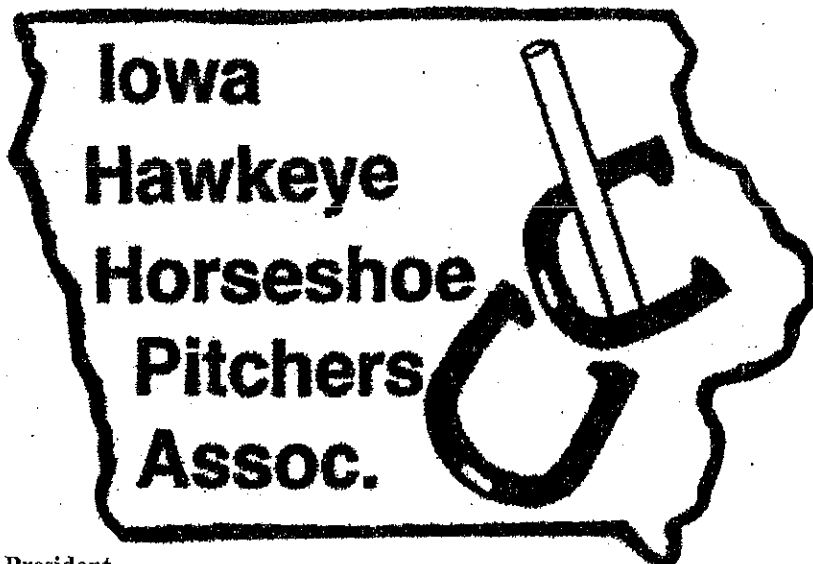


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

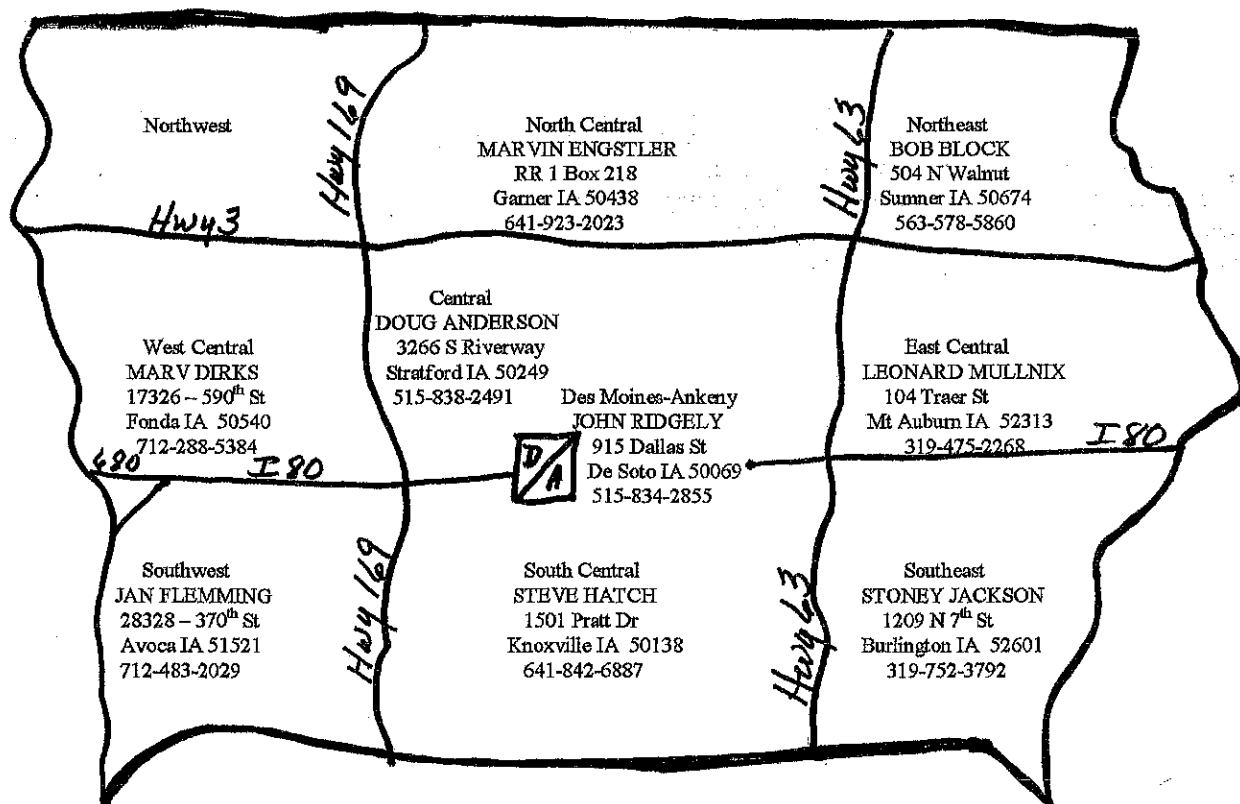
As President, I made it through my first Annual Meeting with a only few mistakes. But everyone was very helpful. The meeting went well, but as usual the membership attendance was very low. I don't have the actual count, but it's sad that so few vote for the rules and regulations of so many. It is only one day a year, with an excellent meal, so I feel we all should make an effort to attend.

