

**RINGER ROUND - UP
THIS WEEK IN HORSESHOES #4-2021 - FEBRUARY 01, 2021**



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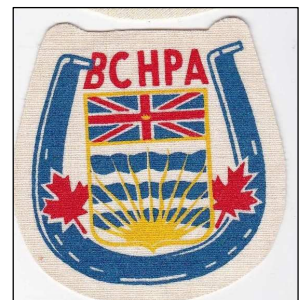
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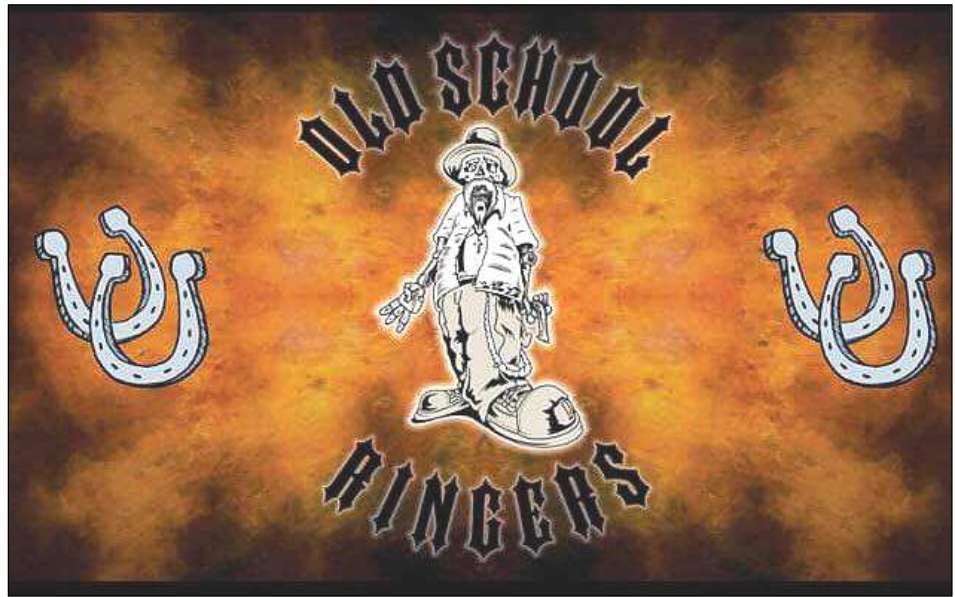
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From one of the horseshoe groups I belong to. Nice horseshoe box



STAN GRIGGS -
MISSOURI



Got to love the enthusiasm players take on and off the Courts for our sport.

Colin Butts – Victoria – BCHA HALL OF FAME 1990 Inductee



Colin's Accomplishments:

Colin was elected to the Hall Of Fame as an Organizer-Promoter and this is well attested.

Colin arrived in Victoria in 1953 and soon discovered an active club which he joined.

He was involved in forming clubs on Vancouver Island, the Vancouver Island Pitching Association and the B.C. Horseshoe Association, serving as a director. Colin introduced the present handicap system in Victoria for league play in the 1960's.

Colin competed at many levels, including the Canadian Championships and local tournaments, winning his share, but win or lose, always competitive.

Colin was married for 56 years to Edna.

Gordon Butts was a brother of COLIN.

CORRECTION FROM 3-2021

I spelt BRIAN'S name as RIDER INSTEAD OF RYDER.

SYD LASH –VANCOUVER - BCHA HALL OF FAME 2010 Inductee



A lot of personal information on Syd is not available. I can tell you that he was one of the greatest players of his time; he had many battles with the likes of Clayton English, Murray Rayner and Bob Timothy.

Syd's Accomplishments:

B.C. Men's Provincial Champion

1970 - 60.5%
1971 - 62.7%
1972 - 69.4%
1973 - 67.35

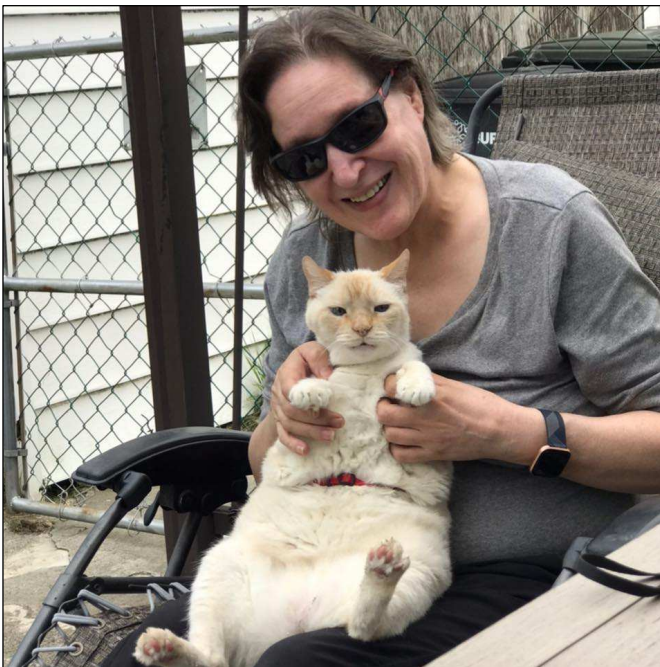
B.C. International Men's Championship

1972 71.2%
1973 68.0%

Syd attended one world tournament 1973 at Eureka Calif. - Men's B class - 5th with 68.67%. He was the winner of many

local and provincial tournaments.

WENDY TOMASEVIC



Wendy was born right in Burnaby on October 26, 1961

Wendy met Sam while both were attending an income tax course at night school and after a two year relationship, Sam popped the question and they married on March 8, 1985

Prior to marriage, Sam introduced Wendy to our beloved game of horseshoes and soon she adapted to the sport winning a Gold Medal for her class in the 1985 Summer Games and a Silver Medal at the Coquitlum Summer Games.

During this time Wendy also did five and ten pin bowling with averages of 185 in 5 pin and 145 in ten pin before deciding to stick to horseshoes.

Wendy had an injury that kept her out of throwing shoes, although she and hubby will be seen at most

tournaments in the Lower Mainland. Wendy, when she attends Lower Mainland Tournaments, is always helping out, be it score keeping or doing computer work.

Wendy was Secretary of the B.C. Horseshoe Association for six years (1993-1998). She was been the Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Director of the Central Park Horseshoe Club. Oops, I just about forgot to mention Mocha

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JUANITA LAYE – REGIONAL REP – INTERIOR/NORTH



I got started in horseshoes by a friend getting Canadian Tire horseshoes for his birthday. We went down to the pits in Summerland a few times for fun and we broke a couple pairs so he bought 2 more pair.

One day we went to play in 2007, the Summerland Horseshoe club was having their tournament. Nick Culic asked if I would like to join the Club but I said I didn't think I was any good. He kept after me so I finally joined the club, and threw my 50 shoes and started out at 16 percent.

I was put into the D Class. I went to every tournament I could and won some and lost some. By my second year in 2009, I won The Interior/Kootnay/North championship. Then I went to the Canadian Championships in Calgary and I won the D Class after a playoff.



After that I was totally hooked on horseshoes. I was scorekeeping for all the classes, but when I score kept for the A Class, with Viviann, Doreen, and Elise, that made me want to work harder and pitch up to their level. In 3 1/2 years, I was up to the B Class then the A Class. I was so ecstatic I was finally pitching with the big girls.

So I have been pitching for 14 years now and still love the game. I have made so many wonderful friends along the way.

When I was in the C then B classes, I was pitching with sisters Marlene and Verna. Those two always encouraged me and said Juanita you can pitch better than that. They always told me when I floundered that they would kick me in the butt. Those two ladies really got me going to better myself. Everything I beat them, haha they would say we can't wait till you are out of our Class.

So I've been pitching against the best ladies for a few years Viviane, Elise and Lindsay.

NOTE: As of June 1, 2020 Juanita's average was 58.90%,

VIVIANN FENDLE – PENTICTON HORSESHOE CLUB SUBMITTED BY JUANITA LAYE



Viviann was born in Hearst, Ontario in 1963 to parents Wilf and Rose Blanchard. Vivian has 3 sisters. Wilf and Rose Blanchard were horseshoe players and taught Vivian at age 16 to pitch and he taught Vivian's sisters to pitch. Vivian's mother Rose and her sister Joanne were pitching in Ladies A in Hearst, Ontario in 1985.

