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TO ALL MEMBERS AND CLUBS OF THE BC HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION



The executive of BC Horseshoe Association met via zoom on April 1 2021 to discuss business for the coming season. With covid still with us there are still many uncertain aspects to our sport.

We have decided that because of the further restrictions for the first 3 weeks in April by BC health that we request that the clubs do not do any in house tournaments till further notice. It's unfortunate as a lot of clubs were looking forward to doing this but at this time it's not safe or legal. Just a heads up - the distance for adult sports is **now 3 meters apart** at all times - see the link

from viaSport https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/FAQ_Provincial_Order_03-22.pdf. Thanks to June Lazenby for pointing this out. Sanitize equipment, one person score. Walking singles and walking doubles casual play allowed no sharing of shoes. Your municipality may add more to these rules as seen in many places like only 10 people max on site.

So with these restrictions we are back to casual play and email only tournaments. And because of this with so many things not moving forward we have reduced the dues by clubs for each player down to \$14 for this year. We encourage all members to take out memberships in their clubs to help keep your club financially viable. We hate to lose clubs because of lack of support.

As for future tournaments we will post when and if these can be held. We encourage all players to keep active and take advantage of the email tournaments that are offered. It's not ideal but something we have right now. There was much fun with this last year and we will continue forward again with it this year. Contact Tom Moffat at xpostix@gmail.com for more info on email tournaments. Well stay active stay safe and we look forward to meeting again in the future. We sure miss you all.

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION

At this time I have some very unfortunate news to pass along. Due to covid-19 having shutdown of so many things in BC, essential travel and many restrictions for the next few weeks and maybe longer things will be changed in BC. BC Horseshoe association along with the host clubs have consulted with each other to make the following announcements.

BC Horseshoe Association has cancelled all tournaments, in house tournament for the month of April, and possible some after. Also the following major tournaments have been Canceled, BC International Highwaymen in Abbotsford, and Western Classic in Kamloops. It is felt by the time these tournament dates come by, there will not be enough interest in traveling or by hosting of local clubs. This news is not what we wanted for this year, but nothing is what we want right now.

We hope that in a few months we can get back to some form of normal but it's still a wait and see thing. We thank everyone for their understanding about these decisions.

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DOROTHY BLUNT – VANCOUVER – BCHA HALL OF FAME INDCTEE - 1990



Dorothy's Accomplishments:

Dorothy became a keen horseshoe player about 1971. She soon became a champion.

B.C. Ladies Champion: 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1975.

B.C. International Ladies Champion: 1973, 1974 and 1975.

Canadian Ladies Champion: 1973.

Dorothy was a pioneer in Ladies competition in B.C.

Dorothy and Bob Blunt were instrumental in the formation of a number of horseshoe clubs in B.C., including Vernon. They were also involved in the formation of the B.C. Horseshoe Association as it is presently structured. Dorothy retired from Active competition in 1987.

NEWS FROM CENTRAL PARK – DARLENE AND BOB SALISBURY



We just wanted to update everyone on an event at the club held on Tuesday March 23rd

A few weeks before a fellow from a youth group called and asked Bob if they could bring some children ages 12-18 over to the club during spring break to learn how to play horseshoes.

Bob called Dean (our contact with the Burnaby parks board) and he said sure go ahead using covid protocols. They were from Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House; two leaders and 12

students arrived by city bus and walked into the club from Boundary and Kingsway. Bob divided them into groups of four and Allan Cummings took one group Victor Chen took another and Bob took the other and they gave lessons to the students.

As predictable some lost interest quickly but some continued to play until it was time to leave, everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. We received some feedback about the trip in a round about way. Our daughter Shauna knows the manager at Mount Pleasant N.H. she was speaking to her the next day and said I understand you had a group at CPHC My Dad organized the event. The manger said I am talking to the staff right now is your Dad's name Bob? Shauna said yes and the reply was they said it was really great

FROM JOHN HAMLER – WINFIELD

Cindy came home Wednesday March 31, 2021, the day after her surgery. She is getting around with her walker. I have to lift her leg to get on & off the couch and in & out of bed. Had a better sleep last night but up every 3 - 4 hours. I am getting my sleep whenever I can.

I haven't killed us with my cooking!!!!

