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### Commentary: Jerry Clark

hen Susan and I pulled into Forest Park in Everett on Saturday, January 16th, the park's lights were still on. It was very quiet and dark, as a steady rain fell on our windshield. As we sat back in our seats to take an extra 40 winks, it wasn't long before we saw a steady stream of headlights coming up the entry road, parking and then unloading a bunch of hardy horseshoe pitchers. We made our way to the clubhouse to meet and greet some of the early arriving pitchers. As the gathering grew, the enthusiasm of a new season was tempered somewhat as President Dennis Tutewiler made the announcement that we had lost another long-time horseshoe pitcher, Orlean Clinton had passed away. A moment of silence was observed for Orlean and Lee Zalesny. You can read Charlie Tapper's thoughts about Orlean on page 8.

A nice group of 30 pitchers were on hand for Winetrout I. The group included three first time pitchers; Daryl Hahn, Johnny Adams, and Ron Burt, as well as David Brown from Mt. Angel, OR. David was Oregon's Class C State Champion in 2015. By the end of the day David, with a 4/2 record and second place finish in Class D (Continued on page 4)





The 2016 NHPA World Tournament will be held in Montgomery, Alabama, at the Multiplex at Cramton Bowl:
July 25th– August 6th, 2016

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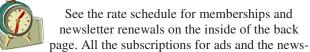
# Message from Dennis



Well, here we are, the first Winetrout is in the books. It was good to see all the horseshoe family once again. I want to congratulate all the class winners. We had 30 pitchers for the first tournament. I hope to see more at Winetrout 2. Kind of funny, I was going through my email the other day and noticed a gentleman named Tom Moffat, didn't ring a bell. Come to find out, he is the President of BC Horseshoes, and he would like to see more people cross the border and pitch horseshoes. So, put this on your calendar, May 21st and 22nd, they are hosting the BC International in Abbotsford BC, a two day tournament.

Dennis

## 2016 Renewal Time



letter 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.



Chicken Little on Wall Street: "The sky is making a technical correction!"



### WSHPA website: http://www.wshpa.com Web: Rhonda Davis

monstertrkdoug@aol.com 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

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## 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.

# Congratulations are in order!

Three awards were presented by Phyl Quist at Winetrout I recognizing years of membership in the NHPA.







Jim Quist 30 Years



Ross Scott 10 Years

World Tournament entry form will be published in Shoes News as soon as it becomes available to us.

You can view Shoes News online. Go to wshpa.com and click on newsletter

# **Kitsap County Horseshoes**



Port Orchard—Tuesdays 6PM (360-876-1055) Silverdale—Fairgrounds Thursdays 2PM (360)-692-9315)







## Thoughts and Prayers

#### Update on the Tutewilers:

Dennis and Pam reported that Paul is scheduled to come home from the Rehab facility on Thursday, 1/21/16. Dennis and Pam will be moving in with Clydene and Paul to care for them. Paul will be in a wheel chair for some time.

Pam recovered from her back surgery and is doing well although still a little bit sore. She is still experiencing some pain but not to the degree that she was.

Let's keep the entire family in our thoughts and prayers in the weeks ahead.

#### From Carol Sperber:

Kitsap pitcher, Archie Silcox has had a pulmonary embolism. He is now on treatment to prevent blood clots. He won't be Pitching for a while, but wants to be back on the courts as soon As he's able. You can send your cards to him at: Archie Silcox 6521 Bondale Ln NW Silverdale WA 98383.

Editor: Thanks so much, Carol

#### Prayers for Gaylord:

Please keep Gaylord Lund in your thoughts and prayers as he goes through a difficult episode with shingles.



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has Oregon off to a head start in the 2016 race for the Columbia Cup trophy. We also had four pitchers from eastern Washington make the trip over the pass to join us; Jerry Conklin, Vic Magnus, Cindy Reeves, and Mike Watcher.

Compliments of the Kitsap Horseshoe Club, we had coffee and donuts in the morning, and a chili dog lunch that was a welcome sight to a bunch of cold horseshoe pitchers. That really hit the spot.

Out on the courts, the weather was the proverbial mixed bag. There was overcast, sun, sprinkles, breezy, and cool, and combinations of all of the above. A big thank you to Gene Kuiken and Jon Turnbull for supplying the propane heaters, not only for the pitchers, but especially for our great scorekeepers; Rhonda Davis, Pam Tutewiler and Susan Clark. You ladies are very much appreciated by our pitchers, not only for your accuracy, but also the way you keep the games rolling along. Great job also to Phyl Quist, Carol Turnbull, Jerry Conklin and anyone else who helped out at the stats table that I didn't notice. I also want to thank my good friend, Gaylord Lund along with John Alexander, who, although they didn't pitch during the day, were there all day, making sure everything was as it should be out on the courts, and cleaning up afterwards.

