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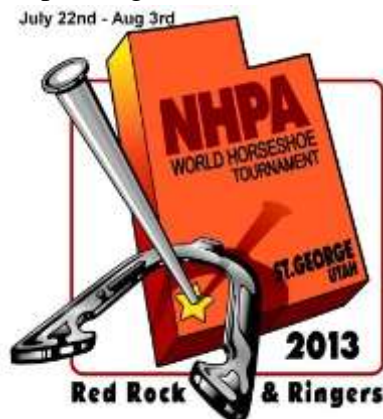


I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and will have a Happy New Year! As we begin a new year I would like to stress the importance of building our membership. We had a good increase of membership in 2012 mostly due to the upcoming World Tournament in St George this summer. We have a great opportunity to keep promoting Horseshoes again this spring with the World Tournament coming to St George, Utah in 2013. Let's all have a goal to bring one person into our local associations this year and watch our number double if we all do it! What a great sport that we have to share that anyone can compete and afford.

We had a great turnout at the Idaho State Singles in September. Thanks to those around Meridian that put it on at Settlers Park. We look forward to having everyone come to Pocatello in 2013 for Doubles & Singles.

If you haven't sent your schedules to Jerry please do so ASAP. We need to get tournaments planned so people can make their plans for this summer. 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 2013.

Brian Poole
President
ISHPA



Secretary Sez



The final membership for ISHPA ended the year of 2012 with 164 members. This is a very nice increase of 45 from last year. The 2013 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 my pleasure to thank Kay Keskinen, who volunteered to help me with the newsletter. She has helped with the email version of the Four Dead by adding formatting and graphics. It is so great to see how nice the "e" version looks. She has information in the last Spring issue about printing the "e" version simple and without all of the color and photos. Please email me if you want to receive the enhanced email version, you won't be disappointed.

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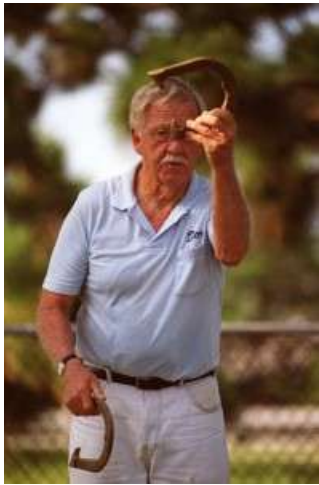
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Don Titcomb

The ISHPA and the NHPA were recently saddened by the news that former World Champion and NHPA Hall of Famer, Don Titcomb passed away on December 2, 2012.

Most of you know of Don's great horseshoe pitching feats and his life long and never ending quest to promote the game he loved. It is universally acknowledged that Don touched and



influenced thousands of people to either watch the game or pick up a shoe and give it a toss. Beginners and World Class pitchers alike turned to Don for advice and he always had time to give. Don's "Pitch and Win" program, that he developed in California, grew the sport exponentially in that state and was adopted by the

NHPA as a great way to enlarge their membership.

Don was persistent to a fault. He worked tirelessly on so many horseshoe projects including: Pitch and Win, the Idaho Horse Show, the "life-time" sports program, the courts in Settlers Park, the Boys and Girls Club, the Senior Center, and many more. In retrospect, it wasn't a fault at all, it was just Don. Everything was important to him. He wanted to share his passion with everyone and to insure success in his activities. Don Titcomb never saw a glass as half empty, it was always half full. Consider this. Don pitched in the golden era of horseshoes starting in 1947 and running through 1960. The Mens Championships consisted of 36 men all with averages above 70% and usually 8 to 12 guys above 80%. He pitched in 11 of the 14 years finishing with a 6th, a 5th, a 4th, a 3rd, 3 2nds, and one win. What a run. Don was one of the last pitchers from this golden era; in fact, there are only 2 or 3 left. Don was the real deal.

Don told so many stories, here's one that concerns sportsman-ship and the great Ted Allen. Don and Ted were in playoffs for the World Championship three years in a row and were "dog eat dog" bitter rivals. Don played to win at any costs. The next year, 1958, Don and Ted were doing battle again with Don leading by several points when a wet horseshoe slipped from Don's hand and landed half way down the court. Ted Allen walked out and retrieved the shoe and came back and told Don, "Do it over". This was against all NHPA rules, but what judge would challenge the great Ted Allen. Don told me that he never forgot Ted's gesture and from then on knew he had to beat his opponent, not wish him bad luck. Don lived that philosophy as long as he lived. Well, one thing for sure. We will dearly miss ol Lefty.

