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2021 World Tournament Deadline, Requirements and Hall of Fame Nominations

The NHPA council would like to announce that the July 19th to July 31st, 2021 Winnemucca, Nevada World Tournament entry form will be up on the website within a couple of days.

The NHPA council has voted to extend the deadline to June 8th, 2021, and lower the qualifying events needed to participate from four events to two events. The entry form will also be available on Facebook after it has been uploaded to the website.

We also want to remind you that the deadline for nominations for the NHPA Hall of Fame is January 31, 2021. Please use the official nomination form as found on the Hall of Fame link of the NHPA website. Please mail a hard copy of all documents being submitted to: Vicki Winston 10326 Highway D, LaMonte MO 65337. Nominations can only be submitted by a current NHPA member or a NHPA sanctioned club.

We look forward to seeing you on the horseshoe courts and hearing the ring of horseshoes in 2021.

NHPA Council



2021 World Tournament Registration Available Now on Horseshoepitching.com

The NHPA council would like to announce that the July 19th to July 31st, 2021 Winnemucca, Nevada World Tournament entry form is available now on <https://www.horseshoepitching.com/world-tournament-signup-online-2021/>.

We encourage everyone to sign up to compete in the 2021 World Horseshoe tournament. If it becomes necessary to cancel the tournament due to situations beyond our control, a refund will be made for the entry fee paid.

Hope to see you all soon!

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President's Reflections



I want to thank everyone for your patience and diligence during this difficult time for so many people. Our first two Winetrouts have been cancelled and the immediate future outlook for tournaments in Seattle is glum, but I am hopeful that we will be back to pitching competitively sooner rather than later. Personally, I am grateful for the many blessings in my life despite Covid 19. My Lord, my family and friends top the list of reasons to be positive and I hope that holds true for you as well. I also realize that some of us have had some deep valleys to pass through, and my prayer is that those going through them will climb out and be renewed.

I uncovered my pits the other day and pitched a couple hundred shoes and boy, was I terrible! It is too bad for you folks who would have pitched against me in a tournament last week. You would have won some money! Lesson learned...practice, practice, practice. Stay warm and dry, except when you are practicing this winter, and be prepared to compete soon. I know we all are anxious to get together before long and enjoy some friendly competition. God bless you all.

2021 World Tournament Registration Additional Information

We have received a couple of questions regarding the 2021 World Tournament registration:

- **Those members who paid for the World Tournament in 2020 and requested to apply their entry fee to the 2021 World Tournament do not need to submit a new form unless their address has changed.**
- **Individuals cannot be entered into the 2021 World Tournament until they have paid their 2021 membership.**

Thanks to everyone that has already registered. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

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From Phyl Quist THE LAST SHOE

In the past few months we have had to say goodbye to some of our horseshoe family.

In early November, Darrell Jones of the Skagit H.S. Club passed away. He was a great competitor and loved the sport of horseshoes. Our love goes out to his wife Mary.

December 28, Don Meyers of the Kennewick Club passed away. He was 87 years young. Don was a huge Cougar fan and loved antique automobiles. He was such a friendly and kind man.

On January 5, we lost our dear friend Vey Allen. He was one of the founders of the Columbia Basin H.S. Club. Vey was a fierce competitor on the courts and also was partner in many antics with his friend Pat Quinn – lots of stories to tell!!! He was also a leader in his community and his church. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marge and his family.

There are so many great memories through the years with these dear friends. Keep in touch with each other as we never know what tomorrow will bring.

Girl Power vs The Legend – Russ Phillips

The story of how I started pitching horseshoes officially starts in the year 2013--although horsehoes was something that I grew up with. My stepdad, Fred Mesman, is one of the founding members of the Skagit Valley Horseshoe Club. I grew up knowing that Tuesday night was horseshoe night. I even tagged along to a couple of tournaments that Freddie pitched in, but never really tried it myself. Instead I was a slow-pitch softball pitcher. It wasn't until the spring of 2013, that things changed. Freddie had been asking me about when I was going to come up and throw some shoes with his buddies. Although I had stopped playing softball, our youngest son was 18 and playing select baseball and that kept me plenty busy. But Freddie was turning 90 that August in 2013 and I thought to myself that I had better find the time to go up and pitch with Fred and his buddies. Even though Fred had stopped pitching a while before, him and my mother always looked forward to Tuesday nights watching everyone else

enjoy the wonderful game of horseshoes.

