



# BC HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOB MCCAULEY

I would like to acknowledge and commend our executive members for their dedication over the past year.



Brian Ryder - Secretary/Treasurer  
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In our horseshoe world, BC had representation at the World Tournament in Lansing this year: June Lazenby, Ken Bradley, Pat and Dick Stevens, Wei Xiao and myself. Likewise, at the Canadian Horseshoe Championships we were well represented having eleven of our members who traveled to Guelph for that event.

On the national front, there have been some changes to the executive of Horseshoe Canada. Tom Moffat of the Victoria Club is now President of Horseshoe Canada. Mike Holley is the new VP. Lia Snell, Mary Holley, and Jane Cordingly remain in their positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Director respectively.

Horseshoe Canada took a bold step last year when they decided to switch to E-shoe for recording tournament results and individual players stats. To date this has proved beneficial with no glitches in the transition. It is good to be ranked on an international scale.

In local developments, many of our BC competitive members are very excited about the upcoming national and international tournaments. These will be held nearby and in sequence which will make it convenient for travel. These are the Western Canadians (Abbotsford), the Canadians (Abbotsford), the Worlds (Kennewick, Washington). Many of our members are already making plans and travel arrangements. This enthusiasm is great to see!

For the BCHA our big event will be the Canadians in Abbotsford in July. I say for BCHA because I believe that although the Abbotsford Club is hosting this event, all of our BC Clubs should be supporting it in some way. Abbotsford is not alone! We should all work together to showcase BC in a total effort. Each of our clubs should be thinking of ideas of how to help. When the time comes they will need score keepers, fund raising, participation, and helping out wherever there is a need. This will be a wonderful opportunity to compete on a national level for all of our members who have only been to local tournaments. Let's get involved!

In conclusion I would like to wish all of our members across BC all the best in the upcoming fall horseshoe season. May all your jokes be zingers and all your shoes be ringers!

Bob McCauley  
 President  
 BC Horseshoe Association

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### PLEASE NOTE:

**BCHA would like to advise all members to expect an increase in BCHA fees next year from \$22 to \$25**





## EDITOR'S NOTES

JUNE LAZENBY

It has been a long and busy summer on the horseshoe circuit...we travelled to Lansing, Michigan and Guelph, Ontario for the biggest tournaments this year. What an experience the Worlds were - playing in clay for the first time, watching the truly great players pitch, and meeting folks from all over North America that share our love of horseshoes.

With the biggest news of all being that the Worlds for 2024 will be held in Kennewick, Washington - practically in our own backyards. The dates are July 29 to August 10, 2024 and with the Western Classic and Canadians in Abbotsford just preceding those dates, it strings together for a great road trip! See the article further in this Newsletter - The Worlds - What You Need to Know for more information.

Sponsor information is still welcome at any time and please feel free to send any pictures of events, tournament results, social gatherings, and in memoriam notices - anything you would like to share with our horseshoe family - to me at [brekitabuddy@shaw.ca](mailto:brekitabuddy@shaw.ca). I don't have a publishing schedule as of yet but the more info I have, the more newsletters that will be published.

Cheers,

June

## EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CANADIANS AND WESTERN CANADA CLASSIC

<https://abbotsfordhorseshoeclub.ca/canadians-july-2024>

### GOVERNMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY

If your club has big expenses for maintenance or renovations, check out this link - <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/new-horizons-seniors.html#> it is about grants for organizations that promote senior activities, particularly ones that integrate with the rest of the community - this year's deadline has just passed, so be sure to look into it for the coming year.

## THE WORLDS - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Attending the Worlds for the first time was an interesting experience - everyone has to have a first time, right? The NHPA does a fabulous job with everything, they have done it time and again and have it all down to a fine art - things are organized, they mostly run on time, and they are on top of everything. But there was a lot that we didn't understand when we got there for the first time...

First off, there are more classes than we are used to in our own tournaments. There are the usual 40-foot groups for men, but there is also a Senior Men's category at 40-feet. Same goes with the women's groups, and there is also a Senior Ladies category. This past year there were A, B, and C groups for the Senior Ladies and the regular ladies had 9 categories. The Elders are just what you would expect, but with groups from A to K. For all classes, depending on the size of the registration, each group can have two sub-groups, think A1 and A2, and you can "win" whichever group you are in. And then there are Juniors and PeeWees. There are 15 players in each group, and you will play 4-5 games a day, playing everyone once over three days.

