



2003 - 2004 TOURNAMENT TRAIL

Oct 11	Open Doubles	Wingham Sportsman Club	Paul McKee
Oct 18	Hi - Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Oct 18	Larry Markle Open	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344
Oct 19	Woodstock Family Moose Lodge	Mixed Open Doubles	Al Mackay
Oct 25	Open Doubles	Wingham Sportsman Club	Paul McKee
Oct 25	Woodstock Family Moose Lodge	Horseshoe Ontario Annual General Meeting	Charlie Hastings
Nov 1	Hi - Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Nov 1	Weaver Ringer Classic	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344v
Nov 8	Open Doubles	Wingham Sportsman Club	Paul McKee
Nov 22	Hi - Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Nov 22	Open Doubles	Wingham Sportsman Club	Paul McKee
Dec 6	Hi - Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Dec 7	Hamilton Open	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344
Dec 13	Open Doubles	Wingham Sportsman Club	Paul McKee
Dec 20	Hi - Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Dec 27	Open Doubles	Wingham Sportsman Club	Paul McKee
Jan 3	Hi - Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Jan 3	New Year's Open	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344
Jan 10	Open Doubles	Wingham Sportsman Club	Paul McKee
Jan 17	Hi - Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Jan 17	Hamilton Open	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344
Jan 24	Open Doubles	Wingham Sportsman Club	Paul McKee
Feb 1	Leo Arsenaault Open	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344
Feb 7	Hi - Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Feb 14	Open Doubles	Wingham Sportsman Club	Paul McKee
Feb 21	Hi - Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Feb 21	Hamilton Open	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344

Feb 28	Open Doubles	Wingham Sportsman Club	Paul McKee
Mar 6	Hi – Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Mar 6	Hamilton Open	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344
Mar 13	Open Doubles	Wingham Sportsman Club	Paul McKee
Mar 20	Hi – Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Mar 20	Winter RoundUp	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344
Mar 27	Open Doubles	Wingham Sportsman Club	Paul McKee
Apr 3	Hi – Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Apr 4	Easter Open	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344
Apr 17	Hi – Lo Doubles	Brantford Ringers Club	Lee Bond
Apr 17	Hamilton Open	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344
May 1	Martin Donaldson Open	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344
May 15	Hamilton Open	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344
Jun 5	Hamilton Open	Hamilton HS Club	(905)561-4344

2004 Tournament Trail Contacts

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Hamilton Horseshoe Pitching Club	Glen Pyke	Hamilton	(905) 561-4344
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Khaki Club	Bernie Baetz	Wellesley	(519) 885-3894
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Message From the President

Well, here we are into the fall of 2003. Spring and summer has passed along with many good horseshoe tournaments. One of these tournaments was our own Championship Doubles held June 7 & 8 at the Waterloo Rod & Gun Club. Another one was our own Championship Singles held at the Bridgeport Rod & Gun Club July 12 & 13. A big thank you goes out to both Clubs for their hard work and great hospitality.

For the second straight year our own Drew Becker has won the World Junior Boy's Championship, congratulations Drew from all of us. Also congratulations go to Adam Ellis who finished in 4th place in the World Tournament Men's Championship, Lucille Leis who was 2nd in the World's Senior Women's Championships, and Carol Kurt for a 1st place finish at the Worlds in the Ladies Class C. Also congratulations to all our players that pitched in the Canadian Championships.

Don't forget the Horseshoe Ontario annual meeting to be held at the Moose Family Center in Woodstock on Saturday, October 25.

Any club that would be interested in hosting the 2004 Ontario Singles, please bring your bid and submit it to us.

Hope to see you all at the annual meeting. Thanks for now.

Charlie Hastings
President, Horseshoe Ontario

**Tournament directors have your spring and summer tournament schedule included in the February newsletter. It's a great way to let pitchers know about your upcoming events.
Any articles or submissions for the February newsletter must be received by Jan 10, 2004.
Send to Dawn Morse, 8 Rosebank Cres, Kitchener ON N2E 2R4 or online at dmorse@golden.net.**

CLUB CHATTER

In addition to their 6 indoor clay courts, the **Hamilton Horseshoe Club** also hosts other activities such as darts, pool tournaments, dances, turkey rolls, lobster night, cribbage, games day and more. We are located at 170 Brockley Drive, Hamilton. From the intersection of Hwy #20 (Centennial Parkway) and Barton St., go east on Barton to the 2nd stoplight (Brockley) and go left to #170 (on right side). We offer singles, doubles and league nights for horseshoes. Call our club at **905-561-4344** for a copy of our events schedule. To register for sanctioned tournaments, you must call in your entry by 8:00 pm Thursday for that weekend tournament. Classes and times will be set Thursday night and late entries will only be accepted if a spot is available in the proper class **AND** at the discretion of the tournament committee.

