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WINTERSET STUDENTS INTRODUCED TO HORSESHOE PITCHING

Horseshoe pitching continues to be a part of the Winterset Junior High Physical Education (P.E.) Program. Each fall since 1991, Winterset Junior High students have enjoyed coming out to the horseshoe courts during their P.E. Class time. John Pletchette, longtime City of Winterset Parks and Recreation Director coordinates this instructional program as well as the sanctioned tournaments at the Madison County Fairgrounds 12 courts. The format for the horseshoe program has changed very little over the years.

When the program started in 1991, Pletchette's wife, Jean, was one of the Winterset P.E. teachers and the program was 3 days for only 8th grade students (3 classes each day). Today the program is for 7th and 8th grades with a total of 8 different classes over two days. Each of the 8 class sizes range from 30 to 60 students. Each class is scheduled for two 40 minute classes at the horseshoe courts. Last year the first class arrived around 8:20 am and the last class of the day at 12:30 pm. on October 1.

The purpose of the program is to introduce the game of horseshoes to Winterset students. The program involves basic instruction, demonstrations, a hand-out and plenty of time to pitch. Students are introduced to scoring, rules, 3 different types of grips, and pitching fundamentals. Following about 15 minutes of instructions/demonstrations on the first day, each class is then divided into 2-person teams, and they play doubles during the remainder of class time. The second day at the courts is all pitching. The 7th and 8th grade boy and girl

with the most ringers are awarded a Champion WPRD t-shirt each year.

The following safety procedures are used when students are pitching. All students on one end begin pitching at the sound of a whistle. Students on the other end stand behind a line painted on the grass 10 feet behind the backboard. When ALL students on the one end are done pitching, a whistle is again sounded. Teammates on the other end pick up the horseshoes. When students on the other end are safely behind the 10-foot line, the whistle is sounded and the horseshoes begin flying again.....



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello from your president. I wish Mother Nature would make up her mind. One week it rains the whole week, then it is cold, then it is hot. All the leagues and tournaments have been running smoothly that are going on around the state. That is, when Mother Nature cooperates with us. When the sun is shining high,

don't forget to put that sun screen on and drink plenty of water. I would like to wish all of the pitchers that are going to the World Tournament a lot of good luck, especially the pitchers from our great state of Iowa. There are 12 from our great state going. Be sure to try and watch them on live feed. State Fair is right around the corner, too. Don't forget to sign up for that either. I hope to see plenty of pitchers there as well. Again good luck at World everyone.

Thank you from your president Kenny Wiese

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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*

(Winterset Students Continued from Page 1)

Several IHHPA Members were involved in getting the program going back in the 90's. The late Don Wilson was very helpful with providing necessary information, donating several horseshoes and teaching John the 1 1/4 grip for his demonstrations. Pletchette hopes that some of the students will get involved with the game of horseshoes and enjoy this sport for a lifetime. He also likes to see the 12 horseshoe courts, currently being upgraded, being used. After 28 years and nearly **4,000 students** (introduced to horseshoe pitching) one thing for sure is- *the students really get excited about ringers.*

For further info contact John Pletchette at 515-468-1176 or jpletchette@cwmnu.net.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 22 (Sat) Cedar Rapids Open - Ellis Park - Sign in by 9:30 a.m./ play at 10:00. Entry Fee \$10. Keep your own score. Ron Burgess 319/573-8189. GPS: 916 Ellis Park Blvd N.W.

June 29 (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. GPS: 816 Campbell Ave.

July 3 (Wed) Marengo Old Time Classic – **Pre-Register by Friday, June 28th.** - Courts ½ block N of City Square. Entry \$15.00, (\$10 if in all White) Play at 8:45am. There will be six classes – Class & start time to be assigned. Food nearby. Ron Stanerson 319-642-3628 or 319-430-0028. GPS: 205 W. Main St.

July 4 (Wed) Holiday Classic, Holiday Park, West Des Moines - **Pre-Register by July 3rd** - Railroad Ave. to 14th St., then North. Sign in by 9:30 a.m./ play at 10:00.

Entry Fee \$15. 100% Pay Back. One morning session, Limited to first 35 pitchers. (Please Note: This number has been reduced due to the removal of 2 courts to allow room for a nice 20' by 40' shelter at the courts.) Self-scoring or pitchers sitting out. No food. Leroy Law 515-681-1937; lawrangers@mchsi.com

July 6 (Sat) Monticello Summer Open – Willow Park (behind Pizza Ranch). Sign in by 9:30 a.m./play at 10:00. Entry fee \$15 (includes scorekeeping). Grilled food and water available. Jason Clark 319-821-2906. GPS: 509 E. Oak St.

