

BCHA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**APRIL 25, 2015****3:00 PM ABBOTSFORD HORSESHOE CLUB**

**SIGN IN: SAM TOMASEVIC – PRESIDENT, ELYSE BRUNELLE – VICE PRESIDENT,
BRIAN RYDER – TREASURER, JOHN HAMLER – SECRETARY / INTERIOR
KOOTENAY NORTHERN REP, LORRAINE HUBICK – ISLAND / POWELL RIVER REP.
GUESTS: DAN & SHEERY COFFIN, FRANK HUBICK, FRANK GALLANT**

CALL TO ORDER: SAM CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3PM.

ANY ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: NONE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: SAM PRESENTED HIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS

2015 is off to a fast start, we have already had 2 tournaments, and both of them have been 30 shoe count ringers only. This is great to start the season with when daylight may become a factor, not to mention no scorekeepers are required.

PRESIDENTS REPORT April 25, 2015

The entry deadline for the BC International is fast approaching; don't forget to send in your entry, the entries are going to Brian Ryder who will notify me with the names so that we can set up the classes. Abbotsford was able to solve a possible problem with parking. This was received from Danny Coffin. I talked to our guy from the parks board and he went after the school board and got them to allow self contained RV's. The woman from the school board phoned me later and I have a meeting with her next week to arrange a meeting to get the rental permit for this years International next years International and the provincials and a room for the AGM. but they said they will not allow tents. I went back to the City to try for a security person in a tent and at this point they are saying no also. WE are meeting again next week but it don't look good. As long as The City has this law suit pending over the homeless camping in parks they don't want to hear the word Tent. I'm doing what I can but it doesn't look good.

Senior Games – we will have use of the clubhouse as the city is not renewing the lease with the Cooking School.

2016 Canadian – Victoria – the dates will be August 10-13, 2016

BC Championships – Victoria has sent me a list of accommodations that are close to the club:

Howard Johnson 3.96 KM
4670 Elk Lake Drive 1-866-531-0897

Accent Inn 3.21 km
3233 Maple st
1-866-500-4938

Comfort Inn 3.82 KM
3020 Blanchard st
1-800-314-0484

Ramada Victoria 3.41 KM
123 Gorge Rd
1-855-247-4371

Look forward to seeing everyone somewhere this year

Sam
President BC Horseshoe Association

CORRESPONDENCE: THE BCHA RECEIVED A DONATION OF \$100 FOR THE JUNIOR PROGRAM FROM THE VERNON HORSESHOE CLUB. I SENT THE CLUB A THANK YOU E-MAIL ON BEHALF OF THE BCHA.

FINANCIAL REPORT (TREASURER): BRIAN RYDER PRESENTED HIS FINANCIAL REPORT. JOHN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY ELYSE, CARRIED. I WILL SEND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

I HAVE SENT OUT INFO FOR THE SUPER 8 IN ABBOTSFORD WITH SPECIAL RATES FOR HORSESHOE PLAYERS. I WILL BE DOING THE SAME FOR THE BEST WESTERN REGENCY.

REGIONAL REP. REPORTS:**LOWER MAINLAND/ISLAND/POWELL RIVER (LORRAINE HUBICK)****CENTRAL PARK:**

Our Christmas party was a huge success.

Our attendance on Wednesday afternoons and on other days has been increasing. We throw horseshoes on nice days and play washers on wet days so we had a lot of horseshoe days. This past year our membership has increased to 34 members with several prospects.

Our Wednesday fun night started on April 15th.

Elyse printed club business cards so we can hand them out to anyone who might be interested

Advertising is now in local papers.

Jim Ball
President,
Central Park Horseshoe Club

POWELL RIVER

All the pitching shoes were hung up for the winter rest.

The Powell River Pitching Club is off to a promising start. The executive meeting was held at Hubick's on March 5th, 10 attending, followed by the General meeting at the Complex. With a nice attendance. Minutes and treasurers reports were read, and lots of discussions were brought up for this season.

Plans for our tournaments, League set-ups, plans on how to get new members.

Local paper announcements in the Around Town, and Notice Board. Posters put up at some stores also some went flying around in the local paper mill. Emailed to the local radio station and a new paper presentation over the phone.

April 19th was our Open House, a nice turn out on a beautiful day starting at 9:30 am until noon. Coffee and Donuts were served.

