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## From the President

Dear Skat friends,

ISPA Canada members are looking forward to the 2015 Skat season. Our Canadian clubs are hosting 11 tournaments and our Skat friends in the US are hosting another five tournaments after hosting already the successful tournaments in Las Vegas and New Braunfels this spring.

Recruiting of new Skat players is still on the top of the priority list in North America. This undertaken is done successfully in Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Saskatoon and Cleveland.

After many years of looking after the membership and clubs in the US by ISPA Canada, the president of ISPA USA is working on the process to become a self-sufficient Section of ISPA World. This is good news and ISPA Canada wishes Bill Thompson and his board members a successful future.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, ISPA USA is hosting the Skat World Championship in Las Vegas, Nevada.

It takes a lot of time, effort and patience to organize a World Championship. Negotiations with hotels, catering companies, tour operators and other companies are necessary to host this event.

All these events, restructuring and recruiting of new members is showing me that Skat is very much alive in North America.

Next year, 2016, will be an election year. We can only urge Skat friends who like to run for office in one of the best-organized Skat association in the world to get involved. Maybe you know of someone who is willing to help guiding ISPA Canada into the future.

Some of you know already that I did not run for office during the Skat Club Saskatoon's AGM in

December anymore. I was VP from 1986 to 1988 and President from 1989 to 2014. After leading the SCS for 25 years, I decided that I should make room for others to guide this club into the future.

Do you have something to contribute for the next issue of the ISPA Info?

All submissions for the next ISPA Info newsletter are greatly welcomed and appreciated. Kindly have anything you wish to have published to me no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>. Hans-Jürgen Steinmetz

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*H-J. Steinmetz*

ON YOUR BIRTHDAY, WE WISH YOU  
MANY MORE YEARS OF GOOD  
HEALTH AND NATURALLY ALWAYS  
"GOOD CARDS".

ZUM GEBURTSTAG WÜNSCHEN WIR  
DIR RECHT VIELE JAHRE IN GUTER  
GESUNDHEIT UND IMMER EIN  
"GUT BLATT".

*The Executive of ISPA Canada & USA*

### Las Vegas Tournament 2015

106 Skat players attended this year's Las Vegas tournament, of which 84 players participated in the pre-tournament.

We had 70 US-players from clubs across the country, including 31 from California.

Canada was presented by 23 players, belonging to six (6) different clubs.

In addition we had 13 players from Germany, which included three (3) of the four (4) single world champions from the recent 2014 World championship in Paraguay, i.e. the senior men's-ladies- and senior ladies world champion.

The winners of the 2 round pre-tournament were W. Schoenberger, Vancouver with 3081 points, B. Eisenkolb, Germany with 3034 points and E. Apel, Boston with 2879 points.

There were some remarkable results ,with Werner Schoenberger scoring 5527 points in the first three rounds on Saturday, and Fred Kommnick, Red Deer finishing the last four rounds with 6711points.

As a result, he finished in 1<sup>st</sup> Place with an outstanding score of 7309 points.

Linda Moeller, San Diego and Werner Schoenberger finished tied with 6458 points each.

Linda took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, winning the tiebreak of most games won, with 60 games vs 56 games.

The series winner were Werner Schoenberger (1 and 3), Fred Kommnick (2), John Langhoff ,Texas (4) and Joe Molandin, Chicago (5).

Thanks to all the players that made this another successful tournament.

*Gunter Pauly, ISPA USA*

### Las Vegas Tournament (106 Players)

	Name	Club	Total
1	Kommnick, Fred	RD	7309
2	Moeller,Linda	SD	6458
3	Schoenberger,Werner	VAN	6458
4	Reuter, Frank	GER	6362
5	Eisenkolb, Bernd	GER	6105
6	Gonschorek, Horst	KEL	6104
7	Pfeiffer, Jochen	GER	6095
8	Wagner, Stefan	GER	5870
9	Leissner, Jim	USA-TX	5826
10	Thompson, Kevin	USA-OH	5807
11	Thompson, Bill	USA-OH	5789
12	Helwig, Richard	USA-CA	5740
13	Langhoff, John	USA-TX	5708
14	Knoop, Guenter	SF	5654
15	Gaida, Horst	SD	5494

16	Anton, Sigrid	SD	5425
17	Hoffmann, Peter	GER	5385
18	Baedorf, Mario	GER	5356
19	Birker , Werner	CAN	5336
20	Link, Ron	EDM	5330
21	Zschech, Larry	USA-TX	5288
22	Dankemeyer, Frank	USA-CA	5266
23	Hoffmann, Ina	DE	5213
24	Klasen, Fred	USA	5196
25	Kipp, Raymond	USA-TX	5193
26	Kroos, Dieter	MTL	5166



The winners from left: Linda Moeller (2), Fred Kommnick (1) and Werner Schoenberger (3).

