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1982 Canadian Singles Horseshoe Pitching Championships July 16-17-18 • Glanford Park, Victoria, B.C.  
**Total entry: 225**

Men's A Final Results

	W-L	RS	
1 Elmer HOHL, Ont.	10-1	75.1	
2 Fernand THIBEAULT, Que.	9-4	*65.3	
3 Steve HOHL, Ont.	8-3	69.6	
4 Jean GAUTHIER, Que.	7-5	66.1	
5 Howard WEITZEL, Sask.	6-4	62.7	
6 Clayton ENGLISH, B.C.	6-6	60.4	
7 Matt ZABLOTNEY, B.C.	4-5	60.2	
8 Gaetan DALLAIRE, Que.	4-5	62.5	
9 Tal SEVERSON, B.C.	4-4	60.8	
10 Andre LECLERC, Que.	3-4	64.9	
11 Larry GRIFFITH, Alb.	3-4	60.6	
12 Marvin ELLISON, Sask.	3-4	59.4	
13 Andy DOUVILLE, Sask.	3-4	51.3	
14 Bill VANDERBURG, Ont.	2-5	55.8	
15 Don SMITH, Man.	0-7	45.3	
16 Marcel GARIEPY, Que.	0-7	44.2	

Men's D

1 Irvan FINNIE, Sask.	7-2	54.2
2 Murray ARMSTRONG, Man.	5-3	51.3
3 John GRIFFIN, B.C.	5-3	48.6
4 Vern TYACHE, Sask.	4-3	55.7
5 Clair MEYER, Alb.	4-3	49.4
6 Ed MURRAY, B.C.	3-4	47.7
7 Vance MONTGOMERY, Alb.	2-5	40.9
8 Len COPP, B.C.	0-7	35.1

Men's F

1 Mike SPILCHEN, Sask.	7-0	39.7
2 Stew BATTIE, B.C.	6-1	40.9
3 Bob RICHEY, N.S.	4-3	38.0
4 Bob HUMMEL, Alb.	4-3	36.9
5 Rey HACHEY, Alb.	3-4	23.4
6 Ray PREFONTAINE, B.C.	2-5	23.7
7 Gaby DUCHESNE, Que.	1-6	23.1
8 George HOLLAND, B.C.	1-6	22.6

Men's H

1 Bill PRIOR, B.C.	7-0	44.0
2 Friedel HAESSEL, Alb.	5-2	40.6
3 Fred KOZAKEWICH, Sask.	4-3	32.3
4 Doug WILTON, B.C.	3-4	38.0
5 Sam TOMASEVIC, B.C.	3-4	33.1
6 Horst HESSE, B.C.	2-5	37.4
7 Hugh McDIARMID, B.C.	2-5	36.0
8 George OLIVER, B.C.	2-5	31.1



Men's B

1 Walter KINAKIN, B.C.	7-0	65.7
2 Jerry MELISSA, B.C.	4-3	60.3
3 Bill WEIDNER, Alb.	4-3	58.0
4 Jim BALL, B.C.	4-3	57.4
5 Bob TIMOTHY, B.C.	4-3	52.8
6 John MEERES, B.C.	3-4	46.3
7 George WINGHAM, Sask.	1-6	46.3
8 Murray RAYNER, B.C.	1-6	44.9

Men's C

1 Casey VANDER LINDEN, Alb.	7-0	68.9
2 Al ROSS, Sask.	5-2	63.1
3 Jack ADAMS, Sask.	5-2	52.3
4 Bud KNUDSON, Alb.	4-3	56.9
5 Willi PRANGE, Ont.	2-5	48.9
6 Lloyd REYKLIN, B.C.	2-5	47.4
7 Roger VAUGEOIS, B.C.	2-5	44.6
8 Cliff DAL SIN, B.C.	1-6	37.7

