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### ELLIS PARK, CEDAR RAPIDS



Ellis Park, one of the most historic parks in Cedar Rapids, is located on land donated by Robert Ellis, one of the first settlers on the West bank of the Cedar River. At over 400 acres, it is the largest park in the city.

Ellis Park has eighteen horseshoe courts, all with 40' and 30 foot concrete pads. It is believed that horseshoe courts were part of the original Ellis Park when it was established in the late 1800's, but it wasn't until the early 1930's that the current courts were installed.

There were 12 to 15 courts at Ellis Park when Cedar Rapids hosted the State Tournament in 1939.

In 1987, more courts were added to total eighteen. Lights were added in 2003.

The park also features Ellis Harbor, a unique neighborhood consisting of people who spend their summers living on the Cedar River. The Harbor is open to the public for fishing and bird watching. Other features of Ellis Park include basketball courts, swimming pool, golf course, hiking trail, boating, picnic areas, playground, softball diamonds, and tennis courts.



*Kelly Turbett of Tama gets ready to play at a recent tournament at Ellis Park*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm hoping that all of you had a joyous Holiday Season and are in good health going into 2014. This past year sure went speeding by, it seems like we were just looking over the 2013 tournament schedule and planning out the places where we would be pitching. Oh well!

For those of you that were at Eldora back in November, I reported we had 196 members of which 33 were new, a 20% increase. I then stated that we are going for another 20% and how we would do it. I challenged the other 195

current members to sign up six new members for every new member the President brings in. We need 39 new ones - - can we do it?

Here is how things are going for our new member race:

President - 3; Other 195 members - 10

President is ahead by 8

Don't let me win this or President Ron will be picking on all of you!

- - Ron Stanerson IHHPA President

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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*



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 1 - Iowa Winter Games, Eldora Indoors.** Doors open 8:30; play starts at 9:30. **Pre-registration required** Contact Jan Warwick [jangwarwick@aol.com](mailto:jangwarwick@aol.com); 515/290-6281

**February, 2, 8, and 9; March 1, 2, 8 and 9; April 5, 6 12 and 13, Eldora Indoors** - 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

**March 22 (Saturday) Marengo** - Northridge Indoor Classic - zero to 29% ringer average. Pre-register by March 19th. Entry Fee \$15. Play at 8:45 a.m. Class time to be assigned. Ron Stanerson 319/642-3728 or 319/430-0028

**March 29 (Saturday) Marengo** - Northridge Indoor Classic - 30 and up ringer %. Pre-register by March 26. Same information as March 22



### Eldora Horseshoe Club Of Central Iowa



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

### THURSDAY RINGERS ONLY

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FROM THE NHPA

The NHPF (National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation) Board of Directors would like to announce a few changes in the responsibilities of its officers.

After 30 years of service to the NHPA and NHPF Dave Loucks has retired. We'd like to thank Dave for his many years of service. As many of you know Dave held both Treasurer and President Offices, with his retirement these offices have been redistributed as follows:

Casey Sluys NHPF President

Gary Buehler - NHPF Treasurer

Phyllis Quist - NHPF Secretary

Joe Faron - NHPF Vice President and Superintendent of the Building

Stu Sipma - NHPA President

There is a significant change in the donation address. All donations from this date forward should be sent to **NHPF, 100 Bluestem Way, Wentzville, MO 63385**. All brick orders should also go to this address and should be addressed **NHPF Brick Order**.

We hope to increase the awareness of the NHPF to each of you and as a branch of that each Charter President has been sent a request to include our NHPF website as a link on your Charter's website. If you want to link us on your club website please feel free to do so. To all those of you who have supported us in the past we thank you sincerely and hope for your continued support. To all those who do not know about us please visit our website at: <http://www.nhpf.info/index.html> We look forward to your support.

We will occasionally use this media outlet as a means of communicating our accomplishments to you. Thank you very much,

Casey Sluys, NHPF President

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## CONDOLENCES



**Faithe L. Walters**, 86, of Eldora, Iowa, died on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at Ellsworth Municipal Hospital in Iowa Falls. Faithe was the wife of the late Bob Walters, past IHHPA President and past Secretary/Treasurer of the Eldora Horseshoe Club of Central Iowa.