Last Friday, I drove to Iowa City and Leo Buell and I went to Middleton(?) to check on a trailer for the IHPA Hall of Fame. The price was right, however the trailer was to large and heavy for what we need. It also needed a lot of work. We decided the cost of fixing it and then finding someone with a truck big enough to pull it was not cost effective.

As some of you already know, since I recently turned 70 I have moved up to 30 ft. I have played in 3 tournaments since moving up and have been playing better and enjoying it more. I want to encourage more people over 70, that are struggling with their game, to move up. It puts the fun back in the game when your not wearing yourself out just trying to get it to the stake.

Hope to see all of you at Eldora at some time this winter.

Don Wilson, President



***** THIS AND THAT *****

~ Received September 29 ~

First off, I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone involved with the 2004 Iowa State Horseshoe Pitching Championships held at this years Iowa State Fair. From my perspective, it was a top notch job by all involved and everything went off without a hitch. Having organized and run tournaments in the past, I know the work involved in putting together a single day tournament. I can only imagine the work involved in running an eleven day event. My thanks go out to Danny Sease, Dave Sidles, and their staff of dedicated assistants who made this thing work. I was especially pleased to see that the IHHPA has begun a photographic record of those who are participating. It was great to receive copies of the photographs of the guys in my class. Thanks again to Danny Sease and Dave Sidles for the photo memories they provided of this event.

Congratulations to Jan Flemming on winning the State Championship.

I was also pleased to read in the latest Newsletter that the open tourmant events at the fair have garnered us some new members. We are always trying to attract new members to our association through whatever means we can. That note brings me to my next point. In an effort to get some newspaper publicity, LeRoy Law and I along with other folks have attempted to get some of our tournament results in local newspapers with limited success to say the least. We got absolutely zero coverage in the Waterloo paper except for the two lines they put in after I managed to win one of the Eldora tournaments last winter. So I think it's safe to say, we haven't had much luck getting the word out through the newspapers. Which is not to say we shouldn't continue to send in the results. I think we should continue to send them various articles about out sport, not only tournament results. The pitching schedule could be sent in monthly. As far as tournament results go, it seems that our best bet to get something in the papers is when a local participant does well. The bottom line is, we need to get the information about our sport and our association out in other ways. There are lots of horseshoe pitchers out there but a lot of them don't have a clue about our association, or the national association. We have over 50 pitchers in the Waterloo/ Cedar Falls area who play in the bar league here. Many only heard about the IHHPA recently, since I have been talking with them about it. (And those 2 lines in the Courier about my Eldora win caught the eyes of some of them). Hopefully, I will be able to get some of them to come to some of the Eldora tournaments. A few have expressed an interest and have said they might come to some of the Eldora events this winter.

I have a couple suggestions about how we might get new people to our association. I think we need to get our pitching schedule out to as many people as we can. We need to hand them out to as many people as possible. Post them on bulletin boards in bars, supermarkets, churchs, anywhere there is a public bulletin board. If people know there are horseshoe tournaments, where and when tournaments are being held, they may just show up.

Another thing I think we need to consider is having a couple of the Eldora tournaments open events where non-sanctioned pitchers may participate. Get their feet wet so to speak. I think that once they experience one of our events, they just may keep coming back. The general feeling among many pitchers who don't pitch tournaments is that they aren't good enough. I know, I had the same feeling myself 28 years ago when I attended my first tournament after my Dad convinced me to give it a try. However, after having pitched a whopping 19%, winning four and losing one, and capturing the second place trophy, I was hooked. The same could be true for others if they have the opportunity. I think we should give as many people as possible the opportunity.

Another thing we need to do is ask people. We all know people who pitch but don't play tournaments. It may be as simple as asking them to get them involved. All our members need to ask those folks. It may be all they need to get them to join.

Well, I guess that I have rambled along long enough and I had better get this sent. Hopefully I will see you at some of the Eldora tournaments this winter. I had planned to be at a couple more after the Fair, but I did something to my ankle and have been unable to pitch. Take Care.

Pat Simon

Thank you for your good thoughts, Pat and we all hope that your ankle is much better and you are able to pitch again.

Mic

NOTE FROM THE STATISTITION

To all sanctioned league directors.
When your league is finished for the year, you must submit your results to Lorraine Sternburg. If they come directly to me, they will not be included in your stats.

Dave Sidles

***** MORE THIS & THAT *****

FROM THE SECRETARY

At the NHPA National Convention this year, a bylaws change was made affecting male pitchers under 70 yrs old that desire to pitch short distance because of a permanent disability.

