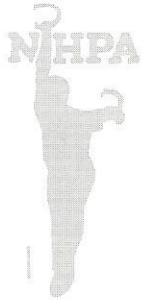




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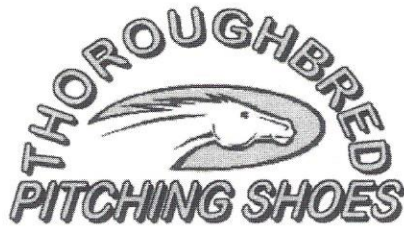


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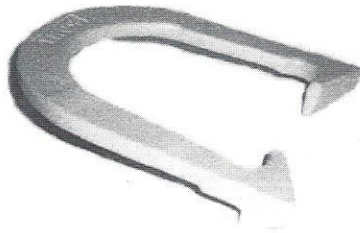
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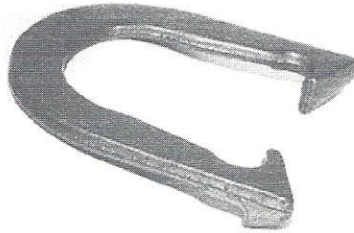
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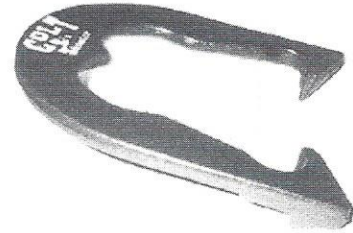
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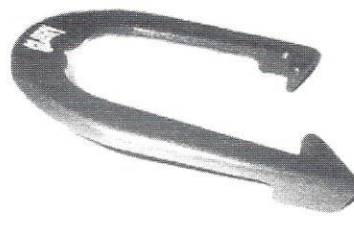
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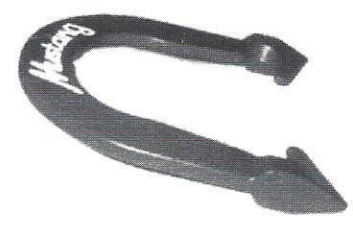
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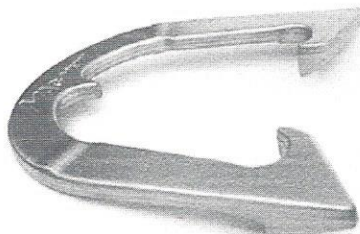
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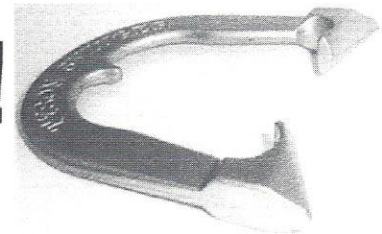
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fifty-one years ago I began pitching horseshoes and my association with the NHPA. Where have the years gone? In 1950, I was not yet in high school and growing up in what was called the Visitation Valley district of San Francisco. Mom and Dad (both gone now) didn't have much money and we lived in temporary military housing in an area referred to as Candlestick Cove. There wasn't a great deal for a youngster to do in those days but I always seemed to be occupied with sports of one kind or another. Fortunately, located in the Cove was one of a half-dozen city recreation centers providing several indoor games with outdoor baseball and basketball areas. It was here I spent my summers and many of my school day afternoons.

Early into my summer vacation of 1950, I noticed a bulletin had been posted in the recreation center. A newspaper was going to sponsor a city-wide competition between participants from the various recreation centers. The surprise was that the competition was going to be in horseshoe pitching. I had never before pitched horseshoes and hadn't really paid any attention to the fact that Candlestick Cove was home to six of the finest clay courts in Northern California at the time. The courts were located alongside the recreation center building and I had probably passed them hundreds of times on my way to the ball fields. Each clay pit and the pitching platforms were covered by a large locked pyramid structure so unless you actually saw one uncovered, there was no way to tell what treasure was located beneath.

With the posting of the horseshoe competition, some of my friends and myself signed up. There weren't many of us but we were enthusiastic and surprised when the recreation director unlocked a couple of those pyramids and we got our first look at a regulation horseshoe court. Now, how do you play this game? Fortunately for me, it didn't take long to get the idea of things. A couple of NHPA members came by one night while I was still at the courts. They had heard of the junior competition and felt they might help the few kids who had signed up.

I must have shown a bit of promise because one of the first things one of the gentlemen did was to give me a used pair of Gordon's and show me how to throw a turn shoe. It took a while but I was persistent with practicing the turn. Most of my friends who initially had the same learning opportunity had dropped out though a couple remained, but shunned the turn shoe in favor of the flip. Our instruction was obviously good because

when the city-wide competition was over, myself and two other friends representing Candlestick Cove had each won our respective age groups.

It would be correct to say that I was now "hooked" on horseshoes. One of the initial NHPA instructors, Luke Braun, became my mentor and told me about the Junior World Championship that was going to be held the following year in Murray, Utah. I joined the NHPA in 1951 and continued my tutorage with little thought of what horseshoe fortunes lay in wait for me.

In 1951, at age 14, I traveled to Salt Lake City by Greyhound bus. My parents, who could not afford the trip, had made arrangements for me to be picked up and housed by Arch & Mary Stokes. Old timers know the Stokes name and if you don't, Arch Stokes is credited with revitalizing the game following WWII. It was there, in Murray, Utah, that I won the first of my three consecutive World Junior Titles. There were not too many junior participants in those days and the upper level of competition did not equal what we see in our Junior Boys today. Nonetheless, it was a time I'll never forget for many reasons. Not only did I get to see and pitch with some of the top names in the game, (Allen, Isais, Zimmerman, Jones, Titcomb to mention a few), I spent a week or more each of three summers with the legendary Arch Stokes. In 1988, I was honored to have his daughter, Maurine Stokes Cook, present me with the annual Arch Stokes Memorial Award for service to the sport.

Yes, horseshoes has been good to me and I'm happy that I have been able in some small way to give back something to the game and the NHPA. This year is my 50th as an NHPA member. I'm joining my longtime friend and mentor, Luke Braun, as a card-carrying lifetime NHPA member. As I look back, I can only wonder about the direction of my life if horseshoes had not entered along with a caring individual who taught me the game. As we enter this new century, let it become a time when you decide to give back to the sport. Take a junior under your wing. Teach him or her the game and good sportsmanship. Support your local club and State Charter. Bring in a new member. Run for office, direct a tournament, contribute financially to the NHPF or otherwise become involved beyond your personal interest in pitching. Return something to the sport and association to ensure its continued growth and prosperity. Your contribution can make a difference.

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must be received by the NHPA President or Secretary by May 1st.

■ Members, especially Charter Officers and newsletter editors, are asked to lend a hand in spreading the word about the NHPF and *Newsline*. Please use every meeting and newsletter to promote subscriptions to *Newsline* and contributions to the Foundation. You can't find a better way to support your association.

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1999 NHPA CONVENTION MINUTES

**Greenville, OHIO
July 25th 1999**

NHPA President Dave Loucks, with all seven NHPA Officers present, called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM. The pledge to the flag was led by 2nd Vice President Casey Sluys.

The meeting rules were explained by President Loucks and adopted as written.

Credentials report showed 130 delegates present with 87 votes required for a two-thirds and 66 votes for a majority vote.

NHPA 4th Vice President, Bonnie Seibold introduced the Minutes Approval Committee. They are George Nick, MN, Jane Smith, WI, and Bonnie as chairperson.

Jerry Randall, FL, made a motion to accept the financial report as written, seconded by Cleo Wardle, UT. Motion approved by voice vote.

A report was given by Stuart Sipma and Sarah Colman on the 2000 World Tournament to be held in Bismarck, ND.

Being no bids for the 2001 World Tournament, President Dave Loucks explained the options and late bids for the 2001 tournament. It was concluded that the Joelton, TN, site of the future home of the NHPA Hall of Fame, would not be ready to host a World Tournament in time for the 2001 tournament. Two sites had submitted late bids, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada and Hibbing, MN. The NHPA Council has tentatively selected Hibbing, MN, pending a site inspection tour to be made in September of this year by President Dave Loucks and Sec/Treas. Dick Hansen.

President Loucks announced that the 2002 World Tournament would remain open for bids and made a request from the NHPA Council that bids for the 2003 tournament be closed and it be scheduled for the Joelton, TN, facility. A voice vote was taken to approve the NHPA Council's recommendation. The proposal was approved.

The meeting at this time turned over to NHPA 2nd Vice President Casey Sluys for discussion and voting on the proposed rule changes as printed in the NHPA *Newsline* magazine. (Item num-

bers refer to proposed rule changes as printed in *Newsline*) It was agreed that Item 3 should be voted on before Items 1 & 2.

Item 3. Brady Craven, MO, made an amendment to change the proposal to read, "Foul lines shall be clearly marked by lines level with and extending across the front of the full distance and extended platforms. This places them perpendicular to a line between stakes at 37 and 27 feet respectively from the front of the opposite stake. (Measured at the level of the pitching platform.)" Second unavailable. The amendment passed by voice vote. (Passed as amended 119-5)

Item 1. After some discussion as to whether this proposal was needed if Item 3 were to pass it was voted on with no action taken. (Passed 119-5)

Item 2. Proposal was voted on as written. (Passed 103-24)

Item 4. Casey explained that this was only a move to a section in the rules that better relates to the "delivery of shoes" (Passed 127-3)

Item 5. No discussion. (Passed 129-1)

Item 6. Jerry Randall, FL asked that the word "other" be placed in the rule before "40 ft." in the first sentence. All agreed. (Passed 127-3)

Item 7. George Nick, MN made a suggestion that the headings should be marked A, B & C and not 1, 2 & 3. Casey stated that it would be corrected with the rewrite of the rules if needed. Proposal was voted on as written. (Passed 126-4)

Item 8. Elwin Cooper, MO noted that the reference at the end of "a" should be (Rule 1, H. #8) and not (Rule 1, #8). Casey agreed to have this corrected as it was just a typo. President Loucks made an amendment to change Rule 6, H, 1, b to read, "any shoe pitched when the contestant started or stepped completely outside the pitchers platform before or after releasing the shoe." After a long discussion and no second, the amendment was dropped. The proposal was voted on as written. (Passed 107-22)

Item 9. There being no discussion the

proposal was voted on as written. (Passed 126-4)

Item 10. George Nick, MN asked if the note at the end of this section was to remain in the rule. Casey stated that it would remain in the rule. The proposal was voted on as written. (Passed 112-18)

Item 11. An amendment to the proposal to remove the words "and sanctioned league play," was proposed by Steve Summerlin, MI., seconded by Deborah Michaud, MA. There was discussion both for and against the amendment. By voice vote the amendment passed. Proposal was voted on as amended. (Failed 64-66)

With no other rules proposals or discussions the meeting was turned back over to NHPA President Dave Loucks

A 15-minute break was called. 10:45 a.m. Meeting resumed 11:00 a.m.

Next item on the agenda was the election of officers. All candidates were asked to speak on their own behalf and answer any questions the delegates may have. Allen Baptist and Billie Sue Pennington addressed the delegates as candidates for 1st Vice President. Lorraine Sternberg, Donnie Roberts and Steve Summerlin as candidates for 3rd Vice President. Dave Loucks, candidate for NHPA President and Paul Stewart, 5th Vice President were running unopposed and were returned to office by acclamation voice vote. Ballots for 1st and 3rd Vice President were collected and counted.

Good and Welfare

Thanks were extended to the Darke County Horseshoe Club for their work on the 1999 World Tournament. Beverly Born and Earl Winston, the outgoing NHPA Vice Presidents, were given the opportunity to address the delegates and were both given a round of applause for the work they have done and their service to the NHPA. Former Publicity Director, Bob Champion, was also acknowledged for his years of service.

Missouri Charter President, Joe Faron, gave a report on the original copy of the NHPA Rules that they now have framed and enlarged for display and the background as to its discovery.

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Joe also stated that duplicates would be available to other Charters that may want to display it in their Hall of Fame.

Allen Baptist asked President Loucks to share any details that are available on the new building that will be the home of the NHPA Hall of Fame. President Loucks stated that first drawings have been done but a final has not

been approved as of yet.

2nd Vice Pres. Casey Sluys announced there will not be a rules committee meeting.

4th Vice Pres. Bonnie Seibold announced that she was getting quotes on the cost of raising the NHPA liability insurance from the current 1 million to 2 million dollars. She also stated

that the deadline to submit proposed Bylaw changes is 12-31-99 for next year's convention.

5th Vice Pres. Paul Stewart gave an update on the NHPA Web Site and the expected growth and use.

3rd Vice Pres. Bev Born discussed some of the sanctioned league awards and stated she will work with the new Sanctioned League Director for a smooth changeover.

President Loucks gave an update on the NHPF and encouraged those present to support it with contributions and to encourage others to do the same.

The voting for NHPA officers was announced. For 1st Vice President, Allen Baptist received 67 votes to Billie Sue Pennington's 60 votes. Allen will be the new 1st Vice President. For 3rd Vice President, Steve Summerlin received 48 votes, Lorraine Sternberg 59 votes and Donnie Roberts 20 votes with 2 abstentions. A run off vote will be taken between Lorraine and Steve.

The 2000 World Tournament format was opened for discussion. President Loucks asked the delegates to approve the same class format as used for the 1999 tournament be used for the 2000 event. By voice vote this was so approved.

President Loucks announced that there are still tickets available for the NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet. Anyone interested should contact Vicki Winston.

George Nick asked for an update on joining Horseshoe Canada with the NHPA. President Loucks explained that we are still going forward with the idea and we will be working toward that end, but will take time.

The second voting for 3rd Vice President was announced. Lorraine Sternberg received 73 votes and Steve Summerlin received 52 votes with 4 abstentions. Lorraine Sternberg will be the new 3rd Vice President. President Loucks thanked all the candidates for their time and effort and congratulated the new NHPA officers.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM

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by Dave Loucks

Just over \$4,000 in donations have been received and deposited since our last *Newsline* report. That amount for two months is a 50% drop from the average we had seen for the previous four months. When we look at this \$4,000, we see that one-half of it came from horseshoe clubs or State Charters. It is certainly good to see this support from clubs and charters but disappointing that contributions from individuals are still so slow.

