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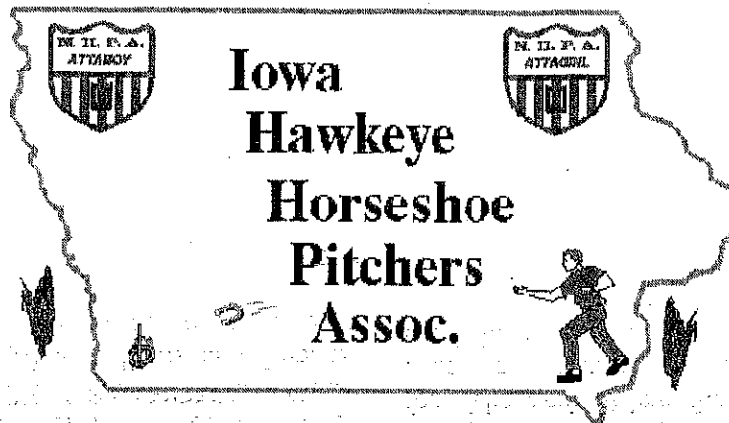
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**WORLD TOURNAMENT 2009 !!**

**CEDAR RAPIDS WILL BE THE SITE OF THE 2009 WORLD TOURNAMENT WHEN WE WIN THE BID IN ARDMORE OKLAHOMA.** Cedar Rapids, along with Springfield, Illinois and Topeka, Kansas will be the three choices for delegates attending the NHPA Business Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> during the World Tournament in Ardmore. The three sites will be given booth space during the first week prior to the Sunday meeting. Hosting a World Tournament in Iowa has been long overdue (1978). With the splendid support from the Cedar Rapids Convention and Business Bureau, the more-than-adequate Ice Arena facility, and the staff and strong leadership from the Cedar Rapids Area pitchers headed up by Director Ralph Palmer, the 2009 World Tournament will be a great experience for all pitchers in attendance.

We are anticipating and looking forward to a large number of visitors and players that will discover the beauty and neighborly friendship that Iowa is known for. The work of love for the sport and the desire to host a great tournament will begin now and continue on, following our success in Ardmore.

The World Tournament this year in Ardmore will be held at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum (Rodeo Arena). I have been told that there will be full-length rubber walkways on all the courts. I attended my first World Tournament in Gillette last year and was impressed with the NHPA staff running such a large tournament. Hopefully a lot of you have made, or are making plans, for Ardmore this year.

Our outdoor tournaments will be starting soon!! Again we have a full schedule - - bring along a new member to enjoy the pitching.

LeRoy Law

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 5 (Sat.) Indianola Open, Pickard Park**  
Reg by 9:30 / play 10:00 - Gerald Weeks 515/961-4656

**May 5 & 6 (Sat. & Sun.) Amana Maifest, Amana**  
Pitch at 10:00 Sat, Noon on Sun - see below for details

**May 6 (Sun) Council Bluffs, Sunset Park**  
Reg. by 12:30 / play 1:00 - Jan Flemming 712/483-2029

**May 12 (Sat) Cedar Rapids Open, Ellis Park, Reg. by**  
9:30 / play at 10:00 - Ronnie Burgess 319/390-3979

**May 20 (Sun) What Cheer, Keokuk County Fairgrounds**  
Be present by 9:00 a.m. - Bob Dugger 641/634-2303

**May 26 (Sat) Summer Memorial - City Park**  
Reg. by 10:00 / play 10:30 - Robert Block 563/578-5860

**June 2 (Sat) Dubuque Open, Flora Park**  
Reg. by 9:30 / play 10:00 - Mike Fishnick 563/556-2811  
or Vern McGrath 563/583-7817

**June 3 (Sun) Council Bluffs Summer Sunset, Sunset**  
Park (Same as May 6<sup>th</sup>) Jan Flemming 712/483-2029

**June 9 (Sat) Charles City, Park on Clark Street**  
Reg. by 9:30 / play 10:00 - Russ Martin 319/278-4090

**June 9 (Sat) Cedar Rapids Open, Ellis Park, Reg. by**  
9:30 / play at 10:00 - Ronnie Burgess 319/390-3979

**June 10 (Sun) Mt. Pleasant Open, East Pine Lake Park**  
Reg. by 9:30 / play at 10:00 - Vern Kollasch 319/377-7020

**June 16 (Sat) Russell Open, Reg. by 9:30 / play at 10:00**  
Harold & Lois Garner 641/897-3174

**June 17 (Sun) Stuart, see this page for details**

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## AMANA MAIFEST

Let's have a day of fun at the Amana Maifest, Saturday and Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>, at Amana. This will be the first outdoor outing for many of us. On Saturday, there will be a Pitch and Win from 10:00 till 5:00. On Sunday, we will have a round robin tournament for all who signed up at the Pitch and Win.

