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FROM THE EDITORS DESK – SAM TOMASEVIC



Welcome to the 2019 season.

Which Bone Are You?  
Someone said the membership of any organization is made up of four (4) bones;

Wishbones  
Jawbones  
Knucklebones  
Backbones



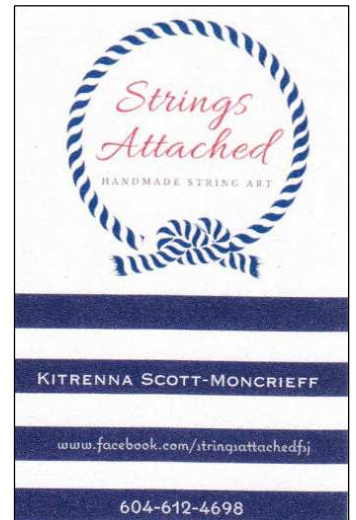
Those that spend all their time wishing somebody would do the work  
those that do all the talking but very little else  
Those that knock everything that everybody else does  
And finally, those who get the load and do the work.

The newsletter is split into 2 sections – news items and forms which include entry forms and our 2019 schedule as well as the tournament schedule for Washington State.

BC INTERNATIONAL/  
HIGHWAYMAN OPEN  
ABBOTSFORD BC  
May 18-29 2019



DEFENDING CHAMPS  
MEN – DON DAVIS  
LADIES – LINDSAY  
HODGINS  
ELDERS – BARRY CHAPELLE



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## 50 YEARS IN HORSESHOES – GOOD TIMES – SAM TOMASEVIC



Looking back, hard to believe it has been 50 years since I got involved in horseshoes, in the summer of 69, I joined the club at Central Park, the club had just moved from Stanley Park and was called THE GREATER VANCOUVER HORSESHOE CLUB later named, THE CENTRAL PARK HORSESHOE PITCHING CLUB. The President of the club was BOB BLUNT. This was also the start of long time friendship with Bernie Lepper who taught me a lot on how to run tournaments and how a club was run.

All this was two years before our association was formed in 1971. Our first president was Robert M. Blunt. Over the years we have gone through a few name changes, originally British Columbia Horseshoe Pitchers Association (BCHPA), followed in the mid 1980's with

Horseshoes B.C. before we finally settle on the B.C. Horseshoe Association.

What else happened in 1969:



The #1 song was SUGAR SUGAR by the Archies / Average cost of a new car in Canada \$3,400, gas was at \$0.35 per gallon / Prime Minister was Pierre Trudeau / Premier of BC was WAC Bennett / President of the USA was Richard Nixon / Woodstock music festival was held / Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon.

### 1969 B.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED BY THE GREATER VANCOUVER HORSESHOE CLUB CENTRAL PARK, BURNABY, B.C AUGUST 30-31, 1969

#### MENS CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS MEN B CLASS

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|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Murray Rayner | Youbu            | 1. Harvey Thompson | New Westminster |
| 2. Roy Jago      | Victoria         | 2. Jack Morrison   | Prince George   |
| 3. Stan Pachota  | Vancouver        | 3. Ken Campsall    | Vancouver       |
| 4. Ed Enefer     | Burnaby          | 4. Dan Juad        | Kelowna         |
| 5. Bob Blunt     | Vancouver        |                    |                 |
| 6. Gene Pfliger  | Prince George    |                    |                 |
| 7. Sid Lash      | Burnaby          |                    |                 |
| 8. Earl Benoit   | New Westminister |                    |                 |
| 9. Ivor Killy    | Prince George    |                    |                 |

#### CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

##### Master Class (over 70%):

- Dean McLAUGHLIN, Oshawa, Ont.
- Elmer HOHL, Wellesley, Ont.

##### AA Class (Over 60%)

- Clayton Neeb Wellesley Ont

##### A Class (Over 50%)

- Roy McLaughlin Ont



## WORLD TOURNAMENT

### MENS DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

- DAN KUCHCINSKI
- ELMER HOHL

### JUNIOR GIRLS DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

- MARY LEE

### JUNIOR BOYS DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

- MARK SEIBOLD

### WOMENS DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

- VICKI WINSTON

### INTERMEDIATE MENS DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

- FRANCIS WINETROUT

### SENIOR MENS DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

- JOHN PAXTON

## 1969 GREY CUP – OTTAWA ROUGH RIDERS

## 1969 SUPERBOWL – NEW YORK JETS

## 1969 WORLD SERIES – NEW YORK METS

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Like a lot of us, I got introduced to horseshoes by a neighbor, think it was in 1967, STAN HOFFARD, he built a court in his yard and every weekend friends of his George and Morris would come over, play shoes, have a few pops, my dad would join them and I would watch. Stan saw my interest and asked me to play, next thing I knew, I was hooked on the game.

Stan had a big family, three of the boys, Johnny, David and Louis took an interest. If you recall LOUIS THE TIGER, that was him. We all would travel together to tournaments; we had fun back in those days as juniors, my parents enjoyed going to tournaments.

**From the BC Championships:**

1973	<a href="#">Louis (Tiger) Hoffard</a>	Vancouver	47.3
1972	<a href="#">Johnny Hoffard</a>	Vancouver	52.5
1971	<a href="#">Johnny Hoffard</a>	Vancouver	49.4
1970	<a href="#">Louis (Tiger) Hoffard</a>	Vancouver	30.3
1969	<a href="#">John Hoffard</a>	Vancouver	34.0



**BC International**

1972	John Hoffard	Vancouver	52.5
1971	Louis (Tiger) Hoffard	Vancouver	52.8

Regretfully Stan passed away at a young age, Louis passed away in 2007 at the young age of 45.


Over the years I have seen many Presidents and executive members come and go, the 3 best Presidents we had are:

**ROBERT BLUNT** – First president – a real promoter, I swear this man could sell snow to the Eskimos

**HORSE HESSE** – Another promoter, made sure each executive member had a job


**DOROTHY BUTTS** – Our only lady president kept things organized,

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### JUNIOR GIRLS

RAQUEL	SCHAEFER	3
ELYCIA	THOMAS	3
ERI N	TOPP	3
LINDSAY	HODGINS	2
NICOLE	DABNEY	1
JILL	CURRIE	1
SUSAN	GEIER	1
JESSICA	DEGRAAF	1
PETRA	MANKA	1
CHELSEA	EBL	1
KALA	BALDWIN	1
ERIN	GREENSIDE	1
MELLIA	BOWSER	1

### JUNIOR BOYS

MATHEW	MACDONALD	5
SAM	DEGRAAF	3
RANDY	SCHAEFER	3
RYAN	MCHALE	2
MUNJ	MANHAS	2
DAVID	CALEY	2
TODD	BOYD	2
BRENT	COLEBANK	1
MARK	RUPPRECHT	1
JOHN	SANKTJOHAR	1
COLIN	FINNIE	1
ROBERT	AMOS	1
ED	KNAPP	1
JAMIE	BIGHAM	1
BUDDY	PITMAN	1
GRANT	ROLPH	1
JIM	ROSE	1
JASON	SMITH	1
LOUIS	HOFFARD	1
JOHN	HOFFARD	1
DALTON	MOFFAT	1
BUDDY	DYRDA	1

### ELDERS

BUD	PRICE	6
NEIL	YAASKOW	5
JERRY	MELLISA	4
WILF	GREGORY	4
EARLE	MORRIS	2
DARRYL	OLSON	1
JIM	GRANT	1
MAURICE	STERN	1
TERRY	STEINKE	1
BARRY	CHAPELLE	1
ART	SPERBER	1
JOHN	REEDY	1
BOB	FAULCONER	1

