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JULY 2017

RALPH SIMON TO BE INDUCTED INTO NHPA HALL OF FAME



Ralph Simon of Waterloo has been selected for induction into the National Horseshoe Pitching Association Hall of Fame in 2017 as this year's Historic Era pitcher. The induction ceremony will take place at the 2017 Annual Banquet on Sunday July 28th, during this year's World Tournament being held in St George, Utah. Pat Simon, Sr. will present

a brief biography about his father and his horseshoe pitching career at the Banquet.

The slim left hander pitched in his first World Tournament in 1978 when the tournament was held in Des Moines, Iowa, his home state. He finished 11th in his first tournament with a ringer percentage of 73.56%. In the next three World Tournaments, Ralph was a major contender for the title as he finished 3rd, (in '79) and 4th twice (in '80 and '81). He

averaged over 80% for two of those years ('79 and '81) with his best being 81.24% in 1981. In World Tournament competition, Ralph's highest game was 92.1%. He had a total of 17 games over 85%, 50 over 80%, and 2 over 90%, (both of those against Glen Henton). He averaged 78.96% for all the championship games that he competed in, and won 91 while losing 29. That places him 100th on the all time NHPA World Tournament Win/Loss list.

Ralph pitched in the preliminaries in 1982 and pitched well enough to make the top 24 that year, but decided not to pitch in the championship class as he was having problems with his equilibrium. Ralph never pitched in the World Tournament again.

In late September of 1980, Ralph made a trip to Pomona, California for the World Invitational held at the Los Angeles County Fair. This tournament had 12 of the top players in the world. Four players averaged over 80% in this tournament, with Ralph Simon having one of his best tournaments against some very stiff competition when he averaged 84.3%. In the 13 games he played, he only had one game under 80% while pitching a total of 1594 shoes, an average of over 122 shoes per game. On the 2nd day of competition his lowest game was 84.7% while he averaged 86.3%. He was the only pitcher of the 12 to average above 80% in every game the first two days.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are in the middle of another Iowa horseshoe season and trying to up our ringer frequency. I'm often told the major key is to have our shoes open and landing flat when they are meeting the stake. My pitching shoes (I have tried many different brands) no matter what I use, they don't like to open up. I think the metal makeups are refusing to cooperate; maybe they are playing a game the same time I am.

Let's look at it from the horseshoe side of things. You've just been pushed high in the air towards a metal stake that you are supposed to grab hold of when you get there, sparks are going to fly and it's going to hurt! It makes little difference if you're turning or flipping, you are flying out of control and you are getting somewhat dizzy. If you refuse to grab the stake you'll be meeting

up with **The Backstop**, usually a board with very little give. Then there is that blue clay that is supposed to make landing soft, only to find out that the pitchers didn't take the time to add moisture. It's going to hurt landing on that dry bumpy surface and you are going to roll over and over, there is no seatbelt! Other times the pitchers overwater and "splat," you're in a quicksand-like situation, coughing and spitting as if you are swimming upstream the muddy Mississippi.

Soon we will be cheering on our World Tournament players that are representing Iowa. If you haven't signed up for the State Tournaments held at the State Fair, you need to get them in. Watch the deadlines or you will be just a spectator.

-- Ron Stanerson, IHHPA President

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RALPH SIMON HALL OF FAME continued from Page 1

In a game with Walter Ray Williams Jr., Walter Ray was ahead 39 to 9 at 74 shoes. In the next 100 shoes, Ralph pitched 96 ringers, but Walter Ray pitched 91 ringers during that stretch and managed to win the game 51-33. Walter Ray had pitched 92% in a winning effort. For one 50 shoe stretch, both players combined for an unbelievable 95 ringers of 100 shoes. Walter Ray hit 162 ringers, for 92%, Ralph hit 156 ringers for 88.6%, combined they threw 318 ringers out of 356 shoes for a combined average of 90.34%. There were 57 four deads in the game. Ralph had the longest string of ringers in the game with 34 in a row, his longest recorded tournament string of ringers. Although Ralph was not the tournament winner, he let them know he was there and that he could hold his own against some of the best.

Ralph Simon didn't start pitching horseshoes competitively until after he was 50 years of age. He was 55 when he pitched in his first organized league in 1974, and 59 when he pitched in his first World Tournament. And if not for health problems later in his short career, he most likely would have had several more years of top finishes and maybe even a world title.

