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### Commentary: *Jim Link,*

Another of our "horseshoe family" has passed away...Lester Spilseth, died Oct 13. Les was active in the Olympia Club and was inducted into the WSHPA Hall of Fame in 2001.

And on page three, Shoes News notes the passing of another horseshoe notable and acquaintance of WA pitchers, John Hasell of Canada. He developed one of the first computer programs used in our game that for a time, was used in keeping stats by the WSHPA. He was an accomplished member of our "horseshoe family".

Another strange year (the 41st. consecutive that I've experienced in this place) weather-wise is going on. Prior to Winetrount I, I got outside to the horseshoe pits on two beautiful back to back winter days, pitched a few shoes, and even made a few ringers. Called Rich Fahlenkamp, and made plans to go to Winetrount I.

Some personal issues (Betty's knee surgery, she's recovering fine; threw the crutches away after five days) came up that interfered with those plans, so decided "Oh well, we'll go for Winetrount II". Come the date for Winetrount II, I was looking out my window at over 20 inches of new snow. So I spent part of that weekend shoveling a new path to the woodshed.

Winetrount 3 is coming up...if the passes  
*(Continued on page 4)*



**2011 WSHPA State Champions**  
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Hello all. We are under way and to say the least it could have been warmer! But thank you to all score keepers, they take their time and freeze so we don't have to pack scoreboards. Also thank you to the guys that travel across the mountain passes to play for a couple of hours and then take the long and dangerous drive back home. The numbers have been good for the first 2 Wine-trouts, but we can do better. Find your friends from work and bar leagues and get them signed up. We are getting some good pitchers that have a lot of promise. We had a couple of new guys win on their first time out and that is great.

It was great to hear the clanging of horseshoes and the chatter of old friends and making of new ones. The food was great and nice to see so many stay to eat and catch up from the winter trips and practice sessions. Here is hoping everyone has a great year and I will see you on the courts.  
Don

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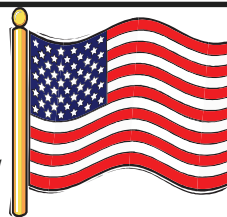
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### Thoughts and Prayers

Received some sad news. John Hasell who created the shoes program passed away on December 13, 2011.

I don't know what a lot of us would have done had it not been for John. For the past number of years John has not been involved with updating anything new for the shoes program. I for one appreciate everything John did for our organization over the years. Sam Tomasivic

Dear Sam

It is with sadness to hear the terrible news of John's death. I had the opportunity to meet & speak to John in Victoria at the 2004 CHPC, I found him a very intelligent person, thoughtful and caring. John also was a great part and reason, of where we are today with regard to Canstats. I am hoping we can Thank him in the future by other means to find him in the Horseshoe Canada Hall of Fame for his great contribution to organized data in Horseshoe Pitching. Our sincere condolences to Sue & Family.

Sincerely Cecil Mitchell President Horseshoe Canada

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These sites are always changing

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Tournament Reconciliation Sheet from WSHPA.com

My apologies to 2nd. Vice President Jeanette McCarthy. For missing her name on the WSHPA officers list on Page 2 That oversight has been corrected starting with the March issue. :

### Lester A. Spilseth



Les Spilseth 1916-2011

Lester A. Spilseth, 95, of Olympia, died Thursday, October 13, 2011. Lester was born March 29, 1916 in Kensington, Minnesota to Jorgen and Ida (Peterson) Spilseth. He was raised in Kensington and graduated from high school there. On November 1, 1941 in Kensington, he married the former Ruth Backlund. She died in 1983. In 1984, he married Anna Kneeland Paulson in Roswell, Georgia. She also preceded him in death.

Les served in the U. S. Army during WWII as a tech 4th grade in the 92nd Cavalry Recon Squad. He was part of the occupation forces that moved through France and into Germany. After the war, Les settled in Shelton, Washington and resided there until 1970. He worked as an electrician at the Insulation Board Plant owned by Simpson Timber Company. He worked there for 23 years and then at the Olympia Brewery for 10 years. He retired in 1978.

Les was a very gentle man with a great sense of humor who would help anyone. He loved splitting wood, gardening, woodshop projects, and golf. He was a charter member of the Olympia Horseshow Club, and was installed into the Horseshoe Hall of Fame in 2001. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church and Shelton Elks Lodge.

Les is survived by daughters, Terri Ann Spilseth and Nancy Spilseth of Olympia. He was predeceased by wives, Ruth Buckland and Anna Paulson; son, Jim; and infant son, Dale Edward.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 21, 2011 at First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE, Olympia. Refreshments to follow service. Memorial donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

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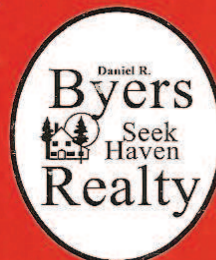


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 are open, if the spirit is still willing, if I can find someone to share a ride with, if I can get Farfegnuegen (a new used diesel VW bug) to go over the passes, we hope to start a new season of horseshoe pitching.

Oops!!

Several days ago as I left a meeting at our church, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets or purse. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing.

Suddenly I realized, I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband, David, has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the doors of the church, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," I stammered. I always call him "honey" in times like these. "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard David's voice. "Betty" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." David retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car?"

