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## Commentary: *Jim Link*

**W**ow! How is it possible that we are at the start of the second decade of the 21st. Century already? And...how is it possible that after more than a hundred years of organized horseshoe pitching is behind us that we survive, but don't expand? When we contemplate historically that our sport developed from Roman Soldiers throwing iron shoes from their horses, then isn't 100 years just the blink of an eye? Is it possible that we're just getting started?

Those who are firmly 'hooked on horseshoes' with no chance of getting loose keep doing those things we understand that we feel will bring others to our game. We get a 'good feeling' when we succeed in getting youngsters interested. If they stay interested as they mature and a new generation gets interested we measure that as a success, but there's always a gnawing feeling that leaves a hunger to find what more we could do that would make people understand the benefits that horseshoe pitching can bring to achieving a satisfying lifestyle.

And we've all heard the old saw that goes something like "doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result is the definition of insanity".

That's why we change things. That's why Shoes News is taking on a new look. That's why we look forward to 'new blood' in our organization. We know that the ideas we've tried haven't exactly failed...we're still 'out there' but every one of us knows that we need 'new ideas' with a 'different approach' to really grow our sport.

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## Comments by Stu Sipma NHPA Pres. Nov/Dec Newsline

In September while working at a Tesoro Refinery in Anacortes Washington, I had the privilege of attending a horseshoe tournament in Yakima, WA. The Annual Pacific Northwest Open Tournament brought in approximately 64 pitchers from various states. Barry Chapelle the TD gave me the honor in presenting the awards for all the divisions. The day was great with plenty of sunshine and friendly people. Special thanks to all of the members and participants who made me feel at home. Before flying home, I was able to have a nice dinner with Jim and Phyllis Quist at the Space Needle in Seattle. Thank you again, Jim and Phyllis, for your great hospitality!

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3RD	BOB CLARK FORT ORCHARD	4-3	288	150	52.08 %	67.5 %
4TH	DICK LEE BELLEVEUE	4-3	280	144	51.43 %	65.0 %
5TH	LEO ROLLICK SEATTLE	3-4	280	133	47.50 %	57.5 %
6TH	MIKE THORNILEY OLYMPIA	2-5	280	138	49.29 %	57.5 %
7TH	DAN LEARY STEILACDOM	2-5	288	138	47.92 %	70.0 %
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### Thoughts and Prayers

Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 4:50 PM  
 Ron McLaughlin has had by-pass surgery. His wife says he will probably be home from the hospital on Thursday, Nov. 4, and will have 8 weeks of recovery time. I'm sure there are a number of his fellow pitchers who would want to send him a note or call during his rehab.

His address: 957 SW Moffet Ln., Port Orchard, WA 98367 phone 253-514-4115 Carol Sperber

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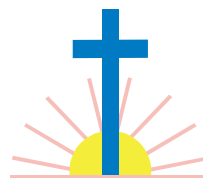


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Col: 3:23

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Winnie Winetrout was a great success in 'growing our sport'. The exact numbers are somewhere in past statistics but he increased numbers of pitchers something like 42% in a short time, a phenomenal number. He used new ideas and his own money to achieve that success. Upon his death he left a pool of money to the WSHPA to 'grow the sport'.

This new decade presents a 'starting place' for us to find creative ways to flesh out Winnie's dream. We need to use those funds to leverage a venue dedicated to horseshoe pitching that will provide a stream of income for the WSHPA and a horseshoe pitching experience that will promote our game as well.

How to make that work is an ongoing challenge. The vision that promoters of our game see for horseshoe pitching is one where prize money can be offered to the champions of our game from entities who see alliance with us as a favorable venue to promote their interests. A substantial prize to our champions, would awaken a renewed interest all across the country in horseshoe pitching.

The upside is that any individual who is willing to put in a little practice can become proficient in our game without major commitments of expense for equipment and facilities or reliance on trainers or teams.

Is there a path to that vision? Winnie would be smiling on us if the legacy of his gift to the WSHPA was finding that path.



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**Story from March 1988 Shoes News by Ed Tveden**

We celebrate March 17 to commemorate St. Patrick's great and noble effort in driving the Norwegians out of Ireland. It happened that some centuries ago, many Norwegians went to Ireland to escape the bitterness of the Norway winter. Ireland was having a famine at the time and food was scarce. The Norwegians were eating almost all of the fish in the area, leaving the Irish nothing but potatoes.

