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# FOUR DEAD!

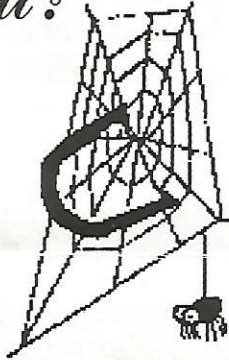
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Jim McCue, *Editor*

April 1997

*Spring has Sprung!*  
*Have you?*

**If that's your shoe?  
... Shame on you!**



A new day is dawning, a new season is beginning. It looks like a great pitchin' year ahead. Before the first shoe is pitched more than 40 have already paid their Idaho & National dues. Send your \$17 in today to: Bonnie Stutzman, 570 N 300 W, Rupert, ID 83350 or call 532-4452. Remember, 1997 dues were due on January 1st. You're late already.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From the south forty of the Sun Vista RV Resort in Yuma*



**IT'S** about time to get those rusty old horse-shoes out and shined up for the coming year of fun.

Let's remember all Directors put in **FOUR DEAD!** how your tournament will be run. Let's also remember that each Director has the option and discription to run their tournament as he (or she) sees fit. Let us all be sure to tell each Director the good job he (or she) is doing instead of finding fault. After all we are all doing the best we can.

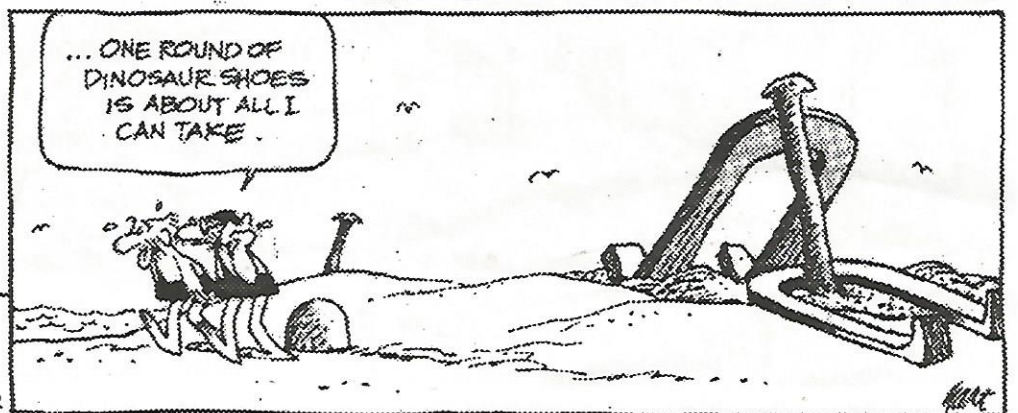
I'm looking forward to seeing all of you next month.

As ever,

*Henry Reid*  
President, Jerome

**BE AN IDAHO  
HORSESHOE  
BOOSTER**

**B.C.**

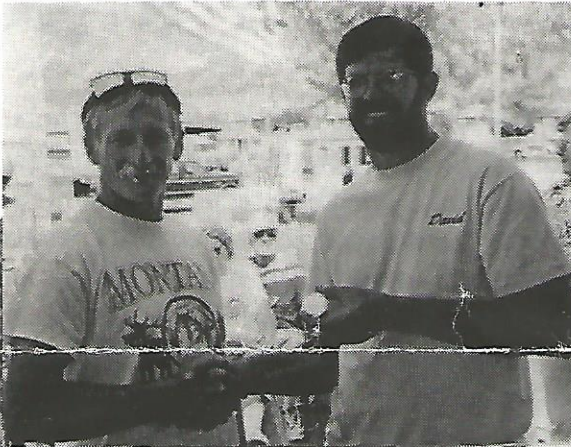


With the closing of the 1996 pitching season we had a great deal more news to report than we had space to report it. To stay within budget we can publish no more than six sheets, that's 12 pages

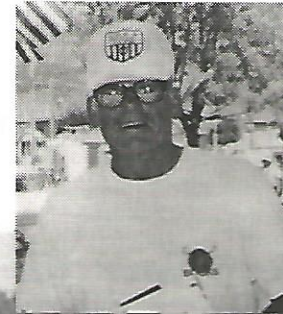
that go for 32 cents. That's the reason you'll find some of last year's info in this issue. These photos of the 1996 State Tourney are by Don Heidt of Kellogg.

Gary Yergler, host of the sponsoring Silver Valley Club, presents Dave Spears with a Silver Round for High Game in Class A. Sunshine Mining donated Sterling Rounds for high game in each class.

Below are the four who tied in regular play at State. Left to right: Nick Piva, Challis; Dave Spears, Boise; Bill Rust, Lewiston and Gary Kollmann, Nampa.