### MEN

TAL	SEVERSON	6
TONY	RONDOW	5
TOM	MOFFAT	5
GORDON	BUTTS	5
JIM	BALL	4
WALTER	KINAKIN	2
CLAYTON	ENGLISH	2
SYD	LASH	2
DON	DAVIS	2
JERRY	MELISSA	1
VIC	VALLEE	1
ROSS	STEVENSON	1
BOB	TIMOTHY	1
TOM	DIDMON	1
MATT	ZABLOTNEY	1
BILL	SMITH	1
RAY	BRUMFIELD	1
JON	MEERES	1
ART	SPERBER	1
JACK	JOHNSON	1
BUDDY	DYRDA	1
ROY	DAWE	1
AL	GUSHTA	1
DANNY	KUCHINSKY	1

### WOMEN

ELYSE	BRUNELLE	13
GERRI	BIGHAM	6
DORTHY	BLUNT	3
LINDSAY	HODGINS	3
LUCY	BRYCE	2
MARGARET	MURRAY	2
DORIS	WILTON	2
ALICE	HICKMAN	2
MYRNA	KISSICK	1
ROSE	BLANCHARD	1
ANN	THOMAS	1
VIVIANN	FENDLE	1
LINDA	WEESE	1
EVE	VANDERLINDE	1
BERNICE	BUSCH	1
CAROL	ORMISTON	1
DIANE	DALIO	1
YVONNE	GREAVES	1
DOREEN	MULOIN	1
MARYSE	ATKINSON	1
MARG	MURRAY	1
MICHELLE	FEENEY	1
DODIE	ENGLISH	1

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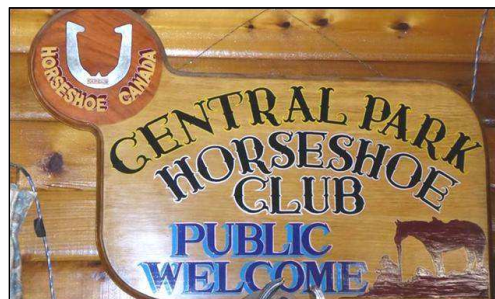
## BURNABY CENTRAL PARK CLUB REPORT – DARLENE SALISBURY



In 2018 we hosted three successful tournaments, May June and July and had our new club members, April Wu and Zhao Rong participate.

We welcomed The Telus group for their annual get together in August.

We held our fun nights on Tuesday night last year as opposed to Wednesday and it turned out to be successful several new people stopped in to try pitching horseshoes. We welcomed three new members to our club last summer.



We held a gathering in September and nearly all our members attended to honor Lil Collins who passed away on September 19th 2018. On Nov 22nd 2018 we lost another member Helmut Tomani. We will all miss these two very vital members of our club.

The October AGM was postponed until January as so many members were away.

We celebrated many Birthdays last year thanks to Budd Ball who diligently gathered people together over Tea and Cake to celebrate. In October we celebrated birthdays for Wendy and Gail.

On Dec 15th we had our Christmas Party combined with Budd Ball's 90th Birthday Party it was Pot luck appetizers and Birthday Cake Delicious!!! Santa Claus made an appearance and handed out Chocolate Bars from Charlie's Chocolate Factory. We are blessed to have Jim and Budd Ball, Lloyd and Betty Reyklin and Harry Campbell who are all in their 90's and looking great.

On January 19th we held the AGM that had been postponed from October there were 22 people in attendance we had Chinese Food followed by the meeting. We welcomed new members Isobel Chen and Diane Cummings. We also celebrated birthdays for January members, Sonja, Isobel, Sam and Allan.

Our first Tournament this year will be May 5th The Spring Open. We have a team of ladies working in the kitchen this year, Darlene, Linda, Gail, Diane, and Sonja. The menu will be Chili, Salad, Buns and assorted desserts. Hope to see you all there

February 6/19 Jim Ball - Darlene and Bob Salisbury



I am relaying a message to all of you from Budd (Mary) Ball. Jim is in the Burnaby Hospital. He had what they call a transient or mini stroke. It affected his speech and some numbness in his hands. They have done several scans and other tests trying to get to the source. Budd feels they are being very thorough. He will be in the hospital a few more days but they do not recommend visitors just family at this time. Budd wanted you all to know but not to worry we will keep you posted.

February 12/19 – UPDATE - Hi Everyone, We just had a call from Budd and Jim it was so nice to hear Jim's voice. He is doing well. They went to the Specialist today and he confirmed that Jim has a badly blocked artery (carotid ) on the left side of his neck. They will have to operate but unfortunately due to a shortage of nurses he will have to wait 4-5 weeks. They were pleased with the Doctor and

will follow his guidelines. He is happy to be home



the camping is available from Thursday night until Monday the 3rd.

FROM THE DRY CREEK HORSESHOE CLUB –  
JACK DABNEY – PRESIDENT

Welcome to 2019. Just wanted to let you know, our Tournament on June 1st and 2nd, all players will play both days. We will have the dinner on Saturday night and

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**VERNON HORSESHOE CLUB – DWIGHT COUSINS – VICE PRESIDENT**



First of all we want to wish the members of all the other clubs a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR for 2019.

We know you are getting anxious, as we are, to get through this cold period and get on with the business of throwing horseshoes...Hopefully our shoes will be a little more cooperative this year than in years past but we'll have to wait and see...

We are looking forward to seeing you at the forthcoming tournaments. Please note that we have decided to have two one-day tournaments this year instead of our usual

two day affair.

As far as our local "social" scene is concerned, we had our annual Christmas dinner in early December with approximately 30 members attending... a good time as well as a great meal was had by all. Our "donation" auction netted approximately 250.00 which is always given to a local charity.

In an effort to keep in touch throughout the winter, it was decided that we would start having a "social/games" get-together once a month. Our first one was on January 2/2019 with an excellent turnout and everyone bringing games and goodies to enjoy. The events are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month throughout the winter and are from 1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon...our first one went until almost 4:00 since it appeared no one wanted to leave... Other club members are invited to join us if they happen to be in the area...The next "social" will be on February 6 at the clubhouse.

As far as our individual members are concerned, Ervin Albert, our oldest male member, was in hospital for awhile over the holiday season but has recently returned home and is under the watchful eye of his wife Ann. We are hopeful that we will see him at the clubhouse in early spring.

Don Myrfield, our club President, underwent hip surgery again and is back at home in "recovery" mode and looking forward to being mobile once again.

Our best wishes go out to both of these critical club members. That's pretty much it from Vernon for now. Meanwhile, everyone Take Care and see you all soon...

**Matt Leung** Service Manager donated an emergency backpack, an inflatable air bed, a mini tool kit and a portable air compressor.

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2nd *	RON FLEET . . . . . VICTORIA	3.5-3.5	40.47%
3rd *	KEVIN CUTHBERT . . . . . VICTORIA	3.5-3.5	40.65%
3rd *	DALTON MOFFAT . . . . . VICTORIA	3.5-3.5	35.71%
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1st #	STEVE BISHOP . . . . . SOOKE	4.5-2.5	38.57%
2nd	WEI XIAO . . . . . VICTORIA	4.5-3.5	32.91%
3rd	RICHARD STEVENS . . . . . VICTORIA	3.5-3.5	40.00%
3rd	PAT STEVENS . . . . . VICTORIA	2.5-3.5	24.44%
MIXED	- CLASS C (30 Shoes)	W-L	PERCENT
1st #	NICK NICHOLAS . . . . . VICTORIA	5.5-2.5	30.00%
2nd	PATTI JOHNSON . . . . . VICTORIA	4.5-3.5	18.75%
3rd *	SANTE MICHELIN . . . . . VICTORIA	2.5-3.5	26.66%
3rd *	CLAYTON WHITE . . . . . VICTORIA	2.5-3.5	18.33%
MIXED	- CLASS D (30 Shoes)	W-L	PERCENT
1st #	ERICK WICKHEIM . . . . . SOOKE	5.5-2.5	17.21%
2nd	CHRIS VANIER . . . . . SOOKE	4.5-3.5	17.62%
3rd *	SPENCE MCCALLA . . . . . VICTORIA	3.5-3.5	20.47%



## What is Online Horseshoes – Tom Moffat



I have been following promoting horseshoes on Facebook the last 6 months. And a couple guys came across with an idea of having a tournament with people playing horseshoes and filming it online on Facebook Live. The guys were Steven Gibson and Rickey Muter. They are in I believe Ohio and Utah across the country from each other. So they chatted with a few people on line and came up with a first doubles tournament. You could be a player from anywhere NHPA member or a backyard player. Yes there is such a thing with different style tournaments. Anyway they made some simple rules 3 pts ringer one the width a shoe and you must record on Facebook live. You pitch 12 shoes only and your partner

itches the same, count all points and that total against your opponents.

