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### Commentary: *Jerry Clark*

**W**ell folks, here comes August. The type of summer we always hope and pray for is exactly the one we got this year, with a record number of days in the 80s and 90s. Pitching opportunities in these “dog days” of summer still abound, with a number of our schedules featured tournaments still up ahead. Don’t miss out on all the fun and games we are going to have in the last two and a half months of the 2015 season.

On the subject of ESPN’s coverage of the World Tournament, I was aware that the horseshoe coverage was going to be interspersed throughout the three hour Sports Center On the Road show, and the coverage that they did was well done, but it left me, for one, wanting more. The shows personalities, Sara Walsh and Matt Barrie did some nice segments with some of the top horseshoe pitchers, including a very interesting sports science piece featuring pitcher Austin Bailey from Illinois, and also a segment where Alex Francis out ringered his famous dad, Alan, one to nothing. To sum up the show, I wanted more horseshoes, and less baseball highlights and interviews with NFL players. At the end of the day, I guess a little publicity is better than no publicity at all.

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## Thanks For The Memories, Don

Leaders come in all shapes, sizes and temperaments. It’s hard to know who is a good one and who is not.

I happened to notice one leader who I think exemplifies the best qualities a good leader can have and outshines them all. His name is Don.

His young life was shaped growing up in a blended family of 7 siblings – some whole, some half and some step. It was not always an easy time. However, he idolized his mom’s brother, Uncle Ed Fischel. Whatever Ed was doing, Don wanted to do. And I think Uncle Ed thought this boy was pretty special too.

Ed Fischel’s outstanding accomplishments, as one of our all time top horseshoe pitchers, has been such a catalyst for Don. That was quite evident when Don & Rhonda were inducted into the WSHPA Hall of Fame in 2014. Don’s emotions surfaced when he realized he’d achieved status to stand alongside his great uncle.

Don has such an outgoing and gregarious personality and it is so infectious. There is always a smile on his face and some choice words to make us laugh. He meets all challenges head on. I don’t think the words “I can’t do this” are in his vocabulary.

This past year Don was indeed challenged with a physical attack on his body. But he has this attitude that overpowers illness. His road back to good health has been a tough one but he is back on the courts reaching for the top spot again.

Don is stepping down as WSHPA President this year. We shall miss the leadership of this President and First Lady. What a team!

Speaking of leaders – he is one of the best.

Oh – did I mention his name is **DON DAVIS**?



### 2014 WSHPA STATE CHAMPIONS

Mens: **Matt Fuller** Womens: **Bonnie Lewis**

Elders: **Russ Phillips**

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### DON'S MESSAGE

Hi all. One week and counting. If you are on facebook, you will see that some of our members are already on their way to Kansas. Drive safely and Rhonda and I will see you there.

I want to take a few lines to say how much fun I have had these past couple of weekends. We have spent a bit of time south of the border in Oregon. Played 2 days in Portland. Would someone let Barry Chappelle know I have his horseshoes! Then Gary Opper from Idaho had a tournament in Bend, Oregon. Don't ask me how that works. But what I took away from these games is no matter how good or bad it is going, there is room for change. I think most everyone knows Jerry Gordon. He has been having a hard time getting his shoes 40 feet. Not me, things have been good for me. But, on Saturday night in Bend after the tournament, we all went back to play a round robin "fun game" series. I played Jerry first game and here is how fast things change. I know it is a practice game, but after the dust settled, Jerry had beaten me 21-0 and he had not missed a shoe. So just when you think you are struggling, look what can happen. Great game, Jerry!

To everyone going to world's, "Be safe and good luck".

See you on the courts.  
Don


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# WSHPA News

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.

## Lights...Camera...Action!!



The Sportscenter On The Road Crew gets ready for action



Don Davis



Monty McLaughlin



The McCarthy boys with proud father and Grandfather



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Phyl Quist



J.T. McCarthy



Michael McCarthy



Bill Martino



Bert Pack

*These World Tournament pictures courtesy of Phyl Quist*



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*In case you haven't noticed, there have been some changes in the States Singles and Doubles registration process. You will now have to fill out a paper registration which you can find on page nine. You must return the copy to either Don or Rhonda Davis personally, or mail to their address by the August 20th deadline. Everything you need to know is on the entry form. We will go through the same thing in the September Newsletter where you will find the Doubles registration form. You will also find the WSHPA pitchers averages that we will be working off of for the Doubles parings. Start looking for a partner if you don't have one. The deadline to get your Doubles registration form in, is October 4th. Besides being available in the Shoes News, these forms will also be available at most of the tournaments.*

