

Report from the 29th. North American Skat Championship And 6th Masters Tournament Cleveland, Ohio

The Cleveland Skat Club was honored to host the 29. North American Skat Championship from 20-23 JUL at the Cleveland Männerchor clubhouse in Old Brooklyn. Forty-four (44) players from eight US states and three Canadian provinces gathered for an exciting weekend in Cleveland to crown a new champion.

That Champion proved to be Ottawa's Scott McCormick, who earned the title for his second time with 6601 points over local favorite Kevin Thompson (CLE) and perennial champion Ron Link (EDM). All of these players have won 10 or more ISPA events in North America and they truly represent our elite Skat players. Jutta Khalil was crowned the North American Ladies Champion, and the team ED-E-OTTS (Ron Link, Hans Schirmer, Frank Heuvelmans and Scott McCormick) became the team champions. Monday's 6. Masters Tournament winners were Ron Link (Masters A) and Joe Rohrer (Masters B).

The Cleveland club members were gracious hosts, donating their time, money and talents by providing a sumptuous pot luck feast for the player lunches on Sunday and Monday. A highlight of the weekend was a superb dinner cruise aboard the *Nautica Queen* with great food and drink and plenty of gorgeous views of the downtown skyline from both the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie. Everyone who attended had a marvelous time for a reasonable price. We hope to repeat this outing for our *Skatfreunde* coming to Cleveland in the years to come!