I have the opportunity to review most of the Charter newsletters. I wish I could say that most give some space to promote the NHPF and NHPA but that is not the case. Only a few include a *Newsline* subscription form and fewer yet say anything about the NHPF. Given that only about 20% of our membership subscribe to the magazine, how can we get the word out about the NHPF if the Charter newsletters don't say anything? To those of you who recognize the benefits of the NHPF and support its goals, please ask your charter newsletter editors to promote this cause in every printing.

Congratulations and thanks to Monty Roberts of Warsaw, KY, and the Indiana HPA. These two are the latest to earn an engraved plate of recognition on the plaque of major benefactors to the NHPF. Both reached the \$500 level of contributions during the past two months.

Dr. Jack Freeman of Nashville, an NHPF Director, has written an open letter to the membership about the Foundation. His letter appears elsewhere in this issue. The letter shares his dreams and concerns for the NHPF while frankly highlighting the financial needs of the Foundation if it is to successfully meet its goals. It is realized that not everyone will agree with all of Dr. Freeman's thoughts, but his main thrust is to get you and others to think about how to ensure the success of the NHPF. Comments to Dr. Freeman or *Newsline* are invited.

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3. Georgia 5 for \$5,310	14. Kansas 15 for \$1,442	25. New York 8 for \$360	36. Oklahoma 3 for \$100
4. Massachusetts 5 for \$3,965	15. Washington 14 for \$1,147	26. West Virginia 9 for \$280	37. New Mexico 1 for \$100
5. Wisconsin 33 for \$2,671	16. Indiana 11 for \$985	27. Connecticut 9 for \$201	38. Arizona 3 for \$89
6. Oregon 23 for \$2,567	17. Iowa 10 for \$971	28. South Dakota 7 for \$191	39. Virginia 4 for \$73
7. Missouri 28 for \$2,295	18. Texas 8 for \$925	29. Idaho 4 for \$185	40. Utah 1 for \$50
8. Minnesota 57 for \$2,159	19. Nevada 6 for \$840	30. Wyoming 3 for \$182	41. North Dakota 1 for \$30
9. North Carolina 33 for \$2,117	20. Kentucky 12 for \$770	31. Montana 2 for \$150	42. Louisiana 1 for \$25
10. Colorado 18 for \$1,846	21. Pennsylvania 17 for \$764	32. South Carolina 6 for \$135	43. Maryland 1 for \$20
11. Michigan 34 for \$1,772	22. Illinois 21 for \$680	33. Arkansas 4 for \$135	44. Delaware 1 for \$7

HALL OF FAME

by Earl Winston

Most of you who read *Newsline* are now aware that I travel to the Iowa State Fair each summer to set up a small NHPA Hall of Fame and museum exhibit. After the fair, I go back to Iowa to retrieve the items and bring them back to my home for storage. Various members of the Iowa association assist in manning the display for the duration of the Iowa State Fair and I thank them, and Mr. Leroy Law, for all of their help in making this possible.

One of the first years I made the trip to Iowa to set up the exhibit, Marion Lange was then in charge of the horseshoe pitching activities at the fair, which take place every day the fair is in session. Marion was quite active in the organizational part of our sport, as well as being a very good pitcher in his day. Those are the qualifications that gained him election into the NHPA Hall of Fame some years back.

As Marion and I visited while working, he insisted that he take me across the street from the Pioneer Building to a two story white building in which were housed some antiques and special attrac-

tions. It is only open while the state fair is going on, so the building was locked, but Marion had a key. He gave me a tour and told me the history of some of the items on display and it was all very interesting. Then he took me to the second floor to see an exhibit of which he was very proud.

What I saw was a wooden board about fifteen inches square and on the board was a pile of clay 3 or 4 inches deep. In the middle of the clay was a horseshoe stake about 8 or 9 inches tall and around the stake was a pair of Gordon horseshoes. Well, I had to ask what was the story behind this exhibit and Marion proceeded to tell me.

In the days when Ted Allen and Fernando Isais were dominating the World Tournament, it was a rare event when they lost a game to someone else. I know that for a fact, as I was there and the crowd went running if news got around that someone was giving either one a scare. Well, Marion Lange had gone to a World Tournament in Murray, Utah and he beat Ted Allen in the days when Ted was almost unbeatable. Marion scooped

up some of the Murray clay and took it and his Gordon's back home. He never pitched them again and mounted the clay and his horseshoes on that board as a remembrance of his accomplishment. They were then put on display at the Iowa State Fair.

Since that time, it has occurred to me that this is the only pair of horseshoes I can readily locate that were used to beat Ted Allen in World Championship play. I have been trying to get permission to move them across the street for display with the NHPA exhibit, but have never been able to get permission from the lady in charge of that two story building where they are now located.

While I was in Des Moines this year, I went to the Iowa State Fair Director, Mr. Marion Lucas, and I asked Mr. Lucas if there was any way I could get those shoes moved to the NHPA exhibit. He told me that if I could get written permission from Marion Lange, he would personally see that it got done. I immediately headed out several miles northeast of Des Moines to where Mr. and Mrs. Lange are now residing in a rest home. I told Marion the story and he said that would be fine with him. He sat down and wrote a note for me to give to Mr. Lucas.

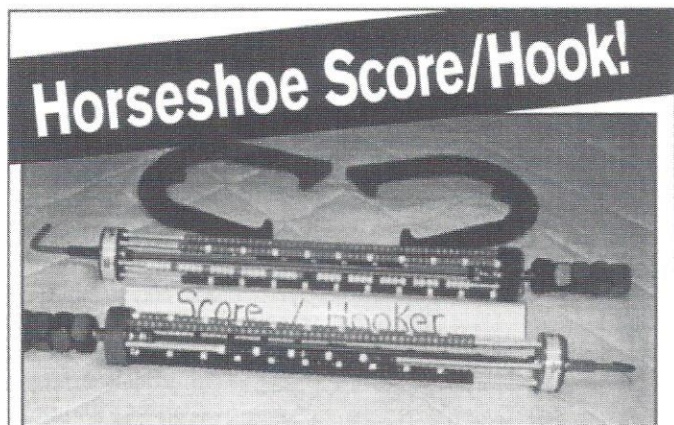
When I was back in Des Moines after the conclusion of the fair, I went to see Mr. Lucas and gave him Marion's note. He read it and said, "Next year you will have those shoes for your Hall of Fame display." I think that will be a valuable addition to our collection, as I have no other horseshoes that carry the bragging rights of those.

Special Message:

This is not really a farewell, as I will be keeping in touch by way of a Hall of Fame column from time to time. However, by the time you read this, my term of office on the NHPA Executive Council will have ended. It has been a privilege and a pleasure working for and with everyone for these many years. One of the great things about our sport is that we have so many friendly people involved in the game and I've enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many of them during my time in office.

My thanks to all of you for the votes of confidence that have come my way during the years I have served you. I also thank the council members for your support as we have worked together. I cannot close without thanking a man who has been a lifesaver for the past several years and that is Gene Burlingame. What a dedicated helper and worker he has been for many World Tournaments. I truly don't know what I would have done without him. Burly tells me that since I am retiring, he is going to retire too. That remains to be seen, but thanks, Burly, for all of your many, many hours of hard work.

In closing, I wish my successor, Allen Baptist, all of the best as he begins his new position. I know he will do a good job and hope that he enjoys working with you and for you as much as I have. *Ringers to all—Earl Winston*



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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Paul Stewart

This is my last writing of the Regional Directors Report. Allen Baptist, NHPA 1st VP, will assume Chairman of the Regional Directors program January, 1 2000 and will be writing the report thereafter. All charter newsletter editors—please add Allen to your newsletter mailing list, this is where he will get a lot of his information for these reports.

I have enjoyed being the Regional Director Chairman for the past 3-1/2 years. The RDs and ARDs are a great group of people, dedicated to the sport of horseshoes. Thanks for being such a good group of people to work with. I will still be around just a few pages from this report, so check out the Website Report.

RD Changes: Duane Goodrich, has retired as the Regional Director of Kansas. His replacement will be: Bernie VanLerberg, from Bonner Springs, KS.

From The Mail Bag

Charles Knotts, New Mexico RD reports New Mexico's 2000 State Tournament will be held in Socorro under the direction of newly elected State President, Rose Mary Baca. There are 12 newly sanctioned horseshoe pitching courts in Pinedale, NM, due to much hard work by the Martin Family. The new courts are in beautiful Lobo Valley on the Navajo Indian Reservation. These new courts will allow an increase to the number of sanctioned tournaments. New Mexico has many fine Indian pitchers. The newest Sr. Men's F World Champion, Leonard Platero, is one of those fine pitchers. Our last tournament of the year was a trophy-only tournament and all proceeds from the entry fees will be going to the NHPF as a donation from New Mexico.

Jim Shilling, Indiana RD, reports, at Indiana's recent Fall Meeting, he tried an idea that seemed to work in regards to raising funds for the NHPF. His wife, Cam, created ready-to-use mailing labels. Jim gave a talk about the Foundation urging Indiana's membership to support this worthy cause. The labels were then handed out. Several people indicated they would send individual contributions. The Indiana Charter then voted to send the NHPF a donation of \$500 from its treasury. Other charters are challenged to do the same.

Jim Haupt, Wisconsin RD, reports that Ken Jaeger, in a surprise move, was reelected as President of the WHPA for another term. Jaeger had indicated at the Spring

Meeting that he was retiring as the association president. Three qualified candidates announced interest. Jane Smith, the 1st VP from Balsam Lake, was ready for the job. Tom Steinke, 3rd VP from Waukesha, announced he was going to try again. John Udelhofen, 3 time state champion from Barneveld, figured he also could handle the WHPA presidency.

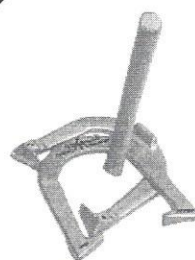
The first sign of something in the wind came when Jaeger turned over the gavel to Jane Smith for the presidential election. Ken Kosky, newsletter publisher, was recognized first and led off by qualifying his impending nomination. He felt that this unusual response of three candidates should be conducted on neutral ground and suggested an election ballot be issued at the State Tournament wherein perhaps 200 members could be counted in the vote. It's the way Minnesota does it, he said. Kosky then made the nomination for the incumbent, Ken Jaeger further explaining that Jaeger had a change of heart after several members asked him to reconsider his decision of retirement. Randy Rein seconded the nomination citing Jaeger as a hard working officer. Not surprisingly, Jaeger accepted.

Tony Scrima nominated Waukesha's favorite son, Tom Steinke. Edi McKinney nominated Jane Smith who, in the light of the recent developments, declined. The Sandbaggers Club duly nominated their man, John Udelhofen. All 64 eligible voters then cast their ballots and when counted. Jaeger received 27, Steinke 23, and Udelhofen 14 votes, none a majority. Udelhofen was dropped from the second ballot in which Jaeger picked up 10 more and Steinke received the other 4 outstanding votes for a final count; Jaeger 37, Steinke 27.

Rick Rebman, RD Washington, Oregon, Idaho, reports, 1999 brought change to the

OHPA. Elmer Otnes, stepped down after 25 years as president. Bill Graham, Sr. was elected to fill the vacancy and his son Bill Graham, Jr. was elected 1st V.P. Then in February Bill, Sr. resigned for health reasons and Bill, Jr. took over. Bill, Jr. has done an excellent job considering the big shoes that he had to fill. Pat Gee, who is the Ringer Review editor, was elected 3rd VP. Chuck Warner has done an excellent job as Sec. Treas. and was re-elected to that job.

It's been a fun year, even though numbers at the tournaments have declined in some instances. We have had no problems to speak of other than the same 30'-40' ongoing problem. However, all Oregon tournaments are listed as either "mixed" or "separated" so you know before you go. Ben Wiedrich is back pitching again and won the Oregon State tournament with a 76.13%. LaVerne Ewing was ladies champion and Marvin Tatchio, Elders champion. David Spears from Idaho and Vey Allen from Washington, both ARD's, have done an excellent job in corresponding and keeping us on the same page.



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I would like to thank all of you who have sent me notes of good luck and encouragement. All the e-mail was a little overwhelming at first, but very much appreciated.

I have completed my first big task of this position. It was a bigger job than I ever anticipated, the job of compiling the Top Ten Awards. After spending countless hours going through piles of forms I now have a better understanding of this program. I thought this might be a good time to explain some of the different divisions of the Top Ten, as there have been some questions about this.

National Division—Mixed Distance: High Point Average, High Point Game and High Point Over Average: These three categories are for the 50-shoe count-all format only. For the National High Ringer Average category, you must use 40 or 50 shoe count-all, cancellation or ringers-only format. In the National Division all games must be a minimum of 40 or maximum of 50 shoes. No 30 shoe games are considered for the National Division.

Individual Categories—Men/Women/Boys/Girls Divisions: To be eligible in these, each pitcher must pitch a minimum of 30 shoes per pitcher, per game.

This should give a little better understanding as to why the category of High Ringer Average is repeated in both the National Division and the Individual Divisions. This is the only category that is repeated.

As of now, the Men's Division is mixed. I am considering having this part of the awards changed. I would like to see 30 ft. and 40 ft. men in separate divisions. I will be bringing this up at the council meeting.

I am open to all suggestions and comments you may have. Congratulations to all those who made the TOP TEN. As in any sport, to be in the Top Ten is a great accomplishment and honor. To those who just missed making it in, set your goals a little higher next year and we will see your name in there in the year 2000.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and lots of ringers to you all in the New Millennium!

1998-1999 Junior Scholar Pitchers

Congratulations to the following Junior pitchers who made our honor roll for scholastic performance. All will receive certificates and patches. The top 3-5 as decided by the Council, will receive plaques and trust fund awards in various amounts.

NAME	CLUB	AGE	SHOES	%	GPA
Molly Koppes,	Brooklyn Park, MN	14	930	3.33	4.07
Jenae Arledge,	Arledge's, OH	16	2500	33.96	3.91
Margaret Koppes,	Brooklyn Park, MN	16	930	5.07	3.53
Kevin Hunt,	Brooklyn Park, MN	16	840	8.57	3.44
Mark Melchert,	Kilkenny, MN	15	2100	31.09	3.35
Erin Hatlestad,	Glenburn, ND	16	1200	6.92	3.30
Allen Keen,	Classic City, IN	18	3000	64.57	3.20
Heather Haubrick,	Brooklyn Park, MN	17	1700	10.17	3.00

NEWSRELEASE

The Sodbusters Horseshoe Club of Middleburg, VT, held their annual picnic and awards party at their clubhouse on September 26, 1999. There were about 40 members and guests present. We played doubles in the morning and afternoon we had a round robin of singles. After a nice picnic of hotdogs, hamburgers, casseroles and desserts, our President, Roger Forgues, handed out the awards for our league and club. The league champion was Debbie Brown with 42 wins and 4 losses.

