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## President's Message

Hello everybody,

It is about that time of the year again, time to get those shoes out of hibernation and start practicing as tournament time is just about here. Well it is JOKE time once again and remember, humor is good medicine. Here we go!

### Golf Story:

*One of the regular foursome was sick, so a new member named George filled in. He was very good and pleasant company so they asked him to join them again the following Sunday at "9.30. George said, "okay fine, but I may be about ten minutes late. Wait for me."*

*The following Sunday George showed up right on time. He not only played left-handed but beat them all.*

*They agreed to meet the following Sunday at 9.30. George again said, "Okay, but I may be about ten minutes late. Wait for me."*

*The next Sunday there was George, punctual to the dot. This time he played right-handed and beat them again. "Okay, for 9.30 next Sunday?" one of the foursome asked. George said, "Sure if I'm ten minutes late..."*

*Another golfer jumped in. "Wait a minute... You always say you may be ten minutes late. But you're always right on time and you beat us whether you play right or left handed."*

*George said, "Well, that's true – I'm superstitious. If I wake up and my wife is sleeping on her right side, I play right-handed. If she's sleeping on her left side, I play left-handed."*

*"What if she's lying on her back?" George said, "that's when I'm ten minutes late!"*

Now onto some horseshoe news. First off I would like to talk first about our state news then venture into some of what is happening in our portion of the state. As most of you probably noticed with the last newsletter that came out there were no tournaments listed in the northern part of the state. I have contacted Carlena Shove of Coeur d'Alene and the northern part of the state asked what her tournament schedule was going to be this year and her reply was that she has decided to discontinue horseshoes as a part of her life and was going to pursue other things. She also mentioned that Owen Randall also has decided the same thing. We currently are without any tournament directors in; the northern part of the state. If anybody has the drive and

willingness to step forward and continue running tournaments in the northern part of the state we would like to hear from you as 2007 is the northern part of the state's turn for the State Singles Tournament. If nobody steps forward and runs any tournaments up there, the 2007 State Tournament will default to the Treasure Valley area which now has several sites available for the tournament.

If you have not sent in your membership dues we ask that you do so as soon as possible. Send them to Jerry Smith our new Sec./Treas. The 2006 membership fee has increased to \$20.00 from the \$17.00 that was in place for many, many years.

This year at the state tournament two officer positions are up for election/re-election and they are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President currently held by Bob Zausch and the President's position currently held by myself (David Spears). While on this topic I would like to announce my candidacy for the President's position. I have been in this position since voted in, in 1997 and still find it a challenge and would like to pursue the position at least one more term if you will allow me the opportunity.

Now I would like to recap what had happened at the state tournament in Boise last year at the annual meeting. We discussed which weekend is best for holding the state tournament and it was a nearly unanimous vote to change the By-Laws and have the tournament on Labor Day weekend from now on starting in 2006. Pocatello will be this year's site for the State Tournament and the 2006 state doubles will be held this year in Nampa. I would like to thank the Pocatello charter for holding the state doubles for so many years in a row. At the state tournament the ballot form results presented the following changes mainly for the state tournament.

- 1) All players are required to wear a shirt with a minimum of your name on it (just as in world competition)
- 2) The use of Alcohol beverages, illegal controlled substances and tobacco of any kind while in the confines of the courts shall be prohibited for all contestants, scorekeepers and officials during tournament play. This is accordance with the NHPA guidelines.
- 3) At least two judges shall be present and dressed accordingly for recognition.
- 4) Pacers shall be utilized in bye games only if available

- 5) Tournament deadline will be 7 days prior to the tournament start date.
- 6) There will be a \$15.00 per entry fee for all adult pitchers.
- 7) There will be a 50cent per game charge to all players for scorekeeping.
- 8) There will be a potluck dinner and the state annual meeting held the Saturday evening of the tournament.
- 9) State and National membership dues increased to \$20.00

Also at the meeting it was voted on to form a bylaw committee and one has been formed with Bob Zausch as the leader of the committee along with me, Gary Kollmann and Jerry Smith. The intent of this committee is to go over the existing bylaws and get rid of any unnecessary or duplicated information and to organize all other items needed and to insert recently passed items that may not be in there at this time.

