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### The Idaho WORLD Tournament Should it be?

**A**s the '93 season drew to a close you will remember there was some talk about Idaho hosting the WORLD tournament in a couple of years. Many thought it was a great idea but considered it little more than wistful thinking. Others wondered if we should host it if we could? Where would Idaho get the money to make the bid?

Challis and north to Gibbonsville, that's more than 100 miles — you only come up with about 350. That's simply not enough. Spearfish is 7000 and has 750 motel units. Those facts plus the fact that Gillette, Wyoming was bidding for the '96 WORLD and we felt obligated to support their bid caused Buck to rethink his position and to start talking to officers and pitchers all over the state. After serious discussion, it was decided that 1996 was not the year and Salmon was not the place for the WORLD TOURNAMENT.

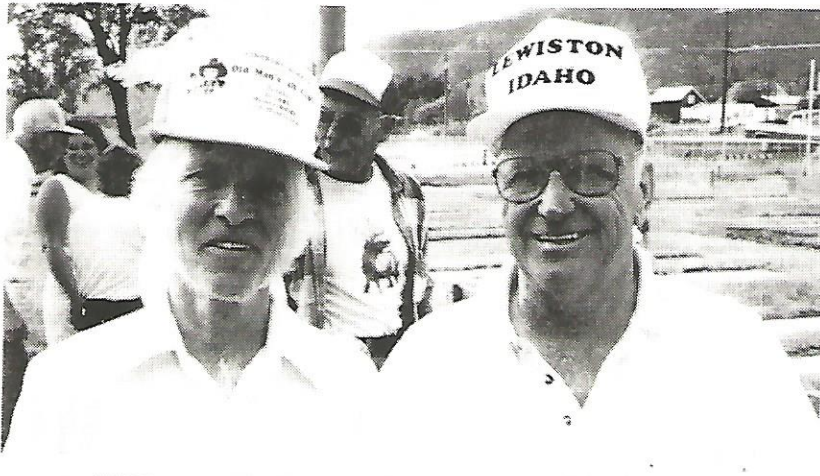
Regardless of the fact that the exercise came to naught, it was worthwhile. It shows all of us that the idea of Idaho hosting the WORLD is not wistful dreaming but a distinct possibility. We have the whole season to discuss and consider whether or not Idaho Horseshoes wishes to bid on WORLD or not. We can decide and vote on it at the State Tournament in Salmon the end of August.

In our report of the Spearfish WORLD we reported only one Idahoan brought home the bacon, Nick Piva of Challis. We overlooked the fact that Ruth Anderson of Idaho Falls took a 2nd in her class E-1 and brought home \$210. worth of bacon. Several big money stakes coming up!

# 1994 Idaho Horseshoe Schedule

Apr 30-May 1	Boise	Boise Spring	
May 7-8	Open		
May 14	Pocatello	Brick Thompson Open	Sanc
May 21	Jerome	Spring Fling	Sanc
May 22	Mountain Home	Olon Crandall Classic	Sanc
May 22	Coeur d'Alene	Kootenai Open	Sanc
June 4	<del>Nampa-Caldwell</del>	<b>\$1500. Handicap Doubles</b>	
June 5	Caldwell	Caldwell Open	Sanc
June 11-12	Fairfield	Bud Lite	
June 18	Challis	Salmon River Open	Sanc
June 19	Salmon	Salmon Valley Open	Sanc
June 25	Idaho Falls	Bob Mitchell Classic	Sanc
June 26	Pocatello	Bud Lite Open	Sanc
July 2-3	Boise	Boise Open	Sanc
July 4	Caldwell		
July 9-10	Pocatello	First Security Games	
July 16	Caldwell	Singles	Sanc
July 17	Caldwell	<b>State Doubles Championship</b>	<b>Sanc</b>
July 17	Coeur d'Alene		Sanc
2 2 July 23-24	Twin Falls	Coors Twin Spin	
July 30-31	Rupert	Rupert Open	
Aug 6-7	Boise	Dave's Wood Works Open	Sanc
Aug 13	Kellogg	Silver Valley Classic (1st 72)	Sanc
Aug 14	Kellogg	Fun Doubles	
Aug 13-14	Fairfield	Coors Open	
Aug 20	Pocatello	Gate City Open	Sanc
Aug 27-28	Salmon	<b>State Championship</b>	<b>Sanc</b>
Sept 10-11	Jackpot	Jackpot Fall	
Sept 17	Idaho Falls	Anderson Family Classic	
Sept 18	Pocatello	Tri-State Ope	
Sept 24	Challis	Challis Fall Open	
Sept 25	Salmon	Salmon Fall Open	

