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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASED** Members attending the business meeting in Marshalltown approved a six (\$6) dollar increase making the yearly adult dues Thirty-One Dollars (\$31). The NHPA portion increased from \$12 to \$17 and a one-dollar increase was approved for the IHHPA. Our membership numbers now are equal to last year's and cost-saving measures have put us on the plus side from last year. Sending the Newsletter via e-mail has reduced printing and postage expenses. The Newsletter is posted on our website and sent to members who choose to receive it by e-mail. The five-dollar NHPA increase was overwhelmingly approved by delegates at the business meeting in York this year, recognizing that costs have increased since the last dues increase in 1992. There was also a bylaw change concerning dues and language for adult members living at the same address. The bylaw was changed to increase the dues for one adult living at the same address to twenty dollars (\$20). The bylaw regarding junior players also passed at the annual meeting. The age a player is considered a junior was increased from 17 to 18 to conform

to NHPA Language. Our Delegation voted in favor of the five dollar increase in York and after 16 years I feel it was justified. We are fortunate to have a NHPA Sec/Treasurer that is very competent in his many duties and an NHPA Executive Board that is working very hard to improve the sport.

**WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE** Members attending the annual meeting were given the opportunity to sign up for one of the many committees. Committee participation is critical and I am hoping that many of you will be able to help out to make this one great World Tournament. The Contract with the Ice Arena has been signed and we are moving forward confidently. If you are planning to go to the WT in Springfield next year, four sanctioned tournaments are needed twelve months prior to the entry form deadline.

Since our next newsletter will not be out until January 1, 2009, I WISH ALL OF YOU A HAPPY THANKSGIVING, A MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS, AND A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR!! -- LeRoy Law

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Eldora Horseshoe Club  
Of Central Iowa



ELDORA INDOOR SCHEDULE FOR 2008-2009  
Putt Mossman Arena, Hardin County Fairgrounds  
Sign up by 9:30 a.m. day of event

**Please note: Tournaments scheduled in Eldora during the months of November, December and January WILL BE SANCTIONED**

Saturday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> (2009 IOWA WINTER GAMES) \*  
Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> (INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP)  
Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> (Tear Down Courts)  
Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> (Snow Date)

\* Pre-registration for IOWA WINTER GAMES required  
Jan Warwick 515/292-7343 or Gary Farmer 515/292-2575  
or register online at [iowagames.org](http://iowagames.org)

*This is your invitation to the Putt Mossman Indoor Horseshoe Pitching Tournaments beginning November 1st. After living in Hardin County for 88 years, we have come to the conclusion that November and December are really the best months for Indoor Horseshoe Pitching.*

*Our courts will be set up on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who has time to burn, this is the best place I know of to get a little exercise and put a little more skill into your game.*

*We have 23 tournaments scheduled. We will have your vest pocket schedule for the Putt Mossman Arena for 2008 and 2009 available at the Arena. Our tournaments will be sanctioned through January, 2009. Putt Mossman Arena is a great place to come and have fun and to get to know pitchers from all sections of Iowa.*

*Look forward to seeing you at our Tournaments! Our Tournament Director for November will be Russ Martin, 319/278-4090. Call him or myself for tournament information.*

*Bob Walters, Secretary Treasurer  
Eldora Horseshoe Club of Central Iowa  
641/858-3861*

Annual Meeting  
Saturday, October 25, 2008  
Moose Lodge, Marshalltown, IA

### RE-ELECTED OFFICERS:

Second Vice President: Doug Anderson  
Secretary/Treasurer: Ron Rowley  
Statistician: Ron Rowley  
Youth Director: Dennis Smith

### NEW ELECTED OFFICERS:

Fourth Vice President: Leonard Mullnix  
Public Relations Officer: Bob Hardy

### AWARDS:

The IHHPA Hall of Fame Award is to honor and perpetuate the names of those nominated members who have displayed outstanding ability in the game of horseshoes and/or who have contributed, through meritorious service, to the general welfare and progress of the game and/or who have pitched horseshoes for a great number of years. Congratulations to this year's recipient, **LeRoy Law**.

The Frank Johnson Award is given in honor of the first World and Iowa Champion, the legendary Frank Jackson of Kellerton, to that person who has given effort above the call of duty in advancement of horseshoe pitching in Iowa. Congratulations to this year's recipient **James "Bob" Bown**.

Most Improved Player: **Glen Speers** (12.3% over last year).

