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### Commentary: Jerry Clark

any of us have morning routines that are hard to break. Mine is driving in to Stanwood from the Island and having breakfast while I read the morning newspapers. The café I usually go to, is like getting in a time machine and going back to the 1950's. The appeal for me, is that the plates are big, and loaded with food. While there, I see many meetings of city groups and clubs, they are usually meetings of the leadership, and they seem to be getting quite a bit done over breakfast. One day recently, I saw the High School basketball coaching staff in there talking over strategy. That got me thinking about our team, the WSHPA. Just like that basketball team has five players on the floor, each with certain skills and responsibilities unique to the positions they play, they must all contribute fully, to make the whole function as one, with chemistry, in order to be successful.

That's the goal most organizations are very much striving for. The WSHPA is no exception. It has long been said of organizations that 20% of the people do 80% of the work. In past years the WSHPA had membership rolls numbering 200, 300, or more and thus the volunteer pool was much larger. We haven't gotten the final

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2014 WSHPA

STATE CHAMPIONS Mens: Matt Fuller Womens: Bonnie Lewis Elders: Russ Phillips Jr Boys: Kyler Magnus Cadet: Patrick McCarthy Jr Girls: Megan Stonehocker Doubles Champions 2014 Glen Heistand Gene Kuiken



# 2015 WORLD HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HEARTLAND, TOPEKA, KANSAS

Anyone can pitch in the World Horseshoe Tournament in Topeka, Kansas. Many first time pitchers become World Class Champions in the lower ringer average classes while more experienced pitchers become World Class Champions in the higher ringer average classes.

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The two-week world tournament is held each summer to crown class champions and an overall World Champion horseshoe pitcher in each of eight divisions–Men, Women, Senior Men (60+), Senior Women (60+), Elder Men (age 70+), Junior Boys

& Girls(13-18) and Junior Cadets (12-and under). Pitchers will be competing for approximately \$200,000 in prize money, trophies and scholarships, as well as the right to call themselves "World Class Champion."

Participants will pitch 3 days (approx. 5 games will be played each day). Top qualifiers will advance to the championship round. We are expecting 1200 total entrants from the United States, Canada and several other countries.

**Step 1:** You must become a member of your state association (go to NHPA website: horseshoepitching.com and click on How To, then Join Us for listing of charter secretaries / treasurers or click on NHPA, then Charter Links).

**Step 2:** You must compete in a minimum of 4 NHPA sanctioned tournaments prior to May 15 2015. All NHPA sanctioned tournaments seed entries by their ringer average so you are always pitching with other folks who have about the same ringer average or skill level as you.

**Step 3:** Fill out and send in the 2015 World Tournament entry form when it becomes available on the NHPA web site in early Feb 2015.

Helpful Link: www.HorseshoePitching.com



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He we go again! The year has started...and what a start. We picked up one new member to start the Winetrout series. Russ is taking off where he left off last year! Wow... I need to start drinking whatever it is he drinks!

We had 24 pitchers on a very calm day in January. It was great seeing everyone. We were missing one of our team that is in our thoughts and prayers, Jerry and Susan Clark could not make it and there was a noticeable hole in our group. Thank you, Phyllis for bringing your computer and running the tournament at such short notice. Also thank you to the Kitsap crew for lunch on a cold wet day nothing better than Chili! Thank you Carol and Art.

As always the courts were top notch. It is so nice to be pitching and trying to improve the percentage. I see a lot of people working on their game as well.

We are talking about starting one of the Winetrouts at 10 O'clock that way we can have a little work party to help out the Everett club. They have worked so hard over the years; it is time for us to help them.

> Well that is it for now. See you on the courts. Don



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Email Rhonda with your ideas for the Web Page Put **horseshoes** on subject line

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. Webmaster: graywolfdesign.com

# 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.

### TUTEWILERS HAVE A NEW ADDRESS:

Paul and Clydene Tutewiler have moved to Puyallup.

Their new address is: 4306–7th St. Pl. SE Puyallup, WA 98374 New Phone # (253) 845-4581



## A NOTE TO OUR SNOWBIRDS:

Just a reminder to those who winter in Arizona, California, and other warm places. If you want to receive your Shoes News at the correct address, make sure I have your winter address and what month you want me to switch mailing to your Washington address. Another important item, is to make sure you include your space number or lot number in your address. I get a number of newsletters returned simply because they don't have that information in the address. If any of your information changes, please let your Shoes News editor know.

