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37 Winetrouters...Wow



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Jim

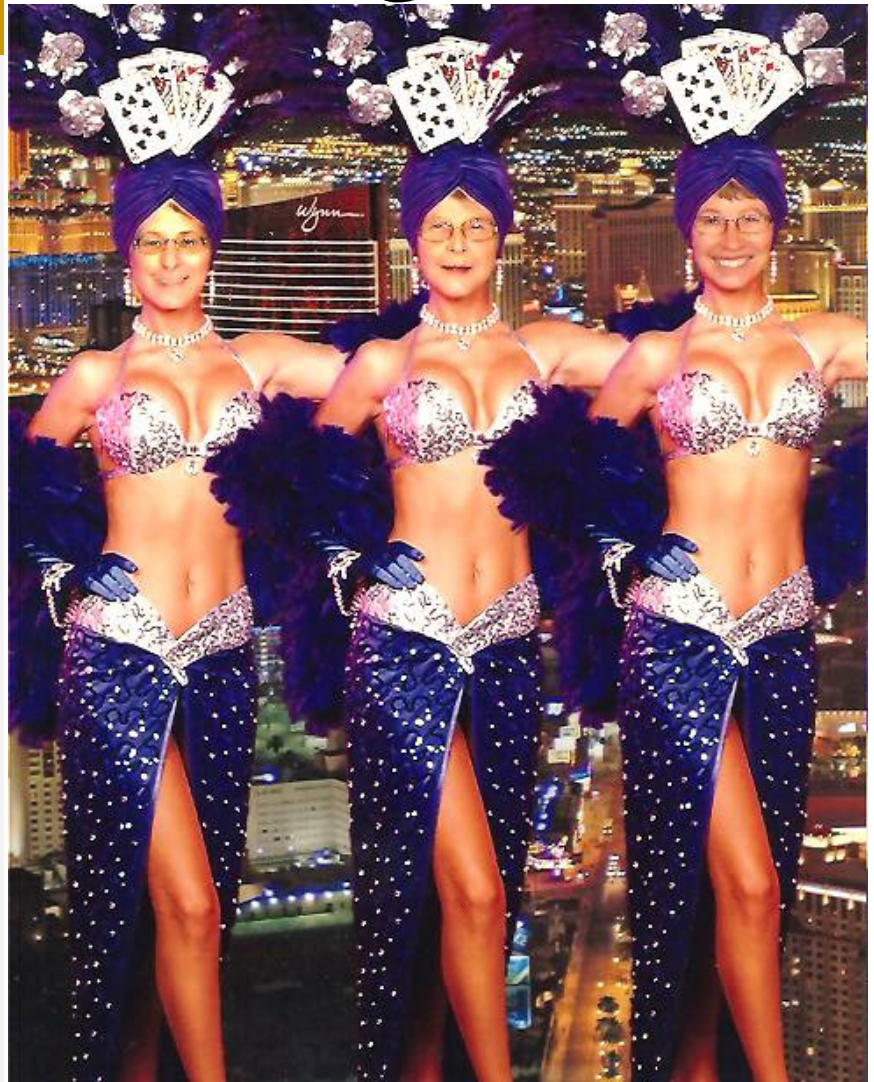
Winetrout I exceeded expectations in more than just a few ways. The weather was spectacular; turnout was great and there's just a special something that's hard to describe about starting a new year pitching in the Winetrouts. Living in a place where one can do that outdoors this time of the year in these latitudes is special in itself, but what could be better than a mid winter greeting with handshakes and hugs from the guys and gals of our horseshoe pitching family?

As the Winetrouts play out, daylight happens earlier each tournament. It's part of the drama that that speaks to doing something unusual and unique. in the dead of the Winter. Winetrouters, with several tournaments under their belt have a 'leg up' when the season begins with the Tulip Open in April.

There are a few serious horseshoe pitchers who won't come to a tournament site that doesn't have clay courts. The World Tournament is pitched on clay, and good clay courts are a pleasure to play on. There's the added bonus that with clay, those devilish sideboards that are on many of the pits in WA can be eliminated. Once your shoe hits that nuisance during your delivery, it spooks you. For those reasons the Kennewick Club is contemplating clay courts. Plans are being made to have 4 to 8 clay courts ready for their April tournament. The Kennewick Club always puts on a good tournament, and this will make it even better.

