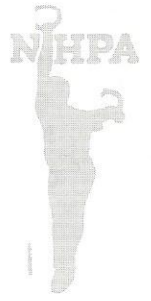




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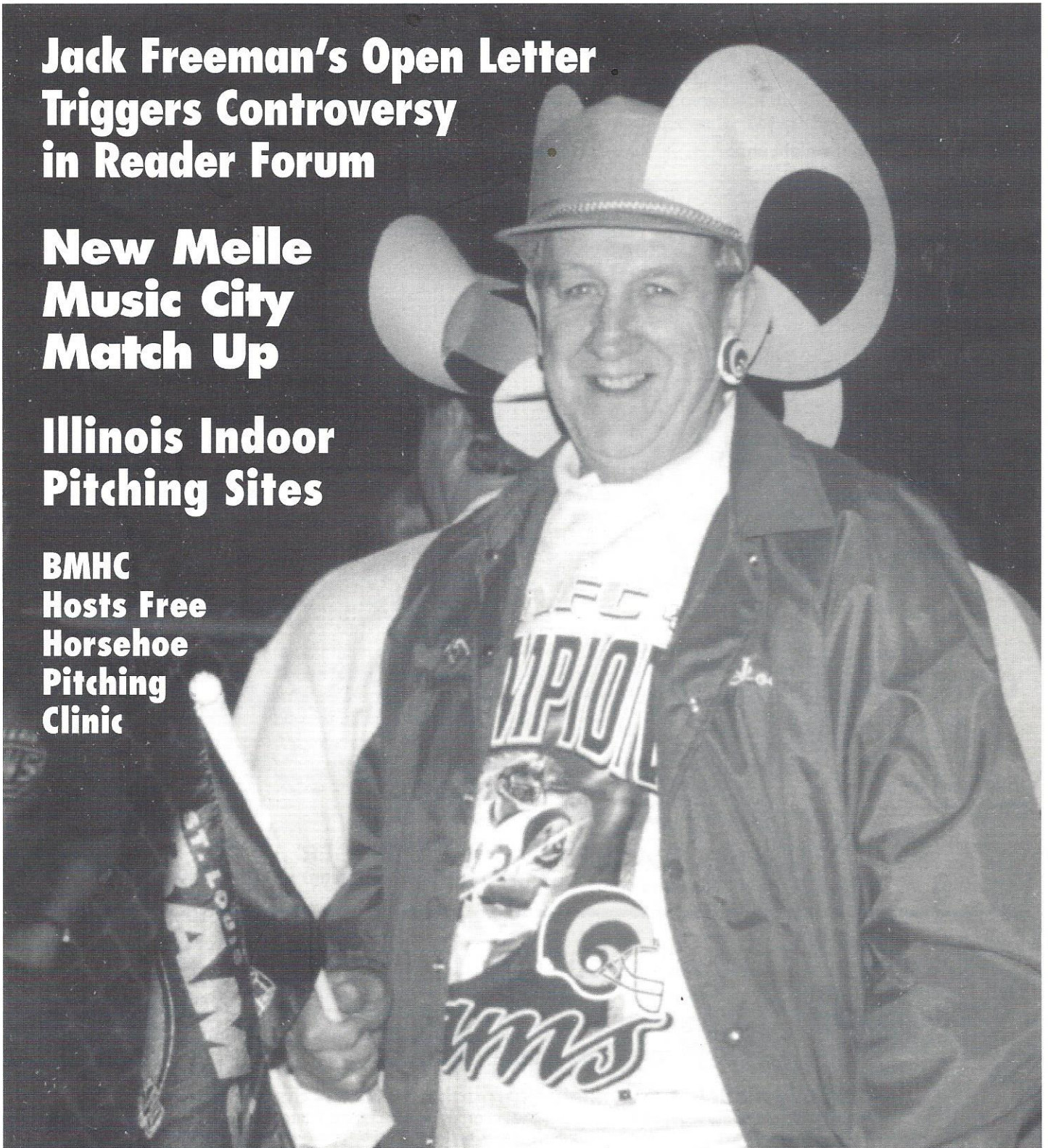
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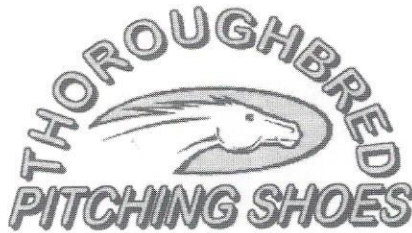
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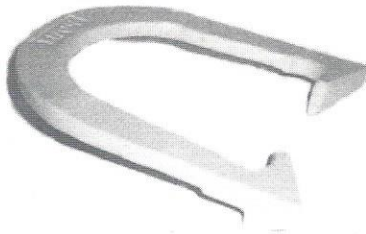
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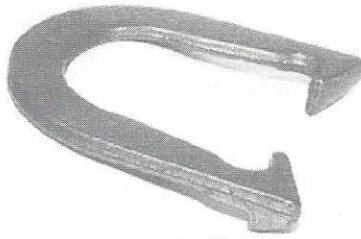
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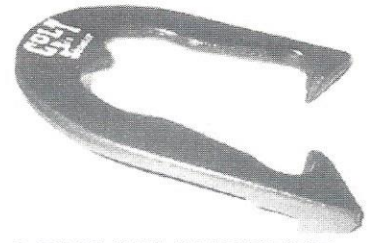


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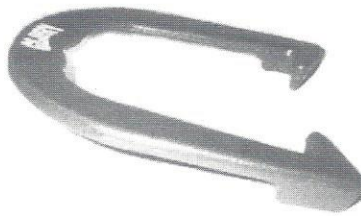
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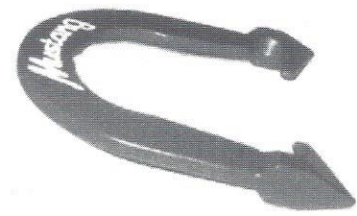
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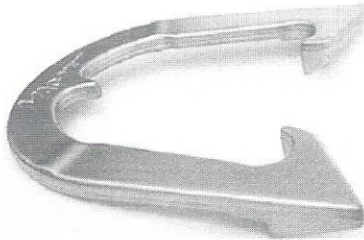
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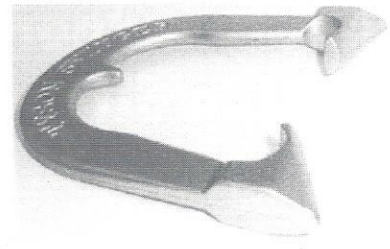


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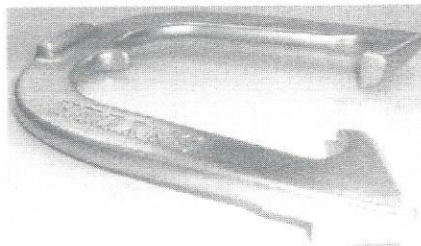


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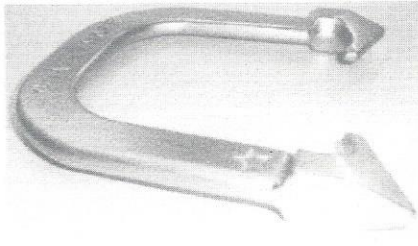
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Missouri President and New Melle Club leader Joe Faron with Rams headdress, looks to win horseshoe Superbowl in Joelton.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Those of you who monitor the message post on the NHPA website or the member pit on the Yahoo Club site have no doubt read some comments about the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) and the open letter to the membership from Dr. Freeman that was printed in the January/February issue of this magazine. Some comments were positive while others were negative. While the exchange of comments presented the opportunity to enlighten some about the NHPF, it is unfortunate that such a large percentage of our membership remains uninformed and possibly uninterested, in the NHPF.

I have, since day one, been writing about and pushing for support of the NHPF. Some members feel I have been pushing too hard and perhaps I have. I admit to have slanted some of my comments toward possibly shaming some into a contribution. I will sincerely endeavor to tone down this aspect of my writing in future issues. But for this message, I want to say that I am saddened by the fact that 95% of our membership has yet to mail in a check contribution. Even sadder is the fact that so many of our top caliber pitchers and even some Hall of Fame members, have yet to contribute. These are the same individuals who reap the greatest financial rewards offered by the sport and who will one day most likely be enshrined in the Hall of Fame. You would think these people *especially* would be willing to give back something to the NHPF as a token of appreciation for the opportunities the NHPA has given them.

With this magazine and our website reaching no more than an estimated 35% of the membership, it is realized that the biggest percentage of members may still not know of the NHPF and its goals. We hope to help bridge this communication gap by publishing a pamphlet on the Foundation that will find its way to all NHPA members and be available as a handout to non-members. This pamphlet is still in the planning stage but will hopefully be available by Fall. The NHPF Directors will meet in Nashville before the end of May to discuss this promotional item, the progress against stated goals in the NHPF Bylaws and many other plans, ideas and suggestions, some of which have come from the membership.

When the delegates approved setting up a charitable NHPA entity so the land and court improvements Dr. Freeman offered could be donated, the NHPF was formed to accept the gift. One

of the gifting conditions was to locate the long sought NHPA Hall of Fame on the site. While the NHPF charter specifies many ways the Foundation is expected to operate for the promotion of amateur horseshoe pitching, construction of a Hall of Fame museum was primary. That is why the delegates also approved the transfer of some \$160,000 from a special interest-bearing fund that had been set up years ago for the sole purpose of supporting a Hall of Fame project. This transfer of funds was the initial seed deposit of the NHPF perpetual endowment fund. Member contributions and interest have grown this fund to just over \$250,000 as of April 15, 2000.

There is actually enough money in the fund right now to cover the estimated construction, interior finishing and display costs for a Hall of Fame. But, it would take virtually all of the available money in the endowment fund and leave nothing to improve parking, road egress and public comfort facilities, all of which have to be considered before any building permits will be issued. There are, of course, other site improvements we would like to make and those were presented in Dr. Freeman's open letter. Unfortunately, some readers took those plans and estimated costs (an RV Park as an example) as absolutes and were stunned by the projected cost figures. Nothing is set in concrete yet and until they are, plans or ideas can always be modified. The Directors will address some of these at our meeting.

To conclude this writing on the NHPF, please keep in mind a few things. 1) We are getting close to being able to financially start some of our projects. 2) We still need contributions and will continue to need them as long as the NHPF exists. 3) If the NHPF received an average of just \$10 per year from every member (\$130,000/yr), in another two years there would be sufficient funds to undertake all the desired building projects and still leave sufficient dollars in the endowment fund to finance the other promotional, educational and grant programs required by NHPF Bylaws. 4) The Directors are investigating the feasibility of offering "for sale or development" 38-40 acres of land in the back section of the parcel already donated to the NHPF by Dr. Freeman. While a "right of way" would have to be donated or purchased, the sale of this land could conceivably bring a few hundred thousand dollars into the NHPF fund. 5) Remember that your contribution is tax deductible and will be greatly appreciated.

DAVE'S COURT REPORT

When it comes to World Tournament Bids, some years are feast (two or more bidders) while another may be famine (no bids). Well, for the year 2002, I'm happy to say that the delegates will be feasting. Three (3) bids have been received for the 2002 World Tournament. We received bid offers from Red Deer, Alberta, Canada; Gillette, Wyoming; and Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Some brief details presented by the sites are as follows.

■ **RED DEER**—This Canadian city of 64,000 is situated halfway between Edmonton and Calgary in the province of Alberta. Westerner Park, a full service exhibition complex is the proposed tournament site for the dates of July 28-August 11, 2002. Two adjacent pavilions within the complex would be the actual pitching sites. Red Deer has reserved some 600-motel rooms within a mile of the Westerner, which routinely accommodates 250+ RVs with minimum service.

■ **GILLETTE**—This Wyoming city successfully hosted the 1996 World Tournament. The multi event Cam-Plex facility would house the indoor court setup, which would have the same blue/gray clay as before. The tournament dates would be August 12-24, 2002. Gillette has 1000+ motel rooms within a couple of miles of Cam-Plex which has over 700 full service RV sites on its grounds.

■ **EAU CLAIRE**—The 1987 World was held in this city at the Hobbs Ice Arena. For August 1-18, 2002, the Chippewa Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau with the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club has arranged for the indoor site at McPhee Physical Education Center, on the campus of the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. Over 1800 lodging rooms are available in the city. A large lot on campus can accommodate RV's with minimum service provided.

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Editors Note:

A few statements made in some of the following letters indicate that the writers may not have given their response sufficient study. Some clarification is needed so the reader is not drawn to an erroneous conclusion.

Dr. Freeman has already built a class pitching facility sufficient today of hosting a World Tournament if participants and administration will "rough" a few things. He wants to donate this facility to the NHPF but comments from several of the delegates at the 1999 convention inferred that the facility should be made top-line-first-class before any World is held there. Dr. Freeman's letter merely stated estimates and his ideas of what it would take to accomplish that.

The NHPA Hall of Fame memorabilia and related souvenir sales items could not all be housed in a 50' trailer that might be hauled to different sites. Further, an NHPA member and businessman who has spent his career in the trucking business has told the Directors that while the initial equipment costs would be less, that added costs of an owned or leased tractor with driver wages, benefits, fuel, insurance, lodging, maintenance and such would, in 2-3 years, surpass the operational costs of a permanent site.

Keep in mind that Dr. Freeman's proposal of a \$25 dues increase was not accepted by the Bylaws Committee. Another proposal suggesting a more modest \$10 increase is what will be voted on.

The NHPF cannot return donated land to Dr. Freeman nor can it return donated money to the NHPA. The NHPF is a charitable entity and by federal tax law, if a non-profit charitable organization finds itself unable to continue operation in accord with the conditions for which it was granted charitable status and has to be dissolved, all assets must be distributed to other charitable organizations. It is therefore important that the NHPF, as its first priority, build a perpetual endowment fund from which costs and grants can be made while the fund continues to hold its own or even grow from interest, continued contributions and other related income.

Re: An Open Letter to the Membership Jack Freeman

An Open Letter from The Officers of the MAHPA with input from NHPA members in our region and across the country.

