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Commentary: *Jim Link,*

It's time once again to remind horseshoe pitchers that this is the last issue of Shoes News they will receive if their subscription is not renewed by the time the April issue goes in the mail. Also, the April issue will not contain any advertisements that have not been renewed by that time. WSHPA members have through the years been excellent ad-getters. Editors of horseshoe pitching newsletters across the nation have complimented Shoes News for the number of ads, supporting the newsletter. Last year members collected over \$800 of advertising for Shoes News. That is a remarkable achievement and a statement of support for horseshoe pitching in our state.

This column is being written in front of a warm fire in the woodstove across the room from where I sit in my easy chair. I had planned to be in Everett on this day attending Winetrout #4. Outside the wind is blowing up a gale, snowflakes are swirling around, before the day is over, weather forecasters are predicting 4 to 10 inches of snow in the passes, and the price of fuel to enjoy some farfegnuegen to get to Everett in the newly acquitted VW diesel is well over \$4/gallon. Important as I felt it was that I be at this annual WSHPA meeting of 2012, at this moment I have no regrets.

But I am concerned long term, for how

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 - (6) Photo package from Bowdell Photography (\$15 value)
 - (7) 2 Hall of Fame Banquet tickets (\$60 value) TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE Total value \$1300 - \$1500 2nd , 3rd , 4th, and 5th prizes will be a free entry into the world tournament
- * Need not be present to win * All prizes are transferable * Proceeds from this raffle will be split between the NHPA and NHPF * The NHPA will use their portion of the proceeds to expand and upgrade the electronic scoring system The Raffle Committee wants to thank all of you for your support in this very worthwhile endeavor. Last year's raffle was wildly successful, and we anticipate this year's raffle to be even better. Who knows.....maybe YOU will be the one to win the grand prize this year !!!!!



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Hello all,

The season has gotten off to a great start. I see new names in the winner columns from the Winetrouts. How cool is that! I would like to send my congratulation to Russ Phillips. He won the Valley of the Sun Tournament in Arizona this last month. I went but wasn't up to the challenge. But we had a great time. I see why everyone wants to head south over the winter... 78 degrees. Wow, it was nice. Paul Quam came up from California and I saw a lot of friends I have made going to world tournaments. It is like have family all over the United States.

Be sure when you see the guys from the Everett club, thank them for having the courts in such great shape. It is a great place to start our season and they really do a lot of work to have them ready for us.

I was talking to Jon Turnbull last night and he wants to have a money tournament in Chelan. It would be non-sanctioned, so anyone could play. Maybe a way to get new guys to give it a try. If you have any thought please see me or Jon. Let's see if we can pull this off. That is it for now. I will see you on the courts.

Don

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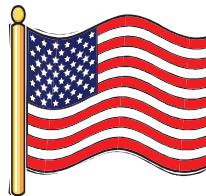
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

I just received Feb. newsletter. Noticed that Harold Boyer is listed for the Hall O Fame committee. For 2012 I Bonnie Lewis am the chairperson for the Hall of Fame Committee. So if anyone would like to submit to the Hall O Fame please have nominees in to me before July 1st so can present to committee. Mail to me: Bonnie Lewis 2005 Hillwood Ln SE Port Orchard, Wa 98367. Thank you for this correction. Have a great day.

Note from Sam Tomasavic BC Horseshoes

The newsletter is on the website, along with the minutes from the 2011 BCHA AGM and the minutes from the Horseshoe Canada 2011 AGM.

The minutes and the newsletter can be found on the website under about us, news/minutes.

The following is the direct link to the newsletter:

<http://www.bchorseshoe.com/news/1-2012.pdf> Sam Visit our website www.bchorseshoe.com

Many of you have already noticed the changes in the NHPA website at www.horseshoepitching.com, through the hard work and diligence of our wonderful "Webmaster," Steve Summerlin (aka "Spock"). These updates were made with several goals in mind:

1. To make the website more modern and appealing.
2. To make it easier to navigate.
3. To add more valuable information,
4. To reduce clutter.

Other improvements will be made as time permits - all in an effort to make your NHPA website more user-friendly and inviting. Please take a few moments to browse the site and become familiar with the new format. Your feedback is welcome and desired.



Thoughts and Prayers

Several of the Kitsap Club members gathered at the recent memorial service for club member Joe Endrizzi who passed away on February 14 at age 81. The service concluded with military honors since Joe was a Korean and Vietnam veteran and a Bronze medal recipient. The family had put together a group of Joe's photos and mementos, and in the center of the display were Joe's three WSHPA Class Champion patches from 1994, 1995, and 1996 horseshoe tournaments. We'll miss his friendship and enthusiasm. When pitching with us on league nights in Port Orchard Joe would say, "I'm here because I love this game!"

