

# Fall 2024 Newsletter



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## DATES TO REMEMBER 2025



**March 1 -Spring Newsletter deadline for submissions to be included**

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*\* Please provide pictures of special events or announcements of marriages, major anniversaries or deaths or anything that you would like to see in the newsletter.*

***The more we get from you the better!***





## **ALBERTA HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION**

### **2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

#### **HELD AT CALGARY HORSESHOE CLUB ON OCTOBER 5, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME TO MEMBERS & GUESTS:** Mike Holley, President called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and welcomed members to the 2024 AHPA AGM, thanked them for coming.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM-** Mike Holley led the members in the National Anthem

#### **MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DEPARTED MEMBERS**

**ATTENDANCE:** Gail Aker, Mary Holley, Russell Mercer, Dave Burrows, Emvie Antonio, Alex Musni, Sid Aker, William Stevenson, Gary Bartholet, Dave Russell, Mike Holley, Doris Winfield, Cindy Ekkel, Randy MacEachern, Fred Butterworth, Louis Lallier, Rick Randle, Wes Walker, Rod Nieman Myrna Kissick, Dan Hall, Esther Hoerle, Darla Lallier, Leo Conin, Ray Prevost, Jackie Olmstead, Lyle Olmstead, Cal Beaudoin, Jane Cordingley, Dianne Beck.

**INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE:** Mike Holley, President; William Stevenson, Treasurer; Gail Aker, Secretary; Cindy Ekkel, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Dave Burrows, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Jane Cordingley, AHPA Tournament Director

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Dinner: Mary advised dinner to be served at 5:30 pm
2. Protocol regarding motions & discussions: Roberts Rules of Conduct- 2 minutes to state your motion/discussion or until starting to repeat; allowed 1 rebuttal which should be one minute in duration
3. Voting and Scrutineers: Rick Randle and Randy MacEachern

#### **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Dan Hall, Innisfail asked with LED lights could be added. Dan was advised that all the lights at the club are LED.
2. 2028 Canadians – under New Business
3. Travel Expenses

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS:** Cindy Ekkel moved to accept the agenda with additions; Louis Lallier seconded: All in favor, Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF 2023 AHPA AGM MINUTES:** Gail Aker, Secretary distributed copies to the AHPA members via email several times as well as a limited number were presented at the AGM. No changes, additions or amendments were required. Jane Cordingley moved to accept the 2023 AHPA AGM Minutes as presented; Wes Walker seconded; all in favor; Motion carried.



## **TREASURER'S REPORT – WILLIAM STEVENSON**

He reported regarding the term deposits the use of same; restricted by AGLC and some are internally restricted. Copies of the Financial Statement were presented at the meeting; and if anyone would like a copy of the financial statement, please contact the Treasurer or Mike Holley

Revenue: SPAR Grant: \$19000; Casino: \$80,000, Interest: \$6000

Expenses: Bursaries: \$8000; Insurance: \$2200; Membership: \$804.; AB Open \$2400; June- Provincials: \$2760; Out of Province: \$11,500; Worlds: \$5400.

14 AHPA Players attended the Canadians, Worlds 6 players from AHPA

### 1. Discussion and approval of Financial Report as presented

Question regarding the funds received and paid out: AGLC restricts the amount of funds which AHPA can pay out. AGLC approved \$7000 for outside Canada and approved \$10,000 for out of province.

**BUDGET:** William also presented the 2025 Budget, noting that the budget must be balanced for two years as per AGLC rules. No Casino will be received, so income will drop by \$80,000; Expenses around \$72,000, if we keep up bursaries, prize money and if necessary, will draw cash as needed.

Dan Hall questioned why AHPA is losing Casino money. He was advised AHPA only has a casino every 2 – 3 years

Russell asked regarding travel paid out versus what they are allowed: AHPA will draw difference from General Fund.

Question regarding Membership fees, it was noted that membership have gone down.

Ray Prevost questioned if he would be allowed to get a breakdown of the overall payout to members including what each member received, who all got money from tournaments. Advised you can only get funds for one tournament and AGLC restricts and approves. Mike Holley advised no printout will be given to anyone concerning another member's payout due to the Privacy Legislation. Mary advised what people are paid is private and if necessary, an appointment can be made with the Treasurer. It was assured that no "double dipping" is happening.

Motion received from Louis Lallier to accept the Financials as presented; Russell Mercer seconded; Motion carried with one no vote.

Budget was overspent however excess came out of general funds. Approval of Budget tabled until the end of the reports.

## **CORRESPONDENCE & SECRETARY REPORT: Gail Aker**

Society Return Forms were received at the beginning of January, 2024; documents filed along with the 2023 Bylaws, Special Resolution and list of Executive Directors on January 12. Approved on January 18, 2024.

All other correspondence in the form of emails, notifications to members, Executives.