So, on a Tuesday in May of 2013, I went north to try my hand at horseshoes. It goes without saying that everyone was so welcoming to me. Gene Kuiken was the first on my list to pitch against that night. I had Fred's Ted Allen's and Gene tried to show me how to pitch a turn shoe. The movement was there and I'm pretty sure I made it into the box. I know I also pitched with Jerry Clark that Tuesday. What can I say – it was a lot of fun and I was pretty much hooked. The following Thursday though, the Mt. Vernon bridge collapsed on I-5 and subsequently, I didn't make it up there for several weeks.

However, on 8/17/2013 I pitched in my first tournament at the Bellingham International in Class E. Jim Quist, Ross Scott, Reidar Tygard and Charlie Tapper were my opponents. That was my first tournament I won pitching 23.58%. And I was hooked again..... Fast forward to 1/28/2015. I pitched in my first A class Winetrout. My entering % was 45.32. My first opponent was The Legend – Russ Phillips. Russ missed one ringer in that game against me. His “come on Russ” comment³

when he missed was especially vocal. At that point in time, I had no idea about the significance of pitching a perfect game. If I would have, I would have cheered him on. A 97.5% game is not too shabby. I'm pretty sure this game made the Shoes News 😊



Name	Percentage as of 1-28-2015	
Russ Phillips	85.09	30
Don Davis	67.71	40
Jerry Conklin	57.67	30
Stan Speers	51.46	30
Gerald Stangland	49.87	40
Ed Ludwig	48.88	40
Cindy Clausen	45.32	30

The first time I beat Russ was years later at a Winetrout in Seattle. Once again, I was the lowest entering player and he was the highest so we had the first scheduled game. He had car trouble coming across the pass that delayed him, and that's how I beat him 😊

However, a forfeit doesn't really count as a win – even in my books.

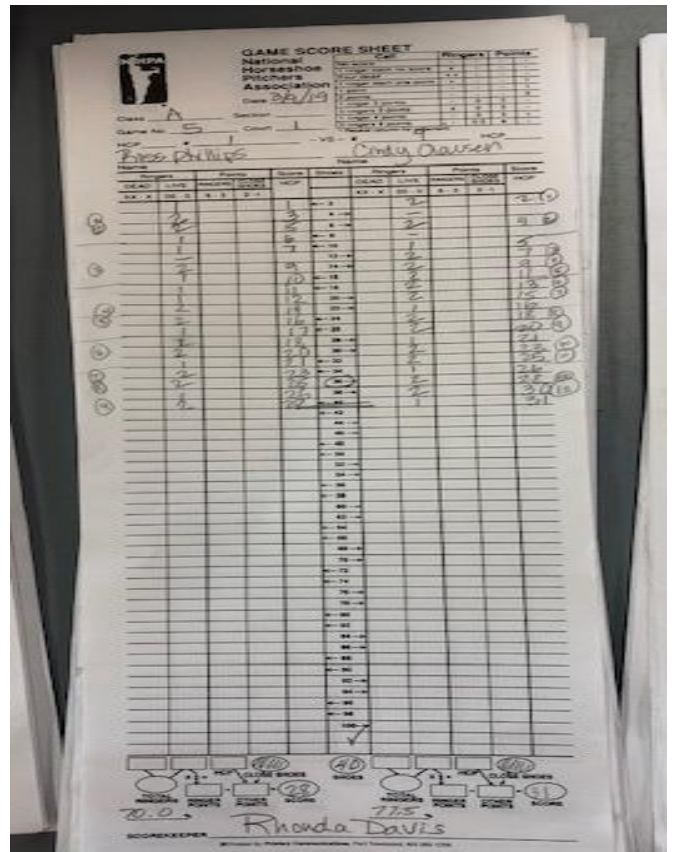
On 8/18/2018 at the Bellingham International, I almost beat Russ. It was our 2nd game that day. I had 46 ringers and he had 48. 74 shoes were pitched. That's when I knew there would be a day.