Thanks, Jerry



## WSHPA Seeking A Jr. Promotions Director

The WSHPA is looking for a new Junior Promotions Director. Jim and Phyl announced in September that they would be stepping down as Jr. Promotion Directors as of January 1st.

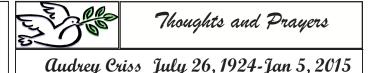
Here are some areas that the position covers:

- Promote Junior membership;
- Recognize and encourage all Junior pitchers;
- Help clubs with trophies and/or ribbons and awards for winners at their tournaments;
- Have a Junior Committee of at least 3 4 adult horseshoe pitchers;
- Head up the Junior Hall of Fame Committee (The Junior Committee members are the voting contingent for Jr. Hall of Fame entrants);
- Set up Junior party at the State Tournament;
- Determine the amount of financial support for all Washington Junior entrants to the World Tournament;

# The main requirement is that you love horseshoes and know that the younger generation is the future of our sport.

If you are interested in working with our young Cadet and Junior pitchers, please contact Don Davis at (253) 735-0213.

## PRACTICE PRACTICE PRACTICE



Audrey A Criss, wife of long-time pitcher, Herb Criss

"Our beloved feisty-natured mother, Audrey A. Criss, 90, peacefully passed away at her home on Jan. 5, 2015. Her full focus in her life was on her family; she was a great support to her husband of 68 years." Though her family was of primary importance to Audrey, she was also a faithful "horseshoe wife", attending many tournaments and World Tournaments with husband Herb. Her creative personality was shown, not only in her interest in handcrafts, but also had a horseshoe connection. At the 1987 World Tournament in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, she came up with the idea of making signs to use to root for our husbands. We bought rulers and taped them to paper plates. With markers we wrote "Go Herb!" and "Go Art!", and waved them at appropriate times! Another idea came when Audrey developed a signal for our league play. It started with a whistle or a toy train whistle that she blew each time a "6-6" (four dead) was called. When she forgot to bring a whistle, she "trilled" a loud noise. That's been our 6-6 signal ever since! The Crisses and the Sperbes traveled together to many horseshoe events. We miss those fun times and we will miss Audrey.

Cards can be sent to Herb Criss, 6174 Fern Leona Rd NW, Bremerton WA 98312.

Donations can be made to Hospice of Kitsap County, PO Box 416, Silverdale, WA 98383.

Thank You, Carol Sperber



I've heard that there have been a few complaints about the shoe check in lines moving too slow at last year's World Tournament. Don't worry, this year we've got a couple of celebrity judges to see to it that

this will not be a problem in 2015. Judges Bill Belichick and Tom Brady will see to it that there is ABSOLUTELY NO CHEATING, and the lines will move along very quickly!



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total of memberships for 2015, but my guess is it will be around 140 pitchers.

President Don Davis mentioned in the January Newsletter that we will need to give the Everett Club help in preparing the courts for the Winetrout Tournaments this year. Last year the WSHPA needed a new Shoes News editor, and a new state statistician. This year we are looking for someone to take over as the new Junior Promotions Director. These needs come up, and when they do, we need people ready and willing to challenge themselves to step up and fill the void.

Each one of us can do something. We all have unique skills and abilities that the WSHPA needs. There are those who can help by bringing food to tournaments or help with court preparations and clean up after the tournaments. No jobs are unimportant, un-needed, or un-appreciated by our clubs and Tournament Directors. As a matter of fact, with many of our clubs getting smaller I know they could use some helping hands at their tournaments. You know the old saying, "many hands make light work".

One of our greatest needs is to find people who have marketing and/or promotional skills. Jon Turnbull is our Promotions Director and would welcome any of your ideas. Speaking of marketing and promotion, here is another idea I have been giving a lot of thought to. I realize before I say anything about this, that it may not be a popular idea to a number of our pitchers, but hear me out. I notice there are a number of our pitchers that wear all white at our tournaments, and personally, I think they look very sharp, and extremely professional. Whether you've thought about this or not, we ARE the professional Horseshoe Pitchers of the State of Washington. Oh, there may be a few more good pitchers out there that don't belong to the WSHPA, but how good would they be if they were playing against pitchers just as good as they are, for six or seven games?

