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President's Message

Welcome to a New Year in horseshoes, one of the first things I would like to say is Thank You to all of who supported me in being re-instated as your President. For those of you who don't know what I am referring to, I had sent out a letter to several people nationwide formally stating that I was resigning from all of my current positions within the NHPA and the ISPHA due to personal reasons. Lately things have looked up and I realized the love of the game was still deep rooted and I would probably miss not doing something with horseshoes so I was asked to be re-instated and was. I would prefer not to discuss the reasons so let's get on with horseshoes.

They say that laughter is good medicine so I would like to change my Presidents message format by starting off with a humorous joke that we can all laugh at and then maybe we can all be a little healthier after reading this upcoming joke.

"Social Security Applicant"

The elderly man told his wife he was going to sign up for social security. She says, 'You can't do that, you lost your birth certificate. He says, 'Oh I'll talk them into it.' So when he returns the next day, he is all smiles and says, 'I'm all signed up and no problems. Well, how did you do that?' she asks. He replies, 'I took off my shirt and showed her all the gray hair on my chest, and showed her all the gray hair on my head. 'The wife.' states, 'Well, why didn't you drop your pants, we could have gotten disability.

I thought that was a cute joke and that's all I'm saying. Well with this New Year of horseshoes approaching us I would like to welcome a new resident and legend horseshoe pitcher to the state of Idaho, his name is "Don Titcomb". Don is formally from California and a legend of this great sport. Don was a great promoter of this sport in California and we will probably be asking him for suggestions on the topic of promotions. Don has family in Boise which probably prompted the move to Meridian where he currently resides.

Don placed first in 2 World Tournaments, Mens that I have found by looking back through the official NHPA World Tournament History Book of 1909-1980. He placed 1st in Murray, Utah in 1956 with a W/L record of 34-1 with a ringer percentage of 84, but was declared second for some reason. He also placed 1st in Muncie, Indiana in 1960 with a W/L record of 33-2 and a ringer

percentage of 84.9. Don also placed many times in the top 10, pitching against some of the best pitchers the sport has ever seen to date, pitchers like the great Ted Allen, Curt Day, Fernando Isias, Elmer Hohl and Carl Steinfeldt along with many other great names. Don has also won the World title once each as an Intermediate and a Senior. I'm sure that Don could write a book on his many great pitching experiences if he hasn't already. I for one would like to welcome you "Don" to Idaho. I'm sure I'll be picking your brain when I run across you in tournaments or league play for pitching or promotion suggestions. *Editor's note! Don has written several books.*

Next I would like to welcome our new newsletter editor "Jerry Smith". Jerry is also a former Californian. Jerry and his wife Diane have helped me out at several of my tournaments over the last year or so. Jerry and Diane have many credentials in horseshoes as they have run many tournaments. Jerry is also a former Secretary/Treasurer of the Northern California Chapter. Lastly I would like to mention that during my previous resignation I gave up a position that I had worked my way into and that was the Regional Directors position. When resigning I was asked by our National 1st VP, Alan Baptist who I thought could fill my shoes and I suggested Rodney Pickering. I would like to congratulate Rodney on this new position, I'm sure you will do well with it.

With this new season approaching I would also like to mention that Rodney Pickering has also decided to run some tournaments in Boise along with myself we will showcase at least 5 tournaments from what I see. This year the State Doubles will again be held in Pocatello (see schedule) and the state singles in Boise once again on the weekend before Labor Day. The reason it has gone to the weekend before Labor Day is that it was voted on and passed that the State Officers will run the State Singles tournament as it should have always been in my opinion. Since some have commitments on the Labor Day weekend this will allow all of us to attend and run the State Singles Tournament. The host cite will be responsible for the court upkeep hosting the potluck and other duties associated with the running of the tournament. By the state officers running the tournament this will take a lot of work and stress off of the host site except this year because I will be part of both. The reason Boise has it again this year is because

the northern portion of the state declined to host it this year.

I would also like to mention the results of the ballot forms from last year to bring everybody up to speed. There were only 2 proposals which both passed. The first was to have a maximum in a class at the State Singles tournament of no more than 8 players with a minimum number of rounds pitched being two. The other proposal was to have the State Officers run the State Singles Tournament. As mentioned both proposals have passed and will be in affect from this year forward. The reason for the 8 player or less divisions was to keep the ringer percentages tighter and to eliminate the wide spread in percentages we used to have in the past. This still will not resolve the men's A-class percentage situation until some of us can improve our game enough to get up with Gary Opper, there is a lot of work out there still for some of us to get to that caliber of play.

