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Fist Online-Skat-Word Championship



Dear skat friends,
I am pleased to announce to you the first online-skat-World Championship. With Thomas Steffen and his team of www.skat-turniere.de as tournament director and www.skatonline.com as game platform, we have found partners who enable us

to address many card players worldwide and stimulate their interest in this online World Championship. Using website www.skatsport.com you can get all the information.

I wish you all a successful championship and "Gut Blatt".
Rainer Grunert, President of ISPA World

Erste Online-Skat-Weltmeisterschaft

Liebe Skatfreundinnen, liebe Skatfreunde, es freut mich, euch die erste Online-Skat-Weltmeisterschaft bekannt geben zu können. Mit Thomas Steffen und seinem Team von www.skatturniere.de als Turnierleitung und www.skatonline.com als Spielplattform haben wir Partner gefunden, die es uns ermöglichen, weltweit möglichst viele Skatspieler anzusprechen und ihr Interesse an dieser Online-Skat-Weltmeisterschaft

zu wecken. Über die Webseite www.skatsport.com erhaltet ihr alle Informationen. Ich wünsche euch eine erfolgreiche Meisterschaft und Gut Blatt.
Euer Rainer Grunert,
President ISPA-World

First On-Line-Skat-World-Championship of ISPA WORLD

The ISPA-WORLD International Skat Player Association (world federation of skat players) hosts the First On-line skat world championship and organizes together with skat turniere.de and Skat-Online.com the realization of the qualification for the final participation.

All skat players world wide are invited to take part in this event. A membership in the ISPA is not required.

The finale of the best 16 players takes place on 30.09.2011, the day before the European Skat championship in France. The final participants will receive from the ISPA-WORLD:

A travel **expenses subsidy towards** the final place in France. Two **overnight stays** at the place of the finals in France. **Buffet and drinks** for the duration of the final. Henry Keitel

Erste Online-Skat-Weltmeisterschaft der ISPA-WORLD

Die ISPA-WORLD International Skat Players Association (Weltverband der Skatspieler) veranstaltet die 1. Online-Skat-Weltmeisterschaft und organisiert gemeinsam mit skat-turniere.de und Skat-Online.com die Durchführung der Qualifikation zur Finalteilnahme.

Alle Skatspieler weltweit sind eingeladen, an dieser Veranstaltung teilzunehmen. Eine Mitgliedschaft in der ISPA ist nicht erforderlich. Das Finale der besten 16 Spieler findet am 30.09.2011, am Vortag zur Skat-Europameisterschaft in Frankreich statt. Die Finalteilnehmer erhalten von der ISPA-WORLD: Einen **Reisekostenzuschuss zum** Finalort in Frankreich. Zwei **Übernachtungen** am Finalort. Ein **Buffet und Getränke** während der Dauer des Finales. Henry Keitel

For more information, in German, go to www.Skatcanada.ca

SKAT World Cup 2010 in Cape Town

Ron Link, Edmonton, was only 2 places away to participate in the Tournament of the final 16 players to determine the World Champion 2010.

Congratulations Ron

For more information and final standings visit:

<http://www.Skatcanada.ca>

KELOWNA

7+8 August 2010

Einzelwertung – Single Evaluation, 45 Spieler / Player			
1	TOLKSDORF, Frank	VAN	7002
2	STEPPUHN, Alfred	KEL	6200
3	BOGNAR, Marton	Hungary	6087
4	LITWINIUK, Marianne	CAL	5756
5	LUZ, Bernd	CAL	5737
6	ECKL, Ed	SK	5581
7	KNIPSCHILD, Ron	CAL	5543
8	ECKL, Wilf	SK	5541
9	PITTELKAU, Guenter	KEL	5522
10	KRAJNZ, Marta	KEL	5366
11	BIRKER, Werner	CAN-KEL	5314



The winners in Kelowna from left: Alfred Steppuhn (2), Frank Tolksdorf (1) and Marton Bogнар (3)

5 TEAMS	
1. CALGARY ONE	21873 pts
Marianne Litwiniuk	5756 pts
Bernd Luz	5737 pts
Ron Knipschild	5543 pts
Walter Widder	4837 pts
2. CEPS	20794 pts
Ed Eckl	5581 pts
Guenter Pittelkau	5522 pts
Peter Chroscinski	4992 pts
H.-J. Steinmetz	4699 pts

Seriensieger / Series Winner	
TOLKSDORF, Frank	2316 pts.
LITWINIUK, Marianne	1595 pts.
ECKL, Ed	1627 pts.
KNIPSCHILD, Ron	1682 pts.
KRAJNZ, Marta	2043 pts.