July 11 (Thurs) Adults pitch @ Eldora – Hardin County Fairgrounds. Sign in by 9:30 a.m./play 10:00. Entry fee \$10. Deb Davis 515- 778-5932; Russ Wiese 515-291-4462

July 13 (Sat) Cedar Rapids Open, Ellis Park – Sign in by 9:30 a.m./Play at 10:00. Entry fee \$10. Keep your own score. Ron Burgess 319-573-8189. GPS: 916 Ellis Park Blvd N.W.

July 13 (Sat Eve Pitch) Council Bluffs, **NOTE: Previously scheduled on July 6th and renamed Jan Flemming Memorial** – Sunset Park -16th Ave & 11th Street. Evening Pitch! Register by 5:30 pm / play at 6:00. Cash payback. Steve Ronk 712/310-9965 / Ray Daugherty 402/350-1976

July 13 (Sat) Webster County Fair (NS) Blind Draw Doubles, Double elimination. \$10 Entry Fee. Sign in by 9:30 a.m./ play at 10:00. Tom Tabat 515-408-1707

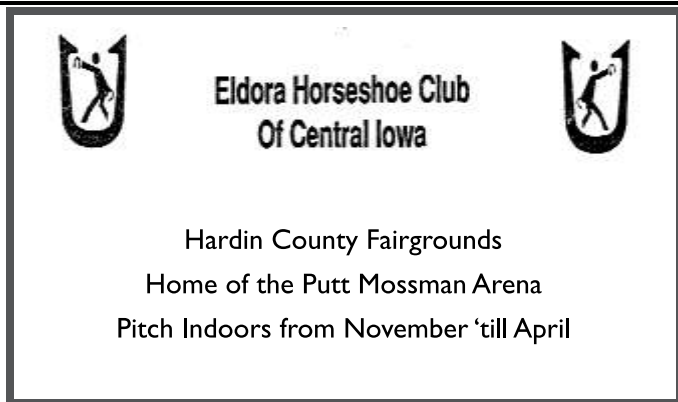
July 20 (Sat) Iowa City Open – City Park, I-80 to Dubuque Street. Sign in by 9:30 a.m./play @ 10:00. Entry \$15. Vern Kollasch, 319-321-0747. GPS 200 E. Park Rd.

July 20 (Sat) Ames - Iowa Games (NS), North River Valley Park 825 E. 13th St. Take 13th St exit off 1-35, West 1 mile. **Pre-Register** using Iowa Games forms available online at iowagames.org. or call Jan Warwick 515/290-6281

July 21 (Sun) Madison County Fair Open, Winterset – Madison County Fairgrounds. Sign in by 9:30 a.m. / play at 10:00. Entry Fee \$10. Food available on the fairgrounds. Chris Jordan, cell 515-669-3085. GPS: 1204 W. Summit St

NHPA WORLD TOURNAMENT, July 22 – August 3, 2019, Wichita Falls, Texas

July 24 Deadline for those classes requiring advanced registration at the Iowa State Fair Horseshoe Tournaments being held August 8 – 18 to be received. See attached Schedule for additional information.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Eldora Open, Saturday, April 6, 2019

Class A: (1) Joseph Smith, Gladbrook, 50.5%; (2) Ron Stanerson, Marengo, 44.5%; (3) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 48.5%; (4) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 40.0%; (5) Richard Shepardson, Iowa City, 36.5%; (6) Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell, 32.5%

Class B: (1) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 34.5%; (2) Mark Gilbertson, ND, 29.41%; (3) John Peterson, Oskaloosa, 28.0%; (4) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 26.96%, (5) Henry Trumpold, Marengo, 26.0%; (6) Tom Stensland, Forest City, 24.0%

Class C: (1) Wallace Runia, MN, 35.5%; (2) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 19.5%, (3) Chris Jordan, Peru, 17.0%; (4) Russell Wiese, Roland, 14.5%; (5) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 13.5%; (6) Kenny Wiese, Ellsworth, 13.5%

Eldora Open, Sunday, April 7, 2019

Class A: (1) Marvin Engstler, Garner, 43.75%; (2) Mark Gilbertson, ND, 25.0%; (3) Wallace Runia, MN, 36.88%; (4) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 25.63%; (5) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 20.63%

Class B: (1) Kevin Turbett, Tama, 20.0%; (2) Kelly Turbett, Tama, 26.88%; (3) Mike McNace, Lakeview, 16.88%; (4) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 13.75%; (5) Russell Wiese, Roland, 11.88%

Burgess Memorial, Saturday, April 13, 2019

Class A: (1) Joseph Smith, Gladbrook, 58.5%; (2) Tom Tabat, Fort Dodge, 48.5%; (3) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 50.5%; (4) Jason Clark, Monticello, 39.0%; (5) Ron Stanerson, Marengo, 38.5%; (6) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 37.5%

