

RINGER ROUND - UP
THIS WEEK IN HORSESHOES – JANUARY 25, 2021



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Sam Tomasevic – Burnaby BCHA HALL OF FAME 1997 INDUCTEE



Sam's Accomplishments:

Sam was elected to the Hall Of Fame as an Organizer-Promoter.

Sam started pitching as a junior in 1969. He has represented the Central Park Horseshoe Club as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, Tournament Director and President.

Since the early 1970's has represented the B.C. Horseshoe Association in various positions - Vice-President, Treasurer (1983-1995) and President

Two separate times between 1995-2015, past-president 2015-present. Sam has been Tournament Director for the B.C. Championships and B.C. International.

Provincial Statistician since 1984 - Introduced the computerized shoes program along with John Hasell - Assisted in setting up Rules/Regulations for running of the B.C. International and B.C. Championships - Newsletter Editor for the Ringer Round-Up - Driving force behind the need for a National Stats Centre for Horseshoe Canada (Canstats organized in 1996) - Created a website for the B.C. Horseshoe Association (along with Steve Summerlin and Duane Goodrich)

Sam has won the Provincial Men's "B" Class once and finished 2nd twice. He was close to a 50% player prior to his days before executive duties. Sam is known for his outstanding organizational skills. He enjoys the company of people and tries to answer as many questions as possible.

Sam was also inducted into the HORSESHOE CANADA HALL OF FAME in 2010. Sam is a dedicated member and tireless worker for the sport of horseshoe pitching.

HORST HESSE – SALMON ARM /Burnaby BCHA HALL OF FAME 2003 Inductee



Horst was elected to the Hall Of Fame as an Organizer-Promoter.

Horst became involved with horseshoes by playing in the annual Canoe fire Department tournament.

Horst became an executive member of the BC Horseshoe Association in 1979 when he was elected 4th Vice-President.

Horst served our association as president from 1983-1992. Horst was our Past-President from 1993-1996 and has served in many other positions over his tenure in our association.

Horst also organized the Salmon Arm Horseshoe club (where he resided till moving down to the coast years ago) and was their first President as well as being tournament director for many years.

While Horst was President he did a lot of hard work to get our association to the high standards, which it enjoys, to this very day. We list below some of his accomplishments:

Was always willing to assist all clubs in setting up tournaments

Was instrumental in getting Horseshoes into the BC Senior Games - set up the guidelines and rules for them to follow for horseshoe pitching.

Introduced crests for the winners of the BC Championships and BC International, an idea he got when seeing the same on a few players from Alberta.

Set up a system where clubs could bid for the BC International and BC Championships.

Set up a supplies account where clubs could contact him to receive what they require, organized a set of books and kept accurate records.

Made sure that communication with the clubs and members was at an all time high.

Made sure our newsletter (Ringer Round-Up) was started up again and sent out to all the clubs in our association.

Not being a computer person Horst realized the need when the time came for this organization to get into this field. When the Association needed \$500.00 to get the present shoes program we have and to purchase a computer Horst was able to have the funds available through the supplies account he had set up.

Gave each executive member a duty to perform on the board.

Suggested that Stan and Phyllis Dahl be made honorary members of the BCHA, this was the beginning of the BC Hall Of Fame, as we know it today. He then turned this project over to Tom Hawkins to organize.

Set up seminars that the executive could attend to make us better prepared to deal with our members and clubs.

Saw the need to set up rules and guidelines for those clubs running the BC Championships and BC International.

Set up meetings with Government grant branches and tried to make sure we applied for all possible funding.

Attended all sports meetings to get the word out about our sport.

Horst always made himself available and tried to please as many players as possible.

Horst passed away at Royal Columbian Hospital on May 25, 2007.

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Phyllis Dahl – Vancouver BCHA HALL OF FAME 1988 Inductee



While Phyllis did not win many major tournaments in her career, she was always a keen competitor.

She did win the Ladies "A" at the 1978 and 1979 B.C. International, second in the Ladies "B" 1977 B.C. International. Three silver medals in the B.C. Summer games.

Phyllis's main claim to fame was her executive expertise. News Editor of the Ringer Round-Up 1976-1984. Treasurer of our Association 5 years and secretary for a number of years. Her main goal was to improve the image of the sport. Phyllis always had a pleasant smile for everyone.

