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We finished our usual tournaments and we consider it to be a successful year. We continued with our regular practices on Monday and Wednesday and got a good turnout through the fall.

For our appreciation dinner which has always been a Chinese buffet we decided to have a steak and chicken barbeque lots of salads and desserts. The chefs Don and Ken with their helpers did a terrific job. It was a nice change that was enjoyed by all. After the dishes were done we played some trivia games.



Our practices continued until Christmas but were put on hold when the snow hit. The ice storm that followed really made a mess with trees down all around the pits but luckily we only got a few trees over the fences.

Some of our members took advantage of the bad weather and built an island serving counter in our kitchen. It looks great. We have never had much luck with card nights so we will wait for spring and just have B.S. sessions on practice days in the mean while.

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From the Editors Desk – Sam Tomasevic

Welcome to 2018, hope you are ready to pitch horseshoes.

This edition of the ringer round up is being produced in 2 sections. One section with articles and the 2nd section will have entry forms and other pertinent information on major events as well as our 2018 schedule.

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President report - Tom Moffat

This year so far has brought a perspective to my mind about the sport of horseshoes. Two members of our association have passed away Dale Bauer and Gord Butts. I have met both of these fine men through the sport of horseshoes. If I didn't join playing horseshoes, I would not have known them or enjoyed their company and laughed and shared life with them. It is what sports is all about. We compete in a game but while doing that we enjoy each others company and share the ups and downs of life. I am so glad just for this reason that I play horseshoes. I think of all the people I have met and have gotten to know around this province of BC.

As an executive of BC Horseshoe Association we have kept in contact during the winter and discussed ways to organize our sport for the following year. Each one of us has tasks that we do to keep us organized serving the members. I would like to thank Sam for his tireless work getting sponsors for the raffles at our major tournaments. And Brian that keeps our financial books and keeps us on budget. Tony has organized our cash raffle draw and filled out government forms so we can hold this fundraiser. Lorraine and Juanita have helped in the distribution of the tickets. And myself I have been organizing our membership numbers too keep them straight and give clubs new numbers for new members.

We have also discussed some ideas to excite you the membership for the coming season. Some Ideas don't come to fruition, while others you will see in the future



Horseshoes as you all know have had some lean years with numbers declining. Each year we lose members and get a few new ones join. But we are starting to see people getting excited about bringing new players into the sport. The executive can only do so much to help membership grow. But all the members are the ones that can

bring about that growth the sport needs in the future. Only you can bring your friends to play , only you can advertise in your circle of friends , only you can help this sport grow . Lets all continue to invite our friends to play, but don't just invite them, maybe drive them to the courts , because we all know once there they enjoy playing the game. If you just invite them most of the time they wont make it. Most of us started this game because someone took us aside and showed us how to play. You are that person.

Support your local club with coming out and helping in work parties, tournaments and fundraisers. Support the clubs in your region by going to their tournaments and in turn they come to yours. Lastly I would encourage all players to try and make it to the BC International and the BC Championships this year. These tournaments are what hold our BC organization together. Come be a part of it. Enjoy the upcoming season. I will see you on the courts.

NEW FOR 2018 BC INTERNATIONAL OPEN



The BC Horseshoe Association is inviting you to come to our first major of 2018, the BC International.

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SALMON ARM HORSESHOE CLUB – AMY KIDD

Salmon Arm is celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2018. Plans are underway for something special at our August tournament. During the winter, our members are kept busy with various activities - bowling, curling, darts, pool, and cards, however, it has been a long winter, and we are looking forward to see the end of the snow and cold. There is a huge pile of snow covering our parking lot, which will have to be removed before our May tournament, as I am sure it will not be all melted.

At the end of 2017, we received notice that horseshoes, along with carpet bowling and table tennis (which are sports that older seniors take part in) are not included in the 2018 Sr. Games. We have let our displeasure be known.

The executive met on Feb. 28th to review the schedule and discuss upcoming events. We are looking forward to the start of the 2018 schedule - getting out in the warmer, fresh air and renewing old acquaintances and meeting new players. Until then, keep warm, be happy. See you all in the spring.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE - Canadian Championships Burnaby in 1975 – Jerry Melissa



Murray Rayner, Elmer Hohl, Jerry Melissa.

The picture was taken in my 2nd Canadian Championship. The year before I had travelled by plane to Ottawa where I placed in the top 10. Elmer Hohl was dominating all tournaments at the time: including the World Tournaments. He and Bob Timothy (1974 B.C. Champion) were good friends, having met in the 'World's Tournament' in 1974. My recollection was that we paid Elmer's airfare, etc to Come to Burnaby. Like today, eastern players do not Come west voluntarily.

As I mentioned, Burnaby did a great job hosting the Championships. In the Men's division, games were unlimited shoes to 50 points. Both Elmer Hohl (many times Canadian and World Champion) and myself were undefeated until the final game. He threw in the high 80s and I threw 69% and only scored 19 points. He was fantastic.



However the highlight of the tournament was when the beer company came to shoot an ad. They asked Elmer to throw a 'shoe around the glass beer bottle and peg abutting each other' for a ringer. I believe the company was 'Molson's'! They arrived with miles of film and took more than an hour to set up. Elmer asked them what was that all about. They said they would shoot film until he made the shot. He said 'I'll do it on the first toss!' And he did!!!!!!

