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Commentary: Jerry Clark

eptember is here, and our evenings are getting shorter, and cooler. We can hope for an Indian Summer, but in our hearts, we know that Autumn is lurking right around the corner, and in mere days, those big yellow school buses will be roaming our neighborhood streets.

Most of what has been written in Shoes News this year, has been for everybody in our organization, but not this time. This time, I'm talking mostly to our young Junior and Cadet pitchers. Oh, how I wish I had learned how to pitch horseshoes at your age. I knew almost nothing about horseshoe pitching until I was 58 years old. You've probably heard the old saying, "It's hard to teach an old dog new tricks," well that saying is usually true. Without an experienced pitcher showing me how to play the game, I plugged away and taught myself the best I could. I didn't know how to grip the horseshoe, and I didn't even know the difference between a flip shoe and a turn shoe. Another thing I didn't know was how hard or how high to pitch my shoe, but I kept reading and learning and worked hard at it in practice. When you practice on your own, there is a tendency to get going way too fast, and get very sloppy in your approach. You usually

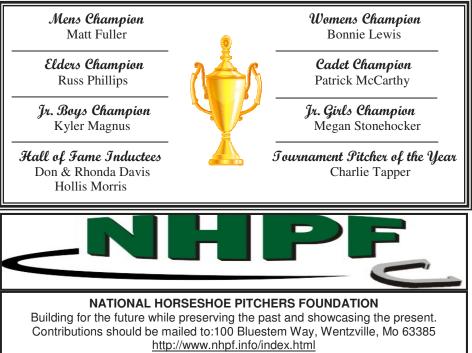
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Here we go !! Another state tournament is upon us. I hope everyone has been practicing. I have our classes ready to go and like the years before, the numbers have dropped.

Congratulations to our new state double champions. It was fun to watch it come down to a playoff. Nice job, Glen and Gene. Thank you to the Bellingham club for all the help and a great place to play !

I have missed out on some good tournaments around our state while I was getting ready for worlds. Sorry I missed you all.

Worlds is in the books and we were not as good as we had hoped. But, we had fun. Our pitchers played their hearts out, but finished lower than we were hoping for. There is always next year ! I am proud of you all. It was quite a place to visit. Thank you to Phyllis and Jim Quist. They did a great presentation to try bring the world tournament to Spokane, but we came up short. Things may change and we will try it again.

On the health front, I am scheduled for an extensive surgery on Sept 3rd. I will be out of commission for about 6 weeks or so. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

See you guys 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.

State Pitching Great Shares Some Thoughts

Hi Jerry, Herb Criss stopped by the other day, and after he left I made these notes about what he had to say about horseshoes, etc. I think quite a few SN readers would be interested. Carol Sperber

I miss horseshoes more than I miss golf. I can't pitch the distance and don't have the stamina. I go for a walk every morning that keeps me going. I'm glad to see Bob Pederson back pitching. My wife, Audrey, is very weak physically; needs help walking and getting in and out of bed.



Barry Chapelle Will Have Surgeries Soon

After the OHPA State tournament and the Pacific N.W, Barry Chapelle will begin with the surgeries to repair his hips and knees. We will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers as you rehabilitate over the winter months, Barry. Best wishes to you and Barb!

Editor

TO THE WORLD AND BACK

You'd think after 25 years Jim & I would get tired of going to World Tournaments. But you know what? Every year is a new experience. It is so great to connect with folks we've met through the years and also meet new folks. And I've found that many of you have also made friends in the past across the country as I have several hugs to deliver. I love my job!!

Eight from Washington competed this year in Hamburg, NY. We may have been small in numbers but quality won out as half of our group came home with trophies.

We all found that finding our way around Buffalo was a bit of a challenge. It took Jim & I four days to finally find our way home at night to where we were staying and we even had a GPS! And Russ arrived without his luggage which contained everything – clothes, horseshoes, directions, GPS, etc. Thankfully the next day he was again reunited with his things.

The live web cams were quite awesome. I even had a call from Spokane from Jeanette McCarthy one eve saying "I see you taking pictures of the Jr's."