'Turkey Frank Easterly', roaster of the turkeys during the "Turkey Shoot" in Goldendale says that this year we are going to have to roast 3 turkeys. He forecasts that there will be that many pitchers to feed this year. For the past three years, two have been sufficient, but just barely. Impressed with Frank's roasting apparatus, was OR president Bob Hummel. He bought one, and has agreed to roast the third turkey. So as not to spoil Frank's forecast and

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What do WSHPA members do in Vegas? A picture is worth a thousand words



2009 WSHPA State Champions

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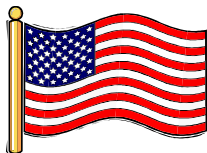
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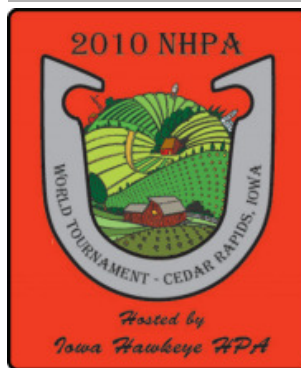
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Welcome to 2010 !

Well, we have a new season under way. Winetrout I was a great start to the season. We had 37 competitors to open the Washington Horseshoe Pitching season. Thanks to everyone who came out ! I think we are in for a great season. I saw a guy have a tournament in the mid seventies. Nice job, Russ. We are getting ready to for Winetrout number 2 and the weather looks to be good, once again. We even got a couple of guys from Oregon to make the trip. We also had 2 new guys sign up. What a great way to start our year. We had a new score keeper. Sorry for leaving early, but family was in town and I went home to visit. I will be there for the whole time the rest of the Winetrouts. I hope everyone works hard and we get the numbers up for the year. Good luck. See you on the courts, Don



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I take exception to saying that Bernanke, Obama, Reid and Pelosi are spending like drunken sailors."

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Sen. John McCain

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NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Dave Czajka	Brian Holloway	Dick Evans-
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Nathan Hembree		

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Thoughts and Prayers

I received in the mail from Jesse Lyda an obituary of a former Idaho State Horseshoe Pitcher **Dean Curry**. He passed on Monday January 11th at St Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Id. at age 85. Many of you knew Dean and many of you did not. Dean was a 14 time Idaho State Horseshoe Champion. I am asking **Vey Allen** to please email this out to everyone he knows of throughout the Northwest since he has a large distribution list.

Dave Spears

Sorry to hear about Dean. He was a very good pitcher and enjoyed the game immensely. I pitched with Dean many times, but my wins were few. He was a pleasure to pitch with. We could razz each other in a good natured manner and enhance the enjoyment of the competition with the camaraderie of being good friends. I will miss him. Vey

MY FAVORITE GRANDSON

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

SENIOR DRIVING

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, 'Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!' 'Heck,' said Herman, 'It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!'

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US !!!

This is a reminder that HOF nominations are to be into the HOF committee by May 1

HALL OF FAME

HF-I: COMMITTEE, TERMS OF OFFICE, APPOINTMENTS

- A Hall of Fame Induction committee shall be comprised of five (5) members appointed by the President.
- In the event of death, resignation or removal from the committee of any member, the President shall appoint a new committee member to fill the unexpired term.
- Each member of the committee shall serve a five (5) year term, with one (1) members term of office expiring each year.
- The Hall of Fame Induction committee member with the greatest tenure shall be the Chairperson of the committee.
- There shall be a minimum of one (1) male and one (1) female on the Hall of Fame Induction committee at all times.

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Check it out

LIFE IN THE 1500'S

Submitted by Phyl Quist

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500's.

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and then the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water".

Houses had thatched roofs – thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs". There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor". The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet. So they spread thresh straw on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the word "threshold".

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme "Pease porridge hot, pease porridge cold, pease porridge in the pot nine days old".

(Getting quite an education aren't you?) Bob Champion assures me that all the forgoing facts are absolutely true!

Phyl (To be continued)

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These tax deductible gifts are used to maintain the HOF facility and provides grants to assist with the construction of HS clubs on public land.

NHPA WEBSITE

The NHPA website is a fascinating place to visit. The photo on the left is part of a photo gallery on the website.

Check it out. You can always find ideas that will get you thinking about how to promote our game on the website.

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day.

One remarked to the other, 'Windy, isn't it?' 'No,' the second man replied, 'it's Thursday.'

And the third man chimed in, 'So am I. Let's go have a beer.'



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HOF Procedures

HF-II: PROCEDURES

- A. The name of nominees submitted as candidates for induction into the Hall of Fame must be submitted to the WSHPA Hall of Fame Induction Committee Chairperson by the member recommending induction of the nominee.
- B. The Hall of Fame Induction Committee Chairperson shall report the names of all nominees for induction to the Hall of Fame committee.
- C. A compilation of qualifications detailing the history of the candidates activity in horseshoes, etc. must be submitted to the Hall of Fame Chairperson at the time of nomination.
- D. All nominations must be submitted to the Hall of Fame Induction Committee Chairperson by May 1 to be considered during the current calendar year.
- E. The of Hall of Fame Induction Committee Chairperson shall submit copies of all candidates qualifications to each committee member prior to June 1.
- F. Hall of Fame Induction Committee persons must abstain from voting on Hall of Fame candidates that are members of their immediate family.

