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VICTORIA – In Victoria we have made our application to Saanich municipality outlining how we intend to meet the PHO guidelines. We are stuck in a holding pattern now waiting to hear from them. A few of our folks are finding ways to take part in some of the online horseshoe pitching - backyard pits or driving to Sooke. Wish there was more to tell...Cheers June

BURNABY CENTRAL PARK – Can use courts – as long as we follow protocol, 6 feet distance, no tournaments, and maximum 3 people at anytime in the clubhouse. Sam

PRINCE GEORGE - I am writing to let you know that the Prince George horseshoe club is closing its doors so to speak. We are closing down effective immediately. We just don't have the money to stay open. Even with help for some bills, we are not able to raise the rent for next year. (\$1,050) I would like to thank everyone for their assistance over the years. Thank you, Alice Boschman President Prince George Horseshoe Club

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ABBOTSFORD– JIM WILLIAMS - Abbotsford Horseshoe club is in a holding pattern. We cannot use the courts or the Clubhouse. Cheers **FROM ARCHIE – RADOWITS** everything here is off limits. Can't even self distance practice. Have no idea when they will start to ease the restrictions. The members are starting to get antsy. 5 new cases in Abbotsford that being at the plant I used to work. Hope this crazy thing ends soon



SOOKE HORSESHOE PITCHING ASSOCIATION – OLIVIA HOLLINGER Sooke Horseshoe Club is open for use for current members with proper social distancing rules. Wednesday night league play is beginning on June 3; arrival time is 5:30 pm so we can get organized. League will be limited to 24 players so that we can use every other pitch, so you will need to register with the club at sookehorseshoes@shaw.ca. Hope to see you in Sooke, the home of the biggest horseshoe!


CLOVERDALE – JIM GRANT - No change, clubhouse is closed & all events cancelled. 10 Pits under repair. 5 pits for practice for those who wish to come out. Posted notice ---Social distancing a must, only same household members can pitch from the same end together max 2.pitching against non household members rules are ...max 1 at each end and each pitch shoes then pass each other and count their score then repeat. again max 1 member at each end. We will reassess Opening next year unless a major break through happens. Our AGM will be by restricted Proxy. That is the situation. Stay safe to all

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SALMON ARM - club is now open for practices Tues and Thurs @ six p.m. with around 13 members showing, we have rules in place such as using every other pit for social distancing! club house is open and since Edwin, and myself had already removed the bar which we never used has opened up enough space to have our seating 2 meters apart to accommodate members after our practices for coffee and a visit if weather is to cool to sit outside, other wise we are outside with social distancing in effect! Bathrooms are also open for our members, no problem with social distancing there! Heh! Heh! That is about it in Salmon Arm, oh and we, of course cannot have any large gatherings such as tourneys until we get the official word from the government or city!

The club members are all enjoying getting out and throwing shoes again! Sure do hope other clubs are just as fortunate as we are! Yours in shoes Neil Larocque



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COMOX (CUMBERLAND) – DARLENE WILSON - we had an executive meeting this morning, May 25, 2020 to give a plan to the village - if approved we hope to be playing but June 4th with about 9 teams - crossing our fingers - also just have to get a bit more Information, but I will start working on updating the members' information online. Thanks

DRY CREEK (PORT ALBERNI – MARGARET ONYSCHSCHUK - Yes we are still playing with social distancing. Singles only on alternate pits. Wednesday afternoon and Sunday mornings. This is what it is all the time. No addition items being done for the club. We do get the odd person

stopping by to play.



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WINFIELD – JOHN HAMLER - We can use every second court, only one person in clubhouse at a time, no organized events of any kind. They are calling it casual use. We can have an in house tournament. There are no league or association activities for all sports, allowed in our regional district until further notice.

QUESNEL – JEANETTE FERRARA - WE HAVE BEEN HAVING FUN NIGHTS FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS NOW. LAST NIGHT MAY 25TH, WE HAD 13 PITCHERS. WE HAVE THE CLUBHOUSE OPEN WITH DISINFECTANT AND SANITIZER IN BOTH WASHROOMS AND KITCHEN AREA. WE ALSO HAVE SANITIZER OUTSIDE ON THE PICNIC TABLES SO PEOPLE CAN USE THEM, SEEMS TO BE WORKING FINE SO FAR.