St. Patrick, taking things into his own hands, as many Irishman are won't to do, decided the Norwegians had to go. Secretly, he organized the IRATRION (Irish Republican Army to Rid Ireland of Norwegians). The IRATION members sabotaged all power plants in the hope that the fish in Norwegian refrigerators would spoil, and thereby force the Norwegians out and back to a colder

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My first Class A win in 1980 was in LaGrande, Oregon. I beat Wally Rehard 50 to 48 to take 1st. I told everybody not to bother coming the next year because I was the defending champ! The next year, 1981, they all showed up. If I hadn't been the defending champ, I wouldn't have made Class A. Also if I would have won one more game, that would have made one!

In I think 1996 in Spokane, I pitched 84.7% against Jake Campbell from Couer d'Alene & Hank Knauff threw the same against him the next game. The next day we pitched in Couer d'Alene and he was in Class B. His comment was, "I'm running this tournament & I've had enough of you guy's"

In 1995 at the World Tournament in Perry, Georgia, I pitched a 72.5% and so did my opponent, Stan Smith, and I won by 1 point. I got 2nd in Class C-1 with 59%.

I beat Ben Wiedrich 5 out of 6 games one year & Elmer Otnes commented that "Rick's got his number". That was the wrong thing to say. I don't think he ever pitched a game under 80% at me again. Thanks, Elmer!

There have been a lot of memorable games through 40 years of pitching. Some I won and some I lost, but the nicest people I ever met was at Horseshoe tournaments.

Rick Rebman

Ed:

"It's the people" is one of the most common remarks said by horseshoe pitchers when asked "Why we pitch horseshoes"?

The 'Memorable Games' remarks on this page were made by a person who makes that statement exemplary. Every horseshoe pitcher in the Northwest and many across the nation know and appreciate Rick Rebman and the many contributions he has brought to our game.


Rick was Regional Director for the entire Northwest when I found organized horseshoe pitching in 1990. He invited me to the "Money Tournament" in Hermiston when I, after two or three years of trying to pitch horseshoes on my own, decided that "there's got to be a right way to do this".

I've not missed a "Money tournament since", and I marvel that during those 20 years Rick has kept the "Money Tournament" going, using money from 'Rick's fishing fund' to make up the difference between what is donated and the \$ that he awards as prizes.

As an officer in Oregon Horseshoes, Rick has been getting Shoes News as a complimentary copy. When he retired from that position he sent me a check with the note below. Thanks Rick for everything you do.

Q: What's the most consecutive ringers any horseshoe pitcher ever got?

A: 72. Ted Allen did it in the 1955 World Horseshoe Pitching meet at Murray, Utah.



**memo** Date:

To: Jim

From: after 26 years, (1984) I have resigned my regional directors job. So no more free-tees! Chuck Werner has been appointed to replace me. I can't believe its been that long. I was elected at the meeting of the northwest in yakima on a vote over Bob Hughes, from tacoma I think.

Subject: Jim, thanks for all you do & a great job on shoes news.

Rick Rebman




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Brandon Lund	M	54.35	15
Paul Quam	M	52.50	16
Ray Powell	M	51.01	21
Jim Link	M	50.18	23
Gaylord Lund	M	49.56	15
Glen Heistand	M	48.42	18
Edward Ludwig	M	47.64	14
Gerald Stangland	M	46.36	20
Gene Kuiken	M	45.65	23
Monty McLaughlin	M	45.08	21
Brad Zumbuhl	M	44.84	9
Bert Pack	M	44.35	3
Rob Churchill	M	41.54	6
Nathan Hembree	M	39.42	2
Archie Silcox	M	39.27	4
Bob Hoerner	M	39.00	6
Vic Magnus	M	36.93	14
Ron McLaughlin	M	36.77	25
Jon Turnbull	M	36.57	17
Ray DeBoer	M	36.24	9
Mike Timmerman	M	35.73	6
Larry Getts	M	35.62	15
Harold Boyer	M	35.55	7
Charlie Tapper	M	35.16	34
Bob Sperber	M	34.72	5
Orlean Clinton	M	34.42	32
Duane Nault	M	33.39	2
Jerry Clark	M	33.21	10
Steve Arionus	M	32.46	1
Frank Easterly	M	32.07	2
Michael Watcher	M	32.04	12
Bob Jewett	M	31.61	3
Dennis Tutewiler	M	29.68	19
Wes Chase	M	28.96	9
Jon Martin	M	28.75	3
Rex Tauscher	M	28.32	6
Bill Buxton	M	27.99	7
Bob Arnold Jr.	M	27.73	3
Matt Feist	M	27.31	5
John McCarthy III	M	26.89	2
Gary Fuller	M	26.81	9
Chris Worth	M	25.86	9
Ron Heutink	M	25.19	8
Chris Moore	M	25.00	1
Loren Totusek	M	24.61	9
Dave Czajka	M	24.17	6
Dave Dow	M	23.68	7
Richard Evans	M	22.29	3
Brett Bridgewater	M	22.14	2
Ross Scott	M	20.68	5
Mark Bell	M	19.64	1


