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**2011 Annual Meeting
Moose Lodge, Marshalltown, Iowa**

The 2011 Annual Meeting was held at the Moose Lodge in Marshalltown on Saturday, October 22nd. Outgoing President LeRoy Law presided over the meeting. New officers were elected and three bylaw amendments were passed.

Election results:

President - Bill Sprague
1st Vice President - Ralph Davis
3rd Vice President - Ralph H. Palmer
Regional Director & Chair - Vern Kollasch
Newsletter Editor - Deb Davis
Public Relations Director - Shirley Sprague
Statistician - LeRoy Law

Each will serve a two-year term, with the exception of Public Relations Director and Statistician who will be completing the second year of a two-year term.

There was a good turnout for our Annual meeting on the 22nd of October. Many things were discussed including: Grant program, updating our IHHPA brochure, presenting of awards, and the election of officers. We all need to thank LeRoy Law, Ralph Palmer and all of the many volunteers that helped put on the World Tournament in 2010. As a result of all their efforts we now have funds to promote and update horseshoe courts around the State of Iowa. A revised grant application form is attached to this newsletter.

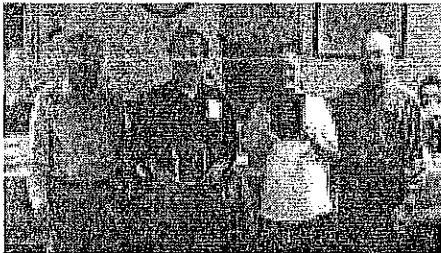
One of the things I would like to see is an increase in our membership. We need to be on the lookout for more opportunities. One of those opportunities in the works is an indoor facility in Monticello, Iowa. Ralph Palmer has been contacted about the possibility of setting up some indoor courts in a 16,000 square foot building with heat and lights. What an opportunity for some old and new horseshoe pitchers in the eastern part of our state! We hope to have more information on this later.

Bill Sprague

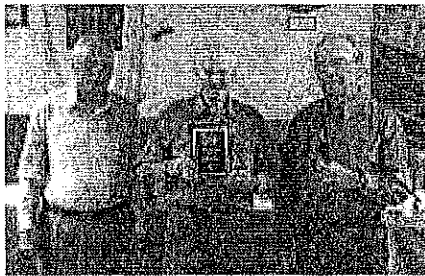
Bylaw Changes: Article VII Section 7 of the Bylaws was amended to include provisions for rescheduling the State Championships in the event of a rainout. Article VII Section 1 was amended to add requirements to the dress code and conduct of players at the State Championships. Article V was amended to provide free memberships to juniors. The IHHPA will pay the NHPA fee for juniors.

Stoney Jackson and James Jackson were awarded the Frank Jackson award. Keith Baker was inducted into the IHHPA Hall of Fame. Berg Logsdon was given the President's Award. Tom Martin was honored as the Most Improved Player. Carl Kaiser and Deb Davis shared the honor of having played in the most tournaments (30).

Changes Made To Grant Program: The Executive Board voted to change the IHHPA grant application and qualifications as follows: IHHPA applicants can request partial funding for new court construction at new locations with the amount requested being no greater than two thousand dollars (\$2,000). It is understood that in addition to the \$2,000 cap, the grant amount approved will be paid upon completion and after verification by the IHHPA, that the new courts constructed meet full sanctioned requirements of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA). A minimum of six (6) courts must be constructed. It is recommended that nine (9) courts or more be constructed. The Grant Program forms are included in this Newsletter.



LeRoy Law, Stoney Jackson, James Jackson and Doug Anderson



LeRoy Law, Keith Baker and Doug Anderson



NHPA HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Members are selected each year and honored at the World Tournament. Selections are made in two different categories:

Player: (a) A player who has won a World Championship at least 2 times or (b) a player who has averaged at least

75% and/or finished in the top 5 of one or more World Tournament Championship Division finals at least 4 times, or (c) a player who has pitched in at least 8 World Championship Division finals of any combination of divisions and averaged at least 70% for those events.