You will have your schedule weeks in advance of the tournament and you will know exactly who you are playing against and what day and time that you will play. If you want to research your competition, grab yourself a coffee and sit down with e-shoes. This information is pretty much written in stone - if folks drop out, they will fill spots with pacers, even right up to the last minute. Pacers get paid so if you think you would like to do that and get some extra practice in the clay, go for it!

There is a set format for the two-week time period for the overall tournament. Monday to Friday of the first week is divisional group play for the lower groups - think E through K in some cases, men and women, and the Juniors and Cadets. There are four shifts each day - 8:00 am, 11:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM. That means 3 hours between shifts so you play very efficiently - remember that 30 second rule to play both shoes? It is alive and well here so time yourself and see what it feels like - it is longer than you think.

The Saturday night of the first week is set aside for the Hall of Fame and Awards banquet. The awards are NOT for horseshoe play taking place at the tournament. They are NHPA service awards and Hall of Fame inductions only, but there is a lovely dinner and drinks and social time if you are so inclined. The cost for the banquet was approximately \$30 US.

Sunday there is no tournament play. The NHPA provides an all-faith service on Sunday and all the pits are available for practice. You can only practice on the practice pits other than this, and there are only six of those. There will be off-site practice somewhere in town with clay pits - the Lansing Horseshoe Club had a lovely outdoor venue available to the participants this year, we tried it out but I'm not sure that many took advantage of it.

Starting on Monday of the second week, play picks up again with the higher classes and continues until the end of day on Wednesday. If you want to watch Allan Francis play, this will be your chance 😊.

Championship flight play begins on Thursday. You have to be in the top 16% of ringer percentages to play in this group, and it costs an additional \$50US to play. This is the real “world championship” play - if you place in your division, you are a “divisional winner” not a world champion.

As soon as your division has finished playing, your prizes are awarded. There will be a room somewhere in the venue for this purpose where pictures of all the winners are taken. In many cases, they pay up to 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 15 competitors. Pictures are taken of all 6 winners, then just the first 3 who receive a trophy in addition to their cheque, then the winner alone is photographed with the big trophy.

When you book your accommodations for this event, be clear about your plans. Be aware that if you stay beyond the second Wednesday, you are likely a spectator only paying for an extra three nights' accommodation. If you did well and won in your division, you already have your prize so check the cancellation policy for your hotel. We were able to cancel the last three days of our reservation with a couple of days' notice but not all venues will do that.

Next Edition: Playing in Clay Pits, Scorekeeping, and World Tournament Etiquette

## WORLD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Our very own BC girl, Wei Xiao, took second place in the Ladies F Division, losing only to another Canadian, Cathy Cannell, from Ontario.

Canadian Girls Rock!





The entire delegation from BC - Bob McCauley, Wei Xiao, Ken Bradley, June Lazenby, Pat Stevens and Dick Stevens - all from Victoria Horseshoe Club.

## CANADIANS RESULTS



Participants were piped into the venue - BC first because they will be holding the tournament next year.



Lindsay Hodgins was inducted into the BC Horseshoe Association Hall of Fame.



Tony Mitchell from Abbotsford was second in the Men's Elders F.



Linda Mitchell from Abbotsford was third in Ladies F.



Wei Xiao won second place in the Ladies B division.



Brian Leo from Abbotsford won second place in the Elders B division.



Tom Moffat was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Elders A division with Bob McCauley third.

# RESULTS FROM THE BC CHAMPIONSHIPS



Men's A  
1st - Parri Kirk 2nd - Tony Rondow



Men's B  
1st - Spence McCalla 2nd - Scott Hall  
3rd - Claude Cliche



Ladies A  
1st - Nicole Dabney 2nd - Val Carriere  
3rd - Joy deVocht



Ladies B  
1st - Catheryn Rogers 2nd - June Lazenby  
3rd - Heather McArthur



Ladies C

1<sup>st</sup> - Linda Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Kirk  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Marlene Hargreaves



Ladies D

1<sup>st</sup> - Linda Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jackie Parker  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Cindy Halls



Elders A

1<sup>st</sup> - Bob McCauley 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tom Moffat  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Jerry Melissa



