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2008 BC HORSESHOE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



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Greetings horseshoe players. Here we go our first edition via email. This edition of the Ringer Round-Up will be posted on the website, under news/minutes, so tell your fellow horseshoe players.

As we try to catch up on a long season and some articles from the pervious year. As you will recall the BCHA computer crashed back in April, took a little while, but I managed to get everything back in order, tournament results and photos can be found on the website. Thank you to everyone for being so patient while the website was restored.

Let's start off with a look at the BC Horseshoe Hall Of Fame Inductee for 2008 – Female Player – Elyse Brunelle – Central Park Horseshoe Club.

Elyse Brunelle

Elyse started playing horseshoe in 1994 at the North Shore Horseshoe Club. She has excelled and has become a champion player in the sport of Horseshoes ever since that day.

Not only does she devote a lot of time to playing the game but you can always find her in helping others to improve their game, especially the junior players.

Elyse enjoys the competition and loves the camaraderie of her fellow pitchers.

Elyse is very good sport both off and on the playing courts, very friendly and always ready to help out at any of the tournaments, you can always find her keeping score when she is not playing.

Elyse is now a member of the Central Park Horseshoe Club, where she is Treasure. She is also currently the Lower Mainland Regional Representative.

Achievements

B.C. Championships: Elyse's has won the Ladies Class "A" Championships 7 times, in 2001 – 62%, 2002 – 62.3%, 2003 – 66.5%, 2004 – 62.6%, 2005 – 66.2% 2007 – 66.8% and 2008 – 68.5%. She has placed 2nd 2 times in 2000 – 59.3% and 2006 – 52.2%. She was 3rd in 1998 – 55.5% and 4th in 1999 – 63.2%. It should be noted that in 2006 she suffered a broken pelvis 7 weeks prior to the championships and still managed a 2nd place finish.

Elyse has also won the BC International each year from 2001-2009.

Elyse has also placed in the top 10 in both the World and Canadian Championships.

Congratulations Elyse, you are a very worth inductee.

2009 BC HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

The category for 2009 is Organizer/Promoter. The inductee will be announced the BC Championships in Winfield on Saturday September 5, 2009 during the opening ceremonies.

2009 BC CHAMPIONSHIPS – WINFIELD HORESESHOE CLUB – SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2009

The long and winding road to this year's BC Championships takes us to the Winfield Horseshoe Club. Winfield has always put on a good show at any major event they have hosted, and this year I am sure will be no different than in the past.

The entry closed at 108. This consisted of 5 juniors, 29 Elders, 35 Women and 39 men competitors. In these times of tough economic hardship and high prices of gas and accommodation it was nice to see such a great turn out. Every club with the exception of Comox Valley and Ladysmith are represented.

The classes can be found on the BCHA website, or by simply clicking on the following link:

http://www.bchorseshoe.com/09results/BC09_48.txt

We plan on starting at 9AM Saturday and at 8:30AM Sunday. Opening ceremonies will be at 8:30AM Saturday. We look forward to everyone being present at the opening ceremonies.

Those of you who are not playing till the afternoon can sign up to keep score, and of course, those that play in the morning can sign up to keep score for the afternoon shifts. Please remember, this is your tournament and a smooth and constant flow of the game will be greatly appreciated.

The playing times will be posted at the Winfield Horseshoe Club around 3PM September 4, 2009.

The Winfield Horseshoe Club has breakfast and lunch both days, as well as a dinner on Saturday and Sunday. If you need to purchase a ticket for the dinner(s) please see Sharon Fraser, President, Winfield Horseshoe Club. The Saturday night dinner is \$12 and the Sunday night dinner is \$8.00. The club always serves excellent meals.

Four of the 5 defending champions will be back this year in an attempt to maintain there respective titles:

Junior Boys – Mathew Macdonald (Victoria)

Junior Girls – Jessica Degraaf (Cloverdale)

Men – Tony Rondow (Victoria)

Ladies – Elyse Brunelle (Central Park)

Regretfully last years defending Elders Champion Jerry Melissa (Victoria) will be unable to make these years champs. Jerry has been off most of the year after a leg operation. Jerry was hoping to attend but the doctor told him otherwise; Jerry will be back in full swing in 2010.

