



BC HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION

WELCOME BACK - ITS BEEN A WHILE



Don't let them tell you it's all hard work at the Worlds...



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOB MCCAULEY



Hello Horseshoe Fans!

Unlike the marmot who crawled out of his burrow into the blazing sunlight, saw his shadow, became traumatized, and dived back in for another six weeks; I am sure that all horseshoe clubs across the province have been just a blaze of activity the whole time. Well, to a greater or lesser extent. Oh, yeah, but who's counting?

As we all get mobilized for a new season with new challenges and new successes - we can reminisce on our last year and what made it all worthwhile. We finished off last year in an exciting flurry of activity. We were bathing in the satisfaction of completing the horseshoe season with many accomplishments. Abbotsford Club had successfully completed their commitment to host the Westerns and the Canadians. Many of our BC members went to Kennewick to compete in the Worlds. We met with a great level of success, and win or lose everyone agrees that it was a great experience that we won't forget for a long time to come.

This brings us to a difficult decision that many BC pitchers are going to have to make very soon. Since the Worlds are being held in Utah this July, should we as Canadians under the pressure of US tariffs, consider boycotting those games?

I know that many of us really appreciate taking advantage of the competitive environment and the opportunity for networking. This helps to promote the sport internationally and aids in personal growth by competing at a high level. However, by boycotting we send a powerful message that we stand in solidarity with our fellow Canadians in protesting the tariffs irrationally imposed by the US government. Perhaps we can focus more on local tournaments, and in fact concentrate on making arrangement to travel to Quebec for the Canadians. This keeps travel expenditures in Canada and at the same time strengthens our national horseshoe community. Either way, it will be a difficult decision, but one that each of us must face. It will be a personal choice with no real winner.

Let's be like the marmot who emerged from his burrow all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, and was not scared by his shadow or by the spectre of looming tariffs. He got right down to the business of planning for the summer season; deciding which competitions to go to, making travel plans, finding good things to eat and drink, and reuniting with his old pals from near and far. Things might look a little cloudy and murky now but with the right mix of form, function and friends many fears can be put to rest.

Onward and upward to the summer horseshoe season!

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LETTER *FROM* THE EDITOR

JUNE LAZENBY



I can't believe that a whole year has gone by without a newsletter! Life has been busy - after the Worlds and Canadians last year, we decided to move so that took up the rest of the year and now with the new horseshoe season upon us, it's time to get back to business as usual.

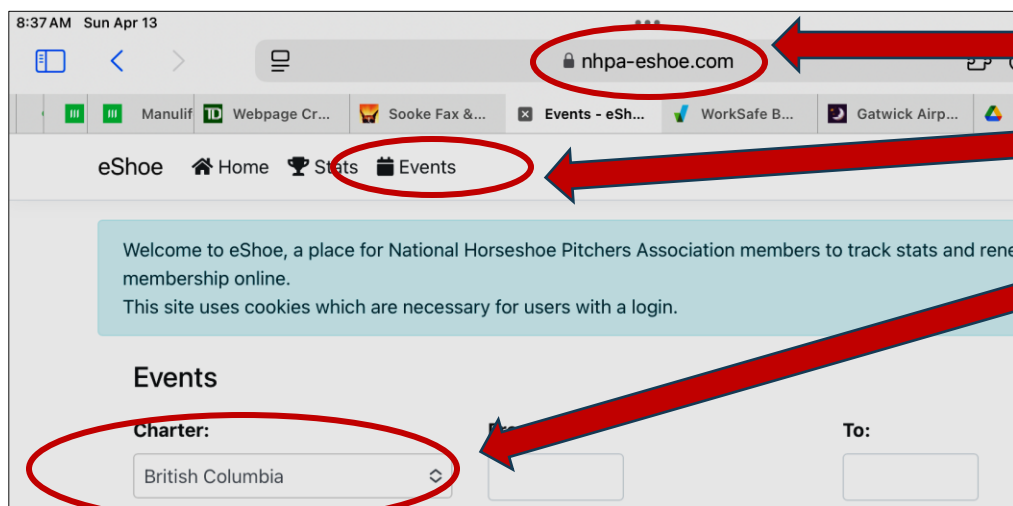
Some things for you to think about:

- **2025 BC Championships** - Abbotsford will be holding the Provincials this year. See the registration form further in this edition of the newsletter.
- **Raffle Items for the BC International and BC Championships** - we need support on this from *all the Clubs in BC* even if you're not attending - a \$20 gift card to places like Canadian Tire, Walmart, White Spot, gas stations, etc. makes a perfect donation!
- **BCHA Hall of Fame nominee for the Outstanding Male Player category** - if you have a deserving name in mind, please let Tom Moffat know at xpostiex@gmail.com.
- **Would you like to have your BCHA Newsletter emailed to you directly?** If so, please drop me a note at brekitabuddy@shaw.ca and I will add you to a direct mailing list.

A new BCHA website is in the works - we know you miss your access to all things BCHA - tournament schedule, contact info, etc. We will let you know by email when the new site is ready to go.





















































































Sponsor information is still welcome at any time and please feel free to send any pictures of events, tournament results, social gatherings, and in memoriam notices - anything you would like to share with our horseshoe family - to me at brekitabuddy@shaw.ca. There is still no set publication schedule so drop me a note any time!

HOW TO GET THE BC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FROM ESHOES



1. Go here.
2. Click here.
3. Choose British Columbia.

BC TOURNAMENT EXCERPT FROM ESHOES

	Date	Event Name	Status	City
  	4/13/2025	Cloverdale Spring Open	Scheduled	Clo
  	4/27/2025	Jim Williams Memorial Open	Scheduled	Abk
  	5/4/2025	Salmon Arm Mixed Open	Scheduled	Sal
  	5/11/2025	Victoria Open	Scheduled	Vic
  	5/17/2025	BC International/Sneakers Open	Scheduled	Abk
  	5/17/2025	Powell River Spring Mixed Open	Scheduled	Pov
  	5/19/2025	Mixed Gross/Net Ladysmith Open	Scheduled	Lad
  	5/31/2025	Victoria Memorial Doubles Mixed Open	Scheduled	Vic
  	6/7/2025	Vernon Mixed Open	Scheduled	Ver
  	6/7/2025	Dry Creek Open (Port Alberni BC)	Scheduled	Dry
  	6/8/2025	Abbotsford Open	Scheduled	Abk
  	6/14/2025	Sooke 10 the Anniversary Memorial Open	Scheduled	Soc
  	6/21/2025	Summerland 65th Annual Open	Scheduled	Sur
  	6/22/2025	Cloverdale Summer Open	Scheduled	Clo
  	6/28/2025	Island Championship	Scheduled	Lad
  	6/29/2025	Albert Hellyer Penticton Mixed Open	Scheduled	Per
  	7/5/2025	GVHPA Open	Scheduled	Vic
  	7/5/2025	Abbotsford Summer Open	Scheduled	Abk
  	7/6/2025	Sanich Open	Scheduled	Vic
  	7/20/2025	Cloverdale Open	Scheduled	Clo
  	7/26/2025	Sooke Mixed Doubles Open	Scheduled	Soc
  	8/10/2025	Clarence and Faith Jewel Memorial Mixed ...	Scheduled	Sal
  	8/17/2025	Interior, Kootenay, North Tournament	Scheduled	Ver
  	8/23/2025	Powell River Fall Mixed WindUp	Scheduled	Pov
  	8/30/2025	BC Championships	Scheduled	Abk
  	9/6/2025	Victoria Autumn Mixed Classic	Scheduled	Vic
  	9/13/2025	Ladysmith Mixed Doubles Open	Scheduled	Lad
  	9/13/2025	Hank Hildebrand Memorial (Abbotsford clu...	Scheduled	Abk



Horseshoe Canada Official Entry Form

August 13 - 17, 2025
Centre Récréatif Aussant Arena
105 Rue Saint-Joseph,
Saint-Joseph-de-Sorel, QC J3R 1C9