Second Place went to Bev Forgues with 36 1/2 wins and 9 1/2 losses. Third Place went to Stan Bigelow with 31 wins and 15 losses. Fourth Place went to Jeanette Munson with 29 wins and 17 losses. Fifth Place went to Tim Farr with 28 1/2 wins and 17 1/2 losses. High Game went to Bev Forgues. High Average went to Bev Forgues and High Over Average went to Meagan Bigelow. The Most Improved went to Debbie Brown and our Rookie Brenda Preston and Torri Selleck received the Sportsmanship Award.

Glen Norris, Shirley Barrows and Meagan Bigelow all received Most Improved awards for 1998. After the awards were handed out, we finished the day with more horseshoe pitching. All in all, the day was beautiful to end the season. Hope we see all of you next year.

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Sanctioned League

Director of the Year

Jim Atwell



I want to thank the NHPA and Beverly Born for choosing me as "Director of the Year." I started pitching horseshoes in Frankfort, Indiana in 1954 and was Indiana Junior State Champion in 1959 and 1960. In 1959 I started an all Junior League. We believed at the time that we were the only All Junior League. Like most Juniors at that time, I pitched 40 feet because we were required to pitch 40 feet if we pitched against an adult and I was also required to pay for an adult card. Frankfort, Indiana had a great club called the Clinton County Horseshoe Club. We had about 80 members pitching in a league. I greatly enjoyed pitching in and doing the stats for the league.

When I became President of the Burbank Joslyn Horseshoe Club in 1985, I wanted to start a league just like the league I remembered in Frankfort, Indiana. I talked the club members into voting to join the NHPA Sanctioned Club Program and tried to form a league. However, our club members would not commit themselves to anything called a league. So, I stopped using the word "League" and instead held a doubles tournament every Thursday night. We matched partners high-low, pitched count-all points, three games of 50 shoes each. Total team points with

handicap wins. I have kept stats on every pitcher and turned in the stats at the end of each year just as though it were league. We also held tournaments every Saturday. For several years, our club had more NHPA sanctioned tournaments than our Southern California Charter.

It was hard for me to believe that every scheduled club event was sanctioned by the NHPA and only about 70% of the Charter tournaments were sanctioned. Our Charter tournaments are now 100%

sanctioned. I wonder if there are still a few Charters that hold non-sanctioned horseshoe tournaments.

The NHPA Sanctioned Club Program is a Promotional Program. If what your club wants to do promotes horseshoe pitching, then it is within the boundaries of the NHPA Sanctioned Club Program. To join the program, you simply fill out an application and mail it in. In the Spring you send in a list of members and in the Fall you send in some stats on your members. For doing this, all your club's "scheduled activities" are sanctioned by the NHPA and covered by the NHPA insurance program.

"Scheduled activities" means leagues, tournaments, or anything else you can think of to "promote horseshoe pitching" which is printed in a club schedule ahead of time. Of course, when an activity is scheduled, you are promising to follow NHPA guidelines and promising that everyone pitching will be an NHPA member. Your club does not have to change anything, or very little, to join the NHPA Sanctioned Club Program because the program is designed to include everything that "promotes horseshoe pitching."

The Burbank Joslyn Horseshoe Club recently received a plaque for participating in the NHPA Sanctioned Club

Program for 15 consecutive years. I am still President, statistician and tournament director of that club and 1st Vice President of the Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association. In addition to being SCHPA tournament director at Burbank, I am also SCHPA tournament director at Torrance and South Gate.

I have also created a website for the SCHPA located at <http://www.nhpa.net> and I would consider it an honor if you would check it out. I also enjoy answering questions emailed to me at advanced@earthlink.net.

My next project is to assist the SCHPA in any way I can to organize the PWC, (Pitchers With Computers) to create ads and press releases to mass e-mail the media in addition to mailing "photo ready" ads and articles to the print media. It is my belief that the media is short on information and too overworked and understaffed to write anything. Newspapers, especially small newspapers, will grab anything handy as filler just before they print. They don't care what it says as long as it fits the space. This filler must be "photo ready" and in various sizes. Of course, this will take dedicated PWC to write articles that look like newsprint with scanned photos, print them on a laserwriter and mail them to newspapers in various sizes. Eventually NHPA Publicity Director, Billy Sue Pennington and other dedicated pitchers will be creating and storing on a website, many articles which our local PWC can download and use for local mailings. The purpose of every article should be to find new members and will always include as much contact information as possible.

If you have any thoughts about any of this please contact me:

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1999 TOP TEN

NATIONAL DIVISION—MIXED DISTANCE

POS.	NAME	CLUB/STATE	PTS.
High Point Average			
1.	Becky Kemper	Millville, KY	133.52
2.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	120.30
3.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	120.25
4.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	119.14
5.	Don Wild	North Weld, CO	119.04
6.	Richard Williams	Paulding County, GA	117.80
7.	John Walters	Troy, OH	116.80
8.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	116.50
9.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	115.33
10.	Dee Powell	Denver Metro, CO	114.04

High Point Game			
1.	Becky Kemper	Millville, KY	142
2.	Don Wild	North Weld, CO	140
3.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI.	138
4.	John Martin	Arledge's, OH	137
5.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	136
6.	Tina Tonnous	Try County, OH	134
7.	Dee Powell	Denver Metro, CO	134
8.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	134
9.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	133
10.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	133

High Point Over Average			
1.	Wallace Shifflett	Claudius-Crozet, VA	44.46
2.	Dave Morales	Denver Metro, CO	41.84
3.	Patty Sager	Sweetwater County, WY	38.26
4.	Mark Bouley	Stuarts Draft, VA	38.18
5.	Kathy Doty	Loveland, CO	37.93
6.	Shelly Waters	Troy, OH	37.81
7.	Willy Martinez	Denver Metro, CO	37.70
8.	Wayne Coonley	Stuarts Draft, VA	37.26
9.	Reg Gomes	Kona, HI	36.97
10.	Dick Ask	Rochester, MN	36.36

High Ringer Average			
1.	Becky Kemper	Millville, KY	85.24
2.	Dale Lipovsky	West St. Paul, MN	82.05
3.	Bev Nathe	Tri County, MN	79.80
4.	Joan Elmore	Joelton, TN	77.03
5.	Len Lipovsky	West St. Paul, MN	76.60
6.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	75.00
7.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	74.42
8.	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS	74.15
9.	Don Wild	North Weld, CO	72.07
10.	Richard Williams	Paulding County, GA.	71.87

MEN'S DIVISION—MIXED DISTANCE

High Ringer Average			
1.	Dale Lipovsky	West St. Paul, MN	82.05
2.	Len Lipovsky	West St. Paul, MN	76.60
3.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	75.00
4.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	74.42
5.	Don Wild	North Weld, CO	72.07
6.	Richard Williams	Paulding County, GA	71.87
7.	Brad Barger	New Cumberland, PA	71.83
8.	Jim Cooper	Arledge's, OH	71.71
9.	John Walters	Troy, OH	71.60
10.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	71.00

High Ringer Game

1.	Dale Lipovsky	West St. Paul, MN.	96.0
2.	Len Lipovsky	West St. Paul, MN.	92.0
3.	John Martin	Arledge's, OH.	88.0
4.	Don Wild	North Weld, CO.	88.0
5.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN.	88.0
6.	Darrell Taulbee	Classic City, IN.	86.7
7.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO.	86.0
8.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH.	84.0
9.	John Crook	Sandbar, WI.	83.3
10.	Bill Whitley	Sunflower, KS.	82.5
10.	Richard Spaller	Painesville, OH.	82.5

High Ringer Over Average

1.	John Rinker Jr.	Apple Valley, VA.	38.49
2.	Bill McKay	Greater Danbury, CT.	36.70
3.	Gerry Papillon	NASHUA, NH.	35.71
4.	Art Ullom	Classic City, IN.	35.37
5.	Dick Ask	Rochester, MN.	35.36
6.	Gene Smolek	Classic City, IN.	34.82
7.	Bob Hollis	Classic City, IN.	33.03
8.	Wallace Shifflett	Claudius-Crozet, VA.	33.00
9.	Kim Messier	Central Ct., CT.	32.93
10.	Phil Bergeron	Gate City Clangers, NH.	32.78

WOMEN'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average			
1.	Becky Kemper	Millville, KY.	85.24
2.	Bev Nathe	Tri County, MN.	79.80
3.	Joan Elmore	Joelton, TN.	77.03
4.	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS.	74.15
5.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI.	71.61
6.	Connie Filley	Red River Valley, ND.	69.33
7.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN.	69.32
8.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX.	67.05
9.	Carrie Carpenter	Bradenton, FL.	66.50
10.	Edie McKinney	Close Doesn't Count, WI.	63.79

High Ringer Game			
1.	Joan Elmore	Joelton, TN.	94.0
2.	Bev Nathe	Tri County, MN.	94.0
3.	Becky Kemper	Millville, KY.	92.0
4.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI.	90.0
5.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN.	88.0
6.	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS.	87.5
7.	Tina Tonnous	Try County, OH.	86.0
8.	Kathy Greene	Yukon, OK.	85.0
9.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX.	84.0
10.	Edie McKinney	Close Doesn't Count, WI.	84.0

High Ringer Over Average			
1.	Betty Williams	Classic City, IN.	34.64
2.	Joyce Durbin	Baltimore Metro, MD.	32.93
3.	Patty Sager	Sweetwater County, WY.	30.72
4.	Lucinda Frisbie	Woodward County, OK.	30.34
5.	Bev Lauer	Denver Metro, CO.	30.33
6.	Cheryl Fucile	Gate City Clangers, NH.	30.13
7.	Neita Schimmoller	Classic City, IN.	29.38
8.	Mildred Hall	Classic City, IN.	29.26
9.	Jennifer Machalek	Pawnee Ringers, NE.	29.21
10.	Marlene Cooper	Classic City, IN.	29.07

1999 TOP TEN

NATIONAL JR. DIVISION—MIXED BOYS/GIRLS

High Point Average

1. Levi Blevins	Crane Creek, MO	108.62
2. Ryan Roberts	Arledge's, OH	103.13
3. Cori Wemhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	78.95
4. Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN	76.16
5. Janae Arledge	Arledge's, OH	68.58
6. Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX	68.04
7. Jarred Giesey	Try County, OH	66.77
8. Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	65.92
9. Mark Melchert	Kilkenny, MN	64.59
10. James Fortune	Central Iowa Traveling, IA	62.50

High Point Game

1. Ryan Roberts	Arledge's, OH	128
2. Levi Blevins	Crane Creek, MO	121
3. Cori Wemhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	115
4. Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN	97
5. Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	95
6. Jared Graeber	Riverside, TX	94
7. Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX	93
8. Trevor Sellden	Red River Valley, ND	92
9. Janae Arledge	Arledge's, OH	91
10. James Fortune	Central Iowa Traveling, IA	88

High Point Over Average

1. Jared Graeber	Riverside, TX	37.17
2. Cori Wemhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	36.05
3. Trevor Sellden	Red River Valley, ND	31.97
4. Jarred Geisey	Try County, OH	31.89
5. Matt Perry	Claudius-Crozet, VA	30.01
6. Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	29.08
7. Corey Adams	Liberty, MO	28.92
8. John Gilbert	Lions Park, MO	28.37
9. Joseph Maestas	Sweetwater County, WY	27.03
10. Garret Gjesdal	Cooperstown, ND	26.98

High Ringer Average

1. Dustin Dahl	Eau Claire, WI	62.40
2. Ryan Roberts	Arledge's, OH	59.94
3. Levi Blevins	Crane Creek, MO	59.75
4. Cori Wemhoff	Pawnee Ringer, NE	43.67
5. Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN	39.56
6. Tori Eaton	Central Ct., CT	35.90
7. Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	35.37
8. Jenae Arledge	Arledge's, OH	33.96
9. Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX	32.63
10. Mark Melchert	Kilkenny, MN	31.09

JUNIOR BOY'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1. Branson Miller	Winchester, VA	82.79
2. Allen Keen	Classic City, IN	64.56
3. Dustin Dahl	Eau Claire, WI	62.40
4. Ryan Roberts	Arledge's, OH	59.94
5. Levi Blevins	Crane Creek, MO	59.75
6. Todd Brown	Classic City, IN	52.91
7. Cori Wemhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	43.67
8. Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN	39.56
9. Chris Orndorff	Winchester, VA	36.21
10. Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	35.37

High Ringer Game

1. Branson Miller	Winchester, VA	96.7
2. Allen Keen	Classic City, IN	90.0
3. Todd Brown	Classic City, IN	80.0
4. Ryan Roberts	Arledge's, OH	80.0
5. Dustin Dahl	Eau Claire, WI	78.0
6. Levi Blevins	Crane Creek, MO	76.0
7. Cori Wemhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	68.0
8. Chris Orndorff	Winchester, VA	56.7
9. Joshua Chakarian	Gate City Clangers, NH	56.7
10. Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	56.0
10. Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN	56.0

High Ringer Over Average

1. Joshua Chakarian	Gate City Clangers, NH	31.26
2. Jarred Geisey	Try County, OH	27.24
3. Adam Mead	Brooklyn Park, MN	27.11
4. Todd Brown	Classic City, IN	27.09
5. Allen Keen	Classic City, IN	25.44
6. Trevor Sellden	Red River Valley, ND	24.85
7. Chris Orndorff	Winchester, VA	24.68
8. Cori Wemhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	24.33
9. Tim Knudson	Brooklyn Park, MN	23.12
10. Jamie Armel	Winchester, VA	22.12

JUNIOR GIRL'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1. Tori Eaton	Central Ct., CT	35.90
2. Jenae Arledge	Arledge's, OH	33.96
3. Rachel Luckey	Glenburn, ND	26.08
4. Meagan Bigelow	Sodbuster, VT	19.63
5. Melissa Bigelow	Sodbuster, VT	17.52
6. Lacy Hurlburt	Sodbuster, VT	14.00
7. Katie Piatz	Cooperstown, ND	13.25
8. Collette Cave	Tri County, MN	12.71
9. Diana Garritty	Central Ct., CT	12.34
10. Erin Hatlestad	Glenburn, ND	10.19

High Ringer Game

1. Tori Eaton	Central Ct., CT	62.5
2. Jenae Arledge	Arledge's, OH	48.0
3. Meagan Bigelow	Sodbuster, VT	44.0
4. Rachel Luckey	Glenburn, ND	40.0
5. Melissa Bigelow	Sodbuster, VT	36.0
6. Heather Haubrick	Brooklyn Park, MN	30.0
7. Emily Faber	Close Doesn't Count, WI	30.0
8. Collette Cave	Tri County, MN	28.0
9. Katie Piatz	Cooperstown, ND	26.0
10. Lacy Hurlburt	Sodbuster, VT	26.0

High Ringer Over Average

1. Tori Eaton	Central Ct., CT	26.60
2. Emily Faber	Close Doesn't Count, WI	26.15
3. Meagan Bigelow	Sodbuster, VT	24.37
4. Amanda Thatcher	Brooklyn Park, MN	19.87
5. Heather Haubrick	Brooklyn Park, MN	19.83
6. Melissa Bigelow	Sodbuster, VT	18.48
7. Collette Cave	Tri County, MN	15.29
8. Janae Arledge	Arledge's, OH	14.04
9. Jennifer Bourgeois	Gate City Clangers, NH	13.93
10. Rachel Luckey	Glenburn, ND	13.92

FOCUS ON PROMOTION

Minnesota Is Proud of New MGSHPA Hall of Fame Exhibit

by Bob Dunn

Promotion appears in many forms, usually under the heading of communication and advertising. Minnesota is taking a big promotion effort "on the road", through it's new Hall of Fame museum. The plan is to display the new showpiece at tournaments, county fairs and various sporting combines where the public can come and learn about the present day sport and view the artifacts and tradition of our history.