50 YEARS AGO – A LOOK BACK AT HISTORY 1971 B.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS CENTRAL PARK HORSESHOE CLUB. Sid Lash sets a new record in winning 1971 B.C. Championships goes Undefeated and averages 62.7%.

MENS CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS		W-L	%
1. Sid Lash	Burnaby	7-0	62.7
2. Stan Pachota	Vancouver	6-1	61.2
3. Bob Timothy	Ladysmith	5-2	47.2
4. Ed Enefer	Burnaby	3-4	49.1
5. Murray Rayner	Youbou	3-4	47.4
6. John Wallingham	Hammond	2-5	53.0
7. Stan Dahl	Vancouver	2-5	45.6
8. Colin Butts	Victoria	0-7	36.5



SID LASH

MENS "B"		W-L	%
1. Stan Guard	Maple Ridge	5-1	45.0
2. Alf Dahl	Vancouver	4-2	38.7
3. Sam Tomasevic	Vancouver	4-2	37.1
4. Harvey Thompson	New Westminster	3-3	40.9
5. Jim Ruskowski	Burnaby	3-3	39.5
6. Ed Moore	Whonnoch	2-4	36.8
7. Dick Beer	Cloverdale	0-6	31.2



LINDA WEESE

MENS "C"		W-L	%
1. W.D. Rowe	Pitt Meadows	5-0	32.6
2. Bill James	New Westminster	4-1	21.2
3. Bob Weese	Delta	2-3	17.1
4. Brian Knight	Delta	2-3	14.2
5. Royce Thompson	Burnaby	1-4	15.3
6. Gordon Kriese	Chemainus	1-4	13.1

NOVICE		W-L	%
1. Dave Moore	Whonnoch	3-0	20.5
2. Royce Thompson	Burnaby	2-1	13.1
3. Joe Lindsay	Vancouver	1-2	9.8
4. Andy Bowman	Vancouver	0-3	11.6

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS		W-L	%
1. Lynda Weese	Delta	5-0	29.0
2. Dorothy Blunt	Vancouver	3-2	23.7
3. Emily Beer	Cloverdale	3-2	9.6
4. June Moore	Whonnoch	2-3	10.7
5. Sandra Martin	Vancouver	2-3	6.6
6. Gay Lash	Burnaby	0-5	3.7

JUNIOR BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS		W-L	%
1. Johnny Hoffard	Vancouver	6-0	49.4
2. Scott Ross	Vancouver	5-1	25.9
3. David Hoffard	Vancouver	4-2	19.1
4. David Moore	Whonnoch	2-4	13.6
5. Jim Dusang	Vancouver	2-4	12.0
6. John Dusang	Vancouver	2-4	11.8
7. Louis Hoffard	Vancouver	0-6	14.5



JOHNNY HOFFARD

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Things Invented by Canadians



Football

- Peanut Butter
- IMAX
- Discovered Insulin
- Hodgkin's disease cure
- Maple Syrup
- California Roll
- Superman
- Basketball
- The Walkie-Talkie
- Hockey Goalie Mask
- The Instant Replay
- Plexiglass
- Trivial Pursuit
- The Paint Roller

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- Ebola Vaccine
- Electric Wheelchair
- Hydrofoil
- Snowmobile
- Snow Blower
- Sonar
- Ice Hockey
- Table Hockey
- Electron Microscope
- Cardiac Pacemaker
- Caesar Cocktail
- Egg Carton
- Caulking Gun
- The Garbage Bag

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EDWIN KRIEG – SALMON ARM



I came with my siblings to Quebec at the age of 15. I worked on one of my older brother's farm. Then I spent 7 years in Labrador where I did my heavy duty mechanic apprenticeship.

In 1964 I got married to my lovely wife. We have five grown sons. In 1966 we moved to BC, and made our home in North Delta.



Before retiring in 1995 I worked as a Millwright for Richmond Plywood.

In 1974 we moved to Cloverdale, while still working, I volunteered as a driver for the Cancer Society for over 20 years till we moved to Salmon Arm in 2011.

I am not sure when I joined Cloverdale Horseshoes, maybe in the mid 90's. A friend, Mike Makarenko invited me to join horseshoes. I liked it right away, with a friendly bunch of people who can go wrong.