Six teams random draw for partners and who you play in the bracket. It was a double knockout tournament. My partner was Brandon Tenijeth Sr. He lives in Arizona. We ended up winning the first tournament.

Each of these tournaments cost a minimal \$5 or \$10 dollars to join in. It is sent by Facebook but from here in Canada we can't send money that way. Working things out tried PayPal but the doesn't work completely So if you know a way to send money to someone in the USA from Canada without extra cost let me know.

It has been a blast so far. If your interested check out the group on Facebook called. Horseshoe pitching online, or promoting horseshoes.

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### QUESNEL HORSESHOE CLUB – JEANETTE FERRA

Nothing much to add. As you know we do not use the club in the winter.

In the fall the storage shed was broken into and the weed eater was stolen. Even though the police know who stole it

They could not do anything in retrieving the item stolen. So much to our dismay we had to spend the money and replace it, otherwise everything is the same as before. Take care

### 2017 BC 55+ GAMES – TOM MOFFAT

I attended the 55+BC Games meeting in Burnaby on Jan 30 and found it very informative. I was able to meet with the organizers from 55+BC games and other heads of sports. Want to make you aware of the following:

The 55+BC games is a qualifier for the 2020 55+Canada games. What that means is you have to attend the BC games and medal to qualify for the Canada games in Kamloops in 2020. If you don't medal you can still get in if there is room. But to be sure we should encourage our members to attend the BC games this year.

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**HORSESHOE CLUB**

At the regular monthly meet of the Horseshoe Flinging Club, held in front of Juniper Hicks' last night, Hank McGinty flung horseshoes all around his ancient rival, Silas Hookflint. Hank seemed to be able to place his heavy horseshoes anywhere he liked and from the skill and coolness which he displayed last night he sure looks like the coming champeen of this neck o' the woods.

The greater part of Gastown's sport-loving public, amounting to some twenty-five people in all, were on hand to see the experts spin the shoes. Hank and Silas tossed up a quarter to see who would get first throw, and Hank won. He peeled off his mackinaw, and the battle was on.

Starting off with all the flourishes of a real professional, Hank landed his first shoe within an inch of the post. The next shot hit the post and made it ring while on his third attempt he flopped a dead on ringer and was given a big ovation by the crowd. When Silas stepped up to the mark he seemed a trifle nervous, but two or three of his cronies yelled out, "Come on, Silas, wipe him out," and that started the old man goin'.

He tossed his first shoe miles wide of the post, but with his second shot he made a perfect ringer, which made Hank kind of swallow something in his throat. The old boy kinder faltered on his last shot, and only got a two-spot, but the gang rose and gave him the glad hand and he smiled all over.

When Hank stepped up for his next turn he seemed kind of sallow like and it looked as though his confidence had gone floeey, but Annie Jones, who was as excited as any old-time horseshoe flinger present, shouts out and says: "Come on Hank, make a ringer." That sort of cheered Hank up and he began to grin a little, and boy, how those horseshoes began to fly!

Hank made two ringers and when Silas tried again he seemed to be all het up and didn't even get near the post. Of course most of Hank's supporters gave him the big haw haw, and the old man didn't take it very kindly. When Hank came up again, his chest was all puffed up and you could see that he had the light of victory in his good eye.

He threw three ringers in succession and Annie Jones nearly choked herself giggling, and edging herself all around him.

Well, things went from bad to worse for poor old Silas until at last everybody gave up any hope for him. Hank kept getting ringers and floaters, but Silas just seemed to be bucking his luck. Anyway, as the old sayin' goes, "let the best man win," and that sure was what happened last night.

Gastown takes off its hat to Hank McGinty, today, the champeen horseshoe flinger of this village. May his courage never fail.

Editors note: It was learned down at Old Nick's Livery Stable last night, when the boys gather around to talk over the match, that Annie Jones was all set for marrying the new champeen. Deacon DoLittle is said to be dickerin' for their business. Atta boy, Deacon, you grab 'em.



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The following are already on the ballot: **Tony Rondow, Gord Butts, Wilf Gregory and Al Gusta.**

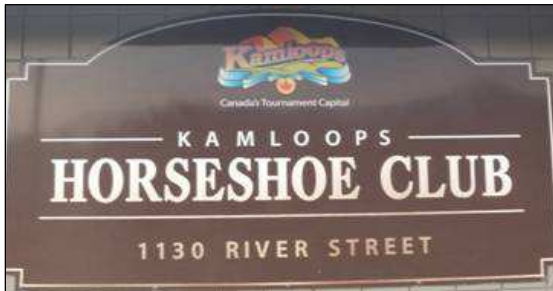
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**KAMLOOPS HORSESHOE CLUB – JENA JOHN**

The members do not meet during the winter months. Gordon and I have not seen any members since our last meeting in September, unless of course it was in passing one another out and about somewhere.

P.S. Can you please let members know that Gordon and Jenna recently lost our beloved Nalla (momma dog) to cancer on February 2<sup>nd</sup> this is a very difficult time for us, adjusting to life without her. In Friendship,



**FROM THE GREATER VICTORIA HORSESHOE PITCHING ASSOCIATION. (GVHPA)  
Victoria Horseshoe Club – Late February 2019 – submitted by L.A. Hamel**

Since October 2018 our members and clubhouse continue to be a going concern with Sunday Fall League, our AGM, with many other meetings and activities scheduled over the winter months.



Minor upgrades to our security and lighting along with general maintenance around the clubhouse were also done, including the moving of our concession counter. A big screen has now been installed enabling us to have a bigger screen for Bingo's and Special Events, as with our recent Super Bowl Extravaganza held right after our Spring League kick-off on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> which saw 28 pitchers participate. Hot Dogs and Chili with all the trimmings were wonderful while watching the game. Many thanks go out to Brenda Arnold & Marie Farmer for organizing the

food. Thank you Melanie Taylor for creating two Super Bowl Score Boards which filled up fast along with our dedicated group of volunteers for getting all these things accomplished in such short order. Bravo!

Our AGM was held on November 25<sup>th</sup> (which coincided with the Fall League Playoffs) afforded a tasty sausages' hash browns meal with pancakes while congratulating our League Champions for their Fall pitching skills. The weather surely cooperated most days. Bonus!

February 18<sup>th</sup> Family Day Cribbage was made available for those die hard cribbage players, which saw 10 tables enjoying their afternoon.

Year Round Wednesday Morning Drop-In continues to thrive along with Thursday Night Cribbage and our dedicated Thursday night '**Gang of Pitchers**'; Saturday breakfasts, 55+ Games meetings, Bingo, Staff Parties, Birthdays, and Christmas Gatherings were some events filling up the clubhouse calendar.



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**November 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 AGM Results (Meet our New Executive\*):**

Sante Michielin	President	Pat Stevens	Director
Cheryl Cliche	Past President	Larry Cole*	Director
Derek Thorpe	Vice President	Wendy Johnson	Director
Brenda Arnold	Secretary	Marie Farmer	Director
Lynn Cousins*	Treasurer	Marlene Hargreaves	Director
Claire Belliveau	Director	Tom Moffat	Director
Colin Nicholson	Director	Ron Fleet*	Director
Dick Stevens	Director		

Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> Winter Ringers Only Tournament saw 28 pitchers out braving the elements and sporting their skills (or not) at landing those Ringers. Congratulations go out to all of you along with the champs. Results have been posted on line. Check them out if you haven't already done so.