Faithe was united in marriage to Bob on April 24, 1949 in Des Moines, IA. They had five children - Gregg, Angie, Gordon, Anita and Chuck.

For many years, Faithe helped prepare and serve lunch at the Eldora Indoor Tournaments. She was well known for her Black Walnut Chiffon Cake. Faithe loved to write poetry and would create verses for special occasions in her or her friends' lives. She wrote the following poem about Bob:

### HORSIN' AROUND

by Faithe Walters

Horseshoes pitchin', oh my lan'  
It's completely enveloped my old man.  
He pitches high, he pitches low,  
He can put on quite a show.

The score he gets matters not,  
He just gives it his best shot.  
Some fly high and some fly low,  
Once in awhile, a ringer, oh, ho ho!

But you can bet your bottom dollar,  
He'd rather pitch than wear a white collar.  
Those buddies are the greatest, I assure you,  
Especially if in their hand is a horseshoe.

So grab those shoes, give it a try.  
Toss them upwards toward the sky.  
And if they circle around the stake,  
You're a winner, for goodness sakes!

Condolences may be sent to Bob & Faithe's daughter, Anita Coffman, 27623 -170th Street, Iowa Falls, IA 50126



**Ronald (Ron) McCombs** of Dysart, formerly of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

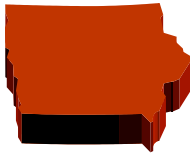
Ron was born in Waterloo and graduated from Jesup High School. He served 4 years in the U.S. Navy. Ron was employed by Deere & Company as a machinist until his retirement in 2009.

*Ron pitched in a lot of tournaments in the early 1980's. He and I worked together in the same department at John Deere. We bowled, golfed and pitched horseshoes together for many years. In 1981 he was one of the original charter members of the Waterloo Metro Horseshoe Pitching League. He and his wife always assisted Dede and I when I ran tournaments in Waterloo and Cedar Falls. He put on a tournament in Jesup during Farmers Day. Ron pitched in his class at the tournament that day and won his class. He pitched as a pacer in Class A and beat everyone in that group, too.*

*Ron had some health issues and retired five years ago. He tried pitching again in 2010 when I tried to get the Waterloo League going again, but after three games he was pretty exhausted and couldn't continue. He was a good friend and I will miss him. - - Pat Simon*



*Waterloo Metro Horseshoe Pitching League Original Charter Members: front row left to right, Steve Anderson, Roland Gardner, Jack Wehrle, Ralph Simon, Gordon Blaser, Lynn Shepard, Pat Simon, Back row; Alan Fisher, Ernie Wenger, Kenny Seeley, Tom Simon, Tim Simon, Ron McCombs, Chuck Moon, Arlos Fisher and Earl Fickess*



**IHHPA HALL OF FAME  
MARV WOOLUMS**



*IHHPA President Bob Walters presents Marv Woolums with the 2003 Men's State Champion Trophy*

Marvin Woolums was born near Kellerton, Iowa in 1933. Marv served in the Navy from 1955 until 1957 during the end of the Korean War. He worked at the B C & Q Railroad until 1958 when he went to work for Iowa Southern Utilities (now Alliant Energy). He started out as a lineman, then became a lineman foreman until he retired in 1996. He was an avid camper and fisherman.

Marv began pitching horseshoes in 1958 and pitched until 1978. He took a break and resumed pitching in 1987. Marv was elected to the IHHPA Hall of Fame in 2003. He was recognized as being a promoter of the game of horseshoes and a great sportsman. For many years, he, along with the late Betty McGregor, would put on a pitching demonstration at the Bill Riley Stage during the Iowa State Fair. He introduced the game of horseshoes to students at the Mt. Ayr Junior and Senior High Schools.

Marv was a four-time Iowa State Men's Champion, having won in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2003. He passed away in 2004 doing what he loved, playing horseshoes on the courts in Mt. Ayr.



