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Commentary:

Jim Link

ith a few more changes, the 2009 Schedule is settled. Tacoma withdrew its tournaments having lost their courts at Wright Park. That Tacoma was one of the oldest clubs in the state marks a moment in the history of our sport that causes reflection but what kind of a statement it makes regarding the health of our sport begs more questions than provides answers. That clubs spring up in rural communities as we lose those in cities provokes thoughts about demographical change that promoters of our sport must consider.

The WSHPA as well as every other charter gains clubs and loses clubs. How the future looks for horseshoe pitching depends on what members of horseshoe pitching community want it to be. I'm reminded of a pithy comment by a colleague years ago. 'If they want it different they'll change it'. What our sport will look like in the future depends on what our leaders do or don't do today.

Of course the vitality of any organization depends on the health of its treasury. It's time to renew your membership, your subscription to Shoes News, and your clubs ad in the newsletter. A business card size ad like most of the ads in Shoes News costs \$40 per year. That buys your club a special mention of your tournaments in the newsletter. (Club secretaries...call, write, or email the editor with your special information.) Renewing early will keep the newsletter coming to your mailbox. Ads and subscriptions expire with the March issue also. If you have not renewed you will not get the April issue.

Note that the email address for the editor has changed. Send you emails to jhlink2@gorge.net. Spammers have a way of being a step ahead of the security programs that are supposed to defeat them. The old email address became so overwhelmed that it became unusable. If Pres. Obama's plan to spread broadband across the nation becomes a reality, that will cause him some goodwill in redneck country.

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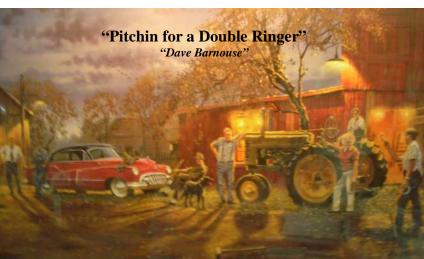
2008 WSHPA State Champions

Men **Don Davis** Women **Carol Sperber**Elder **Mr. Tricky** Jr Boy **Matt Fuller**Jr. Girl **Kati Reeves**

Doubles Champions 2008

Bob Clark Phyl Quist





Can Horseshoes attract a National Sponsor?

Each year at the Annual Meeting of the NHPA convention the topic that most concerns the delegates is how to promote our game. Hours are spent in forwarding new ideas. Individuals from across the country have local successes, but if a bold approach to attract a national sponsor has been tried, obviously it didn't meet with success.

There are many good reasons for a successful multinational organization to support horseshoe pitching That there is a horseshoe pitching culture is demonstrated in the picture above. The farmstead, the 50's era John Deere tractor, and the Buick automobile speak of an America where horseshoe pitching was part of what we are about.

Those of us who are avid pitchers and supporters of our game, need to put some serious energy into organizing a marketing program, targeting John Deere as a national sponsor.

The golfing community has been successful in recruiting both John Deere and Buick to support golfing. An organizational effort with the right kind of approach can be successful in landing sponsorship with the right kind of approach.

The 2009 World Tournament is in Illinois. John Deere is in Illinois. Let's invite John Deere into our "Horseshoe Family"

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It is official. We have started another season of throwing steel. Thanks to everyone who came out to start the season. Great to see everyone.

Sorry about the whites but I have found them and will be sporting the white look at the next Winetrout. The weather has been good so I expect to see a lot of east siders the rest of the season. Gas prices have helped us out as well but let's pair up where we can. We don't want the gas companies to think we need them. That is about it for now. Let's get great and show the rest of the country how good Washington horseshoe Pitchers are!

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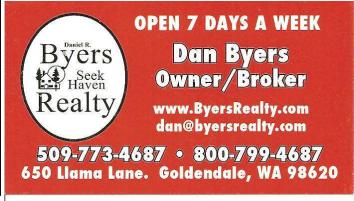
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News From around the Region

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 family". Lets hear from you..