Included in this issue will also be a ballot form with different proposals, I ask that you read them over carefully and choose the best answer and please return them to me "David Spears" at P.O. Box 694 Wilder, Id. 83676 as soon as possible. I look for a record return in ballot forms this year with your help.

I'm getting close to being done here so please bear with me. The decision for the host site for the 2006 World Tournament has been released; it will be in Gillette, Wyoming, which was also the host site in 1996, my first World Tournament. Who is headed to the World Tournament this year in Bakersfield, California? Did you get the bug from last year in Pocatello to do it again and maybe the following year in Gillette, WY. Did you make new friends in Pocatello that you would like to see again in Bakersfield; well I sure hope so. Going to new and different locations for me has been interesting and enjoyable; being able to see places you may have never would have gone. Before I close I would like to mention that two officer positions will be up for election/re-election. Those positions are the Sec/Treas. Position currently held by Marge Chapin and the 1st VP position currently held by Gary Kollmann. If you have an interest in becoming an officer and would like to try your hand at it please submit an article to Jerry Smith (our newsletter editor) for publication expressing your interest and we will post it in the next newsletter in early July. I wish everybody a successful year in tournament turnouts and in your pitching as well, but also remember to have fun.

Good Pitchin,
Dave Spears
ISHPA President

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

Get Involved.

Gate City Horseshoe Pitchers

The Gate City Horseshoe Pitcher's Association, GCHPA, recently held elections for the 2005 season and the results were: President-Jim Price, 1st VP-Bob Zausch, 2nd VP-Gerald Kimber, Secretary-Sherry Cole, Treasurer-Keith Lewis, Board Members-Brian Poole, Dale Moore, Steve Gilmore, Glen Price, Gale Cole, and Jim Robinson. There will be 9 tournaments this summer with the first being held on April 16. Men, Women, and Children are welcome to join and participate, with instructions available. The league is on Tuesday nights. Contact Jim Price for information. To join the GCHPA contact Jim Price @ 232-4566, Gerald Kimber @ 232-2703, Sherry Cole @ 234-9448, or any Board Member. Horseshoe pitching is a fun and life-long sport. See attached Idaho schedule for the Pocatello tournaments and get out there and pitch.

The New Treasure Valley Horseshoe Pitching Club

An organizational meeting for the new Treasure Valley Horseshoe Pitching Club, (TVHPC) was held at the home of Jerry and Diane Smith on March 18, 2005. The purpose of the meeting was to find out how much interest there was in forming a club and if acceptable, elect officers and set goals and objectives. Ten interested persons showed up and the meeting was continued as planned. The newly elected officers are Rodney Pickering-President, Jerry D. Smith-Sec./Treas., and Gary Kollmann- 1st VP.

The purpose of the club is to promote horseshoe pitching in the Treasure Valley. While anyone can join, the general area is from Payette to Mountain Home. Currently three set of courts are large enough to hold sanctioned tournaments: Boise, Caldwell, and Nampa. Boise and Caldwell have plans for summer leagues already and the courts in Nampa have to be upgraded or replaced. In order help finance the Nampa courts refurbishing or replacement, a grant was secured from the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation in association with the National Horseshoe Pitching Association (NHPA). The Foundation helps local clubs across America and beyond, improve or build horseshoe pitching facilities.

Dues for membership to the club were set at \$7.00 for the first adult family member and \$5.00 for any others. Children are free. It is hoped that by sharing the work loads of running tournaments and leagues, members will have more fun and feel less burnout. It is hoped that the Valley will have more tournaments allowing for more pitching without long drives and long costs. . For more information, call either Rodney Pickering @ 208-344-9642 or Jerry D. Smith @ 208-467-2524.

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TYHPC Caldwell

It is about time to start pitching horseshoes again. It has been a mild winter in the valley and there has been a hand full of horseshoe pitchers that have pitched all winter. They are ready for the season and any and all that want to take them on.

Caldwell will be sponsoring 3 tournaments this season. There will be the Thompson Brother's Memorial, the Independence Day (Forth of July) and the Ralph Warthen Classic.

The TYHPC invites all horseshoe pitchers to any or all of the Caldwell Tournaments. The more pitchers the better.

There will be coffee, sodas and donuts at all the tournaments. We try to start to get the tournaments started as close to 9:00 a.m. as possible, depending on latecomers Depending on the number of participants, 30 and 40 foot pitchers may be in mixed classes. Entry fee for all 3 tournaments is \$11.00. See the attached schedule for the tournament dates.