The School Program is now taking bookings and to date have 22 bookings (for March / April / May) with more to come. It is nice to see 2 (perhaps 3) new schools jump on the band wagon for this year's program.



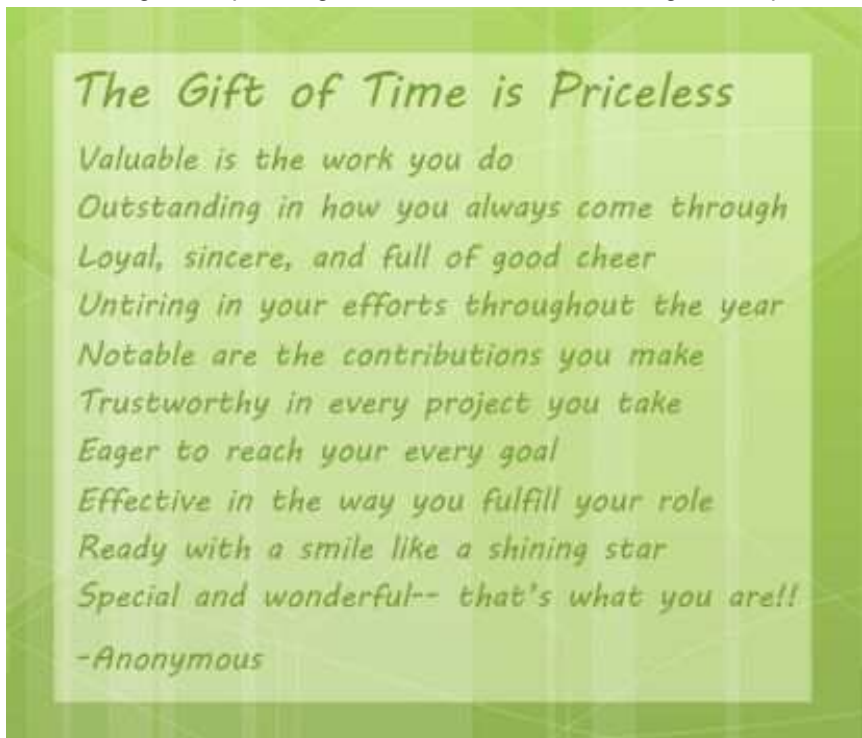
Sante and his crew (members Bob Hamilton, Jon Meeres, Dick Stevens, Nick Nicholas, Dedar Dillon, Lynn Cousins, Bob McCauley, Wei Xiao, Melanie Taylor, Larry Cole and Louise Hamel) have painted the interior of the big room at the Clubhouse. Patch'n repairing this and that. Thanks ever so much you guys! You're the Best ~ Looks fabulous!

Each One Reach One 2019 Membership Drive is now in full swing. As early as Spring League start up February 3<sup>rd</sup>, members have had the opportunity to gather their promotional handouts in preparation for those opportunities that continuously arise to spread the word, invite family, friends and/or acquaintances to the clubhouse for a game or two. Every member is encouraged to "Brag about their wonderful Club". In the meantime, Sunday morning Spring League or Wednesday Morning League are other opportunities to introduce the game to persons of interest.

All of our Youth members were mailed their 2019 Schedule along with upcoming events and activities to bring them up to speed on what will be happening this year.

With **Horseshoe Mania** scheduled for Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>... what better opportunity do we have to raise our profile within the community! Everyone is welcomed... pitchers, novice, young, old, to have a fun day of horseshoes.

GVHPA Sponsorship Program has been keeping me busy... fingers crossed that we maintain and perhaps even grow our sponsorships to help with the 2019 B.C. Provincials. Preparations are well on their way to fruition but we have lots of work to do. If you see a small window of opportunity to help out in its planning; please step up to the plate. Many hands make light of work, as they say. Enquiries can contact Sante Michielin at 250-889-0166. All in all it is gearing up to be an exciting year!





## SOOKE HORSESHOE CLUB OLIVIA Hollinger

This year is going to be a huge stepping stone and mile marker for SHPA.

We are hosting our first sanctioned tournament in honor of two of our founding members Gord Butts and Tom Bligh that will happen on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are hosting a Community Challenge on May 25<sup>th</sup> to promote horseshoes in Sooke and to learn how to run a tournament, this is open to businesses and community members of Sooke.

We are holding a yard sale and meet, greet, and bring a friend on March 9<sup>th</sup>, yard sale from 9-1 and meet, greet, and bring a friend from 1-3.

We have an updated website with events and pictures, check it out at <http://sookehorseshoes.weebly.com/>. The executive of SHPA hope for another successful year at the pits. Our pits are always open, members are there Tuesday and Saturday at 10 am, Wednesday evening league starts March 27 at 5:30 pm, Saturday afternoon league starts March 30 at 12:30 pm. Come on out to Sooke, the home of the biggest horseshoe!!

SHPA started of with 3 peewee/junior members, Seirra Hitchin, Mikey Hitchin, and Parker Bligh. All three started in 2016 and played two seasons. In 2017 Clarice Quoquat and Sharice Hollinger joined our program and still compete today. All five are grandchildren to Tom Bligh, and he couldn't have been more proud watching and coaching them a sport he had so much passion and love for.

When asked why they play, it gave Grandpa pleasure, I like the friends I have met playing, and it's fun!



**Mikey Hitchin**-placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at Canadian Champions and 4<sup>th</sup> at Island Champions in 2016. In 2017 he had many podium finishes and was 16<sup>th</sup> for boys in Canada with a 5.02% ringer average.

**Parker Bligh**-finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at Canadian Champions and Island Champions in 2016 and finished 22<sup>nd</sup> for boys throughout Canada with a 2.78% ringer average.



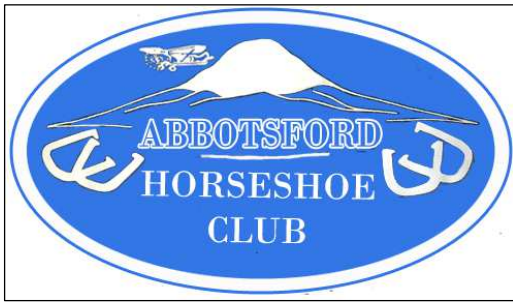
**Seirra Hitchin**-had many podium finishes including 1<sup>st</sup> at Canadian Champions and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Island Champions both in 2016. In 2017 she had a



**Clarice Quoquat**-she began in 2017 and had two first place finishes her first year. In 2018 she won 1<sup>st</sup> at Canadian Champions and Island Champions and finished with a 27.54% ringer average to make her the top girl in all of Canada.

**Sharice Hollinger**-she began in 2017 had many podium finishes. In 2018 she won 1<sup>st</sup> at Canadian Champions and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Island Champions. She finished 16<sup>th</sup> in Canada for girls with 5.14% ringer average.





## Ringin' In" 2019.... News from the Abbotsford Horseshoe Club – Cindy Rowell

The club ended a very successful year with a Christmas get together. Members feasted on an array of Chinese Food, and a variety of homemade pies made by pie maker extraordinaire Joyce Williams! The evening did not end there, Ken provided his usual brain teaser quiz, followed by Don who had us trying to define some pretty unusual words. Needless to say a good time was had by all and a great way to end 2018.

### Our new executive is now in place for 2019.

Jim Williams is our new President / Cindy Rowell Vice-President

Archie Radowits Secretary / Dennis Kirichenko Treasurer . After many years of dedication to our Club we want to extend a huge Thank You to Danny Coffin for all the years he has served on the Executive. He has been a long time member and has put in many years of service to the club. We know Danny will be close at hand if we require his knowledge and expertise. We are sure that he will be looking forward to concentrating more on his game this coming season.