Class B AM: (1) Reggie Crumes, Altoona, 43.13%; (2) Harold Boden, Bronson, 33.13%; (3) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 35.0%; (4) Henry Trumpold, Marengo, 30.63%; (5) Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell, 28.13%

Class B PM: (1) Deb Wiese, Roland, 30.5%; (2) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 32.0%; (3) John Peterson, Oskaloosa, 27.0%; (4) Marty Sprague, Fort Dodge, 24.0%; (5) Mike McNace, Lakeview, 20.5%

Class C: (1) Tom Stensland, Forest City, 26.25%; (2) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 23.75%; (3) Kenny Wiese, Ellsworth, 23.13%; (4) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 18.75%; (5) Rick Truitt, Muscatine, 10.0%

Class D: (1) Bob Waldo, Iowa Falls, 20.0%; (2) Martin Lovett, Muscatine, 18.75%, (3) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 19.38%; (4) Russell Wiese, Roland, 15.63%, (5) Ron Cliff, Polk City, 10.0%

Class E: (1) Donata Kitchens, (MN), 8.33%; (2) Noah Chambers, (Jr, WI), 5%; (3) Jack Maloney, (C, IA), 5%; (4) Brielle Schneider, (C, MN), 3.33%; (5) Lucas Rasmussen, (C, MN), 1.67%; (6) Mackenzie Rasmussen, (C, MN), 2.5%; (7) Luke Maloney, (C, IA), 0%

Eldora Open, Sunday, April 14, 2019

Class A: (1) Tom Tabat, Fort Dodge, 52.0%; (2) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 30.5%; (3) Harold Boden, Bronson, 28.5%; (4) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 15.0%; (5) Russell Wiese, Roland, 10.0%; (6) Marty Sprague, Fort Dodge, 20.5%

Class C: (1) Donata Kitchens, (MN), 7.5%; (2) Noah Chambers, (Jr, WI), 5.83%; (3) Brielle Schneider, (C, MN), 4.17%; (4) Mackenzie Rasmussen, (C, MN), 0.83%; (5) Lucas Rasmussen, (C, MN), 2.50%

Marengo North Ridge Classic

Saturdays, April 27 & May 4, 2019

Class A: (1) Garen Raines, Solon, 54%; (2) Bert Logsdon, Pleasantville, 59%; (3) Joe Smith, Gladbrook, 54%; (4) Gary Hanchett, Deep River, 48%; (5) Ron Stanerson, Marengo, 45.5%; (6) Larry Purcell, Cedar Rapids, 38%

Class B: (1) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 49%; (2) Tom Tabat, Ft. Dodge, 42.31%; (3) Skip Hills, Altoona, 41.18%; (4) Dick Shepardson, Iowa City, 38.24%; (5) Jason Clark, Monticello, 36.5%; (6) Marvin Engstler, Garner, 34.5%

Class C: (1) Bill Sprague, Berwick, 35%; (2) Marty Sprague, Ft. Dodge, 34.31%; (3) Dave Mittlestadt, Jewell, 29%; (4) Glenn Warden, Grimes, 21%; (5) James Meyer, Cedar Rapids, 29.41%; (6) Henry Trumpold, Marengo, 25.5%

Class D: (1) Deb Wiese, Roland, 31%; (2) Kelly Turbett, Tama, 25.5%; (3) Loren Curry, Fairfax, 22.55%; (4) John O'Shea, Cedar Rapids, 21%; (5) Sheryl Mason, Grinnell, 20.5%; (6) Pat Mooney, Clinton, 25.98%

Class E: (1) John Brunsmann, Fairfax, 16%; (2) Chris Jordan, Peru, 21.5%; (3) Kevin Turbett, Tama, 20.5%; (4) Shirley Sprague, Berwick, 15.5%; (5) Russell Wiese, Roland, 12%

Class F: (1) Vicki Cobb, Marengo, 24.5%; (2) Morris Denson, Marengo, 13.5%; (3) Roger Heller, Marengo, 11%; (4) Ronda Moffatt, Homestead, 9%; (5) Maurice Hartz, Jr., Marengo, 14%; (6) Andrew Gray, Marengo, 9%

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(TOURNAMENT RESULTS Continued from Page 4)**Don Wilson Memorial, Indianola, Saturday, May 4, 2019**

Class A: (1) Reggie Crumes, Altoona, 39.5%; (2) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 35.5%; (3) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 29.5%; (4) Rick Hudson, Stuart, 27%; (5) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 14%

Class B: (1) Jerry Dunkin, New Virginia, 29.2%; (2) Chris Jordan, Peru, 27.8%; (3) Shirley Sprague, Berwick, 12.9%; (4) Jalen Dalton, (Jr), 8.8%

