



FOUR DEAD

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President's Message



I would like to start by thanking the Coeur d'Alene Club for the outstanding job they did at the 2011 State Singles tournament. They facility was great, the food was great, and the weather was great. Those that didn't come missed a great time and great scenery. Thanks again to all those involved in running a State Tournament that will not be forgotten! They have set the bar high for us all.

I would like to congratulate all of the Idaho State and Class Champions and thank them for representing Idaho well!

I have posted the pictures that I took on my Facebook page so you should all be able to look at them if you are on Facebook.

I would like to have all clubs send Jerry their proposed schedule for 2012 by December 1, 2011 so he can forward them to the other clubs to try and minimize conflicting dates so hopefully we can attend each others tournaments.

State Doubles will be in Pocatello again at Ross Park and State Singles will be in Meridian next year at Settlers Park.

I would like to stress to all members that our clubs will only get better if everyone helps and we all get involve some way in promoting and building our clubs. Please promote Horseshoe Pitching wherever you are and go. This is a great sport with a lot of great people. Hope to see you pitching shoes in 2012.

Brian Poole
President
ISHPA

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Secretary Sez

The final membership for ISHPA ended the year of 2011 with 119 members. This is a decrease of 3 from last year. The 2012 cards are here and ready for delivery. Everyone is reminded that we need to push for higher membership numbers. Help out and recruit someone, talk with an old member, get involved.



It is pleasure to announce a new arrangement for the publishing of the Four Dead. Kay Keskinen, the newly crowned State Womens Champion and highly experienced information technology expert, has volunteered to help me with the newsletter. She is

also experienced in publishing newsletters both printed and electronic and of course is an enthusiastic and energetic horseshoe person. Our goal is to get the newsletter out to as many people as possible by email. This allows us to make it longer, contain pictures, and with Kay's graphics ability, look many times better. To do this we need email addresses. Take a minute and send Kay an email (ringergal@yahoo.com) congratulating her on her championship and we will capture your email address. Thanks for your cooperation.

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Regional Director Message:



Well, as we conclude another year in horseshoe pitching, some things surfaced during the year worth mentioning. One of which is the sanctioning of courts. Tournament Directors, I would encourage you and possibly others associated with the running of tournaments and caretakers of the courts to look over the condition of the courts and the condition of the pegs. Every once in

awhile pegs tend to get loose and lose their actual spec position. This happens from the years of abuse that they take from the continuous pounding from the horseshoes. To run good quality tournaments, the care of courts is essential. The condition of the courts reflects how the clubs, leagues, and tournaments are run. I would like to recommend that a periodic check of courts and stakes be done either at the end of the year or the beginning of the new season to make sure the stakes and runways are correct as sometimes stakes need to be readjusted and concrete needs repair. If your courts have not been sanctioned in awhile or never have been sanctioned, please contact me through email at ringerguy@gmail.com and we can setup a date/timeframe to get them done.

Promotion of the game is something that I believe needs to be increased throughout the year to get numbers back into our sport. One suggestion would be to place signs near the courts with contact names, phone numbers and information about meeting times. Few courts that I have been around in the state have postings of when the club or practice groups meet. It is in our best interest as horseshoe pitcher's to communicate about our sport and share information on about when clubs/leagues meet and who to contact. Our number of participants are at the absolute lowest and whatever outlet we

can get information out on would be in our best interest.

Also with the new season only a few months out, we need to get the 2012 tournaments schedule setup so patches and sanction certificates can be ordered. I would like to order more for the 2012 than I did for the 2011 season, so please if you have a 2012 schedule in mind and know how many tournament champion and class champion patches you will need please email me or I will just go off of what was ordered for the 2011 season.

Dave Spears, Regional Director



State Doubles Tournament

The State Doubles Tournament was held in Pocatello on the 9th & 10th of July. Eight teams competed and it was decided to handicap the event to make it fairer for all teams. The results are as follows.

	Names	W	L	Pct.
1.	T. Horrocks-C. Crane	10	4	25.83%
2.	C. Jennings- T. Busch	9	5	12.26%
3.	B. Zausch- W. Sims	8	6	40.28%
4.	J. Warren- L. Brock	8	6	17.74%
5.	A. Ross- E. Pickett	6	8	44.54%
6.	W. Moore- D. Hendricks	6	8	19.76%
7.	K. Lewis-D. Rollings	5	9	19.40%
8.	D. Palmer- S. Brown	4	10	20.12%



State Singles Tournament



Winton Park

The Idaho State Singles Championship was held on August 27 & 28 at Winton Park in Coeur d'Alene. The Division Champs were Mens: Jim Price (his first), Womens: Kay Keskinen, (her first), and Elders Arthur Ross (his second in a row). The complete results were as follows.

