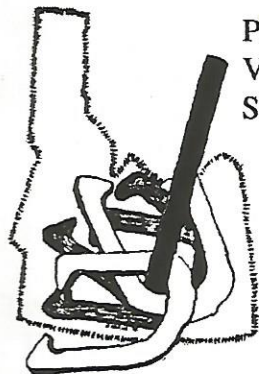


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FOUR DEAD!

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MARQUEZ TOPS

CLYDE MARQUEZ
IDAHO FALLS

1997
Idaho State
Horseshoe
Pitching
CHAMPION



In the first State Horseshoe Championship to be held in Idaho's Capitol City in well over a decade, Clyde Marquez of Idaho Falls, took Top Honors. After a play-off game with defending Champion Bill Rust of Lewiston, his win-loss record stood at 10-2 and no other contenders were close. His easy turn and a quarter had hooked the peg more than 55% of the time. The high game of the Championship Class was also his at 69.44%

George Sasz of Mountain Home topped Class B by throwing 39.04% and winning nine of his eleven games. The runner up spot went to Bob Riley of Boise on percentages because he and fellow Boisean Charlie Marquez both had the same win-loss record of 8-3.

The Class C Championship was taken handily 7-0 by Meridian Shawn Warnemunde throwing a red hot 45.98% series and not losing a single game. His high game was 55%.

John Warren of Inkom became the Class D State Champion with a win-loss of 7-0 and throwing 32.42 which was about 5 points over his average. The second place

went to Gene Tarr of Wilder who threw a little better percentage than the John but lost a single game.

Surprisingly it took Bill Jensen of Twin Falls 33.21% (and 6-0) to win Class E but it took only 32.42% for John to win his Class D. That's horseshoes! Runner up in E was Jim Newton a recent transfer from South Dakota who threw 27.39 and 6-1.

Linda VanGorder, Meridian, again captured the Ladies Championship Class with 8-0 and 51.31% which was almost 10 points below her average. Sofia Corn, Caldwell, was runner up with 5-3 and 36.14%

The Men's 30' Class A was won by Howard Homme of Wilder with a nice 68.09% and 5-1. His high game was 77.77%. Clarence Webb of New Plymouth took the second place honors with 66.66 and 4-2. Don Moser, Inkom, pitched about 8 points below his average so he was never in contention. Most of the season it's been a toss up among this triumvirate of Homme, Webb and Moser.

In Men's 30' B the Silver Valley favorite, Joe Purjue of Kellogg, copped the Championship throwing 38.59% (5-1) with Alma Clark of Burley hot on his tail all the way, ringer for ringer. Actually Alma had the better percentage but lost the win-loss race 4-2.

Among the Juniors Kyle McEnany of Pinehurst won all his games with an average of 21.33 and a high game of 36%. He is the same guy who knew every name in the 1996 Championship picture. The others in the Class were all young first year pitchers: 2. Anna Gerla, 3. Lucas Gerla, 4 Chelsie Spears all of Boise. The question is where are the Juniors that competed last year? 1996. How did we lose them? They all looked like they had good potential. How did we lose Eric Stephans of Coeur d'Alene, Jason Loftus of Rathdrum and Ryan Lloyd of McCammon? The answer to that question gives you some idea of the immense job the new President has taken on his shoulders. Of course he cannot — nor can anyone — succeed at this job alone. Idaho Horseshoes has been standing still for several years now and this year we actually slipped back a bit. It's going to take a united effort, everyone must help, to get this program rolling again. I know you've heard the one about David and Goliath but don't become complacent about it here or you'll end up under a pile of rubble. Idaho Horseshoes needs your help.

Idaho State Championship

Boise August 23-24

Director David Spears

Championship Class

Champion	Clyde Marquez	10	2	55.36*	1 st
Runner-up	Bill Rust	9	3	50.34*	2 nd
3.	Gary Opper	7	4	42.60	
4.	Jesse Lyda	7	4	41.63	
5.	Gary Kollmann	6	5	50.00	3 rd
6.	Jim Price	6	5	43.28	5 th
7.	Lou Piva	6	5	42.73	
8.	David Spears	5	6	42.54	4 th
9.	Charlie Ault	4	7	44.95	
10.	Dean Curry	3	8	41.42	
11.	Kirk Jacobson	2	9	38.05	
12.	Larry Tarr	2	9	35.64	

*Playoff

High game by Marquez 69.44% vs Spear

Class B

Champ.	George Sasz	9	2	39.04
2.	Bob Riley	8	3	36.65
3.	Charlie Marquez	8	3	32.29
4.	Al Lee	7	4	36.42
5.	Otto Brenneke	7	4	34.42
6.	Joe Campbell	6	5	38.21
7.	Corlell VanGorder	6	5	37.26
8.	Harry Chapin	5	6	32.60
9.	Tom Goss	4	7	30.57
10.	Doug Palmer	3	8	28.91
11.	Lynn Johnson	3	8	27.77

High game 56.52 by Riley vs Palmer.

Class C

Champ.	Warnemunde	7	0	45.98
2.	Jim McCue	6	1	29.84
3.	Steve Gratzer	3	4	28.77
4.	Bill McAughey	3	4	26.76
5.	Wayne Durnil	3	4	24.87
6.	Ray Grossaint	2	5	26.28
7.	Lyle Anderson	2	5	22.62
8.	Ed Deeds	2	5	22.25

High game 55.00% by Warnemunde.

Class D

Champ.	John Warren	7	0	32.42
2.	Gene Tarr	6	1	34.55
3.	Paul Strebel	4	3	27.66
4.	Tim Seward	4	3	25.11
5.	Doug Willis	2	5	22.27
6.	Leon Johnson	2	5	21.31
7.	Harold Lewis	2	5	21.28
8.	Don Manwill	1	6	20.16

High game 50 even by Tarr vs Manwill.

Class E

Champ.	Bill Jensen	6	0	33.21
2.	Jim Newton	5	1	27.39
3.	Tony Apodaca	4	2	20.11
4.	Ron Lloyd	3	3	15.11
5.	Vince Tracy	1	5	17.77
6.	James VanGorder	1	4	20.86
7.	Jim Coba	0	5	11.36

High game by Jensen 46.66 vs Lloyd.

