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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Snow - - lots of snow - - covered Iowa in December and January. The photo on the left was taken December 21st, after 10+ inches of snow fell over much of Central Iowa. The backboard and stake are barely visible. The cold weather and snow brought players indoors to the Putt Mossman Arena in Eldora to kick off the 2013 IHHPA Pitching Season. The 2013 Tournament Schedule is included with this newsletter.



Left: Horseshoe courts at Bill and Sheryl Mason's home near Grinnell.

Right: Marv Dirks, President of the Eldora Horseshoe Club of Central Iowa, greets players on the first day of the 2013 pitching season.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a safe and merry Christmas. I hope no one made any foolish resolutions that they can't keep.

Since the Eldora horseshoe season is well underway, we heard that Iowa horseshoes has gotten some new members from Fort Dodge. It sounds like Marty's hard work and dedication has paid some dividends.

Down here in Arizona, we have not had any tournaments in Yuma for a couple of years, but this is about to change. A horseshoe pitcher from Iowa (Glenn Warden) is organizing tournaments in Yuma.

This weekend, Shirley and I are pitching in the Valley of the Sun Warmup, then on Sunday we will go to

some friends' house to pitch in a High-Low doubles tournament.

This next little story will be of interest to all 30 foot pitchers. A very good friend of mine who is a 40 foot pitcher has always been telling me that a 30 foot pitcher has an advantage over the 40 foot pitchers. I have countered that argument to say it doesn't matter, because a 30% pitcher at 40 feet is also a 30% pitcher at 30 feet. But to my surprise, when he got his new card, he qualified at 30 feet at about 50%. So in the next tournament he was in Class A and he told me in that class, "you can't miss or you will get buried." He told me later that he would not make fun of 30 foot pitchers any more.

Until next time, let's get a lot of RINGERS!

Bill Sprague, IHHPA President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2, 3, 9, 10; March 2, 3, 9, 10 - Eldora
Indoors - - details below

March 16 (Sat) Marengo Northridge Indoor Classic
0 to 29% ringer average. Pre-register by March
14th. Entry fee \$15. Play at 8:45 a.m. Ron
Stanerson, 319/642-3628; cell 319/430-0029

March 23 (Sat) Marengo Northridge Indoor Classic
30% and above ringer average. Pre-register by
March 21st. Tournament Info same as March 16th.



**Eldora Horseshoe Club
Of Central Iowa**



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

February 2 (Iowa Games), 3, 9, 10
March 2, 3, 9, 10
April 6, 7
April 13, 14 - Indoor Championships (start time
to be determined at a later date)

Sign in by 9:30 / play begins at 10:00 a.m. All
tournaments will be sanctioned by the NHPA except
the Iowa Winter Games on February 2, 2013.
Tournament Directors for Saturday tournaments will
be Russ Martin 319/415-4090 and Al Kuntz
641/420-4434, and the Tournament Directors for
Sunday tournaments will be Deb Davis 515/778-5932
and Sheryl Mason 641/260-1310

*Hello to Everyone from the Eldora Horseshoe Club.
On November 3rd, we started the Indoor Season with
an enthusiastic group of pitchers - - 40 total. The
following Sunday we had nine pitchers. On Saturday,
November 10, we had 22 pitchers and Sunday
dropped off to ten pitchers. It was suggested that we
lower the entry fee to \$8 for Sunday tournaments as a
way to increase attendance. Saturday, January 5th,
saw 35 pitchers enjoying competition. On the
following Sunday, we had 18 pitchers.*

*We have had 67 different pitchers participating at
the Eldora tournaments, with seven players coming*

*from Missouri, Minnesota, South Dakota or
Nebraska.*

*Breakfast will be served prior to every Saturday
tournament. The breakfast is hosted by the Hardin
County Fairboard. Pancakes, sausage, cinnamon
rolls, juice and coffee are available for \$4 a person.
Proceeds go to the restoration of the CCC Building.*

*Hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and
wishing each of you a joyous New Year. We hope to
see many of you on the courts during the upcoming
pitching season.*

*-- Marv Dirks, President, Eldora Horseshoe
Club of Central Iowa*

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CONDOLENCES



Henrietta Isabelle Bruhl Martin passed away November 4, 2012. Izzy was the wife and stepmother of IHHPA members Russ Martin of Clarksville and Tom Martin of Stanhope.