SKAT SPORT ABZEICHEN / SKAT ACHIEVEMENT PIN	
TOLKSDORF, Frank	Silver



The winners of the Series in Kelowna from left: Frank Tolksdorf , Marianne Litwiniuk, Ed Eckl, Ron Knipschild and Marta Krajnz



The winning Team in Kelowna from left: Walter Widder, Ron Knipschild, Bernd Luz and Marianne Litwiniuk

If you want to learn the game, or need a refresher, we are selling a tutorial set with everything you need to learn and play the game or refresh your skills. Its called 'Skat in a Box' for \$15.95 (regular retail \$19.95) and we'll even pay the HST. **Konrad Brink**

Die nächste ISPA INFO
Erscheint am 1.April ,2011
Artikel müssen spätestens am
15. März 2011 hier sein
Danke

Berliner Skat Klub Hansa

The **Berliner Skat Klub Hansa** is holding an Annual Tournament to honor and remember their members that have passed away. The idea started more than 15 years ago when Erwin Muehlhans, a long time member, passed away and left the Club \$5,000.00 to be given away in an annual Tournament to be named after him. A few years later Mrs. Irma Cornell, a player that left us much to early, remembered us in her last will and Testament, and the decision was made to make the tournament a continuous annual event. The money has long been paid out to the members but the Tournament lives on. It is now called the 'Memorial Tournament' and is open to everybody as a one day 3 rounds Tournament with a slight difference; Even though it is open to everybody and the \$30.00 start money is paid out just as in every other Skat Tournament, there is a special Bonus that only Club members are entitled to. The Club donates \$1,000.00 to be distributed as additional prize money to their Members only, and every member participating in the Tournament is entitled to a prize. Our present Memorial Champion is Herman Kamps. I have never heard of any other club holding a tournament to honor their past players and it is certainly good to know that somebody will remember you in future through a game that you love and enjoy playing. Maybe it is not a bad idea to leave some money to your local club to be remembered by through an annual Tournament, knowing that you have contributed to keep the game, your club and a great tradition alive for Generations to come. If you live in the Greater Toronto Area or are a visitor why don't you join us, either for an evening as a guest or as a member? We are playing every Thursday night at 6.30 pm in the Hansa Stube.

Hansa Haus
 6650 Hurontario St. Mississauga, Ontario L5W 1N3
 Phone: 905-564-0060

TORONTO

Barliner Skat Club Hansa

7+8 August 2010

Einzelwertung–Single Evaluation, 45 Spieler/ Player			
1	LINK, Ron	EDM	6677
2	PENZENDORFER, Bert	KW	6415
3	HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	6067
4	SAUERHEIMER, Agi	TOR	6027
5	WESSEL, Horst	KW	5899
6	THOMPSON, Kevin	USA	5806
7	MC CORMICK, Scott	OTT	5742
8	SOWORKA, Brigitte	KW	5496
9	WERNER, Heinz	TOR	5424
10	DIETRICH, Horst	TOR	5415
11	KREITZER, Horst	KW	5352

Seriensieger / Series Winner	
LINK, Ron	1612 pts.
PENZENDORFER, Bert	2480
DIETRICH, Horst	1448
MUNDRY, Joe	1448
BEHR, Willi	1726
KREITZER, Horst	2160

6 TEAMS	
1. ITS WHO YOU KNOW	22.952 pts
LINK, Ron	6677
HEUVELMANS, Frank	6067
MC CORMICK, Scott	5742
SCHMITZ, Amanda	4466
2. KIT KAT	21.619 pts.
PENZENDORFER, Bert	6415
SOWORKA, Brigitte	5496

