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## Fist Online-Skat-Word Championship



Dear skat friends,  
I am pleased to announce to you the first online-skat-World Championship. With Thomas Steffen and his team of [www.skat-turniere.de](http://www.skat-turniere.de) as tournament director and [www.skatonline.com](http://www.skatonline.com)

as game platform, we have found partners who enable us to address many card players worldwide and stimulate their interest in this online World Championship.

Using website [www.skatsport.com](http://www.skatsport.com) you can get all the information.

I wish you all a successful championship and "Gut Blatt".  
Rainer Grunert, President of ISPA World

## Erste Online-Skat-Weltmeisterschaft

Liebe Skatfreundinnen, liebe Skatfreunde,  
es freut mich, euch die erste Online-Skat-Weltmeisterschaft bekannt geben zu können. Mit Thomas Steffen und seinem Team von [www.skatturniere.de](http://www.skatturniere.de) als Turnierleitung und [www.skatonline.com](http://www.skatonline.com) als Spielplattform haben wir Partner gefunden, die es uns ermöglichen, weltweit möglichst viele Skatspieler anzusprechen und ihr Interesse an dieser Online-Skat-Weltmeisterschaft zu wecken. Über die Webseite [www.skatsport.com](http://www.skatsport.com) erhaltet ihr alle Informationen. Ich wünsche euch eine erfolgreiche Meisterschaft und Gut Blatt.

Euer Rainer Grunert,  
President ISPA-World

## First On-Line-Skat-World-Championship of ISPA WORLD

The ISPA-WORLD International Skat Player Association (world federation of skat players) hosts the First On-line skat world championship and organizes together with skat turniere.de and Skat-Online.com the realization of the qualification for the final participation.

**All skat players world wide are invited to take part in this event.** A membership in the ISPA is not required.

The finale of the best 16 players takes place on 30.09.2011, the day before the European Skat championship in France. The final participants will receive from the ISPA-WORLD:

A travel expenses subsidy towards the final place in France. Two overnight stays at the place of the finals in France. Buffet and drinks for the duration of the final. *Henry Keitel*

## Erste Online-Skat-Weltmeisterschaft der ISPA-WORLD

Die ISPA-WORLD International Skat Players Association (Weltverband der Skatspieler) veranstaltet die 1. Online-Skat-Weltmeisterschaft und organisiert gemeinsam mit skat-turniere.de und Skat-Online.com die Durchführung der Qualifikation zur Finalteilnahme.

**Alle Skatspieler weltweit sind eingeladen, an dieser Veranstaltung teilzunehmen.** Eine Mitgliedschaft in der ISPA ist nicht erforderlich. Das Finale der besten 16 Spieler findet am 30.09.2011, am Vortag zur Skat-Europameisterschaft in Frankreich statt. Die Finalteilnehmer erhalten von der ISPA-WORLD:  
Einen **Reisekostenzuschuss** zum Finalort in Frankreich. Zwei **Übernachtungen** am Finalort. Ein **Buffet und Getränke** während der Dauer des Finales. *Henry Keitel*

Fore more information, in German, go to [www.Skatcanada.ca](http://www.Skatcanada.ca)

## KELOWNA

7+8 August 2010

| Einzelwertung – Single Evaluation, 45 Spieler / Player |                     |         |      |
|--|---------------------|---------|------|
| 1  | TOLKSDORF, Frank    | VAN     | 7002 |
| 2  | STEPPUHN, Alfred    | KEL     | 6200 |
| 3  | BOGNAR, Marton      | Hungary | 6087 |
| 4  | LITWINIUK, Marianne | CAL     | 5756 |
| 5  | LUZ, Bernd          | CAL     | 5737 |
| 6  | ECKL, Ed            | SK      | 5581 |
| 7  | KNIPSCHILD, Ron     | CAL     | 5543 |
| 8  | ECKL. Wilf          | SK      | 5541 |
| 9  | PITTELKAU, Guenter  | KEL     | 5522 |
| 10   | KRAJNZ, Marta       | KEL     | 5366 |
| 11   | BIRKER, Werner      | CAN-KEL | 5314 |