Right. Bill Rust, Lewiston, the 1996 Idaho State Champion 55.29%



Silver Valley  
Horseshoe Club  
Kellogg, Idaho



This group shot was taken late after most folks had left - only the die-hards remain. The first person who sends the identity of every person in

this group photo (left to right, back to front) will receive a new crisp twenty dollar bill from **FOUR DEAD!** for their interest and accuracy.

## The Lou Brock Story

*Editor's note. Lou Brock of Malad has been active in horse-shoes in the Idaho-Utah area for a number of years up until last year. His 1996 appearances around the region were few and far between—and then only as a spectator. The reason for that status is told in his own words below.. We all hope to see him as a participant this year.*

**O**n May 25, 1996 I made my second attempt to climb Mount Whitney in California. It is the highest peak, at 14,494 feet elevation, in the Lower 48, second only to Mount McKinley in Alaska.

After registering for a motel room in the morning at Long Pine, my brother, Dan, and I drove up to the base of the mountain called Portal Whitney at the 8360' elevation. Portal Whitney has a lodge with a dining room and a parking lot for some 300 cars.

At about 9 AM I started up the trailhead to begin the 10-mile journey to the summit. My brother waited in the lodge. I was expected to return by 8:30. Climbers in front of me manage to blaze a trail through the four inches of new snow. The weather turned from cloudy to sunshine. By 2 o'clock I made it to the 12,500 foot level. I took a break.

The next part of the climb was very steep and the snow was very hard. I used my ice axe to hack my way up. After an hour of climbing I reached the Great Divide at 13,700 feet. The steepest part of the climb was over but by this time I was very tired.

I followed the trail around the back side of the mountain. The snow was up to my knees. The trail went up and around the mountain again zigzagging all the way. I could see near the top of the mountain now. In some places the snow was up to my waist. At about 14,300 feet—less than 200 feet from the top—I was overcome by exhaustion. It was 4:30. I knew I must get down if I was to live and so I started down the trail without ever reaching the top. So near yet so far.

As I headed downward, it started snowing and the wind began to blow and I became disoriented and could not find my way. I seemed to be locked in with cliffs on three sides. I made a windbreak out of rocks. I crawled inside and took off my socks. I warmed them against my body and with difficulty, shivering and shaking I put them back on. I looked at my altimeter watch, it read 20 degrees. Only God knew what the windchill temperature was.

At this point I thought this might be my last night on earth. I thought of my friends and loved ones I might never see again. I felt doomed to certain destruction. The end was near.

About 9 PM I could see climbers coming up about a half mile away. I yelled and yelled for help but that brought no

response. I left my place and hiked over to them. They told me they had seen me but they would not help me. After about half an hour I left to find my windbreak but could not find it. So being extremely tired I slept under a rock which gave me some protection. During the night I was very cold. I felt some mice crawling on me and brushed them off. My feet were very cold. I had nightmares.

The next morning when I awoke at about 6:30 my feet were frozen solid. I figured out the way to the bottom. I did not look for my gear, just left it wherever it was. It took me about a half an hour to make it down to the Divide. From there I slid down the mountain for about 600 feet.

When I reached the 12,00 foot level where some climbers had spent the night, they gave me some food and drink. They took off my socks and boots and gave me fresh ones. I dropped off the boots at the lodge at the bottom. One of the campers told me they expected to see me come off the mountain in a body bag.

The trip down took me five and half hours, the sun was bright off the snow and it was about 80 degrees. About four miles from the bottom my feet thawed out and caused me great pain. I reached Whitney Portal about 1:30 PM.

The sheriff had apparently been informed and met me at the bottom and escorted me to the hospital at Lone Pine. The hospital said that the frost bite was too severe for them to handle and so I drove to Ridgecrest Hospital about 85 miles away. There they cut off the big blisters and removed much of the dead skin. I received physical therapy twice a day and was there for two week. When I left the toes of my right foot were in real bad shape.

The first day I drove to Las Vegas and stayed overnight, making it to Malad the next day. My condition was deteriorating fast, when I reached home my big toe was as black as coal and the second toe was little better. I stayed at Leo Brown's home that first night home. I was in great pain.

The next day I had my feet examined by the doctor and he put me into the hospital. The physical therapist examined me and we started the twice daily therapy treatments and the doctor started further debriedment. again. This boring routine continued for about a month from June 12 to July 14.

On the 14th Dr. Johnson cut off a half inch of bone on my right big toe and in about a two hour operation grafted (with 20 stitches) skin over the end of it. As the anesthetic wore off and my pain started another emergency came into the hospital and it was some time before I could get anything for the pain.