*Marv Woolums demonstrating how to pitch horseshoes at the Iowa State Fair*



*Jan Flemming, Marv Woolums and Bill Grobstick  
2003 Men's State Championship*

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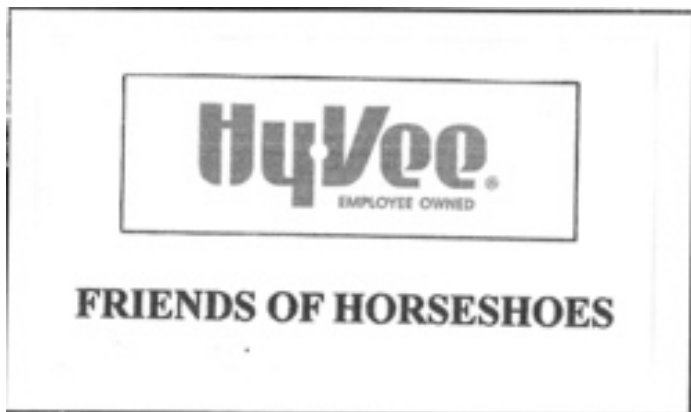
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Garlic Salt

Combine crackers, pretzels and nuts in very large pan or kettle. Mix in half of the oil and stir or toss gently. Let sit overnight. Add remaining oil and garlic salt to taste.



**Welcome New & Returning Members!**

Craig Spencer, Marshalltown  
Bud Johanson, Gowrie  
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Henry Trumpold, Marengo  
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HORSESHOES



*The following is from Issue #29 of The Plowshare, a newsletter for John Deere enthusiasts and collectors published by John Deere Heritage Marketing, Moline, Illinois*

**PITCH PERFECT: JOHN DEERE  
HORSESHOES**

Blacksmith John Deere made countless shoes for horses in Vermont. But the horseshoes made by a Deere & Company foundry in the 1920s were never intended for horses. They were made for people playing in horseshoe pitching competitions, a very popular pastime in the Roaring Twenties.

Deere & Company research shows the horseshoes were branded with the logo "UMICO," which stood for Union Malleable Iron Co. UMICO was a foundry Deere purchased in 1912 to make castings. In an effort to bring a profitable new product line to Deere, UMICO included this statement in a report from 1921:

*The plant has been making malleable horseshoes during the year, and a very substantial volume has been developed. These shoes are being sold in all parts of the country and have met with very favorable reception.*

The shoes were advertised through 1924, and an official horseshoe rule book produced at the time included an ad that boasted, "*They're going fast.*"



*UMICO horseshoes are selling like proverbial hotcakes. Everybody's pitching 'em! Get your pair now."* Another ad in *Playground* magazine from 1923 advertised the horseshoes as *a nice reasonably priced present, with satin-finished and nickel-plated shoes priced at \$2 per pair, and enameled shoes at \$1.50 per pair.*



*These horseshoe pitching rules were distributed by the Union Malleable Iron Co., the manufacturer of UMICO horseshoes. John Deere purchased this company in 1912 and marketed its horseshoes through 1924.*

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*Leo Buell is selling his inventory and getting out of the business. He has the following horseshoes for sale (at cost):*

- 2 Americans (4 shoe set) \$30*
- Bronco Pro Flip \$44*
- Deadeye Clydesdales (cast) \$50*
- Deadeye Clydesdales (steel) \$55*
- Deadeye EZ Grip \$55*
- Alan Francis \$59*
- Imperial (original) \$60*
- Cobra 2.6.5 \$32*
- Snyder EZ Flip \$62*
- Snyder EZ Flip II \$62*



## Tournament Results

### Eldora Indoors, Saturday, November 9, 2013

**Class A:** (1) Larry Purcell, Cedar Rapids, 70.5%; (2) Sig Armitage (MN), 64.5%; (3) Glenn Warden, Grimes, 62.5%; (4) Larry Bolt, Traer, 50.5%; (5) Pat Simon, Waterloo, 45.0%; (6) Norm Green (MN), 38.5%

**Class B:** (1) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 49.05%; (2) Harold Boden, Bronson, 46.5%; (3) LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 45.1%; (4) Ron Stanerson, Marengo, 43%; (5) Gary Hinrichs, Marengo, 36.5%; (6) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 41.5%

**Class C:** (1) Leo Lamparek, Cedar Rapids, 42.5%; (2) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 38%; (3) Bob Rounds, Perry, 31%; (4) Loren Curry, Fairfax, 26.5%; (5) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 36%; (6) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 29%