Pitch and Win is a program for the new or possibly new horseshoe pitchers. We have them pitch two shoes at a given distance. If they have a close shoe, they win a small prize at one of the local merchants. If they make a

ringer, the prize is of greater value. The contestants of the Pitch and Win will be asked if they would like to participate in a round robin tournament on Sunday at 12:00 noon. Pending the number of new pitchers we have will determine the type of round robin tournament. Hopefully, we will have enough Pitch and Win players to fill the five courts for the first round robin. After that, IHHPA members with an established ringer percentage will pitch a round robin tournament. We should be finished by 4:30.

We need help, so if anyone would like to help make this a success, it would be most appreciated. Please call Leo Buell at 319/338-8256.

You say, "What is MAIFEST?" It is an Amana Festival with a parade Saturday at 10:00, Maipole dancers, amateur wine-making, cabbage rolling competition, crafts and various other activities.

The Master Gardener Talk will tell you how raise those cabbages for the cabbage roll. Of course, no German Festival is complete without lots of Oom-Pa music and beer. Best of all, we will be pitching horseshoes. Come on out and have some fun

-- Leo Buell

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## HANDICAPPED COUNT-ALL TOURNAMENT

Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>, Stuart, Iowa

Pitch 5 games of 30 shoes. Total score of shoes plus handicap wins.  
**\$100.00 FIRST PLACE\***

\$10.00 entry fee, pre-registration required. We will be throwing shoes in sessions starting at 8:00 a.m. People living closest to Stuart will be throwing first. Sessions will run approximately one and one-half hours each. People traveling the farthest will throw later. You will be notified as to which session you will be in. Time permitting there will be a count-all walking doubles tournament after the singles. \$10.00 entry fee and another \$100.00 to the winners.

For further info contact Tim Baker at [coonriverdog@aol.com](mailto:coonriverdog@aol.com), phone: 515-523-2418 or Gary Reed at [garystuart@iowatelecom.net](mailto:garystuart@iowatelecom.net)

Pre register and send entry fee to:

Tim Baker  
416 N. Fremont St  
Stuart, Iowa 50250

\* Only members of IHHPA can win full prize amounts, non-members win half. So get those non members signed up!!!!!!

IHHPA HALL OF FAME  
LUCILLE HOPKINS

Lucille Hopkins was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, and was married to Charlie Hopkins who played in the top class at the World Tournaments in 1952 and 1953.

Lucille was a charter member of the Iowa Hall of Fame. She was the Secretary Treasurer of the IHHPA from 1953 to 1973, (she signed Harold Garner's first membership card), and the Iowa State Fair Superintendent of Horseshoes until 1973.

Lucille was also actively involved with the sport of horseshoe pitching at the national level. She was a member of the NHPA Executive Council, and served as its 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President. In 1968 she received an NHPA Achievement Award. In 1996 she was elected to the National Hall of Fame as a promoter of the sport. Earl Winston called her "one of the pioneer women of horseshoes." *Ottie Reno's American Directory of Horseshoe Pitching* lists Lucille as a great worker and organizer on both the state and national levels.

Lucille and her husband, Charlie, were very much instrumental in keeping Iowa horseshoe pitching alive during the early 1960's. Lucille would send out the promotions and do all the necessary work to conduct several tournaments throughout the state. As a result of her efforts, she was responsible for about 85% of the horseshoe pitching in the state during those years. She would get everything ready for the State Tournament held each year during the Iowa State Fair.

Lucille would compile all the records from each tournament and forward the results to Ellis Cobb, editor of the *Horseshoe Digest* published in Aurora, Illinois. Red Henton referred to her as "Mrs. Horseshoe," and said she kept the sport alive in the State of Iowa.

The indoor courts in Ottumwa, Iowa were always well cared for and ready to go for the upcoming horseshoe tournaments, thanks to Lucille. Back then, the atmosphere was always professional (and full of men). During that time, Lucille would send out invitations to her courts.

On the day of the tournament, her paperwork would be in order, the courts were ready to go, and Lucille always made sure there were refreshments for her pitchers. She always had

time to visit with the pitchers and their wives, check on how their families were doing, no matter how busy she might be at her work table.