By August 9 my condition had improved sufficiently to be discharged from the hospital but I had to continue with physical therapy.

*Subscribe, read & enjoy*



## 1997 Tournament Directors

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<b>NEWSLINE</b> Dave Loucks	13656 Thoroughbred Loop	Grass Valley, CA 95949	

**Director: How are you going to run your tourney?? Please let we pitchers know.**

At the State Meeting in Kellogg it was discussed and agreed by all that there is a definite and positive advantage to the game and for the pitchers if they know in advance (in **FOUR DEAD!**) how the tourney is going to be run. This takes nothing from the Directors ability to run their tourney any way they feel is best but it does let the pitchers know what to expect.

In the October **FOUR DEAD!** the President suggested, *"To make our tournaments run better I would like to have the Directors write up the way they are going to run their tournaments and put it in **FOUR DEAD!** This information should go to Bonnie S. when you request your dates."*

## 1997 Schedule

There are surely plenty of openings on the 1997 schedule. There will be no tourney in Mt Home or in Twin Falls for the first time in many years. That's a great disappointment. There are 10 days open after June 30 which means any of those days could be picked up by any club and they would be advertised in the June **FOUR DEAD!** so all members would be aware of the tourney.

The loss of the Salmon & Challis September tourneys is regrettable but understandable. Two of the nicest in the State were just not well supported. Hopefully some clubs in the Magic Valley or the Treasure Valley (with more population) will pick up those dates. Ordinarily, at least from a weather standpoint, horseshoes could be pitched in either of those valleys through October and could easily start in early April. Of course the same could not be said of southeast Idaho.

And we do need some more nonsanctioned tournaments to bring new folks in. Won't you try to get at least one new member this year?

**1997 IDAHO TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

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April 26 Sat.			
April 27 Sun.	Ed. Fix Memorial	Boise (1)	NS
May 1 Tues.	<b>Last Day for WORLD Entries</b>	<b>Kitchener, Ont., Canada</b>	<b>S</b>
May 3 Sat.			
May 4 Sun.			
May 10 Sat.			
May 11 Sun.			
May 17 Sat.	Spring Fling	Jerome (11)	1 S
May 18 Sun.	Elmer Curry Open	Coeur d'Alene (6)	2 S
May 18 Sun.	Rupert Open	Rupert (17/18)	3 S
May 24 Sat.			
May 25 Sun.			
May 31 Sat.	Nampa Singles	Nampa (15)	4 S
June 1 Sun.	Thompson Brothers Memorial	Caldwell (2/3)	5 S
June 7 Sat.	Inkom Fun	Inkom (9)	NS
June 8 Sun.	Pocatello	Pocatello (16)	6 S
June 14 Sat.	Bud Light	Fairfield (7)	NS
June 15 Sun.	Bud Light	Fairfield (7)	NS
June 21 Sat.	Hermiston Money	Hermiston, OR	7 S
June 22 Sun.	Hermiston Money	Hermiston, OR	8 S
June 28 Sat.	Salmon River Open	Challis (5)	9 S
June 29 Sun.	Salmon Valley Open	Salmon (1)	10 S
July 4 Fri.	Independence Day	Caldwell (3)	11 NS
July 5 Sat.			
July 6 Sun			
July 14-27	<b>WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>Kitchener, Ont., Canada</b>	<b>S</b>
July 12 Sat.	Kootenai Open	Coeur d'Alene (6)	12 S
July 19 Sat.	Dave's Wood Works Open	Boise (1)	13 S
July 20 Sun.	Break The Bank	Boise (1)	14 S
July 26 Sat.	Idaho Falls Classic	Idaho Falls (8)	15 S
July 27 Sun.	Neil Gardener Classic	Pocatello (16)	16 S
Aug. 2 Sat.	Ralph Warthen Classic	Caldwell (2/3/4)	17 S
Aug. 3 Sun.	<b>IDAHO STATE DOUBLES</b>	<b>Caldwell (2/3/4)</b>	<b>S</b>
Aug. 9 Sat.	Silver Valley Classic	Kellogg (12/13)	18 S
Aug. 10 Sun.	Silver Valley Classic - Fun	Kellogg (12/13)	NS
Aug. 10 Sun.	Coors	Fairfield (7)	NS
Aug. 10 Sun.	Coors	Fairfield (7)	NS
Aug. 16 Sat.	Warren Stutzman Memorial	Rupert (17/18)	19 S
Aug. 17 Sun.			
Aug. 23 Sat.	<b>IDAHO STATE TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>Boise (1)</b>	<b>18 S</b>
Aug. 24 Sun.	<b>IDAHO STATE TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>Boise (1)</b>	<b>S</b>
Aug. 30 Sat.			
Aug. 31 Sun.			
Sept. 6 Sat.	Blackfoot Fun Doubles (EI St Fair)	Blackfoot (9)	NS
Sept. 6 Sat.	Cactus Pete Open	Jackpot, NV. (10)	NS
Sept. 7 Sun.	Cactus Pete Open	Jackpot, NV (10)	NS
Sept. 13 Sat			
Sept. 14 Sun.			
Sept. 20 Sat.			
Sept. 21 Sun.			
Sept. 27 Sat.	Fall Roundup	Boise (1)	19 S
Sept. 28 Sun			NS

