

International Tankard
Mission Granite Club
March 19-22 2004

The International Tankard is an annual event with the Pacific Coast Curling Association and the Washington State Curling Association hosting a friendly competition involving six teams from each group. This year the PCCA included a Life Members team and the WSCA included a team from the Mountain Pacific region. This event has become a tradition with the two associations and consists of a series of 5 draws, a total of 18 games and social events focused on the spirit of curling.

This year the Mission Granite Club hosted the International Tankard. The theme was Hawaiian and on the Friday Night the participants were greeted at the door with a lei'd as they entered the lounge. Refreshments and munchies aka puapua's were served.



Saturday's first draw saw the WSCA jump out to an early lead by winning 3 games out of 4. At 11 o'clock the official Opening Ceremonies were conducted, with the participants piped onto the ice, along with the Royal Canadian Legion Colour Guard, and RCMP carrying the Tankard.



Kenny Hess, Mission's own Country & Western Recording Artist sang both national anthems. (<http://www.kennyhess.com/>). We had speeches by Mayor Abe Neufeld, PCCA Representative Wayne Braun, WSCA Representative Phil Draper and Mission Granite Club President Shirley Olson.

Competitions continued at 11:30 and again at 2:30. The standings at the end of the third draw were WSCA $6\frac{1}{2}$ PCCA $5\frac{1}{2}$. (One game was a tie.)

In keeping with the Hawaiian theme, everyone was treated to a delicious banquet Saturday night, the array of dishes were completed by ham and pineapple along with Polynesian chicken.

Master of Ceremonies, Lorne Rockwell, conducted the evening, with sisters June McDonald and Moira Rockwell providing a skit for the entertainment.

Sunday morning, the participants for the 4th draw, were treated to a Tim Horton's coffee and a selection of bagels, donuts and muffins.

At the end of this draw the standings were tied WSCA $7\frac{1}{2}$ and PCCA $7\frac{1}{2}$.

The final draw saw the PCCA win all 3 games to win the International Tankard. The Tankard was presented to Wayne Braun, PCCA Representative by Club President Shirley Olson.



Phil Draper, WSCA Representative has invited the next year's participants to the Seattle Granite Club for the 2005 International Tankard.

A fond farewell concluded another great tournament by everyone singing Auld Lange Syne.

The Host Committee wishes to thank everyone including club members for making this a successful event.

Host Committee Members

Shirley Olson

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