The Caldwell summer league will start April 11, 2005 in Memorial Park at 7:00 p.m. and will continue each Monday through out the summer. **For information**, call Joe @ 208-454-3907 or Gary @ 208-466-8096.

TVHPC Boise

Boise will be hosting a summer horseshoe pitching league at the Julia Davis Park on Thursdays beginning May 5, 2005 at 6:45 p.m. Please come early the first night to allow for an organization meeting. This league will be sanctioned through the NHPA which requires all pitchers to be NHPA members (annual fee are: adults \$17.00 and children \$6.00). NHPA members may enter any NHPA sanctioned event any place they are held. League dues are \$5.00 the first night and \$1.00 each night that you pitch. You must pitch in half of the league nights to eligible for prize money which will be given out at the end of the summer along with recognition awards. This league will count as a NHPA sanctioned event. **For information**, call Rodney @ 208-344-9642 or David @ 208-482-6853. Hope to see you there.

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2005 World Tournament
Bakersfield, California
July 18 thru July 30

Official NATSTAT Averages for Idaho

Name Division Average

Allen, Angela	W	6.13
Amend, Daphne	W	6.17
Amend, Wayne	M	15.17
Anderson, Maralee	W	13.16
Bacus, Jade	W	18.83
Bagley, Larry	M	10.16
Baldry, Terri	W	20.76
Baldry, Willie	M	22.16
Bergstrom, Sam	M	23.62
Bews, Ike	30	44.74
Bixby, Mike	M	22.11
Blair, Stetson	Jr	5.28
Bosquez, Danny	M	19.34
Boyd, Ray	M	11.84
Brennecke, Otto	30	47.62
Brock, Luis	M	32.22
Bullock, Corinna	W	20.63
Burnham, Terry	M	25.11
Burt, Char	W	10.29
Burt, Keenan	M	17.08
Burt, Tami	W	14.81
Burt, Van	M	16.66
Campbell, Joe	M	40.82
Carlson, Irene	W	5.73
Chapin, Harry	M	41.34
Clark, Alma	30	34.57
Clark, Mike	M	19.62
Cobbley, Clyde	M	18.22
Cobbley, Nancy	W	13.01
Cole, Gale	M	27.58
Corn, Sofia	W	31.87
Coulter, Lavelle	M	15.08
Currie, Elmer	30	15.62
Curtis, Gary	M	24.43
Davis, Bret	M	11.34
Davis, Robert	M	22.96
Dayley, Connie	W	9.70
DeHart, Robert	M	2.50
Devore, Leonard	M	16.09
Draayer, Ruth	W	26.85
Dunn, Verlyn	30	50.77
Egenberger, Danny	M	18.04
Eskelson, Todd	M	14.50
Faulkner, Bobby	M	41.16
Fehringer, Marty	M	37.16
Foster, Joan	W	6.61
Fronskem John	M	12.44
Fuller, Ken	M	21.51
Gardner, Carrie Dee	W	24.00
George, Edmund	M	18.15
Gertinson, Steve	M	10.17
Gilmore, Brad	Jr	28.52
Gilmore, Eric	Jr	31.95
Gilmore, Steve	M	14.00
Girrard, Ethel	W	10.75
Glahn, Warren	M	32.62
Goss, Tom	M	17.74
Govero, Ace	M	15.76
Guerra, Sandy	W	5.32
Guimond, Todd	M	20.00
Hahn, Bart	M	18.16
Hahn, Brian	M	12.75
Hall, Jason	M	25.55
Harman, Rob	M	3.47
Hendricks, Danny	M	22.28
Hernandez, Juan	M	27.39
Hernandez, Juan L.	M	8.02
Hill, Scott	M	18.33
Holcomb, Cliff	30	21.12
Horrocks, Troy	M	35.68
Hudlin, Ron	M	14.53
Iverson, Teresa	W	18.63
Jacobsen, Richaed	30	4.85
Jardine, Reed	30	26.44
Jensen, Aleta	W	39.00
John, Dennis	30	15.88

