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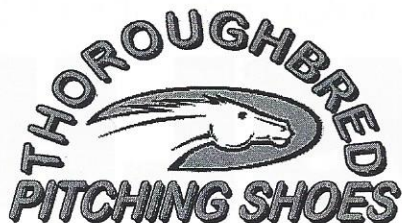
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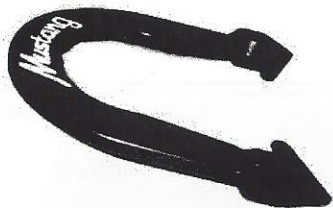


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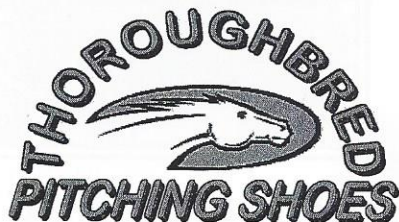
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Debbie Scully's scoresheet of Brian Simmons' perfect game January 6;
 Rita Sarbaugh, Sanctioned League Director of the Year.

OFFICER **CANDIDATES**

DAVE LOUCKS

President

Last year, I announced in the September/October issue of this magazine that after twelve years as Newsline Editor, I hoped to find a replacement editor and that I would probably not seek re-election if two or more candidates came forth to give the membership a voting choice. While I truly enjoy serving the association, the workload of both Editor and President had become a bit overwhelming, particularly with the addition of some NHPF responsibilities which by Foundation Bylaws, are tied to the NHPA President.

Since that time, things have sorted themselves out. A replacement Newsline Editor was found, many NHPA members asked that I reconsider and run again, and two new candidates have not come forth. Because I'm still enthused about serving the membership and doing all I can to better the NHPA, I am once again announcing my candidacy for re-election as your NHPA President.

I believe that my past efforts in your behalf have brought forth many new innovations and improvements to the NHPA. We are better organized, better prepared and better informed than any time in the history of the association. But there is still much that can be done and I hope you will allow me the opportunity to continue to lead the NHPA. Your vote of support at the 2001 Convention would be sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

JIM GORTH

President

Hello, my name is Jim Gorth and this is to let everybody know that I am going to seek the office of the President for NHPA in the election year 2001.

I currently reside in Apple Valley, California with my wife of 31 years, Carleen. We have one daughter and 3 grandchildren. I will be 57 years old in March of this year.

I have been a member of the Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association for 13 years of which the last 9 years I have served as

the 5th Vice President/Statistician. During this time I have had the opportunities to direct State tournaments when held in Southern California and assist in running and directing many other tournaments in and around California including Arizona and Nevada.

For the last four years I have assisted Glenn Jamieson at the World Tournaments in the computer room.

In 1999 I was elected to the S.C.H.P.A. Hall of Fame as an organizer, this is an honor that I cherish very dearly.

In Apple Valley we have a 34-court facility that I did the majority of the legwork and coordination on the Park and Recreation district to get built. This is the second largest facility in California.

I have an Engineering degree as well as a Business degree.

Currently I am semi retired after 28 years with Southern California Edison. During my 28 years with Edison I held various jobs from Mechanic to positions in warehouse and Financial Management.

After being retired for about 2 years I decided staying at home wasn't for me, so I am now a part time Project Engineer for an automotive crash test laboratory. Being part time affords me the time I need to do my horseshoe activities.

Born and raised in Western New York I began my association with horseshoes in the city park across the street from my house. One day I saw a gentleman pitching horseshoes and decided to go see what it was all about and this gentleman showed my how to hold and throw a shoe. We played 2 or 3 days a week after school. I didn't think much of it at the time and didn't find out until years later that this gentleman was Carl Steinfeldt.

Although not a world-class pitcher, I love the sport of horseshoe pitching for the association and interaction with the people in the sport. Horseshoe pitchers are a unique class of people and the many friends I have made over the years mean as much as the game.

I am running for President of NHPA

because I feel that it is time for change and believe that I can lead NHPA in the new millennium.

A vote for me will be a vote for you.

ALLEN A. BAPTIST

First Vice President

I would like to announce that I am running for re-election for the office of NHPA 1st Vice President. I have enjoyed my first term serving the NHPA membership. My first term has been very exciting and quite a learning experience. My responsibilities as Regional Director Chairman have been a great challenge for me. I would appreciate your vote so I may continue serving the NHPA membership.

