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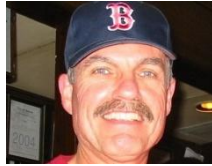
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President's Reflections



Fall is here and we have not been pitching together in tournaments since winter this year at the Winetrouts! I know we are all looking forward to 2021 and we hope and pray for an effective vaccine soon. On a personal note, I was born in 1950..."so what, you say." Do the math...2020 minus 1950=? "Are you moving to 30 feet, you asked?" No, I am staying at 40 feet for now. But I may move up to 30 feet sooner than our friend Charlie Tapper did! Also, our younger daughter got married in August so Chris and I were quite busy this summer preparing for her big day. As I proudly walked my "little girl" down the aisle with the maximum 30 people allowed to attend, (was going to be about 120 people) I felt so thankful for the many blessings in my life. Our older daughter was the maid of honor, our 3 grandchildren participated as well; flower girl, ring bearer, and junior bridesmaid. And, of course, my beautiful bride for 42 years and I had front row seats. What a wonderful day despite the Covid 19 pandemic! I hope I have not bored you as I try to fill space for this section of the newsletter. Let's keep practicing and anticipate a great 2021 horseshoe year! God Bless, Jon

FROM CURTIS LEE; **The Pacific Northwest Tournament** **IS A GO!!**

It will be October 10-11 in the Kennewick at East Gate Park. There will be no formal banquet, but some ideas are being discussed. The Clover Island Inn is offering special rates this year for pitchers, \$79 for one queen bed, \$89 for a room with two queen beds. Their number is 509-586-0541. Please contact Phyllis Quist for sign up at 360-384-4544.

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Can horseshoes be played with real

horseshoes?

Although you could play with a real horseshoe, competitive horseshoe games are played with pitching shoes. These shoes look and feel like horseshoes but are stylized, and designed for peak game performance.



Silver Horseshoes

By Mark

Date: 2006-10-14

Country: United States

State: Colorado

A handful of odd things happened back in the house I grew-up in, in Indiana. I've already told you about the ghost in the chair (and the writing on the wall).

Sometime after that incident, my mother, my brother Chuck, and I were in the living room, in the late evening, watching television when a loud noise startled us. It was a loud clanging kind of sound from down in the basement.

We had a really musty old basement -- half of it was a dirt floor crawlspace that opened into the poured concrete part of the basement. It was just a storage area, full of old paint cans, fishing tackle, tools, storm windows, a big freezer that usually held a whole hog and a side of beef we'd pick-up twice a year to live off of. There was a sump pit that the washer drained into and the furnace and hot water heater were down there.

The "ceiling" of it was just the exposed floor joists of the ground floor rooms -- one of which we were sitting in when he heard this loud clanging noise from the basement. Startled, we went down to see what was going on.

The stairs had no backs (just the treads, no risers). Our dog, a big German Shephard, was always afraid to go down in that basement. She'd almost pitch a fit to have to go past that door to get out in the backyard. But there we were, me, and Mom, and Chuck, standing on those openbacked basement stairs looking at the cement floor, where a single horse shoe was laying. The cement was chipped where it hit. It was spraypainted silver.

We had a silver pair and a red pair for playing horseshoes, and these were real ones -- heavy. We kept them hanging on a pair of nails driven into one of the exposed floor joists. As we stood there, the second silver one fell onto the first. 3

That was startling. Freaky weird. Just as it happened I saw a white-ish line shoot up from the horseshoe already on the floor. Nobody else saw it. But to me, it looked just like some kind of shape reached up and tapped the other one, sort of like looking at a thin man sideways. I can remember us talking back and forth about how maybe us running through the dining room to the stairs might have knocked it off the nail....

But we were on the stairs when it fell.... and the nail it fell from was still just like it ought to be. A big 10 penny nail stuck in at about a 45 degree angle. The horseshoes would have had to have "walked" up the nail and gotten themselves over the big nail head.

My brother was taller than the rest of us and he grabbed the nail to see if it was loose or could be twisted. It was tight as ever.

We hung the silver ones back up on the same nail they fell from and went back upstairs. I think we spent the rest of the evening waiting to hear if they were gonna fall again, or not.

They never fell again that I know of. And it had been at least a month since anyone had played horseshoes -- so they'd been on that nail a long time.

I Understand It Brings You Luck, Whether You Believe in It or Not

Dear Quote Investigator:

There is popular anecdote about a journalist or friend who visited the home of a prominent physicist. The visitor was surprised to find a horseshoe above the front doorway of the scientist's abode. Tradition asserts that a horseshoe acts as a talisman of luck when placed over a door.

The visitor asked the physicist about the purpose of the horseshoe while expressing incredulity that a man of science could possibly be swayed by a simple-minded folk belief.

The physicist replied: Of course I don't believe in it, but I understand it brings you luck, whether you believe in it or not.

This slyly comical remark has been attributed to both Niels Bohr and Albert Einstein. I love this entertaining tale, but I am skeptical. Any insights?

Quote Investigator: The earliest evidence located by QI was printed in a popular Sunday newspaper supplement called "The American Weekly" in September 1956. A column called "The Wit Parade" by E. E. Kenyon printed an instance of the anecdote. The scientist was identified as Niels Bohr, and the visitor was unnamed: ¹

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10-Oct	Pacific Northwest	Kennewick	Quist, Phyllis	360/384-4544	\$15	001-20-023
10-Oct	Possible PNW Gathering	Kennewick	Quist, Phyllis	360/384-4544	\$?	
11-Oct	Pacific Northwest (Day 2) Kennewick					
26-Sep	Odessa Open	Finney Field Odessa	Heutink, Ron	509/754-5132	\$20	001-20-024
3-Oct	Chelan Open ???	Chelan	Turnbull, Jon	360/826-5520	\$20	Non-Sanctioned
*** Tournaments have \$250 Added Prize Money						
Normal Entry Deadline at 9 PM on the Thursday prior to the tournament						
Check in before 8:30 AM (9:30 for the Winetrouts) unless otherwise notified						