#	Name	W	L	Pct.
Mens A				
1.	Jim Price	14	1	45.44%
2.	Gary Kollmann	13	2	57.89%
3.	Brent Wood	8	6	40.51%



Men's Class A
Gary Kollmann, Jim Price, Brent Wood

#	Name	W	L	Pct.
Mens B				
1.	Glen Wessel	8	7	30.08%
2.	Jerry Bengston	7	8	31.07%
3.	Rusty Butterfield	3	11	25.87%
4.	Dave Allinger	3	11	25.73%
5.	Jerry Smith	2	12	26.49%



Men's Class B
Jerry Bengston, Glen Wessel, Dave Allinger



#	Name	W	L	Pct.
Mens C				
1.	David Spears	8	2	27.00%
2.	Monroe Green field	7	3	25.80%
3.	Lynn Crouse	5	5	25.80%
4.	Gary Curtis	4	6	22.20%
5.	Mark Scroggin	4	6	18.20%
6.	Brian Poole	2	8	13.40%



Men's Class C
Monroe Greenfield, David Spears, Lynn Crouse

Mens D

1.	Dave Ferbee	8	2	22.40%
2.	Jim Robinson	5	5	22.00%
3.	Stewart Brown	5	5	15.20%
4.	James Smith	4.5	5.5	14.80%
5.	Cory Sturgis	4	6	19.00%
6.	Bob Wheeler	3.5	6.5	18.40%



Men's Class D
Jim Robinson, Dave Ferbee, Stewart Brown

Mens E

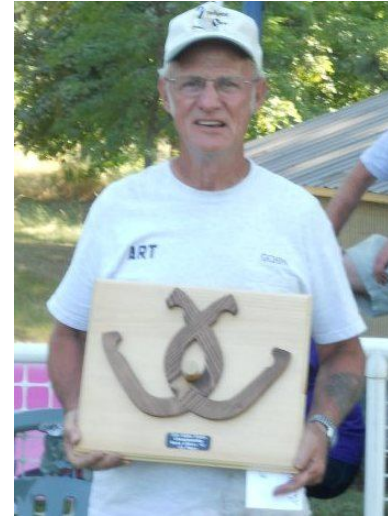
1.	Gary Brennecke	7	2	6.89%
2.	Duane Kent	6	3	10.67%
3.	Larry Vanderlinden	4	4	9.00%
4.	Gabe Nelson	2	6	5.50%
5.	Ray Schoch	2	6	5.25%



Men's Class E
Gary Brennecke, Duane Kent, Larry Vanderlinden

Elders A

1.	Arthur Ross	6	0	57.56%
2.	Ray Carpenter	3	3	50.00%
3.	Bob Zausch	2	4	50.00%
4.	Otto Brennecke	1	5	33.09%



Elder's A Champion, Art Ross

Elders B

1.	Darold Johnson	8	2	45.60%
2.	Homer Kleinsmith	7	3	39.00%
3.	Ike Bews	7	3	37.20%
4.	Doug Palmer	5	5	41.40%
5.	David Cazel	3	7	25.40%



Elder's Class B
Homer Kleinsmith, Darold Johnson, Ike Bews



Womens A

1.	Kay Keskinen	6	0	56.27%
2.	Karen Wickham	4	2	59.70%
3.	Debbie Duncan	1	5	45.82%
4.	Shari Sayler	1	5	41.51%

My First State Tournament

by Kay Keskinen



Women's Class A
Back: Shari Saylor, Karen Wickham
Front: Debbie Duncan, Kay Keskinen

Womens B

1.	Darla Wessel	7	1	33.00%
2.	Nancy Bartee	6.5	1.5	25.25%
3.	Dee Spilva	3.5	4.5	14.75%
4.	Melanie Poole	3	5	14.50%
5.	Shirley Madson	0	8	8.25%



Women's Class B
Nancy Bartee, Darla Wessel, Dee Spilva

What a terrific experience to participate in my first state horseshoe tournament. I began pitching when I was about ten years old; some fifty years later in 2008 I started pitching in NHPA tournaments. Better late than never, I guess.

