

**RINGER ROUND - UP  
THIS WEEK IN HORSESHOES #6-2021 - FEBRUARY 15, 2021**



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## BOB MCCAULEY / WEI XIAO



Hello horseshoe family! Wei and I have been most fortunate to have discovered Horseshoes, although it has been a roundabout route.

Wei and I became acquainted in Vancouver in 2009. It was in the old Hudson's Bay building. We met in the revolving door and have been going around ever since.

When we met I was recently retired from my 32 year career as a teacher and had spent most of that time in the Yukon. I had most recently been in Dawson City for the previous twenty years teaching math, science and Tech Ed (shop programs). Wei was an Electronics Engineer and was working remotely for a

company in Beijing as an integrated circuit designer. She was soon eligible to retire and we were then able to travel and enjoy some sunny climates.



In 2014 we were travelling in Mexico and wound up at a surfing town on the far south Pacific coast called Puerto Escondido. It was there that we first tried our hand at horseshoes, playing in the sand at Brad's Split CocoNut, a beach bar popular with the established gringo residents and visitors alike. I have to admit that we were not too successful, and being the most recent newcomers where on the lower rungs of the social ladder. When we left Puerto we resolved to learn how to play better.

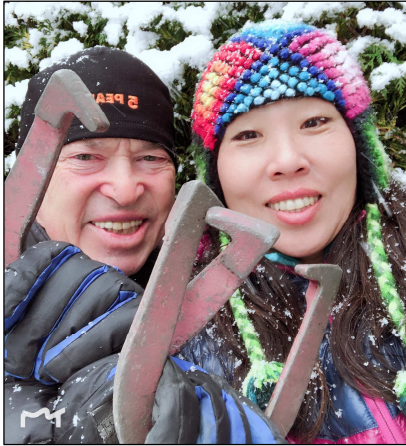
On arriving back in Vancouver we researched horseshoe facilities and found that the closest one to us was the Central Park Club, which by sheer coincidence was having an open house that very weekend. Several members from that club and other visitors recall seeing this new couple watching wistfully over the fence and being invited to come in!

Over the next few months under the careful tutelage of Jim Ball and Elyse Brunelle we progressed well much to our surprise! When we returned to Puerto the following year we did so well that we felt we had arrived into the highest level of beach bar society and were invited to all the best parties!

Thankfully horseshoe society isn't as snooty here in BC, and we have had some interesting if not actually exciting experiences in our competitions over the last few years. We have been to four Canadian Championships when they were held in Victoria, Guelph (Ontario), Whitewood (Saskatchewan) and Brampton (Ontario). In 2019 we went to the World's in Wichita Falls, Texas where we had the thrilling experience of being present when Lindsay won the Ladies World Championship. Final tie breaker game - she threw 31 ringers in a row at the start and wound up with an 89% ringer average for that game. Gramps was three feet off the ground!

As far as our own results go our wins have been intermittent, however we have made a lot of friends (euphemism for losing)! Mostly, I would say that in competition we have learned a lot. At the Canadian's in Victoria (2016) Wei won her division (Ladies E) with 14 straight wins. I finished second in Elders C, having faded in my last game to the eventual winner, Emvie Antonio.

Provincially and locally we have been to many tournaments averaging twelve to fourteen per year, again gathering a lot of experience and making friends. One year I received an award for most games won by an Elder- 73. They didn't say how many I had lost tho! At Abbotsford in 2017 I won the Provincial Elders A.



So I didn't make many friends there! In 2019 at the Provincial's in Victoria I found myself in tie breaker final in Elders A with Rick Britz, who many of you will know as a formidable opponent. He initially took a long lead but I crept up and eventually ended the game securing the win with a timely six pack.

This was probably my most exciting game, plus Tom Moffat captured it on his trusty I Phone and it is posted somewhere on facebook.



The COVID lockdown has been brutal to all clubs. We have found some satisfaction in playing on line games, either mail ins or live video. Some have pooh-poohed this diversion but since it's the only game in town we have tried it. It is really different but it still keeps us interested and in practice. Plus we can follow all COVID protocols. I gotta recommend it!

Horseshoes can be a fickle mistress (or master). When at Guelph early in our HS careers both Wei and I received the Most Improved Award for all of Canada. Since then, improvement has been less rapid with the occasional reversal. We both sometimes get on a plateau that we just can't seem to break through. Of course there are also the various results depending on the day or the mood. We commiserate in each other's struggles and celebrate each other's victories. We often practice together and make up horseshoe games so that we can compete together. After all, we are training for the future, a future where things return to normal and we can play with others at our own club, and even have inter-club events. Remember those days?

Wei and I would like to give a big shout out to all the horseshoe players we've met over these past few years. Your, competitive yet friendly spirit does not go unnoticed. Together we can grow this sport over the coming years and perhaps some year we'll be recognized to be at least the equivalent of break dancing and - as Sam T says - next stop Olympics! Take care, be safe! Bob and Wei

### **AMY KIDD – SALMON ARM**



I retired from my banking career at the end of 1998 after 23 years with Scotiabank.