## **REPORTS: A COPY OF THE REPORTS WILL BE ADDED TO THE FALL NEWSLETTER**

1. President- Mike Holley- included in Newsletter
2. Zone Directors: Zone 1 – Dave Burrows
3. Zone 2- Mary Holley
4. Zone 4 – no report from Winnona, Cindy Ekkel gave report
5. Zone 5 – vacant
6. Zone 6 – vacant- this zone should try to form a club and appoint a director
7. Zone 7 – Vic Ouellette- no report
8. Zone 8- Ray Prevost –report attached, however, was upset that his club did not received any support from the AHPA. He then stated that High Prairie will be withdrawing from the AHPA and will return the \$1000 donation. As for this writing, no written notice has been received from the High Prairie Horseshoe Club, the club may be disbanded.
9. Casino Chairman- Mary Holley- next Casino 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025, funds by February 2026
10. SPAR – Dave Burrows- will require certain documents to file by the end of October, the rest in February 2025
11. Bursaries – Mary Holley- there were 8 cheques given out, please advise family members AHPA needs a Thank You note if they have received a bursary. Budgeted for \$10,000.
12. Tournament Directors – Jane Cordingley- AB Open 19 players; Provincials 22 players with 3 class champions Fall Memorial 25 players with 5 mixed.
13. AHPA Statistician – Ed Michel- attached.
14. Membership- Interim Mary Holley
15. Sales Related- Mary Holley
16. Club reports regarding \$1000 donations- copies of report received from clubs regarding the use of these funds.

**BUDGET**- brought forward as stated above

Rod Nieman moved to accept the Budget as presented; Cindy Ekkel seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion: Canadian Classic Budget 2025 – out of Province; Cost of trailers/courts for 2024. The actual cost \$7900. It always require 20 courts in the trailer, brooms, scoreboards, and no rent as it is on a member's acreage.

William Stevenson at this time advised that he won the Nomination for the Conservative Party for the Yellowhead and AHPA will need to find a replacement before the year end, especially if a federal election is called.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Fall Memorial – Jane – she will have a new format for the doubles on the second day of this tournament
2. 2024 Canadian & 2024 Western Canada Classic- report from Jane
3. World's  
Jane gave a report on the number of AHPA players who participated. Mike Holley also encouraged more players to attend the World's; lots of very nice people and a lot of fun.



## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Travel Assistance: Ray Prevost requested an explanation on why \$80.00 of his expenses were not approved, it was advised by William that 100% of his eligible expenses were paid out to him. He further questioned who approves these expenses; reported to him that the expenses are approved by two people on the Executive, and the Tournament Director would go over all the expenses.

He further asked what percentage of the eligible expenses cover 60%, 70%, etc. Once again, he explained to him that the AGLC has a strict rule on what percentage of what is eligible.

At this point, Ray proceeded to bring up an email that he received from Mike and as he stated this email was an attack against his family, etc. Mike advised that he was not attacking anyone; however as explained several times, there would be no payment of the \$80.00 ineligible. At this point, Ray gave a copy to one of the members, however at this time not sure what the email was about, etc.

Several times during this discussion, which lasted several minutes, Mike Holley, the President advised Ray that he was out of order according to the Roberts Rules of Conduct. Ray then got extremely upset and resorted to using excessive, unfriendly language, he was subsequently requested to leave the meeting.

During the course of this discussion, Dan Hall from Innisfail got upset and subsequently left the meeting stating this was no way to run a meeting.

2. **2028 Canadians** – a Bid for the 2028 Canadians will have to be submitted in 2026.

## **HOSTING OF 2025 AHPA AGM**

Calgary Horseshoe Club presented a proposal to host the AHPA AGM on Oct 4, 2025. No other proposals received; Calgary Horseshoe Club was awarded.

## **ALBERTA SPONSORED TOURNAMENT**

1. Provincials- Fred Butterworth, Vice President of the Calgary Horseshoe Club proposed to host the two day Provincials at the Calgary Horseshoe Club on June 21 & 22, 2025; no other proposal was received, awarded to Calgary
2. Alberta Open- Fred Butterworth Vice President of the Calgary Horseshoe Club proposed to host the two day Alberta Open on May 17 & 18, 2025; no other proposal received, awarded to Calgary
3. Fall Memorial- One day Singles, One day Doubles; Fred Butterworth Vice President of the Calgary Horseshoe Club proposed to host on September 20 & 21, 2025, awarded to Calgary

## **AHPA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS**

Jane Cordingley assigned the AHPA Sanctioned schedule, and it will be posted on the Fall Newsletter.



**ELECTIONS:** - Meeting turned over to Nomination Chairman, Mary Holley

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- incumbent is Cindy Ekkel. She advised that she allow her name to stand for this position. No other nominations were received.

**Cindy Ekkel was elected by acclamation with a term until 2026**

The secretary incumbent is Gail Aker. She advised her name to stand for this position. No other nominations were received.

**Gail Aker was elected by acclamation with a term until 2026.**

**AHPA Tournament Director:** -incumbent is Jane Cordingley. She advised her name to stand for this position. No other nominations were received.

**Jane Cordingley was elected by acclamation with a term until 2026.**

**AHPA Statistician-** incumbent is Ed Michel. He advised he would allow his name to stand. Mary Holley nominated Jane Cordingley, and she agreed to let her name stand.