KREITZER, Horst	5352
PATOMMEL, Klaus	4356
3. BOTH SIDES OF THE POND	20.693 pts.
THOMPSON, Kevin	5806
EGGERS, Barbara	5183
THOMPSON, William	5113
FRANK, Heidi	4591

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APRIL 01, 2011
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BY MARCH 15TH DEADLINE
*Thank you.***



The winners in Toronto from left: Ron Link (1), Bert Penzendorfer Horst Dietrich, Bert Penzendorfer (2) and Frank Heuvelmans (3)



The winners of the series in Toronto from left: Horst Dietrich, Bert Penzendorfer, Horst Kreitzer and Ron Link



The winning team in Toronto from left: Scott McCormick, Frank Heuvelmans, Amanda Schmitz and Ron Link

HAMILTON

9+10 August 2010

Einzelwertung–Single Evaluation, 30 Spieler / Player			
1	FRANK, Heidi	HAM	5722 pts
2	LINK, Ron	EDM	5690
3	DIETRICH, Horst	TOR	5501
4	KREITZER, Horst	KW	5472
5	KROOS, Harald	NM	5436
6	SCHMITZ, Amanda	HAM	5090
7	SCHULTZ, Henry	HAM	4995

3 TEAMS	
1. NEED "A" TEAM	19969 pts.
LINK, Ron	5690
HEUVELMANS, Frank	5501
MC CORMICK, Scott	5090
SCHMITZ, Amanda	3688

Seriensieger / Series Winner		
Richard Mayer	KW	1527 pts
Horst Kreitzer	KW	1745
Henry Schultz	HAM	1425
Amanda Schmitz	HAM	1605
Bertl Penzendorfer	KW	1617



The winners in Hamilton from left: ISPA VP Harald Kroos, Horst Dietrich (3), Heidi Frank (1) and Ron Link (2)

Membership dues

On March 15th the annual ISPA Canada/USA members roster will go to print. To ensure completeness of the lists, annual dues must be received by 28th February 2011 by Hans-Jürgen Steinmetz. Late dues will in accordance to a members decision be assessed a late fee of \$ 5.00 per member.



The winning team in Hamilton from left: Hans Meiritz, Ron Link, Amanda Schmiz and Horst Dietrich

ISPA Mitgliedsbeiträge für 2011

Am 15.März gehen die Jahres Mitgliedslisten 2011 der ISPA Kanada/USA Clubs in Druck. Um Vollständigkeit der Mitgliederlisten zu gewährleisten müssen die Jahresbeiträge bis spätestens 28. Februar 2011 bei Hans-Jürgen Steinmetz eingegangen sein. Bei verspäteten Beitragszahlungen ist laut Mitgliedsabschluss eine Verzugsgebühr von 5.00\$ pro Mitglied fällig.

KITCHENER

14-15 August 2010

Einzelwertung – Single Evaluation, 30 Spieler / Player			
1	THOMPSON, Kevin	USA	5715
2	WESSEL, Horst	KW	5617
3	METZ, Mike	KW	5599
4	PIELORZ, Manfred	TOR	5355
5	SCHULTZ, Henry	HAM	5341
6	SPECKNER, Siegfried	KW	5244
7	ALBRECHT, Gary	HAM	5127

Seriensieger / Series Winner	
THOMPSON, Kevin	1540
LINK, Ron	1905
RADTKE, Oswald	1603
FRANK, Heidi	1783
THOMPSON, William	2081
TEAM	
1. LADY LUCK	18091 pts.
FRANK, Heidi	4797
EGGERS, Barbara	4756
RAUSCH, Thomas	4520
MEIRITZ, Hans	4018



The winners in Kitchener from left: Mike Metz (3), Kevin Thompson (1) and Horst Wessel (2)

SEATTLE

14-15 August 2010

Einzelwertung – Single Evaluation, 30 Spieler / Player			
1	STEINMETZ, H.-Jürgen	SK	6504
2	BINNEMANN, Wilfried	USA-CA	6372
3	PAULY, Gunter	USA-CA	5946
4	MERKENS, Franz	VAN	5805
5	ANTON, Sigrid	USA-CA	5797
6	KIPLIN, Michael	Texas	5559
7	BERTSCH, Horst	USA-CA	5381

