



#### EDITOR'S NOTES

#### NEW NEWSLETTER LOOK

The tragic loss of Sam Tomasevic has left some very big shoes to fill in our Community - here is the first edition of the newsletter...

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM BOB MCCAULEY

The AGM for BCHA was held on the Friday evening of the BC Tournament, and our President had a message for all the clubs...

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# PROVINCIAL RESULTS VERNON ROCKS!

The Vernon Horseshoe Club with Dwight Cousins and his team put on an excellent provincial show for us on the Labour Day weekend...

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# BCHA EXECUTIVE

President: Bob McAuley Vice President: Vacant Secretary/Treasurer: Brian Ryder Mainland Representative: Dwight Cousins Island Representative: Gail Bishop Past President: Tom Moffat

Webmaster: Jim Grant Newsletter Editor: June Lazenby

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM THE AGM

BOB MCCAULEY

I am really glad that we horseshoe pitchers are able to gather together again for our AGM on the eve of another great event - the BC Championships!

I would like to thank in advance our hosts, the Vernon Horseshoe Club, Dwight and his indomitable crew, for providing this venue and to all those volunteers who will make the 2022 Championships a successful reality.

These last two years have been revolving around COVID and we all have our stories to tell about the past. However now is the time to look to the future and focus on opportunities that each club and each member can take advantage of. These opportunities may include new ways of funding, expanding the sport's visibility, introducing the sport to new people, supporting our clubs at a local and provincial level and examining the nuts and bolts of how the game is played.

Communication will be a key factor to achieve our goals. We have to build on the structure that several people have begun and make full use of our websites, email, Facebook and Zoom as they may suit our needs. Sam Tomasevic's passing has left a big hole in our communication structure but with the help of Tom Moffat, Jim Grant, Brian Ryder and others we can get on track again.

The Newsletter that Sam produced was a great way to keep everyone informed and in the loop. Whoever takes over this responsibility will be filling a key role in our organization. I would also like to recognize that this newsletter does not happen by itself. It requires the enthusiasm and desire of each club to share their news with all the rest of us.

Wei and I have spent a great deal of time and energy this summer travelling in pursuit of the perfect horseshoe game. Our travels have taken us to several local tournaments as well as the World's in Monroe, Louisiana; the Western's and Canadian's in High Prairie, Alberta; the Canada 55Plus Games in Kamloops; and now here in Vernon for the BC Championships.

Wherever we have gone we have found that organizers and members are responding to their challenges with energy and enthusiasm. It's like the flood gates are being opened after being held back for a long time. People want to get back to normal and are stepping up to get things done. As a matter of fact they want things to be better than normal and are working to rebuild better than before.

One of the notable things that came clear at the Canadian's AGM was that the Abbotsford Horseshoe Club led by Jim Williams and his team secured the opportunity to host the Western's and the Canadian's in 2024. This is a bold and ambitious move and I encourage everyone to support this venture and make it the best ever. We should all commit to help however we can and make arrangements to be there. The horseshoe elite from across Canada will be there!

Communication is the key to keep everyone in the loop, however it doesn't have to be too long winded. So in conclusion, I will say that I too appreciate moving out of the darkness and into the light and look forward to working with everyone for the next year and moving BC Horseshoes into the future.



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# **EDITOR'S NOTES**

#### JUNE LAZENBY

As the new Editor of the BCHA Newsletter, I would first like to acknowledge the work that Sam Tomasevic did in setting up this channel to keep us all in touch with one another. I can't even hope to fill his immensely large shoes, however I do commit to bringing you timely and relevant information about our horseshoe world.

The first thing you will notice about this edition of the Newsletter is that there is no advertising in it. That is because I don't have access to any of the original files with the names and logos of the advertisers - so I will need all the clubs to send me any information you have about your club sponsors so that it can be included in our Newsletter. Graphic files if you have them would be great, and if not, just send me names and website info and I will do my best. It's a plus when you talk to your sponsors to let them know that they will get province-wide advertising when they support your club, so feel free to send me info about anyone and everyone that helps you out.

