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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ralph Palmer, age 79, died November 23, 2018. He was born into a farming family in Gilman where his roots for hard work and innovation were deeply set. His love for baseball took him to the University of Iowa, where he played for a year before moving to Cedar Rapids. He graduated

from Coe College in 1961 with a major in biology and a minor in business. At Coe, he fell in love with Linda, and they were married in 1960. Cindy, Rebecca, and Jeff were born to this union, all while living in a trailer house in SW Cedar Rapids.

Ralph worked several jobs through the early years including cost accounting at Wilson Foods, sales for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, and store manager at Theisens in Anamosa. In 1968, he began a long career with Ar-Jay Building Products, later known as The Ar-Jay Center, where he retired in 2015. During this period, he touched many people locally and throughout the country with his sales training, his motivational speaking, and his writing of an article for a trade publication for 21 years.

Ralph was involved in many organizations, trade groups, and charities, but the ones closest to his heart were Camp Courageous in Monticello and the Shrine. While blessed to have healthy children and grandchildren, he always knew that he was helping them and their families live more fulfilled lives.

Many also know Ralph through his hobbies which included horseshoe pitching, basketball, and running. As with anything that he did, he always challenged himself to be the best he could be.

Ralph was a businessman with a lot of connections, and he is the primary reason the IHHPA has money to grant to improve horseshoe courts in Iowa. Most who host the World Tournaments lose money. Iowa made about \$30,000 when the tournament was in Cedar Rapids. He was the Tournament Director for the 2010 World Tournament in Cedar Rapids. He was given the NHPA Achievement Award for his involvement in that tournament. In 2013, he was inducted into the IHHPA Hall of Fame. At the time of his death, he was 3rd Vice President. He was a 33-year member of our association.

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Hello, from your president. We have had a pretty good winter. Well, some of the weeks I didn't know if it was winter or spring (aka the polar vortex week). The winter tournaments have been going great in Eldora. Winter Iowa Games went well. There are only a couple more tournaments indoors before we hit spring. Which means we get outside! Hope everybody has had a good winter and stayed safe. Thank you from your president!

-- Kenny Wiese, 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*

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(Ralph Palmer Continued from page 1)

Ralph always felt that his and Linda's greatest contribution was raising 3 responsible children, who in turn raised 4 grandchildren who will be solid contributors to society. He often commented how responsible parenting could cure many of the world's challenges. Please remember Ralph's favorite saying and the credo by which he lived, "You keep your enthusiasm by giving it away!"

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Larry Bolt, age 79, died December 10, 2018, in Traer surrounded by his family. He grew up on a farm south of Dinsdale and graduated from Dinsdale High School in 1956. Larry served his country in the United States Navy for 23 years, achieving the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. He honorably served during the Vietnam War. Following his

service, he attended UNI for 2 years. He also drove school buses for North Tama schools and hauled grain for an area farmer.

Larry enjoyed traveling, camping, gardening, fishing, walking, and horseshoe pitching. He was a 20-year member of NHPA. He earned 36 class championship patches from 1997 - 2017. He was State Champion in his class in 2003, 2006, 2011, and 2015. He was a member of the Cedar Rapids and Waterloo leagues. He was Sanctioned Club Class Champion in 2003, 2004, and 2007. He participated in the 2010 World Tournament in Cedar Rapids.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; 3 children, a stepdaughter, a step-granddaughter, a grandson, and 2 great-grandsons.

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The family of Larry Bolt would like to thank members of his horseshoe family who either were at the Celebration of Life or sent messages of comfort. Larry's horseshoe bag was present at his service and contained horseshoes, measuring tool, score cards, the last sheet from the Waterloo league, and about a pound of clay from various courts around. Larry dearly loved pitching horseshoes with all of you.

Thank you, Sharon and Family

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Douglas Anderson, age 74, died December 17, 2018. He was born in Boone. He graduated from Radcliffe High School in 1962. He married his wife, Susan, in 1968. After graduating from ISU, he served as an officer in the US Navy. Doug worked as an industrial arts teacher, a service manager for Westrum Motors, a construction contractor, and drafting coordinator for Webster City Products.

A long time ago, Doug stopped at a horseshoe pitching contest in Boone out of curiosity and has been active ever since. Doug was a 36-year member of the IHHPA. He was Regional Chairman, 2nd Vice President, Assistant Chaplain, and Co-Director of the Boone tournaments. Doug once said that he was introduced to horseshoe pitching at "backyard family reunion-type things." The thing he liked most about horseshoes is, "It's fun," and "I can pitch in my own backyard." He also said, "It's fun, friendly competition. You always hope your next game's better." He pitched one of his memorable games at his favorite tournament, the Iowa State Fair Championship. He pitched a 60+% game against the pacer. His most memorable game was winning the 2010 World Championship Class D1. He also really enjoyed the winter Eldora tournaments and helped set up when he could. Many of us enjoyed the apples that Doug brought to tournaments to give away.