And how exciting to meet people whose names I've been seeing in the "Four Dead" over the years. I also got to meet (and pitch against) the two men on the cover of the "Idaho Senior Independent" Aug/Sep issue. I volunteer at the Moscow Senior Center twice a week helping seniors with computers; we get a stack of issues of that senior magazine. Little did I know when I read the horseshoe pitching article about Art Ross and Bob Zausch that I would be meeting them in person.

What a great collection of good pitchers showed up for the State and all played with great sportsmanship. People support one another and share in the pleasure of calling "four dead" to the scorekeeper. Walking about, watching others pitch, listening to the camaraderie among pitchers were warm experiences for me. Not many sports have opponents who support one another, "Nice pitch," "good shoes," etc.

I also appreciate the work it takes to make a state organization function well, especially a state as large as Idaho. I am thankful for all the tournament planning done by the state officers and the work by the host club, the Kootenai County pitchers.

I don't want to wait as long for my second State Singles Tournament, and if you've not yet had your first, please consider taking the opportunity to pitch with the best in Idaho. You will not only have a terrific pitching experience; you will also create friendships that continue past the last pitch.



Minutes of Annual State Meeting

Date: August 27, 2011

Place: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Recorded by Jerry D. Smith

President Brian Poole called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm and welcomed all.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Brian held a moment of silence for all of those who are no longer with us.

The minutes of the 2010 meeting were published in "Four Dead" and were passed out to those who needed them. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with. Jim Robinson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dave Allinger seconded. Motion passed.

Jerry Smith passed out the financial report and went over the high points. The balance at the end of 2011 is \$1,292.69. This is about \$200.00 lower than the ending 2010 balance. The main difference was the printing of RR cards and scoresheets which are in inventory. Jim Price made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Darold Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Vice President Gary Kollmann talked about the World Tournament and the wonderful fellowship involved with being there. He suggested more pitchers experience the World Tournament first hand. He stated that convention voted for St. George, Utah for the site of the 2013 World Tournament

Brent Wood reminded everyone that since the World was coming to St. George in 2013, we need to talk this up to the Idaho membership.

Statistician Jerry Smith stated that all went well this year and that most tournaments in Pocatello and Coeur d'Alene were sent electronically using HSMaster, which is the way the NHPA prefers it. The fact that HSMaster is more than capable of direct linking to NATSTATS means that we may need to look at the Stats position. Having the stats in one location makes for easy compilation of Idaho data for the newsletter and the NHPA prefers one state Statistician.

The Sec-Treas., Jerry Smith stated all went well this year. Nothing else was reported on. Jerry did state that Idaho's membership was at 119 which is down from last year's total of 122.

President Brian encouraged everyone to promote the game and get new members involved.

Under correspondence, Jerry said there was none

Under Old Business; David Ferbee made a motion to send the webmaster, Steve Summerlin, \$50.00 as thanks for his work. Dave Allinger seconded. Motion carried.

The newsletter hopes to go more to electronic circulation which requires the acquiring of members email address. It was suggested that everyone send a short message to Jerry so that he can capture your email address.

Under New Business, Brian encouraged the clubs to get their schedule to Jerry Smith by the first or so of December. Everyone should work toward not duplicating dates so pitchers can cross pollinate Idaho pitching sites. He wants it completed by the first of February.

Dave Spears spoke about the Hall of Fame which is a new Idaho By-Law. He stated that nothing was done this year because he needs two more members on the committee. He hopes to have some inductions ready by next year.

Jerry Smith presented 5 minor By-Law changes that he felt needed to be made to bring the By-Laws in line with what we are actually doing. The suggested changes were as follows:

Article XI, #5

Add "or computer data" after Summary Sheets.

Paragraph 2

Change "must" to "should, if possible". A state and national member must.

Article XII, #1

Add to end of sentence "unless approved by the executive committee".

Article XII, #8

Change "fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per entry" to "be decided at the previous annual state meeting".

Article XII, #17

Change "the Saturday evening of" to "during"

Number 1 allows for computer data as well as summary sheets. We do it now

Number 2 allows other than card carriers to score qualifying sheets. We do this now

Number 3 allows the Executive committee to allow fewer tournaments to qualify for State based on requests with legitimate reasons. We do this now

Number 4 allows the membership to set the entry fee for the State Tournament by motion at the previous annual meeting.

This gives the ISHPA flexibility to set the fee as opposed to having it hard coded by By-Law.

Number 5 allows the annual meeting to be held at any time of day, like we did this year.