The idea for the NHPF was first presented to the NHPA at the annual convention in 1996 to enable the NHPA to accept a most generous donation of a building and land from Dr. Jack Freeman. It was hoped that this building and land could be utilized as a permanent site for the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships and for the NHPA Hall of Fame. It was also a dream that the NHPF would fill a void in the NHPA and provide for better education about our sport, better facilities, and better promotion. It was voted to authorize a review at that time.

Since then, the NHPF has become almost a reality. Since most information about the NHPF has come to us through *Newsline*, which has approximately 2,500 subscribers and probably reaches 4,000 pitchers each month, and at the annual conventions, attended by approximately 200 members, the majority of NHPA pitchers do not understand, or even know much about the NHPF. The concept of the NHPF and the good it will do is excellent. However, the amount of money proposed to bring the Jack Freeman facility to its potential is staggering. Just as the information about the NHPF has slowly filtered down to the membership, this explanation of monies needed will also filter down to the membership, albeit not so slowly.

We will try here to express some concerns we have:

1. In the same issue of *Newsline* (Jan./Feb., 2000) as the letter from Jack Freeman, was an article about the Minnesota Hall of Fame. It will be housed in a trailer and the estimated cost of that trailer and the work to make it viable as a mobile Hall of Fame is under \$9,000. It occurs to us that perhaps less money COULD be spent more wisely on a mobile Hall of Fame trailer which could stay in Joelton with the option to pull it to different sites, ie. the World Tournament site each year, so that the maximum number of horse-

shoe pitchers could see it. We realize that one of the reasons to have it in Joelton is to have pitchers from all over the country come visit Joelton, but we are not sure that is cost effective. We think, in the long run, more pitchers will see a portable Hall of Fame exhibit and be more encouraged to pitch horseshoes. In essence, a traveling, less expensive Hall of Fame may be more effective to increase overall membership and membership satisfaction than a permanent one near the east coast of the country.

2. An RV park is proposed for the Joelton site. The estimated cost to develop this is from \$300,000-\$500,000. Will this RV park eventually pay for itself? Has a demographic study been done to determine if this park serves an ongoing need in the Nashville area? If the RV park is to be developed just for the World Tournament crowd anticipated only once every 3-4 years, it makes no sense to spend that much money on it. If it becomes a successful RV park in and of itself, then it will have been worth it. But does that threaten the tax-exempt status of the NHPF?

3. The proposal was made by Mr. Freeman to charge an additional \$25 a year for NHPA dues, all of which would go into the NHPF fund. In addition, he suggests a pledge of \$50 from each member per year. That constitutes a total of \$75 per year per member. We have a problem with that as, in our area, a majority of the members are league pitchers who may pitch up to 3 tournaments a year—pitchers who enjoy horseshoes and enjoy the benefits of the NHPA with the accurate statistics, the insurance, and the chance for national awards, but who do not care to look beyond their own region.

These are people who *have* come a long way from the bars and backyards where pitching was free to the organized tournaments where everything has a schedule and where they have to *pay* to pitch horseshoes—something that was free all their lives until they met us in the NHPA. We feel it won't be easy to explain this new expense to them and we feel we will lose a majority of our pitchers. We have spent much time and effort building up our mem-

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bership and acquainting them with the whole idea of sanctioned events, etc. We wouldn't want to see all that work washed away with this prospective proposal.

4. Another concern of ours is that the area around Joelton does not seem to be overrun with horseshoe pitchers. When pitchers from the New England area have visited, we are told there are very few pitchers who use this gorgeous facility—we would feel so *blessed* to have this kind of facility in our area. We have always tried to build up our membership, *then* take the next step of expansion. It would make us all more comfortable if we knew there were some established leagues around to support the building and help with its upkeep merely by using it weekly and making it their "own." A sense of pride goes a long way toward the success of any complex. It also takes many volunteers from an area to help run a World Horseshoe Tournament and we would need to be reassured that the state of Tennessee would come forth when a World Tournament is held at Joelton because they do not have many local pitchers to draw from.

5. The articles that have been written in *Newsline* have been largely requests for money to help support the NHPF. The tone of those requests has been somewhat judgmental and negative toward those people and areas who have not yet contributed. It would have been more productive if we had seen more information about the NHPF *early on*, if we received continuous updates on the progress of the NHPF, if our understanding of the NHPF had been enhanced more often. The education of the NHPA membership and the improvements in the NHPA have not correlated with the requests for money. The NHPA membership is declining at the present, not increasing, and it is difficult to imagine that this is a step in the right direction *at this time*.

6. Just as Jack Freeman donated the land and building, is it not possible that there may be members of the NHPA, electricians, plumbers, etc. who could donate their time to help with the improvements needed? We could have our own "Habitat for Horseshoes." Would it also then be possible

to have vendors rent space at a World Tournament and sell food, etc.? That would save the Jack Freeman courts from having to construct kitchen and cooking facilities immediately.

The donation from Jack Freeman is an incredible opportunity and truly generous. We would like to see some major modifications in the plans for the facility at this time so that each part of the development could begin to support itself and so that the participation in all aspects of the NHPA would increase. We have held World Tournaments in some places that were not as well-equipped as we would have liked. To go from sub-par to extraordinary might have to become a "many-step" process, but it may be a more solid process. *Thank you for listening,*

Sincerely,

The MA HPA Officers

Dear NHPA Membership,

It seems very clear that Dr. Freeman is most anxious to enlist the NHPA membership to be the cash cow for his courts. If Dr. Freeman wants a premier world class pitching facility, let him build it, then bid on the World, same as any other destination.

The NHPA should keep its energy focused on NHPA business and functions, not hammering on its membership, issue after issue of *Newsline* for more money for the NHPF to build an absurdly expensive facility.

I suggest the NHPF return the land to Dr. Freeman and drop this project as ten times too expensive. Take the money already collected and use it for scholarship awards for our young people; amateur pitching instruction and new court construction as should be the true goals of the NHPF.

Put the Hall of Fame in a 53 foot trailer that could be hauled to all of the World Tournaments and viewed and enjoyed by all, every year, not just every third year.

Dr. Freeman states in his letter that the NHPF will have to raise a minimum of \$2 million dollars. 100 percent of the fourteen thousand members would have to donate \$1,500 each, to equal \$2 million dollars or 10 percent of the membership would have to donate \$15,000 each. A highly unlikely occurrence.

The NHPA officers need to take immediate action to stop the creation of this huge never-ending financial burden.

Sonny Woods, Montana

President Dave Loucks,

I truly hesitated to write a comment about Dr. Jack Freeman's open letter in our *Newsline*.

To me, it's upsetting that the delegates in convention representing all the charters would have voted for this Hall of Fame to come about if they had known what the cost was going to be.

At present, our membership is decreasing, not increasing. Before I go any further, I want it understood to all, that I love the NHPA and all it stands for. I just feel that we are biting off more than we can chew.

When you take into consideration what the total membership is, against the percentage of those that participate in the World Tournament, it's quite low. Many do not pitch in World Tournaments due to the cost of two weeks.

Also, when you consider that the World Tournament will be in Joelton perhaps once every five or six years, it's a heavy price to pay.

Here, in New England, for the 1999 season, we had 970 members, but only 294 participated in the 2nd largest tournament in the country. My honest opinion is that most members are satisfied to pitch at their own clubs.

Should the NHPA increase our dues, you may end up with a much smaller membership. I hope I'm wrong, but I don't think so.

Perhaps we should follow the example of Minnesota with their Hall of Fame exhibit. This type could be at all World Tournaments, and maybe even at the New England. I'd be more inclined to have the NHPA buy a new tractor trailer and have it tour the country.

For what it's worth,

Jim Tyrie, MA

Dear Dave,

I am in favor of advancing the NHPA and the sport of horseshoe pitching in any way and am a supporter of the NHPF. But, I think what Dr. Freeman proposed in his open letter to the membership is a long reach.

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We (the members of the NHPA) currently contribute \$12 to the NHPA for annual membership dues. In a sense, through our representation in the form of delegates, RDs, and charter officers, we all have a say in how this money is spent.

Dr. Freeman suggests that we add \$25.00 to our membership dues to be given to the NHPE. I'm not a member of the NHPE and wouldn't have any say in what happens to that \$25 after it is donated to the NHPE. In reality, the NHPA membership would have almost no control over what happens to the funds once they were turned over to the NHPE. Under Dr. Freeman's proposal, we could be giving \$300,000 every year to another organization with virtually no strings attached. I am not ready to hand over control of two-thirds of my annual NHPA dues to an entity in which I have no voice.

Dues money should stay in the NHPA and be used for purposes that the members deem worthy. Remember, the NHPA is mostly made up of members who don't have a lot of discretionary income. On the other hand, many members that I know are also very generous people and would be willing to support a worthy cause. I believe the NHPE is a worthy cause but it should be supported by voluntary contributions.

I think that the NHPA membership is beginning to show growing support for the NHPE. The contributions for 1997 were \$4,430—a little soft, but a nice start. In 1998, it went up to \$33,145. In 1999, \$44,452 was contributed—a nice increase over 1998. If the trend continues, contributions should exceed \$50,000 this year—not bad for such a small group when you consider that some 95% of the membership has yet to make their first contribution.

The NHPE problem is not lack of support; it is lack of knowledge on the part of the NHPA members. The large majority still has not heard of the NHPE and many that have don't understand it. There are many scandalous rumors floating around about it because there is a lack of communication in this organization. There is no good way for the officers of the NHPA

to communicate with the entire membership.

The only effective methods of communication are the NHPA *Newsline* and the Internet website. We need to fix this problem before anything else. Fixing the communication problem will also fix the problem of slower than expected fund raising results for the NHPE—have faith in that, knowledge is power. The more people who know about the NHPE, the more donations will increase. You will also simultaneously fix many other problems once you have a way of communicating effectively with the entire membership.

Every member can't be given a computer, so the only feasible fix to the communication problem is *Newsline*. Every member should receive *Newsline*. If this were the case, more members would have a better understanding of the NHPE and you'd have more donations, maybe even the amount Dr. Freeman is looking for, but voluntarily—the way it should be.

I realize that Dr. Freeman's thought of a \$25 dues increase will not come before the delegates and that a more reasonable \$10 increase will be presented. While I'm against any increase going as a matter of fact, to the NHPE, I would be in favor of a \$10 to \$25 per year increase if it also included a *Newsline* subscription for all members. If it's not too late, I'd like to officially make this proposal for this year. Perhaps the \$10 increase proposal could be amended on the floor of the convention. Any money left over from the additional costs of *Newsline* could be donated annually to the NHPE, but this should be voted on every year at the national convention. If everyone in the NHPA automatically received *Newsline*, I have faith that the NHPE contributions would increase substantially, assuming that we continue to promote it in *Newsline* by educating the membership on its purpose and goals in advancing the sport.

Sincerely,

Robert D. White, PA

Dear Members,

While I like the NHPE idea, I believe there is something that must take place first; and that is the full membership must be receiving *Newsline*. All 13,000.

As it stands, such financial backing requirements without a fully supportive membership, is not a reality. We are talking about mostly people moderately affluent, with backgrounds of strong conservatism, marked by thrift and financial prudence, slow to let go of those dollar bills.

If you grew up in the Depression or shortly thereafter, you still remember it. We cannot expect less than 25% of the membership will support the entire program as indicated by Dr. Freeman. Still, I am in support of the idea contingent upon full NHPA support. This is not to derail the enthusiasm, but to redirect strategy to gain this full support. I intend to support it personally, though realizing only a partial success is possible through individual means. I would support a plan with the moderate increase in dues as you suggested if this first measure was met about *Newsline*.

Lloyd Kilgore, Historian, OHPA, OR

Re: Proposed Changes to Bylaws

Newsline,

After receiving my latest *Newsline*, I feel that as Rules Chairman of the ILSHPA I must bring a couple proposed changes of the by-laws to the entire membership.

First: Article III, Section 3: It is proposed that the dues be increased from \$12 to \$22 with the additional \$10 going to the NHPE (to develop and maintain the courts and buildings at Joelton, TN). When the idea of a Hall of Fame was brought before the Convention at Perry, GA, it was proposed that we have a permanent home for the Hall of Fame, and hold a few special tournaments. In the previous issue of *Newsline*, Dr. Jack Freeman (the man who donated the buildings and land) published a letter stating his plans for the horseshoe pitching complex in Joelton. He proposed that memberships be raised \$25, but the Board of Officers reached a figure of \$10 instead. With the increase of \$10 that would eat up the \$10 our association gets to handle our costs, such as printing and mailing of court reporter,

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and expenses of our State Tournament.

Also, for us (ILSHPA) to maintain the level of service that we provide to *our members*, we would have to raise our card to \$32, and this might be a figure some members might feel is cost prohibitive, while other members might not be able to afford. Although I think we need a permanent Hall of Fame, do we really need a horseshoe pitching complex to enshrine it? The majority of horseshoe pitchers will never see or use it and yet they are going to be forced to pay for it. While all things must prosper or die, I feel that this is an undo burden on the State Associations, and the entire membership. At the Convention in Bismarck, ND, I strongly urge the delegates to *vote NO* on this proposal.

Secondly: Article X, section 8: It is proposed that all Adult entrants to the World Tournament must have completed ten (10) NHPA sanctioned events at their pitching distance in the twelve (12) months preceding the cut-off date listed on the current World Tournament entry form.

This was done to stop "sand bagging" at the World Tournament. This would be a fine rule change if we all lived in a climate where we could pitch horseshoes year round. But, for those of us that live in a shortened pitching season, or those of us that work most weekends, or those of us that must drive some distance to get to a tournament, this rule change is somewhat *overkill!* The ruling now is that an Adult entrant needs four (4) tournaments to enter the World Tournament, and an increase to five (5) or six (6) required tournaments might be acceptable, but isn't jumping the required amount of tournaments to ten (10) a little excessive? There is no cure for a lack of integrity and those that want to "sand

bag" will find a way to do it. I again urge the delegates to the convention to *vote NO* on this proposal.

Larry Long, 2nd VP, ILSHPA, IL

Newsline Reader,

This is in regard to item 15 of the Proposed Changes to Bylaws in the March/April *Newsline*.