Izzy was born March 22, 1927 in Clarion Iowa. She was married to Merle Bruhl in 1947 and they made their home in Eagle Grove where they raised five daughters. In 1974, Merle and Izzy moved to a farm near Elma where they lived

until Merle's death in 1977.

Izzy reunited with her high school beau, Russ Martin, and they were married in 1983. They made their home in Clarksville. They enjoyed several Winters in Arizona. She enjoyed traveling with Russ to area horseshoe tournaments where she would assist in the scoring and at times provide lunch for the pitchers.

Izzy is survived by her husband, Russ, five daughters, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, Russ' six children, fourteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Florence B. Stanerson, mother of IHHPA member Ron Stanerson, passed away November 5, 2012 at Rose Haven Nursing Home in Marengo.



Myrna Edwards of Newell died November 12, 2012 at the Newell Good Samaritan Center. Myrna was born Myrna Joy Skeels in Storm Lake. In 1949 she married Francis Edwards and they raised four children.

Myrna had a passion for pitching horseshoes. She was the Iowa State Women's Champion in 1979. With her husband, Francis, they won the Iowa State Mixed Doubles in 1978 and 1979. Other champion-

ships include the 1979 Cedar Falls Iowa Open, where she pitched 48%; and the Clay County Fair, 1977-1978, averaging 50.5%. She was Secretary-Treasurer of the local horseshoe club in Clay County.

Donald Heath Titcomb, three-time World Champion and NHPA Hall of Famer, passed away on December 2, 2012 at the age of 88, near his home in Meridian, Idaho.

Don pitched in his first sanctioned tournament in the Summer of 1941 just before entering the U.S. Marine Corps for World War II. Don held or holds several outstanding records and is currently ninth on the all-time Men's World Tournament Wins list. Don won every major award given out by the NHPA.



Eugene Acord of What Cheer, died December 10, 2012. Gene was born in What Cheer, Iowa in 1929. He enlisted in the United States Army and served two years in Korea. In 1954 he married Joyce Storm.

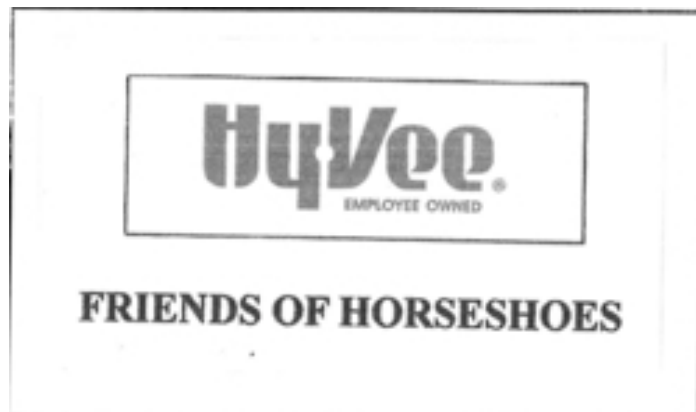
Gene enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, horseshoes, bowling, and gardening. He will be remembered as a hard-working man who loved the outdoors.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce, and a son, Dennis. He is survived by two sons, a brother, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



James E. Werts of Russell passed away December 23, 2013. Jim was born October 20, 1931 near Russell, Iowa and joined the United States Air Force in 1951. He served during the Korean Conflict and was stationed in Germany as a decoder. Jim married Beverly Pierce in 1951 and they raised three daughters. Jim enjoyed camping and pitching horseshoes at the Iowa State Fair. He is

survived by his wife of 60 years, Beverly.





**IHPA HALL OF FAME
JOSEPH SMITH**



Joseph ("Joe") Smith has been pitching in horseshoe competition for more than 20 years. In that time, he has won the Iowa State Boys Junior Championship nine times, counting indoor and outdoor, and is tied for 2nd on the all time list of the NHPA Boys titles.

Joe also won the regional competition in Des Moines to qualify for the 30-foot National Championship. He did this by defeating former Women's five-time World Champion Phyllis Negaard twice in a row, once to force a playoff and then again winning the playoff. In the National Championships, he defeated Debbie Michaud, another former World Champion. He lost a close, tough game to Sue Snyder and took 3rd place.

