

RINGER ROUND – UP THIS WEEK IN HORSESHOES #14-2021 – MAY 9, 2021



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Come on BC let's all get together and remember ELYSE, the way she would want us to, that being, throwing horseshoes. If you are interested, please send me an email, BY MAY 12<sup>th</sup>, [samtom@telus.net](mailto:samtom@telus.net), tell your fellow horseshoe players.

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### TOM MOFFAT CANADA 21 SERIES

Hi everyone I've started the Canada email series again this year.

I started in early May. Stats will be sent to Canstats and put in the backyard section. It's the only thing we have going right now that can get people involved in.

I will be running these short one week tournaments every week. They will run from Mon to Sun each week with Sunday 9pm Pacific Time deadline to receive scores by email.

**7 games of 20 shoes count all only for paid up members in Canada and USA.** Two weekly draws for \$20 for Canadian Pitchers competing. I will be sponsoring the first tournament. I'm looking for sponsors for the following weeks. You can sponsor the tournament for \$20 or \$40. Draw prizes will be email transfer to you. Ok let's start the first week in May



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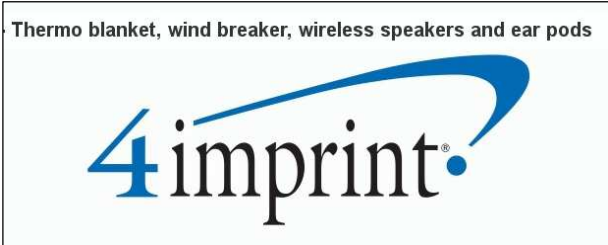
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**ELYSE BRUNELLE – SAM TOMASEVIC**

Sometime before Elyse's untimely and unexpected passing I had sent Elyse some questions. Gaetan was kind enough to find the document and sent it along. Hope you enjoy it.

**1, WHEN DID YOU ACTUALLY START PLAYING HORSESHOES, WE KNOW YOUR FROM QUEBEC, DID YOU PLAY AT ALL IN THAT PROVINCE.**



In 1986 we are two couples who decided to go camping. On Friday night we hook up the trailer tent and we left for Cowansville, Quebec, it's only an hour from our house, when we got there we put up the trailer tent we went for a walk, further there was a group, we went to see them and they were throwing horseshoes we watch them it seem like a very interesting game, so we stood there to see how they were playing that game, I wanted to try but the men

said it was too dark to play he said come back tomorrow morning I will let you know everything you need to know to play that game, ok I'll see you tomorrow morning. I haven't sleep very well that night; at seven I was up and ready and anxious to learn the game. I saw a square box of sand with a post in the middle, I look around for a horseshoe, no luck and as I look around I saw the men coming with in his hands the horseshoes so he ask me if I play any sport yes I said I'm a pitcher at softball really he said so I'm I so how comfortable are you at pitching? well I'm good for my opponent, I can't make my ball work, I can't make my ball work, I'm always in the strike zone they hit me like crazy. Oh I'm so sorry he said, so let see how you can throw these shoes? Ok I said. I took the shoe I almost drop it, I never tough it was that heavy so I balance my arm to feel the weight, so after I try my first throw whoops I was a bit off, and again, and again, then more guys are coming and wanted to throw horseshoes so I let them play and I left.



When I came back home on the Sunday I was just thinking about the game. On Monday after work I went to CANADIAN TIRE hoping to buy a horseshoes game. Good a clerk is coming my way; sorry I'm looking for a game of horseshoes. Well I saw one game as I left last night when I close, hope it's still there. Lucky me I went back home with a Game of horseshoes. On Friday afternoon, we start the measurements and Saturday afternoon, both pits were ready. Now lets play, I was so excited I played till dark. On Sunday I practice till my arm hurt and every day after dinner I was there Practicing, one

night I try to throw a flip O MY GOD so it was a lot easier. I even dream about horseshoes that night and I was throwing, wow so well.