Promoter/Organizer: A person, who has administered, promoted and/or organized horseshoe-pitching activity for at least 8 years for the benefit of NHPA members at the national or regional level.

Nomination deadline is January 31st for consideration that same year. Nomination forms available online at the NHPA website.

All tournaments will be sanctioned by the NHPA except the Iowa Winter Games on February 4th. Tournament Directors will be Russ Martin, 319/278-4090 and Al Kuntz 641/420-4434.

Eldora has a new look! Eighteen new courts have been built for tournament play beginning November 5th. As an incentive to pitch at Eldora throughout the Fall and Winter months, prize money will be awarded at the end of the regular indoor season for the top two pitchers who raise their average the most. \$50 will be awarded to the top player and \$25 to the runner up. Details available at the Eldora Courts.

Marv Dirks is the new President of the Eldora Horseshoe League of Central Iowa. Deb Davis, Ralph Davis, Steve Hatch, Al Kuntz, Russ Martin, and Sheryl Mason are the new board members. Bob Walters will continue to be the liaison between the Eldora Horseshoe Club and the Hardin County Fair Board. Thank you to Bob for his 22 years of service as Secretary/Treasurer of the Club and for his continued work promoting the sport of horseshoes.

CONDOLENCES

Rita Brumley, daughter of Danny and Bobby Sease, passed away on September 22, 2011 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. She was born December 15, 1962 and graduated from Lincoln High School. She enjoyed crocheting, playing games, fishing, cats and dogs. Rita was friendly to everyone and never met a stranger. She had a loving heart, great smile and contagious laugh. Many of you may remember seeing Rita at the courts during the State Fair where she would be a scorekeeper during the Iowa State Championships.

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Jack Roush of West Des Moines, passed away on October 17, 2011. He was a World War II veteran, having served in North Africa, Italy, France, Austria and Germany. He earned the Bronze Star for his service to his country. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service and the Internal Revenue Service. In 1976 he retired from the IRS to run the Federal Employees Credit Union. He retired from the Credit Union in 1986 and became active with his church (Highland Park Presbyterian in Des Moines), American Legion #620 and Masonic Lodge #592.

Jack pitched in the West Des Moines Wednesday Night league for many years and was a member of the West Des Moines team that won first place at the State Fair twice. He was a sub for the Central Iowa Traveling Horseshoe League. Jack always attended the West Des Moines tournaments and other tournaments in surrounding locations. Jack was a quiet, good natured man, always ready to help others in any way possible.

Jack is survived by his daughter, Debbie Killinger of Seattle, WA and son, Steven Roush of Villa Park, CA. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy, in 2008. Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Park Presbyterian Church % the Jack Roush Memorial Fund, 321 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50313. Online condolences may be expressed at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com.



IHHPA HALL OF FAME RUSS MARTIN

Russ Martin, of Clarksville was elected into the IHHPA Hall of Fame in 1999. His nomination paper was short and to the point -- "Russ is a good sport who never gives up. He is always good natured." Russ was nominated for his services as Secretary / Treasurer of the IHHPA and as tournament director.

My horseshoe life started in 1947. My father-in-law got me into the sport. I hated it, I hated to go to picnics because I had to pitch horseshoes. When he said "jump," we all said, "How high?" My lack of love for the sport was short lived. I got hooked and still am. I also had to throw his turn, the

one-and-one-quarter, which I still throw, or try to. I've wondered a lot in later years what his percentage was. He always beat me. He died at age 55 so I will never know his history.

From that point on until 1983 when I joined the Association, I always had courts set up wherever I lived. I pitched a lot of shoes in this time frame. If my honey-do jobs hadn't gotten in the way, I would have pitched a lot more. Up until this time I knew nothing about Association. I would read in the paper about pitching at the State Fair, but I wasn't good enough for that until I learned that there was a place for everyone.

That same year I got a bunch together and we played all summer at the country club. The next Spring, I called a meeting and I was the only one that showed up. So I went to Charles City and I have played there every year since. One day at one of the early tournaments in Charles City, I threw 1100 shoes. I wish I could do that today. I have never worried about winning, I just wanted a good ringer percentage. If I could have the high ringer for the tournament, I would prefer that over winning.

