

Horseshoe Pitchers Begin Season With a Clang

By Alan Abbey

Clang!
"Nice shoe."
They walk to the soft dirt box and bend over. They sift through the dirt with their fingers and find the shoes.
"That's a ringer and that one's topped. That's 3-0, yours."
"That" is local horseshoe pitching, which began Tuesday night. Seven men compete in the Tuesday Night League. They each play three other men twice each Tuesday night for the next six weeks.

Only four competitors showed up Tuesday night and one of them explained that, "It takes a little while to get sorted out." Therefore the results are a bit misleading. However, the largest beneficiary was Jim Monroe. He won all six games. He jokingly said that doubles his wins of last year. "I'd like to thank Mr. Forfeit and Mr. Bye. They taught me everything I know about this game," he laughed.

Another winner was Bob Wilson, league secretary. He did have some competition, but won five games. He split two with Gene Chester and won four on forfeits and byes.
For those who are not horseshoe aficionados, some explanation of the game is in order. Horseshoe pitching takes place on a fifty foot court. Each box is five feet long and is 40 feet from the other. The players pitch two shoes each at the metal post. A "ringer" is worth three points. If the shoe is close enough to the post (one shoe width away is the maximum) the pitcher gets one point. However, if the second pitcher "tops" or covers his opponent's shoe with his own, the points are negated.

Here in Nyssa they play 25-point games.

The two and one-half pound shoes are pitched underhand, preferably with an unbalanced arm. Finger action gives the right amount of spin to the shoe, which should land with its open end toward the ring.

Each player has his own style. Most grip it along one stem of the shoe and give it either a 1/4 turn in the air, or a 1/2 turn. Wilson holds the shoe at the bottom of the "U". However, the rule book flatly states that no player has ever won a major championship using that style, which calls for anywhere from one to four flips.

A lot of good-natured kidding goes on during the competition, which is relaxed and friendly, although there have been reports of championship play getting very serious.
After a few good ringers, "Must be those shoes you bought last year." After somebody else scores well, "Must be your mustache."
"Yes, it keeps down the glare."

In case you're interested, horseshoe pitching began in ancient Rome. When its legions conquered Europe and England they brought their sports along. From England it came to the colonies. By 1909, the game's rules were standardized, as was the equipment. Manufacturers began turning out special pitching shoes allowing horses to get back the ones players had taken from them.

The Tuesday night players are: Dave Waldo, Gene Chester, Bob Wilson, Jim Monroe, (all of whom were there Tuesday night), Red McCrady, Ralph Werner,

and Glen Hysell (who showed up and for lack of competition, left).



Standings	Record
Jim Monroe	6-0
Bob Wilson	5-1
Gene Chester	5-1
Dave Waldo	4-2
Glen Hysell	2-4
Red McCrady	1-5
Ralph Werner	1-5

Bowling

No Tap	Record
Papermates	23 9
Legs, Stby, Slndr	21.5 10.5
Misfits	19.5 12.5
Tappers	18.5 13.5
Low Balls	18 14
He, She, Its	17 15
Three Stooges	16 16
Misled '3'	15 17
Good, Bad, Ugly	13.5 18.5
Goof Balls	13 19
Farmers	13 19

High team game and series: Goof Balls, 728, 692/2047; Low Balls, 669; Papermates, 1911; Three Stooges, 1889.

NOTICE

Vern Lords, Nyssa swimming pool manager has slated July 12 as the beginning day of this year's final session of swimming lessons. Persons interested are asked to register at the pool prior to this date.

SPORTS

Baseball

The Nyssa American Legion team dropped two games over the July Fourth holiday weekend.

They lost to Vale, 4-1 on Sunday, and lost to Ontario, 3-2 on Monday. Nyssa is now

1-3 in games with area teams and 3-11 overall.

The top two finishers in local play will advance to a possible spot in the state playoffs.

Vale is 3-1 in area play and Ontario is 2-2.

