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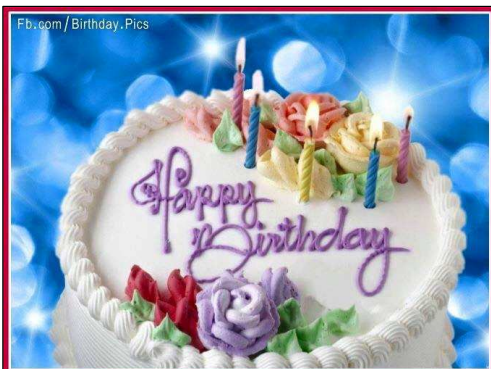
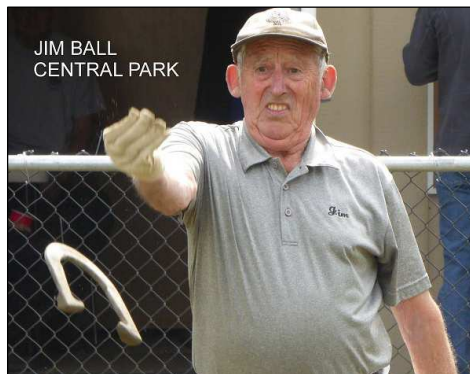
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SPECIAL UPCOMING HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO CENTRAL PARK MEMBERS

JIM BALL TURNS 94 MARCH 20TH

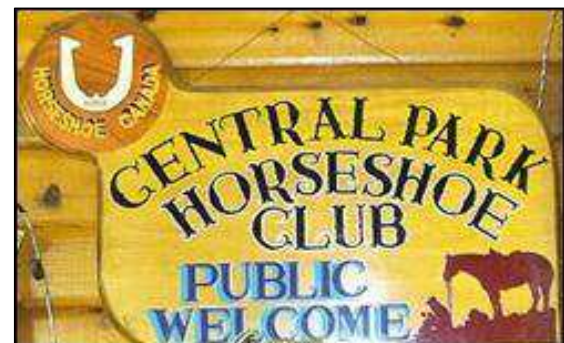
HARRY CAMPBELL TURNS 96 APRIL 5TH.



Back in 2014 they both won Gold Medals at the BC Senior games

JIM – ELDERS A

HARRY – ELDERS E



HARRY CAMPBELL- CENTRAL PARK HORSESHOE CLUB – GAIL BREMER



Growing up in the depression, life was very hard. Jobs were scarce so to pass the time men threw horseshoes in an open field near Hurry's house. When the men stopped for a smoke break, it was Harry and his 8 and 9 year old friend's turn to play. As money was tight there were no luxuries like production shoes to throw. Instead Harry played with real horse shoes that sometimes still had the nails in them. Spontaneous informal games continued throughout his childhood years and Hurry's ability to throw an accurate turning shoe grew.



Time for fun and games was cut short, as at the age of 14 Harry joined his father and brother in the elevator industry to help his family out financially. Initially he did installations and then graduated to the service department. Harry is in an elite group of men in the "50 year Elevator Club" having worked 53 years in the industry.

In 1941 Harry put his career on hold as World War 11 was raging. Although he was underage he was accepted in the Navy. Stationed in Halifax, he earned the rank of Able Body 1st class torpedo rating. Shortly after earning the rank, the war ended so thankfully Harry did not have to utilize his education.



Peacetime found Harry enjoying a much happier life. He was reintroduced to horseshoes by his future father-in-law. If Harry was going to marry Vera and join the family, he had to know how to play horseshoes. Again using real, small, lightweight horse shoes Harry's father-in-law was an extremely skilled player. Although Harry never won a single game during the many family picnics or regular visits, Harry was welcomed into the family when he married Vera, his wife of 61 years.

Harry constructed a horseshoe pitch in his own back yard where he practiced regularly. His dedication to the sport paid off, as Harry's ringer percentage increased and he was almost always victorious in the many RV outings and the annual Green Lake tournaments. It was during one of these informal tournaments that one of the RV members introduced Harry to the Central Park Horseshoe Club.

Upon retirement in 1988 Harry could be seen twice weekly at Central Park throwing shoes with his buddy's Johnny, Gary, Ed and mentor "Champ" Jim Ball. During his early days with the club there was a thought in the air that "if you weren't a 40 foot thrower, you weren't a player." Being put off by this attitude, Harry did not enter any tournaments for a long time. He was happy just having fun and good healthy competition with the club members and being featured three times by Mike McCardell.