LORRAINE STERNBERG

Third Vice President

I have just finished my first term in office and can't believe how fast it has gone by. I still have lots more that I would like to do and accomplish with the sanctioned league program. I have enjoyed my first two years in office, meeting so many new faces and working with the other officers. The sanctioned league program is growing and I would like to work to continue to see that it keeps growing. I would appreciate your support for re-election this year at the convention. Thank you.

PAUL STEWART

Fifth Vice President

I wish to announce my candidacy for re-election for the NHPA 5th Vice President position.

Given the opportunity and honor to serve you for another two years as your NHPA 5th Vice President, I can promise continued service and sincerity toward your enjoyment of our NHPA website and the growth of our horseshoe pitching sport.

I believe my horseshoe pitching experience and continued dedication as an officer will justify your confidence in me. As a candidate for NHPA 5th Vice President, I respectfully ask for your vote.

World mens champion Brian Simmons christened the New Year of 2001 by pitching a perfect game on the indoor courts at East Hartford, Connecticut January 6, the home of the Central Connecticut Horseshoe Club. He left a rather unlikely irony in its wake, 26 straight ringers against New York's Art Tyson, himself a world class performer, close friend and frequent competitor. Would you believe a year ago on these same courts (Feb. 22, 2000) Tyson pitched a perfect game?

Simmons of Coventry, Rhode Island, and formerly Vernon, Ct., had 30 consecutive ringers in all spread out over three games. In an earlier game of what is called the "Brian Simmons Open" Simmons was 27-28, a sizzling 96.43%! Simmons is featured in this issue with his "Tips From The Champions."

Brian didn't realize he was pitching a 100% game until he felt all the eyes on him and became aware of the silence. But he managed the nerves and finished the game to the applause of the spectators and competitors on all 8 courts, notes former womens world champion Debby Michaud of Massachusetts, who also has a perfect game on record.

Scorekeeper Debbie Scully's account is reproduced on the Newsline's cover.

Brian went on to win in the finals with an 83% average for the day for over 400 shoes. Now a Rhode Island resident, Brian is able to practice his 1 1/4 turn with his Ted Allens in a heated barn in Coventry. He is exuding confidence at this point.

Tyson's perfecto last year was a 22-shoe game against John Kapnis. CCHC tourney director Don Beck notes there was a third notable game played on these same courts. Walter Ray Williams, Jr. edged Tyson 37-34 in 120 shoes, connecting for 100 ringers to Art's 99, 83.3 % to 82.8 a few years ago.

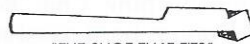
Records for games pitched in regular season play are kept separate from world tournament competition, and the perfect game joins an ever-growing list. Art joins another great player who both pitched a perfect game and was the victim of another. The one I am thinking about is Bob West, North Dakota and Oregon. In 1978 he was blanked 51-0 by Walter Ray in the Oregon Open at Hermiston, the

longest perfect game on record, 56 shoes. West ranks ninth among the alltime World Tournament leaders in won-loss percentage, .745 in nine championship participations. An 18-time state champion in two states, West finished an impressive third in the World twice--in 1970 and 1973 with records of 30-5 and 28-7. He

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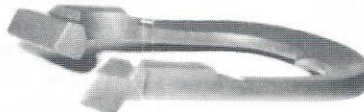
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Shoes with hardened points, that hit the stake in this manner when flipped, have a tendency to jump away from the stake and spin to the rear, out of scoring range.

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Loucks

One of the real success stories of our association is the NHPA Website domain, www.horse-shoepitching.com. It is surprising to me however that this site seemingly remains an unknown to the greater number of our membership. Those that read this magazine of course know about it as do others but I am often amazed by the number of members that claim no knowledge of it when asked. While this article itself will not expose a greater number to the website, it is my hope that it will broaden the circle of knowledge about it and how it came to exist.

Like most NHPA projects, it was the interest and dedication of a small group of individuals that made the website a reality. We all take too many things for granted and the NHPA website is no exception. I therefore want to explain how the site came to be and how it operates today. My full purpose is to acknowledge those who work

behind the scenes for the benefit of us all.