**YOU MUST REGISTER BY THURSDAY BEFORE TOURNAMENT**

# 1996 World Report

## Annual Business Meeting

Gillette, WY July 28th

*Jesse Lyda & Dave Spears were appointed by the President to represent Idaho at the Annual Business Meeting of the NHPA in Wyoming.*

Among the issues discussed were the location for the 1997 world tournament which will be held in Kitchner Ontario, Canada. The bids for the 1998 world were from Ainsworth, Nebraska and from Morgantown, W. Virginia. When the votes were tallied W. Virginia came out ahead 112-34. Dave and Jesse did vote in favor of Nebraska (just for the record) so we could get it closer to Idaho.

There were also some proposed changes to by-laws that were voted on and required a 2/3rd's majority to pass and these are as follows:

### Article VII: Charters - Section 10

Change first sentence to read, - State Championship Tournaments are open to those NHPA members who legally reside in that state and meet the regular eligibility requirements for that championship which shall as a minimum, include at least two sanctioned events pitched in the previous 12 months (tournament or league).

Outcome: 92 YES 49 NO - FAILED

### 2. Article XII: All NHPA Tournaments - section 3.

Add to the first paragraph - All tournament directors in the United States in charge of any sanctioned tournaments shall use current National Stats no more than 30 days old,

Outcome: 14 YES 131 NO - FAILED

### 3. Article XII: All NHPA Tournaments - Section 4, Paragraph f

Change to read, - Junior Boys and Girls - all who will be 16 years old, or less, for the entire calendar year in which the tournament is played The age limit of 16 shall be in force for all NHPA sanctioned events, including club/league programs scholar/trust fund.

Outcome: 16 YES, 131 NO - FAILED

### 4. Article XII: All NHPA tournaments - section 5

Add - Any division/class not receiving at least four entries can be canceled, but the entrants shall be given an opportunity to pitch in another division/class. All division/classes shall complete at least 50% of their scheduled tournament games to be recognized as an official tournament. In no event shall that be less than two games.

Outcome: 124 YES, 21 NO - PASSES

Two NHPA Officers were up for re-election and were unopposed and they were 2nd Vice President Casey Sluys and 4th Vice President Bonnie Seibold. The sec./treas. position was up for election since the resignation of Donnie Roberts. The two candidates were Dick Hansen and Fred Brown. Dick Hansen won with 108 - 37 victory. Paul Stewart was also appointed by President Dave Louchs to fill in the 5th Vice Presidents position for the remainder of the term.

One last item worth mentioning is that Dr. Jack Freeman of Nashville, TN, has donated 65 acres of land to the NHPA to build 38 courts and the long sought after Hall of Fame in Joelton, TN. There is also talk of possibly having the world tournament at this site every fifth year. The first year is yet to be decided.

*Jesse Lyda*

Vice President, Orofino

## Tips From The Top

Elmer Hohl the great Canadian champion and 3-time World Champion: "The stake is the only thing I see when delivering a pitch. Anything could happen immediately behind the stake and I wouldn't see it."

Harold Reno of Ohio twice World Champion: "Blot out all interference. Concentrate on the stake don't talk to people, listen to noises or watch something going on outside your court during a game."

Paul Foch of Ohio, twice World Champion: "Pitch every shoe in practice just as you would in a tournament--as if the title depended on throwing a ringer."

Don Titcomb of California: "Mistakes made in practice through lack of concentration and determination will form bad habits and come back to haunt you in tournament games."

Carl Steinfeldt of New York: "Poor mental attitude and lack of confidence in your ability will defeat you in a close game every time."

Guy Zimmerman 1954 World Champion: "The reason many players tense up is because they don't try as hard during practice as they do in competition. While practicing they merely toss their shoes back and forth without concentrating enough on what they are doing. The result is they play like they practice--half-heartedly with little confidence. They may pitch very good for awhile but when the chips are down they break under the pressure of competition"

Ed Sharp of Indiana: "The right amount of practice is the amount you really want at the time you want it. Some days you may be tired and

## POCATELLO OPENS SPRING LEAGUE

April 28 to June 2

**Increased** horseshoe activity is on the Pocatello spring menu. A short five week league is planned for the Brick Thompson Horseshoe Complex at Ross Park.

