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### Commentary: *Jerry Clark*

**M**other nature has done her best to squeeze every last drop out of this Indian summer, but try as she may, the signs of fall are starting to bully their way into our days. The days are getting shorter, and as the late Yogi Berra used to say, "It's getting late awful early out there". The leaves are changing colors, and will soon be falling in droves. After a long hot summer, the morning dew is watering the grass very nicely.

Unfortunately for we horseshoe pitchers, it's time to hang up our horseshoes for a couple months. The key is to make sure they don't gather rust before the next time we take them down. Ten months ago, we started the year commemorating the 50th Winetrouts, and just a few days ago we closed the year with the State Doubles Championships. In between, I hope your year had more ups than downs. I hope you were able to raise your percentages, nurture some longtime friendships, and start a few new ones. When it comes right down to it, it's the people who make our game what it is. Long after all the games and tournaments are over, it will be the people that we will remember and cherish the most. In 2015, we said goodbye to six of those people. Audrey Criss, Mel Benham, Melberne

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### Pacific Northwest Open- Good Fun- Great Competition



Don Davis Mens Champ, Barry Chapelle



Russ Phillips Elders Ch., with Barry



Mr. Horseshoe Award For 2015



Don with the Columbia Trophy

### A PERFECT WEEKEND .... *Phyl Quist*

A perfect weekend in Yakima saw 14 compete at the NW Warmup tournament on Friday and 32 at the Pacific Northwest on Saturday and Sunday. This year it was not about quantity but the quality was the best.

The Mr. Horseshoe plaque was awarded to the Yakima Club of Ray Powell, Jerry Conklin and Lee Zalesny for all the work they continually do to maintain the Yakima facility.

Russ Phillips was crowned the Elder Champion and Don Davis the Men's Champion. At the end of the days pitching on Sunday, the Columbia Cup remained in the possession of Washington State for another year.

The banquet was a fun time as usual. Thanks to all who made the tournament a great event. Special congratulations to Barry Chapelle for his 49<sup>th</sup> year in attendance.



### 2015 WSHPA STATE CHAMPIONS

- Mens: **Matt Fuller** Womens: **Kaiti Reeves**
- Elders: **Ray Powell**
- Jr Boys: **JT McCarthy** Cadet: **Micalah Renshaw**
- Jr Girls: **Megan Stonehocker**
- Doubles Champions 2015**
- Ray Powell Monty McLaughlin**



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## DON'S MESSAGE

Here it is, the last of the Don Davis president columns. I am looking forward to Dennis working his magic and taking Washington state horseshoes to the next level. Also, I'd like to say thank you to Dennis and Pam for taking this on. I think we have the right people for the job. I am proud of them and have all the confidence in the world in them. But as we all know it will take a couple of times to get in the swing of things. So please offer them the same help and patience you had with me.

As my term comes to a close I want to say Thank You to Rhonda for really being the brains of the outfit. She was for sure the glue that held us together. Also where would any of us be without Phyllis Quist, Carol Sperber, Margaret Byfield and Carol Turnbull! Thank you to all of you for putting in so much of your time and knowledge.

As for our state tournament, as always Jon Turnbull and club had the place in great shape and we had a great state tournament. Congratulations to all of our winners. You guys and gals are the best in Washington!! I have no doubt that next state will see even more great competition. As for me, THANK YOU one and all for your support and membership.

I will see all of you on the courts!

Don



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# WSHPA News

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 pitching family. . Lets hear from you.



Seattle Horseshoe Club T.D. Bob Hassan receives his first WSHPA plaque from our Regional Director, Vic Magnus. Bob spends his summers in Seattle and winters in Tennessee and Florida. Congratulations, Bob



## Thoughts and Prayers

### Barry Gentle, On The Mend

Hi Jerry, Barry Gentle, who could not complete his pitching in the state tournament due to an arm injury, has had surgery to repair a damaged tendon. His cast has been removed, now, and he is OK to do therapy. Barry says he's looking forward to being back pitching next season. Barry enjoys getting to lots of tournaments, so we hope his recovery through the winter goes well and we'll see him on the courts next year.

Carol Sperber



*Class A Doubles Participants*

Back Row L-R: Monty McLaughlin, John Bruhn, Dennis Tutewiler, Phyllis Quist, Les Myers, Russ Phillips.

Front Row L-R: Ray Powell, Ed Ludwig, Don Davis, Lee Zalesny, Stan Speers, Jim Quist.