Seriensieger / Series Winner	
STEINMETZ,Hans-Jürgen	1521
STEINMETZ,Hans-Jürgen	1571
STEINMETZ,Hans-Jürgen	1603
PAULY,Guenther	1668
KIPLIN,Michael	1554

SKAT SPORT ABZEICHEN / SKAT ACHIEVEMENT PIN		
STEINMETZ,Hans-Jürgen	4773 Pts	3 rd GOLD



The winners in Seattle from left: Wilfried Binnemann (2), Hans-Jürgen Steinmetz (1) and Günter Pauly (3)

NEW MARKET

Hier ist mein Bericht vom Newmarket Skat Turnier 2010.

Es fand am 18 & 19 September statt.

Es nahmen aber nur 30 Skatspieler/innen teil.

Natürlich war ich sehr **ENTTÄUSCHT** über die Teilnahme von unseren Skat Klubs im Osten.

Das Vorturnier am Freitag abend mit zwei Serien wurde von Siegfried Nasner mit 2828 Punkte gewonnen.

Das Hauptturnier wurde erst in der letzten Serie entschieden.

Einzelwertung – Single Evaluation, 30 Spieler / Player			
1	Günther Bauer	KW	6325
2	Henry Schultz	HAM	5967
3	Joe Mundry	NM	5754
4	Hubert Fiene	MTL	5718
5	Scott Mc Cormick	OTT	5650
6	Frank Heuvelmans	OTT	5539
7	Siegfried Speckner	KW	5337
2 TEAMS			
SKAT HOUNDS		19041 pts.	
Scott McCormick		5650	
Frank Heuvelmans		5539	
Harald Kroos		4681	
Wolfgang Mielitz		3171	

Der Newmarket Skat Klub wünscht allen Skatspieler/innen ein frohes Weihnachtsfest und ein glückliches Neues Jahr und Gut Blatt.
Harald Kroos.



The winners in Newmarket from left: Joe Mundry (3), Günther Bauer (1) and Henry Schultz (2)



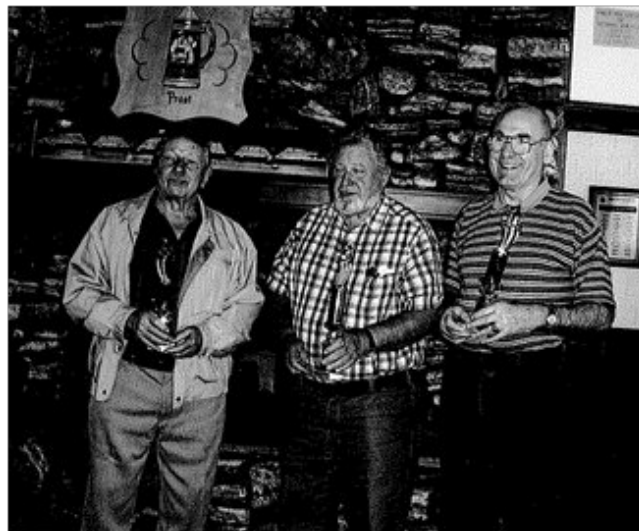
The winning team in Newmarket from left: Frank Heuvelmans, Scott McCormick, Harald Kroos and Wolfgang Mielitz

ZUM GEBURTSTAG WÜNSCHEN WIR
GUTE GESUNDHEIT UND
VIEL GLÜCK IM NEUEM LEBENSJAHR!