A medical form developed by the NHPA is now required before a 30 ft. card can be issued. These forms are available from the State Secretary. They must be completed and then approved by the IHHPA Executive Committee. This rule change is in effect now.

Respectfully,
Dave Sidles IHHPA Secretary

As an added note:
Dave and Jan Warwick had an open tourmanet in Ames with no entry fee. They had 3 players from Des Moines, 4 from Ames, and 1 from Boone. All new except one. Hopefully we will get some new members from this.

~~We need more people to do this. Keep up the good work guys!!!~~

Mic

LEAGUE NEWS

The Cedar Rapids Horseshoe Club completed their season August 30, 2004. We had 33 players who played 40 shoe games in a class format. This year we had 3 ladies; Gloria Baker, Laura Berry, and Leona Gaines, who drives from Mt Vernon each week. In addition we had three 80 year old men; Don Marx and Earl Cypra who are both 82 and Dale Feye who is 80. We should all still be pitching when we reach 80.

Class champions were: Walt Behnke (A), Larry Bolt (B), Don Marx (C), Bob Jacobson (D), Laura Berry (E), and Chris Bennett (F). Each class winner received a plaque and a patch.

Awards are also given for High Game, Walt Behnke (77.5% 31 out of 40); High Average, Walt Behnke (56.27%); High Game over Average, John O'Shea (25.46%); and Most Improved (my favorite), Larry Bolt who improved his average from 2003 to 2004 by 6.55%. Larry and Leonard Mullnix drive from Mt Auburn each week to play with our group.

Yours Truly, Larry Purcell

IN LOVING MEMORY

On October 5th, 2004 the IHHPA lost another valuable friend. Marvin W Stracke of Ankeny will be missed by all his friends in the IHHPA. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marvin's wife, Linda and his family.

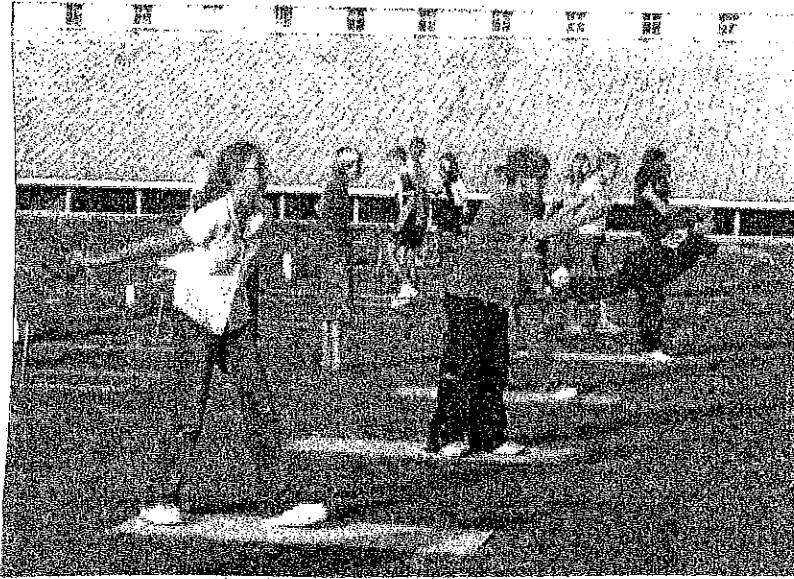
A note about the Madison County Covered Bridge Fest.

A few comments about the tourney: 2004 Bridge Fest Champ, Bob Mc Kee won a pitch-off game vs defending Covered Bridge Fest Champ, Wilbur Rasmussen. "Tator" started off the game getting 16 ringers out of his first 18 shoes pitched and soon led 31-8 before Mc Kee rallied. In one stretch, Bob would then get 13 ringers out of 16 shoes and score 30 unanswered points, taking a 38-31 lead. Back came Tator with 3 doubles before Bob would win it 41-37.

Special thanks to Leonard Mullnix for again bringing a pot of chilli – it went real quick.

John Pletchette





WINTERSET 8TH GRADERS EXCITED ABOUT RINGERS by John Pletchette

Horseshoe pitching continues to be a part of the Winterset Junior High Physical Education Program. Since 1991 the Winterset 8th graders have annually enjoyed three P.E. class periods at the horseshoe courts. For 14 years and counting, John Pletchette, Director City of Winterset Parks and Recreation Department has coordinated the program with his wife Jean, a Winterset Junior High School Physical Education Teacher. The format for the horseshoe program has changed very little over the years. This years' dates were September 21, 23, and 27. Winterset 8th graders are divided into three morning P.E. classes ranging from 40-50 students in each class. The first class arrives at the courts around 9:00 A.M. The final class leaves the courts by 11:15 A.M.