Ladies Class A

Champ.	L. VanGorder	8	0	51.31
2.	Sofia Corn	5	3	36.14
3.	Ruth Anderson	3	5	30.42
4.	Dona VanGorder	3	5	30.21
5.	Virginia Manwill	1	7	25.92

High game 63.33 by Linda vs Virginia.

Class A - Men 30'

Champ.	H. Homme	5	1	68.09
2.	Clarence Webb	4	2	66.66
3.	Don Moser	3	3	58.09
4.	Ralph Warthen	0	6	54.05

High game 77.77 by Homme vs Warthen.

Class B - Men 30'

Champ.	Joe Purfue	5	1	38.59
2.	Alma Clark	4	2	39.39
3.	Clarence Spears	0	6	27.86

High game 50% by Alma vs Clarence.

Juniors

Champ.	Kyle McEnany	6	0	21.33
2.	Anne Gerla	3	3	6.33
3.	Lucas Gerla	2	4	5.33
4.	Chelsie Spars	1	5	5.00

High game 36% by Kyle vs Anna.



1997 IDAHO DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

HOMME & DEEDS TOP GUNS

Caldwell August 3rd

Directors Joe Campbell
Jim Coba
Gene Tarr

Class A

1. Howard Homme, Wilder & Ed Deeds, Eagle	6	2	55.00
2. Jake Huston, Cald.well & CLarence Webb, N. Plymouth.	5	3	43.75
3. Jim Taylor, Caldwell & Tom Goss, Payette	5	3	43.00
4. Gary Opper, Boise & Bob Riley. Boise	4	4	38.50
5. Wayne Durnil, Twin Falls & Cecil McIndoo, Greenleaf	0	8	18.75

Class B

1. Kirk Jacobsen & George Sasz, both Mountain. Home	8	0	36.39
2. Sofia Corn, Cald.well & Dona VanGorder, Corral	5	3	33.25
3. Lyle & Ruth Anderson, Idaho Falls	4	4	29.25
4. Larry & Gene Tarr, Wilder	2	6	25.75
5. Paul Striebel, Boise & Doug Palmer, Pocatello	1	7	26.00

Class C

1. Chas Marquez, Boi.& Kirk Halbrook, Idaho Falls	5	1	23.00
2. Gary Kollmann & Rick Larson, both Nampa	4	2	26.96
3. David & Chelsie Spears, Boise	2	4	21.30
4. Clarence. Spears, Boise & C. VanGorder, Corral	1	5	24.68

also kept for NatStats. The combined percentages of the partners cannot exceed 100%.

Percentages listed are the average of the two partners. Because this is sanctioned, individual percentages are

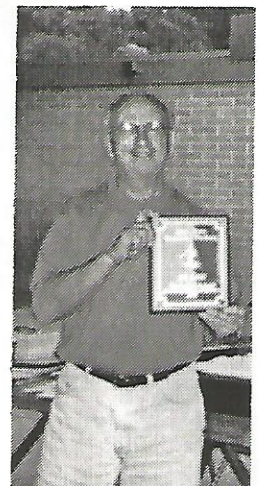
George Sala, 88, Spokane Dies

George Emil Sala was born in Harrison, Idaho in 1909 but spent most of his life in the Kellogg-Wallace area where he started pitching with pony shoes. He owned the Boat Drive-in in Smeltonville and later, the City Variety Store in Osburn. He was an amateur boxer in his youth and a WW II veteran in the European Theater.

After his retirement to the Spokane Valley he met Wally Rehard in 1972 and got serious about horseshoes. That was the same year Spokane built the first courts in Frankline Park and started having State and National Tournaments. George quickly qualified for Class A where he remained for many years. He earned a Washington State Plaque in 1974, and also took the Bronze Medal in Class A at the Washington State Centennial Games. His August 18th passing of kidney failure left a great void among Northwest horseshoe pitchers. He will be sorely missed.

Al Lee, Jerome, Honored

In recognition of the efforts of Al Lee, Jerome, in setting up the original computer and computer program and operating its beginning, the Idaho State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association presented this token of appreciation to Al.





Class B Champions
 George Sasz, Mt Home,
 Bob Riley, Boise,
 Charlie Marquez, Boise
 Al Lee, Jerome,



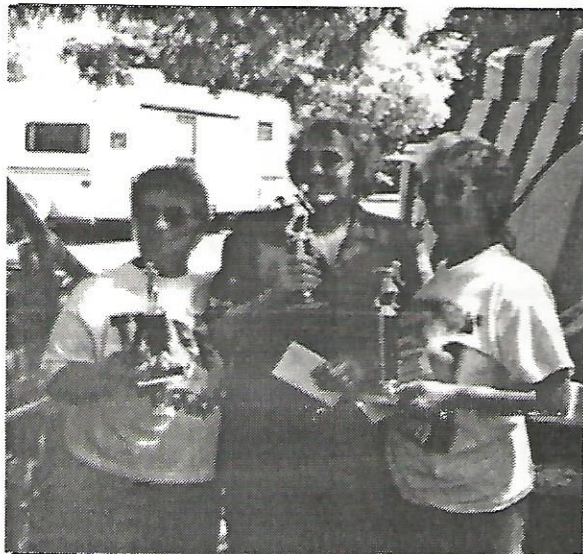
Past State Champions. Gary Kollmann, Nampa, 1991 & 1995, Dean Curry, Lewiston, 1964, 1968-69, 1971, 1978. 1980, 1982-83-84-85, 1987-88-89, 1992, Charlie Ault, Richfield, 1993-94, Clyde Marquez, Idaho Falls, 1997, Bill Rust, Lewiston, 1996. Missing is 1990 State Champion Jesse Morrison who was from Cataldo at the time of the Kellogg State.



Top Ladies. Ruth Anderson, Idaho Falls, 3rd between forever Champion Linda VanGorder, Meridian and 2nd, Sofie Corn, Caldwell.



Class B-30 Champion.
 Joe Purjue,
 Kellogg's gift to
 Idaho Horseshoes.



David Spears new ISHPA President and Director of the State Tournament presents Juniot Championship Trophy to Kyle McEnany of Pinehurst. Are we looking at the 2004 State Champion?



