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FOUR DEAD!

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Spring has Sprung.

Let's Get Growing!

ISHPA Must Grow.



President's Message



Hello to all from the City of Trees. Have all of you dug out those horseshoes yet and started practicing? I have been practicing since mid January and I still don't know if it is helping me. Well as we get the season underway we have one new change in affect. During the state meeting in Boise last year we voted on increasing the tournament fees by \$1.00. The reason for the increase is to help the director who puts on the state tournament by adding trophies or plaques to the existing money pay out. I personally feel that the state tournament is a higher caliber tournament than **all the others** and individuals who place should be rewarded accordingly.

I would also like to remind all **Tournament Directors** to please send in to Jim McCue a brief statement on your tournaments and how you anticipate how they will be ran along with the place, cost, starting time, whether there will be coffee, donuts, lunch etc. There will be an April, June and August issue for these. If you would please try and have these in to Jim at least a month prior to the issue coming out.

I would like to mention that I am going to be contacting a few individuals throughout the state to help select a tournament director of the year award for the 1998 season.

Before I forget, the world tournament is being held in Ainsworth Nebraska this year. If you plan on attending, please get your reservations as soon as possible.

With the new season starting I thought it would be nice to hear from the juniors, as they too are a part of our sport. I have asked my daughter Chelsie to write a small column. If there are any other juniors that would like to express their views or have new issues that are occurring in their area we would love to hear from you as well. I'll see you on the courts.

David Spears, Boise

Get Your 1998 NHPA Card TODAY

Marge Chapin, Secy-Treas.

952 Lavina

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733-2156

APOLOGY

Somehow or another the results of the Class F State Championship were missplaced, lost in the shuffle, and thus were never reported. We apologize - - particularly to those who pitched in that Class. The belated results appear below. Sorry about that.

IDAHO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 1997

Boise August 23
Dave Spears Director

Class F

Champion	Kleth Lewis	3	1	17.96*
2.	Don Heidt	4	2	13.97*
3.	Todd Goss	2	3	13.13
4.	Rick Larson	1	4	11.19
5.	Henry Reid	0	5	9.68

*Playoff

High game 40% by Todd vs Rick.

The 1998 OPENER

Sat May 2nd at Boise

The Ed Fix Memorial

Director Dave Spears

The Ed Fix Memorial be held at Julia Davis Park in Boise on Saturday May 2nd starting at 9:30. This is usually a small tournament so expect a mixed pitching format. There will be a 25 cent per game cost for the scorekeepers. This is a sanctioned tournament so purchase your cards ahead of time through Bonnie Stutzman. Check in will begin at 8:30 and there will be juice and donuts available for a small fee. Hope to fill up the courts on this first tournament.

See you on May 2nd.

DAVE

Do you carrot at all for me? My heart beats for you.

With your turnip nose and your raddish hair, you are a peach.

If we cantelope, luttuce marry. We'll make a great pear.

72 in-a-Row

Ted Allen's 72 consecutive ringers pitched against Cletus Chapelle at the 1955 WORLD in Murray, Utah still stands in the recrd books.

Chapelle is the father of NHPA 3rd V-P Barry Chapelle and 10-times World Champion Vicki Winston. Genes do count!

Taken from Colorado's Double Ringer edited by Bob Champion of Boulder.

Support the N. H. P. A. 1455

OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET
D. TED 26 Court No. CLETUS Game 30
Allen VS Chapelle

