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New Tournament, Courts in ID

Commentary: *Jim Link*

The ink had barely dried on the April edition of Shoes News when letters and emails of “Most Memorable Games” showed up in the mailboxes. No suggestion has received a more favorable response in the ten years that I’ve been involved with Shoes News than that one. It is a welcome addition to the newsletter.

Eastside tournaments have commenced. The curtain of clouds that have kept the spring sun hidden, pulled back to reveal a rare two day special of beautiful sunny weather over the weekend of the Hermiston and Kennewick tournaments. Wind didn’t even blow. Old man winter is reluctantly and fitfully giving up but it’s getting late. Maybe our summer will be only two days long this year.

Missed ‘Da Prez’ at the eastside tournaments, and that’s unusual. He pitched in the Tulip Open, with a big lump on his wrist. Turns out that he had unknowingly broken a bone some time back. Pitched some tournaments before he realized it, and now there’s a price to pay. When that sort of thing goes on in these parts it’s called ‘cowboy’n up’ and it speaks to doin’ what you’re goin’ to do no-matter what the outcome. Hopefully no permanent damage was done, and he’ll be back flingin’ those Allens’ soon.

And word has it that Russ has had a procedure done on his shoulder. Haven’t seen the old ‘white haired guy’ at a tournament yet, and there’s a rumor that he has been qualified over 70% at 30’. That from our favorite Bellingham ‘double turn sandwich muncher’, Gene Kuiken. Gene always comes prepared. He was keeping score for my class at Hermiston. When I got to his court I told him “I’ll let you keep score for me if you give me a sandwich”. Before I could turn around he pulled one out of his satchel. I think he got offended when I told him I was kidding.

Food and horseshoe pitching are both serious, deals with Gene. He has bumped up his average by

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WORLD HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT



SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS - 2009



Are ya’ feelin’ it’ yet??

Horseshoes, sunshine, trees leafing out, green grass
It’s time to get out and pitch!!

Photo by Terry Fahlenkamp



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Elder **Mr. Tricky** Jr Boy **Matt Fuller**
Jr. Girl **Kati Reeves**

Doubles Champions 2008

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Hi all !

What a month it has been. Rhonda and I just got back from Bend, Oregon and had a great time. Sorry, but I gave up some cup points. The Bend courts are all new and they are so nice. Clay with nice new walk ways. Wow ! Anyway, hope everyone is hitting their stride and pitching well. I also talked to Jon Turnbull and he went up to Canada and pitched in a tournament. I like to see our guys/gals step out and visit the rest of the world. You never know what we will learn. Everyone have a great month. Hope to see you on the courts,
Don

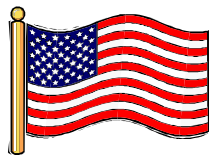
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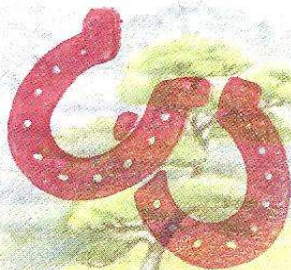
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Jim Link TD

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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 family". Lets hear from you..

<p>Myell Mergaert</p> <p>Donna Hansen Betty Link Pam Stoval Beth Carvo Rhonda Davis Syhlvia Kuiken Jamie Herridge Kay Brownlee Marie Myers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">New & Returning Members</p> <p>Ed Ludwig</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Associate Members</p> <p>Clydeene Tutewiler Beth McKay Shirley Heistand Mary Jones Natalie Clark Lois Webster Woosley Micheal Glen Walker Kathy Zumbuhl Patti Goodwin</p>	<p>Irene Hoerner Buck Buckman Lorraine Koistinen Lou Jean Getts Sharon Alexander Betty Link Kara Morris Audrey Criss Millie Ytgard</p>
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Thoughts and Prayers

March 26, 2009 was a milestone for longtime Horseshoe Pitcher, Les Spilseth, he turned 93. A birthday party was put on in his honor at the Olympia Horseshoe Club's Barn. The food and Birthday cake was furnished by Jean Covington.

Eleven Olympia Horseshoe pitchers attended, and a good time was had by all.
Marlin Kerstetter

Hello Everyone
Well, I went into the hospital Friday the 10th and had my right carotid artery cleaned out and came home on Saturday the 11th. Doing very well, the doctor says should be good to go for a long time. I am not in much pain. So, bigger, faster, stronger, harder, right?
Love you guys see you soon, Bob Hummell
Ed: saw Bob in Hermiston. He's been through a rough patch, but is recovering and in good spirits. Keep on keeping on Bob, we're all pullin' for you.

