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From the Editor

I hope everyone had a better summer (weather-wise) than that which blanketed the prairies for the first half of the season. I also trust everyone was able to play some skat and make it to a few tournaments this year. I myself was fortunate to play in three different venues this year: Montreal (but not for the Canadian Championship as I was called away to work), Winnipeg and my home town of Saskatoon. All three were tremendous fun, and I, hopefully like you, am planning to make it to Kelowna for the North American Championship in September.

The ISPA Canada board, club presidents and other member met in Montreal before the start of the tournament there and came up with a few changes and announcements. The two, which I believe to be the most significant, were the new guidelines for tournaments and the announcement of the host for the North American Championship in 2015.

Firstly, the entrance fees for tournaments was raised by \$10. It was also decided by an overwhelming majority that in the future only ISPA members in good standing may be called champion, should they happen to win the event. This also applies to a team which must consist entirely of ISPA members in order to win the title. Non-ISPA members who finish in such a spot which would entitle them to prize money would still qualify to win. This rule is similar to one which was introduced in the past which required

the winner of the Canadian Championship to also be a Canadian resident.

Secondly, Texas has been awarded the honour of hosting the 2015 North American Championship. I will be able to pass more information about this as it becomes available, or simply visit the ISPA Canada website for the most update news.

With this last topic in mind, as I mentioned before, I hope to see everyone in Kelowna in September; contact and venue information can be found on the link below. I wish everyone safe travels and Gut Blatt!

<http://www.skatcanada.ca/canada>.



ZUM GEBURTSTAG WÜNSCHEN WIR RECHT VIELE
JAHRE IN GUTER GESUNDHEIT UND "GUT BLATT".



ON YOUR BIRTHDAY WE WISH YOU MANY
MORE YEARS OF GOOD HEALTH AND
AND NATURALLY ALWAYS "Good Cards".

The Executive ISPA Canada-USA & ISPA INFO

Do you have something to contribute? All submissions are greatly welcomed and appreciated. Kindly have anything you wish to have added sent to me no later than October 31th, 2014 to atchisondonald@hotmail.com for publication in the winter edition of the ISPA Info.

Edmonton

This year's Alberta Championship held in Edmonton was a great success. With 52 players plus the beginner tournament it had been the biggest in Western Canada. Players from all over Canada traveled to attend, like tournament winner Eric Luz from Calgary with a total of 6923 points, second place Hans-Jürgen Steinmetz from Saskatoon and third place Horst Gonschorek from Kelowna. We have also had a great turnout from Red Deer, Winnipeg and Horst Kreitzer from Kitchener who won a Grand Ouvert in round 4. The success of the Edmonton tournament comes in thanks to the great executive team our club has but also to the numerous sponsors such as the GCAA, Skatlink.com, Tirecraft, Bicoastal Sea Foods and many of our generous members that allowed us to have a prize for every participant.

	Name	Club	Total
1	LUZ, Eric	CAL	6923
2	STEINMETZ, H.-J.	SK	6368
3	GONSCHOREK, Horst	KEL	5922
4	KOMMNICK, Friedhelm	RD	5574
5	SOMMER, Michael	EDM	5536
6	WEHR, Kurt	EDM	5532
7	LUZ, Klaus	EDM	5488
8	LINK, Ron	EDM	5370
9	NOVOSEL, Alec	EDM	5360
10	BURO, Michael	EDM	5224
11	STEPHEN, Christopher	EDM	5196
12	ZOGLER, Ludwig	EDM	5115



The winners (l-r): Horst Gonschorek (3), Eric Luz (1), Hans-Jürgen Steinmetz.



The series winners (l-r): Horst Gonschorek (rds. 2/3, 1400/1635), Eric Luz (rd.5 1882), Bill Radtke (rd.4, 1711), Ludwig Zogler (rd.1 1729) (front).



The winning team: Michael Büro, Horst Gonschorek, Ron Link, Eric Luz.