**Register Thursday before Tourney**



## 1993 State Championship

Charie Ault, Sagle, 1993 State Champion with Dean Curry, Lewiston, Runner Up. August 29, 1993

(Photo by Jess Lyda, Orofino)

### *Pitching Tips by Kevin Cone 1992 World Champion*

1. Use a comfortable, natural grip.
2. Toes and shoulders point straight at stake.
3. Take a deep breath before releasing the shoe.
4. Take a nice *straight* backswing.
5. Step straight ahead. Release at eye level. Follow through.
6. Concentrate. Block out all distractions.
7. Practice, practice, practice good habits. Practice when you are a good mood. Practice as if you were in a tournament. When your practice goes poorly — *stop!*
8. Do not get discouraged or upset.
9. Have fun!
10. Learn from mistakes to speed improvement.

### **JEROME SPRING FLING**

Sanctioned May 14th

**0 - 35% start 9:00 AM Sharp!**  
**35 - 100% start 1:00 PM**

*To preregister by Thursday call or write:*

**Henry Reid**

320 N 200 W

Jerome, ID 83338

208-324-2201, or call

Jerry Ostler 208-324-2566, or call

Al Lee 208-324-5333.

## Idaho's 1993 **TOP TEN**

1. Bill Brown, Pocatello 23
2. Jim Taylor, Caldwell 21
3. Chester Whitworth, Pocatello 18
4. Nick Piva, Challis 17
5. Linda Martin, Fairfield 15
6. George Sasz, Mountain Home 13
6. Robert Thackery, Jerome 13
8. Bill Jensen, Twin Falls 11
9. Lynn Johnson, Salmon 10
9. David Spears, Boise 10
9. Buck Walker, Salmon 10



# \$1500.00

## GUARANTEED

FIRST ANNUAL DOUBLES HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

TO BENEFIT THE  
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**Date . . . . Saturday June 4th**

**Time . . . . 9:00 A.M.**

**Lake View Park, Nampa  
Memorial Park, Caldwell**

Round robin 8 teams per flight - - 7 games - - Pay FOUR places

Total team average cannot exceed 100% - - 90% handicap

50 shoes per team -- total points (cancellation) wins

First 66 teams accepted - - \$30. per team

Ties played off with 20 shoes

**DEADLINE Tuesday May 24th**

**Send, name, address, phone, fee and average to**

**Ron Ramsey -POBox 785 -Nampa, ID 83653 -208-467-1821**

If you have no average, pitch 100 shoes before a witness, keep track of the number of ringers, send in scoresheet signed by witness. If you are a 30' pitcher so state on your entry. You will be informed as to just when and where you will pitch.

DIRECTORS: Ron Ramsey 467-1821

Gary Kollmann 466-8096

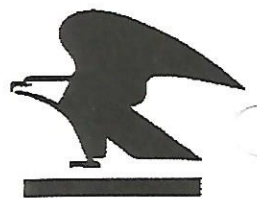
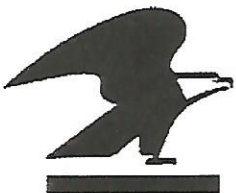
Ralph Warthen 459-1465

Joe Campbell 459-9052

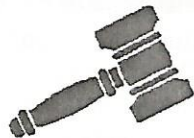
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



HELLO HORSESHOE PITCHERS !!

The 1994 season is about to begin and I'm sure you are all looking forward to progression in Idaho horseshoes. We have one more tournament scheduled in 1994 than in 1993 (thanks to Boise with 3) and we need to make more people aware of our association and expand our membership.

The success of horseshoes in Idaho is due in large part to our "unsung heroes," the tournament directors. They are the people who work hard and long to provide well organized and fun-filled tournaments for our enjoyments. I would like to thank each of the directors in advance for volunteering to take on the task of providing direction and leadership for the 1994 season. (Their names are listed on the page with the 1994 schedule.)

Those of you who have entered larger tournaments out of state undoubtedly recognize the value of the earlier cutoffs for preregistration, thus allowing the tournament directors and opportunity to schedule classes in advance and notify participants of the time they will be pitching. Although we are small and flexibility is an important part of our strategy, perhaps we should be headed in that direction as we grow. In the meantime we can help by preregistering and cancelling if we have a last minute change of plans. Arriving early and extending our thanks rather than complaints will be helpful too.

