

## AGM SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 – CLOVERDALE

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM**

**AGENDA: No additions**

**MINUTES FROM 2010 AGM IN PRINCE GEORGE: Motion by Cheryl Degraaf that the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by Wendy Tomasevic. Passed.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: First I would like to thank the executive for their hard work in 2011, it's been difficult at times, we have a few new executive members who are learning on the fly and they have done an excellent job of catching on.**

**This has been a tough year for tournament attendance; the economy seems to be hitting us hard. Hopefully this improves in 2012.**

**We have 100 entries for the BC Champs, which is good and the weather sure looks great.**

**See you all next year, have a great off season.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT: No questions regarding financial statement. Dorothy Krimmer will put in application for gaming funds. Dorothy Krimmer moved that the financial statement be accepted as read. Seconded by Jack Dabney. Passed.**

**SIGN IN: Sam Tomasevic (President), Dorothy Krimmer (Treasurer), Cheryl Degraaf (Vice President), Sue Macdonald (Secretary), Marcel Pinette (Northern Rep.), John Hamler (Interior/Kootenay Rep.), Lorraine Hubick (Island/Powell River Rep.), Absent: Elyse Brunelle (Lower Mainland Rep.)**

**DELEGATE SIGN IN: (Abbotsford: Dan Coffin, Archie Radowits) (Central Park: Wendy Tomasevic) (Cloverdale: Jim Grant, Phylliss Knowles) (Kamloops: Muriel Scallon) (Ladysmith: Lou Busch) (Penticton: Vivien Fendle) (Port Alberni: Jack Dabney) (Powell River: Lionel Hanson, Sandra Hanson) (Quesnel: Helene Bodreau) (Salmon Arm: Faith Juel) (Summerland: Juanita Laye) (Vernon: Don Myrfield) (Victoria: Betty Clarke, Tom Moffat, Mike Thompson, June Thompson, Jerry Melissa) (Winfield: Cindy Helgeson) (Provincial: Robin Degraaf) (Prince George not represented)**

**REGIONAL REP. REPORTS:**

**NORTHERN REP. MARCEL PINETTE:**

Prince George will be hosting the 2012 Western Classic. The insurance company for Quesnel Parks overlaps the BCHA insurance. City of Prince George getting back to me as they also think it overlaps. Membership dues get in as fast as possible, but the snow stays longer so it usually later when we get started, so dues are sent later. The Prince George Club was short for members, Elaine and Maurice Stern moved to Chilliwack. Viv Vallee away for wedding in another country. Mike Cunningham was off for his leg. Elmer and Maureen Braun did not play this year as Elmer not feeling well. Quesnel Club was also short for members. Earle Gillard not well. Ted Kupperschmidt not playing much as getting forgetful at the age of 85. Lloyd Osborne had an accident in the Spring. Dave Dunlop has a bad shoulder. Roy Lecomte has a bad arm.

**ISLAND/POWELL RIVER REP. LORRAINE HUBICK:**

**Ladysmith:**

Hosted three sanctioned tournaments this spring & summer, incorporating into two of them, Mixed Open Tournaments, which were well attended. These tournaments took place on weekends with a holiday Monday and after receiving some good feedback from those attending we have decided to change the format as follows: The Mixed Open will take place on the Saturday, Men will play on the Sunday, & Ladies on the Monday. The reason for the change is that usually we only have a morning shift of Ladies playing and by having them play on the Monday will give players coming by ferry or from a ways, more time to get back home. At the present time we have drafted up plans to add to the back of the club house two showers and two more bathrooms, one will be wheel chair accessible.

We feel that this would greatly enhance our available amenities, not only for horseshoe players attending our tournaments but also for the many organizations that rent our facility and other groups that utilize Transfer Beach Park. We are just starting to work with our city works and recreation departments and it would be nice to have this in place for next summer, lots of work ahead of us.

