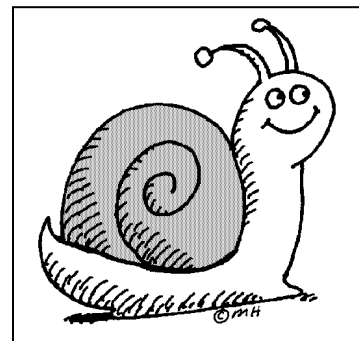


# HORSESHOE NEWS

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**This is your newsletter.** The first newsletter was received with a lot of praise, but my biggest disappointment was that it didn't get spread around as well as it should have. So if you receive this one, please send it out to everyone you know that plays horseshoes in Canada. Also I only got a few people to add to my list to send this to, so again send your name and email to me at [xpostie@shaw.ca](mailto:xpostie@shaw.ca) and I will add you to the list.

We will try to have some news and ideas on everything horseshoes in this newsletter so your help is always welcome with ideas, stories, helpful hints, and more.  
Enjoy this edition



**Now that the horseshoe pitching season is over, Its time to relax, reflect, and prepare.**



**Getting new players out to play is always a challenge. Like most hobbies, churches, and other organizations, the best way to get people out is to take them personally there.**

**Invite someone to play and then arrange to pick them up and take them**

**The 2012 Canadian Horseshoe Pitching Championships held in Saskatoon were a great way to connect with old friends and meet new ones. Start your plans to attend the following Championships in **Belleville Ont. 2013** and **Calgary AB 2014****

**It cost money to travel it's a good time to start savings for that trip.  
See you soon**

**Enjoy your time off and stay active to keep those muscles working that you will need for next year. This can be done by doing other sports or activities, just practicing throwing horseshoes once a week. (cont page 2)**

## Connect with Us

Please send us your email to add to our list. We will send you every issue directly to your inbox, till you tell us not to. Send us also any ideas, suggestions, even complaints that we can share. Email them to Tom at [xpostie@shaw.ca](mailto:xpostie@shaw.ca) Also check out our website at <http://www.horseshoecanada.ca>

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That is if you live somewhere in Canada that allows you to practice in the winter. If not maybe someone has an indoor facility where you can practice. Or if you fly south for a few weeks or months maybe there are courts near where you go.

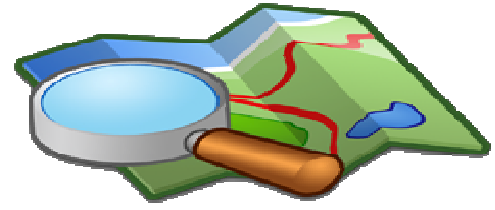
The second point is reflect. How did your season go? If you are a player or a person that organizes a league or tournament how did it go last year? How can you improve? Who can you get to help out for next year?

Final point is prepare. This seems like its not needed sometimes but it is always necessary. We always need new blood in the sport. Keep your ears out for people that may be open to playing horseshoes. If you run a league. Get your paperwork ready for the season so its not too much work then. Get your league phone and address book up to date. If you have not used the horseshoe master software <http://www.horseshoepitching.com/HSMaster/HSMdownload.html>

maybe you can download it and practice with it. Make up some dummy tournaments and put in some scores. Get a feel for it. If you know someone that uses it maybe they can give you a short course on how to use it.

I'm sure there are many ideas. If you have some send them to me at [xpostie@shaw.ca](mailto:xpostie@shaw.ca)

Editorial by Tom Moffat



## Pit locator

So what works in your club? We all are struggling to get new members out to play horseshoes. So what do successful clubs do to attract new members?

Here are some ideas and things some clubs are doing.

This came from someone, find a court somewhere and practice there. If you go there enough someone will come by and talk to you about it. Or someone will ask if they can play too. Always have an extra pair of shoes with you and invite onlookers to try. Then you have an opportunity to invite them to the club at a later date.

Another idea that cam along is on the same theme, we should have a list of horseshoe pits located everywhere in Canada. So if you have some in your town whether they are used or not send me the address. I will make a list and maybe we can get it uploaded onto the horseshoe Canada website.

Anyway you get the idea. And if you have a great idea to help build your club send it along to the newsletter to share with others. Send all ideas to [xpostie@shaw.ca](mailto:xpostie@shaw.ca)