*Here is another reminder for you. The September issue of Shoes News will be sent out a little later than usual so we can get the States Singles results in that months newsletter. Also, the last newsletter of the year in October will be sent out about the 20th of the month, so that we can get the States Double results to you this year, and not next January.*

*From January till June I did not have any Shoes News returned to me, but the last couple of months I've had three returned. If anyone knows where Larry Barr or Tim V are living now, please let me know.*

*Finally, a huge thank you to Don Davis as he finishes his final days as President of WSHPA. For eight years, Don has given the WSHPA a steady hand at the helm of our organization. He is well respected by our membership, and by the leadership of the NHPA and has been one of our state's delegates at the World Tournament for a number of years, and as such, votes on all of the new rules proposals that are brought up every year. We were truly blessed to have such a capable leader, and even better than that, a great guy! Thanks Don.*

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So far, science has not figured out how a man can tell what a woman is thinking by listening to what she says.

When I was young, there was no respect for youth. Now that I'm old, there's no respect for elders. I missed it on both ends.



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Class A Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Glen Heistand	5/0	66.80	82.00
Paul Quam	4/1	45.20	56.00
Bert Pack	3/2	38.00	44.00
Ron McLaughlin	2/3	46.40	56.00
Larry Parsons	1/4	44.40	56.00
Stan Speers	0/5	42.00	52.00

Class B Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Phyllis Quist	4/1	38.80	40.00
Barry Gentle	3/2	40.00	52.00
Brad Zumbuhl	3/2	38.40	44.00
Orlean Clinton	3/2	26.40	42.00
Al Barcus	2/3	26.00	36.00
Rex Tauscher	0/5	28.00	32.00

Class C Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%
Charlie Tapper	5/0	20.80	28.00
Cyrus Darling	3/2	26.40	34.00
Jean Covington	3/2	20.80	26.00
Jim Quist	0/5	10.40	16.00

Juniors	W/L	T %	HG%
Megan Stonehocker	3/2	15.60	22.00
Karla Lewis	1/4	6.80	10.00

001-15-020/ SEATTLE OPEN 07/04/2015			
Class A Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%

Robert Hassan	8/1	49.06	60.00
Orlean Clinton	7/2	24.38	35.00
Chris Moore	3/5	21.07	27.50
Frank Easterly	2/6	22.50	30.00
Charlie Tapper	1/3	13.13	15.00

001-15-021/ LAKEFAIR OPEN 07/11/2015			
Class A Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Matt Fuller	5/1	69.25	77.78
Don Davis	5/2	67.23	77.59
Lee Zalesny	4/2	64.79	70.37
Barry Chapelle	2/3	59.31	66.67
Glen Heistand	1/4	53.20	67.31
Ray Powell	0/5	56.74	63.64

Class B Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Stan Speers	5/0	46.49	56.67
Paul Tutewiler	4/1	42.40	54.00
Jerry Conklin	3/2	46.12	52.94
Wes Honn	2/3	43.36	50.00
Robert Pederson	1/4	38.84	45.24
Brad Zumbuhl	0/5	37.83	46.00

Class C Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%
Willis Mott	5/1	39.29	52.38
Duane Nault	4/2	38.39	68.75
Jerry Phillips	3/2	29.65	39.13
Orlean Clinton	2/3	18.00	31.25
Ron Schaefer	1/4	28.00	34.00
Barry Gentle	1/4	27.50	32.00

Class D Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Al Barcus	6/0	25.00	27.50
Marv Herridge	4/2	36.67	60.00
John Reaney	4/2	26.25	47.50
George Reynolds	3/3	13.33	25.00
Jean Covington	2/4	17.50	22.50
Charlie Tapper	2/4	17.08	27.50

Junior	W/L	T %	HG%
Megan Stonehocker	0/6	13.33	27.50

## Recent Past Presidents of WSHPA

- 1994..... Pat Quinn
- 1995 ..... Pat Quinn
- 1996..... Gene Kuiken
- 1997..... Gene Kuiken
- 1998..... Gene Kuiken
- 1999..... Gene Kuiken
- 2000 ..... Phyl Quist
- 2001..... Phyl Quist
- 2002 ..... Phyl Quist
- 2003 ..... Phyl Quist
- 2004 ..... Vic Magnus
- 2005 ..... Vic Magnus
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- 2007 ..... Russ Phillips
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- 2013..... Don Davis
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## OUR STATES WORLD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>SEED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>W~L</u>	<u>R%</u>	<u>FINISH</u>
Elders M2	4	Darrel Koistinen	4/7	12.95	7 <sup>th</sup>
Junior B	9	JT McCarthy IV	2/7	27.22	8 <sup>th</sup>
Junior C	6	Michael McCarthy	0/9	16.11	10 <sup>th</sup>
Cadet A	4	Patrick McCarthy	3/6	41.39	8 <sup>th</sup>
Cadet Championship		Patrick McCarthy	2/5	47.90	7 <sup>th</sup>
Elders F2	3	Bert Pack	7/8	33.00	9 <sup>th</sup>
Womens G	10	Phyllis Quist	6/9	28.83	12 <sup>th</sup>
Womens I	10	Trudy Oye	7/8	25.00	8 <sup>th</sup>
Womens K	10	Sharon McLaughlin	9/4	18.85	4 <sup>th</sup>
Mens F2	9	Bill Martino	6/9	24.33	11 <sup>th</sup>
Mens B2	4	Paul Quam	0/13	00.00	14 <sup>th</sup>
Mens C2	13	Monty McLaughlin	4/11	32.67	14 <sup>th</sup>
Senior Men H	1	Jim Quist	7/6	10.19	9 <sup>th</sup>
Mens A1	9	Don Davis	4/11	60.50	13 <sup>th</sup>

