
FLYING HORSESHOES



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flyer for new members

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Come pitch horseshoes with the Clinton County horseshoe club

Every Thursday night during the summer months from April 17 thru August 14, one sound can be heard coming from the Curt Day horseshoe courts at Dorner Park in Frankfort, Indiana. That sound is the clanging of horseshoes against the stakes and against other horseshoes. The individuals who are pitching on league teams are only missing one thing to make their pitching evenings more enjoyable. **They are missing you!**

The club usually has about 16 pitchers each season (8 two men teams) who enjoy pitching against each other. We have 12 courts in good condition with clay and we could have as many as 48 pitchers (2 pitchers against 2 pitchers on each court). Our goal in the next couple of years is to see our membership double to about 32 pitchers. But we cannot accomplish this unless we can attract others to the sport that some of us enjoy during the summer months.

Horseshoe pitching is very similar to bowling in form. The main difference is that instead of rolling a 16 pounds ball down an alley of wood, a 2 and one-half pounds horseshoe is thrown through the air for about 40 feet or 30 feet for those seasoned citizens who are 70 years or older in age. A horseshoe that is encircling a metal stake that is sticking up about 15" is counted as 3 points and a horseshoe that is within 6" of the stake is counted as 1 point.

We throw 30 shoes per game (3 games a night) with the maximum possible points per game of 90 points. Also like bowling, we use a handicap system which makes each pitcher com-

petitive with every other pitcher. Each week the secretary recalculates the handicaps of each pitcher for the next week's pitching schedule. With handicaps, a pitcher's total points for an average pitched game will usually total somewhere in the range of 66 points to 69 points. The net effect of the handicap system is that there is only about 3 points that separates experienced pitchers from beginners. Which means that anyone can beat anyone else in a given game. The biggest advantage goes to the pitchers, experienced or beginners, who improve their games as the season goes on.

With all this in consideration, the main purpose for our pitching together is the camaraderie and the friendship that we all share with one another during the course of the season. Along with the enjoyment we all get from "tossing" the shoes and watching how they land, the companionship with our team mates and with our opponents makes the whole experience well worth the time, energy and effort in showing up each week to pitch.

We have developed a very flexible atmosphere in our club to work the schedules around personal work schedules of our members and their own personal lives. We allow rescheduling of games and we pitch BYE games when one team of two have no opponents on a particular night and they pitch "against themselves" and try to beat a set BYE score.

WE JUST HAVE A LOT OF FUN!

We invite you to come out on a Thursday night and watch or we will help you get some courts ready and you

(and a visitor if you bring one) can pitch some by yourself to see if you have any interest in joining our league.

We collect just \$2.00 per week from each of the league pitchers and all of this money is returned in prize money at the end of the season for various accomplishments. We award for the top 4 individual game scores with handicaps during the season, the top 4 team scores with handicaps, the top 4 individual scores without handicaps and awards based on team finish.

We have past newsletters that you are welcome to take home and read to learn more about the sport and about our pitchers.

**COME OUT AND JOIN US AT THE
CURT DAY HORSESHOE COURTS**

Curt Day Courts 2010 Summer League Schedule

Thursday 6:00-6:30 PM, April 27
Opening club meeting, choose teams,
pitch for fun, etc.

Thursday 6:30 PM, May 6
1st evening league pitching

..... Every Thursday evening
May 6 to August 19
evening league pitching

Thursday 6:30 PM, August 19
16th & final evening league pitching

Thursday 6:00 PM, August 26
team tournament & awards night