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LADYSMITH – VINCE HERKEL- Ladysmith Horseshoe Club June 27/28 tournaments will not be taking place as all large group gatherings in the Park have been cancelled for this summer, including all of the outdoor concerts in the amphitheatre. We are in the process of submitting a statement of implementation of the required Provincial Health guidelines and regulations for our Club Evening outings, will keep the BCHA informed on the latest.

KAMLOOPS – JIM MICHIE – We have 16 courts, we are now open for practice on our regular Thursday nights. We only had six players show up so there was lots of room, using protocol – safe distancing

PENTICTON – BRIAN RYDER - Pits Are Open for Casual Play (No Organized Events), Provided We Practice Social Distancing (Using Every Other Pit) And Follow all other Provincial Health Officer's Guidelines. Members Are Pleased Just To Be Able To Play Horseshoes Again, In Spite Of The Restrictions.

VERNON – DWIGHT COUSINS - Our in-house club activities have been almost completely dormant since Covid 19 entered the picture. Our members, however, have been busy with their own at-home projects as I'm sure other clubs members are as well. Spring cleaning, painting, gardening seem to be the principal activities while some members indicated that they haven't read so many books, did so many puzzles and played so many games since they were in school. The City of Vernon has recently removed some of the restrictions regarding the use of city parks and since the current guidelines for Covid 19 have been relaxed somewhat, some of our members are questioning whether we could resume pitching shoes on a limited, controlled scale. Our Executive is currently reviewing the situation and hopes to come up with some rules / guidelines to allow this to happen while protecting our members. Hopefully we'll be able to resume some activity soon. That's it from Vernon for now. Take Care and Stay Safe

SUMMERLAND – JUANUITA LAYE - is not allowed any organized play, only individual, leisure play, and drop in play, using every 2nd pit, clubhouse can't be used. Proper protocol must be followed – 6 feet distance. .

PLAYER PROFILE – TONY WINIA – LADYSMITH

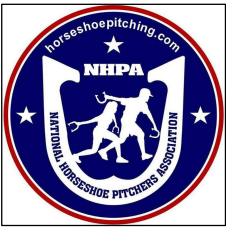


In 2017 after working 50 years in Alberta, I retired and moved to Ladysmith. Once I got settled, I did some exploring on what activities to get involved in. I came across the Ladysmith Horseshoe website and contacted Vince. Growing up on the farm in the early years there was always old horseshoes laying around. It didn't take long before we found two pegs and the horseshoe pits were set up. Of course horseshoes were always played in the 1960s at the Farm Day outing.

Once I started with the Ladysmith Club I was pretty green, not getting many close shoes or ringers. The Ladysmith club was very helpful with tips on how to pitch, and showing different etiquette rules to be respectful to other players. I entered a few tournaments and met other players from Vancouver Island. Now unfortunately Covid-19 put a stop to the game. I hope to get back pitching those horseshoes soon!

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FROM THE NHPA - WORLD TOURNAMENT FOR 2020 CANCELLED



It is with deep regret that we inform you that the 2020 NHPA World Tournament has been canceled. The NHPA officers along with representatives from the City of Monroe, Louisiana have been working closely together to prepare for the tournament to take place. Unfortunately, the impact of the COVID-19 virus has prevented the tournament from going forward. As has been stated previously, the most important thing for the NHPA as well as the City of Monroe, was the safety of those who were planning to come to participate in the World Tournament and enjoy the people and activities around Monroe.