In his game against his friend Bob Timothy, Elmer was winning 46 to zero when he turned towards the crowd and scorekeeper and asked what the score was. He then threw his first shoe, hitting the top of the Peg and it deflected to the right hand corner of the pit. He threw his second shoe to the top of the peg and it deflected

to the left hand corner of the pit. Bob then threw a 'double'! The score ended up 52 to 6 for Elmer. Elmer returned to Ladysmith 2 years later at Bob's request.

1975 was also the year that Cadillac produced, for 1976 a car that was supposed to be impossible to break into. We were camped on Kingsway, a short distance from Boundary Road when my family watched a new owner, accidentally; lock his keys in the car. A locksmith was called and he could not 'enter' the new Cadillac. 2 hours later a cop car arrived with an Agassiz inmate in the back seat. It took him all of 35 seconds to unlock the new Cadillac.

I went on to play in many more Canadian Championships both here and in the East but none, including my first place finish in the Elder division just a few years ago, have come close to the thrill of that 1975 tournament. Both Bob Timothy and Murray Rayner (who finished third) are both in the B.C. Hall of Fame. Elmer succumbed to Cancer after setting a multitude of scoring records that only now have been surpassed by the present World Champion, Alan Francis.



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4. Clayton English, Victoria, B.C.	8 3	55.0
5. W.A. Smith, Vancouver, B.C.	7 4	58.3
6. Bob Timothy, Ladysmith, B.C.	6 5	57.3
7. Jim Ball, Vancouver, B.C.	4 7	52.7
8. John Griffin, Chilliwack, B.C.	3 8	48.5
9. Tony Baillargeon, Keremeos, B.C.	3 8	44.1
10. Stan Dahl, Vancouver, B.C.	3 8	41.4
11. Les Clark, Chemanis, B.C.	2 9	45.3
12. Stan Pachota, Vancouver, B.C.	1 10	35.0

PENTICTON HORSESHOE CLUB - BRIAN RYDER

The Penticton Horseshoe Club is still alive but not as well as it should be. This has come about due to declining membership and the uncertainty surrounding the renewal of our lease with the City.

2018 will be a make or break year for the Club and at our AGM last fall the new Executive took two bold steps in an effort to increase membership and maintain the existence of a Horses Club in Penticton. The first step was to agree to provide a \$12.00 subsidy to all memberships for 2018. The second step was to endorse a proposal made by the Penticton Pickle Ball Association for redevelopment of the City property on which the Pickle Ball Courts and Horseshoe Pits are currently located. The proposal would allow for expansion by the Pickle Ball Association and at the same time Guarantee a minimum of 5 Pits for the Horseshoe Club together with a provision to set aside land

sufficient for the development of an additional 5 pits, should the need arise. Lets all hope the need arises. Good Pitching Everyone.



patio of the Clubhouse.

2017 BC 55+ Games – DON MYRFIELD

BC 55+ Games in Vernon brought an economic impact of 3.3 million to the local area. The Games had a surplus of approximately \$50,000.00 at the completion of the Games which was put into a Legacy Fund.

The 27 sports that were in the Games were notified that they could apply for funding from the Legacy Fund to promote their sport and encourage Seniors participation. Of the 22 sports that applied, 13 were chosen. The Vernon Horseshoe Club was one of the sports chosen and they received \$3500.00 to enhance their weather / shade

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS – HORSESHOE PITCHING (Thanks to Wendy for finding this)



The most ringers in a world championship game by a female is 126 by Sylvianne Moisan from Quebec in 2008.

	Score	ringers	shoes	%
Sylvianne Moisan (PQ)	41	126	140	90.00
Joan Elmore (TN)	32	123	140	87.90

[Joan Lewis-Elmore](#) It was an awesome game. We set 11 world records in that one game.

SINGLE GAME, BOTH PLAYERS

Longest Game - Shoes - 40 pts 140 Sylvianne Moisan, PQ vs Joan Elmore 2008
 Ringer % 88.9 Sylvianne Moisan, PQ vsJoan Elmore 2008
 Total Ringers 249 Sylvianne Moisan, PQ vs Joan Elmore 2008
 Double Ringers 109 Sylvianne Moisan, PQ vs Joan Elmore 2008
 Cancelled Ringers 226 Sylvianne Moisan, PQ vs Joan Elmore 2008
 Four Deads" 43 Sylvianne Moisan, PQ vs Joan Elmore 2008



SINGLE GAME, INDIVIDUAL

Losing ringer % 87.9 Joan Elmore, TN 2008
 Ringers, winner 126 Sylvianne Moisan, PQ 2008
 Ringers, loser 123 Joan Elmore, TN 2008
 Double ringers, winner 56 Sylvianne Moisan, PQ 2008
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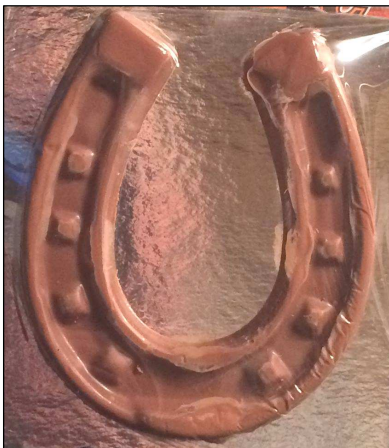
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FROM THE CENTRAL PARK HORSESHOE CLUB – DARLENE SALISBURY



We had our annual meeting October 21, 2017 with 19 members in attendance. Diane Duchense is the new Treasurer, all other positions stayed the same. .

The Christmas brunch was held on Sat Dec 9, 2017, along with a gift exchange. Santa made an appearance and gave all of us a chocolate horseshoe. For some reason Jim Ball missed Santa.

