



BC HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOB MCCAULEY



On behalf of the Executive of the BC Horseshoe Association I would like to wish all the best of the season to our members wherever they may be spread across this vast province. The sport of Horseshoes unites us across the miles and in the end we have a common goal - to do our best at our chosen sport and enjoy the support we get from our kindred horseshoe chuckers!

At this time, I would like to introduce our newly acclaimed vice-president, June Lazenby. She has accepted this appointment for one year in addition to her work with the BCHA Newsletter. With her experience and commitment we welcome her wholeheartedly to our Executive!

As we move from celebrating the festive season with our friends and families into the New Year, I am sure many of us are anticipating the upcoming horseshoe season beginning no doubt with league play and transitioning into the early tournaments. Later we have the Canadians in Guelph and the BC Provincials at the Victoria Horseshoe Club. Who among us will dare to attend the Worlds in Lansing, Michigan in 2023?!!

Looking forward, let's not forget that the Abbotsford Club will be hosting the 2024 Westerns and Canadian Championships. I hope every BC HS Club is planning to be represented and will support this initiative in whatever way they can. It will be a great boost for our sport in BC and for horseshoes in general!

Again, all the best for this holiday season where ever it may find you, and Happy Pitching!!

Yours in Horseshoes,

Bob McCauley
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BC CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEPTEMBER 2nd and 3rd, 2023

HELD AT THE VICTORIA HORSESHOE CLUB

620 Kenneth Street
Victoria BC

EDITOR'S NOTES

JUNE LAZENBY



Thank you all so much for the kind words of encouragement with the new format of the Newsletter. I hope to get into a routine with publishing on a regular basis as we get further into this year. Please feel free to send me anything you feel is relevant for our horseshoe family whenever it comes up.

I am still working on getting sponsor information from all the clubs so that we can include that information in the Newsletter. So please - send me any information that you have about your sponsors or anyone that your group would like to thank, and we will give them the recognition that they deserve. I will do my best to research their official logos online so that their info is presented in a professional manner. When the sponsor's logo is displayed in our Newsletter, there will also be a link to their web presence, whether that is their own website or a Facebook page. Don't forget to tell your sponsors that this is part of what they get in return for supporting your club.

This is your Newsletter so please feel free to submit as often as you would like - more info = more editions 😊

From everyone at the BCHA we wish you and yours the very best for the upcoming year and much success in your endeavours, whatever they may be.

Cheers,

June

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AUGUST 9-12, 2023

Royal City Ringers
57 Watson Parkway South
Guelph, Ontario

Preceded by

ELMER HOHL CLASSIC AUGUST 5-6, 2023

HORSESHOE CANADA IS NOW CONNECTED TO E-SHOE

Horseshoe Canada has made the switch to e-shoe for all tournament listings and results. This will also show detailed percentages for all your tournaments in the last year.

This format is an improvement over before as it gets updated the minute the results from tournaments are sent in.

Results can be sent right from the HS Master program if you use this for your tournaments. If you do not use HS Master, just send your tournament results to Jim Grant at j.grant.6wd@gmail.com and he will upload them as he is the Event Director.

Membership directors - please send information to Tom Moffat every time you get new members so they can be uploaded into the system or their results will not be shown until their names have been added for 2023.

This is all very new and a very good system.

There will be a learning curve. There are lots of videos to watch to explain on the NHPA website. <http://www.nc-horseshoepitching.com/eshoe-videos.html>

If you would like to look at the results go to the eshoe site - <https://www.nhpa-eshoe.com/>

For any questions, please contact Tom Moffat at xpostiex@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM JIM GRANT

Hello to all BCHA Members from Jim Grant.

Well, it has been a year of changes for all of us and it is not over yet.

I was appointed to take over as webmaster and administrator of the BCHA webpage earlier this year. Thanks to those who have given their support and input.

I am organizing the BCHA 2023 tournament schedule and I have asked all clubs to email their tournament schedule for 2023 and update club contact and tournament director info. If your club will not host tournaments this year please let me know. If your club is hosting a tournament(s) and have not sent the info to me please do so as soon you can.

On a good note, Central Park Horseshoe Club will host 2 tournaments in 2023.

2023 will see Canstats replaced with the eShoe program for Canada and the US, and I have been appointed the Statistician Director for BC.

I will phone each Tournament Director in January to discuss the HS Master and eShoe connection and how it all goes together. This is a great step forward and will make tournament results posting

instantaneous when exported from HS Master. So tournament directors - make sure I have your contact info so I can contact you.

