



# IHHPA NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2013

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**THERE IS NO TOURNAMENT IN ELDORA ON NOVEMBER 2 OR 3 !!!**

### INDIANOLA HORSESHOE COURTS



The Indianola horseshoe courts were originally located at the Warren County Fairgrounds. Through the efforts of many local pitchers, including the late Don Wilson, ten courts were built at Pickard Park, located on Highway 92 about one mile East of Highway 65-69.

Three sanctioned tournaments were held this year along with league play on Thursday nights. The May tournament is one of the first tournaments of the outdoor season. This year, Gerald Weeks retired as Tournament Director and John Drost will take over duties for the May tournament.

In July, a Warren County Championships Tournament was held for Warren County pitchers only. John Drost

was the Class "A" winner. Jesse Dalton won Class "B" and Rebecca Cardon, a new member, won Class "C".

Rusty and Deb Dalton host the October tournament and have named it the "Don Wilson Memorial Tournament" in honor of Don's dedication and contributions to the sport of horseshoe pitching. On October 12th, sixteen pitchers showed up on a chilly Saturday morning. What was expected to be a cold and windy day turned out to be a beautiful Fall day, perfect for pitching horseshoes.



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Ron Stanerson, our new President of the IHHPA. I'm sure he will do a great job.

Here are a few notes from this year's Annual Meeting. We need to give a special thanks to Ronnie Burgess for his beautiful music over the years. We had on display photographs that brought back some great memories for a lot of us old pitchers. These pictures were courtesy of the McKee family. Our financial situation is in good shape. We

have had a 20% increase in new membership. The increase in new membership was due in great part to Marty Sprague's efforts in the Fort Dodge area.

I would like to thank all of the great people who have helped me do my job over the last two years. Horseshoe pitchers are a great bunch of people. Thanks go out to Paul and Pat Clark and the ladies who prepare the fine meal at the Annual Meeting *Continued on page 3*

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The purpose of this association shall be to provide an orderly means for its members to participate in and enjoy the game of horseshoe pitching, to encourage interested parties in organizing local clubs, leagues, or to form other groups for participation in horseshoe pitching for play or tournament and assist wherever possible in the promotion of horseshoe pitching as a game or sport in the State of Iowa. The association shall have unlimited power to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any or all-lawful business for which associations may be organized - - *IHHPA Bylaws*

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### *President's Message continued*

every year. Pat and Paul make the arrangements to hold our Annual Meeting each year at the Moose Lodge in Marshalltown. They also decorate the hall and arrange for all of the all of the door prizes. Thank you, Deb, for taking the minutes at the Annual Meeting, and to LeRoy for taking the minutes of the Executive Board meeting in the absence of our Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks also to Shirley Sprague for collecting the money for the meals and new sanction cards.

- - *Bill Sprague, outgoing IHHPA President*



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Eldora Indoors:** November 9, 10, 16 and 17. **Breakfast will be served by the Hardin County Fair Board on November 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

January 4, 5, 11 and 12

February 1, 2, 8, and 9

Reg. by 9:30 /play at 10:00. Ralph Davis & Deb Davis (Saturdays) 515/778-0867 or 515/778-5932; Sheryl Mason & Deb Davis (Sundays) 641/260-1310 or 515/778-5932



### Eldora Horseshoe Club Of Central Iowa



Hardin County Fairgrounds

Home of the Putt Mossman Arena

Pitch Indoors from November 'till April

From the Eldora Club President:

*Hello from the Eldora Horseshoe Club. It is hard to believe another outdoor season is done and it is time to play indoors. Hope everyone had an enjoyable time pitching. The Eldora pitching begins on November 9th. We hope to see many of you on the courts.*

- - *Your horseshoe friend, Marv Dirks*

### THURSDAY RINGERS ONLY

SIGNUP BY 8:30 PITCH AT 9:00

NOV. THROUGH APRIL - 90% HANDICAP  
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### 2012 IHHPA ANNUAL MEETING

The 2013 Annual Meeting was held Saturday, October 19th in Marshalltown. Paul and Pat Clark hosted the meeting at the Moose Lodge.