Doug is survived by his mother, Ila; wife, Sue; three children, Teresa, Chad, and Luke; 2 brothers, Don and Dick; 2 sisters, Dixie and Darlene; and 13 grandchildren





Morris Lepley, age 83, lifelong Union area resident, passed away on December 23, 2018.

He was born at the family home north of Union on August 11, 1935. He graduated from Union High School in 1953. Morris began his working career at Lennox Industries in Marshalltown and then farmed

with his brother, Joe, and also was a dairy farmer. He became a cemetery caretaker for numerous cemeteries in the Hardin/Marshall county areas. His children worked alongside Morris learning sod removal and hand-filling graves. He retired in 2006. He will be fondly remembered for his storytelling, pitching horseshoes, and love of family (especially his grandchildren).

Left to cherish his memory are Grace, his loving wife of 61 years; 5 children; 7 grandchildren; 8 greatgrandchildren; brother, Joe Lepley of Union; and sister, Frances.

Morris, his brother (Joe), and Bob Walters were instrumental in raising the money for construction of the Eldora building which houses the Putt Mossman Arena and building the indoor pits. As part of the whole Eldora Club, they were the reason indoor pitching came to be in Eldora. Morris co-directed the Eldora Indoor tournaments.



Stanley Hanson, age 70, (formerly of Pleasant Hill), passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on January 3, 2019, at his new home in Topeka, Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Anne; his children, Eric and Kara; 7 grandchildren and 3 greatgrandchildren.

Stan was born on August 23, 1948, in Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated

from East High in Des Moines in 1966 and from Iowa State University in 1970. He earned a master's degree from the University of Omaha. He retired after 34 years of employment with the Corps of Engineers. Following his funeral service, he was buried at Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines. Stan Ioved pitching horseshoes, walking, and watching ISU sports and his grandsons' sporting events.

Stan was often seen practicing at the Iowa State Fair horseshoe courts. On August 14, 2013, he pitched in his first sanctioned tournament. That same year he began pitching in the spring West Des Moines Wednesday night league and the fall West Des Moines sanctioned league. He was a regular pitcher at Eldora indoor tournaments, traveled around the state pitching tournaments, and pitched at the Iowa State Fair. He pitched in the 2015 World Tournament in Topeka, Kansas. He last pitched in the Iowa Winter Games in Eldora on February 3, 2018, winning a bronze medal in Class D.

Stan met his wife, Anne, at the Iowa State Fair. She said that Stan loved his horseshoe family and loved playing, especially at the Fair. Anne has donated \$350 in memory of Stan to be used at the Iowa State Fair.



Eldora Indoor Tournaments:

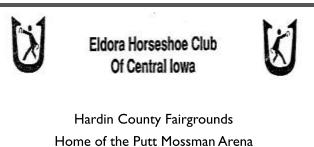
\$15 entry fee. Sign in by 9:30; play at 10:00. For information, contact Deb Davis, 515-778-5932; ddand2dogs@msn.com

March 9 (Sat), 10 (Sun) **NOT** First Weekend In March March 16 (Sat), 17 (Sun) April 6 (Sat), 7 (Sun), April 13 (Sat) **(Burgess Family Memorial**), 14 (Sun).

Directions to Eldora: Go North on I-35 to Jewell/Eldora Exit # 133. Turn right off of ramp onto 175. Then sharp left turn onto US 65-175 (27 miles from exit #133). Follow 175 into Eldora and continue thru town. Turn left at the cemetery. Then turn right to Mossman Arena (across from race track). GPS: 301 11th Ave.

April 27 (Sat) Marengo Northridge Indoor Classic - 0 to 35% ringer average. **Pre-Register by Wed., April 24th**. Entry fee \$15, Play starts at 8:45 a.m. There will be 3 classes. Class and start times to be assigned. Call Ron Stanerson 319-642-3628; Cell 319-430-0028 Food will be available. GPS: 1188 LL Ave

NOTE: Please change your 2019 Tournament Schedule as follows. The Council Bluffs Sunset Classic (Saturday Evening Pitch) will not be July 6. It WILL BE on the following Saturday, July 13.