I have 1 son, Rod, my daughter Denise passed away in 2007. I have 1 grandson, Jeffery, who lives in Edmonton and 1 granddaughter, Jessie May, who played as a junior in the Salmon Arm. Club for a couple of years.

In 2006 I moved back to S.A. One day I was wandering around in the mall, I saw poster advertising for members, I wrote the phone number down, went home and called Ken Mount. I went up to the practice that evening, and that was the beginning. I bought a pair of shoes from Ken for \$25 (Can Flip). They are the only shoes I have ever used.

In 2008 I was elected Treasurer of the Club, and have held that position ever since.

I have played in tournaments in the six clubs from Penticton to Kamloops.

I won a gold medal in the 55 Plus Games, and have won in my division in the interior/north tournaments.

I really enjoy doing the stats for the tournaments (not computer) so I will gladly help any of the clubs if they don't have enough help for their tournament.

I look forward to the days when we can get back to having tournaments, and seeing old friends and meeting new ones. In the meantime, Stay Healthy. See you on the pits.

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE – TOM MOFFAT**



To all members of BC Horseshoe Association, I know like me, you are all probably tired of these Covid 19 restrictions, but we live in this different world now and have to adjust. So we need to keep the eye open on surviving this pandemic and getting back to the things we love in this life.

The BCHA executive had a zoom meeting Monday Feb 8, 2021 to discuss where we are at this point for horseshoes in the province.

We still have the existing guidelines for horseshoes in BC which you all have read and are available in our newsletters and bulletins. These are in place till they are removed by BCHA.

Maximum 2 players per court, using every other court, 6ft distance and cleaning of any equipment and using only your own shoes. There may be some further restrictions added by your local municipality as each one has different takes on what to do. Please follow these guidelines and any other that is added locally.

The amount of dues to be remitted to the BCHA (\$14.00 or \$22.00) for each member of your Club has not yet been determined. We will continue to monitor the Covid 19 restrictions and as per the resolution passed at the AGM last year, we will be making a decision on April 1st

We also look forward to any tournaments that can be played this year, even though we must also plan for alternatives. We are hoping to get the BC International and BC Championships in but we have to wait to see what transpires.

For now clubs can organize some, **IN HOUSE CLUB FUN EVENTS tournaments**, meaning only local registered players from that club. No traveling. These stats will be recorded in canstats.

Also some backyard style mail in tournaments like last year can be held also. Stats from these will be kept but in the Backyard category of canstats not the regular stats.

Well enough for me now. Stay safe and let the ringers fly.

### **BOB AND DARLENE SALISBURY – CENTRAL PARK HORSESHOE CLUB**

I met Jim Ball at a Square Dance Club one night he invited me to drop in at the Central Park Horseshoe Club. That was about 12 years ago, I did drop in and met with the group that played horseshoes there everyday,



I played with them casually for a couple years and then entered my first tournament.

I started in level "D" and over the years worked my way up to level "A" I have won a few times but mainly enjoyed the comradship of meeting members from other clubs.

I became President of CPHC in 2016. My wife Darlene also a member became

Secretary of the club. Darlene has also been a scorekeeper, Party Planner Kitchen helper and the last 2 years Kitchen Convener



The other member of our family "Copper" our friendly Golden Retriever has been going to the club since he was a puppy 12 years ago. He is a regular and has a routine of sitting for treats and making a nest in the pits.

Darlene and I have been married for 32 years; between us we have 4 Children and 8 Grandchildren

Before retirement I was a heavy duty mechanic/Business owner and Darlene was a Teacher/Consultant. We have really enjoyed our years at CPHC and hope for many more to come

### **BC HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE**

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If you would like too look up previous newsletters/  
This week in horseshoes/minutes from meetings <http://www.bchorseshoe.com/news/News.html>

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### **DAVE AND BRENDA ARNOLD - VICTORIA**



Dave was co-owner and operator of Bayside Press for over 40 years, finally retiring in 2020. Brenda had a variety of "bosses" over the years, including the Provincial Government (Finance and Corrections Departments), worked for a Private Investigator for 5 plus years, and retiring from RBC after 15 years.

Dave and I joined the Horseshoe Club in 1985 after another Club member, Chuck Cowell, invited Dave to play in the Spring League. Dave wasn't going to join the Summer League and only said he would if I joined the Ladies League as well. So it was lo these many years ago that we added our names to the large membership of the GVHPA.



Back in the day, the GVHPA consisted of 2 clubs, the Men's Club and the Ladies Club. Two different groups of Directors and in a sign of the times, the Ladies took care of the cooking and cleaning and the men took care of the yard work.

The tournaments were 1 day only, usually on a Sunday with the exception of the Canadians, Western Classic and the International.