Dean Carter recalled when, at one of the tournaments in Ottumwa, he suffered an injury to his ankle. Lucille insisted that he spend the night at their home and drive back to Council Bluffs the following day. Dean remembered Lucille as a very generous person, a loyal fan, and a great supporter for the sport of horseshoes. "I'm sure Lucille would be very pleasantly surprised today to see the number of females and young pitchers who are involved in the sport."

Lucille passed away on November 20, 1976. She is fondly remembered by those who had the privilege to know her as a hard working, generous, and caring individual devoted to the sport of horseshoe pitching.

*Sincerest thanks to Dean Carter, Jan Flemming, Harold Garner, Glen "Red" Hinton, Danny Sease, and Mrs. Earl (Vicki) Winston for their contributions to this article.*



**2009 WORLD TOURNAMENT**  
**IN CEDAR RAPIDS**

**WE WILL BE IN ARDMORE AT THE  
WORLD TOURNAMENT BUSINESS  
MEETING FOR A BID PRESENTATION  
ALONG WITH SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
& TOPEKA, KANSAS.**

We will need all IHHPA members' help in supporting this effort to gain the bid and then your support after we win the bid. If you personally know any out-of-state NHPA members, please give them a call or e-mail them a personalized message soliciting their support and that of their friends.

We will be having a booth in Ardmore and hopefully we will have a large number of Iowa pitchers on hand to help promote our bid.

Leroy Law

## CONDOLENCES

### Eugene 'Burly' Burlingame

Eugene Neal "Burly" Burlingame, 79, of Davenport, passed away Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at Genesis Medical Center, West Campus, Davenport, following an extended illness.



Burly was born May 23, 1927, in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Clyde and Gladys Judd Burlingame. He married Betty Schaffer June 21, 1974, in Aledo.

His hobbies included pitching horseshoes, NASCAR racing, bowling and playing pool. He was the founder and president of the Paul Stewart Fan Club, known as the Stewlies, whose Web site is [www.stewlies.com](http://www.stewlies.com). Its 879 members are from as far away as Ireland. He assisted in getting the IHHPA website established. He was a fixture at the World Tournaments for the last 15 years. Burly was known by his fellow horseshoe pitchers as a friendly individual who wanted to help. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

He enjoyed supporting youth sporting events, especially those involving his grandchildren. Burly was a loving, supportive dad, grandpa and friend.

Survivors (and spouses) include his wife, Betty; children, Jeanne (Bill) Dugger, Crestview, Fla., Pat (Steve) Holgorsen, Estes Park, Colo., Sue (Pete) Williams, Taylor Ridge, Kathy (Dan) Medina, Moline, Lianne (Jeff) Levetzow, Alva, Okla., "MGySgt." Brian (Cindy) Burlingame, San Clemente, Calif., and TY Burlingame, Protivin, Iowa; 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; his chocolate Lab, Ringer; brother, Kenneth Burlingame, El Cajon, Calif.; special friend, Gordon Summy, Moline; and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

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### Gordon R. Eklund

Gordon R. Eklund, of Eldora, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, March 7, at Ellsworth Municipal Hospital, Iowa Falls.

Gordon was born September 2, 1925, in Braham, Minnesota. In 1950 he married Cora Mae Hall in Hastings, Minnesota. She died in 1985. He later married Betty M. Bean on July 9, 1988, in Des Moines. He graduated from Braham High School in 1943, then served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He purchased the Eldora Greenhouse in 1967 and operated it until retiring in 1993.

Gordon enjoyed playing horseshoes during the indoor season at the Putt Mossman Indoor Courts in Eldora.

Survivors include his wife, three sons, Tim (Connie) of Rush City, Minnesota; Dave (Mary) of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Wes (Kathy) of Elk River, Minnesota; a stepson Kendall (Susan) Harris of Houston, Texas, six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be left at [www.abelsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.abelsfuneralhomes.com)

## IOWA STATE FAIR HORSESHOES

### What's new for 2007?

New horseshoe courts. We will be having our Grand Opening on Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Our new courts will be located east of Pioneer Hall. These courts will have sidewalks and there are shade trees close by. There will be 12 horseshoe courts. We hope to have lights for night play.

This year we will have 3-man team events replacing the 4-man team events. The Regional Team event will be Friday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The Iowa State Handicap Team event will be on Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The prize money has been increased for these events.