A couple final thoughts, every year Winetrout I comes around, I'm reminded all over again what a great game horseshoe pitching is, and how much I love it. Although it may be an easy game to play, it is not an easy game to play well. The pitchers who stick with the game for the long hall, are all very tough. hardnosed competitors. Oh, did I mention they are also some of the nicest people you'll every want to meet.

#### Single Points:

- Winetrout II takes place on January 30th. Let's have a big turnout.
- The Executive Board Meeting will take place before Winetrout IV, March 12th.
- The Junior Auction and Pot Luck will take place after Winetrout VI, March 26th.



## **KEY WEBSITES FOR NORTHWEST** HORSESHOE PITCHERS

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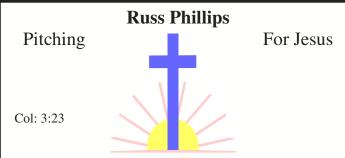
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"Ours is a good restaurant," said the manager. "If you order an egg, you get the freshest egg in the world. If you order hot coffee, you get the hottest coffee in the world, and-" "I believe you," said the customer. "I ordered a small steak."



And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not unto men



# Odessa Horseshoe Club



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Wilkommen to Odessa Courts are at back of Finney Field

## Shoes News

# WSHPA 2016 SEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Tournament		Location	Director	Director Phone	Entry	Sanction #
16-Jan	Winetrout I (Enumclaw Host)	Forest Park	Everett	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424	\$15	001-16-001
30-Jan	Winetrout II (Kitsap Host)	Forest Park	Everett	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424	\$15	001-16-002
13-Feb	Winetrout III (Skagit Host)	Forest Park	Everett	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424	\$15	001-16-003
27-Feb	Winetrout IV (Bellingham Host)	Forest Park	Everett	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424	\$15	001-16-004
12-Mar	Winetrout V (Olympia Host)	Forest Park	Everett	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424	\$15	001-16-005
26-Mar	Winetrout VI (Potluck & Auction)	Forest Park	Everett	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424	\$15	001-16-006
9-Apr	Tulip Open	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Jon Turnbull	360/826-5520	\$17	001-16-007
16-Apr	Columbia Basin Open	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	McLaughlin, Monty	509/987-4931	\$20	001-16-008
30-Apr	Odessa Spring Fling	Finney Field	Odessa	Heutink, Ron	509/754-5132	\$20	001-16-009
30-Apr	Kitsap Openl	S. Kitsap Cnty Pk	Prt. Orchard	Lewis, Bonnie	360/876-1055	\$17	001-16-010
7-May	Skip Memorial	Elks Park	Yakima	Conklin, Jerry	509/966-3316	\$20	001-16-011
8-May	Monasmith Open	Elks Park	Yakima	Conklin, Jerry	509/966-3316	\$20	001-16-012
14-May 21-May	Open Date Tri-City Open	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	McLaughlin, Monty	509/987-4931	\$20	001-16-013
28-May	Open Date	Memorial Day W	Kennewick	Wichaughin, Worty	303/307-4331	ΨΖΟ	001-10-013
4-Jun	Rehard Open	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7781	\$20	001-16-014
4-Jun	Evening Calcutta	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7782		Non-Sanctioned
5-Jun	Ed Welsch Open	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7781	\$20	001-16-015
11-Jun	Bob Hansen Memorial	Woodland Park	Seattle	Hassan. Bob	931/210-9796	\$20	001-16-016
18-Jun	Strawberry Open	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Jon Turnbull	360/826-5520	\$17	001-16-017
19-Jun	John Byfield Memorial	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Jon Turnbull	360/826-5520	\$17	001-16-018
25-Jun 2-Jul	Kitsap Memorial  Open Date	S. Kitsap Cnty Pk	Prt. Orchard	Lewis, Bonnie	360/876-1055	\$17	001-16-019
9-Jul	Lakefair Open	Yauger Park	Olympia	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424	\$17	001-16-020
16-Jul	Open Date	•					
22-Jul	Ringer Percentages (from NATSTAT) set	for State Doubles					
23-Jul	Open Date						
25-Jul 30-Jul	World Tournament Starts Seattle Open	Woodland Park	Montgomery AI Seattle	Hassan. Bob	931/210-9796	\$20	001-16-032
6-Aug	World Tournament Ends	VVOGalaria i arik	Montgomery Al	Hassaii. Bob	301/210 3730	ΨΖΟ	001 10 002
6-Aug	Earl Kettleson Night Tournament	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7781	\$20	001-16-021
13-Aug	Carvo Open	Elks Park	Yakima	Conklin, Jerry	509/966-3316	\$20	001-16-022
14-Aug	Yakima Open	Elks Park	Yakima	Conklin, Jerry	509/966-3316	\$20	001-16-023
14-Aug	Paid entries for WSHPA Doubles must	be to WSHPA Treas		Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424	\$15 ea	
20-Aug	Bellingham International	Cornwall Park	Bellingham	Quist, Phyllis	360/384-4544	\$17	001-16-024
21-Aug	WSHPA State Doubles	Cornwall Park	Bellingham	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424		001-16-025
24-Aug	Paid entries due for WSHPA Singles	to WSHPA Treas		Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424	\$25	
3-Sep	WSHPA State Singles	Franklin Park	Spokane	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424		001-16-026
4-Sep	WSHPA State Singles	Franklin Park	Spokane	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424		
5-Sep	WSHPA State Singles	Franklin Park	Spokane	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424		
11-Sep	Pacific Northwest Entries Close at 9 PM			Quist, Phyllis	360/384-4544		
16-Sep	NW Warm-Up	Elks Park	Yakima	Conklin, Jerry	509/966-3316	\$20	001-16-027
17-Sep	Pacific Northwest	Elks Park	Yakima	Quist, Phyllis	360/384-4544	\$15	001-16-028
18-Sep	Pacific Northwest	Elks Park	Yakima				
24-Sep	South Puget Sound Open	Yauger Park	Olympia	Tutewiler, Dennis	253/472-0424	\$17	001-16-029
1-Oct	Odessa Open	Finney Field	Odessa	Heutink, Ron	509/754-5132	\$20	001-16-030
8-Oct	Pat Quinn Memorial	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	McLaughlin, Monty	509/987-4931	\$20	001-16-031
<u></u>	Normal Entry Deadline 9 PM on Th	ursday prior to tour	nament. Checl	k in before 8:30 am			