I can't remember what year I became the Treasurer of the Ladies League, but I took the job over from Dorothy Butts. Dave was part of the work parties and we spent many an hour at the park on Glanford and Kenneth. We've made lifelong friends and sadly have said goodbye to far too many. One of many of the bonuses of joining a club like the GVHPA is the Social aspect. We've been on road trips, fishing derbies, camping, tournaments and all the usual Holiday gatherings (Christmas, Valentines Day, St. Patricks Day, Newfie Nights to name a few) with a fun group of people who excel at putting these kinds of parties/excursions/trips together. I've been a Director, Secretary, Director again and Secretary again as part of the Executive, Dave has been a Director several times and has always been involved in the Kitchen, including being in charge of the kitchen at times over the years including being part of a talented group of members who have fed the masses at 5 Canadian Championships since 1994. To name a few of the hard workers Dave was in cahoots with in the kitchen were Dwight Bondeson, Jim Baldwin, Barb & Jack Greenside, Barb Joslin, Cheryl & Claude Cliche, Derek Thorpe, Bruce Bodnaruk, Bev Kirk and numerous others who were part of the craziness behind the scenes. We'd like to name everyone who helps out in the Club Kitchen and we know we've forgotten to mention quite a few.

I've played in the Canadians 8 times, Dave 3 times (because he tired himself out in the kitchen lol) and we've both played in the Western Classic at least once and too many BC Internationals to count. I recall Dave and I playing in the last Summer Games in Summerland that included Horseshoe Pitching and we both won Gold Medals in our Divisions (C), can't recall the year but a large group of juniors and players travelled together and fun was had by all. We've played in Calgary twice, Saskatchewan once and travelled every year to Bellingham to play in their 3rd weekend in August, the Bellingham International tournament. Another instance where a large contingent of players travelled together for a fun weekend across the border.

We married in 1971 so it's our 50th Anniversary coming up in April. My how time flies. We have 2 children, Steve and Calley, both of whom we introduced to the sport. Steve was a little dangerous with the shoe so decided it wasn't for him. Calley enjoyed playing and was a member of the League for several years before work dictated her schedule so she stopped playing for a few years. She came back to play a few years ago and it's been fun getting to play with her again. We have 3 grandchildren, Makena who is 10, almost 11 and has played in the Junior League for 2 or 3 years. Not sure if she'll continue playing, time will tell. William who is 7 will most likely come out to try his hand at pitching. Kennedy is almost 3 and we've got a couple of years yet before she attempts pitching. We've had lots of pets over the years, dogs and cats, some of whom were frequent visitors to the Club. The friendliest of our pets was Buddy (Rosebud), our Golden Retriever. She made friends wherever she went and was part of our family for 14 years. We miss her to this day.

I can't remember a time we weren't part of the Victoria Horseshoe Club. So many years of memories and events. To kind of put a spin on the time lapse, Mike and June Thompson and Lloyd and Dodie Milton hadn't been married for very long, Fred Ormiston hadn't met Carol yet, we had a hard time keeping up with Larry & Vera Westman and Shirley & Roger Vaugeous, they were the best to travel and camp with. Lloyd Beggs was the Tournament Director, working out of a small shed and everything was calculated by hand and Sam Salmon and Louisa Meeres wrote the scoreboards for Lloyd. Lloyd & Dodie Milton put on the Annual Father's Day Tournament where everyone played and everyone won a prize with a huge Pot Luck Lunch provided free of charge. Best Tournament of the Year by far and there were always new members joining the club because of it. You and Wendy had just gotten married around the beginning of our GVHPA days, if I recall correctly, So many memories and people and Dave and I are sitting here smiling and laughing at some of the stories and favorite times we've had.

**B.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS - ABBOTSFORD 153 entries SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT  
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JUNIORS BOYS CLASS A (35 Points) W-L  
 1st RANDY SCHAEFER - QUESNEL 11-1 49.61%  
 2nd CHRIS ALDRIDGE...VICTORIA 5-7 40.29%  
 3rd KYLE FORD.....PRINCE GEORGE 5-7 36.18%

JUNIOR GIRLS CLASS A (35 Points) W-L  
 1st DANIELLE VALLEE .PRINCE GEORGE 7-5 46.15%  
 3rd KATRINA BREUER ..PRINCE GEORGE 2-10 22.33%

JUNIOR BOYS CLASS B (30Pts/40Sh) W-L  
 1st DAVID HARRIS ..... ABBOTSFORD 7-3 20.15%  
 2nd JOHN TOUSIGNANT ..... QUESNEL 4-6 16.57%  
 3rd DARREN WHITFORD ..... QUESNEL 2-8 10.05%  
 4th ZANE TOUSIGNANT ..... QUESNEL 1-9 11.45%

JUNIOR GIRLS CLASS B (30Pts/40Sh) W-L  
 1st CHRISTINE SPARKS.....PORT ALBERNI 9-1 27.42%  
 2nd TANYA LLOYD.....PORT ALBERNI 7-3 16.33%

