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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4 - Iowa Winter Games (non-sanctioned). Putt Mossman Arena, Eldora. Pre-registration required. Contact Jan Warwick 515/292-7343 or register online at www.iowagames.org

Eldora Indoor Tournaments (Sanctioned)
February 5, 11, 12, March 3, 4, 10, 11
April 14, 15 Eldora Indoor Championships

Tournament Directors: Russ Martin 319/278-4090 and Al Kuntz 641/420-4434. Register by 9:30 a.m., play at 10:00.

March 24th (Saturday) Marengo - Northridge Indoor Classic - Zero to 29% ringer percentage Pre-register by March 22nd. \$15 entry fee, play at 8:45 a.m. Ron Stanerson 319/642-3628 (home) or 319/430-0028 (cell)

March 31st (Saturday) Marengo - Northridge Indoor Classic - 30% & up ringer percentage Pre-register by March 29th. \$15 entry fee, play at 8:45 a.m. Ron Stanerson 319/642-3628 (home) or 319/430-0028 (cell)

The 2012 Outdoor Schedule is attached to this newsletter and is also available online at the IHHPA website.



ELDORA INDOOR COURTS BEGINS ITS 23RD SEASON

The 2011-2012 Indoor Season at the Putt Mossman Arena in Eldora began at 10:00 a.m. on November 5, 2012. Samantha Reinertson of Eldora was invited by Bob Walters and the Hardin County Fair Board to throw the first pitch of the season. Thirty-three players began pitching on nine courts with eighteen newly built boxes, each painted red, white or blue. There were seven class champions, with Larry Purcell winning the championship class pitching 67.50%.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As many of you know, my wife and I spend our winters in Arizona pitching horseshoes among other things. In this message I would like to show you what horseshoe pitching is like in Arizona.

We pitch in a league every Tuesday morning and travel every other week to a different RV Park. We pitch three games of singles (40 shoe count all) and three games of doubles with wins and losses totaled up for winners in singles and doubles. A tournament follows at the end of the year and then we have a banquet with food catered in to our home park.

I had the honor of pitching horseshoes one evening at our friends' home where we had a celebration serving

cake, ice cream and finger food. This celebration was in honor of the Marine Corps founding 236 years ago. Dave (Marine Corps Veteran) read a letter from the commander, then cut the cake with two sabers. Very emotional for him recalling his father's service in the Marines in WWII.

We also had another tournament at Dave & Trisha's house as a fund raiser prior to Christmas. All the money that was collected went to purchase gifts and have them delivered to the disabled American Vets. The first year we raised \$1700 and this year we raised \$3100 for a very good cause.

The next horseshoe experience we had was on New Year's Eve with another group of *(continued on Page 3)*

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of friends hosted by Jacob & Mary. We met their Mexican relatives & children. We pitched doubles on a blind draw. They served authentic Mexican food along with some American food. They served some soup that was made with tripe (cow stomach) and a calf hoof. Very interesting.

Last weekend we pitched in a tournament at the Eagles organization in North Phoenix. There are 12 courts that we pitched on and an additional 15 new courts that are not yet sanctioned. I asked the tourney director if he can fill all the courts and he said "Build it and they will come," a quote from the movie "Field of Dreams". He has plans to put a cover over the courts with lights to play at night and leagues every day. Very ambitious.

We will see you in the Spring. -- *Bill Sprague*



**Eldora Horseshoe Club
Of Central Iowa**



Home of the Putt Mossman Arena
Pitch Indoors from November 'till April

Thursday evening I was looking through some stuff. It was the Year 2000 and it was the first indoor tournament that Iowa Games ever sponsored. The Iowa Games Director was Jim Hallihan. Tournament Directors were Dick Carlson and Dave Sidles, both of Ames, and Joe Lepley from Eldora. According to the notes, there were 202 games contested, with half of those games having a winning margin of less than ten points. In fact, 28 games were decided by less than two points. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the successful competitors, just as they will be awarded to this year's Iowa Games winners.