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WELCOME TO OUR ASSOCIATION!!!!!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!



Thoughts and Prayers

Phyl

Just want to send along my heartfelt thanks for all your prayers and concern. They helped carry me through. I am doing much better and with a bit of time I will be back to normal!! (That's scary.) It is so great to be a part of such a special caring family.

Call Debi McRae 360-333-3236 to enter Winetrout III



and

Call Don Davis to get your Item on the Agenda for the first annual meeting at Winetrout IV





Promotion Opportunity!!

Hi Vey - I am the coordinator for the Cowlitz County Fair. I am writing to inquire if you would like to hold an event during our fair. The 2009 dates are July 29 through August 1 and we are located in Longview, Washington, the southwest corner of the state. If it is at all a possibility, please ask me any questions you might have. Thanks,

Hello Kathi- Thank you for expressing an interest in having horseshoes as a part of your fair. At our State meeting last month we discussed getting exposure to our sport by exhibiting our Washington State Hall of Fame trailer at fairs, having pitching demonstrations and setting up a pitch and win which permits fairgoers to try tossing a horseshoe with ringers winning Pepsi products. This has been a popular event in other states, but to my knowledge has never been held in Washington. Perhaps even holding a tournament would be possible if adequate facilities were available. I am forwarding this email to our State officers and publicity chairman. They will be able to contact WSHPA pitchers in your area and enlist ideas from them. I'm sure that we will be able to work out some sort of event suitable for both our needs. I will ask our State President, Don Davis to appoint someone to work with you in making the arrangements. Vey

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for the Web Page

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. Check it out

Ground Hog Day St. Patricks Day Presidents Day are all just weeks away Spring can't be far behind



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Nudity I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

Opinions On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

Ketchup A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-yearold daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

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I said, "Nothing."

She said, "You did that yesterday!"

I said, "I wasn't finished



Toren Totusek - President

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Wilkommen to Odessa Courts are at the back of Finney Field Shoes News Page 5

NHPF Fund Grants in 2008
Dave Loucks, NHPF President, reports: "

Three Clubs receive grants in 2008

The NHPF Directors have approved a \$1,000 grant which has been sent to the President of the Moore, Oklahoma, Horseshoe Pitching Club. This club recently received approval from the Moore Parks & Rec Board to install 8 new courts in Fairmoore Park. The NHPF is happy to assist the club and city in this endeavor. It is understood that construction will start in the very near future.

Two more clubs have been approved to receive grants from the NHPF in 2008. The Dan Patch Horseshoe Club in Savage, Minnesota and the new Little Elm Horseshoe Club in Little Elm Texas have been sent checks to assist horseshoe court building projects in their City parks.

The deadline for the next review period is March 1, 2009."





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The Lady Gamblers

I'm back! - (by the grace of God and the care of some very special friends.)

You all know about Murphy's Law - well, for four lady gamblers this has a whole new meaning. This trip went beyond Murphy's

On a foggy Monday morning, 4 lady gamblers board a plane to seek their fortunes in Reno - probably the first bad choice. Arrive Reno - wait 1 hour for transportation to hotel. Gamble all evening - everyone loses - 2nd bad choice.

Next day starts off normal until one finds herself in critical situation and is carted off to the hospital. I think God looked down from above and said 'Hey, we don't want to have to deal with that one yet, send her back' - And He did.

The other three carry on as best they can. Then one gets a call that her stepfather has unexpectedly passed away.

Three try to leave to fly home Friday morn as scheduled and find airports are all fogged in - all flights are cancelled.

Meanwhile back at the hospital - husband arrives - can't get that one on the plane with oxygen, so rents car to drive her home with all equipment.

One finally gets flight Saturday morning, of course on different airline than arrival flight. Other two finally get flight Saturday late afternoon, of course on different airline also.

Meanwhile back on the road, Oregon patrolman frowns on driving over speed limit. Husband is kinda frazzled and gives officer oxygen rental papers instead of car rental papers. Officer takes them, returns to car without saying a word, but still issues ticket.