Shot	Ringers	Points	Score	Ringers	Points	Score
2	XX			XX		
4	XO	3	3	X		
6	XO	3	6	X		
8	X			CX	3	3
10	X			OX	3	6
12	XX			XX		
14	XX			XX		
16	XX			XX		
18	XO	3	9	X		
20	X			OX	3	9
22	XX			XX		
24	OX	3	12	X		
26	XX			XX		
28	OX	3	15	X		
30	OX	3	18	X		
32	XX			XX		
34	XX			XX		
36	XX			XX		
38	XX			XX		
40	XX			XX		
42	XX			XX		
44	OX	3	21	X		
46	OX	3	24	X		
48	XX			XX		
50	XX			XX		
52	XX			XX		
54	XX			XX		
56	XX			XX		
58	OX	3	30	X		
60	XX			XX		
62	XX			XX		
64	XX			XX		
66	OX	3	33	X		
68	XX			XX		
70	OX	3	36	X		
72	XX			XX		
74	OX	3	39	X		
76	OX	3	42	X		
78	OX	3	45	X		
80	OX	3	48	X		
82	XX			XX		
84	XX			XX		
86	XX			XX		
88	XX			XX		
90	XX			XX		
92	OX	3	51	X		
94						
96						
98						
100						

Consecutive Ringers
28 4 DEADS
" IN A ROW

SUMMARY

Points	51	Points	9
Ringers	89	Ringers	75
Doubles	43	Doubles	30
Shoes Pitched	92	Shoes Pitched	78
Percent Ringers	96.7	Percent Ringers	82.8

NHPA The National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association NHPA

NEWSLINE

1998 IDAHO TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

May 2, Sat	Ed Fix Memorial	Boise	S
May 3, Sun	Mtn Home Open	Mtn Home	S
May 7, Thu	WORLD Entries Close	Nebraska	S
May 16, Sat	Twin Spin	Twin Falls	NS
May 17, Sun	Elmer Currie Open	Coeur d'Alene	S
May 30, Sat	Nampa Singles	Nampa	S
May 31, Sun	Thompson Brothers Memorial	Caldwell	S
Jun 6, Sat	Bill Brown Portneuf Pitchout	Pocatello	S
Jun 6, Sat	Stormin' Norman Powwow	Kellogg	S
Jun 7, Sun	Rupert Open	Rupert	S
Jun 13-14	Fairfield Open	Fairfield	NS
Jun 20, Sat	Idaho Falls Classic	Idaho Falls	S
Jun 20-21	Hermiston Money	Oregon	S
Jul 4, Sat	Independance Day	Caldwell	NS
Jul 11, Sat	Dave's Woodworks Open	Boise	S
Jul 12, Sun	Break the Bank	Boise	S
Jul 18, Sat	Salmon River Open	Salmon	S
Jul 19, Sun	Kootenai Open	Coeur d'Alene	S
Jul 20-Aug 1	WORLD	Ainsworth, NE	<u>Entries Close May 7th</u>
Aug 1, Sat	Ralph Warthen Classic	Caldwell	S
Aug 2, Sun	Warren Stutzman Memorial	Rupert	S
Aug 8, Sat	Silver Valley Classic	Kellogg	S
Aug 9, Sun	Silver Valley Classic Doubles	Kellogg	S
Aug 8-9	2nd Bill Stewart Memorial	Fairfield	NS
Aug 15, Sat	IDAHO DOUBLES Championship	Salmon	S
Aug 16, Sun	Salmon Valley Open	Salmon	S
Aug 28-29-30	IDAHO STATE Championship	Rupert	S
Sep 12, Sat	East Idaho State Fair Doubles	Blackfoot	NS
Sep 26, Sat	Fall Roundup	Boise	NS
September	Jackpot Fall Dates pending	Nevada	NS