The offices of President, 1st Vice President, 3rd Vice President and Chair of Regional Directors were up for election for two year terms. Bill Sprague announced that he would not seek another term as President. Ron Stanerson was elected President. Ralph Davis, Ralph Palmer and Vern Kollasch were re-elected to their offices.

Larry Purcell of Cedar Rapids and Ralph Palmer, also of Cedar Rapids, were both honored as the 2013 Hall of Fame inductees. Steve Hatch of Knoxville was awarded the President's Award. There was no recipient of the Frank Jackson for 2013.



Larry Purcell with his Hall of Fame Award



Ralph Palmer, right, receives the 2013 Hall of Fame Award from 2nd Vice President Doug Anderson



Malcolm Clark, a cadet pitcher from Monticello, was recognized as the Most Improved Player, having increased his average by 23.52% to 42.5 %



President Bill Sprague and Steve Hatch, recipient of the 2013 President's Award

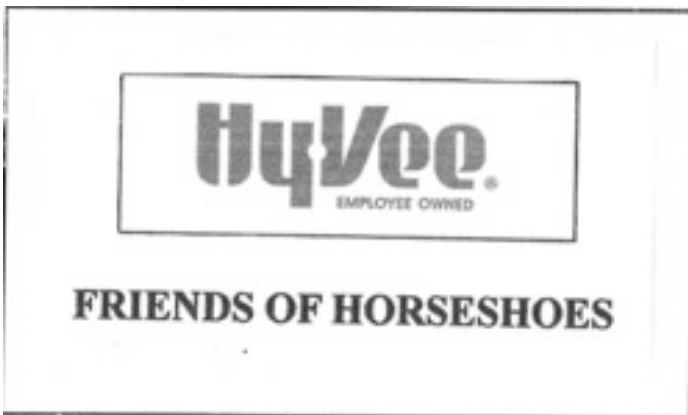
Other awards at the Annual Meeting;

2013 Ten Most Improved Players: (% increase)

1. Malcolm Clark, Monticello, 23.52%
2. Jake Clair, Colo, 11.58%
3. Pat Simon, Waterloo 10.64%
4. Dennis Moore, Fort Madison, 8.67%
5. James Meyer, Cedar Rapids, 7.88%
6. Ira Hartwick, Bloomfield, 7.45%
7. William Vogt, Council Bluffs, 6.99%
8. Tom Martin, Stanhope, 6.92%
9. Tom Cranston, Keswick, 6.71%
10. Dean Dennis, Cedar Rapids, 6.36%

Ten Players with Most Tournaments Attended

1. Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 38
2. Marv Dirks, Fonda, 32
3. Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 32
4. Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 30
5. Deb Davis, Ankeny, 29
6. Bill Sprague, Berwick, 26
7. Paul Clark, Marshalltown, 23
8. Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 22
9. Tom Martin, Stanhope, 23
10. LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 21



FROM THE NHPA

**NHPA Hall of Fame Nominations**

Nominations to the NHPA Hall of Fame may be made by an individual NHPA member or NHPA Sanctioned Club. The nomination form can be found on the NHPA website at the Hall of Fame menu. All nominees must have been active NHPA adult members for at least 10 years.

**Nomination Categories are:**

**Player** - a person who, with distinguished outstanding performances in World Tournament Championship play, has brought prestige to the art of horseshoe pitching.

**Promoter/Organizer** - A person who has made significant and beneficial contributions to the NHPA in an administrative capacity; such as promoter, organize or NHPA officer.