This year is a great beginning for indoor horseshoes in Eldora. President Marv Dirks of Fonda headed up a team of volunteers to construct eighteen new boxes. Many thanks to Ralph Davis, Deb Davis, Marv Engstler, Steve Hatch, Mark Hoover, Al Kuntz, Russ Martin, Bill Mason, Sheryl Mason, Dennis Smith, Joe Smith, and Bob Waldo. All of these people had a hand in making new courts for the Putt Mossman Indoor Horseshoe Pitching Arena. For me, this was just a wonderful way to bow out of involvement in running our Club. The persons that have taken over are as committed to the operation of the Eldora Horseshoe Club as I ever was. So come to Eldora and have a great time pitching in the Putt Mossman Indoor Arena in 2012. -- *Bob Walters*



CONDOLENCES

LAWRENCE ENGSTLER, brother of IHHPA member, Marvin Engstler, passed away on November 1, 2011 at his home near Garner. Lawrence served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. In 1953, he married Carole Monson. They lived on a farm West of Garner until 1953, when they moved to town. In 1962, they moved to their farm North of Garner. They farmed for many years. Lawrence enjoyed working, playing sports and visiting with family and friends. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, Men's Society, Knights of Columbus and the Garner VFW Post.

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DALE FEYE of Cedar Rapids died November 16, 2011. Dale served in the U.S. Army during WWII in Central Europe and the Philippine Islands. He retired as a tool-maker in 1985. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed golfing and wood-working after retirement. Throughout his life he enjoyed gardening, horseshoes and bowling. He was a member of the St. Ludmila Catholic Church for over 50 years. He was an active member of UAW Local 1316 and belonged to both the VFW and American Legion. Dale was the brother-in-law of IHHPA Member Leo Lamparek.



BETTY JANE MCGREGOR of Tipton passed away January 4, 2012. Betty was born in Jones County, Iowa in 1922. She married Robert Lewis McGregor in 1940.

Betty was a business woman for most of her life. She and her husband owned the Meet-N-Eat service station in Tipton. She owned and operated the Mode-O-Day and Betty & Vi's clothing stores in Tipton until retiring at the age of 75

Betty was a legend in IHHPA horseshoes. She won numerous tournaments, including the Iowa State Women's Championship in 1988. She was inducted into the IHHPA Hall of Fame in 2002.



UPDATE ON HAROLD AND LOIS GARNER

Thanks a lot for the cards I received. If you don't know what happened, on September 3rd, Lois collapsed on the floor and was taken to Mercy Hospital (in Des Moines) with septic shock. On September 28, I had Whipple surgery which was a cancer behind my pancreas. The surgery took seven and one-half hours, also at Mercy Hospital. We were both in intensive care at the same time - - Lois six days and me three days. I was in the hospital for eight days and then we were in a nursing home in Ottumwa for ten days, and then to our daughter's home in Ottumwa for two months. We came home on December 26th and are doing well. Thank you for your prayers and concerns. Harold and Lois Garner, 1097 250th Avenue, Melrose, IA 52569



CEDAR RAPIDS TOURNAMENTS TO HAVE INCREASED PRIZE MONEY

Four tournaments are scheduled at the Ellis Park Courts in Cedar Rapids for the 2012 pitching season. Payouts have been increased as follows:

CLASS	A	B	C	D	E+
1ST	\$70	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$25
2ND	40	30	30	20	20
3RD	20	15	15	15	15
4TH	10	10	10	10	10

Tournament Directors Ron Burgess, Larry Purcell and Ralph Palmer invite everyone to play in Cedar Rapids this year. They hope for great turnouts and great times.



IHHPA HALL OF FAME DANNY SEASE

Danny Sease started his pitching career in 1972 at the Birdland Courts in Des Moines. In 1973, he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of IHHPA and served six years. He and his wife, Bobbie, also served as statistician and newsletter editors.

In 1973, the ringer percentage system that was being used in Oregon was introduced to Iowa, and from then on a player's percentage was established by tournament play. There would be no more qualifying on the day of the tournament.

In 1974, Danny became Superintendent of Horseshoe Pitching at the Iowa State Fair. He served one year then became assistant to Marion Lange until 1979. Also in 1974 Danny and IHHPA Member Keith Baker started the Greater Des Moines Horseshoe League at Birdland Park. That same year the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer, Walter Ray Williams, Sr., was traveling through Iowa on their way to the World Tournament on the East Coast. Danny arranged an exhibition at Birdland Park between World Junior Champion, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., and the Iowa State Junior Champion, Jerry Sease. The Williams Family camped in his backyard and talk began of a World Tournament in Des Moines. (Continued next page)

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IHHPA Hall of Fame/Danny Sease cont'd

In 1977, after talking to the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, Danny went to the World Tournament in Greenville, Ohio, met with the NHPA and began talking about Des Moines. In 1978, the World Tournament was offered to Des Moines. Danny became Co-Chairperson of the 1978 World Tournament and received the NHPA Achievement Award. The World Tournament was held at the Iowa State Fairgrounds and Birdland Park. Two hundred players from Iowa entered the tournament.