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Russ Phillips	6/0	78.33	85.00
Stan Speers	4/2	56.25	67.50
Ron Smith	3.5/2.5	49.17	60.00
Paul Tutewiler	3/3	53.33	60.00
Art Sperber	2/4	53.33	72.50
Jim Petersen	1.5/4.5	49.17	67.50
Oral Elhard	1/5	45.00	57.50

Class A 40'	W/L	T %	HG%
Don Davis	7/0	59.29	72.50
Gene Kuiken	5/2	47.50	57.50
Gaylord Lund	4/3	48.57	62.50
Glen Heistand	3/4	45.36	65.00
Jim Link	3/4	39.64	55.00
Orlean Clinton	3/4	30.36	45.00
Gerald Stangland	2/5	37.86	57.50
Brandon Lund	1/6	40.71	50.00

Class B Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Larry Tunison	5/1	35.83	45.00
Marv Herridge	4/2	38.33	55.00
Dale Perry	3/3	34.17	40.00
Ray DeBoer	3/3	34.17	42.50
Jon Turnbull	3/3	27.08	37.50
Vic Magnus	2/4	35.42	50.00
Jean Covington	1/5	32.50	45.00

Class C Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%
John Alexander	5/1	30.83	42.50
Charlie Tapper	4/2	33.75	40.00
Dennis Tutewiler	4/2	27.50	40.00
Don Knowles	3/3	20.42	27.50
Rex Tauscher	2/4	22.08	27.50
Len Huson	2/4	13.75	22.50
Ross Scott	1/5	10.83	17.50

Class D Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%
Dave Czajka	6/1	21.07	27.50
Wes Chase	5/2	23.57	37.50
Jim Quist	5/2	18.21	22.50
George McKay	4/3	12.14	22.50
Mac Huson	3.5/3.5	13.57	20.00
Dale O'Donnell	3/4	11.43	25.00
Chris Poe	1.5/5.5	10.71	15.00
Brian Holloway	0/7	1.43	5.00

**Winetrou II
1/30/2010**

Mixed Class A	W/L	T %	HG%
Russ Phillips	6/0	83.75	90.00
Don Davis	4.5/1.5	62.92	77.50
Art Sperber	4.5/1.5	62.08	72.50
Ron Smith	2.5/3.5	50.42	65.00
Paul Tutewiler	2/4	52.08	60.00
Jim Petersen	1/5	52.08	62.50
Jim Link	.5/5.5	34.17	47.50

Mixed Class B	W/L	T %	HG%
Stan Speers	6/0	57.92	67.50
Glen Heistand	4/2	44.17	55.00
Marv Herridge	4/2	38.75	57.50
Oral Elhard	3/3	45.83	57.50
Dale Perry	2/4	36.25	55.00
Brandon Lund	1.5/4.5	35.83	45.00
Orlean Clinton	0.5/5.5	22.50	30.00

Class C Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
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Gerald Stangland	4/2	39.17	45.00
Nathan Hembree	3/3	36.67	52.50
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Larry Tunison	2.5/3.5	34.17	52.50
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Jon Turnbull	.5/5.5	30.00	40.00

Class D Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%
Rob Churchill	5/0	37.50	45.00
Dennis Tutewiler	4/1	30.00	37.50
Bob Sperber	3/2	36.00	37.50
Charlie Tapper	2/3	26.00	40.00
George McKay	1/4	18.00	25.00
Don Knowles	0/5	16.50	20.00

Class D Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%
Dale O'Donnell	6/1	21.07	27.50
Wes Chase	5/2	23.57	37.50
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I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from sasting the labors of people under the pretense of taking care of them".

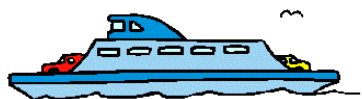
"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government".

"No free man shall ever be debarred of the use of arms".

The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in Government".

The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants".

I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprived the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent that their fathers conquered.

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NEWS AND RINGER REVIEWS – JANUARY 1966*From Phyl Quist's archives*

Washington State's first annual winter series horseshoe tournament, known as the "WINTER OPEN CLASSIC", got underway Sunday, January 9, 1966 at Seattle's Woodland Park Courts. 20 enthusiastic pitchers from 8 localities around the State participated in 3 classes and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine and mild weather.