I know that sometimes the present by-law seems unfair to some people, especially to the ones that lost to someone who later has to forfeit because of heat exhaustion, the flu, or any approved reason.

I believe those doing the complaining need to remember that "what goes around, comes around." Some day they will be the ones that get "sicker 'n a dog," at a tournament and have to forfeit their last game, or so, after winning all their games up 'til then!

At the World, we have a format that has us pitching three days. How would you feel if you had driven two thousand miles to this tournament, and on the next to last game on your first day of pitching, you got a "24 hour bug" and had to forfeit those two games—then the next day you were feeling just fine, but your horseshoe pitching *is over* for this tournament!

I'll bet you would wonder *how in the world did that by-law get in there?* Think about it, it may be you next time.

Johnny Davenport, TX

Dave,

I have read the proposed by-law changes and would like to add a little more support to the change in Article XII, Section 12. It is not only fair to the opponents who have already pitched but is very much a *safety* factor.

If someone gets too hot during a game and decides to sit out one round, it is in their best interest not to return

and take a chance on heat stroke. The flip side is, some pitchers may not want to sit out even if they are too hot, knowing they will not be able to return to the event.

Overall, I think it is a good change.

Danny Branson, VP, MOHPA, MO

Editor,

I hope the delegates who vote on the proposed by-law changes as printed in the March/April *Newsline* will vote *NO* on number 15. Leave the forfeit statement just as it is now.

If you lose to a player who later drops out, accept it and get by the fact that those who would later play that person will now get a win. So what! You had your chance and lost.

It would be a terrible injustice to adopt a bylaw that forces a player who has to drop out to lose all games and forfeit all winnings. The NHPA used to have that forfeit statement and changed years ago to the current wording.

Consider the contestant who, with just a game or two to go, has the tournament won based on his W-L record. Even if he loses all remaining games, he wins the tournament. But, he gets sick or a horseshoe from an adjoining court bounds off the backboard into him and breaks his ankle. He now can't play the remaining games.

This proposal, if passed, says he'll take last place and lose the championship. Is that fair? Do we want to take a step back just to give the whiners who lost the game when they played him a win? Think about it. The situation I've described of having the tournament won and then losing it actually happened. That's why the old forfeit wording was dropped and changed to what it is today. Keep it that way.

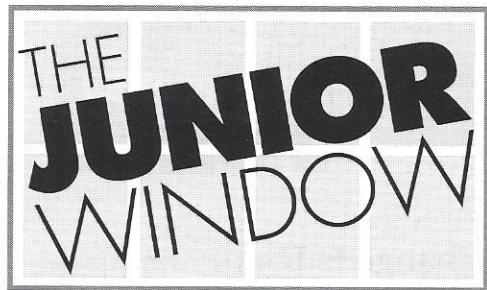
Steve Miles, UT



Shalee Sebastian

Junior Girls' World Champion

by Lorraine Sternberg



This past year in Greenville, Ohio, Shalee Sebastian won her first World Title. From Shinglehouse, PA, Shalee first started pitching at the age of 10. Now, at the age of 15, she has a World Title behind her name.

Shalee started out her World competition in 1997 at Kitchener, Ontario where she placed 5th in Division D pitching 32.5%. The following year, going on to Ainsworth, Nebraska to place 6th in Division B with a 48.17%. But 1999 was to be Shalee's year. Finishing in 12th place in Division A with a 61.03 ringer percentage, Shalee moved up in the Girls' Championship Class. Winning all her games to take the victory of the Girls' title. Her high game was 72.5%.

Dad and her grandparents got her first started in horseshoes. Encouraged by her grandfather to pitch the flip, she did. She has a very natural, easy style. She has to be a natural, her practice time is only 20 minutes before the game begins. The single thing that helps Shalee pitch ringers consistently is concentration, and other than that she just throws it, she says.

Just starting out in high school this past fall, she really has no goals set for her future yet. Other than horseshoes, Shalee enjoys basketball, volleyball, and softball. She definitely would like

to see more Juniors pitch horseshoes to experience the fun of the game.

With three years left as a Junior, I'm sure we will be reading lots more about

Shalee and her natural ability to throw ringers. We look forward to watching her and all the other Junior pitchers at Bismarck, North Dakota.

Junior Jottings

This will be my last article under Junior Promotion. I have enjoyed writing this column and getting to know a little more about all the Juniors I have written about. From here on, this column will come from Heidi Sternberg, who has accepted the position of Junior Promotion Director. I wish her the best of luck in promoting more young people to pitch horseshoes. I'm not too far away, just another page under the Sanctioned League Program. I would like to encourage everyone to promote a Junior. Remember, they are our future for horseshoes. Thanks to everyone who has helped me, especially Bob Dunn.

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The "Professor" Sheds Some Light

by Bob Dunn

Change Is Due

Last issue's visit with the Professor raised some eyebrows but also perked some interest. A few readers even implied it was refreshing to hear perspective from outside our organization and suggested I revisit the old professor to hear what else he might have to say about our organization's promotion. So be it...

Question: *Well Professor, what else might you share about the efforts to promote the NHPA and specifically to recruit members?*

Response: In the past two months, I have spent some time looking into your organization. There are some books that tell of your history and describe a vast tradition. You have a Grand Old organization. Unfortunately, there may be too much emphasis on the OLD—while there have been improvements in the organization, there has been very little change in the sport over the past 80 or so years.

As previously described to me, there is no growth in overall membership, actually gradual decline. There seems to be difficulty promoting the sport on the local level. In light of

outside issues: ranging from competition of other sports and recreation activities, the lack of media interest, to lack of awareness by the public, the issue may not be a lack of promotion effort or fault in how those efforts are conducted. The overall issue is the product. The **Grand Old Sport** needs to be modernized. Modernize the sport and how it is presented to the public.

Such changes are not quick one-step efforts. It will be a process and it is clear to me that the first step is to make sure all NHPA members are on the same page. At present, not all members receive the organization's publication. This is unheard of in any other national organization. In order for improvements to take place, all members need to be informed and involved.

How do you modernize your sport? Whatever is attempted, whatever is accomplished, will cost money. Your sport is incredibly under-financed. Members for too long have enjoyed an extremely economical activity, and have not paid dues sufficient to invest for its future or to bring prominence to the sport. There are not eye catching cash prizes in major tournaments for example. There is not enough money invested for advertising (promotion) for another. The members need to accept some increases of dues and cost of participation and invest more for the good of the sport, at every level of the sport.

This alone does not modernize your sport, but it will begin some movement and will help let the world be aware when you do. The additional finances will allow for the changes to happen once they are decided upon. The newly formed NHPF is the perfect support process for this to happen and each and every horseshoe pitcher could help it happen with a financial contribution. Completion of the NHPA Hall of Fame will help. That would help legitimize horseshoe pitching as a sport.

You need to step back and look at your sport and see what can be changed to improve the product. You need to make those determinations. Somehow quicker and flashier come to my mind.

So get all members informed, involved financially, and format the sport for present-day public interest, especially to youth. There will always be dissenters to such plans. Some may wish to not join in. However, the plans for the future cannot be altered to accommodate those not willing to give back to the sport. The NHPA needs to be the leading force in the sport, its members need to be leaders, displaying pride in the sport and participate in making change for the present and future of the sport.

Editors note: *While the Old Professor stressed points that can help us build on our organization for the future, the necessity or urgency was not expressed. The "why" was not directly addressed. It is a fact, that an organization that has difficulty in recruiting membership may be in need of change.*

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PROMOTION PROFILE

As you read in the last *Newsline*, Heidi Sternberg has accepted the position of Junior Promotion Director. Heidi is a thirteen year member of the NHPA, seven of which were as a Junior member. She gained many accomplishments in her years as a Junior pitcher—three Wisconsin State Championships and the 1994 Junior Girl's World Championship are the headliners. Heidi comes from a horseshoe pitching family that has been one of the most active in promoting our sport and working in behalf of our membership.

Heidi spent her first years of pitching as a member of the Goldendale Horseshoe Club of Germantown, WI. Recently moving to Hudson, WI, she has now joined the Close Doesn't Count Club in Centuria, WI.

While still a young person, Heidi is already displaying initiative in promotion, having set up the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association website and is currently the website host. This talent is of little surprise, as Heidi works for an information technology consulting firm as a computer programmer.

Heidi has attended nine World Tournaments to date, making many friends along the way. This is the basis for one of her goals as she begins her new assignment—hoping to make a difference in promoting the sport, and making opportunities for other youngsters to enjoy the sport and make lifetime lasting friendships.

Welcome Heidi with open arms and opens minds. This can be a critical time in youth participation of our sport. The membership roles for Junior members has been somewhat consistent over past years, but far below what can be our organization's accomplishments. Now we have a Junior Promotion Director that has experienced the Junior Program and is willing to work on its behalf. Her success will be simply how well we pay attention to her direction, follow her lead and give her support.

This issue's look back on promotion history has an extraordinary view of the state of New Jersey from some 60 years ago. In reading this report, it is amazing to see how youth dominated the sport during the 1930s. Here is a most interesting report prepared by Claude E. Hart, Secretary-Treasurer of the New Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers' Association as it appeared in the NHPA's 1940 Horseshoe Compendium.

NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers Association was organized May 27, 1934. It applied for and received a charter from the NHPA in July 1934.

Initial Officers

President—D. Eric Brown, Camden, NJ

First VP—Paul Puglise, Paterson, NJ

Second VP—Reynold Santoro, Perth Amboy, NJ

Secretary/Treasurer—Claude Hart, Jersey City, NJ

Executive Committee—Lee R. Davis, Englewood; Michael Mahoney, Lincroft; N;J John Landers, West Orange; Walter Angilly, Newark; Frank Maisch, West New York; Harry Oberhauser, Arlington.

Prior to organization of the State Association, most of the activity consisted of match games between top players. Frank Boyce, of Oldbridge, was recognized as the state champion from 1925 to 1933, closely followed by George MacNeil, of Absecon. During 1933, Joe Puglise, of Paterson, began to challenge the leaders and went on to win the official state championship in a tournament held at the State Fair in Trenton in September of that year. Other tournaments were held in Paterson, Egg Harbor, Camden and Perth Amboy, but the most popular ones were held at the Boyce Farm in Oldbridge.

With the organization of the association, horseshoe really began to flourish. A 14-year-old boy, named Lawrence Mahoney, of Lincroft, began to astound the players and fans alike by

winning from men twice his size and in tournaments would average around 50%. At the state championship tourney held at the State Fair in Trenton, in September, 1934, the followers of the sport were more amazed when he made a clean sweep of his nine championship games and copped the state title with an average of 59%.

Joe Puglise saw his title go overboard even though he averaged 62% for the day. Since that time, the lad from Lincroft has dominated horseshoe pitching in New Jersey and won the state championship for the sixth consecutive year in 1939. During those six years, he has not lost a single game in any state championship tourney. Several players have tried to unseat him. Puglise has been a constant threat and Johnny Rosselet, Elizabeth; Otto Peters, Jersey City; Eugene Hillman, Paterson; Arthur Haagsma, Jersey City; William Kolb, Newark; Joe McCrink, West Orange and Clare Hume, Jersey City have tried in vain. Hume gave the crowd a thrill in the 1937 tournament by holding Mahoney even for the better half of the title game, but could not quite match his youthful opponent to the end.

In 1937, another schoolboy sensation loomed on the horizon in the person of Arthur Scolari, of Paterson, a protégé of Joe and Paul Puglise. He won the Class B state title averaging 60%. Being forced out of competition in 1938 by illness, he was back in 1939 to nose Hume out for the runner-up spot to Mahoney in the title play averaging 66%. The 1937, 1938 and 1939

tournaments were held on the Lincoln Park courts in Jersey City.

During the six years the association has sponsored, in addition to the annual state championship, several "open" tournaments, including the New Jersey Open and the Central Jersey Open, both usually held at Emil's Log Cabin in Middletown; The South Jersey Open at Clemendon Park, Camden and various local tourneys. The Annual Eastern Pennsylvania Open, sponsored by the Willow Grove Amusement Park at Willow Grove, Pa., is directed by D.E. Brown, President of the New Jersey Association.

The most popular open tournament is the Annual Hudson County Open, which is held in Jersey City and sponsored by the Hudson County Horseshoe Club, Inc. The first one was held on July 15th, 1934 and 38 men entered the competition. Vito Fileccia, of Brooklyn, was the winner after a play-off with Joe Puglise, and made it four-in-a-row by winning the 1935, 1936, and 1937 tourneys. The '34, '35 and '36 tournaments were held on the courts at Bergen and Montgomery Streets, while the last three were held on the new courts constructed by the Hudson County Park Commission, in Lincoln Park, Jersey City.

The 1938 tournament found Ted Allen, World Champion, entered in the competition, but it was not his day and the title went to William Hamann of White Plains, New York. 1939 was destined to be truly a New Jersey year and the most coveted open title in the several states adjoining New Jersey went to New Jersey's own state champion, Larry Mahoney. The entries, numbering over 90, included Fileccia, former New York state champion; William Hamann, defending tournament title holder, and then New York state champion; Kenneth Hurst of Providence, Rhode Island state champion; Raymond Frye of Richmond; S. Lane, of Stamford, Conn.; Harold Seaman, of Hyde Park, former New York state champion; John Fultun, of Carlisle, Eastern Pennsylvania champion.

Mahoney won with an average of 80.9% and a high game of 89.7%, both of which set new records for New Jersey competition. Fileccia finished second, averaging 75% with a high game of 83.7%. Hamann was third with an average of 75.4% and a high game of 89.2%.

This fine competition amply rewards the Hudson County men notably Benjamin Murphy, Thomas Ellis, Otto Peters, Clare Hume and Claude Hart, for their tireless efforts to make their tournament worthy of the best competitors. New Jersey would like to take this opportunity to thank their neighboring state leaders for their fine cooperation in this and other tournaments.