Carol Sperber Kitsap Club Secretary

Hello all

I am sorry for the change in our schedule so soon. I am going to move our Hermiston tournament to April 22 from April 15, so we can be on the same weekend with the Columbia Basin Open at Kennewick, Wa.. If you could let your people know about this so if some one wants to come to Hermiston they would be aware of the change. Thank you, Bob Hummell

Jim,

Phyllis had a great idea. Add a contact phone number for someone to contact at a tournament.

Usually we list our home phone numbers to contact us to sign up.....but, after we have left our home that morning, no one can get a hold of us using that phone number.

Should we start listing a cell phone number for a contact at the tournament ?

For any tournaments that say Rhonda Davis, use my cell phone for tournament day contact only. It is (253) 831-0111. I still want to have the home phone number as the contact to sign up.

Thank you. Rhonda Davis, PMP

Matt Fuller

Is the Jr. Promotions Director

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our sport will survive in an economy of rising fuel prices. Often one must travel over 200 miles each weekend to support and participate, I applaud those who do, and still admire the truth of the statement in previous newsletters, *"This series of six tournaments was started by Francis "Winnie" Winetrout in 1966. They serve a dual purpose...to encourage early renewal of State and National memberships and to give those of you who are hardy enough to brave rain, wind, sleet and snow, a way to keep your pitching skills at a competitive level on a year around basis"*.

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Horseshoe Pitchers have always struggled to find ways to bring our sport to others, we believe that there is no activity that benefits people in so many ways, culturally, physically, that list of words could fill a paragraph, but the challenge is a daunting one.



WSHPA website

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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 by-laws, a WSHPA entry form, read Shoes News and see lots of other information on the website. The website is growing.

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-- Dr. Lee DeForest,
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"The bomb will never go off. I speak as an expert in explosives."

-- Admiral William Leahy, US Atomic Bomb Project

"There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom."

-- Robert Millikan,
Nobel Prize in Physics, 1923

Observations from Natstats

Statistics for Washington State dated 12/01/98, show that **Cy Kitchen** attended the most sanctioned tournaments last year. He was alone at 23. Close behind with 22 were **Ted Bostwick, Orlean Clinton, and Jack Moore**. In third place with 21 were **Bernie Brooks, Joe Wolf, and Jim Link**. Further down the list at 18 were **Glen Heistand, Gene Kuiken, Dale Perry and Walt Weik**.

There are 28 pitchers in Washington State with averages over 50%.

They are (in alphabetical order):

Bob Cargo	52.91%
Bob Clark	53.28%
Peter Clark	59.75%
Orlean Clinton	51.04%
Arnie Coleman	69.35%
Bob Cook	62.31%
Jean Covington	55.56%
Herb Criss	67.24%
Robert Hanson	50.84%
Glen Heistand	52.71%
Walter Higinbotham	51.73%
Bob Hoerner	51.80%
Wayne Koletzky	51.44%
Dan Leary	54.69%
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Ron Smith	5/2	52.14	57.50	Don Davis	5/0	63.00	65.00
John Bruhn	4/3	48.21	62.50	Harry Dawson	3/2	51.50	55.00
Gerald Stangland	3.5/2.5	49.17	57.50	Stan Speers	3/2	49.50	55.00
Harry Dawson	3/3	53.33	70.00	John Bruhn	2/3	47.00	55.00
Edward Ludwig	2.5/3.5	43.33	62.50	Paul Tutewiler	1.5/3.5	43.00	57.50
Stan Speers	2/4	50.42	65.00	Gerald Stangland	.5/4.5	42.00	50.00
Paul Tutewiler	2/4	45.00	65.00				
Class B Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%	Class B Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Jerry Clark	4/2	35.83	40.00	Rob Churchil	4/1	37.00	47.50
Orlean Clinton	4/3	31.43	42.50	Edward Ludwig	3/2	35.50	45.00
Larry Barr	3/3	31.67	42.50	Orlean Clinton	3/2	34.50	45.00
Jean Covington	2.5/2.5	31.00	40.00	Larry Barr	2/3	35.00	42.50
Gene Kuiken	2/3	34.00	35.00	Vic Magnus	2/3	33.00	47.50
Bob Sperber	1.5/3.5	31.50	50.00	Jerry Clark	1/4	29.00	35.00
Class C Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%	Class C Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Rob Churchill	5/0	42.50	52.50	Jean Covington	4.5/5	35.00	50.00
David Bushnell	4/1	31.00	47.50	David Bushnell	3.5/1.5	31.50	42.50
Mark Bell	2/3	31.00	37.50	Bob Sperber	3.5/1.5	30.50	35.00
Debi McRae	2/3	29.50	35.00	Mark Bell	2.5/2.5	28.00	32.50
Charlie Tapper	1.5/3.5	30.50	37.50	Charlie Tapper	1/4	18.00	22.50
Wes Chase	.5/4.5	23.00	27.50	Wes Chase	0/5	18.00	22.50
Class D Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%	Class D Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Dennis Tutewiler	4.5	26.50	35.00	Dennis Tutewiler	3/1	23.75	27.50
Mark Young	3.2	20.50	27.50	Ross Scott	2.5/1.5	22.50	32.50
Nick Nicholson	1.5/1.5	16.00	22.50	Eddie Ludwig Jr.	2/2	16.25	32.50
Ross Scott	2/3	20.00	32.50	Nick Nicholson	1.5/2.5	13.13	17.50
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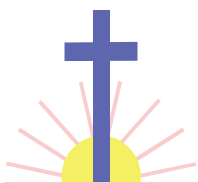
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Thanks to Phyl for this article