Men's E

1 Kevin KOZAKEWICH, Sask.	6-1	55.1
2 Gordon BROWN, Alb.	5-2	51.1
3 Jim HAWKINS, Ont.	3-3	46.7
4 Clayt BUCKLE, B.C.	2-4	42.0
5 Roy JONES, Sask.	2-4	40.7
6 Wayne SALMON, B.C.	2-4	40.3

Men's G

1 Verne HUTCHINGS, Ont.	6-1	43.1
2 Ross CROSSCHILD, Alb.	5-2	39.0
3 Tom HAWKINS, B.C.	4-3	40.0
4 Larry WESTMAN, B.C.	4-3	34.5
5 Colin BUTTS, B.C.	4-3	33.7
6 Dom CROSSCHILD, Alb.	3-4	35.4
7 Elmer SEPPALA, B.C.	2-5	30.0
8 Jack COPP, B.C.	0-7	26.9

Men's I

1 Richard HESSE, B.C.	6-2	27.5
2 Ed JAHRAUS, Alb.	5-3	31.3
3 Bill BUTTS, B.C.	4-3	38.6
4 Bill CROSSCHILD, Alb.	3-4	30.9
5 John JOHNSON, B.C.	3-4	28.9
6 Mike WAGG, B.C.	3-4	28.0
7 Fred SPILCHEN, B.C.	3-4	24.9
8 Daryl BURDGE, B.C.	2-5	19.7

Men's K

1 Rick WESTMAN, B.C.	7-2	24.2
2 Ray CROZMAN, B.C.	5-3	27.0
3 George SOMNER, B.C.	5-3	23.8
4 Florian BARANAC, Alb.	4-3	25.4
5 Len MAHONEY, B.C.	4-3	13.4
6 Gerald ROLPH, B.C.	3-4	20.6
7 Bill GOODWIN, B.C.	2-5	11.7
8 Pat LADOUCEUR, B.C.	0-7	6.6

Men's J			
1	Albert BANCO, B.C.	6-1	25.1
2	Lloyd MILTON, B.C.	5-2	25.7
3	Jan COWARD, B.C.	3-3	27.3
4	Ken HAWKENS, B.C.	3-3	22.3
5	Fred ORMISTON, B.C.	3-3	22.0
6	Lloyd BEGGS, B.C.	1-5	19.0
7	Emil SIEPPERT, Alb.	1-5	13.0

Men's L			
1	Jake JACOB, B.C.	7-2	21.3
2	Steve BARBER, B.C.	6-3	15.5
3	Richard PETERSON, Alb.	6-2	13.9
4	Stan PAGE, B.C.	5-3	20.3
5	Rocky MAYSMTIH, B.C.	4-4	16.5
6	Blake SCOTT, B.C.	4-4	14.3
7	Harry JACKLIN, B.C.	3-5	8.4
8	Doug CESSFORD, B.C.	1-7	11.3
9	Ron KERR, B.C.	1-7	6.3

Senior Men's B			
1	Bert JAMESON, B.C.	7-0	57.1
2	John STUMPH, Sask.	5-2	44.0
3	Russ STEWART, B.C.	5-2	41.1
4	Stan PEARN, Ont.	4-3	40.9
5	Roy HORE, Ont.	3-4	37.7
6	John AASKOW, B.C.	2-5	36.0
7	Ed CARTER, B.C.	1-6	39.4
8	Herb GRASSER, B.C.	1-6	30.0

Intermediate Men's A			
1	Larry MARKLE, Ont.	7-1	55.9
2	Bob RENTON, B.C.	6-2	46.0
3	Paul CARRIERE, Ont.	5-2	54.0
4	Leo ROCHON, Qué.	4-3	51.2
5	Ed OLIVER, Man.	3-4	49.3
6	Court HAUBOLD, Sask.	2-5	36.8
7	Gilbert JOHNSON, Man.	2-5	33.2
8	Phil WAGNER, Sask.	0-7	27.1