The **Brantford Ringers Club** will be holding Hi Lo Doubles Sanctioned Tournaments this winter. The tournaments start at 10:00 am and the entry fee is \$10.00 per person. If you are interested in joining a winter league or starting your own league call Lee Bond. There are opportunities to either join a league or start a league.

Jean's Column

Sick List

During the summer we have added to our list of those who need comforting. Anne Harvey from the Scarborough Club had back surgery, pleased to say she is coming along nicely. Ray Cormier of the Hamilton Club was in the hospital for 5 weeks and is feeling better, although not completely out of the woods. His wife Jennie is waiting to have surgery on her knees. Ken Drury underwent surgery and is doing well. Elda Hastings, took ill at the World Tournament in Eau Claire and is undergoing tests. Larry Markle suffered a heart attack while at the Canadian Championships in Saint John, N. B. After the wonderful care given by the Saint John Regional Hospital, Larry is doing very well. The doctors have given him another 20 years, so watch out all you pitchers. We want to take this opportunity of wishing you all a speedy recovery.

Remembering our friends from Alberta, Don Griffith and Wilf Donald, as well as Annie Rayner from British Columbia, we want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, take care.

We have lost a member of the St. George Club. Ken Ego passed away in the spring, our condolences go out to his family.

Phyllis Negaard of Minnesota passed away on September 23rd. Many of us who knew her will remember her "class act" pitching in the Ladies Championship Group at many World tournaments. Phyllis had been pitching since the early 70's. Our condolences go out to her family.

Please keep Jean informed of our members who need comforting, also of any achievements. Thanks.

Horseshoe Canada Yearbook

Tammi Becker is now the Horseshoe Ontario contact for submissions to the Horseshoe Canada Yearbook. She would love to get your horseshoe related stories, photos and articles from you clubs and tournaments. You can send Tami this information at yearbook@horseshoeontario.com

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame Committee would like to hear from you. They are looking for horseshoe pitchers, organizers or promoter's that you feel deserve to be inducted into the Horseshoe Ontario Hall of Fame. Contact Bernie Baetz at (519) 656-2271 for more information.

Game Related Items

With our Annual General Meeting coming up in Woodstock on the 25th of October, this may be your last chance to pick up those stocking stuffers. T-shirts in pink, red, ash and powder blue are \$12.00 each. Golf shirts in white with our Horseshoe Ontario Logo on the back are just \$25.00. At the time of writing, all sizes are available in both types of shirts. We also have yearbooks at \$10.00 each, % books for just \$3.00 each; Straight edges for \$3.00; Crests are \$3.00. The Gripper is \$10.00; Caps are \$6.00 each. Coaching manuals are \$8.00 and Collector pins are \$4.00, plus there are always some other goodies to be had, so be sure and check the table whenever you see Jean set up! If there is something you would like us to carry, please let us know.

