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President's Reflections



Here we go folks! Remove the rust... on your shoes, that is, and get ready for the 2023 Washington State horseshoe pitching season. We will be holding the Winetrout tournaments in Seattle this year. The pits look good and the park is cleaned up. Phyllis has made the arrangements to rent the lawn bowling facility for us to meet, have some coffee and donuts, input the scores and have a warm restroom! We will do the club rotation for coffee and donuts (no lunch) for the 6 tournaments and the Bellingham Club has volunteered for our first tournament on January 14, 2023.

This past year we had lots of fun tournaments, but also some very sad times. We lost Jerry Conklin, who faithfully served as our state statistician for a long time. We lost him in early 2022 and have missed him this year sitting at his computer making sure all the entries were correct. Jerry was very smart and was also heavily involved in ham radios. I used to call him with questions frequently and Jerry always knew the answers, along with lots of "sidebars" he would add. Jerry could talk and give you the shirt off his back.

Many of us are still mourning the loss of Russ Phillips, one of the best pitchers in the country and one of the nicest guys anyone could ever meet. He was a true gentleman, kind, generous, gifted, faithful, and encouraging. He also served as our president for a number of years. Russ is with the Lord for Christmas this year. Continue to keep his lovely wife, Linda, in your prayers.

Christmas, for me, is all about the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. But I also love the Christmas trees, lights, decorations, carols, and the smiles and laughter of children of all ages. May His glory and His love touch each one of you this season. Merry Christmas and God Bless, Jon.

Please remember to pay your 2023 national dues on line before pitching in Winetrout 1 and bring your check book or cash to pay for the state dues.

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By Phyl

Russ stood so tall, but always was so humble in spirit. A word that many friends used on Facebook to describe Russ was encourager.

That so fits him.

Russ and my Jim were Doubles partners for several years. With Russ's high percentage Jim was so blessed to be able to fit in that slot.

They never did make the championship but one year they came in 2 nd and lost by ONE ringer. And Russ would always apologize that he should have had one more ringer. Even though Jim did not have any ringers that game - Russ always said it was his fault they lost.

So Russ.

His faith was unailing - everyone knew it.

Our loss - heavens gain.

To Russ

We heard your voice in the wind today,

And we turned to see your face,

The warmth of the wind caressed us,

As we stood silently in place.

We felt your touch in the sun today,

As its warmth filled the sky,

We closed our eyes for your embrace

And our spirits soared high.

We saw your eyes in the window pane,

As we watched the falling rain,

It seemed as each raindrop fell,

It quietly said your name.

We hold you close in our hearts today,

It makes us feel complete.

You may have died - but you are not gone,

You will always be a part of us.

By Phyl Quist

Barry – a family man, a singer, a gentleman, a hard worker, an athlete, a tough competitor, an honorable man, a helper, an organizer, a leader – this list could go on and on.

To me he was a special friend and mentor. Working side by side with Barry running the Pacific Northwest Tournaments was such a privilege. He carried on the legacy of his dad to perfection. But for him it was more that he just loved the competition of horseshoe pitching.

And a competitor he was in all activities – my Jim has the one feather from Barry's hat when he skunked Barry in a game of cribbage. The one and only ever to do that. Sorry Barry!

We laughed a lot together and the last time I saw Barry we cried together as we said goodbye.

Barry loved the Lord and was ready to go Home.

I'm thinking of Dave, Russ and Barry having those fantastic horseshoe games together – but who wins when only perfect games can be pitched in heaven? Will miss you so much.

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR 2023 MEMBERSHIP ON LINE.

Go to the National Horseshoe Pitching Association web page, put your cursor over membership, click join, new, or renew if you are already a member. It will take you to a new page with a red box for JOIN (if you will be a new member) and a red box a little lower down for most of us to RENEW. Click and it will take you to the page where you can pay. This year the fee is \$46.61 including tax.

You can pay your state dues when you come to your first Winetrout or mail it ahead of time to Rhonda Davis. Rhonda's address is in President's reflections.

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1. Australia — Santa on the beach

In Australia, December 25th is during their summer, so Christmas Day is a time to hit the beach. There you might see surfers dressed up like Santa and Christmas trees set up on the sand.

Christmas dinner is often made on the barbecue. And it's said that when visiting Australia, Santa gives his reindeer a rest and has kangaroos to pull his sleigh!

2. Columbia — Little candles

The Day of the Little Candles, or **Día de Velitas**, is celebrated on December 7th. It marks the start of Christmas in Colombia. In the evening, family and friends get together to light colourful candles and lanterns all over the city. A wish is made for each candle that is lit. Sometimes they place them in their windows. Or even in the street to create pretty designs as they burn out.

