

FOUR DEAD

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President's Message

Well another year has come and gone and what a year it has been. Whoops it is time for a little humor as promised early in the year, let's see what I can come up with this time.

A young couple gets married, and the groom asks his bride if he can have a dresser drawer of his own that she will never open. The bride agrees. After 30 years of marriage, she notices that his drawer has been left open. She peeks inside and sees 3 golf balls and \$1,000.

She confronts her husband and asks for an explanation. He explains "Every time I was unfaithful to you, I put a golf ball in the drawer." She figures 3 times in 30 years isn't bad and asks "But what about the \$1,000?" He replied "Whenever I got a dozen golf balls, I sold them".

Now back to my message it has been quite a whirlwind in horseshoes this year for me. I had resigned from everything I was involved in and then decided to try and get re-instated as the President, which I was. This year's attendance at tournaments sure fell off a lot since the world came and went in Pocatello. I do know that several people got in because of the world tournament and maybe decided they just didn't want to commit to being a member any longer. I truly don't know the reason why anyone quit, but all those that worked hard to increase the membership are to be congratulated. We have, however, picked up new members that have stayed on since the recruiting began and we encourage them to continue. New things that happen throughout the year have been; Rodney Pickering became the Regional Director when I selected him as my replacement. He also became a tournament director and ran a few tournaments in Boise. The formation of the Treasure Valley Horseshoe Pitching Club with the following officer's; Rodney Pickering, President, Gary Kollmann, Vice President and Jerry Smith as the Sec./Treas. Several members have already joined the club. One of the state members that is responsible for the formation of this club is the great Don Titcomb. Don, at the young age of 81 and according to many that I have talked to, is still the greatest promoter of this sport in the world. When you get to know him you feel his passion for the game that he has done so well at. He also has a very supportive family that has helped him out many times.

Don ran his pitch and win program for 22 days before the world tournament this year in Delmar County and mentioned that well over 1.25 million people went to the fair, he then went to Bakersfield to help them setup the tournament site for the World tournament. After he came back to Idaho, he solicited sponsors and volunteers for the Western Idaho State Fair for his first pitch and win program here in Idaho. He mentioned to me that it was successful and had about 130+ names sign up for more information on horseshoe pitching here in the Treasure Valley. Don, we all thank you for your generosity to the sport and the love you show for the game. I also want to mention that Don, for the first time, was given the opportunity to present his Pitch and Win program to the National Association during the state officer's meeting and again at the delegates meeting at the World Tournament. He shared some information and encouraged the NHPA to make video copies and copies of his brochures and encouraged all states in attendance to use the program, as it is the best form of advertisement for this sport.

The turnout for the state tournament this year was the lowest in many years with only 26 in attendance. Gary Opper retained the men's title (his 5th in a row); the new ladies state champ this year is Paula King from Boise. Elections held this year were for the first VP and the Sec./Treas. positions. Gary Kollmann was re-elected as the 1st VP and Jerry Smith, who decided to run just a few weeks before the tournament started, was elected as the new Sec./Treas. I personally want to thank Marge Chapin for her many years as the Sec./Treas and all the hard work she gave to the association and we wish her well. The 2006 State Doubles will be held in Nampa and the 2006 State Singles will be in Pocatello. One other item that was brought up during the meeting was the weekend to hold the state singles tournament on. Attendees wanted to have a by-laws vote on which weekend the State Singles tournament should be ran on. Labor Day weekend won hands down and will added to the by-laws. It is now in the books that the State Singles Tournament will be held on Labor Day weekend

I am in the process of relocating and will be moving to Mountain Home and probably be doing something with the courts over there as they have been out of the tournament loop for awhile.

