

**RINGER ROUND - UP  
THIS WEEK IN HORSESHOES – JANUARY 9, 2021**



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## COMOX VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB – RICK KELLOW

Happy New Year to you and all the horseshoe pitchers out there.

I think our members in the Comox Valley have gone into hibernation until the lid is removed from the Virus problems we are going through.

Outside of the horsing around one of our aged members has pledged to do a daily walk of one kilometer per day for 90 days to help a local organization, YANA (You Are Not Alone). It's 90 days for 90Km until he reaches his 90th birthday. Donations to YANA gratefully appreciated. Any figure of \$20.00 or over gleams you a tax receipt. Jan. 17 to April 16.

Let's all get vaccinated so the sooner we can get out and participate in the great game of Horseshoe pitching.

## ART KINDLAN - MAPLE RIDGE BCHA HALL OF FAME 1995 Inductee



### Art's Accomplishments:

Art began playing horseshoes in 1929. Though not many records are available from that era, one would have to say that Art dominated horseshoes in the 1930's and 1940's.

### Provincial Men's Champion

1931  
1933  
1935  
1936  
1937  
1938  
1939  
1941  
1942  
1943



Art Kindland played competitive horseshoes from 1929-1945. Art Kindlan was born July 1, 1888 in Ireland and passed away in May, 1945.

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## ALICE HICKMAN – VICTORIA BCHA HALL OF FAME 1992 Inductee



### Alice's Accomplishments:

Alice began her career as a competitive player in 1977 at the top - The Canadian Championships - placing second in the Ladies "B" Class. 33.9%

Once again Alice entered the Canadians in 1986, this time placing third in the Intermediate Ladies Class. 50.4%

At the B.C. level, Alice was a force:

### Winning the Provincial Ladies Championship Class in

1978	52.2%
1979	52.5%
1980	56.7%
1983	54.8%

### Winning the B.C. International Ladies Championship Class

1980	56.4%
1981	56.6%

**B.C. International Ladies Intermediate Champion** 1986 and 1987

The Island Championship "A" Class was hers almost exclusively - 11 times champion between 1978 to 1989

She won the Molsons Ladies Only Open in 1983

Alice's High Game was 90% - Highest Tournament - 69%

A 26 time winner in local, B.C. Open Tournaments, and also the winner of gold and silver medals at the B.C. Summer Games.

## HORSESHOES ON OLD TV SHOW

For those of you who have you tube, type this URL on your browser

<https://youtu.be/DBwkVsOR4z0?t=728>

It's about a horseshoe tournament on the Petticoat Junction show | Season 1 | Episode 7 | The Ringer | Bea Benaderet

This was found by another person on one of the horseshoe groups I belong to.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT – TOM MOFFAT



Happy New year everyone, I hope other than the winter blues and the COVID-19 restrictions everyone is doing ok.

As we turn the page on 2020 we look forward to 2021 in anticipation of some horseshoe leagues and tournaments in this coming year. So we need to prepare and hope that we can get some of those in. What we can do in the meantime is plan for tournaments that we normally hold, its easier to cancel than to plan in short notice of having one.

Also one of the main things we can do is pay our membership in our local clubs. This is the grassroots of the sport. Without your membership clubs have to really struggle to pay bills and even maybe stay alive. I urge you to pay for a membership at your club even if you don't get to play much. Again if we wait till its time to pay only when we get back, it might be too late for some clubs. This is a tough time for clubs. Last years lost revenue and maybe even less members is going to hurt.

So do what you can help support your local club. I understand if you can't afford it, but I'm sure we can all sacrifice a few dollars to keep our clubs up and running.

Let's hope and pray we see each other soon on the courts like we did in the good old days. Let's just put 2020 and forget about it now. Let's plough ahead. Many good ringers to you in the New Year.

### 30FT RECOGNITION OF THE ELDERS DIVISION



After you read the following from JERRY MELLISA, please email me your thoughts, I will include them in our next publication; personally, this is an excellent email Jerry sent to me.

Happy New Year Sam!