3. Ethiopia — Wear white

Christmas in Ethiopia is celebrated on January 7th instead of December 25th. People **fast** the day before, which means they don't eat all day. The following day they get up and go to church in the morning. Everyone wears a traditional white robe called the **shamma** (say "SHAM-uh").

After church it's time to eat — people visit friends and family, and enjoy food at each stop. Traditionally, young men will play **ganna** (say "GONE-nah") in the afternoon. It's like field hockey and played with a wooden ball and sticks.

4. Germany — A Christmas pickle

You're probably wondering why a pickle? But the Christmas pickle isn't actually a pickle. It's a pickle ornament; usually made of blown glass. In Germany, the Christmas pickle ornament is hidden in a hard-to-spot place in the tree. The first child to find it gets a special present and good luck for the coming year.

5. India — Banana trees

What do you do when you have no fir or pine trees to decorate for the holidays? You use fruit trees instead! In India, families decorate banana and mango trees for Christmas.

6. Japan — A time for romance and fried chicken

Christmas isn't an official holiday in Japan, but many people and businesses put up lights and trees. Young children get presents and the family will sit down for a meal of fried chicken instead of turkey.

Christmas Eve though is considered a very romantic time — like Valentine's Day in Canada. Couples will exchange gifts and go out for fancy dinners. Restaurants are usually booked months in advance on Christmas Eve.

8. Philippines — Parol

During Christmas in the Philippines — which lasts four months! — they light up the dark with beautiful lanterns called **parol** (say "pah-ROL"). These star lanterns can either be made of wood and paper, or metal and a shell called **capiz** (say "CAH-peeZ"). They are a staple in Filipino holidays.

9. Slovakia — Sticky ceilings

Here's a messy one for you. In Slovakia, the oldest man in the house throws a spoonful of **lokša** pudding onto the ceiling. Lokša is a pudding made from poppy seeds, honey, milk and bread. The more pudding that sticks to the ceiling, the better your luck for the coming year.

10. Spain — A Poo Log

Having a Yule log, or a nice fire in the fireplace is a common tradition in lots of places, but in the part of Spain known as Catalonia, there's a different twist on that — the Christmas Log.

This piece of wood is decorated with a face and a hat and wrapped in a blanket. Children pretend to feed it for most of December.

Then on Christmas Eve, kids whack the log with a stick while singing a song. They remove the blanket to discover hidden candy and presents that the log is supposed to have "pooped" out! That's why the log is called **Caga Tió** (say "KA-ga tee-OH") — in Spanish that means Poo Log!

11. Sweden — Candle crowns

Christmas kicks off early in Sweden with **Saint Lucia's Day** on December 13th. While Lucia is a Christian saint, the celebration is closely tied to the **winter solstice** — the shortest day of the year — and is seen as a celebration of light.

And they go for light in a big way in this Swedish festival. Most towns and villages have a procession where kids dress up in white robes, with the girls carrying candles — often the electric ones until the kids are 12 — and the boys carrying wands with stars on the ends and pointy wizard-type hats.

One girl is selected to be "Lucia" and this girl leads the procession wearing a crown of — sometimes actually lit — candles!

12. Ukraine — A Christmas spider

Legend has it that when a family couldn't afford decorations, the Christmas spider visited and decorated their tree for them. Today, many Ukrainian families put spiderweb decorations on their trees. It's believed to bring good fortune for the new year.

13. Venezuela — Roller skates

Venezuela is a religious country where most of the people are Catholic, so Christmas time involves a lot of going to church. In the capital city of Caracas, there's a tradition of closing the streets to cars on Christmas morning and people roller skate to church services.

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This is the remainder of our inventory.
Please contact Rhonda Davis at: donald.rhonda.davis@outlook.com,
if you are interested in any of these items.

