

# BC HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION

# ITS ALL ABOUT THE TOURNAMENTS...



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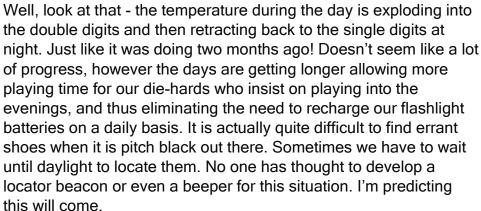
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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**BOB MCCAULEY** 

#### Hello Horseshoe Fans!



Many of our clubs are putting on the finishing touches in preparing for a renewed pitching season. Admittedly winter is the slow season for most of our clubs, but it also provides a time of reflection and planning for the busier summer horseshoe activities. I know many individual members are planning their summer itineraries as well. Which tournaments do I want to attend? Which ones can I schedule into my summer? Do I really want to go to the Canadians? The Worlds? Oh no - why didn't I practice more over the off-season?!! Hey, at least we're all in the same boat on that one!

As we go into our summer horseshoe season, I would urge our members to volunteer to help out at their clubs where ever they see a need. Right from score keeping to organizing events there are very likely opportunities to help out in each of our clubs. Every time people pitch in, the experience enriches the individual and enriches the club. Let's make our clubs and our organization the best that it can be!

Ok summer, ready or not, here we come!!

Yours in Horseshoes, Bob McCauley, President BCHA



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#### PLEASE NOTE:

BCHA would like to advise all members to expect an increase in BCHA fees next year from \$22 to \$25

BCHA 2024 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE https://www.bchorseshoe.com/2024results/2024T.html

#### **EDITOR'S NOTES**

JUNE LAZENBY



As the days get longer and the better weather emerges from our winter cocoon, there is lots of work to be done getting the pitches ready for the new season. Lots of tournament preparation to do for hosts and participants!

Added to the Western Canada Classic, Canadians, and World Registration info in this edition are forms for the BC International in May and the BC Championships on the Labour Day weekend. Please note when submitting these forms that they all go to different places. The forms are also all located on the BCHA webpage.

Some things for you to think about:

- 2025 BC Championships who will hold this event? If your club is interested, please let us know - the successful club will be announced at the AGM at the BC Championships in Cloverdale this year.
- BCHA Hall of Fame nominee for the Promotor/Organizer category if you have a
  deserving name in mind, please let Tom Moffat know at <a href="mailto:xpostiex@gmail.com">xpostiex@gmail.com</a>.
- Raffle Items for the BC International and BC Championships we need support from all the Clubs on this a \$20 gift card to places like Canadian Tire, Walmart, White Spot, gas stations, etc. make a perfect donation!
- Would you like to have your BCHA Newsletter emailed to you directly? If so, please drop me a note at <a href="mailto:brekitabuddy@shaw.ca">brekitabuddy@shaw.ca</a> and I will add you to a direct mailing list.

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 <a href="mailto:brekitabuddy@shaw.ca">brekitabuddy@shaw.ca</a>. There is still no set publication schedule so drop me a note any time!

Cheers.

June

# EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CANADIANS AND WESTERN CANADA CLASSIC

https://abbotsfordhorseshoeclub.ca/canadians-july-2024

#### THE WORLDS - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW - Part 3

If you have been following this article, there are a few things to recap:

- There are two levels of play at the Worlds. If you win in your group, you are a "divisional winner", not world champion. To play in the championship flight, you must be in the top 16 not 16% as a previous article stated, and it costs an additional \$50US to play in that group.
- You will receive your play schedule long before you head to the location. You do not need to stay for the full two weeks - there is no big awards ceremony at the end. If you win, you will be awarded about an hour after your group play concludes. Many categories pay to sixth place so hang about for the results!
- On't be intimidated by the clay. It's different but not life-threatening.
- ② Bring your best horseshoe manners so leave your Bam Bams at home for the tournament. But do pack your great Canadian friendliness and some hospitality gifts if you like and be prepared to meet some interesting folks.
- There will be free water for participants and other food and drink available at the venue. There will also be some horseshoe-specific shopping and a souvenir t-shirt booth. There is a roaming photographer plus you can purchase the formal photos of your group before play and the award photos when it is over. Or you can just take your own...
- Bring a folding chair or some kind of cushion for sitting on portable metal bleachers so you can be comfortable while you cheer on your friends and watch the truly great players play.