**Class D:** (1) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 34.5%; (2) John Brunsmann, Fairfax, 28.5%; (3) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 28%; (4) Roger Roberts, Mason City, 25%; (5) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 22%; (6) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 20.5%

**Class E:** (1) Steve Faught, Waterloo, 21%; (2) Tom Dunham (SD), 21.5%; (3) Danny Sease, Des Moines, 19.5%; (4) Bob Bown, Oskaloosa, 17.5%; (5) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 17.5%; (6) Jake Clair, Colo, 20.5%

**Class F:** (1) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 26.5%; (2) Kathy Hopkins, Marengo, 19.5%; (3) Steve Jackson, Burlington, 17%; (4) Henry Trumpold, Marengo, 16.5%; (5) Briget Carroll, Colo, 10.5%; (6) Lloyd Schropp, Parnell, 9.5%

### Eldora Indoors, Sunday, November 10, 2013

**Class A:** (1) Sig Armitage (MN), 75.63%; (2) Marvin Engstler, Garner, 53.75%; (3) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 40.63%; (4) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 26.88%; (5) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 20.63%

**Class B:** (1) Steve Gudenkauf, Alburnett, 28.5%; (2) Jake Clair, Colo, 18%; (3) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 22%; (4) Toby Hoyer, Alburnett, 26.5%; (5) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 15.5%; (6) Tom Dunham (SD), 15%

### Eldora Indoors, Saturday, November 16, 2013

**Class A:** (1) Larry Purcell, Cedar Rapids, 71.13%; (2) Glenn Warden, Grimes, 63.96%; (3) Larry Bolt, Traer, 54.6%; (4) Pat Simon, Waterloo, 47.5%; (5) Jason Clark, Monticello, 49.06%

**Class B:** (1) Bert Logsdon, Osceola, 46%; (2) LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 48.74%; (3) Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell, 51.25%; (4) James Meyer, Cedar Rapids, 44.57%; (5) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 41.25%

**Class C:** (1) Leo Lamparek, Cedar Rapids, 41.25%; (2) Malcolm Clark (Junior) 42.52%; (3) Ron Stanerson, Marengo, 40.63%; (4) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 36.43%; (5) Bob Rounds, Perry, 28.13%

**Class D:** (1) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 40.63%; (2) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 27.5%; (3) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 26.88%; (4) Loren Curry, Fairfax, 32.5%; (5) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 29.38%

**Class E:** (1) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 35.63%; (2) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 33.13%; (3) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 24.38%; (4) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 22.5%; (5) Roger Roberts, Mason City, 21.25%

**Class F:** (1) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 25.63%; (2) Kenny Wiese, Story City, 18.13%; (3) Pam Slippy, Ankeny, 21.88%; (4) Stanley Hanson, Pleasant Hill, 16.25%; (5) Danny Sease, Des Moines, 10.63%

**Class G:** (1) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 28.5%; (2) Henry Trumpold, Marengo, 23.5%; (3) Steve Jackson, Burlington, 10.5%; (4) Heidi Kuecker, Waterloo, 20.5%; (5) Sean Taylor, Center Point, 9.5%; (6) Deb Wiese, Roland, 10.5%

### Eldora Indoors, Sunday, November 17, 2013

**Class A:** (1) Glenn Warden, Grimes, 63%; (2) LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 48.5%; (3) Ron Rowley, West Des Moines, 50.5%; (4) Bert Logsdon, Osceola, 46.5%; (5) Malcolm Clark (Junior) 42%; (6) Jason Clark, Monticello, 29.5%

**Class B:** (1) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 44.38%; (2) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 32.5%; (3) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 40.63%; (4) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 34.38%; (5) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 25.63%

**Class C:** (1) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 25%; (2) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 17.08%; (3) Deb Wiese, Roland, 11.66%; (4) Russell Wiese, Roland, 8.75%

### Eldora Indoors, Saturday, January 4, 2014

**Class A:** (1) James Meyer, Cedar Rapids, 42%; (2) Bert Logsdon, Osceola, 49.5% (3) Ron Stanerson, Marengo, 42.5%; (4) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 40%; (5) Pat Simon, Waterloo, 35.5%; (6) LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 36%