After many years, and much encouragement and support from the club, as well as 80 years of practice, Harry entered his first tournament - the 2013 Kamloops BC Senior Games. Since he was the only competitor in the Elderly E division he felt that he should be awarded the gold, silver and bronze medals. But no, he was bumped up to D division. Competing against men with much higher averages, Harry held his own, finishing 4th in the 10 competitor field with a 5 -8 win loss record.

Although not medaling, Harry was recognized as the oldest competitor (age 88) and thus received a unique “moose trophy” which he proudly displays.

The following year, Harry competed in several local tournaments, as well as the 2014 BC Championships. Entered in the Elder D division, Harry had a 5-5 record with a game high of 46.66% and overall average of 27.2% earning him the SILVER medal. At the 2014 Cloverdale BC Senior Games he won the GOLD medal in the Elderly E division with a perfect 8-0 win loss record. In this tournament, Harry was recognized as a member of the only father-daughter team in the competition. Having reached his goal of winning gold medal and because of a few health issues one gets in their mid 90's Harry has retired as an active player.

He does remain an enthusiastic and keen supporter of the club. Harry holds fond memories of all the fun, friendship, support, mentorship and healthy competition he enjoyed on the pitch, as well as when throwing washer which is a game he introduced to the club.

If asked what advice Harry would give to others he jokingly says “throw a turning shoe with the correct hand. Anyone can throw a shoe right handed. Try your left hand.” (Note: Harry is left handed). Horseshoes can be thoroughly enjoyed recreationally and competitively at any age. I'm glad I was introduced to it and have the pleasure of playing all these years.

POWELL RIVER – SYLVIA SHELDON



Last year the Horseshoe club in Powell River was unable to play.

Our Horseshoe pits are located on the municipal grounds of the community Recreation Complex and with the Complex closed we were by default also closed. The pits however are located outside so several of our players dropped by to throw shoes but nothing official occurred.

Times are more promising in the year 2021 with our Recreation Complex open and functioning under Covid safety restrictions and now upon submitting our Horseshoe club safety plan we have been approved for resuming play. Our Sunday play will start in April and our Thursday league in May.

However due to on-going Covid concerns we are still not back to normal. Essential travel only restrictions limits us to only in-house tournaments and no sanctioned tournaments. As per BCHA recommendations we will be using alternate pits only (allowing space between players). This impacts the number of players able to play at one time so we will not be actively campaigning for new players this year. Nor will we have a canteen or have 50/50 draws.

Finally due to the inability to have a general meeting we have several positions open on the executive that will remain unfilled and may remain that way until life as it used to be resumes. The remaining executive members are very knowledgeable and able to work together to ensure that we here in Powell River can keep safe and keep playing horseshoes.

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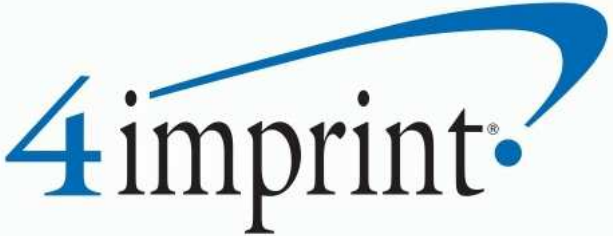
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I am single and have lived in Salmon Arm since 1972.

I have been employed with BC Hydro for 35 years prior to retirement in 2005. I worked on the Mica Creek dam, then on Transmission line construction, and civil contracts in Substations as a Construction Officer throughout the Province of BC and Alberta.

I got involved in Horseshoes, when I was introduced to the sport in 2018 by Edwin Krieg in Salmon Arm. I was welcomed by the membership, and took to the sport right away. I enjoyed getting involved and going to all the tournaments from Lake Country to Kamloops.

I managed to get 1st place in my division, with a lot of encouragement from my team mates. First priority was to have fun, winning was a bonus.

COVID-19 put a damper on “everyone “in 2020, however I feel optimistic for the 2021 season. So far I haven’t played shoes outside of local tournaments. Hopefully the day will come when I can attend other Provincial tournaments. The only advice I could give others, would be to say, if you like socializing and meeting a bunch of nice people and get in some exercise give horseshoes a try. Take care and have a great day,



UPDATE ON JIM WILLIAMS – ABBOTSFORD – ARCHIE RADOWITS

Just got word Jim Williams’ had surgery today March 8, 2021. He is in St. Paul Hospital.