MEN CLASS A (40 Points) W-L  
 1st WALTER KINAKIN -WINFIELD 9-2 57.22%  
 2nd JERRY MELISSA ..LADYSMITH 7-3 59.95%  
 3rd GORDON BUTTS ...VICTORIA 7-3 51.63%  
 4th ERICH SCHAEFER .QUESNEL 6-3 56.19%  
 5th LLOYD REYKLIN ..CENTRAL PARK 5-4 52.06%  
 6th JIM BALL .....CENTRAL PARK 4-5 54.90%  
 7th DENNIS MUSTCHIN CLOVERDALE 4-5 44.93%  
 8th MUNJ MANHAS ...VICTORIA 3-6 48.73%  
 9th VIC VALLEE ....PRINCE GEORGE 2-7 45.27%  
 10th SHANE GREENSIDE VICTORIA 0-9 27.11%

MEN - CLASS B (40 Points) W-L  
 1st MIKE THOMPSON . VICTORIA 9-1 47.81%  
 2nd ERNIE TRUDEL .. LADYSMITH 8-2 48.87%  
 3rd HORST HESSE ... CENTRAL PARK 6-3 47.22%  
 4th VICTOR NOEL ... ABBOTSFORD 6-3 43.99%  
 5th LOU BUSCH ..... NANAIMO 5-4 44.86%  
 6th DAVE ARNOLD ... VICTORIA 4-5 40.54%  
 7th LARRY WESTMAN . VICTORIA 3-6 38.51%  
 8th LEN THOMPSON .. ABBOTSFORD 2-7 35.81%  
 9th LLOYD MILTON ...VICTORIA 2-7 34.18%  
 10th MURRAY RAYNER ..NANAIMO 1-8 35.92%

MEN - CLASS C (35 Points) W-L  
 1st AL GUSHTA .....KAMLOOPS 6-3 37.42%  
 2nd LEWIS LAKE ....ABBOTSFORD 5-4 42.81%  
 3rd LARRY HANER ...KAMLOOPS 5-4 38.91%  
 4th AL REIFFER ....ABBOTSFORD 5-4 37.83%  
 5th OSCAR HOYSETH ..ABBOTSFORD 5-4 35.75%  
 6th BILL ROOS .....NANAIMO 5-4 32.38%  
 7th HERB BOSCHMAN ..PRINCE GEORGE 4-5 34.45%  
 8th STEW BATTIE ...LADYSMITH 4-5 29.16%  
 9th SAM TOMASEVIC ..CENTRAL PARK 3-6 33.08%  
 10th EARLE ANDERSON .KAMLOOPS 3-6 30.58%

MEN - CLASS D (35 Points) W-L  
 1st FRED GORDON ....QUESNEL 8-2 37.04%  
 2nd GARRY RAYNER ...WINFIELD 7-3 34.38%  
 3rd JOE BRIETKOPF ..QUESNEL 6-3 32.98%  
 4th NEIL GROAT ....NORTH SHORE 6-3 31.01%  
 5th DON MORGAN .....WINFIELD 5-4 33.89%  
 6th FRED ORMISTON ..VICTORIA 4-5 34.84%  
 7th RAY AMOS .....CLOVERDALE 4-5 31.46%  
 8th DON HEYD .....PRINCE GEORGE 2-7 28.26%  
 9th LOUIS LEVESQUE .PRINCE GEORGE 2-7 25.36%  
 10th\* ROY DAWE .....CLOVERDALE 2-7 23.82%

MEN - CLASS E (35 Points) W-L  
 1st ANDREW WEPRUK ..CLOVERDALE 8-2 28.82%  
 2nd BOB HILDEBRANDT PROVINCIAL 7-3 27.70%  
 3rd DAVE STICKLE ...ABBOTSFORD 6-3 32.30%  
 4th TED MICHALSKI ..VICTORIA 6-3 29.08%  
 5th JOHN BARRETT ...NICOLA VALLEY 5-4 27.77%  
 6th ROBIN DEGRAAF ..CLOVERDALE 5-4 22.24%  
 7th BUSTER BUCKLE ..NORTH SHORE 4-5 23.34%  
 8th NORM LEBRUN ...CLOVERDALE 3-6 21.84%  
 9th BEN MEYER .....CLOVERDALE 2-7 18.85%  
 10th SCOTT O'NEIL ...CENTRAL PARK 0-9 18.57%

MEN - CLASS F (30 Points) W-L H/G  
 1st TOM HARRIS .....ABBOTSFORD 9-1 24.60%  
 2nd DICK HOPKINS ....ABBOTSFORD 8-2 22.27%  
 3rd MICHAEL THOMPSON .VICTORIA 6-3 20.62%  
 4th WALTER KUTZNER ...VICTORIA 5-4 20.90%  
 5th JACK SPARKS .....PORT ALBERNI 4-5 23.14%  
 6th MICHAEL MILLER ...CENTRAL PARK 4-5 21.62%  
 7th DAN COFFIN .....ABBOTSFORD 4-5 18.51%  
 8th BOB FEDORUK .....NORTH SHORE 3-6 21.13%  
 9th BUNNY DAVIDSON ...ABBOTSFORD 2-7 13.48%  
 10th VINCE HERKEL ....LADYSMITH 1-8 20.32%