Pitch Indoors from November 'till April



Bob Walters Memorial, Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018

<u>Class A</u>: (1) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 52.00%; (2) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 44.50%; (3) Pat Simon, Sr., Waterloo, 44.00%; (4) Jason Clark, Monticello, 40.87%; (5) James Meyer, Cedar Rapids, 29.81%; (6) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 29.50%

<u>Class B</u>: (1) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 33.00%; (2) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 32.50%; (3) John Peterson, Oskaloosa, 28.00%; (4) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 23.50%; (5) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 25.00%; (6) Ron Cliff, Polk City, 22.50%;

<u>Class C</u>: (1) Malcolm Clark, Monticello, 26.5%; (2) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 23.5%; (3) Mike McNace, Lakeview, 20.5%; (4) Tom Dunham, (SD), 19.5%; (5) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 19.50%; (6) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 16.00% <u>Class D</u>: (1) Mason Chambers, (Jr., WI), 14.38%; (2) Jaxon Johnson, (Jr., MN), 10.63%; (3) Noah Chambers, (Jr., WI), 4.88%; (4) Lucas Rasmussen, (C, MN), 1.88%; (5) Isaac Rasmussen, (Jr., MN), 2.44%

Eldora Open, Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018

<u>Class A:</u> (1) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 25.00%; (2) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 29.27%; (3) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 28.75%; (4) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 18.29%; (5) Ron Cliff, Polk City, 17.50% (Eldora Open, Sunday, Nov 4, 2018, Continued from page 4)

<u>Class B:</u> (1) Mike McNace, Lakeview, 21.25%; (2) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 15.00%; (3) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 14.38%; (4) Russell Wiese, Roland, 13.75%; (5) Tom Dunham, (SD), 11.88%

<u>Junior Class</u>: (1) Mason Chambers, (WI), 15.00%; (2) Jaxon Johnson, (MN), 9.38%; (3) Isaac Rasmussen, (MN), 10.00%; (4) Noah Chambers, (WI), 3.13%; (5) Lucas Rasmussen, (C, MN), 3.13%

Eldora Open, Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018

<u>Class A:</u> (1) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 59.33%; (2) Tom Tabat, Fort Dodge, 40.67%; (3) Pat Simon, Sr., Waterloo, 39.33%; (4) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 26.00%

<u>Class B</u>: (1) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 23.75%; (2) Kelly Turbett, Tama, 21.88%; (3) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 30.00%; (4) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 20.00%; (5) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 13.75%

<u>Class C</u>: (1) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 26.25%; (2) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 25.00%; (3) Kevin Turbett, Tama, 23.75%; (4) Steve Jackson, Burlington, 11.88%; (5) Steve Faught, Waterloo, 9.38%

Eldora Open, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018

<u>Class A</u>: (1) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 24.00%; (2) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 23.33%; (3) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 21.33%; (4) Deb Wiese, Roland, 20.00%

<u>Class B</u>: (1) Mike McNace, Lakeview, 22.67%; (2) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 23.33%; (3) Ron Cliff, Polk City, 16.00%; (4) Russell Wiese, Roland, 9.33%

Eldora Open, Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019

<u>Class A</u>: (1) Tom Tabat, Fort Dodge, 45.50%; (2) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 26.00%; (3) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 44.00%; (4) Tom Stensland, Forest City, 29.50%; (5) Marty Sprague, Fort Dodge, 20.00%; (6) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 21.00%

<u>Class B</u>: (1) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 21.00%; (2) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 30.50%; (3) Kenny Wiese, Ellsworth, 23.50%; (4) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 22.00%; (5) Deb Wiese, Roland, 23.00%; (6) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 16.00%

<u>Class C</u>: (1) Mike McNace, Lakeview, 21.25%; (2) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 23.13%; (3) Russell Wiese, Roland, 11.25%; (4) Ron Cliff, Polk City, 14.38%; (5) Bob Wiese, Roland, 1.88%

Eldora Open, Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019

<u>Class A</u>: (1) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 29.00%; (2) Bob Waldo, lowa Falls, 27.00%; (3) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 26.00%; (4) Deb Wiese, Roland, 25.00%; (5) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 28.00%; (6) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 25.00% <u>Class B</u>: (1) Mike McNace, Lakeview, 21.25%; (2) Russell Wiese, Roland, 13.13%; (3) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 14.38%; (4) Bob Wiese, Roland, 5.63%; (5) Deb Wiese, Roland, 23.00%; (6) Cooper Wiese, (C), 3.13%

Eldora Open, January 12, 13, and 19, 20, 2019 Cancelled due to weather

Winter Iowa Games (NS), Eldora, Sat, Feb. 2, 2019

<u>Class A</u>: (1) Joseph Smith, Gladbrook, 54.38%; (2) Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell, 40.00%; (3) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 43.13%; (4) Marvin Engstler, Garner, 25.63%; (5) Ronnie Burgess, Cedar Rapids, 18.13%