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## 2. YOU WON YOUR FIRST OF YOUR 12 LADIES PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2001 AND YOUR LAST WAS IN 2014. HOW DIFFERENT DID THOSE FEEL, WHERE YOU AS THRILLED AND EXCITED IN 2014 AS YOU WERE IN 2001

Oh yes, my heart was pounding so hard I thought my heart was going to explode, and that is every year, what a feeling.



## 3, YOUR RECORD SPEAKS FOR YOURSELF, 12 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND 14 BC INTERNATIONAL. LOOKING BACK YOU WON THE BC INTERNATIONAL 14 STRAIGHT YEARS. DID EACH YEAR BRING MORE PRESSURE TO WIN, OR YOU SET YOUR MIND THAT YOU WOULD DO THE BEST YOU CAN AND WHAT WILL BE, WILL BE

That is exactly how I was taking it, what will be, will be, when I play I wanted to stay focus on my throw.

## 4. YOU PLAYED IN A NUMBER OF CANADIANS, AND 2 WORLDS, WHAT WAS THE COMPETITION LIKE,

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It is different because I'm use to play in sand, the Canadians and the world, you play in clay it is very different. On clay, it's not like sands your shoes doesn't react the same way, You have to learn to flip over the clay and it's not easy for a lady, clay is heavy and muddy you need to know how much water to pour on it, not enough the clay is too hard and the shoes bounce and too much water it's too muddy. I learn by experience that it is an advantage to know how to turn the

clay over. One year, it was hard for me to turn the clay so for that game, my opponent husband offer me to do the clay for me, what a nice guy, I said to my self! But he knew exactly how to turn and water the clay for her so she had an advantage on me.

## 5. HOW MANY HOURS A DAY DID YOU PRACTISE IN YOUR GLORY DAYS

I practise about 1 to 2 hours a day some time more. When I first start playing we had a tournament every Sunday, then a club close there door, then an other year an other one close also close so you use at Sunday to practise.

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**6. WHO WERE YOUR TOUGHEST COMPETITORS OVER THE YEAR**

To start, Bernice Busch, Carol Ormiston and Lindsay Hodgins.

**7. IN 2008 YOU WERE ELECTED TO THE BC HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION. HALL OF FAME HOW DID YOU FEEL TO GET THIS AWARD**

Very excited and thrilled and honored


**8. WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A NEW PLAYER, OR AN UP AND COMING PLAYER I**  
would tell them, don't rush your throw, take a deep breath and count till 5 as you slowly exhale.

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**From a B.C. tournament held in the late 1930s**



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This great picture is a courtesy of Lloyd Reyklin, a long time member of the BC horseshoe association from New Westminster. Lloyd was BC Men's champion in 1996. But as a kid he had the chance to see many of the province's horseshoe legends. The picture was taken following an unidentified BC tournament from the mid to late 1930s. From left to right, here are some players that have been identified: 1st post to the right is Hugh Gallant holding shoes, and W.A. MacKenzie holding shoes up high. Right of the 2nd post is Art Kindlan (10-time BC champion) and next to him is the President of the Haney/Pitt Meadows Club (he never plays). The lady with the tam, looking at the other lady is Lloyd Reyklin's mother and sister. In front of his sister is Lloyd and behind her is Lloyd's dad showing only his hat. Hopefully we can eventually identify the other pitchers and the event where the picture was taken... Lloyd Reyklin 'S father was a good pitcher too. Take a look at this 1934 scoresheet, by far the oldest horseshoe scoresheet ever found in Canada!