Following that, he won the Boys Junior World Championships, going undefeated in the finals. En route to that title, he defeated 12 state champions on the way. He pitched a 95% game against the George State Champion, throwing 38 ringers out of 40 shoes. The first 36 shoes were consecutive ringers, and the 2 shoes that missed were both on - - one spun off and one bounced off, only a heartbeat from a perfect 40-shoe game in the World Tournament.

Joe has also won six Iowa Men's State Titles. Another amazing feat is that he has won state titles with three different turns and placed in the top four of the World with two different styles. He lives the game and knows its history. Joe has done exhibitions in different areas all around the State for many years, and pitched in 11 World Tournaments. His sportsmanship and manners are second to none.

To the membership:

I didn't give a speech, so this will have to do. I grew up on the horseshoe courts, and my mom always said that I have a lot of grandmas and grandpas. I am truly blessed to know and have known so many great people in the sport. I never thought I would get into the Hall of Fame. It is the biggest honor I could ever receive, bigger than any number of tournament victories, state or otherwise. It is only fitting that I would be inducted at the Eldora Putt Mossman arena, right on the courts. There are too many people to thank to list everyone, because horseshoes and its people have had a big impact on my life. I have to thank my Parents though, who took me and my brothers to nine World Tournaments in a row, often bringing our own food and camping.

I have to thank:

Steve Hatch, who was my youth director;

Bob Walters, who used to open up the courts for me to practice and took me and my brother Dan to the Clay County Fair;

Bob and Marian McKee, who took me to tournaments and practiced with me the entire summer, on Thursdays at the Moose in Marshalltown, when I won the World.

I have to thank anyone and everyone that ever encouraged me and believed in me. Without that support, I don't know that I would still be pitching horseshoes.

Thank you everyone for the honor of being in the Hall of Fame. Horseshoes is a part of my family, just as my parents, brothers, wife, and children are. - - Joe Smith



The Smith Family: Joe's parents Dennis and Barb (holding Lukas); Joe and wife, Jennifer; Thomas and Cameron.



Tournament Results

Eldora, Saturday, November 3, 2012

Class A: (1) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 41.25%; (2) Norm Green, Missouri, 39.38%; (3) Harold Boden, Bronson, 45.0%; (4) LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 42.5%; (5) Bill Sprague, Berwick, 24.38%

Class B: (1) Terry Hiatt, Nebraska, 52.5% (2) Pat Simon, Waterloo, 47.5%; (3) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 43.12%; (4) Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell, 41.25; (5) Bob Card, Dumont, 23.95%

Class C: (1) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 46.5%; (2) Leo Lamparek, Cedar Rapids, 39.5%; (3) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 35.0%; (4) Loren Curry, Fairfax, (5) Glen Speers, Grandview, 30.0%, (6) Jim Meyer, Cedar Rapids, 29.0%

Class D: (1) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 27.5%; (2) Carl Krukow, Clear Lake, 33.75%; (3) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 28.73%; (4) John Brunsman, Fairfax, 27.5%; (5) Bob Rounds, Perry, 35.0%

Class E: (1) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 28.5%; (2) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 34.0%; (3) Roger Roberts, Mason City, 22.0%; (4) Steve Faught, Waterloo, 14.0%; (5) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 18.0%; (6) Chris Jordan, Des Moines, 18.0%

Class F: (1) John Ridgely, Earlham, 29.5%; (2) Larry Weber, Charles City, 16.5%; (3) Dave Weston, Cedar Falls, 22.5% (4) Maggie Weber, Charles City, 16.5%; (5) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 11.0%; (6) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 9.0%

Class G: (1) Mark Hoover, Eldora, 20.83%; (2) Marty Sprague, Fort Dodge, 19.04%; (3) Jack Navin, West Des Moines, 6.25%; (4) Wally Weber, Charles City, 11.25%; (5) Sean Taylor, Center Point, 6.25%

Class H: (1) Callei Taylor (Cadet) 1.66%; (2) Lynde Taylor (Cadet) 0%

Eldora, Sunday, November 4, 2012

Class A: (1) Terry Hiatt, Nebraska, 48.5%; (2) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 40.5%; (3) Glen Speers, Grandview, 31.0%; (4) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 29.5%; (5) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 25.0%

