

## **AGM AUGUST 31, 2013 – PENTICTON**

**SIGN IN:** Sam Tomasevic (President), Brian Ryder (Treasurer), Sue Macdonald (Vice President), Sue Macdonald (Secretary), John Hamler (Northern/Interior/Kootenay Rep.), Lorraine Hubick (Lower Mainland/Island/Powell River Rep.)

**DELEGATE SIGN IN:** (Abbotsford: Dan Coffin, Archie Radowits) (Central Park: Elyse Brunelle) (Cloverdale: Jim Grant, Robin Degraaf) (Penticton: Albert Hellyer) (Port Alberni: Jack Dabney) (Powell River: Lionel Hanson, Sandra Hanson) (Prince George: Pat Duncan) (Quesnel: Helene Bodreau) (Salmon Arm: Faith Juell) (Summerland: Juanita Laye) (Vernon: Don Myrfield, Marshal Meroniuk) (Victoria: Ron Dumont, Tom Moffat, Dorothy Butts, Cheryl Cliché, Wayne Hodgins) (Winfield: Cindy Helgeson, Doreen Muloin) (Provincial: Bob Price)

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:15 PM

**MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED**

**AGENDA:** No Additions

**MINUTES FROM 2012 AGM IN VICTORIA:** Motion by John Hamler that the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by Marshal Meroniuk. All in Favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Thank you to the executive for a job well done this year. Attendance is down in most parts of the province. We have 90 entries for this year's BC Championships. Our website is updated weekly, sometimes 2 or 3 times a week.

We have a proposal in to change the structure of the senior games, we want to make it run like any other tournament. If your zone has 12 entries then they will all be entered, we are getting away from the percentage for classes to qualify as these mean nothing any longer. After all the names are in, then the committee will decide on who plays in which class.

A personal thank you to those who sent Wendy and I well wishes after the passing of both my parents. You all were there for us when we needed someone, horseshoes has always been a family to us and this proved it even more.

Take care and have a great off season, see you next year.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Dorothy presented financials. She has been working with our new Treasurer, Brian Ryder this past year while he was in the moving stage, and to make the transition run smoothly. Dorothy reported that Gaming Funds were hard to obtain, and there were strict guidelines as to who qualified. Bernie Lepper asked for verification regarding Insurance, and who was covered? Dorothy explained that the Insurance covered pitchers, scorekeepers and spectators. Motion by Dorothy Krimmer that the financials be accepted as read. Seconded by Tom Moffat. All in favor.

**REGIONAL REP. REPORTS:**

**NORTHERN/INTERIOR/ KOOTENAY – JOHN HAMLER:**

I have received nothing from any of the clubs in my zones to report.

In Winfield, the club has sent in memberships for all pitchers, and others who do not pitch, but are involved with tournaments. This has not always been the case in the past.

I want to thank Penticton for hosting the Provincials. I know from experience how much work it is to put this event on. I would also like to thank Dorothy for her years of work she has done as a member on the BCHA executive.

Cindy & I went and saw Don Cameron of the Cloverdale club in the hospital after the last Central Park tournament. He wished all of you a good tournament this weekend. He was still undergoing treatment when we saw him.

For those of you in my zone, a reminder that the Interior/Kootenay/North Championships will be held Saturday Sept 7 in Vernon. Cindy is the tournament director for this event. Please register with her via e-mail by Thursday Sept 5. There is a link on the BCHA website in the tournament schedule that takes you right to her e-mail address. She will be setting it up on Friday. You can also register here this weekend, but please not when she is pitching.

I know you are all thankful about the length of my report.

**LOWER MAINLAND/ISLAND/POWELL RIVER - LORRAINE HUBICK:**

**Ladysmith:**

This 2013 horseshoe pitching season was very busy for the Ladysmith Horseshoe Club as we held three (actually six) tournaments in five weeks. The first tournament on the July 1st weekend was our most successful with good attendance and great weather which everyone was hoping for after a rather wet June. After the last tournament on the August holiday weekend we held an informal club meeting to discuss how the tournaments went over and we made some decisions which will take effect for next year's pitching season. First: All tournaments for next year will be the following format: Saturday - Mixed, Sunday - Ladies, Men & Juniors Open, Monday Morning - Fun doubles. Second: The number of breakfasts sold over the three days was not very successful for the amount of effort put in so Breakfast will only be served on the Sunday Morning with more variety on the menu. Third: The weather for the May long weekend is always questionable and as the club is just starting to get things going in May there always seems to be a big rush to get the tournament organized, we will make a firm decision on this one by next year.

Moving the May tournament into July seemed like a good idea but the attendance this year was the lowest for any sanctioned tournament we have hosted over the past twenty years or more. A mid-July tournament is out of the question, as you are up against the Canadian Champs., the World's, and a lot of players take this time to go on holidays.

