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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**SPRING IS HERE, FINALLY.** A WINTER LIKE THIS ONE WILL MAKE US APPRECIATE SPRINGTIME EVEN MORE. Time to file off the burrs and maybe put on a fresh coat of paint. Get on the phone, round up your sidekicks and pitch some shoes. Aside from being about the best form of exercise, what could be better than spending some time pitching shoes and putting aside all the daily this-and-that's that somehow seem to want to occupy our lives. I am sure I am not telling you something you don't already know. We just need to let others in on what we already know. Horseshoe pitching is our hobby just as golf, bowling and other sports/recreations are to others. One difference is the expense involved and yes, this year more emphasis on car-pooling to our tournaments may be needed. On the brighter side, let's take a look at the typical golfer. He places his \$500 set of golf clubs in his car, drives 30 miles to the Golf course, pays (\$?)

green fees (or uses his \$400 dollar city pass during the week days) rents a golf cart (\$?) buys a sleeve of golf balls (\$?) loses (\$?) to his buddy, decides he needs some lessons from a pro (\$?). The pro tells him he needs a new putter (\$?) and a Big Bertha driver (\$?). He doesn't know that for a fraction of the cost he can go to a horseshoe court without a reservation, and enjoy a sport by himself or with friends that is just as rewarding and far less expensive and stressful. Bowling might be a little less expensive but not by much.

**NEW WEB SITE ( IHHPA.com )** For those of you who have access to the Internet, you can retrieve a host of horseshoe information and also view numerous pictures of members pitching at last year's State Fair. Plans are to add pictures from this year's tournament schedule. E-mail your horseshoe-related

*President's message continued*

pictures to Ron Rowley for viewing. Take a look. If you pitched at the Fair, chances are your picture is there. The pictures are found in the Photo Gallery. They can be purchased through *Snappfish* at a reasonable cost. The cost of this new website will not be coming from our General Fund; the expense will be paid through donations. If you feel this is something you would like to contribute to, send a check to IHHPA Sec/Treas Ron Rowley and designate for the Website

**2010 World Tournament** The deadline of March 15 has passed and there are four locations bidding to host the 2010 WT. As all of you know by now, the IHHPA and the Cedar Rapids Convention and Business Bureau will be in York, Pennsylvania this year to promote and make a presentation at the Convention to host this event. Other locations that will be bidding also are: Little Rock, Arkansas; Pocatello, Idaho and Lebanon, Ohio. Your committee feels our chances are very good. It has been over 30 years since a WT has been held in Iowa. 2008 York, PA; 2009 Springfield, IL; **2010 Cedar Rapids, Iowa!** -- Leroy Law

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 5 & 6 (Sat & Sun) Eldora Indoor** - Reg. by 9:30 / play 10:00 - Russ Martin 319/278-4090

**April 12 - Eldora Indoor Championship This tournament only:** Register by 9:00 a.m. play at 9:30. Bob McKee, Tournament Director, 641/485-8801; 641/53-7311; ringerbob@marshallnet.com

**April 14 - Tear down courts in Eldora**

**May 3 (Sat.) Indianola Open, Pickard Park**  
Reg by 9:30 / play 10:00 - Gerald Weeks 515/961-4656

**May 3 & 4 (Sat. & Sun.) Amana Maifest, Amana**  
Pitch and Win from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday; Tournament at Noon on Sunday. Contact Leo Buell, 319/338-8256; clbnj@netscape.com

**May 4 (Sun) Council Bluffs, Sunset Park**  
Reg. by 12:30 / play 1:00 - Jan Flemming 402/639-6962

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

**May 18 (Sun) What Cheer, Keokuk County Fairgrounds** Reg. by 9:00/play at 9:30 - Bob Dugger 641/295-2951

**May 31 (Sat) Cedar Rapids Open, Ellis Park, Reg. by 9:30 / play at 10:00 - Ronnie Burgess 319/390-3979**

**June 1 (Sun) Burlington Open, Crapo Park**  
Reg. by 9:30/play 10:00 - Steve Jackson 319/750-2259

**June 1 (Sun) Council Bluffs Summer Sunset, Sunset Park (Same as May 4th)** Jan Flemming 402/639-6962

**June 5 (Thurs) West Des Moines Iowa Senior Olympics.** Non-sanctioned. Pre-register by May 23. LeRoy Law 515/81-1937 / lawringers@msn.com