Junior Boys A			
1	Barry MEYER, Alb.	6-1	67.9
2	Terry SPILCHEN, Sask.	5-2	64.9
3	Kevin FISHER, Man.	4-2	67.8
4	Shawn LARSON, Alb.	3-3	61.8
5	Rob CRAWFORD, B.C.	2-4	52.6
6	Munj MANHAS, B.C.	1-5	56.8
7	Brian FRIESEN, Sask.	1-5	51.0

Women's B			
1	Mary HACHEY, Alb.	7-0	49.1
2	Shirley VAUGEOIS, B.C.	4-3	47.4
3	Doreen HESSE, B.C.	4-3	40.6
4	Dorothy LOZA, B.C.	4-3	36.9
5	Shirley SPILCHEN, Sask.	3-4	35.3
6	Eve VANDERLINDEN, Alb.	3-4	27.4
7	Tina FRIESEN, Sask.	2-5	32.6
8	Florence BANCO, B.C.	1-6	35.0

Senior Men's A			
1	Bill SMITH, B.C.	7-1	52.7
2	Harvey ROBBINS, B.C.	6-2	56.1
3	Tom DIDMON, B.C.	4-3	55.6
4	Jesse BURROWS, Alb.	4-3	53.1
5	Ken DRURY, Ont.	3-4	47.4
6	Neil McKAY, Sask.	3-4	46.5
7	Arnold HOGG, Alb.	2-5	37.3
8	Orval COXON, Ont.	0-7	37.3

Senior Men's C			
1	Ivens REDDON, Man.	7-1	35.0
2	Jake HOFFMAN, Sask.	6-2	38.8
3	George MCKERRACHER, Man.	5-2	31.1
4	Ernie BESWARTHERICK, Man.	4-3	31.7
5	Henry PUFF, Sask.	3-4	28.3
6	Stan DAHL, B.C.	1-6	24.6
7	Tom LOZA, B.C.	1-6	22.3
8	Mike COUCHMAN, Man.	0-7	21.1

Junior Boys B			
1	Danny BRADSHAW, Alb.	7-1	58.3
2	Randy FISHER, Man.	7-2	44.2
3	Pat MEYER, Alb.	6-2	57.8
4	Robert WEITZEL, Sask.	4-3	37.4
5	Michael WEITZEL, Sask.	3-4	46.9
6	James ELLISON, Sask.	1-6	30.0
7	Michael WHITE CROSS, Alb.	1-6	27.4
8	Lee CHAMBERS, B.C.	1-6	21.4

Women's Class A			
1	Margaret JOHNS, Alb.	11-1	70.2
2	Mary ARCHER, Ont.	10-3	63.2
3	Sheila McGRATH, Ont.	8-3	62.0
4	Eileen KOZAKEWICH, Sask.	7-3	58.9
5	Solange LECLERC, Que.	6-5	58.5
6	Gerri BIGHAM, B.C.	6-3	55.3
7	Violet ELLIOTT, Man.	3-5	57.6
8	Doris WILTON, B.C.	5-6	57.2
9	Barbara DOUVILLE, Sask.	4-4	51.7
10	Wilma LARSON, Alb.	2-5	37.5
11	Shirley Ann FISHER, Man.	1-5	54.3
12	Ruby FINNIE, Sask.	1-5	50.7
13	Alice HICKMAN, B.C.	1-5	47.7
14	Mary TEICHROEB, Sask.	1-6	46.3
15	Laverne PETERSON, Alb.	0-7	26.9

Women's C			
5	Bev STOKES, B.C.	3-4	32.3
6	Ruby SIEPPERT, Alb.	2-5	30.6
7	Etta SOMNER, B.C.	1-6	24.6
8	Phyllis DAHL, B.C.	1-6	20.9

Junior Girls B			
1	Shelley LongtimeSquirrel, Alb.	4-1	17.8
2	Judy LongtimeSquirrel, Alb.	3-2	10.0
3	Leanne OYSTRICK, Sask.	0-4	13.6