### Winners of the Rounds

Rd 1	Schoenberger, Werner	1841
Rd 2	Kommnick, Fred	1777
Rd 3	Schoenberger, Werner	2167
Rd 4	Langhoff, John	1676
Rd 5	Molandin, Joe	1897

### North American Championship and Masters Tournament, New Braunfels TX

The 26th ISPA North American Championship was played at the Elk's Lodge in New Braunfels, TX, a long-time home for the game of skat in the United States, on February 6-8, 2015. Sixty players from all over North America gathered there to enjoy warmer weather, stiff competition and good cheer over the skat tables. Twenty Canadians from both Eastern and Western Canada made the trip out of the cold to join forty Americans. All five of the US clubs who host ISPA tournaments (California, Seattle, Cleveland, Omaha and, of course, ISPA Texas) sent representatives to the NAC, as did other skat clubs from the East and West Coasts of the US.

On Friday, the Masters Tournament was held in two divisions, A and B, with entry fees of \$100 and \$40, respectively. In the A division, Hans Stewin of Seattle, WA captured the Masters Championship with 3905 points, over Horst Gonschorek (2<sup>nd</sup>) of Kelowna, BC and Wisconsin resident, Fred Klasen (3<sup>rd</sup>). The B division title was claimed by Wisconsin native and Texas resident, Bernie Krebsbach, with 3878 points, outpacing Indiana's Bob Maxwell (2<sup>nd</sup>) and ISPA Texas member, Doug Webb (3<sup>rd</sup>).

In the main event, the Canadians dominated the top prize positions. ISPA Canada President Hans-Jürgen Steinmetz, from Saskatoon, SK, went head to head against former North American Champion, Ottawa's Scott McCormick, at Table 1 during a very exciting and hard-fought fifth series that went all the way to the last game. In the end, Mr. Steinmetz emerged as the 2015 North American Champion with 6525 points, and Mr. McCormick as the runner-up. Horst Gonschorek (3<sup>rd</sup>), Montreal resident and best lady, Jutta Khalil (4<sup>th</sup> and NA Ladies Champion), and Cleveland, Ohio resident and ISPA USA President, Bill Thompson, (5<sup>th</sup>) rounded out the top five prizes, with Mr. Thompson earning the distinction of being the top US player.

The 4-man team competition winners were the Edeotts: Ron Link, Scott McCormick, Frank Heuvelmans and Horst Gonschorek. Seriensiieger top prizewinners were Joe Jankevicius (1 and 3), Conway Waak (2), Scott McCormick (4) and Horst Gonschorek (5). A bronze ISPA pin was awarded to Scott McCormick for a 1928-point series.

On behalf of ISPA USA and ISPA Canada, we express our gratitude to the Elk's Lodge, our hosts in New Braunfels, and to the officers of ISPA Texas, especially tournament organizers Mike Kivlin and Raymond Kipp. The Texas hospitality made for an exciting and fun weekend for our skat family from all over the North American continent. Congratulations on a job well-done, gentlemen! And, congratulations to our new champions!

*Bill Thompson, ISPA USA*

### New Braunfels, TX

#### Masters Competition-Group A (28 Players)

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Hans Stewin	US-CA	3905
2	Horst Gonschorek	KEL	3787
3	Fred Klasen	US-WI	3369
4	Wolfgang Tewitz	EDM	3365
5	Werner Roewekamp	EDM	3337
6	Scot McCormick	OTT	3312
7	Larry Zschech	US-TX	3206



From left: Horst Gonschorek, Hans Stewin and Fred Klasen.

#### Masters Competition-Group B -(26 Players)

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Bernie Krebsbach	US-SK	3878
2	Bob Maxwell	US-TX	3643
3	Doug Webb	US-TX	3387
4	Dieter Werner	CAL	3364
5	Kent Michaels	US-TX	3364
6	Don Schmitz	US-TX	3135
7	Klaus Uekermann	KEL	2921



From left: Bob Maxwell, Bernie Krebsbach and Doug Webb.

