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Commentary: Jerry Clark

re you ready for some horseshoes? Spring is showing signs of coming out of hibernation, and with the Winetrouts now in our rear view mirrors. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for a great year of pitching. As I look over the statistics sheet from the Winetrouts, it looks like the usual mixed bag, some of us are struggling to get back into the swing of things, while others are coming close to pitching their averages, and then there are a few that are leaving us all in the dust. Whatever the case may be, we now transition to cancellation scoring, and fifty shoe, or in some cases, no shoe limit games and hopefully some sunshine and warmer temperatures.

It's always great to reconnect with our pitching friends from all around the state and also meet and greet the new pitchers that join us every year. They are important to our future, so give them a warm welcome, and an encouraging handshake and tell them we're glad they're here. I met Al Barcus at Winetrout 5, and I'm trying to get around to meet anyone else I haven't met. There are some others that I don't see too frequently on tournament days because they are pitching in different classes, and we don't finish up at the

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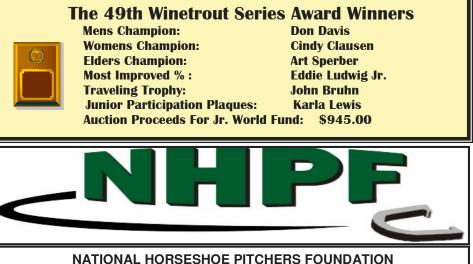


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Hello everyone. We have another Winetrout series in the books and I would like to congratulate all the winners. But most of all. I would like to say how proud I am of Eddie Jr. I am so glad he is a member of our group. For those of you that didn't hear, Eddie Jr was the

most improved pitcher over the last 5 tournaments. GREAT JOB! Also, thank you to Jon Turnbull once again for leading the auction and raising the money for our Junior to the Worlds Fund. Also, a big thank you to all the people that stayed for the auction and paid to take home some great treasures. But where would we be without the support of the Everett club : John Alexander, Gaylord Lund, Wes Chase and Ron Smith. Every weekend we show up, the club has the courts in great shape and ready to play. Thank You!

As our season is about to start and we visit all our clubs around the state be sure to thank them and support them as much as we can. We all understand it is costly to make many tournaments, but our clubs put in a ton of work to make these tournaments the best they can. So let's reward them for their hard work.

I am not sure how many of you heard but Phyllis Quist and the Spokane Club have teamed up with the Spokane tourism group and they are putting in a bid for the 2016 World Horseshoe Tournament. Think of what that will do for our state and its membership. I am so proud of all the people that work so hard behind the scenes to make horseshoes what it is in Washington. Great Job ! We wish you guys the best on the bid.

I would also like to let you, my horseshoe family, know that I have been diagnosed with colon cancer. I will be undergoing treatment in the next weeks and months. I don't know the full details yet, but I may have to look to others in this family to help carry on the president duties. I thank you in advance. Well that is it for now.

See you on the courts, Don



WSHPA website http://www.wshpa.com Web: Rhonda Davis monstertrkdoug@aol.com Email Rhonda with your ideas for the Web Page

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You can see and download the WSHPA schedule, rules and bylaws, a WSHPA entry form, read Shoes News and see lots of other information on the website. The website is growing. Webmaster: graywolfdesign.com

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Shoes News thanks those who contribute articles, pictures, emails, and other items. Your comments, criticism, and input is always welcome. This page is for you to share your thoughts, and concerns of our horseshoe pitching family. Lets hear from you.



Many of our WSHPA family know Rob and Blanca Hettinga, horseshoe pitchers from Oregon. If you haven't heard the good news, they are expecting a new little horseshoe pitcher, due the end of May. We wish Rob and Blanca all the best!

Update on Jeanette McCarthy

Jeanette took a fall on the ice in January breaking her elbow and wrist. She is doing much better now but is still dealing with mobility issues and will not be able to pitch for a few more weeks. Lets keep her in our prayers that everything heals up properly, and that she will be back on the courts with us as soon as possible.