OUR BEST WISHES ON YOUR BIRTHDAY FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND LOADS OF GOOD LUCK

The Executive ISPA Canada and ISPA INFO



The winners in Omaha from left: Engelbert Ginter (3), Joe Schmitt (1) and Gerhard Gamradt (2)

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The German American Society Skat Klub of Omaha Nebraska completed their Fifth Open Skat Tournament on October 2-3, 2010. Twenty-four players participated in the 5 series (48 games per series) under ISPA rules. Everyone had a good time. The top seven winners were:

Einzelwertung – Single Evaluation			
1	Joe Schmitt	MN	6123
2	Gerhard Gamradt	WPG	5505
3	Engelbert Ginter	CHIC	5392
4	Bob Maxwell	IND	5177
5	Bernhard Sauer	IA	4841
6	Bob Junion	WISC	4831
7	Jim Zielinski	OMA	4793
Seriensieger / Series Winner			
Joe Schmitt			
Fred Gunkel			
Bob Maxwell			
Engelbert Ginter			
Steve Richards			

VANCOUVER

9+10 October 2010

Unser diesjähriges Pazifisches Meisterschafts Turnier fand wieder im Vancouver Alpenclub statt. Unser Präsident, Helmut Nischk begrüßte 37 Skatfreunde, darunter 7 Teilnehmer aus anderen Teilen Canadas und den USA. Es war ein friedvolles, harmonisches Turnier, obwohl 5 Runden lang schwer gekämpft wurde. Dann gab die Computer Ausrechnung das überraschende Ergebnis: Werner Schoenberger war mit 7185 Punkten Pazifischer Meister geworden. Hart auf den Fersen war ihm von Anfang an Jürgen Prohl, der sich mit 6460 Punkten den 2. Platz eroberte. Die Vancouver Skatgruppe beglückwünscht beide Spieler zu diesen hervorragenden Leistungen.

Einzelwertung – Single Evaluation, 37 Spieler / Player			
1	Schoenberger , Werner	VAN	7185 pts.
2	Prohl, Jürgen	VAN	6460
3	Zeuch, Fritz	CAN	5713
4	Hirschberger, Baldur	VAN	5603
5	Tolksdorf, Frank	VAN	5552
6	Laubrunn Egon	VAN	5343
7	Baron Klaus	VAN	5220
8	Krajnz Marta	KEL	5177
9	Wagner Gustaf	VAN	4998
BEST LADY			
	Marta Krajnz	KEL	5177 pts

Seriensieger / Series Winner	
Werner Schoenberger	1738
Juergen Prohl	1669

Ossi Rottmann	1549
Hermann Hahn	1485
Baldur Hirschberger	1532

TEAMS	
NO NAME	
Werner Schoenberger	22.112 Pkt
Jürgen Prohl	
Klaus Baron	
Hermann Hahn	
NO NAME	20.087 Pkt
Prohl Juergen	
Morscheck Fritz	
Pirk Marlies	
Hirschberger Baldur	
NO NAME	18.500 Pkt
Laubrunn Egon	
Grahlmann Dieter	
Watzlawek Sigmund	
Larisch Otto	



Members of the Vancouver Skat Group from left: Robert Prohl, Helmut Nischk (President), Werner Schoenberger and Jürgen Prohl



The winners in Vancouver from left: Baldur Hirschberger (4), Marta Krajnz (best Lady), Werner Schoenberger (1) and Jürgen Prohl

TEXAS SKAT LEAGUE

The Texas Skat League will host a International Skat Order rules (ISkO) tourney from Feb. 8, 2011 to Feb.16. New Braunfels is sunny and the weather is usually mild in Feb. however a light freeze is possible. Please come visit us.

John Langhoff, Secretary

Schedule of Events, Skat week Feb 8 to 16, 2011

All, except the February 12+13 tournament are individual events.

Tuesday Feb 8, 2011, 6:30 PM Freiheit Country.Store New Braunfels

Wednesday, Feb. 9, Zorn Bowling Club, on Hwy 123, 6 PM, 60 deals, Texas rules, played 3 handed. \$6.00,.

Thursday, Feb. 10, 10 AM Friesenhaus Restaurant, 148 Castell Ave.in downtown New Braunfels,one round of 48 deals \$10.00 entry

12 noon, Lunch at Friesenhaus Rest.special German menu.

1:30 PM Friesenhaus Rest.one round of 48 deals, \$10.00

7:30 PM Freiheit country store, 1 round of 48 deals.

Friday, Feb 11, 5:15 PM, Elk's, 353 S.Seguin St, New Braunfels, Welcome meal. \$9.00 donation required.