The World Tournament schedule for coming years will continue as announced previously:

2021 Winnemucca Nevada 2022 Lansing Michigan 2023 Monroe Louisiana (The winning bidder for the 2020 World Tournament will be awarded the 2023 World Tournament since the 2020 World Tournament was canceled for reasons outside of the NHPA or Monroe Louisiana's control)

Although the World Tournament has been canceled, competitive horseshoe pitching continues throughout the world as many NHPA sponsored tournaments continue to take place and many others will be starting soon. We have seen the impact of this virus affecting the lives of those we know and love and want each of you to remain safe. We look forward to the time when we can all gather again in the close friendships that have been built over many years. We hope to see you all soon on horseshoe pits around the world. NHPA Officers

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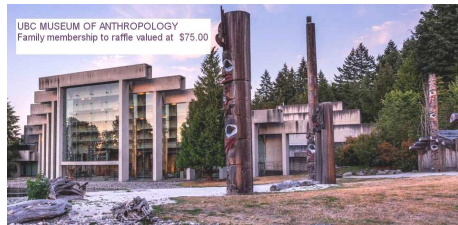
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2020 CANADIAN CANCELLED

Horseshoe Canada President Jason Rideout addresses the horseshoe pitchers of Canada in respect of the cancellation of the 2020 Canadian Horseshoe Pitching Championships.

This was an extremely difficult decision made by the Horseshoe Executive last evening. Please share this post, so all members are made aware.

Horseshoe Canada is open for any comments, questions or concerns that you may have. <https://youtu.be/tVXXZHq8LZ4>

This was an extremely hard decision made by the Horseshoe Canada Executive. This announcement is going live on the Horseshoe Canada webpage as well as social media this evening.

However, we are looking forward to working with you to keep pitchers engaged through new initiatives like online horseshoes, backyard email tournaments and the announcement of the 1st Ever Backyard Canadian Championships. We will look to have these tournaments sanctioned and there will be much more to come.

I would ask that you share this information with your organizations and clubs and as always, myself and the Executive will be available to answer any questions.

Horseshoe Canada will still operate as normal and we encourage the Provincial organizations to make decisions based on information available and Horseshoe Canada is always there to help.

Please feel free to reach out to me. I can provide a written response as well if you want to post to your webpage or include in your newsletter.

I look forward to hearing from you about your ideas, concerns or questions. Regards, Jason Rideout

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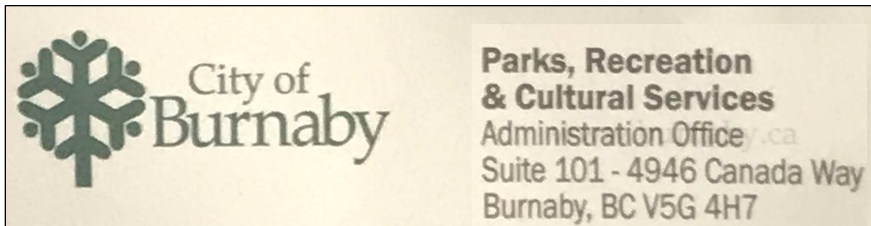


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A Horseshoe Canada Update Jason May 27th, 2020 For Immediate Release

Last evening, the Horseshoe Canada Executive met with representatives from the Provinces to discuss the state of horseshoes in Canada for 2020. The Provinces represented were BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick.

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First, I want to thank the Provincial representatives and the Horseshoe Canada Executive for their time last evening. It was a great discussion and I believe that some exciting ideas are coming to bear, and I am excited to discuss some of those with you today.



We learned last evening that each Province has its unique challenges due to COVID-19 and all the Provinces are at different stages in the recovery process. Because of this reason, the 2020 season will be one of new events and there will be changes to how some things are done to accommodate the regulations in place. It was a unanimous decision of the folks on the meeting last night that we need to keep moving our sport forward and we need to encourage participation.

Here are some highlights of our meeting last night:

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Email/Mail In/Backyard Tournaments

This style of tournament will be the type of tournament that will allow the most people to participate in the times we are in. These tournaments require the pitcher to use the honour system, record their tournament scores and email the results to the tournament director. BC President, Tom Moffat, has been running the BC Association Backyard Tournament and is currently running the third Canada 20 Shoe Mail In tournament. There has been much success.

Horseshoe Canada will encourage these types of tournaments for 2020 and the Provincial representatives felt that these tournaments will likely happen across Canada until regulations open. I encourage you to get participating when these tournaments become available.

