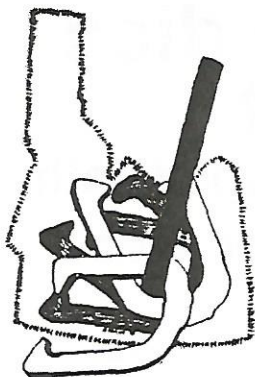


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FOUR DEAD!

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Fifth Annual **Idaho State Doubles CHAMPIONSHIP**

Pocatello July 16

Entry Deadline July 13

Pocatello will be hosting the 5th Annual Idaho State Doubles Championship, Sunday, July 16, 1995 (*not Saturday, July 15, as previously reported*). The event will take place at the Brick Thompson Memorial Horseshoe complex in Ross Park..

This years championship will be held in cooperation with the First Security Games. On Saturday, July 15 we will have the **First Security Games Singles Competition**. This is a non-sanctioned event open to all contestants and a real fun time. Entry deadline for both events is Thursday, July 13, 1995.

Saturday, July 15 Singles Competition will start at 10:30 a.m. Sunday July 16 Doubles Competition will start at 9 a.m. **SHARP**. You can pre-register for either one or both days by contacting:

Jim Price
161 Spence Place
Pocatello, ID 83201
(208) 232-4566

If you leave a message please give me your name, city, phone number and approximate ringer percentage.

The state doubles rules for 1995 will be the same as Caldwell's 1994 rules. They are as follows:

- 1) Total percentage of both partners cannot exceed 100%.
- 2) It will be a mixed tournament handicapped and without restrictions.
- 3) It will be a six team double round robin. There will be a break after the first round of five games.
- 4) It will not be a walking doubles, but partners

may exchange shoes at mid-court.

5) 50-shoe cancellation games.

Entry fee is \$17.50 for the championship on Sunday, which includes a lunch for participants, and Saturday's singles event is \$12.00, which includes a First Security Games T-shirt. We will payback the top three teams in each class.

We'll be looking forward to seeing you on Saturday the 15th for **First Security Games** singles and Sunday the 16th for the **Idaho State Doubles Championship**.

Leave I-15 at southmost Pocatello exit (67). Go north on 5th Street to Fredregill. Turn left on Fredregill to 2nd Street. Turn left to park. Pits are behind tall shrubs on the right side.

This issue of FOUR DEAD! contains the report of every 1995 Idaho tournament held to date. This is the first time this has happened and we wish to thank all of the Director and Al Lee, the State Statistician for the great cooperation it takes to make this possible. It's a team effort. Al has worked hard to get his computer properly programmed — it ain't easy, as many of you know. He is now able to print out complete summary sheets. Thanks again.



*"Er, Pastor Bob, there's no ceremony
in this book for **FOUR DEAD!**"*



Norman

Brian

Watson

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at the United Church of Kellogg for Norman Brian Watson, Sr., 57, Big Creek. Rev. Jerry Seratt will officiate at the service. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Kellogg. Norman died Sunday at Deaconess Hospital in Spokane.

Norman was born April 25, 1937 in Beachton, Oklahoma, the son of Simon and Ethel Watson. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He wed Shirley Stein on July 1, 1960 in Salem, Oregon and they came to the area in 1962.

He was employed as a heavy equipment operator at the Sunshine Mine prior to his retirement in 1992. Memberships included the National and the Silver Valley Horseshoe Club and the Pentecostal Tabernacle in Smeltonville.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing and enjoyed and loved his grand children very much.

Survivors include his wife at the family home in Big Creek; two sons, Norman Brian Watson, Jr., U.S. Navy, Yorktown, Virginia and Kevin of Kellogg; two daughters, Vicki McEnany, Pinehurst and Karen "Katie" Covey, Richland, Washington; five grandchildren and twin granddaughters that are expected; his mother, Ethel of Stayton, Oregon; two brothers, Truman and Johnny, both of Stayton,; three sisters, JoAnn Sears and Sharon King, all of Stayton and Donna Roebke, Aumsville, Oregon; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and one grandson. Arrangements are under the direction of Shoshone Funeral Service.

Fisherman dies in accident

Kellogg man drowned; others had to swim for lives

By Winda Benedetti
Staff writer

ROSE LAKE, Idaho. No one was wearing the only life jacket on board when a boat sank on Killarney Lake Sunday, leaving a 57-year-old, man to drown, sheriff's officials said.