Bob Champion 'Champ', to those who know him, was for many years the promotional and publicity director for the NHPA. He is the Editor/Publisher of the DOUBLE RINGER, Colorado's newsletter. The following story, written by 'Champ' appeared in a recent newsletter.

Guess What? We call it Horseshoe Pitching

Men and women off all ages and sizes converge on a little acre of iron stobs stuck down in mud with tiny cement sidewalks and they lob iron horseshoes back and forth, back and forth, back and forth for two to three hours. They interrupt their walking every 20 minutes or so to lob with someone else but they don't talk except to an accountant sitting near by who won't talk back...that is probably 'cause they paid the accountant to be quiet just before they commenced to lobbing. They seem intent on lobbing iron 'shoes to get close to or touch the stob and they get real joyous when a shoe goes around the stob like a ring. They speak about "shooting", "dead" and shout in anger at the accountant nearly every time they pick up the shoes they threw away. You can tell it isn't a test to see how far they can throw them 'shoes, or how high, or how long they can keep it up...it appears they throw 'em away, pick 'em up and throw them away again and again until the accountant has had enuf and makes 'em stop.

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 for the Web Page

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Some throw their shoes by grabbing it by the right leg while others grab it by the left leg. Some spin their 'shoes real fast, round and round, some spin 'em slow and a bunch of them flip-flop 'em...so there don't appear to be any rules on anything except that they always gotta throw from the same spot they started from on the first throw. Old geezers, all women and every kid starts throwing 10 ft. closer than men who start next to a stob and aim at hitting another stob 40 ft. away. People are walking back and forth, paying no attention or keeping up with other people next to them throwing at other stobs. Sometimes they get mixed up and call a "judge" to figger out which 'shoe is which.

The mud gets hot and they splash water on it to cool it down after each fight. Then they figure out the water made it too messy for the 'shoes and they use a shovel to cover up the mess with drier mud. Seems they all make the same stupid mistake when they change to a different pair of stobs.

The accountants make out a report card and takes it to the head accountant who had collected money from everyone that came to throw 'shoes. After two to or three hours of strenuous exercise, the accountants declare they won't work any more and everyone waits for the head accountant to give the money back. But apparently good behavior pays off, 'cause the head accountant only pays back about half of the people who paid in the first place.

The people shake hands before fighting and when they finish fighting...but they never shake hands with the accountant or the "judge". The accountants keep the tips people bribe them with and don't share none with the "judges" or their boss., the head accountant. You can figure the head accountant kept the money from some that didn't get paid back, but how the "judge" gets any money is hard to figure.

Everyone has a tiny suitcase or sturdy bag that they use to carry two to four 'shoes, a file, a measuring stick and some other things like lipstick, suntan oil, band aids, etc. And lots of people with bad backs have a 'hook' to pick up 'shoes with out paining their back. Spectators sit there like tennis fans, turning their heads from side to side. Happiness is bliss...and these people lobbing horseshoes seem to be full of bliss before and after a days' workout lobbing 'shoes. they do this thing about every weekend and sometimes on evenings during the week. they seem to be a healthy lot so the exercise must do them real good...guess they have good reason to be full of bliss.

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Wilkommen to Odessa
 Courts are at the back of Finney Field

We are trying to get an annual tournament here in the Treasure Valley so we can show the city of Meridian that there money was well spent on the new Horseshoe Pitching facility. This facility is the finest facility for pitching horseshoes that I have seen. There is bathrooms within 100 feet of the courts as well as a snack bar that is run on the weekends by the city of Meridian. Our own covered shelter with electricity, outside lighting and completely fenced with water spigots. The courts are surrounded by artificial turf that looks and feels like grass. 12 sand and 4 clay courts to accommodate all levels of pitching with complete walkways the entire length of the courts. As the flyer states some of the local pitchers have opened there homes up for out of state pitchers to stay, to help with costs of travel and lodging.

Thank you

Gary Opper

This sound like a great facility and it should be a fun tournament. Let's all do our best to support our Idaho friends and plan on pitching in it. Vey

A flyer is attached which reads as follows:

The Treasure Valley Horseshoe Club Presents The first Annual Treasure Valley Open

What: Sanctioned Horseshoe Tournament with **Added Money**

When: July 11 & 12, 2009 (could be two separate tournaments with Saturday being the Money Tournament)

We will need to see what the turnout will be.