The Spokane Sports Commission group did a great job in promoting our area for the 2016 Tournament. On the 2nd vote – Alabama won out. Of course we were all disappointed, but we had great support from many states. Time will tell what the next step will be.

Topeka, Kansas is promising a good venue next year and we have a great group of NHPA officers who do their best to make each tournament a memorable experience for all. Start making plans now to attend. It all adds up to great memories and lasting friendships.





Editor: Thanks Carol

An elderly woman is being examined by a young physician. After about four minutes in the examination room, she bursts out of the door. Spotting an older doctor, she tells him what happened. Astounded, he marches down the hall-way toward his young colleague."What's the matter with you?" he demands. That woman is 74! Why would you tell her she's pregnant?"The young doc asks, "Well, does she still have the hiccups?"



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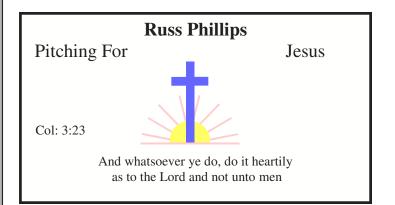
grab your shoes and wing them down to the opposite stake, then walk down and repeat the process, often times going faster and faster without even realizing it. The object in practicing is not just to develop habits, but to develop good habits. To be a real good pitcher, you need to practice good habits and then work on them over, and over, and over again until they can be repeated, instinctively, under pressure. The way you pitch in a tournament is almost always just the result of how you prepared yourself in practice. You should practice exactly the way you intend to play in a tournament situation. Total concentration, not too fast, not too slow. Find your perfect rhythm, routine, and speed, and then maintain it.

You boys will be changing your pitching distances over the next few years, and as your bodies change, and you get bigger, taller, and stronger, you will probably have to make some adjustments. That's ok, you are at an age where you may want to experiment with the various types of turn shoes and see which one feels natural and easier to control. My advice to you, is to watch some of the adult pitchers . If you like the way a certain adult pitcher throws his/her shoe, don't be shy, walk up and ask them how they do it. Trust me, most of the adults would be honored that you asked them, and be glad to show you how. One of the great things about being older and experienced is to be able to pass along some of what we've learned to a youngster who is developing his/her own style of pitching You boys and girls have a lot of years to experiment and try different things in order to become the very best pitcher you are capable of becoming. Because you have learned the basics of pitching at an early age, you have something very valuable on your side...time.

The WSHPA is very proud of all you've accomplished to this point in your lives, and we hope you will keep learning, progressing, and most of all, love playing the game well into your adult years. I have one last old saying, here it is. Practice does not make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect. There you go, that's my pitch to you!

• Skagit Valley Herald reporter Vince Richardson, recently visited the Burlington Club, and is planning on doing a nice article about horseshoe pitching. It is scheduled to be in the Sunday, August 24th paper. You can Google it, or go to www.goskagit.com.





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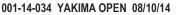
001-14-024 ED WALSH OPEN 08/02/14				
Class A Mixed	W/L	Τ%	HG%	
Russ Phillips	4/1	82.40	86.00	
Earl Hertlein	3/2	52.00	64.00	
Bonnie Lewis	3/2	39.60	50.00	
Monte McLaughlin	3/2	41.20	50.00	
Larry Getts	2/3	42.80	48.00	
Orlean Clinton	0/5	20.00	44.00	
Class B Mixed	W/L	Τ%	HG%	
Hollis Morris	6/1	29.86	40.00	
David Ness	5.5/1.5	32.12	40.00	
Trudy Oye	4.5/2.5	26.79	30.00	
Chet Ness	4/3	19.71	27.50	
Mike Watcher	3.5/3.5	26.98	40.00	
John McCarthy	2.5/4.5	21.50	32.50	
Vic Magnus	2/5	22.50	30.00	
Homer Kleinsmith	0/7	17.14	25.00	
Class C Mixed W/L T% HG%				