***Congratulations Sharon McLaughlin  
Women's K—4th Place***



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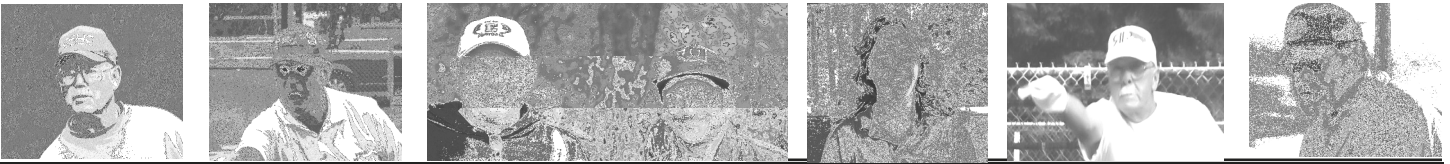
Bill: "Why the glum look?"  
 Stan: "I just don't understand today's world.  
 My son wears an earring. My daughter has a  
 tattoo. My wife makes twice what I do."  
 Bill: "So what are you going to do?"  
 Stan: "I'm thinking of going home to my father."

### ***2015 WORLD HORSESHOE CHAMPIONS***

Men's Champion	Alan Francis, Ohio	15-0	88.41
Women's Champ	Debra Brown, VT	15-2	77.87
Elder's Champion	David Holmes, WV	12-3	78.47
Sr. Women's Champ	Ruth Rife, Ohio	6-1	68.89
Sr. Men's Champion	Ron Deckard, FL	10-1	58.66
Jr. Boys Champion	Tyler Howard, KY	8-1	72.96
Jr. Girls Champion	Denise Daly, IL	5-0	64.20
Cadet Champion	Malcolm Clark, IA	6.5/0.5	67.27







## WSHPA Horseshoe Flashbacks

By Darrel Koistinen

### Art and Herb Have W.T. Memories From Gillette, Wyoming, 1996



This photo was taken at the Gillette World Tournament in 1996. Herb Criss and I both made it into the Senior Men's Championship Class. I was lucky enough to beat Herb in a close game, 41-35. Herb finished in 7th place with 4 wins and 5 losses, averaging 61.87%, and I was 3rd with 6 wins and 3 losses, averaging 68.36%. It was one of the few times I finished ahead of Herb, and it was always special when we could play one another in a big tournament like that!

The Topeka World Tournament is now a part of history. I hope you made some memories that will always bring a smile to your face!

Art Sperber

## The Best Pitcher You Can Be

Are you still striving to be the very best pitcher you can be, or has a little bit of apathy or complacency taken up residence in the back of your mind? This can happen, especially if you are winning, or even placing in your present class just often enough to keep you a happy camper. It's a little bit of our human nature taking over. We get an idea of how good a pitcher we are, and when we reach that preconceived notion, our minds kind of semi-consciously tell us, you've arrived. At this point, we can sometimes settle in, and we stop putting in the time, effort, and drive it takes to get to the next level.

Of course there are a few things that can sometimes hold us back, some of these are age, injuries, or illness, but I also believe there are a few other factors that will eventually determine just how good a pitcher we will become. The first is a pretty obvious one. Do we have the drive within us to want to practice our craft regularly? This takes a certain outlay of time that many of us either can't do, or don't want to do. Another aspect of practice, is to practice smartly. What do I mean by that? Work on those parts of our games that give us trouble during tournaments. At times during a tournament, you have to pitch high on the stake, or go in low to get around an opponents leaning shoe. Another thing that can determine just how good a pitcher we will become, is our willingness to make slight adjustments when they are needed. This may include a slight grip adjustment, or a slight change in our foot placement or where we are standing on the pitching platform. Another thing, and this is important. There is absolutely nothing that prepares a pitcher better for pressure situations than pitching in tournaments. As you pitch in more and more tournaments, you become a lot more accustomed to making pitches in pressure situations which helps build confidence in your ability to come through in clutch situations more and more often. Pitching in sanctioned tournaments regularly is a huge part of improving as a pitcher.