A prime factor in the development of the game was the organization throughout the state of numerous horseshoe clubs. Among the first to organize was the Pellington Horseshoe Club of East Orange, Paterson Associated Clubs of Paterson, Camden Horseshoe Club of Camden, Liberty Horseshoe Club of West Orange and the Bergen, Audubon and Pershing Clubs of Jersey City. Others were the Englewood Horseshoe Club of Englewood, The Forest Hill Club of Newark and the Watchung Horseshoe and Social Club of West Orange.

In October 1936, the Bergen, Audubon and Pershing groups united to form the Hudson County Horseshoe Club and in February 1938, this latter group was incorporated and at the end of the decade was one of the strongest units in the State Association, along with the Englewood Club and the Forest Hill Club. Of the earlier groups, Camden and Paterson has indoor courts for winter pitching, followed by the Hudson County Club in 1936 and Forest Hill in 1939.

Indoor pitching during the winter months has done a lot to keep the game going through friendly matches between the various clubs. During the winter of 1938-1939 several individual matches were staged by the Hudson County Clubs and the Englewood

Clubs. The first was a match between Larry Mahoney and Ted Allen on the Hudson County Courts. Mahoney won three out of five averaging 75% against 76.6% for Allen. Vito Fileccia then took a crack at the Jersey champ on the same courts but could not win a game even though he averaged 70.4%. Mahoney was hot and averaged 81%. William Hamann, then New York state champion, was the next to feel the sting of the Jersey champ. Mahoney shot 78% to win three out of five games, Hamann's average was 74%. Hamann, however, avenged his defeat in a match sponsored by the Englewood Club by winning three straight games.

New Jersey, while it was not one of the first states to take up horseshoe pitching, certainly has come a long way in the short space of a few years. We might mention in passing that in 1933 Joe Puglise won the state championship with an average of only 36% while in 1938 Mahoney pitched 73.5% to win the state title.

Before signing off we feel it is imperative to mention some of the men in the promotional field without which horseshoes would still be in a "back-yard" sport. These men may never have heard plaudits of the crowds for their pitching ability, but for their efforts to promote so that others can enjoy their chosen sport under the best possible conditions we believe they deserve equal credit with the most talented pitchers. We mention D. Eric Brown, of Camden; W.E. Santoro, of Newark; Paul Puglise, of Paterson; George MacNeil, of Absecon; Reynold Santoro, of Perth Amboy; Lee Davis and Albert Anderson, of Englewood; Benjamin Murphy, Thomas Ellis, Otto Peters, Clare Hume and Claude Hart of Jersey City and a host of others.

Signed,

CLAUDE E. HART

Secretary-Treasurer

New Jersey

Horseshoe Pitchers Association



Four of the new Juniors pitched on the following day in "A" class. Jason Martin, 13, pitched 9.17%, his best ever, to take first place from second place finisher, 13-year old Jonathan Hasel. Hannah Mason and Virginia Cotter received certificates for 3rd and 4th place.

Ed & Eileen *did something* else for Juniors. During the grand opening tournament, they held a 50/50 raffle for an educational bond to be presented on April 15th to the Junior State Champion. Linda Kaercher, Tournament Director of the Beverly Hills Horseshoe Club, thought the idea very worthwhile and announced that she would join the effort by doing the same and adding to the St. John's fund. Doing something is contagious, isn't it?

Thanks St. John's Horseshoe Club—"Where Juniors are special!"

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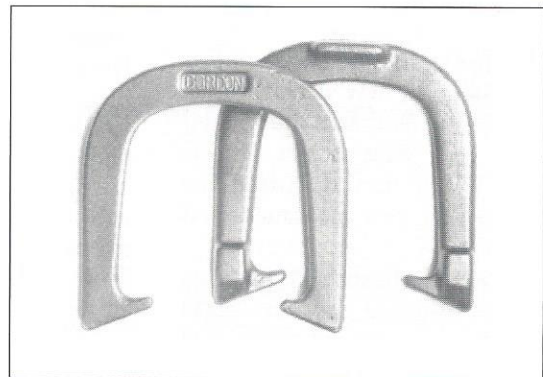
Club's FIRST Junior Class B Champ, Justin Eddington, right, proudly displays his first ever trophy. Sister, Sammantha, received a certificate for her second place win.

Ed and Eileen Fox, Dunnellon, FL, *did something!* Results? Nine new junior pitchers are now participating in a weekly league at the brand new Saint John's Horseshoe Club. Five of them competed in the club's grand opening tournament March 17-18, 2000. Three of them had already learned to keep score and did their share.

Last October, while preparing for opening the new club, Ed & Eileen, active members of another club, attended a meeting of the Inverness Home School organization where they spoke on horseshoe pitching as a possible community educational activity for students. Tutorial pamphlets, including information on playing the game, rules, safety, keeping score, and sportsmanship were to be presented during the first four weeks of the league. "Loaner" horseshoes would be available to all participants. A local dentist would provide "uniform" shirts and caps. Fees are \$13.00 (\$5 to join the club and \$8 for state and national)

"It's so rewarding to work with our juniors," said Eileen, shortly after her husband and club President, Ed presented awards to their first Junior winners, "many of them are now buying their own shoes so they can practice before league."

"I'm so happy to have this trophy because my sister, Sammantha already has one for piano," exclaimed ten-year-old Justin Eddinger as he posed for a photo. His sister received a certificate for her second place finish, and Justin wanted to make sure she was in the picture too. Justin voiced that he hopes the picture is in the newspaper so all his friends can see it! He eyed his new possession, smiled and said, "horseshoe pitching is cool."



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REGIONAL DIRECTORS **REPORT**

by Allen Baptist

I will be mailing out the revised 2000 Guidelines for Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors in the near future. Please notify me if you would like more than one copy. The NHPA Council has agreed to send all Regional Directors their subscription of the *Newsline* magazine via 1st class mail. If you didn't receive the March/April issue 1st class, please let me know.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Randy Collins** as **Regional Director of Texas**. I am confident that Randy will do a great job for Texas and the NHPA.

From the Mail Bag

Pat Wemhoff, Nebraska RD reports that Nebraska has a new website director, Gary Smith. Nebraska held their annual East and West winter officers meeting in which they discussed the state tournament and all sanctioned tournaments.

Elwyn Cooper, Missouri RD reports that he has compiled the new 2000 Horseshoe Tournament Schedule, and a list of tournament directors. So, please contact Elwyn if you're planning to travel to Missouri this year.

Jim Shilling, Indiana RD reports that Indiana has scheduled 54 sanc-

tioned tournaments for the 2000 season. Fifteen of these tournaments are scheduled indoors at 3 different locations during the winter months. Jim has challenged the areas with low entries in tournaments to go out and work for entries, either by calling people and inviting them or to go to other tournaments to promote their tournaments.

Dexter Stallings, Tennessee RD reports that the THPA has sent a check in the amount of \$800 to Mayor Strunk of Winfield, Tennessee for the purpose of building six regulation courts at the Winfield City Park.

Darle Esh, Pennsylvania RD reports that this year they will have eight new courts to pitch on in Carnegie, PA. Their first tournament will be held in July. Also, there will be some new courts in Erie, PA. The state will be replacing the road that goes past the existing Kuchinski courts, so the courts will be relocated by the Zoo. The courts, when completed, will be the finest in the state with a roof over the entire area. Completion will be in 2001.

Ken Wilhelm, West Virginia RD reports that the WVHPA has adopted a Hall of Fame patch that has been issued to all Hall of Fame members and to the next of kin of all deceased members. Ken also reports the Head-of-the-Mon-

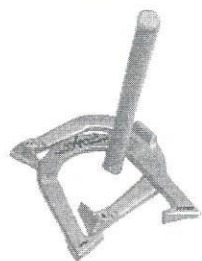
River and the Pre-World Tournaments both will have \$1000 added purses. Please contact Ken for more information.

MyrtleMay Kamoku, Hawaii, RD reports that their Y2K Doubles Tournament opener was a great success. This two-day event drew 20 teams of pitchers, which was won by Jesse Colon and Ioane (Keoni) Frias with an 8-1 record. Jesse Colon, the 3 time State Champion, had a high game of 88%!

Pete Imhof, Alaska RD reports that their State Singles Championships had 25 pitchers. In August they held a doubles tournament at the Palmer State Fairgrounds which had a record 74 participants. In the Wintertime they pitched indoors in a building that they rent at the Palmer State Fairgrounds with four regulation courts complete with heat, kitchen facilities and bathrooms.

Bud Schardine, Utah RD reports on some promotion ideas that they have used in Utah. During tournaments, they hand out hundreds of schedules to people passing by. For the Ogden tournament, Bud made thousands of 8-1/2" measuring rods and passed them out to people that came from all over the U.S. and Canada. Bud says that he has three raised courts in the basement of the Springville High School, where, for the last five years he has sponsored the Sweetheart Invitational Horseshoe Tournament for Valentine's Day. Bud says that American Fork has build 12 new courts in Northern Utah and soon will have lights installed.

Don Weaver, Nevada RD reports that regretfully, the Mesquite Star Open, scheduled for April 19-24 has been cancelled, due to the closure of the Casino/Hotel for financial reasons. Don will be busy running The City of Las Vegas Corporate Challenge, May 10-14. This tournament will consist of 800 pitchers competing in the non-sanctioned event. Don says that every year at this tournament, he recruits around a dozen more people to join the NHPA. Don also runs a Pro-Am tournament every year matching NHPA members with non-members, in order to interest potential members.



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In 1977, Russell Gadoury introduced a new promotional program to Donnie Roberts. The NHPA Sanctioned League/Club Program was then instituted in 1978.

There were originally thirteen clubs from eight states—Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin—with a membership of 806 people. Twenty-two years later, eight of the original thirteen are still in existence.

They are:

Denver Metro HSC, Colorado

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St. Moritz HSC, Massachusetts

Twin County HSC, Massachusetts

Tri County HSC, Minnesota

Whetstone HSC, Ohio

Winchester HSC, Virginia

Goldendale HSC, Wisconsin

The five clubs that dropped their charter club status were: Greater Lafayette Area HSC, Indiana, Greater Lowell HSC, Massachusetts, Heritage Winter Horseshoe League, Massachusetts, Rapidar Horseshoe League, Minnesota and West Side HSC, Massachusetts.

The eight charter clubs that are still in existence today should be very proud of their dedication to the Sanctioned League/Club Program.

In 1985, Terrence Dougherty and Donnie Roberts established the Sanctioned Junior Leagues. With the hopes to promote horseshoe pitching among our youth.

The Sanctioned League/Club Program promotes the development of new clubs and leagues by all who are interested in playing horseshoes. It provides National recognition for the accomplishments by pitchers and clubs.

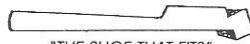
With the month of May, brings the beginning of most of the league play. A few things to remember when starting leagues, please send in your member-

ship reports as soon as possible. All members pitching on a sanctioned league must carry a NHPA card. One other important fact, always include on all reports submitted whether the pitcher is 40', 30', women, junior boys, or girls.

As of the end of March, we have eight new clubs formed so far for this year. This is great. Keep on promoting horseshoes in your community.

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SHOEBITS

by Maynard

ALABAMA

President Bobby Holland sincerely thanked Jim Harris, Mike Byram and Phil Bragg for all their help with the construction of the new winter courts in Huntsville. Alabama members but also pitchers from Tennessee and Georgia who helped to inaugurate them this winter really appreciate these new courts.

ARIZONA

The 9th Annual Quartzsite Main Event Tournament hosted 180 pitchers from 22 states and 2 provinces. Myrna Kissick of Alberta won the short distance championship and Mason Walker of UT took 40' honors. Congratulations to Ernie Swann, the newly elected charter president.

EASTERN NEBRASKA

Steve Barry, sec./treas. reports that the ENHPA membership voted unanimously at their open meeting to donate \$250 annually to the NHPF (provided charter funds are available). This charter requests that other charters consider the NHPF at their next open meeting. He says you'll be amazed at how easily a donation is accepted by a group.

FLORIDA

On March 30th more than 300 spectators were on hand at the "Town Square" to watch Walter Ray Williams, Jr. give a pitching exhibition. He used a wireless "mike" to answer questions from the audience during the demonstration. Billie Sue Pennington was on hand to assist and dad Ray obligingly acted as the "obstacle" for some trick pitching.

HAWAII

Kimo David won tournament championship honors, at a mid-Feb. tournament on Oahu, with 10 wins and 2 losses and an average of 45.58%. Also on Oahu, in March the team of Jesse Colon, Theresa Yoon and Debra Winget were crowned tournament champions after winning an exciting playoff game.

IOWA

Joseph Smith closed out his Junior trust account of over \$1000, opened a personal checking account and the first check he wrote was for a 3-year subscription to *Newsline*. What a great example for other Junior pitchers, and adults.

Youth director, Dennis Smith received executive board approval to make a film at Iowa tournaments that will show every

aspect of the game and which will be used as a teaching tool in schools.

The 1st Iowa Winter Games included indoor horseshoe pitching and it's expected the publicity will assist in the "new membership" drive as many individuals had the opportunity to compete in a tournament atmosphere and "liked it."

Harold and Lois Garner will be busy making a "horseshoe float" to parade at the State Fair in Des Moines.

KENTUCKY

This association kicked off their 2000 season on February 12th in Tennessee at the Jack Freeman Courts. They sent special thanks to Jack for the use of the facilities and to Mary Bastian for all her help. Walter Ray Williams, Jr. was on hand to compete; Joan Elmore pitched 79.4% to win the tournament.

LOUISIANA

Harahan celebrated the end of their season with an awards banquet. Special awards winners, who had the option of choosing a shirt or jacket embroidered with the HHPA logo, were Billy Dean for Rookie of the Year; Norman Pratts and Mary Chrismer for Most Improved; John Dasa and Janet Lilley for Sportspersons of the Year; Pat Strain received the President's Award. Bob Hogan, current president of both the LSHPA and HHPA and Gerald Sneary, president of the Shreveport Association, were inducted into the LSHPA Hall of Fame. Congratulations to all these winners.

MICHIGAN

Ralph Matchko pitched 10,106 shoes in 42 tournaments during 1999. He won 1st place 12 times and 3rd place 6 times. Dean Schmitz of the Mt. Clemens Indoor HPC has a goal to have all clubs in the U.S. give their local public libraries a subscription to *Newsline*. His club has started off this campaign by gifting a three-year subscription to the Mt. Clemens Public Library.