Finally, on March 9, 2019 at Winetrout # 5, I officially beat Russ Phillips. 40 shoes. I pitched 77.% and Russ pitched 70%. For those of you who were at Winetrout #5 in 2019, I'm sure you all heard me screaming for joy and jumping up and down. It really was a moment for me. And Russ was such a trooper. It's a day I won't forget and I look forward to it happening again.

When I got in the car to head home, I called my husband, Rodney, to tell him the good news. His comment to me was something like "wow, Russ must have had a poor game...." And I was like, yes he did, but I had an awesome game. I'm pretty sure I said a couple of additional comments back to him for not congratulating me first 😊

01-19-005 Winetrout # 5
 Class A Mixed Saturday, Mar 9 2019 10:00 AM

Pos	Name	Entry Avg	Hcp	Card#	City
1.	Russ Phillips	80.00	0	10135*	Sometown
2.	Matt Fuller	66.84	0	10058*	Sometown
3.	Don Davis	62.16	0	10164*	Sometown
4.	Cindy Clausen	56.47	0	10337*	Sometown
5.	John Bruhn	53.52	0	10092*	Sometown
6.	Edward Ludwig	51.57	0	10121*	Sometown
7.	Stan Speers	50.92	0	10171*	Sometown
8.	Keith Stull	48.77	0	10078*	Sometown



Somewhere along the way in the past 8 years, Girl Power became my mantra. And for those of you who know me, I use it whenever possible.

I truly wish that I would have started pitching sooner, because this sport and the people/family involved in it are truly world class. They – YOU are the best and I'm so grateful to be a part of what I call my Horseshoe family.

P.S. Matt Fuller – you are next on my list 😊 😊

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Happy Valentine's Day

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1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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Does Not Rejoice In **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**

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6 Surprising Facts About St. Valentine

Who was St. Valentine, and why do we celebrate him on February 14? Get the facts about this enigmatic character.

ELIZABETH HANES

1. The St. Valentine who inspired the holiday may have been two different men.

Officially recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, St. Valentine is known to be a real person who died around A.D. 270. However, his true identity was questioned as early as A.D. 496 by Pope Gelasius I, who referred to the martyr and his acts as “being known only to God.” One account from the 1400s describes Valentine as a temple priest who was beheaded near Rome by the emperor Claudius II for helping Christian couples wed. A different account claims Valentine was the Bishop of

Terni, also martyred by Claudius II on the outskirts of Rome. Because of the similarities of these accounts, it’s thought they may refer to the same person. Enough confusion surrounds the true identity of St. Valentine that the Catholic Church discontinued liturgical veneration of him in 1969, though his name remains on its list of officially recognized saints.

2. In all, there are about a dozen St. Valentines, plus a pope.

The saint we celebrate on Valentine’s Day is known officially as St. Valentine of Rome in order to differentiate him from the dozen or so other Valentines on the list. Because “Valentinus”—from the Latin word for worthy, strong or powerful—was a popular moniker between the second and eighth centuries A.D., several martyrs over the centuries have carried this name. The official Roman Catholic roster of saints shows about a dozen who were named⁷

Valentine or some variation thereof. The most recently beatified Valentine is St. Valentine Berrio-Ochoa, a Spaniard of the Dominican order who traveled to Vietnam, where he served as bishop until his beheading in 1861. Pope John Paul II canonized Berrio-Ochoa in 1988. There was even a Pope Valentine, though little is known about him except that he served a mere 40 days around A.D. 827.

3. Valentine is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy, among many other things.

Saints are certainly expected to keep busy in the afterlife. Their holy duties include interceding in earthly affairs and entertaining petitions from living souls. In this respect, St. Valentine has wide-ranging spiritual responsibilities. People call on him to watch over the lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, as well as the plague, fainting and traveling. As you might expect, he's also the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages.