Babe Ruth Standings

BABE RUTH STANDINGS

National Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Ontario Reds	7	3	.700	-
Ontario Tigers	7	3	.700	-
Nyssa Twins	6	4	.600	1
Vale Rangers	5	4	.555	1.5
Adrian A's	5	4	.555	1.5
Vale Cardinals	3	7	.300	4
Ontario Royals	2	7	.222	4.5
Cow Hollow	1	9	.000	6

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

National Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Ontario Reds	5	2	.714	-
Nyssa	5	2	.714	-
Ontario Tigers	4	3	.571	1
Vale Rangers	4	3	.571	1
Adrian A's	3	4	.428	2
Ontario Royals	2	5	.286	3
Vale Cardinals	1	6	.143	4
Cow Hollow	1	6	.143	4



BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 445 are shown at the site of Keeney Pass monument on Lyle Boulevard, where they are working on their Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge. The boys, from left, are Riley Hatch, Nathan Mower and Wayne Mitchell. Their scoutmaster is Larry Hatch.
The troop recently won the President's Award, given at the Camporee at Spring Creek Camp on Mann's Creek, for the best camp; and also won first place in Skills Competition, which includes knot tying, first aid, and compass course. Eleven troops from the 7 Rivers District participated in the Camporee.
Members of Troop 445 will spend July 19 through 24 at Tapawonga Scout Camp at McCall.

Steve Bowen Stars In Oregon Golf Play

Editor's note: The following is clipped from The Hermiston Herald. Steve is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowen, formerly of Nyssa, and a star athlete at Hermiston High School the past four years.

STEVE BOWEN was traveling in pretty fast company last week.

The recent Hermiston High School graduate's remarkable play carried him to the quarterfinals of the week-long Oregon Amateur Golf Tournament at Illahae Hills Country Club in Salem.

Bowen finished 14th in medalist play to qualify for the 32-man match play field. He disposed of Mike Stoll of Portland 3-2 man match play field He disposed of Mike

Stoll of Portland 3-2 to advance to the semifinals; defeated Salem veteran Casey Ollinger 2-1 to find himself in the last eight players in the championship flight.

His bracket of four included John Fought tied for low amateur score in recent U. S. Open and University of Oregon starts Peter Jacobsen and Jeff Saunders, high finishers in the recent NCAA Tournament.

Sanders, who later gained the finals, eliminated Bowen 5 and 3, which means with three holes to play Bowen was five holes behind, with no chance to catch up.
Portland newspapers en-

joyed prefixing Bowen's name with "young," "teen-aged" and "unknown."

But Bowen, who recently won several tournaments in Eastern Oregon, has been considered as the region's outstanding golfer all spring.

"The course suited my style of play," Bowen said. "I had some trouble putting at times but I felt by the time I reached match play I could play with anybody."

Bowen said he may play in the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Amateur at Portland July 12-17.

Also on his list is the qualifying round in Portland this August for the U. S. Amateur.

Fair Premium Book Available In Nyssa

The premium book for the 1976 Malheur County Fair—August 18 thru 21 is now available. This year's fair is in keeping with the prevailing patriotic atmosphere of the year.

The theme "Progress, Spirit of '76" is emphasized on the cover of the 67th annual premium book with its red, white, and blue color scheme.

The book follows its format of last year, with changes only in schedule of events, awards, and classes. Each exhibitor is encouraged to carefully check through the book for new classes and lots in the various divisions. Several new sponsors of trophies and awards are also listed along with the previous sponsors.

Each fairgoer is encouraged to carefully read parking information. Commercial exhibitors are required to comply with traffic regulations as are fair exhibitors. These regulations have been set up with respect to existing state fire and safety rules.

Everyone attending the Fair is reminded that each fair is judged by a representative from the County Fairs Committee, and a portion of Malheur's funding depends on a point system administered by this Committee. For the past several years improper parking by both exhibitors and fairgoers has resulted in a penalty for the Malheur County Fair. The Board is therefore requesting everyone cooperate this year.