The Ralph Simon Memorial Tournament will be held July 1st in Waterloo.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1 (Sat) Ralph Simon Memorial Tournament – Waterloo – Byrnes Park, 9 clay courts located at the corner of Fletcher and Campbell Avenues. Check in by 9:30 a.m. / play at 10:00 a.m. Entry fee \$15.00. Pat Simon Sr. 319-234-0552 or 319-575-4411.

July 3 (Mon) Marengo Old Time Classic – **Pre-Register by Friday, June 30th.** - Ron Stanerson 319-642-3628 or 319-430-0028.

July 4 (Tues) Holiday Classic / Jack Navin Memorial, Holiday Park, West Des Moines - **Pre-Register by July 3rd** - Leroy Law 515/681-1937; lawringers@mchsi.com

July 8 (Sat) Council Bluffs, Sunset Classic – Sunset Park -16th Ave & 11th Street. Evening Pitch! Sign in by 5:30 pm / play at 6:00. Cash payback. Steve Ronk 712/310-9965 / Ray Daugherty 402/350-1976

July 13 (Thurs) Kids (16 and younger) pitch (NS) @ Eldora – Adults pitch July 16th. Hardin County Fairgrounds. Sign in by 1:30 p.m. / Play @ 2:00 p.m. Mark Hoover 641-858-2567

July 15 (Sat) Ames - Iowa Games (NS), South River Valley Park 825 E. 13th. Take 13th St exit off I-35, West 1 mile. **Pre-Register** using Iowa Games forms available at Hy-Vee stores or online at iowagames.org. Jan Warwick 515/290-6281

July 16 (Sun) Hardin County Fair, Eldora. Sign in by 12:30 / Play 1:00 p.m. Entry fee \$10. Mark Hoover 641-858-2567

NHPA WORLD TOURNAMENT, July 17 – July 29, 2017, St. George, Utah

July 22 (Sat) Cedar Rapids Open, Ellis Park - Sign in by 9:30 a.m./ play at 10:00. Entry Fee \$12:50, includes Scorekeeping-Ron Burgess 319/573-8189

July 29 (Sat) Amana Open, 1 mile North of Main Amana at campgrounds. Sign in by 9:30 a.m./ play at 10:00. Entry Fee \$10. Vern Kollasch 319/321-0747

Aug. 5 (Sat) Ames Open, South River Valley Park 825 E. 13th, Take 13th Street Exit off I-35, west 1 mile, go North. Sign in by 9:30 a.m./ play at 10:00. Entry Fee \$10, Kenny Wiese cell 515-291-1708

Aug. 6 (Sun) State Fair Warm-up, Council Bluffs, Sunset Park, 16th Ave & 11th Street. Register by 12:30 p.m. Play at 1:00 p.m. Entry Fee \$10. Jan Flemming 402-639-6962, Darrell Nation 712-322-0562

IOWA STATE FAIR, August 10 through August 20, 2017

Pitching everyday! State Championships on the weekends. Schedule of events in newsletter, or go to www.ihhpa.com. Danny Sease, Superintendent Horseshoes, Iowa State Fair – Phone 515-238-1043, Cell 515-238-1293, e-mail ddsease@msn.com. Schedule and entry form attached.

Aug 26 (Sat) Cedar Rapids Open, Ellis Park - Sign in by 9:30 a.m./ play at 10:00. Entry Fee \$12:50, includes Scorekeeping-Ron Burgess 319/573-8189



IOWA STATE TEAM REGIONAL

The team regional is Friday, August 11th at the Iowa State Fair. Please send your team roster to Vern Kollasch, 1110 Hampton Court, Iowa City, IA 52240. Please include the \$75 entry fee. You can also send the entry fee with your other fair tournament registrations to Deb Davis, IHPA Secretary/Treasurer. If possible, register for the Team Regional by July 20th. Remember, the three pitchers on each team cannot have a combined ringer average over 132 %.

IOWA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

ENTRY DEADLINE FOR THE IOWA STATE FAIR WOMEN, MEN, ELDER, MIDWEST SENIOR CLASSIC, TEAM REGIONAL, AND TWO-PLAYER PRO-AM IS JULY 27TH.