In 1979, Danny helped found the Central Iowa Traveling League, which is still recognized as one of the longest running NHPA sanctioned leagues in the country. Danny continues to play every year in the CITL and has been recognized by the league as Player of the Year for his organization efforts.

In 1981 Danny was inducted into the IHHPA Hall of Fame. Danny has served a total of ten years as Secretary Treasurer of the IHHPA, including statistician, and four years as 2nd Vice President, for a total of 14 years of service as an officer of the IHHPA. In 1988 he became Co-Director of the Hawkeye NHPA Regional Tournament at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. In 1990, he was awarded the Distinguished Service at the IHHPA Annual Meeting for service to the Association. In 2002, he again became Superintendent of the Iowa State Fair Horseshoe events, and has taken a photo of every person awarded a ribbon at the Iowa State Fair for the past nine years. In 2002 Danny received the President's Award for Tournament Director of the Year.

Danny was a letter carrier for 37 years and received a 50-year Gold Pin for membership in the Union. He has played horseshoes over the last 39 years and says he has enjoyed the friends in horseshoes he has made in Des Moines, in Iowa and across the USA.

This has truly been a journey of love. I thank my family, my wife and my four girls for their support all these years. - - Danny Sease



From the NHPA

In the past the Junior and Cadet Classes at the World Tournament started pitching the middle of the first week with their Championship rounds ending on the first Saturday. This year at the World Tournament to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, the NHPA is considering pitching all of the juniors and cadets during the second week of the WT. Because the WT will be held at a later date this year, there is concern that the junior and cadet tournaments may conflict with the beginning of the school year. Please contact NHPA Secretary/Treasurer and WT Director Dick Hansen with your input. His e-mail address is: nhpa22@yahoo.com

REMINDER: All adult entrants to the World Tournament who reside in the United States must have completed at least four (4) NHPA sanctioned events at their Division pitching distance during the twelve (12) months preceding the cut-off date listed on the current World Tournament entry form (May 17, 2012). **Note:** Only one event is required for Juniors. The 2012 WT Entry Form will be available online February 1st on the NHPA website.



Welcome New and Returning Members

*Matt Johnston, Aplington
John Ridgely, Earlham
Fred Swanson, Grimes
Russell Wiese, Roland
Travis Bittner, Marion
Greg Mason, Aredale
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COURT SIDE RECIPES

Nancy Hatcher, wife of IHPHA member Steve Hatcher of Knoxville, sent these bars to one of the tournaments in Eldora. Several members asked her to share her recipe.

APPLE ALMOND BARS

2 c. flour
1/2 c. sugar
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 c. butter
2/3 c. sliced almonds
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten

3/4 c. sugar
1/4 c. flour
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
4 medium cooking apples

In large bowl, stir together 2 c. flour, 1/2 c. sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter until pieces are size of peas. Stir in almonds and egg yolks with fork. Press half of mixture in an ungreased 13x9 pan (about 2 cups). Set aside remainder of mixture.

In another large bowl, stir together the 3/4 c. sugar, 1/4 c. flour, cinnamon and nutmeg. Add apples and toss to coat. Arrange evenly over mixture in 13x9 pan. Sprinkle remaining crumb mixture over apple mixture.

Bake in 350 degree oven about 35 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pan. Drizzle with icing. Let stand until set. Cut into bars. Makes about 24.

Icing: In small bowl, stir together 3/4 c. powdered sugar, 1 Tbs milk and 1/4 tsp almond extract until smooth. I added a little more milk, but it should not be too thin.



Eldora Indoors, November 5, 2011 (Saturday)

Class A: (1) Larry Purcell, Cedar Rapids, 67.50%; (2) Norm Green, Missouri, 51.00%; (3) Glenn Warden, Grimes, 44.50%

Class B: (1) Harold Boden, Bronson, 46.25%; (2) Leo Lamparek, Cedar Rapids, 33.18%; (3) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 38.75%; (4) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 36.47%

Class C: (1) Bob Card, Dumont, 42.0%; (2) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 38.00%; (3) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 32.50%; (4) Bob Rounds, Perry, 36.00%; (5) Glen Speers, Grandview, 27.00%; (6) Jim Meyer, Cedar Rapids, 26.50%

Class D: (1) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 34.58%; (2) Ken Cook, Cedar Rapids 23.75%; (3) Larry Bolt, Traer, 32.08%; Carl Krukow, Clear Lake, 18.75%

Class E: (1) Roger Roberts, Mason City, 29.50%; (2) Craig Rash, Denver, 19.50%; (3) Dave Sidles, Nebraska, 22.00%; (4) Marty Sprague, Ft. Dodge, 19.00%; (5) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 20.00%; (6) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 16.00%