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ONTARIO SCORE CARD 2003

Elmer Hohl Ringer Classic – May 30

Mixed Juniors - Class A	4 Louie Baldasso	27.8%	4 Aime Etienne	19.6%	
1 Drew Becker	70.9%	5 Bob Donaldson	32.2%	5 Jim Lee	21.1%
2 Brian Mc Lachlin	40.4%	6 James Gee	31.6%	6 Jim Perry	17.1%
3 John Perry	41.4%	7 Bob Dickson	24.1%	7 Ross Coffin	16.8%
4 Aaron Dorler	27.4%	8 Keith Milne	26.3%	8 Thomas Woodward	7.5%
5 Alex Vienneau	35.2%	9 Ron Turner	24.1%	Women's Class A	
6 Josh Singbeil	12.1%	Men's Class F		1 Sylvianne Moison	80.4%
7 Joanna Vienneau	11.2%	1 Wilfred Robichaud	31.1%	2 Lucille Leis	66.7%
Men's Class A		2 Edward Everden	30.7%	3 Tenesia Mayer	57.1%
1 Robert Jones	73.3%	3 Gilles Roy	31.8%	4 Cecile Ross	55.6%
2 Adam Ellis	70.8%	4 Arturo Selmi	26.4%	5 Eida Hastings	52.0%
3 Stanley Leis	69.4%	5 Steve Mayer	25.4%	6 Heather Morrison	55.9%
4 Bob Hayes	66.0%	6 Jeff Dawdry	25.4%	Women's Class B	
5 Roy Nahls	66.3%	7 Wally Arnold	28.2%	1 Dawn Morse	51.1%
6 Edward Neeb	63.1%	8 Bernard Bender	19.6%	2 Evelyn Hooker	52.9%
7 Tom Gallina	62.0%	Men's Class G		3 Kim Miller	52.5%
8 Kevin Mc Lachlin	59.4%	1 Lyle Dorler	29.1%	3 Cathy Rice	52.5%
9 Frank Weaver Sr	60.0%	2 Ken Rogers	39.4%	5 Carol Kurt	49.6%
10 Andre Leclerc	59.8%	3 Zenon Gawel	29.6%	6 Jean Roseboom	44.6%
11 Steve Hohl	58.8%	4 Bob Dawdy	28.9%	7 Tamara Becker	40.7%
12 Harold Uncapher	51.3%	5 Bob Kelzach	27.9%	8 Denise Stanley	41.1%
Men's Class B		6 Roy Hartman	22.5%	Women's Class C	
1 Larry Markle	50.8%	7 Paul Kennedy	28.2%	1 Patricia Mc Bratney	49.6%
2 David Siegel	53.1%	8 Gerard Roy	26.8%	2 Laura Nahls	50.0%
3 Ike Eichhorn	52.5%	Men's Class H		3 Tina Johnson	47.1%
4 Vern Foreman	48.4%	1 Fritz Zimmermann Sr	36.1%	4 Ruth Teeter	41.3%
5 Charles Hastings	46.9%	2 John Fennema	25.7%	5 Marie Hartman	34.2%
6 George Tanner	43.4%	3 Brian Smee	23.6%	6 Barbara Reid	36.3%
7 Arthur Duford	38.4%	4 David Christoffersen	21.8%	7 Diane Dorler	22.5%
8 Robert Rychlik	37.8%	5 Butch Reid	21.1%	Women's Class D	
9 Bernie Ashton	40.3%	6 Maurice Ferris	15.7%	1 Susan Lee	34.3%
Men's Class C		7 Robin Martin	21.1%	2 Carol Vienneau	35.0%
1 Gerald Roeder	42.5%	8 Garry Dawdry	17.5%	3 Wendy Raith	25.6%
2 Kenneth Boyd	40.8%	Men's Class I		4 Rhonda Collier	25.6%
3 Keith Lindsay	41.6%	1 Rick Middleton	28.9%	5 Terrie Singbeil	24.0%
4 Jerry Weaver	42.2%	2 Ray Roseboom	33.9%	6 Jean Mack	15.2%
5 Charlie Fromm	39.7%	3 Scott Sage	32.5%	Women's Class E	
6 Fritz Jr Zimmermann	35.3%	4 Lloyd Newman	32.1%	1 Margaret Thwaites	18.0%
7 Russell Fletcher	32.5%	5 Carl Mc Kay	25.4%	2 Pat Martin	23.1%
8 John Murphy	29.7%	6 Park Rauch	20.8%	3 Mary Loranger	21.9%
9 John Handley	37.8%	7 Mike Lavergne	22.5%	4 Darlene Becker	17.7%
Men's Class D		Men's Class J		5 Candy Miller	9.7%
1 George Brouwer	37.1%	1 Don Hart	30.9%		
2 Terry Phillips	33.9%	2 Kevin Teeter	26.1%		
3 Gary Gray	31.4%	3 Frank Corbett	22.5%		
4 Arley Shantz	29.6%	4 Denis Coniglio	18.6%		
5 James Hehn	27.5%	5 Allan Hooker	21.8%		
6 Brian Major	34.6%	6 John Halbgewachs	16.1%		
7 Ken Hirsch	28.9%	7 John Gravelle	15.0%		
8 John Taylor	25.4%	8 Daniel Lepage	12.5%		
Men's Class E		Men's Class K			
1 Douglas Kurt	39.7%	1 Ed Bigelow	19.3%		
2 Jim Hawkins	35.9%	2 Wilf Raymer	21.1%		
3 John Jansen	30.6%	3 Larry Moore	12.5%		