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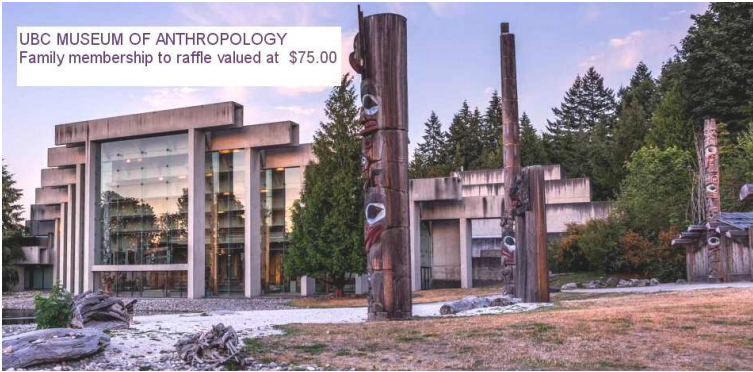
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TREVOR BRUCE – COMOX HORSESHOE CLUB



Started out as a cabinet installer (or a fitter for the Europeans) back when they were built on site and then the industry discovered prefabs and turned our world on its head. When torn rotator cuffs made holding the boxes overhead impossible I was asked to try designing and selling, surprised myself and was quite successful so moved up the ladder, Sales Manager, Branch Manager, Regional Manger. Family wanted to move back to BC from Alberta so we packed up one snowy May and came back to BC after nine months with snow on the

ground. The arrival of computer designing quickly ruined my eyes and had a lot of trouble reading the fine lines on blueprints so the wife and I bought a soap shop selling environmentally responsible cleaners and equipment until we retired a few years ago.

Was introduced to Horseshoes by a neighbor who needed a player for his team, the Comox Valley Horseshoe Club had 72 members back then, unfortunately the numbers have dwindled over the years , many have passed on or left the game for medical reasons. I am the last member from those days. A few years ago those of us that were playing decided that we needed to rebuild the club so went about getting re-instated with BCHA and are slowly growing again. Covid-19 threw a wrench in our plans but we are eagerly awaiting the word to hold some more tournaments and continue re-building Horseshoe pitching in the Comox Valley.

Have a number of club trophies that I have been skillful (lucky) enough to win over the last thirty plus years although heart attacks, strokes and attendant operations have taken time off the pitches I am determined to keep at it and win a few more. Have looked after the computer ever since computer scoring was introduced and at long last have a replacement (thanks Joel) and have been club Secretary for as long as I can remember.

Married with four children, twelve (at last count) grandchildren and four great grandchildren, they are all scattered across Western Canada so maybe a long slow trip is in our future, Chris and I enjoy puttering in the garden and growing some fruits and vegetables and of course a few flowers

LINDA PRENTIS – VICTORIA - BCHA HALL OF FAME 2011 Inductee



Linda was an active member of the Victoria Horseshoe Club for over 10 years and traveled throughout the province to enjoy the sport. She showed good sportsmanship both on and off the courts and was always available to lesser Players to give advise on their games.

Linda's Record:

Ladies Provincial Championship Class.1993 2nd place (62.3%),
1992 Provincial Champion (63.3%), 1991 3rd place (57.9%) 1990 2nd place (54.6%),

BC International - Championship Class.

1993 2nd (56.5%) 1990 2nd place (51.4%)

Island Championships - 1992 1st (62.9%), 1991 1st (59.8%), 1990 1st (55.8%),

1989 7th place (38.5%) and 1988 4th place (47.1%)

BC Summer Games gold medal winner 1991 (58.1%) and 1990 (62.2%)

Canadian Championships 1st place C Class 1986 (45.9%) and 1982 (50%)



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Doreen Muloin - Winfield Horseshoe Club BCHA HALL OF FAME 2017 Inductee



Doreen Muloin was born July 1, 1940 in Southey, Saskatchewan and joined the Air Force in 1958 where she met Bill and married in 1960. They had 2 boys and after 35 years of service Bill retired and they took up full time travel.

In 1993 they settled every Oct - Apr in the Fountain of Youth RV Resort in southern California (near Palm Springs) there Doreen was talked into taking up horseshoes, the RV Park had weekly tournaments every Monday, Wednesday 150 pitchers and with an Annual tournament every February.

At the RV Park they met Ray. Ray & Gwen Parks; who pitched who pitched horseshoes in Winfield.