My thought is, since we are professionals, maybe we should dress like professionals. At many of our tournaments there are a number of people just watching us or walking around the courts observing, and can you imagine how much more impressive a sight they would see if the competitors were all dressed in white? Remember, we are trying to sell our sport to the public, in hopes of attracting new members. All pitchers would need a club shirt, or if they don't belong to a club, a shirt with their name and city on the back along with white pants. When standing back and looking, at the courts full of pitchers now, it looks like we're a rec-league instead of the best horseshoe pitchers in Washington state.

Give this idea some thought. Maybe some of these "great pitchers" that don't belong to the WSHPA would want to try their luck against the best in the state.

Some topics are not easy to bring up to the membership, and these are certainly a couple of them, but I love our game too much, and don't want to sit back and watch it become too weak to survive. These ideas are just food for thought, some of you may have even better suggestions as to how we can spur interest in horseshoe pitching in our state and in so doing, boost our membership. Wouldn't it be great to consistently see fifty or more pitchers at our tournaments? If you have ideas, lets get them out in the open, and discuss them.



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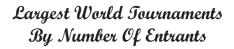
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Class A Mixed	W/L	Т%	HG%
Russ Phillips	5/0	84.50	87.50
Don Davis	3/2	65.00	80.00
Gerald Stangland	3/2	52.00	60.00
Stan Speers	2/3	47.50	57.50
Edward Ludwig	1/4	50.00	55.00
John Bruhn	1/4	44.00	57.50
Class B Mixed	W/L	Τ%	HG%
Gene Kuiken	5/0	37.00	47.50
Jon Turnbull	4/1	39.00	62.50
Bob Sperber	3/2	36.50	45.00
Nick Nicholson	1/4	24.50	30.00
Cindy Clausen	1/4	23.00	45.00
Orlean Clinton	1/4	18.00	27.50
Class C Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%
Paul Burckhard	4/1	29.00	32.50
Eddie Ludwig Jr	2.5/2.5	28.00	30.00
Keith Stull	2.5/2.5	26.50	30.00
Mark Bell	2/3	25.50	35.00
Charlie Tapper	2/3	24.00	37.50
Jean Covington	2/3	19.00	25.00
Class D Mixed	W/L	Τ%	HG%
Wes Chase	4/1	20.00	25.00
Mac Huson	3.5/1.5	20.00	30.00
Terry Hanson	3/2	20.00	30.00
Jim Quist	3/2	11.00	22.50
Eddie Hills	1.5/3.5	11.00	15.00

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Class A Mixed	W/L	Τ%	HG%	
Russ Phillips	6/0	87.50	97.50	
Don Davis	5/1	60.83	67.50	
Jerry Conklin	3/3	51.25	65.00	
Stan Speers	3/3	49.17	57.50	
Gerald Stangland	2/4	37.50	47.50	
Ed Ludwig	1/5	42.50	50.00	
Cindy Clausen	1/5	36.67	45.00	
Class B Mixed	W/L	Т %	HG%	
John Bruhn	6/0	51.67	72.50	
Gene Kuiken	5/1	37.08	40.00	
Jon Turnbull	3/3	39.17	47.50	
Mark Bell	3/3	27.08	35.00	
Bob Sperber	2/4	36.67	45.00	
Nick Nicholson	2/4	35.00	42.50	
Orlean Clinton	0/6	14.58	30.00	
Class C Mixed	W/L	Т%	HG%	
Bill Martino	6/0	38.75	47.50	
Eddie Ludwig Jr	3/3	17.50	30.00	
George Reynolds	3/3	17.08	25.00	
Paul Burckhard	2.5/3.5	32.08	47.50	
Charlie Tapper	2.5/3.5	17.92	22.50	
Al Barcus	2/4	20.00	25.00	
Mac Huson	2/4	19.58	40.00	
Class D Mixed	W/L	Τ%	HG%	
Wes Chase	6.5/0.5	21.54	30.00	
Ross Scott	5.5/1.5	22.31	27.50	
Tim V	3.5/2.5	15.00	25.00	
Terry Hanson	3/3	15.00	20.00	
Jim Quist	2/4	15.42	20.00	
Eddie Hills	1.5/4.5	10.00	17.50	
Chris Poe	0/6	9.17	10.00	