Cliff Dunbar	M	19.50	1
John Demello Jr.	M	19.48	4
Don Ebey	M	19.26	8
Jim Quist	M	18.72	15
Dale O Donnell	M	16.41	10
Gene Wertman	M	15.91	8
Larry Lewis	M	15.50	2
Bruce Snyder	M	15.42	1
Hal Moore	M	15.16	2
Richard Fahlenkamp	M	14.88	7
Eddie Ludwig Jr.	M	13.17	12
Riley Bonds	M	13.16	6
Chris Poe	M	12.69	24
Jim Wilkes	M	12.00	1
Terry Moore	M	9.00	1
Jim Hackett	M	8.76	4
Darrell Koistinen	M	7.83	1
Tracy Navolynski	M	6.40	3
Ivan Utt	M	5.24	5

Russ Phillips	3	84.91	36
Art Sperber	3	66.38	19
Eiam Tricky	3	66.01	8
Les Myers	3	64.41	11
Stan Speers	3	64.00	24
Paul Tutewiler	3	57.16	19
Ron Smith	3	50.53	12
Jerry Morris	3	50.13	10
Herb Criss	3	50.00	3
Vey Allen	3	49.20	5
John McCarthy	3	46.60	16
Leonard Mayfield	3	46.00	1
Earl Hertlein	3	45.58	15
Dave Goodwin	3	43.92	12
Bill Kingsley	3	43.86	17
Ron Schaefer	3	43.47	2
Hollis Morris	3	42.36	11
Darrell Coulson	3	42.01	6
Hal Brewer	3	41.30	5
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Larry Tunison	3	37.22	8
Willis Mott	3	37.16	3
Dale Perry	3	36.05	7
Bob Brown	3	35.98	3
Lyle Calkins	3	35.25	1
Darrell Jones	3	34.71	2
George Kaufer	3	34.64	10
David Sparks	3	34.59	2
Almer Zander	3	33.47	4
Reidar Ytgard	3	32.67	2
Marlin Kersetter	3	32.25	2

Dick Lovgren	3	31.23	3
Tom Worthington	3	30.78	8
Don Knowles	3	28.81	10
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John Alexander	3	27.23	5
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Norman Hansen	3	24.70	3
Bob Clark	3	24.65	3
Sid Gire	3	22.37	3
Ernest Austin	3	22.00	1
George McKay	3	20.32	9
Mac Huson	3	18.28	4
Ralph Barnett	3	17.21	8
Terry Hanson	3	15.21	2
Len Huson	3	14.21	4

Kaiti Reeves	G	39.28	11
Deanna Boyle	G	18.38	3
Keanna Bishop	G	7.50	1
Alyson Mcconnell	G	3.00	1
Megan Stonehocker	G	0.51	1






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Truman Hopper	B	22.32	5
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Kyler Magnus	B	14.79	8
Patrick McCarthy	B	10.92	5
Reuben Hopper	B	9.16	1

Carol Sperber	W	65.76	9
Jean Covington	W	38.60	13
Bonnie Lewis	W	38.51	1
Mary Ebey	W	37.22	9
Carol Bonds	W	35.77	6
Jeanette McCarthy	W	34.87	13
Phyllis Quist	W	34.12	8
Babette Sparks	W	29.05	2
Debi McRae	W	27.01	4
Trudy Oye	W	26.57	3
Cindy Reeves	W	25.89	7
Sharon McLaughlin	W	24.90	21
Kathy Wertman	W	19.09	2
Terry Fahlenkamp	W	18.80	2
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climate where their fish would keep.

The fish spoiled all right, but the Norwegians, as everyone knows to this day, thrive on spoiled fish. Faced with this failure, the Irishmen sneaked into the Norwegians' fish storage caves in the dead of night and sprinkled the rotten fish with lye, hoping to poison the Norwegian intruders. But as we now know, this is how lutefisk was introduced to the Norwegians and they thrived on this lye soaked smelly fish.

Matters became even worse for the Irishmen when the Norwegians started taking over the Irish potato crop and making lefse. Poor St. Patrick at his wits end and finally on March 17th. he blew his top and loudly proclaimed that all the Norwegians could and should go to hell. It worked. All the Norwegians left Ireland and went to Minnesota.

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