The program involves basic instructions, demonstrations, a hand-out and lots of time to pitch. Students are introduced to such things as scoring, three different grips, pitching fundamentals and names of two world champion horseshoe pitchers from Iowa. Following 15 minutes of instructions and demonstrations on the first day, students are divided into two-person teams and play the doubles game using count-all scoring. The second and third day is all pitching. The following safety procedures are used when students are pitching. All students on one end begin pitching at the sound of a whistle. Students on the other end stand behind a painted line 8 feet behind the back of the courts. When ALL students on one end have completed pitching, a whistle is again sounded. Teammates on the other end now pick up their shoes and begin pitching after the whistle.

Did the students learn anything? P.E. Teachers Jean Pletchette and Gary Christensen recorded ringers. Total number of ringers by all three classes for each day were: 14-37-62. Pletchette, who coordinates the two sanctioned tourneys at Winterset each year, did not know what to expect that first year back in 1991. After 14 years the enthusiasm continues and the students really get excited about ringers. He hopes that several of the students will some day enjoy pitching horseshoes regularly. He also likes to see the 12 courts at the fairgrounds being used. By next year, over 2000 Winterset 8th graders will be introduced to the life-time sport of horseshoe pitching. Over the years, several IHPA Members have been involved with this program in various capacities. Pletchette added, that Don Wilson has been very helpful with providing necessary information and horseshoes for the students to pitch. As a result of this program, Pletchette has learned something also. Several years ago, Don taught John how to pitch the one and one-quarter turn.

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BOONE OPEN
September 12, 2004

CLASS A

1. Slim Allen	W Des Moines	44.0
2. LeRoy Law	W Des Moines	43.0
3. Marv Engstler	Garner	47.5
4. Carl Rupe	Des Moines	45.0
5. Gary Reed	Stuart	42.0
6. Deb Dalton	Indianola	35.0

CLASS B

1. Deb Davis	Ankeny	36.5
2. John Fraaken	Des Moines	34.5
3. Jan Warwick	Boone	36.0
4. Doug Anderson	Stratford	26.5
5. Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	33.5
6. Art Brown	Patterson	33.5

CLASS C

1. Sheryl Mason	Grinnell	29.1
2. Rusty Dalton	Indianola	26.6
3. Jerry Dunkin	New Virginia	25.8
4. Marv Dirks	Fonda	22.5
5. Bob Rounds	Perry	24.5
6. Bob Walters	Eldora	10.0
7. Dean Fortune	Des Moines	17.9

CLASS D

1. Harold Barker	Marshalltown	21.0
2. Bill Mason	Grinnell	13.5
3. Dan Rupe	Huxley	16.5
4. Jim Kempkes	Des Moines	12.5
5. Ralph Davis	Ankeny	13.0
6. Chuck Vandever	Grand Junction	4.5

INDIANOLA OPEN (non-sanction)
September 25, 2004

CLASS A

1. Deb Dalton	Indianola	5-0	46.0
2. Carl Rupe	Des Moines	4-1	36.5
3. Dennis Hopkins	Missouri Valley	3-2	29.5
4. Gene Rittman	Ankeny	2-3	27.0
5. Richard Long	Indianola	1-4	7.5

CLASS B

1. Leonard Mullnix	Mt Auburn	5-0	35.0
2. Gerald Weeks	Indianola	4-1	34.5
3. Rusty Dalton	Indianola	2-3	17.0
4. Dean Fortune	Des Moines	2-3	16.6
5. Doyle Lacey	Des Moines	2-3	16.1

INDIANOLA OPEN (non-sanctioned)(con't.)
September 25, 2004

CLASS C

1. Ron Moon	Indianola	5-0	13.6
2. Ron Utley	Des Moines	4-1	18.4
3. Daniel Rupe	Huxley	2-3	9.2
4. Terry Rupe	Des Moines	2-3	6.0
5. Ann Gray	Huxley	1-4	6.0
6. Mike Goode	Indianola	1-4	4.3

INDIANOLA OPEN
September 26, 2004

CLASS A

1. Gary Reed	Stuart	4-1	46.5
2. Keith Baker	Clive	3-2	51.4
3. Marv Engstler	Garner	3-2	49.5
4. LeRoy Law	W Des Moines	2-3	46.5
5. Ed Walsh	Albia	2-3	44.0
6. Glenn Warden	Des Moines	1-4	42.1

CLASS B

1. Deb Dalton	Indianola	5-0	46.5
2. Charles Phipps	Grimes	3-2	40.5
3. Larry Bolt	Mt Auburn	2-3	39.5
4. Dennis Hopkins	Missouri Valley	2-3	37.0
5. Art Brown	Patterson	2-3	35.5
6. Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	1-4	34.0

CLASS C

1. Deb Davis	Ankeny	4-1	38.5
2. Mike Mc Nace	Boone	4-1	38.0
3. Jerry Dunkin	New Virginia	3-2	30.5
4. Leonard Mullnix	Mt Auburn	2-3	30.0
5. Bob Rounds	Perry	2-3	23.5
6. Bob Walters	Eldora	0-5	13.5