you must register by THURSDAY before tourney

1998 Tournament Directors

Boise	Dave Spears	4319 Kootenai, 83705	342-5190
Caldwell	Joe Campbell	3304 S. Illinois, 83605	454-3907
Caldwell	Jim Coba	1910 Dearborn, 83605	459-0440
Caldwell	Gene Tarr	P.O. Box 68, Wilder 83676	482-6853
Challis	Leon Johnson	Box 856, 83226	879-2240
Coeur d' Alene	Tim Stephens	Box 1132, 83814	773-0435
Fairfield	Berle Riese	Box 191, 83327	764-2452
Corral	Van VanGorder	Rt. 1 Box 183, 83322	764-2469
Idaho Falls	Lyle Anderson	4288 Ammon, 83402	529-0190
Inkom	Don Moser	543 Main, 83245	775-3643
Jackpot	Don Scarrow	87 N 100 W, Jerome, 83338	324-4235
Jerome	Henry Reid	320 N 200 W, 83338	324-2201
Kellogg	Don Heidt	304 E. Cameron, 83837	783-8211
Kellogg	Vicki McEnary	Box 770, Pinehurst, 83850	682-3819
Mountain Home	George Sasz	Box 694, 83647	587-5749
Nampa	Gary Kollmann	226 Davis Ave., 83651	466-8096
Pocatello	Jim Price	161 Spence, 83201	232-4566
Rupert	Bonnie Stutzman	570 N 300 W, 83350	532-4452
Rupert	Sue & Buck Walker	300 N 570 E, 83350	436-6231
Salmon	Lynn Johnson	HC61 Box 31, 83467	894-2484
Twin Falls	Harry Chapin	952 Lavina, 83301	733-2156
Hemiston, OR	Rick Rebman	Rt. 5 Box 5247,	541-567-8560

IDAHO REPORT

*From the Assistant
Regional Director*

Hello to all. As we start a new season of horseshoe pitching. I am encouraged by looking at our schedule. As I look at the schedule we seem to be starting the season just a little bit later than we have in the past but am glad to see a couple of towns entering back into the schedule. I would like to welcome Mtn. Home and Twin Falls back into the picture and hope to see your towns on the schedule for many years down the road.

I would also like to thank Dona and Corlell (Van) VanGorder for stepping in at Faitfield to keep tournaments active there. As I look at the schedule we have the same number of tournaments as last year (25) but we have one more sanctioned than last year.

I would like to fill you in on what I have planned for the Boise area. First off Jesse Lyda has gathered many boxes of clay for me to pick up in Orifino for a few of the courts in Julia Davis Park. I plan on putting up to four courts in clay. I hope to have all of this done prior to my tournaments in July. Secondly I am going to try and change the sand dirt mixture on the other eight courts to match the compound of the four new courts that were put in last year. I think all that pitchers here will benefit.

My next journey will be to contact one of the local junior high schools and see if I can get a horseshoe-pitching program in place so I can have at least one area to draw junior pitchers from. My daughter (Chelsie) and her friend (Anna) seem to be looking forward to pitching again this year, for this I am grateful.

I hope we can gather a few more Junior pitchers than last year. Well I have taken up enough space here so I'll stop and make room for others.

I'll see you on the courts.

David Spears

Jerome

The Jerome Spring Fling unfortunately will be cancelled this year. Upon Henry's trip back from Yuma Arizona he was surprised to find that the fairgrounds had removed all but five horseshoe courts in attempts to add RV parking for the fairgrounds. However eight more courts are scheduled for construction soon and Jerome should be back on the 1999 schedule.

So, you think it's easy? It is not!

A few of the Tournament Director's Responsibilities

1. Be at the courts at least an hour early.
2. Assign someone to sell raffle tickets.
3. Delegate assignments to key individuals.
4. Set up sign-in table.
5. Sign pitchers in.
6. Collect the money.
7. Check % against master stats.
8. Make out round robin cards.
9. Figure out how to arrange groups, 6, 7, or 8 person round robins, consider % spread when doing this.
10. Begin at designated start time.
11. Welcome everyone to the club.
12. Mention how many players there are and where the afternoon cutoff is.
13. Mention whose tournament it is.
14. Say a few words about them.
15. Mention who the judge is.
16. Mention that the foul line will be enforced.
17. Mention who comprises the tournament committee.
18. Mention how playoffs will be determined.
19. Recognize special people, ie: first time pitchers, officers from other clubs, people from other states, etc.
20. Ask if there are any special announcements.
21. Mention which courts the groups will play on.
22. Wish everyone luck and hand out the cards.
23. Hand out the afternoon group cards just before the morning group finishes their last game.

