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Message from the President:

Dear ISPA Members,

I would like to send out a big thank you to all the Canadian players that showed up to the WM in Edmonton. It was your participation that made the 22nd World championship a success. I was very proud to be a Skat player in Canada. It took a lot of work and effort from many of you to make this happen and because so many of you attended it felt like it was worth it. Thank you.

We had many that are getting up in age and it is getting hard for them to travel, we had many new first-time attendees unsure of the experience and we had a good hometown attendance, and that's what was needed to even host such an event. When the hosting country has the largest attendance, you know it was the right place and time to host a WM. It was us, the Canadians, that made this WM a wonderful experience.

Now, the icing on the cake was that we got a record four players into the top 16, with Canadian records of top finishers ,3rd,4th 6th and 15th. We also won the gold medal for the national team competition our 4th time. Proving once again that Canada can play some good Skat. We often take this for granted as we play each week against one another, and we don't even think twice that we are playing and learning from some of the world's best Skat players. Why is this? It's because we are family and that's the wonderful thing about Skat in North America. We are good, bad, beginners,

pros, young and old get together for the love of the game and the everlasting memories and friendships.

Be proud and cherish this time as a Skat player in North America.

Continue to learn and grow as a family of Skat players and find new people to share these experiences with.

Gut Blatt

Ron Link

From the Editor:

Dear Skat Community,

As of the evening of August 20, the 22nd Open Skat World Championship in Edmonton, Alberta is closed. Seven days of intense competition and 11 days of fun have come to an end.

Before going into details about who won what, I would like to take a moment to share some statistics of this prestigious event, which we will not likely see in Canada again for quite some time now.

At the beginning of play, we had 126 players registered. Some were forced to stay home for personal or health reasons, as we originally had about 135 players registered. The 126 players made up 32 tables total at the beginning, with 31 tables towards

the end as some participants were unable to continue for health reasons.

On this note, please join me in wishing our Hank Andresen from Vancouver a speedy recovery. He was hospitalized Wednesday evening as a result of becoming unconscious.

These 126 players worked through a combined number of 27 series of games, of which 15 series were played in the singles tournament to determine the Final 16. 82 players participated combined in the Grand Prix. Four series were played in the Nations Cup and three series in the Edmonton Grand Prix. The final 16 played another five series to determine the 2022 Skat World Champion. In total, 26.318 individual games were played on seven days of play.

From the first 12 series in the singles tournament, we also calculated the Mixed, Tandem and Team competition for those players who paid into these game categories.

Per series, an average of just under \$250 of bump money (Abreizgeld) was collected as a result of 4270 losses (16,22%). 1728 score sheets were printed and filled out. Having the blank score sheets pre-printed helped saving time and toner during the tournament. With other lists, documents and exported spreadsheets, we went through approximately another 1000 sheets of paper.

240 files were created during the score keeping period. The upload of each series to the Internet took on average five seconds per series thanks to the simplicity of the use of the software that was used to run the tournament. This software, called Skat-Turniermanager, was developed by Peter Baumann from Germany. For those interested, check out Peter's website:

<https://www.skat-turniermanager.de>

The results of the 15 series of the single competition, the Mixed, Tandem and Team competition from it, can still be viewed by clicking on this link below:

sportskat.de.

The number of pictures taken at and around the event is likely in the thousands, the editor alone took about 700 pictures.

Anyone interested in viewing / downloading these can go to

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!As-kLbdhGGQUkbUJLvXbK28g6Qyv8w?e=0miqK7>,

where the pictures are shared until December 31, 2022.

The editor does not know the total hours of preparation that went into getting ready for this event, especially since we took two runs at it due to the cancelation in 2020 due to the global pandemic. One can only assume that this number is very large. As for the execution of the tournament, the scorekeeping alone took 140 hours of effort. The point is that there are a lot of helping hands that make a tournament like this a success and these people are often taken for granted. So, to all of you who made this tournament a success: **THANK YOU!**

Without your, diligence, dedication, and perseverance to our sport, we would not be able to come together on this stage, compete fiercely in the game we love so much, and more importantly enjoy the comradery and friendship among ourselves. Getting to know new people and making new friends is what the Skat community is all about, really, besides some bragging rights of course for the few that make it to the top internationally.

For those of you who did not earn those bragging rights this time, the editor has a message for you: Keep learning and please do try again at the 23rd Open Skat World Championship, which will be held in Poland in 2024. More details to be provided in due time.

Gerd Reiner

Secretary and Editor, ISPA Canada

Before the WM tournament report, this announcement hot from the press about the North American Championship in Hamilton, Ontario, starting October 17:

HAMILTON

North American Championship and Masters Tournament

OCTOBER 17TH 18TH AND 19TH

Pre registration required by October 10th

Where: Germania Club 863 King St E, Hamilton ON

Itinerary

Monday October 17th

Masters Tournament

\$60.00 (3 Rounds)

Registration 9:30

Start time 10:00am 3 rounds

Lunch included

North American Championship

\$100.00 (5 Rounds)

Tuesday October 18th 3 Rounds

Registration 9:30

Start time 10:00am

Lunch included

Wednesday October 19th 2 Rounds

Start time 10:00 am

Lunch included

Thursday October 20th

We are arranging Golf and a Wine tour for this day.