I took a team to Team World for 12 straight years, with a total of 21 different players besides myself. We were always the bottom team but that didn't bother me one bit. We were just playing for fun. The 13th year, after I had my money sent in, they called and said they had two new teams signed up so with our low ringer percentage we were nosed out. For 2 or 3 years during this time we had been the only team from Iowa. In spite of all this, I still say they have one of the finest run tournaments I have ever played, they just don't know when to stretch the rules. I enjoy breaking the rules.

The game that stands out in my whole life I lost by one point. And I was tickled pink, as the guy I played against was a lot better than me. He wasn't off that day either. We just had one heck of a game. Another game that I will never forget was in Des Moines. Everyone was through pitching except for a lady and myself. I wasn't afraid of the National but I was afraid of this woman. Everyone was watching and she was a far better pitcher than me. I was nervous throughout the whole game. All I thought about was get it done and over with. I had no idea what the score was and when she bent over to pick up her shoes, she reached for my hand and said you just won the tournament. She was so nice and never complained once. That was the shocker!

A couple of quotes I remember: John Brown said to me, "Will you please wait until I see the points before you pick up your shoes." Down in Arizona when I was playing poorly as usual, I went back to the bleachers and ask this Canadian lady what I was going wrong. She said, "I don't see anything you're doing right."

I broke through the 50% NATSTATS one time for about 2 weeks and 15 minutes. I have really enjoyed my pitching years. I'm ending up working (and playing) with the greatest bunch of people you could ask for. My son, Tom, surprised me and came aboard as a horseshoe pitcher, so maybe he will keep the name on the roster.



Note: Tournaments scheduled for September 3rd in Cedar Rapids and September 24th in Russell were cancelled.

Saturday, September 10, Iowa City

Class A: (1) Larry Purcell, Cedar Rapids, 66.6%; (2) Bob Schaver, Illinois, 60.0%; (3) James McCord, Illinois, 55.0%; (4) Mark Mathue, Wisconsin, 53.9%; (5) Leo Buell, Iowa City, 54.5%; (6) Dick Shepardson, Iowa City, 45.0%

Class B: (1) Dick Timmer, Illinois, 46.0%; (2) Leo Lamparek, Cedar Rapids, 43.5%; (3) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 41.0%; (4) Ron Hook, Illinois, 35.5%; (5) Glen Speers, Grandview, 28.0%; (6) Ken Cook, Cedar Rapids, 30.0%

Class C: (1) Harvey Larsen, Davenport, 38.1%; (2) Bob Rounds, Perry, 35.0%; (3) Jim Meyer, Cedar Rapids, 31.7%; (4) Roger Doering, Illinois, 35.6%; (5) Loren Curry, Fairfax, 31.1%

Class D: (1) Ronnie Burgess, Cedar Rapids, 38.0%; (2) Skip Kapolka, Davenport, 34.5%; (3) Austin Witt (Junior), Washington, 32.0%; (4) Ron McBride, Iowa City, 29.5%; (5) Laverne Schroeder, Illinois, 31.5%; (6) Roger Tope, Marion, 21.5%

Class E: (1) Tim Fisher, Illinois, 29.4%; (2) Vickie Elliott, Muscatine, 28.1%; (3) Darrell Dennis, Mt. Vernon, 23.7%; (4) Kelly Turbett, Tama, 21.95; (5) Gail Maher, Iowa City, 13.1%

Class F: Gary Elliott, Muscatine, 18.7%; (2) Toby Hoyer, Alburnett, 10.05; (3) Kevin Turbett, Tama, 6.2%; (4) Steve Jackson, Burlington, 7.5%; (5) Michael Witt (Junior), Washington, 4.4%

Sunday, September 11, Osceola

Class A: (1) Bert Logsdon, Osceola, 53.75%; (2) Glenn Warden, Grimes, 41.25%; (3) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 38.41%; (4) Ron Rowley, West Des Moines, 45.0%; (5) Paul Beaman, Des Moines, 28.13%