Sorry....

Scorekeeper - *Brend Wolf*

Second Sheet -

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET

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Date: *8-7-1965* Court No. *10* Game No. *18*
Ray Martin vs. *Glen Henton*

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Ray Martin vs. *Glen Henton*

Shoe	Ringers	Points	Shoe	Ringers	Points	Score
2	XX			XX		
4	XX			XX		
6	XO	3	3	X	3	3
8	XX			XX		
10	XX			XX		
12	XX			XX		
14	XX			XX		
16	XX			XX		
18	XX			XX		
20	XX			XX		
22	X			XO	3	6
24	XX			XX		
26	X			XO	3	9
28	XX			XX		
30	X			XO	3	12
32	XX			XX		
34	X			X	1	13
36	XX			XX		
38	XX			XX		
40	XX			XX		
42	XO	3	6	X	3	
44	XX			XX		
46	XX			XX		
48	XX			XX		
50	XX			XX		
52	XO	3	9	X	3	
54	XX			XX		
56	XX			XX		
58	XX			XX		
60	XX			XX		
62	XX			XX		
64	XX			XX		
66	XX			XX		
68	XX			XX		
70	O		12			
72	XX			X 3		
74	XX			XX		
76	XX			XX		
78	XX			XX		
80	X			X 3	15	
82	XX			XX		
84	XX			XX		
86	XX			XX		
88	XO	3	15	X	3	
90	XX			XX		
92	XO	3	18	X	3	
94	XO	3		XO	3	
96	XO	3	31	X	3	
98	XX			XX		
100	XX			XX		

Shoe	Ringers	Points	Shoe	Ringers	Points	Score
2	XX			XX		
4	XX			XX		
6	XX			XX		
8	XX			XX		
10	XX			XX		
12	XX			XX		
14	XX			XX		
16	XO	3	24	X		
18	XO	3	27	X		
20	XO	3	30	X		
22	X			XO	3	17
24	XX			XX		
26	XX			XX		
28	X			XO	3	22
30	XX			XX		
32	X			XO	3	25
34	X			XO	3	28
36	X			XO	3	31
38	XX			XX		
40	XX			XX		
42	X	1	31	X		
44	X			XO	3	34
46	X			XO	3	37
48	XX			XX		
50	XX			XX		
52	XX			XX		
54	XX			XX		
56	X			XO	3	40
58	X			XO	3	43
60	XO	3	42	X		
62	XX			XX		
64	XX			XX		
66	XX			XX		
68	XX			XX		
70	XX			XX		
72	XX			XX		
74	XX			XX		
76	XO	3	37	X		
78	XX			XX		
80	X			XO	3	46
82	XO	3	40	X		
84	XX			XX		
86	O	6	46			
88	X			XO	3	49
90	XO	3	49	X		
92	XO	3		XO	3	
94	X			XO	3	52
96						
98						
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Kiddie's Korner
 What did the tractor say to the plow?
 Pull me a little closer, John Deere