For several years, the subject of a traveling Hall of Fame exhibit was

thought about, talked about and finally seriously discussed on an official basis. The big issue was would it be a made-over trailer or a new trailer of specific design.

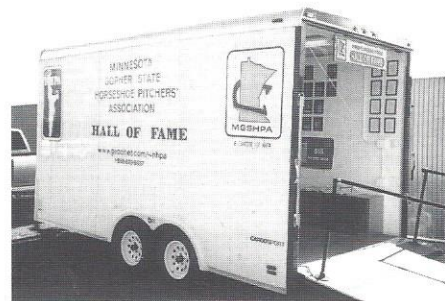
In September of 1998, the MGSHPA Executive Board decided, Minnesota would have a Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame museum—an all-new cargo style trailer was the choice.

The decision meant a huge investment. The 16' cargo style trailer was ordered, custom made, for a price tag over \$6,000. The trailer arrived in February 99 and with that, further invest-

ment and expenses for completion of the interior design for display of artifacts.

All cabinetry and framing was made of brushed sheet aluminum. Storage bins line each side and are about 18" high. One side of the museum displays labeled framed pictures of Hall of Fame inductees.

The other interior side is totally enclosed by five 3' x 6' framed sheets of plexiglass, for display of various artifacts and memorabilia. Of all the artifacts received to date, the most precious may be the original scoresheet of the first official 80% game ever pitched in Minnesota. The scoresheet is dated June 1925 and the game was pitched by 15 year old Frank Stinson, then reigning Jr. World Champion. He had 21 ringers in 26 shoes. Keep



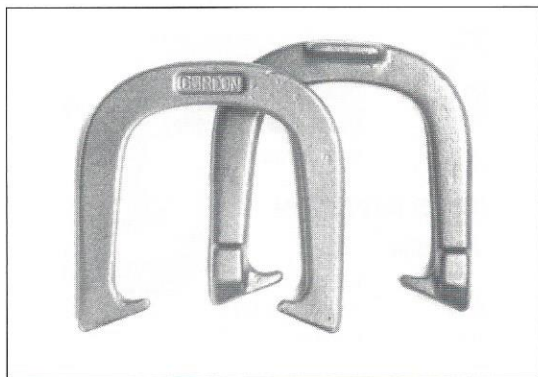
in mind that in 1925, all pitching shoes were hookless models. The game was so significant at the time that it made a short article in the sport page of the *Minneapolis Daily News*. A copy of that article accompanies the scoresheet in display.



The front interior of the trailer has been finished with a cabinet shelf to hold VCR units or like display equipment. Above the counter shelf, a poster display unit has been mounted on the wall for display of old newspaper articles, pictures, historic letters and various flat artifacts. There are sixteen 40" x 25" panels in that display.

The interior cost an additional \$2,700 to complete. This adds up to several years of promotion available as the trailer travels around the state and hopefully to the 2000 World Tournament in Bismarck.

The exterior has professional lettering and logo's on three sides. The charter website is even printed on sides. The MGSHPA Executive Board and former President, Dick Dvorak, are to be commended for their innovation to make this major investment. Jerry LaBrosse, President elect, made the arrangements for the ordering of the trailer and completed nearly all of the construction efforts of the fantastic interior design. Art Moran provided the exterior artwork to complete the MGSHPA showpiece—our promotion on wheels!



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THE JUNIOR WINDOW

The Start of the New Millennium

by Lorraine Sternberg

This is the start of the new millennium, so why not start the year off with getting a Junior league going in your community. Do you realize that in 1999, we only had nine active sanctioned Junior leagues in the entire United States? We do have some sanctioned leagues with Juniors mixed on adult leagues as there are not enough Juniors for their own league. This can be done if you have less than ten Juniors in your club. Of course, young people enjoy being with others their own age. An important part of holding a Junior league is to bring young people together for friendship, sportsmanship, learning a new sport and just having fun. Horseshoes is a sport for all. It doesn't matter what size you are, how much strength you have, or how fast you can run, there is a class for everyone.

Another disturbing part of our Junior Program from 1999 that I am aware of, is the fact that only nine students applied for the Sanctioned League Junior Scholar Award. Are we not promoting this part of our program enough? I know I have written about this in past issues but may have not stressed it enough. It is explained in detail in the *Red Book* but it seems that not enough league directors are taking the time to read through it. I would like to encourage all Juniors that are on a sanctioned league to take advantage of the Junior Scholar Pitcher Awards Program. I plan on sending out a letter to all the Junior League Directors this Spring to make them more aware of this award and to encourage them to talk it up more at their Junior league so all Juniors are aware of this program.

It is important that we as adults encourage our young to attain their highest goals possible in the classroom as well as on the horseshoe courts. If you have any questions about the Junior Scholar Pitcher Awards Program,

please contact me. I will be glad to help you in any way that I can.

I will soon be turning over my job of Junior Promotions Director to another person. The new Junior Promotion Director will be appointed by Dave Loucks. With my duties as 3rd Vice President, I am finding that I cannot do it all. I will still be a part of promoting our young people to pitch horseshoes. As my duties include taking care of all sanctioned leagues, I will be working closely with the new Junior Promotion Director. I have always felt that the more people we have promoting horseshoes to our young people, the more

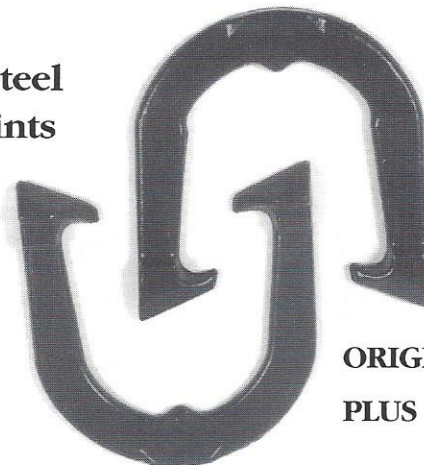
successful we will be. This is a job that all adult horseshoe pitchers should be involved in. Even just taking the time to talk to our Juniors at a tournament or watching them pitch is encouragement. I have and always will enjoy working with the Juniors. All the young people that I have gotten to meet through this job has been most rewarding to me. I hope to continue to talk and work with you all at the World Tournament.

Remember, our youth is our future. In closing I would like to say Happy New Year to you all and may the new millennium bring ringers to everyone!

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MUSIC CITY TEAM TOURNAMENT



Left: Class B Ohio Team: Dave Rose, Donna Dodson, Jim Cooper

Right: Class C Tennessee Team: Frank Jones, Het Birchfield, Bobby Fields

MUSIC CITY TEAM TOURNAMENT



Thursday before the tournament. It was understandable why Sue and Lois Webster's team dropped out. One player on another potential "A" team had prostate surgery, and one of the players on the same team was injured in an automobile accident. The wife of another player had back surgery. I had severe Sciatica for at least a month before the tournament. Luckily, Kenny Pogue took my place.

Just setting up this tournament, itself, was difficult enough. More than 15 points separated the 10th and 11th

place teams that had signed up. Putting the first 12 teams in A-1 and A-2 meant there would be more than a 30 point spread between the highest team average and the lowest team average. Historically, the spread has been no more than 15 percentage points, usually less. I elected to go with the top 10 in "A" Classes, because, there were pretty good indications we would pick up, at least, two more A-Class teams. I placed the 11th team in B-Class. One of the potential "A" teams failed to get their team together. The other team

just never responded. When Sue and Lois's team dropped out, the total number of teams in A-1/A-2 was down to 9 teams.

I set up a "partial" double round robin for the four teams in A-2 group, and supposed I would use the No. 6 team in A-1, as a "bye." Luckily, Jim Scott was able to get a team together which was placed in A-1, and gave us 6 teams for that group. The end result was, all players on all teams pitched 15 games. Whew!

1999 Music City Team Tournament November 6-7, 1999 Sanction #33-99-029

CLASS A

1st Place 33.5 Wins	W-L	Ringers	Shoes	%
1 Marlene Ray-TN	14-2	479	640	74.84%
2 Maxine Griffith-TN	14-2	529	640	82.81%
3 Kenneth Pogue-MO	5.5-10.5	362	640	56.56%

2nd Place 32 Wins

1 Bev Nathe-MN	13-4	503	680	73.97%
2 Phyllis Negaard-MN	13-4	475	684	69.44%
3 Dave Loucks-CA	6-11	359	680	52.79%

3rd Place 31 Wins

1 Robert Logan-IN	13-4	522	680	76.76%
2 Ralph Guffey-IN	8-9	456	684	66.67%
3 Ed Kowatch-IN	10-7	454	680	66.76%

4th Place 30.5 Wins

1 Judy Curtiss-MI	13-4	501	680	73.68%
2 Jim Wiltse-MI	12.5-4.5	475	680	69.85%
3 Larry Kemp-MI	5-12	397	680	58.38%

5th Place 24.5 Wins

1 Clayton Gage-WI	9-7	456	640	71.25%
2 Lorraine Sternberg-WI	7.5-8.5	368	640	57.50%
3 Merwyn Sorensen-WI	8-8	393	640	61.41%

6th Place 27 Wins

1 Becky Kemper-KY	9-6	447	600	74.50%
2 Joan Elmore-TN	13-2	436	600	72.67%
3 Robert Outt-MO	5-5	223	400	55.75%
4 Paula Hunsicker-TN	0-5	88	200	44.00%

7th Place 23 Wins

1 Alan Francis-OH	10-5	458	600	76.33%
2 Amy Francis-OH	12-3	456	600	76.00%
3 J.Fred Brown-OH	1-14	218	560	38.93%

8th Place 12 Wins

1 Charlie Webb-IL	7-8	413	600	68.83%
2 Cliff Baker-IL	3-12	326	600	54.33%
3 Charles Starwalt-IL	2-13	258	600	43.00%

9th Place 12 Wins

1 Shannon Foster-TN	10-5	441	600	73.50%
2 Jim Scott-KY	2-15	259	600	43.17%
3 Cindy Dodson-OH	0-15	325	600	54.17%

10th Place 17.5 Wins

1 John Brown-OH	4.5-10.5	360	600	60.00%
2 John Knapp-OH	4-11	348	600	58.00%
3 Levi Miller Jr.-OH	3-12	325	600	54.17%

CLASS B

1st Place 29.5 Wins

1 Jim Cooper-OH	12-3	401	600	66.83%
2 Donna Dodson-OH	10.5-4.5	332	600	55.33%
3 Dave Rose-OH	7-8	302	600	50.33%

2nd Place 26 Wins

1 Rivers Prewette-NC	12-3	395	600	65.83%
2 Paul Stewart-NC	6-9	324	600	54.00%
3 Buck Prewette-NC	8-7	312	600	52.00%

3rd Place 21.5 Wins

1 Robert Garber-OH	11-4	357	600	59.50%
2 Jack Baldwin-OH	6-9	309	600	51.50%
3 Paul Burkitt-OH	4.5-10.5	306	600	51.00%

4th Place 21.5 Wins

1 Bobby Holland-AL	9-6	320	600	53.33%
2 Jim Harris-AL	3-7	216	400	54.00%
3 Michael Byram-AL	4.5-10.5	290	600	48.33%
4 Tiffany Gage	5-5	122	200	61.00%

5th Place 20.5 Wins

1 Milton Vinson-GA	10.5-4.5	374	600	62.33%
2 Iris Sandham-GA	8-7	353	600	58.83%
3 Jim Haley-GA	2-13	198	600	33.00%

6th Place 11 Wins

1 Walter Mullins-KY	8-7	381	600	63.50%
2 Monty Roberts-KY	4-11	245	600	40.83%
3 Jim Culver-KY	7-8	302	600	50.33%

CLASS C

1st Place 31 Wins

1 Bobby Fields-TN	10-5	335	600	55.83%
2 Het Birchfield-TN	11-4	329	600	54.83%
3 Frank Jones-TN	10-5	320	600	53.33%

2nd Place 24 Wins

1 Ron Hopman-IL	7.5-7.5	303	600	50.50%
2 Dennis Reid-IL	11-4	364	600	60.67%
3 Tom Ried-IL	5.5-9.5	256	600	42.67%

3rd Place 21.5 Wins

1 Bobby Brooks-KY	5-10	293	600	48.83%
2 Tony Hankins-KY	7.5-7.5	317	600	52.83%
3 Robert Taylor-KY	9-6	307	600	51.17%

4th Place 20 Wins

1 Pat Richardson-TN	7-8	294	600	49.00%
2 Roy Lyons-OH	9-6	312	600	52.00%
3 Floyd Maxwell-TN	4-11	272	600	45.33%

5th Place 20 Wins

1 Lou Colpitts-KY	8.5-6.5	299	600	49.83%
2 Vicki Crank-KY	7-8	247	600	41.17%
3 Stan Dodson-OH	4.5-10.5	265	600	44.17%

6th Place 17.5 Wins

1 Rich Altis-MO	9-6	340	600	56.67%
2 Jan Kreienkamp-MO	7.5-7.5	309	600	51.50%
3 Roy Evans-MO	1-14	231	600	38.50%

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Missouri Pitcher Scores BIG!!!

by Joe Faron

Sitting in the stands at the 1996 NHPA World Tournament held in Gillette, Wyoming, Roy Evans of Missouri, noticed that the scorekeepers were struggling with the scoreboards trying to place the name cards into broken card brackets. The shoecount arrows were also broken or missing and the NHPA decals were partially missing. When the scoreboards were stored in the NHPA trailer, they were stacked upon each other and the damage occurred.

