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President's Message

Hello from Pocatello. I know that this year is a very trying year for traveling to tournaments as well as anywhere else. I do hope that you will be able to at least travel to our two State tournaments, Doubles and Singles. They are both being held in Pocatello this year and while we expect a good turnout from this area we would sure like to see pitchers from across the state attend. This year we are trying something different that was voted on last year and that is to provide \$200.00 added money to the prize fund for the Doubles and \$400.00 added money to the prize fund for the Singles. This was viewed as a way to reduce our reserve,

A number of people believed that our reserve fund was excessive. We are also providing money for both the Doubles and the Singles to provide food at both tournaments.

Pocatello has made a formal bid to host the 2010 World tournament. We should hear sometime in late July whether we are successful. The last time Idaho hosted the tournament we saw a large increase in membership, and hope to repeat that again.

President Bob Zausch

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Secretary Sez

The membership for the ISHPA so far this year is a meager 95 members. The tournament attendance is also way down and both may be a factor of the economy and gas prices. Hopefully, the State tournaments will be well attended, make your plans now. The doubles are on July 27 and 28 and the singles are on Labor Day weekend as usual. Both tournament are being hosted by Pocatello See you there.

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2008 State Tournaments

Doubles

The Idaho State Doubles for 2008 will begin on July 26th and will finish on the 27th. It will be a double round robin with round one on Saturday and round two on Sunday. This year there will be \$200.00 added prize money supplied by the Idaho State Association. Lunch will be served on both days and is being funded also by the ISHPA. The cost to enter will be \$20.00 per player or \$40.00 per team. You must have pitched in at least one tournament in the past 12 months. The combined averages of the two teammates can not exceed 100% as shown on the latest NATSTATS. Please notify Bob Zausch @ (208) 233-2358 or (208) 251-5159 by the 23rd of July. You should be at the park in Pocatello by 8:30 am.

Singles

The Idaho State Singles Tournament for 2008 will be held in Pocatello on August 30 and 31. The entry fee is \$15.00 for adults. There is no cost for junior pitchers. The ISHPA is adding \$400.00 to prize fund and will furnish lunch both days free of charge. Every pitcher should plan on two days of pitching with double round robins where possible. To be eligible to pitch a player must have pitched in at least 2 tournaments in the past 12 months. All pitchers must wear a shirt with his or her name neatly printed on the back while pitching. The sign up deadline is August 24 by 9:00 pm. To sign up, call either Bob Zausch @ (208) 233-2358 or (208) 251-5159 or Jerry Smith @ 467-2524

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The Annual Meeting

The annual ISHPA potluck dinner and business meeting will be held on August 30 near the horseshoe courts in Pocatello. The ISHPA will furnish main meat dish(es) and drinks. Everyone is expected to bring a potluck item. The dinner will start around 6:30 and the business meeting will follow immediately. This year will feature the election of two state offices. The President and the 2nd Vice President are open at the end of this year. Neither incumbent has stated whether they are re-running or not. If you are interested in running for office, come to the meeting and get nominated. See you there.

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Regional Director Message:

As I report from Mountain Home we see a Big decline in Tournaments that I have been to myself personally and I hear it is nationwide as well per NHPF President Dave Loucks. I think we can thank the Bush Administration for that. Here in Mountain the turnout has been lacking for a league I intended to run this year but it seems there are no takers this year and why I am puzzled especially with the economy the way it is. However Nampa's club seems to be doing well and picking up new folks on a periodic basis, good job Gary and Jerry on you efforts. This year something new is happening in Idaho for the first time. The Treasure Valley will be hosting The Western States Police and Fire games. There will over 60 different events even including Horseshoe Pitching. I have been asked to be the coordinator of the event which will be held on August 22nd and 23rd the weekend before the State Singles in Pocatello. I am in need of volunteers at this time I currently have about 5-6 committed people to help me out but really need at least 12-16 for scorekeeping and help to maintain the courts during their stay. If you can help out please give me a jingle at 1-208-695-8362 or email at davidspears@roadrunner.com.