For all BCHA Members, you can go to the NHPA.com and check out the video about looking up your player stats in eShoe in 2023.

If your club is not using HS Master, contact me and I will help you get set up and comfortable with its use. Tournament Directors or any BCHA member can call anytime for assistance or just to ask a question. **Call or text 604-313-1235 Email j.grant.6wd@gmail.com**

Good pitching in 2023!

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS NOW POSTED AT
<https://www.bchorseshoe.com/2023results/2023T.html>

HORSESHOE PITCHING IN YOUBOU - GERRY MELISSA

Many fellow Pitchers have made the journey to Youbou, and my Community Park for both a visit and to throw some shoes. Most notable, Murray Raynor, Henry Jantzen, Jim Ball, Lloyd Ranklin, Munj Munhas, Bernice and Lou Bousch, Gordon Butts, Bob MacCauley and Wei Xiao, Tony Rondow, Mike Thompson, Tom Moffat, Wayne and Lindsay Hodgins, Tom Balaz, Maryse Atkinson and Jim Grant etc. **But none have ever watched me make 19 ringers in a row! But, 'Bob' the friendly Youbou elk has!**

It is not unusual for Youbouites to come up close with Elk. Eileen and I often wake up and see as many as 12 Elk enjoying our waterfront lawn.



On Friday, October 21, I showed up to throw my daily quota of 'shoes' at the Park and found Bob sleeping along #1 Pit. In the past he would just ignore me, but not this time. I set up and began throwing shoes on the last pitch: #6. But this time he came slowly towards me and stood just 10 feet away. Of course, as is usual for me, I kept up a steady conversation with him!



And when I finally missed my 20th shoe, he gave a snort, turned east and walked away. I'm not entirely certain, but I think I heard a 'snort' of derision as he did so!



A Positive Horseshoe Story WES WALKER MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Wes Walker, a former Cloverdale member, moved to Alberta a few years ago, and as those who knew or played against him, know he is a dedicated horseshoe pitcher.

In Strathmore, Alberta, Wes needed to drive a long way to pitch horseshoes, which led to a campaign to get some pits closer to home. Wes, with some help, got an okay to use some District Agricultural Society land for building horseshoe pits, and when their application for a grant came through, Wes and a friend built 8 pits.

The pits' official opening was September 27, 2022.

SDAS President and CEO said:

"It's an exciting example of a citizen, Wes Walker, really being present and persisted and making something happen for the community. There is a lot to celebrate." said Schmidt.

The new Strathmore Cottonwood Horseshoe Pitching facility for public and soon the home of a new Horseshoe Club was thanks to Wes, he SDAS, and a government grant.

An article was printed in the Strathmore Times October 5, 2022.



CLUB NEWS - ABBOTSFORD



We are looking forward to 2023. We are hosting the BC 55+ games for horseshoes at our club August 22 to 26 2023.

In January 2023 we should have the dates for Western Canada Championships and the dates for the Canadian Championships in 2024.

Our club is looking to have a strong field of peewees and Juniors this year.

We had our AGM in November 2022 - results as follows:

President: Jim Williams, 604 463 2200, willja@shaw.ca

Vice President: Cindy Rowell

Treasurer/Secretary: Linda Leo

Tournament Director: Tammy Siganakis asig@telus.net

Directors: Brian Rickaby, Kevin Kostuk, Sid Dehaan, Heidi Haraga, Bill Ojejarnik and Dave Wood.

CLUB NEWS - CLOVERDALE



A new year is upon us and the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club has plans for changes to our facility over the next couple of years. We will expand on these projects as they occur. Our plan is to work around our regular events and tournaments, so hopefully no cancellations will happen.

2022 saw our school program host one class and 2023 will see a big jump in schools participating after talking to some of the teachers.

We will host 6 tournaments and have applied to host the BC Championships in 2023 & or 2024 as well as the 55+ Games in 2026 with the City of Surrey.

We thank all the other club members who supported our tournaments in 2022. Also it was nice to see more of Cloverdale members supporting Abbotsford and Victoria. We hope to increase these numbers in 2023 and definitely get to Sooke as they have many members who support other club tournaments.

Our increase of horseshoe pitchers in 2022 was a good sign and with the pandemic weakening we hope the trend will continue.

2023 will be a busy year for a lot of our members as we negotiate our plans to upgrade our facility without a lot of disruption to our events and tournaments

Member support of our non-pitching events has been at its highest in 2022, as was evident with more than 50% of our membership participating in our latest addition - the Sock Hop Social Evening.