Class C: (1) Rhonda Dalton, Madrid, 16%; (2) Pam Slippery, Ankeny, 15.3%

SWIHPA Open, Council Bluffs, Sunday, May 5, 2019

Class A: (1) Bill Vogt, Council Bluffs, 48%; (2) Dan Bailey, (NE), 41%; (3) Jake Berg, (NE), 40%; (4) Dale Verhoeff, (NE), 38%; (5) Steve Ronk, Council Bluffs, 29.5%; (6) Marv Dirks, Fonda, 24%

Class B: (1) Greg Sokolik, (NE), 27.5%; (2) Glen Thacker, Council Bluffs, 29.5%; (3) Bob Dennis, (NE), 24%; (4) Crystal Walton, (SD), 20.5%; (5) James J. Albright, Jr., Treynor, 18.5%; (6) Tom Berg, (NE), 15%

Class C: (1) Keith Boden, Sioux City, 20.5%; (2) Tom Dunham, (SD), 13%; (3) Ray Shultz, (NE), 11%; (4) John Paczkowski, (NE), 9.5%; (5) Larry Reemts, (SD), 7%; (6) Molly Shultz, (NE), 3%

Madison County Open, Winterset, Saturday, May 11, 2019

Class A: (1) Bert Logsdon, Pleasantville, 68.54%; (2) Reggie Crumes, Altoona, 41.2%; (3) Derek Bloodgood, (Jr), 39.2%; (4) Ron Rowley, West Des Moines, 36%; (5) Kristy Klejch, Creston, 39.08%

Class B: (1) Deb Davis, Ankeny, 35%; (2) John Peterson, Oskaloosa, 26.25%; (3) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 25.62%; (4) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 20.73%; (5) Deb Wiese, Roland, 17.68%

Class C: (1) Rick Hudson, Stuart, 25.62%; (2) Valerie Pieper, Stuart, 19.37%; (3) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 16.25%; (4) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 15.24%; (5) Chris Jordan, Peru, 14.02%

Class D: (1) Kevin Pieper, Stuart, 14.37%; (2) Paul Scherer, Winterset, 13.12%; (3) Brandon DeBord, Des Moines, 13.12%; (4) Russ Wiese, Roland, 11.87%; (5) Paul Clark, Marshalltown, 5%

Red Oak Open, Red Oak, Saturday, May 25, 2019

Class A: (1) Bert Logsdon, Pleasantville, 63%; (2) Cole Pearson, (NE), 53.5%; (3) Kristy Klejch, Creston, 40.5%; (4) Mike Taylor, (NE), 21.5%; (5) Glen Thacker, Council Bluffs, 20%; (6) Steve Ronk, Council Bluffs, 25.5%

Class B: (1) Josh Franzen, Elliott, 27%; (2) Rick Hudson, Stuart, 29%; (3) Roger Vannausdle, Red Oak, 23%; (4) Valerie Pieper, Stuart, 20%; (5) Kevin Pieper, Stuart, 10%; (6) Beth Vannausdle, Elliott, 4.5%

Iowa State Fairgrounds Open, Des Moines, Monday, May 27, 2019

Class A: (1) Cole Pearson, (NE), 58.75%; (2) Bert Logsdon, Pleasantville, 59.38%; (3) Reggie Crumes, Altoona, 48.13%; (4) Russell Clodfelter, (NE), 46.25%; (5) Skip Hills, Altoona, 34.38%

Class B: (1) Kelly Turbett, Tama, 32.5%; (2) John Peterson, Oskaloosa, 30%; (3) Tim Pew, Des Moines, 25%; (4) Rick Truitt, Muscatine, 20%; (5) Chris Jordan, Peru, 19.5%; (6) Kevin Turbett, Tama, 15%

Class C: (1) Martin Lovett, Muscatine, 16%; (2) Steve Jackson, Burlington, 14.22%; (3) Brandon DeBord, Des Moines, 6%; (4) Ralph Davis, Ankeny, 14.71%; (5) Russell Wiese, Roland, 7.5%; (6) Dick Huitt, Des Moines, 2.5%

Clinton Open, Clinton, Saturday, June 1, 2019

Class A: (1) Ken Schaver, (IL), 61.51%; (2) Robert Schaver, (IL), 50%; (3) Larry Purcell, Cedar Rapids, 46.54%; (4) Vern Kollasch, Iowa City, 45.95%

Class B: (1) Laverne Schroeder, (IL), 30.5%; (2) Ronnie Burgess, Cedar Rapids, 28.5%; (3) Red Auderer, Dubuque, 27%; (4) Roger Doering, (IL), 28%; (5) Gail Ropp, (IL), 20%

Class C: (1) Mike Gauthier, (IL), 24%; (2) Rick Truitt, Muscatine, 14%; (3) Martin Lovett, Muscatine, 10%; (4) Loren Bamborough, (IL), 12%