**Class B:** (1) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 39.38%; (2) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 36.93%; (3) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 33.13%; (4) Leo Lamparek, Cedar Rapids, 30.63%; (5) Bob Rounds, Perry, 18.75%

**Class C:** (1) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 26.88%; (2) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 24.39%; (3) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 28.75%; (4) Kelly Turbett, Tama, 24.38%; (5) Steve Gudenkauf, Alburnett, 21.95%

**Class D:** (1) Randy Lamparek, Cedar Rapids, 16.25%; (2) Tom Dunham (SD), 24.38%; (3) Toby Hoyer, Alburnett, 20.63%; (4) Henry Trumpold, Marengo 18.13%; (5) Dick Marsh, Ft Dodge, 16.25%

**Class E:** (1) Bob Card, Dumont, 29.38%; (2) Kenny Wiese, Story City, 24.38%; (3) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 15.63%; (4) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 13.75%; (5) Al Kuntz, Rockford, 10.63%

**Class F:** (1) Kevin Turbett, Tama 11.25%; (2) Steve Sweeney, Fort Dodge 9.76%; (3) Pastor Andrew Gray Marengo, 5.63%; (4) Stephen McBride, Ft Dodge 6.71%; (5) Russell Wiese, Roland, 5%

### Eldora Indoors, Saturday, January 11, 2014

**Class A:** (1) Malcolm Clark (Junior) 39.38%; (2) Marv Engstler, Garner, 53.75%; (3) Jason Clark, Monticello, 45%; (4) Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell 43.75%; (5) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 41.88%

**Class B:** (1) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 32.5%; (2) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 32.5% (3) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 30%; (4) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 28.13%; (5) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 28.13%



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**Class C:** (1) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 33.75%; (2) Chris Jordan, Peru, 25.63%; (3) Carl Krukow, Clear Lake, 31.88%; (4) Harley Krukow, Iowa Falls, 28.13%; (5) Kenny Wiese Story City, 21.88%

**Class D:** (1) Dave Harris, Ft. Dodge, 20.1%; (2) Henry Trumpold, Marengo, 19.12%; (3) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 19%; (4) Dick Marsh, Ft. Dodge, 13.5%; (5) Dean Fortune, Des Moines, 10%; (6) Steve Faught, Waterloo, 7%

**Class E:** (1) Steve Sweeney, Ft. Dodge, 10%; (2) Deb Wiese, Roland, 8.75%; (3) Pastor Andrew Gray, Marengo, 6.88%; (4) Daren Chambers (MN), 10%; (5) Russell Wiese, Roland, 3.13%

### Eldora Indoors, Sunday, January 12, 2014

**Class A:** (1) Pat Simon, Waterloo, 49.38%; (2) Bert Logsdon, Osceola, 45.63% (3) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 39.38%; (4) Tom Martin, Stanhope, 30%; (5) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 25%

**Class B:** (1) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 31.88%; (2) Carl Krukow, Clear Lake, 31.88%; (3) Jan Warwick, Ames, 30%; (4) Harley Krukow, Iowa Falls, 25.63%; (5) Carl Kaiser, Des Moines, 22.5%

**Class C:** (1) Heidi Kuecker, Waterloo, 21.88%; (2) Marty Sprague, Ft. Dodge, 18.75%; (3) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 25.63%; (4) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 18.13%; (5) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 9.38%

**Class D:** (1) Bill Mason, Grinnell, 21.67%; (2) Daren Chambers (MN), 10%; (3) Deb Wiese, Roland, Roland, 9.44%; (4) Russell Wiese, Roland, 5%

**(The tournament scheduled for Sunday, January 5, 2014 was cancelled due to weather)**



**From the Editor:** Please submit your articles, suggestions, recipes, shoe-trader information, tournament results, etc. to me by E-mail at [ddand2dogs@msn.com](mailto:ddand2dogs@msn.com) or mail to my home address at 1306 NW Greenwood St., Ankeny, IA 50023. Or you can call me at 515/778-5932. The next issue will be April 1, 2014, so please submit by March 20th.



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