Johnson, Bert	M	26.32
Johnson, Darold	M	32.50
Johnson, David	M	7.73
Johnston, Gary	M	21.85
Jones, Jeff	M	26.89
Kimber, Gerald	M	28.98
Kissel, Bernadine	W	24.03
Kleinsmith, Homer	M	21.56
Klimback, Carl	M	8.18
Kollmann, Gary	M	57.01
Lee, Allen	M	33.03
Lewis, Durell	M	22.66
Lewis, Harold	M	26.43
Lewis, Keith	30	35.63
Lewis Mont	30	33.91
Lloyd, Ron	M	11.50
Lochridge, Karen	W	16.16
Louden, Walt	M	15.00
Lyda, Jesse	30	46.92
Manwill, Don	30	29.86
Manwill, Virginia	W	29.90
Marquez, Charlie	M	28.12
Marquez, Clyde	M	43.57
Marquez, Tony	M	25.00
Marshall, Larry	M	12.83
McAughey, Bill	30	34.61
McNabb, Michael	M	17.39
Miller, Tracy	M	11.15
Moore, Dale	M	29.56
Moore, Shayne	Jr	19.74
Moore, Wayne	M	16.83
Morrison, Sheila	W	5.88
Moser, Con	30	48.83
Moser, Don	30	56.38
Moser, Shirley	W	11.50
Murray, Dan	M	28.99
Murray, Kathy	W	31.23
Nappo Jr., Eddy	M	18.01
Newton, Marta	W	20.04
Opper, Gary	M	72.55
Opper, Teri	W	26.36
Otteson<Kery	30	12.69
Palmer, Doug	M	24.24
Parenteau, Dennis	M	19.91
Park, Rosita	W	8.64
Park, Tim	M	24.33
Patterson, Russ	M	20.00
Peck, Richard	M	29.14
Perez, Eddie	M	7.08
Petersen, Gerald	M	10.95
Peterson, Bob	M	18.66
Pickering, Linda	W	38.92
Pickering, Rodney	M	41.65
Pickering, Travis	M	24.48
Piva, Nick	M	45.40
Poole, Brian	M	14.88
Poole, Mark	M	12.91
Poppleton, Jack (Ed)	M	5.00
Poppleton, Kathy	W	30.16
Price, Glen	30	26.22
Price, Jim	M	46.36
Price III, James	Jr	11.42
Putnam-Rich, Becky	W	8.40
Quick, Jake	M	8.40
Randall, Janet	W	11.02

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Randall, Owen	30	33.09
Randall, Tom	M	5.94
Reed, Joe	M	22.89
Reeves, Paul	M	18.38
Reid, Henry	30	30.73

Rigby, Monty	30	26.63
Rivas, John	M	20.00
Robinson, Jim	M	14.50
Rollins, Dan	M	28.47
Ross, Arthur	M	26.33
Rudolph, Rodger	M	18.26
Rudolph, Steve	M	19.43
Rust, William	M	46.62
Ryan, Tracy	M	2.85
Samora, Tina	W	47.93
Samora Jr., Ron	M	44.71
Santillanes, Jerry	M	14.29
Scott, Jim	M	20.83
Scott, Robin	M	4.55
Scroggin, Mark	M	21.03
Shove, Carlena	W	15.08
Shove, Clifton	M	11.29
Shove, Don	M	23.54
Sims, Weston	M	28.46
Sloup, Mike	M	20.00
Smith, Everett	M	11.88
Smith, Holden	Jr	2.75
Smith, Jerry	M	17.51
Sorensen, Debi	W	16.71
Sorensen, Kent	M	14.50
Spangler, Larry	M	17.64
Spangler, Nanette	W	33.23
Spears, David	M	47.52
Stayner, Lynn	30	31.37
Stephens, Tim	M	24.32
Stipe, Al	30	31.20
Stockwell, Roger	M	10.77
Sweitzer, James	30	54.34
Sweitzer, Matt	M	25.44
Sweitzer, Stetson	Jr	4.61
Taggart, Josh	Jr	12.30
Taki, Doug	M	14.95
Taylor, Paul	M	30.44
Thomas, Alan	M	12.43
Thomas, Keith	30	29.77
Thompson, Beverly Ann	W	27.93
Tieszen, Vern	30	22.44
Tye, Charlie	M	34.53
Waldron, Teresa	W	5.44
Walt, Todd	M	15.14
Warren, John	M	7.53
Warthen, Ralph	30	51.41
Waters, Clint	M	17.43
Wells, Jackie	W	5.75
Wessel, Darla	W	21.96
Wessel, Glen	M	23.49
Wheeler, Bob	M	23.35
White, Travon	M	15.43
Whitworth, Chester	M	43.42
Whitworth, Kent	M	22.43
Wickham, Karen	W	40.90
Wilcox, Janie	W	30.50
Wilkes, Dave	M	12.58
Wood, Brent	M	28.23
Wright, Eric	M	10.66
Wright, Randy	M	12.00
Young, Craig	M	27.66
Yowell, Chad	Jr	3.26
Yowell, Russ	M	18.01
Zahn, Mike	M	32.26
Zausch, Bob	M	25.83
Zausch, Jeff	Jr	30.08

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