**WIR TRAUERN UM UNSEREN SKATFREUND -
WE MOURN THE LOSS OF OUR SKATFRIEND**

**Siegfried Naser
October 5, 1934-December 7, 2013**

**Mike Scholz
March 22, 1943-January 10, 2014
California, USA**

Montreal Cup

	Name	Club	Total
1	LINK, Ron	EDM	3097
2	GONSCHOREK, Horst	KEL	3005
3	BEHR, Willi	MTL	2624
4	KHALIL, Jutta	MTL	2609
5	KLASEN, Fred	USA	2580
6	JOPPICH, Fred	USA	2538
7	SCHMID, Carsten	MTL	2445
8	MENZIAN, Peter	USA	2403
9	OHM, Bill		2402
10	PESCHLOW, Joerg	MTL	2395
11	LEWERIK, Peter	D	2349
12	STEINMETZ, H.-J.	SK	2283



The winners (l-r): Horst Gonschorek (2), Ron Link (1), Willi Behr (3) and Jutta Khalil (tournament director).

Montreal

Our April Tournaments went with out a hitch. Participation was down and this will be looked at in our next executive meeting. The Ottawa tournament I thought went well with pretty good participation considering everything. We will see if we can get more Mtl. player to show up. As you know all these things are an on going struggle. We have very good Wed. night participation, usually between 12 to 14 tables allowing us to have a uber league and all the rest. We do have one of our skat players giving skat lessons at the German school and hopefully that will bring us some youth, which is what are club needs. We still get the occasional skat player joining the club, which amazes me. Our executive committee meets one to two times a year to discuss all the issues that face our club and I think with our constant fine tuning and excellent efforts from some of these members we seem to stay very viable.

John Kretschmann

	Name	Club	Total
1	MC CORMICK, Scott	OTT	6280
2	LINK, Ron	EDM	6042
3	KHALIL, Jutta	MTL	5999
4	FIENE, Hubert	MTL	5981
5	RIDDER, Elfi	OTT	5978
6	STEWIN, Hans	USA-CA	5973
7	PATOMMEL, Klaus	KW	5962
8	JOPPICH, Fred	USA-BAL	5806
9	PESCHLOW, Joerg	MTL	5761
10	SCHMID, Carsten	MTL	5738
11	KROOS, Harald	NM	5604
12	VOIGT, Rolf	MTL	5575
13	MIKOVITS, Herbert	MTL	5443
14	LIEDTKE, Manfred	USA	5385
15	BUB, Antonietta	MTL	5336
16	HAGEN, Horst	MTL	5249
17	MUEHLING, Stephen	MTL	5244
18	MENZIAN, Peter	USA-DE	5236
19	RIDDER, Richard	OTT	5233



The winners (l-r): Scott McCormick, OTT (1), Jutta Khalil MTL, (3) and best Lady, Ron Link, EDM (2), tournament director Horst Hagen.

Hagen, J. Khalil, T. Lang & H. Fiene). Congratulations to all the winners!

I would also like to congratulate our own Scott McCormick who is the new Canadian Champion! Also congratulations to Elfi Ridder who placed 5th overall at the Canadian Championship in Montreal.

As most of you know, our club is run totally by volunteers. Without the hard work and kindness of these “special” people we would not be able to run such a successful club, nor our events. Thanks very much to all of the volunteers who helped at our tournament and Franz Joseph for a delicious dinner. Pat, our MLA club Presidents deserves kudos, as well, for having the Express Vu re-installed, at such short notice, so we could watch the soccer game after the tournament.

Marsha Clarke, MLA Skat President



The winners of the series from left: Horst Bertsch (rd. 1, 1710), Antonietta Bub (rd.2, 1775), Ron Link (rd.3, 1512), Scott McCormick (rd. 4, 2005) and Peter Roes (rd.5, 1625).