Cloverdale is having a FUNdraiser Evening February 25, 2023.

For complete information go to www.cloverdalehorseshoeclub.com and click on the support button. Thank You.

Here's hoping we all have a great year of pitching horseshoes together.

Jim Grant

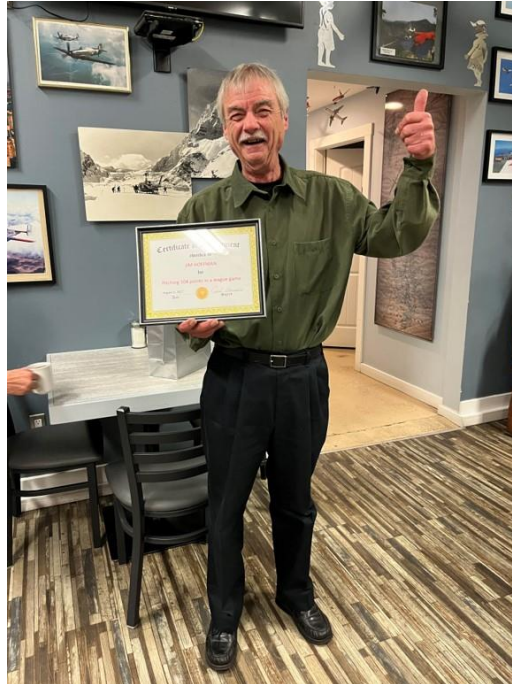
President

Cloverdale Horseshoe Club

CLUB NEWS - POWELL RIVER

The Powell River Horseshoe Pitching Club recently held their fall annual wind-up dinner and trophy presentation. The event was held at Julie's restaurant where we were served a wonderful roast beef and Yorkshire pudding dinner.

A special presentation was made to Jim Hoffman for pitching over one hundred points in a single league game. He is now a member of the One Hundred Club. His outstanding play helped edge his team into winning the league and the league playoffs.



CLUB NEWS - SALMON ARM

2022 was a bit of a challenge for our Club, recovering from the fourth wave of the pandemic, heat wave, etc., but we celebrated our successes. Regardless we managed to pull together and addressed those shortcomings with optimism for the future.

Our Club hosted two tournaments during the year and they were well received and attended. Fun was had by all.

We continued with our weekly practices, which paid off for a number of our members receiving prize money at tournaments.

We continue to look actively for new members, I acknowledge the challenges relating to recruiting new players, but one must stay positive. Some of our members who bowl have worn their Horseshoe Club shirts to the bowling alley hoping to attract players to our sport. There has been some interest shown.

Some of our members had health issues, but nevertheless they came out on practice nights, encouraging and providing support.

The City of Salmon Arm was successful in their bid to host the 55+ Games in 2024. I am confident that we are up to the task of hosting the Horseshoe games. I am hoping that all clubs in the province will support us.

We had our AGM and Christmas party on December 11th, elected executive and new directors, followed by a great dinner and social gathering. I was honoured to be re-elected President with a great executive - Edwin Kreig as Vice President, Sharleen Miller as Secretary, and Amy Kidd as Treasurer.

I encourage people to "re commit" to playing in the coming season.

On behalf of Our Club we extend our best wishes to all in 2023.

Ben
President

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
JULY 17-29, 2023**

LANSING, MICHIGAN

Warmup Tournament

JULY 15th, 2023

CLUB NEWS - SOOKE

What a year Sooke has had! We had our Fred Shambrook Community Challenge which brought us in about 8 new members. Our spring and summer leagues both with the most ever pitchers participating were such a great success that we added a fall league this year!!

Sooke was well represented with our beautifully coloured shirts and on the podium. Lots of our members did travelling all over the province and beyond.

Sooke will be holding 2 tournaments next year - hope to see you there.

We participated in the Santa parade here in Sooke and it was sooo much fun. We also had our Christmas party which again was a great success. Lots of our members participated in Ultra horseshoes and all the special events that were held by the Victoria Club.

Last year was our first year that we actually had sponsors and we had about 12, so we will be working on more during the winter and doing some courses on scorekeeping, first aid etc. for members who would like to participate.

We have celebrated birthdays, births, and deaths this year, for some a bit tougher than others. Remember we are your HORSESHOE FAMILY and we stick together!!!!!!

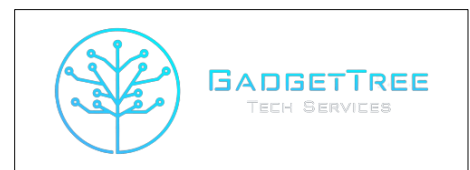
So from our SOOKE FAMILY TO YOURS ACROSS THE PROVINCE

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PITCHING NEW YEAR!!!!