1997 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Boise -- August 23-24
Director -- David Spears



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Don Heidt, Kellogg



SCOREBOARD

The Classic

Idaho Falls July 26

Director Lyle Anderson

Class A (Handicapped)

1. Charlie Ault	7	1	54.50
2. Don Moser	6	2	57.25
3. Jim Price	4	3	38.98
4. Duane Archibald	3	4	42.00
5. Lou Piva	3	4	41.80
6. Kieh Thomas	3	4	39.42
7. Dave Spears	2	5	43.14
8. Doug Palmer	1	5	34.85

High game 70% by Don vs Dave.

Class B* (Handicapped)

1. Chester Whitworth	8	1	41.38
2. Lou Brock	6	3	40.00
3. Sam Williams	6	3	33.88
4. Harry Chapin	6	3	33.33
5. Jim McCue	5	4	23.61
6. Alma Clark	4	5	36.11
7. Lyle Anderson	3	5	31.66
8. Ruth Anderson	3	6	26.38
9. Leon Johnson	2	7	21.94
10. Bill McAughey	1	8	24.44

High game 82.5% by Lou vs Alma. May be the high game for the year.

Class C (Handicapped)

1. Ken Biane	8	1	33.61
2. John Warren	7	2	20.65
3. Juan Hernandez	6	3	28.61
4. Richard Lloyd	6	3	24.16
5. Bob Zausch	5	4	24.44
6. Gary Curtis	4	5	23.33
7. Paul Reeves	4	5	20.65
8. Vinc Tracy	3	6	20.38
9. Kirk Halbrook	1	8	6.39
10. Chelsie Spear	1	8	3.33

High game 52.2 by John vs Ken.

Ralph Warthen Classic

Caldwell August 2

Directors Campbell, Coba & Tarr

Class A (Double round robin)

1. Gary Kollmann	7	1	48.39
2. David Spears	5	3	44.16
3. Gary Opper	4	4	44.60
4. Bob Riley	3	5	42.32
5. Doug Palmer	1	6	36.54

High game 59.09% by Spears vs Opper.

Class A-30 (Double round robin)

1. Clancy Webb	6	0	68.52
2. Howard Homme	2	4	60.93
3. Ralph Warthen	2	4	59.49
4. Cecil McIndoo	2	4	59.33

High game Clancy at 76.66, Cecil had a 76.47 and and Ralph threw a 76.31.

Class B

1. Kirk Jacobson	7	2	45.33
2. Larry Tarr	6	3	44.44
3. George Sasz	5	3	42.50
4. Charlie Marquez	5	3	39.00
5. Al Lee	4	3	41.14
6. Tom Goss	3	4	33.42
7. Gene Tarr	1	6	27.14
8. Lyle Anderson	0	7	28.57

High game by Al at 56% vs George.

Class B-30 (Double round robin)

1. Virginia Manwill	5	2	31.07
2. Clarence Spears	4	3	25.14
3. Ruth Anderson	3	3	29.33
4. Sofie Corn	1	5	27.66

High games 40%, two by Virginia and one by Ruth.

Class C

1. Jake Huston	6	0	25.33
2. Todd Goss	5	1	13.48
3. Don Manwill	4	2	30.33
4. Wayne Durnil	4	2	24.66
5. Rick Larson	2	4	11.84
6. Chelsie Spears	1	5	13.33
7. Kirk Holbrook	0	6	10.00

High game 38% by Jake and by Don.

If You Find Mistakes



in this publication, please consider they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!!

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The Silver Valley Horseshoe Club hosted its 14th Annual Silver Valley Classic Horseshoe tournament August 9-10 despite the fact that their pits in Kellogg have been removed. The Club held the tournament in Coeur d'Alene's Winton Park. Although the number of pitchers was down, it was still a success with 36 pitchers on Saturday for singles play and 28 pitchers for doubles on Sunday. The tournament drew most of its pitchers from Idaho, but also had some from Washington and California. After a long day of pitching on Saturday, everyone enjoyed a potluck dinner in the park.

Silver Valley Classic (Kellogg) Coeur d'Alene August 9 - 10

Directors **Don Heidt**
 Shirley Watson

Class A

1. Charlie Ault	7	0	56.16
2. Jesse Lyda	6	1	53.12
3. Bill Rust	4	3	45.93
4. Cliff Amsbaugh	4	3	41.57
5. Vey Allen	3	4	45.58
6. Dean Curry	2	5	41.55
7. Skip Schilperoort	0	7	23.66

High game by Vey at 75% vs Skip.

Class B

1. Darwin Platz	7	0	36.58
2. Ottro Brennecke	6	1	36.50
3. Dave Garbani	4	3	32.03
4. Myron Buchert	4	3	27.54

5. Del Schmelling	3	4	27.21
6. Chris Worth	2	5	22.86
7. Ken Ives	1	6	26.20
8. Harold Lewis	1	6	22.22

High game 47.91 by Dave vs Ken.

Class C

1. Ike Bews	4	1	25.18
2. Sonny Abad	3	2	24.60
3. Terry Burnham	2	2	25.00
4. Jack Bennett	2	2	19.50
5. Wally Plemons	0	4	13.73

High game by Sonny at 33.33 vs Wally.

Class D

1. Earl Kettleson	5	1	22.30
2. Don Heidt	4	2	9.25
3. Mike Zahn	3	3	20.33
4. Mick Stevenson	0	6	6.64

High game by Earl 30.55, Mike threw 30.00.

Class A-30

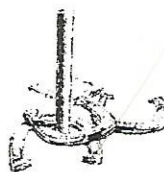
1. Mel Benham	5	0	38.79
2. Joe Purjue	3	2	30.72
3. Sofie Corn	3	2	34.74
4. Cindy Allen	2	3	26.31
5. Ross Watson	2	3	20.79
6. R D Thrall	0	5	19.10

Joe threw a 62.5 vs Ross for high.

Junior Class

1. Byron Rickett	6	0	35.53
2. Anthony Patterson	4	2	24.60
3. Kyle McEnany	2	4	16.00
4. Owen Rust	0	6	7.32

High game 53.12 by Byron vs Anthony.



Thanks
for keeping
score!