Did you know that there were 18 pitchers fined \$5.00 each at the Ontario Doubles for not wearing a shirt with their name on the back, and 1 pitcher fined at the Ontario Singles. The host club and Horseshoe Ontario split the money from these fines 50 – 50.

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL DOUBLES – June 7 & 8

The following are the provincial doubles champions;

MENS "A" CHAMPIONS STAN LEIS AND BRAD SHINN
LADIES "A" CHAMPIONS LUCILLE LEIS AND CAROL KURT
JUNIOR "B" CHAMPIONS DREW BECKER AND ALEX VIENNEAU

The juniors played with the ladies in both the A division and the C division.	5 Josh Singbeil/Joanna Vienneau	4 Martin Donaldso/Brian Smees
ONTARIO DOUBLES RESULTS	Men Class A	5 Chuck Scheffer/Tom Rider
Ladies And Juniors Class	1 Stanley Leis/Brad Shinn	6 James Hehn/Peter Couture
1 Drew Becker/Alex Vienneau (Jr)	2 Frank Weaver S/Dennis Weaver	7 Russel Fletcher/Ray Roseboom
2 Lucille Leis/Carol Kurt	3 Adam Ellis/Trever Philpott	Men Class D
3 Elda Hastings/Heather Morrison	4 Steve Hohl/Andrew Kutsch	1 John Jansen/Bud Davis
4 Tamara Becker/Denise Stanley	5 Tom Gallina/Bill Vanderburg	2 Arley Shantz/Walter Leis
Ladies Class B	6 Edward Neeb/Chris Strauss	3 Roy Hartman/Gerard Roy
1 Tina Johnson/Roz Scheffer	7 Ike Eichhorn/Charle Hastings	4 Larry Harnack/Jason Carmount
2 Kim Miller/Marie Hartman	Men Class B	5 Rod Dietrich/Robert Brown
3 Ruth Teeter/Barbara Reid	1 Wayne Huber/John Snell	6 Bert Townes/John Fennema
Ladies Class B1	2 Ivan Kristofic/Delmer Rumbold	7 D Christoffers/Butch Reid
1 Cathy Rice/Susan Lee	3 Bill Horton Sr/Keith Lindsay	8 Jeff Dawdry/Garry Dawdry
2 Jean Roseboom/Connie Jean Bird	4 Murray Mac Dermot/Jack Besse	Men Class E
3 Pat Mc Bratney/Jean Mack	5 John Taylor/Gary Gray	1 Joe Harnack/Brian Macdonald
Ladies & Juniors Class C	6 Vern Foreman/Rick Middleton	2 Wilf Robichau/Wilf Raymer
1 Rhonda Collier/Wendy Raith	7 Glen Pyke/Will Hendsbee	3 Paul Kennedy/Ross Coffin
2 Carol Vienneau/Terrie Singbeil	8 Ron Gray/Edward Everden	4 F Zimmermann S/Larry Moore
3 Pat Martin/Darlene Becker	Men Class C	5 Lloyd Newman/Gary Schenk
4 Mary Loranger/Margar Thwaites	1 Ken Rogers/Terry Phillips	6 James Ryan/Alfred Trudel
	2 Kevin Challice/Doug Wellman	7 Wally Arnold/Douglas Nunn
	3 Bob Donaldson/Ken Payne	8 Bob Heron/Murray Wilson

ONTARIO SINGLES July 12 & 13

The following are the provincial champions of ontario

Junior Boys	Drew Becker	Junior Girls	Joanna Vienneau
Senior Men 30 Ft	Bernie Ashton	Senior Men 40 Ft	Larry Markle
Mens	Adam Ellis	Ladies	Lucille Leis

This was the fifth year in a row Larry Markle has won the Senior Mens 40 ft class.