The winners in Kelowna from left: Alfred Steppuhn (2), Frank Tolksdorf (1) and Marton Bognar (3)

| 5 TEAMS               |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| <b>1. CALGARY ONE</b> | 21873 pts |
| Marianne Litwiniuk    | 5756 pts  |
| Bernd Luz             | 5737 pts  |
| Ron Knipschild        | 5543 pts  |
| Walter Widder         | 4837 pts  |
| <b>2. CEPS</b>        | 20794 pts |
| Ed Eckl               | 5581 pts  |
| Guenter Pittelkau     | 5522 pts  |
| Peter Chroscinski     | 4992 pts  |
| H.-J. Steinmetz       | 4699 pts  |

| Seriensieger / Series Winner |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| TOLKSDORF, Frank             | 2316 pts. |
| LITWINIUK, Marianne          | 1595 pts. |
| ECKL, Ed                     | 1627 pts. |
| KNIPSCHILD, Ron              | 1682 pts. |
| KRAJNZ, Marta                | 2043 pts. |

| SKAT SPORT ABZEICHEN / SKAT ACHIEVEMENT PIN |        |
|---|--------|
| TOLKSDORF, Frank                            | Silver |



The winners of the Series in Kelowna from left: Frank Tolksdorf , Marianne Litwiniuk, Ed Eckl, Ron Knipschild and Marta Krajnz



The winning Team in Kelowna from left: Walter Widder, Ron Knipschild, Bernd Luz and Marianne Litwiniuk

### SKAT World Cup 2010 in Cape Town

Ron Link, Edmonton, was only 2 places away to participate in the Tournament of the final 16 players to determine the World Champion 2010.

### Congratulations Ron

For more information and final standings visit:

<http://www.Skatcanada.ca>

## Berliner Skat Klub Hansa

The **Berliner Skat Klub Hansa** is holding an Annual Tournament to honor and remember their members that have passed away. The idea started more than 15 years ago when Erwin Muehlhans, a long time member, passed away and left the Club \$5,000.00 to be given away in an annual Tournament to be named after him. A few years later Mrs. Irma Cornell, a player that left us much to early, remembered us in her last will and Testament, and the decision was made to make the tournament a continuous annual event. The money has long been paid out to the members but the Tournament lives on. It is now called the 'Memorial Tournament' and is open to everybody as a one day 3 rounds Tournament with a slight difference; Even though it is open to everybody and the \$30.00 start money is paid out just as in every other Skat Tournament, there is a special Bonus that only Club members are entitled to. The Club donates \$1,000.00 to be distributed as additional prize money to their Members only, and every member participating in the Tournament is entitled to a prize. Our present Memorial Champion is Herman Kamps. I have never heard of any other club holding a tournament to honor their past players and it is certainly good to know that somebody will remember you in future through a game that you love and enjoy playing. Maybe it is not a bad idea to leave some money to your local club to be remembered by through an annual Tournament, knowing that you have contributed to keep the game, your club and a great tradition alive for Generations to come. If you live in the Greater Toronto Area or are a visitor why don't you join us, either for an evening as a guest or as a member? We are playing every Thursday night at 6.30 pm in the Hansa Stube.

Hansa Haus

6650 Hurontario St. Mississauga, Ontario L5W 1N3  
Phone: 905-564-0060

If you want to learn the game, or need a refresher, we are selling a tutorial set with everything you need to learn and play the game or refresh your skills. Its called 'Skat in a Box' for \$15.95 (regular retail \$19.95) and we'll even pay the HST. *Konrad Brink*

**Die nächste ISPA INFO**  
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*Danke*

## TORONTO

### Barliner Skat Club Hansa

7+8 August 2010

| Einzelwertung–Single Evaluation, 45 Spieler/ Player |                    |     |      |
|---|--------------------|-----|------|
| 1   | LINK, Ron          | EDM | 6677 |
| 2   | PENZENDORFER, Bert | KW  | 6415 |
| 3   | HEUVELMANS, Frank  | OTT | 6067 |
| 4   | SAUERNHEIMER, Agi  | TOR | 6027 |
| 5   | WESSEL, Horst      | KW  | 5899 |
| 6   | THOMPSON, Kevin    | USA | 5806 |
| 7   | MC CORMICK, Scott  | OTT | 5742 |
| 8   | SOWORKA, Brigitte  | KW  | 5496 |
| 9   | WERNER, Heinz      | TOR | 5424 |
| 10  | DIETRICH, Horst    | TOR | 5415 |
| 11  | KREITZER, Horst    | KW  | 5352 |

| Seriensieger / Series Winner |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| LINK, Ron                    | 1612 pts.   |
| PENZENDORFER, Bert           | 2480        |
| DIETRICH, Horst              | <b>1448</b> |
| MUNDRY, Joe                  | <b>1448</b> |
| BEHR, Willi                  | 1726        |
| KREITZER, Horst              | 2160        |

| 6 TEAMS                          |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>1. ITS WHO YOU KNOW</b>       | 22.952 pts  |
| LINK, Ron                        | 6677        |
| HEUVELMANS, Frank                | 6067        |
| MC CORMICK, Scott                | 5742        |
| SCHMITZ, Amanda                  | 4466        |
| <b>2. KIT KAT</b>                | 21.619 pts. |
| PENZENDORFER, Bert               | 6415        |
| SOWORKA, Brigitte                | 5496        |
| KREITZER, Horst                  | 5352        |
| PATOMMEL, Klaus                  | 4356        |
| <b>3. BOTH SIDES OF THE POND</b> | 20.693 pts. |
| THOMPSON, Kevin                  | 5806        |
| EGGERS, Barbara                  | 5183        |
| THOMPSON, William                | 5113        |
| FRANK, Heidi                     | 4591        |