Toward the goal of providing recognition to the tournament directors I would like to initiate an award for the "Tournament Director of the Year" to be presented at the Annual Banquet at the State Tournament. I will be appointing a committee to determine the winner. At this time firm guidelines have not been established but the categories to consider may include: starting on time, condition of courts, posting results, score keeping, playoffs handled quickly, final report to the Statistician, to the Secretary and to FOUR DEAD!, etc.

See you at the pits!

*Wayne Durnil,*  
President, Twin Falls

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"Could you be a little more specific than, 'I'd like a girl just like the girl that married dear old Dad?'"

### THE BASICS OF HORSESHOE PITCHING

There is a new horseshoe pitching video out, *The Basics of Horseshoe Pitching*. This video sponsored by St Pierre Horseshoes and supported by NHPA is intended for the new and old pitchers alike, for schools, libraries, park recreation directors or the individual who just wants to learn more about the game.

It starts at the beginning with all the specifications of the shoes and the courts in detail. How to measure ringers and points and how to call in the results to the scorekeeper for both "count all" and "cancellation" games. Nothing is left out.

It shows how to hold the shoe for a variety of different turns, the stance, aim, swing, step, release and follow through.

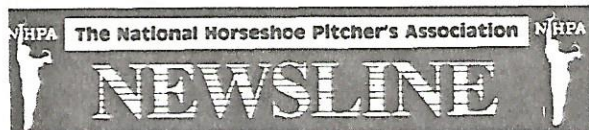
The slow motion sequences of different turns are outstanding. They show the shoe from the release and follow the shoe as it flies through the air and lands in the pit. Even old timers and experienced pitchers find these sequences very helpful to their game.

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## letters

Dear Editor,

A few observations and comments on our divisive practice of mixing 30' and 40'ers in tournaments.

Since it takes more skill to pitch a ringer from 40' than 30', how can any 30'er (either sex) ever feel they have defeated a 40'er? The playing field is even to start with and matching percentages doesn't make it even because the *skills* are not comparable at the different distances. Wish it weren't that way but talk and arguments don't change the inherent advantage the 30'ers have when they are closer to the target than the 40'er.

The fact that we have a foul line at 37' and endeavor to enforce its observance is tacit admittance that any shortening of the pitching distance is an advantage and should and does result in a penalty.

When a 40'er finds he has to move up or give up competition, it is amazing how quickly he realizes his potential for ringers has greatly increased. Once he gets his turn adjusted for the shorter distance — WHAMO — he's pitching more ringers than ever, often a lot more. If he doesn't have too many ailments my guess he'll be adding 10 to 25% to his former average.

This will, of course, vary with the individual and as "father time" (arthritis, bursitis, less stamina and strength, poorer eyesight, cardiac and vascular problems, ad infinitum) makes his presence known and takes its toll, the percentage will come down accordingly.

Probably the best thing for our sport would be for all over 70 to move up to 30". Then, perhaps there would be numbers enough to form their own class. Otherwise, many of the 40'ers would soon revolt (many are now totally frustrated with the situation) when obliged to compete with these guys who used to pitch in classes below them.

These 30'ers haven't suddenly become more skillful, they just are closer to the target and the same skill they had at 40' now, predictably results in more ringers. It is an injustice for 40'ers to have to compete against 30'ers unless some fair way is arrived at so equal skills are competing and not equal percentages as is now the practice in mixed classes.

Handicaps penalize the more skillful pitchers by artificially elevating the less skillful pitcher to the other's level. This kills incentive for either one to practice and to improve their skills.

I should say I'm nearly 75 years old and moved up a couple of years ago — so don't dismiss my comments as coming from a disgruntled 40'er. However, I had the same opinion before moving up to 30'. I sympathize with my 40' competitors, as I used to be one of them.

Moving up has confirmed my previous beliefs and convinced me of the validity of this discussion. I would like to see comments from other 30'ers, particularly men, as I doubt many women fully appreciate or have experience

pitching from both 30' and 40'.

One often mentioned solution and probably the least palatable, would be for everybody to pitch from the same distance. It would have to be 30'. It is a poor solution and shouldn't be considered. I mention it only because some 30'ers think that is the way to go.

A suggestion, somewhat related to the subject, is that it would be more interesting and informative in reporting mixed classes if the 30' pitchers were designated.

Kudos to our president/editor and his staff. They really publish an excellent magazine.