### Daily Demonstrations:

Pitch & Win every weekday afternoon for adults and children (10 & above). We will have prizes donated by merchants and players. Last year we gave away 681 prizes including two new bicycles plus ribbons. You will have an opportunity to donate cash or prizes for this event. Please remember this event is for non-members so ask your friends and neighbors to take part.

### Other events:

Two-Player Pro-Am Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Iowa State Championships on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Entry deadline is July 26<sup>th</sup> for all events that require pre-registration. Our flyer is near completion and will be in a newsletter soon.

**Please contact:** Iowa State Fair Superintendent Danny Sease if you have any questions. Phone 515-285-0131; Cell phone 515-238-1043; E-mail [ddsease@msn.com](mailto:ddsease@msn.com)

**2007 Iowa State Fair**  
**August 9th - 19th**  
*The Fair is only four months away*  
**"SOUNDS LIKE FUN"**

**ATTENTION REGIONAL DIRECTORS,  
TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS, AND  
HORSESHOE PITCHERS**

This is the first year in the history of the NHPA that all Sanctioned Events must be contested on Sanctioned Courts. Sanctioned Court Specifications and forms to be completed have been sent to all RD's, Tournament Directors and Officers. These forms are to be completed by the tournament director with the help of your RD. They should then be returned to NHPA Director C. Leo Buell. After corrections have been made to the courts (if any), Leo or a representative will come out and "re-check" your court complex. If all checks out, a Full Sanctioned Certificate or a Conditional Certificate will be issued, whichever is the case. Tournaments that are scheduled for 2007 can be pitched on existing courts. In 2008, all sanctioned events must be pitched on sanctioned courts. The State Championship Tournament must be pitched on Full Sanctioned Courts. I ask that Directors and RD's check out your courts as soon as possible, weather permitting.

There are six (6) basic requirements for a Conditional Sanctioned Court Complex:

1. Are foul lines clearly visible and correctly marked at distances of 37 feet and 27 feet from the opposite stake?
2. Is the pit area centered between the pitching platforms, a minimum of 31 inches in width and minimum of 43 inches in length?
3. Are the stakes "solid," positioned correctly within the pit, and do they have a diameter of one inch?
4. Do stakes extend at least 14 inches but not more than 15 inches above the playing surface and do they have a three inch incline toward the opposite stake?
5. Does the pit contain clay, sand, dirt, or an NHPA approved synthetic substance, and in a sufficient amount to provide a depth of no less than 4 inches within the scoring area?
6. Is there a fence or protective barrier surrounding the courts?

Some courts will not meet the above requirements. I have heard some ask, "Who is going to pay for the upgrades?" If the courts are on public property, the City should be informed that the courts are not up to NHPA requirements. Explain to City officials what has to be done and that is their responsibility to bring the courts up to a Conditional Sanctioned Complex. Cities have tennis courts, ball fields and soccer complexes built to the requirement specifications, so why not the horseshoe complex.

*Sanctioned Court Requirements (cont'd)*

You may ask why all courts have to be sanctioned. There are two important reasons. The following are excerpts from the NHPA Chairman of RD's.

The first and most important reason is to standardize the conditions and results of play for everyone. Surely all of us can agree that the conditions of play do affect the results of play. If the stakes are short or loose, if pitching platforms are uneven, if short distance pitchers have to stand on the grass, etc, the scores are not going to be as high as if you pitched on courts that met these sanctioned requirements. It is these results that are sent into NatStats; results may not represent your true pitching ability. So if a competitor from another area seems to be "sandbagging," maybe it is not that at all; maybe it is that their lower NatStats percentage is a result from pitching on sub-standard courts. With everyone now competing on courts that have been sanctioned, the league and tournament results sent to NatStats will be more valid and the skill levels of your competitors in the future should be more equal. To accomplish this, we must make every effort to make the playing conditions on every court the same from one charter to the next.

The second reason has to do with membership. All of us have a special tournament that we simply won't miss. And yes, the main reason is often the people, our friends, as it should be. Or maybe it is the food or something else, but I often hear people say that they just "love those courts!" Maybe it is the playing conditions, the clay, or the walkways, or something else about the courts, but for whatever reason, it is the place where they love to go to pitch horseshoes. And if you check, these courts will very likely meet all the conditions of a Full Sanctioned Court. And also, is there a connection between the playing conditions and participation? Well, yes, I think there is!