As well, we want to say Thanks to our dedicated Kitchen Ladies who over the years have always provided a great start to our tournaments with their delicious hearty breakfasts and lunches. Bonny and Sherry have retired and turned over the kitchen duties to Joyce and Tina who will be serving up the breakfasts and lunches at our club tournaments. And here's a News Flash direct from the kitchen..... Joyce has promised that there will be homemade pies served!

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One of the first things that President Jim wanted to do was to revamp the club website. He has done an amazing job! There is lots of pictures and information on the site. Be sure to check it out at [abbotsfordhorseshoeclub.ca](http://abbotsfordhorseshoeclub.ca). You might just see your picture on there from one of our past tournaments! Jim was on a roll and moved from the website to creating a new Abbotsford Horseshoe Club brochure. The brochure looks fabulous! Brochures have been distributed to locations throughout the city as well as at senior's homes, recreation centers and library.

Jim & Cindy met with the City Of Abbotsford in November to make some inquiries about how we could work together to promote horseshoes to our community, and what we can do to improve our site.

One thing that was discussed was that we needed more signage to identify our club, and as a result we will have new signs that will be put up in the Spring. As a way to promote us, the city has provided us with a new enclosed bulletin board where we can post club information about activities and tournaments, as well as contact information for those who may want to inquire about what we do.

The city has always done a great job of maintaining our site at Mill Lake. Last year they added some spectator bleachers placed along one end of the pit area, and a new Public Washroom built adjacent to the club. At their meeting with the city, Jim and

Cindy mentioned that it would be nice to have night lighting in the pit area allowing us to play into the evening. We could not believe our eyes when a few weeks later the city showed up one afternoon and installed lights that will illuminate about 6 pits for evening play. A lesson learned.... "Ask and ye shall receive".... well, let's just go with that. However, we also asked for a permanent covered area that would eliminate the tents that we set for tournaments. They indicated that would be a capital project and for us to get on the list of capital projects to be approved, we would have to submit a drawing of what we wanted. We believe we can speed up the process if we help with the funding of this project. It is a work in progress at this point.

Once the Spring weather sets in we will be busy. In April we have invited Abbotsford Big Brothers and Big Sisters to join us for an afternoon of recreation at our site. We are going to spend the afternoon teaching them all about horseshoes. We will wind things up with a barbeque and socializing. Thanks to Brian approaching this organization and arranging this event.

Plans are in the works for the annual BC International/Highwayman Tournament in May. We are excited as this year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this tournament. We will have contestants from Victoria Island, Lower Mainland, Interior of BC and Washington State. Our contestants will be completing in 5% to 20% range, 20% to 30% range, 40% to 50% range, 60% to 70% and 70% Plus. The rating is the number of ringers you can throw out of 100 shoes thrown. There will be money prizes for top three finishers in each category. But most of all, those who attend this annual event have fun, socialize, and meet new and old friends.

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Upcoming events include inviting community organizations to come out and learn all about Horseshoes, and inviting seniors groups to participate in afternoon fun days.

We will be setting up temporary pits at several summer community events such as Canada Day Celebrations at Rotary Stadium, and Agrifair at Exhibition Park.

Our goal for 2019 is to get our name out into the community, invite families, youth, seniors and community groups to give Horseshoes a try.

Lastly we would like to thank all our member volunteers that help make our tournaments a great success. Without you we would not be able to put on our club events every year. As well, we


want to thank all the members from Horseshoe Clubs in BC and the U.S.A. who attend our club tournaments.

We appreciate your support and we look forward to another great 2019 season and competing with you all this year!

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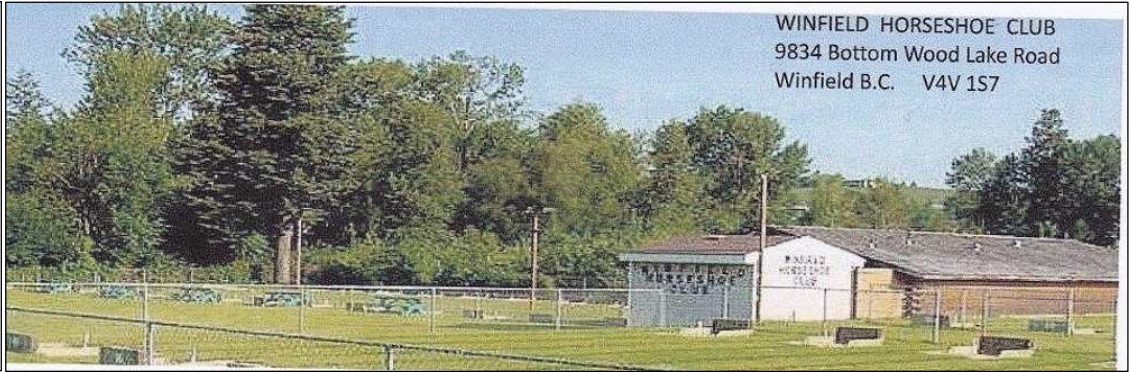
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**EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE WINFIELD HORSESHOE CLUB IN THE SUNNY OKANAGAN – BERNIE LEPPER**

With the Winfield Horseshoe Club, Hosting horseshoes in the 2019 55+ Games, on September 10th to the 14th., we will be looking for not only as many competitors as possible from around the province but at least fourteen good scorekeepers for the two days of horseshoes on the Thursday & Friday Sept. 12th & 13th. All volunteers should register with the 55+ games and receive a free goody package and possibly a banquet for their effort as a volunteer.

The winter activities in our clubhouse include a crib tournament every Saturday with about 20 to 24 members attending. We also celebrate special birthdays and anniversaries throughout the year with a HUGE birthday cake and enough food to satisfy everyone.

The Winfield Horseshoe Club did not need to shovel the snow off the walkway this winter as the city of Winfield did it for us starting this year.

John threw all the snow shovels out so he's confident the city will continue to honor their commitment. The city is even thinking about cutting the grass for us starting this year, but this remains to be seen when the horseshoe season starts with its league in April.

All our Horseshoe Huckers are looking forward to be able to throw a few shoes, but with all the snow this year it appears it will be into April. Although we do have a few of our members who have been pitching shoes all winter on a single court that was constructed under a tree beside a church in Kelowna, the tree protects the court from snow, lucky huckers!

Good luck and have a wonderful horseshoe pitching season which is by entering as many tournaments as possible from all the clubs throughout B.C.

**COMOX VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB – Erik Kellow**

Hello fellow Horseshoe chuckers. We, the denizens of the Comox Valley are unused to hard pits (frozen ones that is) that cause the shoes to bounce around. Therefore we have hibernated the past four months or so except to meet for coffee now and again to keep the old hot stove warm.

Several members braved the bright sunny weather on 24th of February to hold our AGM. The executive committee elections resulted in, Jess Fester, President, Joel Johnston Vice President, Trevor Bruce Secretary, Darlene Wilson Treasurer and Lyle Trockstad Past President. I will introduce the Board members in the next newsletter.

Matters discussed were the Island and local competitions this coming year. These will be discussed in future letters.

Past Mr. everything, Oliver (Twister) Watkins is now in an Extended Care Home in Cumberland, sometimes recognizes visitors and others not.



**Horseshoes An International Sport?  
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## PRESIDENTS REPORT – TOM MOFFAT



As we start a new year of horseshoe pitching, we reflect on the fun, friendship and good times of last year.

During the winter we don't see each other as much and miss the good times, As the winter comes to a close we start to get the shoes going again. We find that we are missing some dear friends and see some new faces that are not sure of the sport completely.