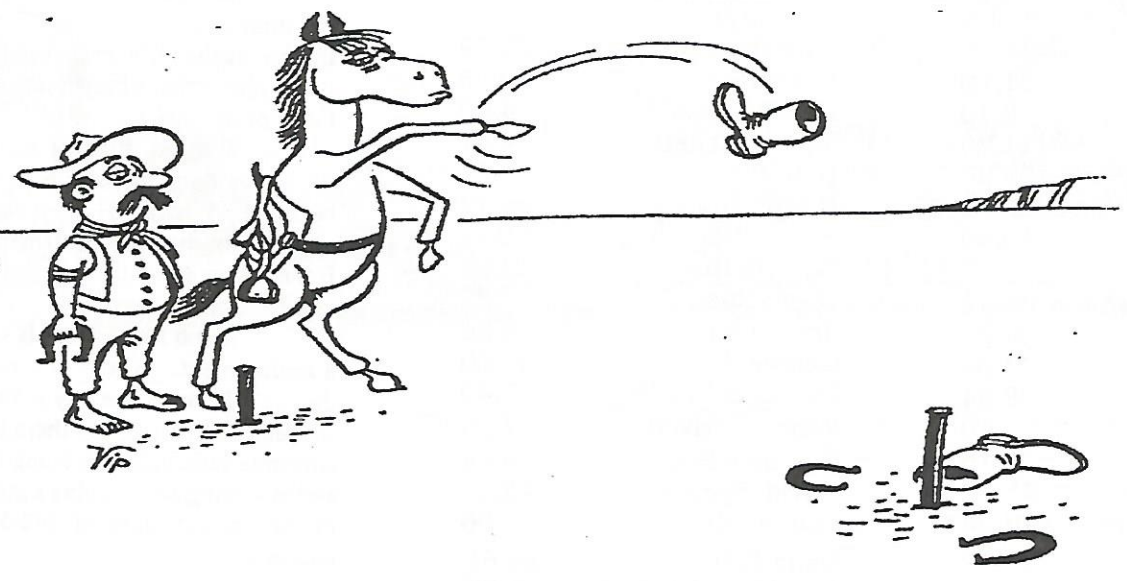
SUMMARY

Points	49	Points	52
Ringers	177	Ringers	175
Doubles	27	Doubles	30
Shoes Pitched	144	Shoes Pitched	142
Percent Ringers	29.7	Percent Ringers	40.2

What a game!

This 194 shoe marathon was played in the 1965 World Tournament at Keene, NH and as you can imagine set many records which stand to this day. There is no report on how long the game lasted.

There were 312 ringers cancelled and 63 four dead. 63! It was 49 to 49 with the 188-190 shoes. The loser threw 174 ringers for 89.7% and the winner 175 for 90.2%. That took place more than 30 years ago.



1998

Official ISHPA Opening Day Percentages

According to State Statisticians Ralph & Sandra Ruebel

Sonny Abad	27.97	Jeff Jones	16.08
Cindy Allen	27.79	Monica Jones	12.29
Kraig Allen	44.95	Gary Kollmann	50.26
Cliff Amsbaugh	43.09	Rick Larson	12.28
Lyle Anderson	32.19	Allen Lee	37.52
Ruth Anderson	31.58	Mont Lewis	60.23 ?
Tony Apodaca	22.94	Harold Lewis	24.00
Charles Ault	55.53	Kieth Lewis	18.09
Gary Ballenski	25.00	Ron Lloyd	20.20
Jerry Bengston	21.17	Ryan Lloyd(Jr)	40.82
Ike Bews	27.00	Jesse Lyda	51.24
Ken Bianez	36.30	Betty Lyda	16.85
Otto Brennecke	38.40	Mary MacPherson	27.35
Iew Brock	36.54	Don Manwill	22.64
Myron Buchert	25.21	Virginia Manwill	28.03
Terry Burnham	26.80	Charlie Marquez	36.43
Joe Campbell	38.02	Clyde Marquez	55.40
Harry Chapin	35.37	Bill McAugey	31.45
Alma Clark	40.63	Jim McCue	27.28
James Coba	18.60	Kyle McEnany	20.89
Sofia Corn	34.82	Derek McGowin(Jr)	11.87
Kevin Cowley	14.84	Cecil McIndoo	55.42 ?
Elmer Currie	26.43	Merlin Miller	11.14
Dean Curry	43.90	Don Moser	65.53 30'
Gary Curtis	26.91	John Mousseau	7.80
Ed Deeds	33.64	Jim Newton	24.16
Wayne Durnil	22.34	Gary Opper	48.70
Faye Fuqua	18.33	Doug Palmer	39.35
Carrie Gardener	31.09	Eddie Parish	6.75
Edmund George	31.63	Lou Piva	48.99
Anna Gerla(Jr)	7.11	Nick Piva	46.04
Lucas Gerla (Jr)	5.32	Wally Plemons	13.73
Tom Goss	36.63	Jim Price	45.19
Todd Goss	12.90	Willie Prior	10.25
Dennis Gratzner	23.06	Joe Purjue	40.33
Steve Gratzner	28.99	Paul Reeves	23.29
Ray Grossaint	31.73	Henry Reid	18.48
Kirk Halbrook	8.13	Henry Reynolds	14.00
Don Heidt	11.20	Myron Rickett	34.51
Juan Hernandez	29.30	Bob Riley	42.27
Alan Hobdey	33.11	Rodger Rudolph	26.42
Reed Holverson	15.80	Steve Rudolph	20.88
Howard Homme	65.66 30'	William Rust	52.95
Jake Huston	22.40	Owen Rust	7.32
Ken Ives*	26.20	Jim Saner	18.34
Kirk Jacobson	41.36	George Sasz	41.80
Bill Jensen	28.64	Delton Schmeling	30.40
Ken Johnson	26.40	Wayne Scriven	27.99
Lynn Johnson	38.18	Clarence Spears	26.84
Leon Johnson	28.40	David Spears	43.41
Mike Johnson	10.63	Tim Stephens	34.96
Gary Johnston	14.75	Gene Tarr	29.61
		Chelsie Spears	10.35

