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Dear Skat friends and members,



Another year has come and gone. Time fly's when you're having fun playing Skat.

I was very fortunate to be able to attend 13 tournaments this year and get to see firsthand all the work and efforts that many of you are doing to make

these smaller tournaments fun, exciting and competitive.

I truly understand how tough it is to organize these events. Getting volunteers, negotiating a venue and catering for a small group can be a challenge, finding sponsors, keeping costs in line, trophies, cards and trying to organize a bunch of people that just want to play cards. A Big Thank You goes out to all of you that got involved in Organizing Skat tournaments last year.

Skat Tournaments are so important to our organization. I often hear "I am not good enough" or "I am too old to travel". It makes me sad to hear those types of excuses. Tournaments are what unites us as a family of Skat players. Those that do travel don't care if you're a good player or bad player, they don't care if your an old player or a new young player. They are spending good money to visit you. They come to socialize over a card game that has brought them so much joy and

friendships over the years, and all we ask for is that your there. So next year please everyone try your hardest to at least attend your own tournament.

That being said , all you hard working organizers please get in your next year's tournament flyers , so that we can post the dates on the ISPA calendar. All you fantastic people that travel check the schedule on the website and make plans to visit as many tournaments and cities in North America as possible. In April 2020 (Canadian Championships) we will be introducing a fun new competition and incentive for all travellers.

Also Oct 6th to 15th 2020 is your chance to attend a World Championship, experience the best Skat has to offer in Edmonton Alberta. ISPA is making this one very affordable so that North American will have the best attendance since Chile. Don't miss it.

All the best , be kind to one another and may the good cards run you over.

Ron Link

Präsident ISPA Canada

Dear Skat friends and Spectators,

Canada is very proud and excited to be hosting the 22nd WM in Edmonton, Alberta. You may ask “Why” and “What” does Edmonton have to offer to the World to come to and play Skat. Edmonton is one of the Top 5 cities in Canada having a population of over a million people. We are mostly known for having the largest shopping mall in North America, the largest in the world until 2004, being one of the largest oil producers in the world and Edmonton had Wayne Gretzky the best hockey player in the world (the Edmonton Oilers won 5 Stanley Cups). So, if you win the WM in 2020 you would win it in Canada’s City of Champions.

It may be cold here in October perhaps there might be even snow on the ground as we are only a 3hrs drive away from the famous Rocky Mountains (Jasper National Park). But we will stay warm playing cards in one of Edmonton’s lovely downtown Hotels (Chateau Lacombe). The hotel offers excellent rooms and great food in a central location. Located downtown there are many Bars and Restaurants nearby and a brand-new Arena / Casino within walking distance (Rogers Place).

What should really bring you to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada? It’s the SKAT Players, known for having some of the best and some of the worst Skat players in the world. We are all fun to play with and friendly hosts. Alberta has the largest group of organized Skat members in Canada. So to win this World Championships you better know how to play against all types of players. Berlin was easy, they were all good you just had to be lucky. Come join us in Oct 2020 for the 22nd World Championship. A Canadian Skat experience you’ll never forget.

Ron Link

President ISPA Canada

From the Editor

time flies, it feels like it was just yesterday, I was sitting on the ISPA Info Newsletter for April 2019 (with the December 2018 issue included) and now 2019 is over and I didn't even get the August 2019 Newsletter done. As a weak defence my laptop died, 95% of that particular April newsletter were finished and it took me way longer than anticipated to get a new laptop and recover the files from the old hard drive and to sit down again and finish it to discover that anything written was gone. I think I mentioned it before, since my little one came, nothing is like it was before, you start shifting priorities, before I checked my emails 6 times a day, now maybe once every 3 months and there is everyday something new. I know I let everyone down with not living up to my commitment that I made as I took this position 4 years ago, but who new... I am deeply sorry for this. Elections for a new ISPA Canada executive will be held in April and I wish my successor all the best.

Nothing will be lost though, the results of the last tournaments of 2018 and all of 2019 will be in this newsletter, which will be more like a Newsbook.

For 2020 I hope I see most of you at the 22. World Championship here in Edmonton, I will be here, that would cover “the worst player in Canada”

I wish everyone a great 2020

Kai Neumann-Hanske

Secretary ISPA Canada

Saskatoon Skat Tournament 2019

In early April 2019 26 players came together for the annual Saskatoon Skat Tournament and once again the event got High Jacked by players from Alberta.