The original four that set up the website were David Sullivan from Texas, Duane Goodrich of Kansas, Billie Sue Pennington of California, now a Florida resident and Paul Stewart of North Carolina.

The interest began in late 1995 when there were 3 horseshoe related sites on the web. They were the Indiana site developed by Terry Sears, a Kansas site by Duane Goodrich and Dave Sullivan's North Texas Ringer website. There was also a Web Broadcasting Horseshoe Pitching Chat Room that had been set up by Terry Sears. It was in this chat room where the original four along with Terry began the talk about a national horseshoe pitching website.

Billie Sue was at first interested in learning how to build a website for Northern California. The three who already had developed sites provided

assistance as Billie was learning HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) codes. After the Northern California site was up and running, Billie Sue and David started to discuss an official NHPA site that would contain basic things like pitching rules, where to find courts, how to get started and such. The two knew Duane could add valuable information and started to pick his brain. They also realized they would need the blessing of the NHPA through 5th VP Paul Stewart who I had appointed to head up and oversee a website feasibility study.

The project began with an outline that Billie Sue and David had developed. Terry Sears who may have been the first NHPA pioneer in website development was asked to join in but his schedule of coaching and teaching school was taking so much time that he was unable to take an active part. Soon

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DAVE'S COURT REPORT

■ NHPA membership gained some 200 last year, which stopped a seven-year slide that had been averaging a decline of about 250 per year. The unofficial total was 12,847.

■ Past NHPA 1st Vice President and Hall of Fame Chairman, Earl Winston, who recently underwent successful cancer surgery is now home and undergoing chemo treatments. We all wish you well Earl.

■ Men's World Champion, Brian Simmons, recently pitched a perfect game of 26 ringers against Art Tyson of New York. The match took place in January at the Central Connecticut Indoor Courts.

■ The Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association, a charter member of the NHPA, has officially challenged a motion and delegate decision made at the 2000 W.T. Convention. The SCHPA believes the motion to donate one year's interest earned on the NHPA Money Market Account to the NHPF is a violation of Roberts Rules of Order. They have requested the monthly donation be stopped and all monies already donated be returned. While my interpretation of Roberts Rules differs from that of the SCHPA in this instance, I do not claim to be an expert. I have therefore referred the matter with related written material to the office of a Professional Registered Parliamentarian for a written opinion on the complaint. The opinion will be published in the next Newsline and the NHPA will abide by that official statement.

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after, it became obvious that David also couldn't give the time that was needed and he stepped aside. That left just the two, Billie Sue and Duane to design and build the site with Paul there to approve all the things that it would contain. The three became the first NHPA "website administrators"

Duane was the primary technical mind behind the project while Billie Sue was the "idea" person. After the big success of posting the Kitchener World Tournament results on the site, it was decided to start work on getting individual NatStat averages posted. Duane started working with NatStats director Glenn Jamieson and they figured out a system to get the files to Duane who then had to divide and separate the huge file into a Text file for each charter. Enter Kevin Smith of Michigan who volunteered to help by using Microsoft Excel to separate the big file into the individual charter text files. Kevin processed the first few NatStats that were posted to the site but it quickly became obvious that it was a great deal of work and too time consuming. Walter Ray Williams Jr., was then contacted and asked if he could write a program that would do the task faster. He did and his program cut the time from hours to just a few minutes. This is the program that is still used by Paul Stewart every week to convert the big NatStats file into separate text files for each charter which Paul then uploads to the page.

Duane Goodrich decided to step down from his charter and website duties toward the end of 1999. At the time, Steve Summerlin of Michigan was assisting Billie Sue with the Publicity page of the website and was involved with several charter sites he had developed. It was decided to appoint Steve

the "Webmaster" of the NHPA site, which was still operating thru Geocities. Discussion ensued about establishing our own domain and Billie Sue contacted a California friend, Ed Smith. Ed volunteered to get

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT by Allen Baptist

NOTICE TO REGIONAL DIRECTORS

The World Tournament seems like it's a long way away, but it will be here before you know it. Last year in Bismarck, it seems like we had an excessive amount of horseshoes that needed to be ground, either to make weight or to fit in the shoe gauge. I would like to ask all RDs that have access to a gauge and or a scale, to bring them to some tournaments and have the pitchers check their horseshoes to make sure that they are legal. This would sure make the shoe checks in Hibbing go a lot smoother.