Norman Watson Sr. of Kellogg died after spending more than an hour submerged in the 40-degree water southeast of Coeur d'Alene.

Watson, a Silver Valley miner, had been fishing on a friend's 15-foot boat with four other people, according to a Kootenai County Sheriff's report.

The five were trolling when the boat started to take on water about 3:20 p.m., according to the report.

The boat owner and pilot, James Lange, 43, of Kellogg said he believes the plug may have come out of the bottom of the boat, said sheriff's Lt. Nile Shirley.

The passengers panicked, according to the sheriff's report, and tried to swim to shore.

The boat's stern sank to the bottom of the lake, leaving its bow jutting out of the water.

Loretta North, 42, and Alfred L. Ward, 38, both of Kellogg swam about 175 feet to shore. Other boaters pulled Lang and Ronnie Anderson, 39 of Kellogg out of the water.

Ward told police that the victim had been swimming behind him but disappeared without a sound.

Two divers from the Kootenai County Dive Team pulled Watson from the water about 4:40 p.m. He was airlifted to the Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane where he was pronounced dead at 6:22 pm.

Lt Nile Shirley said that only one life jacket was seen floating around the boat wreckage.

Since 1989, 18 people have drowned in Kootenai County boating-related accident Lt Shirley said.

The law requires that there be one life jacket on board for every passenger. The life vests must be approved by the Coast Guard and must be the appropriate size for each passenger. The law does not require that passengers wear the life jacket. But Lt Shirley said, "Having one on would have saved a life yesterday."

As most of you probably know by now we lost Norm in a boating accident April 23rd. I have received hundreds of cards, phone calls and personal visits as well as food, flowers, prayers and money. This is a difficult time for me and the kids and we want to thank everyone of you for thinking of us. We appreciate your friendship and will always remember your thoughtfulness.

Shirley & Family

SHIRLEY WATSON
Brian & Vicki
Katie & Kevin

SCOREBOARD

ALL tourney reports were received on time and in good shape. That's the first time it's ever happened. Thanks. Director need not include any percentages in **non-sanctioned** events but should include three placements and games won & lost.. If you wish to include other info on the tourney -- where pitchers are from, playoffs, high game, etc. -- we will be happy to report it. **Sanctioned** results go immediately to the State Statistician Al Lee in Jerome. He forwards percentages to NatStats and results to **FOUR DEAD!**

FIRST ANNUAL SPRING FLING

Caldwell - April 22

Director Ralph Warthen

Class A

- | | |
|------------------|-------|
| 1. David Spears | Boise |
| 2. Gary Kollmann | Nampa |
| 3. Don Moser | Inkom |

Class B

- | | |
|------------------|-----------|
| 1. Kirk Jacobsen | Mtn Home |
| 2. Bob Stevenson | Caldwell |
| 3. Van VanGorder | Fairfield |

Combined 30' - 40'

- | | |
|--------------------|----------|
| 1. Clarence Spears | Boise |
| 2. Howard Homme | Wilder |
| 3. Sofia Corn | Caldwell |

BOISE SPRING OPENER

Boise - April 29

Director - David Spears

A Class

- 1) David Spears
- 2) Gary Kollmann
- 3) George Sasz

Spears - Kollmann playoff won by Spears 35-24. Spears threw high game of tourney with 57.89

B Class

- 1) Sophia Corn
- 2) Bill Travis
- 3) Larry Tarr

C Class

- 1) Kirk Jacobsen
- 2) Ralph Warthen
- 3) Virginia Manwill

D Class

- 1) Don McMurdie
- 2) Dennis Blackstun
- 3) Dan Newell

McMurtry won playoff with Blackstun.

MOUNTAIN HOME OPEN

April 30 - Sanctioned

Directors Sasz & Jacobsen

Class A

1. George Sasz	6	2	39.82
2. Jim Taylor	6	2	48.45
3. Howard Homme	4	4	46.85
4. Wayne Durnil	3	5	35.08
5. Dona VanGorder	1	7	16.78

High game by Homme vs D VanGorder 60.0%.