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001-16-001	WINETROUT I					01/16/2016		
Class A Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%	Class E Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%	
Don Davis	4/1	54.50	60.00	Daryl Hahn	6/0	25.83	42.50	
Jerry Conklin	3/2	50.00	67.50	Herb Milbourn	3/3	18.33	27.50	
John Bruhn	3/2	48.00	52.50	Jim Quist	2/4	19.17	22.50	
Cindy Clausen	3/2	46.00	62.50	John Adams 1/5 15.42 20.0			20.00	
Gerald Stangland	2/3	33.50	47.50	001-16-002 / WINETROUT II / 01/30/2016				
Ed Ludwig	0/5	36.00	57.50	Class A Mixed W/L T % HG			HG%	
Class B Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%	Russ Phillips	6/0	80.00	92.50	
Nick Nicholson	5/0	43.50	47.50	Don Davis	5/1	63.33	72.50	
Keith Stull	3/2	42.00	50.00	Jerry Conklin	3/3	49.58	65.00	
Jon Turnbull	3/2	37.00	45.00	John Bruhn	3/3	48.75	62.50	
Bob Sperber	3/2	36.00	52.50	Ed Ludwig	2/4	43.75	52.50	
Gene Kuiken	1/4	27.50	32.50	Stan Speers	1.5/4.5	42.92	52.50	
Cindy Reeves	0/5	22.50	27.50	Gerald Stangland	0.5/5.5	31.25	45.00	
Class C Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%	Class B Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%	
Jerry Clark	5/2	37.86	52.50	Bob Sperber	5.5/0.5	37.08	47.50	
				Keith Stull	4.5/1.5	37.50	47.50	
Ron Burt	5/3 4/3	32.19 31.79	50.00 47.50	Monty McLaughlin	3/3	38.33	47.50	
Al Barcus  Dennis Tutewiler	3/3	22.92	30.00	Mark Young	3/3	35.83	40.00	
Mike Watcher	2.5/3.5	28.33	40.00	Jon Turnbull	3/3	33.75	45.00	
Marv Herridge				Nick Nicholson	2/4	28.75	47.50	
Mary Hornage	2/4	30.42	50.00	INICK INICIOISOIT	2/4			
Paul Burckhard	2/4	30.42	50.00	Gene Kuiken	0/6	25.42	35.00	
Paul Burckhard	1.5/4.5	20.00	32.50					
Class D Mixed	1.5/4.5 <b>W/L</b>	20.00 T %	32.50 <b>HG%</b>	Gene Kuiken  Class C Mixed	0/6	25.42	35.00	
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Class D Mixed  Mark Young  David Brown  Rick Bidwell  Vic Magnus	1.5/4.5 W/L 6/0 4/2 4/2 2/4	20.00 T % 38.33 31.25 26.67 24.17	32.50 <b>HG%</b> 45.00 40.00 30.00 32.50	Gene Kuiken  Class C Mixed  Jerry Clark  Rob Churchill  Mark Bell  Ron Burt	0/6  W/L  4.5/1.5  4/2  3.5/2.5  2.5/3.5	25.42 <b>T%</b> 39.17 32.08 24.58 29.58	35.00 <b>HG%</b> 45.00 42.50 32.50 37.50	
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Class D Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%		
David Brown	5/2	25.77	32.50		
Larry Barr	4/3	30.77	47.50		
Jean Covington	3.5/2.5	25.00	40.00		
Vic Magnus	3.5/2.5	24.58	30.00		
Mac Huson	3.5/2.5	21.25	35.00		
Kyle Leggett	2.5/3.5	23.33	30.00		
Patrick Souza	0/6	10.42	17.50		
Class E Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%		
Wes Chase	4/0	21.88	30.00		
Eddie Ludwig Jr	2/2	19.38	32.50		
Sharon McLaughlin	1.5/2.5	18.75	27.50		
Ross Scott	1.5/2.5	18.75	25.00		
Charlie Tapper	1/3	15.63	22.50		
Class F Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%		
Jim Quist	4.5/1.5	20.00	35.00		
Justin Briant	2.5/2.5	16.67	25.00		
Herb Milbourne	2.5/2.5	16.67	27.50		
John Adams	1.5/2.5	15.63	20.00		
Chris Poe	1/3	5.63	10.00		