Regional Director Message:



Fellow Horseshoe Pitchers, once again as mentioned at the state annual meeting in Meridian, I have the patches and certificates for the 2013 season in hand. Once the 2013 schedule is complete by hopefully early to late January of 2013, I can send out the patches and certificates right away.

Please if you are a tournament director and you run tournaments and have helped at certain tournament cites, I encourage everyone by the start of the 2013 season to please adjust the pegs and bring them into spec, if needed. I think it is fair to say that if your pegs are a +/- 1 inch on the lean and/or distance we are (or rather, I am) good with that, anything greater than that, I ask that adjustments be made. Once again, even I as a tournament director check my courts on a regular basis and adjust them if needed. All of us who pitch I am sure expect courts to be as close to spec as possible. After several tournaments and much practice, the pegs can and will go out of spec. I will re-sanction courts every 3-5 years.

One last thing I should bring up is the hooks people have. I saw several people using hooks this year that won't be allowed to be used at World Tournament (WT). I think many of us are probably going to St. George next year for the WT and as a word of caution, since I and others Regional Directors do shoe and hook checks there, it is fair to warn all of you ahead of time that the hook portion from the shank is not to protrude more than 2 inches. If found to be more than that, they consider this to be a safety issue and you will either not be allowed to use it or it will be ground off till it reaches specs. I saw several over the summer that had hooks like this, so as an advance warning, make the adjustment. You may want to go to the NHPA website and confirm what I just mentioned and check the specs. Thanks for all that attended state singles in Meridian even though we could have dialed the temperature down a few degrees in the late morning and afternoon.

The last item I want to cover in this portion is the State Champions link on our website. I am pushing to get one more column of information added to this and that is the location of all state tournaments held

in Idaho since Idaho joined the NHPA back in 1958. Yes 1958 was when Idaho was granted a charter from the NHPA. My recent research yielded this information along with other interesting information including the fact that Jim Kosterman of Boise was the Sec/Treas back in that timeframe and was one of the key people in getting Idaho its charter. Jim was also a good pitcher as well. I will be not only be trying to get updated information on the site for state tournament locations, but also the complete the list of champions and hopefully it will be correct information rather than just “hear say” . There is much more work ahead and if anyone has any missing information that I can use, please email or call me.

Dave Spears, Regional Director



State Singles Tournament

The Idaho State Singles Championship was held on September 8 & 9 at Settler’s Park in Meridian. The Division Champs were Gary Opper, (his tenth) Mens; Karen Wickham, Womens; Nick Piva, Elders; and Cody Eldred, Juniors.

The complete results were as follows.

#	Name	W	L	Pct.
Men A				
1.	Gary Opper	12	2	53.76%
2.	Gary Kollmann	11	3	54.53%
3.	Evan Pickett	9	5	41.46%
4.	Jim Price	8	6	45.88%
5.	Clyde Marquez	5	9	39.02%
6.	Brent Wood	5	9	38.90%
7.	Cade Lloyd	4	10	34.33%
8.	Jerry Smith	2	12	32.06%

Men B				
1.	Glen Wessel	12	0	27.44%
2.	Warren Glahn	8	4	25.21%
3.	Robert Mathews	7	5	27.07%
4.	Chet Ness	7	5	24.58%
5.	Al Adams	5	7	20.21%
6.	David Schutte	3	9	19.06%
7.	Rusty Butterfield	0	6	00.00%



Men’s A Division
Gary Kollman and Gary Opper



Men’s B Division
Brian Poole, Glen Wessel, and Robert Mathews

Men C					
1.	David Ness	9	1	23.00%	
2.	Bob Baer	8	2	25.60%	
3.	David Spears	6	4	17.86%	
4.	Dave Allinger	4	6	22.22%	
5.	Floyd Eldred	3	7	16.47%	
6.	Dan Rollins	0	0	00.00%	



Men’s C Division
David Spears, David Ness, and Bob Baer

Men D

1.	Jim Robinson	8	2	22.20%
2.	Carlos Marquez	6	4	17.60%
3.	Brian Poole	6	4	14.20%
4.	Stewart Brown	4	6	16.00%
5.	Kirk Bland	3	7	15.80%
6.	James Price III	3	7	8.40%



Men's D Division
Brian Poole, Jim Robinson, and Carlos Marquez

Elder B

1.	David Cazel	7	3	20.83%
2.	Duane Wisdom	6	4	26.47%
3.	Pep Plummer	2	8	12.75%



Elder B Division
Dave Cazel and Jerry Smith

Elder A

1.	Nick Piva	10	0	60.39%
2.	Arthur Ross	7	3	54.93%
3.	Bob Zausch	7	3	49.81%
4.	Ray Carpenter	3	7	44.79%
5.	Doug Palmer	2	8	27.41%
6.	Glen Warwick	1	9	30.24%