Players of the Year – **Carl Kaiser** and **Bob McKee**, both participated in 31 tournaments last year.

President's Award – **Larry Purcell**

### STATE FAIR TOURNAMENT BID:

Danny Sease, Superintendent of Horseshoes for the Iowa State Fair, was awarded the bid to host the Iowa State Championships at the 2009 Fair.

### 2010 WORLD TOURNAMENT COMMITTEES:

The following Committees have been organized for the 2010 World Tournament to be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 26<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact LeRoy Law and/or the Committee Chair for more information about volunteering.

Accounting: Ronnie Burgess  
Fundraising: John Christ & Bill Quimby  
Facilities: LeRoy Law and C. Leo Buell  
Publicity: Ralph Palmer  
Practice Courts (Ellis Park): Larry Purcell  
Sales Table: Mike and Betty Fishnick  
Activities: Bill Quimby, Dennis Smith  
Accommodations: Bob Hardy, Glenn Warden and Harold Gamer

## GET WELL SOON!

Ron Swartzendruber is recovering from heart surgery and recuperating at home. If you'd like to wish him well, you can write him at:

Ron Swartzendruber  
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Iowa City, IA 52240

Or send him an e-mail at [Swartzie2@aol.com](mailto:Swartzie2@aol.com)



## CONDOLENCES

Fred Holtzen Kaiser, brother of IHHPA member Carl Kaiser, passed away August 28, 2008. He was 81 years old.

Born in Des Moines, Fred was one of eight children. He graduated from East High School and served in the US Navy. He was an avid track fan. Survivors include his daughter, Natasha Kaiser-Brown, three sons, Kyle, Kelly and Korey, and three brothers, Carl, Raymond and Reggie. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elayne and two brothers, LeRoy and Frank.



## OPEN FORUM

With our declining membership, here is a new way to run a tournament. First we play count all. We play our 5 games just like before, except the individual wins don't count in the final placement in the class. After the games are completed, we tally up all the ringers and single points of the 5 games. The most total points is no. 1-2-3 down the line.

What brings this to mind is when the winner of the class has a ringer percentage of 4th or 5th in the class, this means that most of his opponents, had a bad game when he played them which is no credit to him.

Also why shouldn't our single points be counted in our average at NATSTATS? Or are they just going along for the ride? Single points are important in winning our games - - why not be included in our over all average, which would be points per shoe?

Another advantage of this new game is the lower pitcher has a bigger score to look at, even though he lost the game. It would encourage him to say a member. That is our downfall, we get enough new members every year but then we lose too many out the back door.

What is behind this court sanctioning? The guy that thought that up wasn't overly loaded with common sense. I've been

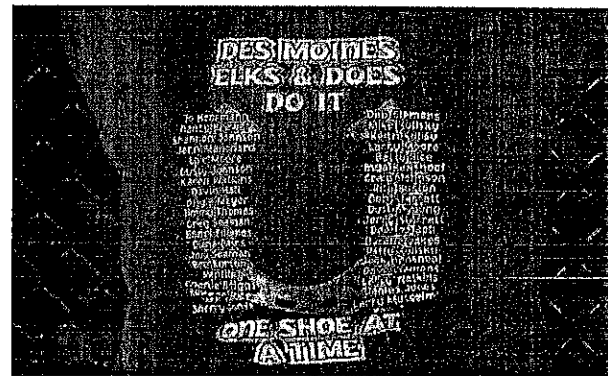
told it is an image thing. Who is going to stop and admire a horseshoe court? If a guy or gal is judging a court, they are looking at the condition of the clay and a solid stake. I've never saw anyone down measuring a court. I fail to see that this image thing has any bearing whatsoever. Then they follow it up with a price rise of \$5.00 per membership. The combination of these 2 new rules is going to send our membership right down the toilet. Why are we bombarded with this kind of treatment, when our membership is already suffering? It sure doesn't encourage a person to go after a new member, especially when you tell them they have to send \$17.00 a year to our upper classmen.

-- A Very Concerned Player, Russ Martin.



## ELKS INVADE THE FAIR!

On the Evening of August 7<sup>th</sup>, Opening Day at the Iowa State Fair, Elks Lodge #98 of Pleasant Hill held a Doubles Tournament at the State Fair courts. Their theme, "One Shoe at a Time" along with each player's name was on the back of their shirts. We congratulate Elks Lodge #98 on their spirit of sportsmanship and fun!