We hope to see you at our tournaments in 2018

May 6 Burnaby Central Park Spring Open
June 3 Burnaby Central Park Stan Dahl Memorial Open
July 20 Burnaby Central Park Northwest Open

ON THE SICK LIST

Jim Gallant - Victoria Horseshoe Club
Elyse Brunelle – Central Park Horseshoe Club
Lil Collins - Central Park Horseshoe Club

Wishing you a speedy recovery, see you on the courts

FROM DRY CREEK (PORT ALBDERNI) – JACK DABNEY

We were busy fighting the homeless problems at the pits. They took the wood siding off our wood shed for fire fuel and set up camp next to our buildings. Had to get RCMP involved. So we were busy with repairs

FROM QUESNEL – JEANETTE FERRARA

Nothing exciting happens here with the winter snow conditions. Will start up in spring when weather permits. Take care.



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COMOX VALLEY HOESHOE CLUB – LYLE TROCKSTAD



Greetings from,Comox Valley. Over the winter months our executive held meetings to discuss and plan the 2018 activities. These activities will be presented to the membership on March 18 at our annual general meeting for approval.

The regular league play will start on April 5 and continue to the end of July.

Last summer and fall we held a Thursday night open house for anyone who wanted to show up and play. This proved very popular and attracted outside interest in the sport, we will continue the program this year.

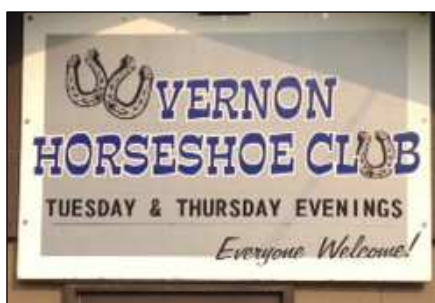
Fund raising, tournaments and membership are being addressed with positive results and hopefully a tournament will be planed in the near future Cheers

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VERNON HORSESHOE CLUB – DON MYRFIELD – PRES9DENT



The Vernon Horseshoe Club had our Christmas Dinner in December and was well attended and a good social time was had by all. We generally closed down for the winter months as the snow is still covering access and parking.

We are looking forward to improving the Clubhouse and doing a membership drive with posters and an advertising blitz around the town. Our tournaments have been a success in the past and we will discuss doing a ringers only tournament and a possible Provincial tournament in the future at the Spring Meeting.

I have talked to several members and everyone says old man winter can stop with the snow now...as we are all wanting some warmth and to get pitching again!

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PLAYER PROFILE - SCOTT O'NEIL – LINDA FLODEN – SAM TOMASEVIC

Every club has what we can call a maintenance man who is there to fix things at the club, the person who always arrives early for tournaments, puts the scorekeepers chairs, scoreboards, tables, flags out and then helps to bring things in when the tournament is over.

Central Park has such a member, that being Scott O'Neil, he can be found working hard at our tournaments.

Scott attends tournaments in Cloverdale and Abbotsford, and has attended tournaments in Ladysmith and Quesnel over the years

Scott was born in Windsor Ontario. Baseball was his first sport that he loved, played and is a huge fan.



He was a professional painter. He has three brothers and two sisters.

Scott first played Horseshoes on Saturna Island with his brother Randy, they had backyard competitions.

First came to the club with Jim Magee. Has been playing horseshoes for about 35 years

At one time Scott's brother, Mike Miller and Sister Lori Renni were members of the club and played in tournaments.

Scott's mom, VI, was also a member of the club. For our first tournament in the spring VI always made a huge pot of pea soup, and I can assure you not a drop was left.

Scott can also be found at tournaments as a judge.

In 2016 Scott won the awards for highest over average at the BC International/Highwayman open.

He has kept his Burnaby roots at the Central Park Club. He has much respect for its members.

He thinks Allan Cummings Roy Dawe and Robin DeGraff have been good players in his group and have been stiff competition for him. He works doing yard maintenance

Scott's accomplishments at our major events

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55+ SENIOR GAMES - 2018 - SAM TOMASEVIC

The question being asked is why are horseshoes not included in this years +55 games in Cranbrook/Kimberley

The cities do not have horseshoe courts. The city is not going to build any and the +55 Games society do not have funding for such a project. This was the same problem we had in 2016.

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leave you for another because, even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find a reason to hold on. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand it. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage! The six best doctors in the world are sunlight, rest, exercise, diet, self-confidence and friends. Maintain them in all stages and enjoy a healthy life."


2018 BCHA DUES



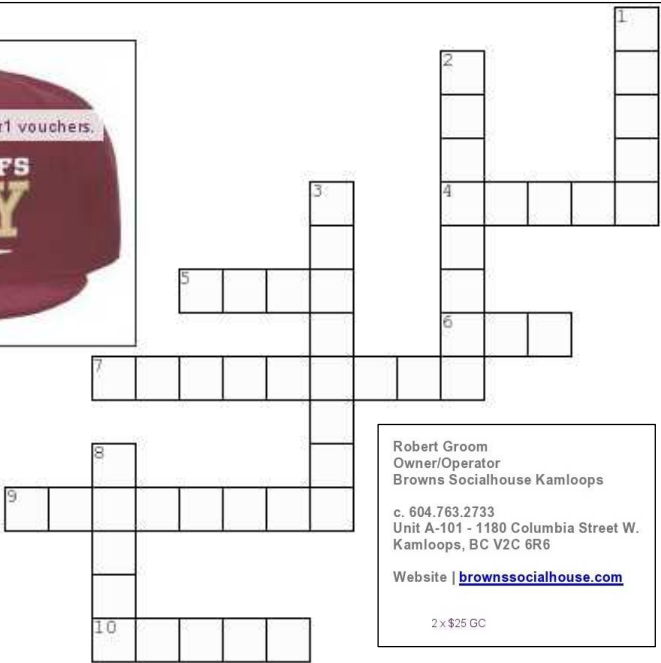
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LAST SHOE

From, Don Myrfield. Vernon Horseshoe. Club Pat Brosnikoff, wife of Cliff Brosnikoff, passed away December 16th; she had gone into the hospital twice before with a kidney infection and her system couldn't fight it.

