

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Provincial Reports

Manitoba 2023/24

Things continue to do well in the local communities of Manitoba with the upcoming “Manitoba 55 Plus Shuffleboard Tournament” in Brandon on June 18, 19 and 20.

The big news this year is the inaugural “Spring and Summer Shuffleboard Program” at the **Pembina Curling Club** in Winnipeg. As you might remember, the **Inter-Provincial Tournament** took place at that venue last June and from that event, has sprung a cooperative effort between Eileen and Pete Hildebrand and the staff of the curling club. The program is currently underway on Tuesdays and Thursdays with some 40 plus registered players and a group of “fill-in” players taking up any available open spaces on the ten courts. A group of “support” players are currently being trained to handle registration assignments as well as two players holding teaching sessions. Given that this program is providing funds to the curling club which otherwise would stand empty for the spring and summer seasons, other curling clubs may now see an option to follow suit in their facilities.

Unfortunately, this year we have lost two treasured players – Bill Piett and Linda Millitaire. In memory of Bill, the “Bill Piett Memorial Tournament” was held at “Pine to Palm Resort Park” in Weslaco, Texas this past year. In future, the tournament will be renamed the “Bill Piett Memorial National Tournament”.

Carol Klem, Manitoba Director

Nova Scotia Shuffleboard

The Saltwater Shuffleboard Club will begin summer play in Sackville, NS on May 21. Some of the past cadre of players have committed to return for another year but the number of players for the year is always a surprise. Hopefully the play will continue to light on competition and strong on good fun!

Jim and Ellie Crowell report that the Bluenose Club in Bridgewater is now in its seventh year. Play continues for 10 months per year at the same Bridgewater Curling Club where they hosted the 2021 IP Tournament. There is a subsidiary group known as the Baptist Church Shuffleboard Group where they have four courts and play year-round. Some play twice per week which helps newer players to advance.

There may be a small group playing in Oxford, NS again this year but I have no contact yet for this group.

May 18, 2024
David Earle

Newfoundland Shuffleboard

It seems that the only place that has Shuffleboard activities is The Town of Paradise where we live in summer. The town Recreation Department provides Fall, Winter and Spring sessions. A maximum of 16 can enroll for any one session. Sessions are played on three roll-out courts, three days a week. At the end of each session the town provides a luncheon and prizes.

Glenda Brake

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Ontario Shuffleboard

Perhaps things have changed, or perhaps it's due to our new tournament format, but there are six Ontario sanctioned tournaments scheduled for this summer (up from only three two years ago). Players now play for the entire day in a "mingles" format which makes a one or two hour drive more worthwhile.

The website (www.shuffleon.org) has seen a lot of updates with one the best advancements being the listing of where and when to play across Ontario. There are currently 23 clubs on the list and more come in all the time. Sadly, as this is being written, the website is experiencing technical difficulties. It is hoped to be back up and running very soon. Lots of good photos and lots of good information.

The recently added FaceBook Group "Ontario Shuffleboard Association" is becoming more active as the now 75 members start to share their information. This will become a good tool for non-tournament players to see what's happening in the shuffleboard community and see the fun that's being had throughout the summer.

Gerrit Dykman, Ontario Director