Please advise if you are interested in either when you register to save your spot.

For more information or assistance with accommodations contact Mandi Asbury

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Following Hamilton is Cleveland with its tournament , please see the tournament schedule here:

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22nd Open Skat World Championship, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada – Tournament Report

In traditional World Championship style, the tournament began with the “Einmarsch der Nationen”, where the players present the flags of the ISPA nations:







At the end of the flag presentations and the speeches of Rosita Rodehüser, President, ISPA WORLD, Hans-Jürgen Steinmetz, Vice-President, ISPA WORLD, as well as Ron Link, President, ISPA Canada, Rosita declared the World Championship open.

The tournament schedule started with the first two rounds of the single competition on April 13 and 14, however the first competitions to complete were the Nations Cup and the Grand Prix d'Edmonton. These two tournaments were played simultaneously on Monday, April 15. The Nations Cup had four national teams with 12 players each compete in four series, while Grand Prix participants played three rounds. For those members of the national teams who chose to pay into the Grand Prix, the first three of the four rounds from the Nations Cup also counted for the Grand Prix. As a result, the Grand Prix had a combined 82 registered players.

But first, let's look back at how the Nations Cup went.

Nations Cup

The four competing teams were Canada, Germany (Deutschland), Overseas (International) and the United States:

CANADA:



Back row from left:

Arno von Hacht (spare), Winnipeg; Frank Heuvelmans, Ottawa; Thomas Lang, Ottawa; Jürgen Steiner, Hamilton; Scott McCormick, Ottawa; Dinah Kunst, Winnipeg; Eric Luz, Calgary.

Front row from left:

Michael Sommer, Edmonton; H.-J. Steinmetz (spare), Kelowna; Ron Link, Edmonton; Jutta Khalil, Montréal; Horst Hagen, Montréal; Kristina Huisman, Edmonton; Danny Ridder, Edmonton.

GERMANY:



Back row from left:

Yahya Saglam, Sven-Oliver Krack, Hansi Eder, Winfried Pullig, Axel Schulz, Bernd Eisenkolb.

Front row from left:

Erwin Kröhle, Richard Holzer, Ina Hoffmann, Angelika Pullig, Lydia Soppart, Georg Wüllenweber.

OVERSEAS:



Back row from left:

Wolfgang Stillger, Australia; Christof Rother, Poland; Roman Steinhof, Poland; Leszek Szatkowski, Poland; Jan Nowak, Poland; Frédéric Bleichner, France.

Front row from left:

François Beck, France; Jürgen Schachenreiter, Austria; Dr. Ulrike Romirer, Austria; Jean Louis Binder, France; Josef Steiger, Australia; Etienne Lingelser, France.

UNITED STATES:



Back row from left:

Shawn Snyder, Delaware; Stephan Weiss, Philadelphia; Alexander Anders, Houston; Christian Vogeler, Cleveland; Mike Kivlin, Houston; Frank Dankemeyer; Santa Monica.

Front row from left:

Guenter Pauly, Santa Monica; Kevin Thompson, Cleveland; Bill Thompson, Cleveland; Dr. Jeanette Moleski, Cleveland; Jay DeFinis; Cleveland; Hans Stewin, Seattle.

After the first round, the OVERSEAS team was in the lead with 12365 points, followed by GERMANY with 12000 points, CANADA was third with 10880 and the UNITED STATES were trailing with 9330 points.

Clearly, CANADA had to do better! After round two of the four series, the International team was still ahead:

INTERNATIONAL	24396
GERMANY	23529
CANADA	22987
UNITED STATES	19070

In round three, Canada did better and pass Germany to gain second spot, but still was 2172 points behind the International team:

INTERNATIONAL	36684
CANADA	34512
GERMANY	33556
UNITED STATES	28675

In the hallway, the editor overheard a Canadian player saying that the focus should now be on the International team, but the task ahead was a big one, as the Canadians were trailing that team with over 2100 points.

The final round in the Nations Cup then unveiled a monumental comeback of the Canadian team. Six high scores and another two good above average scores were accomplished in the last round of the Nations Cup, which gave Canada a 1771-point lead ahead of the International team. And with that, **Canada is World Champion in the Nations Cup!**

Here the result after four series:

CANADA	48929
OVERSEAS	47158
GERMANY	44233
UNITED STATES	37886

The individual scores were as follows:

CANADA:

Name, Firstname	Club	Start#	ISPA#	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
LUZ, Eric	CAL	101	CA	1048	1048	1108	265			3469
LINK, Ron	EDM	102	CA	856	748	1104	1575			4283
HUISMAN, Kristina	EDM	103	CA	1076	1265	1130	1437			4908
SOMMER, Michael	EDM	104	CA	1152	1191	652	1631			4626
RIDDER, Danny	EDM	105	CA	687	1227	758	967			3639
STEINER, Juergen	HAM	106	CA	722	1340	468	1870			4400
HAGEN, Horst	MTL	107	CA	576	640	836	1268			3320
KHALIL, Jutta	MTL	108	CA	1291	1357	921	1321			4890
LANG, Thomas	OTT	109	CA	756	1177	1573	822			4328
HEUVELMANS, Frank	OTT	110	CA	253	861	761	728			2603
McCORMICK, Scott	OTT	111	CA	1133	295	1140	1424			3992
KUNST, Dinah	WPG	112	CA	1330	958	1074	1109			4471

GERMANY:

Name, Firstname	Club	Start#	ISPA#	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
SCHULZ, Axel	EIN	201	DE	640	887	267	530			2324
KRÖHLE, Erwin	ELS	202	DE	1360	54	1474	863			3751
SOPPART, Lydia	ELS	203	DE	1119	642	797	185			2743
EDER, Hansi	GEN	204	DE	437	997	677	572			2683
PULLIG, Angelika	GEN	205	DE	1075	1226	963	733			3997
PULLIG, Winfried	GEN	206	DE	1478	576	1070	863			3987
SAGLAM, Yahya	GEN	207	DE	982	1271	162	773			3188
HOLZER, Richard	OLD	208	DE	1198	1609	1199	1482			5488
WÜLLENWEBER, Georg	OYD	209	DE	988	1475	548	1553			4564
KRACK, Sven-Oliver	SLZ	210	DE	444	770	1136	1261			3611
EISENKOLB, Bernd	ZWI	211	DE	1348	1293	877	956			4474
HOFFMANN, Ina	ZWI	212	DE	931	729	857	906			3423

OVERSEAS:

Name, Firstname	Club	Start#	ISPA#	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
STEIGER, Josef	Australia	301	IN	719	1615	830	1138			4302
STILLGER, Wolfgang	Australia	302	IN	924	984	752	770			3430
ROMIRER, Dr. Ulrike	Austria	303	IN	1253	937	916	716			3822
SCHACHENREITER, Jürgen	Austria	304	IN	1305	1082	757	1272			4416
BLEICHNER, Frédéric	France	305	IN	1337	1228	1345	518			4428
BECK, Francois	France	306	IN	822	340	1155	730			3047
BINDER, Jean Louis	France	307	IN	673	483	1359	640			3155
LINGELSER, Etienne	France	308	IN	380	969	621	865			2835
NOWAK, Jan	Poland	309	IN	1369	1446	987	700			4502
ROTHER, Krzysztof	Poland	310	IN	959	784	1179	921			3843
SZATKOWSKI, Leszek	Poland	311	IN	1494	1232	1077	1529			5332
STEINHOF, Roman	Poland	312	IN	1130	931	1310	675			4046

UNITED STATES:

Name, Firstname	Club	Start#	ISPA#	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
THOMPSON, Kevin	CLE	401	US	849	921	485	962			3217
THOMPSON, William	CLE	402	US	429	753	1074	1184			3440
MOLESKI, Dr. Jeanette	CLE	403	US	398	442	317	674			1831
VOGELER, Chris	CLE	404	US	429	1049	918	979			3375
SNYDER, Shawn	DEL	405	US	729	1034	1012	865			3640
ANDERS, Alexander	HOU	406	US	1138	482	631	658			2909
KIVLIN, Mike	HOU	407	US	1732	914	874	613			4133
WEISS, Stephan	PHI	408	US	723	1041	506	537			2807
STEWIN, Hans	SEA	409	US	207	966	1287	929			3389
DeFINIS, Jay	STM	410	US	1377	300	569	518			2764
DANKEMEYER Frank	STM	411	US	474	930	771	493			2668
PAULY, Guenter	STM	412	US	845	908	1161	799			3713

Naturally, each nation produced a winner among themselves, for Canada that was the reigning Canadian Champion Kristina Huisman, for Germany Richard Holzer, for the Overseas team Leszek Szatkowski (Poland), and for the US Mike Kivlin.



Grand Prix

The Grand Prix started one round later than the Nations Cup, so both tournaments would finish around the same time. 82 participants competed in three rounds to determine the winner.

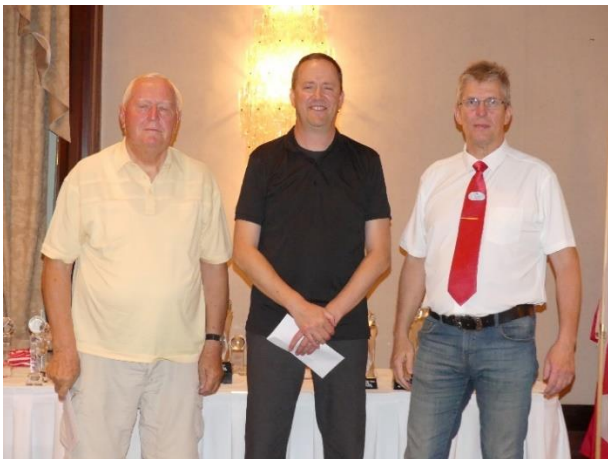
The first series was dominated by Mike Kivlin from Texas (1732) ahead of Karl Otto Hain from Germany (1588) and Jens Hemmann, also from Germany (1580).