Phyllis Irene Dahl born April 15, 1914, passed away peacefully with her children at her bedside, Sunday, Apr. 4, 2004 at Blenheim Lodge in Vancouver.

WENDY TOMASEVIC – MEMBERSHIP

Everyone that is able to help play in their own clubs please enjoy. Right now unless you are a member out of your zone do not travel to a club. Stay a minimum, last time I checked was 3 meters, 6 feet, so basically leave a court apart.

Would like to see you at the 2021 BC International but with way things are going maybe next year.

Do not start going out if things start getting better give a month or two please and then we can play with other clubs

Thanks for listening and hey 2022 is going to be better RIGHT.

Also join your club and make sure dues are paid to the association

DOROTHY BUTTS – BCHA HALL OF FAME MEMBER

In edition 2-2021, forgot to mention that DOROTHY was also inducted into the HORSESHOE CANADA HALL OF FAME in 2007.

Tom Hawkins – Victoria BCHA HALL OF FAME 2000 Inductee



Tom's Accomplishments:

Tom was elected to the Hall Of Fame as an Organizer-Promoter.

Tom was born in Northern Saskatchewan on December 25, 1920. He joined the Greater Victoria Horseshoe Club in 1972. Tom served 15 years on the executive, including the Presidency from 1978-1984 and the Treasurer for four years.

Tom served 10 years on the B.C. Horseshoe Association Executive. During that time he created the B.C. Horseshoe Association Hall Of Fame. His participation has brought many changes in policy to the operation of the B.C. Horseshoe Association.

Tom was the representative for B.C. on the Canadian Hall Of Fame Committee for 12 years

Mr. Hawkins consistently took lead roles in organizing and hosting major events for the Victoria Club, particularly in the 50th. and 60th. Anniversaries of the club in 1985 and 1995 as well as in the 1982, 1994, and 1998 Canadian Championships.

Tom was a invaluable member of the various committees and his contribution to the Great Victoria Horseshoe Pitching Association has assisted in providing the community with one of the finest pitching facilities in the province.

Tom was also inducted to the HORSESHOE CANADA HALL OF FAME in 2001.

Tom passed away in Victoria on February 3, 2018.

ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT –TOM MOFFAT



Tom joined horseshoes in 2002 and has been an avid player, promoter, booster, recruiter and leader. He is a retired letter carrier.

Tom Moffat has been the Statistician at the Victoria Club since 2009 – no small feat with well over 100 players to keep League Stats for. Tom has been the Tournament Director since 2011.

Tom has been a Director since 2011, Vice President of Horseshoes Canada for 6 years and President of Horseshoes BC for the past 4 years.

Tom eats, sleeps and breathes horseshoes. He promotes the sport in a variety of ways, talking shoes to anyone and everyone. He has brought several new members to the Victoria Club and directs people to local clubs when he meets them when he's away from home. Tom is a huge Advocate for juniors in the sport and provides information and ideas to local schools and Municipal personnel to get kids active in sports and especially in pitching horseshoes. He's always thinking of new ideas to get all ages into the sport.

Tom takes the sport of horseshoes very seriously and his love of the game is pretty evident. He encourages players, challenges players and will take the time to coach those who need a little information on how to improve their game. He's active in all manner of details when attending tournaments, and he attends and participates in a lot of tournaments, near and far. He always has brochures available to hand out to people he meets that may be a good fit in the game.

Tom is also a fine pitcher, having won the

BC CHAMPIONSHIPS

2019 - 55.6%
2018 - 47.3%
2017 - 46.1%
2016 - 51.3%
2015 - 52.2%
2014 - 48.7%
2013 - 47.7%
2010 - 44.3%

BC INTERNATIONAL

2019 - 58.4%
2017 - 51.6%
2015 - 55.9%
2014 - 49.7%
2013 - 44.3%
2012 - 44.1%

TONY "THE TIGER" RONDOW BCHA VICE- PRESIDENT 2016 - PRESENT



The player we are profiling has no hesitation in telling us that success comes from dedication and practice. Who are we talking about? Why none other than Tony "The Tiger" Rondow

Tony was born July 29, 1965 in Calgary but was raised in Courtney. Tony never has a lot to say (he would rather let his shoes do the talking) .Tony and his partner Megan have 2 children, Anthony (12) and Haven (9).

