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President's Reflections



Leaves are falling, the air is cool and crisp, but hopefully the clanging of horseshoes will be heard across the state this winter. Of course the annual Winetrout Tournaments begin January 14th 2024 in Seattle. Starting time will be 10 AM, sign in by 9:30. I hope to see many of you pitching in the Winetrouts. They will be starting before you know it!

I have enjoyed serving as your president, (most of the time) and I cannot tell you in words how much I have appreciated your support, guidance, encouragement and advice these past few years. We have a great horseshoe family in Washington.

We welcome back Don Davis as our State President in 2024, and we all know he is a great leader and communicator. He will give us clear direction as he did before, and with the World Tournament here next year, Don's experience and knowledge will benefit the national team and all of us.

WELCOME BACK, DON!

Next year will be really exciting and very busy, with more tournaments to qualify for the World Tournament in Kennewick in July. Make sure you read the information on becoming a member or renewing your membership for next year on page 6. Encourage coworkers, friends, neighbors, and relatives to join us next year.

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Chris Martin has decided to step down as Shoes News Editor. This is her last edition. If anyone is interested in taking on this position, please contact Jon Martin.

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A DREAM COME TRUE!

The State of Washington is excited to be the site of the 2024 World Tournament.

We extend the warmest welcome to <u>all</u> our family of horseshoe pitchers to join us next year.

We are the home of many outstanding past horseshoe pitchers. You may recognize some of these names – John Monosmith, Ed Fiscel, Henry Knauft and Winnie Winetrout, and of course our great pitcher, Russ Phillips, who we all miss so much.

The Toyota Center is a great facility to the host this tournament and the

Tri-Cities Visitors group is covering all the bases.

The Washington Charter is excited and planning to help make your stay in our beautiful state a lasting experience.

We'll be at the door to greet each one of you.

Come one come all!

Event: Odessa Spring Fling

Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer %	Points	Class	Rank	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm %
Blanca Hettinga	200	112	56.0%	187	A	1	4.0	0.0	68.0%
Laurie Dale	200	86	43.0%	154	A	2	3.0	1.0	48.0%
Vic Magnus	200	71	35.5%	138	A	3	2.0	2.0	42.0%
Cyrus Squeochs	200	55	27.5%	108	A	4	1.0	3.0	32.0%
Curtis Lee	200	59	29.5%	89	A	5	0.0	4.0	38.0%
Roy Garza	200	68	34.0%	126	В	1	5.0	2.0	40.0%
Gerald Stangland	200	42	21.0%	118	В	2	4.0	3.0	33.33%
Larry Pogue	180	57	31.67%	124	В	3	3.0	3.0	56.67%
Rob Hettinga	180	32	17.78%	61	В	4	1.0	5.0	26.67%
John DeMello Jr	200	35	17.5%	130	C	1	5.0	0.0	25.0%
Ron Heutink	200	17	8.5%	102	C	2	4.0	1.0	12.5%
Zach Knudsen	200	28	14.0%	129	C	3	3.0	2.0	17.5%
Chris Gordon	200	25	12.5%	109	C	4	2.0	3.0	17.5%
Melikai Orozco	200	9	4.5%	56	C	5	1.0	4.0	7.5%
Michael Nieman	200	9	4.5%	44	C	6	0.0	5.0	7.5%
Janessa Knudsen	120	8	6.67%	67	D	1	3.0	1.0	13.33%
Alexander Blanchard	120	8	6.67%	49	D	2	3.0	1.0	13.33%
Addi Knudsen	120	4	3.33%	20	D	4	0.0	4.0	6.67%

9 Fun Facts About Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving!

Here are nine fun facts about Thanksgiving to share around the dinner table.

- The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.
- Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries (but not pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce!).
- Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863. Sarah
 Josepha Hale, the woman who wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb," convinced Lincoln to
 make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years.
- The history of U.S. presidents pardoning turkeys is patchy. Harry Truman is often credited with being the first president to pardon a turkey, but that's not quite true. He was the first to receive a ceremonial turkey from the National Turkey Federation and he had it for dinner. John F. Kennedy was the first to let a Thanksgiving turkey go, followed by Richard Nixon who sent his turkey to a petting zoo. George H.W. Bush is the president who formalized the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.
- There are four towns in the United States named "Turkey." They can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina.
- The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.
- Butterball answers more than 100,000 turkey-cooking questions via their Butterball Turkey Hotline each November and December.
- The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920.
- More than 54 million Americans are expected to travel during the Thanksgiving holiday this year. That's up 4.8% from last year.

Maybe you have a couple of friends; or know of someone that wants to join up and pitch sanctioned tournaments with you (Or even pitch in the World Tournament next July!).

It's now past October 1^{st.} so you can join for the 2024 year by Paying your NHPA and State dues now.

JOIN

You go online to: horseshoepitching.com

Select JOIN (orange button) that comes up on the home page.

This will switch you to a new page that gives you the choice of Join or Renew. Click on the JOIN Button on the left side of the page.

A new page will come up, "Become an NHPA member". Type your name and personnel information in the boxes. At the bottom of the page under "Charter" select Washington (if they reside in Washington state); under "Division" select the appropriate division; and under "Membership Type" select full.

On the right side click on Proceed to Payment and follow the instructions to pay the dues.

It's now past October 1^{st.} so you can now renew your NHPA and State dues for 2024. Makes for a nice Christmas present, right! So how do you renew without having to call someone to do it for you?

Here is how.

RENEW

Go online to: nhpa-eshoe.com

Your membership information and pitching statistics are stored in eShoe. A box saying "Player Search" will come up. Type your name in the player search box and click on it. This will display your pitcher information.

To the right side of the card year line Click on Renew. Your payment information will come up, select payment method and pay.

<u>OR</u>

You can go online to: horseshoepitching.com

Select RENEW (blue button) that comes up on the home page.

This will switch you to a new page that gives you the choice of Join or Renew. Click on the Renew Button on the right side of the page.

The box saying "Player Search" will come up. Type your name in the player search box and click on it. This will display your pitcher information.

To the right side of the card year line click on Renew and pay.

It's that easy. You can even print a membership card or review your tournament stats (click on details).

WSHPA ITEMS FOR SALE

Qty	Description	Price per Unit (includes Tax)		
	HORSESHOES			
1	Americans (4 shoes)	\$47.30		
3	Bronco pro flip	\$66.00		
2	Bronco Thoughbred	\$66.00		
1	Condor	\$88.00		
5	Deadeye Clydesdale	\$71.50		
1	Imperial Viper	\$81.50		
1	Mustang	\$73.70		
	NOTIONS			
1	8" pickup stick	\$14.30		
4	12" pickup stick	\$15.40		
1	18" pickup stick	\$16.50		
4	32" pickup stick	\$17.60		
7	WSHPA Ball caps winter/summer in green and white	\$6.60		
15	Tie-tac pins (10 large, 5 small)	\$3.30		
68	Stickers - Shoes you never outgrow	\$1.65		
250	Window Stickers - WSHPA	\$1.65		
26	Score pads - 50 shoe count	\$5.50		
21	Score pads - 100 shoe count	\$5.50		
8	Percentage Books	\$3.85		
3	Mouse Pads	\$6.05		
3	SS "hooker" pickup hooks (stainless)	\$16.50		
6	Davis measuring tools	\$24.75		
5	Measurer w/abrasive	\$11.00		
1	HS bag - single	\$22.00		