Round two went to Horst Tanke from Vancouver (1898) ahead of Josef Steiger from Australia (1615), followed by Richard Holzer from Germany (1609).



In the final series of the Grand Prix, Thomas Lang from Ottawa was highest score (1573), followed by Bodo Enzenroß from Germany (1477), with Erwin Kröhle from Germany only a further 3 points behind (1474).



All points added from the three series revealed Karl Otto Hain as the Grand Prix winner with 4161 points. In second place was Andreas Traem, an Irish man living in Germany, with 4138 points, followed in third place by Richard Holzer with 4006 points.

The Grand Prix top three:



1. Karl Otto Hain (middle) 2. Alexander Traem (left) 3. Richard Holzer (right)

Here the Grand Prix top 25%:

Rang	Name	Serie GP 1	Serie GP 2	Serie GP 3	Gesamt:
1	Hain, Karl Otto	1588	1554	1019	4161
2	Tream, Andreas	1110	1571	1457	4138
3	Holzer, Richard	1198	1609	1199	4006
4	Bleichner, Frederic	1337	1228	1345	3910
5	Szatkowski, Leszek	1494	1232	1077	3803
6	Nowak, Jan	1369	1446	987	3802
7	Luz, Klaus	1382	1163	1139	3684
8	Enzenross, Bodo	1341	822	1477	3640
9	Tanke, Horst	609	1898	1091	3598
10	Hagen, Jutta	1291	1357	921	3569
11	Kivlin, Mike	1732	914	874	3520
12	Eisenkolb, Bernd	1348	1293	877	3518
13	Lang, Thomas	756	1177	1573	3506
14	Peschlow, Jorg	1324	716	1434	3474
15	Huismann, Kristina	1076	1265	1130	3471
16	Muehling, Stephen	1377	1221	813	3411
17	Ehret, George	1119	1347	939	3405
18	Steinhof, Roman	1130	931	1310	3371
19	Kunst, Dinah	1330	958	1074	3362
20	Heger, Joerg	1008	1291	986	3285
21	Pullig, Angelika	1075	1226	963	3264

Mixed, Tandem and Team Competition

Next highlight for the players after the Grand Prix and the Nations Cup was the excursion on Wednesday, which is covered at the end of this report.

As for the competition, the next highlight was completing day three and four in the singles tournament. The end of the 12th series was exciting for many players as the 12 rounds also completed the

Mixed, Tandem and Team competition. Players had the option to team up with a partner from the opposite sex in the Mixed Team competition, as a Tandem Team (any other partner) as well as forming a six-player team as a third option. All three options took the combined results of these teams from the first 12 series of the singles competition to crown the winners in each category.

Mixed Teams

In this game category, 17 entries were registered. After 12 rounds, the top three Mixed Teams were only 536 points apart. Team Euroskat.com, formed by Rosita Rodehüser and Georg Wüllenweber came out as the winner with 28931 points, followed by team Dr. Spielchen (Dr. Ulrike Romirer and Reinhold Wynands) with 28433 points and in third place team WM Versuch (Erika Suhling and Deni Lazicic) with 28395 points.

Below, the top three Mixed Teams with team Euroskat.com in the centre, team Dr. Spielchen to the left and team WM Versuch to the right:



The full results of the Mixed Teams:

1 Euroskat.com	1970	28931
2 Dr. Spielchen	2685	28433
3 WM Versuch	2645	28395
4 The Wondering Couple	2644	28007
5 Die Gillups	2507	27565
6 Team Gornet	2298	25561
7 Dreamteam	1725	25521
8 Lili + Leo	1594	24355
9 Garage Stars	2580	24286
10 The Dutch Connection	2078	24258
11 Team Winterpeg	2010	23738
12 Die Kofferlosen	1723	23275
13 The Dream Team	1706	22357
14 Team Genesis	879	21645
15 Hard Rock Cafe	1696	21061
16 Dazed and Confused	1965	20974
17 Tami + Axel	1067	20657

Tandem Teams

In the Tandem pairings, 22 entries were registered. The gaps were much larger, the top three teams spanned 3810 points. Team GE DE (Georg Wüllenweber and Deni Lazicic) won this category with 33124 points, followed by Team T. Lang & his Teacher (Thomas Lang, Reinhold Wynands, 30432) and Barb's Boys (Richard Holzer, Jürgen Steiner, 29314).