**June 7 (Sat) Dubuque Open, Flora Park**  
Reg. by 9:30/play 10:00 - Mike Fishnick 563/590-6483

**June 8 (Sun) Clinton Open, 9<sup>th</sup> Ave North & 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**  
Reg. by 9:30/play 10:00 - Donny Borchers 563/210-3847

**June 14 (Sat) Charles City, Park on Clark Street**  
Reg. by 9:30 / play 10:00 - Russ Martin 319/278-4090

**June 14 (Sat) Russell Open, Reg. by 9:30/play at 10:00** Harold & Lois Garner 641/203-1719

**June 19 (Thurs) Iowa State Fair June Open, Fairgrounds, Des Moines** Reg. by 9:30 / play at 10:00  
Danny Sease 515/238-1043

**June 21 (Sat) Iowa City Open, City Park - Reg. by 9:30/play at 10:00 - Leo Buell 319/338-8256 or Ron Swartzendruber 319/530-3763**

**June 22 (Sun) Mt. Pleasant Open, East Pine Lake Park - Reg. by 9:30/play at 10:00 - Vern Kollasch 319/321-0747**

**June 28 & 29 (Sat & Sun) - Danville, Illinois**



**Home of the Putt Mossman Indoor Courts  
Pitch indoors from November 'til March.**

This is an invitation to persons wanting sanctioned games - - they can come to Eldora Putt Mossman Indoor Arena on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and for the Eldora Championship on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone will be getting a participation gift - please come!

Thank you for your participation in our Indoor Tournaments this season. A special thanks to everyone who helped tear down our courts on March 9<sup>th</sup>. We had 15 players and they all stayed until the courts, tables and chairs were put away. What a record for helping! I think everyone went home with thoughts of what a great place to come and pitch Wintertime horseshoes in Iowa.

-- Bob Walters

## IHHPA HALL OF FAME CLIFFORD BUCKNELL

Clifford (Cliff) Bucknell was born in 1892 on a farm South of Charles City, Iowa. He was the youngest of ten children, with six brothers and three sisters. His brothers were farmers, and Cliff followed in their footsteps, an occupation he pursued until he was nearly 75 years old.

While on the farm as a kid, he and his brothers would pitch horseshoes. The shoes were discarded shoes from the farm horses. During family gatherings, there was always a horseshoe game going on.

In addition to horseshoes, Cliff and his brothers loved to play baseball. They made up about half of the Powersville team, a small town south of Charles City. Cliff played shortstop and the understanding was they were a team to be reckoned with.

Cliff married his sweetheart, Merle Palmer, and settled down to farming. They were married for 72 years and had three girls. That never bothered Cliff - - he said, "The boys will be around later."

During the late 1950's, Charles City built a horseshoe complex through the efforts and persuasion of Leo Marth. They named the six-court complex *The Leo Marth Courts*. The courts were used a couple times a week, and Cliff was there most of the time. He had acquired a pair of Ted Allen shoes that were his pride and joy. Cliff and his friends would pitch at county fairs in Nashua and Nora Springs plus pitch about twice a week on the home courts. In 1965, Cliff was the runner up at a Charles City-Rockford Tournament. He lost the Championship by only two points.

Up until 1971, Cliff nor anyone else in Charles City had ever heard of the NHPA. That year Cliff entered his first sanctioned tournament at Columbus Junction. There he met Jake Davis, the tournament director, and Glen "Red" Henton, Bill Vandegriff, Harold Darnold and Ralph Simon. Donnie Roberts, then Secretary/Treasurer of the NHPA was also there. Cliff became great friends with Jake Davis, and every year, he would make sure to be at the Columbus Junction tournament. Jake always had a birthday cake at that tournament, because Cliff's birthday was July 6<sup>th</sup>, and Columbus Junction's tournament was always the Sunday closest to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Cliff was a member of the NHPA ever since and pitched in many sanctioned tournaments and a couple of State Tournaments. In 1980, Cliff was inducted into the Iowa HHPA Hall of Fame at the age of 88, along with his good friend, Jake Davis. On his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, when he was asked what his wish was, Cliff replied, "I would like to pitch one more year." He continued to pitch in tournaments until he was 94, and he always pitched from 40 feet. He was buried on his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*Cliff Bucknell cont'd*

Cliff earned the respect of many of his fellow horseshoe players. Russ Martin played against him in Nashua on a single indoor court. Russ said he was as good a sportsman as you'll ever meet. He was always very cheerful and a guy you felt very proud to know. Thank you to Leo Buell, Harold Garner and Russ Martin for their contributions to this article.