Class C Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%
Ron Heutink	7/1	19.59	35.00
Stu Hinz	6/2	20.67	30.00
Charlie Tapper	4/3	19.29	25.00
Ken Shove	3/4	19.85	40.63
Larry Lewis	3/4	18.93	37.50
Loren Totusek	3/4	13.57	22.50
Jeanette McCarthy	2/5	14.64	27.50
Gene Wertman	1/6	6.34	10.00
Class D Mixed	W/L	Τ%	HG%
Howard Ryder	6.5/1.5	6.56	12.50
Chris Poe	6/2	8.13	12.50
Juniors	W/L	Τ%	HG%
Karla Lewis	1.5/6.5	2.50	5.00
Cadet	W/L	Τ%	HG%
Micalah Renshaw	4/4	3.13	7.50
	2/6	2.50	10.00

001-14-015 CARVO MEMORIAL 08/09/14				
Class A Mixed	W/L	Τ%	HG%	
Russ Phillips	6/0	82.43	90.91	
Lee Zalesny	5/1	60.40	72.22	
Ray Powell	3.5/2.5	60.58	68.42	
Jerry Conklin	2.5/3.5	52.19	62.00	
Les Myers	2/4	46.15	58.00	
Stan Speers	2/4	41.22	52.00	
Larry Getts	0/6	34.96	44.00	
Class B Mixed	W/L	Τ%	HG%	
Monty McLaughlin	6/0	40.97	56.25	
Orlean Clinton	5/1	36.81	50.00	
Bill Buxton	3/3	32.48	47.62	
Sid Gire	2/4	34.83	42.86	
Hollis Morris	2/4	32.37	50.00	
Jay Stumpf	1/5	33.57	42.00	
Class C Mixed	W/L	T%	HG%	
Jim Link	5/1	26.85	40.00	
Vic Magnus	4/2	23.18	32.50	
Rob Hettinga	3/2	18.50	35.00	
Charlie Tapper	2/3	15.50	22.50	
Sharon McLaughlin	2/3	13.78	25.00	
Chris Poe	0/5	12.00	17.50	
Juniors	W/L	Τ%	HG%	
Devyn Stumpf	2/4	31.39	50.00	



001-14-025 BELLINGHAM INTL 08/16/14



Class A Mixed	W/L	Τ%	HG%
Les Myers	6/0	56.67	78.13
Lee Zalesny	5/1	59.19	73.33
Ray Powell	3/3	53.08	77.78
Jerry Conklin	3/3	45.16	56.52
Stan Speers	2/4	43.33	54.76
Orlean Clinton	2/4	29.55	43.18
Monty McLaughlin	0/6	40.07	46.00
Class B Mixed	W/L	Τ%	HG%
Jay Stumpf	5/1	36.02	42.86
Bill Buxton	4/2	32.54	41.67
Charlie Tapper	2/3	15.87	22.00
Sharon McLaughlin	1/4	13.89	16.00
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Rob Hettinga	0/5	11.79	8.00
Rob Hettinga Juniors	0/5 W/L	11.79 T %	8.00 HG%



Enjoying the Horseshoe Pitchers, Breakfast of Champions

Dennis Tutewiler,

My pregnant daughter and her husband were checking out a new birth facility that was more like a spa. The birthing room had a hot tub, soft music,

and candlelight. "What do you think?", she asked. He looked around, "Isn't this how we got here in the first place?"



On the final day of the State Tournament, Don & Rhonda Davis received a surprise gift from Russ Phillips in honor of their induction to the Hall of Fame. Shoes News