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**Iowa Games****Saturday February 3, 2007****Putt Mossman Arena, Eldora, Iowa****Class A**

Joe Smith	Gladbrook	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	56.9
Leo Buell	Iowa City	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	42.4
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	45.0
Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	47.2
Doug Anderson	Stratford	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	38.2
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	27.1

**Class B**

Jason Clark	Monticello	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	37.0
Jan Warwick	Ames	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	34.5
Deb Davis	Ankeny	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	31.5
Russ Martin	Clarksville	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	43.5
Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	34.5
Tom Cranston	Parnell	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	23.5

**Class C**

Gilbert Nickell	Renwick	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	33.7
Bob Rounds	Perry	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	34.5
Sonny Arenholt	Shell Rock	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	36.8
Ron Stanerson	Marengo	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	35.0
Sheryl Mason	Grinnell	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	18.1

**Class D**

James Bown	Delta	1 <sup>st</sup>	7-0	26.2
Bill Mason	Grinnell	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5-2	22.9
Jason Smith	Tipton	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-3	30.8
Dean Fortune	Des Moines	4 <sup>th</sup>	4-3	20.8
Roger Gaulke	Dows	5 <sup>th</sup>	3-4	16.6
Bernie Anderson	Osage	6 <sup>th</sup>	3-4	15.4
Ralph Davis	Ankeny	7 <sup>th</sup>	2-5	17.0

**Class E**

Clyde Rains	Leon	1 <sup>st</sup>	7-0	21.2
Gene Fitz	Waterloo	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6-1	22.5
R.Swartzendruber	Iowa City	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5-2	18.3
Bob Walters	Eldora	4 <sup>th</sup>	4-3	16.6
Mike Lang	Marion	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-5	10.8
Leona Gaines	Mt. Vernon	6 <sup>th</sup>	2-5	7.08
Josh Lucas	Ames	7 <sup>th</sup>	1-6	3.75

**Class F**

Don Meyer	Rockwell	1 <sup>st</sup>	7-0	20.4
Don Smith	Leon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6-1	21.2
Terry Hudson	New Sharon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5-2	15.0
Mark Hoover	Eldora	4 <sup>th</sup>	4-3	11.8
Carl Krukow	Hampton	5 <sup>th</sup>	3-4	12.9
Wendy Rowley	W.Des Moines	6 <sup>th</sup>	2-5	7.9
Bruce Sweet	Mitchellville	7 <sup>th</sup>	1-6	10.6

**The tournament scheduled for Sunday, February 4, 2007 in Eldora was cancelled due to the weather.**

**Eldora, Saturday, February 10, 2007**

**Class A**

Leo Buell	Iowa City	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	51.8
Jim Jackson	New London	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	57.5
Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-3	43.6
Betty McGregor	Lone Tree	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	37.0
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	31.2

**Eldora 2/10/07 cont'd****Class B**

Doug Anderson	Stratford	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	36.7
Bob Waldo	Iowa Falls	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	39.4
Russ Martin	Clarksville	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	38.5
Dick Walker	Cambridge	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	30.3
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	23.2

**Class C**

Dave Mittlestadt	Jewell	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	35.2
Bill Mason	Grinnell	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	32.0
Ron Stanerson	Marengo	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	28.0
Bob Rounds	Perry	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	28.8
Gilbert Nickell	Renwick	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	23.2
Tom Cranston	Parnell	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	23.6

**Class D**

Vern McGrath	Dubuque	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	34.0
Dean Fortune	Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	22.8
Dave Weston	Cedar Falls	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	26.0
Terry Slickers	Waterloo	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	19.6
Greg Sweerin	Evansdale	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	23.2
John Peterson	Coralville	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	20.4

**Class E**

Clyde Rains	Leon	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	23.6
Don Meyer	Rockwell	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	22.4
Harold Barker	W.Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	20.8
Bob Walters	Eldora	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	11.2
Gene Fitz	Waterloo	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	19.6
R Swartzendruber	Iowa City	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	15.2

**Eldora, Sunday, February 11, 2007**

**Class A**

Jim Jackson	New London	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	56.0
Mike Fishnick	Dubuque	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	40.1
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	37.2
Russ Martin	Clarksville	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	36.0
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-4	34.5

**Class B**

Bob Rounds	Perry	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	31.5
Deb Davis	Ankeny	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2-2	31.5
Sheryl Mason	Grinnell	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	29.0
Bill Mason	Grinnell	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	26.0
Ralph Davis	Ankeny	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	17.0

**Class C**

Lee Drewelow	Independence	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-1	16.6
Nathan Duffey	Dubuque	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	15.0
Dean Fortune	Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	25.5
Harold Barker	W.Des Moines	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-2	23.1
R.Swartzendruber	Iowa City	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-4	13.5