Class B

1. Buck Walker	6	0	37.21
2. Sofia Corn	5	1	32.75
3. Corlell VanGorder	4	2	28.87
4. Don Long	3	3	22.06
5. Bill Jensen	2	4	25.00
6. Bill Travis	1	5	27.57
7. Reed Holverson	0	6	11.50

Class C

1. Kirk Jacobsen	6	0	33.07
2. Wendy Deeds	5	1	21.30
3. Gene Tarr	3	3	23.59
4. Ed Deeds	3	3	23.02
5. Jerry Martin	2	4	21.67
6. Carlos Marquez	1	5	19.46
7. Henry Reid	1	5	18.75

See over

**First
Security
GAMES**

HORSESHOES POCATELLO JULY 15-16

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**Hearing aids, roll aids, band aids,
government aids, medic-aids, et al.**

SCOREBOARD cont'd.

JEROME SPRING FLING

Jerome - May 20

Director - Henry Reid

Class A

1. Clyde Maequez	6	2	*47.81
2. Linda VanGorder	5	3	*54.37
3. Duane Archibald	4	3	53.21
4. Charlie Ault	4	3	51.78
5. Howard Homme	4	3	47.14
6. Harry Chapin	3	4	41.78
7. Bill Brown	2	5	45.35
8. Chet Whitworth	1	6	23.21

*Playoff. High game by VanGorder vs Archibald 70%

Class B

1. Jim Price	6	1	39.22
2. George Sasz	6	1	44.62
3. Kieth Thomas	5	2	43.28
4. Don Moser	3	4	38.03
5. Joe Campbell	3	4	36.33
6. Lynn John	3	4	33.43
7. Wayne Durnil	2	5	31.17
8. Dona VanGorder	0	7	47.24

High game by Price vs Thomas 57.14%

Class C

1. David Spears	7	0	44.29
2. Allen Lee	5	2	37.90
3. Ralph Warthen	5	2	36.73
4. Louis Brock	4	3	31.56
5. Buck Walker	3	4	29.19
6. Lynn Johnson	3	4	27.87
7. Dean Blake	2	5	27.55
8. Mariner Munk	0	7	18.33

High game by Spears vs Walker 61.76%

Class D

1. Sophia Corn	6	1	32.08
2. Bill Travis	4	3	31.98
3. Corlell VanGorder	4	3	28.48
4. Ray Grossaint	4	3	27.13
5. Con Moser	4	3	24.24
6. Gary Curtis	3	4	24.66
7. Don Long	2	5	27.50
8. Rodney Pickering	1	6	24.53

High game by Curtis vs Pickering 42.85%

Class E

1. Kirk Jacobson	7	0	33.94
2. John Warren	6	1	29.62
3. Harvey Moore	5	2	37.84
4. Vern Tieszen	3	4	26.62
5. Gene Tarr	3	4	19.57
6. Leon Johnson	2	5	24.23
7. Reed Holverson	2	5	20.96
8. Henry Reid	0	7	14.08

High game by Moore vs Holverson 42.10.

Class F

1. Alma Clark	7	0	29.57
2. Wendy Deeds	6	1	29.51
3. Ed Deeds	4	3	22.85
4. Lou Logosz	3	4	18.51
5. Faye Fuqua	3	4	13.31
6. George Barrus	2	5	21.14
7. Rick Peterson	2	5	12.99
8. Larry Ranstrom	1	6	10.49

High game by W Deeds vs Logosz 41.17.

Class G

1. Ryan Lloyd	5	1	19.58
2. Merlin Miller	4	2	13.00
3. Ron Lloyd	3	2	15.00
4. Doug Willis	3	2	7.50
5. Shawn Dunbar	1	4	6.00
6. James VanGorder	0	5	13.00

High games 22.5 by Ryan & Ron Lloyd and Merlin Miller.

COORS TWIN SPIN (\$500 added)

Twin Falls - May 21

Director - Harry Chapin

Class A

1. Gary Kollmann	6	1	53.95
2. Howard Homme	5	2	57.42
3. Jim Taylor	5	2	48.28
4. Linda VanGorder	4	3	56.85
5. Clyde Marquez	3	4	46.00
6. Harry Chapin	3	4	41.14
7. Chester Whitworth	1	6	35.42
8. Charlie Ault*	1	2	51.33

*Pitched only 3 games of 7.

High games 68% by Kollmann, Homme, L VanG.