Jr Boys Class A		6 James Hehn	35.0%	4 Gary Schenk	26.3%
1 Drew Becker	66.7%	7 Brian Major	27.5%	6 Bruno Toneguzzo	22.5%
2 Alex Vienneau	49.6%	8 Joe Harnack	20.4%	7 Wilf Raymer	21.3%
3 Brad Bertin	28.4%	Mens Class D		8 Al Ling	0.0%
Jr Boys Class B		1 Terry Phillips	41.3%	Mens Class I	
1 Matthew Quinn	29.5%	2 Arley Shantz	37.5%	1 Walter Leis	27.5%
2 Joshua Garrett	24.5%	3 Claude Malette	31.6%	2 Glen Rideout	23.6%
3 Mike Turgel	23.0%	4 John Taylor	36.6%	3 Glen Salter	22.5%
4 Chris Mac Neil	22.5%	5 Louie Baldasso	30.3%	4 Robin Martin	26.4%
5 Josh Singbeil	16.5%	6 Bert Townes	31.6%	5 Ross Coffin	17.9%
6 William Parker	12.5%	7 Bob Donaldson	29.7%	6 Alfred Trudel	17.5%
Jr Girls Class A		8 Ken Rogers	28.4%	7 Willie Corbett	13.2%
1 Joanna Vienneau	16.7%	9 John Jansen	30.6%	8 Jim Lee	3.6%
2 Isis Abrego	10.0%	Mens Class E		Mens Class J	
3 Melissa Mac Neil	4.6%	1 Keith Milne	42.5%	1 Maurice Ferris	25.8%
Sr Mens 30 Classes A		2 Jack Arnold	38.9%	2 Wally Rice	28.3%
1 Bernie Ashton	53.1%	3 Jean-Pierre Sigouin	28.2%	3 Larry Moore	10.0%
2 Harman Earle	42.9%	4 Bob Dickson	32.1%	4 Douglas Cunning	10.4%
3 Ivan Kristofic	49.6%	5 Fritz Jr Zimmermann	37.5%	Womens Class A	
4 Fritz Zimmermann Sr	36.2%	6 Jason Carmount	20.7%	1 Lucille Leis	57.8%
5 Miles Hickling	42.1%	7 Konrad Barnert	28.6%	2 Cecile Ross	54.9%
6 Buster Duck	27.0%	8 Gilles Roy	25.7%	3 Eida Hastings	48.9%
Mens Class A		Mens Class F		4 Heather Morrison	47.3%
1 Adam Ellis	58.4%	1 Wilfred Robichaud	23.8%	Womens Class B	
2 Stanley Leis	59.9%	2 Arturo Selmi	27.1%	1 Cathy Rice	50.9%
3 Frank Weaver Sr	57.8%	3 Joe Shaw	30.4%	2 Evelyn Hooker	46.4%
4 Tom Gallina	52.7%	4 Ron Turner	29.2%	3 Carol Kurt	44.7%
5 Edward Neeb	46.9%	5 John Fennema	29.2%	4 Tina Johnson	48.2%
6 Steve Hohl	46.0%	6 Paul Kennedy	22.5%	5 Denise Stanley	36.4%
Mens Class B		7 Butch Reid	15.8%	6 Tamara Becker	40.7%
1 Bill Vanderburg	49.3%	8 Edward Everden	0.0%	7 Kim Miller	39.3%
2 David Siegel	48.2%	Mens Class G		8 Patricia Mc Bratney	24.6%
3 Vern Foreman	45.0%	1 Wally Arnold	27.5%	Womens Class C	
4 Andrew Kutsch	47.1%	2 Bud Davis	22.9%	1 Rhonda Collier	33.3%
5 Charles Hastings	40.7%	3 Brian Smee	22.5%	2 Barbara Reid	37.1%
6 Daniel Sauve	39.6%	4 Gary Johnson	22.9%	3 Roz Scheffer	29.2%
7 Peter Both	38.6%	5 Lloyd Newman	17.9%	4 Wendy Raitth	26.7%
8 Dennis Weaver	27.1%	6 Peter Couture	17.5%	5 Terrie Singbeil	20.8%
Mens Class C		7 Gerard Roy	13.8%	6 Susan Lee	26.7%
1 Keith Lindsay	41.4%	Mens Class H		7 Carol Vienneau	9.6%
2 John Snell	38.9%	1 Bryan Mac Donald	26.7%		
3 Kenneth Drury	44.6%	2 Elmer Zettel	32.1%		
4 Glen Pyke	29.6%	3 Frank Corbett	29.2%		
5 Gary Gray	36.4%	4 Larry Harnack	26.3%		
Womens Class D		5 Mary Loranger	4.0%	4 Earl Vanderhart	18.7%
1 Sharon Stevens	21.5%	Sr Mens Class A		Sr Mens Class B	
2 Jean Mack	21.0%	1 Larry Markle	40.7%	1 David Christoffersen	35.0%
3 Margaret Thwaites	15.5%	2 Tom Corner	35.9%	2 Dwayne Daniel	30.6%
4 Pat Martin	12.0%	3 Charlie Fromm	31.7%	3 John Van Den Nuecker	23.6%