*Class B Doubles Participants*

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*VanHuis, Don Knowles, Dick Sather, and Mary Ebey. We will miss them all dearly, but we are so blessed that their lives and ours crossed paths because of horseshoes. This game will always hold a special place in my heart, because it came along when I really needed something to keep my competitive juices flowing as well as something to keep me physically active as I approached my retirement years.*

*Because of medical reasons, I was only able to attend five tournaments this year, but every time I was at a tournament pitching, I was reminded of the joy and happiness that being out on the courts have brought me these past six years. I want others to experience this same feeling. It's too big of a job to wait for "somebody else" to bring new pitchers into our game. We should all consider ourselves as horseshoe ambassadors, and feel an obligation to spread the word about horseshoes, in season and out, everywhere we go. Let's use business cards, pamphlets, our local newspapers, word of mouth, let's use every tool in our toolbox to tell others about horseshoes.*

*This being the last issue of Shoes News for 2015, I would be remiss if I didn't thank those of you who have made great contributions to the newsletter this year. Thank you Phyllis Quist for so many great pictures. Thanks also to Art & Carol Sperber for contributing articles and news from the Kitsap Peninsula and the South Puget Sound area. Thanks Jerry Conklin for getting us the tournament results each month, and to Don Davis for the messages for each issue. Thanks to Darrel Koistinen for providing material for Horseshoe Flashbacks and meeting me for lunch every month. And finally, thanks to all of you who have encouraged Susan and I with your kind words about Shoes news.*

*We wish you all a wonderful upcoming holiday season, and look forward to seeing you back on the courts at Winetrout I in January!*

*God Bless, Jerry & Susan.*



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001-15-028 NW WARMUP 09/18/2015			
Class A Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Russ Phillips	6/0	78.40	87.50
Ray Powell	4/2	66.41	75.00
Lee Zalesny	4/2	65.45	85.71
Don Davis	3/3	69.55	84.21
Jerry Conklin	2/4	56.49	65.63
Paul Quam	1.5/4.5	48.76	58.00
Stan Speers	0.5/5.5	44.83	50.00

Class B Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Bill Buxton	6/0	35.04	46.15
Vic Magnus	5/1	25.55	34.00
Hollis Morris	4/2	32.96	39.47
Phyllis Quist	3/3	27.05	36.00
Charlie Tapper	2/4	13.74	22.00
Jim Quist	1/5	18.58	34.00
Chris Poe	0/6	6.15	8.70

001-15-31 ODESSA OPEN 10/03/2015			
Class A Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Lee Zalesny	8/1	65.63	78.13
Russ Phillips	7/2	80.21	96.88
Les Myers	3/5	44.92	59.38
Earl Hertlein	2/6	51.95	56.25
Jerry Conklin	1/7	47.27	59.38

Class B Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Larry Getts	6/2	39.84	62.50
Kaiti Reeves	4.5/3.5	33.59	43.75
Homer Kleinsmith	4/4	32.81	43.75
Ron Heutink	4/4	31.25	50.00
Hollis Morris	1.5/6.5	30.86	40.63

Class C Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Vic Magnus	7/1	26.56	35.00
Loren Totusek	5/3	15.94	20.00
Mike Watcher	5/3	25.63	27.50
Chris Poe	2/6	7.19	12.50

Cadet	W/L	T %	HG%
Micalah Renshaw	1/7	4.38	17.50

001-15-29 PACIFIC NORTHWEST 09/19-20/2015			
Class A 30'	W/L	T %	HG%
Russ Phillips WA	11/1	73.44	86.36
Barry Chapelle OR	6/6	60.52	70.83
Ray Powell WA	5/7	63.08	79.41
Lee Zalesny WA	5/7	62.55	86.36
Glen Heistand WA	3/9	60.98	67.31

Class B 30'	W/L	T %	HG%
Jerry Conklin WA	10/2	55.42	67.50
Stan Speers WA	9/3	51.46	65.00
Jim Peterson OR	5/7	36.46	52.50
Bob Bender OR	4/8	37.73	50.00
Art Sperber WA	2/10	35.45	55.00

Class C 30'	W/L	T %	HG%
Sid Gire WA	11/1	33.75	40.00
Kathy Warner OR	9/3	23.54	37.50
George Kaufer WA	6/6	18.96	30.00
Chuck Warner OR	3/9	20.00	35.00
Bob Hummell OR	1/11	6.67	12.50