Elks Lodge #98, Pleasant Hill, Iowa



Jennifer Blanchard / Larry Moore  
Lois Moore / Betty Rice  
Sherry Jones / Ken Jones  
Rodger Rice / James Jones  
Larry Watkins / Charlie Briggs  
The Reptile / Dave Clemens  
Amy Seaman / Patty Kulisky  
Karen Watkins / Craig Johnson  
Bobbi Thomas / Deanna Bell  
Greg Seaman / Jerry Starrott  
Shannon Johnson / Keith Kulisky

David Hall / Rita Burton  
Jack Benshoof / Chuck Hall  
Diana Davis / Durene Oakes  
Bob Burton / Jack Benshoof  
Mike Breton / Nancy Brewer  
Jo Herrmann / Deb Clemens  
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Angie Meyer / Deb Starrett  
Jimmy Thomas / Dustin Young  
Jack Hill / Larry Musselman

**CEDAR RAPIDS, Saturday, August 23, 2008****Class A**

Walt Behnke	Marion	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	63.30
Bob Hardy	North Liberty	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	57.43
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	50.99
Leo Buell	Iowa City	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	47.77
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	49.54
Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	47.32

**Class B**

Mike Fishnick	Dubuque	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	49.17
Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	37.50
Ronnie Burgess	Cedar Rapids	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-3	33.06
Don Marx	Marion	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	29.91
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	30.74
Larry Bolt	Traer	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	27.88

**Class C**

Leo Lamparek	Cedar Rapids	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	35.29
Russ Martin	Clarksville	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	35.04
Roger Tope	Marion	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	28.63
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	20.51
Paul Clark	Marshalltown	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	25.20
Bob Curry	Williamsburg	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	13.31

**Class D**

Ken Oakes	Marengo	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	34.62
Tom Cranston	Parnell	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	26.89
Leona Gaines	Mt Vernon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	20.17
Brandon Blackhawk	Cedar Rapids	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	21.25
Francis Wagner	Cedar Rapids	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	14.23
Chris Bennett	Cedar Rapids	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	13.87

**Class E**

Kevin Turbett	Tama	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-2	17.50
Sam Curry	Homestead	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-2	16.67
Andy Rocca	Iowa City	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-2	10.83
R.Swartzendruber	Iowa City	4 <sup>th</sup>	0-6	7.44

**Class F**

Rodney Bigelow	Cedar Rapids	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-2	11.07
Mike Fishnick, Jr.	Dubuque	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-2	8.61
Pat Clark	Marshalltown	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-4	9.58
Nathan Duffy	Dubuque	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-4	6.25

**OTTUMWA, Sunday, August 24, 2008****Class A**

Bob Hardy	North Liberty	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-1	51.00
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2-2	51.00
Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	50.00
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-2	48.00
Leo Buell	Iowa City	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	41.50

**Class B**

Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	51.00
Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	35.00
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	34.50
John Peterson	Ottumwa	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	25.50
Harold Garner	Melrose	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-4	7.00

**Class C**

Ira Hartwick	Bloomfield	1 <sup>st</sup>	6-0	31.96
Glen Spears	Grandview	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5-1	33.75
Tom Cranston	Parnell	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-2	26.25
James Bown	Delta	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-3	20.08
Paul Clark	Marshalltown	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-4	19.26
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-5	14.16
Wade Benge	Mt Pleasant	7 <sup>th</sup>	0-6	13.93

**Ottumwa cont'd****Class D**

Andrew Brown	Grandview	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-1	22.77
Sam Curry	Homestead	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5-1	22.22
Richard Cranston	Keswick	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-4	12.77
Pat Clark	Marshalltown	4 <sup>th</sup>	0-6	5.00

**WEST DES MOINES, Valley Junction Open, Saturday, August 30, 2008****Class A**

Marvin Engstler	Garner	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	50.90
Cameron Chambers	Exira	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	49.59
Slim Allen	W.Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-3	44.00
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	40.70
Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	45.90
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	41.15

**Class B**

Keith Baker	Clive	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	44.11
Dick Walker	Cambridge	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2-2	36.00
Deb Davis	Ankeny	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	29.47
Russ Martin	Clarksville	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	35.20
Doug Anderson	Stratford	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	35.00

**Class C**

Dave Gordon	Ankeny	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	25.87
Mike McNace	Lakeview	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	24.01
John Podraza	Council Bluffs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-3	24.78
Ira Hartwick	Bloomfield	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	20.94
Bob Bown	Delta	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	19.36
Paul Clark	Marshalltown	6 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	17.06

