray Beierling earning fourth place. John took home the coveted trophy and \$1,000 cash. "I practice an hour every day," John said about his climb back to the top of the pack. When teaching, John and other teachers would play every noon hour. When he retired, he was looking for something to do, so crokinole practice was the answer. "I didn't have a partner to practice with," John said, "so I just started practicing combination shots."

"John was the one guy I didn't want to meet in the final," Justin said. He earned the most 20's in round robin preliminary play with an unbelievable record of 142. A perfect game would allow 320. Ray Beierling said the feat is made possible by some great opponents in the tournament. The better the players, the more 20's they generate, usually one after the other.

John Conrad also took home the top prize for doubles play along with partner Tony Snyder of Waterloo. John is no stranger to the doubles championship rounds. He has been doubles champion twice before with Paul Hartman in 2003 and 2005 and placed third three times, twice with Hartman (2004, 2006), and his first year with fellow teacher Jarmo Puiras (2000). Also that first year for him, John placed fourth in the singles category and in 2010 was third in singles play.

The other notable winner for the day was Lorraine Proud of Kitchener who was not only recognized as the oldest competitor, but the winner of the cue singles title and the cue doubles trophy along with partner Carol Litt. Carl Litt of Kitchener was second place in cue singles, Wayne Schultz



*John Conrad receives NCA tour Championship Award from Greg Matthison (photo credit: Eric Miltenburg)*

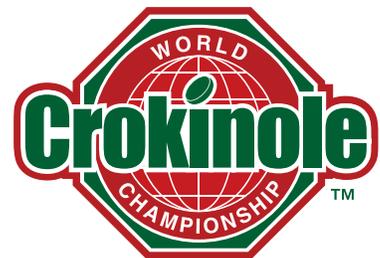
of Tavistock was third, and Wayne Kipfer of Millbank was fourth. In cue doubles, second place went to the team of Floyd Kuepfer of Milverton and Wayne Kipfer of Millbank, third place to Dave Brubacher of Listowel and Dennis Brubacher of Elmira, and fourth place to Leonard and Delphine Schwartzentruber of New Hamburg.

In the junior category, Scott Torrance of Parry Sound was the champion. Second place went to Abijah Jong, third to Kyle Grasby, and fourth to Makeda Jong. Triston Whytock of Drumbo was first place in the Intermediate group while second place went to Kohl Hedley of Renfrew, third place to Trevor Grasby of Holland Landing, and fourth to Tyson Kuepfer of RR 1, Brunner. In recreational play, the singles champion was Robert Bonnett of Wingham. Second place went to Dennis Ernest of Kitchener; third place to Gerald Kuepfer and fourth place to Alex Protas of Bridgeport. In the recreational doubles category, Greg Matthison and Murray Matthison of London were champions with second place going to Jason Hogan and Lawrence Wicks of Peterborough. Third place was

won by Bob Grasby and Trevor Grasby of Holland Landing, while fourth place went to Oliver Davidson of Sebringville and Kent Davidson of London.

There were a total of 385 players in this year's competition. For more details and photos go to [www.worldcrokinole.com](http://www.worldcrokinole.com)

**You're Invited to Attend  
The World Crokinole Championship  
Committee Annual Meeting:  
Monday Oct 21st, 7:30pm**



Tavistock and District Recreation Centre  
The Committee is in need of  
more volunteers ideas and feedback

# Another win for Quin in B.C. Championship

From Clare Keupfer



Clare and Kathy Keupfer with tournament organizer "Crokinole" Cliff Antypowich

On March 16th 2013, a very enthusiastic group of crokinole players gathered at the Oliver BC Recreational Centre, for a day of crokinole competition. Players came from Alberta, Manitoba, State of Washington, and Ontario, as well as BC.

Competitive and recreational doubles began at 8:15 with 12 teams in the competitive division, 14 teams in the recreational division, playing 5 games each. The top 6 teams in each division advanced to a round robin, with the the top 2 teams playing off for the doubles championship.

