



BRAMPTON MEN'S HORSESHOE CLUB

FELLOWSHIP – SPORTSMANSHIP – FRIENDLY COMPETITION

INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

2017

Elwood Pembleton and Bert Large started the club in 1978, with 35 players; we have now grown to 130. Our club appeals to many age groups; the youngest presently is 30 and the oldest 81. In the past we were 100 % affiliated with Horseshoe Ontario and Horseshoe Canada, with a total membership of over 7500. This affiliation permitted us to participate in all sanctioned tournaments throughout North America. This year, it will be up to the individual player, whether he joins Horseshoe Ontario, the cost of joining Horseshoe Ontario is \$25. In 2000 we hosted the Ontario Singles championship, which was a first for our club. We added 12 portable pits for this event, which drew 161 players' from across the Province.

PURPOSE: FELLOWSHIP, SPORTSMANSHIP, FRIENDLY COMPETITION, AND A WILLINGNESS of all members to help, develop, and improve the skills of all the players. To provide a place for all skill levels to compete on even competitive terms.

PLACE: Centennial Park 80 Mary St. Brampton with 12 floodlit courts, all built to Horseshoe Canada regulations. In July 2003, a storage facility funded and built by our members, 2007 we erected 2 picnic shelters (14' x 20') funded and built by our members. We have water supply to the pits, and in 2008 we installed a PA system, 2008 with the cooperation of the City of Brampton, together we built a Memorial Gardens to Honour Elwood Pembleton and street signs reading Elwood Pembleton Way on the pathway that that goes through the park, 2011 we built a third shelter. In the spring of each year we have our park and courts, cleanup day. In the past, members paid to replace broken slabs and backboards, leveled the infield with tons of limestone, that all changed in 2012, when we completely overhauled all the courts and now are almost maintenance free. They are state of the art courts, the finest anywhere. 2013 Laid a new pad for bleachers and new storage box. In 2014 we upgraded our PA system at the park and can be used at our banquet. 2016 We built a shelter over the barbeque area. Being a not – for profit affiliated club with the City of Brampton, if we have funds leftover we donate to local charities or to the Red Cross when world crises arise and have setup a benevolent fund for members when sick or if one of our members pass away.

SCHEDULE: The club operates every Tuesday and Thursday night, starting the first week in May, for 20 weeks, starting at 07:00pm. Most players arrive about 30 minutes early. In case of rain we play on the Wednesday if not the following Wednesday, in the case of Thursday night it will be played on the following Monday. Games will not be cancelled until 07:15 pm that night at the park. We have a playoff night on the 21st week of the season for prize money only; this will not influence the regular season's standings for awards.

In 2013 with the overflow of members we started another division of 4 teams playing Thursday nights and under the same format as Tuesday nights. In 2014 increased to a 6 team division, 2016 4 teams this changes year to year according to the membership.

COST: \$ 70 per year, \$45 for seniors (65 and over in the current season) and \$50 spares. This entitles you to all club functions. If you decide to join Horseshoe Ontario add \$25. All you need is your own pair of horseshoes, which can be purchased at the club.

DIVISIONS: The club on Tuesday is divided into four divisions, based on the average of the individual player's ability. Thursday with the numbers registered, will decide how many teams in the "E" division. The teams are balanced to make the games as competitive as possible. The committee re-assesses the teams after the first three nights of competition.

Divisions are named after members who have contributed significantly over the years.
"A" John Loder – "B" Harry Collins – "C" Ken Condie – "D" Chris Gorman - "E" John Quackenbush

TEAMS: 30 teams are made up of 4 players per team, 8 games per night. Each player is guaranteed 4 games. Games point system: "A" division 35 points - "B" division 30 points C "division 30 points - "D" division 21 points Thursday night "E" division 21 points and number of teams not determined at this time.

STATISTICS: Game scores, individual player's ringers and shoes are recorded on our own professional scoreboard. This information is transferred to the stat sheet after each game and is totaled at the end of the night by the team captain. This information is then recorded on the statistician's computer and is available each week in the statistician's book and on our website.