**Powell River:**

Since the last report of July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the Powell River Club has been going steady, and notice there are some pitchers that are practicing in between scheduled pitching days. They are becoming true horseshoe pitchers. Occasionally there will be some folks that come down on Open Sunday mornings to give the flying shoe a try, with our club. So nice to meet new folks in our community. Now sitting at 36 members. The League play has come to the end, with the Bob Simmons team (the Shoe-ins) as champs, but with the play off, the winners are Bob Simmon's team again, his fellow pitchers are Nina Markham, Leonard MacLean, Lionel Desilets and yours truly – Lorraine Hubick, What an awesome season we have had keeping ahead of the other

four teams, not only this achievement, Bob also made 104 points in a 50 shoe pitch, in the same play-off.

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A few pitchers have attended the Island Champs in Victoria, also the Ladysmith Stew Battie Memorial Open. On Aug 6-7<sup>th</sup>, Frank and Lorraine Hubick attended the Victoria Saanich Open and Victoria Open, then traveling to Blainville, Quebec, along with 9 other BC pitchers, for the Canadians. On our part, not doing so well as wanted, but truly enjoyed the fun and friendship of 239 pitchers. What an experience. A few of us will be attending the BC.'s in Cloverdale. On August 20<sup>th</sup>, our club held its Fall Wind-Up with 1 from Campbell River and 6 from Dry Creek attending, they helped us have a fun challenging day of 24 pitchers, with an outdoor Dinner that followed. When I catch-up with myself - I will post pictures on the Web page. Our club now ends for the 2011 season, but as long as the weather holds out in favor of pitching, most of us will come out on Open Sunday's 9:30am to 1pm. We will be having an awards and banquet evening the end of October. For those who choose to attend the last of the season pitching at the Victoria Open Classic, it will be fun. Look forward to being with all the BC pitchers in the 2012 season.

**Victoria:**

**FALL DROP IN-** After things wrap up for the season, in September, some die hards still come out for a mixed fun Sunday morning drop in. This continues until the cold rain of November makes us want to stay inside.

**WINTER LEAGUE-**There were about 2 dozen hardy members who braved the very cold, wet and windy season. Hot lunches at the end, were a welcome part of each Sunday. We played from early Feb to mid April.

**LADIES LEAGUE-**Our ladies' league had 9 teams ( of 4 to 6 players each ) playing this year. Our season went from late April to mid August, playing 2 games each Wednesday evening.

**MEN'S LEAGUE-** The men's league had 14 teams this year. Their season went from early April to mid August, playing 3 games each Tuesday / Thursday evening.

**WEDNESDAY AM MEN'S DROP IN-** This drop in league is still going strong with anywhere from 24 to 40 players competing every Wednesday morning. Afterwards, they enjoy a lunch of meat pies and coffee. The age for this group is from around 55 yrs to mid 90s. ( yes 90s )

**SCHOOL GROUPS -** Dorothy Krimmer is still providing one hour information and playing sessions at our hs club, with various groups of high school students. There are several schools involved each year. Dorothy reports that she has around 24 to 27 classes, ranging in size from 20-38 students in each. These classes generally start up in March or April, break for the summer in July and August, then run again in September and October. It is hoped that these students will talk to their parents and grandparents about our club and facilities, as we are always looking for new members,

of all ages.

This past June, we had a 40 th grad reunion class come to our club, for an afternoon of "shoes" and a BBQ. A mini tournament was run, and a good time was had by all. It is hoped that next season we may see some of them come and play in our adult leagues. Other groups which have come out to play, are Big Brothers And Sisters, University Of Victoria, and the Penticostal Church.

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**TOURNAMENTS** - The GVHPA holds 3 regular tournaments each year, with the addition of taking our turn at hosting the Canadian Championships, the Provincial Championships, or the Island Championships. The Victoria Open was scheduled for May 28 th. On May 23 rd, in the wee hours of the morning, our beer fridge overheated and caused smoke damage throughout the clubhouse. Thanks to our alarm system, we did not lose the entire club. Our first tournament had to then be rescheduled for August 06 th.