An Opportunity surfaced during the world tournament this year in Bakersfield which was the chance to purchase some portable courts with synthetic clay for just a mere \$2,000.00 from Don Weaver of Las Vegas. The courts have been paid for and were picked up in November. With having some portable courts in the Treasure Valley, programs or events can be put together to help promote the sport. On a final note the ballot form turnout this year was the best ever and I also want to mention that everything voted on passed. This means that yes you will be required to wear a shirt at the state tournament with a minimum of your name on it and pacers will be utilized if available on bye games and there will be NO smoking or drinking in the confines of the courts while pitching in games. There also will be 2 judges dressed accordingly for recognition with the appropriate devices to make calls when needed. The membership dues will also be increasing for adults only. The long time fee of \$17.00 was increased to \$20.00, the juniors membership fee of \$6.00 will remain the same. A reminder message of the new changes can be found in this issues and as well as the first newsletter of 2006. Thanks for your time in reading this entire message. Now it's time for me to get moving (relocating) again.

Good Pitchin,
Dave Spears

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Help our sport grow by recruiting new pitchers. The more pitchers we have, the better the competition will be.

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Gate City Horseshoe Pitchers

The GCHPC is planning some winter time activities and looking forward to the 2006 pitching season when it will host the State Singles Tournament. Get ready for the Gem State Shootout detailed in this newsletter.

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Newsletter Subscriptions Changes

This issue of the Fore Dead is sponsored by the Treasure Valley Horseshoe Club so that every member can be informed. The executive board has decided that the three dollar increase in dues is probably more that enough to cover the cost of three newsletters per year, so there will be no need to send a \$5.00 subscription this year. All member households will receive Four Dead free of charge. Now the newsletter can start to be a real communication tool.

State Statistician

Sandra And Ralph Ruebel have announced that they will no longer have time enough to do the Idaho Statistician job. They site personal situations that have come up. President Spears thanks them for all of their hard work and has appointed Gary Opper the new Statistician. Help him out all you can.

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Gem State Shootout

At the 2005 state tournament it was voted on and approved by the members that Idaho should have some type of in-state rivalry between regions of the state. It was decided that this would be called the GEM State Shootout. I volunteered to organize this and set forth guidelines to be discussed and hashed out before the 2006 tournaments begin. I propose that we set up the state into three sections (pull out those maps) for this friendly competition.

- Section I: Northern – Anyone who lives above Bonanza – draw a line across the state –going east.
- Section II: Western – West of Jerome, Idaho and below Bonanza.
- Section III: Eastern – West of Jerome, Idaho – Draw another line going North and South till the Northern line touches the line that was drawn across the State above Bonanza.

Anytime that a sanctioned tournament is being held, points will be awarded to a game winner if they are competing against a player from a different section of the state. Winners in a normal tournament will get 2 points for their section if they win their game against another section's player. Two tournaments in each section will be designated for bonus points for wins. The State Tournament will be worth the most points. In all normal tournaments the winner will get 2 points, in designated bonus tournaments, the winner will get 5 points, and in the state tournament, the winner will get 8 points. We will count tournaments outside of the state as long as someone involved reports the results to me. I will be calculating all the points from each tournament. The annual Gem State Shootout Winner will receive a plaque and have their name placed on the luxury traveling trophy to be held in the pitcher's section for the following year. Please send in all inquiries and ideas to me. Rodney Pickering, 5502 S. Tecoma Pl., Boise, ID 83716 208-344-9690 or 208-830-9694. or e-mail: rpick0942@aol.com

Rodney Pickering

Regional Director Message:

I can't believe that another year is almost gone. I hope that all of you had a great year in horseshoes and that you are looking forward to having an even greater year in 2006. I need to sanction the tournaments for 2006, along with that comes ordering patches for the tournaments. Lets set up those tournaments so that we can get are order in for those patches. Any tournament director having a tournament in a new location needs to have the pits sanctioned. Which means that they need to have the correct dimensions as set up in the by laws of the NHPA. If I can not personally be there to sanction the new pits I will ask a trusted member of the local club to go out and measure out the new pits.