Bob Zausch made the motion to pass all 5 changes. Jim Robinson seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Price made a motion to set the State Tournament fee for 2012 to \$20.00. Art Ross seconded. Motion carried.

David Spears made a motion that Pocatello host the Idaho State Doubles in 2012. Jerry Smith seconded. Motion carried.

After some discussion about the rotation process, David Spears made a motion that Meridian (Treasure Valley) host the 2012 State Singles Tournament. Darold Johnson seconded. Motion carried. Treasure Valley members will announce the dates for the Tournament later this fall.

Dave Allinger nominated Jerry Smith for Sec/Treas. Jim Price moved to close the nomination. Jerry was elected by acclamation.

Gary Kollmann nominated Glen Wessel for 1st Vice President. Jim Price moved to close the nominations. Glen was elected by acclamation.

Brian declared the meeting adjourned at around 3:30 pm.



2011 results from earlier tournaments

5. Cory Sturgis	2	4	13.33%
6. Ray Schoch	2	4	6.67%
7. Gabe Nelson	1	5	4.17%

8th Annual Portneuf Valley Shootout

Pocatello August 13, 2011

Class A

1. Art Ross	5	1	59.33%
2. Karen Wickham	4	2	57.89%
3. Keith Lewis	3	3	32.33%
4. John Warren	0	6	23.03%

Class B

1. Wayne Moore	7	1	21.25%
2. Curtis Crane	5	3	22.81%
3. Danny Hendricks	3	5	15.94%
4. Jim Robinson	3	5	15.31%
5. Celestino Fuentes	2	6	11.88%

Class C

1. Carey Jennings	6	0	21.67%
2. Barry Magnum	3	3	18.00%
3. Lori Powell	3	3	11.33%
4. Timothy Busch	0	6	5.33%



Inland Empire Class Winners
L-R: Dave Ferbee, Nancy Bartee,
Cindy Reeves, Ike Bews, Kay Keskinen

Inland Empire Memorial

Coeur d'Alene August 14, 2011

Class A

1. Kay Keskinen	6	0	59.00%
2. David Goodwin	4	2	48.67%
3. Earl Hertlein	4	2	48.33%
4. Otto Brennecke	3	3	45.67%
5. Jerry Morris	3	3	42.33%
6. John McCarthy	1	5	40.33%
7. Kaiti Reeves	0	6	38.00%

Class B

1. Ike Bews	4.5	1.5	36.25%
2. Darold Johnson	4	2	36.67%
3. Alfred Stipe	4	2	28.33%
4. Darla Wessel	3	3	26.25%
5. Waylon Thomas	2.5	3.5	29.58%
6. Homer Kleinsmith	2	4	33.75%
7. Glen Wessel	1	5	26.67%

Class C

1. Cindi Reeves	6	0	35.42%
2. Mike Watcher	4	2	28.75%
3. Elyya Jordan	3.5	2.5	27.08%
4. Dave Allinger	3	3	27.08%
5. Harold Lewis	2.5	3.5	17.08%
6. Rusty Butterfield	2	4	27.08%
7. Tom Worthington	0	6	17.50%

Class D

1. Nancy Bartee	6	0	33.75%
2. David Cazel	4	2	22.50%
3. Lynn Crouse	4	2	22.08%
4. Monroe Greenfield	3.5	2.5	21.67%
5. Dee Spilva	2.5	3.5	15.00%
6. Bob Wheeler	1	5	18.33%
7. Chris Worth	0	6	10.83%

Class E

1. Dave Ferbee	6	0	21.25%
2. John Demello	4	2	15.42%
3. Duane Kent	3	3	10.42%
4. Shirley Madson	3	3	9.58%

NHPF Benefit

Nampa August 20, 2011

Class A

1. Nick Piva	4	0	62.07%
2. Gary Kollmann	3	1	55.56%
3. Don Titcomb	2	2	51.60%
4. Ray Carpenter	1	3	30.38%
5. Shari Sayler	0	4	31.72%