New Braunfels, TX (60 Players)  
North American Championship

	Name	Club	Total
1	Steinmetz, H-J.	SK	6525
2	McCormick, Scott	OTT	6363
3	Gonschorek, Horst	KEL	6102
4	Khalil, Jutta	MTL	6008
5	Thompson, Bill	US-CLE	5971
6	Link, Ron	EDM	5804
7	Huisman, Kristina	EDM	5650
8	Jankevicius, Joe	US-BAL	5579
9	Kommnick, Fred	RD	5458
10	Thompson, Kevin	US-CLE	5298
11	Waak, Conway	US-TX	5262
12	Roewekamp, Werner	EDM	5242
13	Langhoff, John	US-TX	5127
14	Heuvelmans, Frank	OTT	5106
15	Werner, Dieter	CAL	5083

Team Stallion (Buc-ee's Buckeye Bucks)	20400
Bill Thompson	5971
Kevin Thompson	5298
Roger Beckermann	4932
Kyle Thompson	4199



The winning team from left: Scott McCormick, Ron Link and Frank Heuvelmans.



From left: Scott McCormick (2), H-J Steinmetz (1), Jutta Khalil (4 and best lady) and Horst Gonschorek (3).

**Team competition NAC**

The Edeotts	23375
Scott McCormick	6363
Horst Gonschorek	6102
Ron Link	5804
Frank Heuvelmans	5106

Hagen Champions	21909
Hans-Juergen Steinmetz	6525
Jutta Khalil	6008
Marianne Litwiniuk	4739
Horst Hagen	4637

**Series Winner NAC**

**1. Serie**

Joe Jankevicius	1819
Werner Roewekamp	1730
Bernie Krebsbach	1576

**2. Serie**

Conway Waak	1574
Arlen Leeder	1556
Berthold Weiner	1537

**3. Serie**

Joe Jankevicius	1904
Kevin Thompson	1873
H-J. Steinmetz	1551

**4. Serie**

Scott McCormick	1928
H-J. Steinmetz	1682
Jutta Khalil	1512

**5. Serie**

Horst Gonschorek	2076
Dieter werner	2073
Ron Link	1830



The winners of the series from left: Scott McCormick, Joe Jankevicius (2x) and Horst Gonschorek. Missing is Conway Waak.

Dear Fellow Skat Players.  
 A short note from the Calgary Junges.  
 We will be finally playing our tournament in our new club. It is located at 218 37 ave. ne. Calgary Alberta. Registration will start at 6pm on Friday June 5th, with play for our warm up rounds beginning at 7pm. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at skatmeister@shaw.ca or 403-861-4644. I look forward to seeing you all again.

Prost from your fellow Skat player.  
*Eric Luz*

### RED DEER SKAT CLUB

Hello from the Red Deer Skat Club. We are just over 2 months into the New Year and our club has grown to over 28 players. We get 15-21 players out on Monday nights and its great, with a few familiar faces as well as a few new faces on the top of the stats. It is a long year... I wonder who will be our 2015 club Champion? Will it be our last years' champion Fred Kommnick? After winning the Las Vegas tournament and placing 9<sup>th</sup> in the North American Championships in Texas, he is off to a strong start, but there are many players in the club that would like to win the title. Many of us are also looking forward to the rest of the tournaments coming up this year and we hope to have players from Red deer attending many of them.

This year our tournament will be during the week, between the Saskatoon and Calgary tournaments. Warm up round is Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and the tournament is Wed June 3<sup>rd</sup> –Thurs June 4<sup>th</sup>. But if you are in town early, don't forget we play our regular round on Monday nights!

We play at the German Canadian club, 38167 Range Road 280, Red Deer County every Monday at 7 pm. We usually play 2 rounds and a BBQ on Holiday Mondays starting at 5 pm. If you are in Red Deer, stop by for a round and a cold beer.

*John Moldowan*



### WIR TRAUERN UM UNSEREN SKATFREUND - WE MOURN THE LOSS OF OUR SKATFRIEND

#### **Steve Mihli**

Edmonton Spree Asse  
 October 31, 1927 - 2014

#### **Joe Frohlich**

Edmonton Spree Asse  
 October 16, 1923 - 2014

#### **Ludwig Zogler**

Edmonton Spree Asse  
 March 8, 1932 - December 21, 2014

#### **Peter Luczak**

President of the International Skat court  
 December 31, 2014



Peter Luczak (rechts) 2002 in Calgary