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	001-14-026	WASHING	GTON ST	ATE DOUE	BLES (8/17/14	
POS.	TEAM	WON	LOST	SHOES	RGRS	%	HIGH %
1ST	Glen Heistand	5	1	110	60	54.55	65.00
	Gene Kuiken	Э	Į	110	29	26.36	50.00
2ND	Lee Zalesny	4	2	110	44	40.00	60.00
	Phyl Quist	4	Z	110	38	34.55	50.00
3RD	Cindy Clausen	3	2	100	49	49.00	60.00
	Don Ebey	5	Z	100	19	19.00	25.00
4TH	Don Davis	2	3	100	46	46.00	60.00
	Jon Turnbull	2	5	100	21	21.00	25.00
5TH	Paul Tutewiler	1	4	100	36	36.00	45.00
	Dennis Tutewiler	1 4	100	22	22.00	30.00	
6TH	Jerry Conklin	1	4	100	39	39.00	45.00
	Monty McLaughlin			100	17	17.00	25.00
POS.	TEAM	WON	LOST	SHOES	RGRS	%	HIGH %
1ST	Brad Zumbuhl	5	0	100	28	28.00	40.00
	Megan Stonehocker	5	0	100	16	16.00	25.00
2ND	Jerry Phillips	3	2	100	35	35.00	45.00
	Jim Quist	3	2	100	11	11.00	15.00
3RD	Nick Nicholson	2.5	2.5	100	21	21.00	30.00
	Mark Bell	2.0	2.0	100	32	32.00	50.00
4TH	Orlean Clinton	0.5	0.5	100	23	23.00	35.00
	Charlie Tapper	2.5	2.5	100	20	20.00	25.00
5TH	Sharon McLaughlin	0	2	100	22	22.00	35.00
	Kirc Hale	2	3	100	24	24.00	35.00
6TH	John McCarthy	0	-	100	24	24.00	30.00
	Jeanette McCarthy	0	5	100	21	21.00	45.00
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2014 State Doubles Champions Don , Glen Heistand & Gene Kuiken

