



**LET' NOT FORGET OUR GREAT LYDY PITCHERS – GERRI BIGHAM
 1966 BC HORSESHOE HALL OF FAME**

Gerri's Accomplishments:

Gerri's horseshoe pitching career began in the early 1970's. Gerri won the very first tournament she ever played in, Cloverdale and averaged close to 40%, not to mention that Gerri also won the first time she played in a Canadian Championship.

Canadian Ladies Champion 1975 38.3%

Ladies Provincial Champion

- 1976 44.8%
- 1977 48.2%
- 1982 57.0%
- 1984 61.4%
- 1985 63.0%
- 1988 68.4%

B.C. International Ladies Champion

- 1976 37.5%
- 1977 37.8%
- 1978 37.0%
- 1983 57.1%
- 1984 58.7%
- 1990 625.8%

Gerri has also won 5 gold medals and 2 silver medals playing in the Ladies "A" Class at the B.C. Summer Games.

Gerri Bigham and Doris Wilton have the record for the longest game played in the Ladies Championship Class, a marathon 108 shoe game.

Gerri, a true Champion, a fighter in every game.

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A TRUE STORY - 1957

October 25, 1957
Dear Mr. Cobb:

One of my favorite stories goes back to the time when I first started to play this wonderful sport of horseshoe pitching, in 1936 I believe. I lost a game because I couldn't score an even 50 points. To break it down in detail, here's what happened I was in the playground league, in Meriden, Conn, and I was abiding by the official rules. I was leading my opponent, 44-14 and as the game progressed it was 48-25. I made a ringer to win out 51-25, but the playground supervisor was the referee and told me I would have to make an even 50 points to win. I argued with him that he was wrong and I was right. Final results, you guessed it, my opponent won 50-49. How about that, or "Can You Top This One." Yours truly, Mickey Vecchitto , Middletown, Conn.

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JIM BALL

Jim was elected to the Hall Of Fame as a Player.

Jim was born in Saskatchewan on March 20, 1927 and started playing horseshoes in 1935 on the farm with his father, brothers and uncles. Back then horseshoes was something to do. Little did Jim know that he would be competing with the best in later years

Jim moved to Vancouver in 1945, met and married Budd in 1950, raising three boys and a daughter.

In the 1970's Jim joined the Central Park Horseshoe Club and the rest as they say is history. Jim also to this day is the President of the Central Park Horseshoe Club

Jim has excelled in our sport and has been a gentleman on and off the courts, courteous and helpful to everyone. When he is not playing, you can find Jim keeping score somewhere or helping anywhere he is needed.

Jim's Accomplishments:

BC International champion 1977 – 55%, , 1989 - 54.5%, 1992 - 62.2% and 1994 - 58.4%.