**Island Championships**- We had 71pitchers come out for this 2 day event.

**Victoria Open**- We had 67pitchers come out for this event, which was held on the Saturday before our Saanich Open.

**Saanich Open**- We had 63 pitchers come out for this event, which was held the day following our rescheduled Victoria Open.

**Autumn Classic Mixed Open**- This tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 11 th. Still time for you to register for it.

**CRIB NIGHT**- This is held on Thursday evenings and attracts a group of regular players.

**FRIDAY NIGHT DARTS**. This popular event has been part of our club for many years.

**FRIDAY NIGHT DOUBLES DROP IN HS**. For something new, we tried a drop in doubles night. As it is on the same evening as darts, people can try either one or the other.

**ENTERTAINMENT**. There are a variety of evenings where no hs are played. There are dinner/dances, such as the very popular western themed night, complete with line dancing. Newfie Night, complete with the Newfie Trio ( of 2 ) is also very popular. Several times a year, there are Texas Holdem tournaments.

**NEW MEMBERS** -During the year, we try and reach out to the community through various events. We held an Open House in March, and also attended a fun day outside a local grocery store where a temporary hs pit was set up. New members came out after both events. We also set up a booth at the Seniors Expo, which is attended by seniors from all over Vancouver Island. Our League stats are put in the local paper, and some of the other community papers print articles and information on our club and its events. Our local TV stations have also been out to some of our tournaments and provided good exposure for the club.

**ONGOING PROJECTS**- Our club is always looking to improve or expand. There are

many projects on the go at any one time. For the next season you will see some changes to our outdoor areas.

Our picnic table area with the tent overhead will be enlarged. Instead of the temporary white tent, we will have a permanent roof overhead.

The area near the BBQ out back, will also be enlarged and improved. Grass will be taken up, and patio blocks will be placed down. A brick wall will then surround the area.

We at the GVHPA look forward to seeing all our friends from other BC clubs next season.

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**Port Alberni:**

We had a good year. Changed our format for our tournament in June and made it a 2 day event with a catered dinner on the Saturday evening. Our high school program brought out 8 students to volunteer at our tournament as well. Pete McMurdo and John Schroeder passed away.

**INTERIOR/KOOTEANY REP. JOHN HAMLER:**

I am not getting any input from the clubs in my area. I have reminded all the clubs to make sure if they have members attending this weekend to have their delegate(s) here at the meeting to exercise their voting privileges. We continue to see a decline in tournament participation. I keep hearing things like "They don't support us so to hell with them". I think this a bad attitude to have.

It doesn't look like there will be a club in Nicola Valley next year. I have not received official word as of yet. One of their founding members George McDonald passed away this year and some of the other members have had other things way more important than horseshoes to deal with.

I held a zone meeting in Penticton at their tournament on July 23. 28 members were present. I reminded everyone about the provincials. To get delegates to the AGM and get their entry forms & payment into Sam by the deadline. I answered questions about how averages are calculated and where they can be found. One thing that came up was Handicapping. As per our "Rules for running a Sanctioned Tournament" #22 it states that Handicapping for the 3 regional championships, The International / Highwayman & the Provincials is not allowed. A discussion followed by a vote to see how people felt about this. It was unanimous that all thought it should be allowed in the Interior – Kootenay – North championships. It would only be used if needed to make up fair groups. It was noted that with our dwindling numbers sometimes handicapping is a good way to do things. Especially in the 40' divisions. We often only get 4 or 6 and their averages can have a huge range. Way over the recommended 10% range. The group didn't want to change things for all the other tournaments I mentioned, just their own regional championship. We have done this before in other tournaments and everyone liked it. The group has asked me to discuss this at the AGM and I assume I can do that when we discuss "New Business". Some of the clubs would like a complete copy of the insurance policies in place for the BCHA and I have requested

that from Dorothy.

I would like to wish all the pitchers good luck this weekend and I'm just glad I'm here.