HISTORY OF SKAGIT VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB BY FRED MESMAN

Around the year 1970, brothers Fred and Francis Mesman, went to the Sedro Woolley Logger Rodeo to play in the horse-shoe games. There we met Bill Owens. From him we learned that the horseshoe games had been cancelled. While visiting with Bill, he invited us to his house. Bill's house was located on the McCorquedale Road (now part of I-5 Auto World). At this time Bill Owens had a horseshoe court underneath his house.

About a week or so later, Bill called us and wanted to know if we would be interested in starting a horseshoe club. So we met and discussed things about it. We needed a place to put the horseshoe courts. We decided to rent a piece of land on the East side of Bill's warehouse from Harold & Margaret Frye. Ken Ellestad, a builder and friend of Bills, came over with his surveying tripod and helped us lay out the courts. Ken was also a horseshoe pitcher and one of our first members. We had eighteen horseshoe courts.

Later we cleared out Bill's roofing supply warehouse and put in four horseshoe courts indoors. Then we had a place to play in the winter time. More players gradually came to play.

Some early players I recall are: Mike Sloan, Don McDougale, Harold Summers, Charlie King, Bart Barber, Dick Mueller and Jack McNutt.

Bill Owens, Fred Mesman, Francis Mesman and Ken Ellestad were the first Skagit Valley horseshoe pitchers.

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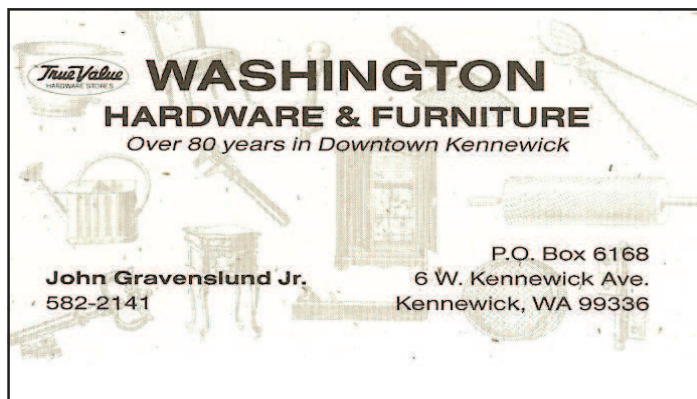
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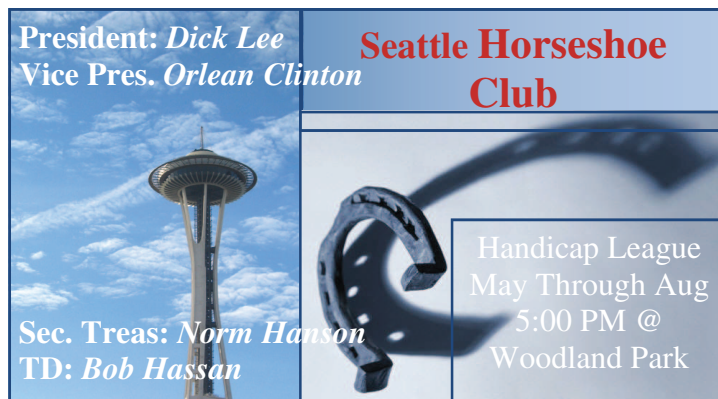
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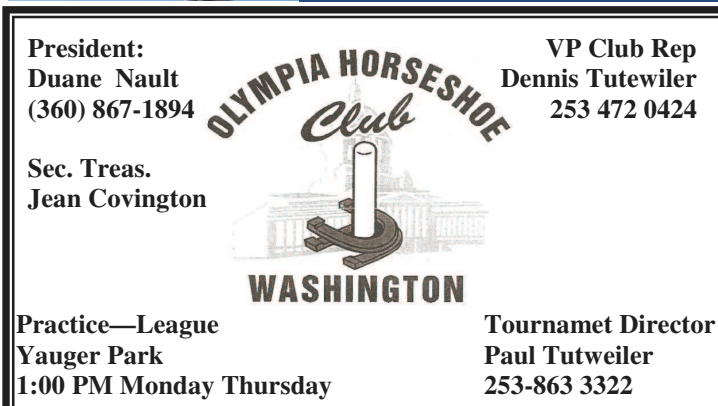
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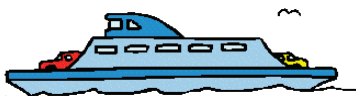
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