DALE BAUER Dec 3, 1942 – Jan 28, 2018



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dale Adam Bauer following complications from a stroke. Dale was born in Roblin, Manitoba and raised in Nanaimo. He worked for Safeway in White Rock for over 30 years.

Dale was an avid soccer player for most of his life and also enjoyed hockey, horseshoes, billiards, darts and softball.

He is survived by his loving partner, Meredith. His daughter, Joanna (Mike), his son, Jamie, granddaughters Jolena & Jemma, sisters, Hermoyne, Loretta and Dona-Mae.

A service was held at the Zion Lutheran Church, 5950 179th Street in Cloverdale on Saturday, February 10th, 2018 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation to the Heart & Stroke Foundation is appreciated.

GORDON BUTTS SEPT. 2, 1937 – JAN. 30, 2018



It's with sad news that I got a phone call from Ron Dumont that our old time friend and competitor Gordie Butts passed away January 30/18).

Gordie has been battling cancer for quite a while. I remember him playing in the Canadians in 2016 in Victoria and looked it up and that was his last tournament.

He came 2nd in the Men's B quite a accomplishment as Im sure he was just starting his illness then. Gord will be missed in Victoria and all of BC and Canada at tournaments.

Services for Gordon Butts where held on Tuesday, February 6th at Our Lady of Fatima Church, at 11:00 am, a Celebration of Life was followed after the Service at 12:30 at the Horseshoe Club.

I know having played him many times in a tournament that he never gave up. Gord you were a great horseshoe player but even better friend. Tom Moffat President BC Horseshoe Association'

A TRIBUTE TO GORDON BUTTS – JERRY MELISSA

Gordie Butts was more than just a friend and horseshoe player. He and his brother before him epitomized what Horseshoes and Life was all about.

It seems like only yesterday that I met Gordie for the first time, on the pitches at Cumberland. The year was 1998 and he was defending his 'International Championship' at the time. He loved that tournament. For me it was my first tournament back after being away from the game for a number of years. We talked at great length about his older brother Colin, deceased for a number of years. Colin was a founding member of the Victoria Horseshoe Club and directed some outstanding tournaments: he also had a pitch in his back yard where he invited people to come and play. Gordie had the same arrangement and I spent an afternoon or two in each of their back yards. Gordie won that tournament, the second of his five International titles.

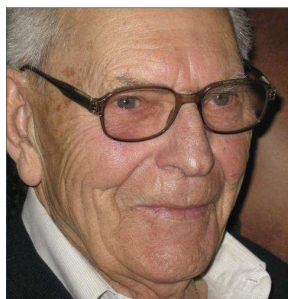
Gordie attended many Canadian Championships. And, the most memorable was in Quebec when both of us tried to play the best under unbelievable circumstances. For me, it was a frustrating exercise, but Gordie thought the whole experience was a 'hoot'!

He was like that! A traditionalist who believed in both the 40 foot game and 50 point cancellation format! To win was wonderful, but to compete was awesome.

Port Renfrew in June will miss Gordie. He loved netting 'houlihans' and feeding family and friends.

I missed his presence at the pits this year! We all knew his illness was serious. Nothing less would have kept him away from the game he loved so much.

I, along with others could write a book about our experiences with Gordie. He was 'special'!



Thomas A. HAWKINS (December 25, 1920 - February 03, 2018)

Tom was fourth of five born to Milton & Beatrice (Ambler) on a homestead at Bapaume, Saskatchewan. In 1946, after serving in the [army](#) during WW II, he & Jean settled in Victoria where they raised their family of six. Along with partners he established and operated a successful marine hardware business on Wharf St. for +/- 30 years, eventually semi-retiring in the mid 1980s. Outside of family and work Tom's main interests were Freemasonry and community sports, notably minor baseball & horseshoes. Over the years he took on prominent leadership roles at local and provincial levels in those organizations. Tom is a member of the BC Horseshoe Association, Horseshoe Canada Association and Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame

FROM THE WINFIELD HORSESHOE CLUB – BERNIE LEPPER

The Winfield Horseshoe Club's Xmas dinner at our clubhouse on Saturday December 2nd was a huge success with the members decorating with all the colorful lights and tinsels and the dinner which was prepared by our members in our club kitchen also was outstanding. After the dinner our in-house band gave the members and

quests an outstanding performance to finish off a very successful windup for 2017.

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After the regular Horseshoe season is finished in September, 20 to 25 members of the Winfield Horseshoe Club get together for a cribbage tournament every Saturday noon which lasts throughout the winter months.

Each week the teams are drawn through a number system so every week you have a different partner. All the first (7 points), second (5 points) and third, (3 points), and 1 point for showing up each week are recorded and in the spring all the points are added up and the lady and man with the highest number of points have their names placed on our Club Cribbage Trophy. There are also incentives each week for the high hand and a 28 or 29 hand. This is a social event for the members to get together and enjoy the company without being serious about whether they win or lose and everyone helps the players that are not serious crib players.