Elders B

1<sup>st</sup> - Ron Fleet 2<sup>nd</sup> - Brian Leo  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Barry deVocht



Elders C

1st - Ron Dumont 2nd - Lance Whitworth  
3rd - Jim Grant



Elders D

1st - Ken Bradley 2nd Dennis Umpleby  
3rd - Marcel Pinette



Elders E

1st - Jack Dabney 2nd - O'Neil Allard  
3rd - Tony Mitchell

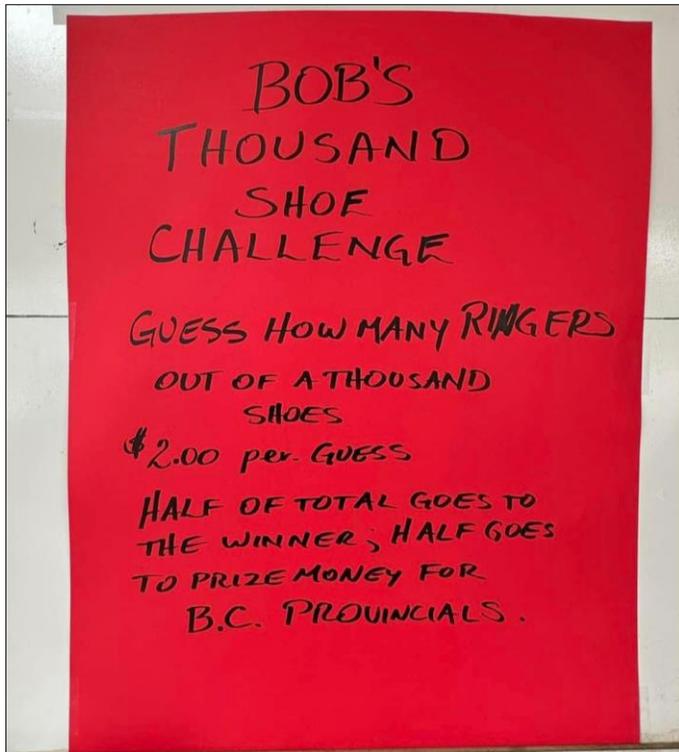


Elders F

1st - Phil Overhill 2nd - Brian Ryder  
3rd - Edward Beaubien



There was a minor protest over the results of the Ladies C...



Bob McCauley set up a fundraiser to assist with the prize money for the BC Championships. He threw 1000 horseshoes at various locations on his trip to the Canadians and World Championships. The last 100 shoes were pitched on Friday night at the BCs. The winner was Steve Holden who correctly guessed that Bob would pitch 679 ringers out of the 1000 shoes.

**IN MEMORIAM****DOROTHY BUTTS**

Island Horseshoe players lost a very famous member this past spring: Dorothy Butts. Many BCHPA members do not know the important role Dorothy played in making the game of horseshoes so enjoyable for all!

Dorothy is a member of Horseshoe Canada's Hall of Fame - a very deserved award! She attended numerous Canadian Championship Tournaments and served in many executive positions as well.

While she did not participate as a player often, she supported her husband, the late Gordon Butts who took part as a player several times. She also kept score and hosted many social events both at the pits or their motorhome camp site. She had an exquisite singing voice and could play the guitar as good as any!

Over the years she was instrumental in bringing the Canadian Championships to the Victoria Horseshoe Club at Glanford Park and went far beyond the call of duty to make the Club's facility the best in Canada.

After her recent move to Sooke, she and Gordon became founding members of the newly formed Sooke Horseshoe Pitching Association.

I will miss her smiling face and welcoming personality!  
Jerry Melissa

## PATTI "BAM BAM" JOHNSON



It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of Patti Johnson's sudden passing in early August. Patti was a cherished and long-standing member of the Victoria Horseshoe Club, and her absence will be deeply felt by all of us. From her cheery call for 50/50 tickets to a hearty Bam Bam when she threw a six pack, she reminded us all of the joys of throwing horseshoes.

To honor Patti's life, a special memorial event to remember her and her contributions to our club was held in September and attended by innumerable friends and family.

We extend our deepest condolences to Patti's family and friends. May they find strength and solace in the love and support of our horseshoe club community.