During the Annual State meeting this year I would like to mention in advance that there will be 2 motions on the floor made by myself, first, a motion to create a State Hall of Fame committee, so we can eventually start a nomination process to put deserving members past and present into an Idaho Hall of Fame (details to follow). Second, a motion to limit the

scheduling of only one tournament on the same day within a certain mile radius (I suggest a 75 mile radius). The reason for this is to potentially help the tournament entries and not to pull away from other tournaments within the same proximity. Have a good rest of the season and we'll see you at the State Singles in Pocatello.

Good Pitchin in 08,
David Spears
Idaho R.D.

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Tournament Results

Warm Up for World 1-Pocatello

Name	W	L	%	Place
A-Class				
Karen Wickham	5	2	40.35	1
Art Ross	4	3	53.57	2
Tina Samora	4	3	47.85	3
Jim Price	4	3	38.28	4
Jim Switzer	4	3	35.35	5
Nick Piva	3	4	36.78	6
Bob Zausch	2	5	47.85	7
Bobby Faulkner	2	5	30.35	8
B-Class				
Gary Curtis	7	1	24.06	1
Doug Palmer	6	2	25.93	2
Keith Lewis	4	3	36.42	3
Juan Hernandez	3	4	21.07	4
Shayne Moore	3	4	12.14	5
John Warren	2	5	25.71	6
Curtis Crane	2	5	21.42	7
C-Class				
Eddie Nappo Jr.	6	1	24.28	1
Brian Poole	5	2	10.00	2
Celestino Fuentes	4	3	17.14	3
James Price III	4	3	13.21	4
Nick Campbell	3	4	8.57	5
Steve Lenon	3	4	5.71	6
Angie Faulkner	3	4	5.00	7
John Fronske	0	7	3.57	8

Warm up for the World 2-Pocatello

Name	W	L	%	Place
A-Class				
Art Ross	6	1	61.78	1
Nick Piva	6	1	42.50	2
Bob Zausch	5	2	48.92	3
Jim Price	5	2	43.21	4
Glen Price	3	4	16.54	5
Curtis Crane	1	6	19.64	6
Clyde Marquez	0	7	20.71	7
B-Class				
Gary Curtis	5	1	29.91	1
Tony Marquez	5	2	24.29	2
Brian Poole	4	2	20.00	3
Jim Robinson	2	3	12.50	4
Celestino Fuentes	1	4	11.00	5
John Fronske	0	5	8.00	6

NHPF Open Mountain Home

Name	W	L	%	Place
A-Class				
Virginia Manwill	4	1	19.37	1
Art Morris	3	2	28.75	2
David Spears	2	3	28.75	3
Don Titcomb	2	2	42.5	4
Don Manwill	0	4	6.87	5
B-Class				
Eddie Nappo Jr.	5	2	24.28	1
Jerry Smith	4	3	16.07	2
Glen Warwick	4	2	39.5	3
Carlos Marquez	3	4	19.64	4
Shari Saylor	2	3	20.0	5
Cadets				
Logan King	2	3	7.0	1

Rim Rock Flop 1-Pocatello

Name	W	L	%	Place
A-Class				
Art Ross	5	1	63.0	1
Brent Wood	4	2	36.66	2
Keith Lewis	2	4	36.0	3
Jim Price	1	5	42.66	4
B-Class				
Dave Wilkes	6	0	28.33	1
John Warren	5	1	28.33	2
Nannette Spangler	3	3	28.66	3
Durell Lewis	3	3	20.0	4
Danny Hendricks	2	4	26.66	6
Doug Palmer	2	4	25.33	5
C-Class				
Celestino Fuentes	5	1	20.0	1
Larry Spangler	4	2	23.0	2

Gale Cole	4	2	21.66	3
Jim Robinson	3	3	18.66	4
Angie Faulkner	3	3	6.33	5
Steve Lenon	2	4	13.0	6
Mike Curzon	0	6	11.0	7

Gary Kollmann Open-Nampa

Name	W	L	%	Place
A-Class				
Gary Opper	5	1	54.41	1
Gary Kollmann	4	2	53.35	2
David Spears	0	6	36.32	3
B-Class				
Randy King	6	0	39.16	1
Robert Matthews	5	1	31.96	2
Don Manwill	3	3	25.41	3
Virginia Manwill	3	3	23.33	4
Warren Glahn	2	4	23.75	5
David Schutte	1	5	26.25	6
Rodney Pickering	1	5	21.72	7
C-Class				
Shari Saylor	5	0	29.5	1
David Heiner	4	1	23.5	2
Ray Carpenter	3	2	18.0	3
Logan King	2	3	6.5	4
Carlos Marquez	1	4	14.5	5
Jerry Smith	0	5	9.5	6