The BCHA has added \$1,300.00 in prize money to this tournament and the Winfield Horseshoe club has added \$800.00 for a total of \$2,100.00.

As a reminder to everyone, the entry fee collected for your class stays in your class, some players are under the impression that the BCHA scuffles around the entry fees.

See you in Winfield.

2009 BC INTERNATIONAL

This year's event, as in the past few years, was held at the Abbotsford Horseshoe Club. The club put in an excellent show, not to mention that the weather was great, except for the thunder and lightning show we had on the Saturday night.

A total of 64 participants attend this years BC International, this included two players from Washington State, Don and Mary Ebey. Our 2009 BC International champions are:

Junior Boys - Mathew Macdonald – Victoria

Junior Girls – Elycia Thomas – Cloverdale

Men – Tony Rondow – Victoria

Ladies – Elyse Brunelle – Central Park

Elders – Neil Yaskow – Maple Ridge

Complete results can be found on the BCHA website or by clicking on the following link:

http://www.bchorseshoe.com/09results/BC09_33.TXT

It is with much regret that we have to announce that the Abbotsford Horseshoe Club will be evicted from their present location in order for a road to go to the airport. This is a real shame as the location was idea for Horseshoes, away from the main drags. The Abbotsford Club over the years has had excellent turn outs, if the city could only see what is being taken away from the club and for horseshoes in general. The city has been trying to find a new location for the club, but, as can be expected with cities, too many restraints are being put on the club. The club has now contacted the major in an attempt to find a new location and to try to get the city to understand the importance of horseshoes in the community. As you can figure out, the BC International for 2010 is on hold till it can be determined what will be happening. As soon as we are able to find out, we will notify all the clubs. It is our sincere hopes that the International will be held somewhere in the Lower Mainland in 2010.

2009 WESTERN CANADA CLASSIC

The last time this event was held in BC was back in 2005 when the Prince George Horseshoe club hosted the event.

This year's event was held in Cloverdale, a joint venture between the Cloverdale, Abbotsford and Central Park Clubs.

These three clubs united to put on an excellent Western Canada Classic. The winners of each class received a wonderful plaque. The plaques where made by Archie Radowits (Abbotsford) and the wood was donated by Ben Meyer (Cloverdale).

A number of players from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Washington State attending this year's event. It's always a pleasure to see out of province players attend major events.

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2009 Canadian Horseshoe Pitching Championships

A tournament story

The 2009 Canadian Championships were held in Aylmer, Ontario from July 7-11 at the East Elgin Community Complex. There were 212 participants including an impressive record of 48 juniors! The previous record was 37 juniors set two years ago in Woodstock. Again, the vast majority of them came from the Aylmer region. Here are the champions crowned in eight divisions:

Men - Ron PARISIEN, Ont. (66.81%)
Ladies - Sylvianne MOISAN, Que. (81.11%)
Junior Boys - Scott LUMB, Ont. (53.50%)
Junior Girls - Lindsay NOOREN, Ont. (33.54%)
PeeWee - Tyler STEENBERGEN, Ont. (11.14%)
Senior Men - Ric McIVOR, Ont. (43.67%)
Senior Ladies - Angeline MOISAN, Que. (57.43%)
Sr 30' (Elders) - Larry GRIFFITH, Alberta (66.96%)

In the Men's division, Ron Parisien became the first player from Eastern Ontario to capture the coveted National title. In a very well-matched group, Ron lost two games: round 3 to Ed Neeb (who recorded his high game at 75%) despite a 66.7% effort; and round 10 to Tom Gallina (69%). That pivotal match put those two players in a tie for first place with 5 rounds to go, with no less than 6 other contenders in the race, four of them at 7 wins and 3 losses! The last day started with another pivotal match: Ron Parisien (76.1%) beat defending champion Colin Finnie 42-7. Ron continued to win and recorded his high game (85%), round 13, regaining a two-game lead. He clinched the title by defeating Quebec champion Andre Leclerc 41-30 with a 72% and concluded a perfect day with a win against Drew Becker, the group's youngest participant. The longest game (84 shoes) involved Frank Weaver and Michel Forget. Colin Finnie recorded the high game (85.4%) against Horseshoe Canada's Hall of Fame inductee Steve Hohl. The highest losing effort was 70.3% when Andre fell to Ed Neeb (71.9) 41-37 in 64 shoes. Ron Parisien was followed by the same trio who tied for first place two years ago in Woodstock, Adam Ellis again finishing second.

