

It was a great weekend in Maple Creek Saskatchewan for the 2022 Provincials Play Down. It was awesome to be able to gather once again and showcase our youth's talent and be able to visit with old and new friends. Thanks to the Maple Creek Zone, their Legion, Jamie Sheppard (Maple Creek's youth director) and the various volunteers and parents who helped make this year a great success. All the youth played well, had fun and displayed great sportsmanship. Our provincials were held in February 19 and 20 and we saw 13 youth participate. The Senior boys represented the most competitors having 7 registered for the weekend.

Junior girls featured 3 competitors and taking first was Shanae Johnstone from Prince Albert. In second place came Thary Stephanson from Saskatoon. Earning the Alternate spot is Maple Creek's Aurora Lasante. Both Shanae and Aurora are in their first year of playing. Way to go girls!

Junior boys had 2 players both from the Maple Creek zone. Coming in first was Greg Kmeicik and placing second was William Francis. William is also in his first year of darts. Greg shot one of the 180s that was seen during this weekend of play. They both played well, great job guys!

In Senior girls we had one competitor, Shaukeena McKay who took home the winner's cup. She definitely represented herself well during the weekend and was a great ambassador for darts. Way to go Shaukeena!

For Senior boys, there was the most competitors and they all played well. Coming in first this year was Joshua Adrian of Nipawin. It was one point difference separating first and second place and it was Matthew Sheppard from Maple Creek who took this spot! The alternate spot was earned by Jaden English on Saskatoon. Joshua also shot a 171 and a 180 during the weekend of play. Way to go guys!

As usual the players were asked to vote for the male and female sportsmanship awards. This year the honour of this title went to Matthew Sheppard of Maple Creek and Thary Stephanson from Saskatoon. You both deserved this title! Great sportsmanship was definitely featured by all the youth during this year's event as they are all great kids!

Congrats to those who made the team and to all the others who played well and continued to increase their skill throughout the 2 long days. It was great to see new players and lots of familiar faces and it was a welcomed change given the last couple of years!

Thanks to all the parents who took the weekend and travelled down to support their children! They could not do it without you!

Sincerely,

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