Here the top three Tandem Teams:



The full results of the Tandem Teams:

1 Team GE DE	3249	33124
2 T.Lang + his Teacher	1986	30432
3 Barb's Boys	2900	29314
4 Alberta Bros	2829	28517
5 Die Gillups	2507	27565
6 Hase + Elefant	2390	27493
7 ISPA-WORLD	3141	26952
8 FIS Zwickau	1898	26593
9 Genesis Tandem	1578	26368
10 Nowak/Szatkowski	2832	25502
11 Romme24.com	1163	25105
12 Ich kenn den net	2094	24825
13 Binder/Bleichner	1780	24446
14 Tabernak	1402	23710
15 Die Unbekannten	1915	22920
16 Statler + Waldorf	1587	22582
17 Table Dancers	2177	22170
18 The Art of Skat	3181	22038
19 Team Oberschlesien	2627	21119
20 Hard Rock Cafe	1696	21061
21 The Wild Hicks	1982	20745
22 Red Deer Boys	216	13656

Team Competition

There were 10 entries in the Team (Mannschaft) category. The winning team, ISPA WORLD & Freunde, managed to collect 80421 points, ahead of 2nd place Team Genesis (80073), followed by 3rd place team Skatlink.com (79782). Here are the top three teams:

Team Euroskat.com:



Back row from left:

Erwin Kröhle, Sven-Oliver Krack, Deni Lazic

Front row from left:

Rosita Rodehüser, Erika Suhling, Sabine König

Team Genesis:



From left:

Yahya Saglam, Ekkehard Krötzsch, Hansi Eder, Georg Wüllenweber, Angelika Pullig, Winfried Pullig

Team Skatlink.com:



From left:

Frank Zahn, Mike Buchmann, Ron Link, Kristina Huisman, Eric Luz, Mario Marek

The full results in the Teams category:

1 ISPA WORLD + Freunde	6783	80421
2 Team Genesis	6414	80073
3 Skatlink.com	7235	79782
4 Hagen International	6460	75812
5 The East meets the West	5579	74000
6 MONTREALERS	4565	65682
7 Team Heger	5803	65019
8 Skat Mavericks	5243	63121
9 The Ridder Family	5663	62559
10 The Skippers	3069	59203

Series Winners and Tagessieger (Daily Winners)

The prizes and trophies for series and daily winners were announced the day after each day was done but listed here together for a better overview.

Day	Series, Rank	Name	Score
August 13	1, Winner	Bernd Eisenkolb	2138
Day 1	1, Runner Up	Thomas Lang	2115
	1, 3 rd Place	Barb Eggers	1839
August 13	2, Winner	Georg Wüllenweber	1985
Day 1	2, Runner Up	Deni Lazicic	1935
	2, 3 rd Place	Tami Smith	1729
August 13	3, Winner	Richard Holzer	1702
Day 1	3, Runner Up	Frank Dankemeyer	1636
	3, 3 rd Place	Eric Luz	1606
August 13	D1, Winner	Georg Wüllenweber	4926
Day 1 Total	D1, Runner Up	Bernd Eisenkolb	4532
	D1, 3rd Place	Eric Luz	4396
August 14	4, Winner	Ron Link	1926
Day 2	4, Runner Up	Deni Lazicic	1636
	4, 3 rd Place	Reinhold Wynands	1543
August 14	5, Winner	Hansi Eder	1570
Day 2	5, Runner Up	Horst Hagen	1567
	5, 3 rd Place	Kurt Wehr	1550
August 14	6, Winner	Ron Link	1874
Day 2	6, Runner Up	Barbara Eggers	1698
	6, 3 rd Place	Michael Sommer	1601
August 14	D2, Winner	Ron Link	5036
Day 2 Total	D2, Runner Up	Deni Lazicic	4354
	D2 3rd Place	Barb Eggers	4338
August 16	7, Winner	Marco Pyroth	1922

Day 3	7, Runner Up	Erwin Kröhle	1891
	7, 3 rd Place	Deni Lazicic	1826
August 16	8, Winner	Richard Holzer	1768
Day 3	8, Runner Up	Thomas Lang	1719
	8, 3 rd Place	Deni Lazicic	1651
August 16	9, Winner	Winfried Pullig	2035
Day 3	9, Runner Up	Peter Baake	2005
	9, 3 rd Place	Jürgen Schmidt	1826
August 16	D3, Winner	Deni Lazicic	5126
Day 3 Total	D3, Runner Up	Kristina Huisman	4792
	D3 3rd Place	Thomas Lang	4730
August 18	10, Winner	Rosita Rodehüser	1955
Day 4	10, Runner Up	Eric Luz	1895
	10, 3 rd Place	Kristina Huisman	1708
August 18	11, Winner	Kevin Thompson	1768
Day 4	11, Runner Up	Hansi Eder	1728
	11, 3 rd Place	Jan Nowak	1685
August 18	12, Winner	Eve Dankemeyer	1759
Day 4	12, Runner Up	Erwin Kröhle	1732
	12, 3 rd Place	Ron Link	1725
August 18	D4, Winner	Jan Nowak	4125
Day 4 Total	D4, Runner Up	Frank Zahn	4095
	D4 3rd Place	Erwin Kröhle	3960
August 19	13, Winner	Kevin Thompson	1922
Day 5	13, Runner Up	Arno von Hacht	1831
	13, 3 rd Place	Thomas Vogel	1740
August 19	14, Winner	Hans-Jürgen Richters	1647
Day 5	14, Runner Up	Thomas Vogel	1643
	14, 3 rd Place	Frank Rodenhagen	1630
August 19	15, Winner	Gunter Jürgen Flath	1623
Day 5	15, Runner Up	Wolfgang Peschlow	1599
	15, 3 rd Place	Joerg Heger	1562
August 19	D5, Winner	Thomas Vogel	4307
Day 5 Total	D5, Runner Up	Hans-Jürgen Richters	4159
	D6, 3rd Place	Kevin Thompson	3984