CLASS D

1. Bob Bown	Delta	5-0	31.2
2. Don Wilson	Indianola	3-2	25.6
3. Dean Fortune	Des Moines	3-2	19.3
4. Gerald Weeks	Indianola	2-3	25.6
5. Rusty Dalton	Indianola	2-3	13.7

CLASS E

1. Ron Utley	Des Moines	5-0	14.3
2. Veronica Goode	Indianola	4-1	15.6
3. Ralph Davis	Ankeny	3-2	13.1
4. Ron Moon	Indianola	2-3	11.2
5. Mike Goode	Indianola	1-4	5.6

MADISON COUNTY BRIDGE FESTIVAL

October 10, 2004

CLASS A

1. Bob Mc Kee	Marshalltown	4-2	53.2
2. Wilbur Rasmussen	Prescott	3-3	48.1
3. Marvin Engstler	Garner	3-2	50.0
4. Slim Allen	W Des Moines	2-3	50.0
5. Gary Reed	Stuart	2-3	42.9
6. James Jackson	New London	2-3	39.4

CLASS B

1. Clarence Kruger	Nebraska	5-0	50.0
2. Deb Dalton	Indianola	4-1	42.5
3. LeRoy Law	W Des Moines	3-2	50.5
4. Charles Phipps	Grimes	1-4	38.0
5. Ed Walsh	Albia	1-4	36.0
6. Carl Rupe	Des Moines	1-4	33.5

CLASS C

1. Glen Stover	Council Bluffs	4-1	41.0
2. Stoney Jackson	Burlington	3-2	45.5
3. Larry Bolt	Mt Auburn	3-2	36.5
4. Bob Hardy	New London	3-2	29.0
5. Deb Davis	Ankeny	2-3	31.5
6. Dennis Hopkins	Missouri Valley	0-5	23.0

CLASS D

1. Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	5-0	43.5
2. John Ridgely	De Soto	4-1	36.3
3. John Fraaken	Des Moines	2-3	33.5
4. Leonard Mullnix	Mt Auburn	2-3	26.5
5. Gene Rittman	Ankeny	1-4	28.0
6. Fred Martin	Washington	1-4	25.0

CLASS E

1. Mac McKay	Corning	5-1	33.3
2. Marian Mc Kee	Marshalltown	4-2	29.7
3. Marvin Dirks	Fonda	4-2	25.4
4. Don Wilson	Greenfield	3-3	32.5
5. Jerry Dunkin	New Virginia	3-3	30.0
6. Gerald Weeks	Indianola	1-5	29.1
7. Bob Lindberg	Stuart	1-5	28.5

CLASS F

1. Ron Welsh	Nebraska	4-1	26.0
2. Bob Rounds	Perry	3-2	31.5
3. James Bown	Delta	3-2	24.4
4. Rick Hudson	Stuart	2-3	28.0
5. Dave Mittlestadt	Jewell	2-3	26.5
6. Steve Jackson	Grandview	1-4	15.5

MADISON COUNTY BRIDGE FESTIVAL

October 10, 2004

CLASS G

1. Rusty Dalton	Indianola	4-2	24.6
2. Danny Sease	Des Moines	4-2	18.8
3. Walter Martin	Ottumwa	3-3	17.1
4. Harold Barker	Marshalltown	3-3	17.1
5. Doyle Lacey	Des Moines	3-3	14.2
6. Ralph Davis	Ankeny	2-4	17.5
7. Ron Utley	Des Moines	2-4	17.5

CLASS H

1. Veronica Goode	Indianola	5-1	11.7
2. Reg Kaiser	Washington ST	4-2	13.3
3. Dan Rupe	Huxley	4-2	12.3
4. Dorothy Kruger	Nebraska	3-3	10.0
5. Jim Kempkes	Des Moines	3-3	7.0
6. Gary Jacobs	Winterset	2-4	8.3
7. Mike Goode	Indianola	0-6	3.8

ELDORA INDOOR

November 6, 2004

CLASS A

1. Mark Mauthe	Wisconsin	5-0	67.9
2. Jim Jackson	Mt Pleasant	4-1	53.5
3. Marv Engstler	Garner	3-2	47.8
4. Glenn Warden	Des Moines	2-3	43.3
5. LeRoy Law	W Des Moines	1-4	43.3
6. Bob Mc Kee	Marshalltown	0-5	49.1

CLASS B

1. Dick Walker	Cambridge	4-1	36.2
2. Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	4-1	34.0
3. Russ Martin	Clarksville	3-2	29.5
4. Stoney Jackson	Burlington	2-3	33.6
5. Doug Anderson	Stratford	2-3	32.4

CLASS C

1. Marian Mc Kee	Marshalltown	5-0	31.2
2. Bob Rounds	Perry	3-2	30.4
3. Steve Jackson	Burlington	3-2	30.0
4. James Bown	Delta	2-3	22.8
5. Bob Walters	Eldora	2-3	15.2
6. Bernie Anderson	Osage	0-5	13.6