Class B

1. David Spears	6	1	48.61
2. George Sasz	5	2	41.15
3. Lynn Johnson	4	3	36.55
4. Don Moser	4	3	35.71
5. Buck Walker	3	4	33.81
6. Wayne Durnil	3	4	33.22
7. Tony Apodaca	3	4	27.67
8. Dona VanGorder	0	7	5.26

High game 66.66% by Spears vs Sasz.

Class C

1. Gene Shields	6	1	34.04
2. Ray Grossaint	5	2	28.74
3. Corlell VanGorder	4	3	29.35
4. Dean Blake	4	3	25.00
5. Sophia Corn	3	4	27.87
6. Don Long	3	4	24.27
7. Henry Reid	2	5	14.46
8. Bill Travis	1	6	27.01

High game 47.82 by Shields vs Grossaint.

Class D

1. Kirk Jacobsen	7	0	32.60
2. Con Moser	5	2	31.76
3. Carlos Marquez	3	4	28.52
4. Rod Pickering	3	4	22.22
5. Reed Holverson	3	4	20.32
6. Gene Tarr	3	4	16.17
7. Ed Deeds	2	5	21.06
8. Vern Tieszen	2	5	18.40

High game 42.5 by Jacobsen vs Pickering.

Class E

1. Wendy Deeds	7	1	24.04
2. Leon Johnson	6	2	23.43
3. Bill McAughty	4	3	20.90
4. Lynn Fuqua	4	3	19.71
5. Ron Lloyd	3	4	17.96
6. Lou Logosz	3	4	15.17
7. James VanGorder	1	6	14.00
8. Shawn Dunbar	1	6	8.75

Coeur d'Alene Spring Open
May 21 - Sanctioned
Director - Tim Stephens

Class A

1. Les Myers	6	1	56.11
2. Del Driskell	5	2	59.41
3. Rick Rebman	5	2	51.52
4. Bonnie Schuster	4	3	41.20
5. Bob Hildebrant	3	4	52.14
6. Dean Curry	3	4	42.09
7. Jess Lyda	1	6	41.40
8. Brenda McNeely	1	6	32.97

High game 70.8 by Driskell vs Lyda.

Class B

1. Bill Rust	6	1	47.53
2. Kraig Allen	5	2	48.07
3. Cliff Amsbaugh	5	2	46.59
4. George Schuster	4	3	36.57
5. Rob Dodd	3	4	33.25
6. Sonny Abad	3	4	29.24
7. Darwin Platz	2	5	29.36
8. Bob Rebman	0	7	28.69

High game 67.64 by K Allen vs Amsbaugh.

Class C

1. Sean McNeeley	6	1	40.62
2. Chris Worth	5	2	37.20
3. Otto Brennecke	4	3	36.57
4. Don Foreman	4	3	31.05
5. Del Schmeling	3	4	34.02
6. Clyde Sweeney	3	4	32.06
7. Joe Wolf	2	5	31.34
8. Wayne Abad	1	6	30.31

Class D

1. Tim Stephens	7	1	38.46
2. Bob Humnell	6	2	33.70
3. Ike Bews	5	2	29.87
4. Myron Buchert	4	3	47.22
5. Jerry Bengston	3	4	30.30
6. Cindy Allen	2	5	23.17
7. Jo Ann Allen	1	6	27.27
8. Elmer Currie	1	6	23.60

High game 53.12 by Stephens vs Jo Ann.

Class E

1. Ed Johnson	7	0	36.42
2. Bob Jackson	5	2	26.90
3. Earl Kettleson	4	3	36.42
4. Myron Rickett	4	3	24.84
5. Leonard Foreman	4	3	23.96
6. Terry Burnham	2	5	24.85
7. Mel Benham	2	5	18.67
8. Rex Thompson	0	7	22.35

E Kettleson high game vs Thompson 47.61

Class F

1. Chris Johnson	7	0	28.81
2. Vicki Freeland	6	1	22.35
3. John Perry	5	2	23.49
4. Chris Ziegler	4	3	11.90
5. Marie Myers	3	4	15.31
6. Don Mousseau	2	5	5.13
7. Jayson Freeland	1	6	6.13
8. Rick Mousseau	0	7	5.99

High game 36.11% by Chris J. vs Don M.

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BOISE Report

The Annual Dave's Wood Works Open will soon be here. I would like to invite all available horseshoe pitchers to attend, I would like to see this the BIGGEST Horseshoe Pitching Tournament Boise has seen in a long time.