What you end 1997 with,
what you start 1998 with.
Are you gaining or losing?

Larry Tarr	41.26
Jim Taylor	54.33 30'
Alan Thomas	13.57
Keith Thomas	39.28
Waylon Thomas	8.71
Vern Tieszen	25.84
Vince Tracy	18.97
Bill Travis	24.28
Millie Travis	15.00
Dean Valentine	30.71
Linda VanGorder	58.00 30' women
Corlell VanGorder	34.55
Donna Van Gorder	35.98
James VanGorder	19.37
Buck Walker	28.76
Shawn Warnemunde	36.51
John Warren	30.29
Ralph Warthen	54.62 ?
Clarence Webb	69.84 30' ?
Chet Whitworth	35.33
Sam Williams	30.19
Ron Willis	25.06
Craig Young	25.50
Mike Zahn	26.42
Robert Zausch	27.31

Bonnie Stutzman Resigns

It is with considerable regret that we announce that our Secretary-Treasurer for the past four years, Bonnie Stutzman, has handed in her resignation to President Spears citing health problems as the reason. She has agreed to stay on until a replacement can be found.

Bonnie volunteered to assume the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer that her husband, Warren, had held for many years prior to his passing away in October of 1994.

We can think of no couple who have done more or been bigger boosters of Idaho Horseshoes over more years than the Stutzman's and Bonnie's recent dedication and efforts will be sorely missed.

Idaho Horseshoes is seeking a replacement. Would you consider the job? Please. The pay is small — \$1/member/year — but there is considerable satisfaction in being needed and in serving and in doing a good job. Please contact Dave at 342-5190 if interested.

NHPA HANDICAP TABLE

HANDICAP POINTS FOR 40 & 50 SHOE CANCELLATION GAMES

90% HANDICAP

Diff %	shoes		Diff %	shoes		Diff %	shoes	
	50	40		50	40		50	40
1%	2	2	11%	15	12	21%	28	23
2%	3	3	12%	16	13	22%	30	23
3%	5	4	13%	17	14	23%	32	25
4%	5	4	14%	19	15	24%	32	26
5%	7	5	15%	21	16	25%	34	27
6%	8	6	16%	22	17	26%	35	28
7%	10	7	17%	23	18	27%	36	29
8%	11	9	18%	24	20	28%	38	31
9%	13	10	19%	26	21	29%	40	32
10%	14	11	20%	27	22	30%	40	32

Post
this
table
and
let
pitchers
do
their
own
handicaps



The Kids Corner

Hello there, are you ready to get some ringers and win all of those games? Well, lets hope you are because the tournaments will be starting soon so get practicing really good if you want to get 1st place. So who is ready to get first place? Don't tell me, you're going to have to show me.