Class B: (1) Bob Rounds, Perry, 40.63%; (2) Kirk Vannausdle, Elliott, 26.51%; (3) Deb Davis, 33.13%; (4) LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 26.25%; (5) Pat Casey, Griswold, 26.6%

Class C: (1) Josh Franzen, Elliott, 15.91%; (2) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 24.38%; (3) Darwin Mott, Hartford, 24.24%; (4) Kevin Bailey, Prairie City, 23.13%; (5) Michael Gillespie, 20.63%

Class D: (1) Paul Clark, Marshalltown, 15%; (2) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 10%; (3) Dean Fortune, Des Moines, 8.13%; (4) Dick Huit, Des Moines, 15.63%; (5) Beth Vannausdle, Elliott, 8.75%

Saturday, October 1, 2011, Indianola Open

Class A: (1) Bert Logsdon, Osceola, 43.5%; (2) Bill Sprague, Berwick, 32.0%; (3) Glenn Warden, Grimes, 30.0%; (4) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 23.0%; (5) Paul Beaman, Des Moines, 30.0%

Class B: (1) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 25.0%; (2) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines 23.5%; (3) Deb Davis, Ankeny. 22.0%; (4) Keith Baker, Clive, 17.0%; (5) LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 16.0%

Class C: (1) Danny Sease, Des Moines, 25.5%; (2) Josh Franzen, Elliott, 20.5%; (3) Bob Bown, Oskaloosa 25.5%; (4) Steve Hatch, Knoxville 16.5%; (5) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 13.5%

Class D: (1) Darwin Mott, Hartford, 23.0%; (2) Paul Clark, Marshalltown, 16.0%; (3) Gerald Weeks, Indianola, 14.5%; (4) Ron Roberts, Ankeny, 10.5%; (5) Dean Fortune, Des Moines, 9.0%

Class E: (1) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 9.0%; (2) Rhonda Dalton, Madrid, 7.5%; (3) Ralph Davis, Ankeny. 11.5%; (4) Brad Niemann, Red Oak, 5.5%; (5) Jon Alsip, Des Moines. 5.5%

Saturday, October 8, 2011, Marengo Classic

Class A: (1) Richard Shepardson, Iowa City, 44.5%; (2) James Meyer, Cedar Rapids, 29.50%; (3) Leo Buell, Iowa City, 36.00%; (4) Larry Bolt, Traer, 35.50%; (5) Glen Speers, Grandview, 26.0%

Class B: (1) Ken Cook, Cedar Rapids, 41.50%; (2) Ronnie Burgess, Cedar Rapids, 36.50%; (3) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 24.0%; (4) Ron McBride, Iowa City, 26.50%; (5) Kelly Turbett, Tama, 19.50%

Class C: (1) Tate Waychoff, Marengo, 6.50%; (2) Leonard Mullnix, Mt. Auburn, 10.50%; (3) Kevin Turbett, Tama, 6.50%; (4) Terry Waychoff, Marengo, 4.50%; (5) Dave Schwendinger, Williamsburg, 6.0%

After this tournament, one has to say that pitching horseshoes is for all ages. Dick Shepardson won Class A. Ken Cook, our oldest contest, age 82) won the Class B. Tate Waychoff (the youngest at age 13) won the Class C. Three players – Leo Buell, Ronnie Burgess and Glen Speers – wore all white and paid \$5.00 less entry fee for doing so. - - Ron Stanerson

Saturday, October 8, 2011, Madison County Covered Bridge Open, Winterset

Class A: (1) Bert Logsdon, Osceola, 53%; (2) Bill Sprague, Berwick, 47.5%; (3) Glenn Warden, Grimes, 52.5%; (4) Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell, 41.0%; (5) Shirley Sprague, Berwick, 25.5%; (6) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 35.0%

Class B: (1) LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 37.0%; (2) Clifford Pierce, Missouri, 39.0%; (3) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 35.5%; (4) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 35.5%; (5) Gary Hinrichs, Marengo, 35.0%; (6) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 33.3%