Site Of Next Years State Tourneys

2015 State Singles Burlington

2015 State Doubles Kennewick

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WASHINGTON STATE SINGLES

8/30-9/1/14

Elders Champ	W/L	Т%	HG%
Russ Phillips	8/0	82.21	91.67
Ray Powell	7/1	63.85	73.33
Lee Zalesny	6/2	66.00	76.32
Jerry Conklin	4/4	49.45	58.93
Art Sperber	3/5	41.30	50.00
Larry Getts	3/5	44.09	52.27
Stan Speers	2/6	46.17	61.36
Earl Hertlein	2/6	42.82	51.67
Paul Tutewiler	1/7	48.91	65.22
Men's Champ	W/L	Т%	HG%
Men's Champ Matt Fuller	W/L 14/0	T % 73.51	HG% 88.89
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Matt Fuller	14/0	73.51	88.89
Matt Fuller Don Davis	14/0 12/2	73.51 62.03	88.89 79.17
Matt Fuller Don Davis Ed Ludwig	14/0 12/2 8/6	73.51 62.03 38.16	88.89 79.17 55.00
Matt Fuller Don Davis Ed Ludwig Gerald Stangland	14/0 12/2 8/6 6/8	73.51 62.03 38.16 41.77	88.89 79.17 55.00 63.33
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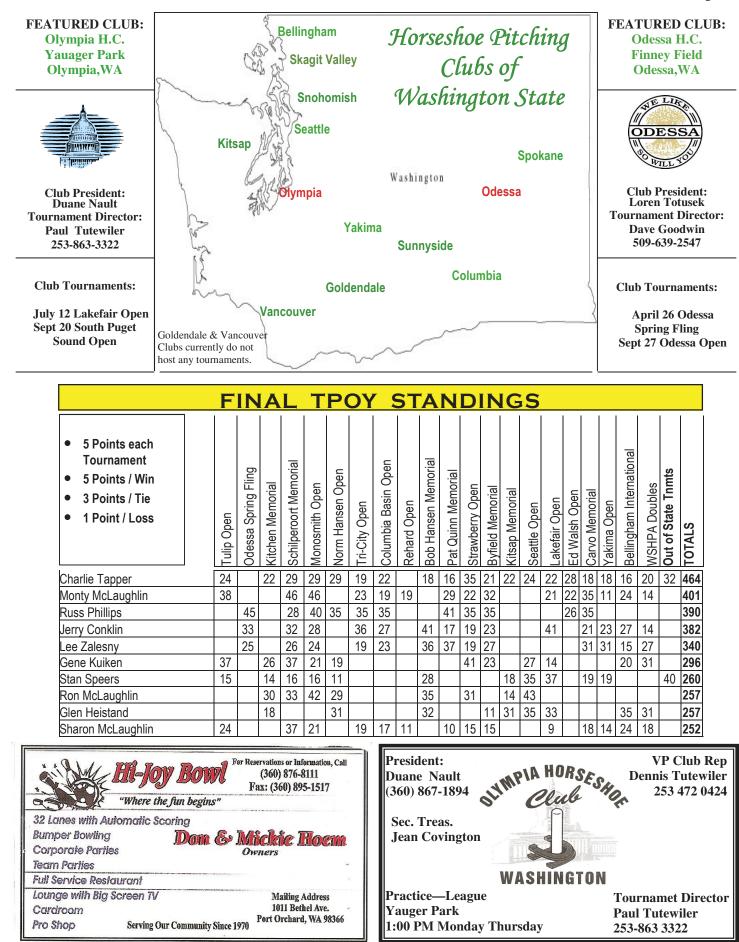
Womens Champ	W/L	Τ%	HG%
Bonnie Lewis	11/1	41.88	52.50
Phyl Quist	9/3	37.27	40.44
Jeannette McCarthy	3/9	18.16	28.57
Sharon McLaughlin	1/11	10.90	14.29
Boys Champ	W/L	Т %	HG%
Kyler Magnus	9.5/4.5	37.85	65.00
JT McCarthy	9/5	35.53	55.00
Devyn Stumpf	8/6	32.50	40.00
Michael McCarthy	7/7	30.53	50.00
Truman Hopper	4/10	22.32	42.50
Grant Collins	1/7	3.43	7.50
Girls Champ	W/L	Τ%	HG%
Megan Stonehocker	4.5/9.5	21.60	37.50
Karla Lewis	0/14	3.75	7.50
Cadets Champ	W/L	Τ%	HG%
Patrick McCarthy	14/0	53.21	72.50
Ava Collins	7.5/0.5	5.62	12.50
Melikai Orozco	3.5/4.5	3.12	7.50
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Men's Class A	W/L	Т%	HG%
Nick Nicholson	12/2	31.17	47.37
Bill Buxton	10/4	28.98	38.89
Vic Magnus	10/4	22.52	28.00
Harold Boyer	6.5/7.5	21.28	40.00
Charlie Tapper	6/8	17.87	28.00
Barry Gentle	5/9	18.67	40.00
Dennis Tutewiler	4.5/9.5	21.74	30.00
Eddie Ludwig Jr	2/12	21.29	34.00
Men's Class B	W/L	Т %	HG%
Frank Easterly	13.5/0.5	27,35	36,84
Ron Heutink	11.5/2.5	21.14	40.63
Kirc Hale	10/4	20.26	30.56
Darrell McCollough	7/7	19.27	33.33
Loren Totusek	6/8	13.73	20.45
Jim Quist	5/9	12.86	24.00
Gene Wertman	3/11	11.71	22.00
Chris Poe	0/14	9.41	18.00
Elders Class A	W/L	Т%	HG%
Bert Pack	13/2	41.43	62.50
Robert Pederson	12/3	39.25	50.00
Sid Gire	10/4	35.89	50.00
Gene Kuiken	9/5	36.03	56.25
Orlean Clinton	6/8	26.75	44.00
Hollis Morris	5/9	32.45	53.33
John McCarthy	2/12	19.60	29.55
Don Ebey	0/14	18.77	33.33

A big thank you to the Bellingham, and Columbia Basin Horseshoe Clubs for hosting our Doubles and Singles Championships for 2014. Congratulations to all our Class Champions!!

NOTE: Earl Kettleson Night Tournament results were not available at press time.







2014 World Horseshoe Champions

Mens Champion Womens Champ. Elders Champ. Sr. Mens Champ. Sr. Women Ch. Jr. Girls Champ. Jr. Boys Champ. Cadet Champion

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