Ballots were distributed and after voting, the scrutineers advised that Jane Cordingley was elected.

**Jane Cordingley was elected by ballot voting with a term until 2026.**

Motion by Russell Mercer to destroy ballots; Rod Nieman seconded.

**MEETING TURNED BACK TO MIKE HOLLEY, PRESIDENT.**

.50 KM Travel Assistance. – discussed on how this was assisting getting more players to the tournaments; bring more people with you, car pool if you can.

Dianne Beck moved to carry on with the \$. 50 km for over 100 KM for one more year until the end of 2025. Cal Beaudoin seconded. Motion Carried.

Suggestion: Wes Walker suggested to offer a special prize for percentage game.

Wes Walker moved for AHPA to pay \$50.00 to the player for the whole tournament who has the most improved over their percentage. Leo Coninx seconded; Motion carried.

Doris Winfield moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM



## **AHPA TREASURER REPORT 2024**

The treasurer reports that the AHPA is in a good financial position.

### Revenue

AHPA received \$19,800 in grants from SPAR and this is not restricted but an annual report must be submitted each year. The casino income was \$79900. Other revenues were in line with past years.

### Expenses

Bursaries given out totaled \$8000. Insurance was \$2252 and will increase again next year.

Travel assistance for players is the biggest expense. A break down of assistance paid out of combined casino and general funds is as follows. Any assistance for players aged 21 – 60 must be paid from general funds.

### In-Province

Memorial – September 2023	\$804
AB Open – May 2024	\$2100
Provincials – June 2024	\$2760
Other tournaments 2024	\$7915

### Out of Province

Canadian Championships and Western Canada Classic	\$11,500
World Championships	\$5400

AHPA had 14 players participate in the Canadian Championships this year, with some of those also playing in the Western Canada Classic. Only 6 players continued on to the World Tournament and 3 of those qualified and played in the Championship round so were there for 6 days.

## **AHPA Draft Budget for 2025**

The budget page shows actuals for 2020 through to 2024. The last 2 columns are draft budget for 2025.

The income does not show much change from the current year except that AHPA will not receive any casino funds in the next budget year.

The expenses also don't show much change. The Sanctioned tournament travel will depend on if that is approved later in the meeting. The Western Canada Classic will be hosted by CHC next year so will be an in-province tournament again.

AHPA must look at ways to effectively advertise/promote the sport of horseshoes and increase the participation in league play and sanctioned tournaments. AHPA has funds to assist clubs to grow.

More emphasis should be placed on helping clubs and communicating with the general public.

Social media is the way of the world. AHPA needs to join that movement.

I move that the 2025 budget be approved as presented.

# *Presidents Report*

Good afternoon and welcome to the 2024 Annual General Meeting for the Alberta Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Well, that was really formal. Let's try that again. Hi, good to see everyone here for the AGM. That's better.

Okay, so what do I have to tell you that you will find interesting and riveting? Humm, lets see. We tried paying members to attend tournaments. Did that work? That's for you to decide. We had more people attend a tournament than attended our provincial championship. I find that concerning. What do we need to do to get people to attend tournaments and our championship? Again, that's for you to decide.

We have had a surge in memberships and that is mostly due to the addition of the Strathmore Cottonwood Horseshoe club and the diligent efforts of Emvie Antonio and his undying devotion to the game of horseshoes. We have managed to recruit, or coerce, or hijack, a junior player and, hopefully, this is just a start.

It's been an interesting year for horseshoes. Abbotsford holding their first Canadian Championships and the World Tournament being reduced to a single week. There is a brand-new executive on the NHPA, and hold on, this may be exciting.

We need to get together and grow this great sport. We need to make an effort to recruit new members, and we need to get pitchers out to tournaments. Saying that you're not good enough to play in tournaments is not an accurate statement. Saying that you don't want to embarrass yourself is just funny. Saying that you want to try your best and have some fun is the only true way to approach the game of horseshoes. So, let's make fun of ourselves, let's have fun and let's play horseshoes.

Mike Holley

President

AHPA



## *AHPA Zone 1 Director's Report*

2024 AHPA AGM Report,  
Lethbridge Horseshoe Club,  
September 24, 2024



We had a successful tournament in June 2024. We were also able to add two new members to our club and AHPA.

Over the past year our members have been able to attend all of the tournaments in Alberta. Dave Burrows played in the Canadian and the World Tournaments.

Chinook High School has brought 2 classes this year to learn about and play horseshoes. This occurred in May and September. There were 30 students that participated as part of their physical education classes.

We will continue to support the AHPA in the upcoming year.

Bob Muskovich  
President, Lethbridge Horseshoe Club.

I had discussions with Vern Koenig, President of the Medicine Hat Horseshoe Club about holding a tournament in 2025. They have confirmed a date for the 2025 season.