## WORLD TOURNAMENT COURTS

This year, 2008, the World Tournament will have a new look. New courts will be similar to the existing WT courts, except they will have a removal backstop and a re-designed front bumper that will hold the clay in better, protect the front of the box, and help determine if a shoe is foul. But the best part is the 6 ft. x 48 ft. rubber mat that will be under the courts that will allow all pitchers to have a non-slip surface from which to launch their shoes. The foul lines will be painted on each mat and will be permanent, making future setup much easier and quicker. The NHPA logo will be painted on the matting in front of each court. The bottom of the court itself will be lined with rubber and, when placed on the rubber matting, will prevent the court from moving. This matting is what is used in horse stalls and is very durable. New courts and matting will give our WT a First Class appearance.

I encourage everyone to attend the World Tournament in York, Pennsylvania. The dates are July 7<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. Entry deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Entry forms are available at the NHPA website.

## MEMBERSHIP

Our IHHPA membership is at a standstill. We lose as many members each year as we acquire in new members. Our Charter cannot survive at this pace. I ask why are we losing past members? I know some of it is age and members pass on. But many members just stop participating. If you know of a past member that has quit, I ask you to approach him or her and ask them to rejoin. Have an application ready to fill out and collect their dues. At least find out why they quit. We may learn something.

I am asking each and every member to sign up one new member this year. They will not sign if you don't ask. You may have to ask several times. Some people want to know if you are serious. When they realize you are serious, most will come around. When you do obtain a new member, follow up with them, offer them a ride to at least two or three tournaments. Let's make 2008 a banner year.

-- C. Leo Buell



**CONDOLENCES**

**Robert "Bob" McGregor**, 89, of Lone Tree, Iowa, died Saturday, March 8, 2008, in Mercy, Iowa City.

Bob was born July 29, 1918, in Oxford Junction, Iowa, He married Betty Jane Moore on Aug. 5, 1940 in Tipton.

Bob worked as a bridge builder, a bank teller, and a mechanic. He joined the Navy and used his construction background. He owned and operated the Shell station in Tipton for 9 1/2 years. He worked for Cedar County as an equipment operator until his retirement.

Bob enjoyed finishing. He made sure all of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were introduced to fishing and had a fishing pole. One of his greatest thrills was catching a 56-pound Flathead catfish at the age of 79. It is the second-largest catfish caught in Iowa.

Bob was a graduate of Oxford Junction High School. He belonged to the Lions, VFW, American Legion and IHHPA.

Survivors include his wife, Betty McGregor of Lone Tree; a son, Terry McGregor and wife Darlene of Coralville; a daughter, Dixie Meyer and husband David of Lone Tree; brothers, Donald McGregor of Austin, Texas, and Warren McGregor of Cedar Rapids; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Memorials can be made to the Lone Tree First Responders or Hospice. Send condolences to: Betty McGrègor, P.O. Box 152, Lone Tree, IA 52755. Online condolences may be sent to [www.fryfuneralhome.com](http://www.fryfuneralhome.com).

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**Andee Winters** of Buffalo Center, Iowa, passed away last Fall. Andee never played much in Central Iowa, but was real active in Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota. He loved horseshoes. He played a lot of doubles with his friend and partner, Dewey Johnson. When you went to a tournament and saw one of them, you knew the other was nearby. Marv Engstler and I played the two of them many, many times in doubles. We would play against them prior to a tournament, then in the tournament, and then play against them after the tournament. Andee and I would be at one stake, and Marv and Dewey were at the other. As much as we played, I don't think we ever changed the routine. We always had a lot of fun.

-- Two Very Dear Friends - Marvin Engstler and Russ Martin

**SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER & RECEIVE \$50.00!!!!!!**

To encourage current members to ask others to join the sport of horseshoes, Ronnie Burgess will pay each current member \$50.00 as reimbursement for their 2008 IHHPA membership fee of \$25.00, plus an additional \$25.00.