In the competitive division this pitted Jody Good and Mike Hughes against Linda Irvine and Ralph Hargraves, with Linda and Ralph taking the championship. Third place went to Ed Erzinger and son Quin Erzinger and fourth to Ed Ripley and son Jordon. Fifth and sixth went to the two

teams with ties to Ontario: Joe Arnup & sister Val grabbed fifth, Cathy & Clare Kuepfer took sixth. A real family affair.

In the Rec. division, Mark Siemans & Vic Jensen took 1st, Darin & Arleigh Fair 2nd. After a break for lunch, door prizes and the silent auction, the singles competition began with 22 players in the competitive division and 24 in the recreational division. After playing 10 games each, the top 8 moved on to the round robin playoffs.

Making the top eight were perennial favourites Quin Erzinger, Linda Irvine, and Adrian Conradi. Also rolling into the top 8 Jordon Ripley, Jody Good and Brian Wensley, and from Ontario, Clare Kuepfer and Joe Arnup. Advancing to the top 4 were Linda , Adrian , Quin and Jody, with 5th through eighth being Joe, Clare , Brian and Jordon respectively.



The two ontario teams playing against each other

In the top 4 Linda Irvine and Adrian Conradi played for 3rd and 4th, with Linda taking 3rd place and Adrian 4th.

Quin Erzinger and Jody Good played for the singles championship. Jody took 2nd place and Quin emerged as the winner of the tournament for the second time in 3 years (2011 and 2013).

Nancy Clarke won the Rec. singles and Mark Siemens took 2nd.

This year the event was run by Ed Ripley and his very competent group of organizers. They did a great job, and I believe the tournament has been turned over to crokinole enthusiasts who will grow the BC tournament to bigger and better things. Of course "Crokinole Cliff" was also in attendance for the day, keeping an eye on things, to make sure it was done right.

This has been a great experience, and one I would encourage everyone to take in some time. Cliff certainly has put great effort into promoting crokinole and his tournament in British Columbia. Crokinole is alive and well, and very competitive in BC!!

## Brian Cook Crowned King at Scenic City

From Clare Keupfer



First place competitive singles: Brian Cook



First place rec doubles: Bill McDonald and Orville Cook

Second annual Scenic City crokinole tournament was held on Nov.24/12 with 33 competitors, 20 in the recreational doubles, 13 competitive. Players came from as far as Belleville, Dorchester, & Lewiston, NY. In the recreational division Orville Cook & Bill MacDonald took 1st place with Paul Byers & Clark Campbell 2nd. Competitive pool B, Robert Bonnett was 2nd with Fred Slater 1st. Pool A John Conrad took 2nd place and Brian Cook was again the King of Scenic City Crokinole. Next tournament Nov. 2013. Check NCA website for up dated info.

# Inaugural Turtle Island Tournament

From Dale Henry

TOURNAMENTS?! Hamilton was hosting the "Golden Horseshoe" in January and I decided to give it a go. Its crokinole ... how hard can it be?

The first person I meet was Eric Miltenburg. He explained what goes on at a tournament and took me to a board. Okay, the boards where round with wooden disc! I ask Eric, "what are these?" He asked if I was still play on square boards? Yupper.

He had me sit and practice as much as I could before the tourney started. Well I finished 16 out of 16. I still finish towards the bottom at all the tournaments but my game is improving each time out. And the most important part is, I have a great time playing, visiting & helping where needed.

The Tuscarora club now has the round boards and the members really appreciate that. Four more members are starting to travel to some of tournaments. They find that better the competition they play, the more they learn. And boy have we all learned!

The Tuscarora Tournament came around when a couple guys at either London or St. Jacobs asked when Tuscarora was going to

host a tourney south of the boarder. That got the juices going and at the 2012 WCC we had a flier and showed it around.

On Saturday, August 11th, Tuscarora Crokinole hosted their inaugural TURTLE ISLAND Crokinole Tournament at the Tuscarora Nation House. On hand for the day was Ten Flickers: four from the Toronto Club represented by: Brian Cook, Eric Miltenburg, Fred Slater and Justin Slater. And six from Tuscarora represented by the Henry Family: I (Dale), mom Carolyn, brother Ray, nieces Tiffany & Emily and nephew Jacob. Chief Leo Henry welcomed everyone to the event.

ROUND 1: Round-Robin format with each player facing each other once for a total of 9 games each. Brian Cook and Justin Slater lead after round 1.