As we gather our shoes to throw, we see need for people in each club to step up and help out with the countless small jobs to run a club. Executive members, working on the grounds, kitchen, computer work, and other organization jobs. There is always need for more workers. And sometimes it's a lot of begging to get people to help.

Wouldn't it be nice if more people volunteered? If everyone, did something. It wouldn't have to be much if everyone did something. A lot of work would get done and more time to enjoy the sport for all.

What can you do? If your doing your part already, maybe you can chat up someone to help in another area or show them what you do so they can help when you can't.

	
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Volunteers are the lifeblood of our sport. We all benefit from a healthy volunteer base. This also includes promotion. We all need to get the word out about our sport. Not just the executive of your club but everyone. Just think if everyone got one or two people out to try the sport. You know what the results would be. More people playing horseshoes. Bigger leagues, drop ins and tournaments.

This year 2019 we will be holding our 2 major tournaments again, the BC International in Abbotsford, and the BC Championships in Victoria. Every member is invited to participate in these and please start to make plans to attend now. Save some travel money and make some plans. Let's

have some good turnouts to these tournaments and other local tournaments. Support the neighboring clubs, they need you at their tournaments and you need them at yours.

Lets make 2019 one of the best years for horseshoes. I will see you there.

## HORSESHOEMANIA



The GVHPA (Victoria Horseshoe Club) invites YOU to their HORSESHOE MANIA Community Fun-for-All Community event on **Saturday, April 6th/2019** ~ 620 Kenneth Street (Glanford Park) behind the Soccer Field.

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We look forward to seeing you, your family, friends and/or colleagues in our 2nd Annual Horseshoe Mania Fun-for-All Community Extravaganza.

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HORSESHOE PLAYER – TURNED SKI INSTRUCTOR

**CINDY HELGESON**  
(AND FRIENDS)  
SKI INSTRUCTOR

Sometimes a ski instructor stays at a hill long enough they get to teach the children of their original students. And occasionally, they might get to teach the third generation. For Cindy Helgeson, however, this year she reached a whole new milestone and got to pass on the joys of skiing to the fourth generation of the same family. "I've been teaching 30 years at Big White," says Cindy, who started instructing here in 1988 but missed one season to go teach and travel in Australia.

Cindy has seen a lot of changes to the resort and remembers back to before there were any high speed quad chairlifts on the hill. "It was still the old Ridge chair," she recalls, "there's been a lot of growth."

Over the years, Cindy has built up regular clientele (and subsequently their offspring and offspring's offspring) from as nearby as Kelowna to as far away as Australia. And as her students grow up, they are excited to return to Big White and have her instruct their children.

What makes Cindy such a special teacher? Besides her playful personality, seemingly infinite patience level and 30 years of experience, the one thing that makes her stand out the most are the finger puppets she uses while teaching. "I have 80 finger puppets," she says, popping the lid off a box to show me. "Some are themed, like the Christmas ones, Valentines and Easter."

Are there favourites?

"All the children love the elephants," she notes. "I tell them, when they make their skis into a pizza shape, that the back has to be wide enough for a real elephant to fit at the back of the skis, and at the front of their skis, they have to block the gate so the elephant can't get through."

Children genuinely adore both Cindy and her puppets. "I put puppets in their mittens so they can ski down the hill with them," she says.



In addition to the puppets being fun, Cindy also uses them to help children understand which leg it is she wants them to turn on. She explains, "If I put a bunny rabbit in one hand and an elephant in the other, then we call one leg bunny rabbit and the other leg elephant."

Cindy feels very lucky to work for a resort that boasts such a well thought-out beginner area. "This is such a great family resort. I love the beginner area as there are no fast skiers buzzing past us. And the Kids' Centre is wonderful as well."

To book a beginner lesson with Cindy for your child, contact the Ski & Board School desk in the Village Centre Mall or you can give them a call at 250-491-6101 or email [skischool@bigwhite.com](mailto:skischool@bigwhite.com)



## NHPA RULES AND BYLAW PROPOSALS

The following rule proposal changes will be discussed and voted on by the delegates of each charter. If passed HORSESHOE CANADA will adapt the same.

### PITCHING DIVISIONS PROPOSAL 1: CURRENT WORDING

#### *Rule 1 - Pitching Divisions*

Section A - Juniors (See REQUIREMENT 6. for exceptions and additional information)

1. Junior Cadets (any pitcher twelve (12) years old or younger for the entire calendar year) Junior Cadets may pitch from any place on the extended or full-distance platforms and shall observe the twenty-foot (20') foul line Note: Junior Cadets may choose to move into the Junior Boys or Junior Girls prior to the age guidelines, but cannot return to the Junior Cadets, once this declaration has been made.

### PROPOSED CHANGE OF WORDING: (see italic/bold print for changes)

#### *Rule 1 - Pitching Divisions*

Section A - juniors (See REQUIREMENT 6, for exceptions and additional information)

1. Junior Cadets (any pitcher ten **(10) years-old** or younger for the entire calendar year) Junior Cadets may pitch from any place on the extended or full-distance platforms and shall observe the twenty-foot (20') foul line Note: Junior Cadets may choose to move into the Junior Boys or Junior Girls prior to the age guidelines, but cannot return to the Junior Cadets, once this declaration has been made.

### REASONS FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

- Ninety-nine (99) percent of 10-year-old children can pitch from the 27' foul line. I don't believe that we should be catering to the very few individuals this current rule applies to.
- We have 12-year-old kids standing at 20 ft. averaging 80%. The age needs to go back. When this change first came up, it was said it was because some of the little 10-year-old girls couldn't reach the stake. Today, we have much lighter shoes available for those little girls (or boys).
- The age for Cadets was originally 10 years of age and should never have been changed to 12 years of age in the first place. There are very few physical differences between boys and girls of the same age, up to about age 11, and many girls are even larger than boys of their same age. But, based on normal physical adolescent changes of growth and development that DO occur during those two additional years (ages 11 and 12), this current age for Cadets should be changed back to age 10. Twelve is too old! And most would agree that the earlier change from age 10 to age 12 has caused far more problems than it ever solved.

### PITCHING DIVISIONS PROPOSAL 2 (see italic/bold print for changes)

#### *Rule 1 - Pitching Divisions*

Section E

#### 1 - Elder Men

#### 2 - Physically Challenged Men

**3 - Elder Women division for age 80 and over stating Elder Women become eligible to pitch in the Elder Women's division upon purchase of an NHPA card dated for the calendar year that they become eighty (80) years old.**

Rule 1 - Elder Women may pitch from any place on either the extended or full distance platforms and shall observe the twenty-foot (20') foul line. Elder Women must notify their Charter secretary, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares herself a short distance pitcher, she must remain in that Division until the next year's membership card is purchased. At that time, she may switch back to the Open Women's Division, but must remain in that Division until the next year's card is purchased, etc. NOTE: See Rule 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying.

#### 4 - Physically Challenged Men/ **Women**

Physically challenged, men pitchers less than seventy (70) and women pitchers less than eighty (80) years old may be given permission, by their governing Charter, to move onto the extended platforms in the Physically Challenged **Divisions** with physically challenged men observing the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul line and the physically challenged women observing the twenty-foot (20') foul line. The prior completion and approval of a Medical Exemption Application Form (available from Charter Secretaries and on some Charter Websites) is required. At the World Tournament and at State Championship Tournaments, they shall compete in the appropriate Elders **Divisions**.