FROM THE MAIL BAG

Jim Shilling, Indiana RD reports that he has over 100 people pitching every week, four nights a week at his Classic City Indoor Courts. This is Jim and his wife, Cam's 16th year with their indoor facility. Jim and Cam's great facility is located in Spencerville, Indiana.

Ron Deckard, Florida RD reports that they have a new horseshoe court facility located in Oviedo, Florida. The new facility has 12 clay courts with full walkways. Ron says that Byron Jarrett is the Tournament director and is the per-

son responsible for contacting and working with the city of Oviedo to get this new facility built. Oviedo had their grand opening tournament on Saturday, November 11, 2000.

Ron Kindrick, Alabama/Mississippi RD reports that Alabama is in the process of adding new courts. The new courts already have tournaments planned for 2001. They also expect to bring in 20 to 30 new members to pitch on the courts.

Gail Sluys, N. California RD reports that the Tri-Valley Horseshoe Club has new courts. They are still at the fairgrounds but in a different part. It will consist of 16 courts. Gail states that they have a new horseshoe club, called Placer. This was put in motion by Don Titcomb's hard work. N. California is also welcoming back the Forbay Park Club, which has beautiful courts in Placerville.

Fred Briand, S. California RD reports that he is planning to retire in July of 2001. Fred, who is 60 years old, has a goal of attending 60 tournaments and pitching 60%! Boy, am I jealous! I'd like to pitch in 45 tournaments at 45%.

Rick Rebman, Oregon/Idaho RD reports that Oregon had a great year with pitchers attending more tournaments. The Hermiston Club has installed new backboards on their 25 courts. The city paid for the wood and the club furnished the labor and angle iron.

David Spears, Idaho ARD reports that they held fewer tournaments in 2000 but they did pick up a few more tournaments in Pocatello and Chester Whitworth. Dave says that these two cities are coming on strong for their charter!

Monty Roberts, Kentucky RD reports that he has sanctioned eight new indoor courts for the Ohio-Kentucky Horseshoe Club.

HALL OF FAME NOTE

by Earl Winston

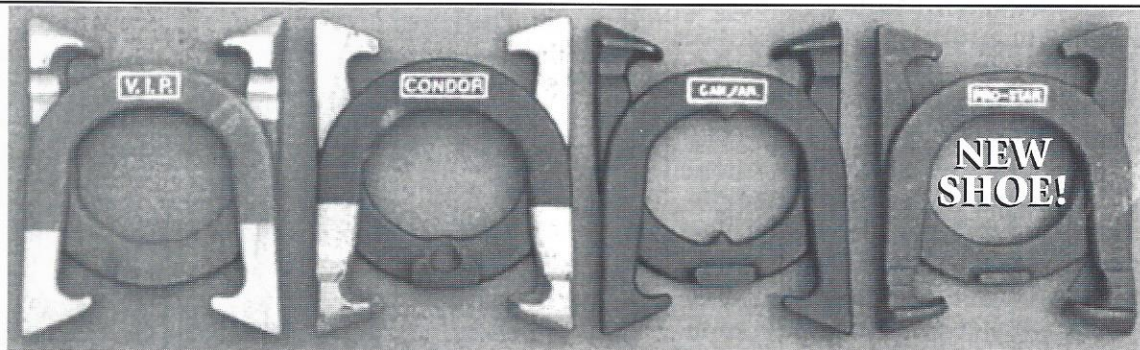
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SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE NEWS by Lorraine Sternberg

I would first of all like to congratulate all those who made the top Ten List. This year I have added on a division for 80' men. You will also note that due to the fact that I have extended the deadline for the Top Ten to December 15th, it will now first be printed in the March-April issue.

Two of the outstanding pitchers this year were Jim Walters of Ohio and Dustin Dahl of Wisconsin. Jim, in the Men's Division pitched the highest game of 94%. In the Junior Boy's Division, Dustin pitched the highest game of 92%. Dustin was also the only one in the Top Ten that placed 1st in all of his categories.