I recently visited Ringers Bar and Grill in Pocatello to get in some winter practice in. Not only was I treated graciously but also this site is nice for horseshoes. They have constructed portable courts that are exactly the same as the world portable courts but also have the same clay in them as in Ross Park and as Boise courts. The clay was in great shape, I encourage all of you to give Ringers Bar and Grill a visit. Larry and Nanette Spangler run Ringers and do a great job; I wish them much success in their business venture.

With my relocation to Mountain Home I have met several people here through Bowling and recently with the BASS club here in town. I have a few people interested in Horseshoes with more to come and hope to have a rather large club within the next year or two and will host several tournaments as well as a league. I see nothing but good things happening with horseshoes in Mountain Home.

Good Pitchin,  
Dave Spears

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### Gate City Horseshoe Pitchers

Pocatello had its first sanctioned indoor tournament in January at Ringers and had 15 participants. The tournament champion was Nick Piva with Tina Samora taking second. The February tournament featured 25 pitchers and saw Evan Pickett take the crown with David Spears coming in second.

The GCHPA charges \$10.00 to join (kids free) and hopes to develop into an interstate club. Call Jim Price for information @ 232-4566.

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## Newsletter Subscriptions Changes

This issue of the Four Dead is sponsored by the ISHPA and every member will receive it. The executive board has decided that the three dollar increase in dues is probably more than 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. Please send any news or articles to Jerry Smith

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### State Statistician

Gary Opper, the new State Statistician, has taken the bull by the horns and has reentered all of last year's pitching data into the HS Master Stat program. The program is free from the NHPA and will save us over a hundred dollars on rental fees. Gary wants to remind every Tournament Director, that he needs the complete summery sheets from tournaments so that he can do his job properly.

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### Toll of time

Don Moser passed away in January and was a driving force in horseshoes in eastern Idaho for many years. He will be missed.

Jerry Williams, the key person to developing the Ross Park horseshoe pitching complex and first President of the Pocatello Horseshoe Club, passed away in March. He had not been active recently but is remembered.

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### Regional Director Message:

I want to encourage Idahoans to have a great 2006 pitching season and hope that we have large crowds with many new faces.

Rodney Pickering, Idaho RD

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### TVHPC Caldwell

Caldwell's summer league will again be ran on Monday nights at 7:00 and will start on April 10<sup>th</sup>, All interested pitchers should come and pitch. The end of the year handicap tournament for the summer league will be August 14 & 15. Call Joe for details @ 208-454-3907.

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### TVHPC Boise

Boise will again host a summer horseshoe pitching league at the Julia Davis Park on Thursdays. Call Rodney @ 344-9642 or David @ 695-8362 for details and the starting date.

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2006 World Tournament  
Gillette, Wyoming  
July 10 thru July 22  
Entry Deadline is May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006

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### TVHPC Nampa

The Nampa Club in 2005 received a NHPF grant of \$1000.00 to repair and enlarge its Lakeview Park's pitching complex. In 2005 the pads were repaired and 30' pitching platforms were added to each court. This spring, with the help of Eagle Scouts, the grass areas around the courts were leveled and repaired. The final phase of the revitalization will be the addition of 4 new courts. The club and Recreation Department will be hosting a league on Tuesday nights in 2006. Come over and check us out, we welcome all. Call Gary Kollmann for details @ 466-8096.

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### Secretary Sez

The current membership stands at 75, so many pitchers have yet to join for the 2006 season. 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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### Pitching Clinic

The exact technique of pitching will vary among individuals. It is important that the stance, grip, delivery, and follow through come easily and naturally. This is developed by practice and self criticism.