All finally arrive home safely.

One found a big bag of 'white' pills in her suitcase - not belonging to her. Will be interesting to see who claims them!

One lost her shirt, pants & boots - will be interesting to see where they turn up! (wasn't even gambling!!)

One always sets off the bell and whistles at the airport - but we all know who that one is!

Will there be another gambling trip - probably NOT!

Murphy - you don't know squat!

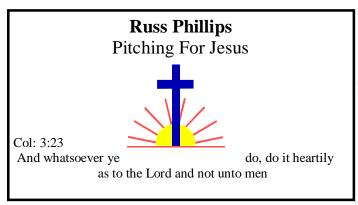
Two English businessmen in London were sitting down for a break in their soon-to-be new store. As yet, the store wasn't ready with only a few shelves set up. One said to the other "I bet any minute now some idiot tourist is going to walk by, put his face to the window, and ask what we're selling."

No sooner were the words out of his mouth when, sure enough, a curious Irishman walked to the window, had a peek, and in a thick Irish accent asked, "What might ye be sellin' here?"

One of the men replied sarcastically, "We're selling assholes."

Without skipping a beat, the Irishman said, "You are doing well...only two left!"

Englishmen - God bless them - should not mess with the Irish.





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Art Sperber	5/1	52.50	72.50
Don Davis	4/2	52.92	62.50
Gene Kuiken	3/3	50.00	62.50
Jim Petersen	3/3	48.33	67.50
Ron Smith	3/3	43.33	65.00
Ray Powell	2/4	34.17	60.00
Hollis Morris	1/5	43.75	55.00

Mixed Class D	W/L	T %	HG%
Debi McRae	4/1	24.50	30.00
Mac Huson	3/2	16.50	22.50
Dennis Tutewiler	2.5/2.5	20.50	30.00
Wes Chase	2/3	16.00	17.50
Dale O'Donnell	2/3	12.00	22.50
Rex Tauscher	1.5/3.5	12.00	2.00

Mixed Class B	W/L	T %	H/G%
Edward Ludwig	4,5/1.5	41.25	50.00
Orlean Clinton	4/2	34.58	52.50
Dale Perry	3.5/2.5	37.92	57.50
Dick Lee	3/3	34.17	52.50
Jack Johnson	3/3	29.17	37.50
Ray DeBoer	2.5/3.5	29.58	37.50
Gerald Strangland	.5/5.5	27.92	40.00

	Mixed Class C	W/L	T %	HG%
	Larry Getts	5.5/.5	32.92	35.00
	Jon Turnbull	4.5/1.5	32.50	37.50
	Rose Johnson	4.5/1.5	27.50	35.00
	Charlie Tapper	2.5/3.5	26.67	32.50
	Vic Magnus	2/4	22.08	27.50
	Len Huson	2/4	20.83	27.50
l	George McKay	0/6	12.50	22.50



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Winetrout II Everett WA

1/31/09

Mixed Class A	W/L	T %	HG%
Don Davis *	6/1	64.23	72.50
Jim Petersen *	5/2	53.85	60.00
Art Sperber	3/3	52.92	67.50
Bob Brown	2/4	50.00	57.50
Ron Smith	2/4	46.67	55.00
Orlean Clinton	2/4	37.92	57.50
Gene Kuiken	2/4	36.25	45.00

Mixec Class D	W/L	T%	HG%
Dennis Tutewiler	5/2	22.69	32.50
Dale O'Donnell	5/3	16.07	25.00
Mac Huson	4/3	15.77	22.50
Debi McRae	3/3	18.33	27.50
Jim Quist	2.5/3.5	20.42	25.00
Wes Chase	2.5/3.5	17.92	30.00
Rex Tauscher	1/5	15.42	22.50