Name:		Horseshoe Canada Card #:	
Street Address:		Date of Birth:	
City:	Prov:	Telephone Number:	
Postal Code:	E-mail Address:		

Number of Banquet Tickets required: _____ (Pay for them at the Tournament.)
 Are you interested in Scorekeeping? _____ Judging? _____ Pacing? _____
 Class (Please circle One Division):

Open Ladies	Open Men	Junior Girls
Senior Ladies	Senior Men 40 Ft.	Junior Boys
	Elders (30 Ft.)	Peewee

Please read carefully:

- Any pitcher 12 years old or younger for the entire calendar year may register in the Pee Wee Class.
- Any pitcher 18 years old or younger for the entire calendar year may register in the Junior Class.
- Men may register for the Elders 30 Ft. Class in the year they become 65 years old.
Men under 65 may be included in this class with a doctor's certificate.
- Men may register in the Open Men Class regardless of age and pitching from 40 feet.
- Men may register for the Senior Men 40 Foot class in the year they turn 60 years old.
- Ladies may register in the Open Ladies Class regardless of age.
- Ladies may register in the Senior Ladies Class in the year they turn 60 years old.
- DRESS CODE: Your last name and Province professionally lettered on the back of your shirt.**
Said shirts cannot be sleeveless. No cut-offs are permitted and closed-toe shoes must be worn
 (As quoted from NHPA Rule 12 - Section C - Dress Code)

****** Entry fee is \$75.00 **** for Adults (Fee includes cost of scorekeepers and judges)**
****** Entry fee is \$35.00 **** for Juniors and PeeWees**

Please make all cheques / money orders payable to: **Horseshoe Canada (Do not send cash in the mail)**
 E-transfers will be accepted at email below. A scanned PDF of your entry must be emailed to confirm entry – **NO PICTURES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

ENTRY FORM AND FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY JULY 16, 2025

(Inclusion in the tournament cannot be guaranteed for late entries.)

Mail Entries To: Jane Cordingley phone: 403-560-7185
 Horseshoe Canada e-mail: jmcordingley@hotmail.com
 Tournament Director
 #303 7029-16 Ave SE, Calgary, AB T2A 6C5

Participant Liability Release: In Consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive release and forever discharge Horseshoe Canada and BC Horseshoe Association, all officials, employees, volunteers, agents or servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the Canadian Horseshoe Pitching Championships.

Signature _____ Date _____



**B.C.
INTERNATIONAL/SNEAKERS
OPEN MAY 17/18 2025
ABOTSFORD HORSESHOE CLUB
ENTRY DEADLINE – MAY 10, 2025
REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00
JUNIORS/PEE WEES FREE
REFUND DATE: MAY 10, 2025**



ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ Horseshoe Canada/NHPA# _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____

PLEASE NOTE NO MINIMUM NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS REQUIRED TO PLAY IN THIS TOURNAMENT

CLASS: CHECK ONE ONLY

☐ OPEN MEN'S – OPEN TO ANY MAN REGARDLESS OF AGE IF YOU ARE PITCHING FROM 40 FEET

☐ OPEN ADULT LADIES (18+ OLDER).

☐ JUNIORS – ENTRANTS MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD OR LESS FOR THE ENTIRE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR

☐ PEE WEES MUST BE 12 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER FOR THE ENTIRE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR

☐ ELDERS MEN 30 FT Any man that turns 65 years of age in 2025, is older than 65, or has an *approved* medical exemption may enter the ELDER MEN'S

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ENTRY FORM.

Dress Code: Horseshoe Canada/NHPA Standards, neat and tidy appearance. Your last name and Club professionally lettered on the back of your shirt. Closed-toe-shoes must be worn. No sleeveless Shirts

CHEQUES/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: B.C. HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION. MAIL ENTRIES TO: BRIAN RYDER.