A jet ran into some turbulent weather. To keep the passengers calm, the flight attendants brought out the beverage

carts. "I'd like a soda," said a passenger in the first row. Moving along, the attendant asked the man behind her if he would like something. "Yes, I would," he replied. " Give me whatever the pilot is drinking!"

## 6 Reasons why you should join the WSHPA and NHPA in 2016

1. TO PROMOTE THE SPORT OF HORSESHOE PITCHING STATEWIDE AND NATIONWIDE.

No association can exist without dues-paying members. We have people at both the state and national level who work hard to see we are a well organized, and well recognized source for horseshoe pitching rules and regulations worldwide.

2. TO IMPROVE YOUR PITCHING ABILITY.

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3. TO HELP STAY PHYSICALLY FIT.

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4. TO BE A WELL INFORMED PARTICIPANT.

By joining the WSHPA, you become a subscriber to Shoes News, the Washington State Official horseshoe pitching newsletter. This helps to keep you informed on happenings in our state. You may also subscribe to the online national newsletter, Newsline, which will keep you informed of what's happening on the national scene.

5. TO MAKE NEW AND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS.

Horseshoe pitchers are great people! Most have a lot of fun whether they are winning or losing, and they look forward to getting together on a regular basis. Many close and lasting friendships are formed between those who have been competitors while out on the courts.

6. BECAUSE IT IS A GAME THAT IS VERY AFFORDABLE.

Without a doubt, horseshoes is one of the most affordable games out there. Tournament entry fees are very reasonable, and a pair of horseshoes can last a long time.

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# On the tournament trail with....Jerry Conklin

Our state statistician, Jerry Conklin, is one of those people that seemingly always has a smile on his face. Our world needs more of these kind of people. Jerry lives in Yakima and is a member of the Yakima Horseshoe Club. He grew up in Battle Creek, Michigan, and attended Battle Creek Central High School. Growing up he learned the game of horseshoes from pitching at picnics while being raised on the family farm in Michigan. After high school ,Jerry spent twenty years in the United States Air Force, after which he worked at the Department of Defense, Yakima Training Center for the next twenty two years.

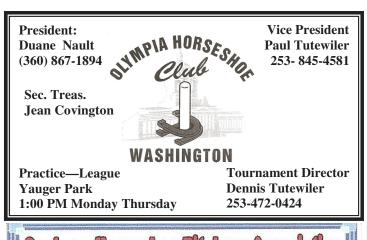
Jerry is now a widower, but was married to Jan for thirty three years before her passing in 2012. Together they raised six children and step-children; Cindy, Kevin, Colleen, Vicki, Susan and Lisa. He has seven

grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In his spare time he likes to travel in Canada, and he also has a number of other hobbies outside of horseshoe pitching. They include; electronic communications, bowling, fishing, amateur radio operating, and visiting the casinos.