MINNESOTA

Regional Director Ward Lutz has had business cards printed with their website address and other contact information. They are available to all members for use as a promotional tool by passing out to anyone new they talk to about horseshoes. New president Jerry LaBrosse urges members to use the lure of the next 2

World Tournaments to introduce Juniors to our sport.

The new Hall of Fame trailer will be making trips to many tournaments during the year and will be on site in Bismarck during the World Tournament in August.

MISSOURI

President Joe Faron was asked by the director of the State Fair if the MOHPA would be interested in adding more days of horseshoe pitching during the fair for a total of six days. They (the Fair people) will build and install 4 additional courts.

Three time women's State Champion Tracy Sherman was inducted into both the St. Louis Women's Bowling Association and the Missouri State Bowling Association Halls of Fame.

Posting some impressive numbers is the New Melle HSC with 162 members and the First Capitol Ladies' League, formed in 1996, with 69 members ranging in age from 24-70.

Earl Winston, diagnosed last fall with prostate cancer, has been undergoing radiation therapy, which seems to be working. Keep up the prayers!

NEW JERSEY

Ed and Frank McCrink are again donating \$1000 to be added to the prize fund for the Joe McCrink Senior Memorial Open held in July. The "Bob 2000" in honor of Robert Goulet will have \$2000 in prize money.

Anne Marie reported that New Year's Eve with Robert Goulet was a night she'll "never forget." A new award for "service" will be presented each year to a member for their contributions at tournaments.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The NCHPA Hall of Fame and Don Titcomb Library building, located at the Yolo Court complex in Davis, has been completed and will be dedicated following a tournament on April 29th. This permanent building was the brainchild of NCHPA secretary/treasurer Jerry Smith, who has spent thousands of hours over the past 3-4 years making sure it became a reality. Selling "building bricks" at \$50 each to the members financed the endeavor.

NORTH CAROLINA

Wilkesboro will be the host for the 2000 State Tournament on their 24 new

courts. Susan Sellers, a Senior Center Director, avid NHPA supporter and founder of the Richmond Ringers HSC, has obtained a grant which she plans to use to purchase memberships (already has paid for 8) and provide transportation to four tournaments this year. She will also purchase some new equipment that will include videos for teaching the pitchers and conduct mini clinics and mini tournaments for senior citizens.

OHIO

Dan Sanders, 3rd VP and NHPA Regional Director encourages clubs to join the Sanctioned Club/League program and take advantage of NHPA "full" membership, liability insurance, awards and the Junior Scholar Program. For those who can't wait to re-visit Greenville you can sign-up for the "Ringer Classic" in July by contacting Jerry Williams @ 937-548-4586. Entry deadline is June 17th. Dave Justine thinks the "Sports Cluster" is an effective tool for horseshoe pitchers. To learn more write him at 95 E. Ralston Ave., Akron, OH 44301. New newsletter editor Lisa Conley does a good job.

OREGON

Ben Wiedrich was tournament champion (40') at the Valley of the Sun Tournament in Arizona. LaVerne Ewing, former Senior Women World Champion lost the short distance championship to former Open Women World Champion, Bev Nathe (MN) in a playoff game. The Player of the Year award was presented to

Marvin Tatchio. Oregon pitchers throwing a 90% or better game in Oregon tournaments receive \$25 cash.

TENNESSEE

Jack Freeman has opened a can of worms by suggesting a *temporary* increase in dues to fund the building of a permanent Hall of Fame for the NHPA. Several years ago he was told that this had been being considered for about 50 years (the building) and rather than waste another 50 years talking about it says it's time to get the job done. Jack backs up his talk with action and has donated the land on which to build.

WASHINGTON

Vey Allen is the new Regional Director for Washington which had previously been combined with Oregon and Idaho under Rick Rebman.

The Junior committee, headed by Art Sperber, holds raffles during the year to help finance junior pitchers going to the World Tournament.

Brandon Lund took top honors in #s 3 and 4 of the Winetroust Series and 6th place in #5 which dad, Gaylord won and in which they both pitched exactly the same percentage.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

A new award in honor of Ed Blum will be presented to the WPHPA member who pitches in the most tournaments within the WPHPA. The Al Zadroga Memorial Award will be presented to the individual who wins his or her class each

time in 3 designated tournaments. Steve Morris is to be commended for all his work in setting up websites and the WPHPA history pages.

WEST VIRGINIA

WV, as do many other states, publishes a yearly calendar of events booklet in which tournaments can be listed. Contact your local C of C or visitors bureau.

Charlie Bunner asked the Marion County Commission for funds and has been awarded 2 grants—\$1000 for a program tournament in July and \$2000 for the "Head of the Mon" tournament in late May all to be added to the prize funds.

The Affiliated Horseshoe Pitchers and MCPARC has programmed two pitching events to be held during the 19th annual Three Rivers Festival in hopes of attracting new pitchers. This club also had a horseshoe display set up at the recent Outdoor Living Show.

WISCONSIN

Curt Bestul has been chosen as WHPA's "Man of the Century" because of his dominant presence and his lasting contributions to horseshoes in the state. Curt was part of the group that lobbied for WI to join the NHPA in 1967 and under his leadership the Eau

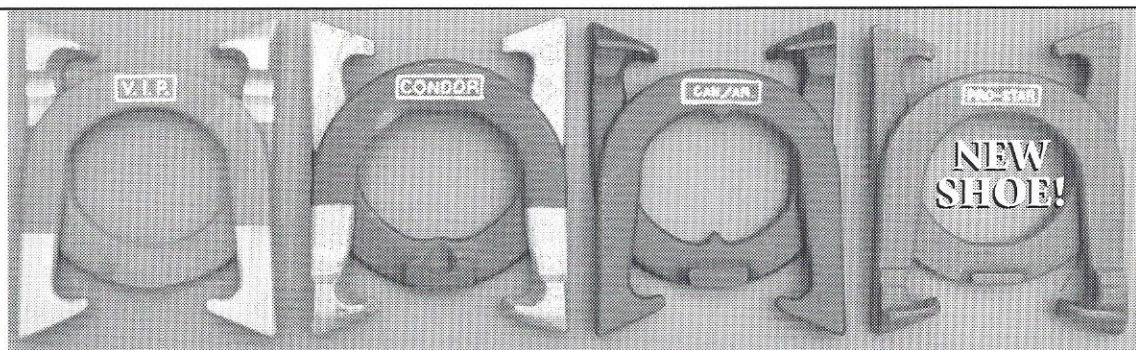
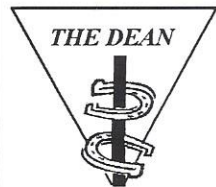
Claire Club hosted the 1987 World Tournament. Eau Claire, but not Curt, is bidding for the 2002 W.T. This state has the most pitcher profiles on the NHPA website (11) and urges members to "be daring" and add their profiles to the site.

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Our NHPA Website focus is now on building you a "live" website designed to bring the 2000 Bismarck, ND World Tournament home to you that are unable to attend. It is our goal to provide you with more detailed tournament results, pictures, and interactive features like ICQ, e-mail, chats, message post, guest book, and other forms of communication. Look for video and still pictures, action shots of games and the crowds, daily class results after each shift throughout the entire two-week tournament—all to keep you posted on your family and friends at the tournament.

We are experimenting with posting some key-game score sheets on the Internet immediately after the game has ended. Such key games will be the Championship game of a division, or a game that has set new World Tourna-

ment records.

When are you scheduled to pitch? If you pitch the first week and return home, check the website to follow the action of the second week. Or, if you don't arrive until the second week, check the website before leaving to see how the earlier classes are doing. And if you are not lucky enough to attend the 2000 World Tournament, check the website daily and follow the entire tournament.

Visit us on the "live" NHPA website between July 31 and August 12 at www.horseshoepitching.com and any other time, before and after the World Tournament.

Want to manage your Charter NatStats files better? Those having PCs with Windows95/98 and Microsoft Excel may find them useful in reading

and/or sorting your NatStats Charter files. This can be done by importing (copy and paste) data from the NHPA website into a blank Excel spreadsheet.

O.K., here we go...

1. Go to the NHPA website front page. The NatStats files are listed in the small blue bar at the top of page. This bar is divided into seven links (or sections); the first four links have approximately fourteen or fifteen NatStats Charter text files in each.

2. Open the NatStats file you want to sort.

3. Go to edit in the upper tool bar on your screen.

4. Select All or (Ctrl +A).

5. Copy. Now you have copied the file to your clipboard. You can now exit the website or minimize it.

6. Open a new file in Excel or any other spreadsheet program you are using.

7. Go to edit in upper tool bar.

8. Paste. This will paste the entire file in the first column. "Don't panic, you are doing well."

9. Highlight column "A."

10. Go to Data in upper tool bar.

11. Choose, Text to columns. This will bring up another window that will walk you through how many columns you want the file separated into.

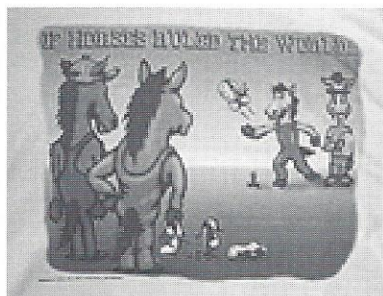
Now that you have the file converted to columns, you can sort ascending or descending by name, ringer percentage, category, or number of tournament pitched.

This is how Tournament Directors and Statisticians can better manage their Charter Natstats files using Microsoft Excel. I am not sure how other spreadsheet programs work, but am sure there are many similarities to Excel and I hope you can figure them out by this, my first teaching lesson on computer programs.

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NHPF CONTRIBUTION UPDATE

by Dave Loucks

During the months of February and March, 38 contributions totaling \$2,849 were received and deposited to the NHPF endowment fund account. We thank all those who have pitched in and encourage others to get involved. Alabama came in with their first donations bringing to 45 the number of states we have heard from. If your state is one of the few still missing from our list, we would like to encourage you to send a check to get your Charter started.

Also, since the bulk of donation activity has been confined to the top 24 states listed, we remind fellow members residing in those other states that their donations are welcome too. The NHPF needs support from as many charters and members as we can get. Help spread the positive word and remember to mention that donations are tax deductible. Checks made out to the NHPF can be mailed to 140 Sierra Blanca Ct., Grass Valley, CA 95945.

Contributions received in February and March

Donating \$10-40

Clyde Rains, IL
Jerry Steadham, TX
Bennie Underwood, TX
Steve Barry, NE
Dave Loucks, CA
Randy Joines, NC
Victor Magnus, WA
James Harris, AL
Art Moran, MN
Billie Sue Pennington, FL
Mickey Gillette, MO
Music City H.C., TN
William Brin, CA

Donating \$50-90

Robert Power, IL
Boyd Hageman, NE

Mt. Clemens Indoor
H.C., MI
Rufus Harris, KY
Carol Cramer, TN
Hank Irwin, TN
Oscar & Jeannette Manns,
OH
Sacramento H.C., CA
In memory of Holland Payne

Donating \$100-150

Archie & Connie Filley, ND
St Cloud H.C., FL
Jim Link, WA
Lee Wallace, OR
Tom Westbrook, SC
Ed Dowling, CA
Orlando H.C., FL
C.N. Bert Mannix, MT

Brevard County H.C., FL
Het Birchfield, TN
Stone Mountain H.C., GA
Alabama HPA
On behalf of Bill Calhoun

Donating \$250

Eastern Nebraska HPA

Joelton Court Fees \$510

Joelton
Misc collections \$63

680 contributions plus court fees, banquet revenue and miscellaneous cash total \$92,065 in individual donations deposited through 4/10/00.

How your state ranks in number and dollars contributed

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Tennessee, 25 for \$18,215 | 4. Massachusetts, 5 for \$3,965 | 19. Indiana, 11 for \$985 | 32. Idaho, 4 for \$185 |
| 2. California, 73 for \$8,859 | 5. Minnesota, 66 for \$2,779 | 20. Nebraska, 13 for \$939 | 33. Wyoming, 3 for \$182 |
| 3. Georgia, 7 for \$5,460 | 6. Wisconsin, 35 for \$2,775 | 21. Illinois, 27 for \$900 | 34. Arkansas, 4 for \$135 |
| | 7. Oregon, 25 for \$2,707 | 22. Pennsylvania, 18 for \$852 | 35. Louisiana, 2 for \$125 |
| | 8. Colorado, 22 for \$2,496 | 23. Nevada, 6 for \$840 | 36. Alaska, 1 for \$120 |
| | 9. Missouri, 29 for \$2,395 | 24. New Jersey, 10 for \$715 | 37. Alabama, 2 for \$120 |
| | 10. No. Carolina, 38 for \$2,262 | 25. New York, 8 for \$360 | 38. New Hampshire, 2 for \$105 |
| | 11. Florida, 30 for \$2,043 | 26. So. Carolina, 8 for \$335 | 39. Oklahoma, 3 for \$100 |
| | 12. Michigan, 39 for \$2,040 | 27. West Virginia, 9 for \$280 | 40. New Mexico, 1 for \$100 |
| | 13. Ohio, 44 for \$1,756 | 28. Montana, 3 for \$250 | 41. Arizona, 3 for \$89 |
| | 14. Texas, 13 for \$1,645 | 29. Connecticut, 10 for \$216 | 42. Utah, 2 for \$80 |
| | 15. Kansas, 15 for \$1,442 | 30. North Dakota, 3 for \$205 | 43. Virginia, 4 for \$73 |
| | 16. Kentucky, 15 for \$1,350 | 31. South Dakota, 7 for \$191 | 44. Maryland, 2 for \$50 |
| | 17. Washington, 16 for \$1,275 | | 45. Delaware, 1 for \$7 |
| | 18. Iowa, 15 | | |

NHPF Year End Financial Report

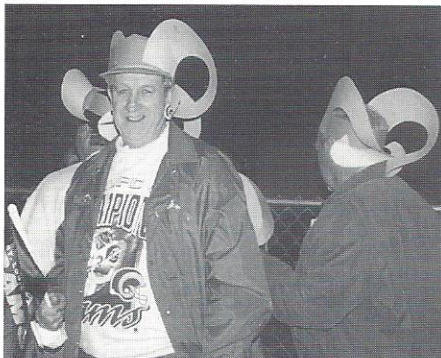
INCOME	1999	1998	1997
Transfer NHPA Hall of Fame CD Funds	0	0	\$160,353
Individual, Charter & Club Donations	\$37,067	\$28,756	2,174
Hall of Fame Banquet	3,555	3,330	1,052
Joelton Court Fees Collected	3,811	1,060	360
Miscellaneous Cash Donations	2,019	0	844
Account Interest Earned	9,502	8,601	7,834
Prior Year Interest Adjustment	357	344	0
Total Income	\$56,311	\$42,091	\$172,617
EXPENSE			
IRS Exempt Organization Fee	0	0	\$465
NHPF Formation Attorney Fees	0	\$13,020	
Tennessee Property Taxes	938	912	
Tennessee Secy of State Report Fee	20	0	
Joelton Courts Annual Lease	1	1	
Electrical Contractor Work	0	9,500	
Hall of Fame Banquet	1,773	2,300	
Promotional items	183	195	
Professional Accounting Fees	825	600	
Business Service Account Fee	125	125	
Total Expense	\$ 3,865	\$26,653	\$465
Net Cash Asset Gain(Loss)	\$52,446	\$15,438	\$172,152
Prior Year ending Account Balance	187,590	172,152	
Year End Cash Account Balance	\$240,036	\$187,590	\$172,152

Note: These figures compiled by the NHPF Treasurer.