Bob Muskovich



## ***ZONE 2 REPORT 2024***

Zone 2 had a very successful horseshoe pitching year. Strathmore Cottonwood Horseshoe Club is officially a sanctioned club. Between Olds and Strathmore, 6 days of sanctioned tournaments were played with over 100 players in the combined days.

Due to weather conditions, the Olds club took up an offer from several years ago, to move their second day in June inside to the Calgary Horseshoe Club.

Both clubs have permanent pits in great locations that have ample space for parking and growing. Olds members participate in league one night a week from May to September and the Strathmore club offers practice at least one night a week. New players were out to both locations over the summer.

Hope to see everyone out to the zone 2 tournaments next year.

Mary Holley

## *Zone 3 October 2024 Report*

The CHC has been able to have regular league play and host tournaments throughout the past year.

In the past year we have hosted 9 tournaments. An average of 15.8 Calgary members participated per tournament down from 21 in 2023. An average of 7.9 of members from other clubs participated down from 8.6 in 2023. Approximately 50% of tournament participants were from other clubs up from 41%.

The Calgary Horseshoe club would like to thank members from other clubs who participated in our sponsored tournaments.

We would also like to thank the AHPA for the 50 cents per kilometer travel assistance to members traveling 100 kms or more to attend AHPA sanctioned tournaments.

I would encourage as many club members as possible to support tournaments hosted by other clubs in the province and beyond.

Tournaments are a great way to meet new people, form new friendships and maybe even improve your game. You may even win a few bucks.

Check the AHPA website for winter tournaments being hosted by the CHC.

Gary Bartholet

Zone 3 Director



## *Zone 8 Report*



Good afternoon,

My name is Ray Prevost and I am the Zone 8 Director. I was unable to attend the AGM for the last 2 years so my report is slightly long.

I have always tried to promote horseshoes especially in the north, by selling and delivering horseshoe pits to various clubs and organizations, encouraging new members and promoting comraderie at tournaments.

Our club is a club of positive people that has decided that members do not want to host or attend events with the continued negativity of some of this executive.

So at this time and for the reasons above, the High Prairie Horseshoe Club is withdrawing from being a part of the AHPA.

Today I am sad to also resign as Zone 8 director, anyone who knows me, knows I love this sport so this was not an easy decision. This organization must make changes if they do not want to lose more clubs and members.

The \$1000.00 will be returned as soon as our treasurer returns.

Ray Prevost

## *AHPA Statisticians Report*

We had 66 players this year, which was 41 less than last year.

There was 39 members in the Men's 30 foot division, 12 members in the Men's 40 foot division, 13 in the Women's division and 2 in the Junior-Pewee Boys.

	Men's 40 ft	Men's 30 ft	Ladies
Most improved	Cal Beaudoin	Wes Walker	Esther Hoerle
High Game	Cal Beaudoin	Dave Burrows	Lindsay Hodgins
High Average	Cal Beaudoin	Dave Burrows	Lindsay Hodgins
High game over average	Sidney Aker	Ray Provost	Jane Cordingley

Ed Michel

AHPA statistician

## **2024 BURSARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Thank you to Don Wilby and Gary Bartholet for helping with reference checks and meeting to review the applications and references of eight Alberta students continuing their education this fall.

The recipients , the zone they live in and what their academic goals are as follows:

Sheridan Coninx	Zone 3	Biomedical Engineering
Caleb Hunt	Zone 6	Bachelor of Music
Rachel Vair	Zone 1	Bachelor of Education
Caitlin Born	Zone 6	Bachelor of Science – Molecular, Cellular Biology
Kristen Penney	Zone 3	Bachelor of Child Studies
Clare Coninx	Zone 3	Bachelor of Commerce
Gabrielle Vadnais	Zone 3 (formally zone 5)	Business Administration
Emily Stevenson	Zone 2	Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The AHPA Bursary Committee is pleased to support these students and wish them all the success in their endeavors.

Mary Holley

## **AHPA GAME RELATED SALES REPORT 2024**

During the 2024 fiscal year, AHPA purchased shirts costing \$1670. No new shoes were purchased.

As of August 31, 2024, the cost of horseshoes in stock was \$5165, which was 68 pair of shoes.

As of August 31, 2024, the cost of all other game related merchandise was \$5510. This includes shirts, jackets, hoodies, and measuring tools. There is also an inventory of items such as vanity plates and license plate holders that the cost price is not calculated in the inventory.

Due to the extensive variety of shirts the price list has now been revised. There are men's and ladies' styles in three different materials as well as unisex available. There are sizes from XS to 4XL. Some have the AHPA logo on the front and others the logo is on the back.

I am sure everyone can find what they want in this expanded inventory.

Submitted by Game Related Sales Director

Mary Holley

## **AHPA – Membership for 2024**

As of today the AHPA has 150 members including 2 juniors.

There were 21 new members joined since February and an additional 9 new members joined between the last AGM and the new membership year.

The Calgary club hosted an open house in September this year and have 8 people join since that night.