Viviann's parents started up a Horseshoe Club in Hearst, Ont. She moved with her family to Penticton July, 1984. Vivian quit horseshoes for 20 years while she got married to Carl Fendle in 1991, and then had her son Jesse in 1992.

Viviann and her mother are the only mother and daughter to win the A class at the BC International, Rose in 1988 and Vivann in 2015.

Viviann's accomplishments

BC Champs

2017 2nd 55.94%
2016 3rd 58.6%
2014 2nd 58.4%
2012 2nd 52.9%
2011 2nd 52.1%
2010 3rd 55.0%
2009 2nd 54.1%

BC INTERNATIONAL

2019 2nd 55.6%
2015 1st 58.9%
2014 2nd 54.4%
2011 2nd 55.8%

Won 1st in the Interior/North Champs 5 times, Came in 2nd 5 times

She has pitched against BC's top players, Doreen Muloin, Doris Wilton, Ida Boschman, Elyse Brunelle, Juanita Laye and Lindsay Hodgins.

Ida Boschman taught Vivian to put more of an arch to her pitch by learning to pitch over a chair to perfect her pitch. Vivian is a very good pitcher and a great friend to all

BRIAN RYDER – BCHA TREASURER AND SECRETARY



Brian was introduced to Horseshoes in the early 1970's while serving as a Volunteer Fireman in the West Kootenay Village of Fruitvale.

He continued to play recreationally until the mid 1980's, when he took out BCHA membership. He represented the West Kootenays in Several BC Summer Games and BC Senior Games competitions, winning 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals.



Brian has also competed in several BC Championships, winning his Division in 2005 - 32.66% and 2015 - 35.19%

Brian has been on the BCHA Executive since 2013. He served as Treasurer from 2013 to 2016 at which time he took on the dual role of Secretary-Treasurer. He has also served on the Executive of the Abbotsford Horseshoe Club and is currently the Vice-President of the Penticton Horseshoe Club.

In 2000 Brian retired from a 35 year career in Banking and Municipal Administration. Since that time he and Ruth, his wife of 57 years, have spent their time enjoying their family and recreational pursuits. Brian & Ruth have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Brian is eagerly waiting the time when we can all get back to playing the game we love, HORSESHOES. Brian and Ruth reside in Summerland

A LITTLE HUMOUR

A man got on a bus with both of his front trouser pockets full of golf balls and sat down next to a beautiful blonde woman. The puzzled blonde kept looking at him and his bulging packets. Finally, after many glances, he said "its golf balls." The blonde kept looking at him for a very long time, thinking deeply about what he said. After several minutes, not being able to contain her curiosity any longer, she asked "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

SALMON ARM – NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NEIL LAROCQUE - larocqueneil2@gmail.com

This has been updated on our website, please update your records.

MARCEL PINETTE BCHA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE – 2016 – ORGANIZER / PROMOTER



"More than just a player" Focus of attention to an extra-ordinary organizer

Marcel was born (or found) in St. Paul, Alberta on December 2, 1842, I mean 1942 and at the age of seven the family moved to Penticton, B. C. They later moved to Enderby where he was basically raised.

He joined the army at the age of seventeen and was kicked out-oops I mean he got out in 1971 and moved to Surrey.

While in Surrey he met Gloria who was living in Langley and in 1973 they moved to Quesnel where they were married. Marcel worked in various mills in Quesnel as a Millwright and supervisor, and in 1985 after many years of pursuing his favorite hobbies of hunting and fishing he decided to try his

hand at throwing horseshoes.

In 1987 he became Vice President of the Quesnel Horseshoe Club, 1988 he was President, 1989 he again took the office of Vice President and at the same time was elected as Vice President of the B.C. Horseshoe Association. In the years 1990-1992 he was once again President of the Quesnel Club and during that term was fourth Vice President of the BCHA. The year 1992 saw Marcel as executive director for the BCHA and from 1993-1997 was once again President of Quesnel. For good measure let us tell you that during that last stint he was also the Northern Rep to the BCHA. As if that was not enough, he still found time to start the computer program for the Quesnel Club.

He was involved in the forming of the Prince George club and instrumental in the formation of the Williams Lake club. Marcel and Gloria moved to Abbotsford in 1997 he was flying the colors of Vice President of the MSA Club. The following year he was elected to President of the club and also carried the duties as assistant lower mainland rep and at this point, due to health reasons started throwing from 30 feet. Marcel and Gloria now reside in Quesnel.