NEW MELLE MUSIC CITY MATCH UP

by Mary Bastian

According to Joe Faron, the pitchers representing the New Melle Horseshoe Club were already planning for 2001 as their chartered bus headed up Interstate 24 to St. Louis. The final score—Music City's 102.5 to New Melle's 83.5—did not set too well with some of the pitchers and the strategy began.



Forty-eight pitchers and others from New Melle began arriving by mid-afternoon on Friday, March 11, stepping off the bus wearing St. Louis Rams headdress (as if that was going to intimidate the Tennessee Team). That night, the group kept their standing reservation to feast on catfish at The Rawlings in nearby Joelton and later practiced horseshoes at the Courts. Joe Faron and Rich Altis handled the arrangements from Missouri while Jack Freeman and Mary Bastian worked out the details in Tennessee.

The format for this tournament works very well. Games are 50 shoes cancellation and ties remain ties. A committee makes match-ups between players in the classes and win/losses are recorded for those designated pitchers and then tallied for the flight. The first flight, Saturday morning, was made up of six 6-person classes. Five 6-person classes made up the second flight on Saturday afternoon and one flight of six 6-person classes pitched on Sunday morning. Total wins were announced after each flight. Music City led after the first flight and kept their lead after the second flight of the day.

Talking comeback, the Missouri pitchers left the courts for the lights of Nashville and a meal and entertainment at the Nashville Palace.

Smelling victory, the Music City players went home.

On Sunday morning, play got underway at 9:00 a.m. with both groups pitching fervently. After the final shoes were thrown, the committee retired behind closed doors to tally the final result. Meanwhile, the pitchers decided to eat their requested meal consisting of barbecue, white beans, slaw, Mexican cornbread and pineapple-orange cake and wait for the results.

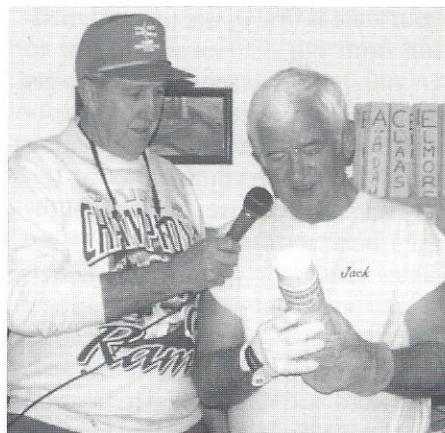
The final ceremonies began with the presentation of certificates to Gavin Hughes and Coy Bishop, two Juniors from Missouri, who were the first ever Juniors to pitch in the Match Up. Joe Faron, hoping to distract the Music City pitchers from the trophy, presented a pseudo Vince Lombardy trophy to Jack Freeman. Jack accepted it graciously but said he also wanted the real thing. Joe solemnly presented it to him. The final score was Music City 102.5 to New Melle's 83.5.

New Melle had 49 pitchers present. Music City had 31 pitchers from Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, and Ohio. Total payback was \$1,020 with first places paying \$35 and second places \$25 in all classes.

Many people helped to make this tournament a success. Special thanks to all the scorekeepers; tournament directors Jack Freeman and Joe Faron, who kept the good-natured rivalry going; Bobby Cook, the official MCHC photographer; Roy Evans, who signed in the pitchers and took their money; Frances Dickerson, who put score sheets on the clipboards and kept the coffeepot full; and Donnie Roberts, who checked all the scoresheets and also sold game related items. Paul Stewart was present and kept score with a new program using a computer and two monitors. Duane Goodrich of Kansas wrote this pilot program.

Jack Freeman, facility director at the Courts, had this to say about the tournament—"This was another great tournament and due primarily to the people involved. It is always a pleasure to have the New Melle horseshoe pitchers come pitch horseshoes with us at the Courts in Joelton. They are lively and full of enthusiasm and love to beat up on the Music City horseshoe pitchers."

I always encourage Joe Faron and the group to visit the local night spots, dance a lot, stay up late and then spend the rest of the time socializing (anything that will wear them out). I also appreciate the can of Spray they gave me. I had never seen it before. It was labeled: *Horseshoe Whoop A*. Joe asked me to read the directions for everyone. The directions read:



"Use only when you feel the uncontrollable urge to whoop somebody's a__." It was, "Made especially for the New Melle Horseshoe Club." Special instructions were to: "Use it sparingly when pitching against out-of-state opponents, ESPECIALLY AT JOELTON, TN so they don't get discouraged and not invite us back."

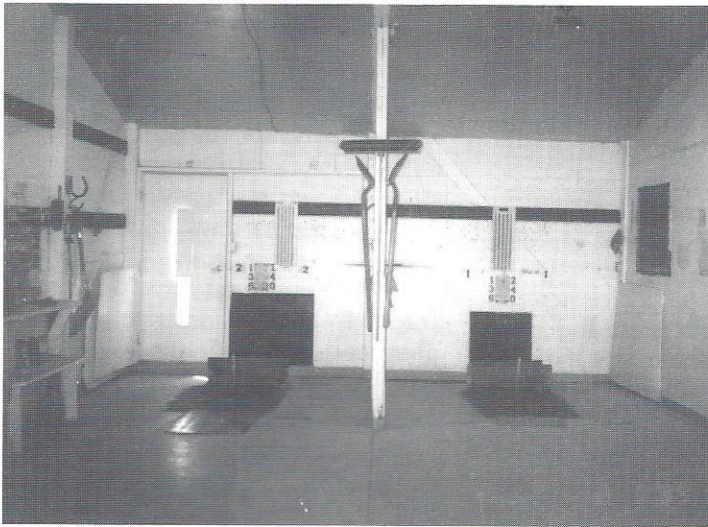
Music City won the contest, 102.5 to 83.5

I sent Joe Faron this note: Joe, I will confess, I used the whole can. It was an unselfish thing for you to do, to share this with us, and we certainly thank you. This was the widest margin of defeat, for either group, since we started this series. Could you please send me 3 or 4 more cans? Our Indoor State Championship Tournament is coming up pretty soon. Thanks, Jack.

We are thinking about taking a bus to New Melle for the Match Up on October 21. If any non-Missouri horseshoe pitcher is interested in pitching for Music City, please get in touch with Bobby Cook (615-876-7689), Jack Freeman (615-383-5568) or Mary Bastian (616-794-5620) for details.

Above: Joe Faron and Jack Freeman read directions on "Horseshoe Whoop-A can."

Illinois Indoor Pitching Sites



Left: The Reynolds Horseshoe Club

Above and right: Palmer Pitching Palace



The Reynolds Horseshoe Club

by Betty Burlingame

Just off Route #94, on 91st Street, West of Reynolds, Illinois, is the former dairy farm of Keith and Virginia Doonan. The tidy yard, barn, and out-buildings are a testament to the love and dedication of this couple to their farm. Included on the property is a large metal building—the former machine shed.

In 1986, after retiring from actively farming, Keith was interested in pursuing his hobby of horseshoes. Six horseshoe courts were built at the American Legion Park in Reynolds, but they had no indoor space for winter play. All Keith's machinery had been sold off, and he offered his shed.

Plastic sheeting was hung to close off a 9-foot end. Stakes were just driven into limestone to form a court, and kerosene heaters were used at first. One of the men, suffering from emphysema, was bothered by the kerosene fumes, so a gas heater was installed. Soon another court was added, a permanent wall and insulation, a seating area, a paint job. Some of the men said they'd help pay for concrete to pave the floor, and they pitched in \$50 a piece. They obtained free blue clay at the Peerless Brickyard in Galesburg.

Thus, The Sports Palace, its formal name, came to be a bright and welcome winter gathering place for the pitchers and card players. Monday mornings are open for Euchre players

only. Tables and chairs are set up and then put away at noon. No wagering!

There have been 5 or 6 leagues, each year, the last few winters, averaging 28 pitchers. Not all of the leagues are sanctioned, in order to promote horseshoes and get new members. Some of the men pitch on more than one league. The members pay \$50 a year to help pay for the lights and heat, and can pitch or practice at any time all year. Doors are always open. League play is \$1 a week for prizes and end-of-year banquet.

Palmer Pitching Palace

by Bill Marvin

Ed and Nellie Fleming like the small Central Illinois village of Palmer. They have lived just outside of town on their 20 acres for 40 years. Ed has had a variety of jobs, including construction work, owner/operator of a meat processing business and he is a retired coal miner. He looks after the rental property that he and Nellie own. But Ed and Nellie are also the owners of the Palmer Pitching palace, Illinois' newest and finest horseshoe pitching facility.

When Ed retired from the mine, he and Nellie, who is in the banking business, decided they would not go to Florida to play horseshoes in the winter. They decided instead to stay in Illinois where they could pitch with their friends and neighbors. What started as a dream and a line of chalk in a field on a cool November day in 1998, was christened the Palmer Pitching

Palace in February 1999. Also known as the "Bear Creek Baptist Temple" because of Sunday play, regular pitching is on Tuesday nights and Saturdays.

The building is 90'x96', has a 17-1/2' ceiling, contains over 100 yards of concrete, 44 four-bulb 8' fluorescent light fixtures, and overhead garage doors on both ends that provide ventilation in the summer. Darrel Rhodes, a long-time neighbor, served as head engineer throughout the project. There is a kitchen and dining area that seats 10, as well as an office which serves as headquarters during Sanctioned Tournaments. The seating area for spectators has been raised so there is a clear view of all courts.

The crown jewels in the Palace are the electric scoreboards for each of the eight courts that track shoes pitched and the score for each player. The clay came from Chenoa, Illinois, long-recognized as some of the finest in the World. As with the rest of the project, it was first class all the way.

Ed and Nellie are excited about having this great pitching facility. Nellie is an "A" pitcher in Illinois, and Ed is, as they say, "Working on his game." They believe horseshoes will continue to grow in popularity and have chosen to put their money where their mouths are. They feel fortunate to be able to contribute to our sport, and hope everyone will have the chance to visit them.

1999 Membership Awards Announced

The final stats for the 1999 membership year have been compiled and although our membership was down slightly for 1998, some Charters did show an increase in membership and will receive membership awards at the 2000 NHPA Awards Banquet held each year to benefit the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation.

The following membership Awards will be presented in Bismarck, ND. For the largest increase in Adult membership, Texas, with an increase of 39 members. To Minnesota, for the eighth straight year, for having the most Junior members with 138. To New York for having the largest increase in Junior membership. They went from 44 in 1998 to 59 in 1999. An increase of 15 Juniors. The award for the largest increase in Adult membership, based on percentage, will go to Mississippi. The Mississippi Charter had an increase of 22.22 percent. The last award is the Bob Pence Memorial Award. It is presented to the charter with the largest Adult membership. For the tenth straight year, the Missouri charter tops the list with 897 adult members.

If your charter is to receive a membership award, plan on attending this year's awards banquet to show your support for the accomplishments of your charter.

Let's Adopt True Cancellation

by Sol Berman

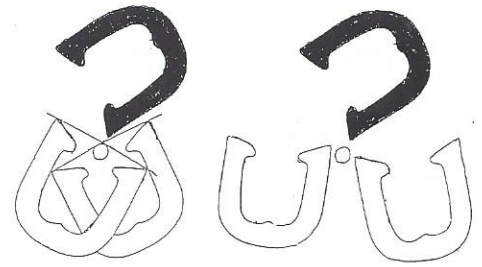
In the May/June, 1999 *Newsline*, NHPA Promotion Director Bob Dunn wrote, "The general public currently views horseshoe pitching as an old-fashioned sport and rather dull.

"The 1997 Convention had a good opportunity to offer some change to our sport by voting for true cancellation.

"It would have been a nice step forward to speed up our game and avoid some of the nuisance delays that distract from spectator appeal."

The rule change would modernize the game by:

1. Speeding up the action.
2. Save time by not having to dig and measuring for close shoes.
3. Doing away with calipers and feeler gauges.
4. Making the game more interesting to watch.
5. If all three scoring systems were used, count-all and true cancellation scoring would give you the same comparative score.
6. Increasing the low percentage pitchers' chances of scoring single points. A 20% pitcher has 8 out of every 10 shoes that can either score a point or two or cancel one's opponent's shoe or shoes.
7. 99% of the stakes are *moveable* thus measuring to see which shoe is closest to the stake is *meaningless*.
8. True cancellation scoring, scores ringers and shoes that are within 6 inches of the stake in the same manner as count-all.



9. Bob Dunn spent three years using true cancellation scoring to prove the above facts (Minneapolis league).

10. Quoit scoring is only suited for Quoits, and not for horseshoes, because of the shape of the shoes and the fact that a horseshoe has an open end and comes in over 40 different models.