The Monday night singles event will start at 6:15 PM on April 28 and run on Mondays through June 2. Cost \$10. per night. Open to all, class competition with limited handicapping where necessary to assure fairness.

It will be nonsanctioned, that is, not requiring membership in any horseshoe group. It is expecting to draw from surrounding towns -- Blackfoot, Inkom, American Falls, Idaho Falls, etc.

**The man to call is Jim Price of Pocatello at 323-4566.**

A league is in the works in the Capitol City too and should draw pitchers from throughout the entire Treasure Valley. Tentative plans call for a league running from May into September. The details will probably have been worked out by the time you receive this issue. **Dave Spears** is promoting the event and he can be reached at **342-5190** in Boise.

### *Seeley Lake, Montana*

*July 25, 26, 27 Plan on it!*

The Northwest Regional Horseshoe Tournament is held annually at Seeley Lake in Montana. Seeley Lake, a beautiful spot for horseshoes or any outdoor activity, is about 30 miles north of Missoula. **The tourney is directed by Dan Larson and they put up at least \$2000. in prize money.** Last year Idahoans took the two top spots in Class A. Nick Piva, Challis won it with 7-0 at 50.9% and Bill Rust of Lewiston came in second at 6-1 and 48%. Mary MacPherson, St Maries, took 3rd in E with 26.59%

#### **Tips From The Top** *continued*

disinterested. Don't practice. Other days you may want to practice all day. Sloppy pitching habits develop when you are tired or lack interest."

**By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right he usually has a son who thinks he is wrong.**

### *What do pitchers want to know about a tournament they wish to attend?*

Of course, they want to know when and where (are directions necessary?), who to contact (Director?), entry closing (Thursday before tourney), entry fee (if different from \$10 it should be stated), sanctioned or nonsanctioned. Food available? Parking for RVs? Starting time. Are 30' and 40' going to pitch together? Men & women? Under what circumstances? Are you going to handicap? Are you going to use the NHPA handicaps? Below are a couple of examples which have been sent in.

#### BOISE

#### **Edward Fix Memorial Tournament April 27 Julia Davis Park**

Register by Thursday with Dave Spears at 342-5190. Cost \$10. Check in time 8:45 Play starts at 9:30. 30' & 40' will pitch together. If spread is greater than 10% that class will be handicapped 100% by NHPA handicap. 25 cents per game to scorekeepers. Juice and donuts available with a "conscious can" close by. Hope to see there. Dave Spears, Director.

### **Jerome Spring Fling** *at the fairgrounds*

Saturday May 17

**Check in 8:30 - start 9:00**

Free overnite parking / Free Coffee & Donuts  
Lunch available at racetrack

**A, B, C's pitch at 1 PM**

**A's pitch to 40 points**

**All others handicapped if spread too wide  
30' & 40' not mixed**

**Register by Thursday with either**

**Henry Reid 324-2201  
or Al Lee 324-5333**



# LETTERS

Kellogg  
Dec 13, 96

Dear Jim . . .

Enclosed you will find a "newsletter" of Silver Valley Club activities I thought you might publish for all to read. Also the "Document" which leads up to the dream I had. It might prove interesting too.

Your horseshoe pitchin friend,

*Joe Perjue*

Spokane  
12/8/96

Dear Editor . . .

I'm now living in Spokane and will be pitching over here most of the time. I enjoyed playing in Idaho and the fellowship was great.

I entered the Senior Olympics in Billings (MT) and got first place in horseshoes and also qualified in four other events for the National in Tuscon (AZ) in May 1997. The other events were bowling, running, discus and soft ball throw.

Hope to see you folks next spring and summer. I was glad to make the Top Ten in Idaho.

Sincerely,

*Mel C. Benham*

Orofino, ID  
Feb. 23, 1987

Dear Jim . . .

I am finally coming out from my prolonged cabin fever and will try to get you something to print.

We have had a very nasty winter here in the northlands of Idaho. I am well and hope to see everyone at the courts.

Kellogg is getting a set of new courts this spring and I'm hoping they get a good news write-up elsewhere in the April issue of FOUR DEAD! I am excited about it.

I want to remind the membership to distribute the wallet cards to attract new members. I will pass them out to the Directors at each tournament I attend — or call me if you want some. We must renew our try at membership. Our goal should be at least one new member for each member this year. The posters are also available from me. Just talk it up & pass the cards.

