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BC HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION - Covid-19 ADVISORY – TOM MOFFAT

To all members, of BC Horseshoe Association, with the rapid spreading of Covid-19 virus. We will suspend all sanctioning of tournaments in BC till we have more clarification that it is safe to hold these.

With an older population and with provincial and federal guidelines against large group gatherings we must suspend tournaments. Just as churches and many other organizations have had to do this we must follow along.

The executive will continue to monitor the situation and when it is safe to resume we will let everyone know. This doesn't mean you can't just go out and throw some shoes alone or with a friend, just please no large gatherings to help keep the spread of this virus down. Each club will make rules for their clubs also. Thank you for understanding.

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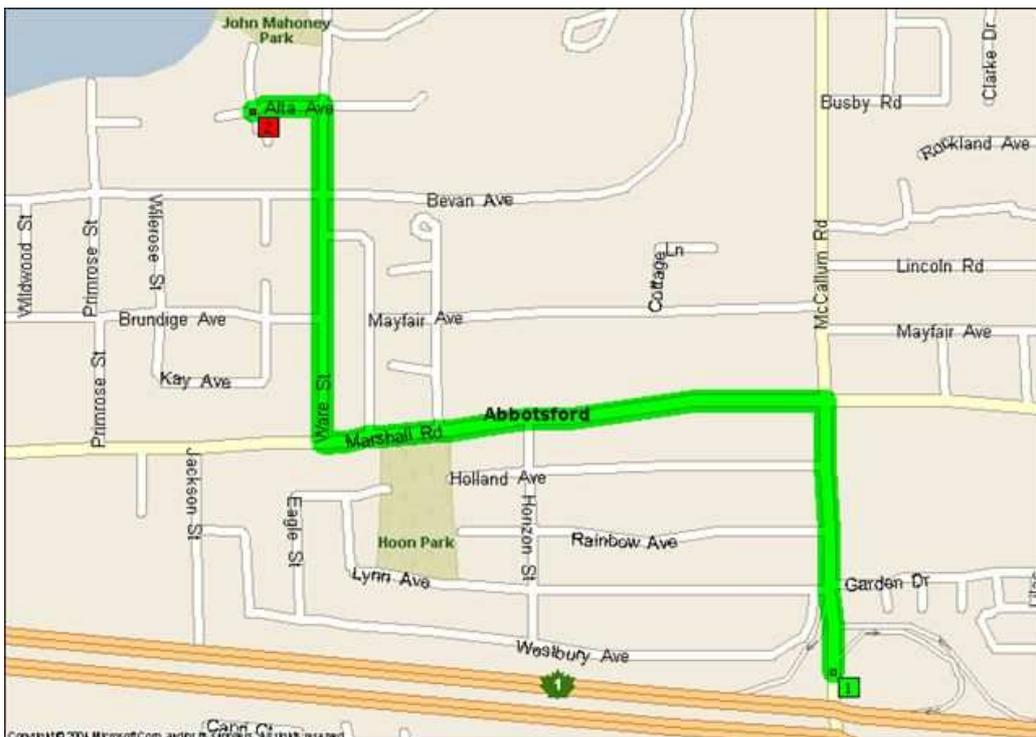
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PRESIDENTS REPORT – TOM MOFFAT

Well its March and players and clubs are starting to get involved in the sport again. As President it is my job in this report to help to get people motivated and involved in the sport. So here are a few things to help you move forward.

Every ones job to recruit. If you just wait for your executive of your club to get new people out your membership will decline very fast. Everyone needs to keep a look out to get new members. I know I have mentioned this a lot but it needs to be reinforced every year. We have a great opportunity to recruit every time we are out playing. People walk by our clubs in the parks and notice us playing. Some stop and watch for a few minutes. We need to start talking to these people all the time. Maybe even put up a sign that says “ Ask us anything about Horseshoe pitching.” The goal is to start the conversation and from there get them inside the fence and a horseshoe in there hand. But it cant start without a conversation.

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BC 55+ and Canada 55+ games - This year in Kamloops is the Canada 55+ games just after people will be returning from the Western Classic and Canadian Championships in High Prairie Ab. Just a couple days more on your trip maybe stop and play in this fun tournament too. But get your application in early; It doesn't come around BC often this tournament so this is a big chance.

Then, at the end of the season in Richmond the BC55+ games. The games will be in Steveston at the Steveston Community Park, 4111 Moncton St. This year there will be mixed doubles added to the horseshoe part. That means any man and any women can compete as a team if they are from the same zone. Because of lower membership in the last few years we have been cut down from 4 classes in each

category to 3. The way to get it back up is to get lots of people involved. This year, in Richmond, next year in Victoria. Lets get lots of people out for this years games. Again its how to grow the sport. Start planning and applying and saving your money to get to these great events.

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Get involved One of the biggest difficulties we are having as a sport is getting people involved in scorekeeping, upkeep of clubs and organization of leagues and tournaments. Help out where you can so more than a few are involved in getting things running smoothly. Learn to help out in kitchen or on the computer. We all want to play but if we all just showed up to play it would not be a very fun or well run tournament. Get involved.