Yakima is the premier spot to 'breakfast up' before a tournament. He has been good to horseshoe pitchers through the years, and during pitching season displays a copy of the Trophy that Matt Fuller brought home from his win as Junior World Champion. Check out the seat by the main entrance door.

Jim Link





WSHPA Family,

Lets keep Don, Rhonda and their family in our prayers in the days and weeks ahead, as the doctors proceed with tests to decide what type of treatments will be most effective.

Editor

Dear Horseshoe Friends,

Here is the latest report on Pat Rebman.

The Mayo Clinic staff has told Rick that there must have been a lot of prayers sent up in Pat's behalf. Even with their expertise, they were puzzled by her very rare and grave situation and were not sure what to do. A few weeks ago, they called Rick and told him to get the family in as they didn't think she'd make it. However, through the grace of God and some expert care, it looks like she will pull through, although there is still a long recovery period ahead. In the past couple of weeks, they got her liver under control and she was able to regain some strength. She even was able to eat real food and handle it OK. The spleen still remained a critical issue and was still three times it's normal size, but she regained enough strength so that they thought they could operate and remove it. The operation was done Monday and appears to be successful. She is still in a lot of pain and the body will have to undergo a readjustment, but the prognosis is very good. They will remain in Arizona close to the clinic as she undergoes her recovery and outpatient care, so it will be awhile before they return home to Hermiston but, naturally, there are many more smiles than frowns. Rick and the family want to thank you all for your care and prayers as it appears that another miracle has happened.

I think I reported that their son Scott was in a motorcycle accident while he was done there. He had a compound leg fracture with both bones broken and has been slow to recover. He will be undergoing skin grafting in a couple of weeks, so he also has a long way to go before he can return home. Barry





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same time, but I'm going to remedy that as soon as possible. I would encourage everyone to get around, either before or after our tournaments and get to know your fellow pitchers a little bit better. Who knows, you might start a friendship that will last for years.

Well, those of us that pitched in two or three of the Winetrouts, probably have our pitching muscles cooperating with us a little bit, but those who haven't picked up their horseshoes since last October, had better have their tube of Ben Gay and their heating pads at the ready. Pitching does not require a lot of physical exertion, but muscles that haven't been used in a few months will let your brain know...hey, what the heck is going on here!

I hope everyone on our membership roll has renewed for the 2014 season, because if you haven't, you may not be receiving this April newsletter. I want everybody to know that Shoes News and the WSHPA are fortunate to have some very supportive and loyal sponsors, and every one of us should make it a priority to support them every chance we get. They are making it possible for us to keep our renewal rates affordable to our members and that makes it a win/win situation for all of us. I also want to thank all of our WSHPA associate members for all their help and support for horseshoe pitching in our state.

Congratulations to all our Winetrout Series Award winners for 2014. It was a great time, all that was missing was Russ Phillips. Get well Russ. Next year we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of this great Washington State tradition

Single Points:

- Make a note that those wishing to register for the Tulip Open should call Jon Turnbull at 360-826-5520 before the Thursday deadline. Do not call Margaret Byfield as the schedule reads, as she will not be available..
- As a group, our state pitchers, averaged 7.6 tournaments attended last year out of 32 tournaments scheduled. That kind of surprised me. I hope we can improve on that number this year.
- Shoes News is dependent on your articles, stories, and pictures. Anything you think would be of interest to our readers. Please email or send them to me.
- Our seasons schedule that was inserted in the February issue was not the final draft, and there have been some changes. Check the online schedule on the WSHPA website for updates.