MEN - CLASS G (25 Points) W-L  
 1st JIM GALLANT ...VICTORIA 8-2 22.13%  
 2nd \* GERRY CUTHBERT VICTORIA 7-3 21.06%  
 3rd \* DALE DONAHUE ..CLOVERDALE 7-3 20.36%  
 4th \*\* BRUCE ALDRIDGE VICTORIA 4-6 19.83%  
 5th \*\* NICK CULIC ...SUMMERLAND 4-6 14.73%  
 6th FRED VIENNEAU .PRINCE GEORGE 0-10 13.87%

MEN - CLASS H (25Pts/50Sh) W-L  
 1st SYD ANDERSON .....ABBOTSFORD 8-2 15.70%  
 2nd CLOVIS TOUSIGNANT .QUESNEL 6-4 15.45%  
 3rd GORDON SKREPNEK ...LADYSMITH 6-4 12.31%  
 4th IRVINE THORPE ....ABBOTSFORD 4-6 10.33%  
 5th GEORGE GILES .....VICTORIA 4-6 7.81%  
 6th RALPH MELTON .....ABBOTSFORD 2-8 6.16%

WOMEN - CLASS A (40 Points) W-L  
 1st BERNICE BUSCH .....NANAIMO 11-1 70.11%  
 2nd ELYSE BRUNELLE ....NORTH SHORE 8-4 59.37%  
 3rd DARLENE HILDEBRANDT PROVINCIAL 8-4 57.27%  
 4th CAROL ORMISTON .....VICTORIA 7-5 56.08%  
 5th BRENDA ARNOLD .....VICTORIA 5-7 48.23%  
 6th RUBY MILLER .....NANAIMO 2-10 46.93%  
 7th SUSAN HILDEBRANDT ..GOLDEN 1-11 39.88%



WOMEN - CLASS B (40 Points)	W-L
1st VERA WEINGARDT .WINFIELD	9-1 47.20%
2nd BONNIE HERRETT ..WILLIAMS LAKE	8-2 48.47%
3rd DOROTHY BUTTS ...VICTORIA	5-4 44.20%
4th IDA BOSCHMAN ...PRINCE GEORGE	5-4 40.97%
5th BETTY REYKLIN ...CENTRAL PARK	5-4 40.50%
6th SHARON ATKINSON .WILLIAMS LAKE	4-5 47.90%
7th ELAINE STERN ...PRINCE GEORGE	4-5 45.51%
8th ANNIE RAYNER ...WINFIELD	2-7 37.09%
9th DOROTHY KRIMMER .VICTORIA	2-7 36.19%
10 <sup>th</sup> ELAINE RUSH .....VICTORIA	2-7 32.08%

WOMEN - CLASS C (35 Points)	W-L
1st VERA WHITNACK ...VERNON	9-1 49.70%
2nd DAWN WARWICK .....QUESNEL	8-2 41.14%
3rd YVONNE GREAVES ...WINFIELD	6-3 41.12%
4th NORENE BATTIE ....LADYSMITH	5-4 35.80%
5th BARB KERR .....VICTORIA	5-4 32.80%
6th SHARON FRASER ...WINFIELD	5-4 32.40%
7th MARIE LALONDE ...CLOVERDALE	3-6 27.42%
8th SIMONE SCHNEIDER .MAPLE RIDGE	3-6 25.93%
9th GERDA RUS .....ABBOTSFORD	2-7 32.67%

WOMEN - CLASS D (35 Points)	W-L
1st DENISE MICHALSKI ..VICTORIA	8-2 37.50%
2nd BEV UNDERWOOD .....VICTORIA	7-3 32.81%
3rd VERA PARSLOW .....VICTORIA	7-3 32.48%
4th DIANE SCHAEFER ....QUESNEL	4-6 25.91%
5th DOROTHY BYRNE .....VICTORIA	2-8 22.96%
6th SHELLY KOPP .....ABBOTSFORD	2-8 19.51%

WOMEN - CLASS E (30 Points)	W-L
1st SHIRLEY HOPKINS ...ABBOTSFORD	8-2 26.30%
2 <sup>nd</sup> IRENE GOODMAN .....LADYSMITH	7-3 19.05%
3rd CHERYL BRIETKOPF ..QUESNEL	5-5 21.46%
4th PATTY HAMMERMASTER ABBOTSFORD	5-5 18.80%
5th JOAN THOMPSON .....ABBOTSFORD	3-7 14.72%
6th SUE BERTRAND .....NORTH SHORE	2-8 10.93%

WOMEN - CLASS F (30Pts/40Sh)	W-L
1st VIOLET GALLANT ...VICTORIA	11-1 25.63%
2nd CHERYL DEGRAAF ...CLOVERDALE	8-4 8.90%
3rd SYLVIANNE MORGAN ..WINFIELD	4-8 8.64%
4th ALICE LAFLAMME ...PRINCE GEORGE	1-11 5.33%