Rodney Pickering, Idaho RD

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TYHPC Caldwell

Caldwell will be sponsoring 3 tournaments in 2006, 2 sanctioned and 1 non-sanctioned. The summer league will again be ran on Monday nights at 7:00 and all interested pitchers should come and pitch. The end of the year handicap tournament for the summer league will be August 14 & 15.

The 2 sanctioned tournaments are the Thompson Brother's Memorial to be held on May 20, 2006 and the Ralph Wharthen Classic to be held June 10, 2006. The annual non-sanctioned will again be held on July 4th. Coffee, sodas, and donuts will be served at all tournaments. Started times are to be 9:30 and all tournaments are pre-register. The tournaments are mixed 30 and 40 foot pitchers. Joe Campbell will be directing a Jackpot tournament on September 9th and 10th. Call Joe for details @ 208-454-3907.

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TVHPC Boise

Boise is formulating its plans for 2006 and hopes to increase the number tournaments held as well as continuing to host a summer horseshoe pitching league at the Julia Davis Park on Thursdays.

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2006 World Tournament
Gillette, Wyoming
July 10 thru July 22

TVHPC Nampa

The Nampa club will be hosting a league on Tuesday nights and sponsoring several tournaments in 2006. We were awarded the State Doubles Tournaments to be held on August 5th and 6th. Come over and check us out, we welcome all.

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State Business Meeting

The state business meeting was not well attended but was lively none the less. Twin Falls was awarded the 2006 State Singles Tournament and Nampa was awarded the State Doubles Tournament. After some lively discussion, a motion was made to put a By-law in that states "The State Singles Tournament will always be played on Labor day weekend". The motion carried by a vast majority. Twin Falls then withdrew its name as the site of the 2006 State Singles Tournament citing personal conflicts with the Labor Day weekend. Pocatello was then awarded the State Singles Tournament for 2006. An interstate rivalry among Idaho pitchers was discussed and approved with a traveling trophy and individual awards involved. The competition will be called the Gem State Shootout. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Gary Kollmann was re-elected as Vice-President and Jerry Smith was elected Sec./Treas.

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NHPA WEBSITE

www.horseshoepitching.com

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Reminder!! The 2006 Idaho State dues were raised to \$20.00 by ballot form. You can renew or join the ISHPA by sending your dues and/or tournament money to the new State Sec./Treas.:

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David Spears has moved.
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State Singles Tournament

Men's A

Gary Opper	9-1	58.07%
Gary Kollmann	8-2	53.36%
Clyde Marquez	6-4	46.87%
Harry Chapin	4-6	40.73%
David Spears	3-7	40.45%
Rodney Pickering	0-10	30.66%

Men's B

Mike Cothorn	10-0	47.88%
Brent Wood	6-4	35.47%
Warren Glahn	5-5	37.85%
Doug Palmer	5-5	29.80%
Randy King	2-8	30.94%
Darold Johnson	2-8	33.39%

Men's C

Art Morris	8-2	32.00%
Tom Goss	7-3	21.40%
Bob Riley	5-5	27.00%
Allen Lee	4-6	24.00%
Bob Zausch	3-7	24.80%
Charles Marquez	3-7	23.20%

Woman's A

Paula King	8-1	41.00%
Linda Pickering	4-5	40.36%
Sofia Corn	4-5	36.70%
Virginia Manwill	2-7	29.18%

Elder's A

Henry Reid	7-3	34.25%
Bill McAughey	6-4	29.42%
Don Manwill	3-6	27.60%
Reed Jardine	3-6	29.60%

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What do you watch when you pitch a shoe? The top of the stake? The middle of the stake? The shoe? A lot of newer pitchers can't help but watch the shoe. They want to see the turn or the flip to see if the shoe is open. After all, if the shoe isn't open, its not going on. Once you develop a fairly dependable shoe (open wise) you need to concentrate on watching the bottom of the stake in sand and the middle of the stake in clay. If your opponent has a shoe leaning on the stake, aim above it, otherwise don't worry about your opponent's shoes, work on your throw. Remember, step toward the opposite stake, not straight down the runway. Talking (to the most part), eating, drinking, and smoking are done between games not during them. Keep those ringers coming, practice might help too!!!