The below pictures reflect the above table in numerical sequence, first series 1-15, then day1 through day 5.

Series Winners 1-15:



1. Bernd Eisenkolb, 2. Thomas Lang, 3. Barb Eggers



1. Ron Link, 2. Deni Lazicic, 3. Reinhard Wynands



1. Deni Lazicic, 2. Georg Wüllenweber, 3. Tami Smith



1. Hansi Eder, 2. Horst Hagen, 3. Kurt Wehr



1. Richard Holzer, 2. Frank Dankemeyer, 3. Eric Luz



1. Ron Link, 2. Barb Eggers, 3. Michael Sommer



1. Marco Pyroth, 2. Erwin Kröhle, 3. Deni Lazic



1. Rosita Rodenhüser, 2. Eric Luz, 3. Kristina Huisman



1. Richard Holzer, 2. Thomas Lang, 3. Deni Lazic



1. Kevin Thompson, 2. Hansi Eder, 3. Jan Nowak



1. Winfried Pullig, 2. Peter Baake, 3. Jürgen Schmidt



1. Eve Dankemeyer, 2. Erwin Kröhle, 3. Ron Link



1. Kevin Thompson, 2. Arno von Hacht, 3. Thomas Vogel



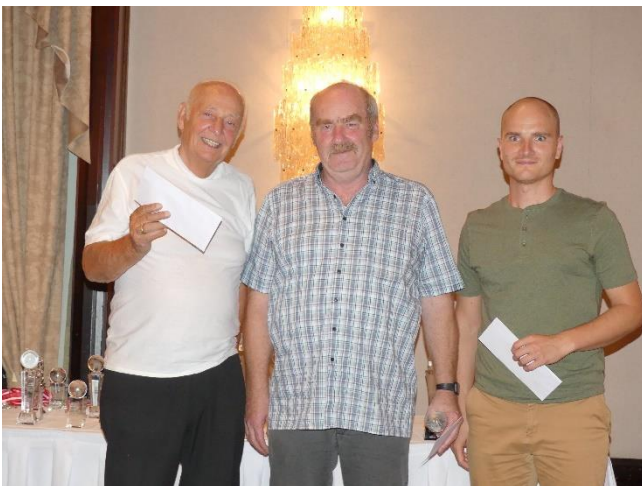
1. Georg Wüllenweber, 2. Bernd Eisenkolb, 3. Eric Luz



1. Hans-Jürgen Richters, 2. Thomas Vogel, 3. Frank Rodenhagen



1. Ron Link, 2nd Deni Lazicic, 3. Barb Eggers



1. Gunter Jürgen Flath, 2, Wolfgang Peschlow, 3. Jörg Heger



1. Deni Lazicic, 2. Kristina Huisman, 3. Thomas Lang

Daily Winner Day1 – Day 5:



1. Jan Nowak, 2. Frank Zahn, 3. Erwin Kröhle



1. Hans-Jürgen Richters, 2. Thomas Vogel, 3. Kevin Thompson

The completion of series 15 in the singles category on day 5 determined the final 16 players, who qualified themselves to play for the title of 2022 Skat World Champion. These final 16 were:



Back row from left:

Peter Baake, Reinhold Wynands, Erwin Kröhle, Deni Lazicic, Thomas Lang, Frank Zahn, Mario Marek, Jürgen Front row from left:

Arno von Hacht, Georg Wüllenweber, Eric Luz, Dr. Ulrike Romirer, Richard Holzer, Ron Link.