There is another factor in how good a pitcher we will become, and that is natural ability. Some people are just naturally blessed with great hand/eye coordination, timing, rhythm, call it what you will, but they just pick up certain skills easier, faster, and better than the rest of us. That goes for people in all sports, and ours is no exception. Oh, don't get me wrong, these people still have to work at their games as well, and without a drive to succeed and excel they too will level out, and not become what they could have. Even natural ability will only take you so far if there is no burning desire within.

In conclusion, let's not settle for the pitcher we are, but keep pushing to be the pitcher we can become. If you are a 10% pitcher, shoot for 20%, if you are a 20% pitcher, go for 30%. If you are a 30% pitcher, push on to get to 40%. Keep climbing. Don't put any limits on how high you can climb. There may be an A Class pitcher inside you. Our game needs more A Class pitchers.

OHPA President, Ken Gilbert wrote an article in the June Ringer Review titled "Where Have All the High Percentage Pitchers Gone?" To excerpt some of what he said; "I wish we had more pitchers in the high average range, but we just don't have many. I personally think we should protect the integrity of what an 'A' pitcher means or a 'B' or a 'C', etc. I want to be an Oregon A Class State Champion some day, but if that means that I'm pitching 30% and end up in the A Class, I will not feel good about that. To me 30% is not an A Class level and shouldn't be considered an A Class level, just because the quality of percentages in our state has dropped." Well said, Ken.

Jerry Clark

## TPOY LEADERBOARD

- 5 Points each Tournament
- 5 Points / Win
- 3 Points / Tie
- 1 Point / Loss

	Tulip Open	Columbia Basin Open	Odessa Spring Flint	Kitchen Memorial	Skip Memorial	Monasmith Open	Norm Hansen Open	Tri City Open	Rehard Open	Bob Hansen Memorial	Strawberry Open	John Byfield Memorial	Kitsap Memorial	Seattle Open	Lakefair Open	Ed Walsh Open	Carvo Open	Yakima OPEN	Bellingham International	Out of State Tnmts	TOTALS	
Orlean Clinton	19	15		14	15	16	31	30	30	23	27	19	22	42	18							331
Charlie Tapper	31	29		14	19	27	11	18	10	19	18	23	30	13	19						32	314
Bryan Berntsen	41	23	14		27	31	23	22		23	17	25										246
Jerry Conklin		21	32		27	18	31	22	18		15	27			22							233
Barry Gentle		23		14	35		19	22	23	23	29		22		14							224
Robert Christensen	32	31	31		19	23	35			31												202
Lee Zalesny		25	31		29	11	19	26	27						27							195
Glen Heistand	22			26	19					35	36		30		14							182
Don Davis									31		32	35			32						48	178
Paul Quam	10			22	19	14	15				27	23	26									156



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### NOTE OF THANKS...

Hi Jerry,  
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There's nothing like our wonderful horseshoe family!  
*Carol Sperber*

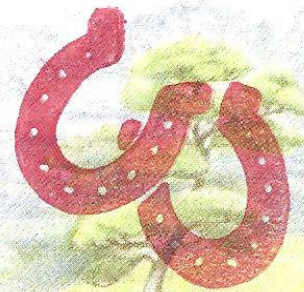
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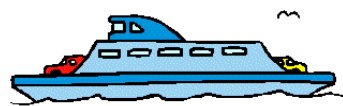
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**Rhonda Davis, 16010 SE 322<sup>nd</sup> St, Auburn, WA 98092**  
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 Please enter me in the 2015 Washington State Singles in Burlington on Sept 5-Sept 7:  
 Check one division only (one entry form per person please)  
 Mens (40 ft) \_\_\_\_\_  
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*NOTE : All adult pitchers must have pitched in at least 2 (two) sanctioned tournaments within Washington State since the last state tournament. All junior/cadet pitchers must have pitched in at least 1 (one) sanctioned tournament within Washington State since the last state tournament. NHPA stats (NASTATS) will be used to verify this.*

# 2015 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- AUG 8 ED WALSH OPEN, FRANKLIN PARK, SPOKANE ..... Kaiti Reeves / 509-389-7781
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- AUG 20 *Entries for WSHPA Singles Close at 9:00 PM / WSHPA State Singles Trn Sept 5, 6, & 7 / Burlington*
- AUG 22 BELLINGHAM INTL, CORNWALL PARK, BELLINGHAM..... Phyl Quist / 360-384-4544
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