How: Pre-register by 9:00pm THURSDAY prior to the tournament.

Call Jerry Smith 208-467-2524 or Gary Opper 208-863-8196 to pre-register.

Where: The beautiful new horseshoe pitching courts at Settlers Park in Meridian, Idaho. The location is the corner of Meridian Ave. and Ustick Rd. in Meridian. These are the nicest facilities in the west!!

Why: Because you can. And you need to be a part of this great tournament. There can't be a great 2nd annual if there isn't a great first annual.

Entry Fee: \$20.00 All Classes (except A) Class A is \$25.00 All entry cash stays in the prize fund for each group.

Out of Staters: R. V. parking and some in home rooms are available on a limited basis, call Gary Opper for information @ 208-863-8196.

Tips from the Redneck Book of Manners

1. Always identify people in your yard before shooting at them.
2. It's considered poor taste to take a cooler to church.
3. If you have to vacuum the bed, it is time to change the sheets.
4. Even if you're certain that you are included in the will, it is still considered tacky to drive a U-Haul to the funeral home.

DINING OUT
Avoid throwing bones and food scraps on the floor as the restaurant may not have dogs.

2009 Information Needed From Your Club

1. Your club officers for 2009: names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, if available.
2. Your club league or practices: days and times.

Please send to WSHPA Secretary Carol Sperber
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League Night - Tuesday 6 PM
Visitors Welcome
Eastgate Park, Kennewick

Columbia Basin Open April 19

Tri City Open May 30

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Join us at the Burlington Horseshoe Park
Tuesday night practice starts at 6:00 pm



Alice Rehard's

Most Memorable Games

In 1967 Millie Kuhne and I were pitching for the Ladies championship in the State Tournament in Tacoma:

There were only 4 people watching, as very few people were interested in watching the ladies pitch. All the other contestants had left also. Joe Krug and his wife Mona, Einar Loreen was keeping score, and of course Wally was there. The score (we went to 50 points then) was Millie 47 and I had 44. I pitched first and on one of my rare occasions, I felt calm and confident about my pitching. At least I would take 2nd place.

I pitched first and threw 2 beautiful ringers. Millie pitched and also had 2 open ringers but both of them were a bit short.

I called 6 and won my 3rd and last state championship title. The scorekeeper was so excited he broke his pencil and Wally was so nervous he still couldn't speak good the next day. You can bet your bottom dollar Millie never let that happen again. She won many state titles after that.

Art Sperber's

Most Memorable Games

My most memorable? I've got a bunch – for various reasons. Here are a five of them.

- 1) I was playing at Pleasanton, CA, in the Championship Division against Art Tyson of New York. We were having a tight game and the sound of our "4-deads" following the smack of our ringers in the clay was almost constant. (I equaled my best with 26 consecutive ringers.) As I completed my half of another "4-Dead" I heard a voice in the stands say, "I wish I could capture that sound and take it home." I turned slightly because the voice sounded familiar and saw that it was Winnie Winetrou!
- 2) In Columbus, Ohio, I was playing in the Intermediate Division (60-65) and had one more win to a likely championship. I was loose and confident, throwing ringer after ringer against a good pitcher from Missouri. I realized the score was 35-0 and I felt bad that my opponent hadn't scored. Well, I pitched the second shoe to the side of the stake. My opponent proceeded to score 3 points. I was pleased, until he went on pitching double after double until the score was 35-20! I finally pitched a win, but told myself never to do that again!
- 3) During my early pitching years I played at about 65% and entered a Portland tournament. I started against Lowell Davis who was a pretty good pitcher, but I thought, during my practice, "I can beat that guy!" The score ended 26-50, with Lowell pitching 80%. Then I pitched three others from Oregon and they all beat me with 80% or better!
- 4) Later, in that same Portland tournament, I played Bob West – an outstanding National Hall of Fame pitcher. I played toe to toe with him and even led him at the mid-point. I wasn't missing much and had my first 13 consecutive doubles game. As we played, I noticed no one else was pitching – they were waiting on our game to finish and wondering if I could beat the Hall of Famer! Well, I froze up and lost, but it certainly was a memorable game!
- 5) (As told to me. About a former Kitsap pitcher, the late Burl Matteson)
Burl was keeping score, an obligation of all dedicated pitchers. The day was long, the weather cool, and the lower division pitchers were tired, scoring either 1 point or nothing. Burl dutifully recorded their pitiful efforts until finally, as he looked around and saw everyone else was finished, he exclaimed, "Hell, you guys don't need a scorekeeper. You need practice!" Having said that he laid the scoreboard down and went home! (You know, I couldn't blame him!)