They encouraged Doreen and Bill to join the Winfield Horseshoe Club when home during the summer months.

They only attended a few tournaments in BC as they still had family connections in Saskatchewan and divided their summer months with them. In 2002 Doreen and Bill retired from travelling south and settled in Winfield where they continued to pitch horseshoes out of the Winfield Horseshoe Club

Doreen's Record: for the two major tournaments in BC

Ladies Provincial Champion in 1999 (53%), 2006 (60%)

Placed 2nd two times, in 2005 (62%) and 2007 (60%). 3rd in 2004 (58%)

Ladies BC International Champion 1995 (60%), 2nd 2005 (55%) and 2007 (56%)

ELAINE AND MAURICE STERN – ABBOTSFORD



We started playing horseshoes in about 1997 in Prince George. Ida and Herb Boshman taught us and we learned how much fun and how to meet so many great people.

We have pitched in 4 world tournaments at Red Deer, Pocatello Idaho, Gillette Wyoming and Springfield Illinois.

We have pitched at the Canadian championships; in Calgary, Almer and Wellesley Ontario.



Have enjoyed pitching with everyone in B.C and have had a lot of fun in many provincial tournaments. Have not pitched for over a year but hope to get back if our feet and hips allow

In 2010, at Prince George, Maurice won the ELDERS 30FT A CLASS and averaged 57.2%



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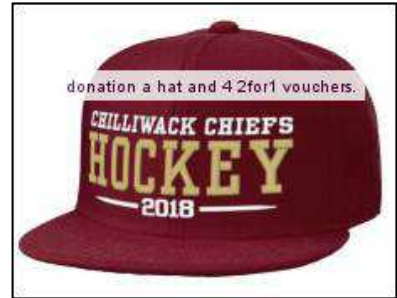


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Fred Ormiston – BCHA – HALL OF FAME 2018 Inductee



Fred was born June 11, 1950


Fred joined the Greater Victoria Horseshoe Club in 1978, got involved on the executive from 1993-2000

Fred was president of the club from 1994-1998, was involved with getting the Canadian, BC International and BC Championships to the club

Fred was elected as a regional rep for the BCHA from 1998-2009, before becoming Vice-President 2001-2003

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Fred as an executive member of the BCHA attended as many provincial tournaments as well as out of province Canadian Championships. We are proud to have Fred Inducted into the BCHA Hall Of Fame.



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Murray Rayner – Nanaimo BCHA HALL OF FAME 2001 Inductee



Murray was born September 17, 1929 in Saskatchewan, the exact city is not known, but we know it was around the Morse area.

Murray moved from Saskatchewan to Vernon, B.C. in January 1949, at the age of 19. After that Murray moved to Youbou in 1951 and currently lives in Nanaimo.

Murray started playing horseshoes at an early age. His father would re-shoe their horses and the OLD shoes would be out into use for the "Horseshoe Games". All the family, 5 brothers and 6 sisters have all played the game at one time or another and even now, at any gathering you will hear the clang of shoes as another game is played with all the family, the children, the nieces and nephews, the grandchildren and the neighbors' participating.

Murray's Record:

B.C. Mens Provincial Champion 1967 (56.5%), 2nd in 1968 (62.5% at that time set the record for the highest % at the BC Champs), 1st 1969 (54.8%), 3rd 1970 (55.5%), 5th 1971 (47.4%), 4th 1973 (52.3%), 3rd 1976 (61.9%) and 6th 1979 (53.3%).

Canadian Men's Championships: 3rd 1976 (61.9%), 3rd 1977 (63.1%).


B.C. International Men's Championship Class 3rd Group-A2 1971 (55.5%), 2nd 1973 (54.5%), 2nd 1976 (57.1%), 2nd 1977, and 2nd 1978 (58.2%).

Vancouver Island Men's Champion 1958, 1962, 1966, 1969, 1975 and 1981

He was the winner of many local and Provincial tournaments.

Murray is a quite individual who respects all horseshoe players, still a competitor and always willing to share his expertise with others.

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A LITTLE LAUGHTER – SAM TOMASEVIC



This photo is from 2000, the late and greatest women player in BC Bernice Busch attended the worlds in Bismarck, North Dakota. I told Bernice if she made the ladies championship class she could do whatever she wanted to my hair, well Bernice made that class and my hair was chopped up, took forever for the dye to come out.