Well enough for this newsletter, have fun and let's move together forward in our great sport of horseshoe

pitching. Go get them throw ringers and make friends. Till later

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BC International / Highwayman Tournament – Tom Moffat



If you have never attended the BC International tournament, you should it is a chance to play against others from the rest of the province and from other provinces and states. Traditionally we have had players come from Washington St and sometimes Oregon. In the past players from California and Alberta have attended. But it is always a highlight on the horseshoe calendar every year.

It is a 2 day tournament held in beautiful Mill Lake Park in downtown Abbotsford BC making it a central place for BC players and just over the border for anyone coming from the USA.

The format is a double round robin tournament and at dinner is arranged on Saturday night at the Highwayman pub. Highwayman pub is a very good sponsor that adds extra prize money along with BC Horseshoe Association also adding extra prize money. A good payday for winning your division.



PEACE ARCH TROPHY – TOM MOFFAT

BC 22 WASHINGTON 31

Each year we have a competition with Washington State called the Peace Arch Trophy.

Last year Washington State won it. This year Washington State is leading again so far 31-22.

Every time a player from BC plays someone from Washington State a point is on the line. The final tally is done after the BC International and the trophy is awarded.

I want to ask as many players that can make the tournament this year to come out and help us get this trophy back over to the Canadian side.

Again hope to see you all that the BC International tournament on May 16 and 17 at Abbotsford. Tom Moffat President

Abbotsford Horseshoe Club – Cindy Rowell



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Well, it's time to kick off, or should we say **"Pitch Off"** our 2020 Horseshoe season here at Abbotsford Horseshoe Club. Over the last year the club has pushed to recruit new members. We created a new website and printed up new club brochures that we put out into the community at places like the Library, Fitness Facilities, Senior's Centers, and worked with our city Parks & Recreation staff to promote the sport of Horseshoes. We are pleased to report that our membership drive has increased our membership by more than 120%. We have a great group of active members and once we get into the warmer weather, we will focus on getting more youth and families involved in our club.

Club members have been busy over the fall and winter inside the clubhouse. The interior was in need of paint, so we had a paint party! Everything came down off the walls, holes were filled, and with brushes and rollers in hand we went at it! Over one weekend we painted, replaced light fixtures, put up new blinds, and rearranged a few things.... and we now have a bright new club house. We can't wait to host our first tournament and get everyone's reaction.

Before we know it our club's annual **"International Highwayman Tournament"** will be happening. Over the years we have the continuing support from Diane Davies and the Highwayman Pub who is our main sponsor for this event. Because of her support we are able to host an incredible event that draws top competitors from the United States, and Western Canada. This tournament is a great way to **"Pitch Off"** our season every year. Mark your calendar for the May long weekend at Abbotsford Horseshoe Club.



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PLAYER PROFILE – ELYSE BRUNELLE



Elyse Brunelle achieved an unprecedented 12 Provincial Championships when she was a member of the North Shore Horseshoe Club and the Central Park Horseshoe Club. Her record stands to this date 2020. 2001 to 2005 she was the ladies champion and then it was broken for one year in 2006 with Doreen Muloin from the Winfield Horseshoe Club the champion. Elyse went on as the Ladies Champion again from 2007 to 2012 and then it was broken again for only one year in 2013 by Carol Skrodolis from the Powell River Club.

Elyse went on to achieve another championship in 2014 to be her final and #12th Ladies Championship.

Elyse also has an outstanding BC INTERNATIONAL record as well, winning the ladies championship 14 years in a row 2001-2014. These two records will be hard to break.

Lower mainland ladies champ 1999-2015.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2014 2ND 54.12%
- 2011 6TH 49.00%
- 2010 3RD 54.18%
- 2008 2ND 64.24%
- 2004 3RD 66.80%
- 2002 10TH 59.62%

WORLD TOURNAMENT

2004 Pocatello, Idaho

Class play 9th – 6-7 63.08%
 Championship class 11th 67.42% - high game 85.7%

2005 BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Class play 10th 57.88%
 Championship class 21st 54.43% - high game 68.2%
 Elyse was inducted into the BCHA Hall Of Fame in 2008.

2020 HORSESHOE CANADA HALL OF FAME CATEGORY IS Female player; the BCHA has submitted Elyse's profile.

QUESNEL HORSESHOE CLUB – JEANETTE FERRARA

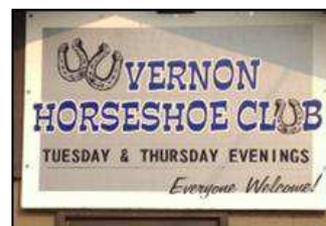
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FROM THE VERNON HORSESHOE CLUB – DWIGHT COUSINS – PRESIDENT



Just a little note to wish everyone a belated HAPPY NEW YEAR and let you know what we have been up to at the Vernon Horseshoe Club. After the completion of our normal schedule in the fall of 2019, the more hardy of our members were able to throw shoes until mid November primarily due to the lack of snow but, unfortunately, not without some freezing temperatures. Our last day it was -2.0 degrees. That's the Okanagan's version of winter horseshoes.

Early in December we had our annual Christmas dinner with our ladies kitchen group preparing a delicious supper and dessert for the 25 people who attended. The occasion was made more special by the decorations and centre pieces that the women made for all the tables.