Since the World Tournament is suppose to be the showcase for horseshoes, Roy thought that this problem needed to be addressed. He approached the President of the NHPA, Dave Loucks, and volunteered to take on the sizeable task of refurbishing the 45 NHPA scoreboards. Dave was enthusiastic with this request and pointed out numerous problems with the scoring devices and asked Roy if he could correct these problems.

The scoreboards would not be needed until the 1999 World Tournament to be held in Greenville, Ohio giving Roy plenty of time to get the job done. Another Missourian, Charlie Killgore offered to pull the NHPA trailer from Gillette, Wyoming to his place of business in Plattsburg, Mo, where the trailer was parked until March 1999. Charlie also repaired the metal stands that the scoring devices are mounted on. In the Fall of 1996, Charlie transported the to-be-repaired scoreboards to New Melle Horseshoe Club where he had entered a tournament. Then in the Spring of 1999 Charlie drove the NHPA trailer to Greenville to be used for the 1999 World Tournament. Roy picked up the scoreboards and dismantled them completely. He removed the old NHPA sticker, sanded and refinished, routed out and beveled the outside faces so it was easier to turn the wheel and control the numbers and also to see the numbers from a distance and removed the plastic card holders. At

his business, Evans Production and Engineering Company, he machined new card holders using a CNC milling machine. One of the main problems was that the arrow used for the shoe count was made of aluminum.

Roy redesigned the pointer using steel strapping and welded the brackets that held the pointers in place. The scoreboards were then taken to Roy's basement for painting and stenciling. His wife, Suzanne, grew tired of this two year project and wanted them out of their basement (or a divorce)! Taking the hint, Roy quickly reassembled the newly designed scoreboards. After this project was completed, I asked Roy how many hours he would estimate that he worked on this project. "A hell of a lot!" he exclaimed. Afraid of pushing my luck, I didn't bother to ask Suzanne.

I received a call from Jerry Williams of Greenville, OH, to make arrangements to have them delivered for the 1999 World Horseshoe Tournament. After seeing the completed fantastic job that Roy did on the scoreboards, I was concerned about the future storage of them. I contacted Dick Hansen, Secretary of the NHPA, to see if there was a container to store them in. He found there were no such containers.

Cal Jaeger with one of the two racks he helped design and build for the storing and transporting the NHPA scoreboards.



Roy Evans with one of 45 refurbished NHPA Scoreboards

I offered to build two racks for this purpose. With the physical help and helpful hints from Cal Jaeger, this project was completed. On June 9, 1999, Roy and Suzanne loaded their van with the two new racks of scoreboards. "Good riddance," sighed Suzanne. The next day Roy and I headed up I-70 to Terre Haute, Indiana where we met Jerry Williams and his wife to make the switch. "Oh, No!" exclaimed his wife, "They're not going into our basement!"

What started out as one man's brilliant idea ended up involving many others. A bunch of good old boys from Missouri sharing the load to make things a little better for the sport they love. The scoreboards will look great for year to come and they have a new storage container, Charlie got rid of the trailer, Suzanne's basement is cleared out and they are now living happily ever after! And the scoreboards...They were well received in Greenville and have now moved on to Bismarck for use this year.



The NHPA Online and NHPA Publicity websites have made dramatic changes since the last report in the November/December issue of *Newsline*. We now have our own domain, www.horseshoepitching.com and have been operating live from this new website since early November. Thanks to Ed Smith, Santa Rosa, CA and Steve Summerlin, Brighton, MI for putting in

a lot of overtime hours in getting this site setup and moving all the files to the new site.

We have a cool new look that is clean and loads much faster. Some of the new features are as follows: The *NatStats*, *CanStats* and *Top Pitchers* links are located at the top of the page in the small blue bar. Most all of the back page links and the Publicity website link are located

at the left side of the page in the blue section. Here you will find at least 40 links that will take you to just about everything or anything you ever wanted to know about horseshoe pitching. You can spend many hours reading horseshoe information in these links.

The front-page links: *Sign/View Guest book*, is a new guest book that we hope you will use and enjoy viewing. *New Message Post* is a new message board that is much faster and easier to get into than the old one. This is where you can leave a message and/or reply to any message there. We will leave messages here for 30 to 45 days before we delete them by dates. This will help keep the message post clean and fast. *Special Notice*, is where special announcements or notices will be posted as needed. *World Horseshoe Tournament 2000*, *Bismarck*, has several links, (2000 World Tournament), (Bismarck-Mandan ND) (Tourism), (Housing information), (Parks), (Special Attr. Medora). We will be adding more links here, as we get closer to World Tournament time. *Coming soon to a court near you*, click here and it will take you to pages with banners of major coming events. Click on most of the banners for a tournament entry form; or if the tournament has passed, you can get results and sometimes pictures from the event. Steve Morris, PA makes the banners for this page. *Featured Article of the Month*, is an article that will change frequently as we try to keep something here that will be interesting for you.

If you are still using the old Geocities URL in your browser, bookmarks or favorites to get to the NHPA Website or the NHPA Publicity page, please update your browser bookmarks or favorites to the new URL www.horseshoepitching.com. We will be discontinuing the Geocities services as of January 30, 2000.

We have had nothing but good comments on the new website and new look. If you have suggestions or comments about the website, please feel free to e-mail them to me. Click on my name anywhere you see it on the website and it will pull up my e-mail, or go to the Officers page where all Officers e-mail address are listed. "Yes, I said all Officers." I am very happy to announce that all NHPA Officers are now online and have an e-mail address.

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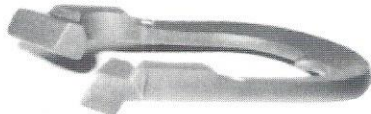
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An ideal flip has the shoe coming to the stake as it has just leveled out. Sometimes our aim is off just enough that the point, or heel, of the shoe will hit the stake as the shoe comes in. The points of the heel of the Mr. D. Shoe are at a slant, so that the first part of the shoe to hit the stake is on a plane with the bottom of the shoe. This forces the point of the shoe down, therefore; the extra, extra heavy heels on the Mr. D. Shoe will force the calks on the bottom of the shoe into the pit. The "dead soft" rating then entices the shoe to drop next to the stake for a point.

Because the heel of the Mr. D. Shoe is so heavy, sometimes the heel that doesn't hit the stake will jerk around the rear of the stake. This causes the other heel, that is now holding onto the pit surface, to hook the stake for a ringer as the shoe turns around the stake.

Shoes with hardened points, that hit the stake in this manner when flipped, have a tendency to jump away from the stake and spin to the rear, out of scoring range.

Shoes with blunt points, or shoes flipped with the slope of the heels going up, makes the top plane of the shoe to be the first part of the heel to hit the stake. This, more apt that not, will cause the shoe to flip over backwards and come to rest several inches from the stake - a lot of times out of scoring range.



THE HORSESHOE TRADER

Giant Grip Horseshoe Company

Oshkosh, Wisconsin

by Bob Dunn

The Giant Grip Manufacturing Company of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, is not a well known name to today's horseshoe pitchers. That is because it is now 50 years since the last Giant Grip shoe was forged out. The name Giant Grip is rather well known to antique shoe collectors however, for the shoes commonly found at flea markets and antique shops. Based on the fact that the shoes may be somewhat scarce, but certainly not rare, there must have been a good market and high production of Giant Grip shoes for these shoes to be showing up 50 years or more later.

The Giant Grip Company was founded in 1863 by C. W. George Everhart and was one of the major producers of shoes and calks for horse ware. Giant Grip products and horseshoes were sold worldwide. As the automobile and farm tractors lessened the need for horses, Giant Grip got into the pitching shoe market. Just exactly when they produced their first pitching shoe is not known. The earliest advertising appeared as a full-page ad in the March 1934 *Horseshoe World*. By that time they were producing three different models.

The first Giant Grip shoe was a hookless model named the **Winner**. If found in fair condition, the **Winner** is a beautiful antique shoe. The second model Giant Grip fashioned was a hooked or tournament shoe, simply called **Official**. As most big-time shoe manufacturers were always trying to capture more market share by advertising a new or improved model—hence the **Giant Grip Champion**.

The Thomas Registry of American Manufacturers first lists Giant Grip as a pitching shoe produced in 1938 although the company was listed in 1936 by the NHPA as a sanctioned shoe. Then World War II interrupted production of Giant Grip pitching shoes, as it did with all companies making horseshoes. The Giant Grip company converted their production lines to producing metal parachute parts and other war-time materials for the armed forces, receiving national recognition and honors for their efforts.

A few ads in 1939 and 1940 mentioned a **Juvenile** model. The model was never pictured and as far as anyone knew, no junior Giant Grip shoes were every found. That is until this year. Lee Wallace came up with a pair of 1 1/2 pound Giant Grip **Juvenile** shoes, the only ones known to be in collection. The shoes are the spitting image of the Giant Grip **Official**, just a bit smaller. It is a little to ask, but why **Juvenile**? Why didn't they call the lighter shoes Junior model as all

the other companies had? Anyhow, the hunt is surely on now to see if some more of the **Juvenile** shoe can be uncovered.

One more collection oddity of Giant Grip line is old-fashioned wooden shoe boxes. Back in the 1920s and 1930s many producers would sell horseshoe pitching sets (4 shoes) lined side by side, with two stakes, all packaged in a wooden carry case. A few of the old Giant Grip boxes are in collections and certainly make special displays when the original shoes and stakes are all in tack.

The Giant Grip shoe found its end of the line in 1949 as the company, family owned since 1863, was sold and the pitching shoe manufacturing was discontinued.

TRADER JOTTINGS

■ Lee Wallace, one of our most active collectors, sent in this note: As a representative of the Horseshoe Collectors-Traders group at Greenville, Ohio, I wish to thank all those who stopped by to visit, and especially those who brought shoes to show and for identification. Some brought in uncommon shoes just to let us know of their existence. We were most pleased to discover new shoes we have never heard of before. Pictures were taken of several models for our files. We gained more members also. Our main goal is still to stop the loss of collectible shoes to recycling or land fill dumps and to make folks aware of the collectible shoes they may have. Judging from the 1999 response at the World Tournament, we're doing a credible job of reaching people. Many thanks to Cay Newhouse for his excellent display of shoes; also to Paul Stewart for providing us with the **Ultimate**, a non-sanctioned horseshoe, but a real attention getter.

■ Thank you to Bernard J. Mullady, Belleville, NJ, for donating a pair of Giant Grip **Winner** shoes to the NHPA collection. The shoes are 60 years old and in great condition, but few can view these shoes until the construction of the NHPA Hall of Fame museum is completed. Mail your cash donation to the NHPA today.

■ There are many shoe collectors in the NHPA that have not signed up for our Collectors and Traders roster. It is simple to do, it costs nothing to join, just send a letter to Bob Dunn, address on page three. By joining, you can receive considerable information that will enhance your collection and opportunity to communicate with other collectors.



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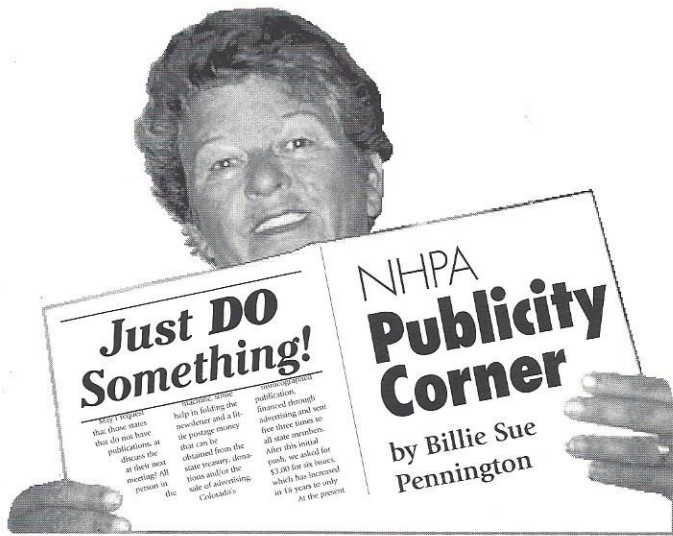
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Team went into action
and really did it!*

A press release, including facts about this story, was recently posted on the NHPA Publicity website. An e-mail went out to charters notifying them of the story and asking them to use the Internet to “Help Get This Story Out.” And did the team respond? You bet, they did! More than 20 e-mails were received showing hundreds of addresses to which the press release had been sent!

Jim Atwell, CA, found the internet resource www.newspapers.com so easy to use as he contacted more than 50 newspapers in the Southern California area, that he said, “this was so much fun, I think I’ll write my own press release and send it out.” Kevin Smith, MI, that through the experience, he had established a relationship with a couple of papers whom might help him in his future promotion efforts. Jack Atchley, LA, immediately thought to take the story to “his” local contact. These comments are but a few of the ones received.

Did we get any coverage from the efforts? I don’t know, yet. But from this vantage, the team learned a lot, we brought the word “horseshoe” in front of many newspapers, and we’ve just begun!

Cedar Rapids man rings up \$16,500 for the kids

By Tom Frueling, Gazette staff writer

CEDAR RAPIDS—Clang! Thud! Clang! Thud!

That’s about average for horseshoe marathoner Ralph Palmer. Two ringers out of every four tosses, with the other pair plopping into the clay pit around the target stake.

By noon today, Palmer figures he will have pitched around 5,000 shoes in a 24-hour fund-raising effort that started Tuesday. His goal is that at least 2,000 of them find the mark.