The winning Team From left: Horst Hagen, Jutta Khalil, Thomas Lang and Carsten Schmid

Ottawa

Once again we had a successful tournament in Ottawa this past April with an attendance of 44 players. We thank all our Skat friends for coming to support us. It seems to work very well hosting this event right after the “Canadian Championship” in Montreal.

First place went to Ron Link., second place to Thomas Lang and third place to Jutta Khalil. Jutta also won the prize for Best Lady. The only Ottawa player to place in the prizes was Frank Heuvelmanns who came in 5th. The winning teams were the Hagen Champions 1st (H. Hagen, J. Khalil, T. Lang & H. Gonshorek), the Ed E Otts 2nd (F. Heuvelmanns, S. McCormick, R. Link & E. Luz) and the Hagen Challengers 3rd (H.

	Name	Club	Total
1	Link, Ron	EDM	6270
2	Lang, Thomas	CAN	6013
3	Khalil, Jutta	MTL	5973
4	Hagen, Horst	MTL	5936
5	Heuvelmanns, Frank	OTT	5763
6	Luz, Eric	CAL	5650
7	Jankevicius, Joe	USA	5567
8	Joppich, Fred	USA	5565
9	Fellner, Joe	USA	5448
10	Lewrick, Peter	D	5370



The winners from left: Thomas Lang (2), Jutta Khalil, MTL (3 and best Lady1), Ron Link, EDM (1).



The winning team members from left: Jutta Khalil, Horst Gonschorek, Horst Hagen and Thomas Lang.

Saskatoon

The Saskatoon tournament was another success this year with nearly 40 participants, which consisted of over ¾ of the Saskatoon Skat Club and, as always, a terrific amount of players and support from our friends in Edmonton. We were also happy to see friends from Calgary, Kelowna and steady skat friends from the USA, Jim Leissner and Jim Stang. It was, however, disappointing not to have any participants from east of Saskatoon, but hopefully that will change next year as we hope to have at least 50 or more people join in our annual event. Five interesting and enjoyable rounds were had by all, but in the end Philipp Schumacher had a great surge in the last round on table one to claim the champion-ship, his first in nearly 20 years. Second place was won by Eric Luz from Calgary who had a great second day of scoring and Hans-Jürgen Steinmetz of Saskatoon held on to claim third spot in

the rankings. Don Atchison was the only player to achieve a skat pin winning his first bronze. We hope to see all of you next year for more great skat fun and memories.

	Name	Club	Total
1	SCHUMACHER, Philipp	EDM	6262
2	LUZ, Eric	CAL	5865
3	STEINMETZ, H.-J.	SK	5651
4	SCHULTZ, Walter	EDM	5646
5	LINK, Ron	EDM	5638
6	LAVOIE, Victor	EDM	5447
7	STANG, Jim	USA	5401
8	POKRANDT, George	EDM	5250
9	LITWINIUK, Marianne	CAL	5202
10	SOMMER, Michael	EDM	5139



The Tournament winners (l-r): Eric Luz (2), H-J.Steinmetz(3) Marianne Lutwiniuk (best lady) and Philipp Schumacher (1).



The winners of the Series (l-r): Don Atchison (rd.2, 1636), Ron Link (rd. 4, 1712), Philipp Schumacher (rd.5, 1596), H-J. Steinmetz (rd.1, 1728) and Eric Luz (rd. 3, 2132).



The winning team (l-r): Ron Link, Wolfgang Tewitz, Philipp Schumacher and Walter Schulz.



The Tournament winners (l-r): Ron Knipschild (3), Ron Link (2), Lucia Ludwig (Best Lady) and Eric Luz (1).

Calgary

Dear Skat Friends,

Calgary was pleased to host our annual tournament at the Summit Pub for 2014.

We had a turnout of 33 people, with Skat friends from all over North America.

I was fortunate to have a good second day and just beat Ron Link by a few points.

So 1st place was me with 6239, 2nd place was Ron Link with 6040 and 3rd place was our Ron Knipschild with 5699.

1st place team was SKATLINK.Com with Marianne Litwiniuk, Jim Stang, Ron Link and Eric Luz.