1934 Greater Vancouver Horseshoe Club

**McKenzie Courts, Vancouver, B.C. Date: June 3rd, 1934**

**Jimmy PORTER, B.C. vs Mr REYKLIN, B.C.**

Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
X 1	1	1	2	X -		
X -			4	X -		
O X	3	4	6	X -		
- -			8	O O	6	6
X -			10	O X	3	9
- -			12	O 1	4	13

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X -			24	O X	3	23
X -			26	X -		
- -			28	O O	6	29
- -			30	O O	6	35
X -			32	O X	3	38
O X	3	11	34	X -		
X X			36	X X		
O 1	4	15	38	- -		
O -	3	18	40	- -		
O -	3	21	42	- -		
X -			44	O X	3	41
X X			46	X X		
X 1	1	22	48	X -		
X X			50	X X		
X 1	1	23	52	X -		
X X			54	X X		
X X			56	X X		
O X	3	26	58	X -		
X X			60	X X		
X 1	1	27	62	X -		
X -			64	O X	3	44
O X	3	30	66	X -		
- -			68	O 1	4	48
- -			70	O 1	4	52

30	Score	52
38	Ringers	46
10	Doubles	15
70	Shoes	70
54.29	Percentage	65.71



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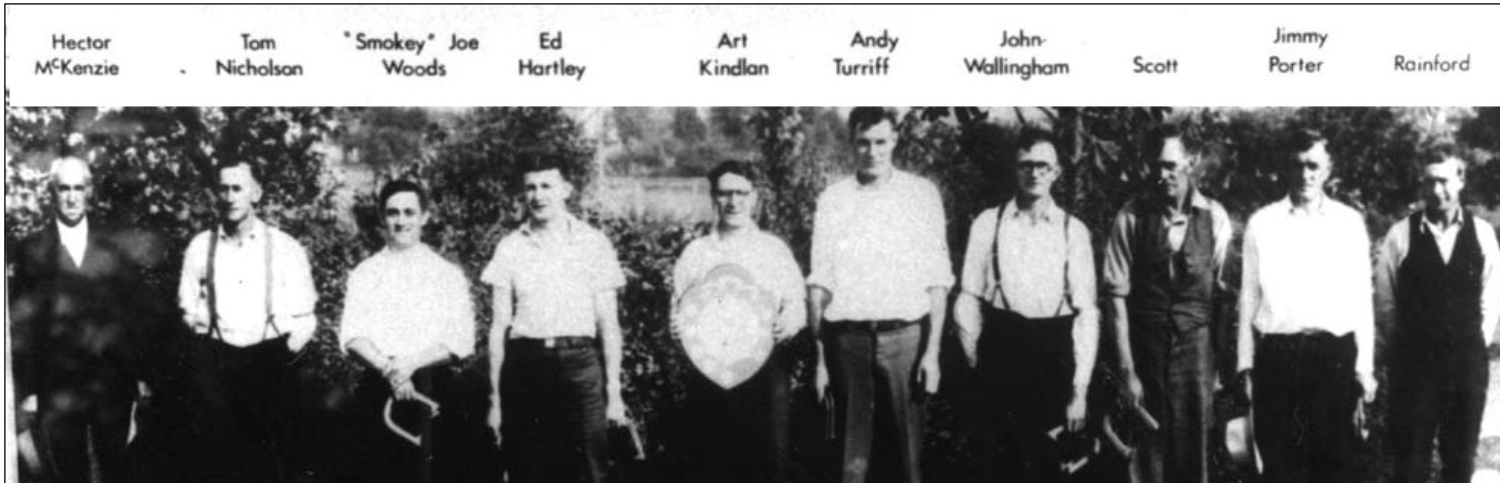
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This special scoresheet is the oldest ever found in Canada. It reproduces a game played in 1934 at the Greater Vancouver Horseshoe Club. The scorekeeper was W.A. McKenzie, probably the greatest volunteer of the game in B.C. for that early period. It also gives us an idea of the caliber of play from the 1930's. Jimmy Porter was to be B.C. Provincial Champion later in 1945 and 1946. The 1934 B.C. Champion was T. Berry from Langley. But the 1930s were dominated by Art Kindlan who won 10 titles from 1931 to 1943. The scoresheet presented above was published in the 1982 Canadian Championships Souvenir Program. The Reyklin involved in the game is the father of Lloyd Reyklin who won the B.C. Provincials in 1996.




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