The date is Sunday August 6th and we will start pitching at 9:30 AM, I would like to have everybody there by no later than 9:00 AM. You must pre-register NO LATER than Saturday evening at 9:00 PM

There will be an ADDED \$ 500.00 prize money (donated by Dave's Wood Works), along with SPECIAL 1st place prizes for each class. There will also be wood working items galore to be given away at the end of pitching and you MUST be present to win. Please plan on attending the Dave's Wood Works Open Sunday August 6th, and don't forget the Boise open Saturday July 1st.

I would also like to mention that Boise now has a Horseshoe pitching league at Julia Davis Park every Thursday evening. It begins at 7:30 p.m. and is a handicapped count-all league. The cost is a mere 50 cents each night. I will also be giving away a woodworking item every 3rd week. Anybody interested in pitching on our league may contact David Spears at 342-5190 or Denis Blackstun at 336-7297.

Dave Spears

Welcome to IDAHO HORSESHOES

Neil Gardner - Pocatello
Leon Johnson - Challis
Mont Lewis - Pocatello
Lyle Kessel - Pocatello
Bernadine Kessel - Pocatello
Rick Mousseau - Coeur d'Alene
Don Mousseau - Coeur d'Alene
Alma C Clark - Burley
Larry Ranstrom - Emmett
Rick Peterson - Emmett
Rod Pickering - Boise
Ron Willis - Fairfield



KELLOGG Report

The SILVER VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB has been practicing for the start of league about the first week of June. At our last club meeting in April, new officers for the coming year were elected.

They are:

Gary Yergler - President
 Vicki McEnany - Vice-President
 Shirley Watson - Secy/Treas

The local high school is starting a horseshoe pitching program in some of their classes and hopefully this will lead to the local club picking up some new pitchers. In view of this the club has decided to waive the club membership fee and pay up to \$10.00 of the NHPA card for the first year for first year members only. This would apply to any first year members.

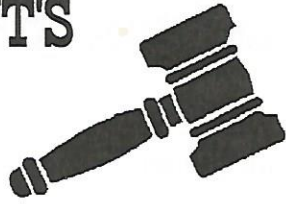
The club recently received a beautiful plaque from the National association for conducting a sanctioned league for the past five years. This is a very easy function and we would encourage other clubs to try it also. Guidelines are available for the asking through NHPA.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Silver Valley Classic on August 12-13. Get your motel reservations early if you need them as there is also an all-class reunion that same weekend.

Shirley W.

PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE



During the season I get many questions and comments regarding various aspects of horseshoe pitching. These questions indicate to me that people are interested in improving the quality of horseshoe pitching in Idaho. I am not always able to give a satisfactory answer to some of the questions because they are items that need to be discussed at the annual meeting and decisions need to be made by the general membership.

One of the questions asked recently involves a standard for handicapping tournaments. Since there is usually a significant difference in ringer percentages in the "A" class and the lowest class of most tournaments, it has been popular this year to handicap these classes.

National rules do not include a standard for handicapping and if this subject has been addressed officially in Idaho it is not in the by-laws. At this point in time the handicapping decisions have been left to the discretion of the tournament directors. To my knowledge there has not been a great many complaints about handicapping but perhaps it is time to establish a standard that will help the directors with those decisions.

What percentage spread between the number one seed and the last seed is required before we handicap a class? How many shoes and/or points should be pitched in a handicap class? Should we allow one point for each ringer differential? More or less?

Another subject that has been brought to my attention recently is score keeping pay. Are we paying enough or is it worth more? It's a big job to keep score, especially if a person is keeping for more than one game at a time, which happens frequently. Perhaps an increase would encourage more spouses to keep score and in some cases it

may entice outsiders to keep score i.e. Boy Scouts or civic clubs. These are items that need to be addressed by the general membership. Since the annual meeting will not be held until the state tournament in August, I would like to see some opinions on these or any other topic in letters to the editor of Four Dead.

Please take note of the schedule change regarding the state doubles tournament. Due to a schedule conflict with the First Security Games the state doubles will be moved from Saturday, July 15 to Sunday, July 16. Singles competition for the First Security Games will be held on Saturday. The Pocatello club is to be commended for accommodating both tournaments.

I have appointed Dave Spears, Boise to be Assistant Regional Director (ARD) to interface with Rick Rebman and the national organization on matters requiring such contact. Dave is very enthusiastic and will represent Idaho well.