<u>Class B</u>: (1) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 30.50%; (2) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 35.50; (3) Kelly Turbett, Tama, 28.00%; (4) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 23.00%; (5) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 27.50%; (6) Jan Warwick, Ames, 22.00%

<u>Class C</u>: (1) Deb Wiese, Roland, 25.50%; (2) Tom Stensland, Forest City, 25.49%; (3) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 21.57%; (4) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 21.00%; (5) Kevin Turbett, Tama, 18.50% (6) Mariah Johanns, Cedar Rapids, 2.00%

<u>Class D</u>: (1) Alfonso Blackhawk, Cedar Rapids, 20.5%; (2) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 21%; (3) Ron Cliff, Polk City, 22%; (4) Chris Jordan, Peru, 22%; (5) Russell Wiese, Roland, 10.5%; (6) Daniel Steenhard, Sheffield,11.5%

Eldora Open, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019

<u>Class A:</u> (1) Marty Sprague, Fort Dodge, 35.00%; (2) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 25.63%; (3) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 33.75%; (4) John Peterson, Oskaloosa, 23.75%; (5) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 21.25%

<u>Class B</u>: (1) Russ Martin, Clarksville, 27.50%; (2) Deb Wiese, Roland, 18.75%; (3) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 13.75%; (4) Ricky Ellisworth, (JR), 17.50%; (5) Rick Truitt, Muscatine, 14.38%

<u>Class C</u>: (1) Russell Wiese, Roland, 15.63%; (2) Martin Lovett, Muscatine, 14.38%; (3) Brandon DeBord, Des Moines, 8.75%; (4) Adam Olson, Ft. Dodge, 7.50%; Bob Wiese, Roland, 1.88%

Valley of the Sun, February 7-10, 2019

Four lowans participated in the 61st Valley of the Sun Tournament in Mesa, AZ, (the oldest sanctioned tournament in the NHPA).

Bert Logsdon, of Pleasantville, faced very tough competition in Class (A-30) Roadrunners, finishing 4th and averaging 59.38%.



Gail Maher, Iowa City, Class (D) Sidewinders ended up in a 3-way tie for 1st place forcing a play-off. She coolly bested her opponent 26/21 and 28/25 in the play-offs, averaging 35.58% in 520 shoes and winning \$250 for first place.

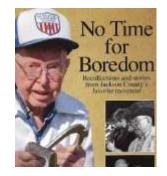
In Class (E) Agave, despite being the only ones in their class

pitching over their entry averages, neither Chris Jordan, of Peru, nor Shirley Sprague, of Berwick, finished in the money. Chris had the highest ringer percentage in the class, 24.72%, but finished in 6th place out of 10 players. Shirley finished 8th place.



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MEMBER NEWS

Leo Lamparek has been moved to "The Gardens" for rehab and is holding his own. He can look out the window from his new room and see his home. In case you get a minute to send a note, Leo's address is: The Gardens 5710 Dean Road SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

Marvin Engstler, Garner, & **Shirley Sprague**, Berwick, have both returned to pitching. Welcome back.



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Deb and BibliPA,

The City of Hoyel, the Reper Geria Club and all of our local pitchers wish to express their stocare gratitude for relecting Don's Grove as a molpion for the generosus \$2,000.00 grant awarded for our novigroencehold pits in Memorial Park.

In a recent call from Chris Jordan we have scheduled our firm sanctioned toarmanient for Sapt 7th 2018. It will be dubbed the "Clay County instational". We look forward to many members counting to try out cut new counts on their way to "The World's Graatest County Fach" as "The Clay County Fach" which starts that weekend on the came day.

(have been approached from some fair board members about resonanting the Clay County Fair hereeshoe tourspront recently, well that this was a wonderful time to get locked into means that tournament counces back so find.

(Novet also recently visited with Marty and an one going to get our sanctioned league play starting in the spring.

Lian's suprem how much of a help everyone has been that I have taiked on, from Vern, Deb, Marry, and Ron Standsten to the load day examination, and secretioning officials. Our local volunteers and contractors have been able to materialize a simple idea into an actual functioning secretioned court in the matter of a few moonth.

The city of Royal looks forward to welcoming all players, family, and func to our terwity remodeled courts in 2019. We hope to be one of the premier spots on the tournoment schedule in the years to follow. Royal is for Roal. We hope to prove that to everyone who comes to skill.

Thank you again so very much, I look forward to an exciting future together.

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