A couple of other important points...bring your own measuring stick. If you don't have one, you can purchase one onsite. I had an interesting situation in my very first game. My opponent was measuring with her shoe and after the game the scorekeeper (who happened to also be a Canadian) pointed out to me that she was measuring incorrectly. Wouldn't have made any difference to the outcome as she beat me soundly but point taken - bring your own tools. A full-size pickup stick is not very helpful in clay anyway so the pickup-measuring combo is really useful.

They do stream live from the site during play so you can check that out and send a link home to your friends and family.

Similar to the Canadians last year, they do not weigh and measure your shoes when you check in for your event. They only check that your shirt is professionally lettered with your name and city, and they record the brand name of your shoes. Only Canadians can throw the Presidents brand of shoes that we have as they are not sanctioned in the US. Further, your shoes may be subject to a random inspection by a judge at any time during your event. I didn't see it happen anywhere, but I'm sure that it did.

The only information that I could find out about parking said that the site offers 1,500 FREE parking spaces. This is a fabulous feature, but with a parking lot that big, be prepared to walk as there may be 1,000 participants in this event.



Overall view of parking for this year's World Championships

Are you ready to go? There's still time to register. Here's the link to the registration form. You can print it and mail it or you can do it all online with a credit card. Be sure to read **ALL** the information first!

# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION INFO:

https://www.horseshoepitching.com/wt-signup-online-2024/

July 29th - August 10th, 2024

Tri Cities, Washington

Click here for more info

Visittri-cities.com

We have not included a copy of the form in this newsletter as it is quite long with all the information that you need to be aware of for registration. Please go to the link and read everything and then you will have the opportunity to register online or print the form and submit by mail.



# Western Canada Classic Entry Form July 20-21, 2024



Hosted and held at the Abbotsford Horseshoe Club 2308 Adanac St, Abbotsford, BC, V2S 4S9

# \*\* Additional Prize Money Added\*\*

#### REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00 (JUNIOR/PEEWEE NO FEE)

\$40 Covers entry, scorekeepers and judges.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not mail cash. Make <u>cheques</u> payable to: **Abbotsford Horseshoe Club**<u>E-transfers</u> will be accepted at: **abbotsfordhorseshoes@gmail.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 <u>no later than Friday</u>, *July 13, 2024*.

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

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# **Horseshoe Canada Official Entry Form**

July 24 – 27, 2024 Abbotsford Horseshoe Club 2308 Adanac Street, Abbotsford. BC V2S 4S9



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# B.C. INTERNATIONAL/SNEAKERS OPEN MAY 18/19 2024 ABOTSFORD HORSESHOE CLUB ENTRY DEADLINE – MAY 12, 2024 REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00 JUNIORS/PEE WEES FREE REFUND DATE: MAY 12, 2024



#### **ENTRY FORM**

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# **BC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

# AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



CLOVERDALE HORSESHOE CLUB HOSTING ENTRY DEADLINE IS NO LATER THAN AUGUST 21st, 2024 REGISTRATION FEE IS \$25.00, JUNIORS / PEEWEES ARE FREE

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# **CLUB NEWS - ABBOTSFORD**

The Abbotsford Horseshoe Club is gearing up for an exciting 2024 Horseshoe season. Club members are already working on organizing and coordinating the Western Championships July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Canadian Championships July 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. Our team of dedicated members is focused on making these two tournaments the best ever.

Some of you may know that our President, Jim Williams, expressed interest in hosting these tournaments several years ago. He convinced all of our members that this was something that our club could do; his enthusiasm was contagious and before we knew it, he made the big announcement that we had the go ahead for our club to host the 2024 Westerns and Canadians in Abbotsford! Sadly, in January 2023 Jim suddenly passed away. It was a devastating blow to our club, but our members decided that we were going to see Jim's vision come to light. So here we are, plans are underway, and we are looking forward to welcoming our Canadian horseshoe family to Abbotsford!