Women's C			
1	Linda PRENTIS, B.C.	7-0	50.0
2	Florence MORTON, Sask.	5-2	39.1
3	Vera WESTMAN, B.C.	4-3	41.0
4	Kelly ROSS, Sask.	4-3	34.5
Intermediate Women's A			
1	Lil REDDON, Man.	5-0	52.8
2	Noella ROCHON, Qué.	4-1	39.6
3	Carrie CARLSON, Sask.	3-2	36.0
4	Minnie WAGNER, Sask.	2-3	36.4
5	Cathy PUFF, Sask.	1-4	18.8
6	Kay WINGHAM, Sask.	0-5	19.2
Junior Girls A			
1	Helene LECLERC, Qué.	6-0	61.2
2	Janice ROSS, Sask.	4-2	53.4
3	Brenda PETERSON, Alb.	2-4	24.0
4	Marilyn TEICHROEB, Sask.	0-6	26.7

### AMAZING WHAT ONE CAN DO WITH OLD HORSESHOES - A HARP



### GET WELL – FOLLOWING FROM ABBOTSFORD HORSESHOE CLUB – AR HIE RADOWITS

Just heard from Jim Williams, He is in Royal Columbian Hospital Waiting; open heart surgery. Hopes to get it done within the next seven days, Has 90% blockage in two arteries.

### SAM'S INVOLEMENT WITH THE NHPA 2000 WORLD TOURNAMENT

**W**ow! Where did the year 2000 go? But, best not to dwell on that and look only to the future! "Think Publicity!" We've come a very long way, in a short period of time, but as written in previous issues, we've only begun to scratch the surface of what's available to us.

Since this is the "off-season" for most horseshoe pitchers, it seems appropriate to look at an unprecedented milestone made this year in NHPA Publicity. History was made in Bismarck, when results were communicated, almost instantly, to newspapers all over the United States! This triumph can be credited to the combined dedicated efforts of Patti Reese, a non-pitcher, daughter of Regional Director, Bob Reese, OK, and Sam Tomasevic, British Columbia, CN. A couple of interesting points about this project should be noted here. One is that the three of us have never met, and the second is that neither Patti nor Sam was at the World Tournament. *Here's how it worked:*

Prior to the world tournament, Patti volunteered to research the 'net and put together a list of newspaper email addresses. She was asked to find addresses for the top three participants in each class and for all players listed in the Player Profile section. She then prepared and sent to me, via email, a 47-page alphabetical list of players matched with newspapers. I thought I'd be able to send results myself, but at the end of the third day, when the first classes were finishing, I suddenly realized, that I simply could not give the project the needed time, and that if I didn't "Do Something", satisfactory results would not be obtained from Patti's work. Then, late that night, while working from my hotel room, I saw, via computer, that Sam had logged on to the Internet. Ah-haaa! Could help be just a click away?

"Hey, ole' buddy, Sam, I need some help!" my message read, "are you game?" Without the slightest hesitation he replied, "Yes I am. What can I do?" The plan was quickly explained. Patti's list, final results of first three days, and a sample email to be modified for each newspaper, was sent and received by Sam in Canada within two minutes. And the project was underway!

Special files, which included pitchers hometown information, were obtained straight from world tournament stats files, after each squad finished. These were immediately emailed to Sam who notified newspapers. I should add that Sam and Patti established another system to locate other needed addresses, and began discussing ways to streamline



the list for use in following years.

Did we get results from all this work? You bet! Sam soon began getting "thank you" notes from newspapers. Some requested additional information. Newspapers began logging into our website and Player Profile section to obtain comments from players. I began getting inquires at the WT info email address. Stories were published immediately, and reporters followed up with interviews and more detailed articles after the local winners returned home. Local winners were contacted by television stations, which resulted in spots on the evening news. Amazing! In some cases we may have spoiled the surprise for some pitchers. Curly Seibold, Elder A Champion, called home to tell his daughter the news and she replied that she already knew because it was in the paper.