We don't have very many kids playing in the tournaments so we need you adults to try to get your kids or grandkids involved in horse-shoe pitching. This is Chelsie Spears from the kids corner and **GOOD LUCK!**

Chelsie

.The President's daughter -- the ISHPA President, that is. We don't want any misunderstandings on that point. There is no need to worry Idaho women unnecessarily.

Pocatello Winter League

The Portneuf Pitchers of Pocatello held the first ever winter league in Idaho. Let us hope it catches on. A new bar, the Main Event, has two indoor pits and that's where the games were pitched. This was a sanctioned league. The five weeks ran from February 18 through March 24. There were four in Class A with Gary Curtis coming out on top with 29.7%, Don Moser was second with a % around 55 and Jim Price was 3rd throwing about 36%. Jim promoted the league which was handicapped.

In the 5-man Class B there were **FOUR new members**. Andy Andrus entered with 12% and took top honors with 23.5%. Second went to Bob Reddish followed by Mike Kirkland with Bob Tarbet coming in fourth.

Pocatello has a sanctioned spring league starting the last Monday of April through the first Monday of June, that's six weeks. Pitching starts at 6 PM sharp. Everyone - all across the State - is invited to participate. It will be held at Ross Park.

The first 1998 tournament for the Gate City, the **Bill Brown Portneuf Pitchout** is planned for June 6th at Ross Park with Jim Price directing.

NEWS, NOTES & NONSENSE

The Huntsman Senior World Games are held annually in St. George, Utah during October. The two Idaho pitchers who did so well there in 1996 repeated in 1997. Among the 30-A pitchers Don Moser of Inkom took the GOLD with Mont Lewis grabbing the Silver. Then Don and Mont teamed up to take the Gold in the Doubles.

Their efforts were not so well rewarded at the Quartzsite event although Mont did squeeze out a 3rd and a few bucks in the singles.

In the Senior World Games competition almost EVERY sports is offered in the two-week long extravaganza. Must be at least 50 years of age to compete. It would be difficult to find a sporting activity that was not included from bridge to volley ball with everything in between. Like triathlon, bowling, ping pong, golf, tennis and on and on. The horseshoe went four days from the 19-23 of October.

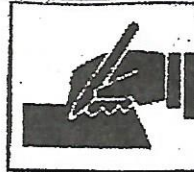
The 1998 event starts October 12. For more information contact: Huntsman World Senior Games, 82 West 700 South, St George. UT 84770 or talk to Don or Mont.

Don Moser will again Direct the East Idaho State Fair Fun Doubles on Saturday, September 12. More details later

Do you know what Idaho Russet potatoes call their children? All Idahoans should know. They call them 'tater tots of course.. Now don't complain about the jokes, we're trying to attract the younger set. Is your youngster or grandchild pitching? Lets get with it.

For nine years -- time flies when you're having fun - **FOUR DEAD!** has been printed and mailed by Don Heidt from Kellogg and we greatly appreciate his fine effort and support. We thought we could save several day in getting the material to the printer and from the printer to the members if it were printed in southern Idaho so we're going to give it a try. Jim McCue will send the camera ready pages along with the address labels to Dave Spears in Boise. **FOUR DEAD!** will be printed and mailed from there and we'll see how it goes.

There were many typographical errors in the October **FOUR DEAD!** that I was aware of -- but I had a more important duty at that moment and rather than delay a week in getting the newsletter out, I let it go with the errors. Sorry about that.



LETTERS

Jim,

First letter for the spring news letter.