**Class D**

Richard Rowley	Oskaloosa	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	19.40
Jerry Dunkin	New Virginia	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	25.00
Lee Drewelow	Independence	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	23.20
Dean Fortune	Des Moines	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	22.30
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	27.80

**Class E**

Leona Gaines	Mt Vernon	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	12.04
Bruce Sweet	Mitchellville	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	18.54
Ralph Davis	Ankeny	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	16.80
Royal Hedgecock	W.Des Moines	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	16.40
Jordan Cooper	Mitchellville	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	6.40
Bob Walters	Eldora	6 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	3.62

**Class F**

Kevin Turbett	Tama	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	20.24
Mary Jo Barker	W.Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	8.13
Steve Fini	Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	8.04
Pat Clark	Marshalltown	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	10.23
Harold Barker	W.Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	9.00
Janice Rowley	Oskaloosa	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	8.04

**The Tournaments scheduled for Saturday, September 13, in Cedar Rapids, and Sunday, September 14, in Burlington were cancelled due to the weather.**

Our September 6<sup>th</sup> tournament went well considering that many had to drive through thick fog or a shower to get to Eldora. Denny and Joe Smith ran the tournament at the City Courts. Everyone commented on what a good lunch Barb Smith set up at the Senior Center. I did not play but one game as I had a sprained ankle and had an ingrown toenail removed a couple days before. I played one game just to say I got to pitch a game on my 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday! There was lots of talking and laughing and I think everyone had a good time.

In getting ready for the tournament, Denny Smith and I decided to replace a couple of stakes. One of the courts had been built by Otto Bahr, who was an uncle of Putt Mossman and lived across the street. They pitched horseshoes everyday. Sometimes my Dad would take me by those courts. We would stop and watch them. I was maybe 5 -- 8 years old. It's estimated that this stake had been in the ground 60 to 75 years. I had never seen a stake where practically all the wood was black and decayed. And we pitched on this "relic" last year. Now we can say, "This is one of the courts in Hardin County that Putt Mossman pitched horseshoes on!" Thanks everyone for coming to our Tournament.

Sincerely, Bob Walters

#### Eldora, Saturday, September 6, 2008

##### Class A

Robert Card	Dumont	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	52.50
Mike Fishnick	Dubuque	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	43.10
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	40.00
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	30.60
Russ Martin	Clarksville	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-4	33.10

##### Class B

Dick Walker	Cambridge	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	36.25
Marv Dirks	Fonda	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	32.50
Mike McNace	Lakeview	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	31.00
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	25.60
Lee Drewelow	Independence	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-4	25.60

##### Class C

Dean Fortune	Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-1	23.75
Bob Curry	Williamsburg	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5-1	23.75
Sam Curry	Homestead	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-4	21.60
Mark Hoover	Eldora	4 <sup>th</sup>	0-6	12.90

#### BOONE, Sunday, September 7, 2008

##### Class A

Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	41.53
Marv Engstler	Garner	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	44.49
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	43.20
Dennis Hopkins	Missouri Valley	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	48.68
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	42.27
Russ Martin	Clarksville	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	32.89

##### Class B

Dick Walker	Cambridge	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	37.39
Chuck McFadden	Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	36.66
Mike McNace	Lakeview	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	31.41
Marv Dirks	Fonda	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	29.66
Dave Gordon	Ankeny	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	18.42
Bob Rounds	Perry	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	17.10

#### Boone cont'd

##### Class C

Gary McFadden	Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	27.90
Jerry Dunkin	New Virginia	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	21.00
Walt McFadden	Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	28.50
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	21.00
Dean Fortune	Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	21.57
Harold Barker	W.Des Moines	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	12.00
Bob Walters	Eldora	7 <sup>th</sup>	0-2	18.75

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Iowa City Tournament was disappointing and enjoyable at the same time. **Disappointing** because Ron Swartzendruber was missing at the scorer's table. **Enjoyable** because it was a perfect day weather-wise. **Disappointing** because Joan and Vern ran the scorer's table, which caused a 30-minute delay. **Enjoyable** to those who won. **Disappointing** because there were only 21 contestants. **Enjoyable:** Class A -- Bob had a high game of 70%; Class B -- Rich had a high game of 55%; Class C -- Glenn had a high game of 46%; and Class D -- Lee had a high game of 24%. **Disappointing** because Ron was in the hospital with a heart condition. **Enjoyable** because everyone went home happy and they had a good time. Get well soon, Ron. We need you!!