The Winfield Horseshoe Club decided to have two separate one day horseshoe tournaments in 2018, the first one will be held on Saturday June 2nd, and the second tournament will be held on Saturday September 22nd after the B.C. Championships. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for the September tourney. The Winfield Horseshoe Club with very few participating horseshoe pitchers at the present do have problems with getting help to operate a tournament and it will only get worse if the number of pitchers decline along with the membership.



We do have a few new members each year and some are interested in pitching horseshoes for health and fun although we do try to encourage all the new members to try their hand at the greatest sport in Canada.

With all the snow in Winfield this winter and cold temperatures we are looking forward to an early spring so we can get back to pitching a few shoes before the tournament season starts. Looking

forward to seeing all you huckers in Winfield for our June tournament!



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**FROM THE GREATER VICTORIA HORSESHOE PITCHING ASSN. (GVHPA)
Victoria Horseshoe Club – March 2018 – Louise Hamel**

Since our last insertion to Ringer Round-Up our clubhouse has been a going concern. We have had numerous rentals, activities, meetings and of course, most recently Gordie Butt's Celebration of Life. What a wonderful attendance to honor a great man and member of the GVHPA.

Some of our activities, throughout the winter months, which our members kept themselves busy attending were; Wednesday Morning Shoes, Thursday Night Cribbage, Special 'Family Day' Activity of cards, Thursday Night Shoes for our most dedicated, Saturday Breakfasts, Sunday Morning Spring League and we even had a Special Bingo Extraordinaire which was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank You's go out to Marie Farmer and her helpers who always put on a great show.



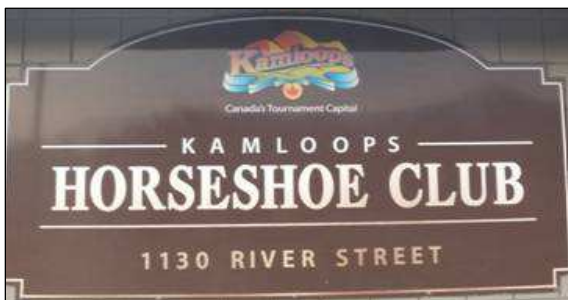
We attended and promoted the GVHPA at the Victoria Royals Outdoors Night on Friday, February 23rd with an information table set up on their concourse. Approximately 25 of our members also attended the Victoria Royal's game with four manning our table. It was a great opportunity to promote the Victoria Horseshoe Club. All in all, I believe that was very well received and hope to see a few more interested in trying out the Sport of Horseshoe Pitching. Thank you's go out to Tom Moffat, Lynn Cousins, Marlene Hargreaves and Nick Nicholas for manning our table and to those who attended the hockey game!

February 18th was the Ringers Only Tournament wherein 29 horseshoe pitchers attended and braved the harsh winds of the day. Represented were those from Victoria, Sooke, Port Alberni, Ladysmith, and even Martin and Carol Soucy from (drum roll... New Brunswick)... Great to see you fine folk out for the day. Wonderful! It was probably one of the coldest days yet in having to pitch in too. As well, a few of our members were struck down with the flu bug and couldn't attend; otherwise our numbers would have been higher.

All in all, fun was had by all – the food was delicious and well received. Thank you to our extraordinaire Kitchen Staff! Albeit, tournament results have been posted on our website. Congratulations to everyone!!!! Winners and alike ... 'Honour badges' all round ~ for braving the elements of the day.....Brrrrrr

Saturday, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day Extravaganza!!!! (\$10/ticket) A Night of 'Games of Chance' wherein the clubhouse morphs into a Games Parlour with Karaoke, Corn Beef & Cabbage Casserole complete with a Baked Potato Bar and all the trimmings... This will be another great evening of fun for sure.

Thank you's go out to Melanie Taylor and all of her worker bees for their hard work and planning for an evening of Great Fun (and Irish Luck)!!!!



KAMLOOPS HORSESHOE CLUB – JIM MICHIE

Well we are wondering if winter will ever leave.

Stopped, at the clubhouse the other day, still a couple feet of snow over the pits.

Its being a long, long winter and with no heat in the clubhouse we haven't got together since last fall.

Thinking about spring and getting things in shape for our tournaments this year. First one in May and the BC Provincials in September. See you all in spring. Hopefully soon.

SOOKE HORSESHOE CLUB – CHANTAL WILSON – PRESIDENT



Sooke Horseshoe Pitching Association has had a quiet winter with the weather being so bad. We thank Victoria Club for allowing us to come to their club to play during the winter.

We will be starting our second season of League play in April. Working on grants and some kind of income for our club and awareness of the sport in Sooke.

We are working on 6 new pits for the spring and one of our players We have a new sign at our pitch in Sooke – designed, made and donated by two of our members – Barry and Joy Devocht. I thought it should be shared. Barry Devocht has made us a great sign which will also be going up in the spring. We got our sponsor board done!!!

We will be working on a Memorial tournament for Gordie Butts for the near future.

PLAYER PROFILE – CINDY HELGESON – BY JOHN HAMLER



Cindy was born June 6 - 1960, Calgary Alberta, moved to Edmonton when she was 2. On the move Cindy & Sue (her mother) rode the Day liner Train. Sue says Cindy was the life of the party talking to everyone during the trip, or at least trying to. Her dad Roger was in construction and mom Sue worked at Sears until they moved to Kelowna. She has younger brother and sister, Garth & Sandy. Cindy was introduced to horseshoes in 1997, a friend of a friend was not able to play anymore and Cindy assumed her membership at the Victoria Horseshoe Club where we lived for the summer. Dorothy Krimmer was very kind to her with guidance. I loved it because the club had a big TV and a BAR!!!!