To get the \$50.00, have the new member complete the 2008 IHHPA membership application, and include the name of the sponsoring member. Send the completed form to Ron Rowley along with the required fee for the 2008 membership.

The new member must then participate in a minimum of three sanctioned tournaments during the 2008 season. As soon as the new member qualifies and their three tournaments have been posted on the National Stats, send the attached rebate form to Ronnie Burgess. One \$50.00 award per member.



**Iowa Games, Putt Mossman Arena, Eldora**  
**Saturday, February 2, 2008**

**Class A**

Joe Smith	Gladbrook	1 <sup>st</sup>	69.50
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	2 <sup>nd</sup>	58.00
Pat Simon	Waterloo	3 <sup>rd</sup>	46.00
Marv Engstler	Garner	4 <sup>th</sup>	40.50
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	45.50
C. Leo Buell	Iowa City	6 <sup>th</sup>	43.50

**Class B**

Dely Davis	Ankeny	1 <sup>st</sup>	46.25
Doug Anderson	Stratford	2 <sup>nd</sup>	45.63
Bob Waldo	Iowa Falls	3 <sup>rd</sup>	45.00
Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	4 <sup>th</sup>	37.50
Ron Stanerson	Marengo	5 <sup>th</sup>	33.75

**Class C**

Jason Clark	Monticello	1 <sup>st</sup>	37.50
Jan Warwick	Ames	2 <sup>nd</sup>	36.88
Sheryl Mason	Grinnell	3 <sup>rd</sup>	32.50
Larry Johnson	Shell Rock	4 <sup>th</sup>	25.62
John Peterson	Coralville	5 <sup>th</sup>	21.25

**Class D**

Tom Cranston	Parnell	1 <sup>st</sup>	35.00
Don Meyer	Rockwell	2 <sup>nd</sup>	33.13
Bill Mason	Grinnell	3 <sup>rd</sup>	28.75
Marv Dirks	Fonda	4 <sup>th</sup>	23.75
Bob Rounds	Perry	5 <sup>th</sup>	24.38

*Iowa Games cont'd*

**Class E**

Roger Gaulke	Dows	1 <sup>st</sup>	36.00
Jason Smith	Tipton	2 <sup>nd</sup>	27.00
Richard Cranston	Keswick	3 <sup>rd</sup>	23.00
Ralph Davis	Ankeny	4 <sup>th</sup>	19.50
Terry Hudson	New Sharon	5 <sup>th</sup>	18.50
James Bown	Delta	6 <sup>th</sup>	14.50

**Class F**

Jessica Dougherty	Marshalltown	1 <sup>st</sup>	33.54
Bob Curry	Williamsburg	2 <sup>nd</sup>	22.56
Rachel Zuidema	Sully	3 <sup>rd</sup>	19.62
Ron McBride	Iowa City	4 <sup>th</sup>	18.13
R. Swartzendruber	Iowa City	5 <sup>th</sup>	15.82

**Class G**

Jordan Cooper	Mitchellville	1 <sup>st</sup>	20.63
Leona Gaines	Mt. Vernon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.50
Charles Cizio	Cedar Rapids	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.50
Marv Doehrmann	Iowa City	4 <sup>th</sup>	1.88
Mark Hoover	Eldora	5 <sup>th</sup>	8.13

**Class H**

Don Smith	Leon	1 <sup>st</sup>	21.00
Rick Kromminga	Shell Rock	2 <sup>nd</sup>	21.17
Bob Walters	Eldora	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.61
Sam Curry	Homestead	4 <sup>th</sup>	14.00

**ELDORA INDOORS, Sunday, February 3, 2008**

**Class A**

Joe Smith	Gladbrook	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-1	65.00
Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-3	47.91
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-4	47.91
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-4	35.00

**Class B**

Dick Walker	Cambridge	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-2	35.83
Sheryl Mason	Grinnell	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-2	32.08
Russ Martin	Clarksville	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-3	37.50
Bill Mason	Grinnell	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-5	21.66

**Class C**

Jordan Cooper	Mitchellville	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	20.50
Chuck Vandever	Grand Junction	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	14.00
Mark Hoover	Eldora	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	7.84
Bob Walters	Eldora	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	13.00
Alan Kuntz	Rockford	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	8.33
Travis Ellis	Eldora	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	0.50