Supper was followed by the gift exchange and then by our annual auction. The auction items are “gently used “ items donated by the members as well as the previously mentioned decorations which are then auctioned back to the members. This is one of the ways we “give back” to the community, since the monies raised are donated to a local charity...The resulting \$200.00 was donated to the “Teens Count Too” charity this year.

The highlight of the night was a special presentation to two of our long time members. Irv Albert and Anne Moore were given “Honorary Memberships” for their dedication and commitment to the sport of Horseshoes and to the Vernon Horseshoe Club, in particular. I’m sure that many people from other clubs will agree that this was long overdue.

At our Fall Annual Meeting, it was decided that we should once again start our “Social Get-togethers “. They proved quite popular through last winter and many of the members wanted to have them more often, so this year we are doing them twice a month. They are held in the afternoon from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the clubhouse and will be on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. We had our first “Social” January 8 with about 12 members attending. Our next one is January 22. All other Horseshoe Club members are welcome to drop in and have a coffee, chat a little, play cards etc. We’re glad to have you. Socializing is primarily what Horseshoes is about.

Since quite a few of our members are ardent book readers, we have also initiated a book exchange that has quite a cross section of reading material and is gaining in popularity. Thanks go to Gerry and Donna Winters, two of our long term members, who were generous enough to donate a book case for this venture.

Other than that, we are making the necessary arrangements for hosting the 2020 Provincial Tournament. Some information has already been forwarded to the Provincial Committee and there will be more to follow.

A sit down Supper has been arranged at the Schubert Centre for the Saturday night of the Tournament. Cost is \$25:00 per member and it is absolutely necessary that we get members to pre-register and prepay as early as possible. More information will be provided but drop me a note if you have any questions. As well, we have made arrangements for the local Lions Club to set up their food trailer beside the clubhouse. They will serve lunch for both Saturday and Sunday. Our ladies will handle breakfast...

As well, we have purchased an air conditioner that hopefully will be installed before our tournament season commences, so should make the warmer days a little more acceptable... That’s it for now from Vernon...



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NEWS FROM CENTRAL PARK HORSESHOE CLUB – AGM JANUARY 19, 2020 – ALLAN CUMMINGS



Bob Salisbury will be liaison person between the club and the city. The rest of the executive stays as it was.

We have canceled all tournaments for this year as we do not have enough people for the kitchen, a tournament director and get the pits all set up, a minimum of 11 people would be needed to run a tournament. It was a tuff decision but that was the reality of the situation. We made a decision to review it for next year.

Out of 16 people at the meeting only about 5 might attend a tournament if they are in town or not working, times have changed. They put new carpet and floors in the kitchen and bathroom areas and it looks good.



Greetings from all Cloverdale Horseshoe Club Members – Jim Grant

Hello to all Horseshoe Pitchers who read this news letter. The season is underway and Cloverdale offers a short update on some of the ways our Club members fill the off season

October to March Events

Our Crib & Games Nights began Jan 2nd & Jan 7th. Our 5 night once a month Crib Challenge started Jan 9th and ends on May 7th. Standings are posted after each night. There are payouts each night and the accumulated payouts on the last night. Twenty one entered, that is just over 1/3 of our membership.

Winter Bunko Challenge was held Jan 25th, it is a dice game very popular with our membership. Bunko is part of 4 other events during the year.

Casino Night was held Feb 22nd; the theme was Western with a best costume prize won by Jim Grant. Top Players were 1st Bill Stefanek, 2nd Lis O'Hara, 3rd Judy Stefanek. Games were Black Jack, Poker, 7/11 and Chip Toss with a Cut for the "High Card Challenge". A "Wanted Poster Silhouette" guess was won by Bill Stefanek lastly Joanne Sawada won the "Who Remembers Quiz" that ended the evening.

Members Meeting will be held March 7th to discuss upcoming club events, parking and our tournament schedule for 2020. Our members booklet is distributed and contains our many club events, Executive, Managers, Members, misc. Club info and the BCHA tournament schedule for 2020.

Web Page as mentioned by Sam, Cloverdale has a updated webpage posted Jan 1st 2020.

As a non professional do it for fun guy, I and our members are pleased with the many thumbs up we have received about our page. Thanks to all for your comments.

A new Program we are trying is our upcoming Teen Class20 program which starts April 25th 3pm to 5pm. This program is for individual teens and teen groups with a mix of horseshoes and fun challenges designed to enhance Focus, Discipline, Social skills while learning horseshoe pitching, etiquette, scoring and having some fun. A letter to 5 schools PE department heads has been drafted and will be circulated soon

Good pitching to all and may many of us meet at some tournament during this year.



Notice of Event Cancellations

The Cloverdale Horseshoe Club has **CANCELLED** all Club Events until further Notice. This includes Monday Cards, Thursday Crib, April 4th Club Opener and the Cloverdale Ringers only April 19th to start with.

At this time event cancellations will continue until the Pandemic threat is down graded. To all be safe follow all the recommended safety regulations.



KAMLOOPS HORSESHOE CLUB

Spoke with JIM MICHIE; they are planning to start up in the early spring.

The club will be hosting the 2020 Canadian 55+ games – details to follow. Jim has been working on getting everything set up for this tournament.

The club will host it's own tournament May 23rd as well as the Interior/Kootenays/North Championships on September 19th.