C. Leo Buell

#### IOWA CITY, Saturday, September 20, 2008

##### Class A

Bob Hardy	North Liberty	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-1	61.50
Walt Behnke	Marion	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	52.50
C. Leo Buell	Iowa City	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	50.50
Mike Fishnick	Dubuque	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-2	45.50
Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-4	37.50

##### Class B

Richard Timmer	Illinois	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-1	47.90
Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	44.10
Keith Baker	Clive	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1-5	40.40
Larry Bolt	Traer	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-5	29.60

##### Class C

Paul Clark	Marshalltown	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-2	34.00
Glen Speers	Marengo	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	30.40
Ken Cook	Cedar Rapids	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	27.60
Bob Curry	Williamsburg	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	26.00
John Peterson	Ottumwa	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	29.20
Gary Elliott	Muscatine	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	16.80

##### Class D

Lee Drewelow	Independence	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	23.60
Vickie Elliott	Muscatine	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	15.20
Sam Curry	Homestead	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-3	15.20
Marty Fellows		4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	14.00
Harold Barker	W.Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	15.60
Clarence Hammann	Wilton	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	13.60

**INDIANOLA, Sunday, September 21, 2008****Class A**

Deb Davis	Ankeny	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-1	36.50
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	36.00
Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	38.00
Dennis Hopkins	Missouri Valley	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-2	37.50
Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-3	32.00

**Class B**

Darwin Mott	Hartford	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-2	32.50
Gerald Weeks	Indianola	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-2	28.30
Mac McKay	Corning	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-3	32.00
Steve Hyler	Winterset	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-5	21.00

**Class C**

Harold Garner	Melrose	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-1	22.00
Dean Fortune	Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	20.00
Ralph Davis	Ankeny	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-1	18.50
Harold Barker	W.Des Moines	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	11.50
John Drost	Indianola	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-4	16.50

**Class D**

Dick Huitt	Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-1	16.20
Mary Jo Barker	W.Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-3	7.10
John Ghrist	Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-4	13.30
Rhonda Dalton	Indianola	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-4	9.20

**RUSSELL, Saturday, September 27, 2008****Class A**

Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	50.00
Keith Baker	Clive	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	40.50
Glenn Speers	Marengo	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	35.00
John Peterson	Ottumwa	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	31.50
Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	31.50
Gerald Weeks	Indianola	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	21.00

**Class B**

Dean Fortune	Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	31.00
Harold Garner	Melrose	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	30.50
Jerry Dunkin	New Virginia	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	23.00
Paul Clark	Marshalltown	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	20.00
Harold Barker	W.Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	14.50
Pat Clark	Marshalltown	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	7.00

**CHARLES CITY, Saturday, September 27, 2008****Class A**

Robert Card	Dumont	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	47.60
Marv Engstler	Garner	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	48.00
Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	46.40
Deb Davis	Ankeny	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	36.80
Frank Koehler	Mason City	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	35.20
Russ Martin	Clarksville	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	31.20

**Class B**

Lee Drewelow	Independence	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	23.20
Roger Gaulke	Dows	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	22.00
G.Christianson	Nora Springs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-1	21.60
Ralph Davis	Ankeny	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	21.60
Shawn Flitcroft	Mason City	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	15.20
Bob Walters	Eldora	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-2	retired

**WINTERSET, Saturday, October 11, 2008****Class A**

Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	49.45
Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	42.00
Dennis Hopkins	Missouri Valley	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	41.00
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	41.15
Doug Anderson	Stratford	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	34.62
Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	29.17

**Winterset cont'd****Class B**

Deb Davis	Ankeny	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	38.42
Ron Welsh	Nebraska	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	36.50
John Peterson	Ottumwa	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-1	30.50
Chuck McFadden	Des Moines	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	29.90
Darwin Mott	Hartford	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	29.50
Clifford Pierce	Missouri	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	20.92

**Class C**

Marv Dirks	Fonda	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	23.98
Dave Mittelstadt	Jewell	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	25.40
Harold Garner	Melrose	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-3	18.88
Paul Clark	Marshalltown	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	17.86
Leonard Mullnix	Mt Auburn	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	17.00
Bob Rounds	Perry	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	15.82

**Class D**

Gerald Weeks	Indianola	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	29.70
Dean Fortune	Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	21.78
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	25.00
Gary McFadden	Des Moines	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	18.50
John Fraaken	Des Moines	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	22.50
David Gordon	Ankeny	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	14.50