A further side to the story, remember this was in 2000, that night we all went to the highwayman pub, the waiter was not going to serve me, "SORRY WE DON'T SERVE YOUR KIND HERE". Also the look on the face of the husky gas attendant when I went to buy a pack of cigs was priceless, oh to be so young and goofy, sure miss those Days, RIP BERNICE our friend.

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DD/MM/YYYY	Perfected by	S.P.	Tournament	Opponent (victim)
03/08/1968	Elmer HOHL	30	World Tournament, Keene, NH	Wes Kuchcinski, PA
04/10/1984	André LECLERC	22	Elmer Hohl Memorial, Hamilton	Tom Gallina, ON
25/05/1986	Clayton ENGLISH	?	Victoria Open, B.C.	?
June 1987	Angéline MOISAN	18	Silver Shoe, Ottawa	Evelyn Nothnagel, ON
03-04/10/87	Angéline MOISAN	18	Que/Ont Friendship, Wellesley	Olive Tait, ON
22/08/1987	Sandy McLACHLIN	20	Governors Open, Columbus, Ohio	Billie Sue Pennington, CA
22/08/1987	Sandy McLACHLIN	20	Governors Open, Columbus, Ohio	Renee Cowan, VA
23/08/1987	Sandy McLACHLIN	20	Governors Open, Columbus, Ohio	Debbie Michaud, MA
20/06/1988	Sheila McGRATH	26	Scarborough (League), Ontario	Mary Archer, ON
20/08/1988	Sandy McLACHLIN	20	Governors Open, Columbus, Ohio	Kevin Hollister, VT
20/08/1989	Diane CANTIN	20	Governors Open, Columbus, Ohio	Sharon Paddock, CA

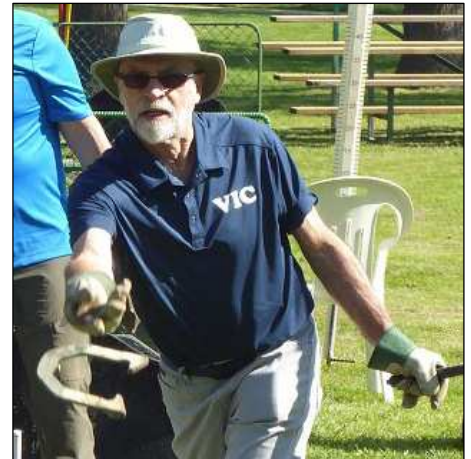
PERFECT GAMES PITCHED BY CANADIANS (SINGLES PLAY)

DD/MM/YYYY	Perfected by	S.P.	Tournament	Opponent (victim)
11/08/1989	Diane CANTIN	24	Canadian Champ., Halifax, N.S.	Shirley Ann Fisher, MB
03/09/1989	Diane CANTIN	36	Provincial Ch'ship, Victo., Qc	Nicole Moreau, QC
14/10/1990	Pauline HUBLEY	?	Halifax H.P. Club championship	?
15/05/1994	André LECLERC	22	Silver Shoe, Pakenham, Ont.	Dave Loudon, ON
12/06/1994	Diane CANTIN	20	St-Louis de France, Qc.	Daniel Vallières, QC
21/07/1994	Ryan BALDWIN	12	Summer Games, B.C.	Shane Harvey, BC
04/09/1994	Ryan BALDWIN	12	Provincial Champ., B.C	Mélinda Lépine, BC
04/09/1994	Diane CANTIN	22	Provincial Champ., Waterloo	Lise Dufault, QC
04/03/1999	Adam ELLIS	40	Barrie (League), Ont.	Ken G., ON
30/05/1999	Erich SCHAFER	14	Kamloops Open, B.C.	Don Morgan, BC
25/03/2000	Sylvianne MOISAN	16	Montreal Open	André Leclerc, QC
15/08/2001	Sylvianne MOISAN	26	Canadian Champ., Wellesley, ON	Tammy Norvila, SK
14/08/2002	Sylvianne MOISAN	24	Canadian Champ., Calgary, AB	Brenda Arnold, BC
25/05/2003	Sylvianne MOISAN	28	Elmer Hohl R.C., Wellesley, ON	Tenesia Mayer, NY
29/05/2004	Sylvianne MOISAN	16	Elmer Hohl R.C., Wellesley, ON	Tenesia Mayer, NY
17/07/2004	Buddy DYRDA	20	Canadian Champ., Victoria, BC	Shane Dubyk, SK
25/05/2008	Tom GALLINA	18	Elmer Hohl R.C., Wellesley, ON	Kevin McLachlin, ON
15/08/2008	Keith LINDSAY	22	Canadian Champ., Calgary, AB	Ralph CONNELL, AB
29/05/2011	Sylvianne MOISAN	40	Elmer Hohl R.C., Wellesley, ON	Angeline MOISAN, QC