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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Clinton Open, Saturday, June 3, 2017

Class A: (1) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 56%; (2) Jason Clark, Monticello, 42.5%; (3) Rich Lodor (IL) 38.5%; (4) Ronnie Burgess, Cedar Rapids, 26%; (5) Tim Fisher (IL) 19%

Class A 30-foot: (1) Larry Purcell, Cedar Rapids, 51.5%; (2) Ken Schaver (IL) 62.5%; (3) Malcolm Clark (Junior) 45%; (4) Garen Rains, Solon, 41.5%; (5) LaVerne Schroeder (IL) 35%

Class B: (1) Melissa Holden (IL) 38.5%; (2) Frank MacArthur, Davenport, 26.5%; (3) Loren Curry, Fairfax, 28%; (4) Richard Timmer (IL) 23.5%; (5) Scott Holden (IL) 19%; (6) Nick Cocquit (IL) 19.5%

Class C: (1) Kelly Phelps (IL) 19.5%; (2) Don Johnston (IL) 8.5%; (3) Donovan Floming (IL) 8%; (4) Del Moore (IL) 5%; (5) Alan Phelps (IL) 14.5%; (6) Terry Lyon (IL) 4%

Frontier Days, Fort Dodge, Saturday, June 3, 2017

Class A: (1) Joseph Smith, Gladbrook, 55.63%; (2) Glenn Warden, Grimes, 55.63%; (3) Tom Tabat, Urbandale, 46.88%; (4) Pat Simon, Waterloo, 41.88%; (5) Marvin Engstler, Garner, 43.13%

Class B: (1) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 43.75%; (2) LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 41.88%; (3) Bill Sprague, Berwick, 40.63%; (4) Roz Smith, Pleasant Hill, 37.5%; (5) Doug Anderson, Stratford, 27.5%

Class C: (1) Shirley Sprague, Berwick, 26.25%; (2) Bud Johanson, Gowrie, 35.63%; (3) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 27.5%; (4) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 24.38%; (5) Ricky Ellsworth (Junior) 14.38%

Class D: (1) Skip Hills, Altoona, 29%; (2) John Ridgely, Earlham, 25%; (3) Mike McNace, Lakeview, 21%; (4) Carl Krukow, Clear Lake, 15.5%; (5) Harley Krukow, Iowa Falls, 23%; (6) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 13%

Class E: (1) Brandon Hartman (Junior) 23.5%; (2) Stanley Hanson, Pleasant Hill, 10.5%; (3) Russell Wiese, Roland, 9%; (4) Nate Stanley (Junior) 8%; (5) Dennis Smith, Pleasant Hill, 9.5%; (6) Steve Paukert, Duncombe, 6.5%

Summer Sunset, Council Bluffs, Sunday, May 6, 2017

Class A: (1) Cole Pearson (NE) 60.5%; (2) Don McCance (NE) 46.5%; (3) Paul Christensen, Carter Lake, 51.5%; (4) Charlie Allen, Council Bluffs, 37.5%; (5) Jake Berg (NE) 34.5%; (6) Harold Boden, Bronson, 29%

Class B: (1) Ed Ellwood (NE) 33.5%; (2) Dan Bailey (NE) 35.5%; (3) Ron Welsh (NE) 30.5%; (4) Stephanie Barry (NE) 26%; (5) Randy Fox, Council Bluffs, 31.5%; (6) Steve Barry (NE) 21.5%

Class C: (1) Jim Albright, Treynor, 21.5%; (2) Rick Allen, Crescent, 26%; (3) Keith Boden, Sioux City, 14%; (4) Dwight McGrath, Missouri Valley, 18%; (5) Mike Albright, Council Bluffs, 20.5%; (5) Tom Berg (NE) 18%

Osceola Spring Open, Saturday, June 10, 2017

Class A: (1) Bert Logsdon, Pleasantville, 54.38%; (2) Cole Pearson (NE) 51.88%; (3) Glenn Warden, Grimes, 47.5%; (4) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 38.75%; (5) LeRoy Law, West Des Moines, 35%

Class B: (1) Kristy Klejch, Creston, 30.42%; (2) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 30.42%; (3) Kelly Turbett, Tama, 17%; (4) Chris Jordan, Peru, 17.5%

Class C: (1) Jerry Dunkin, New Virginia, 18.33%; (2) Kevin Turbett, Tama, 24.58%; (3) Steve Jackson, Burlington, 11.67%; (4) Stanley Hanson, Pleasant Hill, 12.92%

Stuart Open, Saturday, June 11, 2017

Class A: (1) Glenn Warden, Grimes, 51.25%; (2) Valerie Pieper, Stuart, 24.375%; (3) Rick Hudson, Stuart, 26.25%; (4) Kevin Pieper, Stuart, 15%; (5) Chris Jordan, Peru, 16.875%

Mt. Pleasant Open, Saturday, June 17, 2017

Class A: (1) Jim Spidle Jr. (IL) 59%; (2) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 52%

Class B: (1) Kelly Turbett, Tama, 31%; (2) Kevin Turbett, Tama, 17%; (3) Frank MacArthur, Davenport, 26%