Betty and I have a niece, a Boise native, now living in Nashville. Her name is Jolene McKinzie. She is the Commercial Director for the Nashville Tennessean newspaper. She wants to see what she can do for horseshoes and the Horseshoe Hall of Fame in Joelt, TN.

I contacted Dave Loucks to assure myself that I wasn't interfering in his plans to secure this piece of property. Dave was happy that I called & that he was in the home stretch to receive this 65 acre gift of a lifetime. And if Jolene can give us some good publicity we'll be 20 points ahead. I provided her

with Dr. Jack's address and he would be happy to give her an interview.

The Jack Freeman Courts are world class. They were featured in the January-February NEWSLINE.

Your pitching friend,

*Jess Lyda*

Vice president, Orofino

## IDAHO

## REPORT

From the Assistant  
Regional Director

**W**ell I made it through Christmas season without going totally broke and I hope all of you can say the same. We had a lot of moisture in the Boise area and I think the rest of the state did as well. I was able to get out and actually do aa little bit of skiing this year. I have 3 daughters and they all experienced skiing or snow boarding for the very first time. They all enjoyed it very much and are wanting to do it more frequently.

Well as we start into a new season of horseshoe pitching I have a couple of items to bring up about the Boise area. The first is that our present court location in Julia Davis park will have 4 more pits added to the existing 12. I have been in contact with the parks dept. and they have agreed to give us the land and will help out with some of the needed materials. The work will probably get started this spring. I am also trying to get them to install a couple of electrical outlets for various needs.

In February, I along with Bill and Millie Travis had a meeting with the project manager and designer of the parks dept. (along with a few other people). This meeting was about the new park in Boise which will be under construction in July of 1998. I submitted an application to have 16 courts installed and it was accepted. This will give us an additional site to hold league(s) and tournament play.

Well as a lot of you know we as tournament directors will be submitting some written information about each one of the tournaments we plan on running. This information will include the pitching format, (mixed or separate), the starting time, location of site, etc. This is believed to help eliminate some problems from the past.

One other item I would like to surface is about the class patches. In the past (since I have been pitching) only the "A" 40' class would receive the "Tournament Champion" patch. I have been talking to Rick Rebman (our regional director) and he mentioned that if there is an "A" 30' class that it to will receive a "Tournament Champion" patch. I have talked to

Bonnie Stutzman about this issue and she will be sending out the appropriate patches.

I would also like to mention that in Boise this year I am going to try and get the adult league on Thursday evenings sanctioned. I am also going to try and start a Junior league program. This will be a real challenge but we are in need of more junior pitchers throughout the state. Maybe some of you can help expose this great sport to some juniors in your area(s) as well.

It is time to close so before I do I want to wish the best to everybody in this upcoming season and pray for safe travel to and from the tournaments.

Good Pitchin,

*David Spears*



## The Document

By Joe Perjue

*Sometime about the middle of November last year the Silver Valley Horseshoe Club was asked to attend a meeting with several members of the Kellogg City Council to discuss the pros & cons of improving the Kellogg City Park and to completely build new horseshoe courts for the Club. Their proposed plan was just beautiful!! Too beautiful? Was it too good to be true? So, from this I went home to think about it. After several days of thought the following is what materialized.*

### Is it Really Only a Dream?

Early last evening I felt like a piece of chocolate cake so — I made one. Then just before retiring I ate a huge piece of it, then went to bed. I was in space immediately. Then suddenly I was standing in the middle of our new horseshoe pits — all 20 of them! I looked around me and low and behold there stood everyone watching me — all except Sonny. I sez, "Come on, let's look at our new pits."

It was then that we noticed they were filled with very coarse rocky gravel — hardly pitchable. Bad. Terrible. We were heart broken, disappointed. We started looking closer, feeling the rocks and throwing some of the bigger ones out of the pits and then happily we discovered beneath the gravel there was nice blue clay of perfect consistency. Someone had played a joke on us. What a relief. *Continued page 11*

## NHPA HANDICAPPING

### HANDICAP POINTS FOR 40 & 50 POINT CANCELLATION GAMES ONLY

(Will not work for point limit games or for "count all" scoring.)

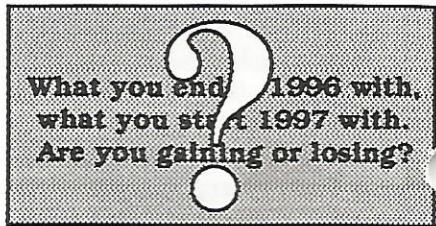
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	points			points			points	
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2%	3	3	12%	18	14	22%	33	26
3%	5	4	13%	19	16	23%	35	28
4%	6	5	14%	21	17	24%	36	29
5%	8	6	15%	23	18	25%	38	30
6%	9	7	16%	24	19	26%	39	31
7%	11	8	17%	26	20	27%	40	32
8%	12	10	18%	27	22	28%	42	34
9%	14	11	19%	29	23	29%	44	35
10%	15	12	20%	30	24	30%	45	36

For any differences not covered above:

% Difference X 3 X 0.5 = Handicap for 50 shoe game.