BCHA 2020 – HALL OF FAME

This years BC Horseshoe Association Hall of Fame category is Female player.

There is only one outstanding name still on the ballot for this year. It is Vivian Fendle. The other ladies that have been dropped because they were on 3 times without being selected are Lucy Bryce, Margaret Murray, and June Thompson. These ladies need to be nominated again by someone to go back on the ballot.

Any member can nominate any lady member or past member for outstanding playing to be put on the ballot. Please send ballots to Tom Moffat -xpostix@gmail.com BC Horseshoe Association Hall of Fame Chairman

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LAST SHOE

COLLIN, Joseph (John)

Joseph (John) Collin passed away in Abbotsford Regional Hospital, with family by his side on December 31, 2019, at the age of 86.

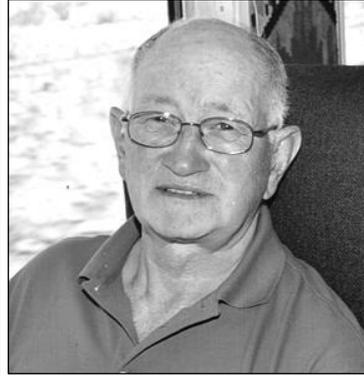
He was born to the late Xavier and Regina Collin in 1933 in Quebec, where he grew up and was raised. He is survived by 1 brother, Jean-Marie, 3 sisters Gabby, Jeanette, Agathe and predeceased by his brothers Julian and Clement.

John came out west to BC in 1952 and met and married the love of his life, Jeanne Lemire on January 25, 1958.

John and Jeanne were blessed with four children Claudette [Larry], Jeannine [Don], Roxanne [Ron] and Rick [Sue]. He

also leaves a legacy of seven grandchildren, Pam, Dean, Colin, Dayna, Kyle, Brandon and Ryan, along with thirteen great grandchildren. All of whom love and will miss him dearly.

With heavy hearts we say good-bye to our Dad's loving spirit and kind heart and never ending sense of humor. He was a hardworking man who was always there to fix or help us all with building, fixing and tinkering. He continued to work as a handyman at Langley Grove Estates; well into his eighties...he just loved to keep busy.



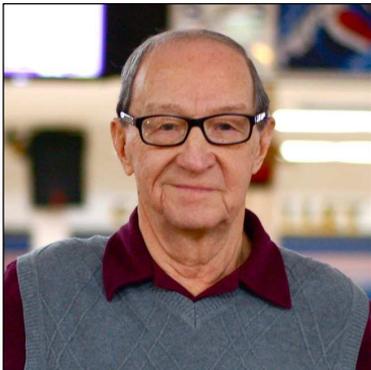
SHAMBROOK, Fred

December 29, 1939 - December 29, 2019 Fred passed away peacefully with his family by his side on December 29th, 2019 at the age of 80. He is

survived by his loving wife Pat of 57 years; his children Sheila (Graeme), Russell (Kelly), Lorna (Kelsey); grandchildren Sarah, Alysha, Jodi;

brother Ron (Eleanor); sister. As President of BC Horseshoe Association, I would like to pass on our condolences to the family and friends of Fred Shambrook. Fred played horseshoes first in Victoria and later in Sooke. He was a tremendous good sport and a lot of fun to play horseshoes with. I personally have played horseshoes with Fred and also when Sooke was clearing blackberries for the new site of Sooke Club we worked together. Fred always enjoyed the camaraderie of being with his friends. And was always there to help with the volunteer work of whichever club he belonged to. We will truly miss Fred and pray for healing to his family at this time. Fred even though you have tossed your last horseshoe, you are still in our memories of a good time

playing. Tom Moffat, President BC Horseshoe Association.



Andy Danyleyko, Born Sept. 9, 1923 in Rosburn, Manitoba, son of Fred & Ann Danyleyko. Passed away Jan 26th at age 96 from a rare blood disease. Survived by his wife, of 72 yrs, Mary, 2 sons, Terry & Myron & grandson Jeffrey. Grew up in the Rosburn area until age 18. Joined the armed forces in 1942 & served in Canada & overseas with the First Canadian Parachute Battalion until 1946. In 1946 worked in Geraldton, Ontario during which time he married Mary Stanchuk. In 1951 moved to Thunder Bay, Ont until retirement in 1987. During those years was active in many activities including part time musician playing saxophone, guitar and violin. Also played golf, curling, bowling, and horseshoes and was a member of the Canadian Legion in Thunder Bay, Ont. In 1990 moved to Winfield, BC & became a member of the Aspen Grove Golf Club and bowled during the winter months. In 1997 bowled 415 to join the BC 5 Pin Bowling 400 Club. Also became a member of the Winfield Horseshoe Club and played in many Horseshoe tournaments throughout BC in the Senior Games. Won Silver in 2000, Gold in 2001 and Silver in 2004.

In 2017-18 at age 94 became BC Horseshoe Association "Oldest Active Horseshoe pitcher". Predeceased by parents and 2 brothers, Leonard in 1984 and Alex in 2008. Special Thanks to the Central Okanagan Hospice House staff.