There's no official award for "Publicity Team Members of the Year", but if there were such a thing, Patti Reese and Sam Tomasevic would be the year 2000 recipients! Congratulations and thanks for your outstanding contributions to NHPA Publicity! You both answered the call and "DID SOMETHING".



**That was a fun two weeks, long nights, early mornings; we did this for 3 years. Regretfully Billie passed away a few years ago, never did meet her and, she was the mother-in-law of Walter Ray Williams JR.**

### **NEWS FROM SALMON ARM – AMY KIDD**

I just wanted to let you know that Ted Peters had a heart attack February 22<sup>nd</sup>, he is in hospital. That is all I know at this time. Will keep you informed.

We are losing our president, Neil Larocque, he is relocating to Victoria. He has 2 sons there and 2 grandchildren. So we are trying to figure out what we will be doing for an interim president. We are having a meeting on Thursday. Anyway, I will let you know when I find out any more about Ted.

**FURTHER UPDATE FROM AMY** Nobody was interested in being President, so, Ben Gartner volunteered to be president, with assistance from me, for the duration of this season with the understanding that somebody has to step up when we hold our elections this fall.

Our club is getting smaller, and smaller we are really going to have to work on getting new members. This may be a good year to campaign for new members; a lot of people are bored, and looking for something to do, so will have to pursue that.





## Lorenzo and Jeanette Ferrara - Quesnel



Lorenzo was born in Italy on Jan 4, 1945 and immigrated to Canada when he was 16. Jeanette was born February 21, 1950 in New Westminster. Lorenzo had his own business (with two brothers) when Jeanette and him met. They were doing plaster and stucco at that time. Later they went into house construction for sale.

Lorenzo and Jeanette met in 1968 and married April 19, 1969. They had a family of 1 son, Dino and twin girls (Lone; died shortly after birth) Sandra survived and finally their third child, Juliana.

They now have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.



They lived in the lower mainland until 1988 when they moved to Quesnel for health issues. A lot of Jeanette's family lived in Quesnel so it was not as big a change as one would expect. They purchased a small duplex rental complex from Jeanette's parents in 1988 and proceeded to build more duplexes and remodel the main home. In 2010 they rebuilt a new home and moved out of the rental property. In 2013 they sold the complex and officially retired.



Jeanette's mom and dad wanted them to play horseshoes shortly after they moved to Quesnel but Jeanette felt horseshoes was for "old farts" and farmers. Once they tried the sport they were hooked for good. They officially joined the Quesnel Horseshoe Pitches Club in 1989. Jeanette soon became the club's secretary and remains in that position to this day. They travelled to some of the tournaments in the



Lower Mainland and all of the ones hosted by Prince George. Quesnel even hosted a few of the larger

tournaments which were thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. Lorenzo has participated twice in the Western Classics in Prince George where he won his division Men's C In 2015. Both Jeanette and Lorenzo have participated in the BC Championships and the Internationals on several occasions



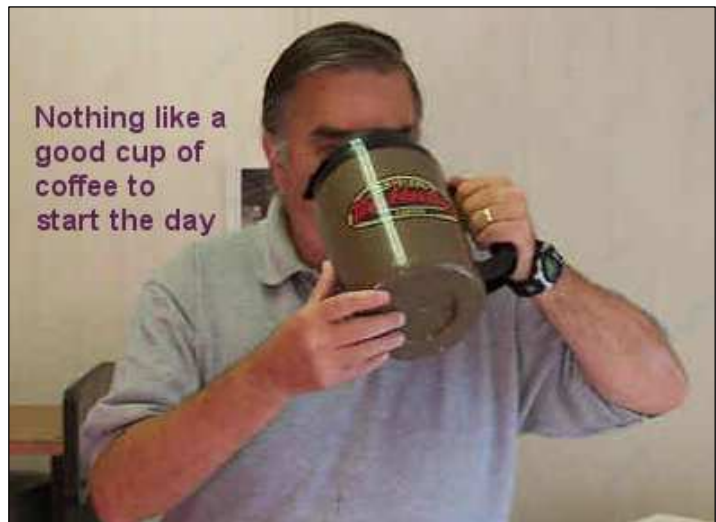
manage. As long as the club remains they will continue to pitch and enjoy.