In that daylong stretch—which was to continue unabated under the lights last night—the Cedar Rapids businessman will log some 20 miles as he walks back and forth the 40 feet between throws.

Palmer, 60, figures the walking will be a snap since he’s a veteran at running marathons.

But what about that left arm, which he’s using 24 hours straight (with a 10 minute break per hour) methodically flipping two-pound iron horseshoes at the rat of something like eight each minute?

Well, don’t expect the owner of Ar-Jay Building Products on Blairs Ferry Road NE to sign many checks today. But he has no doubt he’ll meet his goal of 2,000 ringers.

“I have a sign in my office that says, “If you believe you can or you can’t, you’re right.”

After five hours Tuesday he was ahead of his planned pace of 603 ringers. By the time his offbeat charity promotion got underway on the grounds outside his business, Palmer had received pledges totaling \$14,707. The money will be divided between Camp Courageous and the St. Luke’s Hospital Child Protection Center. Palmer says he’ll continue to take donations until his arm falls off.

A horseshoe pitcher from his childhood days on a farm near Gilman in Marshall County, Palmer has been competing in tournaments for 15 years or so. He came up with the notion of combining his hobby with raising money for two of his favorite charities after he lost sight in one eye last February.

“I didn’t know if I’d ever stand in the batter’s box again,” he explains metaphorically, “didn’t know if I’d drive again or do the things I normally do.

“When surgery corrected the problem a couple of months ago and my sight improved to 20/30. I decided to celebrate by doing something for the kids.”

Palmer has been a generous supporter of Camp Courageous for more than 20 years, and camp executive director Charlie Becker credits Palmer for helping raise tens of thousands of dollars for the camp, which caters to campers with disabilities.

“The thing about Ralph is that he gives a lot of motivational talks all over the place. And he’s good at it, too. And he always puts in a good word for Camp Courageous. We get donations from all over the country because of him.”

Clang! Clang! Thud! Clang! “Three ringers,” Palmer announced to one of his revolving crew of scorekeepers. “Now, that was sweet.”

It seems that through all the proof-reading, a typo still made it into print. Please make the following corrections to the new 2000 rules. On page 6, rule 6, section H, 1 (a), it should reference **RULE 1, A, #8 not 1, H, 8**. One would be hard pressed to locate 1, H, 8 as it does not exist. We sincerely hope this error does not cause too much inconvenience for you.

The rules pamphlet is the same color as the 1998 issue. The major differences are bolder section headings, easier to read type, plus the 2000 edition is 1/4 of an inch wider. If there is still confusion over which one you have in your possession please reference the date on the bottom right hand side of page 12.

How many tournaments have you gone to where you had to play under some sort of handicap system? Most of you have probably experienced that at one time or another during your NHPA membership. Did you realize that the rules state, in rule 9 section C, that, "any game played under any kind of handicap system shall use the alternate pitch format." This does not allow the tournament director to use their discretion. The rule states *shall*, therefore it must be played under alternate pitch. Some TDs also believe that handicapped classes must use count-all. This

confusion comes about because section B of rule 9 states, "any game played using count-all scoring shall be played under the alternate pitch format..." Therefore if you handicap, use alternate pitch; and if you select count-all, use alternate pitch. The two handicap/count-all do not have to be played together, it's just that you must use the alternate pitch format when playing either. Please make your TDs aware of this fact because they would be in violation of the rules by not doing so.

On a somewhat lighter note, over the winter, please familiarize yourselves with the rules of play. Familiarity with all aspects of the game makes for a smoother flowing tournament. Something else that gives others a deeper appreciation of what TDs go through is to educate others with the duties of that position. Rule 13 covers the majority of what a TD must ensure happens in order to hold a successful event. The majority of our Charters have a prescribed format, usually printed on the schedule, but if not, use rule 13 as a guide for running a tournament.

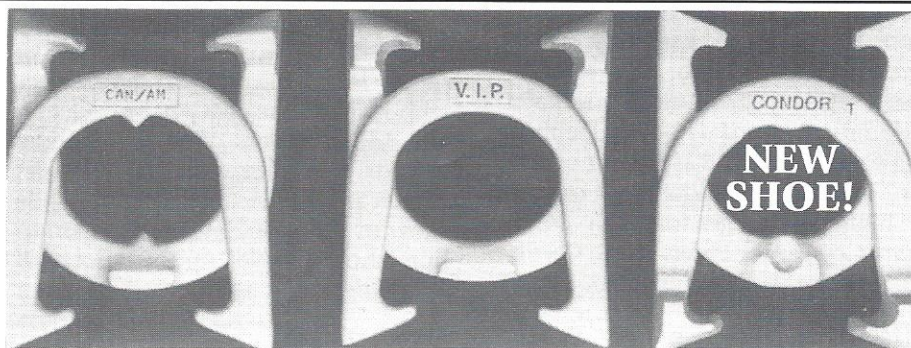
Comments on the rules and proposed changes can be e-mailed to me at kclus@worldnet.att.net.

International Horseshoes

Were you aware that other countries are becoming more involved with horseshoe pitching? In the past couple of years I've corresponded with people from, New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, Philippines, Sweden, Holland, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Poland, Norway, Finland, Ireland, Great Britain, France, and recently South Africa. All this was made possible by our website <http://www.horseshoepitching.com>.

Of course some of these countries have their own rules already established, such as Ireland (37 ft. distance), Sweden has a really unique set on rules. Check their website for more information. Some information has been sent to most of these countries and Great Britain has already established a website of their own. They were kind enough to reference our URL on their page for further information. You can check them out here <http://www.homestead.com/HPAofGB/>. As the electronic age advances and more people purchase computers there will be no end in sight, we could truly become an International Organization.

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SHOEBITS

by Maynard

ALASKA

No news on happenings in this charter but a \$120 donation was received for the NHPE.

ALABAMA

Bobby Holland was elected to another term as President and James (Sonny) Conaway was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

ARIZONA

The 9th Annual Quartzsite Main Event is scheduled for January 20-23. Dale Boss, formerly of Colorado, now a resident of Mesa, has assumed the duties of director for the well known Valley of the Sun Tournament in February. Dale & wife Billie have issued an open invitation for a "feast to remember" to any Colorado pitchers who enter this tournament.

COLORADO

Allen Baptist was elected as NHPA 1st VP and has assumed the duties of the Chairman of Regional Directors. Grand Junction hosted a benefit tournament and raised \$300 for the NHPE. After a playoff, the Edgewater team of Larry, John and Liz Perkovich captured the 13th Annual State League Championship title with the lowest team percentage.

FLORIDA

Due to "not enough help," Winter Haven has had to cancel their sanctioned tournaments for this season. Beverly Hills will host the 40th State Tournament April 12-15. Debbie Burrows was honored as "Player of the Year." Walter Ray Williams, Jr. carries the highest average for Men-84.8; Wayne Cowger for Elders-68.8; Carrie Carpenter for the Women-69.5.

ILLINOIS

Thomas Johnson broke his pitching (right) arm 3 weeks before the State and after only 3 days of practice with his left arm, competed and averaged 18.5%. Wen Willard and Leo Bratland were the 1999 inductees into the Hall of Fame. Frank Yohn was awarded the Henry Franke Award, which is presented annually for the promotion of horseshoes.

INDIANA

New members reached 74 for the year. Marvin Wells is nothing if not consistent: he averaged an even 50% for each of 5 games in a row at the State Tournament. Back in May Jeremy Burgett pitched a perfect game—20 for 20.

IOWA

Cathy Carter now claims 19 State Championships; 13 in the Women's Division and 6 as a Junior. Joe Smith has moved back to 40' and averaged 56% in a recent tournament. Richie Boll will be joining the Men next year.

MICHIGAN

Year end top average honors go to Tom Williams, 67.99 (Men); Judy Curtiss, 77.74 (Women); Claude Shannahan, 73.85 (Elders); Daniel Tanner, 53.62 (Juniors). Dean Schmitz (publicity) suggests setting up a horseshoe display (like at a museum) at your local recreation center, library and schools to generate interest in the sport. For more details (assistance) call Dean at (810) 463-7488 or check our website at welcome.to/michigan_horseshoes.

MISSOURI

Four very deserving gentlemen, Kent Armstrong, Joe Faron, Sam Foster and Alan Francis were inducted into the Hall of Fame. NHPA scoreboards used at World Tournaments underwent a complete overhaul thanks to the many hours of hard work last spring by Roy Evans. Happy Birthday to Jerry Griggs who reached the "BIG 70" on Oct. 6. The 187 attendees of the 1st Annual Awards Banquet enjoyed a great speech and "musical celebration" slide show of the past 21 years of Missouri horseshoes thanks to the efforts of Stan Griggs.

NEW JERSEY

Bill Kolb and Phil Zozzaro were honored at the State Awards Banquet for their combined membership of 100 years in the NJSHPA. Will Anne Marie MacIntyre return from Las Vegas where she went to usher in Y2K with long time idol Robert Goulet? Tips from Joe McCrink, 10 time State Men's Champion, are to keep your swing simple and learn to relax.

NEW YORK

Thanks go to Dick Pike for making two impressive traveling trophies for the Junior State champions. Ken Fraser managed to take 2nd place in the Men's Championship class in spite of all the hours he spent preparing for and running the State tournament. Junior membership dues and savings bonds for Junior State Champions are paid from the profits of raffles held during the year.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Congratulations to Regional Director, Gail Sluys and Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Smith on their induction into the Hall of Fame. Jerry was instrumental in the building of a permanent Hall of Fame, not only by raising funds but also by doing the actual building. Dave Loucks is due his lifetime membership card as a fifty-year member of the NHPA. The Gold Country Horseshoe Club hosted a two-day benefit tournament and raised \$1,400 that was donated to the NHPE. The Sonoma Horseshoe Club donated \$280 from their club treasury to the NHPE. "Pitcher of the Year" awards went to Chet Carter (Men 40') who pitched in 62 tournaments and Leldon Day (less than 40') who pitched in 46 tournaments during 1999.

NORTH CAROLINA

N.A. Moore was elected to the State Hall of Fame. Paul Stewart, NHPA 5th VP has resigned as secretary/treasurer and Rivers Prewette will assume this position. Paul wants to spend some time with his family in between his regular job and his responsibilities at the National level.

OKLAHOMA

President Bob Reese congratulates those who have been spreading the word on horseshoe pitching to all corners of the state. Ardmore has 12 new courts, Broken Bow is working toward 12 new courts at the Indian Nation Investment Center and 4 courts were built on tribal land near Wyandotte. Bob is now worried that without new members OK might see the day when they have more courts than pitchers in the state. Bill Walters and Bob Reese assisted Brad Coyle, an

instructor at East Central University, in teaching 69 students the art of horseshoe pitching. The instructions will be repeated to the spring semester classes.

OREGON

President, Bill Graham, Jr. was invited to judge a horseshoe pitching contest at a pro rodeo with \$100,000.00 going to the 1st of 3 contestants to make a ringer. No one won! Year-end high percentage honors go to LaVerne Ewing, 70.66 (Women); Marvin Tatchio, 76.7 (Elders); Cletus Hull, 35.96 (Juniors); Ben Wiedrich 73.76 (Men).

SOUTH DAKOTA

Royal Adamson of Belle Fourche was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his service to the sport.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

"Flippers reign" was the victory cry at the State tournament where, for the first time in State history, a "flipper" won the Men's championship (congratulations Kurt). Flippers also won the Women's, Juniors' and Doubles' State championships. Frank Bohun has been recognized as the #1 Elder in the NHPA with an 89.48% and Shalee Sebastian as #1 Junior Girl with 64.05%. John Mathys of Bradford was welcomed into the Hall of Fame.

WISCONSIN

Ken Jaeger, who had announced he was NOT running for re-election has again been elected as president over 2 other candidates. Lorraine Sternberg has assumed her NHPA 3rd VP duties as Sanctioned League Director of the 10 members of the "Combined Locks Club" who attended the World Tournament, nine of them brought home trophies, 3-1st, 3-2nd and 3-3rd places.

WYOMING

Former President, Ray Johnston, who passed away in May, was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his service along with Ken Raymond for pitching excellence. Herb Matson received the Sportsmanship Award and Jim Duncan was elected as the new President.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NHPA MEMBERSHIP

I had the pleasure of having Dave and Cathie Loucks stay at my home over the weekend of the November Music City Team Tournament and had the opportunity to discuss with them, among other things, the progress of the NHPF. It appears more players are beginning to gain a concept of what the NHPF is all about but more conversation and much greater donation response is still needed.

Not from Dave's and my conversation, but in many conversations I have had before with others, I've concluded that many of the 14,000 NHPA members are reluctant to contribute to anything, at least, until they know exactly how the money will be spent. Most of us are unwilling to throw money away. I will try in this article to explain some of the anticipated expenses of the NHPF and status of the Courts in Joelton, TN, and why contributions are important and what they will enable us to do.

We have an opportunity, today, to turn a great facility into "the" premier Horseshoe Pitching facility in the world. We have ample parking space and everything else we need for very large tournaments, but are not quite ready for a World Tournament. To have the facility ready by 2003, we need more than a hundred RV hookups, a pullover lane for vehicles turning into the property, ladies' and men's restrooms, landscaping, a computer center, a concession area, a caretaker and caretaker quarters, and actual management of the facility. I will get into the specifics and estimates of costs later in this article.

What we need to do to get ready for a World Tournament does not touch upon the main purpose of the NHPF. Once the completed facility is in place, or perhaps before, we must concentrate on the provisions of the NHPF charter that assures our tax-exempt status. We must formulate plans that are designed to increase public awareness of the sport of Horseshoe Pitching, and put those plans into action. Other stated goals in the charter include assisting new and inexperienced members in building Regulation courts, set up leagues and tournaments, and recruit new pitchers. We hope to make grants to clubs for court construction and expansion. We hope to be able to fund amateur pitching instruction, and will spend a lot of time supporting Junior programs. We might one day be able to

About the NHPF and where the money goes (will go)...

establish scholarship awards for those young students who excel in the classrooms. These things are required in order to achieve and keep our tax-exempt status.

We cannot expect those outside of horseshoe pitching to complete the facility for us. This would be nice, but is not realistic. And, we cannot expect 5% of the membership to "do it all." If we are to be successful, it will be because all of us rolled up our sleeves, pitched in, and contributed our fair share.