Mary Holley

## **2024 Tournament Directors Report**

*This year was a successful year for tournaments held by the AHPA.*

*The Alberta Open was held in Calgary in May with 19 players attending.*

*The Provincial Championships attracted 22 players, from which we crowned our 3 class champions. Cal Beaudoin in the Mens, Lindsay Hodgins in the Ladies and Dave Burrows in the Elders class.*

*We had 3 other mixed classes to round out the tournament.*

*The Fall Memorial Classic was held in September with 25 players. This made up 5 mixed classes to close out the season.*

*Next years tournament will be singles on Saturday and doubles on Sunday.*

### **Doubles Tournament**

*Red Deer again held a doubles tournament on the Sunday of their scheduled weekend. It was attended by 10 players. We made 5 teams and played one round robin, playing each team once. Scorekeeping was better this year and I have a draft of a doubles scoresheet in the works, a good time was had by all participants.*

*Reports By*

*Jane Cordingley*

### **2024 Western Canada Classic**

*This year's WCC was held in Abbotsford, BC with a total of 84 players.*

*Overall it was a good tournament. AB players finished as follows:*

*Cal Beaudoin – Mens A 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Mark Reinders – Men B 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Lindsay Hodgins – Ladies A 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Jane Cordingley – Ladies A 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Kerry Reinders – Ladie E 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Mary Holley – Ladies E 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Gary Bartholet – Elders B 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Mike Holley – Elders B 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Wes Walker – Elder C 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Dean Bittman – Elder C 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Emvie Antonio – Elder C 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Ray Prevost – Elder D 1<sup>st</sup>*

## **2024 Canadian Championships**

**The Canadian Championships were held in Abbotsford, BC. There was a total of 107 entries, 14 from AHPA. Overall, it was a good tournament, with the usual hiccups and the extreme heat of BC. Our players did as follows:**

**Cal Beaudoin – Mens A 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Mark Reinders – Mens D 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Lindsay Hodgins – Ladies 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Jane Cordingley – Ladies A 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Cindy Ekkel - Ladies E 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Kerry Reinders – Ladies E 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Mary Holley – Ladies F 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Dave Burrows – Elders A 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mike Holley – Elders C 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Gary Bartholet – Elders C 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Wes Walker – Elders D 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Emvie Antonio – Elders D 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ray Prevost – Elders E 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Dean Bittman – Elders E 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## **2024 World Tournament**

**This year's World Tournament was held in Kennewick, WA. We had 6 members from the AHPA attend and this is how we faired:**

**Cal Beaudoin - Mens A prelims 3<sup>rd</sup> – avg 69.83%**  
**Cal Beaudoin – Championship Class 3<sup>rd</sup> – avg 66.67%**  
**Jane Cordingley – Ladies A prelims 12<sup>th</sup> – avg 64.83%**  
**Jane Cordingley – Championship Class 7<sup>th</sup> – avg 67.31%**  
**Mary Holley – Ladies G prelims 8<sup>th</sup> – avg 11.36%**  
**Dave Burrows – Elder B prelims 3<sup>rd</sup> – avg 57.83%**  
**Dave Burrows – Championship Class 10<sup>th</sup> – avg 56.93%**  
**Mike Holley – Elders F prelims 12<sup>th</sup> – 31.73%**  
**Emvie Antonio – Elders I prelims 10<sup>th</sup> – 26.54%**

**In the prelim round, Cal was actually tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with Allan Francis with 13 wins and 2 losses, only placing 3<sup>rd</sup> by ringer percentage. Not too shabby for his first appearance.**

**Reports by**  
**Jane Cordingley**  
**AHPA Tournament Director**



## *AHPA Hall of Fame 2024 Nomination*

This young lady has been playing horseshoes for several years. Her accomplishments as a player include World, National and Provincial titles in two provinces.

Her accomplishments before moving to Alberta were as follows:

2 World titles as Junior Girl in 2013 and 2014 and then in the Open Women class in 2019.

In B.C. she won the Junior Girl provincial championships in 2012,2013 and 2014. She also won the Open Women Provincial Championships in B.C. in 2015,2016,2017,2018,and 2019.

She was inducted into the B.C. Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame in 2023.

Since becoming an Albertan, she has continued her winning ways with 3 Alberta Provincial Championship in 2022, 2023 and 2024 and, also the Alberta Open in 2024. She has won the Open Ladies Championship in the Canadian Championships in 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Please welcome Lindsay Hodgins into the Alberta Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame.



## *2024 Sofie Kelts Builders Award*

This award is for the AHPA member that is a promoter and builder of the sport of horseshoes. This year's nominee certainly fits the profile of both promoter and builder. He has spent years playing and talking to everyone he meets about the great sport of horseshoe pitching in Alberta and before he moved here, in B.C.

