

Curlers enter World Crokinole championships in Tavistock

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You may have played crokinole as a past-time but four local people took it to a whole new level when they took part in the World Crokinole Championship in Tavistock.

The World Championships have been held on the first Saturday of June in Tavistock since 1999. Tavistock was chosen to host the games because it was the home of the first person to make a crokinole board and essentially create the game.

There are several divisions at the championships ranging from junior players 6 to ten years old, right up experience adult level players.

Local players, Kathi Fisher, Dave McCormick, Damir Kamenski, and Darren Carr, got their shooting fingers into shape with lots of practice and winning a local competition before heading to the big time at the world championships.

All members of the Shelburne Curling Club, the four started playing two years ago when they brought their boards to the club as a fun social game after curling.

After two of the members entered a local crokinole tournament and won, things got serious.

They hosted an inaugural Croki-Spiel on March 30. With 16 teams battling it out in fierce competition, in a round-robin style tournament, four teams moved to the playoffs with Kathi and Damir claiming the championship.

With one championship behind them, they decided to take on the world in Tavistock.

Wearing their bright green team t-shirts, the foursome entered the fray of international competition.

At the end of the day, Darren Carr took home \$300 in prize money from the Recreational Singles division and Dami Kamenski came out lucky with a WCC crokinole board in the prize draw.

The team still has a year to get ready for next year's world competition.