"Most Memorable Games".

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Tulip Open Burlington WA

4/11/2009

Class A 30'	W/L	T %	HG%
Carol Sperber	5/0	55.22	67.86
Mr. Tricky	3/2	55.60	70.45
Art Sperber	3/2	50.45	68.42
Paul Tutewiler	2/3	44.96	61.90
Ron Smith	1/4	41.02	50.00
Bob Clark	1/4	36.73	64.71

Class A 40'	W/L	T%	H/G%
Glen Heistand	5/1	45.07	56.25
Gene Kuiken	4/2	46.20	50.00
Don Davis	3/3	46.04	53.57
Jim Link	0/6	21.01	35.42

Mixed Class B	W/L	T %	HG%
Edward Ludwig	5/0	39.29	52.17
Archie Silcox	4/1	46.30	55.88
Ron McLaughlin	3/2	34.96	48.21
Orlean Clinton	2/3	39.89	53.13
Dale Perry	1/4	24.46	29.03
Phyllis Quist	0/5	28.40	36.21

Mixed Class C	W/L	T%	HG%
Gerald Stangland	5/0	33.91	46.88
Jon Turnbull	4/1	27.78	34.78
Larry Getts	3/2	33.92	41.67
Ray DeBoer	1/4	22.92	30.36
Jack Johnson	1/4	21.74	30.00
Mary Ebey	1/4	19.78	25.93

Mixed Class D	W/L	T%	HG%
Charlie Tapper *	5/1	32.05	42.11
Darrell Jones *	4/2	30.23	40.00
Rose Johnson	3/2	29.41	38.00
Reidar Ytgard	2/3	25.00	36.96
Len Huson	2/3	22.92	37.50
George McKay	0/6	20.73	23.91

Mixed Class D	W/L	T%	HG%
Ross Scott	4.5/5	26.21	33.33
Don Ebey	3.5/1.5	18.00	20.00
Debi McRae	3/2	22.36	31.25
Dennis Tutewiler	2/3	20.56	26.00
Jim Quist	1/4	20.97	28.00
Mac Huson	1/4	18.55	22.92

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Columbia Basin Open 4/19/09

Mixed Class A	W/L	T %	HG%
Mr. Tricky	7/0	65.00	75.00
Jerry Gorton	5.5/1.5	57.86	67.50
Les Myers	4/3	52.86	75.00
Hollis Morris	4/3	40.71	47.50
Blanca Hettinga	3/4	48.93	62.50
Oral Elhard	3/4	47.14	60.00
Gene Kuiken	1/6	39.29	50.00
Jim Link	.5/6.5	33.57	40.00

Mixed Class B	W/L	T%	H/G%
Rick Rebman	5/1	41.25	50.00
Ray Powell	4/2	45.42	62.50
Monty McLaughlin	4/2	40.42	52.50
John Adams	3/3	42.08	60.00
Hans Rasmussen	3/3	38.33	52.50
Dave Goodwin	2/4	35.00	45.00
Orlean Clinton	2/5/0/6	25.00	35.00

Mixed Class C	W/L	T%	HG%
Frank Easterly *	7/2	38.75	52.50
Larry Getts *	6/3	35.63	47.50
Ernest Austin *	6/3	34.69	50.00
Charlie Tapper *	5/4	28.75	40.00
Gerald Stangland	4/3	31.07	42.50
Vic Magnus	2/5	29.29	47.50
Cliff Dunbar	2/5	28.21	37.50
Carol Bonds	0/7	17.86	25.00

Mixed Class D	W/L	T%	HG%
Chris Worth	5/1	36.25	42.50
Steve Young	4/2	22.08	32.50
Michael Watcher	3/3	28.33	35.00
Allen Reeder	3/3	22.92	30.00
Rob Hettinga	0/6	12.50	20.00