Canstats for 2020

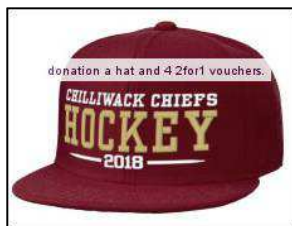


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A significant portion of the meeting was used to discuss how Canstats would be utilized in 2020. Many of the backyard tournaments coming out of the US are being held as sanctioned events where the results count toward Natstats. In last evening meeting, it was felt that backyard tournaments are having success since people can track their results and their ringer percentage. There is always a concern of cheating or sandbagging in these types of tournaments, however, we must rely on the integrity of our horseshoe pitchers.



A motion was made to utilize the Canstats platform to record the results of the backyard tournaments. The motion was made after a detailed discussion with Andre LeClerc. The motion stated the backyard results would not directly mix with officially sanctioned live tournaments. The backyard average would be separate from the traditional Canstats average, as the group felt it is important to provide stats to pitchers who are pitching these tournaments this year. For example, when you look at your Canstats, you will have a listing for your Canstat average and your backyard average.

It was also determined that traditionally sanctioned tournaments will be recorded in Canstats in 2020. Many Provinces are hoping to hold their Championships late in the summer and this would provide traditional sanctioned tournaments for Canstats. Traditionally sanctioned tournaments in the past have included doubles and singles tournaments, as well as 100 Shoe Challenges. These types of tournaments will still be considered traditionally sanctioned tournaments requiring appropriate officiating by the Provincial bodies, or under the direction of Horseshoe Canada.

Membership



Horseshoe Canada will still be collecting membership fees from the Provinces for 2020. For a pitcher to pitch in any backyard style tournament, they must provide proof of membership by supplying a valid 2020 Horseshoe Canada card. Tournament Directors will be asking for a picture of your membership card prior to the start of the tournament.

The Provincial reps agreed to assist in getting pitchers registered for the 2020 season. The group also felt that these types of tournaments are a great way to sign new people up for a membership.




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The 2020 Canadian Backyard Championship will be coming later this summer. The first of its kind, the tournament will provide pitchers from across Canada a platform to compete at the highest level. The CBC may be the first time where we could see the Top 10 pitchers in each class face off in a tournament. How exciting will that be!

While details are still being worked out, the general framework will see backyard qualifying 100 shoe challenges available throughout the summer. A pitcher must participate in one of these qualifiers to be eligible to pitch in the Backyard Championship. Then 8 person classes will be set up for each division, Men, Women, Elders, Juniors and Cadets, like how the Canadian Championships are set up.



Working with the NHPA

I have also been working closely with Dalton Rakestraw, 5th VP of the NHPA on some exciting events and ideas that we will be sharing soon. These will provide some unique pitching opportunities as well.

In closing, I want to encourage all pitchers to participate in these backyard tournaments and support the unique tournament opportunities that we can provide in 2020. I am hopeful for Provinces to be able to host their Provincial tournaments or at least a backyard Provincial Championship. Horseshoe Canada will survive this year because we will adapt to the changes that we are facing. I understand that change is hard to accept sometimes, however if you embrace change, Horseshoe Canada will not only survive but thrive. .Respectfully submitted, Jason Rideout President Horseshoe Canada



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Wendy and I hope everyone is safe and in good health, not getting out much other than taking Wendy to go shopping.

Sad state, sad times, normally I would be reporting the highlights of the BC INTERNATIONAL / HIGHWAYMAN OPEN – Who participated – who won, photos of the classes, the winners, the raffle, 50/50 plus special draws

winners. Thanks to the to COVID-19 virus everything is on hold, all tournaments are on hold till further notice. Sure does not look like this will go away any time soon. Take care.

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HISTORY OF THE GREATER VICTORIA HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION 1935-2005

Starting out in 1935... As near as can be determined, this Association in its original concept was formed in 1935. This can be proven by the Victoria Colonist and Victoria Times Cups from that date which are still offered in competition each year.

No doubt there were backyard competitions of the sport long before that date. Unfortunately, the club records before 1967 are lost. Much valuable information is missing and remains only in the memory of a few older members.



In the 1940s and '50s, the locale was at various times on Opal Street, at Blanshard and Pandora before the BC Hydro building was erected, and in Beacon Hill Park. However, it was not until 1962, when the club moved to Hampton Park in Saanich, that the membership began to increase dramatically, requiring six courts. The Municipality of Saanich needed the space for the Hampton Little League Baseball Park, so in the fall of 1970 a decision was made to move to the present location at Glanford Park. During the fall and winter construction began and was completed in time to hold the opening ceremonies on May 2, 1971. League play began on May 4th on six courts that were subsequently covered and floodlit permitting night play. A 4 by 6 feet shed to house the tools was built.