From left: 2. Fred Komnik, 1. Ron Link, 3. Paul Weber

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Saskatoon 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	LINK, Ron	EDM	6972
2	KOMNIK, Fred	RD	6042
3	WEBER, Paul	EDM	5734
4	ECKL, Gord	SK	5267
5	RADTKE, Bill	EDM	5169
6	YOUNG, Mark	SK	5115
7	NEUFELD, Diane	SK	5106
8	OPPENLANDER, Victoria	SK	4987
9	ROHRER, Joe	RD	4976
10	RIDDER, Danny	EDM	4738

36. Canadian Championship, Montreal 2019

Imagine Easter and the Canadian Championships pick the same weekend, someone had to give and it wasn't the Easter Bunny, So, it was early April 69 players from all over North America and even guests from Germany came together to play for the Canadian Championship. The Canadian Champion 2019 was Eric Luz, Calgary with 8074 points followed by Horst Hagen, Montreal with 7621 points and Kai Neumann-Hanske, Edmonton with 6889 points. Jutta Khalil, Montreal defended her Lady's Champion Title with 6516 points, and the Team Title was also defended by Hagen Champions with Horst Hagen, Jutta Khalil, Thomas Lang and Carsten Schmid with combined 27.123 points.



from left: Ladies Champion Jutta Khalil, 3. Kai Neumann-Hanske, 1. Eric Luz, 2. Horst Hagen

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Montreal 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	LUZ, Eric	CAL	8074
2	HAGEN, Horst	MTL	7621
3	NEUMANN-HANSKE, Kai	EDM	6889
4	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	6880
5	LANG, Thomas	MTL	6857
6	LINK, Ron	EDM	6692
7	KHALIL, Jutta	MTL	6516
8	LEIBL, Amelie	MTL	6470
9	KLASEN, Fred	US	6424
10	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	6333

Top 3 Team Standings 36. Canadian Championships

	Team Name	Team Member	Total
1	Hagen Champions	HAGEN, Horst KHALIL, Jutta LANG, Thomas SCHMID, Carsten	27.123
2	Skatlink.com		25.613
3	Hard to Get		24.399

Top 3 Lady's Standings 36. Canadian Championships

	Name	Club	Total
1	KHALIL, Jutta	MTL	6515
2	LEIBL, Amelie	MTL	6470
3	FRANK, Heidi	HAM	6088

Ottawa Skat Tournament 2019

Right after Montreal was in the books the players moved on to Ottawa and the win went 6478 points to Juergen Steiner, Germany followed by Ron Link, Edmonton with 6379 points and Dieter Kroos, Montreal with 5765 points.



from left: 3. Dieter Kroos, 2. Ron Link, 1. Juergen Steiner

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Ottawa 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	Steiner, Juergen	GER	6478
2	LINK, Ron	EDM	6379
3	KROOS, Dieter	MTL	5765
4	HAGEN, Horst	MTL	5682
5	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	5659
6	FELLNER, Joe	US	5525
7	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	5524
8	RIDDER, Holger	OTT	5239
9	BECKERMAN, Roger	CLE	5187
10	GEISSLER, Matthias	MTL	5170

Santa Monica Skat Tournament 2019

At the end of May the Santa Monica Skat Club held his annual Skat Tournament. The winner was Karsten Dorawa, LA with 6709 points followed by Horst Bertsch, LA with 5155 points and Herbert Seifer with 5154 points.

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Santa Monica 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	Dorawa, Karsten	LA	6709
2	BERTSCH, Horst	LA	5155
3	SEIFER, Heribert	CA	5154
4	PAULY, Guenter	LA	5112
5	LUETTINGER, Helmut	LA	4996
6	HELLWIG, Richard	SD	4908
7	DANKEMEYER, Frank	LA	4888
8	Christiansen, Klaus	SF	4472
9	DANKEMEYER, Eve	LA	4375
10	BRINKMANN, Helmut	LA	4210

Alberta Championship, Edmonton 2019

Edmonton opened a long week of Skat in Alberta, with back-to-back-to-back Skat Tournaments, 9 days of Skat within 10 days. The Alberta Championships in Edmonton were held on the same weekend as the Santa Monica Tournament, most players went to play in Edmonton because that is the place to go if you want to win a Tournament. After I personally poked the bear for a good month, that he can not win in Edmonton,, Ron Link proved me wrong at least once. Out of 43 players from all over Canada and some guests from Germany Ron Link got the first place with 6235 points followed by Hans Wehrich, Vancouver with 5877 points and Scott McCormick, Ottawa with 5815 points.