In the Women's division, Sylvianne Moisan captured her 13th Canadian title recording the high average of all the participants in Aylmer with 81.1%. Sylvianne almost ended her tournament with a perfect game when she missed one shoe with the score 36-0. This was also the high game of the tournament with 95.5%.

2009 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – CONT'D

The victim was defending champion Lucille Leis who finished 3rd. Sandy Janssens was runner-up and also concluded her tournament with her high game (88.1%). Sylvianne and Sandy had 3 good battles (the Women played a triple round-robin), Sandy pitching 75% in all three of them. Their third one lasted 94 shoes, longest game of the tournament, and featured an impressive string of 15 consecutive doubles by Sandy! Jane Cordingley almost defeated Sylvianne (round 7). After taking the lead 38-26, and throwing a double, Jane saw Sylvianne rally with 5 doubles in a row to win the game.

In the Senior 30' (Elders) division, it was a close race between defending champion Howard Weitzel, Larry Griffith and Steve Csanadi. In their double round-robin, Steve Csanadi lost 31-42 to Griffith in 64 shoes recording 73.4%, highest losing effort in the group, as Larry shot his best game (79.7%). Then, Csanadi turned around and defeated Howard Weitzel 42-37 also in 64 shoes. Griffith defeated Weitzel 42-39 in 76 shoes with 68.4%. In the second half, Csanadi (65.9) gave Griffith his first loss 45-35 in 88 shoes, longest game of the group. Weitzel stayed in the race by defeating Csanadi 42-14 with his high game of 81.8%. The last round game opposed Griffith vs Weitzel, a win by Howard would have created a 3-way tie for first. The game lasted 70 shoes and both pitched 71.4%. A new champion was crowned when Larry won 40-38! Larry Griffith, a 1982 Alberta Men's champion, joins his late brother Don Griffith on the Canadian Elders champions' list. Don had captured the same title back in 2001.

A new champion was crowned in the Senior Men's division. Defending champion Charlie Fromm had a good start with 9 consecutive wins. He then lost to Marcel Joly but was still in full command at 10-1 with 3 rounds to go. He lost those games including the pivotal next-to-last round to Ric McIvor who shot 52.9%. The new champion Ric McIvor, from Cobourg, Ont., had lost two earlier games, 38-40 to Charlie Fromm and 34-40 to Ken Drury. He recorded the high average at 43.69%, while Charlie Fromm had the high game honors with 66.7%. The longest game of the group was 78 shoes between Sandy Mckenzie and Albert Alderson.

The Senior Ladies division also saw a new champion crowned. Angeline Moisan went undefeated with 12 wins and recorded the high average (57.4%) and high game of the group (80%). Marie Hartman was runner-up. Marie was involved in the longest game at 74 shoes with Trena McLean. Defending champion Ida Boschman, from B.C., could not be present.

As mentioned earlier, a record number of 48 juniors participated this year. As the St. Thomas Times Journal titled on July 14, "Young Aylmer throwers shine". Scotty Lumb and Lindsay Nooren retained their title earned last year in Calgary. Scotty captured his laurels in the last round by defeating the 2007 champion Joe Parker 31-12. Both players were tied at 2 losses before that decisive round. Scotty lost two close games 28-30 (to Joe) and 26-27 (to Brad Acheson). He recorded the high average (53.5) and high game (67.5). Lindsay Nooren went undefeated to capture the Junior Girls title with a 33.4% average. Her high game was a 42.5% against runner-up Kayla Mackay. The PeeWee division was won by Tyler Steenbergen who went undefeated with an 11.1% average, while Stacey Pond was crowned PeeWee Girls champion.