Ask yourself if having a complex like this is worthwhile. Should we try to preserve the historical pictures, films, trophies, plaques, and score sheets from the past? Ask yourself if Tennessee is as good a place as any to locate the Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame building, and to periodically hold World Tournaments. Ask yourself if you would be willing to support this effort with regular contributions.

In 1990, I tried to find 3 or 4 acres on which to build 12 to 16 Regulation horseshoe courts. No one was willing to sell even a square inch of his or her farmland. When a 58-acre farm came up for sale, I bought it. This piece of property had a narrow road frontage, maybe 100 feet. Soon after that, the adjacent 6.8 acres came up for sale, so I bought that too. It had about 450 feet road frontage. I rearranged the property lines, and kept about 6 or 7 acres for horseshoe courts and parking. The farm now had adequate road frontage, and so did I. My plan was to sell the larger parcel, place the money in a trust, and use the "interest" it generated, to support the Courts. I figured that a \$350,000 sale of the property would generate \$25,000 to \$30,000, annually, enough perhaps to support the Courts. If 8% to 10% of the "interest" was plowed back into the trust fund each year, we

could keep up with inflation. I planned it this way because I didn't know anyone who had the money who would be willing to support the Courts.

This idea is important to understand, because it is the same idea behind the NHPF. The difference is, it will take more than \$25,000 or \$30,000 each year to run a much larger, more far reaching endeavor. It will take a much larger "Endowment Fund", maybe, a minimum of \$2 million dollars. The difference is, we don't have someone out there to give us the money. It will have to come from us.

After reviewing the expenses involved, my proposal would be to increase the NHPA Membership Fee to from \$12 to \$37, with \$25 of this earmarked for the NHPF. With some 13,000 members, this would generate around \$325,000, each year. In addition, I would suggest we seek pledges of \$50 a year from each member. If we were lucky enough to get 10,000 members to subscribe, we would receive another \$500,000 each year. If we weren't so lucky, we might receive a total of \$500,000 with the increased membership dues and pledges combined. These are staggering figures, but achievable if we all pitch in. Keep these figures in your mind. I will come back to them later.

The plan is to hold the 2003 World Tournament at the Joelton Courts. Before then, lots of things need to be done. We need approximately 150 to 200 RV hookups to take care of a normal crowd. An RV Park will have to be built. Does any one know how much it will cost to build an RV Park this size? Estimates are it would cost between \$300,000 and \$500,000. Of course, the RV area will need a public shower/restroom facility, perhaps another \$30,000 expense.

A 300-400 ft, "pullover" stretch of road for turning into the property will need to be built for cars and RVs coming to the tournaments. Estimated cost for this is \$8,000 to \$12,000. The area should look nice. The "park like" appearance we wish to keep and improve upon will cost an estimated \$8,000 to \$10,000.

As an NHPF Director, I have a pretty good idea of the appearance of the finished Hall of Fame building. It will cost at least \$25 per square foot, and this building is not extravagant by any stretch of the imagination. We first considered a 100 ft by 48 ft building (4,800 sq ft) with

AN OPEN LETTER *cont...*

a cost around \$120,000. On second consideration, the Directors felt we should start with a smaller, 100 ft. by 40 ft. building (4,000 sq. ft.) that would cost about \$100,000. It was suggested that we make the front of the building wider, for appearances, and maintain, at least, the 40 ft. depth. The actual building size might be more cost effective if we built the larger (4,800 sq. ft.) perhaps 120 ft. by 40 ft. and would, as before, cost \$120,000.

We should note that these prices are for the bare building and do not include finishing the interior. This "finishing" includes bathrooms, plumbing, electrical, heating and air conditioning, paneling, hanging the ceiling, and labor. These costs are estimated to be around \$50,000 to \$80,000. To be considered, also, are the shelves, racks, and glass cases to display the Hall of Fame memorabilia. These needed display items could cost up to \$25,000.

In addition to the Hall of Fame building, we plan to enclose one portion of the Outdoor Courts portico and make it the "Computer Center" for larger tournaments, including the World Tournament. On the other end of the portico, near the Hall of Fame building, would be located a "Concession Area" for cooking hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. With this would be built a patio seating area. Estimated cost for the Concession Area and the Computer Center is \$20,000 each.

These are "immediate" expenses that must be met if we are to complete the facility and create a premier horseshoe pitching facility. No frills, just all in one place and ready for the 2003 World Tournament, and numerous major tournaments that could be planned thereafter. The total "immediate" estimates at a minimum are \$500,000 to \$600,000 for the expenses I've mentioned.

To date, no one connected with the NHPF or NHPA has taken any portion of the money donated to the NHPF. Even travel for Directors meetings, discussion with contractors and the like, have been paid out of pocket by the individual directors who receive no pay. Further, except for legal & accountant fees and property taxes on the 57-acre parcel I've already donated to the NHPA, the Foundation has incurred little expense. I have continued to pay all operating costs of the 7-acre pitching facility and plan to continue until such time as the NHPF

can bear the current operating expense, about \$20,000 per year.

This brings up the next phase of NHPF development we should consider. That is, the running of the facility. I have always admired those neat and clean basketball gymnasiums, and the football and baseball facilities when the fans first arrive. Someone has put in, or caused to be put in, many hours of cleaning and preparation for the "guests." A great facility does not just happen, and neither will a great horseshoe pitching facility. Only 2 or 3 of us are responsible for the upkeep of the 38 courts, maintaining the property, and running the tournaments at Joelton. To expand the scope to the intended full NHPF operation, it will take more people. Some of these would be full time while others would be part-time volunteers.

In the future, we will need to hire a caretaker(s) who, more than likely, will live on the premises. Living on the premises would discourage vandalism. If so, he/she will need a place to live. This place, either a house or trailer, would rightfully be provided and paid for by the NHPF.

The job description of the caretaker would include, among other things, maintenance of the property, repairs, planning, preparation and cleaning of the courts, overseeing the concession stand & vending machines, and general upkeep of the facilities including the planned Hall of Fame building and RV Park.

The caretaker, or an associate, would be responsible for local tournaments, publicity, and all communications. This, itself, could turn into a full time job. It practically is now. Therefore, it is anticipated that two people will be needed; perhaps a good working husband & wife team that lives on the grounds and receives help from a number of part-time volunteers.

I have mentioned many of the anticipated expenses to finish the Courts and improve the grounds. Again, this amount is estimated to be \$500,000+. These anticipated and real expenses are great but they aren't insurmountable. The greatest problems are behind us. The larger parcel of the property already belongs to the NHPF. The 38 covered and indoor Courts are built on the smaller improved parcel and I am ready to donate this to the NHPF if only I can

see some greater interest and support from the NHPA membership. Remember, it was the delegates in convention representing all the Charters that overwhelmingly approved and authorized the NHPA to proceed with this project. I will say again, if we were to increase NHPA membership dues by \$25 per year and earmark this increase for the NHPF, we would raise \$325,000 per year. This is a lot of money as a whole but not so bad if you consider this contribution per member is equivalent to less than a pack of cigarettes a month, or a 50 cent candy bar per week. If we received annual pledges of \$50 from as many as 10,000 members, we would raise \$500,000 each year. Fifty dollars is the price of one pair of good horseshoes, or eating out a time or two a year with your significant other.

There are several ways to contribute. The simplest way is to send a check to the NHPF. On your birthday or anniversary, send a check. Make a pledge and contribution in the name of a relative or friend. Count the number of members in your local horseshoe club, or charter, and multiply that number by \$50, then commit your club, collectively to that much each year. Hold special tournaments to help raise the amount you have pledged. Gift some stock that may not be doing well or on which you don't want to pay capital gains. Many of you are more creative than I am. You can find a way to get it done and remember, your gift is tax deductible.

Just think. You can have the premier horseshoe pitching facility in the world and a Hall of Fame building, too, if you will contribute each year, for a while, as little as the price of a pair of horseshoes. Once the initial building and endowment goals are met, the dues increase could probably be cut back. Normal pledges, donations, facility income and interest should be sufficient to cover operating expenses thereafter.

If you would like to comment on this article, please get in touch with me.

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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY 2000

20-23 9th Annual Quartzsite Main Event Tournament—Quartzsite, Arizona. Entry fee \$40 includes scorekeeping. Pre-register by January 13th. Added \$2,500 purse donated by Howard Armstrong. NatStat average and 3 sanctioned events required. Full and short distance pitchers will be separated when possible. 12 person groups, pitch 2 days. Mail entry and fee to Gary Chalberg, 13118 E. 47th Dr., Yuma, AZ 85367. 520-342-0426. e-mail: arizonatwo@webtv.net

FEBRUARY 2000

5-13 Valley of the Sun—Pioneer Park, Mesa, Arizona. Entry fee \$30 includes scorekeeper fees. Additional fees payable at check-in for Classes A-D. Full and Short distance pitchers separated where possible. Limited to 192 players. Deadline for entry January 24, 2000. Checks payable to PMHPC and mailed to Tournament Director; Dale Boss, 8421 E. Main St., #33, Mesa, AZ 85207. Phone 480-357-1283.

APRIL 2000

29-30 Carolina Dogwood Festival—Statesville, North Carolina. \$5,500 in cash and trophies if maximum 180 entries sign-in. Pre-register by April 1, 2000. Send \$20 to Carolina Dogwood Horseshoe Tournament, Statesville Rec & Parks Dept. P.O.Box 1111, Statesville, NC 28687-1111. Tournament Director Paul Stewart, 704-528-5081.

MAY 2000

27-28 Music City Team Tournament—Joelton, Tennessee. 3-players per team, 48 teams maximum, mixed play, no juniors. NatStat average as of 4/1/00 shall apply, team combined average cannot exceed 160. Entry fee of \$105 per team must be received by 4/15/00. Send fee and team roster to Mary Bastian, 3730 Old Charlotte Pike, Franklin, TN 37069-4791. Phone 615-794-5620, fax 615-591-0833

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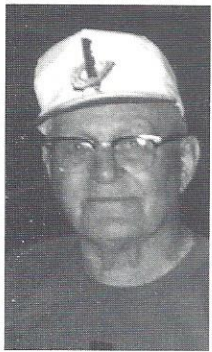
Membership Dues	\$ 8,312
Newsline Subscriptions	5,417
Newsline Ads	561
W.T. Patches,	9
W.T. Travel Reimbursement	900
Hibbing 2001 W.T. Bid Payment	5,000
Misc Patch Sales and Income	31
Bank Checking & Money Market Interest	2,320
Total Income	22,550

EXPENDITURES

Newsline Printing and Mailing	\$ 4,801
Newsline Editor Allowance	616
Sanctioned League Postage & Printing	1,178
Sanctioned League Patches & Awards	8,768
Sanctioned League Director Allowance	356

W.T. Travel Expense	2,527
W.T. Admin, Printing & Supplies	610
Regional Directors Postage, Phone, Supplies	415
Sanctioned Tournament Patches	10,860
Equipment Purchases, Rental, Repair	911
NHPA Office Printing and Supplies	2,691
NHPA Postage	852
NHPA Officers Phone	301
NHPA Officers Travel	258
Secretary/Treasurer Allowance	3,080
President's Allowance	924
Vice President's Allowance	231
Publicity & Promotion	3,534
Insurance	492
Special Events	459
NatStats Administration	924
Misc. Fees, Bank Charges	25
Total Expenses	44,813

THE TOLL OF TIME



EDWARD BLUM

**October 26,
1918-October 8,
1999**

Edward Blum, a lifetime resident of Darlington, Pennsylvania, lost his battle with cancer at the age of 80. Ed was an avid horseshoe pitcher who started the game in the late 40s while working as a crane operator for Babcock and Wilcox in Beaver Falls. For 37 years, Ed was a member of the NHPA and for the last 30 years, he never missed a Pennsylvania State Tournament. During that time, he also attended every World Tournament except those held in California.

Ed was the Beaver County Class "A" champion for 11 straight years. He was inducted into the Beaver County HPA Hall of Fame in 1987 and in 1989 became the only horseshoe pitcher inducted into the County "All Sports" Hall of Fame. 1990 followed with induction into Pennsylvania State Hall of Fame.

Profiled in the July/August 1999 Newsline, Ed was a gentleman and friend to all. His phrase "you gotta love the game" will long be remembered in PA. Ed is survived by Mary, his wife of 58 years, a son, a daughter and 5 grandchildren.

LOU MAHLSTEDT

May 8, 1915-August 24, 1999

The Lake Isabella Club in Southern California lost an avid member and club participant with the death of Lou Mahlstedt. A good pitcher, Lou was a humble man who was active all his life in the church. He had the knack of humbling opponents as well as many who pitched against him can attest. Lou truly loved the game and will be missed by all who knew him.

PETER H. SHEPARD JR.

February 3, 1923-October 12, 1999

Pete Shepard, who worked in a supervisory capacity for more than 30 years with St. Pierre Manufacturing Corp., died on October 12th after a brief illness. A pitcher for many years, Peter was probably best known for his organizational skills. He was past chairman of the NHPA Manufacturers

Committee, a former New England HPA Director and a parade coordinator for several towns. A brother, 3 sisters, nieces and nephews survive him.

GEORGE H. STEELE

October 8, 1921-July 15, 1999

Arizona member George Steele, a former resident of Tucson and Scottsdale, died while pitching horseshoes at his nephew's house in St Louis, MO. A strong supporter of horseshoes everywhere he went, George will be fondly remembered in Arizona. He is survived by a brother, a son, daughter and grandson, all of Scottsdale

VIRGINIA THOMPSON

July 5, 1921-November 29, 1999

Virginia Lee Thompson, of Fairmont, West Virginia, died at age 78. She was an avid bowler and horseshoe pitching champion, having won the WV State Championship in 1981 & 83. Virginia was one of the 16 organizers of the Monongahela Valley HPA that was later reorganized into the Tri-County H.C. Her husband, one son, one daughter, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren survive her.

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If your State results are not listed here, or in the previous November/December issue, it means Newsline did not receive the results for printing. Sorry, but it's too late now. Try to remember to be timely with the 2000 results, which should be sent to the Newsline editor in the below format.