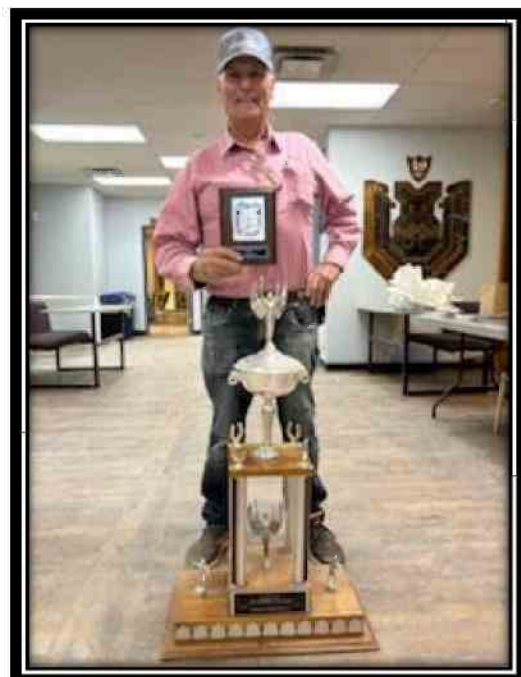
Over the last few years, he has spent endless hours working with his town, Strathmore, and the local Ag Society.

Last year, he was finally able to get permanent pits installed at the Ag Society grounds in an area with lots of space for expansion. Fund raising and working with the local businesses has finally got a new club started. For two years they used portable pits and provided demonstrations at various local events. This year, the Strathmore Cottonwood Horseshoe Club has held their first sanctioned tournament.

Although it was a struggle to get members to commit themselves to helping with administration and organization, he never gave up. Many hours of meetings, phone calls and visiting the businesses around the town of Strathmore has paid off.

I hereby nominate Wes Walker as the AHPA  
Builder of the year for 2024.

Mary Holley





## *AHPA Volunteer of the Year 2024*

This year's volunteer of the year has been an active volunteer for many years.

At the club level, she is league draw master and statistician. She also helps out with the monthly cribbage tournaments at CHC. She is bar tender whenever needed and also helps in the kitchen.

At the provincial level, her contributions are many and varied. She is the provincial tournament director and helps several of the clubs by being tournament director for their annual tournaments. As a member of the AHPA executive, she edits and publishes the newsletter twice a year. She is the provincial web master. Jane is always available to help with ordering and organizing the annual awards for the awards banquet after the AGM. She has been league statistician for the province for many years and this year is returning to be the Provincial statistician.

At the national level, Jane is the Horseshoe Canada tournament director and serves on the executive of Horseshoe Canada. She is one of two contacts for E-shoe with the NHPA for Canada.

Jane is always willing to help with any projects or situations that need attention.

Welcome Jane Cordingley as the 2024 Volunteer of the Year.



# AHPA 2024 PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS

## TOURNAMENTS INCLUDED:

**ALL ALBERTA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS including PROVINCIALS  
CANADIANS, WESTERN CANADA CLASSIC and the WORLDS**

**(3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd, 1 point for 3rd)**

**(Tie Breaker: most 1st, most 2nd, most 3rd)**

	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>3 points</u> <u>FIRST</u>	<u>2 points</u> <u>SECOND</u>	<u>1 point</u> <u>THIRD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1	BEAUDOIN	CAL	8	9	3	45
2	CORDINGLEY	JANE	6	7	6	38
3	WALKER	WES	7	4	7	36
4	BARTHOLET	GARY	2	8	6	28
5	BITTMAN	DEAN	6	4	1	27
6	BURROWS	DAVE	2	5	8	24
7	MCPHERSON	BOB	3	3	5	20
8	HOLLEY	MIKE	5	1	2	19
9	BOLEN	JOHN	5	2		19
10	CORBIERE	OMER	3	4	2	19



***This year's player of the Year  
participated in 19 tournaments  
- finishing 1st in 7 of them, 2nd  
in 9 of them and 3rd in 3 This  
gave him a total point count of  
42 points.***



## AHPA ANNUAL AWARDS 2024

*Hall of Fame*                      *Lindsay Hodgins*

*Volunteer of the year*        *Jane Cordingley*

*Builder of the Year*            *Wes Walker*

*Player of the year*              *Cal Beaudoin*

<i>Provincial Most Improved:</i>	<i>Ladies</i>	<i>Esther Hoerle</i>	<i>17.03% - 20.81% +3.78%</i>
	<i>40' men</i>	<i>Cal Beaudoin</i>	<i>60.61% - 62.18% +1.57%</i>
	<i>30' men</i>	<i>Wes Walker</i>	<i>32.98% - 37.10% +4.12%</i>



## AHPA LEAGUE CLUB AWARDS 2024

### CALGARY WINTER Tuesday

*High Average - Gary Bartholet 38.37%*

*Most Improved - Louis Lallier +15.43%*

*High Game Over Average - Leo Coninx +54.39%*

*High Game - Leo Coninx 80.00%*

### CALGARY WINTER Thursday

*High Average - Gary Bartholet 37.04%*

*Most Improved - Wendy Guibeault +8.96%*

*High Game Over Average - Sid Aker +33.56%*

*High Game - Gary Bartholet 60.00%*

### CALGARY SUMMER Tuesday

*High Average - Gary Bartholet 40.94%*

*Most Improved - Louis Lallier +18.84%*

*High Game Over Average - Leo Coninx +41.40%*

*High Game - Leo Coninx 75.00%*

### CALGARY SUMMER Thursday

*High Average - Gary Bartholet 38.36%*

*Most Improved - Leo Coninx +3.48%*

*High Game Over Average - Leo Coninx +46.27%*

*High Game - Leo Coninx 75.00%*

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*High Average - Stu Little 29.50%*