At the banquet held Saturday evening at EECC winners and champions received their awards. Among other special presentations made, Steve Hohl was inducted into the Horseshoe Canada Hall of Fame as outstanding male pitcher. The presentation was made by Steve's long time friend Stan Leis. It was followed by Steve's own memorable speech.

2009 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

This great annual event was superbly hosted by the East Elgin horseshoe club, headed by Keith Lindsay. The club received tremendous support by the EECC, lead by the dynamic Theresa Klachan. Special thanks go to Keith and Theresa and their team, and to all the volunteers (specially the tournament directors Sheryl and Wally Arnold), sponsors, participants and fans who helped make this 2009 tournament a great success!

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About the AGM:

Cecil Mitchell was elected President, Sheryl Arnold as Treasurer and Mary Holley as Public Relations director. The 2010 Canadians will be held in Victoria, B.C. from August 10-14, while the 2011 Canadians were awarded to Blainville, Quebec (dates to be determined). The provinces' dues to Horseshoe Canada were increased from \$1 to \$2 per member.

Results can be found at:

<http://www.bchorseshoe.com/09results/09cdn.txt>

2009 WORLD TOURNAMENT

A show down for the Men's title was staged on the final round of play between Allan Francis (Defending Champion) and Brian Simmons (winner of 2 world titles). Here is a copy of the score sheet to show you the game these two gentlemen put on:

Round :19: Court : 1: Date: 8/8/2009

1.Alan Francis-OH vs 2.Brian Simmons-VT

Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
X X			2	X X		
X -			4	X 1	1	1
X X			6	X X		
X X			8	X X		
X -			10	O X	3	4
O X	3	3	12	X -		
X X			14	X X		
X X			16	X X		
X X			18	X X		
X X			20	X X		
O X	3	6	22	X -		
X X			24	X X		
X X			26	X X		
X X			28	X X		
X -			30	O X	3	7
X -			32	O X	3	10
X -			34	O X	3	13
X X			36	X X		
O X	3	9	38	X -		
X X			40	X X		
X X			42	X X		
X X			44	X X		
X -			46	O X	3	16
X X			48	X X		
X X			50	X X		
X -			52	O X	3	19
X X			54	X X		

X	X			56	X	X		
X	X			58	X	X		
X	X			60	X	X		
X	X			62	X	X		
X	-			64	O	X	3	22
X	X			66	X	X		
X	X			68	X	X		
O	X	3	12	70	X	-		
X	X			72	X	X		
X	X			74	X	X		
X	X			76	X	X		
X	X			78	X	X		
X	-			80	O	X	3	25
X	X			82	X	X		
X	X			84	X	X		
X	X			86	X	X		
O	X	3	15	88	X	-		
X	X			90	X	X		
X	X			92	X	X		
X	X			94	X	X		
O	X	3	18	96	X	-		
X	X			98	X	X		
X	-			100	O	X	3	28
X	X			102	X	X		
X	X			104	X	X		
O	X	3	21	106	X	-		
X	-			108	O	X	3	31
X	X			110	X	X		
X	-			112	O	X	3	34
X	-			114	O	X	3	37
X	X			116	X	X		
O	X	3	24	118	X	-		
O	O	6	30	120	-	-		
X	X			122	X	X		
X	X			124	X	X		
X	1	1	31	126	X	-		
O	X	3	34	128	X	-		
X	X			130	X	X		
O	X	3	37	132	X	-		
X	X			134	X	X		
X	X			136	X	X		
X	X			138	X	X		
O	X	3	40	140	X	-		
		40	Score			37		
		126	Ringers			125		
		140	Shoes			140		
		90.00	Percentage			89.29		

What a heck of a game, imagine pitching a game of 89.29% and losing, we can only dream of that happening. As you will note from the score sheet, Brian had Allan down 37-21 before Francis made his big come back.

Well, that should do it for this edition. The next newsletter will be published some time after the BC Champs.

Remember to always have fun on the courts, but, more importantly also be a good sport, remember to shake your opponents hand before the game starts and after the game is over.

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