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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Skat players,

Another year has come and gone. Time keeps slipping away but this Covid doesn't seem to want to go away. I want to say I am very proud and thankful to all the members who have tried so hard to keep Skat going through these crazy times, following restrictions, and keeping our members safe.

We did successfully hold six or seven tournament events in 2021, a few clubs held weekly play, and many have stayed in contact through computer play. A big hand goes out to all those organizers that made this happen. The effort that goes into hosting these events can be very demanding as all kinds of restrictions and rules are added to the stress of organizing an event. Remember it is these ISPA volunteers that work hard to organize a place and safe environment for us to play. Just dealing with locations that are open

and closing on a weekly basis can be frustrating or following and deciphering local bylaws. So please let your club presidents, executives and organizers know you appreciate their efforts.

We are hoping that 2022 will be better. We are staying positive that this year we will be able to host an AGM and Canadian Championship sometime in early May (Montreal). We of course are still looking forward to hosting the WM 2022 Edmonton from August 12 to 21st. We need all Canadians and USA members to support this event to make it a success and of course to crown the first North American as a world champion. This is our chance to shine if half the playing field is North American. Right now, there are travel problems which hopefully will be fixed in a couple of months. We miss our American friends. Bill and Jim did make it to Canada in 2021, proving it's not impossible. So next month, please do register for the worlds.

Clubs, please figure out dates for your tournaments and send them to Gerd or me, so we can post a year schedule on the website. Again, Gerd thank you for the fantastic job of keeping us updated and informed. I know a few clubs have really struggled through this, but let's all hang on, I see some light at the end of the tunnel. All the best in the New Year!

Ron Link

President ISPA Canada

FROM THE EDITOR

To recap the year 2021, in terms of Skat it was pretty much close to a repeat of 2020, or in the words of the President of the German-Canadian Club in Red Deer: "The year that wasn't".

The tournaments for the first half of the year were canceled, with the first one being held on June 5/6 in Santa Monica. Due to the ever-changing rules for travel on mandate for vaccination and proof of costly negative Covid tests only US members participated in this opener for the season. The same held true for the 7th US Open held in Cleveland, Ohio by end of July. Similarly, some Canadian tournaments were played after the provincial governments introduced a Restriction Exemption Program beginning of July. For the most part, only Canadian players played in those except for Bill

Thompson and Jim Leissner, as noted by Ron. And curiously enough, both survived the travel without contracting the virus, albeit a thankfully only minor injury, which was incurred at the Seattle airport.

In total, only eight reported ISPA tournaments were held in North America this past year with an average participation of 23 players only. Even the big label tournaments such as the 7th US Open and the 32nd North American Championship could not attract the larger player community due to the travel complications. The biggest tournament was in Edmonton with 34 players, followed by Red Deer with 30 participants. Please see the tournament summaries below for more details.

What do we know of 2022 thus far? Last week, it was decided that the Las Vegas tournament, traditionally one of the first in each calendar year, had been canceled. This cancelation surprised a few people from around the globe, including the editor. The sad thing about these cancelations is that we must take into consideration that the average age of our Skat community members in North America is going up. Many of our dear friends find it harder to travel to the tournaments and the longer these cancelations hold up, the less likely it is that we will have the participation that we are aiming for. Which brings me to the

report of ISPA members having passed away in 2021 in reverse chronological order:

Gordon Eckl, Saskatoon, SK

Gerold Gassmann, Toronto, ON

Karl-Ludwig Schultz, Newark, NJ

Juergen Max Janke, Hamilton, ON

Erhard Kempf, Kelowna, BC

Bernie Krebsbach, Fond Du Lac, WI

Hagen Staudt, Olds, AB

May their souls rest in peace and their lives remembered forever. If you are finding that a name is missing from the above list, kindly report it to me and I will add the name(s) to our list of deceased members.

Finishing off with a more positive message, I would like to, together with Ron and Bill, remind you of the upcoming planned **22nd Open Skat World Championship** in Edmonton, Alberta on August 12. Having skipped this prestigious event already in 2020, we are really looking forward to connecting with all of you and our friends from all over the globe again in person. If you are looking for where to register, there is a link on the tournament calendar for 2022 [here](#). Having this unique opportunity to assess your skills of our beloved game on the world stage without having to travel to another continent is a bonus that does

not come around very frequently (for you statistics people that is only the sixth time in the last 44 years). See you in Edmonton in August!