Being in Victoria with their covered pits is a real bonus. Am enjoying the few times I've been in Victoria. Keeping the right social distance is easy and members certainly are policing themselves in order to keep the club 'open' for play!

Maybe in the future you could entertain comments on what I consider the most important innovation that has saved Horseshoes from becoming an extinct pastime: 'the recognition of an Elders division'! If you don't agree, I'll understand. Have always respected your judgment!

As you know, I have been very fortunate to have played as a '40 foot' pitcher for 31 years (with a 15 year competition break: 1982 to 1997) and from the shorter distance for 13. I have played extensively in California, Arizona and of course all of Canada.

By the 1980s, Horseshoe memberships throughout North America were in rapid decline. Elite players having reached the summit of their achievements at an early age soon drifted off to other pursuits and even those who were not elite players found themselves unable to compete both physically and emotionally once their bodies began to weaken.

Prior to the 90s, male Horseshoe players, wishing to play the game but were physically handicapped were allowed to pitch from a shorter distance: 30 feet. A doctor's certificate was needed to allow them to compete. Of course this resulted in many violations: it was not difficult to get a Doctor to issue a certificate.

Eventually, it was agreed that 'age' was in itself a handicap and Canada arbitrarily chose '65 years of age' as the determining factor for the definition of an 'Elder'! The NHPA chose '70' years of age and that decision is debated annually.

The Elder division did not immediately attract players having reached the eligible age. Male machismo and historical concerns predicated decisions for many. Also, it became obvious that the shorter distance did not guarantee the same level of success for players who pitched from 40 feet all their playing lives. Top percentage 40 foot players can't seem to adjust to 30 feet. It is very rare to see a player's name on both the Men's' and Elder's Provincial/State Championship Lists.

'Turn' shoes that won so many major championships did not do the trick from the shorter distance. Soon, 'Flip' shoes became very popular. Because of this, many male players elected to stay with the longer distance despite reaching the 'Elder' years. There didn't seem to be any correlation of abilities other than physical ease. Nevertheless, Elder players now dominate tournament participation and have indirectly increased Junior and Women registrations.

One has to shudder at the prospect of not having the creation of the Elder division. Even with this innovation membership numbers decline. Tournament, League and Club memberships continue to press for ideas to increase interest in the game! Certainly the Elder division has been able to keep many players, who for one reason or another would have left the game.

Now the emphasis has to be on youth and middle age adults. They have little interest in 'individual' pursuits and the sacrifice of long hours of practice. They want team participation and activities of short Duration. Today's 'day long' tournaments and 'unbalanced' individual competition (flights that are not 'handicapped') is not to their liking!

Horseshoes is such a great game! What is needed now is another game changing direction similar to the creation of the 'elder' division 30 years ago! Horseshoe organizations like the Victoria Horseshoe Club, the BCHA and the Southern California Horseshoe Association are on the right track!

If not for the 'Elder' division, I would have not have been blessed with the past 15 years of enjoyment. Even today, despite several medical challenges, I'm able to throw 100 shoes per day. And if not for 'covid' I would still be able to take part in Tournaments that were not 'unlimited' shoe' games. And, because of the shorter distance I can still give Bob McCauley and Lindsay Hodgins a run for their money!

### 2021 MAIL IN TOURNAMENT

4 players from Victoria entered the Louisiana Ringing in 2021 mail in tournament 5 games of 40 shoes. We got 3 firsts and one second. Congrats players.

	W-L	RS	SP	%
1 <sup>st</sup> BOB MCCAULEY	5-0	140	200	74.00%
1 <sup>ST</sup> WEI XIAO	5-0	81	200	40.50%
2 <sup>ND</sup> TOM MOFFAT	4-1	85	200	47.50%
1 <sup>ST</sup> DOUG BOMAN	5-0	112	200	56.00% - NEW 30FT PLAYER

## Doris Wilton – Winfield BCHA HALL OF FAME 1999 Inductee



Doris has been a member of the B.C. Horseshoe Association for over 20 years.

She has been a member of both the Vernon and Winfield clubs and been a Director as well as President of the Winfield Club.