In 2011 we moved to Salmon Arm, as soon as the snow melted I took a walk around the Rec Center, and to my pleasure I saw the horseshoe pits. Needless to say I made sure not to miss the opening season.

The Salmon Arm Club is very friendly. The first year I was given the Rookie of the Year trophy. I'm happy to say that I got a few medals at 55+ games, and came first a few times in C-Class during our regular Tournaments. I do play better when it's over 30 Celsius.

Unfortunately our membership is dwindling, although we are always trying to attract more players by advertising around town.

NEWS FROM POWELL RIVER MARGIE WOLOSCHUK – TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Powell River Horseshoe club will be having 2 in house fun events (covid restrictions pending as always) this year however we will not be inviting anyone outside of our club to join due to the ongoing pandemic (Restricted to Powell River horseshoe club members only).

We will be hosting them on Sundays instead of Saturdays this year as that is one of the days the complex has agreed that we can use the horseshoe pits and complex facilities. Sunday May 30th is the mixed open and Sunday August 22nd is our fall windup

BCHA ON-LINE RAFFLE

Just a heads up, due to COVID-19 forcing us to cancel the BC INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAYMAN open, We will be holding an on-line raffle, like we did last year.

The raffle will run from April 16-25, 2021. I will be sending out an email on April 16, 2021 with the list of merchandise and the opening bid. All you have to do is make a bid and email me the item(s) you wish to bid on. On April 25th I'll contact the winners and the amount of the cheque required.

LAST SHOE – EARL MORRIS – LADYSMITH HORSESHOE CLUB – FROM JERRY MELISSA

March 25, 1928 – March 20, 2021



Earl was well known as an avid horseshoe player who played in many seniors championship tournaments throughout BC and the USA.

Earl was B.C. Elder champion in 1997 and 1998.

I first met Earl, as a spectator, when he played a high level game of Hockey in Nanaimo in the 50s. We crossed paths in the mid 70s when he joined with me at the new Ladysmith Horseshoe Club.

He had originally tried to form a club in Duncan. He hosted several exhibition games at the Fair grounds and set up Pitches at both the Canadian Legion and Eagles back yards. His own

residence had only enough room for 'one' peg!



He was one of the early Snowbirds who flocked to Yuma to throw shoes, etc. Even after a disastrous workplace accident he continued to play the game at a high level. Neck, back and hand injuries were overcome!

Personally, I enjoyed many road trips with Earl. He was an avid supporter of the game and played with a unique intensity. He talked me into spending winters in the Desert and insisted that I honed my game in his Duncan back yard when I was in town. He was a true pioneer!

**FOUND THIS INTERESTING ARTICLE IN THE ALBERTA NEWSLETTER BY MYRNA KISSICK
5 TIMES CANADIAN LADIES CHAMP – 14 TIMES LADIES ALBERTA CHAMP – PARTICIPATED IN
17 WORLD TOURNAMENTS FROM 1981-2013 AND A FRIEND TO WENDY AND MYSELF**

The Art of Horseshoe Pitching

Horseshoe pitching is one of a few sports that is a lifetime sport. A person starts pitching at 9 years old and pitch all their life if they want to.

There have been people in their 90's pitching shoes at the Canadian Championships in Saskatchewan and a gentleman 92 years old placed 2nd in his class.

It's a sport called the aerobic sport of sports. You use every muscle in your body. You stretch, walk, bend and throw a 1 ½ lb horseshoe 30 or 40 feet. You get a complete workout, laidback and easy. And you don't need anyone to be with you to get this workout, just go to the courts and start pitching. If you have a problem or something is bothering you, after pitching for awhile, you will feel much better. It's a very good sport for the mind and of course the body too.

If you beat upon the pegs it makes you feel good too and don't feel bad if you don't make ringers, remember you are there for exercise. The more you pitch the better you will get and you will make ringers.

Now comes the fun, tournaments, and yes tournaments are fun. You get to test yourself against other pitchers, to see how good you are. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. You are put in the class according to your ringer percentage so you play people who are the same as you. So, it is as fair as possible. OK.