**#5 - 14008 Victoria Road North, Summerland,
B.C. V0H 1Z5.**

ALL PLAYERS WILL PLAY MAY 17-18 2025

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU HAVE ANY MEDICAL PROBLEMS:

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B.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS Aug 30 & 31 2025
Abbotsford Horseshoe Club
ENTRY DEADLINE – AUGUST 20, 2025
REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00
JUNIORS/PEE WEES FREE
ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ Horseshoe Canada# _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____

PLEASE NOTE TWO MINIMUM NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS REQUIRED TO PLAY IN THIS TOURNAMENT

CLASS: CHECK ONE ONLY

☐ OPEN MEN'S – OPEN TO ANY MAN REGARDLESS OF AGE IF YOU ARE PITCHING FROM 40 FEET ☐ OPEN ADULT LADIES (18+ OLDER).

☐ JUNIORS – ENTRANTS MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD OR LESS FOR THE ENTIRE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR

☐ PEEWEE MUST BE 12 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER FOR THE ENTIRE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR

☐ ELDERS MEN 30 FT (YOU MUST BE 65 AND OLDER anytime in 2025)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ENTRY FORM.

Dress Code: Horseshoe Canada/NHPA Standards, neat and dry appearance. Your last name and Club professionally lettered on the back of your shirt. Closed-toe-shoes must be worn.

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5-14008 Victoria Rd North ,
Summerland BC.. V0H 1Z5

Please direct all phone enquiries to Tom Moffat – Tournament Director: 250-813-1785

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU HAVE ANY MEDICAL PROBLEMS:



Western Canada Classic Entry Form JUNE 28TH AND 29TH, 2025



Hosted by the Calgary Horseshoe Club & the A.H.P.A.

Held at the Calgary Horseshoe Club

4310 78 Ave. SE, Calgary, Alberta, T2C 2Z5 403-279-0606

Minimum \$1000.00 added prize money

REGISTRATION FEES: \$50.00 (JUNIOR/PEEWEE FREE)

Covers entry fee, scorekeepers and judges

Please do not mail cash. Make cheques payable to: **Alberta Horseshoe Pitchers Association**

E-transfers will be accepted at: jmcordingley@hotmail.com. *On the same day, a scanned PDF of your entry must be emailed to confirm entry – **NO PICTURES WILL BE ACCEPTED**.

Entry form and fee must be received by the tournament director no later than Friday, *June 20, 2025*.

(Inclusion in the tournament cannot be guaranteed for late entries.)

Name _____ Membership # _____

Address _____

City _____ Province/State _____ Postal Code _____

Cell Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Please Circle one of the following categories:

Open Men's Open Women's Elders 30' (65+) Jr. Boys Jr. Girls Peewee

Dress Code will be enforced – Shirts must have name & province on back (no sleeveless shirts allowed). Closed toed shoes must be worn.

Mail to: Jane Cordingley

Phone # 403-560-7185

303 7029 16 Ave. SE, Calgary, AB T2A 6C5

jmcordingley@hotmail.com

Participant Liability Release: In Consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive release and forever discharge Horseshoe Canada and AHPA, all officials, employees, volunteers, agents or servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the Western Canada Classic.

Signature _____

Date _____

BC PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 2024

The members of the Cloverdale Club put together an excellent tournament on Labour Day weekend 2024. Their kitchen was hopping with great food, the raffle tables were generous, and the camaraderie was running high.. Not even the onerous construction outside could keep anyone from having a great time - many thanks to Cloverdale for all their hard work!



