

Keith Lindsay has a passion for horseshoes, and has shared that passion with future generations of players. As a player, Keith has won two national titles and a world title, and has won many Ontario Singles and Doubles crowns over his distinguished career. But when he talks about horseshoes these days, with that sparkle in his eyes, he's likely wearing his coaching hat and talking about the junior club.

Keith is extremely dedicated to the game he loves. When not practicing or competing himself, he is busy organizing club nights with youth and adults, tournaments, volunteers, or securing financial support. He is an awesome ambassador for our community. Along with Keith, most of the Lindsay family is involved in horseshoes in one way or another.

Born at the farm house at RR#2 Aylmer, Keith Lindsay is a lifelong resident of Aylmer and Malahide. Married to Sharon for 38 years, Keith has 5 children: Eugene (wife Barb), Virginia (husband Darrell Buchner, Chris (husband Barry Acheson), Kathy (husband Brian Nooren), Rob (wife Catherine), and 13 grandchildren, 10 boys and 3 girls, 7 of whom play horseshoes.

Keith started playing horseshoes for fun in 1982 and started competing in 1992. Keith joined the Vienna Horseshoes Club in 1993, joined the Port Burwell Legion Horseshoes Club in 1998, and joined the Woodstock Moose Horseshoe Club in 2000 and the Beachville Horseshoe Club in 2009.

In the year 2005, a Senior Active grant became available, and Keith was approached to take charge of installing horseshoe pits at the East Elgin Community Complex. He agreed, as long as they were available for all ages to use and free of charge. From April to June 2005 the dream became a reality. The grand opening of the EECC horseshoe pits took place on June 18, 2005. He has maintained them since then, and has added 6 more pits.

Keith was instrumental in the establishment of the EECC Horseshoe Club on February 14th, 2006 where the motto is "The Kids are the Heart of our Club!"

As a coach, Keith has worked with local youth, coaching them to titles in singles and doubles at both the Provincial and National levels. As a volunteer, in addition to spearheading the local club's establishment, he has led the organizing committee to host several sanctioned tournaments including the 2008 Ontario Horseshoe Pitching Championship and the 2009 Canadian Horseshoe Pitching Championship

In the club's fourth season it has grown to be the largest Junior Club in Canada with 40 juniors competing. Keith's recipe for success is having them test themselves against equal ability players in singles. Add one-on-one coaching, lots of pits to play on and the secret ingredient-FUN! Social events include strawberries and ice cream socials, pizza parties, awards banquets, and the Santa Claus parade float. The junior team is always a stand-out in their red team shirts and hats, and always display Keith's model of good sportsmanship and etiquette at tournaments.