1.	1997	Kitchener, Ontario 1740 *
2.	1992	Columbus, Ohio 1700 *
3.	1999	Greenville, Ohio 1542 +
4.	1996	Gillette, Wyoming 1536 *
5.	1993	Spearfish, So. Dakota 1509
6.	1989	Spearfish, So. Dakota 1492
7.	2009	Springfield, Illinois 1330 *
8.	2003	Eau Claire, Wisconsin 1324 *
9.	2008	York, Pennsylvania 1321 *
10.	1994	Syracuse, New York 1304 *
11.	1987	Eau Claire, Wisconsin 1287
12.	2010	Cedar Rapids, Iowa 1286
13.	2014	Buffalo, New York 1265 *
14.	2012	Knoxville, Tennessee 1230 *
15.	1981	Genola, Minnesota 1215
16.	2000	Bismarck, No. Dakota 1215 *
17.	2004	Pocatello, Idaho 1200 *
18.	1995	Perry, Georgia 1120 *
19.	1990	Stone Mountain, Georgia 1064 *
20.	2001	Hibbing, Minnesota 1045 *
21.	2013	St. George, Utah 1032 *
22.	1991	Biloxi, Mississippi 1023 *
23.	1998	Ainsworth, Nebraska 993
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Date	Tournament	I	Location	Director	Director Phone	e Entry
7-Jan	Winetrout I	Forest Park	Everett	Davis, Don	253/735-0213	\$15
1-Jan	Winetrout II	Forest Park	Everett	Davis, Don	253/735-0213	\$15
4-Feb	Winetrout III Forest Park		Everett	Davis, Don	253/735-0213	\$15
28-Feb	Winetrout IV Forest Park		Everett	Davis, Don	253/735-0213	\$15
4-Mar	Winetrout V	Forest Park	Everett	Davis, Don	253/735-0213	\$15
28-Mar	Winetrout VI	Forest Park	Everett	Davis, Don	253/735-0213	\$15
11-Apr	Tulip Open	Skagit Riverside Park	Burlington	Jon Turnbull	360/826-5520	\$17
18-Apr	Columbia Basin Open	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	McLaughlin, Monty	509/627-5019	\$20
25-Apr	Odessa Spring Fling	Finney Field	Odessa	Goodwin, Dave	509/639-2547	\$17
25-Apr	Kitchen Memorial	S. Kitsap Cnty Park	Prt. Orchard	Lewis, Bonnie	360/876-1055	\$17
2-May	Skip Memorial	Elks Park	Yakima	Zalesny, Lee	509/966-3316	\$20
3-May	Monasmith Open	Elks Park	Yakima	Zalesny, Lee	509/966-3316	\$20
9-May	Norm Hansen Open	Woodland Park	Seattle	Davis, Don	253/735-0213	\$17
6-May	Tri-City Open	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	Allen, Vey	509/588-3351	\$20
3-May	Open Date	Memorial Day Weekend	·			
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6-Jun	Rehard Open	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7781	\$20
13-Jun	Bob Hansen Memorial	Woodland Park	Seattle	Hassan. Bob	931/210-9797	\$17
20-Jun	Strawberry Open	Skagit Riverside Park	Burlington	Jon Turnbull	360/826-5520	\$17
21-Jun	John Byfield Memorial	Skagit Riverside Park	Burlington	Jon Turnbull	360/826-5520	\$17
27-Jun	Kitsap Memorial	S. Kitsap Cnty Park	Prt. Orchard	Lewis, Bonnie	360/876-1055	\$17
4-Jul	Seattle Open move to whe		Seattle	Hassan. Bob	931/210-9796	\$17
11-Jul	Lakefair Open		Olympia	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0420	\$17
13-Jul	World Tournament Starts		Topeka KS		200,112 0 120	
25-Jul	World Tournament Ends		Topeka KS			
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8-Aug	Ed Walsh Open	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7781	\$20
5-Aug	Carvo Open	Elks Park	Yakima	Zalesny, Lee	509/966-3316	\$20
6-Aug	Yakima Open	Elks Park	Yakima	Zalesny, Lee	509/966-3316	\$20
2-Aug	Bellingham International	Cornwall Park	Bellingham	Quist, Phyllis	360/384-4544	\$17
20-Aug	Entries for WSHPA Singles		Deningham	Davis, Don	253/735-0213	\$25
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29-Aug	Earl Kettleson Night Tourn	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7781	\$20
5-Sep	WSHPA State Singles	Skagit Riverside Park	Burlington	Davis, Don	253/735-0213	
6-Sep	WSHPA State Singles	Skagit Riverside Park	Burlington	Davis, Don	253/735-0213	
7-Sep	WSHPA State Singles	Skagit Riverside Park	Burlington	Davis, Don	253/735-0213	
7-Sep	Entries for Pacific Northwe			Quist, Phyllis	360/384-4544	
8-Sep	NW Warm-Up	Elks Park	Yakima	Zalesny, Lee	509/966-3316	\$20
9-Sep	Pacific Northwest	Elks Park	Yakima	Quist, Phyllis	360/384-4544	\$15
20-Sep	Pacific Northwest	Elks Park	Yakima			
26-Sep	South Puget Sound Open	Yauger Park	Olympia	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0420	\$17
3-Oct	Odessa Open	Finney Field	Odessa	Goodwin, Dave	509/639-2547	\$17
4-Oct	Entries for WSHPA Double			Davis, Don	253/735-0213	\$15 ea
10-Oct	Seattle Turkey Shoot	Woodland Park	Seattle	Hassan. Bob	931/210-9796	\$17
17-Oct	Pat Quinn Memorial	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	McLaughlin, Monty	509/627-5019	\$20
18-Oct	WSHPA State Doubles	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	Davis, Don	253/735-0213	