Hall Of Fame - Promoter/Organizer
Brian Ryder



Juniors
1st Dominic Brodeur 2nd Allyse Frost



Elders D
1st Dwayne Bertrand 2nd Jerry Phillips
3rd Ray Smithson



Elders C
1st Bob Salsbury 2nd Bill Olejarnik
3rd Clayton White



Elders B
1st Barry deVocht 2nd Steve Holden
3rd Jack Wright



Elders A
1st Sante Michelin 2nd Allan Cummings



Elders AA
1st Tom Moffat 2nd Bob McCauley



Mens A
1st Parri Kirk 2nd Anthony Sawada
3rd Scott Halls



Ladies C
1st Cindy Halls 2nd Marilyn Thomas
3rd Kate Potvin



Ladies B
1st Maryann Raincock 2nd Lynda Bradt
3rd Amy Wright



Ladies A
1st Jenna John 2nd Val Andres
3rd Wei Xiao

CANADIANS AT ABBOTSFORD



TEAM BC 2024

From the first strains of the bagpipes to the generous swag bags to the international buffet catered by the Abbotsford Horseshoe Club members, the 2024 Canadians tournament was a delightful event that brought our horseshoe family together from all across the country.

There were some emotional moments as the Abbotsford Club brought the vision of their late President, Jim Williams, to fruition.

The hard-working Abbotsford Club did a magnificent job of hosting both the Westerns and the Canadians back-to-back. Their kitchen fed the hungry masses even in between the two tournaments as we all kicked back and practiced and enjoyed getting to know each other.

It was so great to meet the folks from all across our home and native land and foster interest in the 2025 Canadians that will be held in Quebec. Some of our favourite moments were games of cornhole and bocci and making new friends. Tom Moffat pitched a perfect game as a prelude to his performance at the Worlds.



OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THE ABBOTSFORD CLUB FOR AN OUTSTANDING EVENT!

THE WORLDS IN KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

Canadians made their mark in the 2024 NHPA World Tournament. Kennewick was a welcoming venue, even if the temperature outside was a bit inhospitable. The location, in eastern Washington state, was an easy drive from the Canadians in Abbotsford. Several BC folks placed in the money in the Preliminary Rounds, several ladies played and placed in their Championship Round with our own Tom Moffat wrapping up first place in the Men's Elders Championship round.



Barb Hudock - Victoria
1st Place - Ladies C Preliminary



Dennis Umpleby - Sooke
3rd Place - Elders J Preliminary



Heidi Haraga - Abbotsford
2nd Place ` Senior Ladies A Preliminary



Senior Ladies Championship Flight - Wei Xiao, Val Anders, Heidi Haraga



Sharon Dunn - Victoria
4th Place - Senior Ladies C Preliminary



Tom Moffat - Victoria
1st Place - Elders A Championship Flight



BC Boys at the Worlds



We loved seeing these smiling faces in the stands cheering everyone on ♥

And then after the Worlds...this happened....



Victoria's Tom Moffat was named Male Master Athlete of the Year in the City of Victoria

CLUB NEWS - LADYSMITH

Ladysmith held their Annual General Meeting on April 9, 2025. They will be holding four tournaments this year:

- May 19 - Mixed Gross/Net Open,
- June 28 - Vancouver Island/Powell River Championships,
- September 13 - Mixed Doubles Open,
- September 10-11 BC Senior Games.

Plans for a work party before the first tournament are in the works with the date yet to be determined.

Hope to see you at a tournament this year!

CLUB NEWS - SALMON ARM

Greetings from Salmon Arm Horseshoe Club. Hope everyone had a good 2024 - looking forward to an even better 2025.

We have had a change of Executives for our club:

President - Kim Planindin

Vice-President - Shawn Banta

Secretary - Ted Honkala

Treasurer - Amy Kidd

Director - Sharleen Mill

Director - Brian Young

Director - Edwin Kreig

Tournament Co-ordinator - Mavis Norquay

We will be changing the dates on our tournaments to Sundays to accommodate our working pitchers who cannot attend on Saturdays.

Tournament dates are May 04 2025 and August 10th 2025.

On a sadder note : two of our elderly pitchers have recently passed on

Ted Peters - December 24th

Emil Foltan - January 25

Still working on funding for our club.- garage sale to be held late April.

And that is our latest news from Salmon Arm Horseshoe Club. 😊

CLUB NEWS - SOOKE

Sooke was established in 2015 and this year is our 10th ANNIVERSARY. We are so excited to have been established now for 10 years. Lots of hard work from all our members and our horseshoe family continues to grow.

