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Wizdom FROM THE Pres

Happy May Everyone!

I hope this edition of Shoes News finds you all in the pitching spirit!

Washington State will have a team participating in the 40th Team World Tournament this month in Beloit, WI on May 15, 16 and 17th. Matt Fuller, Don Davis, Jeremiah and John DeMello and myself will all be representing our State. We are blessed and grateful to be able to do so. If you'd like to read more about Team World, I've included the link: <https://www.whpahorseshoes.com/team-world>

Just a quick reminder that in order to pitch in our State Tournament which will be held on August 8th and 9th this year in Burlington, you need to have pitched in 2 sanctioned tournaments held within WA state since the last State tournament (August 23, 24, 2025). If you haven't been able to pitch in a tournament yet this year, there are quite a few more tournaments yet this year scheduled:

http://www.wshpa.com/events_news.html

We are still looking for a tournament director for the June 6th Hansen Brothers Memorial in Seattle - please speak up and volunteer. It would be sad to have to cancel this tournament.

Finally - I thought I'd end this month's message with a couple of horsehose jokes/slogans/sayings:

What do you call a bad horseshoe pitcher?

Someone who doesn't know how to handle the pressure!

Why is it so easy to make friends in the pitching pits?

Because everyone is trying to get a ringer.

Horseshoes Slogans and Sayings

The only sport where ringers are a good thing!

Close only counts when playing horseshoes...and we're playing horseshoes

Horseshoes only looks easy

We're raising the (center) stakes!

You can't blame your teammates for losing in horseshoes

Who needs luck when you've got skill in horseshoes?

Wizdom FROM THE Pres **Con't**

Live shoe, dead shoe, foul shoe, horseshoe!

Horseshoes: Deceptively simple, hard to master

Holy pit!

Looking for broken records, not broken shoes

Horseshoes: The only game where you talk about shoes

Holy (horseshoe) pit!

It's all fun and games until someone cracks a shoe

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Important Announcements

May 15, 2026 is the deadline for the World tournament in Wisconsin. If you are not planning on going this year to Wisconsin that is ok. You will have from May 16, 2026 until May 14, 2027 to get 4 tournaments in for world tournament 2027 which will be held in Kennewick Wa. Directors are going to be working on adding more tournaments so that you can qualify early. Excited to have in our area again. Keep up the good work and see you all on the courts.

We will have 4 youth going to world tournament this year. Good luck.

If you are wanting to nominate anyone for Hall of Fame please get your nominations in by May 1st to Bob Sperber so that it can go to the committee and have time to vote on.
Thank you
Bonnie Lewis

News from around the state

the thought and Idea behind this section, which I hope to have as an ongoing section, is to report news from the different clubs in our Association. Any club that has information they want to “spread the news” about just e-mail the editor with your write ups.

Get Well and Memorials

Washington Tournament Results

Event: Enumclaw Invitational

Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer %	Points	Class	Finish	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm %
John Bruhn	240	149	62.08%	190	A	1	5	1	75.00%
Don Davis	220	139	63.18%	144	A	2	3	2	70.00%
Donald Lindbo	220	121	55.00%	152	A	3	3	2	70.00%
Mike Barrett	200	96	48.00%	92	A	4	1	3	64.00%
Ron Burt	200	101	50.50%	96	A	5	0	4	52.00%
Derek Young	240	90	37.50%	189	B	1	5	1	47.50%
Bill Hadley	240	86	35.83%	159	B	2	3	3	50.00%
Curtis Lee	240	81	33.75%	146	B	3	2	4	47.50%
Rick Bidwell	240	77	32.08%	113	B	4	2	4	57.50%

Washington Tournament Results

Event: Kitsap Open #1

Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer %	Points	Class	Finish	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm %
Cindy Clausen	200	120	60.00%	160	A	1	4	0	68.00%
Donald Lindbo	200	112	56.00%	156	A	2	3	1	68.00%
Don Davis	200	109	54.50%	139	A	3	2	2	72.00%
Ron Burt	200	90	45.00%	133	A	4	1	3	58.00%
Jon Martin	200	76	38.00%	48	A	5	0	4	40.00%
Derek Young	220	86	39.09%	190	B	1	4	1	48.00%
Larry Parsons	220	67	30.45%	163	B	2	3	2	38.00%
Bob Sperber	200	66	33.00%	137	B	3	2	2	40.00%
Bill Martino	200	46	23.00%	114	B	4	2	2	30.00%
Rick Bidwell	200	55	27.50%	98	B	5	0	4	36.00%
Dennis Tutewiler	200	77	38.50%	193	C	1	4	0	40.00%
Curtis Lee	200	76	38.00%	167	C	2	2	2	44.00%
Patrick Donnelly	200	67	33.50%	134	C	3	2	2	48.00%
Gerald Stangland	200	44	22.00%	110	C	4	2	2	24.00%
Fritz Oberst	200	23	11.50%	46	C	5	0	4	20.00%
Larry Lewis	200	44	22.00%	160	D	1	4.5	0.5	32.50%
Chuck Wetmore	200	17	8.50%	107	D	2	3	2	12.50%
Terry Moore	200	15	7.50%	85	D	3	3	2	12.50%
Charlie Tapper	200	29	14.50%	105	D	4	2	3	27.50%
Frank Pigors	200	22	11.00%	81	D	5	1.5	3.5	17.50%
Allan Kettle	200	35	17.50%	85	D	6	1	4	27.50%