State Doubles Tournament

Bill McAughey/ Jim Sweitzer	First
Reed Jardine/ Verlyn Dunn	Second
Bob Batts/ Don Moser	Third

Class B

Dan Murray/ Kathy Murray	First
Shayne Moore/ Dale Moore	Second
Art Ross/ Gary Curtis	Third

Class C

Ron Lloyd/ John Warren	First
Jeff Jones/ Dan Hendricks	Second
Corinna Cobbley/ Nancy Cobbley	Third

2006 Tentative Schedule

Jan. 9th Mon. Night Sanct. Singles	Pocatello
Jan. 11 th Weds. Night Sanct. Doubles	Pocatello
January 21 st @Ringers 10am	Pocatello
February 18 th @Ringers 10am	Pocatello
March 25 th @Ringers 10am	Pocatello
March leagues March 6 th	Pocatello
May leagues May 1 st	Pocatello
May 6 th Nampa Open \$8	Nampa
May 7 th Spring Opener	Boise
May 13 th Bad Boys Bar-B-Que II	Pocatello
May 13 th Western Days I	Jackpot
May 14 th The Memorial	Pocatello
May 14 th Western Days II	Jackpot
May 20 th Thompson Bros. Mem.	Caldwell
May 21 Gary Kollmann Open \$8	Nampa
June 4 th The Memorial	Boise
June 10 Ralph Warthen	Caldwell
June 11 Jerry Smith Surprise Day \$8	Nampa
June 17 th Juneteenth	Pocatello
June 18 th Ribs and Water Mellon	Pocatello
June 24 th Nampa Fun \$8	Nampa
July 1 st Dave's Woodworking	Boise
July 2nd Boise Classic	Boise
July 4 th Independence Day	Caldwell
July 8 th Pocatello Money	Pocatello
July 9 th Gate City Open	Pocatello
July 10 th to July 24 th 2006 World	Wyoming
Aug. 5 th ,6 th State Doubles	Nampa
August 12 th 4 th Annual Portneuf Valley Shoot Out	
August 13 th 4 th Annual Down and Back	
August 26 th GCHPA Singles Champ.	Pocatello
August 27 th GCHPA Doubles Champ.	Pocatello
September 2, 3, and 4 Idaho State Singles	Pocatello
September Leagues at Ringers Sept. 11 th	
Sept. 9 Fall Classic I	Jackpot
Sept. 10 Fall Classic II	Jackpot
Sept. 23 Nampa Parks & Recs. \$8	Nampa