Gerd Reiner

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FROM THE ISPA US PRESIDENT

Dear ISPA USA members,

I am sad to inform you that the upcoming event in Las Vegas will be postponed until the last weekend of June, due to indications of a financially insufficient turnout from Covid-affected airline logistics and serious concerns about playing expressed from a number of the participants. We deeply regret any personal inconvenience this may cause. It is a situation that is beyond our control.

I received the following correspondence from the organizer, Eve Dankemeyer:

Dear Skat Players,

As you probably are all aware the covid situation has made it extremely difficult to travel and therefore hold some of our Tournaments. I was hoping until a couple days ago that we wouldn't have to postpone the Vegas tournament, but after learning that several players' flights had been messed with and also several changing their mind to come, we were down to about 35 players in Vegas, which is financially just not feasible and fair.

So, we made the decision with a heavy heart to move the tournament.

The California Casino and Hotel has graciously kept the same room rate we had for January and unfortunately only had June available as another option of having our tournament.

I'm sorry that has caused inconvenience for you guys, but it's for the better to have moved it. I really hope that the situation finally stabilizes again and we all see each other soon.

Bill Thompson

President ISPA USA

2021 TOURNAMENTS

Without further ado, here are the results from the tournaments that were held in 2021 and reported to the editor.

Santa Monica Tournament 2021

The first ISPA tournament in North America on the list was Santa Monica, CA on June 5/6, 2021. The tournament attracted 21 players. Guenter Pauly demonstrated with a 456-point lead that his skills are trophy worthy!



It is worth mentioning that second place (Frank Dankemeyer) and third place (Jim Leissner) were only separated by eight points.

Rank	PlayerNo#	Name	Total	Series 1	Series 2	Series 3	Series 4	Series 5
1	105	Pauly Guenter	5908	1137	1435	1253	1132	951
2	301	Dankemeyer Frank	5452	1509	988	885	1240	830
3	204	Leissner Jim	5444	1147	1110	1365	724	1098
4	201	Beckermann Roger	5333	1151	1205	849	1571	557
5	101	Helwig Richard	5298	1070	1137	1110	605	1376
6	306	Thompson Bill	5210	838	980	1817	1127	448
7	404	Wieland Guenter	4940	494	1097	878	1409	1062
8	202	Fritz Erwin	4838	769	791	932	1143	1203
9	302	DeFinis Jay	4585	961	1006	426	836	1356
10	206	Heigl Franz	4571	790	1294	765	791	931
11	203	Dorawa Karsten	4533	480	1490	732	1032	799
12	304	Griebel Heinz	4521	1149	801	988	759	824
13	205	Dankemeyer Eve	4454	1846	787	524	706	591
14	103	Stewin Hans	4411	664	997	1169	641	940
15	402	Brinkmann Helmut	4236	1008	458	992	1143	635
16	305	Elze Dieter	4143	667	798	1262	706	710
17	106	Pauly Sigi	3794	299	833	781	747	1134
18	303	Baumann Wolfgang	3643	1187	480	691	833	452
19	403	Seifer Herbert	3610	1104	627	704	738	437
20	401	Butze Horst	3383	543	928	1041	223	648
21	104	Buntrock Jeffrey	2514	431	357	630	741	355

7th US Open Championship

The number 7 seems to be Chris Vogeler's lucky number, as he outperformed Roger Beckerman by 750 points to take the title US Open Skat Champion!