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Kitchen Memorial Tournament



Date: April 26, 2014 Entry Deadline: Thursday April 24th - 9PM Check In Time: 8:30AM Starting Time: 9:00AM

\$ Money Will Be Added to This Tournament \$ Entry Fee: \$17.00

Where: **So. Kitsap Community Park, Port Orchard, WA** Directions: I-5 Exit #132B merge onto WA-16W toward Gig Harbor/ Bremerton. Take Tremont exit off Hwy 16. Go east on Tremont which becomes Lund Ave. South Kitsap Community Park Exit is on Lund Ave near corner of Jackson and Lund. Drive past ball fields and around to area near restroom building.

Refreshments Will be Available Contact::Bonnie Lewis 360-876-1055 Email: bonnielewis688@hotmail.com For Tournament: Cell# 360-362-6579 For either phone #'s Please leave message



Megan refuses to get out of bed. "I can't go to school," she wails. "The kids make fun of me, the teachers hate me, and I have way too much work!" "Megan, you have to go to school," her mother says.

"You're the principal."

The Clover Island Inn is the host for this years State Banquet on August 31st



2016 WORLD TOURNAMENT IN SPOKANE? MAYBE

I am very excited to let everyone know that the Spokane Tourism & Convention Bureau has submitted a bid to the NHPA for the 2016 World Tournament. I have been working with them for the past six months. This is the culmination of a dream Jim and I have had for over 20 years. Now it's a waiting game. The vote will happen at the July convention in Hamburg, NY.

I believe Spokane and the State of Washington can offer the "World" a very special tournament. The beauty of this Northwest corner of the U.S. is unparalleled anywhere and the hospitality of our family of horseshoe pitchers and the City of Spokane will welcome all with open arms and make this an unforgettable experience.

2014 World Horseshoe Tournament Hamburg Fairgrounds & Event Center 6500 McKinley Parkway Hamburg, NY 14075



There are many things to see and do in the Hamburg / Buffalo Area

The Buffalo Niagara region and Hamburg, New York will be hosting the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA) World Tournament July 14 th – 26 th 2014 at the Hamburg Fairgrounds and event center.

Summer in Hamburg offers many family-friendly attractions that we hope you take full advantage of while in town for the NHPA tournament! In the summer months, the Village of Hamburg offers self-guided historic walking tours. In addition, the Village of Hamburg supports is the annual Garden Walk, which is proud to be a participant in the National Garden Festival. Also, on the third Saturday in July, Hamburg celebrates the birthplace of the hamburger with its annual tribute to the American classic during "Burgerfest". From the first Saturday in May through the first Saturday in November, the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce hosts the Hamburg Farmers' Market. Young and old alike come to the market to shop for fresh local produce, flowers, meats, eggs, cheeses and homemade baked goods from our regional vendors and merchants.

Please visit the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce's website <u>http://www.hamburg-chamber.org/Visit</u>for more information on "what to do" while in Hamburg this summer.

Additionally, the city of Buffalo is a short 20 minute drive from the fairgrounds. With restaurants, bars, shops, and museums, making a trip to the city will be sure to offer entertainment for all ages. Please visit this site for more information: <u>http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/things-to-do/</u>

Finally, Niagara Falls is only a short trip away, as well. If you haven't yet seen this awe-inspiring destination, be sure to make it part of your visit! Here's some info: <u>http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/things-to-do/niagara-falls/</u>

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Lindsay Carucci at the Buffalo Niagara Sports Commission: 716-218-2932 or <u>Carucci@buffalosportscommission.com</u>

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Executive Board Meeting March 8, 2014 Winetrout V, Everett

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The meeting was called to order by President Don Davis.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous executive board meeting and they were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treas. Rhonda Davis presented the following which was approved:

Bank of America -

Checking \$2223.77 Junior Promotion \$608.90

Savings 1\$6142.16

Savings 2\$7530.91 Memberships

Total:1 \$15,896.84 2011: 152 adults, 11 juniors = total: 163

Washington Federal CDs - 2012: 142 adults, 14 juniors =total: 156 (down 7)

\$5084.40 2013: 138 adults, 12 juniors = total: 150 (down 6)

\$5084.40 2014: as of 3/7/14: 84 adults, 4 juniors

\$53,440.20 total: 88 (down 62) 25 associates

Total: \$63,609.00

Grand Total: \$79,505.84

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Promotion</u> - Chairman Jon Turnbull is planning to have booths and demonstrations on weekdays at the fairs in Monroe and Puyallup this year. He will need 4 or 5 people at a time, rotating in and out at each booth during the time it's open. Insurance, a possible problem, will be looked into.

