

## MBAS PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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Membership numbers for the organization have appeared to stabilize. Although we lost a number of members, we have been successful in recruiting a similar number. We still have the third highest number of members across the country.

The tournament entry forms are now online with a deadline of March 10<sup>th</sup>. We are now able to accept etransfers for entry fees, banquet tickets and, as well, the participation fee, if required. Cheques are still acceptable as well, however, entry forms still need to be mailed or emailed to Leesa and funds transferred by the due date.

The SAGM will be held at the Four Points Sheraton, 503 Cope Way, Saskatoon at 9 A.M. on Sat. March 16<sup>th</sup>., and the banquet will be at Eastview Bowl at 3 P.M. on Sun. March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Elections this year will be for Vice President, Division Reps and the odd numbered Zone Reps, all 2 year terms, beginning Aug.1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

At the recent MBAC/AGM, Tim Hooper from Manitoba was elected as the Vice President. We reviewed

our tournament rules and regulations, modernizing the terminology to keep it current with today's reality, and outlining how or what actions would be taken should issues arise concerning withdrawals and emergency spares.

We also had a delegation from the Maritime Provinces meet with us inquiring about the possibility of them joining the MBAC and participating in the National Championships. Their proposal was positively accepted and a committee has been formed to continue discussions with them, hopefully to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Nationals this year will be held in Gatineau, Que., with a Star Wars theme. They will be using the same hotel as in 2011, Ramada Plaza Manior du Casino, with Opening Ceremonies and Quebec Night taking place under the big top. Closing ceremonies and the awards banquet will be held at the Hilton Lac Leamy, just next to the casino.

Guest packages will be \$160.00.

Souvenirs will be predominately online and pre-order.

The contingent will be flying out on June 28<sup>th</sup> and returning on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

MBAS President  
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