**CLUB NEWS - ABBOTSFORD**

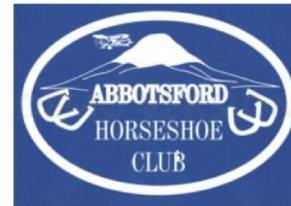
The date for this event has passed but the Abbotsford Club wanted to share this idea with our horseshoe family - it was supported financially by their Community and brought out over 100 participants! Follow this link to pictures from the event <https://abbotsfordhorseshoeclub.ca/past-events-1>

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**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**

**Starting at 3PM till Approximately 7PM**

**A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

**BARBECUE**

**LESSONS**

**FUN!**

Barbecue will begin at 4pm until 5:30pm or while supplies last. Come early and enjoy some music, meet our mascot Magnus, and learn how to pitch Horseshoes from our group of volunteers.



Saturday, September 16th, 3pm till 7pm



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*"This project received financial assistance from the City of Abbotsford, Vancouver Foundation, and Abbotsford Community Foundation through the Neighborhood Small Grants Fund, a project that encourages neighborhoods to create positive social connection and build community strength"*

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**CLUB NEWS - CLOVERDALE**

We hope all BC Horseshoe Pitchers are doing well.

At Cloverdale our year has been extra busy with our pit rebuild and the leveling of the back pit area. The invasion of the blackberry bushes has been a losing project so far.

Our tournaments have gone well and we have one coming up on October 15 - the Fall Open.

The Under the Lights tournament had to be cancelled as the lights are not working and we will be replacing all 20 with newer technology in time for the 2024 session.

Our school program has returned to normal this year and we have 4 dates left when we will be hosting 100 twice.

Our Club Championship and Social Evening happens on September 30th, then we enter our off-season events until next year.

Lastly the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club will be hosting the BC Championship in 2024. We are extremely pleased to be chosen and will do our best to make it another tournament to remember. This will be our 4th since 2010.

Jim Grant  
Cloverdale Horseshoe Club

## **BC HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE IS LIVE**

**Join the new official Facebook page today!**

**To leave the old group, click the arrow beside “Joined” and choose “leave group” to stop seeing posts and end notifications from the group.**

**If you are joining the group for the first time, be sure to choose BC HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL.**

## CLUB NEWS - CENTRAL PARK

After almost 4 years, Central Park Horseshoe Club held their first tournament on July 30. It was a great success because of member participation. We had 3 players come from the Island which was greatly appreciated.

Our fun day was held on Saturdays with several members attending and we also set up the cornhole boards to enjoy.

Our second tournament was the Lower Mainland Championship held on September 17 was even bigger with 36 entries. The weather was cool in the morning but gradually warmed up in the afternoon and the rain held off until after we were done. All in all, I believe everyone had a good tournament.



So now we are looking forward to wrapping up the season sometime in October with a small meeting to discuss what we can do to help build the club stronger for next year.

I would like to mention we have some new members and we are looking forward to getting them more involved so they are ready to play in some tournaments next year.



A group of 10 horseshoe players from Abbotsford, Cloverdale & Central Park ventured to Bellingham, WA on August 19th & 20th to participate in the Bellingham International Tournament. The tournament was a great success with several BC players finishing in the top 3. Heidi Haraga from Abbotsford pitched a 65% for the tournament.

On that note it was great to see all the members from all the clubs out throwing horseshoes and keeping this game we love alive.

Thank You  
Allan Cummings

**CLUB NEWS - PORT ALBERNI**

From the Alberni Valley News September 20, 2023...

Father-daughter team from Port Alberni was in Victoria over Labour Day for provincial tournament



[Susie Quinn](#)

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Jack Dabney and his daughter, Nicole Dabney, celebrate their individual victories at the 2023 B.C. Horseshoe Championships in Victoria over Labour Day. (PHOTO COURTESY NICOLE DABNEY)

Nicole Dabney and her father, Jack Dabney, are provincial horseshoe champions after winning their respective divisions at the B.C. finals in Victoria over Labour Day weekend. The Dabneys are from Port Alberni and practice at the Dry Creek horseshoe club.

Nicole won the Women's A division with a 9-1 record, and pitched nine percent above her average. She finished the B.C. Horseshoe Association championships with a 50.64 percent ringer average, giving her an overall average of 48 percent.