6:15 PM 2 rounds of 48 deals, \$10 per round. **Lets see how the cards are running???**

Saturday Feb. 12 , ISkO rules Skat Lovers tourney. Elk's Club. Early pre registration required \$50.00 for 5 sessions. Seating of Players at 9:20 AM, **Please be on time.** No teams

9:25:AM Welcome by Mayor Greetings

9:30 AM Announcements, Instructions, referees

9:35 AM 1st round of 48 deals

11:45 AM lunch at Elk's .We assume all who are registered will eat.

12:30 PM 2nd round of 48 deals.

3:00 PM 3rd round of 48 deals.

Sunday Feb. 13, 8:15AM membership meeting of Texas Skat at ELK's

9 AM, 4th round of 48 deals

11:20 AM lunch at Elk's Side bet of \$30.00 possible. No teams

12:20 PM 5th round of 48 deals

3:00PM Award of trophies and prizes

Monday Feb. 14, 10 AM Elk's one round of 48 deals, \$10. Lunch is avail.

1:15 PM Elk's one round of 48 deals

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 6:30 PM Freiheit country store. 2 rounds of 48 deals ISPA \$10 each

Wednesday Feb. 16, 6 PM, Zorn bowling club, HWY 123, 60 deals of Texas rules players 3 handed.

Registration form for Feb. 12, 13, 2011. Deposit 50.00 ; refundable until Feb.12 To plan seating please register with your current address.

Name _____

Address _____

City, _____

State/Prov. _____

Country _____ Zip/Post.Code _____

Area code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Make checks payable and mail to:
James C. Stolte
5281 IH 35 N, New Braunfels Texas 78130
For refunds please call 830 606 2855.

Saturday December 18,2010 1 PM

2 rounds \$ 10.00

**Wishing you all
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year**

Heidi Frank, President Germania Skat Club



Der Newmarket Skat Club
wünscht allen Skatspieler/innen
Frohe Weihnachten, und ein glückliches
Neues Jahr
und immer „Gut Blatt“

Harald Kroos, Newmarket Skat Club



We wish all of you a wonderful autumn season
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS and all the
BEST AND GOOD LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR

Sigrid Kirmse, Secretary Skat Club Saskatoon



From the MLA SKAT CLUB OTTAWA

GERMANIA SKAT CLUB HAMILTON

invites to a CHRISTMAS SKAT

best wishes for a
MERRY CHRISTMAS and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hope to see you in Ottawa the day after the KM April 18+19, 2011

Marsha Clarke, President, MLA Skat Ottawa



The members of the
BERLINER SKAT CLUB HANSA
wish all ISPA skat players around the world
a very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year
and "Gut Blatt" for 2011

Die Mitglieder des
BERLINER SKAT CLUB HANSA
wünschen allen ISPA Skat Spielern Weltweit,
Ein recht frohes und gesundes
Weihnachtsfest und einen guten Rutsch
ins Neue Jahr dazu immer " Gut Blatt "

Wolfgang Mielitz, President B.S.C.Hansa

Moin, moin Freunde.....lange hats gedauert, nun hat Biale Massé, seinen dritten Skatspieler (sie heisst Piki). Am Schluss hatten meine Partner aber keine Lust mehr zum spielen...und so haben sie die Karten aufgefressen. Es Grüßt aus Biale Massé, Argentinien, saludos Laura, Helmut, Skatiy und Piki.

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gratuliert den glücklichen und geschickten Skatspielern und Spielerinnen die 2010 eine Trophäe, einen Titel oder ein Skat Sport Abzeichen gewannen und dankt allem die dazu beitrugen.

Zum Weihnachtsfest und Jahresausklang wünschen wir Gesundheit und alles Gute

Congratulates the lucky and skillful Skat Players, who in 2010 won a Trophy, a Title or a Skat Sports Pin and thanks all those who contributed. For the upcoming holidays we wish you health and happiness.



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**Ein frohes gesegnetes
Weihnachtsfest und ein
glückliches Neues Jahr
wünscht der Vorstand der ISPA
CANADA & INFO**

The ISPA Canada Executive & ISPA Info
wishes all a blessed Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year

Dear Skat friends & Skat clubs

I would like to wish you Seasons Greetings and Merry Christmas.