Elder A Division
Jerry Smith and Nick Piva



Elder B Division
Jerry Smith and Duane Wisdom



Elder B Division
Pep Plummer

Women A

1.	Karen Wickham	8	0	54.07%
2.	Debbie Duncan	6	2	45.00%
3.	Darla Wessel	3	5	29.94%
4.	Nancy Bartee	3	5	25.99%
5.	Terri Baldry	0	8	18.72%

Junior A

1.	Cody Eldred	7	3	23.50%
2.	Andrew Eldred	7	3	24.00%



**Women's A Division
Jerry Smith and Karen Wickham**



**Junior A Division
Cody Eldred and Jerry Smith**



**Women's A Division
Darla Wessel and Debbie Duncan**



**Junior A Division
Brian Poole, Andrew Eldred, and Jerry Smith**

Congratulations to all the
Division Champions!

Mens: Gary Opper
Womens: Karen Wickham
Elders: Nick Piva
Juniors: Cody Eldred



Minutes of Annual State Meeting

Date: September 8, 2012

Place: Meridian, Idaho

Recorded by Jerry D. Smith

President Brian Poole called the meeting to order at 2:10 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 2011 meeting were published in the *Four Dead* and were passed out to those who needed them. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with. Bob Zausch made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ray Carpenter seconded. Motion passed.

Jerry Smith passed out the financial report and went over the high points. The balance at the end of 2012 is \$1,371.23. This is \$78.54 more than the ending 2011 balance. The slight difference probably relates to the increased membership. Bob Zausch made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Jim Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

Vice President Glen Wessel talked about the successful season that they had in Coeur d' Alene citing the club's increased membership and very large attendance at their three tournaments. He is hopeful that this trend will continue.

Brent Wood reminded everyone that the 2013 schedule needs to be put together as soon as possible. It was decided to try and get the schedule proposals to Jerry by early December so that conflicts can be worked out for final publication in February.

Regional Director David Spears asked all court managers to make sure that all corrections that were found during his inspections have been corrected. He will make more inspections in 2013. He stated that NHPA Regional Director Coordinator Debbie Michaud was proactive with the process to deliver 2013 tournament certificates and patches by sending them here with Jerry Smith from World Tournament, thus saving postage.

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. When results must be sent manually, he hopes that

the scoresheets will be sent too. This allows Idaho statistics to be calculated for publication in the *Four Dead*.

The Sec-Treas., Jerry Smith stated that 2012 went well and that the membership increased sharply. Jerry stated that Idaho's membership was at 164 which is 45 more than last year's total of 119.

President Brian encouraged everyone to promote the game and get new members involved. He explained his project to create a database which will include all horseshoe pitching courts in Idaho. He hopes that we can place it on the website so that pitchers can look up Idaho sites and find directions to those courts. Please contact Brian about any courts you know of, particularly in small or out of the way towns.

Under correspondence, Jerry said there was none

Under old business; Jerry Smith made motion to send the webmaster, Steve Summerlin, \$50.00 as thanks for his work. Brent Wood seconded. Motion carried.

The newsletter continues to acquire Idaho pitcher's email addresses for electronic circulation, but many more are probably out there. It was suggested that everyone send a short message to Jerry so that he can capture your email address.

Under new business, Brian encouraged again asked that everyone get their proposed 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.

Jerry Smith presented a minor By-Law change that he felt needed to be made to bring the By-Laws in line with what we are actually doing. The suggested change concerns cut-off deadline for entry into the Idaho State Tournament. The By-Law states that the deadline is seven days prior to the tournament. For several years the Tournament Committee has been letting pitchers enter for various reasons up to the Thursday before the tournament. The late entries have not been a problem to fit in and many pitchers that should have been denied entry have joined and enjoyed the State Tournament. Following some discussion, Bob Zausch made a motion to change the entry deadline for the State Tournament to the preceding Thursday night at 8:00 pm, Mountain Time. Darla Wessel seconded. Motion carried. The By-Laws will be

changed to reflect the new State Tournament entry deadline.

Dave Spears spoke about the Hall of Fame and announced that the first two people were being inducted into the Hall of Fame. Their names being E.J. Wiley and Dean Curry and both were great pitchers and more. Dave stated that he will personally be keeping records (hard copies) of information on each inductee throughout the years and laminating any and all paperwork on each person from this day forward. Dean Curry's family, who were helpful in sending David information on Dean, will be sent a laminated Hall of Fame Certificate as well as other information about Dean. Information about E. J's family is still being worked on. David spoke about each pitcher's outstanding contributions to horseshoes and stated that the next Inductees have not been selected as of yet. But there are still several who deserve to be in the Hall of Fame for many reasons. Induction ceremonies are currently planned to be done every two years at the state meeting.