Using our present quoit scoring system for cancellation, in the sketch on the left (above), the poorly thrown black shoe scores a single point while the two white shoes thrown within a hair of being ringers are cancelled. The two white shoes were thrown open and couldn't have come any closer to being ringers. Yet, they were both cancelled because the black shoe is slightly closer. The player with the white horseshoes is actually penalized for pitching an open shoe.

In the sketch on the right (above), the two white shoes were not thrown as accurately as the two on the left but yet they both score single points because they are now closer than the black shoe. How much sense does this make?

If you were playing count-all, both sketches would score 2-1 for the white shoes. If using True Cancellation, both sketches would score 1-0 for the white shoes. Using our present cancellation method, in the left sketch, it's 1-0 black shoes.

True Cancellation allows any shoe within 6 inches of the stake to cancel an opponent's shoe anywhere within the scoring radius. If a shoe thrown a foot short that hops on the stake can cancel a perfectly thrown ringer, doesn't it make sense to have close shoes within scoring distance cancel each other as well? True Cancellation scoring would bring a much-needed improvement to an old-fashioned game. Isn't it time we adopted it?

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BMHC Hosts Free Horseshoe Pitching Clinic

Essex, Maryland—On April 15, 2000, Baltimore Metro Horseshoe Club hosted the fourth annual Horseshoe Pitching Clinic at its Back River Neck Recreation indoor clay courts. The clinic was well attended as pitchers responded to notices published in numerous area papers and public library branches. Of the 37 participants, 22 were new to BMHC.

BMHC was honored to have Elbert Shifflett of the Frederick Horseshoe Club assist at the clinic. Elbert is the top Maryland pitcher and is currently nationally ranked 13th with a 75.22% ringer average. Participants thoroughly enjoyed and commented on the great tips Elbert bestowed on fellow pitchers during the clinic. Grant "Pappy" Powers, former eight time Maryland Class A Champion, with a current 45.93% average in the Elder Men class also offered advice to novice and experienced pitchers.

The premise of the clinic was to introduce pitchers to the "sport" of horseshoe pitching. While many have participated in the "picnic" variety, they were unfamiliar with the history of the sport, regulation equipment, rules, scoring and various styles of pitching.

BMHC has been fortunate to have John Passmore as a new member. This former 1975 Junior Champion retains the world record for the highest percent, seven games of 89.5% with 702 ringers and 784 shoes. Since pitching in the Men's division he placed 5th in Indiana State with 70.8% average. In 1977, John pitched a 75% tournament in New Castle, Indiana and in 1993 was Men's Champion Class—Alaska State Champion with a 68% ringer average. John expertly provided the history of horseshoe and distinguished the difference between types of horseshoes available for pitching. He also provided expert commentary on rules and etiquette of the sport, as Zachary Watters, Jr., Maryland Class "B" champion with a current 45.16% average; and Janet Miller, Maryland Class "C" champion with a current 24.52% average, did everything "wrong" during their pitching session.

Throughout the course of the skit, experienced pitchers were heard to murmur, "I didn't know that," as John commented on a rule, etiquette or sportsmanship infraction.

BMHC member, Terry Hitzelberger, currently 22.0% average, used his welding instructor skills to demonstrate the construction of both indoor and outdoor regulation courts. Terry has donated many man-hours to building, upgrading and maintaining BMHC's 20 indoor and outdoor courts. As any tournament director knows, you can never have too many scorekeepers. Therefore, BMHC President, Wayne Ploughman, Maryland Class A pitcher with a current 54.09% average, demonstrated the proper usage of "hugs and kisses" a.k.a. "O and X" in official score keeping.

Then the breakout session, where pitchers could get their hands dirty.

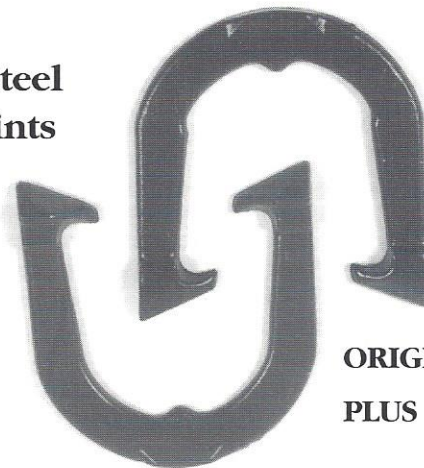
Spread over eight courts, pitchers learned the proper method of holding, aiming and follow-through as they flipped and turned shoes. All of the participants were enthused, and upon completion of the clinic, many signed up for BMHC's summer leagues. John was particularly pleased as both his daughter and son took their turn (or was that a flip?) at the courts. With John's current 59.38% average, they should take advantage of private tutoring opportunities.

This BMHC event could not have been successful with out member's support. Les Hiebler, who at 81 maintains a 26.06% average from 40'; and Larry Bunn (not an indoor pitcher) with a current 17.1% average, cleaned and groomed the court area so it was in "play-dough" condition for the clinic.

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What Members Have To Say

The Eastern Nebraska HPA is pleased to be supportive of the NHPE and herewith contribute \$250 to the cause. Also enclosed is my personal contribution. Keep up the good work and maybe others will be convinced to continue and increase donations to the NHPE.

Steven Barry, Secretary/Treasurer, ENHPA

Its not easy to knock anyone off dead center. Keep pitching the good things about the NHPE. The enclosed donations are the result of a conversation about the need for grassroots contributions. Both donors are retired federal IRS agents.

**Bennie Underwood, Southlake, TX and
Jerry Steadham, St Jo, TX**

The small horseshoe club in St. Cloud, Florida is pleased to send along this small \$118 donation to the NHPE. This check represents the clubs portion of a 50-50 drawing held at a recent tournament.

Dean Anderson, Tournament Director

Doug Smith, president of Whiteoak Lodge 20 of the Woodmen of the World, has donated to the NHPA a West Virginia State flag. This flag which has been sent to Dick Hansen, is to replace the tattered one that is among the display of state flags at each World Tournament.

Charles M. Bunner, WV Sec/Treas

We have received a lot of inquires regarding whether our host site, the VFW All Seasons Arena, is air-conditioned. Yes, the building is air-conditioned. Please disregard any previous statements to the contrary. On behalf of the community of Bismarck-Mandan, I am excited to invite you to our area for the 2000 World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

Stuart Sipma, 2000 W.T. Coordinator

At the World Tournament this year, Horseshoe Trader Bob Dunn plans to exhibit over 150 different antique horseshoes. If you're going to Bismarck and have a shoe or shoes that need identification or perhaps you'd like to donate to the NHPA for their museum, please bring them along. Old horseshoes of the plain or hookless type are still the most sought after because they are from the 1914-1930 era. Don't let them get away. Old horseshoes are a big part of our history.

Lee A. Wallace, Dallas, OR

I'm a relatively new charter newsletter editor. Having experienced a great deal of frustration early on in my attempts to put things together, I began to think how we novices could benefit from the experience of the pros. I contacted the NHPA Publicity Director on this subject and determined that others have also made inquiries about how to be a better newsletter editor. As such I believe it would be beneficial to have a gathering of such interested parties at the Bismarck World Tournament. If you would like to participate, have any ideas or want to discuss it further, please

contact me. I will endeavor to coordinate things, develop an agenda and schedule a meeting time based on your inputs.

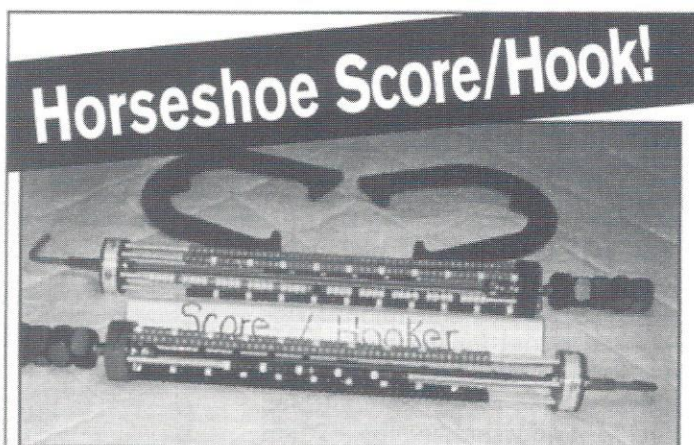
Jim Link, Goldendale, WA jhlink@gorge.net
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I look forward to reading *Newsline* every other month. I enjoy it very much but wish you could say more about the technical side of the game. It would be nice to read articles by the experts giving tips on how they master both the mental and physical parts of the game to achieve their level of play. I know *Newsline* has tried to get such articles without much success. Perhaps if you offered a carrot of say \$100-200 per published article, you'd find some experts who would volunteer. Thanks for listening.

Paul Welburn

The new Pitch and Win program booklet is now available. This brochure is a valuable promotion tool that tells you how to contact and set up amateur horseshoe pitching programs at county fairs. If properly followed, this program will greatly assist charters or clubs in introducing our sport to new potential members. If you are interested in receiving a copy or more information, please contact me.

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THE HORSESHOE TRADER

The Shoes Sold by Wards

by Bob Dunn

Following the incredible information found through the research of the Sears catalogs, a similar look at the Montgomery Wards Company only made sense. Finding an archive of a complete set of Wards catalogs was the first step, and was successful. The site was the University of Wyoming. By telephone, a volunteer staff member agreed to do the research and mail photocopies of the pages with horseshoe ads. A couple of weeks went by and then the packet arrived, with a billing. The cost: \$14.10, far less than the cost to travel to Wyoming and spend the week or so to do the research.

Wards did not carry the wide spread of different models of shoes as the rival Sears, nor did they begin as early to carrier pitching shoes. Wards first listed official pitching shoes in 1925, and as Sears, it was the hookless "Oval" model

Company of Duluth, Minnesota for the tournament shoe was a perfect facsimile of the Eagle Ringer being produced by Diamond. The hookless models were even painted the same orange and green as the hookless Double Ringers manufactured by Diamond. There are no records available of Diamond ever manufacturing shoes with other brand names for retail sales. So far, Wards cannot locate information of where these shoes were made. The odds are some company besides Diamond made the shoes, but there must have been some infringement rights that were closely scrutinized because of the patented design of the Eagle Ringer. This is possibly a question that will never be answered. The sales of pitching shoes did include a rules booklet. If a copy of one of those old booklets is retrieved, that information may shed enough light on the subject to answer the question.

A side note on the hookless model—as most shoes at the time were marked As and Bs, the shoes sold by Wards were marked Os and Gs, which were the initials for George and Oscar who were executives of the company.

The sales of Montgomery Wards pitching shoes continued through 1942. The price increased slightly as pairs of tournament models sold for \$1.39, or a set of four sold for \$2.65. A pair of hookless shoes was priced at 89 cents and a set for \$1.69. Most collectors have Montgomery Ward shoes in their inventory, although not all recognize the M/W logo. Those who find Wards shoes may not also understand that the shoes are all over 50 years old.

World War II also interrupted the sales of horseshoes for Wards. Sales were reinstated in 1946 by offering Diamond Double Ringers for \$2.49 a set. Diamond Eagle Ringers were included in 1947 at \$3.69 a set. Evidence that Wards was buying from manufacturers who would give the best deal, showed up in 1947 as the Double Ringers were replaced by Royal shoes. The Royals were sold in outfits in wooden boxes at \$4.59. The Double Ringers were offered again in 1948, so consumers had a choice of three models. By 1950, the two Diamond models were the only shoes offered. That is how it went right into the 1960s. Ever wonder why Diamond shoes are so commonly found at flea markets, antique shops or where ever you may hunt. Wards stores and through the Wards catalog were selling Diamond shoes for four decades.

Junior shoes were not offered until 1950 and were Diamond Junior shoes. Four 1-1/2 shoes with two stakes, sold for \$3.69. The Junior models were offered through 1953, even though Diamond made the smaller models well into the 1960s.

For sure, Montgomery Wards had a commercial interest in their providing pitching shoes for sale. But through their catalogs, our promotion efforts were aided during the initial decades as our sport was being introduced to America. Our sport as well as many horseshoe collections has been enhanced by "The Shoes Sold by Wards."

Trader Jottings next page...

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1925 ad from Wards catalog

manufactured by The Chicago Steel Foundry Company. Pair of No. 1s or No. 2s sold for 98 cents. Sets or outfits were not offered until 1927, for a price of \$2.65. That is the how everything went on through 1934. For ten years, the same shoes were offered for basically the same price.

A major change took place in 1935. This is the first year that a hook styled shoe was offered. With all the variety of hooked shoes being manufactured by this time, one would never guess, the first hooked style shoe sold by Wards would be the Royal, made by St. Pierre. Few may realize that the Royal shoe dates back that far, but it does. And the Royal was offered for just that one year.

In 1936, Montgomery Wards began offering shoes bearing their own brand name. The full name was not on the shoe, just an M over a W, but unmistakable shoes sold by Wards. There was hookless model and a hooked model. The hookless shoes, referred to as a regulation shoe sold for 79 cents a pair. The hooked model was referred as a tournament shoe and was priced at \$1.19 a pair.

There remains a mystery yet today—who manufactured these shoes? A good guess would be Diamond Horseshoe

TRADER JOTTINGS

Thank you Paul Saba, Bull Shoals, AR, for donating a Phoenix horseshoe to the NHPA collection. This is a shoe that had not been part of the inventory so it is a most welcome addition.

A thank you is also in store for Harl Geer, whom many of you met when the World Tournament was hosted in Gillette, Wyoming. Harl has donated a Diamond Official hookless shoe bearing a Toronto, Ontario mintmark. While the thousands of Diamond shoes that are found here and there were made in Duluth, Minnesota, at one time there was a Diamond Horseshoe plant in Toronto. The specific time period is unknown, but it was some time ago based on the fact that the shoes are hookless.

Speaking of older shoes made in Canada, an internet auction line recently featured a set of four Altas pitching shoes, manufactured in Welland, Ontario. These too were of the hookless variety and previously unknown. Apparently, there are more antique shoes from Canada than we previously thought. I encourage anyone with some documentation of Canadian early-day shoes to get in touch so we can do a whole article dedicated to these artifacts.