It's that time of year again, and finding that perfect Christmas gift can be tough. What a great gift it would be to teach someone new to play Skat. Not only would that be a great gift to that person, you would be giving all the Skat players the gift of a new player and a potential friend.

The "Skatlink" Skat game makes a great gift and is inexpensive. If we all gave just 1 game as a Christmas gift this year, maybe we'll get 100 new players next year. This year I also donated 5 games to Santa's Anonymous again. They rarely get gifts for the older kids. Skat is such a family game, and I remember one of the few things I enjoyed doing with my parents at 14, 15 years old was to play Skat. I feel good that I might be doing some good for some kid's future in our community. I urge some clubs to do the same.

The club wholesale price is still only \$12.50 plus postage.

Gutt Blatt and Happy Holidays
Ron Link

No Bid from Forehand required

There is a rumour going around, that this provision was amended to Forehand being obligated to having to state a bid.

The provision 3.3.6 of ISKO still exists and was not changed at the Skat Congress 2006. ISKO 3.3.6 If neither Middle-hand nor Hinter-hand had made a bid, Forehand may without a bid pick up the skat (or announce a hand game) She is thus obliged to implement a game. If Forehand however has no 18 she must not "Pass" before hearing a bid from Middle-hand if she "Passes" await a bid from Hinter-hand.

Peter Luczak - The Skat Court (Translated by Henry Keitel)

Kein Gebot in Vorhand erforderlich

Es geht ein Gerücht herum, dass diese Bestimmung geändert wurde. Die Vorschrift 3.3.6 von ISKO existiert noch und wurde nicht beim Skat-Kongress 2006 geändert. ISKO 3.3.6 besagt, wenn weder Mittelhand noch Hinterhand ein Gebot gemacht haben, kann Vorhand ohne ein Gebot den Skat aufnehmen (oder ein Hand-Spiel ansagen). Sie ist somit verpflichtet, ein Spiel zu implementieren. Wenn Vorhand aber keine 18 hat, muss sie erst Gebote von Mittel –und Hinterhand abwarten.

Peter Luczak - The Skat Court

Please take notice:

ISPA tournaments are played by the
INTERNATIONAL SKATORDER (IskO)

THERE ARE NO ISPA RULES

15 YEAR OLD U.S. STUDENT SKAT CHAMPION IN KITCHENER

by Henry Keitel.



Somewhere close to the southern shore of Lake Erie, lies the pretty city of Olmsted Falls OH founded in 1814. Olmsted Falls is spread over 4.1 square miles with an estimated population of 10,000. The closest German club is the Donauschwaben Club in Cleveland, OH over 20 km N-W of Olmsted Falls. Not really the type of German Club where SKAT would be part of the club's groups' activities. One could rather expect Schafkopf being played in this German-American club, with the ethnical back-ground of Donau Swabians. Checking out their elaborate website, it lists no card playing group.

Somewhere in Olmsted Falls, Bill Thompson and his two sons Kevin and Kyle were looking for an interesting game that could be played by three persons. Searching the internet, in 2003 Kevin then 8 years old and his father Bill came across a site with the by Germans most beloved card game namely SKAT.

Kevin showed a quick, sharp, intuitive grasp of the game, and a passion for playing the game. So he and his dad started to research everything they could about Skat, including contacting ISPA in North America. They hooked up with ISPA member and fellow Clevelander, Werner Kunzi, an avid tournament player, who was very helpful in preparing them both for organized competition and tournaments. Kevin made his ISPA tournament debut in Kitchener, Ontario in 2005, at the age of 10, winning sixth prize overall, as well as a series winner prize. Kitchener has certainly been very good to Kevin! Watch out Kevin, Kyle will be challenging you soon!

A best official ranking for Kevin is not possible at this time because there is no ISPA Skat club in the area and not enough tournament rounds have been played to qualify in any given year. That hopefully will change soon as a new Skat club is being formed. Kevin is currently ranked 47th out of nearly 300 players in North America that is his best ranking ever. A position he can be proud of at his age.