Frontier Days, Fort Dodge, Saturday, June 1, 2019

Class A: (1) Tom Tabat, Fort Dodge, 49%; (2) Joseph Smith, Gladbrook, 48%; (3) Bill Sprague, Berwick, 31%

Class B: (1) Marvin Engstler, Garner, 29%; (2) Bud Johanson, Gowrie, 36.5%; (3) Marvin Dirks, Fonda, 28.5%; (4) Tom Stensland, Forest City, 23%

Class C: (1) Wesley Collier, Boone, 34.5%; (2) Steve Hatch, Knoxville, 28%; (3) Chris Jordan, Peru, 21.5%; (4) Paul Clark, Marshalltown, 10%; (5) Shirley Sprague, Berwick, 19.5%

Summer Sunset, Council Bluffs, Sunday, June 2, 2019

Class A: (1) Dan Bailey, (NE), 46%; (2) Gary Berg, (NE), 39.5%; (3) Jordon Smith, (NE), 34.5%; (4) Bob Mesner, (NE), 37.5%; (5) Dale Verhoeff, (NE), 36.5%; (6) Joe Smith, (NE), 30.5%

Class B: (1) Charley Allen, Council Bluffs, 32.5%; (2) Mike Taylor, (NE), 31%; (3) Steve Ronk, Council Bluffs, 31%; (4) Nick Blank, (NE), 23.5%; (5) Robert Dennis, (NE), 23%; (6) Raymond Neff, (NE), 29.5%

Class C: (1) Ron Welsh, (NE), 23.5%; (2) Jim Albright, Jr., Treynor, 28.88%; (3) Rod Kammrod, Council Bluffs, 19%; (4) Greg Sokolik, (NE), 19.5%; (5) Tom Berg, (NE), 15.5%; (6) John Drost, NE, 15.5%

Class D: (1) Roger Vannausdle, Red Oak, 25%; (2) Mike Albright, Council Bluffs, 18.5%; (3) Dwight McGrath, Missouri Valley, 16.5%; (4) John Packowski, (NE), 14.5%; (5) TJ Pettyjohn, Council Bluffs, 9%; (6) Lou McNeal, Council Bluffs, 6%



WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

Ryan Garrison, Council Bluffs
 Frank Richardson, Maxwell
 TJ Pettyjohn, Council Bluffs
 Wesley Cottier, Boone
 Jack Maloney, Cadet
 Luke Maloney, Cadet
 Bob Waldron, Earlham
 James Fortune, Des Moines
 Josh Franzen, Elliott
 Beth Vannausdle, Elliott
 Bridget Werling, Marengo
 Thomas C. Ryan, Marengo
 Gary Stourac, Williamsburg



MEMBER NEWS

The 2019 World Horseshoe Tournament will be held July 22nd - August 3rd at the Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall and the Kay Yeager Coliseum (NPEC) in Wichita Falls, TX. Good luck to the following Iowans who are participating: Joseph Smith, Kristy Klejch, Gail Maher, Bert Logsdon, Skip Hills, Reggie Crumes, Marvin Dirks, Harold Boden, Vern Kollasch, Tom Stensland, Steve Hatch, and Derek Bloodgood. The 2020 World Tournament will be held in Monroe/West Monroe, LA. Winnemucca, NV will be hosting the 2021 World Tournament.

2019 Team World

The Iowa Team, consisting of Bert Logsdon, Joe Smith, Tom Tabat and Jason Clark competed at Team World in Beloit, Wisconsin in May. The Iowa Team finished in 11th place out of 16 teams with 39 wins. Bert Logsdon had a 16.5-4.5 record and pitched 65%. Joe Smith had a 10-11 record and pitched 45.48%. Tom Tabat had a 7.5-13.5 record and pitched 40.25%, Jason Clark had a 5-16 record and pitched 33.33%.

Team Regional

Remember to sign up for the Iowa State Fair Horseshoe Pitching. The Team Regional is August 9. All team captains: please send your team pitchers' names and/or money to me by July 15. I will be at the World Horseshoe Tournament in Wichita Falls, Texas the last 2 weeks in July. I need to finalize all pitchers' averages by the NATSTATS as of July 18.

NPHA Iowa State Regional Director Vern Kollasch

Iowa Senior Games

"100 Horseshoe Pitch" was held June 6th at Holiday Park in West Des Moines. The following pitchers brought home a Gold Medal in their age division: Timothy Pew, Roz Smith, Chris Jordan, Reggie Crumes, Pam Slippery, Garen Rains, and Rhonda Moffat. Skip Hills earned a Silver Medal.