There was a private proposal to put an RV Park & Campground behind the trees next to the Transfer Beach Horseshoe Pitching facility but the Town Council turned it down at this time as a waterfront review has to take place, so our visitors will continue for the next couple of years to park under the trees next to the pitches. We now have sufficient funds to go ahead with the addition of two showers and two more bathrooms, one being handicap accessible, hope to have in place for next year's horseshoe season. The Ladysmith Horseshoe Club would like to thank all the attending players for helping make our tournaments successful, fun to attend, and a great place to come and relax in our beautiful Transfer Beach Park, hope to see you all again next year.

### **Powell River:**

Hello to all BC clubs. What a year we have had, one never knows what will take place come the next pitching day.

As our 2012 year came to an end in October at the Awards and Dinner Banquet, most horseshoes were hung up for a long winter's rest. No kidding the rust did attack.

Early March 2013, the chatting started, and an executive meeting was arranged with 11 attending, on March 13. Following was a General meeting, a fare attendance, but the greater amount of members were enjoying the Southern temperatures, so Executive had to set up the year's program, and the others just had to follow.

April 7 was the first day to start our Sunday morning drop-in fun days. Each Sunday more and more pitchers came out, and a few folks started to take an interest, consequently joining the club. As the Open house was on April 21 we noticed a few more new faces.

As the club announced that we are planning our 30th Anniversary, and to start this all off, more new faces on the courts. And 30 year orange towels were handed out to each pitcher.

This season the club set up 7 league teams, with 4-6 pitchers per team, and as new ones came in the lower teams filled up. 14 weeks of pressure developed !! Final winners were Betty Blacklock's team, and the play-off team winner was Carol Skrodolis.

In May, and following months, there were a number of pitchers taking the ferry over to the Island to challenge other clubs. Victoria, Ladysmith and Port Alberni. Then onto Abbotsford International, and now, BC championships in Penticton. Frank and Lorraine Hubick attended the World Tourney in St George, Utah.

On June 1, Powell River recreation put on a fitness program for all local sports, our club participated, drawing folks, young and up to pitch some shoes. Then on June 15, Powell River held their first tournament, with out of town pitchers attending.

The Island/Powell River tourney attracted 43 pitchers, over the 2 day event. Good weather and endless fun. And 30yr pens were handed out to pitchers.

It was a pleasure for the club to contribute to the Junior Fund for the World Tournament.

Carol Skrodolis' 2013 achievement was May 9, pitching 102 points in 50 shoes, July 4, 105 points, Aug 8, 103 points, and Aug 22, both 100 and 103. Bob Simmons Aug 1 111 points. Don't we all wish we could achieve these points.

Congrats to Lindsay Hodgins for achieving 2013 World Junior Girl Champ.

Thank you to our members for manning the concession and 50/50 draws, and all those who worked so hard to keep our club on top of all events.

AND - to all my connections in all clubs on Island and Lower Mainland - Great Crew.

Sad news , last May 20, we lost a dedicated Horseshoe pitcher – Al Raistrick

Good Luck to all those who are trying for their top pitching this weekend .

### **Victoria:**

Congratulations to all of our members who attended the Canadian and World Championships you have done us proud.

Thank-you also, to all the clubs and their members who helped to sponsor our juniors to attend these events. We had 3 winners at our club alone, this should make us all proud, as our juniors are our future, thank you again.

October 2012 - 2013 has proven to be a busy year. Along with our regular league and tournament play, we had had additions to our calendar.

We had a large community event in October 2012. Many vendors and community organizations attended. The Saanich Police and Fire Departments, as well as our local politicians, girl guides, and boy scouts, along with Marty the Marmott and a town crier.

In May we opened our memorial shelter and have added an annual tournament in honor of our founders and past members. Once again a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this shelter possible, it is a wonderful addition to an already great club. The additions continue, with completion of our outside cooking area, and the continuous maintenance of our pits and grounds.

We made all of our tournaments over 2 days. We will be evaluating the feedback from our members, and are open to comments from other clubs and their members who travel to our club to play.

We have hosted many schools and other community organizations to pitch a few shoes, in the hopes of new memberships and awareness of the sport of horseshoes.

We had a 50'S Night theme party, and it was a blast from the past.

We are still looking forward to our Banquet, which is a Mardi Gras theme this year. Many hours of work have already gone into the preparation and planning, our committee is awesome.

We will be having an Oktoberfest Night and our Annual Christmas party before the year is through.

We are looking forward to another successful year in 2014 and perhaps even hosting the BC's again soon.

You can find all our information and pictures of what's happened at our club on our website.