Also we had one of our beginners win a seiren seiger in the 5th round with 1774, way to go Irmgard!

We look forward to hosting 2015 and we hope to see you all again.

If all goes well, we will be in our new home by then.

Prost and Gute Blatt from Calgary.

Eric Luz



The winners of the Series (l-r): Ron Link, Albert Naber, Irmgard Schumann, Walter Widder and Gerd Reiner.

	Name	Club	Total
1	LUZ, Eric	CAL	6239
2	LINK, Ron	EDM	6040
3	KNIPSCHILD, Ron	CAL	5699
4	LUZ, Bernd	CAL	5558
5	WIDDER, Walter	EDM	5379
6	UEKERMANN, Klaus	KEL	5285
7	TEWITZ, Wolfgang	EDM	5198
8	WEINGART, Horst	KEL	5072
9	PITTELKAU, Guenter	KEL	5030
10	STANG, Jim	USA	5025



The winning team from left: Eric Luz, Ron Link, Jim Stang and Marianne Litwiniuk.

Red Deer

On May 30-June 1, Red Deer hosted its annual skat tournament at the new hall of the German Canadian Club in Red Deer. We would like to thank everyone for coming from all over Western Canada and would also like to thank our American skat cousins from Las Vegas, Texas and Minnesota as well for your support of our tournament. This was our second year once again hosting a tournament; we had a great time and look forward to next year!

We originally were considering playing the tournament outside under our large 40' x 80' tent, but decided on squeezing everyone into our nice new hall instead. We had 46 players on the Friday night warm up, which ran a little (ok a lot) over on time due to our inexperience in the score keeping and organization of a tournament. But at the end of the day it was a learning experience and thanks to everyone for your patience.

Saturday we got off to a much better start, play started on time and without a hitch. We had 46 players in the regular tournament and 6 players in our beginners draw. A great turnout! Volunteers from the club were serving drinks and we had nice BBQ lunch each day. For the most part the weather cooperated, only late Saturday during the last round did we have issues with the wind and moved 3 tables from the tent on the patio to the hallway of the building.

Sunday was another nice day, we had some fun, some good skat and another nice BBQ lunch. After the tournament was over and all the prizes were presented, many players left for their long rides home, but a handful stayed a little extra and we all got a chance to visit and get to know each other.

Our club would like to thank all prize sponsors: IT Solutions 4U, AMSOIL, Studon Electric, Denali Oilfield Services and Westburne Electrical Supply for donating prizes and helping to make the event a huge success. An extra big thank-you to Studon Electric for the use of their nice large BBQ

Once again thanks to all for coming and participating in our tournament, congratulations again to our winners, Gut Blatt and see you all again soon!

	Name	Club	Total
1	LUZ, Eric	CAL	6371
2	KRAJNZ, Marta	KEL	6131
3	WEINGART, Horst	KEL	6039
4	SCHMIDT, Gerhard	EDM	5916
5	LOHMEIER, Egon	EDM	5765
6	STEINMETZ, H.-J.	SK	5662
7	STANG, Jim	USA	5661
8	WEHR, Kurt	EDM	5430
9	ROWEKAMP, Jens	SK	5344
10	GROSSMÜLLER, Manfred	KEL	5237

11	RADKE, Bill	EDM	5225
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The winners (l-r): Eric Luz (1), Marta Krajnz (2), Horst Weingart (3).



The winning team from left: Egon Lohmeier, Kristina Huisman, Rosemarie Bablitz and Gerhard Schmidt.

New Market

Here is a quick overview of the New Market tournament which took place on June 21-22:

Seriensieger 1 Runde. Wolfgang Mielitz 1370 pt.
 Seriensieger 2 Runde. Siegfried Speckner 1796 pt.
 Seriensieger 3 Runde. Wolfgang Mielitz 1825 pt.
 Seriensieger 4 Runde. Horst Kreitzer 1358 pt.
 Seriensieger 5 Runde. Wolfgang Mielitz 1374 pt.