The standings of the final 16 after the 15th series were as follows:

Platz	Name, Verein oder Ort	Gesamt
1	Lazicic Deni,DSkV	18657
2	Lang Thomas,Ottawa Skat Club	17948
3	Pullig Angelika,Deutschland - Süd	17684
4	Steiner Jürgen,Deutschland - West	17670
5	Kröhle Erwin,Deutschland - Berlin	17095
6	Nowak Jan,Poland	17091
7	Zahn Frank,DSkV	17086
8	Wynands Reinhold,Deutschland - West	17065
9	Wüllenweber Georg,Deutschland - West	16790
10	Link Ron,Edmonton Spree Asse	16711
11	Baake Peter,DSkV	16606
12	Romirer Dr. Ulrike,Austria	16463
13	Holzer Richard,DSkV	16439
14	Luz Eric,Calgary Skat Club	16423
15	Marek Mario,DSkV	16303
16	Hacht von Arno,Winnipeg Skat Club	16283

The Final 16

On the last day of the tournament, these final 16 would be competing in five rounds to play for the title. After

Grand Ouvert

With a larger tournament, it can be expected that eventually someone will get a Grand Ouvert. What was not expected however is that the tournament produced four of these ultimate hands. Three of them were reported during the tournament, the last one was played during the Final 16 and reported after the tournament had completed. Here are the first three Grand Ouvert candidates:



The first was played by Anne Catherine Gauthier-Lamer, the second by Marco Pyroth, and the third by Deni Lazic. The fourth Grand Ouvert was played by Frank Zahn (no picture available).

Finally, the award pictures would not be complete if we did not display the celebration of the National Teams, led by Canada, followed by International, Germany and the United States in reverse order. Note that all teams had 12 members, for some reason one member of the US team was not available for the photo.

Bringing home the title of World Champion in the Nations competition on home soil is something very special and to be proud of. And that we are. The way the team came back from behind to pass, one by one, the competitors, was very special to watch, even if the editor was only able to witness this big win during entering the scores into the system.



This completes the account of the results of the 22nd Open World Championship. Naturally, there are many more stories that can be told, for instance the excursion to Fort Edmonton Park, the dinner evening at Paul's place etc. Instead of a verbal expression of these activities, I am simply pointing to the above photo share to let the pictures speak for themselves.

Gerd Reiner

Secretary and Editor, ISPA Canada

CLUB UPDATES

This section is meant to provide updates on how our Skat clubs in North America are doing. Given the somewhat short notice to the club presidents, this edition's club updates are somewhat sparse in this edition. The editor intends to re-establish standard newsletter dates again to enable the club presidents to provide timely updates for a spring, summer, fall and winter issue of the ISPA newsletter.

TORONTO / KITCHENER

Toronto as well as Kitchener do no longer have club facilities to go to currently. This circumstance however does not dampen the spirits of the Skat enthusiasts remaining in that region of Canada. Willi Koehnen shares that games are still being played, the players assemble in a rotating fashion at some player's residence. The last couple of months' games took place at Erwin Carl's residence, where six players competed in two rounds. Here the last results from August 20:

At Erwin Carl's Residence Friendly Games July-August 20							
Weekly Results							
Rank	Name (z* = Guest)	Start #	Paid	First Round	Second Round	Total	Prizes
1	Rausch, Thomas	21	10.00	1,600	1,077	2,677	35.00
2	Koenen, Willi	17	10.00	1,132	859	1,991	25.00
3	Carl, Erwin	34	10.00	796	758	1,554	-
4	Kamps, Hermann	15	10.00	333	985	1,318	-
5	Feld, Manfred	19	10.00	376	855	1,231	-
6	Reinke, Fred	7	10.00	463	664	1,127	-

Overall, there are a combined player list of 18 in the area, of which 14 have played this year. It is nice to see that the spirit of the game is still alive despite not having a club facility. The yearly standing for Toronto/Kitchener as follows:

2022 Date: 20-Aug-22 No: 7					
Year-to-date Results					
Rank	Name	Start #	Year-to-date Totals	No. of Weeks Played	Running 25 week Ave.
1	Koenen, Willi	17	12,457	6	498
2	Carl, Erwin	34	11,901	7	476
3	Rausch, Thomas	21	11,857	6	474
4	Reinke, Fred	7	11,037	7	441
5	Barta, Sigfrid	2	8,812	5	352
6	Feld, Manfred	19	8,429	7	337
7	Eggers, Barbara	6	8,104	4	324
8	Kamps, Hermann	15	6,606	4	264
9	Mandi, Sabine	12	6,126	4	245
10	Dietrich, Horst	5	2,904	2	116
11	Wehrenberg, Klaus	10	2,724	1	109
12	Steiner, Jürgen	8	2,693	1	108
13	Rischke, Harry	11	2,517	2	101
14	Mielitz, Wolfgang	1	2,212	1	88
15	Asbury, Mandi	23	-	-	-
16	Brinck, Konrad	3	-	-	-
17	Frank, Heidemarie	9	-	-	-
18	Polap, Adolf	36	-	-	-

Erwin is hosting one more game on the 27th of August, hoping for a good turnout. In addition, Heidi arranged a game in the Germania Park on August 25th to keep the Skat community going.

VANCOUVER

Erich Sedlacek from Vancouver sends his congratulations for a successful WM in Edmonton, mentioning Uwe Andresen's health condition. The editor spoke with Uwe the morning of August 27, and Uwe is back home and in good spirits and reasonable health condition after his surgery. Eric continues to share:

With Covid mainly behind us and our old venue, the VAC, having gone dormant due for demolition in the new year, we had to look for an alternate home until the new building is operational in about 2 or more years.