National Top Ten Awards of the 2018 League Season

One of our Waterloo Metro Horseshoe Pitching league members was honored on the first night of our Waterloo league competition when I presented him with the certificate and patch for his **3rd place** in the **National High Point Game**



over Average - 50 shoe game, for the cadet division. My Grandson, 9 year old, Kyle Kuecker, the eldest son of my daughter, Heidi Kuecker who also pitches our league, was surprised and tickled when he heard his name called.

Kyle is the first WMHPL member to earn a Top Ten Award since way back in the early 80's when his great grandpa, Ralph Simon was honored in a couple of categories, during his time pitching in the WMHPL. Kyle is the youngest pitcher in our Waterloo League, and he has been pitching on the league since he was just six years old.

Initially he would just tag along with his mother and pitch on an open court while we pitched league. One night one of our regular pitchers was unable to come and couldn't find a sub. Rather than have our players pitch alone, I asked Kyle if he wanted to pitch in his place. He eagerly accepted and completed all three of his 50 shoe games, averaged about 15 points a game and on the final pitch of the final game that night he threw his first sanctioned ringer. He also quickly picked up how we scored and he was adamant that he do it himself. He continued to come every week with his mother and would sub whenever he got the chance. At our annual league meeting he was voted Rookie of the Year.

The following spring when we were putting the league together, he asked his mom if he could be a **'real'** horseshoe pitcher and play every week. He was the only pitcher to win all three of his games the first night of that season, landing him alone in first place, a position he held for the first nine weeks of the season. He has been a regular member of our league ever since and continues to improve from year to year.

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Kyle was not the only lowan to receive Top Ten awards this year. There were five others who also made the list. Here are the particulars for each Iowa award winner.

Kyle Kuecker, earned **3rd Place** in the **National High Point Game over Average in a 50 shoe game**, in the Junior/Cadet division. He earned that award pitching in the Waterloo Metro HPL.

Caleb Haack, earned **9th place** in the **National High Point Game over Average in a 40 shoe game** in the Junior/Cadet division. That was pitched in the Marengo Summer HSL.

Ron Stanerson earned **6th place** in the **National High Point Game over Average in a 40 shoe game** in the Adult division. He pitched in the Marengo Summer HSL.

Maurice Hartz Jr earned **6th place** in the **Individual High Ringer Game over Average** in the Elder division. That was pitched in the Marengo Summer HSL.

Steve "Bones" Ronk earned **9th place** in the **Individual High Ringer Game over Average** in the Men division. That was pitched in the Greater Omaha Spring HSL.

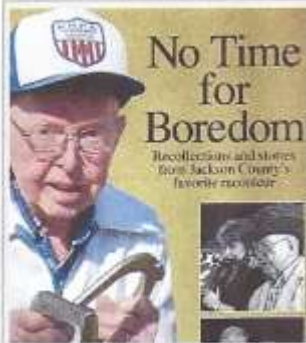
Jerry Hartwick earned **5th place** in the **National High Point Game over Average in a 50 shoe game** in the Adult division. However Jerry earned his award while pitching in Florida in the Clearwater Fall HSC.

Congratulations to all six Iowa winners. To place this high out of 4,423 pitchers in 270 leagues is quite an accomplishment.

As for me, I am back to pitching again, after sitting out most all of last year after a pinched nerve in my lower back caused my left leg to lose all feeling. For two months, I was unable to stand or walk for more than a couple minutes. It took over 7 months before I was able to step out and support myself in order to pitch again. It was the first tournament in Eldora where I first competed again. Not at the level I was previously, but after 7 months of not knowing if I would ever pitch again, I was elated to be back at it. I still struggle with weakness in the left leg and my pitching is still not what it was, but I am happy to be back pitching again. I'm hoping to be able to pitch at the Fair Championships again this year.
Pat Simon Sr.



Kyle's Award Certificate



Glen "Red" Henton's new book is now on sale. Call him at 563-652-5698 or send a check or money order for \$13 to have it mailed to you. It is only \$10 if you pick it up yourself.

His address is:
413 S. Jones
Maquoketa, IA 52060

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

It is time to solicit nominations for our Association's Hall of Fame and Frank Jackson Awards. Deadline for nominations is July 31, 2019.

Hall of Fame Award: The purpose of the Hall of Fame Award is to honor and perpetuate the names of those members who have displayed outstanding ability in the game of horseshoes and/or who have contributed through meritorious service to the general welfare and progress of the game and/or who have pitched horseshoes for a great number of years. The successful candidate must receive 75% of the vote cast with a minimum of seven members voting. There can be multiple successful candidates, and there may be no nominee if the 75% vote is not met. Members inducted into this select group consider this to be a great honor, and many continue to promote the sport of horseshoes.

Frank Jackson Award: This award is given to that person who has given effort above the call of duty in advancement of horseshoe pitching in Iowa. Only one successful candidate by majority vote.