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**PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**BY MARCH 15TH DEADLINE**  
*Thank you.*



The winners of the series in Toronto from left: Horst Dietrich, Bert Penzendorfer, Horst Kreitzer and Ron Link



The winning team in Toronto from left: Scott McCormick, Frank Heuvelmans, Amanda Schmitz and Ron Link



The winners in Toronto from left: Ron Link (1), Bert Penzendorfer Horst Dietrich, Bert Penzendorfer (2) and Frank Heuvelmans (3)

## HAMILTON

9+10 August 2010

| Einzelwertung–Single Evaluation, 30 Spieler / Player |                 |     |          |
|--|-----------------|-----|----------|
| 1  | FRANK, Heidi    | HAM | 5722 pts |
| 2  | LINK, Ron       | EDM | 5690     |
| 3  | DIETRICH, Horst | TOR | 5501     |
| 4  | KREITZER, Horst | KW  | 5472     |
| 5  | KROOS, Harald   | NM  | 5436     |
| 6  | SCHMITZ, Amanda | HAM | 5090     |
| 7  | SCHULTZ, Henry  | HAM | 4995     |

| 3 TEAMS                 |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>1. NEED "A" TEAM</b> | 19969 pts. |
| LINK, Ron               | 5690       |
| HEUVELMANS, Frank       | 5501       |
| MC CORMICK, Scott       | 5090       |
| SCHMITZ, Amanda         | 3688       |

| Seriensieger / Series Winner |     |          |
|------------------------------|-----|----------|
| Richard Mayer                | KW  | 1527 pts |
| Horst Kreitzer               | KW  | 1745     |
| Henry Schultz                | HAM | 1425     |
| Amanda Schmitz               | HAM | 1605     |
| Bertl Penzendorfer           | KW  | 1617     |



The winners in Hamilton from left: ISPA VP Harald Kroos, Horst Dietrich (3), Heidi Frank (1) and Ron Link (2)

### Membership dues

On March 15<sup>th</sup> the annual ISPA Canada/USA members roster will go to print. To ensure completeness of the lists, annual dues must be received by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011 by Hans-Jürgen Steinmetz. Late dues will in accordance to a members decision be assessed a late fee of \$ 5.00 per member.



The winning team in Hamilton from left: Hans Meiritz, Ron Link, Amanda Schmitz and Horst Dietrich

### ISPA Mitgliedsbeiträge für 2011

Am 15. März gehen die Jahres Mitgliederlisten 2011 der ISPA Kanada/USA Clubs in Druck. Um Vollständigkeit der Mitgliederlisten zu gewährleisten müssen die Jahresbeiträge bis spätestens 28. Februar 2011 bei Hans-Jürgen Steinmetz eingegangen sein. Bei verspäteten Beitragszahlungen ist laut Mitgliedsbeschluss eine Verzugsgebühr von 5.00\$ pro Mitglied fällig.

### KITCHENER

14-15 August 2010

| Einzelwertung – Single Evaluation, 30 Spieler / Player |                     |     |      |
|--|---------------------|-----|------|
| 1  | THOMPSON, Kevin     | USA | 5715 |
| 2  | WESSEL, Horst       | KW  | 5617 |
| 3  | METZ, Mike          | KW  | 5599 |
| 4  | PIELORZ, Manfred    | TOR | 5355 |
| 5  | SCHULTZ, Henry      | HAM | 5341 |
| 6  | SPECKNER, Siegfried | KW  | 5244 |
| 7  | ALBRECHT, Gary      | HAM | 5127 |

| Seriensieger / Series Winner |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| THOMPSON, Kevin              | 1540       |
| LINK, Ron                    | 1905       |
| RADTKE, Oswald               | 1603       |
| FRANK, Heidi                 | 1783       |
| THOMPSON, William            | 2081       |
| TEAM                         |            |
| <b>1. LADY LUCK</b>          | 18091 pts. |
| FRANK, Heidi                 | 4797       |
| EGGERS, Barbara              | 4756       |
| RAUSCH, Thomas               | 4520       |
| MEIRITZ, Hans                | 4018       |