Class C: (1) Rick Hudson, Stuart, 42.0%; (2) Carl Krukow, Clear Lake, 20.0%; (3) Jan Warwick, Ames, 26.5%; (4) Robert Dennis, 24.0%; (5) Harvey Krukow, Hampton, 18.6%; (6) Mike McNace, Lakeview, 25.5%

Class D: (1) Danny Sease, Des Moines, 29.4%; (2) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 22.0%; (3) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 22.0%; (4) Paul Clark, Marshalltown, 16.0%; (5) Darwin Mott, Hartford, 15.0%; (6) James Bown, Oskaloosa, 13.0%

Class E: (1) Gerald Weeks, Indianola, 19.0%; (2) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 16.0%; (3) Kevin Pieper, Stuart, 15.5%; (4) Ron Roberts, Ankeny, 9.5%; (5) Steve Jackson, Burlington, 4.5%; (6) Jon Alsip, Des Moines, 8.0%

Class F: (1) Jane Meyer, Des Moines, 13.5%; (2) Don Smith, Leon, 9.5%; (3) Kenny Wiese, Story City, 12.0%; (4) Dick Huit, Des Moines, 10.5%; (5) Pam Slippy, Ankeny, 5.0%; (6) Brenda Mittlestadt, Jewell, 5.0%

Class G (Open Class): (1) Barry Vogt, 6.5%; (2) Jim Betcher, 7.00%; (3) Joel Jackson, 3.5%; Bo Farr, 1.0%; (5) Brady Betcher, 3.0%; and (6) Ryan Abel, 2.05

Class H (Open Class): (1) Dan Byrnes, 5.0%; (2) Warren Gillman, 1.20%; (3) Gary Simmons, 2.5%; (4) Wade Feuring, 1.9%; and (5) Eric Thompson, 1.0%



Winners at Covered Bridge Tournament, October 8, 2011 (left to right): Berg Logsdon, Osceola, Class A; LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, Class B; Rick Hudson, Stuart, Class C; Danny Sease, Des Moines, Class D, and Jane Meyer, Des Moines, Class F. Not pictured: Gerald Weeks, Indianola, Class E



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Pat Casey, Griswold
Pam Slippy, Ankeny
Brenda Mittlestadt, Jewell
Timothy Pew, Des Moines
David Haltom, Osceola




From the Editor: Outgoing IHHPA President LeRoy Law reported at the Annual Meeting that there have been only three grant applications submitted, with two having been approved and one application pending. The revised grant form is attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact an Executor Board member or your Regional Director. Their contact information is on the first page of this newsletter.

My laptop crashed right before the September, 2011 issue. I am now learning to use a Mac computer and hope to have a new look for the newsletter in 2012. Please continue to send your tournament results, articles, information etc. to my home or e-mail address.

The next issue will be **February, 2012.** Please submit articles and tournament results by January 20, 2012.

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9	45.00%
8	40.00%
7	35.00%
6	30.00%
5	25.00%
4	20.00%
3	15.00%
2	10.00%
1	5.00%

Ringers	Percent	Ringers	Percent
40	100.00%	20	50.00%
39	97.50%	19	47.50%
38	95.00%	18	45.00%
37	92.50%	17	42.50%
36	90.00%	16	40.00%
35	87.50%	15	37.50%
34	85.00%	14	35.00%
33	82.50%	13	32.50%
32	80.00%	12	30.00%
31	77.50%	11	27.50%
30	75.00%	10	25.00%
29	72.50%	9	22.50%
28	70.00%	8	20.00%
27	67.50%	7	17.50%
26	65.00%	6	15.00%
25	62.50%	5	12.50%
24	60.00%	4	10.00%
23	57.50%	3	7.50%
22	55.00%	2	5.00%
21	52.50%	1	2.50%