Over the years (not many) Tony fooled around with horseshoes at BBQ's and camping, but nothing very serious. Thankfully for us Tony thought it might be something he could do for fun, meet new friends, and he has not regretted his decision.

Tony tells us it was his grandfather who taught him how to pitch. Over years that Tony has been serious about the sport he has to admit that his toughest competitor is himself.

When not pitching Tony loves to build battleships, mosaics and fishing

If you have ever had the pleasure of watching Tony pitch shoes you will realize that his goals are within his grasp. Tony loves the fun people that come with the sport and of course the competition, which one needs if you wish to improve. When asked what he concentrates on when pitching in a tourney he did not hesitate "Winning, raising his percentage and doing everything that you practice right". Tony's advice to any new player to the game is to practice and believe that you can do it, but we have to work hard together to try and get younger people interested and show them how much fun horseshoe pitching is and as Tony mentioned maybe some of the parents might want to play also.

BC CHAMPIONSHIPS – CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

2005 1st place 56.3%
2006 1st place 58.3%
2007 1st place 51.3%
2008 1st place 51.3%
2011 1st place 56.1%

BC INTERNATIONAL – CHAMPIONSHIP

2004 1st place 55.4%
2005 2nd place 58.0%
2006 1st place 57.4%
2007 1st place 53.3%
2009 1st place 42.8%
2011 1st place 48.0%



Last year would have been Vernon's Club 40th Year.

Dwight Cousins is our Current President and we look forward to many more years of having an active Club. Regards, Don Myrfield - Vice President

HISTORY OF THE VERNON HORSESHOE CLUB

A meeting took place during the summer of 1980 at the Kamloops horseshoe tournament between Edward Murray of Saskatchewan and Robert Blunt of Vernon. Murray planned to move to Vernon the following summer and urged Blunt to form a horseshoe club in Vernon immediately so that pitching courts could be installed in time for the B.C. Summer Games which was coming to Vernon in 1982 and horseshoe pitching was involved.

Robert Blunt called together a group of horseshoe pitchers in Vernon and formed the Vernon Horseshoe Club in December 1980. Blunt was elected as first President of the Club, and Edmond Tolway became Secretary-Treasurer.

Blunt was then successful in obtaining property in Alexis Park from the City of Vernon, and the Parks and Recreation Department would help install some pitching courts and put up a wire fence around the site.

Robert Blunt died in February 1981. The club was now without a leader but Edmond Tolway kept the books and waited for the arrival of Edward Murray who came from Saskatchewan and took up residence in Vernon in August 1981.

Murray took over immediately as Executive Director of the Club and called a meeting of all the horseshoe pitchers.

There were now twelve pitching courts in Alexis Park and in the spring of 1982 the club held it's first Annual Meeting.

Alfred Engel was elected President. Ray Crozman as Vice-President, and Frances Fraess as Secretary-Treasurer. Edward Murray would remain on as Executive-Director, Tournament-Director and League-Director.

The B.C. Summer Games was held in Vernon, August 26 --29, 1982, with 78 horseshoe pitchers entered from eight zones. Murray was Chairman of the horseshoe competition with Doug and Doris Wilton of Winfield as his assistants.

During 1982 the Club organized a horseshoe pitchers league with weekly competition. Four teams played with four pitchers on each court. There were 90 paid members in the Club. Edward Murray gave a public relations blitz on two radio stations in Vernon, and weekly write-ups in the local newspaper.

The Vernon League included players from Vernon, Winfield, Lumby, Enderby, and Armstrong. Players included 12 women, 8 Junior Girls, and 6 Junior Boys. They played every Wednesday and Thursday evenings all summer long.

In 1983 Edward Murray introduced a Handicap system for league play. Men, Women and Juniors now played mixed together in one big round-robin.

The horseshoe club was registered with the Society's Act and a grant was obtained from the government to build a clubhouse beside the horseshoe pitch. The government put up half the money with the other half obtained by debentures from local business firms. Stan Pachota was in charge of handling the debentures and Booney Sammartino in charge of constructing the clubhouse. All labour was volunteer work by the members.