Mixed Class E	W/L	T%	HG%
Terry Fahlenkamp	5.5/5	17.92	27.50
Walter Enderlin	4/2	24.17	30.00
Kathy Wertman	2.5/3.5	24.58	35.00
Riley Bonds	2.5/3.5	12.08	17.50
Dick Sather	2.5/3.5	8.75	20.00
Joe Graffis	2/4	12.92	20.00
Don Meyers	2/4	8.33	15.00

Mixed Class F	W/L	T%	HG%
Gene Wertman *	5/1	13.75	20.00
Jim Hackett *	4/2	12.50	25.00
Sharon McLaughlin	3/2	15.00	22.50
Richard Fahlenkamp	2/3	16.50	22.50
Jeff Saunders	1.5/3.5	14.50	22.50

Junior A	W/L	T%	HG%
Truman Hopper	3/3	30.83	47.50
Kaiti Reeves	3/3	26.25	35.00

Junior B	W/L	T%	HG%
Ruban Hopper	.5/4.5	11.50	17.50



I called my stockbroker today and asked, "What are you buying?" His answer "Canned goods and ammunition".

Thanks: Vic Magnus

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Snipes Mountain Open



Where: South Hill Park
Sunnyside

Date: May 9, 2009

Entry Deadline: Thursday May 7, 9:00 PM

Check In Time: 8:30am

Start Time: 9:00am

Entry Fee: \$15.00 juniors free but must register

Scorekeepers: 50 cents pay to scorekeepers

Refreshments and Sandwiches Available
Prizes for special games

Call or Mail to: Russ Phillips

Special Notice!!!

American Legion Post will provide military flag salute at Memorial Day Open
Breakfast starts at 7:30 AM



Caption on the hat:

“I tried to hijack a US Ship.

All I got was this Hat.”

Russ Phillips

Pitching For

Jesus



Col: 3:23

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

Memorial Day Open

May 25 Monday



E'Kone Park, Goldendale

Starting Time: 9:00 AM
Entry Deadline: Show Up before 8:30 AM, we'll find a spot for you
Entry Fee: \$20, Jrs. \$5
(Includes Scorekeeping and Breakfast)
Visitors: Breakfast \$3.50 Lunch \$4.50
Breakfast Starts 7:30 AM
Refreshments and Lunch (All Day)
6 Person Classes

Tournament Director: Jim Link
509 773 4111

Monesmith Open



Where: Elks Park Yakima

Date: May 10, 2009

Entry Deadline: Friday
May 9, 9:00 PM

Check In Time: 8:15am

Start Time: 9:00am

Entry Fee: \$15.00 juniors free but must register

Refreshments, Sandwiches Available

Scorekeepers: 50 cents pay to scorekeepers

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Gerald Stangland	30	28	58
Gene Kuiken	27	16	43
Frank Easterly *		42	42
Ernest Austin *		38	38
Charlie Tapper *		34	34
Terry Fahlenkamp		33	33
Chris Worth		31	31
Gene Wertman *		31	31

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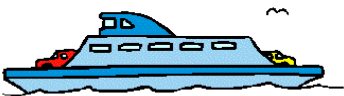
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Date: June 6, 2009
Place: Spokane
Entry Deadline: Thursday May 4, 9:00 PM
Check In Time: 8:30am
Start Time: 9:00am
Entry Fee: \$15.00 juniors free but must register
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Recording Secretary Carol Sperber lists proposed changes to the WSHPA Constitution.
 These changes will be voted on at the annual state 2009 state meeting

CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION – WSHPA

Article IV (Officers)

Add Regional Director to appointed officers.

Officers shall take office – delete(immediately upon election or appointment) add (as of January 1st of the year following the State Tournament elections.

Article V (Duties of Officers) End of Section I: add - including a Medical Exemption Committee Chair Person.

Section II: add - The Vice President shall also chair the Honor Roll Committee and be in charge of securing judges at the State Tournament. The 2nd Vice President shall oversee the Jr. Promotion committee. The 3rd Vice President shall oversee the Promotion Committee and be in charge of scorekeepers at the State Tournament. All the Vice Presidents shall assist the Tournament Director of the State Tournament in any way needed.

Section IV: Delete – (the Secretary shall determine tournament scheduling).....thru.....(distribution of plates and plaques.)

Section V: 1st paragraph – delete word – (quarterly) – before financial reports. 2nd paragraph – after showing the status of all funds – delete (at the close of each month) – add (at his request).