**ELDORA INDOORS, Saturday, February 9, 2008**

**Class A**

Joe Smith	Gladbrook	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	65.90
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	47.30
Pat Simon	Waterloo	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	43.75
Mike Fishnick	Dubuque	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	46.26
Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	35.45
Doug Anderson	Stratford	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	33.16

*Eldora 2/9/08 cont'd*

**Class B**

Chuck McFadden	Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-1	35.41
Bob Waldo	Iowa Falls	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-2	31.90
Don Meyer	Rockwell	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-2	30.32
Bob Rounds	Perry	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-3	23.75
Dick Walker	Cambridge	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-4	26.66
Mark Dirks	Fonda	6 <sup>th</sup>	2-4	23.75
Ken Bailey	Dallas Center	7 <sup>th</sup>	1-5	29.16

**Class C**

Denver Fortune	Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	25.00
Gary McFadden	Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	24.00
Dave Weston	Cedar Falls	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-3	19.50
Gene Fitz	Waterloo	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	19.00
Dean Fortune	Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	18.00
Bob Curry	Williamsburg	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	19.00

**Class D**

Walt McFadden	Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	28.00
Mitchell Fitz	Readlyn	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	15.50
Bob Walters	Eldora	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-3	21.50
Mark Hoover	Eldora	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	13.00
Sam Curry	Homestead	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	14.00
Mike Fishnick Jr	Dubuque	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	8.50

**ELDORA INDOORS, Saturday, March 1, 2008**

**Class A**

Joe Smith	Gladbrook	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	71.42
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2-2	49.48
Leo Buell	Iowa City	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	47.52
Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	48.51
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	42.04

**Class B**

Bob Waldo	Iowa Falls	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	39.34
Deb Davis	Ankeny	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	41.20
Ron Stanerson	Marengo	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	41.13
Doug Anderson	Stratford	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	37.60
Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	30.26
Dick Walker	Cambridge	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	32.50

**Class C**

Roger Gaulke	Dows	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	36.69
Ken Bailey	Dallas Center	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	31.46
Don Meyer	Rockwell	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	20.53
Bob Rounds	Perry	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	28.51
Bill Mason	Grinnell	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	27.67
Vern McGrath	Dubuque	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	13.46

**Class D**

Dean Fortune	Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-1	23.50
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	20.50
Kevin Bailey	Prairie City	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	24.00
Ralph Davis	Ankeny	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	19.50
Robin Constance	Minnesota	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	19.50

**Class E**

Bob Curry	Williamsburg	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	27.43
Bruce Dennis	Prairie City	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	14.00
Chuck Vandever	Grand Junction	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1-3	10.00
Marty Baldonado	Cedar Rapids	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	9.00
Sam Curry	Homestead	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	8.00

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**ELDORA INDOORS, Sunday, March 2, 2008****Class A**

Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	44.88
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2-2	47.29
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	43.08
Deb Davis	Ankeny	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	37.08
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	31.76

**Class B**

Deb Dalton	Indianola	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-1	35.86
Russ Martin	Clarksville	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	34.02
Ralph Davis	Ankeny	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	19.68
Sheryl Mason	Grinnell	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	24.24
Bill Mason	Grinnell	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	24.03

**Class C**

Lee Drewelow	Independence	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	24.16
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	19.74
Rusty Dalton	Indianola	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	21.31
Alan Kuntz	Rockford	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	11.38
Bob Walters	Eldora	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	12.08
Marty Baldonado	Cedar Rapids	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	7.78

**ELDORA INDOORS, Saturday, March 8, 2008****Class A**

Joe Smith	Gladbrook	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	67.36
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	46.75
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	47.34
Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	38.88
Leo Buell	Iowa City	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	34.53
Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	31.25

**Class B**

Russ Martin	Clarksville	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-1	41.72
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-2	48.43
Doug Anderson	Stratford	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-2	41.11
Ron Stanerson	Marengo	4 <sup>th</sup>	4-2	40.42
Dick Walker	Cambridge	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-4	29.22
Bob Waldo	Iowa Falls	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-5	34.46
Don Meyer	Rockwell	7 <sup>th</sup>	1-5	33.44

**Class C**

Bob Bown	Delta	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	25.65
Gilbert Nickell	Renwick	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	22.60
Roger Tope	Marion	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	26.14
Marv Dirks	Fonda	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	22.38
Gene Fitz	Waterloo	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	20.00
Kevin Bailey	Prairie City	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	18.69

