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.Greater Victoria resident shares joy in horseshoe pitching competitions from home – GOLDSTREAM GAZETTE



Horseshoe Pitching Online offers everyone the chance to compete

All of the horseshoe pitching clubs throughout the region may be closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak, but that doesn't mean residents can't still toss a few ringers.

Victoria resident, and former B.C. men's horseshoe pitching champion, Tom Moffat was keeping his skills polished from from home even before spread of COVID-19 started, by participating in online pitching matches.

"Right now basically everything is cancelled, league, tournaments, everything. So this gives people an opportunity to keep playing," said Moffat. "We play quick, 12-shoe games using Facebook live, count up the points, share our video, and compete against someone, somewhere. It's really an interesting concept, sort of like chess mail."

Moffat started playing online 15 months ago, after he found a Facebook group, [Horseshoe Pitching Online](#), with more than 1,500 members who regularly compete by sharing videos, and create on-going mini leagues and tournaments.

"I just finished up a little league of three-person teams," Moffat noted. "My team won."

Anyone can join in as long as they have a space to play, and can upload videos to Facebook. People who wish to participate also need to have horseshoes, use of a pit in

their neighbourhood or have a pin to put in the ground, and throw the shoes from 30 feet away if you're a woman, or 40 feet for men.

Some tournaments or leagues cost \$10 to \$15 to enter, but anyone can play at any time by challenging someone to a match and then posting a video of their game.

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Though Moffat is a relatively experienced player, having played since 2002, he explained that there are various levels and people can always compete with someone at their own calibre.

"It's special because you can play anyone, anywhere, and you don't have to be part of club," said Moffat, adding that the playing the sport is an inexpensive way to have a lot of fun.

"Horseshoe pitching is great because you can be six years old or you could be 95 and you can still play, it's a sport for absolutely anyone."

For more information and for those who wish to get involved with virtual horseshoe pitching, have a scroll around the Facebook page, called [Horseshoe Pitching Online](#).

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High Prairie Horseshoe Club president Ray Prevost promotes the 2020 Canadian Horseshoe Pitching Championships on Aug. 19-21 by spreading the message at the July 30, 2019 High Prairie Elks Pro Rodeo Parade.

Horseshoe Canada will have final call on major tournaments


Richard Froese South Peace News

Two major horseshoe tournaments planned for High Prairie in August 2020 have not yet been cancelled over the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

The High Prairie Horseshoe Club is scheduled to host the 2020 Canadian Horseshoe Pitching Championships Aug. 19-22, organized by Horseshoe Canada Association in partnership with the Alberta Horseshoe Pitchers Association AHPA.

Before that, High Prairie plans to host the Western Canadian Horseshoe Classic from Aug 14-16.

“As far as we know at this time, the Canadian championships and the Western Canadian Classic are still a go,” club president Ray Prevost says March 23.



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“Horseshoe Canada makes the decision.” He expects a final decision will be made before June.

“My biggest concern is that we lose both tournaments altogether,” says Prevost, second vice-president of the AHPA.



“We’ve put in a lot of work the last three years to get the nationals.”

He is still optimistic High Prairie will host the national championships.

“We hope is that if it is cancelled in 2020, we can host the tournament in 2021,” says Prevost.

“We’re hoping, it’s still up in the air.

“We’ve put everything on hold.”

Before the pandemic, Prevost and organizers predicted big numbers for participants and visitors to the region during the tournaments.

“We expect 200-300 competitors for each tournament,” Prevost says.

AHTA president Cindy Ekkel gives the High Prairie area top marks for plans to host the nationals. “Community support for horseshoes in High Prairie has always been excellent,” Ekkel says.

“It’s quite an accomplishment if you look at an event that could attract up to 200 competitors.”

Prevost says organizers have raised more than \$20,000 in prize money for the national tournament to attract more competitors.

Organizers predict each horseshoe tournament could create an influx of several hundred tourists to High Prairie.

Ekkel says Prevost and the club are doing a great job to promote the event and the sport of horseshoes.



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Due To These Uncertain Times Caused By The COVID-19 Virus The BCHA Executive Has Decided To Cancel The Selling Of BCHA Cash Raffle Tickets For This Year.

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We Look Forward To A Time In The Not Too Distant Future When We May All Resume Our Normal Lives, But In The Meantime We Ask Everyone To Do Their Part To Fight This Virus. Stay Home If You Can &

Practice Social Distancing If You Must Go Out. Take Care & Be Safe.

BCHA – AUCTION – SAM TOMASEVIC

The effects of the COVID-19 Virus have played havoc with many organizations, the BCHA included. We have had to cancel the 2020 BC International/Highwayman Open. This has resulted in us trying to determine how to dispose of some Raffle items which cannot be used at a later date.