NHPA Income and Expenditures February/March, 2000

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$38,490
Newsline Subscriptions	7,386
Newsline Ads	2,005
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	600
Logo Use Fee	100
Charter Dues	68
Hibbing 2001 W.T.	
Bid Payment	5,000
NHPF Donations	78
Misc Patch Sales and Income	45
Bank and Vender Refunds	78
Bank Checking & Money Market	
Interest	2,279
Total Income	56,129

EXPENDITURES

Newsline	
Printing and Mailing	\$ 4,186
Newsline Editor Allowance	616
Sanctioned League	
Junior Scholar Awards	950
Sanctioned League	
Patches & Awards	347

Hall of Fame Awards	1,155
Regional Directors	
Postage, Phone, Supplies	210
Equipment Purchases,	
Rental, Repair	435
NHPA Office	
Printing and Supplies	2,067
NHPA Postage	837
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Allowance	3,080
President's Allowance	924
Publicity & Promotion	590
Insurance	7,525
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Elephants and Horseshoes

by A.K. Chenoweth, Editor, *The Madison Press*, January 1931

Given to me by Don Wilson.

The old story of the easy destruction of a bridge with the men of an army marching across it in step has cobwebs all wound 'round its fabric, but the other day we heard a new one that fits it well with the horseshoe pitching game and the lack of the growth of the horseshoe pitchers in a strong, nationwide organization.

A circus was being held in a small town in the Middle West and a parade was in motion through the town streets. Six elephants were in the parade. When the procession neared the bridge over the small stream that passed through the village, and the trainer was preparing to take his great animals over the structure, a civil engineer in the crowd halted the man.

"Don't try to cross that bridge with your elephants holding tails," the man advised.

"Why?," the trainer inquired.

"If your six elephants cross that bridge with their tails and trunks linked as they are, and they remain in step, the bridge will be wrecked."

It took ten minutes to get the animals over the small bridge which swayed dangerously even with the animals out of step and the world was taught another lesson in the power of organization.

We have watched the horseshoe pitchers of the United States in and out of season now for several years, and to save our hides, we cannot understand why the association isn't the strongest in the world, with the more than 2,000,000 active pitchers in this country.

We haven't any tails and our trunks are in storage until we leave for the North next summer to fish, but just the same, if the hundreds of thousands of shoe tossers in this good old

United States were just as well organized as the elephants, the soldiers of the army and the hornets in the old nitch in the tree, there wouldn't be a necessity for the writer to bang out this yarn and the athletic generals of this country would worship at the feet of the pitchers' group.

**Make the
horseshoe pitching game
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some way or another
and it might grow into a
national, organized sport...**

There are scores of reasons why the horseshoe pitchers should organize more thoroughly and travel more perfectly in step, and there aren't any reasons why they should not do so.

The writer has watched with considerable interest, the efforts of many to boost the great shoe pitching game and to place it in the front rank of athletic and recreational activities, but somehow or other, the right angle has not been touched. We do not claim to know the answer, or rather all of the answer. But for one thing, it looks like the game is too inexpensive to make the grade with other outdoor and indoor events of an athletic nature.

Put a suit or coat up for sale at \$10 and no one wants to buy it. Mark the price up a couple of hundred percent to \$20 or \$30 and you have to order more for the trade.

Make the horseshoe pitching game a bit more costly some way or another and it might grow into a national ORGANIZED sport and it might even

become first page news because of commercialization, such as football, boxing the the like.

Joking aside, it looks like the horseshoe pitchers of the country are too easy and take their game too lightly to make it the success it richly deserves and to place the game on the firm foundation that it has a right to demand.

And what a game. Think of what horseshoe pitching really is. A form of mild, yet invigorating outdoor or indoor exercise, perfectly safe for all to play, within the reach of all and beyond the ability of none. It is as old as the hills and just as honorable. It offers much and demands little. It is the friend of rich and poor, high and low, large and small, old and young, and it can be played most anywhere and most anytime.

What it needs is efficient and happy organization and hearty cooperation on the part of the legions interested in the game. Horseshoe pitching today offers the most fertile field for organization of any sport in the world and the writer, for one, would like to see the club idea carried to the last line of trenches, over the top into every man's land on to success.

Every shoe pitcher should be a member of some club and then boost that club until it becomes a power in its own locality and a part of the power of the district or state organization.

The state organizations should boost the national group and the national group should make the organization so strong that it would function 100 percent perfect day in and day out to the end that the national, state, district, county and club groups become one great association for the ultimate goal of successful recreation and competition that will attract the notice of the world and help make the old world a better place in which to live.

THE TOLL OF TIME



KEN NIXON

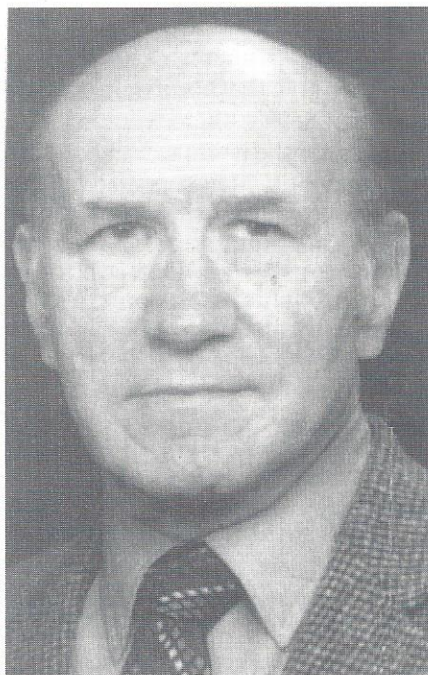
Died Feb 10, 2000

Avid New York horseshoe pitcher Ken Nixon passed away unexpectedly at the age of 86. Ken was active in the sport and NYSHPA for over 20 years. Though entering organized league play at the age of 63, he amassed over 50 tournament wins among which were both State and World Class Championships. Ken took part in many events in surrounding states and Canada. He attended eight World Tournaments and was always promoting junior pitchers and horseshoes in general. He was inducted into the NYSHPA Hall of Fame as a promoter at age 80. Survived by Alice, his wife of 62 years, 3 children and many grandchildren, Ken will for many years to come, be remembered for his devotion to the game.

HOLLAND IVAN PAYNE

Sept 29, 1918-March 25, 2000

Northern California and Sacramento Club member Holland Payne was 81 years old when he died from cancer. Holland was an exceptional man who served his country and community for most of his life. Born in Johnstown, Ohio, he graduated high school in 1935 and enrolled in the



CCC, the New Deal Program that employed thousands of young men during the Depression. He never stopped giving credit to the CCC for shaping his life.

After serving in the Navy during WWII, Holland attended college in Colorado earning undergraduate and graduate degrees. He taught several years in Nevada, Idaho and Nebraska before attending Oklahoma State University on a National Science Foundation scholarship where he earned a master's and doctorate in math. In 1963, he came to Sacramento City Unified School District where he developed the annual city-wide math competition that continues today. He retired in 1982 and began to devote more time to horseshoe pitching, a hobby he began as a teenager and got back into in 1977 when he joined the Sacramento Club.

Holland served two terms as club president and four years as NCHPA Charter Secretary/Treasurer. Among his many coveted horseshoe awards was winning the World Class B Title in Huntsville, Alabama. He helped coordinate many tournaments for the Sacramento Parks & Rec Dept. including Senior Games, Corporate Challenges, Police Olympics and FMCA

gatherings.

He always stressed the importance of higher education and sent 4 sons to college where all earned graduate degrees, two of them doctorates. Vida, his wife of 57 years, 4 sons, 8 grandchildren and a great-grandchild survive Holland.

MELVIN M "PETE" SEAGRAVES

Sept 29, 1914-Jan 17, 2000

North Carolina Horseshoes lost one of its early and great leaders with the death of Melvin Seagraves. Pete, as he was known, served as charter president from 1961-1966, a time when a great deal of leadership was needed. For ten years from 1961-1971, Pete also served as president of the Greensboro H.C. While only an average pitcher, Pete was a great person and a great leader. He was honored for these qualities by being inducted into the NCHPA Hall of Fame.

ELDON "BOB" STOWE

Jan 15, 1919-Sept 8, 1999

Bob Stowe passed away in Alabama at the age of 80 with complications from cancer and heart problems. Early in his 50-year pitching career, Bob was living in Missouri where he twice finished second in the State Championship. In the mid 1970's, he moved to Alabama, became a vice-president of the AHPA and won the Alabama State Championship three times, 1979-1981. Bob was inducted into the Alabama Hall of Fame in 1989.

ORVILLE THOMAS

Died Dec 17, 1999

Arizona reports the passing of Orville Thomas in Mesa, AZ on December 17. Orville had been a winter resident for 30 years and was very instrumental in the formation and upkeep of the Mesa Horseshoe Club. He had been ill for about a year prior to his death but his passing was still a surprise to many. Orville served the Arizona HPA and Mesa Club for years and was in 1989, inducted into the Arizona Hall of Fame. His wife Jean, a daughter and a brother survive him.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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MAY 2000

27-28 Music City Team Tournament—Joelton, TN. 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. 615-794-5620, fax 615-591-0833

27-29 Head-of-the-Mon-River—Fairmont, WV. \$5000 purse. Adult entry fee \$25, Juniors \$5. Added fee of \$25 for Championship Men & Women/Elder Classes. All entrants pay scorekeepers \$1/game. Pre-register by May 10 to TCHSC, 1133 Sunset Dr., Fairmont, WV 26554. Contact Tournament Director Beverly Tiano 304-366-7986 or Catfish Woodward, 304-366-3819.

JUNE 2000

10-11 Oregon Money Open—Hermiston, OR. Purse \$3500+. Adults only, entry fee \$20 plus \$5 additional for Class A. Mixed 30' groups. Pre-register by June 8. Contact Rick Rebman 541-567-8560.

16-18 Eastern Nationals—Erie, PA. Total purse \$3500+ with 150 adult entries. No gender mixed. Below 35% play 30 pt games. Women handicapped below Class "A". Entry fee \$35 for Class "A" men, all other adult classes \$25. Juniors free, deadline June 2nd. Entries to Erie Horseshoe Club, c/o Sally Siegel, 4147 Stanton St., Erie, PA 16510. Phone 814-825-0666

24-25 Valley of the Rogue—Rogue River, OR. Purse \$2000+. Entry fee \$35. Pre-register by June 22. All Mixed classes with pitchers playing both days in double round-robin. Contact Charles Anderson, 541-582-1456.

30-July 3 Ringer Classic—Greenville, OH. Large purse. Entry fee \$18 for Adults, Juniors free. Pre-register by June 17. Fee payable to Darke County HC. Send to Jerry Williams, 104 Belair Dr., Greenville, OH 45331. Phone 937-548-4586.

JULY 2000

14-16 Governor's WV Celebration 2000—Worthington Park, Marion County, WV. Purse \$3500 based on 136 Adult entries. Entry fee \$15, pre-register by July 3. Fees payable to AHP-MCPARC, mail to 508 Ohio Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554. Contact Charles M. Bunner, 403-366-7986.

15-16 Danville Open—Douglas Park, Danville, IL. Good prize money, free towel to all entrants. Separate 30' and 40' "A" classes. Entry fee \$16, deadline July 7th, Checks payable Danville H.C. send to Leo Bratland, 41 Country Club Dr., Danville, IL 61832. 217-443-5818

AUGUST 2000

July 31-Aug 12 NHPA World Tournament—Bismarck, ND. Entry fee \$100 adults, \$25 Juniors. Entry deadline May 18th. Must be on pre-printed form from this magazine or available from Charter secretary.

14 Midwest Senior Classic—Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA. Mixed play open to men and women age 60 and over by August 14th. \$1500+ prize money with everyone receiving at least minimum payback of entry fee. Send for flyer/entry form to LeRoy Law, 1788 NW 104th St., Clive, IA 50325. Phone 515-223-4274

SEPTEMBER 2000

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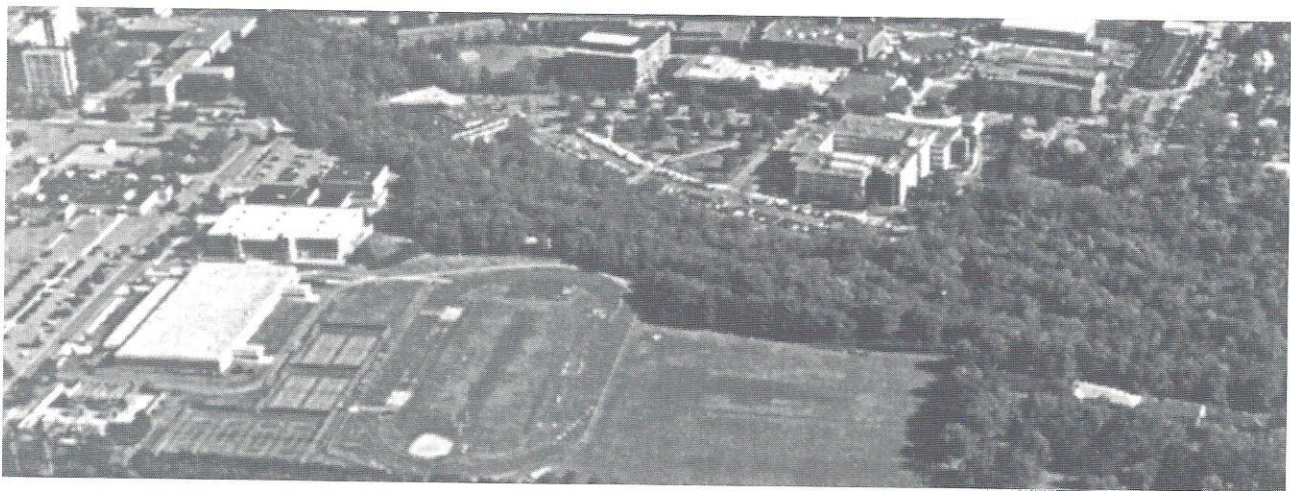
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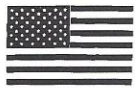
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