Class F: (1) Fred Swanson, Grimes, 15.83%; (2) Dean Fortune, Des Moines, 12.91%; (3) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 15.83%; (4) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 14.55%

Class G: (1) Mark Hoover, Eldora, 11.95%; (2) Sean Taylor, Center Point, 13.88%; (3) Steve Rash, Clutier, 15.76%; (4) Matt Johnston, Aplington, 5.5%

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Eldora Indoors, November 6, 2011 (Sunday)

Class A: (1) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City 44.5%; (2) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 41.0%; (3) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 34.0%; (4) Bob Card, Dumont, 38.5%; (5) Glen Speers, Grandview, 33.0%

Class B: (1) Ron McBride, Iowa City, 32.5%; (2) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 34.0%; (3) Bob Bown, Oskaloosa, 24.50%; (4) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 28.0%; (5) Jan Warwick, Ames, 23.50%

Class C: (1) Dean Fortune, Des Moines, 13.75%; (2) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 19.58%; (3) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 10.00%; (4) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 13.75%

Eldora Indoors, November 12, 2011 (Saturday)

Class A: (1) Joe Smith, Gladbrook, 47.5%; (2) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 41.50%; (3) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 32.50%

Class B: (1) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 36.67%; (2) Bob Rounds, Perry, 37.08%; (3) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 33.75%; (4) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 30.83%

Class C: (1) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 35.50%; (2) Danny Sease, Des Moines, 25.0%; (3) Roger Roberts, Mason City, 21.00%; (4) Craig Rash, Denver, 9.0%

Class D: (1) Tom Dunham, SD, 24.00%; (2) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 19.00%; (3) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 23.50%; (4) Dean Fortune, Des Moines, 17.00%; (5) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 14.00%

Class E: (1) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 22.00%; (2) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 16.00%; (3) Leona Gaines, Cedar Rapids, 8.00%; (4) Steve Rash, Clutier, 15.00%; (5) Rick Reiser, Gilbertville, 14.00%

Eldora Indoors, November 13, 2011 (Sunday)

Class A: (1) Marv Engstler, Garner, 62.5%; (2) Bert Logsdon, Osceola, 52.0%; (3) Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell, 38.5%

Class B: (1) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 35.83%; (2) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 34.16%; (3) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 27.50%; (4) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 30.83%

Class C: (1) Tom Dunham, SD, 25.50%; (2) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 26.00%; (3) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 22.00%

Class D: (1) Dean Fortune, Des Moines, 12.5%; (2) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 18.5%; (3) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 11.0%

Class E: (1) Pam Slipppy, Ankeny, 11.20%; (2) Brenda Mittlestadt, Jewell, 7.60%

Eldora Indoors, December 3, 2011 (Saturday)

Class A: (1) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 20.6%; (2) Leo Lamparek, Cedar Rapids, 41.25%; (3) Ken Cook, Cedar Rapids, 27.4%; (4) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 39.6%; (5) Mark Hoover, Eldora, 18.75%

Eldora Indoors, December 10, 2011 (Saturday)

Class A: (1) Marv Engstler, Garner, 62.5%; (2) Ron Rowley, West Des Moines 38.5%; (3) Pat Simon, Waterloo, 33.0%; (4) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 36.0%; (5) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 33.0%; (6) Bob Card, Dumont, 33.5%

Class B: (1) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 37.5%; (2) Bob Rounds, Perry, 34.5%; (3) Jim Meyer, Cedar Rapids, 34.0%; (4) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 33.5%; (5) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 22.5%

Class C: (1) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 22.5%; (2) Roger Roberts, Mason City, 26.5%; (3) Steve Faught, Waterloo, 12.25%; (4) James Bown, Oskaloosa, 16.67%; (5) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 14.0%


Class D: (1) John Ridgely, Earlham, 18.75%; (2) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 13.75%; (3) Sean Taylor, Center Point, 13.75%; (4) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 15.0%



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Eldora Indoors, January 7, 2012 (Saturday)

Class A: (1) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 40.50%; (2) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 34.31%; (3) Pat Simon, Waterloo, 36.00%; (4) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 32.5%; (5) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 33.3%; (6) Bob Rounds, Perry, 28.50%

Class B: (1) John Peterson, Ottumwa, 40.0%; (2) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 36.5%; (3) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 33.5%; (4) Jan Warwick, Ames, 28.0%; (5) Roger Tope, Marion, 20.5%