<u>Junior Promotion</u> - Chairman Phyl Quist reported that the Jrs. to the World Fund presently has \$1,362, and will be added to with the auction at Winetrout VI.

<u>Regional Director</u> - Phyl reported that the *NHPA Newsline* will go online at the end of the year. It will be accessible to everyone. Phyl is selling tickets to the World Tournament Raffle - a valuable group of prizes.

<u>Shoes News</u> - The group thanked Editor Jerry Clark for the good job he's doing. Rhonda reminded us that we need to support our advertisers. Rhonda reminded us that the clubs need to pay for their 2014 ads. She has invoices for these if the business needs one.

<u>Winetrout Anniversary</u> - Jerry Clark mentioned that next year will be the 50th anniversary of the Winetrout Winter Tournaments, so we should plan something special.

BUSINESS

Rhonda reported that a scanner has been purchased for use in going over the old score sheets and records that have been stacking up in boxes.

Jerry Conklin volunteered to help with getting our By-Laws up to date.

Rhonda mentioned that the printer used for the *Shoes News* is on its last legs. It may be time to think about going online with it for members having computer access. Complimentary copies are being sent to a number of old time pitchers who are no longer active members.

Kennewick State Tournament: Monte and Sharon McLaughlin reported that the Clover Island Inn is offering a good rate for horseshoe pitchers. The banquet will be held there.

Rhonda reminded pitchers that you must notify her if you are moving up from 40 to 30 feet.

<u>Hall of Fame Trailer</u> - Phyl said the trailer has had a bump that upset some of the books, and a leak that has ruined some photos stored there. She has been re-doing the damaged picture books from negatives. She has found some pictures are missing, which is very discouraging. Ask Phyl if you'd like a copy of any picture. Phyl thanked Margaret Byfield for having the trailer parked at her home since the World Tournament.

<u>World Tournament</u> - Phyl announced that Spokane, through it's Tourism and Convention Center, will bid on the 2016 World Tournament. Getting the bid will be tough since people in the east don't like to come west. This undertaking will require big support, if the bid is successful. Many committees will be needed to run this. With Washington, Oregon, and Idaho together it should be workable. The dates would be July 25 - August 7, 2016.

Statistician - Debi McRae will not be doing it any longer. We are looking for someone to step in to take over.

<u>Winetrout Tournaments</u> - President Don feels we need to be back in the building rather than out in the pavilion for stats, food, and meetings. It is too hard on the people to do the work outside in the cold. The Snohomish Club works for the park to earn toward the expense of using the building, but the cost is now an unaffordable \$2000 for the 6 Winetrouts. Don wants to discuss this and plan a way to have the building or an alternative for next year.

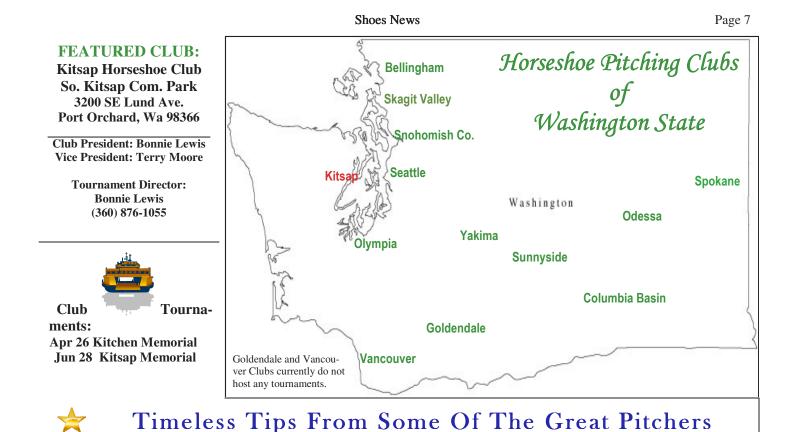
<u>Tournament Attendance</u> - Don reminded pitchers that you must call in or be on the list for participation in tournaments. He says it must be a firm rule. If you pay ahead for all 6 Winetrouts, there will be no repayment if you cancel.