I don't know yet how the schedule will go for how often the Newsletter will be published, but the more info I get from all of you, the more often there will be a reason to create another edition. I believe that in the past there have been folks designated by each club to submit Newsletter info so if we can start out with those folks letting me know who you are, then I will check in with you going forward for your club updates. My email is on the previous page under Contact Us.

Any and all submissions are welcome in our Newsletter, so if you have something that you think is newsworthy, please send it to me. Let's all work together to carry on the legacy that Sam started for us.

On to the more interesting stuff like who won the BC Championships...

Cheers,

June

# **Three Generations**

It's a joy to see our sport being handed down through the family as Demico Stoddart joins the ranks of horseshoe pitchers at the BC Tournament alongside his Dad, Wesley and his Grandpa, George.

Congratulations to Demico for his first tournament!





#### PHOTOS FROM THE PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT IN VERNON SEPTEMBER 2022 THANK YOU TO THE VERNON HORSESHOE CLUB FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK!



Ladies A 1<sup>st</sup> Heidi Haraga, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenna John, <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Marcie Norquay</u>



Men's A 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Moffat



Ladies B 1<sup>st</sup> Val Andres, 2<sup>nd</sup> June Lazenby, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joy DeVocht



Men's B 1<sup>st</sup> - Dale Walch, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Spence McCalla, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ken Henderson

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Ladies C 1<sup>st</sup> Shelley Evans, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mavis Norquay, 3<sup>rd</sup> Linda Leo



Ladies D 1<sup>st</sup> Heather McArthur, 2<sup>nd</sup> Teresa White, 3<sup>rd</sup> Muriel Scallon



Elders A 1<sup>st</sup> Bob McCauley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry Melissa, 3<sup>rd</sup> Allan Cummings



Elders B 1<sup>st</sup> Barry DeVocht, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Bishop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Robin deGraaf

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Elders C 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Leo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Allan Farnsworth 3<sup>rd</sup> Lance Whitworth



Elders E 1<sup>st</sup> Ed Mussio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Holden, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Harrold



Elders D 1<sup>st</sup> Dennis Umpleby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Raincock, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dwayne Bertrand



Elders F 1<sup>st</sup> George Stoddart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheldon Wessell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Johnson

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Elders G 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Chisholm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bernie Lepper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Doug Paisley



Junior Girls 1<sup>st</sup> Nia Siganakis



PeeWee 1<sup>st</sup> Demico Stoddart



Junior Boys 1<sup>st</sup> Nikitas Siganakis



Opening Ceremony with BCHA President Bob McCauley (with mike), Past President Tom Moffat, Vernon Horseshoe Club President Dwight Cousins and local dignitary.

Tony Rondow was this year's Hall of Fame recipient. Jerry Melissa spoke about Tony's many achievements in his horseshoe career and then accepted the award from Tom Moffat on Tony's behalf as he was unable to be there.





# The awesome ladies that kept track of all the paperwork



Many thanks to the Rotary folks that kept us fuelled up with breakfast and lunch!

#### **RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS FROM THE BC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The following lucky folks were winners on the spectacular raffle table provided by the resourceful and generous folks at the Vernon Horseshoe Club. Thanks to all the sponsors who donated prizes and supported the Tournament.