[www.gvhpa.org](http://www.gvhpa.org)

**Port Alberni:** No report

**Cloverdale:**

As the 2013 pitching season winds down the members of the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club can reflect back on a season filled with a variety of highs and lows.

The lows: Vandalism and theft... We have suffered many acts of theft and vandalism at our club this year which ranged from broken tables, chairs, windows, theft of our extension cords, grill top, equipment and our power being cut.

Health... This year has seen many members with health issues which have temporarily kept some from doing what they love to do, which was pitching shoes. Best wishes to all pitchers who have suffered health issues this year. If you have not heard Cloverdale's Don Cameron is fighting Cancer and the latest has Don at home with his family. If you are thinking of visiting Don at home, there are specific visiting times so please check those times before visiting, thank you.

The highs: Membership... We gained as many members as we lost from 2012 and we have many visitors who hopefully will join us in the future.

School Program... The Cloverdale Horseshoe club's school program is on track to have 400 to 500 students participate again this year. Mr. Nabor one of the class teachers noticed our score racks were getting old and over the winter made the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club 10 new score racks for our practice nights.

Cloverdale tournaments... our members feel our tournaments were successful and those attending were shown a good time along the way.

Our new member Parri Kirk won his division in his first tournament and wait for it he is under 65.

CHC members have traveled BC again this year with many of our members supporting clubs on the Island and throughout BC.

BC Seniors Games... Cloverdale sent 8 to the BC Seniors Games and members won 7 medals, 4 Gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze.

Cloverdale Horseshoe Club's Cheryl Degraaf who was tournament Director for the 2013 games did an excellent job allowing all to have a good time.

Sponsors... Our sponsors have certainly helped turn our year around with their help in restoring our power, replacing our tarp, our extension cords and replacing windows all at a substantial savings to our club. Also our sponsors have donated many great prizes and cash for our tournaments which helps us give back to those who support our tournaments. Over the winter the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club has installed a new maple kitchen donated by Elite Kitchens. If you have ever been in our old kitchen you would know this was a much needed renovation.

Congrats to Lindsay Hodgins for Winning the 2013 World Championship Junior Girls division.

Looking ahead to 2014... The Cloverdale Horseshoe Club is proud to be hosting the 2014 BC Seniors Games for the City of Langley Sept 9th to 13th and we hope with the help of all clubs and their executive's assistance we will draw the largest field in years to these games.

The Cloverdale Horseshoe Club has entered a bid for the 2014 BC Championships to be held August 30th & 31st 2014. If we are successful we will try to equal our last go at the BC Championships held in 2010.

To help Increase participation from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island Clubs we hope that Sam and the various clubs can work out dates that do not conflict as participation is a much needed building block for Horseshoes. Our ferry pick up and drop off is always available to Island pitchers who wish to attend any of our tournaments.

In closing the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club Members wish all a good finish to the 2013 pitching season.

**Central Park:**

In Central Park we hosted 3 tournaments, May 5<sup>th</sup> Spring Open, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Central Park Stan Dahl Memorial Open with \$250.00 added money and August 11 Central Park Northwest Open also with \$300.00 added money in memory of Sam's parent who support him in horseshoe since his childhood.

This was Sam's way of honoring the two of them. As everyone should know, Sam lost both his parent over a short period of time this winter-we all feel his pain. It has been a trying winter for Sam but with the support of the horseshoe family, I am sure he will get through it.

We usually have about 7 pitchers for our Wed. night fun night but on occasion there will be a few more show up. This is a drop-in night and anyone from other club who are in town are more than welcome to join in.

We do have other groups that will come to the courts to hold private tournaments for fun and those of us who are there usually have a very good time with them.

Our fall wind-up will be in October- hopefully the weather will be good and we can pitch shoes- if not we will be indoors and throw washers.

During the fall and winter if we have a nice day, a small group of players will throw horseshoes but if it is raining or too cold we again will throw washers inside the clubhouse – we always have a very good time with lots of camaraderie. We have all enjoy our season and look forward to next year.

Many Thanks to those who have helped around the club and most especially to our kitchen staff who always put on a good lunch during our tournaments. To us, they are the very best!!!

**Abbotsford:**

The Abbotsford Horseshoe Club is holding its own. Interest in the Wednesday night practice shows good interest. We have picked up some new members with prospects of more. Turn out for tournaments has been down a bit as seems to be the trend. Hopefully this will see a turn- around soon.

Meetings with the city are showing promise of having another eight set of pits so maybe by next season we will have 24 sets of pits. Hoping to have a good turnout for our final tournament of this season on September 22 when we will host the Lower Mainland Championships.