Hall of Fame and Frank Jackson Awards are elected by the Hall of Fame Board which consists of the Executive Board of IHPA, Regional Chairpersons, and a Nomination Committee appointed by the IHPA President. The nominations for the Awards are from you, the Membership, by submitting a brief description of accomplishments and reasons you feel your candidate deserves the recognition. If you know individuals that fit the criteria for either of the above awards, please send information to me. Include in your nomination their name, how long they have been actively involved with horseshoes, their specific accomplishments and things you feel that make these horseshoe pitchers special. These nominations do not need to be lengthy. In fact, we appreciate nominations that are concise and to the point. The committee needs your help identifying these individuals so their efforts may be properly recognized.

Phyllis Von Thun was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2017, Other IHPA Hall of Famers are: Carl Kaiser and Darrell Nation (2015); Ray Daugherty (2014) Ralph Palmer and Larry Purcell (2013); Joe Smith and Owen Simmons (2012); Keith Baker (2011); LeRoy Law (2008); Harold Garner (2007); Leo Buell (2005) and Marv Engstler (2004).

Past winners of the Frank Jackson Award are Deb Davis (2014); Steve Ronk (2012); James Jackson and Stoney Jackson (2011); Bob Bown (2008); Leo Buell (2007); Dave Sidles (2006); Bob and Marian McKee; (2005); Mic Wilson (2005); and Gerald Weeks (2002). There was no recipient of the Frank Jackson Award in 2017.

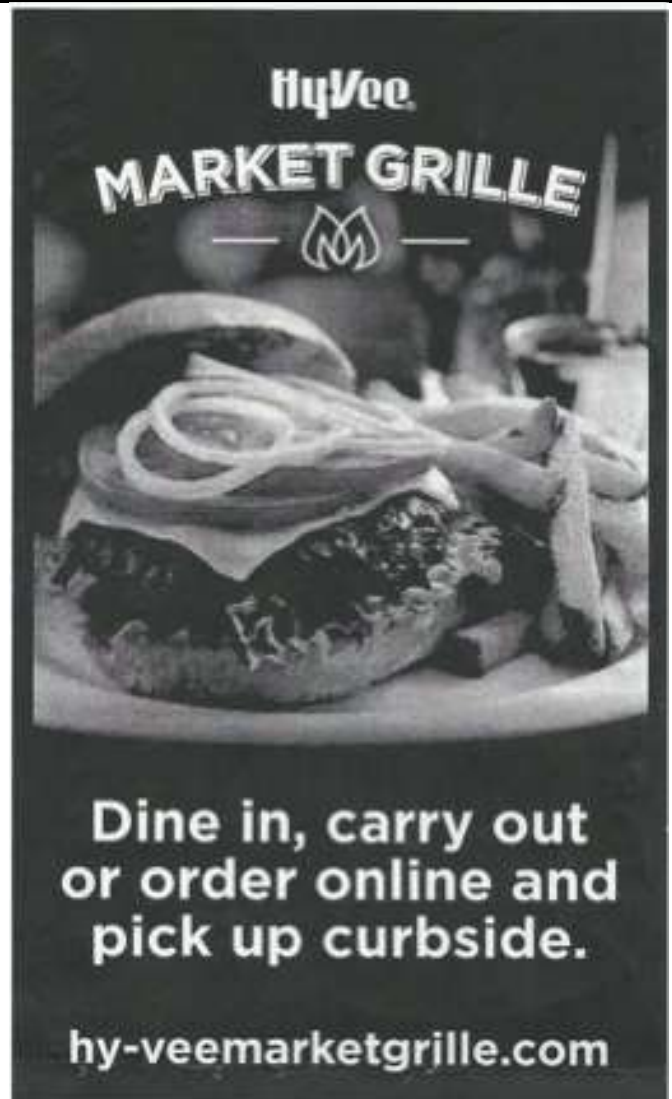
Send nominations to:

Hall of Fame Committee

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CONDOLENCES



CONDOLENCES to the family of Charles J. Phipps, 93, of Johnston. Charles passed peacefully on April 25, 2019. He was tough and kind; funny and generous. He was preceded in death by his son, Raymond, and his loving wife, Audrey. Left to cherish his memory are his children, David (Marva) Phipps, Paul (Kris) Phipps, Rod (Bev) Phipps, Gloria (Joe) Coser, and

Theresa (Rick) Bailey; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

It has been quite a while since Charlie was active in Horseshoes. But he was once very active, pitching tournaments in Iowa and out of state. He usually car pooled with horseshoe friends or drove his van.

Memorial services were held at Merle Hay Funeral Home. Sadly, we have been losing quite a few of our good friends lately.