North Idaho Jamboree Coeurd' Alene

Name	W	L	%	Place
A-Class				
David Goodwin	4	1	45.63	1
Don Davis	3	2	50.00	2
Nick Piva	3	2	48.23	3
Darell Coulson	3	2	41.67	4
Paul Quam	2	3	36.21	5
Hans Rasmussen	0	5	31.11	6
B-Class				
John McCarthy	4	1	34.21	1
Glen Wessel	3.5	1.5	33.06	2
Larry Getts	3	2	31.25	3
Otto Brennecke	2	3	31.60	4
Ike Bews	2	3	23.04	5
Charlie Tapper	.5	4.5	23.04	6
C-Class				
Chris Worth	5	1	26.82	1
Homer Kleinsmith	4	2	23.18	2
Jeanette McCarthy	3	2	19.50	3
Mark Scroggin	2	3	22.00	4
Orlean Clinton	2	3	16.00	5
John Turnbull	0	5	17.00	6

D-Class				
Elmer Currie	4	0	28.75	1
Tom Worthington	3	3	23.13	2
David Allinger	2	2	18.13	3
Bob Wheeler	1	3	15.63	4
Todd Walt	0	4	15.63	5

E-Class				
Ethan Holcomb	2.5	.5	15.83	1
David Cazel	.5	2.5	12.50	2

Thompson Brothers Memorial-Caldwell

Name	W	L	%	Place
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A-Class				
Don Titcomb	4	0	48.01	1
Robert Matthews	3	1	37.98	2
Randy King	2	2	33.83	3
Warren Glahn	1	3	35.9	4
David Spears	0	4	34.25	5

B-Class				
David Schutte	4	0	33.16	1
Don Manwill	3	1	25.27	2
Virginia Manwill	2	2	25.0	3
Glen Warwick	1	3	27.61	4
Logan King	0	4	9.55	5

The Memorial-Boise

Name	W	L	%	Place
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A-Class				
Randy King	5	1	37.26	1
Art Morris	4	2	40.05	2
David Spears	3	2	34.78	3
Rodney Pickering	3	2	27.50	4
Robert Matthews	1	4	32.97	5
Joe Campbell	0	5	18.75	6

B-Class				
David Schutte	5	1	37.08	1
David Heiner	4	2	25.00	2
Don Manwill	3	3	25.41	3
Darold Johnson	2	4	30.83	4
Virginia Manwill	2	4	29.16	5
Glen Warwick	2	4	25.83	6
Cadets				
Logan King	3	3	11.25	1

Ralph Warthen Classic-Caldwell

Name	W	L	%	Place
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A-Class				
Don Titcomb	4	0	53.44	1
David Spears	3	1	35.92	2
David Schutte	2	2	42.57	3
Robert Matthews	1	3	36.91	4
Darold Johnson	0	4	26.13	5

B-Class				
Donald Manwill	5	1	25.66	1
Glen Warwick	4	2	26.66	2
Virginia Manwill	2	4	24.66	3
Ray Carpenter	1	5	25.33	4

Elmer Currie Classic-Coeurd' Alene

Name	W	L	%	Place
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A-Class				
Alfred Stipe	5	1	37.33	1
Otto Bennecke	4	2	37.33	2
John McCarthy	3	2	31.2	3
Ray Powell	2	3	36.4	4
Glen Wessel	2	3	29.2	5
Chris Worth	0	6	18.4	6

B-Class				
David Ferbee	5	0	20.0	1
Jeff Saunders	4	1	17.0	2
Dave Allinger	3	2	22.5	3
Homer Kleinsmith	2	3	26.5	4
Elmer Currie	2	3	20.5	5
Tom Worthington	0	5	14.58	6

C-Class				
Ethan Holcomb	4.5	.5	29.79	1
Mike Watcher	3	2	28.12	2
Kiti Reeves	2.5	2.5	14.5	3
James Smith	2	3	17.85	4
Kory Reeves	2	3	15.5	5
Cindy Reeves	0	5	2.06	6

