

Coldwater CNSA Any Doubles Tournament

May 24-26, 2011

The 2011 CNSA Any Doubles Tournament held in Coldwater this year can be summed up in one word "**SUCCESS**". The calibre of players and camaraderie was as good as it gets in the world of Shuffleboard.

The competition was exceptionally strong in both the Amateur and the Open division and the prize money made winning all that much better.

In spite of a conflicting Inaugural Shuffleboard tournament that was taking place in Sochie Russia during the same week which resulted in many of the usual Coldwater tournament participants taking part, the attendance was good and the courts were full to capacity in each of the events.

The large cash winnings shared by both amateurs and experts were a bonus to those taking part.

Coldwater Results

Amateurs

Main Event

1st - Ziggy Gudzus & Ann Dirkse
2nd - Ken & Brenda Taylor
3rd - Bob Breckenridge & Bob Read
4th - Don Webster & Eleanor Bart

Consolation

1st - Grant McRae & Dave Norton
2nd - Lenore & John Holder
3rd - Harry & Rita Holland
4th - John & Ria Wilson

Open

Main Event

1st - Earl Ball & Henry Strong
2nd - Lionel Young & Hubert VanEerd
3rd - Henry VanDorp & Lorie Davis
4th - Forfeit

Consolation

1st - Bish Kowacz & Norma Bruce
2nd - Grace Pipher & Ruby Withington
3rd - Beverly Fowler & George O'Reilly
4th - Linda O'Connor & Garry Keating

Prize money for fourth Place in the main event was sponsored by an anonymous party due to the CNSA forfeit rule of (**No Play No Pay**) which left Carl Rogerson without a partner for the final day.

The Tournament got under way with the National Anthems of both the USA and Canada played on trumpet by club member Bob Read and lead in singing by John and Rea Wilson. This was followed by an invocation by Bev Fowler and speeches from MP Bruce Stanton and Council Member Ron Stevens.



John and Rea Wilson lead singing with trumpeter Bob Read

Tournament Director "par excellence" Lorraine Pollock once again ran an outstanding tournament, and was congratulated by many players for her smooth style of officiating.

The Coldwater Club hosted the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian National Shuffleboard Association, and this was followed by a Buffet style banquet and entertainment.



Diana May with Hall Of Fame Award presented by Bill Pollock

Hall of Fame presentations were made during the banquet this year to three very deserving ladies in the "Special Awards" category. Bill Pollock presented Diana May with her HOF award and spoke about her involvement as secretary of the CNSA for many years and various presidents.

Mary Button so eloquently presented Ruby Whithington with her HOF awards and gave a very comprehensive overview of Ruby's background and support as treasurer of the CNSA.

Mary went on to say that Ruby was everything from the "Ice Cream Girl" raising funds to support one of the original ISA tournaments in Goderich Ontario to securing a large grant from



Mary Button following her well prepared notes before making the HOF Special Awards presentation to Ruby Withington



Mary pins the prestigious HOF medal on Ruby Withington

the Ontario Government in more recent years, again in support of an ISA tournament that was held in Midland Ontario.

Doreen Norman was unable to attend this year's award presentations but was inducted into the HOF Special award Category and will be presented with her medal and award at a later date.