#### **RATIONALE**

Just as with the Cadet proposal, the intent of this rule is to provide for equal consideration of both genders. Adding a Women's division to Elders better adheres to the NHPA practice of providing equality of divisions and eliminates the disparity among the NHPA's most seasoned participants. Just as accommodation has been made to allow men seventy (70) and older to continue playing Horseshoes into their most-senior years, it behooves the NHPA to do the same for its Women at age eighty (80). Men may move from the 37' to the 27' foul line, a 10-foot accommodation that allows many men to stay highly competitive in horseshoes when their bodies have become somewhat weakened by the effects of age, inhibiting their ability to find success, and enjoyment, in this sport without the accommodation. Moving the foul line for Elder Women age eighty (80) from 27' to 20' (7 feet) will accomplish the same noble intent behind the Elder Men Division. Many women who have quit the game will again be able to join their friends in competitive horseshoes. Younger NHPA Women will see the commitment and value the NHPA places on them and, like men, may continue to pitch with the NHPA the rest of their life, a definite NHPA membership-strengthening outcome. The 20' foul line is now an accepted part of the NHPA rules with its use to accommodate our youngest pitchers who may lack strength or stamina to compete at longer distances. Allowing Elder Women, age 80 and over, and Physically Challenged Women the option to move to this distance affords them the same accommodation, for the same reasons, with the exception that it is effects of older age, not extreme youth. Accepting this proposal will demonstrate to the NHPA's female membership that they are of great and indeed equal value to NHPA's men.



#### **SALMON ARM – AMY KIDD**

Bowling season is just about over - 4 weeks of regular play, then 2 weeks of roll-offs. Then we should be on the horseshoe pits, we can only hope.

Faith Juell is still in hospital, but has finished her Chemo/radiation treatments, and should be able to go home pretty soon. She has most certainly had a long time in hospital. It was not helped any by the passing of her husband, Clarence. We are surely going to miss him when Horseshoes starts.

We are unable to use our clubhouse during the winter, as there is not insulation, so we decided we should get together a few times for lunch, which we have done once and have another one scheduled for Mar. 15. We have a really good turnout, so I guess it is a good thing.

It is just a few days less than 2 months until our first tournament in the Valley - I presume the snow will be gone by then.

We hope to have about 4 or 5 new players this year if they turn out. Sure would be good. Anyway, that is about it from the Salmon Arm Club. See you all in the pits in a couple of months. Ciao

#### **Clarence Juell - February 25, 1934 - January 19, 2019**

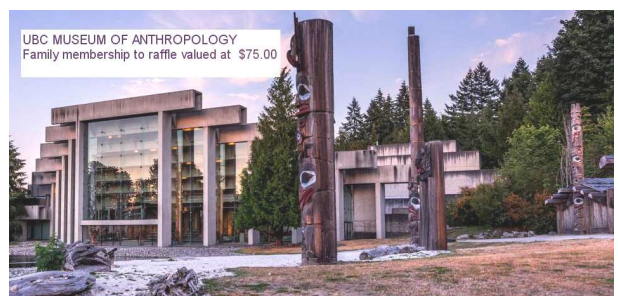
We would like to celebrate the life of our father, husband, family member, and friend, Clarence Raymond Juell, who passed peacefully in his home in Salmon Arm on January 19, 2019.

Clarence is survived by his wife Faith, children Janice, Lewis, Darwin (Sandra) and Josephene (Scott), 7 grandchildren, siblings Ethel (Dan), Roy (Mildred), Art (Marlene), Clara, and Iona (Garry).

He is predeceased by his parents Ralph and Ruth Juell, siblings Kathleen (Henry), Barbara (Bob), and Leslie.



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## LAST SHOE



BERUBE, Joseph Nazaire Florian: Date of birth: August 16, 1928 Date of death: December 1, 2018 Joseph passed away peacefully in his sleep at his residence in Penticton. Joseph was predeceased by his parents, Georges and Anne and siblings, Jean-Paul, Jeanne, Rea and Real. He is survived by his companion Mary Evenson and several nieces and nephews. Joseph was born in Hallewood, Ontario. In 1990, he moved to Penticton. Joseph became part of the local horseshoe community where he excelled and won many tournaments. Joseph will be remembered for his wry sense of humour and caring of others. Cremation has taken place and at Joseph's request, no formal service will be held. May he Rest In Peace.

Joe was a heck of a horseshoe player, never gave up in any game. Joe was a member of the PENTICTON and CENTRAL PARK Horseshoe clubs.

### SUMMERLAND HORSESHOE CLUB – JUANITA LAYE



Jim and I have been spending the winter down in Arizona .It has been a cool winter here for the Polar Vortex hit all the way down here and into upper Mexico.

We didn't get any snow here in Yuma not like Eastern Arizona but it has been sunny and chilly winds.

I heard all the snow that fell back home and the cold temperatures' hope everyone stayed warm and safe.

I am so sorry to have heard of the passing of Clarence Jewel from Salmon Arm, our condolences to Faith and their family.

Well Spring is on the way and the new Horseshoe Season is coming up on us fast. All the Clubs will be opening up their Clubhouses for the start of the New Season. I think everyone will be happy to start pitching and shaking off the Cabin Fever.

It will be great to start up the new season and getting together with everyone at our first tournaments of the Season.

Jim and I are heading back for home the end of March and will be happy to be home after a few months vacationing.

I hope all is well with everyone and can't wait to see you all for the start of our New Season.

### RAFFLE ITEMS FOR BC INTERNATIONAL AND BC CHAMPS

<p>VANCOUVER CANADIANS – 4 TICKETS RESERVED GRANDSTAND SEATING \$50.00</p> <p>BUDDHA BOARDS – \$70.00</p> <p>WHITE SPOT - \$75.00 gift certificates</p> <p>WHITE SPOT - \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE, COOK BOOK AND NOTE PAD TOTAL \$75.00</p> <p>4 JIG SAW PUZZLES FROM COBBLE HILL PUZZLE HOUSE \$220.00</p> <p>EIGHTEEN PASTURES GIFT CERTICATES 2 ROUDS OF GOLF \$84.00</p> <p>O'CONNOR RV – DIRECTORS CHAIR \$85.00</p> <p>WESTLAND INSURANCE GROUP – EMERGENCY CAR KIT</p> <p>LEGION / BC YUKON COMMAND – PACKAGE 1 Package includes: 1x Thermal Picnic Bag 1x Women's Golf T-shirt (Medium) 1x Legion Lanyard 2x "Lest We Forget" wristbands</p>	<p>HUB INTERNATIONAL - \$50</p> <p>WHITE DISTRIBUTORS Compact Horseshoe Carrying Bag – \$50</p> <p>HYUNDAI CANADA an emergency backpack, an inflatable air bed, a mini tool kit and a portable air compressor.\$50</p> <p>Coast Capital Savings Federal Credit Union – Tillicum BRANCH – GOLF SHIRT</p> <p>JR COUNTRY 93.7FM - INTERNATIONAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x JR Country mugs</li> <li>• 2 x JR Family t-shirts</li> <li>• Bumper stickers</li> <li>• 1 x JR Jewel the Cow</li> <li>• 2 x JR toques</li> <li>• 1 x JR Bluetooth speaker</li> <li>• 2 x JR keychain bottle openers</li> </ul> <p>DENNYS RESTAURANTS</p> <p>CABELLAS</p> <p>UBC Museum of anthropology</p> <p>The Keg gift certificate \$25.</p>
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**LEGION / BC YUKON COMMAND Package 2 includes:**

- 1x Thermal Picnic Bag
- 1x Men's Golf T-shirt (Medium)
- 1x Legion Lanyard
- 2x "Lest We Forget" wristbands

DE DUTCH \$25 GIFT CARD

WINGS \$100 GIFT CARDS - EXPIRE JULY 31

**SPORTS NET 650 – BC INTERNATIONAL**

- 1x \$50 gift certificate to Taco Del Mar
- 1x \$50 gift card to Purdy's Chocolates
- 1x AM/FM/shortwave radio
- 1x Sportsnet 650 toque

BOTTLE OF WINE – ALLAN / DIANE CUMMINGS

FRASER VALLEY BANDITS – 2 TICKETS TO A BASKETBALL GAME

WAVES COFFEE – GIFT BASKET - \$25

FRASER VALLEY WIRELESS - \$100 GIFT CARD

RON AND POLLY HORSESHOES - "YANKEE" HORSESHOES and an NHPA bag---\$140.00 value

AGASSI SPEEDWAY - \$25 Certificate towards Admission fees for the 2019 Season

STRING ART - \$25.00

Coast Capital Savings Federal Credit Union – JAMES BAY BRANCH – a cooler lunch bag with a golf shirt, golf towel, balls, a travel mug and water bottle

CANADIAN BREWHOUSE - \$328 GIFT CERTIFICATE

Chilliwack Chiefs Hockey team hat and two 2for1 vouchers for the 2019-20 regular season.