Warren Stutzman Memorial**Rupert August 6**

Directors **Buck Walker**
 Bonnie Stutzman

Class A

1. George Sasz	6	1	41.71
2. Garry Opper	5	2	41.09
3. David Spears	3	3	42.06
4. Larry Tarr	3	3	35.43
5. Lou Brock	3	3	34.71
6. Bob Riley	2	4	34.39
7. Lynn Johnson	0	6	27.81

*High game 55.55 by Garry vs Dave.***Class B**

1. Dean Valentine	6	2	35.64
2. Al Lee	5	3	33.41
3. Richard Lloyd	4	3	23.42
4. Virginia Manwill	3	4	27.11
5. Vern Tiezen	3	4	26.28
6. Bill McAnghty	3	4	25.71*
6. Gene Tarr	3	4	25.71*
7. Buck Walker	2	5	28.81

A tie tie, a double tie. Placed alphabetically.Dean threw the high 48% against Vern.***Class C**

1. Tony Apodaca	7	1	25.25
2. Jim Newton	6	2	22.50
3. John Warren	4	3	25.14
4. Paul Reeves	4	3	23.14
5. Don Manwill	3	4	17.42
6. Ron Lloyd	3	4	16.85
7. Henry Reid	2	5	14.28
8. Kieth Lewis	0	7	11.42

*High game by Jim 40% vs Kieth.***30' Class (Handicapped - Double round)**

1. Kieth Thomas	7	1	44.25
2. Don Moser	5	3	63.75
3. Mont Lewis	5	3	60.25
4. Alm Clark	3	5	40.00
5. Duane Archibald	0	8	46.75

*High game Don M with 72%***HIGH FIVE 30***Clarence Webb 69.84**Howard Homme 65.66**Don Moser 65.53**Mont Lewis 60.25**Linda VanGorder 58.00***Fall Round Up****Boise September 27****Director David Spears****Class A (Handicapped)**

1. Clarence Webb	7	0	71.07
2. Gary Kollmann	6	1	47.50
3. Bob Riley	4	3	42.50
4. Joe Campbell	4	3	34.64
5. Ralph Warthen	3	4	49.64
6. Gary Opper	2	5	39.28
7. Tom Goss	2	5	34.64
8. Al Lee	0	7	35.00

*Hih game by Clarence at 87.5% which is 35 ringers out of 40 shoes.***Class B (Handicapped)**

1. Richard Peck	6	1	27.85
2. Henry Reid	5	2	15.35
3. Bill Jensen	4	3	27.85
4. Todd Goss	4	3	6.79
5. Sofie Corn	3	4	33.57
6. Carence Spears	3	4	18.92
7. Charlie Marquez	2	5	22.50
8. Rick Larson	2	5	9.64

High game by Sofie at 42%.

Idaho's TOP TEN Winningest Pitchers

1. Anna Gerla, Boise 24
2. Don Moser, Inkom 23
3. Howard Homme, Wilder 18
4. Clyde Marquez, Idaho Falls 16
5. Clarence Webb, New Plymouth 15
6. Chelsie Spears, Boise 13
7. Kirk Jacobsen, Mt. Home 12
7. Gary Kollmann, Nampa 12
7. George Sasz, Mt. Home 12
7. David Spears, Boise 12

Top Ten is based on all classes in all tournaments for all pitchers. First place receives three points, second place, two points and third gains one point. Only 20% of all members failed to place at least once during the season. Note that the **Top Ten** winner is a Junior Girl in her first year of pitching. What a great start..

ISHPA MINUTES-1997

Boise, Idaho - September 26

Following a potluck dinner and a prayer led by Ralph Warthen, the 1997 ISHPA meeting was called to order by President Henry Reid at Julia Davis Park in Boise, Idaho.

The minutes of the 1996 meeting were read and approved. Copies of the Financial report were presented. It showed a balance of \$2565.15, \$1935.15 in checking, \$630.24 in savings and an inventory of \$590.00.

ISHPA had 141 adult members and 11 Junior members. (Since the Minutes, we have gained one more member, Jim Newton, a transfer from SD. So the total for 1997 is 153. 1996 membership was 175. Editor)

Henry mentioned that all supplies necessary for running tournaments as well as price lists for all game related items were available from Dennis Ohms, the Regional NHPA supplier, and from Bonnie Stutzman. A portion of the sales receipts goes to National to help the organization.

Henry thanked Past President Wayne Durnil for compiling a notebook containing copies of the Constitution and By-laws, minutes from meetings since 1983, and other information helpful to incoming officers. He will update this notebook and pass it on to the next president.

Dave Spears said he thought the state tournament was a higher caliber tournament than all others and rather than giving out regular plaques, special plaques or trophies should be awarded.

He purchased trophies for \$334 to be awarded at this state tournament. He then made the motion "that all state tournaments' from this day forward, reward all 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th place pitchers with trophies or plaques." Discussion on financing the trophies followed, with Wayne Durnil restating the motion to read; "A fee of \$1.00 per entry will be added at all tournaments during the year to pay for trophies for the State tournament." Seconded by Gary Kollmann, this motion passed.

Bill Rust brought up the subject of trophies for Juniors. Following a discussion on Jr. entry fees and financing, it was decided that since Juniors cannot receive money, trophies or prizes should be awarded at all tournaments.

Dean Curry brought up the subject of how horseshoe pits were to be treated during this tournament. He wanted a rule on kicking dirt around the pit. As this was a subject left to the discretion of the TD, Dave Spears ruled the pits were to be dug at the beginning of each game and that in order to get a flat surface dirt could be moved forward, without using tools, upon agreement.

Buck Walker suggested that the State award each horseshoe club money to pay three or four memberships for potential pitchers who can not afford to pay the \$17.00 membership fee. No action was taken.

Jesse Lyda made a motion to award \$50.00 to Dr.

Jim McCue in appreciation of the work he has been doing on "FOUR DEAD!" This motion was unanimously passed.

Dean Curry made a motion to pay the State Champion \$100.00. \$50 to be paid by the State, \$50 from tournament fees. No second.

Members earning NHPA 20 Year Membership patches are Kenneth Rieregard.. Ten Year Membership patches go to Betty Lyda, Jesse Lyda, Jim Taylor, Merlin Miller, Howard Homme, JimCoba, Doug Palmer, Vicki McEnany and Mergé Chapin.

Tournament Director of the Year Award was presented to David Spears.

Al Lee, the former and first computer statistician was presented with a plaque in appreciation for his years of service.

The 1998 state tournament was awarded to Rupert. Buck Walker made a motion to hold the tournament on the week-end preceding Labor Day, August 24 and 25, as these are the only dates the fairgrounds is available. Mergé Chapin Seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

David Spears was elected President for 1998. Jim Price, Pocatello, is the new Vice-President. Bonnie Stutzman remains Sec/Treas.