**The tournaments scheduled for Saturday, March 3 & Sunday, March 4, 2007 were cancelled due to the weather.**

**Eldora, Saturday, March 10, 2007**

**Class A**

Joe Smith	Gladbrook	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	64.0
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	46.9
Leo Buell	Iowa City	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	53.1
Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	50.4
Betty McGregor	Lone Tree	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	34.6
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	32.7

**Class B**

Russ Martin	Clarksville	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	43.6
Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	38.7
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	39.4
Bob Waldo	Iowa Falls	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	36.1
Don Marx	Marion	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	30.9
Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	30.3

**Class C**

Dick Walker	Cambridge	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	34.7
Marv Dirks	Fonda	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	28.9
Laverne Schroeder	Illinois	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	37.1
Bob Rounds	Perry	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	29.4
Sheryl Mason	Grinnell	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	25.4
Ken Cook	Cedar Rapids	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	21.2

**Class D**

Ron Stanerson	Marengo	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	34.8
Bill Mason	Grinnell	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	29.2
Gilbert Nickell	Renwick	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	19.2
Vern McGrath	Dubuque	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	29.6
Greg Sweerin	Evansdale	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	27.6
James Bown	Des Moines	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	21.6

**Class E**

Dave Weston	Cedar Falls	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	26.0
Clyde Raines	Leon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	25.6
Don Meyer	Rockwell	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	28.0
John Peterson	Coralville	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	25.6
Royal Hedgecock	W.Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	24.8
Harold Barker	W.Des Moines	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	12.0

**Class F**

Brandon Blackhawk	Cedar Rapids	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-1	19.5
Gene Fitz	Waterloo	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-2	29.5
Mitch Fitz	Readlyn	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-2	22.0
R.Swartzendruber	Iowa City	4 <sup>th</sup>	4-2	20.4
Dick Huit	Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-4	18.3
Mark Hoover	Eldora	6 <sup>th</sup>	2-4	10.0
Alan Kuntz	Rockford	7 <sup>th</sup>	0-6	8.33

**Eldora, Sunday March 11, 2007**

**Class A**

Joe Smith	Gladbrook	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	65.0
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	46.2
Vern Kollasch	Iowa city	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	44.3
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	38.7
Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-4	36.8

**Class B**

Deb Davis	Ankeny	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	31.2
Russ Martin	Clarksville	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	33.7
Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1-3	27.5
Bob Rounds	Perry	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	23.7
Marv Dirks	Fonda	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	20.0

**Eldora 3/11/07 cont'd**

**Class C**

Laverne Schroeder	Illinois	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	45.0
Brett Robb	Bouton	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	35.0
Ken Bailey	Dallas Center	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	29.5
Ron Stanerson	Marengo	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	34.0
Sheryl Mason	Grinnell	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	31.0
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	25.0

**Class D**

Greg Sweerin	Evansdale	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	25.0
John Peterson	Coralville	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	29.0
Kevin Bailey	Prairie City	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	28.0
Bill Mason	Grinnell	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	20.0
Ralph Davis	Ankeny	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	15.5
Harold Barker	W.Des Moines	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	13.5

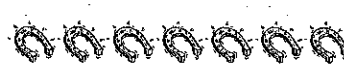
**Class E**

Trent Leedom	Cedar Rapids	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	17.0
Brandon Blackhawk	Cedar Rapids	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	22.5
Bruce Dennis	Prairie City	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	20.0
Bob Walters	Eldora	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	16.0
Alan Kuntz	Rockford	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	15.5
Mark Hoover	Eldora	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	13.0



**CENTRAL IOWA TRAVELING LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The organizational meeting of the Central Iowa Traveling League will be **Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., Holiday Park in West Des Moines.** Last year's members, as well as anyone interested in joining this year (either full time or as a sub) are invited to attend. You must be a sanctioned player. For more information, contact Danny Sease, 515-285-0131 (home), 515-238-1043 (cell), or E-mail: [ddsease@msn.com](mailto:ddsease@msn.com).



**REMINDER**

May 17, 2007 is the entry deadline for the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships in Ardmore, Oklahoma, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 4, 2007. Entry forms can be found in the current issue of *Horseshoe Pitching Newsline*.

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# McGrath - 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary

Vern and Eleanor McGrath, of Dubuque, IA will celebrate 60 years of marriage filled with love, inspiration and unconditional support on September 18, 2008.

Love brought Vernon McGrath and Eleanor Fraisinger together in marriage on September 18, 1948 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Dubuque and gave each of them a best friend for life.