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### THE HORSESHOE COURT AND SCORING HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS

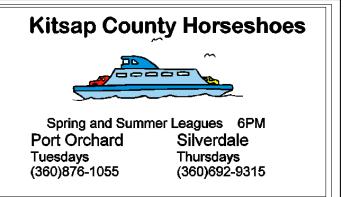
Our purpose in WSHPA Horseshoe Flashbacks is two fold. We wanted to give our retired and old-timer pitchers stories, statistics, and tidbits out of past Newsletters, as well as give our younger pitchers an appreciation of our horseshoe pitching heritage, not only in Washington State, but nationally as well. We hope you enjoy it!

	St	a k e s - D	istan	ce-Po	ints	
YEAR	STAKE (High)	DISTANCE (Feet)	POINTS	RINGERS	LEANERS	CLOSE
1905 1909 1911	2" 2" 6"	38 1/2 38 1/2 28 1/2	21 21 24	3 5	2 3	1
1911 1915 1919	6" 8" 8"	38 1/2 38 40	21 21 50	5 5 3	3 3 -	1 1 1
	3/4" Dia 1" Lean			·		·
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1933 1950 1982	12" 14-15" 14-15"	40 40 40	50 50 40	3 3 3	•	1 1 1

\*\*These statistics were compiled by the late Bob Champion, who in 1997 was the NHPA Publicity Director.

### 2015 Renewal Time

See the rate schedule for memberships and newsletter renewals on the inside of the back page. All the subscriptions for ads and the newsletter expire in March. If you have not renewed your ad or your membership, you will not get the April issue, and your ad will not appear. Your club ads and your timely subscriptions are important. As always, if you go south for the Winter, you will have to re-subscribe before you can pitch.





Our family took hours to set up camp on a recent outing. But the couple and three kids who pulled up next to us, did it in mere minutes. "How did you manage that?" I asked the father. "I have a system," he said. "No one goes to the bathroom, until everything is set up."



## Without a doubt, horseshoes is the best game....



The Editor

Horseshoes is better than...Golf because the fairways are shorter, and the sand traps are smaller, and horseshoes are easier to find in the rough. Heck, most pitchers go years without losing their horseshoes.

Horseshoes is better than...Baseball because you don't need five or six pitchers to finish a game. When a horseshoe pitcher starts a game, he expects to finish it. Although we don't mind walking, we certainly don't condone stealing.

Horseshoes is better than...Soccer because it doesn't take 40 games to make 40 points. Almost all our games are "friendlies."

Horseshoes is better than...Basketball because we're always shooting from the three point line, and nobody wants to swat your horseshoe.

Horseshoes is better than...Football because it doesn't take four hours to play a 60 minute game, there are no yellow flags, no commercials, and you never hear the words "after further review".

Horseshoes is better than...Bowling because you don't have to reset the stakes after pitching, or wear multi colored shoes. Plus we don't pitch moonlight or laser horseshoes.

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### **2015 WINETROUT SCHEDULE** All Winetrouts are at Forest Park, Everett To Register call: Rhonda Davis 253-735-0213

<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>	WINETROUT IIIEXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
<b>FEBRUARY 28</b>	WINETROUT IV
MARCH 14	WINETROUT V
MARCH 28	WINETROUT VIPOTLUCK & AUCTION
APRIL 11	TULIP OPEN, BURLINGTONJon Turnbull / 360-826-5520
APRIL 18	COLUMBIA BASIN OPEN, KENNEWICKMonty McLauglin / 509-627-5019



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