The winners in Kitchener from left: Mike Metz (3), Kevin Thompson (1) and Horst Wessel (2)

### SEATTLE

14-15 August 2010

| Einzelwertung – Single Evaluation, 30 Spieler / Player |                      |        |      |
|--|----------------------|--------|------|
| 1  | STEINMETZ, H.-Jürgen | SK     | 6504 |
| 2  | BINNEMANN, Wilfried  | USA-CA | 6372 |
| 3  | PAULY, Gunter        | USA-CA | 5946 |
| 4  | MERKENS, Franz       | VAN    | 5805 |
| 5  | ANTON, Sigrid        | USA-CA | 5797 |
| 6  | KIPLIN, Michael      | Texas  | 5559 |
| 7  | BERTSCH, Horst       | USA-CA | 5381 |

| Seriensieger / Series Winner |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| STEINMETZ, Hans-Jürgen       | 1521 |
| STEINMETZ, Hans-Jürgen       | 1571 |
| STEINMETZ, Hans-Jürgen       | 1603 |
| PAULY, Guenther              | 1668 |
| KIPLIN, Michael              | 1554 |

| SKAT SPORT ABZEICHEN / SKAT ACHIEVEMENT PIN |          |                      |
|---|----------|----------------------|
| STEINMETZ, Hans-Jürgen                      | 4773 Pts | 3 <sup>rd</sup> GOLD |



The winners in Seattle from left: Wilfried Binnemann (2), Hans-Jürgen Steinmetz (1) and Günter Pauly (3)

## NEW MARKET

Hier ist mein Bericht vom Newmarket Skat Turnier 2010.

Es fand am 18 & 19 September statt.

Es nahmen aber nur 30 Skatspieler/innen teil.

Natürlich war ich sehr **ENTTÄUSCHT** über die Teilnahme von unseren Skat Klubs im Osten.

Das Vorturnier am Freitag abend mit zwei Serien wurde von Siegfried Nasner mit 2828 Punkte gewonnen.

Das Hauptturnier wurde erst in der letzten Serie entschieden.

| Einzelwertung – Single Evaluation, 30 Spieler / Player |                    |            |      |
|--|--------------------|------------|------|
| 1  | Günther Bauer      | KW         | 6325 |
| 2  | Henry Schultz      | HAM        | 5967 |
| 3  | Joe Mundry         | NM         | 5754 |
| 4  | Hubert Fiene       | MTL        | 5718 |
| 5  | Scott Mc Cormick   | OTT        | 5650 |
| 6  | Frank Heuvelmans   | OTT        | 5539 |
| 7  | Siegfried Speckner | KW         | 5337 |
| <b>2 TEAMS</b>   |                    |            |      |
| <b>SKAT HOUNDS</b>                                     |                    | 19041 pts. |      |
| Scott McCormick  |                    | 5650       |      |
| Frank Heuvelmans                                       |                    | 5539       |      |
| Harald Kroos   |                    | 4681       |      |
| Wolfgang Mielitz                                       |                    | 3171       |      |

Der Newmarket Skat Klub wünscht allen Skatspieler/innen ein frohes Weihnachtsfest und ein glückliches Neues Jahr und Gut Blatt.

*Harald Kroos.*



The winners in Newmarket from left: Joe Mundry (3), Günther Bauer (1) and Henry Schultz (2)



The winning team in Newmarket from left: Frank Heuvelmans, Scott McCormick, Harald Kroos and Wolfgang Mielitz

ZUM GEBURTSTAG WÜNSCHEN WIR  
GUTE GESUNDHEIT UND  
VIEL GLÜCK IM NEUEM LEBENSJAHR!



OUR BEST WISHES ON YOUR BIRTHDAY FOR  
GOOD HEALTH AND LOADS OF GOOD LUCK

*The Executive ISPA Canada and ISPA INFO*

## OMAHA, NEBRASKA

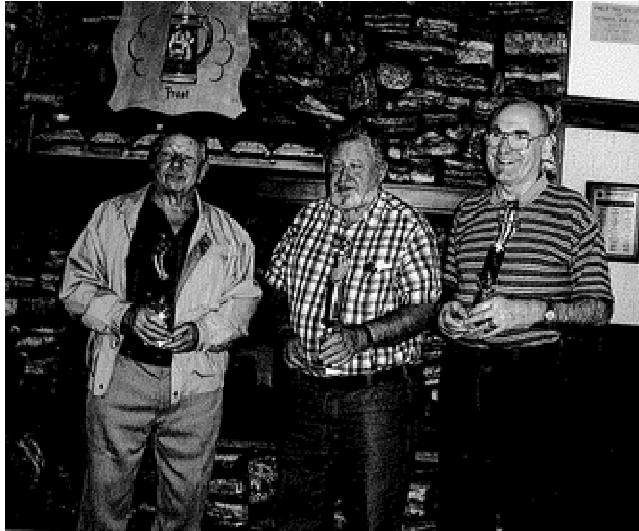
The German American Society Skat Klub of Omaha Nebraska completed their Fifth Open Skat Tournament on October 2-3, 2010. Twenty-four players participated in the 5 series (48 games per series) under ISPA rules. Everyone had a good time. The top seven winners were:

| Einzelwertung – Single Evaluation |                  |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------|------|
| 1                                 | Joe Schmitt      | MN   | 6123 |
| 2                                 | Gerhard Gamradt  | WPG  | 5505 |
| 3                                 | Engelbert Ginter | CHIC | 5392 |
| 4                                 | Bob Maxwell      | IND  | 5177 |
| 5                                 | Bernhard Sauer   | IA   | 4841 |
| 6                                 | Bob Junion       | WISC | 4831 |
| 7                                 | Jim Zielinski    | OMA  | 4793 |

| Seriensieger / Series Winner |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Joe Schmitt                  |  |
| Fred Gunkel                  |  |
| Bob Maxwell                  |  |
| Engelbert Ginter             |  |
| Steve Richards               |  |

| BEST LADY    |     |          |  |
|--------------|-----|----------|--|
| Marta Krajnz | KEL | 5177 pts |  |

| Seriensieger / Series Winner |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Werner Schoenberger          | 1738 |
| Juergen Prohl                | 1669 |
| Ossi Rottmann                | 1549 |
| Hermann Hahn                 | 1485 |
| Baldur Hirschberger          | 1532 |



The winners in Omaha from left: Engelbert Ginter (3), Joe Schmitt (1) and Gerhard Gamradt (2)

| TEAMS               |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| <b>NO NAME</b>      |            |
| Werner Schoenberger | 22.112 Pkt |
| Jürgen Prohl        |            |
| Klaus Baron         |            |
| Hermann Hahn        |            |
| <b>NO NAME</b>      | 20.087 Pkt |
| Prohl Juergen       |            |
| Morscheck Fritz     |            |
| Pirk Marlies        |            |
| Hirschberger Baldur |            |
| <b>NO NAME</b>      | 18.500 Pkt |
| Laubrunn Egon       |            |
| Grahmann Dieter     |            |
| Watzlawek Sigmund   |            |
| Larisch Otto        |            |

## VANCOUVER

9+10 October 2010

Unser diesjähriges Pazifisches Meisterschafts Turnier fand wieder im Vancouver Alpenclub statt. Unser Präsident, Helmut Nischk begrüßte 37 Skatfreunde, darunter 7 Teilnehmer aus anderen Teilen Canadas und den USA. Es war ein friedvolles, harmonisches Turnier, obwohl 5 Runden lang schwer gekämpft wurde. Dann gab die Computer Ausrechnung das überraschende Ergebnis: Werner Schoenberger war mit 7185 Punkten Pazifischer Meister geworden. Hart auf den Fersen war ihm von Anfang an Jürgen Prohl, der sich mit 6460 Punkten den 2. Platz eroberte. Die Vancouver Skatgruppe beglückwünscht beide Spieler zu diesen hervorragenden Leistungen.

| Einzelwertung – Single Evaluation, 37 Spieler / Player |                       |     |           |
|--|-----------------------|-----|-----------|
| 1  | Schoenberger , Werner | VAN | 7185 pts. |
| 2  | Prohl, Jürgen         | VAN | 6460      |
| 3  | Zeuch, Fritz          | CAN | 5713      |
| 4  | Hirschberger, Baldur  | VAN | 5603      |
| 5  | Tolksdorf, Frank      | VAN | 5552      |
| 6  | Laubrunn Egon         | VAN | 5343      |
| 7  | Baron Klaus           | VAN | 5220      |
| 8  | Krajnz Marta          | KEL | 5177      |
| 9  | Wagner Gustaf         | VAN | 4998      |



Members of the Vancouver Skat Group from left: Robert Prohl, Helmut Nischk (President), Werner Schoenberger and Jürgen Prohl



The winners in Vancouver from left: Baldur Hirschberger (4), Marta Krajnc (best Lady), Werner Schoenberger (1) and Jürgen Prohl

**TEXAS SKAT LEAGUE**

*The Texas Skat League will host a International Skat Order rules (ISkO) tourney from Feb. 8, 2011 to Feb.16. New Braunfels is sunny and the weather is usually mild in Feb. however a light freeze is possible. Please come visit us.*

*John Langhoff, Secretary*

**Schedule of Events, Skat week Feb 8 to 16, 2011**

All, except the February 12+13 tournament are individual events.