Class A 40'	W/L	T %	HG%
Don Davis WA	11/1	62.82	80.56
Todd Liles OR	6/6	51.71	59.68
Paul Quam WA	4/8	47.67	61.36
Jerry Gorton OR	3/9	44.69	66.67

Class B 40'	W/L	T %	HG%
Ron McLaughlin WA	9/1	43.17	61.76
Monty McLaughlin WA	6/4	36.19	50.00
Bob Sperber WA	5/5	38.44	53.33
Gerald Stangland WA	5/5	34.96	47.83
Bill Martino WA	4/6	29.08	45.45
Alan Ringo OR	1/9	29.10	40.74

Class C 40'	W/L	T %	HG%
Vic Magnus WA	10/2	23.54	30.00
Jim Canning OR	8.5/3.5	15.83	32.50
Jim Quist WA	7.5/4.5	12.71	22.50
Charlie Tapper WA	5/7	14.17	30.00
Rob Hettinga OR	5/7	10.42	15.00
Devon Kurtz OR	4/8	13.54	27.50
Chris Poe WA	2/10	7.71	15.00

001-15-030 S. PUGET SOUND OPEN 09/26/2015			
Class A Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Matt Fuller	6/1	73.18	83.33
Don Davis	5/2	68.99	86.84
Glen Heistand	2/4	55.21	62.96
Paul Quam	0/6	50.67	59.26

Class B Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Larry Parsons	7/1	47.47	75.00
Willis Mott	6/2	57.04	69.23
Stan Speers	5/2	48.08	59.38
Russ Watkins	5/2	42.90	56.25
Ron McLaughlin	3/4	41.51	54.55
Brad Zumbuhl	2/5	36.72	53.13
Gerald Stangland	1/6	33.55	38.00
Jon Turnbull	0/7	25.40	29.17

Class C Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Art Sperber	4/1	41.83	55.88
Loren Stafford	3.5/1.5	38.79	45.24
Marv Herridge	3.5/1.5	28.63	34.00
Duane Nault	3/2	41.75	67.86
Al Barcus	1/4	28.51	36.00
Larry Barr	0/5	26.61	28.00

Class D Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Jerry Clark	5/0	26.79	30.43
Jean Covington	4/1	26.92	35.00
Jim Quist	3/2	11.64	16.00
Charlie Tapper	2/3	18.02	22.22
Lee Stafford	1/4	17.83	27.50
Herb Milbourn	0/5	6.00	10.53

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001-15-032 SEA TURKEY SHOOT 10/10/2015			
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Robert Hassan	4/0	60.63	75.00
Edward Ludwig	3/1	49.38	62.50
Cindy Clausen	1/3	37.50	42.50
Gerald Stangland	1/3	33.75	42.50
Bert Pack	1/3	29.38	35.00

Class B Mixed (HCP)	W/L	T %	HG%
Jon Martin	6/1	33.93	45.00
Charlie Tapper	5/2	20.36	27.50
Vic Magnus	4/2	23.75	35.00
Jeff Ludwig	4/2	27.08	40.00
Jerry Clark	2/4	29.17	35.00
Orlean Clinton	1/5	16.67	27.50
Chris Moore	0/6	24.58	30.00

001-15-033 PAT QUINN MEM 10/17/2015			
Class A Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Russ Phillips	6/0	83.21	89.29
Lee Zalesny	4/2	67.23	76.09
Don Davis	4/2	61.95	68.75
Gary Opper	3/3	55.04	66.67
Ray Powell	2/4	58.46	71.43
Les Myers	1/5	51.82	60.00
Jerry Conklin	1/5	50.73	58.82

Class B Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Earl Hertlein	7/0	55.90	59.09
Cindy Clausen	6/1	48.10	56.06
John Bruhn	4/3	46.20	54.41
Larry Getts	4/3	44.08	52.08
Edward Ludwig	4/3	43.36	66.67
Nick Nicholson	2/5	33.67	38.71
Robert Pederson	1/6	38.99	41.67
Kaiti Reeves	0/7	29.55	29.55

Juniors	W/L	T %	HG%
Devyn Stumpf	5.5/2.5	26.95	40.63

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Class C Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Sid Gire	7/0	42.63	54.35
Jay Stumpf	6/1	42.17	48.00
Monty McLaughlin	5/2	38.99	48.00
Hollis Morris	3/4	35.10	55.56
Ron Heutink	3/4	29.70	38.10
Phyllis Quist	2/5	32.80	44.00
Cindy Reeves	1/6	28.48	33.33
Dennis Tutewiler	1/6	28.09	36.00