To date I have not received any calls or received any information from clubs interested in bidding for a World Tournament. Assuming no word means no serious interest I will not pursue that subject further at this time.

Is everyone aware of the NHPA Newslines? Some of you newer members may not be. Newslines is a publication issued six times annually by NHPA. It has many interesting articles as well as stats, etc. No horseshoe pitcher should be without it. You will find a subscription form in this issue of Four Dead!

See you at the pits.

Wayne Durnil

Wayne Durnil, Twin Falls
President

An acquaintance is a person you know well enough to borrow money from but not well enough to loan money to.

Maybe we should all swap problems -- it seems every one knows how to solve the other person's problems.

Remaining
1995 IDAHO HORSESHOE SCHEDULE

June 10	Fairfield	Bud Lite	
June 11	Fairfield	Bud Lite	
June 17	Salmon	Salmon Valley Open	
June 18	OPEN	Father's Day	
June 24	Idaho Falls	Annual Open	Sanc
June 25	Pocatello	Thompson Open (\$200. added)	Sanc
July 1	Boise	Boise Open	Sanc
July 2	Mt Home	Mt Home Open	Sanc
July 4	Caldwell	Independence Day Open	
July 8	OPEN		
July 9	Coeur d'Alene	Kootenai Open	
July 15	Pocatello	First Security Games - Singles	
July 16	Pocatello	IDAHO STATE DOUBLES CHAMP	Sanc
July 22	OPEN		
July 23	OPEN		
July 29	Rupert	Warren Stutzman Memorial	Sanc
July 30	Rupert	Warren Stutzman Memorial	Sanc
Aug 5	Caldwell	Ralph Warthen Classic	Sanc
Aug 6	Boise	Dave's Woodworks Open (\$500. added)	
Aug 12	Kellogg	12th Annual Silver Valley Classic	Sanc
Aug 13	Kellogg	12th Annual Fun Doubles	
Aug 12	Fairfield	Coors Open	
Aug 13	Fairfield	Coors Open	
Aug 19	Pocatello	Gate City Open	Sanc
Aug 20	OPEN		
Aug 26	Jerome	IDAHO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	Sanc
Aug 27	Jerome	IDAHO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	Sanc
Sept 2	OPEN		
Sept 3	OPEN		
Sept 9	Jackpot	Cactus Pete's Fall Open	
Sept 10	Jackpot	Cactus Pete's Fall Open	
Sept 16	Challis	Challis Fall Open	Sanc
Sept 17	Salmon	Salmon Fall Open	Sanc
Sept 23	Boise	Boise Fall Open	

30' or 40' -- IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME

"I have been involved with tournament play going on five years now. Through those years, I have met a lot of great people, who love and play our great sport and learned a lot about the game from beginning until now. Sometimes after or during a tournament, you hear people say things like how come that woman, Jr., or Senior man is in my class? They only won because they were throwing from 30 feet and I was throwing from 40 feet." I remember my first tournament in Shelton. I was beaten, NO, I was killed by a woman, Ebaine Hansen, 35 to 0. Did I say she won because she was throwing from 30 feet? No! It wasn't her fault that my shoes went over the

peg, past the back board, and almost over the fence. She was in my class based on her ringer percentage and not where she throws from. That's where she belonged. If we get that women, Jr., or Sr. person to come out and watch our sport and hear negative talk, do you think they might come out and play our game? Maybe, if we get enough women, Jrs., and/or Seniors to come out and play, they could be in their own class. (That's why we must get more members — so classes don't have to be mixed.) Until then, I welcome all opponents, whether their pitching from 30 or 40 feet and if they beat me, good for them. Next time I'll practice more.

George Wooster
 Connecticut

Tho'ts on HANDICAPPING

When there is a wide variation in the ability (ringer percentage) of pitchers that must pitch together, handicapping is the only practical solution to make the contest competitive. No one likes handicaps. Generally, if there are a great many pitchers, there is no need to handicap. In the world tournament, for example, there are many 36-man classes when every pitcher has the same ringer percentage or within 1, 2 or 3% of each other. That, of course, is ideal.

Cancellation scoring to a certain number of points (say 40 or 50 points) where the number of shoes to be thrown is unknown is much more complicated to handicap than when the number of shoes to be thrown is known in advance. That's because the handicap differs according to the number of shoes pitched. *The simplest way to fairly handicap is to pitch a certain number of shoes, say, 40 or 50, regardless of the score.* That way the number of points to be added to the lower percentage player can be added in the first box. The handicap differs depending on the percentage difference between each two pitchers. It is not a single constant figure as we have used in the past.