*Ed: Thanks to the Coulsons' for this story.*

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1974	Rudy Allones	1995	Verl Webb
1975	Phil Luoto	1997	Phyllis Quist
1975	Lewis Getchell	1997	Jim Quist
1975	Ed Fishel	1998	Art Sperber
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1977	Wally Rehard	1999	Carolyn Ferguson
1978	Kelly Laraway	1999	Ken Elvig *
1979	Henry Gilbo	1999	Prescot Kauffman *
1979	Ralph Taylor	2000	Ted Bostwick
1979	Herb Okeson	2001	Don Tysver
1980	Gene Patrick	2001	Gerry Staley
1980	Mildred Kuhne	2001	Les Spilseth
1982	Ellis West	2001	<b>Jr. Hall of Fame</b>
1982	Alice Rehard		Peter Clark
1983	Bill Owens	2002	Peter Clark
1985	Ray Brumfield	2003	John Alexander
1986	Herb Criss	2003	Skip Schilperoot
1987	Earl Kuhne	2004	Vey Allen
1987	Herb Piddie	2005	Jack Moore
1989	Cy Kitchen	2005	Joe Krug
1989	Sig Pederson	2006	None
1990	Bill Van Egdom	2007	Jim Link
1992	Ken Carvo	2008	Pat Quinn
1992	Beth Carvo	2008	John Reedy
1993	Margaret Byfield	2008	Jean Covington
		2008	Russ Phillips

2008 Bob Clark  
 2009 None  
 2010 Ray DeBoer  
 2010 Bob Hoerner  
 2011 Stan Speers  
 \* Inducted at the 1999 WSHPA State Meeting without a vote by the Hall of Fame Committee.

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Class A Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%	Class A Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Russ Phillips	6/0	85.00	92.50	Russ Phillips	5.5/5	87.08	92.50
Art Sperber	4/2	52.50	60.00	Don Davis	5/1	69.17	75.00
Harry Dawson	4/2	51.67	72.50	Paul Tutewiler	3/3	57.08	77.50
Stan Speers	3.5/2.5	57.92	70.00	Stan Speers	3/3	51.67	57.50
Gerald Stangland	2/4	45.00	60.00	Harry Dawson	2/4	57.92	75.00
Don Davis	1.5/4.5	47.50	62.50	Gerald Stangland	1.5/4.5	43.33	50.00
Paul Tutewiler	0/6	42.92	55.00	Edward Ludwig	1/5	46.67	60.00
Class B Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%	Class B Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%
John Bruhn	6/2	47.19	62.50	John Bruhn	5/1	47.08	60.00
Edward Ludwig	4/3	46.79	57.50	Gene Kuiken	4/2	40.42	47.50
Marv Herridge	4/3	36.79	55.00	Bob Sperber	4/2	36.25	55.00
Orlean Clinton	3.5/2.5	39.17	50.00	Jerry Clark	3.5/2.5	36.67	40.00
Gene Kuiken	3.5/2.5	35.00	42.50	Larry Barr	2.5/3.5	35.83	42.50
Archie Silcox	2/4	22.08	35.00	Orlean Clinton	2/4	30.42	47.50
Jerry Clark	0/6	31.67	42.50	Jon Turnbull	0/6	17.92	25.00
Class C Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%	Class C Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Bob Sperber	4.5/1.5	28.33	35.00	Charlie Tapper	6/1	37.14	52.50
Jean Covington	4/2	27.92	32.50	Jean Covington	5/2	37.14	47.50
Larry Barr	3.5/2.5	27.08	37.50	David Bushnell	4/2	32.08	42.50
Charlie Tapper	3.5/2.5	27.08	32.50	Debi McRae	3.5/2.5	26.25	32.50
David Bushnell	2/4	23.75	32.50	Dennis Tutewiler	2/4	23.33	35.00
Rex Tauscher	2/4	19.17	27.50	Wes Chase	1/5	19.58	25.00
Jon Turnbull	1.5/4.5	20.83	32.50	Don Knowles	.5/5.5	14.58	22.50
Class D Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%	Class D Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Mark Bell	4.5/1.5	19.17	30.00	Mark Young	5/0	21.00	25.00
Wes Chase	3.5/2.5	22.08	32.50	Pat Kyle	4/1	18.50	22.50
Debi McRae	3/2	26.00	35.00	Ross Scott	2.5/2.5	16.50	22.50
Don Knowles	2/3	16.50	30.00	Nick Nicholson	2/3	16.00	20.00
Ross Scott	2/3	10.50	17.50	Chris Poe	1/4	8.00	17.50
Dennis Tutewiler	1/4	11.50	15.00	Eddie Ludwig Jr.	.5/4.5	12.50	22.50
Class E Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%				
Pat Kyle	6/0	17.08	22.50				
Mark Young	4/2	15.00	22.50				
Nick Nicholson	4/2	12.92	25.00				
Eddie Ludwig Jr.	3/3	17.50	27.50				
Shannon Redfern	3/3	13.33	20.00				
Mary Anderson	1/5	7.92	12.50				
Chris Poe	0/6	4.17	15.00				

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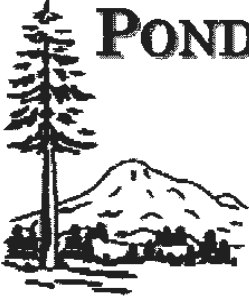
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