% Difference X 3 X 0.4 = Handicap for 40 shoe game.

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## Official ISHPA Opening Day Percentages

According to State Statisticians Ralph & Sandra Ruebel

Sonny Abad*	31.01	Reed Holverson*	23.61	Lou Piva	42.66
Wayne Abad*	18.07	Howard Homme*	60.40	Nick Piva	49.10
Cindy Allen*	27.57	Jake Huston*	20.63	Ed Poppleton*	28.57
JoAnn Allen*	18.82	Ken Ives*	30.78	Jim Price	40.52
Kraig Allen*	45.90	Bob Jackson*	21.39	Owen Randall	43.10
Cliff Amsbaugh	43.18	Luane Jackson*	20.39	Larry Ranstrom	27.28
Lyle Anderson*	36.99	Kirk Jacobson	37.57	Paul Reeves*	18.92
Ruth Anderson*	39.52	Bill Jensen	26.15	Henry Reid	18.48
Tony Apodaca*	27.94	Lynn Johnson	32.46	Myron Rickett*	33.76
Charles Ault*	45.61	Leon Johnson	27.98	Bob Riley	38.85
Gary Ballenski	25.63	Ken B Johnson	31.28	Dan Rollins*	20.91
George Barrus	27.64	Gary Johnston	24.75	Rodger Rudolph	22.37
Jerry Bengston*	31.58	Jeff Jones	16.04	Steve Rudolph	22.31
Sam Bergstrom*	31.73	Monica Jones	7.09	William Rust*	57.51
Mel Benham	40.47	Gary Kollmann*	53.46	Jim Saner*	21.25
Ike Bews	28.19	Rick Larson	7.50	George Sasz*	37.94
Leonard Booth	9.72	Allen Lee*	32.80	Delton Schmeling*	28.33
Otto Brennecke*	35.30	Steve Lennaman	15.30	Wayne Scriven*	27.39
Bill Brown*	52.59	Mont Lewis	49.88	Carlena Shove*	32.23
Barney Brownlee*	29.79	Harold Lewis	29.78	Don Shove	33.42
Myron Buchert*	29.73	Kieth Lewis	12.93	Clarence Spears*	24.28
Terry Burnham*	26.83	Ron Lloyd*	22.46	David Spears*	50.86
Joe Campbell*	33.10	Ryan Lloyd	21.21	Eric Stephens*	20.46
Harry Chapin	33.92	Jason Loftus	28.23	Tim Stephens*	29.05
Alma Clark	36.15	Loe Logosz	16.52	Gerald Stoller	23.57
James Coba*	18.66	Don Long*	25.91	Eric Struchen*	20.53
Gale Cole	13.61	Reed Lowe*	23.25	Dennis Swinney	26.96
Sofia Corn	37.45	Jesse Lyda*	48.70	Doug Taki	24.50
Kevin Cowley	2.65	Betty Lyda	21.57	Gene Tarr	33.35
John Crowe	11.62	Mary MacPherson	29.66	Larry Tarr*	33.09
Elmer Currie*	19.93	Don Manwill	28.07	Jim Taylor*	52.07
Dean Curry*	49.07	Virginia Manwill	26.86	Paul Taylor	34.41
Gary Curtis*	26.52	Charlie Marquez*	31.49	Robert Thackery*	50.96
Ed Deeds	25.72	Clyde Marquez*	55.17	Keith Thomas*	53.22
Wendy Deeds	29.84	Bill McAugey*	28.56	Jessie Thorne*	33.02
Wayne Durnil*	27.88	John McCreary*	22.27	Vern Tieszen*	20.86
Dennis Farmer	19.28	Jim McCue*	31.31	Bill Travis*	36.03
Jerry Fulker	22.51	Kyle McEnany*	24.15	Millie Travis	17.34
Faye Fuqua*	6.67	Vicki McEnany*	45.30	Linda VanGorder	62.17
Lynn Fuque	14.06	Cecil McIndoo*	35.42	Corlell VanGorder	33.10
Carrie Gardener	24.59	Merlin Miller*	19.18	Donna Van Gorder*	35.98
Tom Goss	35.70	Don Moser*	65.34	James VanGorder	23.74
Cory Gorham	8.85	Con Moser	29.77	Buck Walker*	35.54
Dennis Gratzter	23.06	Dan Newell	20.47	John Warren*	26.34
Steve Gratzter	27.51	Gary Oppen	32.42	Ralph Warthen*	47.27
Ray Grossaint	33.08	Doug Palmer*	35.33	Brian Watson*	20.70
Bart Hahn	24.50	Eddie Parish	9.43	Jason Watson*	50.92
Chris Hasenoehrl	6.69	Bill Parr	38.57	Kevin Watson*	22.67
Don Heidt*	17.47	Richard Paterson	19.60	Clarence Webb*	69.27
Juan Hernandez*	27.59	Robert Peterson*	24.41	Sam Williams*	30.45
Alan Hobdley*	40.07	Joe Perjue	45.32	Ron Willis	25.50
				Gary Yergler	12.65
				Robert Zausch*	27.31

