



**2003
Brampton Men's Horseshoe Club
President's Award
For Outstanding Service**



This is the first year, for the President's Award, Ken decided it was time to recognize members who give up a lot of their time, doing club work.



Hugh Van Schepen is the first to receive this award for his 10 years of dedicated service. Each week and for tournaments, he would load up his Toyota pickup truck, with shovels, rakes, brooms, scoreboards, and stands, pop coolers, and stop on the way to the park to pickup 4 or 5 bags of ice.

Remove it all, place the coolers on the tailgate, and at the end of the night, after the members placed everything back, took it back home, unloaded, put it in his garage, removed the leftover pop, dumped the coolers, wiped them out. During the week he would check his stock, go to the store and purchase more, and then next week start all over again, unless there was a tournament on the weekend.

This all started back in 1994 when Bill Roos turned over the pop and coolers and asked (told) Hughie, you are now the pop man. He never really had a chance to say no, but over the years, I believed he enjoyed the job, even though he was known to bitch a little. Ironical this was an election year, and Hugh hesitated whether he would run again and at the last minute decided to stand for elections, it might have been a little to late, for he was defeated on a very close vote.

No one new that this award was being handed out, and when President Condie, explained to the members and a surprised executive, the reason for this award, I believe everyone looked at each other and wonder who it would be. When he read the plaque and then called out Hughie, he walked up with a stunned look and during the presentation, in acceptance, became very emotional. Ken stated later it couldn't have been timed any better. Hughie received a standing ovation, from a very appreciative membership.

Hugh Van Schepen was born in Holland in March 7, 1941 moved to Owen Sound Ontario at the age of 7 and lived there until he moved to Brampton and married his wife Teena in 1974.

He worked most of his time for the Government testing milk. One day he got a call from his friend Bill Roos, to sign up for horseshoes, and with a borrowed pair of shoes from Bernie Sikkema he started in 1994. In 1998 he suffered a minor heart attack, but it didn't stop him and returned to play as soon as the doctor gave him the okay and finished with 16.3 %. High in 2001 of 19.9%, shoulder and back problems have bothered him the last few years, but he keeps coming back.



Ken reading the plaque before the presentation



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FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE
PRESENTED TO
HUGH VAN SCHEPEN
FOR HIS
CONTRIBUTION THE PAST 10 YEARS
YOUR DEDICATION AS AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER
AND FOR
MAKING SURE THE EQUIPMENT WAS AT THE PARK
EACH NIGHT
IT WAS YOUR COMMITMENT THAT HELPED MAKE
THIS CLUB DEVELOP INTO ONE THE TOP
HORSESHOE CLUBS IN ONTARIO
MANY THANKS FOR THE PAST AND FOR THE FUTURE
ON BEHALF OF THE
EXECUTIVE AND THE 102 MEMBERS
PRESIDENT KEN CONDIE**