**Class D**

Bob Curry	Williamsburg	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	24.57
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	23.96
Richard Rowley	Bussey	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	21.54
Dave Weston	Cedar Falls	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	21.07
Dean Fortune	Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	14.46
Trent Leedom	Oxford	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	11.29

**Class E**

Lee Drewelow	Independence	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	25.41
Sam Curry	Homestead	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	17.44
Brandon Blackhawk	Cedar Rapids	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	22.03
R.Swartzendruber	Iowa City	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	11.20
Bruce Dennis	Prairie City	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	10.46
Alan Kuntz	Rockford	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	9.91

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Marv Engstler	Garner	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-1	52.50
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	46.00
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	44.00
Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	51.00
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	43.50

**Class B**

Deb Dalton	Indianola	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	38.00
Russ Martin	Clarksville	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2-2	35.50
Roger Tope	Marion	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	30.50
Deb Davis	Ankeny	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	31.50
Sheryl Mason	Grinnell	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	22.50

**Class C**

Bill Mason	Grinnell	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	26.25
Ralph Davis	Ankeny	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	18.85
Rusty Dalton	Indianola	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-3	21.61
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	15.25
Bob Walters	Eldora	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	14.17
Mark Hoover	Eldora	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	13.20

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-- Bob Walters



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# PITCHING IN!

Eldora is hotbed for horseshoe contest

By Sam Martin  
The Record Sports

ELDORA — They come from all corners of Iowa, and sometimes even other states, flocking to a quaint, nondescript building tucked into the snowy confines of the Hardin County Fairgrounds.

What brings them together is a shared passion for horseshoes, a simple, straightforward game but one that has developed a dedicated following in the area over the years.

Bob Walters, a longtime Eldora resident, first spearheaded the effort 17 years ago to find a place that would allow them to pitch horseshoes throughout the year.

"I got stuck with it," Walters said with a wry grin.

Along with an \$8,000 grant from the city of Eldora, Walters helped organize and raise money to build the Putt Mossman Indoor Horseshoe Pitching Arena at the fairgrounds — a mouthful of a name, but one that has represented a warm, welcoming respite from many a harsh Iowa winter.

The actual games seem to take a backseat to the camaraderie and friendships developed between the players. What does Walters like best about the experience?

"The people — it's just a lot of fun to get together like this," he said. "When you begin a game you shake hands, and when you end a game you shake hands, and you walk off the court as friends."