Kevin is now completing his sixth year as a member of ISPA-USA and he has already won a Silver Skat Sport- Abzeichen (Skat Achievement Pin). He has competed so far in about 20 ISPA tournaments in Southern Ontario and Montreal, winning prizes in roughly half of the tournaments. Definitely a great achievement for any seasoned SKAT player. There is, beyond any doubt, a SKAT champion in the making. He played against players with decades of Skat experience. Kevin is also a charter member of the newly formed Cleveland Skat Club, which meets weekly in North-Eastern Ohio, USA. He and his dad practice as much as their busy schedules allows. His younger brother Kyle has also recently shown a passion for Skat. Kyle made his ISPA tournament debut also in Kitchener this past summer at the age of 12, with the goal of soon bettering his talented older brother! Good luck to all of you!

Do to lack of junior players, ISPA Canada/USA in order to give younger players a chance to play SKAT permits younger players to participate in open tournaments. One must surely appreciate the tolerance of a 65+ player when playing against a "kid". But notice this: The 2010 edition of the South Ontario Skat Week in Kitchener was, judging by some players' remarks, "Great fun".

Horst Kreitzer the Canadian Champion 2010, Manfred Pielorz and Brigitte Soworka were Kevin's partners in the first series were Kevins run took off and with 1540 points not only made him tables best but also won him winner of series one.

Richard Meyer with 1277pts. was best man in series two followed by Kevin with 1217 pts. in second place. Hans Meiritz, Wolfgang Milietz were his other two table partners. The third series saw Kevin once more in first place with 1492 pts, ahead of Manfred Pielorz, Horst Wessel and Henry Schulze. In series four with Horst Wessel, Manfred Pielorz und Frank Cerny Kevin gathered only 657 points but his nearest opponents did not do much better so that Keesing could maintain his narrow lead. In the fifth and final round, Horst Wessel was only 98 points and Mike Metz 118 points away from tournament winner!

That was a bit to close but **Kevin Thompson tournament winner Kitchener 2010** made it! **Congratulations!**

Wolfgang Mielitz states: It was great that the tournament ended with a win for Kevin....he was up on cloud 9.
His brother Kyle 12 learned a few lessons and was a very eager learner, so there is another champion in the making.

Skat Tournaments – Brazil – March 2011 and VIP Tour

- **9 March: Departure from Toronto or Calgary.**
- **10 March : Arrival in Foz do Iguassu, Brasil via Sao Paulo. Transfer to the Hotel Continental Inn.**
- **11 March : Visit of the Iguassu Falls on the Argentinean side with Devil's Throat including.**

Walk along the elevated upper and lower trails and see more than 275 falls and admire the flora and fauna. Continue by train to the Devil's Throat, one of the planet's most spectacular views.

- **12 March : Half day visit of the Iguassu Falls on the Brazilian side.**
Visit the falls from the Brazilian side, walking along a path that brings you to the rim of the falls for a fascinating view.
- **13 March : Transfers from hotel to the Iguassu Airport. Arrival in Sao Paulo. Transfers from the Airport to the Hotel Delphin in Guarujá (85 Km).**
- **14 March : South American Skat Championship, 3 Rounds.**
- **15 March : South American Skat Championship, 3 Rounds.**
- **16 March : Bus trip to the aquarium in Santos, city tour and Memorial das Conquistas (Santos soccer museum). Pele played in Santos almost all his professional live.**
- **17 March : Pan American Skat Championship, 3 Rounds.**
- **18 March : Pan American Skat Championship, 3 Rounds. Gala Dinner and presentation of the winners.**
- **19 March : Pick up in Guarujá and a half day city tour in Sao Paulo (approx 6 hrs) including a BBQ lunch during the city tour. Overnight stay in the Hotel Blue Tree Premium Paulista.**
- **20 March : Transfers to Rio de Janeiro via the Coastal Road to the Hotel Praia Ipanema.
March 20 to 24 - Rio de Janeiro,**

**Half day visit of Corcovado
BBQ dinner and Plataforma Samba Show
Half day visit of Sugar Loaf
Full day visit to Petropolis with lunch**

- **24 March : Transfer to the airport. Departure to Toronto**

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