David Spears made a motion to hold the 1998 Idaho State Doubles in Salmon. Motion passed. A date will be set and announced in "Four Dead!"

A special Junior Tournament will be held on Sept. 28 at Nampa.

The last sanctioned tournament of the year will be held in Boise on Sept. 27.

David Spears said he has set several goals for the coming years. 1. Increase Memberships.

2. Increase Junior Memberships.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Bonnie Stutzman

ISHPA Sec'y.-Treas.

HORSESHOE NEWS, NOTES & OPINION

The views expressed here are solely those of the Editor. They do not represent the opinion of the officers or the organization (ISHPA). FOUR DEAD! will be happy to print any contrary (or supporting) opinions. I have considered making some far-fetched, disgusting, outrageous, controversial statement just to see if I could get some reaction — any reaction — good or bad. There doesn't seem to be any passion out there — that is, no horseshoe passion. This is the last issue for the 1997 season. The first issue of 1998 will come out the middle of April.

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ISHPA Financial Statement

Checking Acct	\$1935.15
Savings Acct.	<u>630.00</u>
	\$2565.39

Outstanding Accts.

Statistician	\$152.00
Sec/Treas.	152.00
Class Plates, Tax and Postage	<u>286.00</u>
Inventory	\$590.00

Membership

140 Adult Members NHPA	\$1680.00
1 Adult Pd. Direct to Nat'l.	0.00
1 Adult Transfer from SD	0.00
11 Jr. Members	<u>55.00</u>
	\$1735.00
141 Adult Members ISHPA	\$705.00
11 Jr. Members	<u>9.00</u>
	\$714.00

FOUR DEAD!

Entry Fees Received	\$754.00
1996 Edition #4	\$211.15
1997 Edition #1	230.51
Edition #2	192.46
Edition #3	157.72
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REPORT

From the Assistant Regional Director

Well the 1997 state tournament is now history. I want to congratulate all the individuals that had placed in the tournament. I would like to also congratulate all the winners of each one of the classes. Our new 40ft state champion this year is Clyde Marquez. The winners of the other championship classes are as follows; 30 ft men's division was Howard Homme, 30 ft Ladies division was and still is Linda Van Gorder and our Junior champion this year is Kyle McEnany.

We had a total of 68 entries from around the state. Thae wae four juniors, five ladies, seven elda men and fifty two forty foot pitchas.

All winners in each of the divisions took home a trophy, a class plate and a small amount of cash with the exception of the junior pitchers. A small clock (made by myself was given out to the person with the highest percentage in each class as well.

The people that helped outRwith the book work and the stats all received \$30.00 each for their generous and extremely valuable help. Thank you all very much.

There was a situation we ran into on Saturday that I must apologize for. With the poor planning I did for some of the classes we ended up running into daylight problems and a couple of the classes ended up pitching in the dark. One of the classes agreed to finish on Sunday while the other class had to firnish that evening. Once again I apologize for this.

Yakima, Washington was the sight for the Pacific North-west Championship as it is every year. There were a total of 85 entries this year which was down at least 15 or more from the previous year. Idaho was represented with 6 people from different parts of the state. Their names along with their class, win/loss and their placement are as follows.

<u>B-Class</u>	<u>WIL</u>	<u>Place</u>
Gary Opper	8-3	2na
And Jesse Lyda	7-4	6th
Gary Kollmann	6-5	7tb
<u>C-Class</u>		
David Spears	8-3	2nd
Three way playoff for 2nd		
Otto Brennecke	7-0	1st
<u>F-Class</u>		
Mike Zahn	4-3	4th

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This is another top caliber tournament held in the Northwest every September. If you enjoy good competition, this tournament should be on your schedule. Barry Chappelle, Carolyn Ferguson and Ken Carvo are excellent hosts.

We wound up the season with the last sanctioned tournament in Boise on Sept. 27th. We had a total of 16 entries and a lot of fun. Clancy Webb had a very nice game that day that is worth sharing. He had 35 ringers out of 40 shoes for nice 87.50 percent and he ended up the day with a ringer average of 71+. Good pitching Clancy.

We also had a 6 team doubles event that followed the singles competition. The weather turned out great for the entire day. Thanks to all who came.

In closing I would like to say it was a very busy and challenging year. It was good to see a few juniors getting involved in the sport and I hope to see more next year, until then.

Good pitchin',
David Spears

THE ONLY NHPA SANCTIONED LEAGUE IN IDAHO

Portneuf Pitchers Fall League -- Pocatello
President **Jim Price**
Secretary **Kevin Cowley**

This was a 12-man double 'round 'robin, with 40-shoe games played on Monday evenings over a six week period from August 29 to September 29. They used a one point per percentage point handicap. Throughoughtly enjoyed by all. Looking forward to next year's leagues now being planned.

The fall league will start earlier in August to avoid sunsets and it will be timed to provide good practice for area participants who plan to make the 1998 State Championship in Rupert..

			High	
		%	game	
1. Don Moser	17	5	64.3	85.0
2. Bill McAughty	15	7	34.9	45.0
3. Mont Lewis	13	9	57.1	70.0
4. Steve Rudolph	12	10	20.8	37.5
5. Carrie D Gardner	11	11	31.1	50.0
6. Jim Price	10	12	38.7	52.5
7. Gary Curtis	10	12	29.7	42.2
8. Juan Hernandez	10	12	26.5	35.0
9. Kevin Cowley	10	12	16.7	27.5
10. Kieth Lewis	10	12	16.6	25.0
11. Alan Thomas	7	15	15.6	25.0
12. Eddie Parrish	5	17	7.3	12.5

Bud Lite Open

Fairfield June 15-16

Director **Berle Riese**

Class A-B (Handicapped)

1. Charlie Ault	6	1	54.00
2. Buck Walker	5	2	38.85
3. Linda VanGorder	4	3	55.14
4. Bob Riley	3	4	36.86
5. Kirk Jacobson	3	4	36.00
6. Lynn Johnson	3	4	36.00
7. Corlell VanGorder	3	4	28.20
8. Tony Apodaca	1	6	23.42

Class C

1. Warren Glahn	7	1	32.82*
2. Bruce Jensen	7	2	24.88*
3. Ron Willis	6	2	25.89*
4. Leon Johnson	4	3	26.00
5. Sophia Corn	2	5	26.00
6. Don Manwill	2	5	22.85
7. Virginia Manwill	2	5	21.42
8. James VanGorder	0	7	16.00