From left: 2. Hans Wehrich, 1. Ron Link, 3. Scott McCormick

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Edmonton 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	LINK, Ron	EDM	6235
2	WEHRICH, Hans	VAN	5877
3	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	5815
4	RIDDER, Danny	EDM	5620
5	LUZ, Eric	CAL	5605
6	SCHULTZ, Walter	EDM	5474
7	BURO, Michael	EDM	5380
8	SCHMAHLER, Gunter	GER	5332
9	RADKE, Bill	EDM	5286
10	SOMMER, Michael	EDM	5268



From left: 3. Victor Lavoie, 1. Ron Link, 2. Eric Luz

Top 3 Team Standings Edmonton 2019

	Team Name	Member	Total
1	Skatlink.com		22.086
2	Odd Man In		22.085
3	Us or Them		21.444

Top 3 Team Standings Red Deer 2019

	Team Name	Member	Total
1	Skatlink.com		24.033
2	Meat Sweats		21.643
3	Garage Stars		21.232

Red Deer Skat Tournament 2019

Right after the Edmonton Tournament most players jumped in their cars and took a 90 minute drive down south to Red Deer to sign up for the Red Deer Tournament. Even though this tournament is played in the middle of the week, most Skat players in Alberta are still young and work, 40 players came together and the winner was Ron Link, Edmonton with 6611 points, followed by Eric Luz, Calgary with 6235 points and Victor Lavoie, Red Deer / Edmonton with 6018 points.

Calgary Skat Tournament 2019

The Calgary Skat Tournament closed out a loong week of Skat. 29 players were still standing and the winner once more was someone named Ron Link with 6350 points followed by Eric Luz, Calgary with 5889 points and Scott McCormick, Ottawa with 5810 points.

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Red Deer 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	LINK, Ron	EDM	6611
2	LUZ, Eric	CAL	6235
3	LAVOIE, Victor	RD/EDM	6018
4	SOMMER, Michael	EDM	5734
5	SCHNEIDER, Oskar	CAL	5715
6	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	5686
7	SCHMAHLER, Gunter	GER	5402
8	REINER, Gerd	RD	5353
9	GRUNER, Rolf	GER	5295
10	LUZ, Bernd	CAL	5240

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Calgary 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	LINK, Ron	EDM	6350
2	LUZ, Eric	CAL	5889
3	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	5810
4	SOMMER, Michael	EDM	5677
5	HUISMAN, Kristina	EDM	5538
6	SCHMAHLER, Gunter	GER	5520
7	LOHMEIER, Egon	EDM	5418
8	LUZ, Bernd	CAL	5356
9	ROHRER, Joe	RD	5015
10	SCHEER, Alex	CAL	4970

Top 3 Team Standings Calgary 2019

	Team Name	Member	Total
1	The Gorgeous Ones		22.349
2	Skatlink.com		22.164
3	Luz		20.842

Great Lakes Skat Week 2019

Great Lakes Skat Tournament Toronto 2019

August came around and it was time for the Great Lakes Skat Week. 10 days of Skat, 4 Tournaments including the 30. North American Championship and the 7. MASTERS in Hamilton, Ontario. That is what you call a full program. First stop was Toronto, 32 players started, 31 finished and the winner was Ron Link, Edmonton with 6883 points followed by Juergen Steiner, Germany with 6087 points and Frank Heuvelmans, Ottawa with 5731 points



from left: 3. Frank Heuvelmans, 2. Juergen Steiner, 1. Ron Link

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Toronto 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	LINK, Ron	EDM	6883
2	STEINER, Juergen	GER	6087
3	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	5731
4	Mayer, Richard		5594
5	KUNST, Dinah	WPG	5490
6	PENZENDORFER, Bertl	KW	5482
7	DIETRICH, Horst	TOR	5407
8	WEISS, Stephan	PHI	5247
9	SCHIRMER, Hans	OTT	5140
10	LUZ, Eric	CAL	5067

30. North American 7. MASTERS, Hamilton 2019

A new day, a new town, a new Tournament. 32 player started in Hamilton to play for the North American Title, 32 players finished and the winner was Ron Link, Edmonton with 6013 points, followed once more by Juergen Steiner, Germany with 5916 points and Jutta Khalil, Montreal with 5717 points.

The MASTERS A-Pool was won by Kevin Thompson, Cleveland with 3844 points and the B-Pool went to Stephan Weiss, Philadelphia with 4093 points.



From left: 2. Juergen Steiner, 3. Jutta Khalil, 1. Ron Link

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Hamilton 2019

	Name	Club	Points
1	LINK, Ron	EDM	6013
2	STEINER, Juergen	GER	5916
3	KHALIL, Jutta	MTL	5717
4	KUNST, Dinah	WPG	5676
5	SCHIRMER, Hans	OTT	5356
6	RAUSCH, Thomas	TOR	5116
7	THOMPSON, Bill	CLE	5064
8	HAGEN, Horst	MTL	4958
9	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	4952
10	LUZ, Eric	CAL	4941

Kitchener Skat Tournament 2019

Kitchener was the next tournament stop, this time it was a player named Ron Link who won the tournament with 6943 points followed again by Juergen Steiner, Germany with 6004 points and Bert Penzendorfer, Kitchener-Waterloo with 5946 points.