SAMMY J - \$30 appy gift cards

PNE – 4 Tickets

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Charles Chocolate Factory – Assorted chocolates

**DENIS HORSESHOES**

ITEM	U.S. \$
<b>Horseshoes:</b>	
Cadet-Yellow	\$ 51.00
<b>Jewelry:</b>	
Earrings Dangle Gold	\$ 6.00
Earrings Dangle Silver	\$ 6.00
Earrings Post Gold	\$ 6.00
Pin Gold	\$ 5.00
Pin Silver	\$ 6.00
Tie Tac NHPA	\$ 5.00
Necklace Gold	\$ 10.00
Necklace Silver	\$ 10.00
Necklace 5 shoes	\$ 13.00
Bracelet 5 shoes	\$ 13.00
<b>Hats:</b>	
Mesh Blue	\$ 16.00
Mesh Red	\$ 16.00
Mesh White	\$ 16.00
Solid Khaki	\$ 16.00
<b>Other:</b>	
Cool Rag Blue	\$ 10.00
Towel Blue 12"	\$ 7.00
Towel Gray 16"	\$ 10.00
	\$ 222.00

ELEMENTS CASINO – SURREY- BUFFET FOR 4 PEOPLE

4IMPRINT – Microfiber blanket, deluxe knapsack, Rocklin speaker GUMH

OLD SPAHGETTI FACTORY \$25.00

JOSEPH RICHARDSON GROUP – DINNER FOR 4 - \$90

BC LIONS – 2 TICKETS





## POWELL RIVER – LORRAINE HUBICK

The last chance the Powell River Horseshoe Pitching Club Pitchers were together was last Oct.27 2018. It was a lovely Banquet and Awards night. Our last time, we had with our 2018 elected new President - Bruce Trotter. Bruce ended up with multiple health issues, in the hospital, 1st week of December 2018 and passed away February 20, 2019. Bruce was a lovely man and we are going to miss this dedicated pitcher. He was truly going to practice up to compete in the BC championships in Victoria this coming August in Victoria.

For the rest of the club, a few have left the country for travels, rest of us stayed home to keep warm, from all the snow and cold weather that was upon us. As I write this, the mounds of snow have disappeared, now waiting for the heat to come, so we can have something to complain about.

We have not had our executive meeting, then following comes the General meeting. When hockey comes to an end in the Complex, then we can start our Sunday mornings drop-in.

Lionel Hanson steps in as acting President- assisted by Jim Hoffman- Secretary is Sandra Hanson, Treasurer is Lorraine Hubick.

2019 Directors: Harry Bey, Diane Norman, Sylvia Sheldon, Margie Woloschuk, Betty Blacklock (league) and Carol Skrodolis (Canteen)

We are going to miss Derek Boyes, as he has moved away, he does state that he hopes to join the Salmon Arm Pitching Club.

Look forward to our club up and pitching for this season and to see fellow pitchers in other clubs near and far as competitors. What a great sport.

Do a Pendulum swing; put those shoes around the peg.



Asia Bowden - 2017

### **GVHPA JUNIOR MEMBER PROFILES ASIA AND EMILY BOWDEN**

– by *Debbie Bowden March 13, 2019*

How did my girls learn about horseshoes? We live close to the horseshoe club and were at the adjacent playground, where we could hear the clanking of the shoes. When we wandered over to the club to check out what was going on, Dedar Dillon was kind enough bring out horseshoes for the girls and showed them how to pitch. And so it started – going to weekly practice and competing in tournaments.

The girls started pitching horseshoes in 2016 – Asia was 9 years old and Emily was 5 years old. That year, the girls competed in seven tournaments, including the Canadian Championships and the Island Championships.

A play-off game placed Asia in 2<sup>nd</sup> (PeeWee B) at the Canadians which were hosted at our club.



Emily Bowden - 2017

She pitched 19 ringers! In 2017, Kevin Cuthbert asked Asia to partner with him for the Victoria Memorial Doubles tournament. In 2018, she placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Island Championships in Port Alberni (Cadets A) and pitched a total of 33 ringers! She has earned numerous award certificates, such as Pee Wee Girls Highest Game of 22.22% (2016-2017) and Pee Wee Girls – Highest Game 31.82%, Most Wins 32 games; and Most Improved from 6.81 % to 14.96% (8.15) in 2018. She's been working on her ringers - the highest number of ringers (so far) pitched in a tournament has been 42 ringers (2018). Asia earned her 50 pin in August 2017 and her 60 pin in September 2017! She's ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Canada's Top 30 Junior Girls – way to go Asia! Asia enjoys many things - drawing, painting, fishing, bike riding, and hiking, ice skating, cooking & baking, hanging out with friends and is a voracious reader. She is part of the Outdoor Adventure Club through our local recreation centre.

At school, she's in Band 7, Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz (using a microphone) and Jazz Ensemble. She plays the flute and practices a minimum of 100 minutes a week! Asia donated 15" of hair to Pantene (2017) and another 10" to the Tour de Rock (2018), which will be used to make wigs for people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment.



At the Canadians Championship in 2016, Emily was recognized as the youngest player (age 6) at the Victoria Horseshoe Club and had her photo taken with Bob Curtis, the oldest player (90+ years old). In 2016, Emily earned 1<sup>st</sup> place (PW Girls B) in the Island Championships in Ladysmith. She was excited to see her name on the plaque! In 2017, she placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Victoria Open (JrsPW A). In 2018, Emily placed 1<sup>st</sup> (Cadets B) in the Island Championships in Port Alberni. She pitched 10 rings. She's in Canada's Top 30 Junior Girls at #24!

Emily enjoys many things – reading (the Dogman series is one of her favorites), drawing, skating, Lego, video games, playing at the playground, bike riding, camping, and swimming (can be in the outdoor pool for 2 hours!). Emily also donated hair (10") when Asia did in 2017. At school, Emily has been part of the Stamp Club for a couple of years and earned an award for the four pages she entered in the Stamp Show (2018). This year, she was able to join the choir (have to be in Grade 3 or up) and sang at Victoria Sings on a night that included six other choirs. Emily has always been a great reader and her teacher just let me know that she's moved up to Level 30, which is the highest level in elementary school!

Asia says "it's fun!" and they both enjoy the new friends they've made. During the Canadians, there was a Junior Fun Day and at practices and tournaments the kids hang out together. Both girls have done well pitching horseshoes and their Dad and I are very proud of them!

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We, here at the Greater Victoria Horseshoe Pitching Association (GVHPA), have all witnessed tremendous growth in both Asia's and Emily's pitching abilities over the years; hence, also very proud of their achievements to date. They are very much an integral part of our Horseshoe Family and wish them nothing but success in their 2019 pitching season, especially with the Provincials on the horizon. Way to go girls - Bravo! on behalf of the GVHPA Executive and Members-at-Large. March 14, 2019



**PRINCE GEORGE HORSESHOE CLUB – Alice Boschman**

We drive by the Horseshoe pits just about every day, to see if the snow is off the pits. The answer is still the same...NOPE!!!!

Those of us here in Prince George would like to wish everyone a good year, "May our averages all go higher".

Good health to all and hope to see some of you at a tournament here in Prince George.