He has been a member of the WSHPA since 2009. Jerry enjoys pitching on the home courts in Yakima, where he pitched in his very first sanctioned tournament, but says, "any courts with two stakes will do just fine". He throws a three quarter turn and pitches Elmore Horseshoes. In 2011, Jerry along with Lee Zalesny, won the State Doubles Championship held in Kennewick, and in 2012 he won the Elders A Class State Championship that was held in Yakima. He also remembers, almost beating Russ Phillips once. Jerry really enjoys, as he says, "the family of friends in the WSHPA". He has pitched in about four State Singles Tournaments, and in 2013 in St George Utah, pitched in the World Tournament where he placed sixth in Elders Class G.

Finally, I asked Jerry to tell me something about himself that nobody else knows about. His answer was..."I have a new girl-friend". Thanks for the inside information, Jerry, I won't tell anybody.

In all seriousness, Jerry, who has been our state statistician since June of 2014, has been a great joy for we here at Shoes News, to work with, and for that we are very appreciative. At this time, I don't even know who the next person we'll be with on the tournament trail in March will be... maybe it'll be you.









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# Remembering Orlean Clinton by Charlie Tapper

I first met Orlean at the 1969 Winetrouts ,when the tournaments were held at Seattle's Woodland park courts. He was a fierce competitor and won many classes in over 46 years of horseshoe pitching. Most of his years of pitching were in class A. He was a natural pitcher ,and used Super Ringers with an easy flip. His last 15 years his knees and hip began giving him problems, and his percentage was as erratic as the stock market, but generally, his percentage kept going lower.

He lived in Burien ,and spent much of his time at the Salvation Army for meals and social activities. He was active in VFW since his service in Vietnam came to an end, after an enemy bullet was removed from his leg.

Orlean volunteered for several Christian organizations, including annually at the Lights of Christmas at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood. He could ride the buses and trains to wherever he needed to go.

He went to a few World tournaments, sharing expenses with Eiam Tricky and others. He hardly missed any Washington state tournaments and had many Washington State plaques and patches to show for his competitive spirit. His home club was the Seattle Horseshoe Club, where he was President his last years. He regularly pitched once a week with the club during the year.

During the 70's and 80's he was Captain of a horseshoe team from Kangley that participated in the PACER league. This is a league still in existence since 1969. His team was always near the top of the league while he was pitching. His sponsors business was lost in a fire and ended Orleans full time participation in the league. He had a few backup stints with Gerald Stangland's team and a team from Sumner. He was always appreciative of the rides members gave him, and after he began receiving full disability, he shared expenses for his rides and was a good companion on weekend trips to tournaments.

He never lacked the essentials of life. He had a house that he was always sharing with people he met that were in need, to help them get on with their lives. He always yearned for a Cooper sports car, and had saved up enough money and was looking forward to getting his driver's license and purchasing the car. His family got together during holidays. His brother was a successful business man in Spokane. Orlean was married for a few years and has a son who was raised by his ex-wife, but hadn't seen his son since he was a boy over 20 years ago. He had a fiancé' in England, and they were planning to marry as soon as she could leave her job and obtain a visa.

Orlean was proud to have pitched against the greats – Winnie Winetrout, Herb Criss, Art Sperber, Russ Phillips, Don Davis, Barry and Cletus Chapelle, Walter Ray Williams, Henry Knauft and many others. In his prime pitching years, he regularly had a 60 to 80 ringer percentage in tournaments. He was truly an historian for Washington horseshoe pitching with pictures and stories that will be missed. Just about everyone in the Washington horseshoe pitching association knew Orlean.

Editors Tribute: Thanks so much to Charlie Tapper for contributing his thoughts about Orlean Clinton. Orlean's life, like all of our lives, is a combination of good and bad, simple and yet complex. We all come from different backgrounds, and we spend most of our lives trying to forge our own path, and the rest of our lives, playing the hand we've been dealt the best we know how. Everybody needs family, and now, looking back, I think Orlean considered us his family. With almost a half century of involvement in the WSHPA and many accomplishments in our game, a large part of Orlean's legacy, will be that he was a very good pitcher, and a very faithful participant in the game that he was dedicated to, and loved very much.

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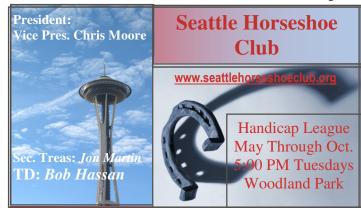
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