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Kitchener 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	LINK, Ron	EDM	6943
2	STEINER, Juergen	GER	6004
3	PENZENDORFER, Bert	KW	5946
4	THOMPSON, Kevin	CLE	5918
5	ASBURY, Amanda		5521
6	SCHIRMER, Hans	OTT	5328
7	MIELITZ, Wolfgang	TOR	5247
8	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	5232
9	PATOMMEL, Klaus	KW	5129
10	SPECKNER, Sigg	KW	5080

Cleveland Skat Tournament 2019

Cleveland was the last Tournament in the Great Lakes Skat Week to be played, 28 players attended and the winner was with 6722 points NOT Ron Link, this time he was just runner-up to Frank Heuvelmans who secured the win with 7095 points, in third place came in Juergen Steiner, Germany with 6176 points.



from left: 3. Juergen Steiner, 1. Frank Heuvelmans, 2. Ron Link

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Cleveland 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	7095
2	LINK, Ron	EDM	6722
3	STEINER, Juergen	GER	6176
4	KUNST, Dinah	WPG	5919
5	WEISS, Stephan	PHI	5811
6	WEHRENBERG, Klaus	NM	5491
7	KLASEN, Fred	WI	4929
8	SCHIRMER, Hans	OTT	4928
9	FRANK, Heidi	HAM	4910
10	BECKERMAN, Roger	CLE	4562

Seattle Revival Cup 2019

The Beginning of September marked the start of the West Coast Skat Week. The Seattle Revival Cup was the first of 3 Tournaments in this 10 day stretch. Frank Reuter, Germany came in first with 6755 points followed by Reiner Brecht, Kelowna with 5910 points and Richard Morlock, California with 5574 points.



from left: 2. Reiner Brecht, 1. Frank Reuter, 3. Richard Morlock

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Seattle 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	REUTER, Frank	GER	6755
2	BRECHT, Reiner	KEL	5910
3	MORLOCK, Richard	US-CA	5574
4	FRITZ, Erwin	US-CA	5408
5	HELWIG, Richard	US-CA	5280
6	STEINMETZ, H.-J.	KEL	4996
7	KRAJNZ, Marta	KEL	4935
8	LITWINIUK, Marianne	CAL	4755
9	MACHE, Martin	VAN	4713
10	GIBNER, Gerhard	US-CA	4509

Ogopogo Skat Tournament Kelowna 2019

29 players made their way to Kelowna which was played in the middle of the week and it was Frank Reuter, Germany in first place again with 6441 points followed by Horst Gonschorek, Kelowna with 6293 points and Eric Luz, Calgary with 5666 points.



From left: 3. Eric Luz, 1. Frank Reuter, 2. Horst Gonschorek

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Kelowna 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	REUTER, Frank	GER	6441
2	GONSCHOREK, Horst	KEL	6293
3	LUZ, Eric	CAL	5666
4	BIRKER, Werner	KEL	5432
5	GROSSSMUELLER, Manfred	KEL	5261
6	STEINMETZ, H.-J.	KEL	5198
7	RODEHUESER, Rosita	GER	5159
8	KRAJNZ, Marta	KEL	5136
9	STEWIN, Hans	SEA	5111
10	LITWINIUK, Marianne	CAL	4993

Vancouver Skat Tournament 2019

The last of the 3 Tournaments was played in Vancouver, it was also the last Tournament in Canada in 2019. Frank Reuter, Germany completed the Triple, winning with 6267 points followed by Ron Link, Edmonton with 5587 points and Dieter Grahlman with 5115 points.

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Vancouver 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	REUTER, Frank	GER	6267
2	LINK, Ron	EDM	5587
3	GRAHLMAN, Dieter	VAN	5115
4	PROHL, Robert	VAN	5001
5	TOLKSDORF, Frank	VAN	4951
6	HIRSCHBERGER, Baldur	VAN	4883
7	STEWIN, Hans	SEA	4727
8	ZITSCHER, Axel	VAN	4695
9	PROHL, Jurgen	VAN	4591
10	WEIRICH, Hans	VAN	4509

North California Championship San Francisco 2019

Top 10 Overall Standings San Francisco 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1.	PAULY, Guenter	LA	6214
2.	Gipner, G.		6130
3.	Fritz, E.		5844
4.	MORLOCK, Richard		5745
5.	STEWIN, Hans	SEA	5686
6.	Konrad, A.		5531
7.	Binsfeld, F.		5515
8.	Helwig, R		5094
9.	Wolf, K.H.		5045
10.	DANKEMEYER, Eve	LA	4947