#	Table	Seat	NAME	CLUB	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4	ROUND 5	TOTAL	Place
1	1	1	VOGELER, CHRIS	CLE	1482	1071	1296	1299	866	6014	Winner
2	1	2	BECKERMAN, ROGER	CLE	220	1238	1207	1547	1051	5263	Runner
3	1	3	DANKEMEYER, FRANK	SM	977	1030	1189	1204	1008	5198	Runner
4	1	4	EWALD, BOB	JA	1267	1355	663	1433	458	5180	
5	2	1	KIVLIN, MIKE	TX	1380	1267	1168	333	808	4956	Runner
6	2	2	THOMPSON, BILL	CLE	535	1256	1135	1057	877	4860	
7	2	3	WISSE, STEPHAN	PHI	552	1143	835	1023	872	4823	
8	3	1	STEWIN, HANS	SEA	545	545	1138	1034	729	4791	Runner
9	3	2	FELLNER, JOE	BAL	921	984	901	1054	872	4732	
10	3	3	GERERT, HORST	HOU	1320	641	1092	735	819	4627	
11	4	1	JANKIEWICZ, JOE	BAL	1222	483	1038	636	1210	4589	
12	4	2	HOWARD, BILLY	CLE	1175	1040	1043	360	943	4561	
13	4	3	DEFINIS, JAY	CLE	1149	949	224	1650	556	4528	
14	5	1	BORAWSKI, GARRETT	CLE	763	753	982	662	1289	4449	
15	5	2	ANDERS, ALEX	HOU	960	1485	470	878	819	4412	
16	5	3	SPENCE, JEANNETTE	CLE	478	618	780	1107	1427	4410	
17	6	1	DANKEMEYER, EVE	SM	871	1155	1039	396	347	3808	
18	6	2	LEISSNER, JIM	TX	997	767	711	530	771	3776	
19	6	3	HIZNIK, DON	CLE	1003	695	536	556	695	3485	
20	7	1	BORAWSKI, GARY	CLE	934	678	322	308	853	3297	
21	7	2	MOLESKI, JEANNETTE	CLE	581	652	362	1225	348	3168	
22	7	3	FELLNER, AMBROSE	BAL	460	404	766	134	653	2417	
23	8	3	BOROWSKI, MARINE	CLE	791	927	559	0	0	2337	
24	8	4	CRISWELL, DAVID	CLE	865	440	0	0	0	1305	

North California Championship

Next up on the shortened calendar was the North California Championship. Unfortunately, no pictures or results were reported from San Francisco.

Ogopogo Tournament 2021, Kelowna, BC

The Canadian tournaments in the West started with Kelowna. While Ogopogo was again not sighted this year, Ron Link had the equivalent Skat luck to seeing both Ogopogo and Nessie at the same time, scoring a whopping 8740 points. And yes, that included four out of the five series wins.



The only other Seriensieger was Werner Birker.

1	LINK, Ron	EDM	103	33	1749	1951	1905	1800	1335	8740
2	POKRANDT, George	EDM	104	472	1339	1194	1660	987	1072	6252
3	HUISMAN, Kristina	EDM	101	446	1232	670	1509	1301	1318	6030
4	STEINMETZ, H.-J.	KEL	204	288	1012	1512	1000	796	1208	5528
5	BIRKER, Werner	KEL	201	59	537	572	1222	1282	1876	5489
6	VERHAEGE Geria	EDM	105	35	1496	1342	812	926	471	5047
7	REINER, Gerd	RD	301	319	1012	1043	1379	662	916	5012
8	WEINGART, Horst	KEL	305	590	832	1108	808	1192	1060	5000
9	TANKE, Horst	VAN	404		1436	1040	989	534	817	4816
10	SEDLACEK, Erich	VAN	403	869	1157	1528	406	910	707	4708
11	WEINER, Bert	RD	304	898	628	381	1304	987	1337	4637
12	ROHRER, Joe	RD	302	263	904	966	513	1168	1072	4623
13	HUNGNESS, Shelley	SK	401	285	742	963	937	1138	614	4394
14	WATZLAWEK, Siegfried	KEL	205	71	766	860	815	948	1001	4390
15	DEE, Donna	EDM	102	889	461	960	980	1019	695	4115
16	GROSSMUELLER, Manfred	KEL	203	61	447	771	427	1161	1306	4112
17	KORONKO, Keith	SK	402	454	939	769	621	818	917	4064
18	BORZYSZKOWSKI, Peter	KEL	202	58	1195	730	736	657	232	3550
19	WEINER, Anja	RD	303	897	831	740	85	578	854	3088
20	SMITH, Tammy	EDM	405	43	333	199	483	261	845	2121

Omaha Tournament 2021, Omaha, Nebraska

On the same weekend at the end of September, Omaha played their tournament. Mike Wehrbein came out on top with 6049 points.