Canadian Championships - St. John, NB - Aug 19-23

Jr Boys A		
2 nd	Drew Becker	79.1%
4 th	Alexander Vienneau	45.9%
Jr Girls A		
1 st	Joanna Vienneau	13.5%
Sr Men A		
2 nd	Earl Vanderhart	32.1%
Sr Men - 30		
4 th	Edwin Danby	26.3%
Men A		
3 rd	Stan Leis	69.7%
5 th	Tom Gallina	65.6%
6 th	Ronald Parisien	68.0%
14 th	Rolland Duval	47.2%
15 th	Bill Vanderburg	44.4%
Men B		
1 st	Vern Foreman	44.5%
2 nd	Ken Boyd	42.7%
3 rd	Dan Sauve	43.2%
11 th	Chuck Schaeffer	39.5%
12 th	John Handley	22.5%
Men C		
1 st	Gilles Roy	35.0%
3 rd	George Brouwer	33.4%
7 th	Louie Baldasso	30.3%
8 th	John Snell	35.3%
10 th	Robert Canning	30.2%
13 th	John Jansen	23.4%
14 th	Glen Pyke	25.6%
15 th	Claude Malette	23.1%
Men D		
2 nd	Eugene Bernard	30.1%
4 th	Wilfred Robichaud	33.3%
12 th	Arturo Selmi	30.8%
13 th	Jean Sigouin	18.8%
15 th	Paul Kennedy	20.3%
Men E		
6 th	Frank Corbett	21.3%
9 th	Glen Rideout	20.5%
10 th	Gerard Roy	20.2%
Men F		
1 st	Walter Leis	25.7%
2 nd	Maurice Ferris	26.1%
4 th	Willie Corbett	23.1%
7 th	Ross Coffin	20.7%
9 th	Aime Etienne	12.0%
Women A		

World Tournament - Eau Clair, Wisconsin - Aug 4-17

JR BOYS AND GIRLS A		
1 st	Drew Becker	82.0%
16 th	Kelly Mallette	51.5%
MENS C		
13 th	Alan Mercer	40.8%
MENS D		
7 th	Ken Drury Jr.	37.8%
MENS K		
7 th	Doug Kurt	31.1%
MENS L		
11 th	Gaston Dallaire	31.3%
MENS O		
10 th	Pete Couture	25.6%
MENS Q		
15 th	Allan Hooker	16.6%
WOMENS C		
1 st	Carol Kurt	51.5%
WOMENS D		
9 th	Evelyn Hooker	41.6%
WOMENS E		
16 th	Lori Rubin	17.3%
JUNIOR BOYS - CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS		
1 st	Drew Becker	79.1%
JUNIOR GIRLS - CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS		
4 th	Kelly Mallette	51.3%
SENIOR WOMEN - CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS		
2 nd	Lucille Leis	71.7%
MENS - CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS		
4 th	Adam Ellis	77.4%
22 nd	Stan Leis	70.8%
WOMENS - CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS		
13 th	Sandy Janssens	75.4%



Congratulations to **Sylvianne Moisan** of Quebec. Sylvianne started the 2003 pitching season with a 1st place finish at the first major tournament, the Elmer Hohl Ringer with an average of 80.35%.