Doris began pitching horseshoes in Calgary in 1975 and never played in any class lower than "B".

In 1980 Doris moved to B.C.

Doris and her husband Doug played a large part in getting the Winfield Horseshoe Club off the ground.

### Some of Doris's Accomplishments:

#### Provincial Ladies Champion

1981 (50.4%),  
1986 (63.3%)  
1987 (67.6%)  
1999 (68.5%).

#### B.C. International Ladies "A" Champion

1986 (63.1%)  
1998 (56.4%).



Doris Finished first in the Ladies "A" class at the 1984 Molson's Ladies Only Tournament.

Doris won the Bronze Medal in the Ladies "A" class at the B.C. Summer Games in 1981, 1990 and 1995.

Doris was presented an award from Horseshoe Canada in 1989 for winning 58 games in tournament play, the most wins by any woman in Canada that year.

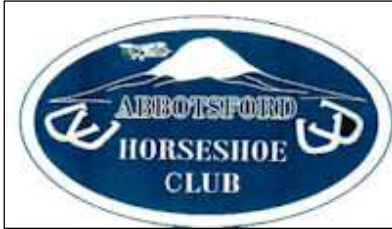
In 1989 Doris finished the year at 58%, the best in B.C.

Along with the above Championship Class wins, Doris has played and won innumerable tournaments throughout B.C. and Alberta.

Doris has taken a coaching course and has assisted many people in the art of pitching horseshoes. She is always ready with a big "Hello" and an even bigger "Smile".

## FROM JIM WILLIAMS – ABBOTSFORD

Horseshoes is not mentioned as a restricted sport; however this is the guide line. While restrictions are currently in place related to adult outdoor sports and activities are permitted with a Reduced number of participants:



Four people may engage in outdoor sports with one another, in both cases, participants must maintain a distance of 3 metres from one another unless everyone lives in the same private residence. So we have been playing every other pit, wearing masks and social distancing. We are probably 12 feet apart or 4 metres. Based on this guideline we could use 12 of our 24 pits.

### Jerry Melissa – Victoria BCHA HALL OF FAME 2016 Inductee



Jerry was elected to the Hall Of Fame as a player

Jerry Melissa was born in 1942. He married Eileen and they have two children, Lori and Gordi and grandchildren

The highlight was coming second to Elmer Hohl in Burnaby in the Canadian Championships. He played in eight Canadian Championships

From 1983 to 1996 he dropped out of horseshoes to coach and officiate at this children's ball games. He returned to playing horseshoes in 1997 and joined the Victoria Club

Jerry's Accomplishments:

#### **BC Championships Champion 40FT**

1978 (57.4%)  
2003 (57.1%)

#### **BC International 40FT Champion 1975**

#### **BC International 30FT Champion**

2013 (55.7)  
2014 (66.3%)  
2015 (58.8%)

#### **BC Championships Champion 30FT**

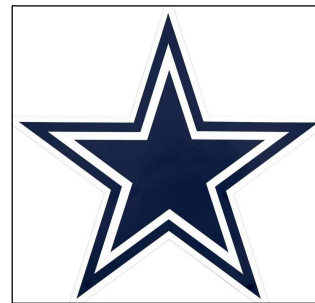
2008 (66.7%)  
2011 (54.7%)  
2012 (55.0%)  
2014 (62.8%)

**Island Champion 40FT Men's A Class** 1979, 1997, 1999 and 2003

**Island Champion 30FT Men's A Class** 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012 and 2013

Canadian Elders Champion 2013

Jerry is always a gentlemen on and off the courts





FROM GARRY ROBERTS – NHPA – OHIO

Cartoon from an old newspaper about Jimmy Risk. Jimmy pitched an exhibition for Harry Truman and Admiral Nimitz. President Truman had a horseshoe court built at the White House.



## VERNON HORSESHOE CLUB – DWIGHT COUSINS



The protocol here has not changed significantly. Of course we haven't been playing for several months because of the cold/ rain/snow but we cancelled our winter "Social" for this season as well since they are held in the clubhouse.