Class D

1. Walter Tews	6	2	14.61*
2. Henry Reid	5	3	15.89*
3. Todd Sisiam	4	3	22.85**
4. Jeff Tews	4	3	16.85**
5. Fay Fuqua	4	3	16.00**
6. Fred Tews	4	3	15.14**
7. Merlin Miller	2	5	10.57
8. Phil Dixon	0	7	2.85

*Playoff

**Four way tie. Placed by percentages.

Coors Open

Fairfield August 9 - 10

Class A

1. Linda VanGorder	4	2	56.66
2. Gary Kollmann	3	3	46.66
3. David Spears	2	4	43.33

Class B

1. Kirk Jaconson	5	0	49.50
2. Wayne Durnil	3	2	34.00
3. Corlell VanGorder	3	2	33.00
4. Dona VanGorder	3	2	20.50
5. Warren Glahn	1	4	27.00

Class C

1. Virginia Manwill	5	0	25.20
2. Don Manwill	3	2	20.00
3. Bill Jensen	3	2	19.60

4. Warren Glahn	2	3	21.20
5. Lou Logosz	2	3	14.40
6. James VanGorder	0	5	11.60

Class D

1. Walter Tews	6	1	24.33
2. Fay Fuqua	5	2	18.00
3. Henry Reid	5	2	17.33
4. Shawna Stewart	5	2	14.47
5. Jeff Tews	3	4	20.33
6. Fred Tews	3	4	7.56
7. John Beverly	1	6	5.33

**Cactus Pete's Fall Classic
Jackpot September 6 - 7**

Director Don Scarrow

Great weather, nice courts, good fellowship, hot competition. Medium turn out partly because of conflicting tournament in Blackfoot. The prize money was more than \$500 or \$130 per class.

Class A ended in a three-way tie between Charlie Ault, Gary Opper and George Sasz. The three decided to split the purse three ways.

Class B

1. Tony Apodaca	\$60.
2. Bill Jensen	\$40.
3. Paul Taylor	\$30.

Class C

1. Richard Peek	\$60.
2. Paul Striebel	\$40.
3. Dan Rollins	\$30.

Class D

1. Don Scarrow	\$60.
2. Mike Sloup	\$40.
3. Dan Suhr	\$30.

**Cactus Pete's Crazy Daze
Jackpot October 3 - 4**

Director Don Scarrow

Jackpot has just put in 24 completely new, beautiful, laser-leveled horseshoe pits with adjacent new modern rest rooms. A large pavilion is also planned next to the pits for picnics, barbecues, meetings, etc. Watch for the dates of the big spring opening tourney.

With percentages varying from 22% to 66% it was necessary to handicap the proceedings.

There were two classes on Saturday and two on Sunday. The top three places in each class on Saturday and the top two placements on Sunday met in the 10-man finals where \$1000. was up for grabs. Paul Reeves took home the top money, \$500. while second place was tied three way with Don Moser, Ruth Anderson & David Sparks and their \$500. was split three ways.

**East Idaho State Fair Fun Doubles
Blackfoot September 6**

Director Don Moser

The inaugural Fair Fun Doubles in Blackfoot went off without a hitch. Beautiful day, good fellowship, shoes flew and stakes clanged and all are looking forward to the 1998 edition.

The Director wishes to thank Kathy Gavin, Manager, all the Fair Board, all those who helped set up the pits and our very gracious lady scorekeeper - - and of course the 38 participants.

The pitchers were divided into three groups: Red, White & Blue — Red 14 pitchers, 12 in the White and 12 in the Blue. Pairs were drawn and all entry fees were returned in prizes. Percentages were not kept and games won & lost were not provided. The placements were:

Red Group

1. Lou Brock, Malad & Steve Gratzner, Blackfoot
2. Doug Palmer, Pocatello & Ruth Anderson, Idaho Falls
3. Bret Palmer, Idaho Falls & Ralph Warthen, Caldwell

White Group

1. Mont Lewis, Pocatello & Lewis Steffler, Moreland
2. Richard Lloyd, McCammon & Vern Tiezen, Aberdeen
3. Dean Valentine, Rupert & Steve Rudolph, Pocatello

Blue Group

1. Don Moser, Inkom & Gary Curtis, Pocatello
2. Mitch Perklins, Blackfoot & Luane Jackson, Moreland
3. Juan Perkins, Fort Hall & Lynn John, Layton, UT

Why did Joe put his clock in the oven?
He wanted to have a hot time.

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State Tournament

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First Annual State Junior Tournament
 Nampa September 28

Directors Gary Kollmann
 David Spears

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The weather was great and all contestants enjoyed the competition and are looking forward to next year's tournament. The group was divided into four classes and the games were 30 feet and 30 shoes in length. In case of ties, the placements were determined by percentages, the number of ringers which are shown in the third column. Its won, lost, ringers below.

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2. Betsy Adams	2	1	3
3. Racheal Rich	2	1	2
4. Torrey Roberts	0	3	2

Red Class

1. Mitch Bergland	2	1	5
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3. Lucas Gerla	2	1	2
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Blue Class

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*Congratulations to Anna
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The WORLD in brief

A summary of the NEWSLINE story by
Bob Champion
NHPA Publicity Director

OPEN MEN

Alan Francis from Defiance, Ohio, the artist of the 3/4 reverse delivery, fashioned an 18-1 record and an impressive 84.21 ringer percentage to win his third straight World Horseshoe Pitching title and fifth over a nine year period.

The four-time boys champion bested six-time World Champion Walter Ray Williams, 1r. from Stockton, California by three games as he breezed through the 19 game round robin schedule. Williams closed with a 15-4 mark and 81.68% followed by New York's Art Tyson (14-5), Maine's Brian Simmons (13-6), Jim Walters, Ohio (12-7), and Paul LaCrosse from Colorado (11-8).

Francis makes himself at home in the winners circle. "This win feels real good," the personable Francis said after the award presentations in which all 20 finalists received checks for their efforts. Francis received the top prize of \$3,500 plus trophy, as did the open women champions.

A record 1,740 pitchers competed in this, the first NHPA tournament held in Canada.

OPEN WOMEN

Minnesota's best, Bev Nathe from St. Stephen won her second straight Women's title, much like she did against Kentucky's Sue Snyder last year.