Class D Mixed	W/L	T %	HG%
Lee Davis	7/1	32.03	43.75
Vic Magnus	6/2	30.86	43.75
David Brown	5/3	29.30	43.75
Gene Wertman	4/4	16.02	31.25
Mike Watcher	3.5/4.5	27.73	37.50
Jim Quist	3/5	16.41	25.00
Charlie Tapper	2/6	22.66	28.13

Cadets	W/L	T %	HG%
Dakota Blanchard	0/8	0.39	3.13

**001-15-34 WASHINGTON STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS 10/18/2015**

POS.	TEAM	WON	LOST	SHOES	RGRS	%	HIGH %
1ST	Ray Powell Monty McLaughlin	5	0	100 100	58 40	58.00 40.00	60.00 45.00
2ND	Ed Ludwig John Bruhn	3	2	100 100	37 46	37.00 46.00	40.00 60.00
3RD	Les Myers Stan Speers	3	2	100 100	43 40	43.00 40.00	50.00 55.00
4TH	Don Davis Dennis Tutewiler	2	3	100 100	60 22	60.00 22.00	80.00 35.00
5TH	Russ Phillips Jim Quist	1	4	100 100	74 6	74.00 6.00	80.00 10.00
6TH	Lee Zalesny Phyllis Quist	1	4	100 100	45 22	45.00 22.00	70.00 40.00



Class A State Doubles Champions  
Ray Powell & Monty McLaughlin

POS.	TEAM	WON	LOST	SHOES	RGRS	%	HIGH %
1ST	Cindy Clausen Nick Nicholson	6.5	0.5	140 140	62 40	44.29 28.57	50.00 45.00
2ND	Jerry Conklin Vic Magnus	6	1	140 140	71 30	50.71 21.43	65.00 40.00
3RD	Earl Hertlein Mike Watcher	4	3	140 140	69 27	49.29 19.29	55.00 30.00
4TH	Kaiti Reeves Cindy Reeves	4	3	140 140	46 35	32.86 25.00	40.00 35.00
5TH	Larry Getts Sid Gire	3.5	3.5	140 140	49 38	35.00 27.14	50.00 45.00
6TH	Jay Stumpf Frank Easterly	2.5	4.5	140 140	37 21	26.43 15.00	40.00 20.00
7TH	Ron Heutink Charlie Tapper	1.5	5.5	140 140	22 29	15.71 20.71	30.00 35.00
8TH	Melikai Orozco Dakota Blanchard	0	7	140 140	2 4	1.43 2.86	5.00 10.00



State Class B Doubles Champions  
Cindy Clausen & Nick Nicholson

## WSHPA General Meeting, September 6, 2015 Burlington - Skagit Valley Horseshoe Club

The meeting was called to order by President Don Davis. The secretary read the minutes and they were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** Rhonda Davis presented her report. The total of all accounts is \$80,623.68. (Details are listed in the 9-5-15 Executive Board Minutes)

**President's Report** Don Davis thanked everyone for the support he's been given during his tenure. He appreciates how all help with our horseshoe group. He gave special thanks to Jerry and Susan Clark for the great job they've done with the *Shoes News* under tough circumstances. He feels we have the best newsletter in the NHPA. He also thanked the Skagit Club for all their work in getting the courts ready and for their food preparation.

**Promotion** Jon Turnbull reminded us to use horseshoe business cards when contacting people.

**Junior Promotion** Bonnie Lewis reported that 2 scholarships of \$500 each have been given. There is no Jr. Hall of Fame inductee this year. The Junior Party was held Saturday evening with the Juniors enjoying bowling and food. They say thanks.

**World Tournament** Phyl Quist reported that Topeka had a good layout for the tournament. She and Don Davis were our delegates to the convention. St. George, Utah, will host the 2017 World tournament. Next year it will be in Montgomery, Alabama, on July 18 - 30. Phyl urges everyone to go to a World Tournament and to the Hall of Fame Museum in Wentzville, Missouri. Stu Sipma was re-elected NHPA President. Among our pitchers in Topeka the stand-outs were Sharon McLaughlin who took 4th in her class, and Patrick McCarthy who made it into the Cadet Championship Class.