4 th	Lucille Leis	62.0%
6 th	Heather Morrison	53.8%
Women B		
3 rd	Jean Maclellan	40.6%
4 th	Tina Johnson	37.0%
5 th	Shelia Mcgarth	37.9%
Women C		
4 th	Roz Schaeffer	32.3%
6 th	Susan Lee	28.3%
Women D		
5 th	Mary Loranger	14.0%

Next came the World Tournament in Eau Claire where Sylvianne successfully defend her World Tournament Championship for a 3rd straight time. Pitching an 82.70 % average in the Championship class. With out missing a beat it was off to the Canadian Championships and another 1st place finish with and average of 80.46%. I think you could call this a **Canadian Triple Crown**. Way to go Sylvianne.



Drew Becker successfully defended his Junior Boys World Championship Title on Saturday, August 9 in Eau Clair, Wisconsin the site of the 2003 World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. Not only did Drew successfully defend his World Title, he also is a 3 times defending Champion of the Junior Boys and Girls A Division.

The Junior Boys and Girls A Division featured 3 top pitchers from Canada, Drew Becker of Kitchener, was the defending Champion and number one seed with an average of 76.25%; Buddy Dyrda of BC was the second seed with an average of 75.98% and Kelly Mallette of Ontario was the 13th seed with an average of 58.04%. There were 14 pitchers in the A Division and at the end of round robin play Buddy and Drew were tied for first place with a record of 14 – 1. This is not the first time Drew and Buddy have had to determine a championship by pitching a play-off game. Last year in Calgary at the 2002 Canadian Championships they squared off in a play off game with Buddy winning the title. The outcome at the Worlds this time had a different ending with Drew winning the play-off game to defend his title. Drew finished the A Division Championship with a record of 15 - 1, pitching 525 ringers out of 640 shoes for an average 82.03%. Buddy Dyrda of BC finished with a record of 14 – 2, pitching 494 ringers out of 640 shoes for an average of 77.19%.

The top 8 Junior Boys faced off on Aug 8 to determine who would be crowned the 2003 Junior Boys World Champion and once again Drew and Buddy were the first and second seeds in a very impressive field of young men. At the end of the first day round robin play Drew and Keith Boone of California were tied at 4 – 0. On day two Buddy was to feature prominently in the fate of both Drew and Keith. Drew lost his first game of the day to Keith, and Keith lost his second game of the day to Buddy. Drew was to meet Buddy in his final game of round robin play. The game went 86 shoes, and there were 19 ends of "4 dead". Drew pitched 73 - 86, for an 84.88 % and Buddy was 69 - 86 for 80.23%. Once again Drew had to play a tie breaker this time to defend his Junior Boys World Title. Drew won the tie-breaker with a score of 42 – 28, pitching 53 ringers out of 66 shoes for an average of 80.3% while Keith Boone pitched 47 ringer for an average of 71.2%. Drew finished the tournament with a 7 - 1 record, pitching 429 ringers and 542 shoes for a 79.15%.

Horseshoe Ontario Annual General Meeting

October 25, 2003

10:00 am

Woodstock Moose Family Center

690 Sutherland Dr
Woodstock ON N4S 4Y5

(519) 537-6010



After the Annual General Meeting
Plan on attending the Woodstock Horseshoe Pitchers
Dinner, Banquet and Dance
\$10.00 per person
Beef Dinner at 6 pm

Social Hour

Dance to Follow

Please call ahead for advance tickets for this event before Oct. 22

We've Always Done It That Way!!!!

Does the statement, "We've always done it that way" ring any bells...?

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5inches. That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used?

Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US Railroads.

Why did the English build them like that?

Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then?

Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Okay! Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing?

Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads?

Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads?

Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing.

The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot.

And bureaucracies live forever.

So the next time you are handed a spec and told we have always done it that way and wonder what horse's ass came up with that, you may be exactly right, because the Imperial Roman war chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses.

Now the twist to the story...

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds. So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a Horse's ass.
And you thought being a horse's ass wasn't important??

Have you checked out www.horseshoeontario.com lately?

See you at the Annual General Meeting.
And if we don't see you on the courts until Spring
have a wonderful holiday season and a happy, safe New Year.