Cindy and John met at a self help group for children of alcoholic parents; she says 1985 so I'm going with that.


Over the years Cindy has had a variety of jobs. She taught dance to kids, jazz & tap, was a playground leader, worked in various gyms as an aerobics and fitness instructor, delivered newspapers & magazines for Provincial News, processed orders in a photo lab. Moved to Kelowna in 1988, saw an ad in the paper, "do you like kids and like to ski"? She took her level 1 ski instructor course, and the rest is history. She is starting her 29th season here at Big White and has travelled twice to Australia to teach skiing twice. While there Cindy & a good friend created a kids ski program called "Little Stars" that is still going strong today. Cindy and a few other long time

employees were recently recognized for their years of service at a special awards banquet. Her parents Roger & Sue attended. She received a beautiful clock, and a choice of an West jet trip of her choice or a pair on new skis. Guess what she chose!! She has also worked in various retail outlets at the resort, nanny many children, one child for 7 years from age 16 months to 8. Wherever she goes she always runs into someone she has taught how to ski. In recent years she has also worked at Bill's Homey farm, packing honey & manufacturing "Mite-Gone" a product for mite control on bee

hives, housekeeping for Bill since his wife passed a few years ago. She did stint as a waitress at a local restaurant when she first moved to Kelowna. On one occasion she was serving a family with a whiny kid. The kid couldn't make up his minds as what to order so the dad ordered for him. The kid started crying & whining. Cindy's response was "You can't always get what you want, but if you cry sometime, you'll get what you need" as the Rolling Stones said in a song. The parent's reaction was priceless and the kid shut up and ate what he got. Cindy has played in tournaments in many parts of the province and Calgary, Alberta.



We all know the fun part of Cindy, has a great sense of humor. Here is a story that John included and I remember that night.

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At the Highwayman back in 2005 Cindy won all her games on Saturday, got into a Cribbage game with Sam, Phil Kreps, Nick Culic & I believe "Tom with One O". She got a little snookered and kept telling Sam "I'm not wearing a BRA" over and over. In the morning around 8, I heard a beer opening in the "Stumble Inn", our motorhome. I awoke and asked her what the heck is going on. She replied "don't bug the A player trying to kill a hangover", and proceeded to win all her games that day with a hangover you could cut with a knife".



On the way Back to Kelowna the next day she slept all the way home, I tucked her into bed when we got home; she slept thru the night and most of the next day. She came in first in the A class and was highest over average in the tournament at 6.74%, averaged out at 48.55% and had a high game of 62.10%. She played with Cheryl DeGraaf, Dorothy Krimmer, Delphine Pinette and Sue Bertarnd. She has been the tournament Director of the Winfield Club for over a decade, but for a couple years when I filled in, and is the tournament director the Interior / Kootenay / North Championships.



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The BC Horseshoe Association would like to thank Fraser Wireless for your kind donation of a \$100.00 gift certificate for our raffle at the BC International/Highwayman Open.

TONY RONDOW – BCHA VICE-PRESIDENT



Well another season is fast approaching and that's exciting.

The cash raffle is all in place as well as another great prize raffle this season.

In the off season the executive has been in talks on finding more ways to win prizes. Not just in the standard wins in your division but maybe best % game in each division and over average, all thoughts we will heavily discuss in April at the first

meeting. Hopefully with offering more of a chance for every player to always have a chance at still winning a prize will keep players interested and striving to play well.

Well let's hope for some great weather and an awesome season ahead and enjoying what the beautiful city of Kamloops has to offer in Sept at the BCs

POWELL RIVER - LORRAINE HUBBICK



2018 BCHA Meeting Report from Powell River

2017 was a fun year for all our pitchers, especially for those who entered our 2 tournaments, of which we changed the August event to host the Island/Powell River

championship. There were 47 entries with 25 pitchers from the Island . Great weather, fantastic results, rounding up the Saturday pitch with an outdoor meal under the Complex roof
The end of the season, our awards and banquet was on Nov. 16th an evening of get together.
Our general meeting on October 12, was election night.



New President is Bruce Trotter
Vice Pres. - Lionel Hanson
Secretary - Sandra Hanson
Treasurer - Lorraine Hubick

Directors:
Harry Bey
Derek Boyes – Tournament
Jim Hoffman – Past Pres.
Diane Norman
Sylvia Sheldon
Margie Woloschuk
Betty Blacklock – League Dir.

For the winter season, all horseshoes were hung-up for a rest. Club members did their own thing for recreation, some went travelling, others continued with their jobs.

All are looking forward to the 2018 season.

BC Horseshoe Association Hall of Fame 2018

Now is the time to nominate some one to the BC Horseshoe Association Hall of fame for 2019.



Any member in good standing can nominate someone to be sent to our Hall of Fame committee.

Every year we elect a member to our Hall of Fame which is located in the clubhouse of Central Park (Burnaby). This year the category is Organizer/Promoter. Presentation will be at the BC Championships Opening Ceremony in Kamloops Sept 01.

Please send any nominations to Hall of Fame Chairman Tom Moffat
By July 15, 2018 xpostix@gmail.com

CLOVERDALE HORSESHOE CLUB – JIM GRANT – PRESIDENT



Hello to all as we head into a new season of pitching horseshoes.

Some of our members have enjoyed our Monday night games and Thursday night crib sessions over the winter months.

March 24th we will host our members meeting where we discuss the pitching season coming up and sign up those members returning to pitch shoes.