**Executive Board Report** Carol Sperber related the actions and discussions that took place during the 9-5-15 meeting.

**Hall of Fame Trailer** Thanks were given to Jay Stumpf for storing the trailer all winter. Next winter it will be at the Quists.

**Pitcher of the Year** Thanks were given to Jerry Clark for keeping track of the points. Remember to tell Jerry if you pitch out-of-state.

1st place - Charlie Tapper \$100 and a decorative pitcher. 2nd place - Orlean Clinton \$75. 3rd place - Jerry Conklin \$50

### Business

**Scorekeepers** - Jean Covington thanked all scorekeepers who help during the tournaments. A mention was made that scorekeepers should share the work. Sometimes people are available and interested, but don't speak up. Statistician Jerry Conklin reminded scorekeepers to write the class & game number on each scoresheet and put the higher % pitcher first. He said that there is a new update for the HSMaster available for download.

**Recording Secretary** - Carol Sperber is retiring as secretary. She was thanked for her work through the past few years. A new secretary will be appointed.

**Election of Officers** - The new officers elected were: President - Dennis Tutewiler; 2nd Vice-president - Gaylord Lund; 1st Vice-president - Don Ebey

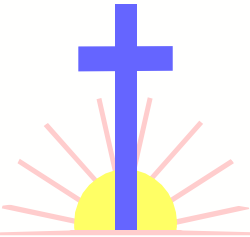
**State Tournaments for 2016** - State Singles - Spokane State Doubles - Bellingham (Sunday, 3rd weekend in August)

**Plaques** -Phyl Quist presented first-time plaques to: Loren Stafford, Kirc Hale, Bob Hassan, Bill Martino, Bob Murray, Oregon, Harry Dawson, Bryan Berntsen, Barry Gentle. Plaques earned and purchased: Brad Zumbuhl and Jerry Conklin. Phyl distributed envelopes with plates that had been earned throughout the pitching season.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Sperber, Recording Secretary

**Russ Phillips**

Pitching For Jesus



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## WSHPA Executive Board Minutes - September 5, 2015 Skagit Valley

The meeting was called to order by President Don Davis. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** Rhonda Davis presented the report, and the budget for next year, all of which was approved. This report was audited by Pam and Dennis Tutewiler on August 27, 2015 and found to be accurate and complete. Bank of America: checking \$2712.74; savings \$5730.46, WA Federal CDs: \$5111.09, \$5111.09, \$53,720.72

Jrs. to World: \$704.78. Total of all accounts: \$80,623.68

Membership: Pitchers in 2015

118 adults (Down by 9 from 2014)

10 juniors and cadets (Down by 6 from 2014)

128 members (Down 15 total from 2014). Associate members 31.

**Hall of Fame** Chairman Russ Phillips reported that there are no inductions for this year. Chairman for next year is Margaret Byfield.

**Promotion** Chairman Jon Turnbull suggested we all carry "horseshoe business cards" which can be made on our computers or purchased. He says that, if we are jotting a note to someone, use the back of the horseshoe card and hand it to them.

**Junior Promotion** Chairman Bonnie Lewis reported that three of our juniors pitched in the World Tournament and did well. WSHPA helped them financially. WSHPA scholarship requests have come from Truman Hopper and Karla Lewis; \$500 each to be paid to their schools. The Executive Board approved the requests. A Ringer Scholarship of \$500 has been given to Karla Lewis and is available to others who apply.

**Regional Director** Vic Magnus announced that the re-sanctioning of courts is due in the near future. New courts must have fencing that is 6 ft. tall and courts must be 16 ft. apart. Safety is the concern for this requirement.

**World Tournament** Phyl Quist and Don Davis were our state's delegates to the annual meeting. Phyl reported that there was lengthy discussion regarding suggested rules changes regarding lowering the age for Elders and for Cadets. Both items failed to pass. St. George, Utah, was named the site for the 2017 World Tournament. In 2016 the tournament will be in Montgomery, Alabama. ESPN received 100 or more contacts after their World Tournament broadcast from people wanting to know about horseshoes.

### Unfinished Business

**Ed Welsch Tournament:** Carol Sperber mentioned that the spelling of the Ed Welsch Open should be corrected on the schedule and on tournament reports. Ruth and Ed Welsch were active Spokane pitchers in the 70s and 80s, were always a big part of the Spokane Club, so should be remembered properly.

**Juniors to the World Fund:** Phyl Quist moved that the payments from the WSHPA to juniors attending a world tournament should depend on their participation during the year: 2 tournaments = 1/2 the determined payment, up to 5 tournaments for the full amount. The motion was approved.