Mike Wehrbein	1	6049
Steve Richards	2	5785
Roger Beckerman	3	5251
Bob Ewald	4	5219
Joe Schmidt	5	4993
Jim Leissner	6	4988
Jeffrey Buntrock	7	4842
Klaus Langmaack	8	4834
Chris Vogeler	9	4709
Horst Gebert	10	4678
Jim Stang	11	4650
Jeanette Moleski	12	4478
Ken Dirksen	13	4476
Bill Thompson	14	4475
Jeannette Spence	15	4396
Vern Dolleck	16	3743
Jim Zielinski	17	3723
Chris Langmaack	18	3390
Don Niznik	19	2387
Steve Grimes	20	1976

Edmonton Tournament 2021

Edmonton had the largest turnout in 2021 with 34 players. After the result in Kelowna, one would have expected for Ron to win his own tournament, but low and behold, Edmonton's Michael Sommer beat Ron by 69 points.



Name	Club	Start#	ISPA#	Round1	Round2	Round3	Round4	Round5	Total
1 SOMMER, Michael	EDM	306	49	1209	1102	1091	1140	1486	6028
2 LINK, Ron	EDM	302	33	1269	1680	493	1398	1119	5959
3 TEWITZ, Wolfgang	EDM	307	52	852	1215	1450	863	1477	5857
4 LUZ, Eric	CAL	205	11	695	1777	1196	1231	528	5427
5 LAVOIE, Victor	CAL	208	851	1552	1416	991	335	1111	5405
6 KUNST, Dinah	WPG	202	355	839	1473	768	1093	1064	5237
7 REINER, Gerd	RD	104	689	705	1003	1394	1207	884	5193
8 WEINGART, Horst	KEL	102	590	706	1074	1368	1010	983	5141
9 LUZ, Klaus	EDM	406	N/A	1187	651	596	1355	1124	4913
10 WEINER, Bert	RD	105	898	1262	505	1252	692	1194	4905
11 LEISSNER, Jim	TX	201	279	1172	1241	1208	804	462	4887
12 LUZ, Bernd	CAL	204	10	995	1245	761	1635	244	4880
13 GROSSMUELLER, Manfred	KEL	101	61	1165	1084	827	910	891	4877
14 SCHWARTZ, Brett	EDM	404	841	1084	733	564	1122	1175	4678
15 WEHR, Kurt	EDM	405	893	899	1085	886	687	1109	4666
16 KRAJNZ, Marta	KEL	103	N/A	460	567	1167	890	1481	4565
17 WEIS, Uwe	EDM	407	872	691	1067	1603	956	241	4558
18 VERHAEGHE, Geria	EDM	402	37	686	1162	874	868	888	4478
19 RIDDER, Danny	EDM	304	40	903	441	1120	560	1412	4436
20 SCHEER, Christine	CAL	207	600	1567	887	258	951	674	4337
21 LOHMEIER, Egon	EDM	303	35	1285	1308	800	71	566	4030
22 SCHEER, Alex	CAL	301		791	431	111	1182	1461	3976
23 SMITH, Tamy	EDM	309	57	860	467	481	1300	748	3856
24 POKRANDT, George	EDM	403	472	530	349	1303	320	1278	3780
25 LUZ, Fern	CAL	206	198	981	205	1062	1087	444	3779
26 HUNGNESS, Shelley	SK	107	285	1296	983	951	-36	525	3719
27 RIDDER, Peter	EDM	305	41	260	1705	639	921	178	3703
28 VON HACHT, ARNO	WPG	203	N/A	1289	203	899	581	715	3687
29 LAVOIE, Joslyn	CAL	401	889	658	750	431	937	889	3665
30 BABLITZ, Rosie	EDM	108	27	998	290	324	884	1050	3546
31 WEINER, Anja	RD	106	897	666	610	914	862	477	3529
32 BELANGER, Monica	EDM	209	26	883	399	541	777	551	3151
33 LINK, Treacia	EDM	308	463	488	716	532	474	667	2877
34 KORONKO, Keith	SK	109	454	198	374	726	510	351	2159

32nd North American Championship, Calgary, 2021

For the North American Championship venue, Calgary was chosen by the ISPA powers to be. Congratulations to Eric Luz for becoming the 32nd North American Champion.



Red Deer Tournament 2021

Red Deer played in the middle of the week and had 30 players, which, all considering, was a nice turnout. Congratulations to Arno von Hacht from Winnipeg for defeating the rest of the field.