ORIGIN OF THE BC HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION – BERNIE LEPPER

This article first appeared in our news letter August 2012; felt it was worth repeating for new and long time members.

In 1962 the "Greater Vancouver Horseshoe Pitchers Association" was formed and the following year, 1963 this association was officially affiliated with the "National Horseshoe Pitchers Association" of the U.S. and most members in Canada at that time were from B. C. and Ontario. The state secretary's to the N.H.P.A. from 1963 to 1970 in B.C. it was Bernie Lepper and Ontario it was led by George Schummer and Ross Stevenson. The officers of the "Greater Vancouver Horseshoe Pitchers Association" were - President Art Oakes - Vice President Harry Brock - Secretary/Treasurer Bernie Lepper.

Up until 1968 all "B.C. Championships" were held at the "Stanley Park Horseshoe Courts" in Vancouver, B.C. From 1968 to 1976 all "B.C. Championships" were held at the "Central Park Horseshoe Courts" in Burnaby, B.C.

The first meeting to organize the "B.C. Horseshoe Association" was held in April of 1970 in Vancouver at Stan Pachota's residence who was a member of the Greater Vancouver Horseshoe Club and later moved to the Vernon Horseshoe Club where he past away some years ago. Bob Blunt first president of B.C.H.A. moved to Vernon and was instrumental in starting the Vernon Horseshoe Club.

The first executive of the B.C.H.A. in 1970 consisted of --

Bob Blunt, President - Vancouver

Colin Butts, Vice President - Victoria

Bernie Lepper, Secretary/Treasurer - Burnaby

Frank Boon - Victoria

Stan Pachota - Vancouver

Rob Roy Gray - Rep from the Diamond Horseshoe Co.

Jack Adams wrote the first "Constitution and By-Laws" of the B.C.H.A. and was a member of the executive in 1974 and 1975 when he lived in Chilliwack B.C. In 1979 "Horseshoe Canada" was born with Jack Adams as President, reps from B.C. were Stan & Phyllis Dahl.

These are the horseshoe clubs that were members of the B.C.H.A. in the early years and their representatives of each club:-

Greater Vancouver - Bill Adams

Ladysmith - Bob Timothy

Victoria - Colin Butts

Port Alberni - Ken Wickwire

Cloverdale - Frank Stirling

Nanaimo - Jim Archibald

Quesnel - Tal Severson

Summerland - J. L. Johnston

Rutland - Dan Jaud

Prince George - Bill Dow



The first "B.C. International" was held in 1971 at the "Burnaby Horseshoe Club". The Diamond Horseshoe Co. sponsored the world Champion Dan Kurchinski to come to Burnaby for the tournament, Dan pitched 77.2%. This came about because Rob Roy Gray B.C.H.A. executive member was the rep for the Diamond Horseshoe Co.

The first of three consecutive "Canadian Championships" were held in B.C. The first was at the Burnaby Horseshoe Club in 1975. The reason this happened was the Canadian Association executive all resigned except Jean Markle, so she asked Jack Adams who lived in B.C. at the time to hold the "Canadian Championships" in B.C. Jack Adams and Jean Markle asked Bob Blunt the president of B.C.H.A. if he could arrange to hold the tournament on short notice at the Burnaby Horseshoe Club pitches. Bob Blunt took the challenge on and organized the tournament in less than three weeks.

That was the first "Canadian Championships" in B.C. followed by one more in Burnaby in 1976 and then on to Ladysmith in 1977 where Elmer Hohl attended fresh from the World tournament where he captured his 6th world title.

OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET *June 18/89*

0 - Ringer 00 - Double Ringer X - Dead - No Count

North Shore SUPPORT *Mens A.*
open **B.C. Horseshoes**

Class *Mens A* Court No. *1* Round No. *5*

Matt Zebotney vs. *Jim Ball*

RINGERS	POINTS	SCORE	SHOES	RINGERS	POINTS	SCORE
X	-	-	2	OX	3	3
X	-	-	4	OX	3	6
X	-	-	6	OX	3	9
X	-	-	8	OX	3	12
XX	-	-	10	XX	-	-
OX	3	3	12	X	-	-
OX	3	6	14	X	-	-
X	-	-	16	OX	3	15
OX	3	9	18	X	-	-
XX	-	-	20	XX	-	-
OO	6	15	22	-	-	-
X	-	-	24	OX	3	18
X	-	-	26	OX	3	21
XX	-	-	28	XX	-	-
X	-	-	30	OX	3	24
X	-	-	32	OX	3	27
XX	-	-	34	XX	-	-
X	-	-	36	OX	3	30
XX	-	-	38	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	40	XX	-	-
OX	3	18	42	X	-	-
XX	-	-	44	XX	-	-
XX	-	-	46	XX	-	-
OX	3	21	48	X	-	-
O.	3	24	50	-	-	-
-	-	-	52	O	3	33
X	-	-	54	X	1	34
-	-	-	56	O	3	37
X	-	-	58	X	1	38
X	1	25	60	X	-	-
X	-	-	62	OX	3	41
			64			

SUMMARY

25	FINAL SCORE	41
43	RINGERS	48
1	SINGLE POINTS	2
62	SHOES FITCHED	62
69.4	PERCENT RINGERS	77.4

SCOREKEEPER: _____

Thanks to JIM BALL for sending This scoresheet JUNE 18, 1989

8 FOUR-DEAD

JIM Shot 5 doubles to start the game, Followed that up with 9 straight doubles shoes 24-40

MATT shot 3 doubles in a row twice and 6 straight doubles.

JIM had 1 open end
MATT had 2 open ends

Look at the averages at the 10-48 shoe mark:

Jim 87.5%
Matt 85%



JOHN BS HAMLER – CINDY HELGESON



This is a story about John Hamler and his involvement with Horseshoes in B.C. But before we get to John the story has to start with me, Cindy Helgeson. John and I lived in Victoria, B.C. the summer of 1997. A lady friend of ours started pitching horseshoes on Carol Ormiston's ladies league team at the Victoria Horseshoe Club, she couldn't continue because of a shoulder injury. She asked me if I wanted to take her place. I always wanted to play a summer sport but never knew that Horseshoe Clubs existed. I joined Carol Ormiston's team. Carol and her team mates were very friendly and patient with me as I was a beginner. My wonderful

husband John Hamler would drop me off and pick me up later at the gates of the Victoria Horseshoe Club so I could play in the ladies league. He wouldn't come in because he was so shy!

I know, can you believe it John Hamler **“SHY”**. John would continue to drop me off on practice days when I practiced with Dorothy Krimmer. With lots of coaxing from Dorothy and myself we kept inviting John to pitch, watch, or join us for a drink. I was very happy when he finally took his first few steps through the gates of the Victoria Horseshoe Club to watch us and joined us for a drink. YAHOO!

When the summer ended, John and I went back to Kelowna and moved up to Big White Ski Resort where we have been ever since. With recommendations from the Victoria Horseshoe Club members, I joined the Winfield Horseshoe Club in the summer of 1998. John again would drop me off at the gates of the Winfield Horseshoe Club and pick me up after practice. It took him a long while to come and meet the people because of his shyness! For the next two summer seasons I started going to tournaments, John slowly started watching and socializing with a few people around the courts.

John joined the Winfield Horseshoe Club in the summer of 2000. During a tournament, Doug Wilton handed John a bucket, apron, 50/50 tickets and said, “get off your butt and sell these”. John soon got over his shyness! He started pitching on practice nights and he became the 50/50 seller at our local tournaments in Winfield. Soon he volunteered to sell 50/50's at tournaments throughout BC. People were getting to know John's excellent 50/50 selling techniques! Horseshoe players would even pull out a \$5 dollar bill, stick it in the fence behind the courts. John would then put their tickets in place of the \$5 dollar bill and the player would pick up tickets even as the game was still in play. John's famous sayings when he was selling tickets was: **“Dig deep don't be cheap.”** At the close of selling 50/50's he would say: **“Last chance to fill to fill your pants”**.