AWARDS: Awards are handed out to the top three teams from each division with the highest total score for the 20 nights (160 games). It is the total points for the year, not wins, or losses that decide the champions. So make every point in every game count.

ELWOOD PEMBLETON AWARD (PLAQUE) is presented to the most improved player over his last year's average. When moving up to the 30 ft or 35 ft distance you must establish an average for one season.

GLEN BARTON MEMORIAL AWARD (PLAQUE) IS presented to the person having an outstanding night over his final average. Glen was a long time member and executive, until his sudden death in 1996.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD: (PLAQUE) is not necessarily handed out each year; it recognizes a member, who have gone above the call of duty or normal expectations, contributing to the betterment of our club.

Past Recipient: 1st Hugh Van Schepen 2nd Chris Gorman 3rd Rick Smith 4th Mike Ryde
5th Mike Ryde and Dion Decker 6th Archie Dash and Joe Travers 7th Wayne Crowe 8th Len Smith 9th Bob Booth 10th Ken Condie and Mike Ryde 11th John Quackenbush 12th Gary Johnson 13th Earl Vanderhart

CECIL CHURCHILL – JACK SAVERY AWARD: FOR COURAGE – PERSEVERANCE - DEDICATION

In 2008 we created this award to honour two men who despite fighting serious medical conditions continued to come out each week and play, unfortunately Jack Savery passed away on September 15, 2008 and Cecil Churchill continues to play. In 2010 Tom Perry (Tom passed away December 7, 2011) and 2011 Robert Stewart (Robert passed away August 10, 2015) 2012 John Lonsdale.

Team Awards: First, Second, third place winners will receive awards which the committee will decide on a year to year basis.

TOURNAMENTS: Five tournaments per year hosted by our club (added prize money)

1. Saturday June 4th Sanction Tournament) - entry fee \$10.00 (Must be a member of H.O.
2. 3rd Saturday in June 18th Bert Large Memorial Open Singles - entry fee \$10.00
3. 3rd Saturday in July 16th Elwood Pembleton Memorial Open Singles – entry fee \$10.00
4. 3rd Saturday in August 20th Club Singles and Doubles – no entry fee members only
5. 1st Saturday after Labour day September 10th Fall Open Doubles bring your own partner entry fee \$ 10.00 per person, total prize money approximately \$1200. We add 7 portable pits for this event.

BANQUET: **MEN'S NIGHT ONLY AWARDS/BANQUET** Full course meal, open (free) bar and award presentation.

PLACE: Chris Gibson Recreation Centre 1st Saturday in November 5th

WEEKLY:

- ❖ Draw tickets strip of 3 for \$2.00 or 5 strips of 3 for \$5.00.
- ❖ Three draws for prizes
- ❖ Shootout 2 draws - Ringers \$10 – Leaner \$5 – point \$2 each.
- ❖ Player of the week award (embroidered Ball Cap).
- ❖ Pop, water and Chocolate bars for sale \$ 1.00 each (honour system)

All profits from the ticket and pop sales to support club activities

TEAM BOOK: INCLUDES SCHEDULE, WEEKLY SCORE SHEETS, TEAM LIST AND CONSTITUTION

NEWSLETTER: Newspaper (from the Pits) in the front of the team book, keeping you up to-date on the previous week's results and all club activities and information

YEARBOOK: This book contains yearend statistics, tournament results, trivia, pictures, and history of our club. The first book in 1998 had 27 pages of statistics; in 2016 the book consisted of 160 pages of statistics and photos.

We won't know for sure until after registration.

You may be placed on our spare list and would play as a spare player each night. You would be guaranteed to play 3 or more games. When a position opens up you would then be placed on a team. Cost for spares \$50, this will entitle you to participate in all club activities and awards, except for team awards.

You will pay the full amount at registration, and if placed as a spare, we will refund the difference.

YOU WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO ACCEPT BEING PLACED ON THE SPARE LIST OR YOUR MONEY REFUNDED.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL ME AT ANY TIME.

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