Name	Club	Start#	ISPA#	Round1	Round2	Round3	Round4	Round5	Total
1 LUZ, Eric	CAL	101	11	963	1407	1341	1193	909	5813
2 RIDDER, Danny	EDM	204	40	698	1468	1291	1252	989	5698
3 SCHEER, Christine	CAL	103	600	942	1038	843	1427	1080	5330
4 von Hacht, Arno	WPG	401	886	888	750	1522	791	1317	5268
5 KUNST, Dinah	WPG	402	355	1351	920	660	1573	757	5261
6 REINER, Gerd	RD	403	689	1830	744	960	546	1059	5139
7 WEISS, Uwe	EDM	202	872	1248	1212	768	1088	807	5123
8 SOMMER, Michael	EDM	205	49	1109	1091	1099	913	893	5105
9 BUCHMANN, Mike	CAL	104	28	1146	475	326	1918	1157	5022
10 SCHEER, Alex	CAL	305	876	198	1057	957	786	1819	4817
11 LINK, Ron	EDM	405	33	1228	164	850	1691	811	4744
12 LAVOIE, Victor	EDM	105	851	1092	1093	685	624	1199	4693
13 HUISMAN, Kristina	EDM	304	446	905	520	1425	1143	442	4435
14 LAVOIE, Joslyn	EDM	201	889	411	876	1169	946	959	4361
15 RIDDER, Peter	EDM	203	41	1097	752	841	705	833	4228
16 ROHRER, Joe	RD	301	263	940	926	1095	260	972	4193
17 LEISSNER, Jim	USA-TX	404	279	476	1135	1316	863	292	4082
18 LITWINIUK, Marianne	CAL	302	6	506	1031	572	720	1168	3997
19 SCHUMANN, Irmgard	CAL	303	482	31	795	665	759	750	3000
20 LUZ, Bernd	CAL	102	10	886	539	579	400	475	2879

Well, this wraps up the ISPA newsletter for reporting on the 2021 tournaments, we can all agree that we would like to play more in person tournaments in 2022 to connect with old friends once again.

The editor is kindly asking the club contacts to continue reporting on a decision with a minimum of five weeks of advanced notice whether your tournament for 2022 is being held. That way, we can keep all players informed in a timely fashion.

Finally, keep practicing your Skat skills, the World Championship is only seven months away and we want to see you with your best Skat ever!

Name	Club	Start#	ISPA#	Round1	Round2	Round3	Round4	Round5	Total
1 VON HACHT, Arno	WPG	307	N/A	1304	1240	1582	741	973	5840
2 LUZ, Eric	CAL	203	11	1088	1425	1153	911	1080	5657
3 VERHAEGHE, Geria	EDM	108	37	1631	835	807	917	1208	5398
4 LINK, Ron	EDM	404	33	1625	1224	1073	600	824	5346
5 WEIS, Uwe	EDM	406	872	967	1067	1345	1110	671	5180
6 LEISSNER, Jim	TX	104	279	985	672	1158	1211	1039	5065
7 KRAJNZ, Marta	KEL	103	N/A	1065	1229	836	1338	579	5047
8 BUCHMANN, Mike	CAL	204	28	569	1284	295	2129	755	5032
9 SCHEER, Christine	CAL	306	600	675	1483	756	1080	1033	5027
10 KUNST, Dinah	WPG	105	355	843	878	794	1027	1480	5022
11 SOMMER, Michael	EDM	107	49	812	674	1179	1038	1264	4967
12 LUZ, Fern	CAL	201	198	1224	851	674	1102	933	4784
13 RIDDER, Danny	EDM	106	40	971	945	1558	1167	92	4733
14 GROSSMUELLER, Manfred	KEL	402	61	689	1357	980	567	1016	4609
15 LAVOIE, Joslyn	CAL	102	889	1005	924	666	1083	894	4572
16 RIDDER, Peter	EDM	305	41	814	442	1124	1099	1087	4566
17 WEINGART, Horst	KEL	308	590	658	665	1255	1010	857	4445
18 NEUFELD, Diane	SK	207	882	684	606	971	1023	1072	4356
19 KORONKO, Keith	SK	301	454	949	53	970	1021	1329	4322
20 LUZ, Bernd	CAL	205	10	564	1070	721	930	982	4267