John learned how to run tournaments, was Tournament Director for 3 years at the Winfield Horseshoe Club 2006 – 2008. John and I helped other clubs throughout B.C. with various jobs at tournaments. We helped other clubs so they could run their own tournaments. John joined the B.C. Executive in the year of 2006 and became the Rep for the Interior/Kootenay/North and held this position for 10 years 2006-2015. John learned all the rules and regulations for horseshoes through the Horseshoe Canada and many conversations with Sam Tomasevic. In 2010 John became Secretary for the Winfield Horseshoe Club. In time the BCHA Executive saw what a great organizer John was. He was elected to be Secretary for BCHA in 2014 for 2 years. During his ten years on the BCHA Executive he continued to hold all the positions mentioned above.

While on the Executive John took over getting our gaming license from BC Lotteries to hold our annual fund raising cash raffle. He continued to do this for one year after he left the Executive to help out with the transition to the new Executive.

In the summer of 2015 John started a full-time job at Big White Ski Resort as Building Manager of a huge complex after working only winter months up to this point. At the 2015 AGM John decided to resign from all of his positions for the BCHA. John always wants to give it his all and felt he couldn't keep up with both a full-time job and the BCHA.

2016 John's next goal was to start pitching and practicing to bring his average up. Did this happen? Yes, it did! He was able to get his average up to 20%. He was very proud of that average because for John organizing comes easier than boosting his average. He came in first, in his class in couple of major tournaments.

For many years we travelled with our motor homes to tournaments, had so much fun and someone named our motorhome the "Stumble In". The horseshoe players would say, here comes BG and BW and they are going to stumble in. We were named BG and BW by Wendy Tomasevic.

John could not stay away from the organizational end of things. John Hamler became President of the Winfield Horseshoe Club in 2014 and held that position for a year and a half. Dan Smith took over as President for a while until John was re-elected in 2018 and remains the President of the Winfield Horseshoe Club.

2019 John Hamler received a President's Award from the BCHA in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

BC CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1971 - 50 YEARS AGO - CENTRAL PARK HORSESHOE CLUB

Sid Lash sets a new record in winning 1971 B.C. Championships,

MENS CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS		W-L	%	MEN "B"		W-L	%
1. Sid Lash	Burnaby	7-0	62.7	1. Stan Guard	Maple Ridge	5-1	45.0
2. Stan Pachota	Vancouver	6-1	61.2	2. Alf Dahl	Vancouver	4-2	38.7
3. Bob Timothy	Ladysmith	5-2	47.2	3. Sam Tomasevic	Vancouver	4-2	37.1
4. Ed Enefer	Burnaby	3-4	49.1	4. Harvey Thompson	New West	3-3	40.9
5. Murray Rayner	Youbou	3-4	47.4	5. Jim Ruskowski	Burnaby	3-3	39.5
6. John Wallingham	Hammond	2-5	53.0	6. Ed Moore	Whommoch	2-4	36.8
7. Stan Dahl	Vancouver	2-5	45.6	7. Dick Beer	Cloverdale	0-6	31.2
8. Colin Butts	Victoria	0-7	36.5				

MENS "C"		W-L	%	NOVICE		W-L	%
1. W.D. Rowe	Pitt Meadows	5-0	32.6	1. Dave Moore	Whommoch	3-0	20.5
2. Bill James	New Westminster	4-1	21.2	2. Royce Thompson	Burnaby	2-1	13.1
3. Bob Weese	Delta	2-3	17.1	3. Joe Lindsay	Vancouver	1-2	9.8
4. Brian Knight	Delta	2-3	14.2	4. Andy Bowman	Vancouver	0-3	11.6
5. Royce Thompson	Burnaby	1-4	15.3				
6. Gordon Kriese	Chemainus	1-4	13.1				

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS		W-L	%	JUNIOR BOYS		W-L	%
1. Lynda Weese	Delta	5-0	29.0	1. Johnny Hoffard	Vancouver	6-0	49.4
2. Dorothy Blunt	Vancouver	3-2	23.7	2. Scott Ross	Vancouver	5-1	25.9
3. Emily Beer	Cloverdale	3-2	9.6	3. David Hoffard	Vancouver	4-2	19.1
4. June Moore	Whonnoch	2-3	10.7	4. David Moore	Whonnoch	2-4	13.6
5. Sandra Martin	Vancouver	2-3	6.6	5. Jim Dusang	Vancouver	2-4	12.0
6. Gay Lash	Burnaby	0-5	3.7	6. John Dusang	Vancouver	2-4	11.8
				7. Louis Hoffard	Vancouver	0-6	14.5