Tournament winner:
 1 Wolfgang Mielitz 5996 PT.
 2 Mike Metz 5752 PT.
 3 Siegfried Speckner 5372 PT.

Winnipeg

The Winnipeg Skat Club held its annual Tournament from June 27th to the 29th. We attracted players from Kelowna, Saskatoon, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and Indiana. There weren't a huge number of players in attendance, but we more than made up for that in camaraderie. I believe a good time was had by all. Fred Gunkel won the Tournament with 6612 points, runner up was Kurt Bauer with 6084 points and Joe Schmitt came in third with 5855 points. Kurt Bauer received his second gold pin by scoring 4563 points in three rounds and our youngest player, Kaela Kunst-Bentz, managed to average 905 points. Good job!



The winners from left: Joe Schmitt (3rd), Kurt Bauer (2nd), Fred Gunkel (1st) and Dina Kunst (best Lady) and Tournament Director.



The winners of the Series (l-r): Kurt Bauer (rds. 2/3, 1661/1734), Arno von Hacht (rd.1, 1478), Fred Gunkel (rds.4/5, 1858/1434) and Tournament Director Dinah Kunst.



The winning Team (l-r): Kurt Bauer, Arno von Hacht, Hans Rasing and Fred Gunkel.



Skat Abzeichen (Achievement pin) winner Kurt Bauer, showing his 2nd Gold pin with ISPA President H-J. Steinmetz.

	Name	Club	Total
1	GUNKEL, Fred	WPG	6612
2	BAUER, Kurt	WPG	6084
3	SCHMITT, Joe	USA-TX	5855
4	STEINMETZ, H.-J.	SK	5637
5	STANG, Jim	USA	5050
6	KUNST, Dinah	WPG	5022
7	JANTZ, Stephan	WPG	4887
8	WIELAND, Hans	WPG	4843
9	EWALD, Bob	USA	4765
10	ZIELINSKI, James	USA-OMAHA	4629

Hochheim, Texas

The Dewitt-Lavaca Skat Club held their 7th annual Skat tournament on June 19, 2014 at the historic Hochheim Prairie School building. Play began at 9:30 a.m. with 19 players in attendance from across South Texas.

Two rounds of 48 deals of Texas ISPA Skat was played. Texas ISPA Skat is a combination of rules from International Skat Players Association and Texas Skat, which is commonly played in here in Texas.

Top point scores were as follows: John Langhoff of Hochheim with 2397, Travis Mixon of Yoakum with 2384, Arnold Scheffer of San Marcos with 2319, Nolan Koepf of New Braunfels with 2262 and Ralph Polzin of Yoakum with 2133. Prize money was awarded to players with high scores per round.

Special thanks goes out to Kathryn Langhoff for her assistance with lunch, Betty Rathkamp for her dedication of making the historic Hochheim Prairie School building available to the public and to the players who keep the game of Skat going. If you would be interested in learning more about this German card game please contact John Langhoff at 293-6159 or Travis Mixon at 293-9427.

PLAYERS	RD 1	RD 2	TOTAL
JOHN LANGHOFF	934	1463	2397
TRAVIS MIXON	1253	1131	2384
ARNOLD SCHEFFER	1140	1179	2319
NOLAND KOEPP	1044	1218	2262
RALPH POLZIN	1005	1128	2133
JR FARRIS	932	1102	2034
CURTIS MEINERS	848	1017	1865
BARBARA MUELLER	843	906	1749
JIM LEISSNER	789	913	1702
BOB GOEBEL	647	1012	1659
KURT SOTTMANN	600	1053	1653
ELTON HOEPKIN	703	899	1602
JIM ROHDE	940	611	1551
JAMES DIETZ	1363	95	1458
MICHAEL STRIDDE	162	656	818

HEINZ BRAUM	808	.	808
ARLEN MUELLER	.	781	781
MARK MIXON	649	.	649
ARLEN LEEDER	819	-278	541

Do you have a question for a referee?