In the process of learning and developing a style, it is important to "learn correctly" and eliminate as early as possible any improper or awkward techniques before they become bad habits.

A successful pitcher delivers the shoe at the stake landing "open", and flat. The shoe should be grasped, delivered, and landed with the calks down to make sure the shoe sticks where it lands. The pitch is made from the pitching platform so that the pitcher's delivery arm swings in a line with the stake at the opposite court. Right handed pitchers stand to the left of the stake and left handers stand to the right of the stake. To reverse this and pitch from the outside across the court usually makes accuracy more difficult.

The player should stand directly facing the opposite stake with feet parallel. A right handed player should start with the main weight of the body on the right foot with the left foot slightly forward, ready to take the first step with the left foot while shifting body weight to that foot. The starting stance should be completely relaxed, standing straight, but with a slight bend at the waist. Left handers just reverse the process.

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## 2006 Idaho Schedule

Date	Day	Tournament	City	Contact	Sanc	Phone #
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	Ringers	Pocatello	Nanette Spangler	Yes	478-8300
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Ringers	Pocatello	Nanette Spangler	Yes	478-8300
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Ringers	Pocatello	Nanette Spangler	Yes	478-8300
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Warm Up For The World I	Pocatello	Brian Poole	Yes	237-3459
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Warm Up For The World II	Pocatello	Brian Poole	Yes	237-3459
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Nampa Open	Nampa	Jerry Smith Kollman	Gary Yes	467-2524 466-8096
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Spring Opener	Boise	David Spears	Yes	695-8362
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Bad Boys Bar-B-Que II	Pocatello	Jason Hall Cole	Gale Yes	238-3095 234-9448
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	The Memorial	Pocatello	Jason Hall Cole	Gale Yes	238-3095 234-9448
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Thompson Bros. Memorial	Caldwell	Joe Campbell	Yes	454-3907
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Gary Kollmann Open	Nampa	Gary Kollmann	Yes	466-8096
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	The Memorial	Boise	Rodney Pickering	Yes	344-9642
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Ralph Warthen Classic	Caldwell	Joe Campbell	Yes	454-3907
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Jerry Smith Surprise Day NHPF Fund Raiser	Nampa	Jerry Smith	Yes	467-2524
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Juneteenth	Pocatello	Jim Robinson	Yes	251-7008
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Ribs and Watermelon	Pocatello	Jim Robison	Yes	251-7008
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Nampa Fun	Nampa	Jerry Smith Kollmann	Gary Yes	467-2524 466-8096
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	Dave's Wood Works Open	Boise	David Spears	Yes	695-8362
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sun	Boise Classic	Boise	Rodney Pickering	Yes	344-9642
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	Independence Day	Caldwell	Joe Campbell	NO	454-3907
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Pocatello Money	Pocatello	Jim Price	Yes	232-4566
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Gate City Open	Pocatello	Jim Price	Yes	232-4566
July 10 <sup>th</sup> to July 24 <sup>th</sup> 2006 World Tournament Gillette, Wyoming Entry deadline May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2006						
Aug 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat/Sun	State Doubles	Nampa	Jerry Smith Kollmann	Gary Yes	467-2524 466-8096
Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	4th Annual Portnuef Valley Shoot Out	Pocatello	Larry Spangler	Yes	478-8300
Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	4th Annual Down and Back	Pocatello	Larry Spangler	Yes	478-8300
Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	GCHPA Singles Championship	Pocatello	Jim Price	Yes	232-4566
Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	GCHPA Doubles Championship	Pocatello	Jim Price	Yes	232-4566
Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat, Sun	Idaho State Singles Championship	Pocatello	State Officers	Yes	695-8362 467-2524 466-8096 251-5159
Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	Nampa Parks & Recs.	Nampa	Jerry Smith Kollmann	Gary Yes	467-2524 466-8096