This past year we had an outstanding number of juniors that submitted for the NHPA Scholarships. I hope to see these numbers grow to even more this coming year. There were a total of 29 students that submitted. After reviewing all of the forms, there were eight ineligible, not in compliance with Red Book requirements. In the past January/February issue of newslines, Heidi Sternberg, Jr. Promotion Director listed all the requirements for the Scholarship. Please read over these requirements before submitting juniors from your club. For more information and forms

on the scholarship program you can contact me.

Because of the large number of students that submitted this year the council voted on giving out six scholarships at \$200 each rather than the four usually given out. These six also received a plaque along with the \$200 scholarship.

Those that received scholarships and plaques for 1999-2000 were: Molly Koppes of Brooklynn Park Jr. league, MN., with a grade point average of 4.18. Kayla Larson, Alexandria Wed. Night Lg., MN., a grade point average of 3.94. Colette Cave, Tri County HSPA, MN., grade point average of 3.91. Scott Sager, Sweetwater County HSC., WY., a grade point average of 3.85. Travis Frey, Minot Jr. Log., ND., grade point average of 3.80. Rebecca Moore, Try County HSPA., OH., with a grade point average of 3.74.

Those that received Honorable Mention were given a certificate and patch. They are: Mark Strand, Sheyenne Valley Jr. Lg., ND., Tim Keudson, Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN., Michael Sperk, Wells Park Thurs. Night Lg., IL., Jared Ronningen, Sheyenne Valley Jr. Lg., ND., Garret Gjesdal, Sheyenne Valley Jr. Lg., ND., Stephanie Hagen, Sheyenne Valley Jr. Lg., ND., Tiffany



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Congratulations to all of these fine students and pitchers! I also want to congratulate Rita Sarbaugh, of the Try County Club, Ohio, for being my choice for sanctioned league director of the year. (Refer to page 29).

Good pitching to everyone in the coming season!

SANCTIONED LEAGUE 2000 TOP TEN NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED DISTANCE HIGH POINT AVERAGE

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH.	125.66
2.	Don Wild	North Weld, CO.	123.13
3.	Lois Webster	Madison Co., KY.	121.14
4.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO.	120.83
5.	Stan Griggs	Kansas City Heart of America, MO.	118.97
6.	Rick Cale	Kahrig's Indoor, OH.	118.15
7.	Connie Filley	Red River Valley, ND.	116.93
8.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN.	116.83
9.	Jim Cooper	Arledge's, OH.	113.78
10.	John Walters	Troy, OH.	113.70

HIGH POINT GAME

1.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH.	144
2.	Lois Webster	Madison Co., KY.	139
3.	Don Wild	North Weld, CO.	138
4.	Rick Cale	Kahrig's Indoor, OH.	137
5.	Stan Griggs	Kansas City Heart of America, MO.	135

6.	Carrie Carpenter	Bradenton, FL.	134
7.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO.	134
8.	Connie Filley	Red River Valley, ND.	133
9.	Roy Hunt	Black Swamp, OH.	133
10.	Lor. Sternberg	Goldendale, WI.	133

HIGH POINT OVER AVERAGE

1.	Ray Starkey	Denver Metro, CO.	47.76
3.	Cori Wemhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE.	40.22
3.	Brady Craven	Liberty, MO.	40.00
4.	Steven Sisson	Loon Pond, MA.	39.89
5.	Kevin Shields	Central Ct., CT.	39.47
6.	Roy Hunt	Black Swamp, OH.	37.71

7.	Pat Wemhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE.	37.28
8.	Ken Suher	Denver Metro, CO.	37.00
9.	Wilbur Hodgson	Liberty, MO.	36.37
10.	Eug. Applehans	Crane Creek Ringers, MO.	35.65

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH.	77.48%
2.	Lois Webster	Madison CO, KY.	75.62%
3.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO.	75.06%
4.	Bev Hathe	Tri-County, MN.	74.95%
5.	Stan Griggs	Kansas City Heart of America, MO.	73.00%
6.	Connie Filley	Red River Valley, ND.	72.67%
7.	Joan Elmore	Upper Cumberland, TN.	72.33%
8.	Rick Cale	Kahrig's Indoor, OH.	71.71%
9.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN.	70.00%
10.	Thomas Decker	New Cumberland, PA.	68.97%