Everyone here really missed going to the tournaments and renewing their many long term friendships last year. We are all anxious to see what 2021 will bring. Hopefully it will be significantly better. "

P.S. Have any club members anywhere been vaccinated yet? Certainly would be encouraging to find out?



### **Dorothy Butts – Victoria BCHA HALL OF FAME 2009 Inductee organizer / promoter**

#### **Dorothy's Accomplishments:**

##### **Local Level:**

Dorothy joined the Victoria Horseshoe Club in 1982 and was Treasurer of the ladies section for 4 years. She was elected President of the Victoria Horseshoe Club from 2000-2004. She was co-ordinator for 3 Canadian Championships: 1994, 1998 and 2004. She was one of the main organizers to do a complete renovation of

the courts (for the 1994 Canadian Championships), a fantastic job.

##### **Provincial Level:**

Dorothy was elected Secretary of the BCHA in the late 1980's and has held the position of President and Past President. As secretary, she chaired the rewrite of our association constitution that enabled the association to be re-instated under the Society Act of BC. She was able to arrange for a computer tournament program to be used for many tournaments. She established an effective communication link with all the clubs in the province.

##### **National Level:**

Dorothy was a BC delegate, at many, Horseshoe Canada AGM's and was very active in many resolutions presented. Dorothy was Secretary of Horseshoe Canada for a 2 year term and was also the treasurer for 4 years.

Dorothy competed in club, provincial and national championships from 1984-2000. Her best showing at the Canadians was 9th in 1988 and 7th in 1997. Regrettably, Rheumatoid arthritis has curtailed her activities. We are pleased and honoured to induct Dorothy Butts into the BCHA Hall Of Fame.

## WORD SEARCH – BC PLAYERS

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### FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO LOOK AT NATSTATS – CHANGE

#### The Beginning of a New Era

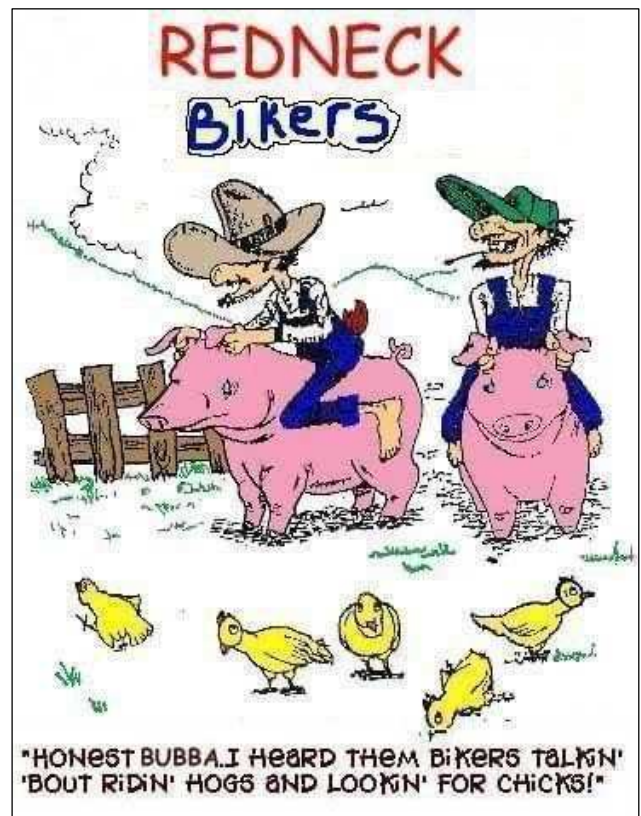
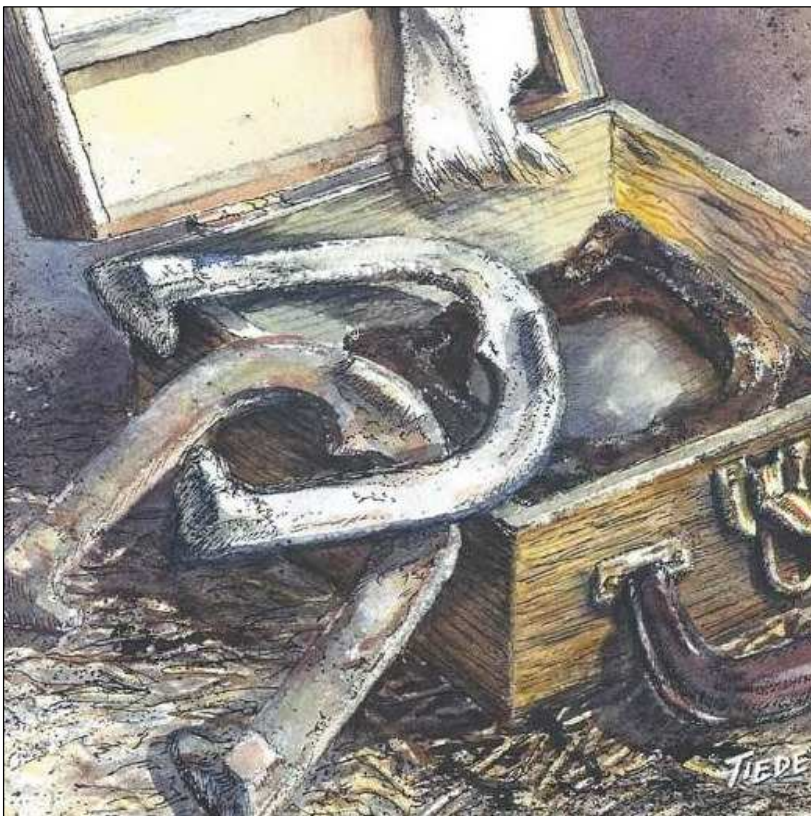
As of January 1 2021 The HSMaster program and E-shoe are fully integrated. This means there is no longer a NATSTATS director for the NHPA that receives tournament results from state statisticians and creates the NATSTATS list on the NHPA web site as has been the case since about 1995. State statisticians and tournament directors using the HSMaster program now send their results directly to E-shoe which **immediately** updates charter and individual stats.