They both still enjoy hunting, fishing and gardening with their 1 acre of yard and a huge garden to

WORD SEARCH – BCHA CLUBS

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 VERNON  
 SUMMERLAND





## DON MYRFIELD – VERNON



My vocation started in Port Alberni where I entered into my electrical, apprenticeship in the Pulp Mill. From there I went into the Commercial electrical construction industry in Terrace then to Surrey. I was an Electrical Maintenance Supervisor with the telephone company. From there I went into several small business ventures. Service Stations in Surrey And Prince George, Fast Food restaurant, Bulk Oil Agency and Real Estate in 100 Mile House, Tarp and Awning manufacturing in Vernon.



One day while working in Vernon, George Pater of the Vernon Horseshoe Club came in and started talking about Horseshoes.

I asked a few questions and he invited me to come out and try pitching a few shoes. That was it! The members of the Vernon Club were welcoming and friendly and I was hooked! After a few years I was elected Vice President and then President and enjoyed the camaraderie of the other Clubs at tournaments and the sport of Horseshoes. I have won Gold at the BC Senior Games, a first in Class at BC Champs, a first at Abbotsford International, and a third at the Canadian Championship in Victoria.

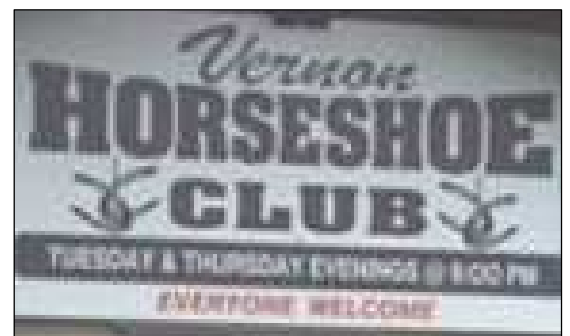
I have wanted to venture outside the Province to other Provinces and the USA, but haven't as yet. For anyone who has even a spark of interest in Horseshoes, I suggest getting out to a Horseshoe Club



in your area and ask to give it a try. Don't be disappointed if your horseshoes don't get near the pit.....each time you pitch your shoes, you get closer to the pit and to the pin. There is always someone who will gladly give you a few hints that they think might help you get better. It is a non impact sport that anyone can play, and as you play, you are always trying to better your self. Any age, male or female or ethnicity is welcome. If you are traveling through or living in Vernon and are available on a Tuesday or Thursday evening, come and have a coffee with us and see what we are all about.



I am retired and married to my wife, Leaha, for 54 years and have 3 grown and married children, 6 Grand children and 2 Great Grand children.



## BUDDY DYRDA – THE COME BACK CONTINUES – SOOKE HORSESHOE CLUB



I grew up in a foster home as my parents were unfit to care for my brother and I due to drugs and mental health. At age 10 I was put into a permanent home. It wasn't till age 13 that I picked up a horseshoe. Gordon Butts was my influence to thrive in the game of horseshoes. He was my "foster grandfather". He was the greatest coach I ever had. Other influences were all the greats in the men's division that I looked up to and wanted to be like. I emulated my pitch after Elmer Hohl



and Carl Steinfeldt's style to come up with a unique style of pitching. I would go on to place 2nd in the World's twice, and win 3 consecutive Canadian Championships (Beating