BC Provincial Men's champion

1991 56.4%
1992 61.8%
1993 62.9%
1994 63.4%
1997 55.2%
1998 59.5%
2002 53.1%

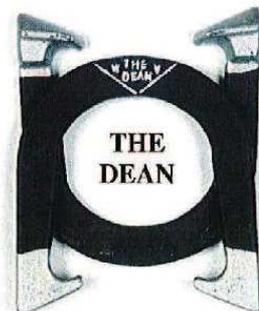
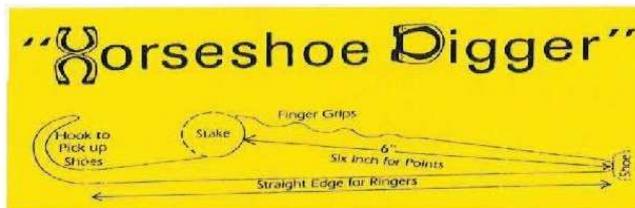
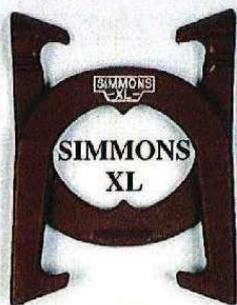
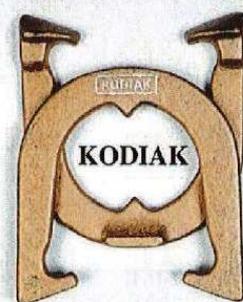
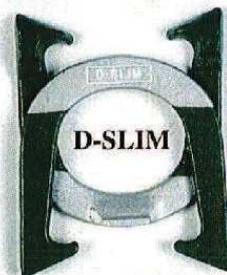
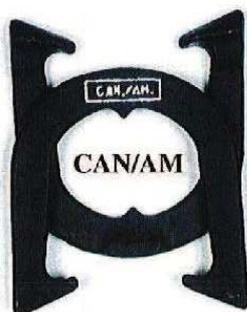
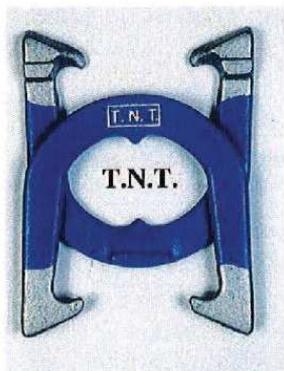
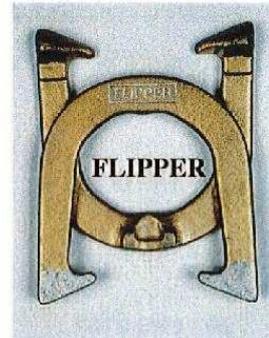
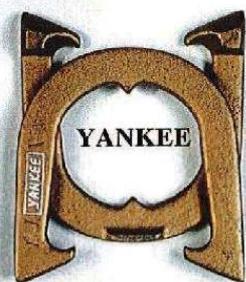
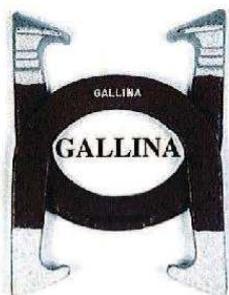
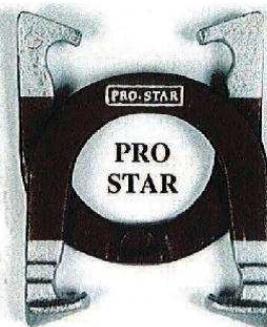
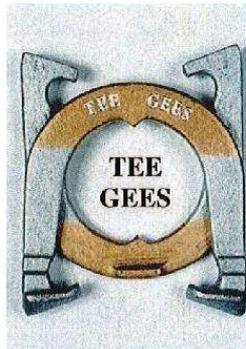
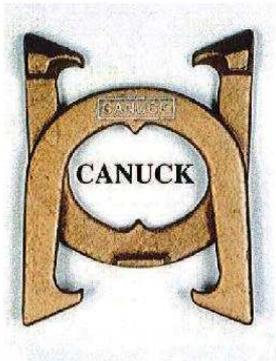
Jim has also won the Gold Medal at the BC Summer Games.

Jim has competed in many Canadian Championships, all though he has never won the title, he has played the best across Canada and has won more than his share of games against them.

Jim is a epitome of a horseshoe player, a gentleman on and off the courts.

JIM WILLIAMS – ABBOTSFORD HORSESHOE CLUB - Last fun day of 2020, we had 12 members out





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BERNIE LEPPER – 2012 BCH HALL OF FAME – ORGANIZAOR / PROMOTER

Bernie goes back to the 1960's when he started playing horseshoes in Stanley Park. At the time the club was called The Stanley Park Horseshoe Club

In 1962 the Greater Vancouver Horseshoe Pitchers Association was formed and the following year, 1963 this association was officially affiliated with the NHPA and most members in Canada at that time were from BC and Ontario. The secretary to the NHPA from 1963-1970 was Bernie Lepper

Bernie was one of the founding fathers of the BCHA. The first meeting to organize the BCHA was held in 1970 in Vancouver at Stan Pachota's residence who was a member of the Greater Vancouver Horseshoe Club

Bernie was the 1st Secretary/Tressurer, news editor and statistician. Bernie with the assistance of the other board members found grants that we could apply for.

Bernie along with other executive members saw to it that the Canadian Championships continued when Horseshoe Canada was having problems.

Over the years Bernie has been President of the Central Park Horseshoe Club where under his leadership the membership more than doubled. He later was also the President of the North Shore Horseshoe Club

Bernie has accomplished a lot for the good of horseshoes. He was always willing to assist others and give guidance when needed

In his days Bernie was a pretty good horseshoe pitcher as well; his average was in the 40-45% range.

Today, Bernie still plays the game as an Elder and lives in Winfield.

We are proud to have Bernie Inducted into the BCHA Hall Of Fame.

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