Class C: (1) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 28.43%; (2) Roger Roberts, Mason City, 24.50%; (3) Steve Faught, Waterloo, 22.50%; (4) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 22.5%; (5) Chris Simonson, Cedar Rapids, 21.07%; (6) Marty Sprague, Fort Dodge, 12.5%

Class D: (1) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 21.0%; (2) Dean Fortune, Des Moines, 16.5%; (3) Greg Mason, Aredale, 22.5%; (4) Randy Clark, Monroe, 18.0%; (5) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 12.5%; (6) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 13.0%

Class E: (1) Kay Mason, Aredale, 17.0%; (2) Lloyd Schropp, Parnell, 12.0%; (3) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 17.0%; (4) Sean Taylor, Center Point, 16.5%; (5) Kenny Wiese, Story City, 13.0%; (6) Russell Wiese, Roland, 2.5%

Eldora Indoors, January 8, 2012 (Sunday)

Class A: (1) Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell, 40.0%; (2) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 31.5%; (3) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 34.0%; (4) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 23.0%; (5) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 22.0%

Class B: (1) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 26.5%; (2) Kelly Turbett, Tama, 19.5%; (3) Randy Clark, Monroe, 20.5%; (4) Dean Fortune, Des Moines, 10.0%; (5) Bill Mason, Grinnell, 18.5%; (6) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 11.5%

Class C: (1) Pam Slippy, Ankeny, 9.5%; (2) Brenda Mittlestadt, Jewell, 6.0%; (3) Kevin Turbett, Tama, 5.0%

Eldora Indoors, January 14, 2012 (Saturday)

Class A: (1) Joe Smith, Gladbrook, 48.75%; (2) Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell, 43.33%; (3) Pat Simon, Waterloo, 38.75%; (4) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 27.5%

Class B: (1) Ron Stanerson, Marengo, 41.5%; (2) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 31.0%; (3) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 36.5%; (4) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 35.29%; (5) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 30.39%; (6) Bob Rounds, Perry, 28.0%

Class C: (1) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 36.5%; (2) Jim Meyer, Cedar Rapids, 34.5%; (3) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 25.5%; (4) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 21.5%; (5) Roger Roberts, Mason City, 21.0%

Class D: (1) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 20.0%; (2) Randy Clark, Monroe, 18.5%; (3) Dean Fortune, Des Moines, 12.0%; (4) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 16.0%; (5) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 10.5%; (6) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 6.5%

Class E: (1) Pam Slippy, Ankeny, 12.5%; (2) Ken Wiese, Story City, 14.0%; (3) Mark Hoover, Eldora, 7.5%; (4) Sean Taylor, Center Point, 10.5%; (5) Russell Wiese, Roland, 1.5%

Eldora Indoors, January 15, 2012 (Sunday)

Class A: (1) Marv Engstler, Garner, 58.4%; (2) Jim Sheehan, MN, 41.6%; (3) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 36.0%; (4) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 37.6%; (5) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 34.8%; (6) Dave Andrist, MN, 33.2%

Class B: (1) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 31.25%; (2) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 27.46%; (3) Carl Krukow, Clear Lake, 32.08%; (4) Mary Sheehan, MN, 22.08%; (5) Roger Tope, Marion, 16.25%; (6) Harley Krukow, Hampton, 25.01%; (7) Rosie Andrist, MN, 22.51%

Class C: (1) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 18.4%; (2) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 14.4%; (3) Dean Fortune, Des Moines, 12.4%; (4) Randy Clark, Monroe, 16.8%; (5) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 12.8%; (6) Travis Bittner, Marion, 2.0%

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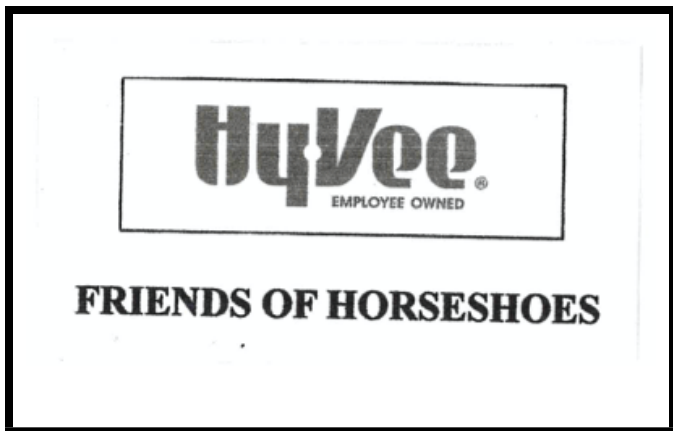
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