Omaha Skat Tournament 2019

16 players came together for the last Skat Tournament of 2019 in Omaha, NE. On the end its was Chris Vogeler, Cleveland who finished first with 6145 points. In second place finished Hans Rasing, Winnipeg with 5450 points followed by Dieter Schoenbrunn with 5192 points

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Omaha 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	VOGELER, Chris	CLE	6146
2	RASING, Hans	WPG	5450
3	SCHOENBRUNN, Dieter		5192
4	MOLLANDIN, Joe		4665
5	WEHRBEIN, Mike		4545
6	EWALD, Bob	US	4538
7	THOMPSON, Bill	CLE	4463
8	BUNTROCK, Jeffery	NV	4273
9	BECKERMAN, Roger	CLE	4264
10	IVELER, Alois		4177

**21. European Championship Costa Pacifica
Cruise 2019**

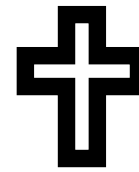
None of the Canadian or US Skat players made it into the Final 16. Best Canadian was Scott McCormick as 119. Team Canada came in 3. place in the Nations Cup with some heavy hitting subs from Germany while Hans Stewin played for Team Ubersee.

Overall Individual Standings 21. EM Costa Pacifica 2019

	Name	Club	Total
119	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	14927
281	EGGERS, Barbara	HAM	12471
285	KUNST, Dinah	WPG	12448
286	SPECKNER, Siegfried	KW	12441
294	LUSIGNAN, Erika	CAL	12248
309	STEWIN, Hans	SEA	11930
326	REINER, Gerd	RD	11407
353	PENZENDORFER, Bert	KW	10692



Team Canada Nations Cup 21. EM 2019



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From the President

Why Be an ISPA Member?

Basically because you love the game of Skat!

- You want an organized place or club to play in
- You want to have legal status
- You want there to be a future in the game so the next generation of players can have the same competitive and social aspects you enjoy every week and every tournament.
- You have set rules and regulations that make sure everyone plays fairly and by the same standards.
- Above all you have people that work hard organizing your weekly and yearly events, so that you can enjoy this game
- You're proud that you're a part of the toughest card game in the world and you want it to grow and promote it

Without ISPA

- You become a private game, it is not open to the public and border on liquor and gaming laws. Not to mention private clubs are subject to paying taxes on the income of penalty money. (Unless you're private club applies for the proper licences) Membership in German clubs and private residents are somewhat sheltered as there are loop holes in the law.
- There is no consistent set of rules, players themselves have to battle it out which can create hard feeling towards one another and bad sportsmanship. It is a proven fact that clubs without ISPA members are slowly dying out, as they become stale and very clicked in their ways, as there is no promoting and no new members.

COST AND REWARDS OF ISPA

\$30.00/ Year is very reasonable to belong to any

- You now are legally playing and competing
- You have rules and regulations that are consistent and followed by referees and organizers
- You are part of a registered non-profit organization
- You have an executive organizing your activities
- You are Welcome to all other North American clubs
- You save \$10 registration at all tournaments
- You receive information, stats and info's on upcoming events
- A website, Newsletter, and tournament calendar
- New member incentives, discounted hotels
- Club representation, promoting your city and club
- Games, Books, Pamphlets are available to promote your club
- Achievement pins and awards
- access to playing cards and lists
- Friends and fellow associates around the world
- AGM and a national executive to voice your concerns and issues
- A North American, Canadian, and USA championship

- Along with many city championships and club championships
- A voice in where World championships are held and how they are organized
- Someone to complain to if you feel are being cheated and people there to make sure you're not cheated

Ron Link

President ISPA Canada

From the Editor

2018 went by and I cheated all my fellow Skat players again, by another Edition of the ISPA Info Newsletter, this time I failed the December Edition. I'm deeply Sorry. As I took on this job or better this volunteer position 3 years ago I couldn't imagine how quickly life can change. When I have to choose between sitting down on a laptop for a couple hours each day for one week to create this Newsletter or spent time with my little boy, who is now 20 month old, I decide always for the later one. Tuesdays Skat at the Club became rare, I didn't even qualified for the 2018 year end standings because I played far below the the qualifying 50% threshold of the rounds possible. Working 12 days in a row followed by 2 days off, changes in the workplace with some layoffs 2 years ago and ongoing restructuring and change take much of my time and my energy not to talk about all the troubles that come along with the first child and the health issues my wife suffered. It's hard to find a work-life balance with getting out of bed at some days as early as 4 a.m. to get 8 hour of paid work in and taking care of family needs. Skat always will draw the short straw. Nobody forces me to de-prioritize Skat and the Newsletter, it is my choice to do that. With this said 2019 will be my last year as Secretary for ISPA Canada. But enough of me and my pity.