Forest Reed, President of the Yakima Horseshoe Club, and his wife deserve special recognition for having come the farthest (160 miles through a snow storm in the mountains) to participate in the opener. Here's a real enthusiastic pitcher who goes all out to promote the sport. How about that!

This winter Tournament to be played in a series every other Sunday until May 15th, is scheduled at this time of the year to induce pitchers to become State & National members before the spring and summer tournaments come along. Each pitcher must have obtained a State & National card at a cost of \$2.00 before playing in his first session. An additional \$1.00 entry fee at each session entitles him to play for the trophy given at each session and a wall plaque that is competed for annually for 10 years. Any out of state pitchers are welcome but must have a S & N membership card and pay the \$1.00 for the cost of each Sunday's trophy. The pitcher who wins the most tournaments in his class at the conclusion of the winter series is awarded a plaque with his name and year inscribed on it. He keeps possession of this until tournament play resumes the following winter, at which time the plaque is returned to a State Horseshoe official to be displayed for further competition.

Francis Winetrout provided the 4 trophies and 4 wall plaques to get this tournament underway.

HF-III: GUIDELINES**HOF Guidelines**

- A. Guidelines suggested for the Hall of Fame Induction Committee to follow are:
1. Voting on nominees by the committee shall be by secret ballot giving three (3) points for first, two (2) points for second, and one (1) point for third. A nominee selection will require twelve (12) points.
 2. Points to consider, not listed in order of importance, would be:

a. Participation, Including length of time	b. Promotion
c. Sportsmanship	d. Ability
- B. When a person is selected as a candidate, but does not receive the required twelve (12) votes to be inducted, the name will remain on the ballot for the following year. If at that voting, he or she still does not receive enough votes, the candidate qualifications would have to be presented again at a later date.
- C. **SPECIAL NOTE:** The Hall of Fame committee should be resolved that induction into the Horseshoe Hall of Fame is a very special honor, and as such, the criteria for approval of nominees by the Hall of Fame committee should be maintained at a high level to assure that this honor is bestowed only on those who have significantly contributed to the sport of horseshoe pitching.

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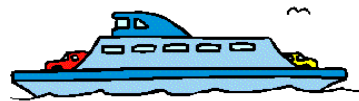
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to support the NHPF, make plans to attend the 'Goldendale Turkey Shoot'. Remember, there will be Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie, and a biscuit and gravy breakfast.

Our sharp eyed webmaster gal Rhonda Davis, noticed several mistakes in the WSHPA membership dues schedule on this page and suggested changes in the masthead on page two as well. You can now go there to see how you can subscribe to Shoes News for your friends. She also noted some changes that need to be made in the Pitching Schedule before she posted it on the internet.

Good Work Rhonda.

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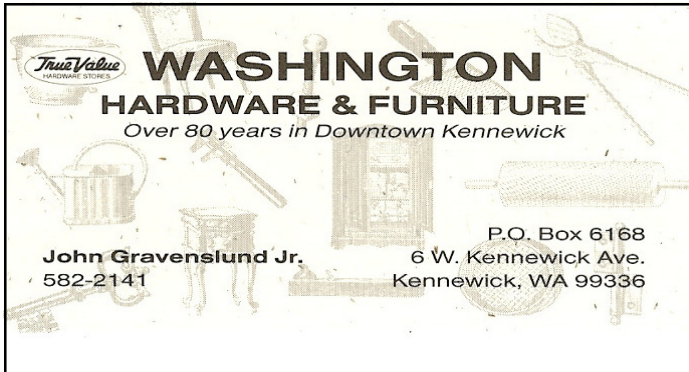
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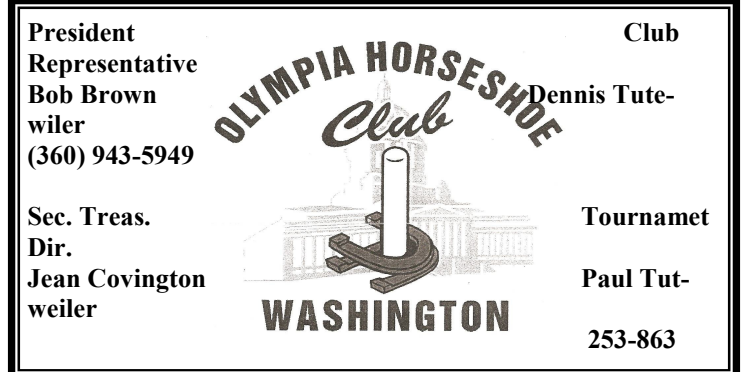
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