Over the winter our horseshoe pitchers have gone to their winter destinations and we will all swap stories at our members open fun tournament in April.

As with other clubs Cloverdale has been dealing with the BC Societies new online registration.

Cloverdale will soon start working on this year's club events and tournaments.

We look forward to enjoying tournaments in BC and Washington again this year and catching up with old friends and making some new ones.

PLAYER PROFILE – DENIS KIRICHENKO – SUBMITTED BY DANNY COFFIN



Denis was born and raised in Landbank, Saskatchewan and moved to B.C. in 1946 as a youth and eventually started playing horseshoes around the Lower Mainland. He spent his working career with B.C. Hydro in the Electrical Construction division until he retired over 25 years ago.

He has lived in Abbotsford many years and raised his 3 sons in the area. He also has a nephew (Clayton Kirichenko) that plays hockey with the Edmonton University Golden Bears that he is very proud of.

He started playing tournaments in 1990 which is the year M.S.A Horseshoe Club was formed and Denis is one of the original charter members. Later it became the Abbotsford Horseshoe Club. Denis has been the Treasurer for many years and

does a great job. Even though he does not play any longer he still comes to all of our tournaments and helps in the computer room. Anytime there is work to do around the Club he is always there.



He enjoys visiting with all of his horseshoe companions.

Now he spends a lot of time at the Senior Center where he is an avid card player. He has fond memories of playing the Spades Game with Sam and Doug Wilton.

He is a real asset to our club, any work that has to be done around the Club.

For the last several years he has been our treasurer and can tell you exactly where every cent is spent. He also helps Archie on the computer at our tournaments.

In his spare time he loves to play cards at the senior center and he loves watching his nephew play hockey

THANKS TO DARRYL OLSON FOR YOUR DONATION TO THE NEWSLETTER

PRINCE GEORGE HORSESHOE CLUB – ALICE BOSCHMAN – PRESIDENT



I would like to thank everyone for their past attendance to our tournaments in Prince George.

The weather here right now is almost warm enough to pitch. In fact the backboards are showing already.

I would like to take this time to invite everyone to come to Prince George August 4th & 5th for the Western Classic tournament. Our pits are in the process of being fixed so we will have brand new pits to play on.

We had 53 participants in 2015 when we last hosted the Western Classic. We would like to break that number this year. So we would like to have everyone to participate this year.

We will try to keep all categories within 10% top from bottom. We would also love to have someone from the BCHA executive attend or even participate in this event.

We have some RV parking at the courts, but it is first come. first serve.

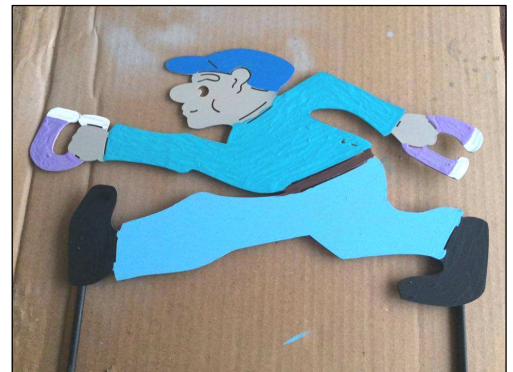
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Both are about 7-10 min. from the pits.

We are holding a garage sale around the end of April. If you are around Prince George at that time come on down and say Hello.



VICTORIA RINGERS ONLY OPEN TOURNAMENT NUMBER 61-18-001 02/18/18

Here are the results for Victoria's Winter Ringers. Everyone played 4 or 5 games with no winners or losers at 30 shoes. Then it was a single knockout after lunch that is reflected in the W/L column

MIXED CLASS A (30 Shoes)	W-L
1 ST KEVIN CUTHBERT VICTORIA	3-0 34.58%
2 ND COLIN NICHOLSON VICTORIA	2-1 38.57%
3 RD RON FLEET VICTORIA	1-1 30.95%
4 TH STEVE BISHOP SOOKE	1-1 44.76%
5 TH RICHARD STEVENS VICTORIA	1-1 31.90%
6 TH TOM MOFFAT VICTORIA	0-1 37.22%
7 TH MELANIE TAYLOR VICTORIA	0-1 36.66%
8 TH TONY RONDOW VICTORIA	0-1 34.00%
9th DEDAR DILLON VICTORIA	0-1 35.33%
MIXED - CLASS C (30 Shoes)	W-L
1 ST MARLENE HARGREAVES VICTORIA	3-0 20.00%
2nd ANTHONY RONDOW VICTORIA	1-1 24.76%
3rd MARTIN SOUCY N,B.	1-1 14.76%
4th GARY SHEPPARD VICTORIA	1-1 20.00%
5th BEN MACMULLAN VICTORIA	0-1 13.33%
6th PATTI JOHNSON VICTORIA	0-1 8.88%
7th JACK DABNEY DRY CREEK	0-1 13.33%
8th ERICK WICKHEIM SOOKE	0-1 15.00%
MIXED - CLASS D (30 Shoes)	W-L
1 ST DARRELL KOLODZIEJAK VICTORIA	2-0 8.33%
2nd GAIL BISHOP SOOKE	1-1 8.00%
3rd NOAH CHARETTE VICTORIA	0-1 8.66%

MIXED CLASS B (30 Shoes)	W-L
1 ST LOUIS CYR DRY CREEK	3-0 29.16%
2nd LYNN COUSINS VICTORIA	2-1 34.16%
3rd CHANTAL WILSON SOOKE	1-1 23.33%
4th GEORGE TAYLOR VICTORIA	1-1 19.04%
5th RON DUMONT SOOKE	0-1 26.11%
6th LANCE WHITWORTH VICTORIA	0-1 20.00%
7th BARRY DEVOCHT SOOKE	0-1 32.22%
8th BOB BARKER LADYSMITH	0-1 11.66%



"Pep Talk" Corner

Sportsmanship and Conduct



Our "Four Dead" newsletter Summer 2017, Volume XXVIII #2, topic dealt with CONFIDENCE. The more you participate in any endeavor, the more proficient you become. That creates CONFIDENCE and an even more desire to do better. In our sport proficiency is measured in

percentages, (class of level based on ringers).