4. You can find Valentine's skull in Rome.

The flower-adorned skull of St. Valentine is on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In the early 1800s, the excavation of a catacomb near Rome yielded skeletal remains and other relics now associated with St. Valentine. As is customary, these bits and pieces of the late saint's body have subsequently been distributed to reliquaries around the world. You'll find other bits of St. Valentine's skeleton on display in the Czech Republic, Ireland, Scotland, England and France.

5. English poet Geoffrey Chaucer may have invented Valentine's Day.

The medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer often took liberties with history, placing his poetic characters into fictitious historical contexts that he represented as real. No record exists of romantic celebrations on Valentine's Day prior to a poem Chaucer wrote around 1375. In his work "Parliament of Fowles," he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's feast day—an association that didn't exist until after his poem received widespread attention. The poem refers to February 14 as the day birds (and humans) come together to find a mate. When Chaucer wrote, "For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day / Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate," he may have invented the holiday we know today.

6. You can celebrate Valentine's Day several times a year.

Because of the abundance of St. Valentines on the Roman Catholic roster, you can choose to celebrate the saint multiple times each year. Besides February 14, you might decide to celebrate St. Valentine of Viterbo on November 3. Or maybe you want to get a jump on the traditional Valentine celebration by feting St. Valentine of Raetia on January 7. Women might choose to honor the only female St. Valentine (Valentina), a virgin martyred in Palestine on July 25, A.D. 308. The Eastern Orthodox Church officially celebrates St. Valentine twice, once as an elder of the church on July 6 and once as a martyr on July 30. **8**



How the Sperbers put their "retired" horseshoes back to work!!

Creative Romantic Ideas to Say "I Love You"

Get up a little earlier than you normally do and make a warm cup of coffee and bring it to your spouse while they're still in bed.

Take a walk down your street or in the park one evening to watch the sunset together.

If you know that your spouse has a lot of errands to run and no time to do them, do it for them. Better yet, offer to go along with them so they have someone to keep them company.

Or gather the old photos two of you have together and create a scrapbook. Include other mementos you've been collecting, like plane tickets.

Book a staycation at a nice hotel nearby for the weekend. Treat yourself to amenities that the hotel might offer. even make one yourself, and send it to your spouse.

Break out an old board or card game and show your spouse your competitive side. To make things exciting, say that the loser has to make dinner.

Help each other make dinner one night. Or, if you're really horrible at cooking, promise to do the entire cleanup after dinner.

Volunteering is a great couple bonding experience. Ask to help out at your local animal shelter or food bank or senior center.

No one gets mail anymore, so it's a nice surprise when you receive something addressed to you in the mail. Find a meaningful card at the store, or

Take a day to do something with your spouse that you don't necessarily enjoy. They'll be happy you wanted to do their favorite thing with them.

Wash, dry, and vacuum your spouse's car while they are busy doing something else. If you're feeling extra nice, fill up the gas tank too.

Pick out two or three of your favorite romantic movies and watch them together while you snuggle on the couch and eat snacks.