ELDERS 30 FEET CLASS A (40 Points)	W-L
1st FRED BODALY ...NORTH PEACE	9-1 60.71%
2nd WILF GREGORY ..NANAIMO	8-2 63.18%
3rd NEIL YASKOW ...MAPLE RIDGE	7-2 67.42%
4th BILL WHITNACK ..VERNON	7-2 53.91%
5th ERNIE CONNOLLY .KAMLOOPS	4-5 50.42%
6th JOHN COLLIN ...ABBOTSFORD	3-6 52.73%
7th JOHN THORNTON ..ENTICTON	3-6 47.75%
8th EARL MORRIS ...LADYSMITH	2-7 46.00%
9th EARLE GILLARD ..QUESNEL	2-7 39.56%
10th GORDON SNYDER ..NORTH PEACE	1-8 44.60%

ELDERS 30 FEET CLASS B (40 Points)	W-L
1st LES SCHNEIDER ...MAPLE RIDGE	12-0 54.05%
2nd BOB HOGAN .....PRINCE GEORGE	8-4 44.21%
3rd ARNOLD RODE .....ABBOTSFORD	3-9 30.37%
4th HANK HILDEBRAND .ABBOTSFORD	1-11 19.43%

ELDERS 30 FEET CLASS C (35 Pts)	W-L	H/G
1st BILL BROWN .....VERNON	8-3	37.06%
2nd BOB CONNOR .....ABBOTSFORD	7-4	32.14%
3rd TOM HAWKINS .....VICTORIA	6-4	35.90%
4th EMIL GUSTAFSON ..MAPLE RIDGE	4-6	33.61%
5th TED KUPFERSHMID .QUESNEL	3-7	29.20%
6th TED PETERS .....SALMON ARM	3-7	28.26%

ELDERS 30 FEET CLASS D (30 Pts)	W-L
1st ROY WELLWOOD .SUMMERLAND	10-0 36.33%
2nd DON REED .....MAPLE RIDGE	6-4 27.46%
3rd ED MORIGEAU ..NICOLA VALLEY	6-4 26.64%
4th DON KENNARD ..ABBOTSFORD	4-6 22.62%
5th FRED HUHTALA .CLOVERDALE	4-6 22.03%
6th FRED MELN ...CLOVERDALE	0-10 16.56%

## FRANK AND LORRAINE HUBICK – POWELL RIVER



Frank was born on a farm in Earl Grey; Sask. (1937) left school early and went to work at Burns Meats in Regina. Along with a friend

decided to head west - ended up working on a pot line in Kitimat - just too hot on this job, ended up home again, and with another friend, heading out to Powell River, (Powell River Pulp & Paper Co.) where the next 43 years was history.



Lorraine was born in New Westminster, BC- (1938) age of 4 the, family moved to Ashton Creek, and then Grindrod, on a farm, education was in Enderby. Followed by a Banking career there

for 2 years, transferred to New Westminster for a year - met Frank!! Married and transferred to Powell River...-banking for a year. Family of two daughters and one son were born, heavily involved in sports, until graduation, flew the coop, and we were left alone in Powell 8 River

Now what are we going to do? took a friend 2 years to convince us to join HS. I had been going down to the Complex for 14 years, and right past the HS pits daily, didn't know what it was for!!(Finally decided to give it a try - oops, we were hooked, (2003) talked to local members of competing - yes 2 weeks later, over a dozen of us, all dressed in white tops and pants were on our 2 days in Ladysmith (The Troops had arrived!) What memories!! Think my % was 4!!

After this Membership - the travelling began all over BC , Alberta, Sask. Quebec and to the Worlds in St. George, Utah (USA) (100 degrees) Hi-light was when Lorraine entered the hall, a band from Nairobi played Happy Birthday (my 75th) A long tough play - Lorraine finally won the Canadians Women's D class held in Victoria (2016)

We sure enjoyed being with all the HS families all over the country- winning some games, but losing a lot more! Friendship will not ever be forgotten. The joyous times we had on our property after a Tournament was held here in Powell River, over the years, Thank You for being part of this.

All the years; that I was on the BCHA executive;; also at the same time, on the POWELL RIVER executive. I thoroughly enjoyed working for, and with all fellow seated hard working dedicated staff. Memories never fade away. Thank you all Be Safe Everyone! Hope to see you all very soon When Covid-19 is over, hopefully we all will be together and our local club will be on the mend again.

### **Our Canadian National Anthem**

**Here is a nice piece of Canadian history that I did not know about. Did you?**

All over the Netherlands during WW2, the Germans took all the large (and small) church bells to melt down to make munitions.

When word got around to Groningen, the locals would have none of it. They took their bells down, buried them and seeded crops on top of them so the Germans couldn't never find them. One man made a map of where the bells were buried and hid the map in a church basement so they could get them after the war.

Canadian troops, who had liberated their town and their country, were billeted all over the area immediately following the end of the war. It took quite some time and effort to dig up the bells, clean them, hoist and mount them up in the tower.

The, "Chime Master", was expected to play the Dutch National Anthem the first time the bells were to ring out after the many years of silence, but he had another plan. He approached the officers of the Canadian soldiers who had liberated Groningen and asked them, "What is the song of the Canadians". The officers responded "God save the King."