ARIZONA

April 1999

Men's Championship	W-L	%
Frank Farley	5-1	59.4
Gregg Reed	4-2	50.0
Gary Minnick, Sr.	3-2	53.5
Dale Boss	2-3	40.4
Gary Chalberg	1-4	34.7
Don Hornbeck	1-4	33.9
Men's B		
Ralph Parra	6-0	40.2
Men's C		
Richard Morse	5-0	33.4
Men's D		
Tony White	7-1	36.8
Men's F		
Jim Rosenwirth	4-1	18.5
Men's 30ft-Elder		
Jim Cyrus	3-0	60.4
Luther Bullock	0-3	41.9
Men's 30ft-B		
Rudy Mohar	4-2	38.5
Men's 30ft-C		
Elmo Davis	6-0	37.8
Women's Championship		
Carol Hoppe	3-2	52.5
Virginia Chalberg	2-3	53.6
Women's B		
Brenda Beck	4-1	46.2
Women's C		
Nellie Anders	3-1	26.2

ARKANSAS

Ozark	Sanc. #21-99-020
Men's Championship	W-L %
James Melson	8-1 55.5
Archie Matheny	7-2 51.5
Allan Clark	5-4 49.3
Ray Bailey	5-4 49.2
Bill McKay	5-4 47.2
Jerry Kahle	5-4 44.4
Robert Williams	3-8 49.5
Orval Nichols	3-6 41.6
Paul Davis	2-7 42.0
Orval 'TK' Gibson	2-7 40.8
Women's Championship	
Debbie Catleit	5-0 49.5
Becky Coleman	4-1 48.8
MaryAnn Fredrick	3-2 38.5
Phyllis Archer	2-3 44.3
Dianne Morgan	1-4 39.8
Junior Championship	
Jeff Walters	5-0 50.0
Chase Battle	4-1 48.6
Chris Carter	2-3 33.3
John Hentchel	2-3 25.0
Andrew Burroughs	2-3 21.9
Raylynn Marlow	0-5 22.9
Elders Championship (30')	
30' 1 Claud Bray	5-1 38.6
30' 2 Leslie Dixon	4-2 41.3
30' 3 Owen Carpenter	0-6 24.9

Men's Open Classes

A1 Buddy Preston	8-1	41.2
B1 Roy Brockman	7-2	41.9
C1 Ray Lucas	6-1	38.3
D1 Duane Dean	7-0	32.0
E1 Michael Dossett	8-1	31.7
Women's-Open Classes		
A1 Janice Stephens	5-1	36.2
Juniors-Open Classes		
A1 Mandy Stephens	7-0	37.3

GEORGIA

Brunswick October 16-17, 1999

Men's Championship	W-L	%
Richard Williams	7-0	57.8
Ricky Presley	6-1	59.0
James Black	5-2	45.6
Lee Presley	4-3	46.8
Frank Harris	3-4	38.8
John Hayes	2-5	41.8
Walter Brake	1-6	40.4
Jim Haley	0-7	29.2
Elder Men's Championship		
Sterling King	7-1	60.0
Milton Vinson	5-2	58.8
Bill Mathis	5-2	50.0
Dan Lee	3-3	44.5
Jim Dollins	2-4	23.0
Oliver McClarty (C)		
Women's Championship		
Iris Sandham	6-0	61.3
Eileen Gieselbach	4-2	47.4
Mary Lewis	2-4	31.8
Joanne Kennedy (F)		
Class A Women		
Edna Allen	4-0	41.6
Class A Men		
Ray Tawney	4-1	32.5
Class B Men		
Junior Brown	5-1	27.2
Class C Men		
Martiin Fortenberry	5-0	34.0
Class D Men		
Don Hutchens	4-1	31.0
Class E Men		
Jeff Thomas	5-0	15.0

IDAHO

Salmon August, 27, 1999

Championship Class		
Charles Ault	7-1	56.0
Gary Kollmann	6-2	52.9
Gary Opper	6-2	52.6
Clyde Marquez	6-2	49.2
Bob Riley	3-5	42.9
Jesse Lyda	3-5	41.3
Harry Chapin	2-6	48.1
David Spears	2-6	41.5
Joe Campbell	1-7	41.9
Class B		
Jerry Bengston	7-1	44.0

Class C

Charlie Marquez	6-2	32.4
Class D		
Ken Biane	5-1	27.3
Men's 30' Class A		
Don Moser	7-0	68.8
Men's 30' Class B		
Dean Valentine	5-2	42.0
Men's 30' Class C		
Keith Lewis	4-4	29.4

Women's Class A

Linda Vangorder	8-0	44.5
Women's Class B		
Sofia Corn	6-2	29.5
Women's Class C		
Lottie Franklin	2-6	25.0

ILLINOIS

Men's Champion Class	AW-L	%
Jerry Knop	15-1	69.1
Jerry Dumstorff	13-3	57.9
Cliff Baker	12-4	65.1
C. Leon Johnson	12-4	64.0
Kenneth Schaver	12-4	57.0
Charlie Webb	11-5	63.4
Robert Schaver	8-8	57.5
Michael Knop	8-8	54.2
George Manker	8-8	54.1
Ronald Hopman	7-9	53.8
Craig Zuehlke	6-10	53.8
Lawrence Fettes, Jr	6-10	50.6
Norm Hartwell	6-10	50.4
Dennis Griesbaum	4-12	51.4
Edmund G Eckhart	4-12	47.8
Lafarrell Price	2-14	47.2
Dennis Davis	2-14	44.0

Men's Class B

Dennis Reid	10-1	56.6
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Men's Class C

Michael L Green	11-3	47.4
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Men's Class D

Robert S Hinkle, Jr	8-3	48.5
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Men's Class E

Ronnie L Attebery	9-2	42.0
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Men's Class F

George Mose	9-1	47.0
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Men's Class G

Dalton Simmons	9-2	38.1
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Men's Class H

Gary Schwabe	9-2	32.8
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Men's Class I

Steve Baker	9-2	30.0
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Men's Class J

Brandon Stephens	11-1	35.0
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Men's Class K

Richard Romanelli	10-0	31.0
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Men's Class L

Alan Jones	9-1	28.4
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Men's Class M

David Garrett	9-3	17.8
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Men's Class N

Dave Mothershead, Sr.	10-0	20.4
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Women Championship

Mary Hodges	5-1	53.3
Sandra Hare	4-2	51.3
Vida Marit	4-2	49.0
Katherine Harlan	4-2	46.6
Carol Martin	3-3	48.3
Hallie Lambert	1-5	40.2
Ethel Regenold	0-6	37.0

Women Class A

Charlotte Renick	8-1	59.1
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Women Class B

Nellie Fleming	5-1	45.0
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Women Class C

Carolyn Mullins	5-0	33.6
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Women Class D

Carol Jones	5-1	24.3
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70+ A Men's Champion

Vernon W Muench	5-1	39.8
Earl Bragg	4-2	44.2
Frank Hudson	3-3	35.9
Wallace Keith	0-6	27.2

70+ B Men

Russell W Dockstader	6-0	39.4
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Junior Boys Class A Champion

Tyler Koons	4-0	39.5
Austin Bailey	3-1	34.0
James Smith	2-2	29.3
Jay Kohlmeier	1-3	22.2
Thomas Johnson	0-4	18.5

Junior Boy's Class B

Eric Marvin	5-1	21.1
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Junior Girls Class A Champion

1 Danielle Rakstad	4-0	16.6
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MARYLAND

Fredrick

Sept. 4, 19, 1999

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Men's A	W-L	%
Elbert Shifflett	7-0	78.1
Mandel Proctor	6-1	70.9
Dale Dean	5-2	68.8
John Passmore	3-4	63.8
Eric Zimmerman	3-4	58.0
Jerry Dean	3-4	59.8
Wayne Ploughman	1-6	47.2
Chan Herrell	0-7	52.1
Men's B		
Zachary Watters	7-1	46.1
Men's C		
Joe White	4-1	48.4
Men's D		
Walter Hunt, Jr	6-1	36.7
Men's E		
Jack Andrejcek	5-1	28.8
Men's F		
Bob Swartz	5-1	32.2
Men's G		
Earl Schuebel	8-0	29.6

STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Men's H

John Kisielewski 5-0 20.0

Women's B

Jane Barthlow 5-1 37.0

Joan Beard 3-3 20.0

Dannielle Mallonee 2-4 25.4

Joyce Durbin 2-4 22.9

Women's C

Janet Miller 6-0 24.3

Junior Boy's A

Steven Proctor 5-1 47.5

Zack Tereszczuk 4-2 38.7

Ryan Beall 3-3 40.5

Clarke Baos 0-6 30.7

Junior Boys B

Kyle Clopton 4-0 23.1

Junior Girls

Meredith Boas 2-2 14.4

NEW MEXICO

Men's Championship

Harry Mariano 6-1 59.0

Ken Jones 6-1 56.7

Daniel Martin 5-2 59.3

Harrison Mariano 4-3 53.8

Art Vandever 4-3 52.0

Leo Laumbach 2-5 53.7

Randy Priddy, Sr 1-6 41.9

Rick Archuleta 0-7 37.4

Class B Men

Art Vandever 7-2 49.1

Class C Men

Dan Jaramillo 7-1 35.9

Class D Men

Keith Platero 5-0 43.2

Class E Men

C.J. Rossignol 5-1 19.0

Women Class A

Ann Vigil 4-2 59.6

Women Class B

Jennie Portilo 3-0 39.3

Women Class C

Denise Romero 3-0 14.6

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Paul Martin Sr. 4-2 53.1

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Jr. Class D

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Jim Cooper 7-4 70.0

John Walters 7-4 69.6

Jim Knisley 6-5 72.5

Gary Roberts 6-5 66.6

John Hawk 6-5 63.5

Rex Uhrig 5-6 68.9

Bob Garber, Jr 4-7 65.3

Jim Riley 3-8 65.5

John Brown 29 63.3

Elden Sarbaugh 1-10 61.5

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Class C Men

Richard Curtis 10-1 52.6

Class D Men

Darryl Miller 8-3 53.8

Class E Men

Michael Kalb 9-2 53.1

Class F Men

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Class G Men

Mose Miller 6-1 47.1

Class H Men

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Class I Men

Edwin Miller 6-1 45.3

Class J Men

Jack Von Dach 6-1 40.3

Class K Men

Ron Welsh 7-0 39.2

Class L Men

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Class M Men

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Linda Gheen 6-1 38.5

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Ken Combs 5-0 18.0

Class T Men

Jim Passon 6-0 10.8

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Earl Vansant 5-1 54.6

Joe Pillion 4-2 56.0

Zack Campbell 3-2 54.9

Roy Lyons 3-2 54.8

Don Carson 1-4 45.2

Elder Men 30' B

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Tina Tonnous 5-2 66.1

Jennifer Walters 5-2 62.0

Donna Dodson 2-5 45.3

Loretta Porter 2-5 44.3

Beverly Hittle 1-6 45.5

Lisa Conley 1-6 43.7

Class B Women

Susie Deaton 8-0 50.3

Class C Women

Karen Bodner 8-0 45.3

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Seth Pack 0-4 24.1

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Stan Posey 1-6 48.1

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Barbara Taylor 6-0 49.1

Jane Jordan 4-2 30.8

Dorothy Sutton 2-4 19.7

Joan Myers 0-6 14.4

Junior Boys

William Blackwell 5-1 34.2

Jody Benfield 4-2 33.4

Hubert Sutton 3-3 30.5

Daniel Stewart 0-6 2.5

Elder's

Bobby Stewart 6-1 58.1

Bill Penland 5-2 51.5

Herm Harrison 1-5 42.0

Fulton Hines 1-5 25.5

Junior Girls

Samantha Myers 2-0 2.5

A-Class

Will Sutton 5-0 57.5

B-Class

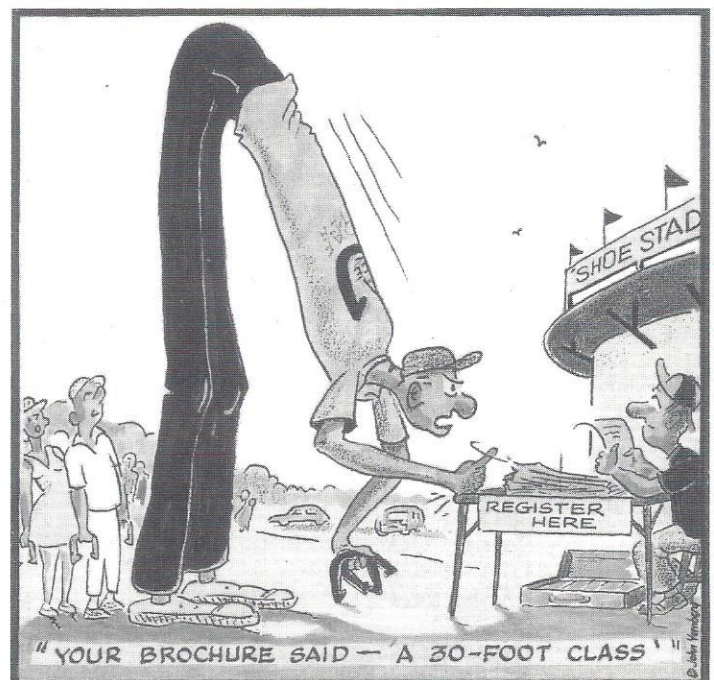
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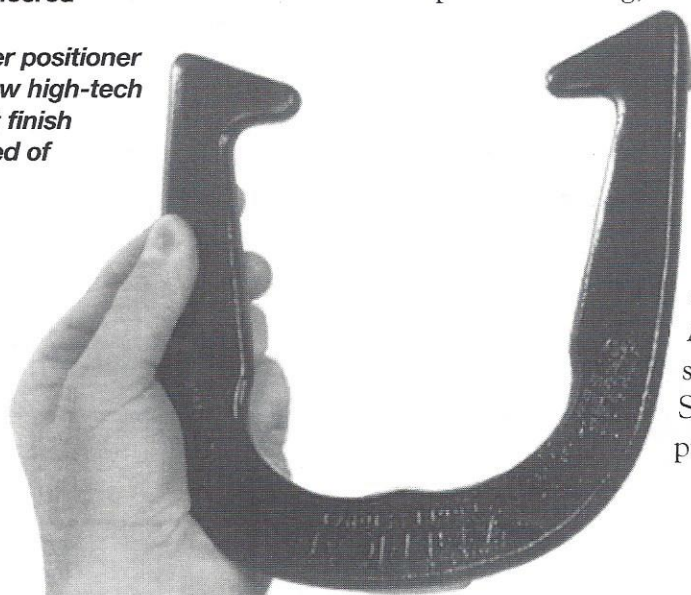
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