So far we have added 4 new members. The promising of getting new members by advertising doesn't really work. Word of mouth seems to work the best.

We hope to have 8 League teams up for the challenge this season, which starts May 7th, 6:30 pm Thursdays until all games are finished, approx 8:30pm.

The Powell River Mixed Open Tournaments are May 30th and Aug 22nd.
Looking forward to having out of town competitors to join us.

Have fun pitching those shoes around that stake.

Report by Lorraine Hubick

ABBOTSFORD

Everything is going quite well in Abbotsford. After 5 years in our new Club we have finally managed to put in 8 more sets of pits so now we have a total of 24. A couple of the pits have a drainage problem which the City says they will fix before the International.

One problem that has developed is that the City is having such a problem with the homeless situation that they no longer allow any sort of camping in Parks. The Park and Rec did help us to get permission to use the parking lot at Godson School across the street for self contained R.V.'S as there is no power or water. Even the school says they will not allow tents. We are still talking with them but at this point this is the best we can do.

On a happier note we have picked up a few more new members that are very keen to be involved and they even come on their own to practice. On the other hand we do have some members that need our thoughts and prayers.

Dan Coffin President Abbotsford Horseshoe Club

VICTORIA

GVHPA Report for BCHPA Meeting April 2015

April 13, 2015

Hello fellow pitchers.

The Victoria club has started the year with a bang and as you will see we have a busy schedule. We are pleased to be able to host many tournaments this year, and are looking forward to pitchers to visiting us on the Island for good fun and great pitching.

We have started our Canadians 2016 fundraising by hosting breakfasts monthly for an outside group. We had a gourmet Valentines dinner, a Super bowl party as well as our regular club functions such as Crib, Cards and Darts.

February started with a winter ringers only tournament for those brave enough to face the cold and was enjoyable and quite a success. We hope to continue it next year for you die hard players.

Our spring league is over had low turn outs but as always was enjoyable.

We have been trialing a mixed league to drum up new membership, but as it is still early in the season, we are going to try it on a Friday night as a drop in social night.

The juniors have started early, and we have had poor attendance to date, but we hope to gain more interest as the weather gets better.

The men's league has started and the ladies begin this week. We have a total of 10 men's teams and 6 ladies.

May 23 & 24 is our Victoria Open
June 13 & 14 is our Victoria Memorial Mixed

June 26 (Friday) we are hosting our 80th birthday celebration and invite you to join us!
We will be serving cake and snacks from 3-7 pm and this will be open to the club and the community to promote the club, and thank our members. The Islands follow the next day.
June 27 & 28 is the Island championships at Victoria we will have onsite camping

July will hold no tournaments for us as our Municipality is planning on paving the parking lot

August 8 GVHPA Open
August 9 Saanich Open these are both one day tournaments so you can play one or both days.
September 5 & 6 we are pleased to host the B.C.'s at our club.

Our year end banquet is set for September 26
In October we plan to have some community and club events for Halloween
Our AGM is in November
In December we round out the year with our annual Christmas party.

We hope you all have a great year and that we can look forward to seeing at the GVHPA.

Cheryl Cliche President and best wishes from all our members and executive.

May the Six Packs Ring!

**DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALANDARS FOR AUG 10-13 2016
FOR THE CANADIANS @ VICTORIA**

CLOVERDALE

Hello to all pitchers we hope to see all during the 2015 pitching season.

Our members were sad to hear of the many pitchers who passed on and those who have had health problems over the winter.

The wire bandits returned for their by yearly raid and we have again made repairs to prevent them from having any wire visible to steal next time around.

Our Club members only mini tournament and BBQ was enjoyed by many and the weather again was bright and warmer than expected

With the great weather the pitching season started early on Feb. 8th in Victoria, where 3 from Cloverdale attended.

Cloverdale held a new tournament April 19th and we were pleased with the turn out and all loved the weather. The CHC is looking at adding this as a yearly tournament.

Also April 18th we held a Secondary School Spring Classic with 2 schools participating out of 4 schools that were invited. Students and teachers participated and certificates were presented for Individual and the school winners The day started with a BBQ and we thank Tim Horton's for their support with Tim Bits and 4 gift cards.