The date of registration for the horseshoe club was February 3, 1983.

After the Clubhouse in Alexis Park was built in 1983, the club obtained a grant from the New Horizons organization to furnish the clubhouse with fridge, stove and cooking utensils. The following year they obtained another New Horizons grant to improve and add to the horseshoe courts.

In 1984 there were 106 players in the Vernon Horseshoe League. A commercial league was set up for competition on Tuesday evenings but handicap play was not included. The Handicap division played Wednesday and Thursday evenings. A Vernon "Polar Bear" tournament was held in 1984 during the Vernon Winter Carnival. It was for men only, but starting in 1985 Women's competition was included. The "Polar Bear" tournament continued being held for several years.

August 15-16-17, 1985. A three day horseshoe tournament was organized by the club and held inside Polson Place Mall. Entries were restricted to 16 women and 16 men. Another tournament was held in the Mall on April 29, 1989.

The two rival horseshoe clubs of Vernon and Winfield began annual competition in 1985 for the "Broken Shoe" award, club vs. club. Men and women were mixed together on the two teams.

Vernon won in 1985 and 1990. Winfield won in 1986-87-88-89 and 1991.

Competition took place four years in a row for the "Monashee Challenge Cup" between the Vernon Horseshoe Club and the Army, Navy & Airforce veterans. There were eight players on each team. The Veterans won the cup each year, 1985, 86, 87 & 1988.

Edward Murray was elected President of the Club in 1986. It was a big year for the horseshoe club because the Vernon "Expo 86" tournament was held at Alexis Park in August. There were 100 entries from Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C. Then in 1986 the B.C. Provincial Championships came to Vernon with 140 entries. Competition was held on 16 pitching courts in Alexis Park, and 6 courts the Vernon Club had installed at Paddlewheel Park at the Okanagan Landing.

In 1986 Highschool horseshoe championships were held in Alexis Park. 40 students from three highschools took part. It lasted a whole week with the Physical-Education teachers in charge.

Fulton School won both Boys and Girls Championship. They played again in 1987 and again won by Fulton School. Fulton won five years in a row, 1986 to 1990.

Jim Chenoweth was elected President of the Vernon Horseshoe Club in 1987. The Vernon Club obtained a licence in the spring of 1988 to have Casino nights downtown. Half the money was donated to charity including the hospital, with the remainder used to install cement walk-ways down the center of each pitching court. Final work on the courts was completed in October 1988.

The president, Jim Chenoweth, was instrumental in bringing the "Western Canada Championships" to Vernon in July 1988. There were 85 entries from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C.

Wilf Alexander was elected President of the Club in 1989, and then in 1990 Ken Cameron became President.

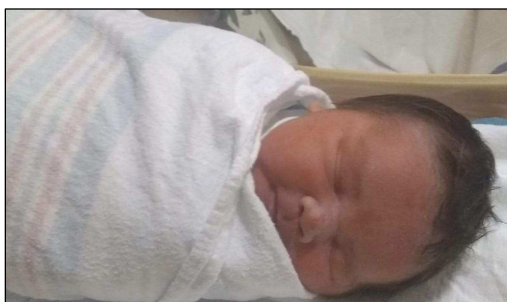
The Highschool Championships of British Columbia was held at Alexis Park, May 18, 1991. The horseshoe competition was arranged by the Vernon Club. Yale Highschool of Abbotsford won the Boys Championship, but Fulton School of Vernon won the Girls championship. The following year the championships were held in Abbotsford.

The B.C. Senior Games held their Championship in Vernon one ¹⁹⁹¹ year, and then in 1992 the B.C. Horseshoe Championships came to Vernon again. There were 118 entries from around the Province. A few portable pitching courts were installed on the north side of the clubhouse on the grass there to accomodate the large entry. In 1992 Booney Sammartino was elected President of the Club. He operated the club until 1995 when Bill Whitnack came to Vernon and was elected President.

Whitnack introduced keeping records on his computer, and continued operating the horseshoe League. Competition among the players still uses the handicap system and meets for play every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Alexis Park. Whitnack is still President and League Director in 2004, the longest serving President in the history of the Club.