We thought the easiest way to handle this might be to hold an Online Auction for these items. You can bid on as many items as you want, but you must start with a bid higher than the BCHA's opening bid. Once you have selected your item or items you send me Sam Tomasevic an e-mail (samtom@telus.net) with the item or items you are bidding on and the amount of your bid. Bids will close at 5:00 pm on May 15th, 2020, at which time I will notify the successful bidder. Once your payment is received the item you bid on will be mailed to you.

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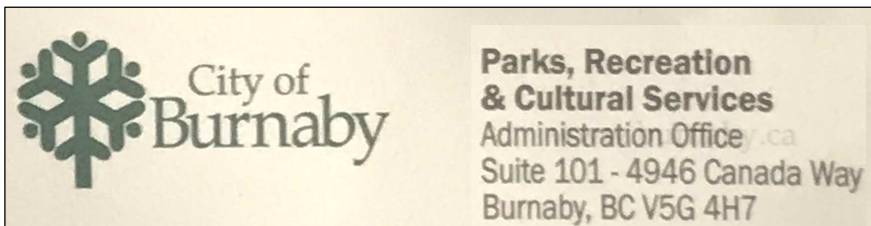


Ben MacMullan Victoria Horseshoe Club passed away April 3, 2020. Ben was a fixture at the Victoria Club for many years. He loved to play horseshoes. He was in the men's league, then the mixed league, along with wed morning old guys and Thursday nights in the winter, also usually every spring and fall leagues.

Ben also traveled all around the island, province and Canada. He even made it to the World tournament twice.

Ben asked me to put together a get together after he passes away to remember him. Unfortunately because of Covid-19 we can't gather together for this. So I will put a slide show online soon for everyone to enjoy. And when we can gather together we will get together and share some stories and food to remember Penny Bennie.

Ok please pass on to all horseshoe players you know gonna miss my old friend. Rest in Peace
Ben Tom Moffat



LOU BUSCH – LADYSMITH HORSESHOE CLUB – VINCE HERKEL April 15, 2020



Hi All, with all of the CoVid19 regulations in place and my wife Henny suffering from all of the symptoms for the last month I have not had much free time and as a possible carrier I have been self quarantined.

I did try to call Lou a couple of times, left messages with no reply, then his phone # was not in service any more, so I called the mobile home park office, left a message and got no reply back, also I could not come up with a phone # for any of his sons, even checked obituaries for Nanaimo. Today was my first outing to Nanaimo in over a month so I stopped by Lou's place and nobody was there so I went to talk to the lady next door that Lou told me was a very nice neighbor. When she answered the door and I asked if she could tell me where Lou was, maybe in the hospital, she then told me that he passed away about a month ago, no specific date. I was somewhat disheartened but

relieved to know that Lou's suffering was over and he has moved on to be with Bernice.

Lou loved horseshoe pitching and he was our hardest working member when it came to maintenance of the Ladysmith Horseshoe club. At almost every tournament he attended he was always willing to help out in some way and usually you did not have to ask him, he just did what had to be done. Lou enjoyed the comradeship of his fellow horseshoe players, was always willing to offer helpful advice and had some very interesting anecdotes and cute jokes to pass on especially sitting around a campsite enjoying a cool one. Please remember Lou in your own way and we will miss him greatly.

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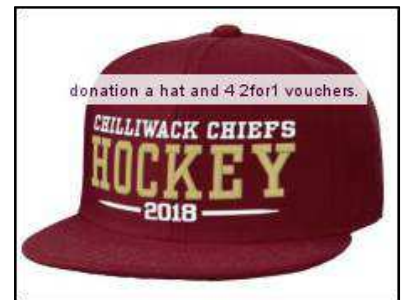
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We received this update from the Monroe-West Monroe team, who are working diligently to prepare for the 2020 World Horseshoe Tournament:

Last Sunday morning, the Monroe area was hit with storms producing multiple tornadoes across our parish. You may have seen images or video depicting the damage inflicted. While some residential areas received significant damage, the city itself remains largely intact. The Civic Center area and all hotels are fully functional and were untouched by these storms. Our airport (MLU) was in an affected area, but it was not severely damaged...



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This event will not impact our decision to move forward with the NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation, keeping the health and safety of our visitors and residents as the deciding factor.

We hope sincerely that we will see you all in July.

-The Discover Monroe-West Monroe Team

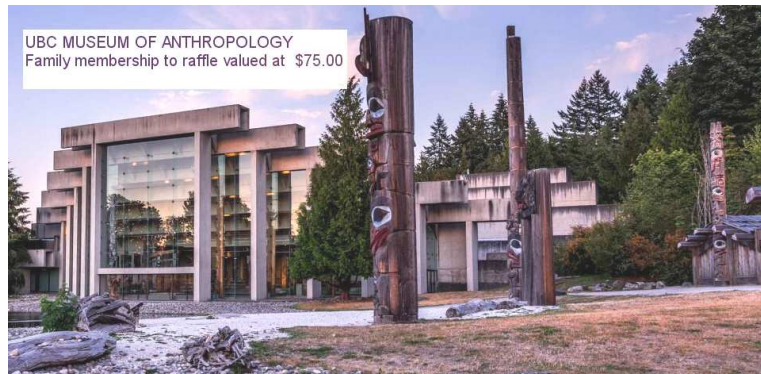
The NHPA council has our members constantly in their thoughts.