The Cloverdale Horseshoe Club Members have embraced the early 2015 season by volunteering to host and support these early events

We will be hosting our regular 3 tournament and the Lower Mainland Championship this year and possibly a ringers only in Aug for those nor attending tournaments far away.

The International Highwayman tournament was moved this year to the Cloverdale Rodeo weekend which is a conflict with our weekend fund raiser. We are trying to work parking times for that weekend so as many as possible may attend the Abby tournament.

Good Pitching to all from the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club

LADYSMITH HORSESHOE CLUB

SPRING REPORT 2015

The Ladysmith Horseshoe Club just started their Monday & Thursday evening play on April 20th. Membership this year hopefully will be about the same as last year with maybe a few new prospective members joining the club. The Town of Ladysmith recreation dept. has come up with some changes to the park with the implementation of a designated dog walking area and also an overflow parking lot which could have an affect on our regular & tournament parking for all vehicles including motor homes, 5th wheels, trailers and campers. A meeting at Transfer Beach Park with the Town Rec. Dept. will be happening soon to work out the finer details concerning the actual location, size, and boundaries for this proposed parking area. The Ladysmith Horseshoe Club will be hosting two weekend tournaments with the format being: Mixed Open on the Saturday and Regular Open on the Sunday. Club Member Ray Case passed away just recently and Ray hardly ever missed attending an Island Horseshoe Tournament, his attendance will be missed. Hoping for great weather and good turn outs for the tournaments ... Vince

NORTHERN/INTERIOR/KOOTENAY (JOHN HAMLER)

THE ONLY CLUB I HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM IS VERNON. I DID E-MAIL ALL CLUBS IN MY ZONE TWICE TO ASK FOR INPUT.

Fall wind-up was into October and a delicious Christmas Dinner was held in December. Again this year membership will be a priority. We have three new pitchers giving it the old college try.

We give new pitchers a one month grace period before joining. We are in the process of making up some membership drive Bulletins to be placed in various places such as the gated communities bulletin boards and Senior Centers. Bulletins also to be placed as a regular feature in the Community column of the local newspaper. Pit maintenance is ongoing to keep all shipshape.

We are looking to replace our scoreboards with a new look. If anyone has some good plans for ease of use and low maintenance please contact us by email. Winter was kind to us in the West, and we look forward to seeing everyone as well as new members in the near future.

Don Myrfield Vernon Horseshoe Club

IN WINFIELD WE LOST 5 MEMBERS SINCE DECEMBER. VERNA WEINGARDT & CLIFF BAILEY WHO BOTH WERE HORSESHOE PITCHERS. OSACR KLEPPE, ROCKY KWAMSOOS, & J.R. WEIDEMAN WERE CRIBBAGE MEMBERS. ALL WERE PART OF THE CLUB FOR YEARS. WE HAVE A ROLL OF HONOUR BOARD IN THE CLUB AND NOW THE PAST CRIBBAGE MEMBERS HAVE THEIR OWN SECTION. EACH ONE HAS THEIR PICTURE INCLUDED. THE CLUB EXECUTIVE THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THOSE THAT HAVE LEFT US. BILL HEBER IS RECOVERING NICELY FROM HIS HEART SURGERY AS IS DORIS WILTON. MARGARET PENNY IS RECOVERING FROM TWO SURGERIES. KEEP ON TRUCKIN' SARGE!!!! WE ARE PROMOTING THE CLUB MORE THIS YEAR AND HAVE PICKED UP A FEW NEW MEMBERS. CINDY IS STILL THE BABY IN THE CLUB WITH ME NEXT IN LINE. WE ARE DOING SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CLUBHOUSE. THERE IS A NEW FOOD BANK BEING BUILT NEXT TO THE SENIOR'S CENTRE AND WORK BEING DONE IN THE ARENA. THERE COULD BE SOME PARKING ISSUES AT OUR JUNE TOURNAMENT. THE REGIONAL DISTRICT WILL WORK WITH US TO MAKE THINGS GO AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE. OUR GATE WILL BE REPLACED AND THE BROKEN

CONCRETE REPLACED BEFORE OUR JUNE TOURNAMENTS. AT LEAST THAT IS WHAT THE DISTRICT HAS PROMISED. WE WILL KNOW MORE ABOUT ANY PARKING ISSUES CLOSER TO THE TOURNAMENTS. PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU PLAN ON BRINGING AN R.V.