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Russell "Russ" Francis Martin, age 93 of Clarksville, Iowa, was born the son of Arthur and Barbara (Miller) Martin on April 15, 1925, on the family farm in Clarion, Iowa. Russ graduated from Clarion High School in 1943. On June 3, 1947 Russ was united in marriage with

Maxine Farus at St. John's Catholic Church in Clarion. To this union, six children were born, Tommee, Susee, Cindee, Sallee, Sandee and Tonee. They lived on a farm by Clarion from 1947 to 1969. Russ then moved his family to rural Clarksville. Russ launched his own business known as Martin Electric.

On May 18, 1978, Russ lost his beloved wife, Maxine. Russ later married Isabelle "Izzy" Bruhl on July 2, 1983. Russ and Izzy made their home in Clarksville. After his retirement, Russ continued his love for farming by purchasing land north of Clarksville.

Russ was a committed faith-based gentleman and attended daily services at both the Greene and Waverly Catholic Churches. In his retirement, Russ continued to serve his community and church even through the last week of his life. Russ was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved playing horseshoes and only became more competitive as he grew older, competing at the community, state and world levels. In 1999, he was inducted into the Iowa Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame. Russ also had been a past president and secretary/treasurer of the Iowa Horseshoe Pitching Association. He was at one time listed in the top 100 men pitchers in the NHPA.

Russ died Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine and wife, Izzy, son, Tom Martin, great granddaughter, Lily Goodell, his parents, sister, Maxine Dougherty, and two brothers, Carroll "Bud" and Jack Martin. Russ is survived by his children, Sue (Mike) Courts of Cedar Falls, Cindee (Craig) Nelson of Terril, Sallee Martin of Monticello, Sandee "Sam" (Tom) Clark of Clarksville, Tonee (Janelle) Martin of Winter, Wisconsin, and Darla (wife of Tom) Martin of Stanhope, 14 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, sister, Tudy Fulconer of Belmond and many nieces and nephews. Russ is also survived by Izzy's daughters, Susan (Terry) Kaduce of Klemme, Patricia (Patrick) Gilles of Lincoln, Nebraska, Mary (Verlyn) Kaduce of Garner, Connie (Robert) Walker of Mason City and Jan Bruhn Follett of Clear Lake.



IN MEMORY

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF RUSS MARTIN
"IZZY'S GIRLS" AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE MADE
A DONATION OF \$600.00 TO THE IOWA HAWKEYE
HORSESHOE PITCHING ASSOCIATION.
PART OF THIS MEMORIAL WILL GO TOWARD A YEARLY
TOURNAMENT HELD IN ELDORA IN RUSS' HONOR.
WE KNOW RUSS WANTED YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN
AND LOVE THIS SPORT. WE HOPE THAT
SOME TYPE OF PROGRAM CAN BE SET UP TO INTEREST
YOUNGER PEOPLE TO LEARN THE SPORT OF
HORSESHOE AND LOVE IT AS MUCH AS RUSS!

We Loved Russ very much and will have
Many fond Memories.

Terry and Sue Kaduce
Eric and Sandy Kaduce, Max and Oleg
Amy and Troy Milbrandt; Cecilia, Colby, and Brayden

Pat and Pat Gilles
Bill and Kelly Gilles, Gracie, Emma and Henry
Sara Gilles

Mary and Verlyn Kaduce
Jay and Rebecca Kaduce, Evan and Owen
David and Anjali Kaduce, Leah

Connie and Bob Walker
Pauline

Jane Bruhl Follett
Lendie Follett and Paul Claussen

To the Russ Martin Family:

Thank you very much for the \$600 donation. It is the plan of the Eldora Horseshoe Club of Central Iowa to hold the Russ Martin Memorial Tournament on the second Saturday of November, starting November 9, 2019. We will use a majority of the donated funds for prize money and awards.

A portion of the money (approximately \$100) will be used to purchase two sets of lighter weight horseshoes to introduce younger pitchers to the sport. The shoes will be at the Iowa State Fair in August, and at the indoor facility at Eldora from November to April. If a younger pitcher shows a real interest in the sport, we will give them the horseshoes in Russ' honor, and purchase a replacement pair.

We will miss Russ. I was looking over the indoor tournament results for this year. Do you know that Russ finished in first place in his class four times out of our first ten tournaments: We had to tear down and set up the courts in Eldora three times this year - - Russ was there every time, the last time being March 5th. He was the "cord guy". He kept the electric cord out of the way from the lift we use to set down the courts. He was always there to lend a hand.

Russ used to hold tournament in Charles City. When Izzy was alive, she brought the best tasting brownies! Russ would tell us how much he helped Izzy with the brownies. "I cracked the nuts," Russ would say. 😊

Deb & Ralph Davis

JUNE 2019



The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation was formed as a charitable public foundation to raise funds necessary to build and maintain the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame and Museum. The NHPF continues to solicit tax-deductible contributions to preserve the history, showcase the present and build the future of horseshoe pitching, through grants and educational programs.

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