Mixed Class B	W/L	T%	H/G%
Brandon Lund	6/1	37.08	45.00
Gaylord Lund	4/3	38.33	45.00
Edward Ludwig	4/3	36.67	50.00
Jean Covington	4/3	34.17	40.00
Jack Johnson	3.5/3.5	31.67	40.00
Dale Perry	3.5/3.5	31.43	42.00
Gerald Strangland	3/4	31.25	45.00
Dick Lee	0/7	7.50	7.50

Mixec Class C	W/L	T %	HG%
Rose Johnson	6/1	28.46	45.00
Cy Kitchen	5/2	34.23	40.00
Larry Getts	4/2	31.67	42.50
Len Huson	3/3	26.25	32.50
Charlie Tapper	2/4	27.92	37.50
Jon Turnbull	1/5	25.42	50.00
George McKay	1/5	19.58	27.50

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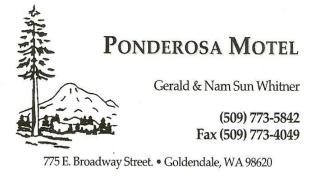
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On page 6 Phyl tells a lady gambler story. Until one becomes part of our "horseshoe family" the depth of our appreciation for one another is hard to quantify. Phyl's condition was one that could have been fatal. Blood clots that originate in the lower extremities and migrate are very serious. That it happened while she was away from her regular health care providers had to be a very scary proposition. The 'rest of the story' where it became necessary that Jim fly to Reno, and then rent a car to drive her back to Bellingham, is just one more in a series of travel adventures for the Quists. It's not out of the ordinary for these two to cover 2000 miles on a weekend adventure. So Phyl, if you'd make your adventures a little less adventuresome, we'd all appreciate it.

Once again our prayers have been answered as she recovers. The Oxygen tanks that were part of her treatment are becoming fewer and fewer. She has returned to work, and the annual trip to Hawaii is once again being considered.

As the sun climbs higher in the sky each day, it's good to once again to be writing about Horseshoe Pitching. I'm ready. And as that sun energizes all of us we need to use that energy to promote our sport. For too long we've shrunk from the task of finding a national sponsor for the sport of horseshoe pitching. As I sit in my living room writing on my laptop, on the wall is a painting by a well known Midwestern artist 'Dave Barnhouse'. In a poor photo of it on page one is a family pitching horseshoes in a farmyard. There is a John Deere tractor in the background. Horseshoe Pitchers and the people who use John Deere's products come from a rural culture that use John Deere Tractors.

A few years ago I approached John Deere at their national headquarters in Moline, IL in a quest for a national sponsorship. I have a letter of rejection from someone in that office building whose job it is to reject those kinds of requests. If we can make a presentation to the President of that company, I have a notion that the response would be much different.

Isn't it reasonable to assume that if Alan Francis were able to pick up a check for \$250,000 when he wins the 2010 World horse-shoe pitching tournament, in not too many years there would be courts in every community in America? And if we could walk into a John Deere dealership to buy our horseshoes and horseshoe related items, wouldn't it follow that if we were going to buy a new riding lawnmower that we would go to that same dealership to get it?



So this year folks we need to get our message out. Horseshoes is a family sport. Horseshoe pitchers live in every community in America. If it's worth \$5 million to have your name on a football stadium what is it worth to John Deere to have their banner hanging on the fence at every tournament in the country?

Let's make 2010 the year that John Deere is our Nation Sponsor

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WSHPA Dues including Newsletter	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$3.00	\$13.00	\$1.00	\$15.00-
Total	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$3.00	\$13.00	\$6.00	\$32.00

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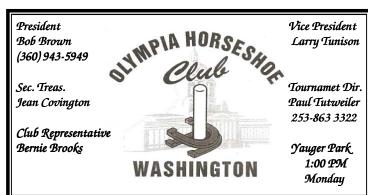
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WSHPA 200 Tournament Schedule

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Jan. 31	Winetrout II/ Everett	Margaret Byfield	360-424-3642
Feb. 14	Winetrout III/ Everett	Margaret Byfield	360-333-3236
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