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As you all know, horseshoe pitching is one of the most challenging skills to perfect. It is not uncommon to find yourself in a miserable slump that can really test your will to continue. Some times it is good to review some pitching tips it

can pin point some issues that caused you to go into the slump and speed up your return to rewarding experiences on the courts. Take a look at these pitching tips from the M&M Horseshoe company <https://www.kent.net/horseshoes/pitchingtips.html> If you are in a slump and see if there isn't something that will help you heal.

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2nd	RON FLEET	VICTORIA	38.09%
3rd	BUDDY DYRDA	SOOKEE	37.14%
4th **	STEVE BISHOP	SOOKE	38.88%
5th ***	TOM MOFFAT	VICTORIA	35.33%
6th ***	KEVIN CUTHBERT	VICTORIA	28.66%

MIXED - CLASS B (30 Shoes)

1st	RICHARD STEVENS	VICTORIA	38.57%
2nd	JOE STEWART	VICTORIA	30.95%
3rd **	SHARON DUNN	VICTORIA	33.33%
4th **	LYNN COUSINS	VICTORIA	27.77%
5th ***	NICK NICHOLAS	VICTORIA	24.00%
6th ***	PAT STEVENS	VICTORIA	23.33%

MIXED - CLASS C (30 Shoes)

1st	GEORGE TAYLOR	VICTORIA	24.76%
2nd	TERRY BASCHAK	VICTORIA	28.03%
3rd **	JOY DEVOCHT	SOOKE	28.80%
4th **	JUNE LAZENBY	VICTORIA	27.22%
5th ***	PATTI JOHNSON	VICTORIA	21.33%
6th ***	CLAYTON WHITE	VICTORIA	12.00%

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SUSPENSION BRIDGE PARK

MIXED CLASS D (30 SHOES)

1	CHRIS VANIER	SOOKE	19.52%
2	MARLENE HARDGREAVES	VICTORIA	25.71%
3 **	MEL SMITH	VICTORIA	23.88%
4 **	JIM HOWARD	VICTORIA	16.11%
5 ***	GAIL BISHOP	SOOKE	12.00%
6 ***	PHIL OVERHIL	SOOKE	4.00%

Horseshoe Mania in Victoria on April 4 - HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR 2020 - TOM MOFFAT

VICTORIA HORSESHOE CLUB - JUNE LAZENBY

The Victoria Horseshoe Club held a pop up unsanctioned tournament on January 25, 2020. It was perfectly timed with a break in the winter weather. The format was walking doubles with random partners, double knockout. Most games were played in the morning and then pizza was ordered for lunch with the last of the play down games in the early afternoon. The final games were videoed live for our Facebook page. It came down to Colin Nicholson and Jim Howard playing against Louise Hamel and June Lazenby. The ladies would have to defeat the men twice however as the fellows were undefeated. The ladies took the first game but were narrowly defeated in the second. Thanks to all the spectators that stayed to watch until the very end - you can still catch both games on the Victoria Horseshoe Club Facebook page or on YouTube.

On February 15, 2020 the Ringers Only tournament was held, again well-timed for a break in the weather. The round robin games for the divisions were played in the morning and then a hot lunch was served in the Clubhouse. The semi-final games followed and then final games for each division were played and again videoed live for the Victoria Horseshoe Club Facebook page. Winners in each division were: D Division – Chris Vanier C Division – George Taylor B Division – Dick Stevens A Division – Barry Devocht. Thanks to Tom Moffat both times for an excellent job on the filming and commentary.

The Horseshoe Mania tournament scheduled for April 4, 2020 has been cancelled.

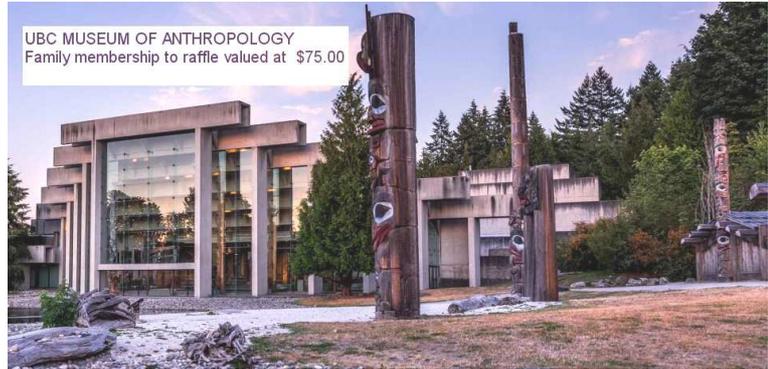
The next sanctioned tournament for Victoria will be the Victoria Open on May 9, 2020.

It is our club's 85th Anniversary this year and plans are in the works for a super celebration – we hope that you will be able to join us! More on that in the near future...

**ONLINE HORSESHOES – CASEY SLUYS – NHPA HPO:
How do you promote**

Some months ago a couple of horseshoe pitchers got their heads together and came up with a Facebook page called "Horseshoe Pitching Online" (HPO). This page has 1359 members and is growing larger each month as more and more horseshoe pitchers discover the rapid fire format of this site. It's really easy to find, simply Google horseshoe pitching online.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/612576172534108/>



There is a section of that page titled "files" there you will find the rules for the format they have developed. They have had people pitching on a beach in South Carolina, on a park lawn in Taiwan, near the edge of a 1000 foot cliff, in the snow in Wisconsin etc. Anywhere where you can set up a cell phone to record you pitching along with the target stake without any breaks or edits in the 12 shoe games. HPO holds tournaments each event is 100% payback. The convenience of pitching on your time, in your yard, on whatever type of court you have. Tournament fees range from \$5- \$15 presently is all non-sanctioned although a few sanctioned event using this format have been held. All financial transactions are done online, no checks to write, no envelopes to send, just you and the mouse in your hand.