Yes, did I mention that the sport of horseshoes is one of the oldest sports. The Roman Soldiers played horseshoes. They used the shoes from their big war horses. Today the shoes are more modern. All they are used for is to pitch horseshoes. There are different styles out there. It's up to you what style suits you. That's just a little about the art of horseshoe pitching. There are lots more around.

I said there are different kinds of pitching shoes. They may be different in looks, but they all have the same weights and sizing. Heavy 2.10, Medium 2.9 and light 2.8. There are different ways of throwing the shoes. They are called, the flip, the turn and a quarter, the turn and three quarter and the quarter turn. These are the most popular. All of these throws have to be learned. A lot of 30 footers throw the flip. Some of the 40 footers do too. The turn and a quarter is very popular as well. The flip is the easiest. And next is the stance. How the feet are placed before the shoe is thrown. A few people don't step or stride, they stand and throw the shoe. But most people take a stride when they throw the shoe, this helps to release the shoe with the forward swing.

Balance is very important in horseshoe pitching. Also, concentration is very important as well. It's a mind game. It's a good game for sharpening the mind and the body as well. It's also a fun game. It's a relaxed and laid-back game. Most of the people who play against each other are friends and acquaintances, so the game is friendly and fun. Most campgrounds have horseshoe courts. It's a popular game for campers. A lot of people play horseshoes who don't belong to a horseshoe club or play in tournaments. They play because it's a fun game and doesn't cost a lot of money and yes horseshoes is a sport that's very easy on the pocket book. The most cost is the shoes and they last a long time and not too many will break. The shoes are about all that is needed to play. The people who belong to clubs and play in tournaments have more tools, pick up sticks, and measuring tools, along with their shoes. The measuring tools and pick up sticks don't cost much so as I said horseshoe pitching is very easy sport to get into money wise.

Horseshoe pitching is an outdoor sport, but there is a big indoor horseshoe court in Calgary. The only one of its kind in Canada. The lucky pitchers in Calgary pitch all year long. They have winter tournaments plus league play all winter. The sport of horseshoe pitching in Alberta is very lucky to have this facility. Also, the Alberta Horseshoe Pitching Association have portable courts. They can be moved from place to place. They can be rented or used for clubs that want to use the courts. The courts are in a trailer so are easy to move. Remember, horseshoe pitching is a fun game and excellent way to stay in shape. Good pitching



DALE STENGEL – PENTICTON



Greetings from the beautiful city of Penticton

I'm a relative newbie to the Penticton Horseshoe Club having only joined up in May 2018. My experience with throwing horseshoes goes back to attending a large family reunion get-together. In June of each year which always featured a mixed doubles horseshoe tournament. This was a family tradition that started way back in the 60's and carried on without miss until 2020.



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Names were drawn out of a hat for partner assignments and it cost a tooney (\$2.00) to play. The winner received all the cash and got their names put on the trophy. There were some excellent horseshoe players in my extended family and my first tournament win occurred in 2019 when I finally got my name added onto the trophy. My father was a pretty good player who had his name engraved on the trophy about 8 or 9 times, so I guess horseshoes sort of runs in our blood.



In 2014, I retired from my travel business in Edmonton, and moved to Penticton which was already a second home to us since we vacationed there every summer for the previous 20 years. Initially I was very busy because we built a brand new house which ended up taking a lot of planning and about 8 months of construction on time. Later I was able to find some time for golfing and enjoying my retirement. One day I happened to notice the sign along Government Avenue for the horseshoe club so I thought I'd check it out. I ended up speaking to Brian Ryder the President at that time and I've been a member ever since.

In 2019, I took on the position of Secretary Treasurer which I ended up retaining for the 2020/2021 year period. So far I haven't played in any major out-of-Province tournaments, but I did manage to win a few of the individual Club tournaments in the Interior regions for my throwing class. Unfortunately Covid-19 has really put a damper on things here in our club, and has prevented me from playing in any recent tournaments.



Greater Vancouver Horseshoe Club Picnic, location unknown.
Left to Right - 1 - Ed Enefer 2 - Mel Campsall 3 - Stan Dahl
4 - Stan Hoffard 5 - Linda Weese



1971 B.C. International in Central Park.
Left to Right - Bob West - Oregon
Danny Kuchcinski - Indiana
Bob Blunt - Vancouver