VIC VALLEE – PRINCE GEORGE / ALBERTA

My dad grew up playing in Northern Alberta. In BC he usually won with his nice 3/4 turn in sawmill camps. So that's what I learned on a short peg no backboards. While attending Cariboo College for carpentry in Kamloops Buckley Lord saw me practicing on a college pit. He invited me to a tournament next weekend in Barriere. That was my first



one. Than; Quesnel at the old Rodeo grounds.

When I joined the Prince George group there was only practise pitching twice a week. No tournaments. Ed Murray stopped by our 6 courts one day and showed Bob and I a 40 shoe handicap system. We started having tournaments on Tuesday and Thursday. We soon outgrew our 6 courts. We had many meetings with the city looking for a suitable piece of land. Eventually; 24 courts and a clubhouse were built and paid for with fundraising and we were a society.

Some of my highlights.

Won 1996 BC International in Prince George 12-0 60.79% against Tal Severson Lloyd Reyklin and Dennis Mustchin (BC champ).

Won 2010 Canadian 60 and over 40 foot in Victoria.

High game 40 feet; 84.3 against Jon Meeres at Salmon Arm BC champs.

High game 30 feet; 94.4 against Herb Boschman at a Price George tourney.



I have a bittersweet story. After finishing 2nd in BC Championships A class in 2014 for the 6th time at Cloverdale, Tom Moffat and I met again at the same place 2 weeks later for the Senior Games in Cloverdale. This time I won the Gold against Tom.

I got to hold the Alberta 30 foot B for an extra year because of covid.

I retired from Canfor pulp and paper in PG after 40 years at age 60. 12 years ago. For the last 30 years I was a carpenter.

Grace and I have 3 grand kids in Edmonton and 1 in Melbourne Australia from 2 daughters. Danielle (Junior Girls BC Champ 2000) and Charmaine.

Other interests; Pickle ball golf walking biking snowboarding

GARY LIND - COMOX VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB

I worked at Canada Post for 31 years. I got involved with horseshoes by my neighbour, George Railian, who was a member of the CVHC and invited me to try it out in 2014.

Married to Maralyn, in 2014, who; has 3 sons, 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Hobbies - model trains. No pets

HOWARD WEITZEL – PASSES AWAY



The family of Joseph Howard Weitzel is saddened to announce his passing on March 2, 2021 at the age of 99. He died peacefully at the Villa Pascal, where he had been a resident since last August. Dad will be lovingly remembered by his children Howard (Val), Yvonne (Gerard LeBlanc), Alvin (Lori), Sandra Wilhelm (Ken Van Torre), Robert (Devona Hill), Michael (Shannon), sister Lois Ferron and sisters-in-law Joyce Olsen and Doris Ask, 18 grandchildren, a step granddaughter and 9 great grandchildren. Howard joins his parents Alvin (Maude Stevens) brothers Roy, Floyd and Charlie and sisters Florence Hamil and Margaret Bekolay. He will be reunited with his wife of 65 years Velda (Nelson), daughter Jocelyn and sons-in-law Kevin Wilhelm and Victor Bujnowski. He will tenderly hold his precious great-grandson Beckham Wilhelm. **Howard was an accomplished horseshoe player winning many tournaments locally, provincially, nationally and at world competitions.**

This was his sport and he was very competitive and thoroughly enjoyed winning. He was pleased about being recognized in the Horseshoe Hall of Fame, Battleford Sports Hall of Fame and the local community Wall of Fame. Being able to travel across our country and the USA, playing this sport he loved, brought a lot of enjoyment to his retirement years. Howard was also an avid bowler, it was a sport that he and his wife Velda played together. Howard won many tournaments and high score awards. A sincere thank you to Villa Pascal staff for the quality of care they provided, and for the celebration of his 99th birthday! They always had Dad's best interests in mind. Prayer Service will be held at the 'The Garden Chapel' on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at Notre Dame de Lourdes Roman Catholic Church on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Memorial donations are requested to Villa Pascal, 1301 – 113th Street, North Battleford, SK S9A 3K1 or Charity of the donor's choice. To access the live streamed/recorded service and send condolences please visit <https://www.facebook.com/eternalmemoriesfuneralservice>