Abbotsford is located within the traditional territory of the Mathxwi, Sema:th, and Leq'a:mel First Nations. The Abbotsford Horseshoe club is located at scenic Mill Lake with a backdrop of the snow-capped Mount Baker. Abbotsford is located in the Fraser Valley, just 60 minutes from Vancouver and minutes from the United States border. We are referred to as "The City in the Country", as we have all the amenities of a city, such as shopping malls, arenas, restaurants and international airport, and surrounded by country within our wealth of fertile farmland.

Our horseshoe family is inviting you to attend the Westerns and Canadians, and we are looking forward to welcoming you to our vibrant community in July. We are anticipating great attendance at these tournaments, as the World Championships are being held just across the border in Tri Cities Washington from July 29<sup>th</sup> to Aug 10th.

#### Some things to note:

- Registration forms for both tournaments are now up on our website at abbotsfordhorseshoeclub.ca
- We are working with the city to arrange for RV and motorhome spaces. (more info to come)
- We are working on getting special room rates at nearby hotels. (more info to come)
- We are planning group activities, a special opening ceremony, a windup banquet, and daily breakfast and lunch menus.
- We are excited to announce that we are presenting unique custom-made trophies to all category winners!

We are looking forward to hosting fun, competitive Championship Tournaments this summer. Please feel free to contact us if you require further information at <a href="mailto:abbotsfordhorseshoes@gmail.com">abbotsfordhorseshoes@gmail.com</a>

#### **CLUB NEWS - CENTRAL PARK**

Well, we are looking forward in getting the winter rust off our game. There has been a few of us out throwing some shoes this past weekend. Those who play in tournaments are looking forward to the Cloverdale tournament on the 14th and then the following weekend in Abbotsford.

As everyone knows this will be an amazing year for horseshoe tournaments in the lower mainland with the Western Classic, Canadians, BC Championship and of course the local tournaments. I hope we all get out and support our local clubs no matter where you live.

Enjoy life, get out and meet your friends at the pits

Allan Cummings

**CPHC** 

#### **CLUB NEWS - CLOVERDALE**



Hello from the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club Membership.

We hope all the clubs are beginning to start their Horseshoe pitching. 2024 is scheduled to be a very busy year of Pitching shoes with 3 major tournaments happening, 2 in Abbotsford and 1 in Cloverdale.

Saturday the weather finally let up so we could start fixing loose pins and do clean up. We are hoping to have pits 1 to 15 ready to go for April 14th our Spring Open.

The New Horizons for Seniors Grant application approvals have been delayed.

This year has seen great turn outs for our Monday Card Night, uesday Darts, and Thursday Crib.

The City of Surrey has removed many trees along our south fence at our request due to danger to people and property.

Another notable item is 64th Ave is being widened. As they are working west to east we suggest entering our facility from the west.

We will have all new signs this year and as soon as the mounting posts are relocated they will be installed.

Good Pitching to all from the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club Members.

# **CLUB NEWS - LADYSMITH**

Ladysmith is the little club that will...Vince Herkel, as the only remaining member of the club after being devastated by COVID, along with Ken and Debbie Buckle as new President and executive member have snatched the club from the jaws of extinction and are working hard to put on three tournaments this year.

At the Island Championships last year, Vince recruited new members to the club from all over the Island, formed an executive, and got things moving. There are two work parties planned for this month to get everything tidied up and readied for their first tournament on May 20, 2024.

There are fond memories for many of weekend camping at the Ladysmith tournaments, however as has happened all over, the local government will no longer allow the camping.

The first tournament is on the Monday of the May long weekend. You can still make it if you are going to Abbotsford but if you live on the Island and don't plan to travel, this is the perfect event for you with added prize money and a new format.

Second tournament is June 29, 2024 - Island Championships - a one-day tournament this year to accommodate the new no camping situation.

The third tournament is July 13, a mixed doubles open. See the <u>BCHA Tournament Schedule</u> for details on registration for all these tournaments.