OTHER NEWS:

WALTER KINAKIN PASSED AWAY OVER THE WINTER. HE WAS PART OF HORESHOES FOR MANY YEARS AND IS IN THE BCHA HALL OF FAME. HE WAS A FIERCE COMPETITOR AND COULD STILL THROW 70% AT THE END OF HIS PITCHING DAYS. GARRY RAYNOR ASLO PASSED AWAY. HE WAS INVLOVED WITH HORSESHOES FOR MAY YEARS. HIS WIFE ANNIE WHO PRE-DECEASED HIM WAS THE BCHA SECRETARY FOR MANY YEARS.

RAFFLE TICKETS/FUNDRAISING:

JOHN: I HAVE THE RAFFLE TICKETS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THIS MEETING. I HAVE SENT OUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW THESE WILL BE HANDLED THIS YEAR. WE WILL DO THE SAME AS LAST YEAR FOR THE RAFFLE TABLE AT THE INTERNATIONAL / HIGHWAYMAN.

55+ BC GAMES: 2015: NORTH VAN HORSESHOES AUG 27-28

**FORMER NORTH SHORE HORSESHOE CLUB LOCATION
MAHON PARK**

2016: COQUITLAM AUG 25-26 LOCATION TBA

2015 TOURNAMENTS: BC CHAMPIONSHIPS: VICTORIA SEPT 5 -6

**BC INTERNATIONAL / HIGHWAYMAN: ABBOTSFORD MAY
16 - 17**

WESTERN CLASSIC: PRINCE GEORGE JULY 4-5

CANADIANS: ST. STEPHEN NEW BRUNSWICK AUGUST 12 -15

WORLDS: TOPEKA KANSAS JULY 13 – 25

2016 TOURNAMENTS: BC CHAMPIONSHIPS: ABBOTSFORD SEPT 3 - 4
BC INTERNATIONAL / HIGHWAYMAN: ABBOTSFORD
MAY 21 - 22
CANADIANS: VICTORIA DATES AUG 10 -13
WORLDS: MONTGOMERY ALABAMA JULY 25- AUGUST 7
BEAT OUT SPOKANE IN SECOND ROUND OF VOTING

2017 TOURNAMNETS: BC CHAMPIONSHIPS: SEPT 2 - 3
BC INTERNATIONAL / HIGHWAYMAN: ABBOTSFORD
MAY 20 – 21
CANADIANS : TBA
WORLDS: 2017 World Tournament Bidders

Monroe/West Monroe, LA - Hosted the 2011 W.T.

St. George, UT - Hosted the 2013 W.T.

**GAMING GRANT APPLICATION & GAMING ACCOUNT: JOHN & BRIAN. BRIAN WILL
LOOK INTO PREPARING THE APPILICATION.**

NEW BUSINESS:

**THE SOOKE HORSESHOE CLUB HAS BEEN FORMED. THEY WILL BE KNOWN AS THE
“SOOKE HORSEHSOE PITCHING ASSOCIATION”.**

**WE ARE ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE 2017 BC CHAMPIONSHIPS. I HAVE E-MAILED
ALL CLUBS AND INCLUDED A BID FORM. PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM TO ME BY
THE BC CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS YEAR.**

**ANY CHANGES TO THE BCHA INSURANCE POLICY MUST ME MADE THROUGH THE
BCHA EXECUTIVE AND THE INSURANCE BROKER HAS BEEN ADVSIED
ACCORDINGLY.**

**IF YOU WANT TO BID ON THE WESTERN CLASSIC OR CANADIANS THIS MUST BE
DONE THROUGH THE BCHA EXECUTIVE.**

GOOD AND WELFARE: WE LOST A FEW MEMBERS OVER THE WINTER. JUNE THOMPSON IN VICTORIA. OUR JUNE BUG WAS A TUFF COMPETITOR AND A FIRST CLASS PERSON. GARY RAYNOR WHO WAS INVOLVED WITH HORSESHOES FOR YEARS. WALTER KINAKIN WHO IS IN THE BCHA HALL OF FAME AND MULTIPLE TIME BC CHAMPION. LOU BUSCH HAD HIS SURGERY AND IS RECOVERING WELL.

OPEN FLOOR: NO DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT: SAM ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5PM.