We know that there are many who have been severely impacted by this pandemic. We have also lost some long-time horseshoe pitchers to COVID-19. We encourage everyone to be strong, stay connected to your fellow horseshoe pitchers throughout the world, and keep pitching. Hopefully many of you have backyard pits where you can continue to enjoy the sport that we all love.

Unfortunately, there are also some who try to take advantage of others during these trying times. Please be cautious for those who are trying to deceive our members. Some of you may have received unsolicited emails from members of the NHPA council requesting you to purchase gift cards or other items.

The emails may look like they come from Stuart Sipma or other members of the council. Please disregard all such emails and mark them as spam on your email accounts. The NHPA council will not solicit your funds in this way.

We hope to see each of you soon! NHPA Officers



BCHA APRIL 19, 2020 COVID-19 ADVISORY

To all members of the BC Horseshoe Association. With the rapid spreading of Covid-19 virus, we have suspended all sanctioning of tournaments in BC till we have more clarification that it is safe to hold these.

What this means is there are no sanctioned tournaments indefinitely. We highly recommend no club holds a tournament. And we will not be connected to any club holding a tournament till this suspension is lifted. Let's just put everything on hold till this dies down. Stay safe.

With an older population and with provincial and federal guidelines against large group gatherings we must cancel tournaments. Just as churches and many other organizations have had to do this we must follow along.

The executive will continue to monitor the situation and when it is safe to resume we will let everyone know. We will be looking at this at the start of every month. Next update will be May 1.

This doesn't mean you can't just go out and throw some shoes alone or with a friend, just please no large gatherings to help keep the spread of this virus down.

Have a look at Horseshoe Pitching Online as an alternative on Facebook. There is an option to play in tournaments there..

Each club will make rules for their clubs also. Thank you for understanding.

Tom Moffat
President BC Horseshoe Association



PRESIDENTS REPORT – TOM MOFFAT



Well when will this end? That is the question on everyone's mind. We have been in hold in the horseshoe season here in BC for around a month now. No tournaments, clubs closed down.

Will we get any tournaments in this year? What about the Canadians? The Western Classic? The BC Championships? Will they get in at the end of the summer? If not what about next year where will they be? These are all the things that we are trying to figure out.

Be patient when info is know it will be shared. It's just a guessing game right now. As soon as it is safe to have tournaments I'm sure everyone will want to get at it.

In the mean time if you have a place to play check out the online groups on facebook to play some competition. Check out HPO Horseshoe Pitching Online on Facebook. Tournaments and leagues are going on with you recording your short games on Facebook live. To enter you message the tournament director of that tournament and if in Canada you send an email transfer to Tom Moffat xpostix@gmail.com



With that said, not all of you have a phone to record games or comfortable doing that. So we have come up with an email tournament in BC

This is open to anyone to play wherever you can. Your back yard, a park or club that isn't closed to playing. Its free to enter, deadline for the first one is May 1 then you have 1 week to pitch 5-30 shoe games counting ringers only. Just email results in of # or ringers for each game. Example Ringers 20, 21,16,10,15. There will be divisions for 40ft men, Elders, and Ladies. If not competitive enough some classes will be mixed. We hope to get a lot of people from Canada and USA to enter. Its just for fun and you have to be honest. You play your games between May 1 and May 8. 6 person classes, wins and losses round robin style. Ties will count as ties. All ties in standings will be decided by ringer % even for first place. Canstats or Natstats percent will be used to place in classes. Non sanctioned players can play with 3-30 shoe games prior to entry on May 1. Any questions or to enter contact myself Tom Moffat at xpostix@gmail.com

Please send this info on the tournament to all your friends locally and internationally. Let's see how many we can get involved.



FROM BRIAN RYDER – SECRETARY TREASURER

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Hello, fellow members of BC Horseshoe Association. we are following a new procedure to report members this year. One part is the same all money will still be sent to Brian Ryder. But reporting names of old and new members with their contact info will be reported to a Google form at the link provided below.

Only club membership directors should report the membership and it can be added as each new member joins. No need to wait and send in all at once. Even late in the season when new members join you can simply just add the new name to the form. Only BC Association executive will have access to this information. It can be sent to clubs on request or in monthly reports.

This is being done to keep things streamlined and all in the same format, before sending in spreadsheets with different order and formatting made combining it a chore. This will keep everything up to date and in an orderly fashion. I hope you understand. If any questions arise please contact me and we can work it out.

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This years BC Horseshoe Association Hall of Fame category is Female player.

There is only one outstanding name still on the ballot for this year. It is Vivian Fendle.

Any member can nominate any lady member or past member for outstanding playing to be put on the ballot. Please send ballots to Tom Moffat -xpostie@gmail.com BC Horseshoe Association Hall of Fame Chairman

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