This article deals with improvement thru new information. Your game is where it's at based on what you now know and use. To achieve a higher ringer %, a change must take place, or you stay where your % is.

There are two areas of competition that would seem hidden in the background, they are "Sportsmanship and Conduct". No one wants to compete with others who have a "sour" attitude. We learn mostly by observation and information shared by way of tips from fellow contestants. We strive to be better players, more informed players, to rise through the ranks of percentages to compete with those currently ahead of us.

Some are of the thought that the two elements of "Sportsmanship and Conduct" are not more than a division between a good or bad attitude. John McEnroe, a famous tennis player, was recognized as a tennis "Bad Boy" due to his on-court attitude display. Many of our top athletes in all major sports started out at a young age. Through the years they crossed paths with many "A-Coach" helping them along the path to success. One can teach the physical aspects of a given activity, but attitude is NOT TEACHABLE. We can only explain about what Good or Bad influence it can have regarding advancement towards success.

To wit: getting PO'd only creates a sure way towards failure. Attitude gets in the way of not being able to stay loose; relaxation and concentration are lost when trying to fix something that isn't broken. Play becomes even worse. Verbalizing discontent, coupled with poor body language or poor speech, is detrimental to all who are around such actions.

Poor sportsmanship or display doesn't do well for our sport, especially in the eyes of spectators who

may be contemplating indulging in our sport. Conduct as outlined in the "BY-LAWS" of the Idaho State Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the NHPA rules: "No player may indulge in actions, words or phrases disturbing an opponent, nor will profanity or abusive language be permitted on tournament or league grounds." It is the responsibility of all of us to see that we police ourselves, if for no reason other than the integrity of the sport.

In another sport similar to horseshoe pitching, the sport of bowling, poor attitudes are on display at each and every league or tournament event. It ruins the fun and comradery of association among other members. It kills the fun of play.

Being of good sport and conduct leads to better play, fun, and comradery for all who enjoy the challenges, along with the potential frustration of the sport. There are those who share ideas and tips with others in hopes it may improve their game. But why share valuable information and tips with someone of poor sportsmanship or conduct? It may turn out to be a waste. Next publication: WINNING

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HORSESHOE MANIA!

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What is HorseshoeMania?

Victoria will be hosting the first HorseshoeMania in BC .

It is a promotional event to introduce horseshoes to the public. It has been very successful in the United States to make people aware of horseshoe pitching.

It is usually a low cost of \$10 or even free event, that gets the public out to see the horseshoe facility and participate in the one day event.

Each member of the club is encouraged to find a new player to bring out to HorseshoeMania.

Each player will be teamed up with a partner by random draw and play a short game to 25pts. If you go over the 25 on the last pitch you count those points. Each member of the team is recorded with the points earned in the game. Then another random draw and another new partner. This goes for 7 games. The total score of all your games determine your final point total.

No Ringer or shoes recorded just final scores. Lots of fun for new players, Meet 7 new friends, try out different shoes, and learn the game of horseshoes. It can't get any easier than this.

Victoria will introduce this new Event on May 12th Its open to anyone, members or people with no experience. Hope to see you there GVHPA Glanford park in Victoria

For more info or to ask questions contact Tom Moffat xpostix@gmail.com

LADYSMITH HORSESHOE CLUB – VINCE HERHEL




With longer days and hopefully warmer temps coming I'm sure everybody is itching to get back into pitching horseshoes.

Fairly quiet at the pitches over the winter months, only a few players throwing shoes on the good days.




The Town of Ladysmith has been somewhat busy putting up fencing and installing rock barriers to help control the dog walking and parking areas, photos are attached.

RVs and fifth wheels should still be okay getting into the camping area. Once the weather starts to warm up, hopefully this month of April, and then we will get back to doing our two fun evenings down at the pitches. That's about it for now.




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- 1. coffee house (**waves**)
- 2. phi hotel group (**kamloops**)
- 3. new advertiser (**williams**)
- 8. player profile from abbey (**denis**)

SUMMERLAND HORSESHOE CLUB – JUANITA LAYE

This has been a veeeerrryyy long winter for all of us.

Summerland Club will be opening up at end of April as soon as City hooks up our water again yeesh.

Our President Ron Moser has been In Mexico last few months getting tanned yeesh.

Jim and I went to Mexico City for few days and went through 2 big earthquakes and had to be evacuated from hotel, once at 1 am in the morning.

I have talked to a few of our pitchers in between working And all is well Except Pray for TED TURNER who had a Stroke and so far is doing well but will not pitch again so far.

I have been given 2 horseshoe trophies from a neighbor of ours that we will use for our most improved at end of year windup.

I have been off the be I for over 7 weeks .For was in Mexico for 3 weeks then 2 weeks looking after baby grandson then home for a couple days then to Kamloops to visit kids and granddaughter whew. All clubs are doing well so far as I know .just getting to email

Everyone to see how they have been doing