NATSTAT Averages for Idaho

Class A

Name

Division

Average

Baldry, Terri	W	23.21
Baldry, Willie	M	23.96
Batts, Robert	M	41.24
Bergstrom, Jim	M	25.35
Bergstrom, Sam	M	25.00
Bews, Ike	30	41.17
Bird, Jeff	M	8.12
Bosquez, Danny	M	25.65
Bradley, Steve	M	31.97
Brennecke, Otto	30	47.26
Brock, Luis	M	19.00
Bullock, Corinna	W	14.16
Burt, Keenan	M	13.50
Campbell, Joe	M	39.39
Chapin, Harry	M	42.90
Clark, Alma	30	38.13
Cobbley, Clyde	M	14.47
Cobbley, Nancy	W	17.70
Cole, Gale	M	13.53
Corn, Sofia	W	37.88
Cothorn, Mike	M	41.98
Curtis, Gary	M	25.00
Davis, Robert	M	16.48
Dunn, Verlyn	30	48.11
Facer, Wally	M	12.00
Faulkner, Bobby	M	36.88
Fronske John	M	11.20
Gilmore, Brad	Jr	34.15
Gilmore, Eric	Jr	36.94
Gilmore, Steve	M	23.66
Glahn, Warren	M	36.17
Goss, Tom	M	26.74
Hahn, Bart	M	19.15
Hahn, Brian	M	16.48
Hall, Jason	M	24.33
Hendricks, Danny	M	22.04
Hernandez, Juan	M	25.83
Holcomb, Cliff	30	23.20
Jacobson, Kirk	M	24.80
Jardine, Reed	30	29.15
John, Dennis	30	18.53
Johnson, Bert	M	26.32
Johnson, Darold	M	32.50
Johnson, Wayne	M	41.24
Johnston, Gary	M	13.68
Jones, Jeff	M	17.62
Kimber, Gerald	M	31.76
King, Paula	W	38.37
King, Randy	M	39.10
Kleinsmith, Homer	M	20.35
Kollmann, Gary	M	58.28
Allen, Lee	M	25.60
Lewis, Durell	M	20.30
Lewis, Keith	30	28.03
Lewis Mont	30	29.33
Lloyd, Ron	M	16.10
Louden, Walt	M	20.50
Manwill, Don	30	30.14
Manwill, Virginia	W	26.32
Marquez, Charlie	M	24.90
Marquez, Clyde	M	46.55
Marquez, Tony	M	24.37
McAughey, Bill	30	43.86
Moore, Dale	M	31.23
Moore, Shayne	Jr	26.87
Morrison, Art	M	32.40
Moser, Con	30	49.76
Moser, Don	30	45.14
Moser, Shirley	W	14.45
Mumme, C J	M	3.90
Murray, Dan	M	27.20
Murray, Kathy	W	35.00
Nappo Jr., Eddy	M	11.36
Oppper, Gary	M	68.50
Palmer, Doug	M	32.32
Parenteau, Dennis	M	19.85
Park, Rosita	W	10.57

Park, Tim	M	24.06
Patterson, Russ	M	20.00
Petersen, Gerald	M	12.00
Pickering, Linda	W	43.09
Pickering, Rodney	M	40.74
Piva, Nick	M	43.57
Poole, Brian	M	20.47
Poole, Melanie	W	5.45
Price, Glen	30	27.47
Price, Jim	M	45.53
Price III, James	Jr	16.93
Randall, Janet	W	9.61
Reed, Joe	M	23.51
Reid, Henry	30	34.30
Rigby, Monty	30	26.63
Riley, Bob	M	37.18
Robinson, Jim	M	14.86
Rodriguez, Phil	M	11.50
Rollins, Dan	M	22.37
Ross, Arthur	M	32.56
Samora, Tina	W	49.70
Scott, Jim	M	23.80
Scott, Robin	M	8.33
Scroggin, Mark	M	22.00
Shove, Carlena	W	14.97
Shove, Clifton	M	21.49
Shove, Don	M	24.94
Sims, Weston	M	30.69
Smith, Holden	Jr	2.25
Smith, Jerry	M	3.75
Sorensen, Debi	W	17.07
Sorensen, Kent	M	11.61
Spangler, Larry	M	19.54
Spangler, Nanette	W	26.84
Spears, David	M	41.19
Stayner, Lynn	30	31.76
Stedder, Matt	M	14.00
Stephens, Tim	M	27.00
Stipe, Al	30	31.23
Sweitzer, James	30	43.54
Taki, Doug	M	16.31
Taylor, Paul	M	22.50
Thomas, Alan	M	22.50
Thomas, Keith	30	35.09
Thompson, Beverly Ann	W	24.33
Titcomb, Don	30	58.68
Tye, Charlie	M	30.88
Walt, Todd	M	16.00
Warren, John	M	29.06
Warthen, Ralph	30	32.41
Wessel, Darla	W	23.13
Wessel, Glen	M	30.97
Wheeler, Bob	M	16.30
White, Travon	M	13.22
Wickham, Karen	W	40.16
Wilson, Mark	M	10.00
Wood, Brent	M	35.08
Zausch, Bob	M	25.96
Zausch, Jeff	Jr	33.12

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