*Most Improved - John Goulet-Jones +2.30%*

*High Game Over Average - Tim Kreil + 23.00%*

*High Game - Stu Little - 52.50%*



# 2024 AHPA

## RECORDS

**HIGH AVERAGE  
RINGER%**

**HIGH GAME**

**HIGH GAME OVER  
AVERAGE**

<b><u>JUNIOR</u></b>	<b>4.50%</b>	<b>8.00%</b>	<b>2.60% to 8.00%</b> <b>5.40% Over avg</b>
<b><u>BOYS</u></b>	<b>Forest Burrows</b>	<b>Forest Burrows</b> <b>Liam Lammert</b>	<b>Liam Lammert</b>

<b><u>WOMEN</u></b>	<b>77.05%</b>	<b>96.60%</b>	<b>57.38% to 80.00%</b> <b>22.62% Over avg</b>
	<b>Lindsay Hodgins</b>	<b>Lindsay Hodgins</b>	<b>Jane Cordingley</b>

<b><u>30' MEN</u></b>	<b>76.92%</b>	<b>51.59%</b>	<b>34.07% to 60.00%</b> <b>25.93% Over avg</b>
	<b>Dave Burrows</b>	<b>Dave Burrows</b>	<b>Ray Prevost</b>

<b><u>40' MEN</u></b>	<b>82.50%</b>	<b>62.16%</b>	<b>13.31% to 38.00%</b> <b>24.69% Over avg</b>
	<b>Cal Beaudoin</b>	<b>Cal Beaudoin</b>	<b>Sid Aker</b>



*Horseshoe  
Canada*



*Alberta Horseshoe  
Pitchers Association*



*Calgary  
Horseshoe Club*

## ***Round Robin in the Rockies***

***Horseshoe Canada, the Alberta Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and the Calgary Horseshoe Club are excited to host this very special event at the Calgary Horseshoe Club at 4310 78 Ave. SE, Calgary, AB.***

***Some of the best pitchers in the world will be attending and competing against each other in a Mixed A class event. This competition will be held in conjunction with the February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 tournament at the Calgary Horseshoe Club.***

***All members in good standing are invited to participate in this tournament and to meet some of the best pitchers in the world.***

***Entries to Dianne Beck, Tournament Director for Calgary, at 403-860-1282 by February 12, 2025***

***Come one, come all.***



# 2024 - 2025 AHPA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>S or D</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>ENTER BY</u>	<u>Potluck</u>	<u>Campin</u>	<u>Cost / Shirts</u>
16-Nov-24	Calgary Winter	Singles	Dianne Beck	403-860-1282 403-279-0606	Pre Reg by Nov 14	No	No	\$10.00 / Yes
17-Nov-24	Calgary Winter	Singles	Dianne Beck	403-860-1282 403-279-0606	Pre Reg by Nov 14	No	No	\$10.00 / Yes
18-Jan-25	Calgary Winter	Singles	Dianne Beck	403-860-1282 403-279-0606	Pre Reg by Jan 16	No	No	\$10.00 / Yes
15-Feb-25	Round Robin in the Rockies - Sat	Singles	Dianne Beck	403-860-1282 403-279-0606	Pre Reg by Feb 12	No	No	\$10.00 / Yes
16-Feb-25	Round Robin in the Rockies - Sun	Singles	Dianne Beck	403-860-1282 403-279-0606	Pre Reg by Feb 12	No	No	\$10.00 / Yes
15-Mar-25	Calgary Winter	Singles	Dianne Beck	403-860-1282 403-279-0606	Pre Reg by Mar 13	No	No	\$10.00 / Yes
26-Apr-25	Calgary Winter	Singles	Dianne Beck	403-860-1282 403-279-0606	Pre Reg by Apr 23	No	No	\$10.00 / Yes
27-Apr-27	Calgary Winter	Singles	Dianne Beck	403-860-1282 403-279-0606	Pre Reg by Apr 23	No	No	\$10.00 / Yes
17-May-25	Alberta Open, Calgary, AB		Jane Cordingley	403-560-7185	Pre Reg by		TBA	Yes / \$10.0
18-May-25	2 day tournament	Singles	See entry form for details added prize money		May-14			0 \$55.00 / Yes
7-Jun-25	Lethbridge	Singles	Bob Muskovich	403-849-2622	9:00 AM	No	Casino or Walmart	\$10.00 / Yes
8-Jun-25	Lethbridge	Singles	Call ahead appreciated		10:00 AM		parking lot	\$10.00 / Yes
14-Jun-25	Olds #1	Singles	Mike Holley	403-826-1951	Pre Reg by	No	at campgro und or Walmart	\$10.00 / Yes
15-Jun-25	Olds #1	Singles			Jun-12			\$10.00 / Yes
21-Jun-25	Provincial Championships, Calgary, AB		Jane Cordingley	403-560-7185	Pre Reg by		TBA	Yes / \$10.0
22-Jun-25	2 day tournament	Singles	See entry form for details added prize money		Jun-18			0 \$55 / Yes
28-Jun-25	Western Canada Classic, Calgary, AB		Jane Cordingley	403-560-7185	Pre reg		TBA	see info page for more details
29-Jun-25	2 days	Singles	See entry form for details		23-Jul-25			\$40.00 / Yes
5-Jul-25	Innisfail	Singles	Myrna Kissick	403-227-6507	9:00 AM	No	No	\$10.00 / Yes
6-Jul-25	Innisfail	Singles			10:00 AM			\$10.00 / Yes
12-Jul-25	Ponoka	Singles	Noel Peterson	403-783-6901	Pre Reg	No	Yes / free	\$20.00 AHPA
13-Jul-25	Ponoka	Singles			Jul-10			\$20.00 AHPA
19-Jul-25	Strathmore	Singles	Wes Walker	403-324-6250	9:00 AM	no	AG Society	\$10.00 / Yes
20-Jul-25	Strathmore	Singles	Jane Cordingley	403-560-7185	10:00 AM		Camp. \$30.00	\$10.00 / Yes