Sooke Horseshoe Pitching Association



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



Photos of the Sooke Horseshoe Club Christmas Party at the Sooke Legion December 2022





CLUB NEWS - VERNON

Hi Everyone:

Well here it is almost Christmas and it seems like the Provincial Tournament was only a couple of weeks ago. The time certainly has gone by quickly and we have been busy with a number of things.

Hosting the Provincial Tournament gained us some well needed advertising and local interest. In the first week after the Tournament, we were approached by 3 different schools (2 High Schools and 1 Secondary School) who were interested in having several of their classes come and learn to play Horseshoes. Unfortunately, they all wanted to come on the same day and with wet weather on the way, we were only able to accommodate two classes from one High School before we had to stop. The remaining schools will contact us in the Spring once the weather is more predictable and the snow has gone. We look forward to having the students visit and enjoy seeing their enthusiasm for our Sport.

As you may be aware, The City of Vernon installed new yard lights in our playing area just prior to the Provincial Tournament. Our old lights had been removed several years ago because the wood poles had deteriorated and were deemed unsafe. This was the first year that we were finally able to return to our normal playing time of 6:00pm-8:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday nights and it was just great to play "under the lights" once again. We made good use of them until it got too cold for even the hardest of players.

During the winter season, we try to stay in touch by having what we call "Socials" every first and third Tuesday of the month. Since many of our members don't like to drive in the dark, we hold our get-togethers from 1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon. We started them again in October and they are well attended.

The "Socials" have no definite format and are more like just a drop in centre with people bringing their favourite games (cards, chess, whatever) and sometimes a few snacks and just enjoying the company. We're planning on having a Social on New Year's Day since a number of members will be alone on that day and what better way to start the New Year off than to be with friends.

We recently had our Club Christmas Dinner. In the past, it was held at our Clubhouse with the members doing all the cooking, cleaning etc. which resulted in a number of members not being able to totally participate in everything. This year we decided to "eat out" and had a great catered meal in a small hall at the Army / Navy Club. It was great with everyone being able to socialize and not have to worry about the details.

Historically, as part of the Christmas Dinner, everyone brings two things. The first is a wrapped Christmas gift for our gift exchange (max value \$10). The second is a gently used item that is auctioned off. This year the auction netted over \$200. The proceeds were donated to Santa's Anonymous, a local non-profit Group.

We hope everyone has a MERRY CHRISTMAS as well as a HAPPY NEW YEAR.
We look forward to seeing, talking and playing against you all next year.
Meanwhile, Take Care and Stay Safe ... Dwight Cousins

CLUB NEWS - VICTORIA

Our newsworthy event for December was undoubtedly the Christmas Party. The idea started small then inflated to a massive, cumbersome monstrosity, which later was reduced to a more manageable size after the initial grandiosity wore thin and cooler heads began to make their wisdom known.

The first thing we had to do was have some sort of event to tie it all together. It was decided to have an Ultra-horseshoe Tournament! By using the Scoreholio app we could finish the tournament in about two and a half hours and still have lots of time for Tom's Ringer-a-thon and happy hour before dinner.

For dinner we reverted back to the old style where everyone brings a pot luck item and the Club provides the turkeys and ham. Thanks to Pat Stevens for keeping track of who brought what! Also we had an extra bonus in that we enjoyed the benefit of a mother volunteering her daughter (who is a professional chef) to cook the meats. This in turn allowed others to focus on their culinary arts which resulted in many fabulous choices at the buffet table. So good!!

It is pretty hard to guess which party games will be popular after a big dinner, but this year we hit it just right. The cellophane ball provided a lot of entertainment for the participants and onlookers alike. The mini-Cornhole table was well used, probably with greater numbers than the Ultra-horseshoe tournament earlier in the day. The Ultra had a bigger pay out though, with the 'winner take all' format.

It was a great day, all in all. As well as setting up the Ultra Tournament, Tom Moffat did a Ringer-a-thon for the Salvation Army and raised over \$850.00. Special thanks to the committee and all those who helped organize and carry out their tasks to make this event the best. Well done!!



One of our festive tables tastefully decorated by Jen Potter.



Ultra Horseshoes Tournament Winners A Division



Ultra Horseshoes Tournament Winners B Division



Young Bob Curtis tries his hand at mini-Cornhole - it's a three-pointer!



Our impromptu choir