Here's one! Herbert, Bernd, Helmut and Walter are having a heated round and are getting ready to play hand 14 of their sheet. Helmut is the dealer, and, therefore, sitting this hand out. Helmut is seated between Herbert and Walter. After winning the bid, Bernd looks in the skat, announces Grand and leads out. Helmut thinks that the hand must be weak as he saw the two top jacks and two aces in Herbert's hand, who is to his left, and to satisfy his curiosity he looks into Walter's hand to see how much trouble Bernd is really in. Bernd sees this and immediately declares that he has won his game. The other players protest saying that Bernd is only trying to weasel himself out of a game which is will almost certainly lose. A referee is called. What is the correct decision?

ANSWER:

A violation has indeed occurred. According to I.S.K.O. 4.5.5 "Each player is to pick up and hold his cards so that other players cannot see them. It is also not allowed for other players to look into or to allow his cards to be revealed or divulged." It is something we do without thinking and take for granted quite often within our own skat clubs, but a rule which we should pay a little more attention to when in a tournament environment.



25th North American
Skat Championship (NASC)
September 6th & 7th, 2014
2nd Masters Tournament
September 5th, 2014



The Ogopogo Skat Club invites all Skat players to these Skat tournaments which will be held at the "German Canadian Harmony Club" on 1696 Cary Road in Kelowna, BC. We will play by the **International Skat rules**.

IMPORTANT !!!!

Registration deadline for all tournaments is on Wednesday August 27th.

Warm-up round: Thursday Sep. 4th, 06:00 p.m. Two individual rounds.

Masters tournament: Friday Sep. 5th, 11:00 a.m. 1st round begins.
(A League, \$100) **01:15 p.m. Lunch break.**
(B League, \$40) **02:00 p.m. 2nd round begins.**
04:30 p.m. 3rd round begins.

North American Championship: Saturday Sep. 6th, 11:00 a.m. 1st round begins.
01:15 p.m. Lunch break.
02:00 p.m. 2nd round begins.
04:30 p.m. 3rd round begins.
Sunday Sep. 7th, 09:00 a.m. 4th round begins.
11:15 a.m. Lunch break.
12:00 p.m. 5th round begins.

Trophy Presentation will be 15 min. after the last score sheet of the 5th round is handed in (approximately at 2:30 p.m.). All entry fees (100%) will be paid out!

The entry fees for the main tournaments are:

Warm-up rounds \$ 10.00 per round
NASC \$ 100.00 for ISPA members (5 rounds)
\$ 110.00 for Non ISPA members
\$ 60.00 for teams (4 players)

Bump money for lost games:

\$ 1.00 for the first 3 losses
\$ 2.00 for each additional loss

Prizes for all main events:

- 1. Prize 25 % of the reg. fee and Trophy**
- 2. Prize 15 % of the reg. fee and Trophy**
- 3. Prize 10 % of the reg. fee and Trophy**

25% of the top ranking players will receive a prize. Money prizes for the winners of each series.
More and higher money prizes are depending on participation.

Online Registration: <http://skatcanada.ca/canada/Registrations/NAM/index.html>

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The Coast Capri Hotel, Tel: 1 250-860-6060 or 1 800-663-1144, Email info@coasthotels.com 2DB/room \$150
Super 8 Kelowna, Tel: 1 250-762-822 or 1 800-5630991, Email: super8kelowna@shaw.ca \$112.40/room incl. breakfast
Sandman Hotel, Tel: 1 250-860-6409, Email: sales_kelowna@sandman.ca 2 Q beds \$129, Gr. block #381061 to Aug 01-2014
Fairfield Inn, Tel: 1 250-763-2800, Email: sarahb@prhotels.ca 2 Q beds \$ 129 incl breakfast
Best Western, Tel: 1 250- 979-6928, Email: ginette@bwkelowna.com 2 beds \$ 160 incl. breakfast
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