**Tuesday Feb 8, 2011, 6:30 PM** Freiheit Country.Store New Braunfels

**Wednesday, Feb. 9,** Zorn Bowling Club, on Hwy 123, 6 PM, 60 deals, Texas rules, played 3 handed. \$6.00,.

**Thursday, Feb. 10, 10 AM**Friesenhaus Restaurant, 148 Castell Ave.in downtown New Braunfels,one round of 48 deals \$10.00 entry  
**12 noon,** Lunch at Friesenhaus Rest.special German menu.  
**1:30 PM** Friesenhaus Rest.one round of 48 deals, \$10.00  
**7:30 PM** Freiheit country store, 1 round of 48 deals.

**Friday, Feb 11,** 5:15 PM, Elk's, 353 S.Seguin St, New Braunfels, Welcome meal. \$9.00 donation required.  
**6:15 PM** 2 rounds of 48 deals, \$10 per round. Lets see how the cards are running???

**SaturdayFeb. 12 ,** ISkO rules Skat Lovers tourney. Elk's Club. Early pre registration required \$50.00 for 5 sessions. Seating of Players at 9:20 AM, **Please be on time.**  
 No teams  
**9:25:AM** Welcome by Mayor Greetings  
**9:30 AM** Announcements, Instructions, referees  
**9:35 AM** 1<sup>st</sup> round of 48 deals

**11:45 AM** lunch at Elk's .We assume all who are registered will eat.  
**12:30 PM** 2<sup>nd</sup> round of 48 deals.  
**3:00 PM** 3<sup>rd</sup> round of 48 deals.

**Sunday Feb. 13, 8:15AM** membership meeting of Texas Skat at ELK's  
**9 AM,** 4<sup>th</sup> round of 48 deals  
**11:20 AM** lunch at Elk's Side bet of \$30.00 possible. No teams  
**12:20 PM** 5<sup>th</sup> round of 48 deals  
**3:00PM** Award of trophies and prizes

**Monday Feb. 14, 10 AM** Elk"s one round of 48 deals, \$10.Lunch is avail.  
**1:15 PM** Elk's one round of 48 deals

**Tuesday, Feb. 15, 6:30 PM** Freiheit country store. 2 rounds of 48 deals ISPA \$10 each

**Wednesday Feb. 16, 6 PM,** Zorn bowling club, HWY 123, 60 deals of Texas rules players 3 handed.  
 Registration form for Feb. 12, 13, 2011. Deposit 50.00 ; refundable until Feb.12 To plan seating please register with your current address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Post.Code \_\_\_\_\_

Area code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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 For refunds please call 830 606 2855.



GERMANIA SKAT CLUB HAMILTON  
invites to a **CHRISTMAS SKAT**  
Saturday December 18, 2010 1 PM  
2 rounds \$ 10.00

*Wishing you all*

*a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

*Heidi Frank, President Germania Skat Club*



Der Newmarket Skat Club  
wünscht allen Skatspieler/innen  
Frohe Weihnachten, und ein glückliches Neues Jahr  
und immer „Gut Blatt“  
**Harald Kroos, Newmarket Skat Club**



*We wish all of you a wonderful autumn  
season*

**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS and all the  
BEST AND GOOD LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR**

*Sigrid Kirmse, Secretary Skat Club Saskatoon*



From the **MLA SKAT CLUB OTTAWA**

best wishes for a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Hope to see you in Ottawa the day after the KM April 18+19, 2011

*Marsha Clarke, President, MLA Skat Ottawa*



The members of the  
**BERLINER SKAT CLUB HANSA**  
wish all **ISPA** skat players around the world  
a very Merry Christmas + A Happy New Year  
and "Gut Blatt" for 2011

Die Mitglieder des  
**BERLINER SKAT CLUB HANSA**  
wünschen allen **ISPA** Skat Spielern Weltweit,  
Ein recht frohes und gesundes  
Weihnachtsfest und einen guten Rutsch  
ins Neue Jahr dazu immer " Gut Blatt "  
*Wolfgang Mielitz, President B.S.C.Hansa*

**Moin, moin Freunde.....**lange hats gedauert, nun hat Biale Massé, seinen dritten Skatspieler (sie heisst Piki). Am Schluss hatten meine Partner aber keine Lust mehr zum spielen...und so haben sie die Karten aufgefressen. Es Grüßt aus Biale Massé, Argentinien, saludos Laura, Helmut, Skatiy und Piki.



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gratuliert den glücklichen und geschickten Skatspielern und Spielerinnen die 2010 eine Trophäe, einen Titel oder ein Skat Sport Abzeichen gewannen und dankt allem die dazu beitrugen.