Just received the last issue of **Four Dead**.. You are right in making comments to create some thoughts about how to improve the game of horseshoes in Idaho. So I will give my two cents worth. The percent point spread in "A" class 1997 state tournament was outrageous. I would not have blamed some of the bottom 6 entrants to ask for their money back and walk away. To be competing for the title of State Champion should not be "A" class. It should be called Championship Class. It should be limited to the top six entrants play playing a double round robin.

Women's Championship Class.

If there is a 10% spread or more from the top seed and number two, the number one seed would compete with the others but would get an automatic title of Champion. The rest would be competing for the class "A" title.

Since we all pay the same entrance fee we should have some chance to win a state title besides the chances of dim and none.

Sanctioned Tournaments

When I started pitching 18 years ago handicapping was never mentioned. I think because no one really understood. Now there are getting to be a few. That's good. Now we just need to get all the tournament directors to use the same chart. Any thing less than 80% handicap is gossily unfair.

I know it takes a lot of work and planning to run a tournament, so thank you very much to all you Tournament Directors for your work.

Ray Grossaint, Nampa

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Good ideas such as yours come along every once in while. Almost everyone favors them and knows they should be adopted but nobody seems to want to grab the bull by the horns and get the job done. We all talk a lot -- talk is cheap -- but we don't act.

No single person or group is at fault, it's apathy! Of course no class should have a spread of 14% as the Championship has had the last few years. There should never be 24% between the first and second seed and consider it a single class as in the Ladies State Championship, as you said.

And why we can't settle on a single simple handicap (like that suggested by NHPA) across the whole State is beyond me. It's so easy, so fair, so right.

The % spread problem is primarily a membership problem. The more members the less spread between them -- and the less need for handicaps.. The handicap problem is easily solved by uniformity, Increased membership is far more difficult but we must all try. JGM

Posted on page 7 is a 90% handicap table. With the few members we have in the state the handicap system is required at most tournaments. The 90% system may be the fairest way to go until our membership grows to a point to where we will not need the handicap system at all. Until that time comes we as an organization need to decide upon which handicap system to use statewide. Let's give it a try.

Caldwell is planning a big summer league and signup time is fast approaching. Don't know if it's going to be sanctioned or not. With the number of horseshoe pitchers in that area it should be a good one. Get the details from Joe Campbell, Jim Coba or Gene Tarr, their phone numbers and addresses are in the Directors list on the Schedule page.

LATE BREAKING NEWS. We are happy to announce that Marge Chapin of Twin Falls has agreed to take over Bonnie Stutzman's responsibilities as Secretary-Treasurer. That a great relief and a great service to the Association, members and Bonnie. Marge is not new to duties and has a great past record of hard work, efficiency and dependability. Many thanks, Marge, from all of us.

Let's get GROWING! Idaho Horseshoes has been standing still for too long. There's lots to do-- lots for ALL. Let's get together on this handicap thing and get the size and percentage spread on the State Championship worked out. Those projects and a few new members would make 1998 a great year for Idaho Horseshoes.

The WORLD is close by in Nebraska as you know. It's not far, about the same distance as Spearfish, There's an official entry blank right here. Why not use it? Entries must be in by May 7th so don't delay. Good luck !

JGM

The 1997 WINNERS

State Champions

- A Clyde Marquez, Idaho Falls
- B George Sasz, Mountin Home
- C Shawn Warnemunde, Caldwell
- D John Warren, Inkom
- E Bill Jensen, Twin Falls
- F Kieth Lewis, Pocatello

Ladies Linda VanGorder, Meridian

A-30 Howard Homme, Wilder

B-30 Joe Purjue, Kellogg

Juniors Kyle McEnany, Pinehurst

Special Anna Gerla, Boise

Top HIGH FIVE

Clyde Marquez 55.4%

Top HIGH FIVE 30

Clarence Webb 69.84

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Anna Gerla, Boise



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