On April 30, 1970, funds were authorized to sponsor a committee of two, namely Ken Scurrah and Frank Boon, to attend a meeting in Vancouver for the purpose of founding the BC Horseshoe Association. In May 1970, the necessary fee was forwarded by the Victoria club to become a member of that association.



Our membership increased markedly and in 1974 a second set of six courts was constructed. A 12 by 16 feet shed, which was about to be demolished at a service station on Quadra Street, was obtained for a clubhouse and tool shed in 1977. Our members poured the concrete slab, moved and renovated the building. The Municipality of Saanich was of great assistance and along with the many hours of volunteer labour by the club members, the cost of construction was kept to a minimum.

On April 24, 1977, the Ladies' Club was officially formed although some had been competing in tournaments in previous years. Six more courts were built to accommodate the increase in membership, now about one hundred.



By 1981 the small clubhouse no longer sufficed. When a 30 by 40 feet pre-fab skateboard clubhouse at Cedar Hill Rec. Centre became available, with the assistance of Saanich, it was purchased for \$20,900. It was transported to our location and placed on a cement foundation. Hydro, sewers and surface drains were installed and the members began the task of renovating the interior to suit our needs. Meanwhile, we had purchased tables, chairs, fridges, stove, etc. We undertook the maintenance of the grounds and clubhouse, using our own machines, tools, etc.

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In 1985 a further eight courts were constructed entirely by our members. Four of these courts have since been double-covered for use by 30-foot players. At that time we were spending three to four thousand dollars yearly for improvements, aside from the construction. In 1993/94 the complete renovation of the six badly deteriorated original courts was undertaken. They were ripped out, excavated to a depth of 3 feet and completely rebuilt along with the second set of six courts, which were moved 27 feet north. New roofs were installed and the courts lit. Extra yard lights were obtained. Grass was removed from the playing areas and crystal sand used to

replace it. Underground wiring, along with drainage and automatic sprinkler systems, were installed. The original clubhouse, then used as a tool shed, was dismantled and a new storage shed, measuring 390 square feet, was built adjoining the present clubhouse at a cost of \$21,000. To accomplish this, our members, many of whom are tradesmen, conducted 62 weekend work parties with anywhere from 15 to 35 present. Saanich contributed about \$30,000 in materials and labour. Our club spent \$45,000, which were funds that had been accumulated over a period of years in anticipation of this need. Our calculated labour contribution was about \$30,000 for a total of \$105,000.

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In 1997/98 the first phase of the clubhouse expansion was completed which included a new kitchen, new office, bathrooms with showers, tiled floors for all areas. The entire cost of this project was about \$51,000. The second phase is presently nearing completion as of Jan. 2004, adding a further 670 square feet to the seating area. The estimated cost, when completed and furnished, is expected to be about \$45,000.

Our club funds are raised mainly from club dues, raffles, casinos (prior to 1998/99), rentals, hosting tournaments and donations from various commercial and community charitable organizations. We now have 28 courts, 20 being covered and floodlit, an attractive grass courtyard and the whole area surrounded by a page wire fence with cedar hedges as windbreaks.



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Happy Birthday to Cindy Helgeson who turns 60 on June 6 and she was born in 1960.



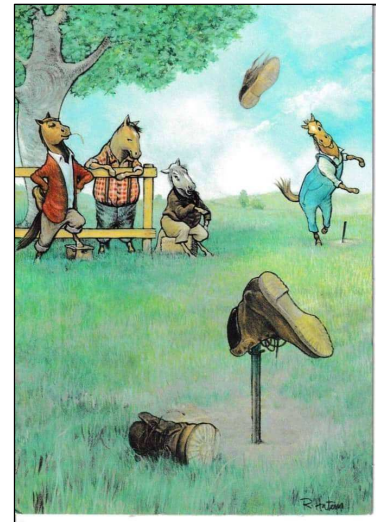
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