Yours truly,  
/s/ R. W. Thackery  
Jerome, ID

Two possible solutions to the 30/40' problem rarely discussed are: **First solution.** Those now pitching 30' for whatever reason go to 40' but use a two pound shoe rather than the official two and a half pound shoe. It requires the same effort (energy) to pitch a two pound shoe forty feet as it does to pitch a two and a half pound shoe thirty feet. The slight tendency for the lighter shoe to bounce more would be equalized by the greater control and thus the gentler pitch of the two pound shoe. **Second solution.** The 30' pitcher still pitches from 30' and the shoe weighs the official two and a half pounds, the only change in the shoe is that the opening of the shoe for the 30' pitcher is *reduce* by 25%, made 25% narrower. That's to equal the 25% handicap in distance. The official opening for 40' is 3.5". So that the skill required to throw a ringer at 30' is the same as at 40' the opening of the shoe must be reduced. In other words, the opening must be reduced by 88% of an inch. Narrowed from 3.5" to 2.73". JGM

## WELCOME

New ISHPA Members 1994

<i>Perk Thompson</i>	<i>Caldwell</i>
<i>Bill West</i>	<i>Rigby</i>
<i>Jim Turner</i>	<i>Lewiston</i>
<i>Guy Barnes</i>	<i>Lewiston</i>
<i>Mel Benham</i>	<i>Hayden Lake</i>

## Mountain States Regional Seeley Lake, Montana · July 22-24, 1994

In conjunction with the 11th annual Seeley Lake Tournament and fun-filled singles and doubles money throws on Friday night under the lights. Regional on Sat./Sun. at the 20 courts in the Seeley Lake Community Park.

### Pre-register by July 20, 1994

Entry fee \$25.00, \$10.00 for money throw.—Total expected purse for Regional \$3,500 plus over \$1,000 in money throws.

Fees payable to Seeley-Swan Shoe Slingers.  
Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

**P.O. Box 285, Seeley Lake, MT 59868**

Contact Don Larson 406-677-2080 (work) or 677-2570 (home)

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## Official ISHPA Opening Day Percentages

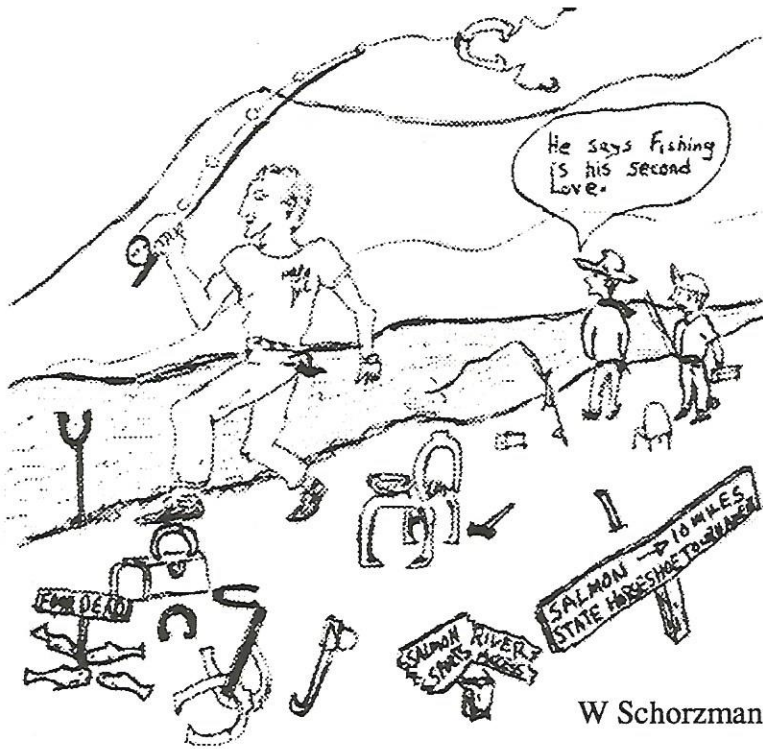
According to State Statistician Allen Lee, Jerome