Luckily, we did find a place which was suitable to our needs and willing to host our events. The Army, Navy, and Airforce Club unit 26 on 49th & Fraser in Vancouver, not far from the VAC location is an ideal place and we had one Sunday and 3 Wednesday afternoon events since the begin of August. With everybody getting back into the rhythm again we hope to regain close to our old attendance of 10-15 player at our usual playing days.

All the best and Gut Blatt for the rest of the year and beyond.

Erich

RED DEER

After our ISPA tournament in June, the Red Deer Skat Club was busy finishing the new Biergarten area and the playground zone to improve our venue for the visitors of our Skat tournaments. Here a couple of pictures from what it looks now:



You may ask what a playground zone has to do with Skat, and the answer is really quite simple: We are trying to attract younger members to our club to secure our future. New families do on occasion also produce new Skat players...

On the topic of new Skat players, we can share that we currently have five new additions to our Skat club, who we are providing training sessions to in addition to welcoming them to our weekly play on Monday nights.

Besides the annual ISPA tournament beginning of June, Red Deer hosts the now already traditional LOTI tournament – the **Luck Of The Irish**, on the weekend nearest to St. Paddy's day. Recently, we also decided to introduce a fall tournament, for which we have yet to identify a suitable time slot on the calendar. The tentative date is Saturday, October 15, however that date does collide with players intending to travel to the North American & Masters tournament in

Hamilton starting October 17. We will provide more information once a date is confirmed.

EDMONTON

Kristina Huisman, President of the Edmonton Spree Asse Skat Club, provides the following update:

The Edmonton Spree Asse Klub is doing well.

We were so thrilled to host the World Championships! We had many members who worked very hard in making the event a success. We would like to give a special thank you to four of our members who truly went above and beyond. Uwe Weiss advocated fiercely for ISPA world and was able to obtain a beautiful venue and a \$40,000 grant to help offset costs of the event; Ron Link who was a liaison between Canada and ISPA WORLD to help create a fluid event; Paul Weber graciously hosted a BBQ at his house, which was a beautiful reprieve for many members who came; and finally, Trecia Link who worked with Fern Luz in helping to ensure that visitors and wives of skat members were able to experience our beautiful country! Our club is looking forward to the next world championship in Poland and are already looking into fundraising events for those who want to attend.

Our club continues to actively teach and seek new member involvement. We work hard with new members to understand the game at the basic level and teach them strategy. If you are bringing new members to the game, we encourage them to seek out the SKAT the Ultimate Card Game page on Facebook where we post about upcoming tournaments and hands that have stumped players.

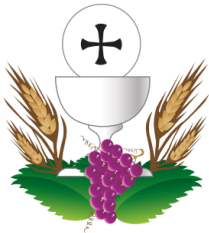
We look forward to the many upcoming tournaments and meeting with all of you soon.

Gut Blatt!

This concludes the available Club updates for this edition of the ISPA newsletter. Kindly note that for the last newsletter this year, the **deadline to submit updates from your clubs is December 1, 2022.**

The editor encourages all Skat Clubs in North America to share their stories through the newsletter!

ORBITUARIES



Deceased Members

For God so loved the world
that he gave his only one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Finally, this newsletter and subsequent newsletter editions acknowledge the death of our dear members of our Skat clubs and the larger Skat community. It is always sad having to say goodbye to the loved ones whose company we enjoyed so many years and who have promoted this our game and the companionship that it comes with.

These past years' deceased members who were reported, are:

2018:

- + Theodore Schmidt, Kelowna, BC
- + Herbert Ott, Kelowna, BC
- + Hans Sigmund, Vancouver, BC
- + Gerhard Roehrig, Newmarket, ON
- + Fred Kroos, Montreal, QC
- + Hubert Fiene, Montreal, QC
- + Joerg Hummel, Santa Monica, CA
- + Daniel Sommerfeld, Montreal QC
- + Manfred Pielorz, Hamilton, ON
- + Ed Makarenko, Red Deer, AB

2019:

- + Rainer Walter Triebe, Ottawa, ON
- + Guenter Pittelkau, Kelowna, BC
- + Peter Haller, Winnipeg, MB
- + Marsha Clarke, Ottawa, ON

2020:

- + Klaus Patommel, Kitchener, ON
- + Helmut Wolters, Edmonton, AB
- + Alfred Steppuhn, Kelowna, BC
- + Trudy Kunst, Winnipeg, MB

2021:

- + Hagen Staudt, Olds, AB
- + Bernie Krebsbach, Fond Du Lac, WI
- + Erhard Kempf, Kelowna, BC
- + Juergen Max Janke, Hamilton, ON
- + Karl-Ludwig Schultz, Newark, NJ
- + Gerold Gassmann, Toronto, ON
- + Gord Eckel, Saskatoon, SK

2022:

- + Richard Meyer, Hamilton, ON

Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families and friends.

May they all rest in peace!

Gerd Reiner

Secretary and Editor, ISPA Canada on behalf of all ISPA Executives