Class C: (1) Wade Bengel, Mt. Pleasant, 12%; (2) Steve Jackson, Burlington, 8%

Cedar Rapids Open, Saturday, June 24, 2017

Class A: (1) Glenn Warden, Grimes, 52.65%; (2) Butch White (MT) 51.39%; (3) Jim Spidle, Jr. (IL) 40.74%; (4) Larry Purcell, Cedar Rapids, 46.93%; (5) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 45.83%; (6) Joe Smith Gladbrook, 45.5%

Class B: (1) Larry Bolt, Traer, 45.26%; (2) Garen Rains, Solon, 38.64%; (3) Pat Simon, Waterloo, 37.18%; (4) Richard Shepardson, Iowa City, 42.62%; (5) Leroy Law, West Des Moines, 38.16%; (6) Loren Curry, Fairfax, 25.51%

Class C: (1) Dean Dennis, Cedar Rapids, 25.63%; (2) John O'Shea, Cedar Rapids, 28.28%; (3) Henry Trumpold, Marengo, 22.73%; (4) Poncho Blackhawk, Cedar Rapids, 23.91%; (5) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 23.73%; (6) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 17.77%

Class D: (1) Heidi Kuecker, Waterloo, 21.37%; (2) Wendy Boyse, Wellman, 20.61%; (3) Carl Krukow, Clear Lake, 19.2%; (4) Steve Jackson, Burlington, 14.5%; (5) Stanley Hanson, Pleasant Hill, 15.32%; (6) Ronda Moffatt, Homestead, 7.2%

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Bert Logsdon, Pleasantville
Pat Simon, Sr., Waterloo



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Joan Buell donates Flag for the Leo Buell Memorial Tournament



Vern Kollasch raises the Flag at the Bob Hardy Memorial Board



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IOWA STATE FAIR * AUGUST 10-20, 2017 * HORSESHOE PITCHING

HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT

Horseshoe Pitching will be held each day of the 2017 Iowa State Fair.

All events will take place on 12 outside clay courts east of Pioneer Hall.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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IOWA STATE FAIR 18TH ANNUAL MIDWEST SENIOR CLASSIC 9:30 A.M. - MONDAY, AUGUST 14

IOWA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP 1:30 P.M. - THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Pitch & Win every weekday afternoon for adults and children (10 & over)

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 10

Class 10 Farmers' Championship 9:30 a.m.
 Class 1 Open Singles 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15

Class 6 Open Doubles 9:30 a.m.
 Class 1 Open Singles 1:30 p.m.

Friday, August 11

* Class 4 IA State Regional Team Championship 9:30 a.m.
 Class 1 Open Singles 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16

Class 8 Seniors' Iowa State Fair Championship 9:30 a.m.
 Class 1 Open Singles 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 12

Class 11 Doubles State Fair Championship 9:30 a.m.
 Class 1 Open Singles 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 17

Class 1 Open Singles 1:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 Class 2 Iowa Amateur Championship 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 13

* Class 5 Iowa State Junior & Cadets Championship
 9:30 a.m.
 * Class 5 Iowa State Women's Championship 9:30 a.m.
 Class 1 Open Singles 3:00 p.m.

Friday, August 18

* Class 9 Two Player Pro-Am 9:30 a.m.
 Class 1 Open Singles 2:30 p.m.

Monday, August 14

* Class 12 Iowa State Fair Midwest Senior Classic
 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
 Class 6 Open Doubles 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 19

* Class 3 Iowa State Elder's Championship 9:30 a.m.
 * Class 7 Iowa State Men's Championship 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 20

* Class 7 Iowa State Men's Championship
 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

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All persons entering the Fairgrounds must pay an admission fee. Anyone wishing to leave the Fairgrounds and return the same day may do so by having their hand stamped at the gate before leaving. (This does not apply to vehicles.) General admission charged at the gate is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children (6-11 years) and \$10 for North Lot parking. Discount admission tickets may be purchased for adults at \$8 each and for children at \$4 each at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in the Entry Department or by mail. Parking at \$10 per day may also be purchased in advance. Send order and payment to: Iowa State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317. Please postmark your orders June 1 - July 20. Make checks payable to the Iowa State Fair. Admission tickets and parking tickets are good for any one day. Please Note: Admission will be \$6 at the gate on Sunday, August 20.

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Iowa State Fair - Des Moines, IA

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 _____ State Team \$75
 _____ State Men \$15
 _____ State Men Championship Class \$20
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 _____ Pro-Am (Team) Championship Class \$40

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() Jr. Cadet (12 & under for entire calendar year)

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