The 2018 World Championship in Berlin is in the books a lot of Canadian and US players went to Berlin. This time no Canadian or US player made it in the Final 16, ISPA Canada President Ron Link as best Canadian and 25. overall missed once again the final round. Team Canada couldn't defend the Nations Title and finished 7. out of 14 Nations, 177 points ahead of Team USA in 8. place.

I ask an Edmonton player after his return: "How was Berlin, how was the tournament?" He: "Kai, you see me drinking?! I'm drinking right now to forget Berlin!"

There is always a next World Championship, like 2020 in Edmonton, AB, Yes! 2020 Skat World Championship in Edmonton, AB! Stay tuned for all dates, details and how to register.

Kai Neumann-Hanske

Secretary ISPA Canada / Editor ISPA Info

Santa Monica Tournament 2018

In July 2018 the Santa Monica Skat club had his annual tournament and with players from all over California it was Gerhard Gipner, San Francisco who got the win with 6301 points, followed by Heinz Griebel, Santa Monica with 5767 points and Richard Helwig, Anaheim with 5449 points.

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Santa Monica 2018

	Name	Club	Total
1.	Gipner, Gerhard	SF	6301
2.	Griebel, Heinz	SM	5767
3.	Helwig, Richard	AH	5449
4.	Morlock, Richard	SF	5355
5.	Butze, Horst	SM	5246
6.	DANKEMEYER, Frank	SM	5144
7.	Dorawa, Karsten	SM	5136
8.	PAULY, Guenter	SM	5133
9.	Ueckerman, Klaus	SEA	4338
10.	Luettinger, Helmut	SM	4310

29. North American Championship 6. MASTERS Cleveland, OH 2018

The 29. North American Championships and the 6. MASTERS were also the opening for the Great Lakes Skat Week, followed by Tournaments in Hamilton (no results yet) and Toronto, Kitchener did not participate this years. 44 players came to Cleveland, OH for the 29. North American Championship. Scott McCormick, Ottawa came in first with 6601 points, followed by Kevin Thompson, Cleveland with 6201 points and Ron Link, Edmonton with 5794 points.

The Best Team was ED-0-OTTS, Ron Link, Edmonton Scott McCormick, Frank Heuvelmans and Hans Schirmer all from Ottawa with 21.624 points.

The winner in the MASTERS A Pool was Ron Link, Edmonton with 3385 points and the winner in the MASTERS B Pool was Joe Rohrer, Red Deer with 3918 points.

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings NAM 2018

	Name	Club	Total
1.	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	6601
2.	THOMPSON, Kevin	USA-CLE	6201
3.	LINK, Ron	EDM	5794
4.	HAGEN, Horst	MTL	5508
5.	KLASEN, Fred	USA-WI	5488
6.	MAXWELL, Bob	USA-WI	5484
7.	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	5427
8.	KHALIL, Jutta	MTL	5313
9.	FRANK, Heidi	HAM	5249
10.	DANKEMEYER, Eve	USA-CA	5174

Great Lakes Skat Tournament, Toronto 2018

After the undocumented Tournament in Hamilton 26 players came to Toronto to finish off the Great Lakes Skat Week. It was Frank Heuvelmans, Ottawa who finished first with 6122 points, followed by Hans Schirmer, Ottawa with 5603 points and Harald Kroos, Toronto with 5276 points.

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Toronto 2018

	Name	Club	Total
1.	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	6122
2.	SCHIRMER, Hans	OTT	5603
3.	KROOS, Harald	TOR	5276
4.	PENZDORFER, Bert	KW	5233
5.	FRANK, Heidi	HAM	5111
6.	DIETRICH, Horst	TOR	5029
7.	KOENEN, Willy	TOR	4986
8.	BYLSMA, Marion	OTT	4960
9.	LINK, Ron	EDM	4935
10.	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	4930

North California Championship San Francisco 2018

Top 10 Overall Standings San Francisco 2018

	Name	Club	Total
1.	Christiansen, K.		5990
2.	Andresen, H.		5934
3.	DANKEMEYER, Frank	USA-CA	5891
4.	Kuestermann, G.		5847
5.	Steinebel, B		5784
6.	HELWIG, Richard	USA-CA	5704
7.	Wolter, N		5628
8.	PAULY, Guenter	USA-CA	5594
9.	Gipner, G.		5375
10.	Baumann, W.		5299

Seattle Revival Cup 2018

The West Coast Skat Week started this year at the end of September because of the Skat World Championships in Berlin. 10 days – 3 Tournaments, the first in Seattle and from 31 players it was Detlef Bosdorf, Germany with 5954 points who came in first followed by Hans Weirich, Vancouver with 5842 points and Baldur Hirschberger, Vancouver with 5677 points.