**Class E**

James Bown	Delta	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	23.50
Denver Fortune	Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	22.00
Ralph Davis	Ankeny	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	19.50
Mac McKay	Corning	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	18.50
Jerry Dunkin	New Virginia	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	17.00
Jordan Cooper	Mitchellville	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	14.00

**Class F**

Royal Hedgecock	W.Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	24.48
Danny Sease	Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	15.69
Darryl Reper		3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-3	14.50
Dick Huitt	Des Moines	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	13.73
Pat Clark	Marshalltown	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	10.94
Harold Barker	W.Des Moines	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	12.00

**CENTRAL IOWA TRAVELING LEAGUE**

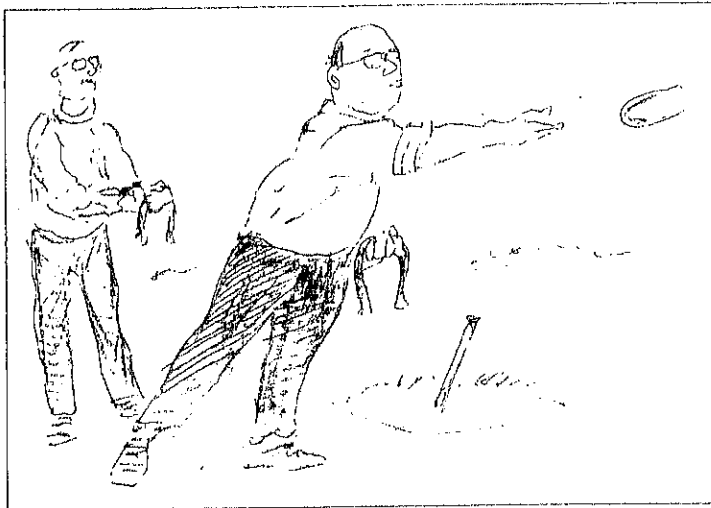
**Congratulations to HCS Builders of Ames, on their first place finish for the 2008 Season**

1. **HCS Builders, Ames** – Jan Warwick, Gary Farmer, Steve Huntrods, Jake Kraehling
  2. **Rowleys Rowdies** – Ron Rowley, LeRoy Law, Harold Barker, Mary Jo Barker
  3. **Sease Tax** – Danny Sease, Carl Kaiser, Paul Beaman, Dick Huitt, Tim Baker
  4. **Fortunes Best** – Dean Fortune, Denver Fortune, Jack Schoop, Bill Sprague
  5. **Bishop Engineering** – Ralph Davis, Deb Davis, Steve Hyler, Bob Rounds
  6. **One For Fun** – Jane Meyer, Kay Runner, Jane Wittenwyler, Jeannie Nichols, Kacy Byrd
  7. **John's Mudpuppies** – John Ghrist, Ron Wittenwyler, Walt Manning, Chris Jordon, Steve Bunge
- Subs: Don Allyn, David Kubby, Dave Gordon, Michelle Bliss

# 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. ❖

## Iowa Winter Games - 2008

Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Community Building  
Hardin County Fairgrounds  
Eldora, Iowa

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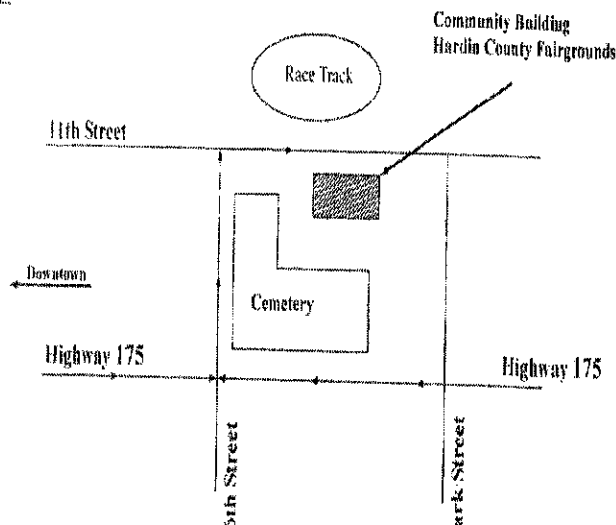
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There will be a need for scorekeepers for all classes.

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



# 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.

Lore brought Vernon McGrath and Eleanor Freisinger 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, Roger 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 Coralville, IA, Scott (Danielle) McGrath, of Cedar Rapids, IA, Shawn McGrath and Brad McGrath, of Dubuque, IA, and Mike 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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