<u>Directories</u> - Carol Sperber has made copies of the state club directory for new members. It includes maps for finding the courts and a contact person for each club. Let her know if you have someone who needs one.

<u>Tournament Formats</u> - Dennis Tutewiler suggests it would be helpful if pitchers know ahead of time how the classes will be set-up for the State Tournament. Don says we hope to plan it better this year to make it more competitive.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Sperber, Recording Secretary



Guy Zimmerman, 1954 World Champion: "The reason many pitchers tense up is because they don't try as hard during practice as they do in competition. While practicing, they merely toss their shoes back and forth without concentrating enough on what they are doing. The result is, they play like they practice, half- hearted with little confidence. They may pitch very well for awhile, but when the chips are down, they break under the preasure of competition."

Don Titcomb, 1960 World Champion: "Mistakes made in practice through lack of concentration, and determination, will form bad habits that will come back to haunt you in tournament games."

Paul Focht, 1962 World Champion: "Pitch every shoe in practice, just as you would in a tournament– as if the title depended on throwing a ringer."

Ed Fischel, WA. State Champion 1959, 1963: (*World Tournament 1964 made 103 ringers out of 118 shoes against Curt Day*) "Swing straight for the stake...finish with a soft follow-through. If you force the follow-through it will spoil the alignment."

Millie Kuhne, WA State Women's Champ 1968-1971: "Don't try to pitch like someone else...get your style and stay with it."

Herb Criss, 9 time WA State Men's Champ: "I like to hold the shoe in front of my eyes in line with the stake. I look about half way up the stake and try to make my arm go right up the stake with a good follow-through."