Qty	Description	Price per Unit (includes Tax)
1	Americans (4 shoes)	\$47.30
3	Bronco pro flip	\$66.00
2	Bronco Thoughtbred	\$66.00
1	Cal Flip (discontinued)	\$73.70
1	Condor	\$88.00
5	Deadeye Clydesdale	\$71.50
3	Deadeye EZ grip (discontinued)	\$66.00
1	Diamond Super ringer (4 ea)	\$71.50
1	Diamond Tournament	\$55.00
2	Elmer Hohl	\$88.00
1	Glory	\$66.00
1	Gordon Spin on	\$60.50
1	Imperial Classic	\$81.50
3	Imperial Viper	\$81.50
1	M&M special	\$80.30
2	Mustang	\$73.70
1	Six Pack Sure Peg	\$68.20
2	Snyder EZ flip II	\$82.50
1	Steinfeldt (discontinued)	\$66.00
1	Stinger	\$77.00
1	8" Pickup stick	\$14.30
4	12" Pickup stick	\$15.40
2	18" pickup stick	\$16.50
4	32" pickup stick	\$17.60
15	WSHPA Ball caps winter/summer in green and white	\$6.60
15	Tie-tac pins (10 large, 5 small)	\$3.30
68	Stickers - Shoes you never outgrow	\$1.65
250	Window Stickers - WSHPA	\$1.65
28	Score pads - 50 shoe count	\$5.50
28	Score pads - 100 shoe count	\$5.50
8	Percentage Books	\$3.85
3	Mouse Pads	\$6.05
3	SS "hooker" pickup hooks (stainless)	\$16.50
6	Davis measuring tools	\$24.75
5	Measurer w/abrasive	\$11.00
1	HS bag - single	\$22.00

WSHPA 2023 Sanctioned Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location	Director	Director Phone	Entry	Sanction #	
14-Jan	Winetrou 1	Woodland Park	Seattle	Martin, Jon	206/226-7729	\$17	01-23-001
28-Jan	Winetrou 2	Woodland Park	Seattle	Martin, Jon	206/226-7729	\$17	01-23-002
11-Feb	Winetrou 3	Woodland Park	Seattle	Martin, Jon	206/226-7729	\$17	01-23-003
25-Feb	Winetrou 4	Woodland Park	Seattle	Martin, Jon	206/226-7729	\$17	01-23-004
11-Mar	Winetrou 5	Woodland Park	Seattle	Martin, Jon	206/226-7729	\$17	01-23-005
25-Mar	Winetrou 6	Woodland Park	Seattle	Martin, Jon	206/226-7729	\$17	01-23-006
1-Apr				Open Date			
8-Apr	Tulip Open ***	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Clausen, Cindy	206-240-5300	\$20	01-23-007
15-Apr	Columbia Basin Open	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	Vic Magnus	509-554-2768	\$25	01-23-008
22-Apr				Open Date			
29-Apr	Odessa Spring Fling	Finney Field	Odessa	Ron Heutink	509-754-5132	\$20	01-23-009
6-May	Kitsap Open	S. Kitsap Cnty Pk	Prt. Orchard	Lewis, Bonnie	360/876-1055	\$20	01-23-010
13-May				Open Date			
17-May				World Tournament Entry Deadline - Entry forms on "Horseshoepitching.com" website			
20-May	Russ Phillips Memorial***	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	Magnus, Vic	509-554-2768	\$25	01-23-011
27-May	All American Money Tournament	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509-389-7781	\$20	non sanctioned
3-Jun	Rehard Open	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509-389-7781	\$20	01-23-012
10-Jun	Strawberry Open	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Clausen, Cindy	206-240-5300	\$20	01-23-013
11-Jun	Skagit Memorial	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Clausen, Cindy	206-240-5300	\$20	01-23-014
17-Jun	Hanson Brothers Memorial	Forest Park	Everett	Martin,Jon	206-226-7729	\$20	01-23-015
24-Jun	Kitsap Memorial	S kitsap County Park	Port Orchard	Lewis, Bonnie	360-876-1055	\$20	01-23-016
1-Jul				Open Date			
8-Jul	Lakefair Open	Yauger Park	Olympia	Tutewiler, Dennis	253-405-5524	\$20	01-23-017
17-Jul	World Tournament Starts						
22-Jul	Open Date						
29-Jul				World Tournament ends			
29-Jul				Open Date			
5-Aug	Seattle Open	Forest Park	Everett	Martin, Jon	206-226-7729	\$20	01-23-018
12-Aug	Earl Kettleon Night Tournament	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509-389-7781	\$20	01-23-019
19/20	Bellingham International	Cornwall Park	Bellingham	Quist, Phyllis	360-384-4544	\$20	01-23-020
26-Aug				Open Date			
02/03 Sept	WSHPA State Singles	Yauger Park	Olympia	Martin, Jon	206-226-7729	\$20	01-23-021
4-Sep	WSHPA Doubles	Yauger Park	Olympia	Martin, Jon	206-226-7729	\$20	01-23-022
9-Sep				Open Date			
16/17 Sept	Pacific Northwest	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	Russ Watkins	503-804-1929	\$30	01-23-023
23-Sep	South Puget Sound Open	Yauger Park	Olympia	Tutewiler, Dennis	253-405-5524	\$20	01-23-024
30-Sep	Odessa Open	Finney Field	Odessa	Heutink, Ron	509-754-5132	\$20	01-23-025