Zum Weihnachtsfest und Jahresausklang wünschen wir Gesundheit und alles Gute

Congratulates the lucky and skillful Skat Players, who in 2010 won a Trophy, a Title or a Skat Sports Pin and thanks all those who contributed. For the upcoming holidays we wish you health and happiness.



ZUM GEBURTSTAG WÜNSCHEN WIR  
GUTE GESUNDHEIT UND  
VIEL GLÜCK IM NEUEM LEBENSJAHR!



OUR BEST WISHES ON YOUR BIRTHDAY FOR  
GOOD HEALTH AND LOADS OF GOOD LUCK

*The Executive ISPA Canada and ISPA INFO*



Ein frohes gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest  
und ein glückliches Neues Jahr wünscht  
der Vorstand der ISPA CANADA & INFO

The ISPA Canada Executive & ISPA Info  
wishes all a blessed Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year

#### **Dear Skat friends & Skat clubs**

I would like to wish you Seasons Greetings and Merry Christmas.

It's that time of year again, and finding that perfect Christmas gift can be tough. What a great gift it would be to teach someone new to play Skat. Not only would that be a great gift to that person, you would be giving all the Skat players the gift of a new player and a potential friend.

The "Skatlink" Skat game makes a great gift and is inexpensive. If we all gave just 1 game as a Christmas gift this year, maybe we'll get 100 new players next year. This year I also donated 5 games to Santa's Anonymous again. They rarely get gifts for the older kids. Skat is such a family

game, and I remember one of the few things I enjoyed doing with my parents at 14, 15 years old was to play Skat. I feel good that I might be doing some good for some kid's future in our community. I urge some clubs to do the same.

The club wholesale price is still only \$12.50 plus postage.

Gutt Blatt and Happy Holidays

Ron Link

#### **No Bid from Forehand required**

There is a rumour going around, that this provision was amended to Forehand being obligated to having to state a bid.

The provision 3.3.6 of ISkO still exists and was not changed at the Skat Congress 2006. ISkO 3.3.6 If neither Middle-hand nor Hinter-hand had made a bid, Forehand may without a bid pick up the skat (or announce a hand game) She is thus obliged to implement a game. If Forehand however has no 18 she must not "Pass" before hearing a bid from Middle-hand if she "Passes" await a bid from Hinter-hand.

*Peter Luczak - The Skat Court* (Translated by Henry Keitel)

#### **Kein Gebot in Vorhand erforderlich**

Es geht ein Gerücht herum, dass diese Bestimmung geändert wurde. Die Vorschrift 3.3.6 von ISKO existiert noch und wurde nicht beim Skat-Kongress 2006 geändert. ISKO 3.3.6 besagt, wenn weder Mittelhand noch Hinterhand ein Gebot gemacht haben, kann Vorhand ohne ein Gebot den Skat aufnehmen (oder ein Hand-Spiel ansagen). Sie ist somit verpflichtet, ein Spiel zu implementieren. Wenn Vorhand aber keine 18 hat, muss sie erst Gebote von Mittel- und Hinterhand abwarten.

*Peter Luczak - The Skat Court*

Please take notice:  
ISPA tournaments are played by the  
**INTERNATIONAL SKATORDER ( IskO )**  
**THERE ARE NO ISPA RULES**

## 15 YEAR OLD U.S. STUDENT SKAT CHAMPION IN KITCHENER

by Henry Keitel.



Somewhere close to the southern shore of Lake Erie, lies the pretty city of Olmsted Falls OH founded in 1814. Olmsted Falls is spread over 4.1 square miles with an estimated population of 10,000. The closest German club is the Donauschwaben Club in Cleveland, OH over 20 km N-W of Olmsted Falls. Not really the type of German Club where SKAT would be part of the club's groups' activities. One could rather expect Schafkopf being played in this German-American club, with the ethnical back-ground of Donau Swabians. Checking out their elaborate website, it lists no card playing group.

Somewhere in Olmsted Falls, Bill Thompson and his two sons Kevin and Kyle were looking for an interesting game that could be played by three persons. Searching the internet, in 2003 Kevin then 8 years old and his father Bill came across a site with the by Germans most beloved card game namely SKAT.

Kevin showed a quick, sharp, intuitive grasp of the game, and a passion for playing the game. So he and his dad started to research everything they could about Skat, including contacting ISPA in North America. They hooked up with ISPA member and fellow Clevelander, Werner Kunzi, an avid tournament player, who was very helpful in preparing them both for organized competition and tournaments. Kevin made his ISPA tournament debut in Kitchener, Ontario in 2005, at the age of 10, winning sixth prize overall, as well as a series winner prize. Kitchener has certainly been very good to Kevin! Watch out Kevin, Kyle will be challenging you soon!