Top 10 Overall Standings Seattle 2018

	Name	Club	Total
1	BOSDORF, Detlef	GER	5954
2	WEIRICH, Hans	VAN	5842
3	HIRSCHBERGER, Baldur	VAN	5677
4	GONSCHOREK, Horst	KEL	5634
5	REINER, Gerd	RD	5347
6	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	5302
7	HAMERS, Jupp	SA	5263
8	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	5231
9	GROSSSMUELLER, Manfred	KEL	5041
10	ROEWKAMP, Werner	SK	4967

Ogopogo Skat Tournament Kelowna 2018

Kelowna was the second tournament in this series and of the 30 participants it was again Detlef Bosdorf, Germany with 6152 points in first place followed by Frank Heuvelmans, Ottawa with 6133 points and Eric Luz, Calgary with 5966 points.

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Kelowna 2018

	Name	Club	Total
1	BOSDORF, Detlef	GER	6152
2	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	6133
3	LUZ, Eric	CAL	5966
4	LAPRELL, Rudy	SK	5733
5	POKRANDT, George	EDM	5695
6	GONSCHOREK, Horst	KEL	5545
7	HUISMAN, Kristina	EDM	5454
8	STEWIN, Hans	SEA	5428
9	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	5352
10	STEINMETZ, H.-J.	KEL	5199

Omaha Skat Tournament 2018

20 players came together for the last Skat Tournament of the year in Omaha, NE. On the end its was Roger Beckerman, Cleveland who finished first with only 5400 points. In second place finished Bill Thompson, Cleveland with 5302 points followed by Horst Gebert, Texas with 5086 points.

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Omaha 2018

	Name	Club	Total
1	BECKERMAN, Roger	CLE	5400
2	THOMPSON, Bill	CLE	5302
3	GEBERT, Horst	TX	5086
4	SCHMITT, Joe	US	5077
5	LEISSNER, Jim	TX	4792
6	DOLLECK, Vern	US	4789
7	KUNST, Dinah	WPG	4741
8	RASING, Hans	WPG	4680
9	LANGMAACK, Klaus	Omaha	4664
10	RICHARDS, Steve	Omaha	4461

Vancouver Skat Tournament 2018

The West Coast Skat Week finished of with the Vancouver Skat Tournament. In first place finished Scott McCormick, Ottawa with 6934 points followed by Bernd Foerenbach with 6308 points and Detlef Bosdorf, Germany with 5781 points.

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Vancouver 2018

	Name	Club	Total
1	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	6934
2	Foerenbach, Bernd		6308
3	BOSDORF, Detlef	GER	5781
4	TOLKSDORF, Frank	VAN	5728
5	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	5443
6	STEWIN, Hans	SEA	5389
7	LINK, Ron	EDM	5084
8	HAMERS, Jupp	SA	4726
9	WEIRICH, Hans	VAN	4655
10	POKRANDT, George	EDM	4622

21. World Championship Berlin 2018

And then there was the 21. World Championship in Berlin. In the middle of August again, like Las Vegas two years before, lucky it wasn't 46C/112F again instead it was high season for airfares because of the summer school brake in Germany and almost anywhere else. Edmonton in 2020 we will do in October again, right at Canadian Thanksgiving and lets see if the temperatures is above -10C/14F or colder and if we have snow on the ground.

No North American player was able to crack the Final 16. Canada was unable to defend the Nations Title and finished 7. just barely ahead of the USA which finished in 8. place.

I hope to see all of you In Edmonton.

**Overall Individual Standings
21. World Championship Berlin 2018**

	Name	Club	Total
25.	LINK, Ron	EDM	17379
55.	SNYDER, Shawn	USA-DE	16596
111.	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	15902
115.	LANG, Thomas	MTL	15881
255.	GONSCHORECK, Guido	KEL	14834
303.	WEIRICH, Hans	VAN	14569
446.	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	13532
477.	SCHULTZ, Karl-Ludwig	USA	13314
530.	GEISLER, Matthias	MTL	13013
551.	EGGERS, Barbara	HAM	12860
571.	RIDDER, Danny	EDM	12713
591.	ZITSCHER, Axel	VAN	12578
599.	FRANK, Heidi	HAM	12510
616.	HUNT, Brendan	USA-CA	12328
650.	KROOS, Dieter	MTL	12010
666.	LITWINIUK, Marianne	CAL	11840
668.	ROHRER, Joe	RD	11815
688.	HUISMAN, Kristina	EDM	11599
704.	KUNST, Dinah	WPG	11389
716.	WEHREBERG, Klaus	CAN	11071
733.	MENZIAN, K.-Peter	USA-DE	10708
743.	SEDLACEK, Erich	VAN	10356
750.	BERTSCH, Horst	USA-CA	10286
756.	STEWIN, Hans	USA-CA	10123
759.	KUHNEN, Frank	RD	9950
764.	WIDDER, Walter	EDM	9643
769.	WEISS, UWE	EDM	9437

Las Vegas Skat Tournament 2019

In January 2019 the first Tournament of the year was in Las Vegas. 82 players from as far as Germany came and yes the Germans owned this tournament with 5 players in the Top 10 and everyone in the prize money.