This time in the next to last game, Bev dropped an exciting decision to another outstanding pitcher, Sylvianne Moisan from Quebec, 40-37, and then dosed with a semitough contest against New York's Sue Twyman, 42-31. Moisan then lost a heart-breaker to youthful Becky Kemper from Kentucky.

Bev's dosing 80.38 percentage was only fifth high for the round robin schedule, but her 17-2 record bested Moisan and Kemper by one game. Kemper, pitching in her first open women's group, was outstanding and quickly became a power in the Women's Division displaying a cool and toughness well beyond her young age.

Moisan dosed with a tournament high 85.07 percentage followed closely by Kemper's 83.12. The Canadian won the Class A preliminaries with an even 84% and Bedcy took Class B, dosing with an 82% effort. The championship class and their 1997 position at the finish included some notable names in the lower ranks. Snyder 9th, Opal Reno, Arkansas 12th, Sandy Janssens, Ontario 15th and Minnesota's Phyllis Negaard 18th. Negaard won five World titles, Reno 2.

Seventeen women have won at least two straight championships in the series which began in 1920. Leading the pack is Missouri's Vidci Winston overall with 10 career

winners. Laura Lanham in the early years won six, Mayme Francisco took five. In the early '70s Ruth Hangen won five, including four straight. Snyder and Illinois' Tari Powell and Indiana's Sue Gillespie each have won three.

BOYS

Defending Champion Jeremy Umphries from Tyler, Texas defeated Virginia's Branson Miller, 40-35, in a playoff to capture the 1997 Boys World Championship.

The two gladiators went 78 shoes before the UTexas Tornado~ won the game on a three-ringers-three after Branson watched a solid ringer bounce off. Miller had held a 31-30 lead at the 60-shoe mark, but trailed by one point, 35-36 after 70

Jeremy gained a point in the next inning to go up, 37-35, before two four-deeds were followed by the heartbreaking loss of a ringer by Miller who had defeated Umphries, 42-39 in the third match of the day.

Following the tournament, Umphries had a few words to say: "I'm very happy to win. I had hoped to make it two-in-a-row. " Jeremy competed in his third World event having finished seventh in Perry, Georgia in his first effort. He is a member of the North Texas Ringers, competing in two leagues, one each in Denison and Tyler.

Five of the six championship qualifiers entered the tournament with percentages over 70, with Umphries going in with 79.17 and closing one point better with 80.40%.

GIRLS

Fourteen year old Rebecca King from Sand Spring, Oklahoma won her first World title at Kitchener in the 31st annual Girls championship.

She closed with a 5-0 record and 61.36 ringer percentage, one game in front of Michelle Jarrett, another Oklahoma flipper who closed with an impressive 65.42 percentage.

King opened with an easy victory over Michelle Newton, South Dakota, 40-3, then allowed only three points again in defeating Stacey Sanders from Ohio, 45-3. A 42-14 win over Charlene Hix, Virginia and a 41-31 victory over Kentucky's Bridget Moody moved the champion to the close final win over Jarrett, 40-37. Both were undefeated as they started the final contest.

The youthful Becky has been flipping her Allen shoes for six years having been introduced to the sport at age eight.

SENIOR MEN

Ohio's John Brown tossed his Ted Allen horseshoes to a tough 8-3 record and a 68.08 ringer percentage in a 12-group round robin which showed the last three places still winning four games. Brown finished one game in front of Spud Napier, California and John Bogardus from New York, as he won the 1997 Senior Men's title.

All 12 pitchers closed with percentages over 60 and it

was wide open competition to the final inning. John's two losses came at the hands of his closest rivals.

I was runner-up in the division at Georgia and Wyoming but I finally made it, he said during the post action interview. A member of the Lancaster, Ohio Horseshoe Club, Brown has competed in 28 World Tournaments. he won Class C at Ainsworth in 1986.

Horseshoe people are the greatest," he added, and all those fine pitchers involved in the sport are the main reasons I pitch today.°

The senior men's division was first scheduled in 1960. Brown hopes to add his name to the string of seniors who have won two or more titles. Heading the list is John Paxton from Iowa with five. Ohio's Stan Manker has won four, Carl Steinfeldt, New York has captured three and six others each won two titles. They include John Wilkinson, Ohio; Harold Tuttle, Ohio; Ray Miller, Ohio; Marvin Richmond, Minnesota; Glenn Portt, Georgia; Lawrence Miller, Ohio and Ray Hill, Michigan.

SENIOR WOMEN

Teddy Guillotte from Sonora, California struck gold again by winning the Senior Women's championship at Kitchener with an easy 5-0 record, two games in front of Loree Meier, Missouri and Iris Sandham, Georgia. Teddy closed with a 77.59 ringer percentage, over 7% better than the final figure when she won the title in 1995.

I was surprised to win again, N said the California flipper, after her Cal-Flip shoes brought another victory. During her title run, Guillotte had three easy wins with the most competition coming from Meier and Sandham. Last year Teddy competed in the Open Women division and those "shot shots" sent her home early. This was only her third World Tournament since she was 60 years old when first getting her feet wet in horseshoes.

The Senior Women competition has only been available since 1989. Marge Spray, Florida won three titles in 1990, 1991, and 1992. In winning her second championship, Teddy established two all-time records. Her overall percentage of 77.59 bettered her previous mark of 70.11 set in 1995. The single game mark of 85.4 erased Patty Sapp of Oregon's mark of 81% set in 1996. Teddy also had single games of 84.4 and 81.4 this year.

ELDERS

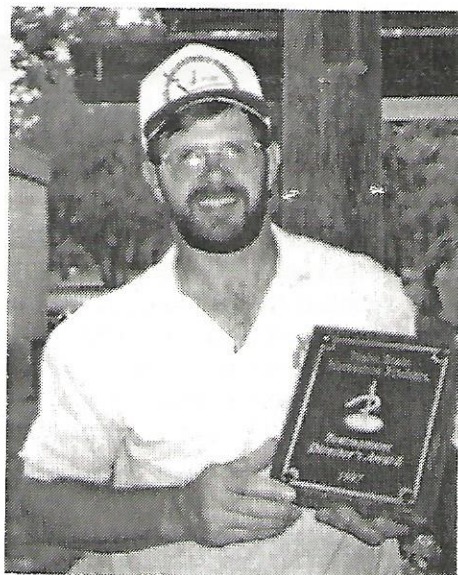
George Sasz of Rawhide again racked havoc with his Elders throwing 39.04% and with runner up spot went to even straight to win his second title because he and fellow artist had a perfect 7-0 record and same win-loss record as the other percentage one game in front of the Class C Champion.