NHPF Benefit-Nampa

Name	W	L	%	Place
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A-Class				
Gary Kollmann	4	0	54.37	1
Don Titcomb	2	2	43.12	2
David Spears	0	4	19.37	3

B-Class				
Dave Schutte	4	1	40.5	1
Perry Huff	3	2	32.0	2
Clyde Marquez	3	2	26.0	3
Rodney Pickering	2	3	34.0	4
Don Manwill	2	3	27.0	5
Robert Mathews	1	4	23.5	6

C-Class				
Virginia Manwill	3.5	1.5	34.0	1
Joe Campbell	3	2	33.0	2
Jayce Pickering	3	2	12.5	3
David Heiner	2.5	2.5	25.0	4
Ray Carpenter	2	3	26.0	5
Jerry Smith	1	4	10.0	6

Championship Pitching

According to Ted Allen

Horseshoe pitching and bowling have sometimes been mistakenly referred to as being so similar that one should perform as well in one as in the other. The similarity lies in the fundamentals, such as stance, approach (or step), swing, follow-through and timing. Although horseshoe players usually make good bowlers and vice versa, they must learn to apply the fundamentals differently, experience in horseshoe playing can help in bowling.

Styles of individuals differ greatly, but nearly everyone can apply the known skills. Presuming that you want to become a top horseshoe player with an average of 75% ringers pretty consistently, or one of the rare 80% tourney pitchers, then adopt one of the styles of top players. My style is from a lifetime of experience - a technique that gives me my smoothest performance and no wasted motion.

STANCE: The position of the feet for a right hander, keep the left foot a few inches or more to the rear of the right which gives one an easier start towards that coordinated step and swing forward. My right foot is always placed exactly even with the peg near me. Your foot may be a few inches to the rear of the peg if your step is longer. Be sure of the exact position every time, for when you reach perfection in form even a minor change will make the difference in a hit or miss.

Aim: Squarely face opposite peg. Aligning the body with it also enables the swing to be in line. Sight your eye to a target about 2 to 4 inches above the ground and the peg to which you are tossing. This gives some leeway in case of a slight error of too great or not enough distance and you may still get a ringer. After releasing the shoe, always follow the shoe in flight with your eyes.

It doesn't matter whether or not you start by holding the shoe close to the face, just so the arm is straightened out into a full swing backward. Some bowlers may have a tendency to use the same position as in bowling, but remember, the weight of a bowling ball is such that a short swing may suffice and the elbow may bend more in the release, whereas a lighter horseshoe requires a longer swing and a more delicate touch with the arm remaining outstretched during the release. So the swing is started from higher up. Both backward and forward swing should be as near in line with the peg as possible, like a pendulum. The peak of the back swing should be easy and natural, and not forced back so far as to

throw one off balance, but neither should it be chopped off suddenly. The speed of all moves should be the same, the movements should be so coordinated and smooth as to look like one motion. The peak of your backswing is determined by your own particular body build.

Your step should also be straight in line. It enables your swing to be correct, too. "Cross stepping" (stepping out of line) is often done under pressure when the person is over anxious and cannot concentrate on his form.

Grip: You can have all the fun you want in holding and pitching the shoe in odd manners, but for better pitching it is a must to hold and toss the shoe so it makes 1 1/4 or 1 3/4 turns. To get the proper turn (normally clockwise) involves several factors besides the side on which you hold the shoe.

There are two points to remember in gripping and throwing the shoe that each individual must work out in his own manner. First, the position of the fingers and shifting them along the side of the shoe until it is satisfactorily balanced and controlled. Second, the amount of rolling (twisting) of the arm and wrist outward in the forward swing to get the right turn. Some individuals twist the shoe more than others. I bring the shoe back flat, but like most players, about the time I reach the top of the back swing, I will turn my hand in and bring it forward about half flat, finishing off the swing and follow-through with a slight roll. Many players require more twist and must bring the shoe past the leg with the thumb entirely toward the leg. Practice will determine your need on this score.

Point of release; The releasing of the shoe at the height of the shoulder, neck or face, is necessary to get the proper arch of the trajectory. Consistency in the latter helps to control the turn. The follow-through should be soft and slow. Righthanders normally turns the shoe clockwise, but some top players throw the reverse turn. A 3/4 turn normally results in an extremely low "grass cutter" shoe. Good for the wind, but allows for little margin of error.

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