**LOWER MAINLAND REP. ELYSE BRUNELLE (Read by John Hamler in her absence):**

Cloverdale members have been working very hard to prepare for the BC Championship Tournament to be hosted by our club. Repairs, painting and fund raising projects have been under taken and has produced great results which can be witnessed as the tournament gets under way. We are very proud of all members who participated in the BC Senior Games with all but 2 receiving medals. After the BC Championships our members will lay back then enjoy the Abbotsford Wind-up and Lower Mainland Championships at Central Park.

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Central Park is doing well with quite a few new members but only a few are playing. We have held three very good tournaments so far this year. Our kitchen staff does a great job preparing the meals for us, no one can leave hungry.

We are hosting the Lower Mainland Championships on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> and we are hoping for a good turnout. Our Wednesday fun night is going well but we would like to see more. We were happy to have Elyse compete at the Canadian Tournament. We are very proud of her great effort.

Abbotsford: This year has gone by quite quickly and has been successful. Our first 3 tournaments have been good, even though we were hoping for more players. The BC International/Highwayman attracted 70 pitchers. Since then I have met with Diane Davies the owner of the Highwayman and she has confirmed her support for next year. We have changed the name of our club to the Abbotsford Horseshoe Club to save a lot of confusion people were having with M.S.A. We have got a few new members and we are getting a lot of people showing interest now that we are in a more visible location. We hope it will attract more for next year. We have been doing a lot of work around the clubhouse and have just put in kitchen cabinets which will give us more storage and a better work area. A few of us went to Bellingham's tournament and they were very glad to see some Canadians. They said more will try to come to our last tournament but they indicated that a lot of them don't play on Sundays.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Canadian Hall of Fame: Angeline Moisson

BC Hall of Fame: Linda Prentise

Supplies/Jackets/Crests: Inventory Sheet Available on request

BC Senior Games: Held in Castlegar. We had 35 medalists, congratulations to all.

**2012 Tournaments:**      **BC Championships – Victoria**  
                                 **BC Internationals – Abbotsford**  
                                 **BC Senior Games - Burnaby**  
                                 **Western Classic – Prince George June 11-12**  
                                 **Canadians – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan July 11-14**  
                                 **Worlds – Knoxville, Tennessee July 23 – Aug 4)**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**John Hamler made a motion for the Interior/Kootenay Championships to be handicapped. Seconded by Faith Juell. 23 in favor. 5 opposed. Motion Passed.**

**Robin Degraaf made a motion to increase BCHA dues by \$6 per member in lieu of insurance assessment to each club. Seconded by Jim Grant. 26 in favor. 2 opposed. Motion Passed.**

**ELECTIONS:**

**President: Sam Tomasevic let his name stand. Faith Juell nominated John Hamler. Betty Clarke nominated Cheryl Degraaf. Jim Grant nominated Archie Radowits. John Hamler declined. Cheryl Degraaf declined. Archie Radowits declined. Sam Tomasevic will stay on as President for another term.**

**Treasurer: Dorothy Krimmer let her name stand. Phyliss Knowles nominated by Jim Grant. Shaun Wakefield nominated by Dale Bauer. Phyliss Knowles accepted nomination. Shaun Wakefield accepted nomination. Voting took place. Dorothy Krimmer successful candidate for another term. Motion by John Hamler to destroy ballots. Seconded by Helene Bodreau. All in favor.**

**Northern Rep: Marcel Pinette let his name stand. No other nominations. Marcel Pinette will stay on for another term.**

**Island/Powell River Rep: Lorraine Hubick let her name stand. No other nominations. Lorraine will stay on for another term.**

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 PM**

**WINNERS OF BCHA RAFFLE:\$400.00 to Carolyn Fiddler from Cloverdale, \$300.00 to Bob Mayr from Port Alberni, \$200.00 to Sue Helgeson from Winfield, \$100.00 to Erle Salmon (team 5) from Victoria**