There is a distinct advantage to this format, it hones your skill. Ask some of the players who have pitched on HPO they will tell you that they've improved anywhere from 4-15% since becoming involved with HPO. Another advantage is you will meet pitchers from all over the world. There will be an outreach to some other countries this winter to entice them to participate. Countries like South Africa, Namibia, Norway, Germany and Switzerland to name a few that have horseshoe connections already. I encourage you to try this format you'll be pleasantly surprised at the results.



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Horseshoe pitching has a decent presence on the internet. If you Google horseshoe pitching videos you will find almost anything on YouTube, from instructional videos to 3 hour World Tournament videos. Come view "Promoting Horseshoes" on

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/568662210169482/> someday during your slack time.

You can also ask questions on National Horseshoes Pitching Association (NHPA) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NHPAQ/>

There are many more Charter sites and pages simply Google your Charters' page and join in the fun. Regardless of how you may feel and what you've heard about FB, it's entirely up to you as to how involved

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Tavis roofing – TBA Steam works hoodie -, 2 wine glasses \$75

Panago pizza 2 medium pizza, 2 salads 2 pops \$60

Capilano suspension bridge Park
4 day passes \$215.80

Mr Mikes steak house – Langley location \$50

Vancouver Canadians baseball
4 tickets \$64

Burnaby – 1 knapsack misc items \$50 PNE \$60

18 pastures golf course – 2 rounds of golf \$63 7-11 \$75 4imprint – thermo blanket, windbreaker, speaker, ear buds \$80

Tim Horton's \$100 gift card Me an eds pizza – medium shirt – 1 large pizza \$60

Tony Rondow – Mosaic \$100



Joseph Richardson group – dinner for 2 – expires 7-31-2020 \$75 White Distributors – horseshoe bag \$45
 The Keg \$25 expires 8-14- 2020 Wings \$100 gift certificate Brown's social house – Langley \$50
 Brown's social house – Kelowna \$50 Milestones – good at Abbotsford, Tsawwassen, Coquitlum location \$15
 Canadian legion – BC Yukon command XXL and XL shirts \$40 Jose Montoya – 1 custom hook \$30.00
 O'Connor RV – chair \$40 Elements casino – dinner/FREE slot play/non-alcoholic drinks – total value \$400
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Hyundai – water bottle \$20 Hyundai – emergency back \$50 Hyundai – laptop knapsack \$30
 Old spaghetti factory \$25 Burnaby – knapsack – misc \$50 Tony Rondow – mosaic \$100
 7-11 \$75 gift card White spot gift cards \$100 Gallina horseshoes – TNT \$65
 Saskatchewan roughriders laptop bag pen \$50 Browns – Kamloops \$50 Budda board \$35
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COMOX HORSESHOE CLUB – RICK KELLOW



The Comox Valley Horseshoe club is still in hibernation. That is all but the executive committee who have met a couple of times since year end or is it year beginning. Its one end or the other regardless.

The club Christmas party and the subsequent AGM were well attended with hopes that future years would be so well appreciated.

The club will be holding a drop in non sanctioned event to introduce prospective members to the art of horse shoe pitching. This will take place at the Cumberland pitches during the Cumberland Empire day's celebrations on Sunday May 17th at 0900 hrs. This is our annual invitation to show off the game and again to introduce it to any newcomers and is open to all club members and drop in prospective members alike. We anticipate an entrance fee of \$10.00 for the day to be paid by 13th May.

Weather permitting; we expect to begin regular team play at the Cumberland pitches at 7 pm on the first Thursday after the time change to DST. Fun play and practice will be on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Courtenay grounds, again weather permitting. All members must have BC membership registered if you wish to attend any sanctioned events at any venue. Further info can be by contact to Jess Fester -250-337-8901 Darlene Wilson 250-337-2340 Mark Fortin 250-218-1378

SUMMERLAND HORSESHOE CLUB – JUANITA LAYE



Well It looks like Spring has Sprung and us Summerland Snowbirds will be heading home in two weeks and some of us not till end of March.

We can't wait for the new Horseshoe season.

We hope our water will be turned on in our Clubhouse by mid to third week in April. Then we will be able to start practicing for up coming tournaments. Hopefully we will get some more new players too. All is well with everyone and we hope everyone had a good safe

winter. See you all when we get home from Arizona.



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SOOKE HORSESHOE PITCHING ASSOCIATION – Olivia Hollinger

Sooke Horseshoe club has been busy gearing up for the start of another year. The first event we are kicking off with is the annual garage sale on March 21 from 9am-2pm, this will help raise funds for our association as well as bring awareness of our little club.

One of our goals this year is to increase membership; we will be having our community challenge on Saturday May 23 to get community members involved in a fun tournament which was a big success last year.

Our annual Butts/Bligh Memorial Tournament will run on July 4, it was very successful last year, and we hope that it can be bigger and better this year!