Premium books will be available at local banks, radio stations, news paper offices, and various stores. 4-H leaders and FFA instructors will have copies for their club and chapter members. They will also be available at the County Extension Office, and will be mailed upon request to either the Extension Office 889-9129, or Alice Murphy, manager at 889-9391.

The Gate City Journal office has a number of books available.

Nyssa Public Library

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According to Mrs. Norma Urry, the following books are now available at the local library

ADULT NON-FICTION

Roget's International Thesaurus - This is the best word-finding reference book in print because it is the largest and most complete, the easiest to use, and up-to-date. #423
The Chicanos - A History of Mexican Americans - Matt S. Meier & Feliciano Rivera - This is the story of a unique cultural minority that has lived within the present boundaries of the United States since before the English settled at Jamestown. #301.45

Training with Weights - Robert B. Parker and John R. Marsh - The fundamental piece of equipment for weight training is the barbell, plus other specialized equipment such as a wrist-roll bar, a weight boot, and a pulley-weight device among others. The authors fully explain how to use this equipment in conjunction with exercises for developing each part of the body. #796.4

Walking a Rainbow Trail - Frances P. Reid - The Reids, parents and two sons, made journeying part of their life-style. They began "tripping" when the boys were small, with short jaunts to near places - exploring old mining towns, ice caves, lava craters; and the rugged near-by back country along seldom-used trails to find secluded fishing trails. #910

Cyclists Should Know Rules Of The Road

Bicycle riders are at the peak of the season during these summer months. Not only are there rules of the road, procedures and penalties for automobiles but for bicycle riders as well.

Parents or guardians may be cited for permitting a child to violate bicycle equipment laws. A child's cycle should be equipped with proper lights, brakes and reflectors.
A person propelling a bicycle commits the offense of unlawful bicycle operation if he:

Rides other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle;

Or, carries more persons on the bicycle than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

Or, carries a package, bundle or article which prevents him from keeping at least one hand upon the

handlebar and having full control at all times.

Alvin Allen, Nyssa chief of police notes that the most frequent offenses are: stop sign violations, riding on sidewalks, especially in the down town area, night time riding without lights and carrying bundles or passengers. Violators will be cited and it is hoped that parents will become more aware of their children's cycling habits.

He also wishes to remind cyclists that this is also bicycle theft time and he cautions persons to register their bicycles with the Police Department and park the cycles in a safe place at night and use locks and chain the cycles to some immovable object.

There will be a Bicycle Safety Rodeo August 12 and more information will be announced later.

Republicans Elect Central Committee Officers

The Malheur County Central Republican Committee elected officers at its recent meeting. Serving for the coming year will be Joe Hobson, Ontario, Chairman; Harriett Flanagan, Ontario, Vice-Chairman; with Bob and Shirley Harrod of Vale as alternates for these positions.

Cheryl Wettstein of Ontario was elected Secretary and Pat McCoshum, Ontario as Treasurer. Serving on the nominating committee were Kate Fields of Vale, Lou Wettstein and Teddy Tanaka, both of Ontario.

Harriett Flanagan and Donald Oakes of Unity have filed as delegates to the Republican National Convention to be held in Kansas City next week, and attended the convention held June 26 in Bend where the Oregon

delegation was selected. Both are pledged to support Reagan.

Elected delegate to the State Republican Committee meeting was Teddy Tanaka of Ontario with Cheryl Wettstein as alternate.

Serving as congressional nominating committeemen will be Wayne McConnell of Ontario and Floyd Hawkins of Vale. They will serve on a committee composed of two delegates from each county who will make selections to fill any vacancies among the Oregon Republican U.S. Congressional team due to resignation or death.

Serving in the same capacity for local county positions will be Harold and Ronnie Trenkel of Vale; Bob Harrod, Vale, Pete Joyce, Juntura; and Geanne Price, Cairo.

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