"I was quite excited to go," said Nicole, who finished third in B.C. in 2021 when the finals were in Abbotsford. "This is my first time winning ladies since I was a junior."

Nicole won a junior girls title in 2011, Junior Girls B in 2014 and Junior Girls A in 2015.

Nicole is in her 17th year playing horseshoes: she started when she was eight years old. She said she had a pair of good games during the tournament—one at 60 percent ringer average and one at 58.4 percent. The highest percentage of the weekend was 61 percent by one of the top competitors.

"I made sure I didn't let any external things bother me," Nicole said. "I learned to tweak how I was throwing; slow down."

The 2023 B.C. championships were Jack's first since before the coronavirus pandemic. He qualified in 2021 but a health emergency right before the provincials prevented him from competing.

Jack beat O'Neil Allard in a playoff to win the Elders E division. Allard had a 37 pitching percentage, which was the top of the division, but Jack managed to beat him on the second day of competition. That forced the playoff, and Jack won the final game.

The Dabneys are already looking ahead to next year's provincials, to be held in Cloverdale, as well as the world championships coming to Abbotsford. "I plan to go to those two," Nicole said.

Anyone curious about playing horseshoes can join club members on Wednesdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. at Dry Creek Park.

**Editor's Note: The article has been printed verbatim. We all know that it is the Canadians and not the Worlds that will be held in Abbotsford in 2024.**

**NHPA WORLD HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT  
JULY 29 - AUGUST 10, 2024  
TRI-CITIES, WASHINGTON  
INFORMATION ABOUT HOST CITY AND  
ACCOMMODATIONS**

**<https://www.visittri-cities.com/nhpa/>**

**CLUB NEWS - SOOKE**

Sooke has had a fantastic year with lots of good things happening for our club.

We have water!

We have our own dedicated parking!

We are working very hard on getting shelters over our pits for year-round play.

On top of all of this, the Sooke Club held three very successful tournaments this year - in May we held our first Mixed Doubles Tournament, then in July we hosted the Powell River/Island Championships, and finally in August, our annual Butts/Bligh tournament.

We could not do any of these things without the help of the dedicated members and an amazing executive.

Hope to see you all soon - thank you to all who support our club.

Sooke Horseshoe Pitching Association

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**SOOKE HORSESHOE CLUB  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 16, 2023  
AT THE SOOKE LEGION  
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## CLUB NEWS - VERNON

Vernon and the entire Okanagan area had a very difficult summer with the wildfire situation. Due to fires in every direction, heavy smoke advisories, travel restrictions and landslides blocking the highway for long periods of time, tournament play was suspended for this year.

Our thoughts are with all our Okanagan horseshoe family as they recover from this challenging time and we hope to see them back at the pitches soon.

## CLUB NEWS - VICTORIA

The most prominent event that we held this summer was the B.C. Championships that we hosted on September 2 and 3. All reports on its success were complimentary if not glowing. This was largely due to two factors: the knowledge and experience of the organizers and the dedication of our volunteers that selflessly carried out the many tasks that were required. Tom Moffat, our tournament director did an amazing job in developing the schedules and keeping everyone on track with the help of his assistants. Sante likewise whipped the facility into shape to welcome our some 60 plus pitchers, with the assistance of our dedicated helpers who may or may not have been further motivated by Tim's donuts!

The event was rounded out by a rousing session of Ultra-Horseshoes on Saturday accompanied by our newly discovered local band, The 3 Bits Worth.

In addition to the attendance of members to various tournaments both locally and internationally, our regular summer league carried on as per usual. We had about 55 players throughout the season including our friends from the Sooke club who add so much to the interest and excitement of our "friendly" competition.

Looking forward, many of our members are planning their travel to the Canadians and the Worlds next summer. With these prestigious tournaments in such close proximity we are looking at this as a great opportunity to witness and participate in a level of competition that is rarely available. Not only that, but we have some serious contenders right here in our club! Getting stronger.....!!

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From the Victoria Club, we would like to wish all our like-minded Horseshoe fanatics all the best for the fall shoulder season and into the New Year!

Bob McCauley  
President

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**2023 AWARDS BANQUET**

**OCTOBER 14 SATURDAY** Happy Hour 5:00-6:00pm  
 Dinner 6:00-7:00pm  
 Awards 7:00-8:00pm  
 Party Time 8:00-10:00pm !

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