Class B: (1) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 16.25%; (2) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 14.11%; (3) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 14.16%; (4) Mark Hoover, Eldora, 10.08%

Eldora, Saturday, November 10, 2012

Class A: (1) Sig Armitage, Minnesota, 65.6%; (2) Pat Simon, Waterloo, 46.5%; (3) Ron Rowley, West Des

Moines, 45.0%; (4) LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 37.5%; (5) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 35.0%

Class B: (1) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 32.5%; (2) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 27.0%; (3) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 25.0%; (4) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 28.0%; (5) Roger Roberts, Mason City, 24.5%

Class C: (1) Larry Weber, Charles City, 17.0%; (2) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 15.19%; (3) Craig Rash, Denver, 14.0%, (4) Darrell Dennis, Mt. Vernon, 15.1%; (5) Dean Dennis, Cedar Rapids, 14.21%

Class D: (1) Bob Bown, Oskaloa, 16.0%; (2) Kenny Wiese, Story City, 22.0%; (3) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 18.5%; (4) Maggie Weber, Charles City, 11.0%; (5) Jake Clair, Colo, 6.5%

Eldora, Sunday, November 11, 2012

Class A: (1) Sig Armitage, Minnesota, 72%; (2) Joe Smith, Gladbrook, 49.0%; (3) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 27.5%; (4) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 33.0%; (5) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 26.0%

Class B: (1) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 21.0%; (2) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 17.5%; (3) Bill Mason, Grinnell, 16.0%; (4) Pam Slippy, Ankeny, 15.5%; (5) Jake Clair, Colo, 3.0%

Eldora, Saturday, January 5, 2013

Class A: (1) Roland Kleinschmidt, South Dakota, 58.0%; (2) Marv Engstler, Garner, 47.20%; (3) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 43.30%; (4) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 42.4%; (5) Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell, 38.4%; (6) Ron Burgess, Cedar Rapids, 27.6%

Class B: (1) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 46.0%; (2) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 36.0%; (3) Leo Lamparek, Cedar Rapids, 40.4%; (4) Jim Meyer, Cedar Rapids, 33.2%; (5) Wally Runia, Minnesota, 32.8%; (6) Dennis Hopkins, Missouri Valley, 37.2%

Class C: (1) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 37.2%; (2) Bob Rounds, Perry, 25.2%; (3) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 22.4%; (4) Carl Krukow, Clear Lake, 26.4%; (5) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 19.21%

Class D: (1) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 29.6%; (2) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 24.0%; (3) Kelly Turbett, Tama, 24.8%; (4) Chris Jordan, Des Moines, 21.6%; (5) Mike McNace, Lakeview, 25.6%; (6) Tom Dunham, South Dakota, 23.2%

Class E: (1) Kenny Wiese, Story City, 20.4%; (2) Pam Slippy, Ankeny, 18.0%; (3) Craig Rash, Denver, 15.6%; (4) Lloyd Schropp, Parnell, 13.6%; (5) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 16.0%; (6) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 8.6%

Class F: (1) Sean Taylor, Center Point, 16.4%; (2) Kenneth Giles, Minnesota, 12.0%; (3) Kevin Turbett, Tama, 7.20%; (4) Mark Hoover, Eldora, 5.20%; (5) Russell Wiese, Roland, 5.6%; (6) Jake Clair, Colo, 5.6%

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Eldora, Sunday, January 6, 2013

Class A: (1) Roland Kleinschmidt, South Dakota, 57.0%; (2) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 48.0%; (3) Wally Runia, Minnesota, 31.5%; (4) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 37.74%; (5) Dennis Hopkins, Missouri Valley, 32.0%

Class B: (1) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 33.75%; (2) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 31.67%; (3) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 32.91%; (4) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 16.67%

Class C: (1) Roger Roberts, Mason City, 21.31%; (2) Tom Dunham, South Dakota, 21.25%; (3) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 10.65%; (4) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 18.33%

Class D: (1) Kenneth Giles, Minnesota, 11.5%; (2) Bill Mason, Grinnell, 13.0%; (3) Marty Sprague, Ft. Dodge, 13.5%; (4) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 11.5%; (5) Russell Wiese, Roland, 4.0%