See you all at Penticton Happy ringers everyone

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Canadian Hall of Fame Inductees for 2013 Builder/Promoter:** Kay Mckay from Alberta  
Cecil Mitchell from Nova Scotia

**BC Hall of Fame Inductee 2013:** Matt Zablohtney

**Supplies/Jackets/Crests:** Inventory Sheet available on request

**BC Senior Games:** Held in Kamloops and was very successful. Participants expressed how well Kamloops hosted and that everyone had a great time, well done. A proposal to make some changes were being worked on to present to the Senior Games officials.

**2014 Tournaments:** BC Championships – Cloverdale (Aug 30-Sept 1)  
BC Internationals/Highwayman – Abbotsford (July 5-6)  
Western Classic – Calgary, AB  
Canadians – Calgary, AB (Aug 12-16)  
Worlds – Buffalo, NY  
BC Senior Games – Cloverdale

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2013 Canadian Horseshoe Pitching Championships Report – Tom Moffat

There is a bit of a shuffle in the Executive of Horseshoe Canada.

President: Jason Rideout

Vice-Pres: Tom Moffat

Past President: Cecil Mitchell

Secretary: Lia Snell

Treasurer: Mary Holley

Public Relations: Jane Cordingley

Tournament Director Dianne Beck –

Sheryl and Wally Arnold were thanked for all their time they provided as treasurer and tournament directors.

Entries for Championships: 211 entries consisting of 92 in the open men, 45 open women, 47 elders, 6 Senior Men, 6 Senior Ladies, 6 juniors and 3 peewees.

7 entries from BC

Dalton Moffat (pee wee) was the only BC player to win a championship or a division

No one else from BC came higher than 5<sup>th</sup> place.

2014 Canadian Championships

Calgary Horseshoe club in Calgary Alberta, from Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. The AGM will be on Aug 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and opening ceremonies at 8:30am, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

2015 Canadian Championships

St. Stephen Horseshoe Pitchers Club, St. Stephen New Brunswick

To be played in the brand new sports complex, and a brand new arena will be constructed and open just before the championships.

Special Meeting July 11 to clear up request from Quebec to sanction Official shoes.

As they have never been sanctioned but used widely in Quebec. It was decided that we need to clarify this once and for all to avoid controversy and possible law suits.

A motion was made, voted on, and accepted. Here are the details:

WHEREAS: The Association wishes to encourage playing the sport at all levels, and

WHEREAS: The Association wishes to maintain a standard of horseshoes played in Canada, and

WHEREAS: The Association desires clear guidelines for tournament draw masters, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Sanctioned horseshoes definition be expanded to include a classification of shoes called a "Grandfathered Group" which will include the following guidelines:

- 1) Each manufacturer and shoe model be noted and listed in a separate schedule of the sanctioned shoe bylaw;
- 2) Meets the dimension and weight characteristics of existing sanctioned shoes guidelines;
- 3) Were originally manufactured before 1979;
- 4) No fee required to be paid to sanction the shoe;
- 5) The sanctioning to be approved by the Executive of the Association and be effective at the time of approval;
- 6) The Executive determine acceptable proof of original manufacturing date for each manufacturer and model;
- 7) A photograph be taken of the top and reverse side of the shoe and also be included in the schedule.
- 8) Any individual who is a member of their respective Provincial Association can submit the shoe for approval.
- 9) This group of shoes can not be used by the Men's and Women's Championship ("or A") Classes at the Canadian Championships.

<b>ELECTIONS:</b>	President (2 year term)	Sam Tomasevic let his name stand. No other nominations.
	Treasurer (2 year term)	Brian Ryder let his name stand. No other nominations.
	Secretary (1 year term)	Sue Macdonald let her name stand. No other nominations.

**OPEN FLOOR:** Cindy Helgeson and Marcel Pinette acknowledged the many years of hard work and dedication of Dorothy Krimmer as Treasurer, and wished her well.

Wayne Hodgins thanked BCHA and everyone for their support for Lindsay Hodgins. Wayne made a presentation on behalf of Lindsay. Lindsay won the 2013 World Junior Girl title in St. George, Utah.

Well wishes go out to Don Cameron of Cloverdale, Viv Valle of Prince George, and Erle Gelard of Quesnel.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:30 PM

**WINNERS OF BCHA RAFFLE:** \$100 Early Bird Draw – Team #8 Jim Baldwin of Victoria  
\$400 – Team #11 Emile Mercier of Victoria  
\$300 – Paul Simpson of Victoria  
\$200 – Sandra Hanson of Powell River  
\$100 – Alan Cummings of Central Park

**Fundraising at the BC International/Highwayman** – Raffle Prizes and 50/50: Proceeds of \$304

**Fundraising at the BC Championships** – Raffle Prizes and 50/50: Proceeds of \$528

**On behalf of the BCHA...thank you for your continued support.**