CLASS D

1. Bill Grinstead	Osage	4-1	26.0
2. Ron Fromm	Mediapolis	4-1	14.0
3. Ron Swartzendruber	Iowa City	3-2	19.0
4. Harold Barker	Marshalltown	2-3	12.5
5. Dean Fortune	Des Moines	2-3	12.0

ELDORA INDOOR
November 7, 2004

CLASS A

1. Marv Engstler	Garner	5-1	57.2
2. Leo Buell	Iowa City	4-2	53.2
3. Bob Mc Kee	Marshalltown	4-2	44.3
4. Betty Mc Gregor	Lone Tree	3-3	50.0
5. LeRoy Law	W Des Moines	2-4	41.7
6. Glenn Warden	Des Moines	2-4	39.8
7. Mike Fishnick	Dubuque	1-5	51.6

CLASS B

1. Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	5-0	52.0
2. Art Brown	Patterson	3-2	47.7
3. Don Wilson	Greenfield	3-2	44.2
4. Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	3-2	37.7
5. Deb Davis	Ankeny	1-4	36.0
6. Marian Mc Kee	Marshalltown	0-5	26.8

CLASS C

1. Jessica Dougherty	Marshalltown	5-0	26.4
2. Sheryl Mason	Grinnell	3-2	27.8
3. Kent Dougherty	Marshalltown	3-2	25.0
4. Lee Drewelow	Stanley	2-3	20.5
5. Bob Walters	Eldora	1-4	21.3
6. Dave Sidles	Ames	1-4	19.0

CLASS D

1. Danny Sease	Des Moines	4-1	17.2
2. Dean Fortune	Des Moines	4-1	16.3
3. Mike Fishnick Jr	Dubuque	3-2	12.8
4. Ron Utley	Des Moines	2-3	12.8
5. Ralph Davis	Ankeny	2-3	12.6
6. Nathan Duffy	Dubuque	0-5	4.0

ELDORA INDOOR
November 13, 2004

CLASS A

1. Marv Engstler	Garner	4-2	56.5
2. Leo Buell	Iowa City	4-2	46.6
3. LeRoy Law	W Des Moines	3-3	52.8
4. Bob Mc Kee	Marshalltown	3-3	50.8
5. Jim Jackson	Mt Pleasant	3-3	45.5
6. Glenn Warden	Des Moines	3-3	42.0
7. Gary Reed	Stuart	1-5	41.8

CLASS B

1. Dennis Hopkins	Missouri Valley	4-1	43.7
2. Laverne Schroeder	Illinois	4-1	39.4
3. John Fraaken	Des Moines	3-2	34.0
4. Carl Rupe	Des Moines	2-3	31.3
5. Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	1-4	33.0
6. Gene Rittman	Ankeny	1-4	28.2

ELDORA INDOOR (CON'T.)
November 13, 2004

CLASS C

1. Don Wilson	Greenfield	4-0	39.2
2. Bob Waldo	Iowa Falls	2-2	30.5
3. Marian Mc Kee	Marshalltown	2-2	27.9
4. Vern Mc Grath	Dubuque	2-2	27.3
5. Russ Martin	Clarksville	0-4	30.0

CLASS D

1. Bob Rounds	Perry	4-0	32.7
2. John Ridgely	De Soto	3-1	25.7
3. Sheryl Mason	Grinnell	2-2	23.9
4. Bill Grinstead	Osage	1-3	20.3
5. Bob Walters	Eldora	0-4	20.5

CLASS E

1. Steve Jackson	Grandview	4-1	22.3
2. Ron Fromm	Mediapolis	4-1	22.0
3. Jessica Dougherty	Marshalltown	3-2	16.6
4. Bill Mason	Grinnell	2-3	22.4
5. Harold Barker	Marshalltown	1-4	17.6
6. Dean Fortune	Des Moines	1-4	15.2

ELDORA INDOOR
November 14, 2004

CLASS A

1. Marv Engstler	Garner	4-2	52.1
2. LeRoy Law	W Des Moines	3-3	53.3
3. Bob Mc Kee	Marshalltown	3-3	47.9
4. Leo Buell	Iowa City	2-4	47.4

(Double Round)

CLASS B

1. Art Brown	Patterson	4-0	41.8
2. Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	3-1	36.9
3. Carl Rupe	Des Moines	2-2	31.0
4. Laverne Schroeder	Illinois	1-3	26.5
5. Larry Bolt	Mt Auburn	0-4	37.8

CLASS C

1. Deb Davis	Ankeny	4-0	41.8
2. John Fraaken	Des Moines	2-2	30.2
3. Sheryl Mason	Grinnell	2-2	28.5
4. Russ Martin	Clarksville	1-3	29.5
5. Marian Mc Kee	Marshalltown	1-3	15.8

CLASS D

1. Ralph Davis	Ankeny	3-1	25.0
2. Bill Mason	Grinnell	3-1	19.6
3. Harold Barker	Marshalltown	2-2	18.1
4. Lee Drewelow	Stanley	1-3	19.0
5. Bob Walters	Eldora	1-3	15.8

Minutes of the 2004 IHHPA Annual Meeting

October 16, 2004

President Don Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Association chaplain Glenn Warden gave an opening prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the 2003 annual meeting were read and approved after correcting some wording regarding the IHPF.