14.0%; (4) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 13.0%; (5) Mark Hoover, Eldora, 7.5%

Class D: (1) Russell Wiese, Roland, 6.25%; (2) Kevin Van Kooten, Rose Hill, 6.25% (3) Ray Danner, What Cheer, 3.13%; (4) Jake Clair, Colo, 3.13; (5) Tristen Clark (Cadet) 1.25%

Eldora, Saturday, January 12, 2013

Class A: (1) Jason Clark, Monticello, 47.0%; (2) LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 41.5% (3) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 43.5%; (4) Ron Rowley, West Des Moines, 35.0%; (5) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 34.5%; (6) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 26.5%

Class B: (1) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 26.5%; (2) Bob Rounds, 20.0%; (3) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 29.5%; (4) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 21.0% (5) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 23.0%

Class C: (1) Malcolm Clark (Cadet), 26.0%; (2) Randy Johnson, Ogden, 26.5%; (3) Roger Roberts, Mason City, 28.5%; (4) Chris Jordan, Des Moines, 14.5%; (5) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 12.0%

Class D: (1) Marty Sprague, Ft. Dodge, 16.0%; (2) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 15.0%; (3) Mark Hoover, Eldora, 12.5%; (4) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 10.5%; (5) Tristen Clark (Cadet) 5.0%

Class E: (1) Rick Thompson, Ft. Dodge, 11.45%; (2) Jake Nelson, Ft. Dodge, 18.22%; (3) Dick Marsh, Ft. Dodge, 9.185; (4) Steve Sweeney, Ft. Dodge, 10.93%; (5) Jerry Ayala, Ft. Dodge, 7.81%; (6) Denis Vinchattle, 4.16%; (7) Justin Harris, Ft. Dodge, 4.08%

Eldora, Sunday, January 13 2013

Class A: (1) Marv Engstler, Garner, 59.03%; (2) Jason Clark, Monticello, 48.15%; (3) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 40.4%; (4) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 37.66%; (5) Joe Smith, Gladbrook, 31.09%

Class B: (1) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 28.75%; (2) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 25.83%; (3) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 22.08%; (4) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 27.08%

Class C: (1) Marty Sprague, Ft. Dodge, 23.5%; (2) Malcom Clark (Cadet), 14.5%; (3) Ralph Davis, Ankeny,



Welcome New Members!

John Brunsmann, Fairfax
Maggie Weber, Charles City
Dick March, Fort Dodge
Deb Wiese, Roland
Jake Nelson, Fort Dodge
Denis Vinchattle, Fort Dodge
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2013 IOWA GAMES

Good luck to the following participants at this year's Iowa Winter Games, Saturday, February 2nd at the Putt Mossman Courts in Eldora:

Doug Anderson, Stratford
Jason Clark, Monticello
Malcom Clark, Monticello
Tristen Clark, Monticello
Deb Davis, Ankeny
Ralph Davis, Ankeny
Marvin Dirks, Fonda
Marvin Engstler, Garner
Leona Gaines, Cedar Rapids
Steve Hatch, Knoxville
Mark Hoover, Eldora
Chris Jordan, Peru
Carl Krukow, Clear Lake
Harley Krukow, Hampton
Tom Martin, Stanhope
Mike McNace, Lake View
James Meyer, Cedar Rapids
Jane Meyer, Des Moines
Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell
Tim Pew, Des Moines
Bob Rounds, Perry
Pam Slippy, Ankeny,
Joe Smith, Gladbrook
Sean Taylor, Center Point
Kelly Turbett, Tama
Kevin Turbett, Tama
Jan Warwick, Ames



Jane Meyer and Chris Jordan at the 2012 Iowa Games



2013 IOWA STATE FAIR

AUGUST 8TH THRU 18TH - - PLAY EVERYDAY!!!!

It's never too early to make plans for this year's State Fair Tournaments. A complete schedule of all events is available online at the IHHPA website and will be included with the April newsletter. As a reminder, you will need to have played in three sanctioned tournaments during the current pitching season to participate in the State Championships - - Juniors require one tournament.

The State Fair is a great way to introduce non-members and beginners to the sport of horseshoe pitching. Entry fees are minimal - - and *Pitch and Win* is Free!

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