The Clubhouse in Alexis Park is used frequently, not only by the horseshoe pitchers, but rented out often to other clubs and organizations in Vernon for Meetings, etc.

During winter months the Clubhouse is used for card parties on a frequent basis.



CONGRATS MEGAN AND TONY

Congrats to Megan D Cassie and Tony Rondow on the birth of their grandson, born at 2AM, January 12th, 9 pounds, his name is BENJAMIN.

LAST SHOE – RAY JEROME — July 9, 1931 – December 31, 2020



Hi all just got word today from Marilyn Jerome, that Ray passed away. Ray has been battling lung cancer for the last year or so and up to a week before his passing he was still working out on his treadmill, trying to keep healthy and always positive that he was going to beat the cancer into submission. Even though his lungs were badly damaged he did not suffer from a lot pain like Lou Busch. Ray had an oxygen machine to help with his breathing when he needed it and on his last day at home he was not breathing very well so Marilyn called for an ambulance and on his way to the Nanaimo hospital he had cardiac arrest which ended his life. Ray was a real gentleman horseshoe player, very competitive and always striving to do his best horseshoe pitching.

For many years I chauffeured Ray, along with our other horseshoe buddies, Wilf Gregory, Murray Rayner and Lou Busch to at least a hundred or more horseshoe tournaments. Ray will be dearly missed by the Ladysmith Horseshoe Club members and Marilyn said he really wanted to make it to 90 years which he would have been this year. His name will be added to our Murray Rayner Memorial Plaque. Vince Herkel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – 34TH – JANUARY 15, 2021 – GAIL/STEVE BISHOP



Steve - We also had an eight year "engagement" - didn't want to rush into things!! It was worth the wait.



2021 World Tournament Deadline, Requirements and Hall of Fame Nominations



The NHPA council would like to announce that the July 19th to July 31st, 2021 Winnemucca, Nevada World Tournament entry form will be up on the website within a couple of days.

The NHPA council has voted to extend the deadline to June 8th, 2021, and lower the qualifying events needed to participate from four events to two events. The entry form will also be available on Facebook after it has been uploaded to the website.

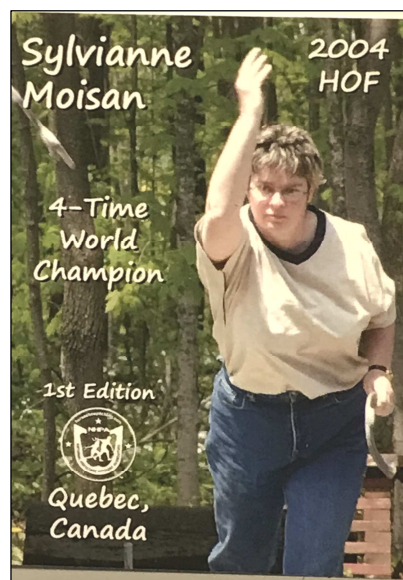
We also want to remind you that the deadline for nominations for the NHPA Hall of Fame is January 31, 2021. Please use the official nomination form as found on the Hall of Fame link of the NHPA website. Please mail a hard copy of all documents being submitted to: Vicki Winston 10326 Highway D, LaMonte MO 65337. Nominations can only be submitted by a current NHPA member or a NHPA sanctioned club.

We look forward to seeing you on the horseshoe courts and hearing the ring of horseshoes in 2021.

Entry forms available on the BCHA website, under tournaments,

July 18-31	World Tournament - Winnemucca, Nevada EEntry Form	Email	1-816-738-0868 sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com
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SYLVIANNE MOISON NHPA AND HORSESHOE CANADA HALL OF FAME – WORLD TOURNAMENT RESULTS