Dave Sidles gave a treasurers report. As of 10/15/2004, the checking account balance was \$1675.22. This amount include Junior Account funds of \$438.25, Foster Memorial account funds of \$352.00, and Woollums Memorial Account funds of \$503.00 for a total of \$1293.25 in special funds. Total inflows were reported at \$8091.00 and total outflows were \$7801.86. After subtracting the Woollums memorial money, the balance for the year was -\$213.86. The balance in the Mutual fund account as of 9/30/2004 was \$9384.37, an increase of approximately \$500.00 over last year. Membership for the year totaled 262 of which 15 were juniors. That was a decline of 13 members from the previous year. A motion to approve the treasurers report was made, seconded, and passed.

President Don Wilson read portions of several letters he had received pertaining to the meeting. He noted that Bob Walters had the winter indoor schedule printed and available.

A letter from Harold Garner indicated that he no longer wanted to serve as 4th V.P. and would not be at the meeting. Gary Reed sent a letter expressing concern about the excess heat that occurs sometimes at the fair.

Jan Fleming sent a letter summarizing activities in the SW region this year.

Report from officers and regional Directors followed.

1st V.P. Glenn Warden was present but gave no report.

2nd V.P. Dick Carlson related that he had kept newsletters from several years back and that it was interesting to go back and read through them.

3rd V.P. Mick Fishnick spoke briefly about attending the World Tournament as a state delegate.

Secretary Dave Sidles indicated that there were still minor problems with results reporting. He indicated that some results only had wins and losses reported and not shoes and ringers. He also reiterated that it was a tournament director's responsibility to make sure all players had current membership cards.

Youth Director Dennis Smith reported that several of the youth tournaments he ran in previous years were not being held because of lack of sponsorship and lack of participation. He also indicated that he did not want to continue as youth director.

Leroy Law thanked Dennis for his past service and urged him to reconsider his decision to not serve as youth director. It was pointed out that youth participation was down statewide. Leroy said, however, that he been contacted by the Phys Ed director at Dowling Catholic High School about using the WDM courts for a physical education class. He indicated that approximately 60 kids pitched there with several expressing interest in doing it again. Leroy said he would work on sending out a letter to other DM areas schools to try to generate more interest and possibly promote interschool competition.

Don Wilson spoke to the fact that John Plechette had been doing this for years in Winterset.

Newsletter editor Mic Wilson noted that she would like to see all 30 ft players indicated as such on results sheets if they are not already. Leonard Mullnix asked if it would be possible to indicate 30 and 40 foot pitchers in the newsletter results. Some discussion of the 30ft rule followed. Dave Sidles indicated that a bylaws change regarding disabilities had been adopted at the WT meeting. He stated that a medical proof form was required now, but that the enforcement of the rule was left to each states executive board.

Don Wilson announced that the process to prepare a bid to host the WT had ended and would be discussed later in the meeting.

National Regional Director Leo Buell spoke about the decline in membership and the need to work on increasing our membership. He offered a brief description of the NHPF, the national Hall of Fame, and described the site in Tennessee. He encouraged members to support the NHPF.

Leo then indicated that newsletter advertising numbers had dropped from 18 to 10 this last year resulting in a loss of revenue of \$280.00.

He then asked the state regional directors present to address the meeting.

Glen Stover spoke for Jan Fleming and the SW region. He said there were about 25 active pitchers in their area. He said he thought that John Plechette had as many as 2000 kids introduced to horseshoes in Winterset. SC Director Steve Hatch was not present to report.

Stoney Jackson reported on the SE region. He gave a summary of sanctioned tournaments in the area noting one rainout at Mt Pleasant. He also indicated that because of poor attendance that the Burlington tournament would probably not continue.

Stoney also pointed out that there was a significant amount of non-sanctioned pitching with the tavern league in Fort Madison and that doubles pitching was popular with non-sanctioned pitchers in the area. In referring to Dick Carlson's comment about old newsletters, he said that his collection dated back to 1956.

WC Director Marv Dirks reported on his region. He questioned whether their league would continue because of poor attendance. He said that Spencer was still uncertain at this time but that he would continue working to get courts there. He also commented that there was very little horseshoe activity in the NW and NC regions.

Marv spoke briefly of his experience at the World Tournament. He said he would like to see more Iowans attending the WT.

Doug Anderson spoke about the Central region. He pointed out that the Boone courts were used twice again this year and that the Eldora indoor was fast approaching. He also commented that he helped put a horseshoe court in at a Senior Living Center in Stratford but that it was receiving little if any use.

Doug gave a dinner blessing and lunch was served.