"Ya, Ya", he replied, *"That is the official song of the British Empire. What I would like to know is the song of Canada!"*

They then replied, "O Canada". No one had the sheet music to "O Canada", but a Chaplain in the Canadian Army who was stationed nearby had a good clear voice and he was summoned and sang "O Canada" a few times for the Chime Master who wrote down the notes.

He then climbed into the tower and for the first song to be played in that church in years; he played "O Canada" as a tribute to the soldiers who had liberated the town of Groningen, Holland.

## CHANTAL WILSON – SOOKE HORSESHOE CLUB



I was born in Sherbrooke, Quebec moved to Victoria when i was 6 speaking only French...Grew up in Oak Bay in house with 20 people as I have 4 sisters and 3 brothers

I work with special needs kids for going on 13 years.... after teaching gymnastics for 35 years including owning my own preschool gymnastics school for 5 years in sooke

Started playing backyard horseshoes in 1993 at the 40ft mark as i mostly played with men it was a weekend thing that people would come to our house to play

Moved to Sooke in 1995 where i was busy raising 4 children who are now 34 a boy 33 a girl 26 a boy and 22 a boy and just this year 2020 on Easter Sunday i became a grandma to a beautiful boy

Been with Erick Wickheim who taught me the game for 28 years now when we found out sooke was trying to get a club together we decided this would be something fun we could do together so we decided to join. Well with Erick working during the day I was able to go down and play a lot with Tom Bligh my total mentor who helped me a lot along the way with my game. Of course for me it was figuring how to throw from 30ft. Also Rick Hobday Fred Shambrook, Ron Dumont and Gord Butts would be down and i would play with them and get help.

One day as we were all sitting after play Gord Butts says to me I think you would be a great president and so we are trusting you take over our club and keep it running Do you accept this challenge I said HELL NO am new and don't know nothing yet. Well as you can see I have now been president since 2016 We have had our challenges over the years but our little club is growing so quickly and i am so glad to have such great support from all my members but especially from Gail and Steve Bishop together we are getting the word out more and more in Sooke.



My first big tournament was the Canadians in Victoria in 2016 i was soooo nervous as i had never done this before and so scary that it was the Canadians Well i was in F div and ended first in that div man was i ever surprised and amazed that i made it through the tournament This led to going to tournaments that eventually became way easier even to this day i always am very, very nervous about tournaments 2017 won island champs in C div. 2018 went to my first highway international came 1st in C div. Also same year Island championships in B div this year came 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2019 was a bit of a tougher year as i moved up to the A/B division these were longer games and a lot more shoes which i had to get used to i was pretty proud to have made it this far in such a short time but made work harder so 2019 my first provincial tournament came 2nd in B div Playing with the higher levels taught me a lot about the strategies of the game and how to approach it. I have met so many wonderful and helpful players throughout the years I really enjoyed going to some of the tournaments and listening to all the old stories and history of the game I want to thank everyone who has helped Sooke get on their feet and promote our fun game of HORSESHOES.

## 10 HIGHEST WINNING % BC CHAMPIONSHIPS

### MEN

1986	Clayton English	73.8
1987	Clayton English	70.4
1981	Matt Zabloutny	70.2
1972	Sid Lash	69.4
1982	Clayton English	67.8
1983	Clayton English	67.5
1973	Sid Lash	67.3
1985	Matt Zabloutny	66.5
1979	Tal Severson	65.8
1976	Clayton English	64.5

### WOMEN

2018	Lindsay Hodgins	76.2
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1994	Bernice Busch	73.6
2015	Lindsay Hodgins	70.8
1998	Bernice Busch	70.4
2000	Bernice Busch	70.1
2008	Elyse Brunelle	68.5
1999	Doris Wilton	68.5
1988	Gerri Bigham	68.4
1987	Doris Wilton	67.6

### ELDERS

1991	Bud Price	68.6
2018	Rick Britz	66.8
2008	Jerry Melissa	66.7
2002	Wilf Gregory	65.8
1999	Don Sherk	65.7
2003	Wilf Gregory	64.6
2009	Neil Yaskow	64.5
2001	Fred Bodaly	64.4
2004	Neil Yaskow	63.2
2007	Neil Yaskow	62.5

### JUNIOR BOYS

1994	Ryan Baldwin	74.8
2003	Buddy Dyrda	74.8
1987	Martin Gardner	74.5
2002	Buddy Dyrda	73.1
1992	Brent Colebank	70.3
1996	Ryan Baldwin	67.6
1979	Brian Hoodikoff	67.5
1986	Martin Gardner	66.6
1997	Shane Greenside	65.3
1985	David Gillard	62.7

### JUNIOR GIRLS

2013	Lindsay Hodgins	62.1
2014	Lindsay Hodgins	60.9
1997	Erin Greenside	56.6
1987	Alana Johnson	56.2
1986	Alana Johnson	53.4
1988	Alana Johnson	53.2
2000	Danielle Vallee	46.2
1998	Erin Greenside	45.3
1985	Alana Johnson	44.8
1996	Erin Topp	40.6



## RICK BRITZ – PORT ALBERNI



When we got home from the Canadian Championship in Whitewood Saskatchewan, we were greeted with this banner the kids had hanging on our house.