Karen Wickham suggested that since the World is in Utah next year and Idaho will be well represented, the State should produce a pin so that pitchers can give each of their opponents one. She stated that she enjoyed getting pins in 2004 and thinks it's a very nice gesture. After discussion, it was decided to look into the cost and design and was generally thought to be an excellent idea. The executive committee will research the cost and make a decision.

Jerry Smith made a motion that Pocatello host the Idaho State Doubles in 2013. Darla Wessel seconded. Motion carried.

Bob Zausch made a motion that Pocatello host the Idaho State Singles in 2013. David Spears seconded. Under discussion, Pocatello was encouraged to have the facility in better shape than the last State Tournament that was held there. Motion carried. Brian assured the convention that the courts would be in better condition and that the dates would be the weekend before Labor Day.

Since no motion was made to change the State Tournament entry fee, the 2013 entry fee will remain at \$20.00.

Bob Zausch nominated Brian Poole for President. Darla Wessel moved to close the nomination. Brian was elected by acclamation.

Karen Wickham nominated Brent Wood for 2nd Vice President. Jim Robinson moved to close the nominations. Brent was elected by acclamation.

Brian declared the meeting adjourned at around 3:00 pm.



Idaho Tournaments 2012

NHPA Benefit

Nampa		August 18, 2012	
Class A			
1. Gary Opper	6	0	53.75%
2. Cade Lloyd	4	2	40.00%
3. Brent Wood	2	4	32.08%
4. Jerry Smith	0	6	30.42%
Class B			
1. Glen Warwick	4	0	29.27%
2. Alma Clark	2	2	27.50%
3. Floyd Eldred	2	2	24.39%
4. Robert Mathews	1	3	31.25%
5. Andrew Eldred	1	3	20.00%
Class C			
1. Cody Eldred	4	0	18.75%
2. Kirk Bland	3	1	18.13%
3. Troy Green	2	2	6.88%
4. Wayne Ary	1	3	3.13%
5. Willie Otstot	0	4	4.38%

9th Annual Portneuf Valley Shootout

Pocatello		August 18, 2012	
Class A			
1. Bob Zausch	5	1	49.67%
2. Art Ross	4	2	52.67%
3. Jim Price	3	3	50.67%
4. Doug Palmer	0	6	31.00%
Class B			
1. Rick Sprague	6	1	26.07%
2. Curtis Crane	5	2	23.21%
3. John Warren	4	2	17.50%
4. Durell Lewis	3	3	18.75%
5. Jim Robinson	2	4	25.83%
6. Carey Jennings	1	5	18.75%
7. Teresa Brown	1	5	15.42%
Class C			
1. Stephanie Smith	5	0	21.50%
2. Gary Curtis	4	1	18.00%
3. Lori Powell	3	2	18.00%
4. Natalie Smith	1	4	19.50%
5. Maralee Anderson	1	4	19.00%
6. Bret Davis	1	4	12.50%

Class D

1. Wayne Smith	5	0	17.00%
2. Robert Peterson	4	1	10.00%
3. Danny Romero	3	2	12.50%
4. Dennis Sprague	2	3	6.00%
5. James Price III	1	4	5.50%
6. Timothy Busch	0	5	6.00%

Senior Games #1

Meridian August 25, 2012

Class A

1. Jerry Smith	2	1	37.50%
2. Glen Warwick	2	1	33.33%
3. Al Adams	1	2	27.50%
4. Floyd Eldred	1	2	23.33%

Senior Games #2

Meridian August 25, 2012

Class A

1. Jerry Smith	3	0	33.33%
2. Glen Warwick	2	1	35.0%
3. Al Adams	1	2	29.17%
4. Floyd Eldred	0	3	20.83%

Parks & Recs. #2

Nampa September 22, 2012

Class A&B

1. Jerry Smith-A	7	0	38.57%
2. Ray Carpenter-A	6	1	47.14%
3. Cade Lloyd-A	4	3	31.43%
4. Alma Clark-B	4	3	30.95%
5. Al Adams-B	3	4	30.95%
6. Glen Warwick-A	2	5	36.19%
7. David Schutte-B	2	5	20.95%
8. Kirk Bland-B	0	7	16.19%