Drew Becker in 02 and 03 the 2x World Champ) also I pitched a perfect game in my 3rd to last game as a junior in the national championship. I ended my junior career in August of 2004. One month later I entered my first 40ft tournament, which would be the BC Provincial Championship. I was only 17 in the Men's A Class, and I would go on to win it with a 14-0 record and 62% ringer average. Not a bad start to my 40ft career. At that point my life couldn't be any better. I had a new girlfriend, I had just graduated, I had a car, a job, was in the process of moving out of my foster home. Life was great, except 1 thing my girlfriend lived in Grand Prairie AB. To make a long story short I ended up moving to Grand Prairie just before my 19th birthday. After I moved the relationship fell apart within 6 months and I spiraled out of control. This would be the beginning of my battle with bipolar and my trouble with the law. My mental health hit an all time low after losing my girlfriend of 2 years. I ended up homeless and couldn't keep a job to save my life. I quickly started selling weed to get by. After a while that graduated to selling hard drugs. I found myself spending all my time selling. Fortunately I wasn't a user, so I would say I was addicted to the money and thrill of it. Of course that kind of lifestyle would eventually lead to jail time. They weren't easy on me. I was sentenced to 27 months for selling crack to an under cover cop. I would end up spending 7 month in Drumheller Penitentiary, and the other 20 months of my sentence on parole. When I got out I was almost 23, I had no work skills, but was determined to succeed in the real world.

I got a moving job and worked at an Italian restaurant part time. That worked for 10 month but I was considering selling drugs again to make ends meet as the jobs weren't giving me enough hours. Fortunately I got a call for a roofing job and that would change my life for the better and set me in the right direction. The whole time after getting out of jail I was constantly practicing horseshoes. I hadn't played in 4 years but I was able to play all winter as Calgary has 20 indoor clay pits. I heard that the 2010 Canadian Championships were in my home town of Victoria. My goal was to place in the top three. I ended up pitching my very best and was able to win the national title again but this time in the men's division at age 23. Now back to roofing. I would go on to roof for 2 years in Calgary before deciding to open my own company. I started my roofing company with \$5000 and the help of my younger brother Terry and one labour hand. In 19 months working for myself I was very successful and life was great. Once again I had a girlfriend. When that ended I spiraled out of control again. I wouldn't be diagnosed bipolar until I was 27, and didn't get the right medication until I was 31. Unfortunately due to a manic episode at age 29 I would once again land in jail. This time I was sentenced to 39 months. After getting out I was once again at the bottom of life. I was on parole again living in a halfway house. Once again I gravitated towards horseshoes to guide me in the right direction. I did try roofing again to see if that could work. But I quickly realized roofing was too hard on my body and once again I was looking to start over. I started working for a plumbing company in 2019 and haven't looked back. Once again my life is thriving and I'm involved with horseshoes. I believe I have my mental health under control now as the medication I currently taking has kept me level headed for almost 3 years now. My horseshoes haven't been up to the levels I've reached in the past. But I know that with practice comes perfection and am hopeful to once again make a big comeback. I am a member of the Sooke horseshoe club.



## DALE AND BARN WALCH – KAMLOOPS



I was a heavy duty mechanic for a large equipment dealer here in Kamloops. Was with the company; for 32 years as a field tech, shop tech, shop foreman and finally service manager. After that I went back on the shop floor and started rebuilds of large mine equipment.

I got into playing horseshoes as most, at the cabin at the lake between the trees and roots, always liked it. I was at a function near the Kamloops club when they had a tourney going on and so was easy to get in touch and sign up.

Played most of my time in the interiors, but did go to the Worlds in Red Deer when they held it that year. Have managed; to play in most if not all clubs in the interior; also Golden when they where running, Prince George, and Quesnel.



I was away from the game for a few years due to work and commitments but enjoy being back and working on %.

In 2018; at the provincials held in Kamloops, I came first in the Men's C Class.

Always carry the shoes whenever and where ever we travel always looking for games and just good exercise. We have even had the chance to run into Lionel in Golden and play a few rounds. We enjoy seeing everyone and the socializing.



Barb started a few years after me and really enjoyed meeting the club members and the fun everyone had. She enjoyed learning the score keeping as well as the pointers from Yvonne, Sylvia, and many others on how to throw. The laughs

we've shared with so many are invaluable. We've been blessed to meet so many great people.

Barb and I have been married for 40+ years and have two grown boys with a combined group of 7 grandchildren.