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13-Aug-25	Canadian Championships Saint-Joseph-de-Sorel, QC		Jane Cordingley	403-560-7185	Pre Reg		Check Horseshoe Canada website for more information	\$75.00 adults
17-Aug-25	5 days	Singles	See entry form for details		16-Jul-25			\$35.00 JR PW
21-Jul-25	World Horseshoe Championships Sandy, UT				Pre Reg		Check NHPA website for more information	\$133 USD / Yes
2-Aug-25	2 weeks	Singles	See entry form for details		13-May			
9-Aug-25	Red Deer	Singles	Kay Born	403-396-1803	9:00 AM	No	Yes / free	\$10.00 / Yes
10-Aug-25	Red Deer	Doubles			10:00 AM		Yes / free	\$10.00 / Yes
30-Aug-25	Olds #2	Singles	Mike Holley	403-826-1951	Pre Reg by	no	at campgro und or Walmart	\$10.00 / Yes
31-Aug-25	Olds #2	Singles			Aug-28			\$10.00 / Yes
6-Sep-25	Medicine Hat	Singles	Vern Koenig	403-581-6155	9:00 AM	No	No	\$10.00 / Yes
7-Sep-25	Medicine Hat	Singles			10:00 AM			\$10.00 / Yes
20-Sep-25	Fall Memorial Classic,	Singles	Jane Cordingley	403-560-7185	Pre Reg	TBA	Yes / \$10.0 0	\$55.00 / Yes
21-Sep-25	Calgary, AB	Doubles	See entry form for details added prize money		Sep-18			
5-Oct-25	Calgary Winter	Singles	Dianne Beck	403-860-1282 403-279-0606	pre Reg by 4 Oct 25	No	No	\$10.00 / Yes

2024-10-15

**IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR TOURNAMENT LISTED, IT WAS NOT CONFIRMED AT THE AGM OR OTHERWISE. IF YOUR CLUB WISHES TO HOST A TOURNAMENT, PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CLUB MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR AHPA REGISTRATION HAS BEEN PAID TO THE SECRETARY.**

**AVAILABLE DATES HAVE NOT BEEN POSTED, SO PLEASE CONSULT A CALENDAR.**

**PLEASE CONFIRM INFORMATION FOR YOUR TOURNAMENT IS CORRECT. IF IT IS NOT, CONTACT JANE CORDINGLEY at [jmcordingley@hotmail.com](mailto:jmcordingley@hotmail.com) or 403-560-7185 INFORMATION WILL BE UPDATED, AS IT IS RECEIVED, ON THE AHPA WEBSITE. <http://abhorseshoepitchers.com>**



# ALBERTA HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Membership Year: \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

The Membership year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please complete this form and send it and appropriate fees to the Membership Chairperson prior to December 31 each year. Please print clearly and fill in all the blanks.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AHPA Card# 62 \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

By providing your e-mail you are giving AHPA permission to send e-mails regarding the AHPA.

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE DIVISION ONLY:

40' MEN      30' MEN (65 and over)      WOMEN      JUNIOR      PEE WEE

DATE OF BIRTH:      Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES: Adult Members \$20.00** If you wish to etransfer your fees, send the funds to [e.michaelholley@hotmail.com](mailto:e.michaelholley@hotmail.com) and indicate here they have been sent \_\_\_\_\_

Junior / Pee Wee: Nil

WAIVER: In consideration of participating in horseshoe activities, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge The Alberta Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all Officers, Employees, Agents and Servants of the afore mentioned organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all actions, causes of actions, damages, loss or injury I may suffer as a consequence of participating in any Alberta Horseshoe Pitchers Association Sanctioned Tournament Event.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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