Fall Roundup

Boise October 6, 2012

Class A Handicapped

1. David Schutte	9	1	26.67%
2. Debbie Duncan	6	4	44.00%
3. Glen Warwick	6	4	26.00%
4. Cade Lloyd	4	6	32.33%
5. Ray Carpenter	2.5	7.5	42.67%
6. Jerry Smith	2.5	7.5	21.67%

Class B Handicapped

1. Geoff Combs	8	0	10.42%
2. Pep Plummer	6	2	6.25%
3. David Spears	3.5	4.5	10.83%
4. Kirk Bland	1.5	6.5	11.25%
5. Floyd Eldred	1	7	14.58%

Pumpkin Shootout

Meridian October 13, 2012

Class A40

1. Paul Quam	7	2	42.59%
2. Clyde Marquez	6	3	46.30%
3. Jerry Smith	3	6	30.00%
4. Cade Lloyd	2	7	30.37%

Class A30

1. Ray Carpenter	6	0	57.22%
2. Debbie Duncan	4	2	36.11%
3. Shari Sayler	2	4	33.33%
4. Pep Plummer	0	6	4.44%

Class B40

1. Bob Baer	10	1	31.21%
2. David Schutte	9	2	24.55%
3. David Spears	4.5	5.5	12.67%
4. John Spoul	3	7	11.33%
5. Floyd Eldred	2.5	7.5	15.00%
6. Kirk Bland	2	8	9.00%

5th Last Chance

Nampa October 20, 2012

Class A

1. Ray Carpenter	9	1	44.67%
2. Gary Kollmann	8	2	41.33%
3. Cade Lloyd	4	6	32.67%
4. Glen Warwick	4	6	30.67%
5. David Schutte	3	7	23.00%
6. Jerry Smith	2	8	25.67%

Class B

1. Kirk Bland	5	1	19.17%
2. Bob Baer	5	1	27.08%
3. Andrew Eldred	4	2	22.08%
4. Cody Eldred	3	3	23.33%
5. David Spears	3	3	17.92%
6. Floyd Eldred	1	5	16.67%
7. Pep Plummer	0	6	8.33%

Freeze Out Special #2

Meridian November 3, 2012

Class A

1. Gary Kollmann	6	0	56.67%
2. Ray Carpenter	5	1	50.42%
3. Cade Lloyd	3	3	40.42%
4. Alma Clark	2	4	33.75%
5. Glen Warwick	2	4	32.50%
6. Bob Baer	2	4	27.50%
7. David Schutte	1	5	22.92%

Class B

1. Andrew Eldred	5	0	19.50%
2. Floyd Eldred	4	1	17.00%
3. Kirk Bland	3	2	14.50%
4. Larry Miller	1	4	6.50%
5. Pep Plummer	1	4	4.00%
6. Willie Otstot	1	4	3.00%



Idaho Stats 2012

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

Most Tournaments Entered

Men

Floyd Eldred	15
Jerry Smith	15
Cade Lloyd	14
David Spears	12
Dave Schutte	11
Kirk Bland	10
Bob Baer	10
Gary Kollmann	8
Gary Opper	8

Women

Debbie Duncan	5
Nancy Bartee	4
Darla Wessel	4
Karen Wickham	4
Delisa Blattner	4
Teresa Brown	4

Elders

Glen Warwick	14
Ray Carpenter	12
Pep Plummer	7
Keith Lewis	5
Art Ross	5
Alma Clark	5

Juniors

Andrew Eldred	11
Cody Eldred	6
Jayce Pickering	2

First Place finishes

Jerry Smith	5
Gary Opper	4
Gary Kollmann	3
Ray Carpenter	3
David Ness	3
Andrew Eldred	3
Bob Baer	3
Chet Ness	3

Second Place finishes

Debbie Duncan	4
Gary Kollmann	4
Floyd Eldred	4
Andrew Eldred	3
Gary Opper	3
Ray Carpenter	3
7 tied with 2	

High Games

Nick Piva	77.27%
Karen Wickham	76.920%
Kay Keskinen	74.00%
Gary Opper	72.50%
Ray Carpenter	72.50%
Gary Kollmann	70.00%
Clyde Marquez	70.00%
Art Ross	66.67%
Bob Zausch	66.67%
Otto Brennecke	65.38%

High Tournament (one entry each)

Kay Keskinen	64.67%
Gary Kollmann	62.08%
Gary Opper	61.50%
Nick Piva	60.39%
Ray Carpenter	57.22%
Art Ross	54.93%
Karen Wickham	54.07%
Jim Price	50.67%
Bob Zausch	49.81%
Debbie Duncan	47.92%



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