Tournament directors using the HSMaster program to run tournaments will send their own results directly to E-Shoe after coordinating with Jim Newboles in the event there were new members or renewals that pitched in the event.

You can get to E-shoe by going to the NHPA website and clicking on the E-shoe I-con. My suggestion is to add this link <https://www.nhpa-eshoe.com/> to your favorites for quick easy access. Once you get there you will see these two links at the top of the page [Home](#) [Stats](#) . That stats link has a trophy cup in front of it, when you click there it will open the Charter stats page which looks just like the old NATSTATS page. You just select the charter you want to look at just like you always have in the past and if you want to print it off scroll to the bottom of the page and click the print button.

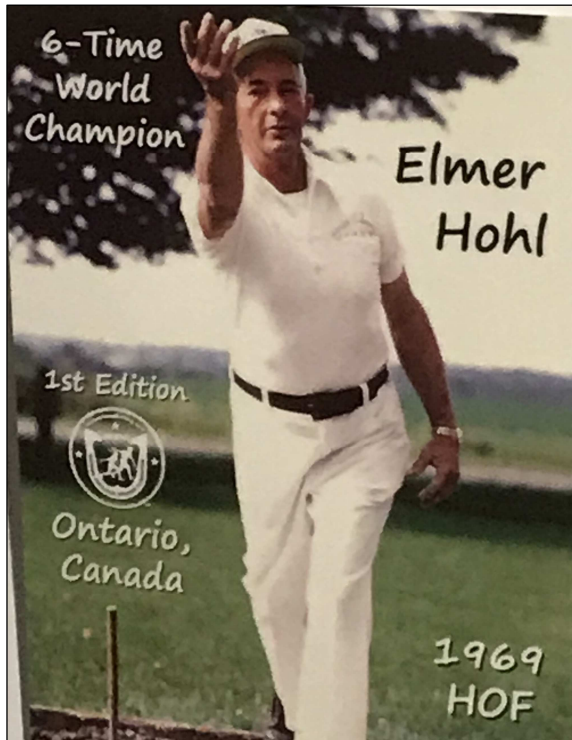
If you want to look at your or anyone else's 12 month pitching record put your name or card # in the search box and in the lower right hand corner of the profile page you will see a Details link that will take you to that person's 12 month pitching record. When typing a name in the search box you sometimes have to try different things because sometime Tom is Thomas or Jim is James. Example if you are looking up Tom Swain just type his last name in because he is listed as Thomas with a middle initial. If in doubt go to the charter stats page and see how they are listed there.

