



Colorful Report from Canadian Championships

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is a report on the Canadian Championships held at the Marlborough Inn, Winnipeg Manitoba in October. See *Tourney Talk* for a list of the winners.)

**By Harold Schmidt, President
Manitoba Shuffleboard Association**

Most players arrived Monday, Oct. 7, and the local players took them around to various bars to play shuffleboard from morning 'til night. Most of them stayed and played at the Winnipeg Hotel, the shuffleboard hotel of Canada. Tuesday morning we all went to the Winnipeg Hotel and played furious games of shuffleboard for many hours. Wednesday we had our annual meeting and voted for new executives and decided on 1986 and 1987 locations for the Canadian Championships.

In 1986, the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend will be held in Milton, Ontario, only an hour's drive from Niagara Falls. In 1987, the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend will be held in Vancouver, B.C.

After the meeting, we moved all seven boards owned by the Manitoba Shuffleboard Association and made sure that not one player knew what the boards were like. We made it a very neutral tournament.

After this, we had hospitality night with enormous amounts of Labatts Blue, one of our sponsors, spirits and tons of hors d'oeuvres. Music kept everyone entertained for the night. There were many parties in the hotel rooms after they closed the bar.

On Thursday morning, the mixed events were underway. By the end of the day, television cameras had already shown one of the games on TV and did interviews with some of the players. Two local newspapers did interviews and were doing articles for the weekend. Mixed doubles winners were determined that night by the double round robin style of tournament used in all events in the Canadians.

Friday morning, the men's and ladies' singles were underway and the bar was also open early to keep the players happy. By the end of the day, we had also determined both winners and another local newspaper was doing interviews.

Saturday morning, the men's and ladies' doubles were underway and we were on national sports that night.

Our awards banquet was a great success. We had a participant plaque for each player in the tourney. The meal was great and the M.C., Boyd Kozak from a local radio station, was the hit of the banquet. He entertained the group and told hilarious jokes. Everybody from across Canada congratulated us on a great and successful Canadians. The parties after the banquet carried on 'til the early morning.

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and Ed Graves of Oklahoma City took first place. In second place were Ron Huddleston, Oklahoma City, and Bill Wooldridge, Ft. Worth. Finishing third were Bill Melton and Glen Davidson, both of Oklahoma.

Karl Spickelmier of California and Glen Davidson of Oklahoma took first place in the bring-your-partner event. Sam Summers and Eddie Graves of Oklahoma took second place and Ed White, Dallas, and Bill Wooldridge, Ft. Worth, finished third.

Bill Melton, Davis, Okla., took first place honors in the singles. Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, came in second, with Bob White of Dallas in third place.

Kidd/Cameron Win Sport's Arena Tourney

The winners of the \$50 draw partners tourney held at the Sport's Arena Bar to celebrate Big Don's birthday on Oct. 5 were Harvey Kidd and Kelly Camaron. Jim Mehen and Bill Lentz took second, with Howard Mouton and Paul Smith finishing third.

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