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Las Vegas 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	Reuter, Frank	GER	6427
2	Pfeifer, Jochen	GER	6175
3	Hoffman, Peter	GER	6028
4	Alberts, Bernd	MTL	5904
5	Wagner, Stefan	GER	5856
6	Kipp, Raymond	TX	5852
7	Butze, Horst	LA	5675
8	Khalil, Jutta	MTL	5673
9	Baedorf, Mario	GER	5673
10	Link, Ron	EDM	5630

Texas Skat Tournament 2019

In February 2019 players from all over North America came together for the annual Texas Skat week in New Braunfels. 25 players signed up for the ISPA Tournament.

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings Texas 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	Thompson, Bill	CLE	5701
2	Zschech, Larry	TX	5612
3	Stolte, Steve	TX	5443
4	Krebsbach, Bernie	TX	5391
5	Stewin, Hans	SEA	5160
6	Soechting, Carlton	TX	5071
7	Eggers, Johannes	TX	4927
8	Waak, Conway	TX	4894
9	Kipp, Raymond	TX	4777
10	Leissner, Jim	TX	4701

5. US Open Cape Coral, FI 2019

Jim Leissner wins a very exciting 5. US Open Championship in Cape Coral, FL

ISPA USA held its 5th US Open Championship at the beautiful German American Social Club in Cape Coral Florida 22-24 FEB 2019. Skatspieler enjoyed beautiful and sunny Florida weather all weekend when not concentrating intensely on their Skat game.

A smaller but highly skilled field of 24 players gathered from Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Texas, Delaware, Nebraska, Nevada, and the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. The scores ran rather high for this very competitive event, as it required in excess of 5450 points to make the prize list. Table 1 featured a dramatic neck and neck race between two highly accomplished and dedicated players: ISPA USA VP Jim Leissner of Seguin, TX and ISPA Canada President Ron Link of Edmonton, AB. The championship appeared to hinge on the very last hand when Ron Link won a chancy grand spiel with most of the players in the room kibbitzing, but only to come up 11 points short after the final scores were tabulated. In the end, Jim Leissner became the 5. US Champion, bringing the title back to the States after two consecutive years of winners from Canada and Germany. Congratulations, and way to go, Jim! Kristina Huisman, also from Edmonton, took third place, and she also captured the title of 5. US Ladies Champion.

The five Seriensieger were Stephan Weiss (Philadelphia), Scott McCormick (Ottawa), Jim Leissner (Texas), Larry Tobias (Cleveland), and Roger Beckerman (Cleveland). The team "Otts & Eds" (Link, Huisman, Frank Heuvelmans and Scott McCormick) became US team champions. Scott McCormick was also victorious in the 2-series Vorturnier on Friday.

A special thank-you goes out to Gregor Pischke, who organized the event on behalf of the Cape Coral Skat Club, and also to the German American Social Club for accommodating our tournament with their beautiful facility.

ISPA USA looks forward to holding its 6. US Open Championship in Houston, TX, next year on 01-02 FEB 2020. For a second consecutive year ISPA USA will offer a great way to escape the mid-winter snow up North and play championship Skat in warm weather on the Gulf of Mexico. We hope to see many of our skatfreunde next year in Texas!

Bill Thompson
ISPA USA President

Top 10 Overall Individual Standings 5. US Open 2019

	Name	Club	Total
1	LEISSNER, Jim	TX	6660
2	LINK, Ron	EDM	6649
3	HUISMAN, Kristina	EDM	5775
4	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	5643
5	BECKERMAN, Roger	CLE	5631
6	McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	5465
7	SCHIRMER, Hans	OTT	5451
8	KRUZMANN, Karl	CC	5132
9	WEISS, Stephan	PHI	5052
10	THOMPSON, Bill	CLE	4577



5. US Open Top 3 from left: 2. Ron Link, 1. Jim Leissner, 3. Kristina Huisman



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FEB 8, 9	New Braunfels, TX	Ron Morrison	210-260-1453	
APR 3,4+5	Edmonton, AB	Kristina Huisman Peter Ridder	587-784-0143 780-699-1948	kristinahuisman@gmail.com peter@scorpiomasonry.com
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JUN 26, 27, 28	Santa Monica, CA	Eve Dankemeyer	424-223-2149	santamonicaskatclub@gmail.com
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OCT 6-15.	Edmonton, AB 22. World Championship	registration only	on	www.ispaworld.info

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