On Sunday, September 21, 2008 Vern and Eleanor will celebrate their diamond anniversary with a mid-day dining event with family and friends.

Together they raised four children; teaching them to love, care and trust people, and sharing their life long values. Their children are: Mike McGrath, of Marion, IA, Sherry (Duane) Ellerbach, Ragor McGrath and Kevin (Colleen) McGrath, of Dubuque and a daughter-in-law Carol McGrath, of Cedar Rapids, IA.

They are blessed with six grandchildren. Their grandchildren are: Beth McGrath, of Cedar Rapids, IA, Lisa (Rob) Higuera, of Coradoille, IA, Scott (Danielle) McGrath, of Cedar Rapids, IA, Shawn McGrath and Brad McGrath, of Dubuque, IA, and Alika McGrath, JR., of Marion, IA. They have one great grandchild on the horizon.

Best wishes on your Diamond Anniversary



The IHHPA is a State Charter affiliated with the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA). Membership in IHHPA means you are also a member of the NHPA and entitles you to participate in tournaments throughout the United States. If you would like to join a local league, contact one of the Regional Directors in your area that appears on the front page. For organized tournament participation, there are approximately 60 tournaments a year that you can choose to play in.

**REMEMBER.** You must pitch in three tournaments at the State level to pitch in the Iowa State Championship. You must pitch in **four** tournaments to pitch in the NHPA World Tournament to be held in Springfield, Illinois in 2009 and Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 2010.

*From the Editors:* Our apologies to Dr. John Ghrist, another member of Danny Sease's outstanding grounds crew at this year's Iowa State Fair, who was not acknowledged with the other members in the September newsletter.



The next issue will be **January 1, 2009**. Please submit articles and tournament results by **December 20<sup>th</sup>**.

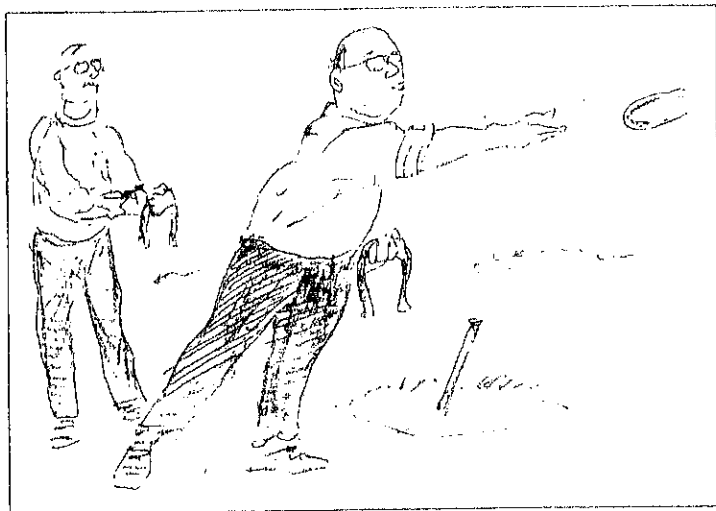
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# Horseshoes

By Thomas La Mance

**W**hen I was growing up on the farm in the 1920s and 1930s, Sunday afternoons were a time for family, friends and horseshoes. My father and his friends were all lean and hard, working from sunup until sundown at least five-and-a-half days a week. They enjoyed recreation that was relaxing but still competitive. Horseshoes filled the bill. The way they played, it was a slow and easy game. When they were not actually pitching, they discussed everything that had happened on their farms all week.



Pitching horseshoes had the added advantage of being free. Everything needed to play the game was readily available on every farm; two iron stakes and a few horseshoes and they were in business.

Sundays always began the same way in our community. Everyone gathered at the little church in the morning. Afterward, two or three families, including the preacher, would come to one family's home (a different place each week) for a big Sunday dinner around a homemade dining table. When dinner was finished, the cowhide-bottomed chairs became lawn furniture. Everyone picked up a chair and carried it to the front porch or out into the yard under a big tree to sit in the shade.

Their low, comfortable conversation and occasional laughter provided background music for the games we children played. It was sheer contentment and peace.

After a while, one of the men would get up and

leisurely hammer an iron stake into the ground, step off 40 feet and hammer in another stake. In the meantime, someone else would get some horseshoes, and the game was on.

They didn't worry about ruining the grass—there wasn't any. Our yard, like everyone else's, was hoed clean of grass and swept with a brush broom. The men played on hard-packed dirt.