Class B

1. Jerry Smith	6	0	28.28%
2. Duane Wisdom	3	3	26.64%
3. Kirk Bland	2	4	16.25%
4. Floyd Eldred	1	5	19.17%

5th Last Chance

Nampa September 24, 2011

A-40

1. Gary Opper	5	1	51.64%
2. Clyde Marquez	3	3	34.43%
3. Brent Wood	3	3	29.17%
4. Cade Lloyd	2	4	30.00%

B-40

1. David Schutte	6	0	39.17%
2. Jerry Smith	2	4	31.25%
3. Floyd Eldred	0	6	20.83%

A-30

1. Debbie Duncan	5	0	44.50%
2. Shari Sayler	4	1	38.00%
3. Don Titcomb	3	2	41.50%
4. Glen Warwick	2	3	20.50%

C-30/40

1. Andrew Eldred	1	4	16.18%
2. Kirk Bland	0	5	9.80%

3rd Boise Fall Classic

Boise October 8th
Cancelled

Opper Invite 1

Star

October 8, 2011

Class A

1. Gary Kollmann	5	1	58.28%
2. Gary Opper	4	2	57.62%
3. Don Davis	3	2	48.00%
4. Jerry Gordon	2	3	42.00%
5. Clyde Marquez	1	4	35.60%
6. Brent Wood	1	4	35.60%

Opper Invite 2

Star

October 8, 2011

Class A

1. Gary Opper	5	0	60.50%
2. Don Davis	4	1	61.50%
3. Clyde Marquez	3	2	38.50%
4. Jerry Gordon	2	3	35.50%
5. Brent Wood	1	4	26.00%
6. David Spears	0	5	18.00%

Freeze Out Special

Meridian

October 15, 2011

Class A

1. Gary Kollmann	5	0	60.40%
2. Ray Carpenter	4	1	44.00%
3. Debbie Duncan	2	3	35.83%
4. Doug Palmer	2	3	35.04%
5. David Schutte	2	3	30.00%
6. Cade Lloyd	0	5	28.00%

Class B

1. Jerry Smith	6	0	31.67%
2. David Spears	3	3	20.42%
3. Floyd Eldred	2	4	19.17%
4. Glen Warwick	1	5	22.92%

Class C

1. Andrew Eldred	2	2	17.00%
2. Kirk Bland	2	2	17.00%
3. Larry Miller	2	2	6.20%



**Freeze Out Special Class B and C Winners
Jerry Smith and Andrew Eldred**



Idaho Stats 2011

The following lists involve Idaho pitchers and results just from Idaho; meaning out of state pitching is not counted.

Most Tournaments Entered

Men

Jerry Smith	13
Brent Wood	12
Gary Kollmann	10
Floyd Eldred	10
Cade Lloyd	10
Steve Bradley	6
Dave Schutte	7
Kirk Bland	7
David Spears	6
Stew Brown	6
Brian Poole	5
Gary Opper	5
Clyde Marquez	5

Women

Debbie Duncan	10
Shari Saylor	8
Kay Keskinen	4
Nancy Bartee	4
Darla Wessel	4
Shirley Madsen	4

Elders

Ray Carpenter	9
Don Titcomb	8
Glen Warwick	8
Keith Lewis	7
Art Ross	7
Doug Palmer	7
Dale Oberg	6
Bob Zausch	6
Ike Bews	4
David Cazel	4

Juniors

Andrew Eldred	7
Jayce Pickering	1
Jeremy Vance	1

First Place finishes

Gary Kollmann	5
Ray Carpenter	4
Debbie Duncan	4
Kay Keskinen	3
Andrew Eldred	3
Gary Opper	2
Bob Baer	2
Cade Lloyd	2
Rodney Pickering	2
Dave Ferbee	2
Shari Saylor	2
Jerry Smith	2

Second Place finishes

Jerry Smith	5
Gary Kollmann	3
Steve Bradley	3
Kirk Bland	3
Cade Lloyd	2
Jim Robinson	2
Brent Wood	2
Keith Lewis	2
Don Titcomb	2
Bob Zausch	2
Nancy Bartee	2
Debbie Duncan	2

High Games

Gary Kollmann	83.33%
Art Ross	81.82%
Karen Wickham	72.50%
Bob Zausch	70.83%
Nick Piva	65.63%
Debbie Duncan	65.00%
Kay Keskinen	66.67%
Jim Price	63.46%
Ray Carpenter	63.04%
Gary Opper	62.50%
Don Titcomb	60.71%
Brent Wood	60.00%

High Tournament (one entry each)

Nick Piva	62.07%
Gary Opper	60.50%
Gary Kollmann	60.40%
Art Ross	60.32%
Karen Wickham	59.70%
Kay Keskinen	59.00%
Don Titcomb	51.60%
Debbie Duncan	50.63%
Brent Wood	50.41%
Ray Carpenter	50.00%
Bob Zausch	50.00%



Enjoying shade in Winton Park



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