Sonny Abad*	35.72	Luane Jackson*	13.00	Paul Reeves*	18.92
Wayne Abad*	19.01	Bill Jensen	28.62	Henry Reid	30.32
Cindy Allen*	27.04	John Jereczek	15.74	Myron Rickett*	21.06
JoAnn Allen*	31.91	Irwin Jessen		Berle Riese*	24.03
Kraig Allen*	39.86	Mike John	28.60	Kenneth Riesgard*	29.29
Brett Allies*	19.99	Butch G Johnson	19.38	Travis Robinson	
Jay Anderson*	24.56	Gary Johnson	21.48	Dan Rollins*	25.43
Joy Anderson*	13.10	Ken B Johnson	31.31	Robert Ruark*	32.18
Lyle Anderson*	43.62	Lynn Johnson*	35.10	Roger Rudolph*	17.92
Ruth Anderson*	37.58	Rose Johnson*	12.50	<i>BEST BUDDY</i> William Rust*	39.15
Tony Apodaca*	33.86	Jeff Jones		Jim Saner*	22.07
Charles Ault*	58.11 <i>BEST</i>	Kent Kirk*	36.85	George Sasz*	45.11
Dan Bair*	17.11 <i>210</i>	Gary Kollmann*	47.78	Harold Saylor*	25.19
Jerry Bengston*	30.11	Rose Kubal*	18.53	Don Scarrow*	19.16
Jim Bergstrom*		Allen Lee*	35.30	Lovern Schaler	
Dean Blake*	31.73	Dudley Lemon*	13.62	Delton Schmeling*	37.28
Verne Blalack*	22.82	Norm Little*	24.71	Wayne Schorzman*	32.99
Otto Brennecke*	38.16	Ron Lloyd*	12.50	Wayne Scriven*	35.37
Lew Brock*	30.72	Don Long*	25.60	Gene Shields*	33.11
Bill Brown*	52.59	Ellory Lovell*		Carlena Shove*	22.00
Barney Brownlee*	43.45	Reed Lowe*	27.90	Clarence Spears*	26.22
Myron Buchert*	34.49	Jesse Lyda*	49.84	David Spears*	37.36
Mike Buns*	28.04	Carlos Marquez*	18.25	Lynn Stayner*	35.54
Terry Burnham*	26.37	Clyde Marquez*	46.15	Eric Stephens*	6.66
Bob Campbell*	10.09	Jerry Martin*	32.21	Tim Stephens*	36.29
Jake Campbell*	49.28	Linda Martin*	53.46	Dave Storck*	45.39
Joe Campbell*	43.89	Bill McAugey*	18.75	Eldon Story*	22.15
Jerry Christian*	13.33	Coleen McCreary*		Eric Struchen*	15.83
James Coba*	25.15	John McCreary*	26.75	Bill Stutzman*	21.50
Tom Cory		Jim McCue*	32.75	Glenn Stutzman*	33.30
Olon Crandall*	26.19	Kyle McEnany*	16.59	Warren Stutzmans*	36.03
Elmer Currie*	25.67	Vicki McEnany*	46.87	Stephen Sweitzer*	39.28
Dean Curry*	56.98	Cecil McIndoo*	38.51	Larry Tarr*	35.51
Gary Curtis*	26.76	Mike McNabb*	19.64	Jim Taylor*	59.58 <i>30.20</i>
Ed Deeds*	22.89	Merlin Millar*	23.67	Robert Thackery*	61.98 <i>30.20</i>
Robert Dodd*	42.02	Robert Mitchell*	36.35	Keith Thomas*	
Wayne Durnil*	44.11	Dale Moore*	25.48	Willie Joe Thompson*	39.67
Jerry Fulker	22.51	Wayne Moore*	47.41	Jessie Thorne*	34.15
Fay Fuqua*		Jesse Morrison*	35.75	Vern Tieszen*	27.56
Ray Grossaint*	32.39	Don Moser*	38.42	Bill Travis*	36.38
Lou Gustin*	12.67	Doug Palmer*	37.18	Donna Van Gorder*	38.75
Randy Hansen*	16.80	Bill Parr		Brent VanFleet	
Don Heidt*	17.47	Leo Petersen*	43.53	Van VanGorder*	25.18
Sam Hernandez*	22.73	Robert Peterson*	13.65	Buck Walker*	37.93
Sharel Hill*		Ron Pharis*		John Warren*	33.93
Alan Hobdey*	31.95	Travis Pickering*	27.80	Ralph Warthen*	25.03
Reed Holverson*	22.39	Lou Piva*	52.85	Brian Watson*	20.44
Howard Homme*	41.97	Nick Piva*	50.97	Jason Watson*	27.33
Jake Huston*	17.18	Mark Poole*	17.00	Kevin Watson*	31.99
Ken Ives*	23.90	Ed Poppleton*	23.86	Shirley Watson	
Lance Ives		Kathy Poppleton*	38.06	Norm Watsons*	45.81
Bob Jackson*	24.46	Joe Purjue*	28.29	Clarence Webb*	39.39
Brent Jackson		Russell Randall*	51.16	Dennis Welte	
				Glen Wessel*	26.54
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Horseshoes ain't just for pitchin' any **more**.

## Idaho's Official HIGH FIVE 1993

BOB THACKERY, JEROME 61.98%

JIM TAYLOR, CALDWELL 59.58%

CHARLIE AULT, SAGLE 58.11%

DEAN CURRY, LEWISTON 56.98

LINDA MARTIN, FAIRFIELD 53.46%



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