LED Camping Lantern	George Stoddart - Vernon
Kettle	Jim Harrold - Penticton
Toaster	Dwight Cousins - Vernon
Blender	Wesley Stoddart - Vernon
LED Camping Lantern	Jim Harrold - Penticton
TAC Tool	George Stoddart - Vernon
Corkscrew	Doris Wilton - Winfield
Barbeque Tools and Mini Flask	George Stoddart - Vernon
\$25 Cash donated by Andy Danyleyko	Sue Helgeson - Winfield
\$25 Petro Canada Gas Card	Jenna John - Kamloops
Retro Canucks Light	Kevin Scallon - Kamloops
Christmas Village	Dwight Cousins - Vernon
Picnic Beach Bag	Dorothy Harrold - Penticton
Clown Motif Toy Box	Phil Overhill - Sooke
Picnic Beach Bag	Steve Bishop - Sooke
President Horseshoes	Allan Farnsworth - Summerland
Pickup Stick	Jim Harrold - Penticton
Horseshoe Bag	Gary Raincock - Vernon
CanAm Horseshoes	Dwight Cousins - Vernon
Pickup Stick	Allan Farnsworth - Summerland
Horseshoe Bag	Brian Leo - Abbotsford
Cindy's Surprise Box	Diane Coutts - Vernon
After Dinner Rolls	Dwight Cousins - Vernon
Picture	Ken Henderson - Vernon
Bag with T-shirt, socks, & Canadians towel	Kevin Scallon - Kamloops
Wine and Cheese Basket	Dorothy Harrold - Penticton
Horseshoe Purse	Sue Bertrand - Abbotsford

#### ANOTHER WORD OR TWO FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'd like to give a big shout out to a couple of folks in our organization - firstly to Tony Rondow for his contributions to BC Horseshoes over the years. Tony has most recently served as vice president. John Hamler has also been a great asset to the organization in his position as mainland representative. Both of these stalwarts have stepped back from their positions but will still be active in the horseshoe community.



Dwight Cousins from Vernon has stepped up to fill the position of mainland rep and we look forward to working with him in the future. June Lazenby is lending her expertise in getting out our Newsletter that was previously edited by Sam Tomasevic (R.I.P.). Of course June will be relying on our member clubs to regularly submit items of interest to keep us all in the information loop.

The appointment for one year for our Vice President position remains open. Contact me if you are interested in filling this spot.

Many members are looking forward to an exciting competition year in 2023. The Canadians and the Worlds will be in close proximity making them more accessible than ever. Many of our clubs will be reactivating their tournament schedules that may have been dormant during COVID. Let's get out and get involved!

Hey! Don't forget the tournament in Cloverdale on October 23. Let's get in one last competition before the snow flies.

#### WINNERS FROM THE BC 55+ GAMES HELD IN VICTORIA IN SEPTEMBER



- Ladies C Gold Marlene Hargreaves Silver Jen Braman Bronze Gail Bishop
- Ladies B Gold Elaine McMath Silver Lynn Cousins Bronze Linda Anderson
- Ladies A Gold Sharon Dunn Silver Wei Xiao Bronze June Lazenby
- Elders B Gold Lance Whitworth Silver Wayne Rushton Bronze Ron Dumont
- Elders A Gold Bob McCauley Silver Steve Bishop Bronze Doug Bowman
- Doubles B *Gold* Marlene Hargreaves/Elaine McMath *Silver* Lance Whitworth/Jen Braman *Bronze* Lynn Cousins/Patti Johnson
- Doubles A *Gold* Bob McCauley/Wei Xiao *Silver* Doug Bowman/Sharon Dunn *Bronze* Ken Bradley/June Lazenby
  - *For more photos of the two tournament days (these photos have been updated if you have seen them before)* <u>https://www.flickr.com/photos/bcsg/albums/72177720301973370</u>

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#### BC DOES WELL AT THE CANADIANS

Our province was well-represented at the Canadians this year held in High Prairie, Alberta. We would like to thank Ray Prevost and his incredible team rolled out the red carpet for everyone who attended.





Elders A 1st Place - Bob McCauley - Victoria 2nd Place - Sante Michielin - Victoria 4th Place - Jerry Melissa - Victoria



Elders C 1st Place - Brian Rickaby - Abbotsford

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Elders E 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Ken Bradley - Sooke 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Dwayne Bertrand - Abbotsford 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Jim Harrold - Penticton



Elders F 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Marcel Pinette - Fort St. John



Ladies B 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Pat Stevens - Victoria



Ladies C 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Barbie Hudock - Victoria