Ringers	Percent	Ringers	Percent
50	100.00%	25	50.00%
49	98.00%	24	48.00%
48	96.00%	23	46.00%
47	94.00%	22	44.00%
46	92.00%	21	42.00%
45	90.00%	20	40.00%
44	88.00%	19	38.00%
43	86.00%	18	36.00%
42	84.00%	17	34.00%
41	82.00%	16	32.00%
40	80.00%	15	30.00%
39	78.00%	14	28.00%
38	76.00%	13	26.00%
37	74.00%	12	24.00%
36	72.00%	11	22.00%
35	70.00%	10	20.00%
34	68.00%	9	18.00%
33	66.00%	8	16.00%
32	64.00%	7	14.00%
31	62.00%	6	12.00%
30	60.00%	5	10.00%
29	58.00%	4	8.00%
28	56.00%	3	6.00%
27	54.00%	2	4.00%
26	52.00%	1	2.00%

Calculating Ringer Averages (From the NHPA Website)

"Ringer Average" is the measurement of pitching "skill". The method used to calculate pitcher's ringer averages: Total ringers pitched are divided by total shoes pitched and the result is multiplied by 100 then carried 2 place past the decimal.

The above method for calculating ringer averages applies to individual games as well as an individual's complete tournament average for all games pitched. Note: In the event a pitcher played in more than one class in the same tournament, as a contestant, a single tournament average must be based on the totals of all ringers and shoes pitched.

Tournament lineups seed pitchers according to their official "3-high" ringer average which is based on the three highest NHPA sanctioned tournaments pitched in the preceding 12 months or the last ten tournaments during the same period, whichever occurs first.

NHPA national statistics center (NATSTATS) maintains the official records on all sanctioned tournament results and publishes NATSTATS 3-HIGH AVERAGES reports.

2010 World Tournament Monthly Update

Reminder:

This is a great opportunity to play in a world tournament without major travel. If you are intending to play in the 2010 World Tournament, you must have four (4) qualifying tournaments completed by May 14, 2010.

Reminder:

We will need a lot of volunteers to help set up the courts on July 21, 22 and July 23. We will work each day from 8 am until 5 pm. Check your calendars and let me know how much time you would be willing to give. I may be reached at ralph@ar-jay.com or 1-800-728-5885.

Opportunity:

One way to show support is to buy a pit for \$100.00 or a court for \$200.00. You may dedicate it to someone else, your family, or even yourself. There will be recognition on each court for those who make this contribution. Please send the dedication information and contribution of a pit or court to:

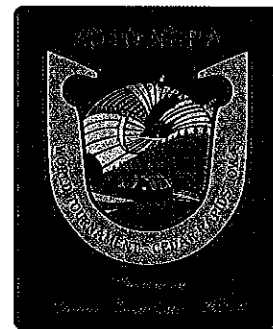
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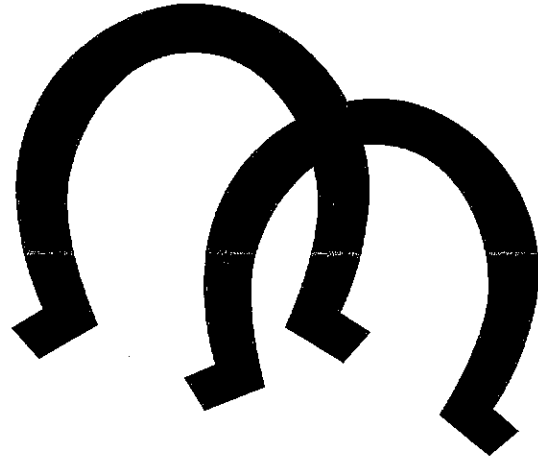
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The Executive Committee for the 2010 World Tournament will be meeting January 27, 2010 to make a final determination about our source of clay. Leroy Law, Leo Buell, Ron Stanerson and Vern Kollasch are doing the testing of clay.



Thanks to Leo and LeRoy we are very close to having the floor plan set for displays, photos, shoe check, meetings, and promotional item sales.



Remember we need EVERYONE'S help in securing ads and sponsors for our 2010 official booklet. These funds are vital in supporting our IHHPA.

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