The system is based on the difference in ringer percentage between the two pitchers — that is, the difference in the number of ringers thrown by each *in pitching 100 shoes*. We convert the percentages into points, three points for every ringer or 1%. For example one pitcher throws 25%, the other 35%, the difference is 10% or 30 points *in 100 shoes*. In a 50-shoe game it would be half of that or 15 points. In a 40-shoe game the handicap would be 12 points and it would be added in the first frame. Another pitcher throws 28.6, the other throws 33.4. The difference is 4.8%, make that 5% or 15 points for 100 shoes, for a 40-shoe game that would be a handicap of 6 points. This just deals with the ringers, the better pitcher still has the advantage of close points and pitching first.

Where "D" is the difference in percentages between the two pitchers, "H" is the handicap:

$D \times 3 \times .5 = \text{Handicap in 50-shoe game.}$

$D \times 3 \times .4 = \text{Handicap in 40-shoe game.}$

The easy way is to follow the table. Pitchers can do that themselves when their percentage is included on their cards:

Diff %	HANDICAP		Diff %	HANDICAP	
	50	40		50	40
1%	2	2	11%	17	13
2%	3	3	12%	18	14
3%	5	4	13%	19	16
4%	6	5	14%	21	17
5%	8	6	15%	23	18
6%	9	7	16%	24	19
7%	11	8	17%	26	20
8%	12	10	18%	27	22
9%	14	11	19%	29	23
10%	15	12	20%	30	24

The handicap chart could be posted for all to see. Each director must have a copy and eventually cards could

be printed for every player. This is the simplest and thus least subject to error.

This material came from *The Horseshoe Pitcher's Manual*, a NHPA publication. The handicap system was developed by the New Jersey Horseshoe Pitcher's Association and has been found the most satisfactory handicapping for "cancellation" scoring. Count all" scoring requires a different handicap system. JGM

TOP TEN -- Idaho's Winningest

- Kirk Jacobsen 15
- David Spears 12
- George Sasz 9
- Sophia Corn 8
- Gary Kollmann 7
- Wendy Weeds 5
- Howard Homme 5
- Linda VanGorder 5
- Bill Travis 4
- Jim Price 3
- Clyde Marquez 3
- Bill Rust 3
- Clarence Spears 3
- Tim Stephens 3
- Jim Taylor 3
- Buck Walker 3
- Ralph Warthen 3

North Rocky Mountain Regional

Grand Junction, Colorado
July 1-3, 1995

16 courts in Lincoln Park, no overnight parking allowed, RV parks close by.

Pre-register by June 19, 1995.

Entry fee \$25. Added purse probable.

Fees payable to Western Colorado Horseshoe Pitching Club. Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

Vic Magnus
377 Rodell, Grand Junction, CO 81503
Phone 303-241-6051

Northwest Pacific Regional

Hermiston, Oregon
June 17-18, 1995.

25 courts at Weber Field
RV parking available at Fairgrounds next to courts.

Pre-register by June 10, 1995.

Entry fee \$25 Class "A", \$20 all other classes.

Total purse expected to exceed \$4,000.

Entry payable to Hermiston Horseshoe Club. Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

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HIGH FIVE

Percentage Horseshoe Pitchers

Charlie Aull 58.11

Linda Van Gorder 57.93

Bill Brown 57.65

Howard Komme 56.16

Gary Kollmann 55.69

FOUR DEAD! *Notes...*

Deadline for August issue is July 25 -- can we hear from you by then? Your comments are important in decision making for Idaho Horse-shoes ***** Did you notice that **Mr & Mrs Les Myers** (former Idahoans -Les & Marie) competed in the Coeur d'Alene tourney? In fact Les won "A".***** What do you think about handicapping? Let us hear your point of view.*****Become involved.*****Do your part, get a new member today.***** **Directors: Remember to send your \$1. per participant in your tourney to Sec'y-Treas. Bonnie Stutzman to support FOUR DEAD! That's for both sanctioned and non sanctioned tournaments.** ***** If you are not receiving your FOUR DEAD! or your address is incorrect let us hear from you. ***** Good pitching -- Have a nice summer. JGM



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