Ladysmith Days are held on the early August long weekend and the Club will be holding an open house as part of a membership drive and to announce their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Further celebration plans for that milestone will be available later.

Good pitching to all and come join us if you can!

#### **CLUB NEWS - SALMON ARM**

Want to start by saying that our club is very excited to get our season going. Gearing up to getting more renovations on clubhouse and grounds done. Time seems to be flying by.

We have had a couple of member luncheons to connect with each other after the winter blues. Spring seems to have arrived.

We invite all clubs to attend our first tournament of the season on May 4. Appreciate your support to keep the game of horseshoes interesting and looking forward to seeing old friends again and making new ones, keep in mind to attend the 55+ games September 10-14 and register with your team chair.

The future of horseshoes in BC is resting in the hands of our junior players. There is always a call for more players of all ages to try horseshoes we have some great talent willing to teach and pass along their experience.

Some of our members have experienced health issues during the past months. We've been keeping in touch through the off-season by attending monthly lunch luncheons at various restaurants in Salmon Arm.

We hope the Abbotsford club has recovered from their vandalism incident to their clubhouse, we were happy to help out.

We are all looking forward to throwing shoes again.

Ben Gartner President



## **CLUB NEWS - SOOKE**

APRIL IS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE for Sooke.

We also are starting Spring League on April 10th for ten weeks.

We are also getting involved in some community networking by attending different community events in Sooke.

We are still working very hard to get our all-weather roofing project going.

We will be holding 2 tournaments this year - May 25 is our Doubles Tournament and June 15 is our Memorial Tournament formerly known as the Butts-Bligh. That one is being held earlier this year as so many will be away at the Canadians and Worlds. There is will RV camping only available for the tournaments - no hook ups provided. Come on by and see us for some FUN!!!!!!

We want to thank all our existing sponsors old and welcome a few new ones this year. They are always there to help in any way they can.

We are deeply grateful to the District of Sooke for their continued support in our growth and development.

SOOKE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT MAY 25, 2024

> SOOKE MEMORIAL OPEN JUNE 15, 2024

**EMAIL TO REGISTER** 

sookehorseshoes@shaw.ca

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





















## **CLUB NEWS - VICTORIA**

Spring league has finished with seven weeks of play (Ed McNabb was the high-point winner) and now we are springing into summer league for the next thirteen weeks. We have about sixty-five participants making up twelve teams that will be competing over the summer. Each team is made up of approximately five players. If and when we get new members they can be easily added into existing teams. Thanks to Sante and Tom for doing the draft.

Our special events roster included an observation of St. Patrick's Day. It happened to fall on a Sunday, the same day as our Spring League. We had quite a few members stay for the St. Paddy's activities. This included a four-shoe shoot out which was won very handily by Sharon Dunn (winner take all) who's initial six pack pretty well eliminated the competition. The original limerick recitations (mostly clean) were delivered with feeling, reflecting the effort and angst that went into them. We topped it all off with the lunch menu consisting of traditional Irish fare twice-baked potatoes, green salad and (always free) coffee - thanks Bart and crew.

The big news around the Victoria Club is that our new roof installation has been completed! We originally thought that it would be done in May, but our contractor, High Definition Roofing was able to get going much earlier and completed all aspects of it last week. So now we should be good to serve our members and the community at large for the next thirty years!

Many of our members are looking forward to a busy horseshoe season travelling to other clubs and participating in the many tournaments that are being organized. Regardless of the outcomes it is always a good time reconnecting and visiting with other horseshoe players from the far flung reaches of our province.

Best wishes to all, Bob McCauley The companies below are sponsors for Victoria Horseshoe Club - please support them whenever you can!









**ROYAL OAK** 

ALL VICTORIA VACUUMS





These are some of the renowned twice-baked potatoes that were prepared by our fabulous kitchen crew.

They had an exotic mixture of ingredients and turned out exquisitely!







Some of our members enjoying their lunch



Sooke was well-represented at lunch and for the original (naughty) limericks.



A little added drama is always appropriate when delivering the limerick punchline!



Harmonizing young lovers singing an old standby always sets a festive mood!