My occupation was a Boilermaker Local 359 in Construction. I joined the union at the age of 21, retired at 55 and I am still a member for 58 years.

I got involved with Horseshoes while wintering in Arizona, played a lot of league play while staying in the many RV parks that we stayed at. I was talked into playing in the

many tournaments that were going on down there, so I had to belong to a club, so when I got back in the spring I joined the Dry Creek club in Port Alberni because it was the closest to where I lived in Parksville, sure made a good choice, as they are a nice group and also darn good pitchers.

Since I started playing tournaments, I had a pretty good run of winning some of them.

I won the Canadian Elders A 2016 Victoria 2018 Saskatchewan  
I won the BC Championship 2018 in Kamloops  
I won the Van Island Powell River Championship 6 times 2014-2019  
I won the International Highwayman in 2019  
I had a pretty good run at quite a few other tournaments on the Island.



I went to the World Tournament in St George Utah and played with the best in my division, won some and lost some, but enjoyed it very much. I played in the Valley of the Sun tournament in Arizona and placed 4th. I played quite a few tournaments in Arizona while we were wintering there, won some, lost some, but all were fun. I found out the ones that I won were more fun than the ones I lost.

I've been married to Lynne for 57 years, and would like to thank her for all the hours she has spent keeping score for all of us pitchers. I have 2 children, Darlene and Daryl, 2 grandchildren, Cody and Brittany and I will be 80 years old on my next birthday.

I'm getting my Grandson to start pitching shoes, so he can enjoy the sport as much as I have. It always has been a good challenge, lots of fun and a good way to meet a lot of nice people.

It is so nice to see some younger people getting involved with this sport and am sure that they will find out that the more they play, the better they get and the more they will enjoy the challenge. Thank you for your interest in me and all that you do for the sport of Horseshoes Richard (Rick) Britz

## 2021 World Tournament Deadline



The NHPA council would like to announce that the July 19th to July 31st, 2021 Winnemucca, Nevada World Tournament entry form is posted on the NHPA and BCHA websites.

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.

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

## IMPROVE YOUR GAME / TIPS – JERRY MELISSA

### FROM JERRY MELISSA

The game of Horseshoes has long been a 'backyard' activity for many families. Family reunions and corporate picnics have often included friendly games to see who can throw a horseshoe closest to the peg. For many it was the start of a lifetime activity that brought them much joy. Today, family get-togethers and Sunday picnics are fast becoming a thing of the past. They have been replaced by sports fully organized and regulated. The day of impromptu gatherings is gone. Children waiting too long to join or pursue a sport never catch up to their peers. For those, who feel they were never given the opportunity when young: horseshoes is for them. For others, its a game that will offer challenges like no other. You are never too old to begin the game. The game presents both individual and team participation. You can practice on your own at any time (many set up backyard courts in their yards) and there is no need for an opponent. It's just you and the 'peg'!

Club Instruction, record keeping, and social activities are all designed to increase your enjoyment of the game. And, if you should want to become involved in club chores, there is always room for you! The game of Horseshoes is the best bang for your buck, bar none. There is not another sporting activity that offers so much for so little expenditure. Equipment costs are less than \$100 (for life) and a yearly membership in a sanctioned club, costs less than a dinner date at the Keg! All club members, new or old, should enter tournaments as often as they can. It doesn't matter what one's ability, there's a spot for everyone. The trick is to find the time and enjoy each and every experience. Entry fees are less than a dinner date at Macdonald's.

Once you join a club you will begin the process of improving your game. While landing a shoe close to the peg is admirable, the main goal for everyone should be to throw a ringer! And getting a shoe to open onto the peg is an open secret: the trick is to the throw the shoe 40 or 30 feet using a proven test of time technique. To score ringers consistently you have to settle on one of two deliveries: a flip or a turn. A flip's success from 40 feet is not as good as a 'turn'! A turn's success from 30 feet is not as good as a 'flip'. In any case it is very important for a player to purchase an appropriate horseshoe. Personally I recommend the following: for those who want to throw a flip: EZ Flip. For those who want to throw a turn: 1 1/4=Ted Allans or 3/4=Alan Francis. (Keep in mind that there are variants: double flip; and 1 3/4 turn. Both are very difficult to throw). All begin with a designed standard grip that can be 'goggled'! Every club has someone that can show you by example each and every technique. Once you have decided on the type of delivery you wish to throw, stick with it. And practise, practise, practise.

Stance, steps, backswing and follow-through are personal preference. Ringer success will dictate what works! For me, I threw a 1 1/4 turn from 40 feet. My research showed that this turn garnered the most Championships. And the 'Ted Allen' was preferred by most of the top players. Took me 6 months, one hour a day to get the shoe to open. When I moved to a shorter distance, again my research showed me that the flip was preferred by most of the top players. And the 'Snyder EZ flip was the preferred shoe! Took me; 3 months to get the shoe to open.

Won my first Mens in 1978 throwing 1 1/4 Allens. The other in 2003, 1 3/4 throwing Imperials. My 5 Elder Championships were a flip: Sue Snyders.