2026 Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location	City	Director	Director Phone	Entry	Sanction #	Check in	Start	
17-Jan	Winetrou I	Woodland Park	Seattle	Clausen, Cindy	206/240-5300	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
17-Jan	Executive Board Meeting	Woodland Park	Seattle	Clausen, Cindy					8:00AM	
31-Jan	Winetrou II	Woodland Park	Seattle	Davis, Rhonda	253/831-0111	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
14-Feb	Winetrou III	Woodland Park	Seattle	Clausen, Cindy	206/240-5300	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
28-Feb	Winetrou IV	Woodland Park	Seattle	Clausen, Cindy	206/240-5300	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
14-Mar	Winetrou V	Woodland Park	Seattle	Clausen, Cindy	206/240-5300	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
28-Mar	Winetrou VI	Woodland Park	Seattle	Clausen, Cindy	206/240-5300	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
4-Apr	Tulip Open	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Clausen, Cindy	206/240-5300	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
11-Apr	Columbia Basin Open	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	Magnus, Mindy	509/366-9909	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
18-Apr	Open Date									
25-Apr	Kitsap Open	S. Kitsap Cnty Pk	Prt. Orchard	Lewis, Bonnie	360/876-1055	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
2-May	Open Date									
9-May	Open Date									
16-May	Tri-City Open	Eastgate Park	Kennewick	Magnus, Mindy	509/366-9909	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
18-May	Deadline for World Tournament	Wausau	Wisconsin							
23-May	Rehard Open	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7781	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
23-May	Non Sanctioned All American Money Tournament (Following Ed Welch Open with BBQ)	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7781					
30-May	Kitsap Open 2	S. Kitsap Cnty Pk	Prt. Orchard	Lewis, Bonnie	360/876-1055	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
6-Jun	Hansen Brothers Memorial	Woodland Park	Seattle	??	??	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
13-Jun	Ed Welch Open	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7781	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
20-Jun	Strawberry Open	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Clausen, Cindy	206/240-5300	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
21-Jun	Skagit Memorial ***	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Clausen, Cindy	206/240-5300	\$20		8:30 AM	9:00 AM	
27-Jun	Kitsap Memorial	S. Kitsap Cnty Pk	Prt. Orchard	Lewis, Bonnie	360/876-1055	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
4-Jul	Open Date									
11-Jul	Open Date									
13-Jul	World Tournament Starts	Wausau Wisconsin								
26-Jul	World Tournament Ends	Wausau Wisconsin								
31-Jul	Paid entries for WSHPA Singles must be to WSHPA T.D. Forms on WSHPA.com website			Davis, Rhonda	253/831-0111	\$40				
31-Jul	Cut Off date for State Singles eShoe Entry Percentage									
8-Aug	WSHPA State Singles (Day 1)	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Clausen, Cindy	206/240-5300			8:30 AM	9:00 AM	
8-Aug	WSHPA Annual Meeting, Auction, & Banquet			Burlington	Davis, Rhonda	253/831-0111				
9-Aug	WSHPA State Singles (Day 2)	Skagit Riverside Pk	Burlington	Clausen, Cindy	206/240-5300			8:30 AM	9:00 AM	
15-Aug	Hot August Nights Open	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7781	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
22-Aug	Seattle Open	Woodland Park	Seattle	??	??	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
28-Aug	Paid entries for WSHPA Doubles must be to WSHPA T.D. Forms on WSHPA.com website			Davis, Rhonda	253/831-0111	\$20 each				
29-Aug	Lake Fair Open	Yauger Park	Olympia	Tutewilier, Dennis	253/405-5524	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
5-Sep	Kitsap Bracket Tournament	S. Kitsap Cnty Pk	Prt. Orchard	Lewis, Bonnie	360/876-1055	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
6-Sep	State Doubles	S. Kitsap Cnty Pk	Prt. Orchard	Davis, Rhonda	253/831-0111	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
6-Sep	Entries for Pacific Northwest Close at 9:00 PM			Watkins, Russ	503/804-1929					
12-Sep	Pacific Northwest (Day 1)		Oregon City	Watkins, Russ	503/804-1929	\$30		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
12-Sep	PNW Annual Meeting			Oregon City	Watkins, Russ					
13-Sep	Pacific Northwest (Day 2)		Oregon City	Watkins, Russ	503/804-1929			8:30 AM	9:00 AM	
19-Sep	South Puget Sound Open	Yauger Park	Olympia	Tutewilier, Dennis	253/405-5524	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
26-Sep	Earl Kettleesson Tournament	Franklin Park	Spokane	Reeves, Kaiti	509/389-7781	\$20		9:30 AM	10:00 AM	
	Entry Deadline is 9:00 PM Thursday before tournament unless posted otherwise above.									
	*** Tournaments have \$250 Added Prize Money									



This is the latest Inventory list.

Item	Quantity	Price Each
Bronco Thoroughbred horseshoe (Blue)	1	<u>\$50.00*</u>
Bronco Pro-Flip horseshoe (Blue)	1	<u>\$50.00*</u>
Stickers: Shoes you'll never outgrow	47	\$1.50 each
Washington State Window Sticker	Many	\$1.50 each
Percentage Books	9	\$4.00
Measuring Tool with abrasive	1	<u>\$11.00</u>
World Ink Pens	Many	\$1.00 each