### New Business

**State Tournament Sign-up Form:** Rhonda reported that the sign-up for the state tournament went OK. It will again be put in the *Shoes News* and will include the cost of the banquet. She will try to put the pitching schedule on the website prior to the tournament.

**State Doubles** - The entry form will be in the *Shoes News* September issue. The percentage list is from the August 25 NatStats. The state singles percentage is set at the entry deadline date, also from NatStats.

**NHPA Logo Contest:** Jon Turnbull and Ross Scott have entered. The winner will soon be announced.

**Juniors and Cadets:** See Rhonda about the balance of the money earned that is in trust for them.

**Sunnyside Club:** This club is now dissolved and Russ donated the club's \$400 treasury to the WSHPA.

**Banquet vs pitching time:** Jon Turnbull is concerned about the length of the pitching time on the day of the banquet at the state tournaments. He suggest thinking about changing the format to get people finished in time for the banquet.

**Schedule:** Vic Magnus distributed draft copies of the 2016 tournament schedule. He asks for emails about any needed changes. He says that \$20 entry fees seem to be the way to go and suggests all clubs use it.

Motion was made to adjourn. Passed.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Sperber, Recording Secretary

Rhonda Davis and Jerry Conklin met with club tournament directors following the meeting regarding the tournament payment chart and proper scoresheet usage.



Mrs. Klapisch brought her cat to the veterinarian. The doctor had her hold the animal on the examining table as he touched and gently squeezed it. He then walked slowly around the table, all the while looking back and forth. When he was done, he gave out some medication and presented Mrs. Klapisch with the bill.

"What?" she cried, "One hundred fifty dollars for two pills?"  
"Not just for pills," said the vet. "I gave her a cat scan too."



Discussing the environment with his friend, one man asked, "which of our natural resources do you think will become exhausted first?"

"The taxpayer," answered the other.



# MY JOURNAL

I'd like to share with you something I've been working on for six years and has been a real source of joy for me since I've started pitching in sanctioned tournaments.



Back on April 10th in 2010, I pitched in the Tulip Open in Burlington. This was the very first time I had pitched in a sanctioned tournament. A couple days prior I was pretty excited and really looking forward to the big day, especially since I had been practicing for about a year before. For some reason, I got this idea that I should get myself a spiral notebook, and keep a journal of all my tournaments. Like most of you, I keep all the scorecards from all my tournaments, and they tell you a lot about how the day went, but I wanted something more. I wanted a "Readers Digest" version of how my tournament day went.

I've never talked to any of you about this, but there may be some of you, that do something similar. I always write in the journal on the same evening of the tournament, or the very next day so that everything that I write about will be fresh in my mind. Here's how I do it. In the extreme upper left corner of the page, I put my tournament number. On the top line, I put from left to right, the date, the name of the tournament, and the city. On the rest of the page I put down my thoughts of the day, including the weather, what class I pitched in, how many pitchers were in my class, and what seed I was. I also post where I finished and my tournament percentage, list anything unusual that happened, like the time I broke Don Davis horseshoe with one of my pitches, or the time in Bellingham that I knocked four of my own ringers off the stake with my second shoes. I recorded the one and only tournament that my mom and brother came to before she passed away on Easter Sunday in 2012. I also mentioned all the lessons I learned (some very painful) during a tournament, as well as all the wonderful acts of sportsmanship my competitors have shown. I also write about any personal records or milestones I have reached along the way.

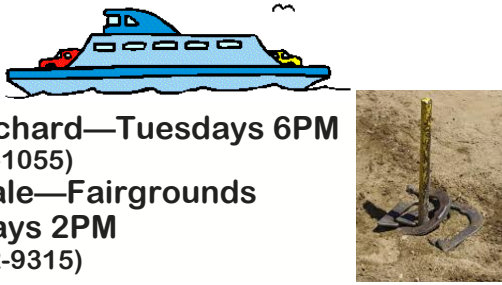
If we pitch horseshoes long enough, all the games and tournaments start to run together in our minds, and although we may remember what happened, we may not remember when, or against who it happened. One of my old school teachers used to say, "weak ink is better than a strong mind." As of the end of the 2015 season, I have pitched in 79 tournaments, and have a written account of what happened in all of them. This may be something you might want to try, I've had a lot of fun with it.

*Jerry Clark*

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