### NICE DRAWING - NHPA



**ELMER HOHL – GREATEST CANADIAN PLAYER AT THE WORLD TOURNAMENT INDUCTED INTO THE NHPA HALL OF FAME 1969 – WON 84% OF HIS GAMES, AVERAGED 26 WINS AND ONL 5 LOSSES OVER 24 APPERANCES.**

**World Tournament RESULTS**



Year	Pos.	W-L	Rings/S.P.	R%	H.G.
1960	2nd	30-5	2280/2836	80.39	94.4
1961	4th	30-5	2168/2688	80.65	90.2
1962	3rd	30-5	2266/2726	83.13	91.4
1963	2nd	31-4	2250/2752	81.76	90.9
1964	4th	29-6	2538/3024	83.93	94.8
<b>1965</b>	<b>W.C.</b>	<b>32-3</b>	<b>2428/2870</b>	<b>84.60</b>	<b>93.9</b>
1966	5th	11-6	1260/1532	82.25	93.5
1967	4th	28-7	2385/2962	80.52	89.1
<b>1968</b>	<b>W.C.</b>	<b>35-0</b>	<b>2613/2964</b>	<b>88.16</b>	<b>100.0</b>
1969	2nd	33-2	2602/3012	86.39	95.9
1970	2nd	32-3	2249/2676	84.04	90.7
1971	2nd	31-4	2480/2956	83.90	94.7
<b>1972</b>	<b>W.C.</b>	<b>33-2</b>	<b>2619/3044</b>	<b>86.04</b>	<b>92.7</b>
<b>1973</b>	<b>W.C.</b>	<b>32-3</b>	<b>2248/2692</b>	<b>83.51</b>	<b>96.9</b>
1974	3rd	29-6	2421/2836	85.37	94.6
<b>1975</b>	<b>W.C.</b>	<b>33-2</b>	<b>2267/2682</b>	<b>84.53</b>	<b>95.2</b>
1976	4th	29-6	2511/3014	83.31	90.0
<b>1977</b>	<b>W.C.</b>	<b>23-3</b>	<b>1980/2326</b>	<b>85.12</b>	<b>91.3</b>
1978	3rd	29-6	1932/2462	78.47	92.3
1979	7th	22-9	1915/2402	79.73	95.2
1980	2nd	26-5	1952/2450	79.67	88.7
1981	7th	13-10	1767/2226	79.38	89.7
1982	14th	10-13	1049/1430	73.36	80.9
1983	7th	15-8	975/1354	72.01	88.2

Wins   loses   Ringers   shoes   %  
 24 world tournament appearances   646   123   51155   61916   82.62

**Canadian Championships**

1957	1st	11-0	76.6
1958	1st	7-1	77.6
1959	1st	10-1	78.8
1960	2nd	10-1	75.6
1961	1st	11-0	80.9
1962	1st	8-0	-
1963	1st	6-0	79.8
1964	1st	-	-
1965	1st	?-1	-
1966	1st	?-0	-
1967	3rd	5-2	82.0
1968	1st	7-0	80.2
1969	2nd	4-1	-
1970	1st	9-0	76.0
1971	1st	3-0	85.3
1972	1st	8-0	85.6
1973	2nd	6-1	80.9
1974	2nd	4-1	78.4
1975	1st	11-0	82.1
1976	absent		
1977	1st	9-0	83.1
1978	1st	7-0	78.8
1979	1st	7-0	76.6
1980	absent		
1981	1st	11-2	72.8
1982	1st	10-1	75.1
1983	3rd	8-3	72.1
1984	3rd	10-3	62.9