**Player / Organizer** - A person who has excellent credentials in both of the two other categories.

All nominations will be reviewed by the Hall of Fame Screening Committee before candidates are placed on the ballot. Nomination deadline is January 31, 2014. For more information, see the NHPA website, [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com)

Iowans in the NHPA Hall of Fame are: Frank Jackson, Kellerton (1966); Guy Zimmerman, Sac City (1967); Putt Mossman, Eldora (1967); Leland Mortensen, Des Moines (1971); Dale Dixon, Des Moines (1973) Glen Henton, Des Moines (1978); Frank Lundin, New London (1978); John Paxton, Ottumwa (1982); Marion Lange, Mitchellville (1989); Harold Darnold, Burlington (1994); Kevin Cone, Alta (1995) and Lucille Hopkins, Ottumwa, (1996).



**Welcome New Members!**  
Steve Gudenkauf, Alburnett  
John Johnson, Des Moines



**IHHPA HALL OF FAME  
LEROY LAW**



LeRoy Law of West Des Moines was inducted into the IHHPA Hall of Fame in 2008. In the nomination letter, LeRoy was recognized for his participation, tournament directing, and countless hours in bidding for the World Tournament to come to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

LeRoy was the 2007 and 2012 Iowa Seniors Champion. He was a member of the State Regional Team Champion in 1998, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2006. He was the Professional Champion of the 2009 State Pro-Am Championship.

LeRoy has been introducing Iowa State Fair-goers to the sport of horseshoes by hosting Pitch and Win contests. Every weekday during the State Fair, LeRoy barks on the microphone asking people to pitch four horseshoes. "It's free and everyone wins a ribbon!" LeRoy contacts local businesses for the prizes he gives away, including cash prizes for adults and bicycles for kids.



LeRoy Law with one of the bicycle winners at the 2013 Iowa State Fair Pitch and Win

*My involvement in the sport of horseshoe pitching began at an early age. Growing up on the East side of Des Moines there were alleys between streets separating homes on the next block. Adjacent to the alleys there were several horseshoe pit locations. All you needed were a couple of old car axels pounded in the ground. Kids back then did not have the activities available to them they do now. Football, baseball and basketball were top priorities during school years, but I always found time to go out behind the house to pitch some shoes. Neighbors were drawn to the pits by the sound of the shoes and soon joined in pitching. It was a good way to get to know your neighbors.*

*One day the paper announced that a City Junior Horseshoe tournament would be held at the Birdland courts in Des Moines. That's when I found out that pitching on clay was very different than dropping your shoe into a dirt hole and have it slide to the stake.*

*In 1964, at the age of 26 I purchased a set of four Gordon "Spin Ons " and two stakes. With the purchase was a form to order a brochure of "Science at the Stake" that cost 50 cents (now on the NHPA web site). This gave me the opportunity to experiment with different turns and methods. I have been experimenting ever since. Some say this is bad that you should stay with one delivery and not change. To me that would take the fun out of the game. Staying with the same model horseshoe and never changing is also probably good advice. To me experimenting with different shoes is just another way to make the sport interesting.*

*There was a period of raising four children and that meant time for only occasional "pitching shoes". Later, In 1990, I went to Holiday Park in West Des Moines to practice and met three gentleman that were instrumental in my joining the IHHPA and attending tournaments - Rick Voshell, Keith Baker and Slim Allen. They were at the courts that day and before I left, I had a membership form and tournament schedule in my hand. I played my first tournament in Boone Iowa.*

*I believe it was the next year that I began directing tournaments at Holiday Park. Then I began directing the Senior Olympics Horseshoe Tournaments and starting the Wednesday Night Horseshoe League. After working for Chet Foster on the work crew at the Fair, I had the pleasure of taking over as the Iowa State Fair Superintendent for six years.*

*Approximately ten years ago I read of a "Pitch & Win" Program that Don Titcomb had developed for County Fairs and thought it would be good to adapt this program for the Iowa State Fair. Between one and two thousand youngsters and adults have been introduced to horseshoe pitching during this time. Each year we have given away two bicycles for the kids and cash awards for the adults. This year, through donations, it has grown to around \$800 worth of prizes. This is an enjoyable event that I look forward to each year.*

*In 2008 I was fortunate enough to become the President of the IHHPA and served for four years. My goals then*