They didn't bother with chairs, preferring to stand or squat as they awaited their turn to throw. Then, walking into position, they leaned over with horseshoe in hand, sighted in on the other stake, swung the arm back and tossed. *Swish ... clink ...* "Ahaa ... ." That's the soft sound of horseshoes. Just as a baseball player has his favorite bat and the tennis player his favorite racket, each man has his favorite horseshoes, a pair perfectly balanced to his liking. Getting the horseshoes balanced just right before the toss was crucial.

They played without fanfare, cheerleaders or great crowds, but not without champions, even in our small community. The championship changed hands pretty often, though, for all these men were proficient in the game and able to get five or more ringers in a row before losing out to someone who was just as good.

The game started easy and it ended that way. Toward the end of the long evening, as if by an unseen signal, they would pull up stakes, gather wives and children and head for home. All of them had a lot of chores to do. But they were rested and ready to get up Monday morning and begin another hard week. The popularity of pitching horseshoes declined during World War II. Small family farms and farming communities like ours almost disappeared as men and boys left for the service, or moved to large cities to work in defense plants.

However, the game is coming back. I make four reunions a year, and at each, we have horseshoe-pitching contests. We have trophies for doubles as well as single players. We have first- and second-place winners. Everyone has a lot of fun while we get to visit old friends and relatives. ♦

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## Iowa Winter Games - 2008

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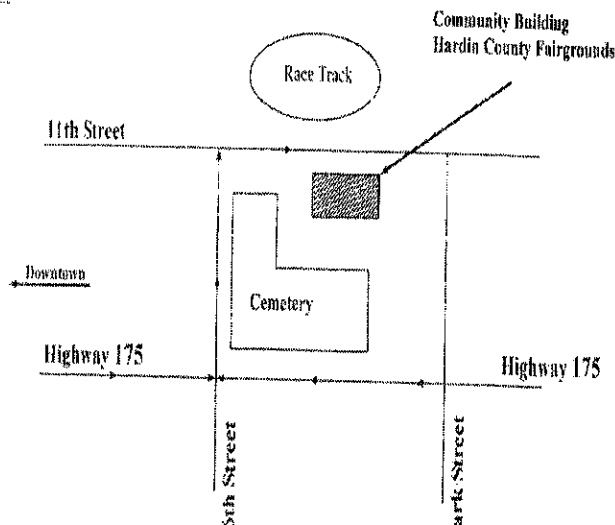
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There will be a need for scorekeepers for all classes.  
An official Iowa Games volunteer shirt will be given to individuals scoring an entire class. Please consider keeping score for those that kept yours.

All games will be 40 shoes. All classes are subject to change. This tournament will be run in accordance with all NHPA rules and guidelines. It is a non-sanctioned tournament. We hope all participants have a great time at Eldora and pitch about 5 ½ % better than they expect.

**No Food Available on Site**



Class A (1pm)  
65.22 Smith, Joe  
51.98 Buell, C. Leo  
47.19 Warden, Glenn  
46.18 Rowley, Ron  
45.19 Engstler, Marv  
43.95 Simon, Pat  
Class B (1pm)  
42.18 Kaiser, Carl  
39.83 Anderson, Doug  
38.85 Stanerson, Ron  
38.31 Waldo, Bob  
38.26 Davis, Deb  
Class C (1pm)  
32.45 Clark, Jason  
31.38 Mason, Sheryl  
30.70 Johnson, Larry  
30.11 Peterson, John  
29.97 Cranston, Tom  
Class D (1pm)  
29.94 Meyer, Donald  
29.33 Mason, Bill  
29.03 Dirks, Marvin  
28.44 Nickell, Gilbert  
27.79 Rounds, Robert  
Class E (9:15pm)  
27.44 Bown, James  
25.99 Smith, Jason  
25.38 Gaulke, Roger  
24.83 Davis, Ralph  
22.94 Hudson, Terry  
22.07 Cranston, Richard  
Class F (9:15am)  
21.67 Dougherty, Jessica  
19.00 Zuidema, Rachel  
17.50 McBride, Ronald  
17.50 Curry, Bob  
16.87 Swartzendruber, Ron  
Class G (9:15am)  
16.07 Cooper, Jordan  
15.55 Hoover, Mark  
15.33 Gaines, Leona  
15.00 Doehrmann, Marv  
15.00 Cizio, Charles  
Class H (9:15am)  
14.94 Walters, Bob  
14.50 Kapayou, Owen  
12.95 Curry, Sam  
12.00 Kromminga, Rick  
07.75 Smith, Donald