Following lunch, Leonard Mullnix reported on the EC region. He noted that the Cedar Rapids sanctioned league was again successful, but that 2 ½ of their tournaments were rained out. He also noted that a group headed by Rollie and Phyliss Von Thun, along with Red Henton and others, went to Maquoketa to promote horseshoes.

NC Director Marv Engstler reported that they held one sanctioned tournament in Charles City. He also said there were several small non-sanctioned tournaments in the towns of Nora Springs, Osage, Cleme, and Garner. A tournament in Fertile was rained out.

John Ridgely reported for the Des Moines – Ankeny region. He noted that there were several non-sanctioned tournaments in the area with one in Earlham drawing 26 participants.

John also commented that doubles was a popular format.

Leo Buell suggested that regional directors submit notes or comments to the newsletter throughout the year.

Glenn Warden asked the Women of the Moose to come out for a show of appreciation.

President Don Wilson moved that the 2005 meeting be held at the Moose lodge in Marshalltown. The motion passed.

1st V.P. Glenn Warden spoke briefly about his travels around the country and his experiences meeting and playing with other pitchers.

Leroy Law took the podium to explain to the members present what had happened in regard to the WT bid process. He said that as of now, the executive committee had decided to end the process.

Danny Sease gave a report on the State Fair horseshoe pitching events and the State tournament. He said there were a total of 567 entries this year, which was a record for participation. He described how a junior championship came about with 7 entries.

He said there were 327 entries in non-sanctioned open tournaments.

He reported between 95 and 100 new names of pitchers this year.

Danny then presented a formal bid to host the State Championships at the state fairgrounds in conjunction with the Iowa State Fair. There were no other bids.

Leo Buell moved to accept the bid. Bob McKee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Under old and unfinished business, Dick Walker asked about the float trailer and whether or not the insurance issue had been resolved. After some discussion it was decided to abandon the float. Marv Engstler again brought up the issue of the heat during the state fair championships.

His suggestion was to separate the two days of men's championship pitching by a day. Don Wilson brought up the idea of pitching at night. After brief discussion, it was referred the Executive Committee for further review.

Under new business, Dave Sidles put forward the idea of having \$.50 of all tournament entry fees be paid to the association. Leroy Law questioned whether it would be too much additional work for tournament directors and whether it would generate much income for the association. Danny Sease indicated that it would present a problem with State Fair entries. Vern McGrath suggested raising membership dues by \$1.00. Leo Buell pointed out that the drop in the number of newsletter advertisers accounted for more than the operating loss. Doug Anderson made a preliminary motion to adopt the \$.50 reimbursement to the association. Some additional discussion followed. Dave Sidles thought that overall membership was the thing that needed to be addressed most. He also indicated that he had received a letter from Joe Dolter with a \$100.00 donation to the IHHPA. In addition, Joe said in his letter that he has a provision in his will to donate an additional \$2000.00 to the IHHPA. Dave suggested that the IHHPA shouldn't rely on windfalls like this to stay afloat. Mic Wilson pointed out that newsletter costs had gone up. Leonard Mullnix wanted to know why the money in savings couldn't be used if needed. After considering all of the previous points, it was decided to do nothing to address the budget shortfall, and the motion was withdrawn.

Don Wilson brought up the Hall of Fame Trailer subject, indicating that it had previously been decided to buy one. Glen Warden reported that he found prices were much higher than anticipated. Phylliss Von Thun said this discussion had taken place last year and the matter was again referred to the Executive Committee. Dave Sidles suggested the idea of having a Player of the Year as an additional year-end award. He said the award would be based on participation and also performance relative to your class competition during the year. He suggested that standings could be published in the newsletter. A motion was passed to adopt the idea.

Don Wilson presented the President's Award to Ron and Margo Utley.

Dick Carlson presided over the induction of Marv Engstler into the IHHPA Hall of Fame.

Marv's family was in attendance and Marv gave a short speech.

Dick then presented Mic Wilson with the Frank Jackson Award.

The final award was presented to Dick Walker as the years most improved player.

Election of Officers was next on the agenda. For 2nd Vice President, Dick Carlson was the only nominee.

Dick indicated that although he was not as active as he would like, he would continue in this position.

For 4th V.P, John Ridgley nominated Leroy Law. Nominations were then closed and Leroy was elected.

Sec. Dave Sidles agreed to serve another term and was elected.

Dick Huitt was elected to serve an additional term as Publicity Director.

Dennis Smith agreed to serve to serve one more term as Youth Director and was elected.

Following elections, Leroy ask those in attendance if the note card schedule was a good idea. It was decided to continue using it. Dave Sidles related a phone conversation with Charles Parcel of Cedar Rapids, in which Charles said that he was teaching 3 blind women to pitch shoes in C.R. and that they would be challenging 3 of C.R.'s best to play next summer.

Doug Anderson moved the meeting be adjourned. Mike Fishnick seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Sidles, Sec.

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