Section VI: Delete (The statistician shall provide mailing labels to the newsletter Editor each month.) Delete (and to the National Newslne Editor.) After – record of each tournament to the..delete..(secretary) add (Plaque Person,) for determining , etc. The Statistician shall... delete (promote communication) add (communicate) between, etc.

Add Section VII – The duties of the Regional Director shall be to determine tournament scheduling for the coming year, issue tournament Sanctions and obtain for distribution NHPA tournament patches. The Regional Director shall perform any other duties to promote the State Association and be a liaison for the NHPA and follow the guidelines laid out for the Regional Director by the NHPA.

Add Section VIII – A plate and plaque person shall be appointed by the President. The person appointed shall maintain plate and plaque records and also be responsible for the procurement and distribution of plates and plaques.

Article VI Charters: Correct spelling – change notify to notifying.

Article VIII Meetings:shall call a meeting of Executive Board..delete (at least once each calendar year quarter) add (a minimum of two times each year).

These changes will be presented for discussion and approval by the general membership at the 2009 State meeting.

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holding his shoe in a little different way. He's always been tough to beat, now he's even tougher. Keep on keeping on Gene.

Lots of you missed the April newsletter because you hadn't renewed in time Those who have since renewed and want the April issue, let me know, I'll get one in the mail to you.



On Page 5 is a notice of a new tournament from our friends in Idaho. There's something in me that says, why should I run an ad from another state when our own clubs have to pay to put an ad in Shoes News. I reasoned that we're all in this together and Shoes News is a tool for the promotion of horseshoe pitching. We need to support new venues. When a success happens in one place it benefits us all. So this could be a good thing. Perhaps more regional tournaments that attract top pitchers will fill a void, and new courts in a new location anywhere need to be supported. As our numbers



decline, we need to find ways to work together with neighboring states in an effort to reduce conflicting dates so that each state can have a major tournament that will attract top pitchers.

	Men	Women	Associate	Associate w/Shoes News	Junior	Lifetime w/Shoes News
NHPA Dues and Insurance	\$17.00	\$17.00	-0-		\$5.00	\$17.00
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Total	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$3.00	\$13.00	\$6.00	\$32.00

Associate Member...(Spouse or other non-pitcher.) Lifetime Member... (Pitcher over 70 years. Must notify Margaret.)
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Margaret Byfield
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_____ 40' man

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* 18th Birthdate in 2007 or younger

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WSHPA 2009 Tournament Schedule

Entry Deadline Thursday at 9:00 PM prior to the tournament unless otherwise noted.

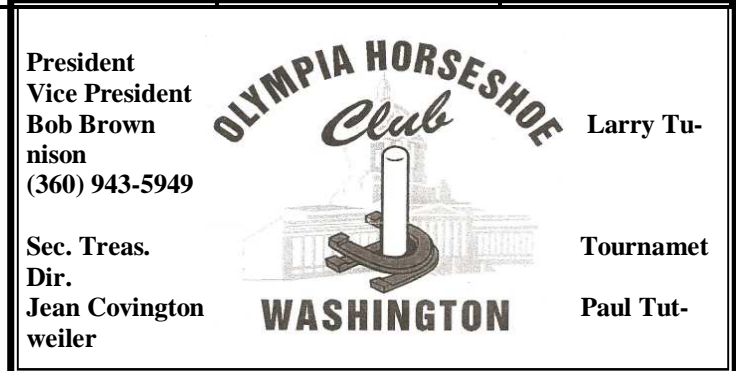
May 02	Schooner Open / So. Kitsap C Pk/Pt. Orchard	Bonnie Lewis	360-876-1055
May 09	Snipes Mountain / South Hill Park / Sunnyside	Russ Phillips	509-882-2471
May 10	Monasmith Open Elks Park Yakima	Ray Powell	360-424-3642
May 25 Mon	Goldendale / E'Kone Park / Goldendale	Jim Link	509-773-4111
May 30	Tri-City Open / Eastgate Park / Kennewick	Vey Allen	509-588-3351
June 06	Everett Open / Forest Park / Everett	John Alexander	425-481-5499
June 06	Spokane Open	Cindy Reeves	509-217-1576
June 07	<i>Coeur D'Alene, ID</i>	Glenn Wessel	208-667-3668
June 12 Fri.	Bellingham Community Tourn - Unsanctioned	Phyl Quist	360-384-4544
June 13	Strawberry Open /Skagit Riverside Pk./Burlington	Margaret Byfield	360-424-3642



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