I have been President since 2017 we continue to have a contract with the District of Sooke and hope to move forward with our vision in the near future. The growth and bonds of friends from the members that I have seen is amazing.

Sooke will be putting on our 10th Anniversary Memorial Tournament on June 14th. THIS WILL BE A LIMITED REGISTRATION....so if you would like to get in on our FUNregister soon if you are from the mainland and plan on attending. Registration for this tournament will open June 1st.

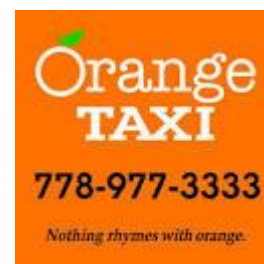
Heads up that the date for our doubles tournament has been changed to July 26th, 2025.

Lots of great tournaments this year to look forward to....so just look for the BRIGHT YELLOW SHIRTS....THATS SOOKE!!!!

EMAIL TO REGISTER

sookehorseshoes@shaw.ca.

The companies below are sponsors for Sooke Horseshoe Club - please support them whenever you can!



CLUB NEWS - VERNON

Greetings from the Vernon Horseshoe club. As of the first of April, it looks like winter is losing its grip, and our spring plans can begin.

After several years of service, our past president Dwight Cousins has stepped down, but remains as the area rep for the interior clubs. Dwight will also serve to coordinate the busy high school physical education classes that are held at our pits as part of the school curriculum. At the AGM in October 2024 the position of President was filled by Richard Velocci.

This past winter, while the pits were snow covered, we stayed active by renovating both washrooms and holding social afternoons twice a month.

Work is now underway to repair and restore half of our 16 pits. We want to look our best for the first tournament on June 9!

We are planning to hold the Interior, North Kootenay tournament this year on August 17 - smoke permitting. We have had to cancel the past couple of years due to the smoke from the fires.

So it should be a good season of pitching, and we look forward to spending time with our friends and enjoying our favourite sport. Best wishes to you all.

Regards,

Rich Velocci, President



CLUB NEWS - VICTORIA

Aloha Horseshoe Peeps!

Hey, the weather is so good here today that I have led myself to believe that I'm in Hawaii! Seems that I have morphed into a (non)typical slack jawed tourist throwing around linguistic bon mots in the hopes of impressing various and sundry of my worldliness. OK, that didn't work - so it's back to reality.

This is a banner year for the Victoria Horseshoe Club. We will be celebrating our 90th year of operation! On New Year's Day we had an anniversary kick-off party. We made a video and put it on YouTube and FB and so far we have had over 1500 views. We will be promoting the 90th Anniversary theme in all of our tournaments and Club events. So far it has been working out pretty well with many of our members expressing enthusiasm for this new push.

Another event that has captured our attention over the last number of weeks has been the 100th birthday celebration for one of our members. Bob Curtis is now recognized as the oldest active horseshoe pitcher in the world. Bob remains active at the Club, pitching shoes and helping out where ever he can. A videographer came out to our Club party for him and took a lot of footage. He then boiled it down to 20 minutes, and the results of which are on the Victoria Horseshoe FB page and on YouTube. Check it out - Bob is amazing, and quite a hit with the ladies!



The companies below are sponsors for Victoria Horseshoe Club - please support them whenever you can!



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Plans for Summer League are well underway with 11 teams registered and the possibility of 3 more that may register before our start date.

Local tournament plans are also proceeding. Some of our members are eager to attend as many as they can, others not so much. In any case there will be five at our Club over the summer with others happening on the Island in Sooke, Port Alberni, and Ladysmith. Mainland tournaments are also a lotta fun for our members and we try to make it over as much as possible. With the 55Plus Games being held in Nanaimo this year, Ladysmith has been asked to host the Horseshoe component in early September. That will pretty well end the tournament season and we can all relax again!

Victoria Horseshoe Club extends best wishes to all for a happy and positive summer, whether it be tournament success or simply getting together with old friends and enjoying life.

Bob McAuley



Westland Insurance