WSHPA 2021 Tournament Schedule

12/23/2020 Draft

Date	Tournament	Location	Director	Director Phone	Entry	Sanction #
9-Jan	Winetroun I (Enumclaw Host)	Woodland Park	Seattle	John Martin	206 226 7729	\$17 001- 21-01
23-Jan	Winetroun II (Olympia Host)	Woodland Park	Seattle	John Martin	206-226-7729	\$17 001-21-02
6-Feb	Winetroun III (Kitsap Host)	Woodland Park	Seattle	John Martin	206-226-7729	\$17 001-21 -03
20-Feb	Winetroun IV (Skagit Host)	Woodland Park	Seattle	John Martin	206-226-7729	\$17 001-21-04
6-Mar	Winetroun V (Bellingham Host)	Woodland Park	Seattle	John Martin	206-226-7729	\$17 001-21-05
20-Mar	Winetroun VI (Potluck & Auction)	Woodland Park	Seattle	John Martin	226-7729	\$17 0011-21-06
3-Apr	Open Date					
10-Apr	Tulip Open ***	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Turnbull, Jon	360/826-5520	\$20 001 -21-07
17-Apr	Tri City Open	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	Vic Magnus	509-554-2768	\$20 001-21-08
24-Apr	Odessa Spring Fling	Finney Field	Odessa	Heutink, Ron	509/754-5132	\$20 001-21-09
1-May	Kitsap Open	S. Kitsap Cnty Pk	Prt. Orchard	Lewis, Bonnie	360/876-1055	\$20 001-21-10
8-May	Open Date					
13-May	World Tournament Entry Deadline - Entry forms on NHPA website					
15-May	Open Date					
22-May	Columbia Basin Open	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	Vic Magnus	509-554-2768	\$20 001-21-11
29-May	Open Date					
5-Jun	Hanson Bros. Memorial	Woodland Park	Seattle	John Martin	206-226-7729	\$20 001-21-12
12-Jun	Strawberry Open ***	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Turnbull, Jon	360/826-5520	\$20 001-21-13
13-Jun	Skagit Memorial	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Turnbull, Jon	360/826-5520	\$20 001- 21 14
19-Jun	Rehard Open	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7781	\$20 001-21-15
26-Jun	Kitsap Memorial	S. Kitsap Cnty Pk	Prt. Orchard	Lewis, Bonnie	360/876-1055	\$20 001-21-16
3-Jul	Open Date					
10-Jul	Lakefair Open	Yauger Park	Olympia	Tutewiler, Dennis	253-271-6769	\$20 001-21-17
17-Jul	Ed Welsh Open	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509-389-7781	\$20 001-21-18
18 July	World Tournament Starts Winnemucca, NV					
24-Jul	Open Date					
31-Jul	Open Date					
30-Jul	World Tournament Ends Winnemucca, NV					
7-Aug	Earl Kettleston Night Tournament	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7782	\$20 001- 21-19
21-Aug	Bellingham International	Cornwall Park	Bellingham	Quist, Phyllis	360/384-4544	\$20 001-21-20
22-Aug	Bellingham International	Cornwall Park	Bellingham	Quist, Phyllis	360-384-4544	
23-Aug	Paid entries for WSHPA Doubles must be to WSHPA Tres.			Davis, Rhonda		\$15 ea
23-Aug	Cut Off date for State NATSTAT Entry Percentage					
28-Aug	Seattle Open &&&	Woodland Park	Seattle	John Martin	206-226-7729	\$20 001-21-21
26-Aug	State Classes & Schedules Posted on WSHPA Web Site					
4 Sept	WSHPA State Singles	Franklin Park	Spokane	John Martin	206-226-7729	\$20 001-21-22
5 Sept	WSHPA State Singles	Franklin Park	Spokane	John Martin	206-226-7729	
4 Sept	WSHPA Annual Meeting & Banquet			Spokane	John Martin	296-226-7729 \$25
5 Sept.	WSHPA State Doubles	Franklin Park	Spokane	John Martin	206-226-7729	\$20 001-21-23
8-Sep	Entries for Pacific Northwest Close at 9:00 PM					
11 Sept	Open Date					
18 Sept	Pacific Northwest	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	Quist, Phyllis	360/384-4544	\$15 001-21-24
18 Sept	PNW Annual Meeting & Banquet			Kennewick	Quist, Phyllis	360/384-4544 \$25
19 Sept	Pacific Northwest (Day 2)	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	Quist, Phyllis	360-384-4544	
25Sept	South Puget Sound Open	Yauger Park	Olympia	Tutewiler, Dennis	253-271-6769	\$20 001-21-25
1 Oct.	Odessa Open	Finney Field	Odessa	Heutink, Ron	509/754-5132	\$20 001-21-26
### Check in before 11:00 AM - Start pitching @ noon						
&&& The stats from this tournament will NOT be used for 2019 State Tournments entries						
*** Tournaments have \$250 Added Prize Money						
Normal Entry Deadline at 9 PM on the Thursday prior to the tournament						
Check in before 8:30 AM unless otherwise notified						
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