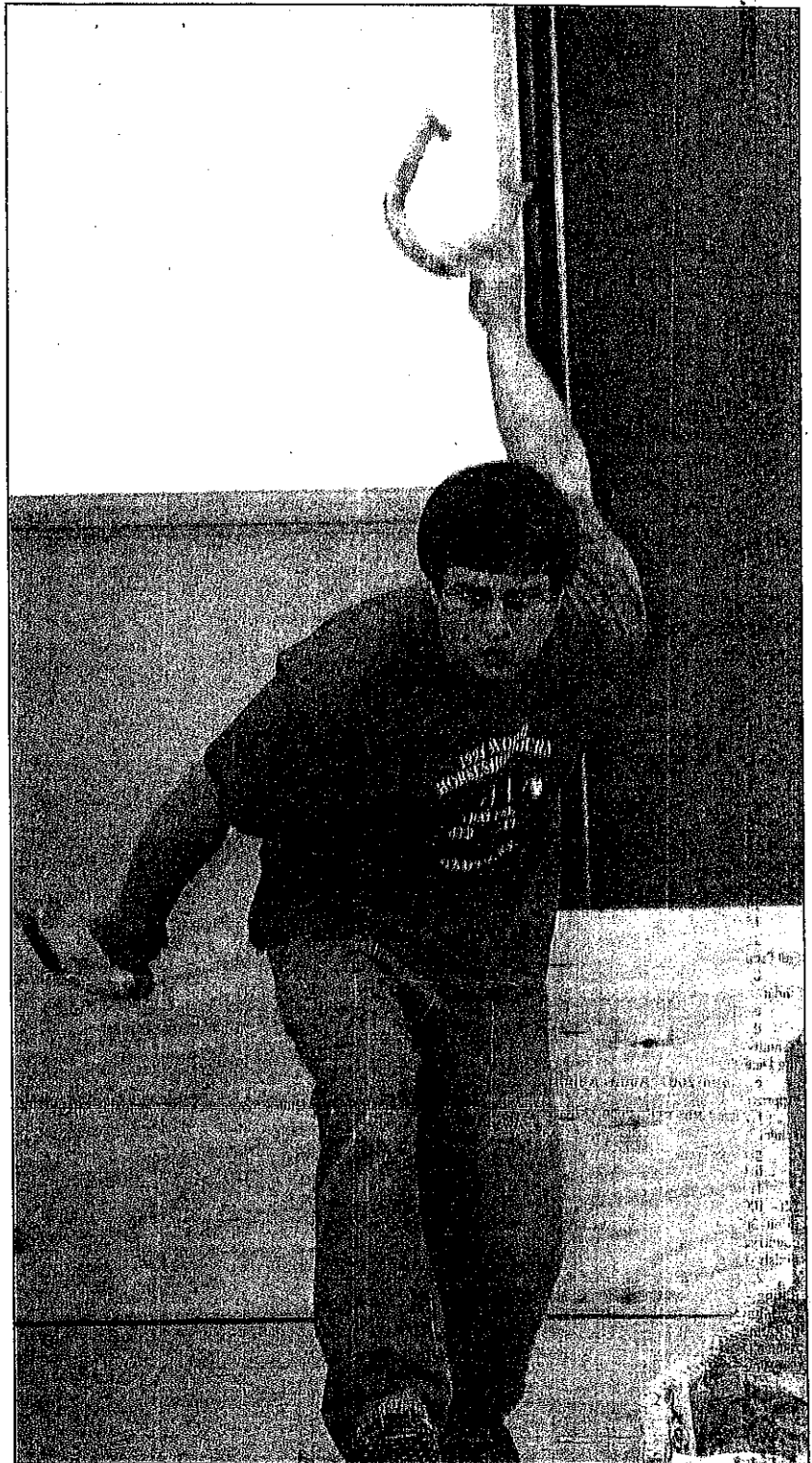
A few weekends each month, from November to April, several dozen players — men and women, young and old — make the trek to Eldora to meet up with friends for a few games of friendly competition.

And lots of horseshoes.

Walters estimates that in the 17 years of indoor tournaments in Eldora, there have been over 2.4 million horseshoes thrown — and, he proudly notes, no injuries to accompany them.

Inside is a simple arena, built for function — nine courts stretch down the length of the room, each one made up of two clay pits that stand 40 feet apart and each holding up a wooden stake. American flags adorn the walls as well as the fence that separates the courts from the viewing area, and a table set up near the entrance offers coffee and rolls.

"It's not perfect, but it's good for horseshoes," Walters said. At 87, he said he doesn't get around as easy as he used to, and that the smooth concrete floor allows for easier movement while playing, instead of playing outside and



Staff Photo by Sam Martin

Joe Smith, of Gladbrook, a two-time state horseshoe champion, prepares for a throw at a tournament in Eldora on March 8.

having to worry about finding stable footing during a game.

And despite the extra-snowy weather this winter, participation hasn't tapered off much, Walters said.

"Not as much as you would think — we've had very good participation," he said. "We had 42 pitchers Feb. 2 for the Iowa Games when it was 10 degrees below zero outside."

Among those who partici-

ated at the most recent tournament March 8 was Roger Tope, who drove in from Marion to play.

"There aren't many places where you can play during the winter unless you go down south to Texas or Arizona," he said. "It's definitely worth the drive."

The talk of the tournament on March 8 was Joe Smith, a 26-year-old Gladbrook resident and a two-time state

champion who had a big win the weekend before, throwing over 70 percent of his pitchers for ringers.

Up next are tournaments on April 5-6, before the Eldora Indoor championship scheduled for April 12. Then, it's back to pitching shoes outside — well, that's the plan anyway.

"Hopefully, if the ice has melted by then," Smith said with a laugh.

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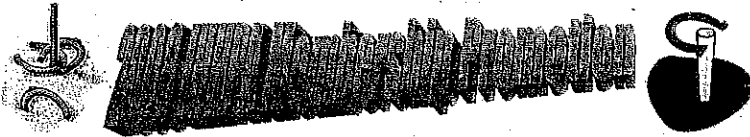
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