ROUND 2: was broken down into two groups. "A" Pool was the top five and "B" Pool was the bottom five with another round-robin. Top two from each pool would play for the championship.

FINALS were best 2 out of 3. "A" Pool Champion & Runner-up and the "B" Pool Champion would each receive a beautiful

hand-painted plaque made by local native artist Erwin "Moochie" Printup.

The final results:"A":

Game 1: Brian 6-4 (5 rounds)

Game 2: Justin 6-0

Game 3: Justin 8-4 (6 rounds)

JUSTIN SLATER: 2012 Turtle Island Crokinole "A" Champ (\$120)

BRIAN COOK: 2012 Runner-up (\$80)

"B": Game 1: Ray 8-6 (5 rounds)

Game 2: Jacob 5-3

Game 3: Ray 6-2

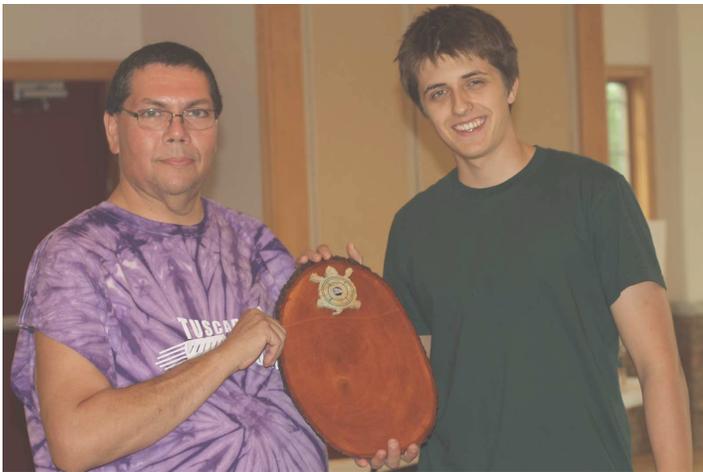
RAY HENRY: 2012 Turtle Island Crokinole "B" Champ (\$80)

JACOB HENRY: 2012 Runner-up (\$50)

Other Awards Presented: Most 20's Round-Robin; Top Female; Youngest Player; Oldest Player; & Lowest Score

Near the end of the day Tuscarora's oldest member, Gladys Woodbury at 103, came in to flick a few disc against her granddaughter.

The 2nd Annual TURTLES ISLAND Crokinole Tournament will take place on Saturday, August 10th at the Tuscarora Community House: 5226 Walmore Road, Lewiston, NY 14092



"A" Champion: Justin Slater



"B" Champion: Ray Henry



"A" Runner-up: Brian Cook



"B" Runner-up: Trevor Henry

# Slater and Cook Win 3rd Ontario Title

From Nathan Walsh (Crokinole Centre)

For the third straight year Brian Cook and Fred Slater have been crowned the Ontario Doubles Champs, defeating a stacked field of opponents all looking to gun them down. The Toronto pairing have been quite successful despite never playing together at any other tournament, with the exception of which, they have earned the right, or rather the voucher of cash prizes to travel to BC and participate in the tournament, if they so

choose. If they can fit it into their schedule they will be returning to defend their BC Doubles crown and a 1-2 singles finish. Other strong finishes in the tournament included Jason and Raymond Beierling, tournament hosts, finishing in second. Their runner-up finish means that Brian Cook and Fred Slater have won the tournament in 3 straight years against 3 different opponents in the championship match. In those 3 years, Jason and Ray

have been quite successful with back-to-back third place finishes in 2010 and 2011. Finishing in third place were Jon Conrad and Barry Kiggins to back up their runner-up performance in 2010. Bob Jones and Howard Martin won the recreational title. Next year's tournament has been scheduled for Nov. 2nd at the Brucefield United Church. Please watch [crokinoledepot.com](http://crokinoledepot.com) for more details.



*3 Time Ontario Doubles Champions: Fred Slater and Brian Cook  
(with tournament hosts: Ray Beierling and Jason Beierling)*



*Ontario Doubles Rec Champions: Bob Jones and Howard Martin  
(with tournament hosts: Ray Beierling and Jason Beierling)*

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