Rawhide as he is known by his Pennsylvania pitching buddies, manages to toss his Imperials with deadly accuracy for a "youngster" He changed to the short distance when he was 77 and improved his percentage so much that he was termed "too good to pitch in some of the state's tournaments.

When asked if he plans to pitch in Ainsworth next year, he quippy answered: NFor sure, if I can get in enough tournaments. You know, when you are 82, every day is a bonus and you have to take advantage of every opportunity.

A member of the Erie Horseshoe Club, he allowed only two pitchers to score over 20 points against him. They are both from Indiana, Warren Woolsey, who finished eighth and scored 24, and Curley Seibold, who claimed fourth position in the standings, and gave the winner the most trouble with 19. Second place km Pagliarulo managed only 13 points.

Bohun also won the Class A title at Kitchener, to qualify for the finals with a 14-1 record and 84 ringer percentage.



David Spears, Boise

We in Idaho always knew of Dave's love of the horseshoe game and we have all benefitted from his efforts to improve Idaho Horseshoes. Shown here with his second award as the State's Outstanding Director in the very few years he has participated in the sport, Dave has recently been honored outside our boundaries. At the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Club in Yakima, WA he was named Mr. Northwest Horseshoes.

According to our Regional Director Rick Rebman the award was given to Dave for his "outstanding contribution in the promotion of horseshoes in the Northwest." "It has been given to only one other Idahoan and that was Dean Curry of Lewiston, many years ago," according to Rebman who added, "Dave has put together a great money program in Boise and with a little local support it could become something great!"

Be an Idaho Horseshoe Booster

News, Notes & Opinion *from page 8*

and the deadline for your comments will be March 15. We'd like to hear from you. Not only because we want input from members (we want to know you're out there) but because the first issue is always short on material. All there is to report is the schedule, directors and the starting percentages. That takes about two pages. Don't you have any ideas, any suggestions, to make Idaho Horseshoes better, more fun, how to gain new members or how to keep the ones we have? There's too great a turn over.

For years the Idaho State Championship percentage spread has been excessive. The pregame spread in Class A or the Championship Class was 14 points this year. That's absurd! The postgame spread was even greater. 20 points, if you can imagine it. That's not unusual. The 1996 postgame spread was also 20 points. Although no one can control the postgame spread, it is of course a function of the pregame spread. What is wrong with an 8-man A? Even then this year's spread would have been 9 points, still too much. How about a 6-man A Championship? Five games Saturday and five Sunday? Some are permitted to pitch in A whose record does not justify it. The problem is not so acute in B, C, D, etc. but it comes up again in the Men's 30's and that's impossible to improve until our membership doubles. Something can be done about the A Championship and should be.

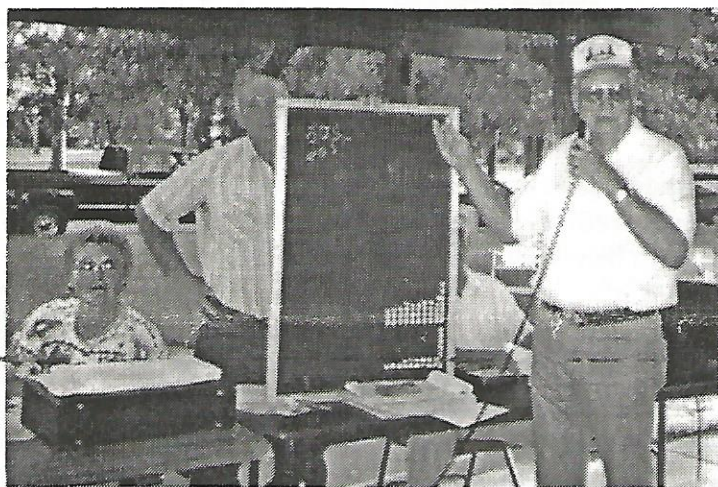
Another problem is handicapping. We've been talking about it forever and nothing has been done. FOUR DEAD! has published the NHPA suggested plan. Some are using it, many are not.

We should all decide to use the NHPA plan which most know is the fairest. After that decision is reached, the membership must decide what the percentage of handicap should be. The one presented here is 100%, it is easily modified. Do the members want 100% or 95, 90, 85% Which? How are you going to find out? ASK THEM! When that's decided, you print out small cards with that information and be sure that every member and every Director gets a copy to go in their wallets. It's a simple at that.!

No two clubs in the same section of the State (North or South) should have tourneys on the same day. Directors should get together and decide what's best. If they cannot decide, the Officers (or the Executive Committee) must make a determination. The official one would be the only one advertised in FOUR DEAD!

We talked a lot about having the Directors let pitchers know how they are going to run their tournament. It should not be necessary for Directors to spell out their rules each time. The only time a Directors needs to tell pitchers the way he is going to run his tourney is when he plans something out of the "normal" out of the "regular". That means if he's going to charge more than the usual \$11. If he wants to start his tourney before 10 AM or if he is going to use some offbeat handicapping system. Pitchers should be informed if his tourney is going to be "different".

The next issue of FOUR DEAD! is going to reach member around the middle of April and deadline for copy is March 15, 1998. That should give you plenty of time for comments and I hope to get some. Have a nice winter. JGM



Shown here are Bonnie Sutzman, Sec-Treas. seated at left, Henry Reid, 1997 President holding the blackboard.. (Vice President Jesse Lyda is hiding behind the black board) The speaker is Ray Grossaint who is explaining the way the NHPA handicapping system works. It is not easy to explain. I suggest that members know the NHPA is a fair and honest organization and take their word for it and use it. After you have decided for yourself what percentage of handicap is best for all.

You don't have to know how the internal combustion engine works to drive a car, or how TV produces a picture to love or hate it. Have a little faith. The NHPA Chart will be printed in the spring issue. Basically 100% is 100 ringers in 100 shoes. Thus each ringer is worth 3 points when you pitch a 100 shoe game. In a 50 shoe game it would be worth 1.5 points.

FOUR DEAD!

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