A best official ranking for Kevin is not possible at this time because there is no ISPA Skat club in the area and not enough tournament rounds have been played to qualify in any given year. That hopefully will change soon as a new Skat club is being formed. Kevin is currently ranked 47th out of nearly 300 players in

North America that is his best ranking ever. A position he can be proud of at his age.

Kevin is now completing his sixth year as a member of ISPA-USA and he has already won a Silver Skat Sport- Abzeichen (Skat Achievement Pin). He has competed so far in about 20 ISPA tournaments in Southern Ontario and Montreal, winning prizes in roughly half of the tournaments. Definitely a great achievement for any seasoned SKAT player. There is, beyond any doubt, a SKAT champion in the making. He played against players with decades of Skat experience. Kevin is also a charter member of the newly formed Cleveland Skat Club, which meets weekly in North-Eastern Ohio, USA. He and his dad practice as much as their busy schedules allows. His younger brother Kyle has also recently shown a passion for Skat. Kyle made his ISPA tournament debut also in Kitchener this past summer at the age of 12, with the goal of soon bettering his talented older brother! Good luck to all of you!

Do to lack of junior players, ISPA Canada/USA in order to give younger players a chance to play SKAT permits younger players to participate in open tournaments. One must surely appreciate the tolerance of a 65+ player when playing against a "kid". But notice this: The 2010 edition of the South Ontario Skat Week in Kitchener was, judging by some players' remarks, "Great fun".

Horst Kreitzer the Canadian Champion 2010, Manfred Pielorz and Brigitte Soworka were Kevin's partners in the first series were Kevins run took off and with 1540 points not only made him tables best but also won him winner of series one.

Richard Meyer with 1277pts. was best man in series two followed by Kevin with 1217 pts. in second place. Hans Meiritz, Wolfgang Milietz were his other two table partners. The third series saw Kevin once more in first place with 1492 pts, ahead of Manfred Pielorz, Horst Wessel and Henry Schulze. In series four with Horst Wessel, Manfred Pielorz und Frank Cerny Kevin gathered only 657 points but his nearest opponents did not do much better so that Keevin could maintain his narrow lead. In the fifth and final round, Horst Wessel was only 98 points and Mike Metz 118 points away from tournament winner!

That was a bit to close but **Kevin Thompson tournament winner Kitchener 2010** made it! **Congratulations!**

Wolfgang Mielitz states: It was great that the tournament ended with a win for Kevin...he was up on cloud 9.

His brother Kyle 12 learned a few lessons and was a very eager learner, so there is another champion in the making.

# Skat Tournaments – Brazil – March 2011 and VIP Tour

- **9 March: Departure from Toronto or Calgary.**
- **10 March : Arrival in Foz do Iguassu, Brasil via Sao Paulo. Transfer to the Hotel Continental Inn.**
- **11 March : Visit of the Iguassu Falls on the Argentinean side with Devil's Throat including.**

Walk along the elevated upper and lower trails and see more than 275 falls and admire the flora and fauna. Continue by train to the Devil's Throat, one of the planet's most spectacular views.

- **12 March : Half day visit of the Iguassu Falls on the Brazilian side.**

Visit the falls from the Brazilian side, walking along a path that brings you to the rim of the falls for a fascinating view.

- **13 March : Transfers from hotel to the Iguassu Airport. Arrival in Sao Paulo. Transfers from the Airport to the Hotel Delphin in Guaruja (85 Km).**
- **14 March : South American Skat Championship, 3 Rounds.**
- **15 March : South American Skat Championship, 3 Rounds.**
- **16 March : Bus trip to the aquarium in Santos, city tour and Memorial das Conquistas (Santos soccer museum). Pele played in Santos almost all his professional live.**
- **17 March : Pan American Skat Championship, 3 Rounds.**
- **18 March : Pan American Skat Championship, 3 Rounds. Gala Dinner and presentation of the winners.**
- **19 March : Pick up in Guaruja and a half day city tour in Sao Paulo (approx 6 hrs) including a BBQ lunch during the city tour. Overnight stay in the Hotel Blue Tree Premium Paulista.**
- **20 March : Transfers to Rio de Janeiro via the Coastal Road to the Hotel Praia Ipanema. March 20 to 24 - Rio de Janeiro.**

Half day visit of Corcovado  
BBQ dinner and Plataforma Samba Show  
Half day visit of Sugar Loaf  
Full day visit to Petropolis with lunch

- **24 March : Transfer to the airport. Departure to Toronto**

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