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Class A Mixed	W/L	Т %	HG%	Class A Mixed	W/L	Т %	HG
Art Sperber	7/1	58.55	70.83	Don Davis	6/1	66.54	77.
Don Davis	6/2	64.47	70.00	Stan Speers	5/2	58.46	67.
				Art Sperber	4/2	54.58	67.
Stan Speers	4/3	51.43	60.00	Edward Ludwig	3/3	48.33	70.
John Bruhn	4/3	43.21	55.00	Jerry Conklin	2/4	42.50	60.
Edward Ludwig	3/4	48.57	62.50	Gerald Stangland	1/5	51.25	55.
Jerry Conklin	3/4	46.07	55.00	John Bruhn	1/5	42.92	55.
Gerald Stangland	1/6	43.93	55.00	Class B Mixed	W/L	T %	HG
Gaylord Lund 1/6 33.21 45.00			Ron Smith	6/0	43.75	55.	
Class B Mixed	W/L	Τ%	HG%	Jerry Clark	3.5/2.5	43.75	50.
Jim Petersen	7/2	50.29	62.50	Monty McLaughlin	3/3	42.50	50.
Gene Kuiken	6/3	37.94	50.00				47.
Marv Herridge	5/3	44.69	62.50	Gaylord Lund Marv Herridge	3/3 3/3	39.17 36.67	47. 50.
Jerry Clark	5/3	40.63	52.50	Jon Turnbull	1.5/4.5	32.50	47.
Larry Barr	4/4	35.63	47.50	Kaiti Reeves	1/5	31.25	35.
Ron Smith	3.5/4.5	30.94	40.00	Class C Mixed	W/L	T%	
Bob Sperber	3/5	35.31	50.00				HG
Monte McLaughlin	2.5/5.5	35.94	42.50	Larry Barr	5/1	39.17	50
Jon Turnbull	1/7	31.25	37.50	Bob Sperber	4/2	37.50	50
Class C Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%	Gene Kuiken	4/2	35.00	42
Mark Bell	6/2	33.21	52.50	Cindy Reeves Michael Watcher	2.5/3.5 2.5/3.5	32.92	37
	5/3			Dennis Tutewiler	2.5/3.5	30.42 28.75	35
Paul Burckhard		24.29	40.00	Bill Martino	1/5	26.67	35
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Don Ebey	3/4	26.07	40.00	Don Ebey	5/1	34.17	42.
Sharon McLaughlin	3/4	22.86	30.00	Paul Burckhard	3.5/2.5	31.25	45.
Nick Nicholson	1/6	21.07	25.00	Eddie Ludwig Jr	3/3	32.08	42.
				Mark Bell	3/3	28.75	40.
Class D Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%	Nick Nicholson	1/5	22.08	30.
Eddie Ludwig Jr	6/1	31.79	36.50	Sharon McLaughlin	0/6	13.33	20.
Al Barcus	5/2	31.43	45.00	Class E Mixed	W/L	Т %	HG
Mac Huson	5/2	24.29	40.00	Jean Covington	5/0	26.50	30.
Terry Hanson	3/4	17.86	30.00	Terry Hanson	4/1	20.00	25.
Wes Chase	3/4	16.43	27.50	Charlie Tapper	3/2	25.50	27
Charlie Tapper Linda Pransky	2.5/4.5 2.5/4.5	18.21 15.36	22.50 32.50	Mac Huson	2/3	13.50	17.
Eddie Hills	1/6	11.79	17.50	Al Barcus	1/4	19.50	27.
	110	11.75	11.00	Eddie Hills	0/5	9.50	12.

Thanks Phyl for pics

Saturday, March 22, was a great finish to the 49th Annual Winter Winetrout Classic series. Representatives from Spokane, Yakima, Kennewick, from Everson, Bellingham to Olympia, Vancouver, Bremerton and all points in between were present. After pitching, a great pot luck was enjoyed by all and awards were given. Then the day culminated with our yearly auction extravaganza with the dynamic duo of Davis and Turnbull at the helm. And as we wiped away the tears of laughter we found our Junior World Fund had increased by \$945.00!

Thank you, thank you, thank you, - to all who so generously make this such a memorable event. Phyl

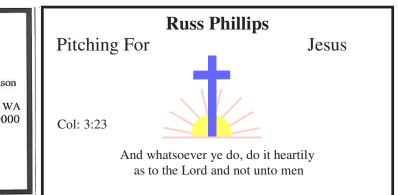


A big surprise at the last Winetrout was a visit by John Reedy!

It's really humid in the woods, so the two hiking buddies remove their shirts and shoes. But when they spot a sign saying "Beware of bears," one of them stops to put his shoes back on. "What's the point?" the other says. "You can't outrun a bear." "Actually," says his friend, "all I have to do is outrun you."

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UPCOMING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Entry deadline is 9 PM on Thurs. prior to tournament. Check in before 8:30AM day of tournament.

- ◆ APRIL 12 TULIP OPEN / BURLINGTON Contact Jon Turnbull 360-826-5520
- A P R I L 19 COLUMBIA BASIN OPEN / KENNEWICK Contact Monty McLaughlin
 - 509-627-8263 *NOTE new number
- A P R I L 20 SAGE BRUSH OPEN / HERMISTON OR (CANCELLED)
- APRIL 26 ODESSA SPRING FLING / ODESSA Contact Dave Goodwin 509-639-2547
- + APRIL 26 KITCHEN MEMORIAL / PORT ORCHARD Contact Bonnie Lewis 360-876-1055



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