**Is It Really Only a Dream?**

Everything was perfect. New fencing, perfect alignment, bleachers, lights, beautiful green grass, rest rooms, showers. Wonderful! Then we noticed the backboards. Each had a plaque with a name instead of a number. The names were those of the "legends" of the Club such as Shirley "Girlie" - Vicki "Hicki" - Kyle "Chile" - Sonny "Punny" - "Deadly Dud" - Gary "Wary" - Gary "Too" - Don "Juan" - Kenny "Lin" - "Stormin Norman" and "Smokin' Joe." Gary turned to me and asked, "Why'd they do that?"

I answered, "I'll bet it's to prevent confusion, 'cause now we can say, 'Go down and play on Kenny Lin, etc. etc.' it eliminates the #1, #2, #3, etc." Gary seemed to like the idea. Then we all stopped to listen—we could hear music—they had piped in music for us.

Don said, "Can't have that, it will disturb the pitchers."

Vicki spoke up, "Don't worry about that, Joe will take care of it, he lives close by."

About that time my talking clock hollers, screams, "It's 5:00 o'clock, get up NOW!" Boy, what a dream.

**YOUR Percentage**  
**HOW IT'S FIGURED**

*Each year when the ringer percentages for the coming year are presented (as they are here), questions arise as to how the figures are determined. And each year an explanation is offered. We at least think we partway understand it—that is, until the next time we have a lousy series and our percentage doesn't drop. Of course it doesn't drop because we are only working with the three highest percentages. Fair?*

*This is how our present State Statisticians, Ralph & Sandra Ruebel of Twin Falls explain it.*

**A**ccording to the NHPA by laws your percentages are figured on the three highest percentages pitched in a 12-month period or the last 10 games which ever applies in your case.

John Doe's percentage for the beginning of January 1997 was 36% His three highest percentages were:

- April 13, 1996 at Pocatello 32%
  - May 10, 1996 at Idaho Falls 37%
  - August 15, 1996 at Rupert 39%
- 3)108 = 36% 108

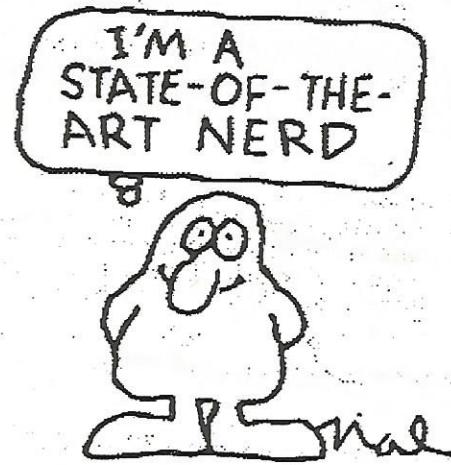
In 1996 John pitched:

- May 1, '96 at Twin Falls he pitched 28%  
This made his average 34.67%
- May 12, '96 at Burley he pitched 20%  
This made his average 29.00%
- May 19, '96 at Jerome he pitched 10%  
This make his average 29.00%
- May 26, '96 at Kellogg he pitched 37%  
This makes his average 34.67%

How was the average of 34.67% on May 26, '96 arrived at? May 26, '96 is more than 12 months past the 32% pitched at Pocatello April 13, '95 and the 37% pitched May 10, '95 at Idaho Falls so those two averages are dropped. Now the three highest percentages are the Aug. 15, '95 Rupert 39%, the May 1, '96 Twin Falls 28% and the 37% on May 26, '96 Kellogg. The 20% at Burley and the 10% at Jerome play no part in the reckoning because they are not among the three highest percentages.

Rupert	39.00	
Twin	28.00	
Kellogg	37.00	
	104.00	3)104.00 = 34.67

If John's average at Kellogg had been 19% (instead of 37%), the three highest percentages would be Rupert 39.00%  
Twin 28.00%  
Burley 20.00%  
and his percentage would be only 29%





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