Wednesday night league play will start up on March 25 and run for 8 weeks followed by summer league and Saturday morning league at 10:00 am has already begun! Lastly, if you are interested in an advertising spot at our pitch, which is in a high traffic area, please drop us a line at sookehorseshoes@shaw.ca. Hope to see you in Sooke, the home of the biggest horseshoe!

BETH PHILLIPS
General Manager

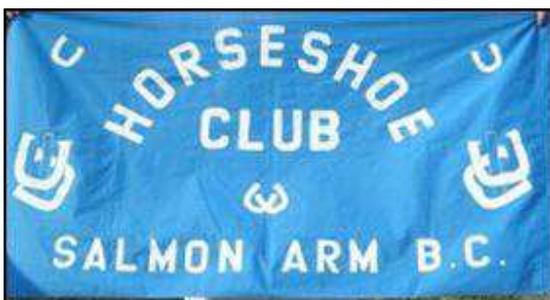
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SALMON ARM – NEIL LAROCQUE – PRESIDENT

We are having our first luncheon get together on the 31st of January at one of our awesome Chinese food restaurant; I am really looking forward to seeing everyone!

I will be proposing some needed maintenance on our clubhouse, such as repainting or replacing the fascia trim as well as make some changes inside! I am hoping to have our clubhouse in some sort of winter use by the end of our season! We will also be starting to make plans for our first tournament

of the year which is on the first weekend of May, (YAHOO!!!) , I am looking forward to working closely with our members to make a great tournament happen in Salmon Arm so mark that date on your calendar everyone!!

That pretty well sums up our winter activities Sam, We will be having lunch meetings in Feb, March, April, leading into the season so as we can all be on the same page by tournament time, yours in horseshoes



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WINFIELD HORSEHOE CLUB – JOHN HAMLER – PRESIDENT

We have been playing crib all winter on Saturdays with 16 to 24 players.

Andy Danyleyko passed away on Jan 26. He was in hospice for the last 2 months of his life. He was not in pain but accepted the fact his time was up. I did get to see him 3 times just before he passed. His son Terry was here for two months. His wife Mary, sons Terry and Myron

were with him to the end. We had a celebration of life on Feb 9 at the club with a few members from other clubs attending. Then as per Andy's wishes a few of us gathered at his favorite Italian restaurant on Feb 13. I played music with Andy many times and he was the reason I got back into it.

Vice President Steven Smith & his wife Marina will be moving to New Brunswick later this year. Steven has been a big help as vice president. He runs cribbage every Saturday and did the lunch cooking for our tournaments. He is a very organized efficient person that will be missed. He has helped many members with their computers.

Edie Hooper will turn 100 on May 27. She has been through two hip surgeries in the last year. The first time it was not done right but she is doing well now after the second time on the same hip. She is sharp as a whip and takes no prisoners when playing cribbage.

Dee Smith is still having health issues in & out of hospital. GET WELL THELMA!!!! I call her Thelma as she looks like Thelma from Scooby Doo.

I am still working with the District of Lake Country to get the power issue sorted out. We are able to heat the clubhouse with portable heaters. Our Member Don Reeves who is an electrician managed to change things around in our panel so we can keep the place open during the winter. The developments around the club had stopped and are still in the re-planning stage. The district has assured me that we will be back to full power for next winter regardless of whether or not the changes get done to the area

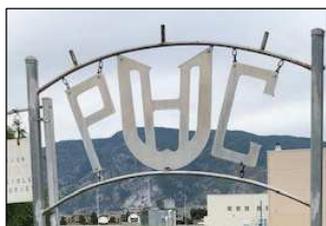
We will host two tournaments this year as usual. May 30 is the Doug Wilton Memorial Mixed Open and July 18 is the Sylvianne Morgan Memorial Mixed Open. Entry deadlines will be the Thursday before each event. Pre-registration is required. Contact info is on the BCHA Tournament Schedule on the website.

Cindy turns 60 on June 6 and she was born in 1960. Lots of 6's!!! Thanks to Sam for doing a great job on the website and newsletters.

Matt Leung donated an emergency backpack, an inflatable air bed, a mini tool kit and a portable air compressor.
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PENTICTON HORSESHOE CLUB – SECRETARY/TREASURER – DALE STENDEL

Our President, Vivianne asked me to put together something on her behalf for your newsletter. It's fairly short but does reflect our news since Brian's last newsletter submission. Here it is:

Last September, I was elected as the new President of the Penticton Horseshoe Club, succeeding Brian Ryder who faithfully served the Club over the past few years.

Thank you Brian Ryder, for all your hard work in managing the Club's affairs, and helping us to successfully host our Club's major tournaments. Brian will carry on as a Director for the club.

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We very much look forward to seeing you all at our new tournament.

This year, our major goal will be to focus on increasing the Club's membership. One of the things that Club members discussed was to find ways to make throwing horseshoes more fun and hopefully more attractive to families.

During our practices, we often play walking doubles instead of just one-on-one games because it's more fun. For this reason, the Club decided to host its first tournament this year on May 9th as a Mixed Doubles tournament. We're still working on the details of how to run this different type of tournament but it will definitely be more interesting. If any of the other clubs have any information or ideas about hosting a doubles tournament, we would be very open to receiving your ideas. Our hope is that we can use this tournament as a foundation to promote horseshoes to prospective new club members.