#4	Sylvianne Moisan - Quebec, Canada					2020
Year	Place	W-L	Ringers	Shoes	Pct.	Location
1986	5th place	10-5	668	916	72.93%	Ainsworth, Nebraska
1992	3rd place	12-3	879	1084	81.09%	Columbus, Ohio
1993	9th place	9-8	829	1116	74.28%	Spearfish, South Dakota
1994	4th place	13-3	515	674	76.41%	Syracuse, New York
1995	2nd place	14-1	925	1082	85.49%	Perry, Georgia
1996	3rd place	12-3	980	1178	83.19%	Gillette, Wyoming
1997	2nd place	16-3	1140	1340	85.07%	Kitchener, Ontario Canada
1999	2nd place	16-3	957	1190	80.42%	Greenville, Ohio
2000	WC	14-1	870	1040	83.65%	Bismarck, North Dakota
2001	WC	14-1	895	1070	83.64%	Hibbing, Minnesota
2002	WC	15-0	743	864	86.00%	Red Deer, Alberta Canada
2003	WC	22-1	1085	1312	82.70%	Eau Claire, Wisconsin
2004	3rd place	19-4	1078	1312	82.16%	Pocatello, Idaho
2005	3rd place	20-3	887	1156	76.73%	Bakersfield, California
2006	2nd place*	17-3	953	1142	83.45%	Gillette, Wyoming
2008	2nd place*	18-2	1147	1314	87.29%	York, Pennsylvania
2009	2nd place*	18-2	1237	1444	85.66%	Springfield, Illinois
2010	2nd place	17-2	779	994	78.37%	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
2014	8th place	7-8	618	888	69.59%	Buffalo, New York
2018	2nd place*	14-2	768	948	81.01%	Florence, South Carolina
20 Years		297-58	17953	22064	81.37%	* Tied for 1st Place

FROM DRY CREEK HORSESHOE CLUB – PORT ALBERNI – JACK DABNEY

Hi Sam. We are still pitching on Sundays at 11Am and Wednesday. At 1 pm. Still social distancing.

OTTER CO-OP SPONSORSHIP – JIM WILLIAMS – ABBOTSFORD

As many of you know, the HIGHWAY MAN was bought by a new company last year.

Jim Williams approached the new owners about continued sponsorship for the BC INTERNATIONAL/HIGHWAYMAN OPEN.

Good news received January 18, 2021 FROM Jim.

Morning Jim. If the tournament abides by PHO recommendations, then we will proceed with sponsoring. Katie Pallen - Community Relations Coordinator

FROM CINDY ROWELL – ABBOTSFORD

Wow.... That is great news!

We should be very proud of ourselves for landing this Co-op funding / grant!

I have applied to them for less money on behalf of other organizations, and have been declined. I think that they like the idea that it is a mainly "seniors" activity, but not just limited to seniors, but that the sport can be done by anyone, any age, and also can be done as a family. All things they look at when applications are received. Well Done Abbotsford Horseshoe Club!!!!!! Whaahooooo!

FROM BRIAN RIDER – BCHA SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Congratulations to the Abbotsford Horseshoe Club Jim. Let's hope we are able to hold the BC International Highwayman this year. Take care

VICTORIA HORSESHOE CLUB – JUNE LAZENBY

We are only allowed to have individual practice play right now. There are no Victoria horseshoe events planned for the foreseeable future. A few of our folks are playing in an American online tournament.

Our AGM will be held via Zoom on January 31 and we are in the midst of an email bingo. Pretty quiet around here...

SOOKE HORSESHOE CLUB – CHANTAL WILSON

The Sooke club is still closed due to weather and COVID.

We were able to have our socially distanced AGM in September outdoors. Our Executive board stayed the same for the exception of a new secretary Ingrid Wickheim and we have now added a new director's spot as our club grows. So we now have 4 directors.

Our members are eager to get the year started and our new members are eager to hopefully attend some tournaments this year.

Lets all due our part to STAY SAFE!!!! and hopefully we can all reunite soon to pitch pitch pitch

CENTRAL PARK – ELYSE BRUNBELLE

Not much happening. On all Saturday when Victor, Gaetan, and Bob play almost every time people stop to ask questions and they always say we will come to practice and only a few came once. It is not very warm, it is cold for the hands



BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY – THAT WE KNOW OF FOR January 24, 2021

JANUARY 22 – VIVIAN FENDLE
JANUARY 23 – SAM TOMASEVIC
JANUARY 25 - ALLAN CUMMINGS
JANUARY 26 – PHIL ERKISON
JANUARY 29 – JERRY MELISSA

If a members of your club have birthdays coming up, email me the name and date