POWELL RIVER HORSESHOE CLUB - LORRAINE HUBICK



The Powell River Horseshoe Pitching Club ended their 2019 fun filled season, with a follow-up banquet and awards night on Oct 26th.

Accomplishments of the Local Club trophies went to: Novice- Betty Russell: Intermediate B – Betty Blacklock: Intermediate A- Len MacLean: Top Class – Lorraine Hubick: Doubles -Margie Woloschuk & Serge Dube: Most improved under 20% - Paige Naharnoff: Most improved over 20% went to Dave Antle.

The Season League trophy Winner and Play-Off, was awarded to team Ringer Kings – consisting of - Sandra MacLean, Dave Antle, Betty Blacklock and Sylvia Sheldon.

Mid season, our pitcher, Carol Skrodolis attended the Canadian Championship event in Brampton, Ontario, placing a great showing of 3rd in her level of play.

The Powell River club is a sanction member of the BC Horseshoe Association. We operate from April to September of each year. We welcome all families (of all ages) in this sport at the Powell River Complex Court. Here I am again - the winter here in Powell River has been very quiet for our club. Up-coming - Executive meeting at Hubick's on March 12th, followed by General meeting a week later at the Complex. League Play will start May 7th. T'is the time to get all the Horse shoes cleaned up for another good summer of fun. Further information - Lorraine Hubick 604-485-5589 or Margie Woloschuk 604 485-4804

FROM GAIL BISHOP – LOWER MAINLAND/ISLAND / POWELL RIVER REGIONAL REP

Hi all, just checking in to see if you need any supplies. I will be bringing score sheet pads with me to the following tournaments; May 9th – Victoria Open; May 16- & 17th – BC International, Abbotsford; June 6th & 7th, Victoria Doubles; June 13th & 14th, Dry Creek Open; Ladysmith Bush/Rayner, June 27th & 28th; Sooke, July 4th; Victoria July 11th & 12th; Islands, Victoria, Aug 1st & 2nd; BC Championships, Vernon, Sept 5 & 6th. If you'll be attending any of them, let me know how many you'll need and I'll bring them with me (\$5.00 a pad). P.S. Keep sending those good news items off to Sam.

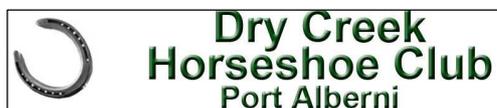
FROM JUANITA LAYE – REGIONAL REP INTERIOR / NORTH

Please let me know if you need supplies, I will be at the interior tournaments. If you let me know in advance I will put things together and have it ready for you at the tournaments.

A WORD OF THANKS – SAM TOMASEVIC

When you see Wendy, thank her for the raffle items, while I drove, Wendy would run in to the various places, get the raffle item, and come out to the car.

Thank Brian Ryder for having raffle items shipped to his winter home in Arizona, this is a team effort.



JACK DABNEY - PRESIDENT

An update, in these troubling times, Dry Creek is still collecting membership. I have the park reserved for the 2nd weekend in June. Parks and Recreation are adding a Frisbee park, back along the creek, in the forest. We are still pitching on Wednesday's at 1 PM and Sundays at 11 AM. That is about it.



From - Jason Rideout Horseshoe Canada President

Fellow Pitchers,

At this time I ask all of you to exercise caution and adhere to your Provincial Health officials recommendations when it comes to public events. The Corvin 19 virus is serious.

The Executive and I are working to provide further information in respect of pitching horseshoes during this time.

At this point, the 2020 Canadian Championships slated for August in High Prairie, AB are scheduled to happen. Registration is open and we encourage you to look forward to this event.

The Executive and I will continue to monitor and provide information as Canada and the World to keep people safe.

Any questions, contact your local, Provincial and Horseshoe Canada representatives. Stay safe and check in on fellow pitchers!

2020 B.C. HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT NAME
April 19	Suspended for 2020 due to Covid-19 virus Cloverdale Ringers Only Open
April 26	Suspended for 2020 due to Covid-19 virus Abbotsford Memorial Open
May 02	Suspended for 2020 due to Covid-19 virus Salmon Arm Mixed Open
May 09	Suspended for 2020 due to Covid-19 virus Penticton Mixed Doubles Open
May 09	Suspended for 2020 due to Covid-19 virus Victoria Open

The NHPA World Tournament is planning to go forward as scheduled

The NHPA Officers have received questions from pitchers and their families regarding the status of the NHPA World Tournament, scheduled to be held in Monroe, Louisiana in July. Stu Simpa will be in touch with representatives of Monroe, Louisiana regarding the pandemic, known as Coronavirus (COVID-19). Any changes/updates of the impact of the Coronavirus on the World Horseshoe Tournament will be shared with the membership via E-blasts.

At the present time, there is no plan to cancel the tournament. If it becomes necessary for the city of Monroe to cancel the tournament, the NHPA will "refund in full" the entry fees paid.

While we all enjoy pitching horseshoes, your safety is our priority as well. We all hope that this virus can be controlled quickly.

The official statement from the City of West Monroe regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found at: <https://www.monroe-westmonroe.org/coronavirusupdates> NHPA Officers