MEN'S DIVISION-40' DISTANCE

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Brans Miller	Winchester, VA.	77.69
2.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH.	77.48
3.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO.	75.06
4.	Stan Griggs	Kansas City Heart of America, MO.	73.00
5.	Rick Cale	Kahrig's Indoor, OH.	71.77
6.	Thomas Decker	New Cumberland, PA.	68.97
7.	John Walters	Troy, OH.	68.40
8.	Craig Zuehlke	AVF Downers Grove, IL.	67.50
9.	Brad Barger	New Cumberland, PA.	67.26
10.	Darrell Brock	Shenandoah Valley, VA.	66.67

HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH.	94.0
2.	Branson Miller	Winchester, VA.	93.3
3.	Rick Cale	Kahrig's Indoor, OH.	88.0
4.	Noah Roach	Clauduis Crozet, VA.	88.0
5.	Darrell Taulbee	Classic City, IN.	86.7
6.	Stan Griggs	Kansas City Heart of America, MO.	86.0
7.	Roy Hunt	Black Swamp, OH.	86.0
8.	Ralph Guffey	New Castle, IN.	85.0
9.	Craig Zuehlke	AVF Downers Grove, IL.	85.0
10.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO.	84.0
10.	John Martin	Arledge's, OH.	84.0

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	Lawrence Lantz	Classic City, IN.	36.99
2.	Paul Helderbrand	New Castle, IN.	34.30
3.	Jim Beyer	Brooklyn Park, MN.	34.29
4.	Art Cye	Shreveport, LA.	34.25
5.	Brady Craven	Liberty, MO.	33.30
6.	Doug Busch	Classic City, IN.	33.09
7.	John Gamble	Classic City, IN.	32.19
8.	Dale Morrison	Shreveport, LA.	31.82
9.	Roy Hunt	Black Swamp, OH.	31.73
10.	Gary Dearborn	Gate City Clanger, NH.	31.67

MEN'S DIVISION-30' DISTANCE

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN.	70.00
2.	Don Wild	Denver Metro, CO.	68.14
3.	Clayton Gage	Close Doesn't Count, WI.	64.50
4.	Milton Vinson	Stone Mountain, GA.	64.19
5.	Joe Rinehart	New Cumberland, PA.	63.89
6.	Marv Meyer	Rochester, MN.	62.90

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TIPS FROM THE CHAMPIONS

(First of a 3-part series)

by Sylvianne Moisan,
2000 Womens WC

When I was asked by Lloyd Killgore to contribute in a column "Tips from the Champions", my first reaction was "what will I tell?" Being often described as "a natural", I felt I wouldn't have many tips to give. Because I have a hard time explaining why I play horseshoes. However, after some digging I did come up with something that I hope will be interesting and will help a few people.

I thought I should start by telling how I got involved in the game and the environment that contributed to making a good pitcher out of me. I was born July 21, 1966 in St-Raymond, in the French speaking province of Quebec (with English being my second language I relied on my husband for the translation of this text). I'm a middle child, having an older brother Steeve, and a younger sister Pascale. My mother Angeline Moisan was an avid horseshoe pitcher, participating in local and regional tournaments held in conjunction with fairs in Portneuf county. Angeline played partner with her sister Diane Cantin. They won numerous trophies together in the 1970s. My father Roger Moisan did not play, but his children all pitched.

THE BEGINNING: I can say that I was pushed to pitch horseshoes, my mother almost grabbing me by the arm to follow her to tournaments. As a teenager - I was 11 years-old when I started to play - I would have rather done something else. I ended up playing in those tournaments, filling in for missing players on a team. I had early successes, winning in the B or consolation class quite often. I remember one of these tournaments: I was 12 or 13 and played doubles with my sister, who was 5 years younger and could hardly reach the peg with the shoes. Between games, my sister was walking among the crowd of spectators and players and kept saying she would win the tournament because her sister was good. It was so funny. By the way, we did win, the B class of course because my mom and aunt won the A. In those tournaments I remember seeing as many as 120 teams! The format was knock-out and games were usually 21 points, 5

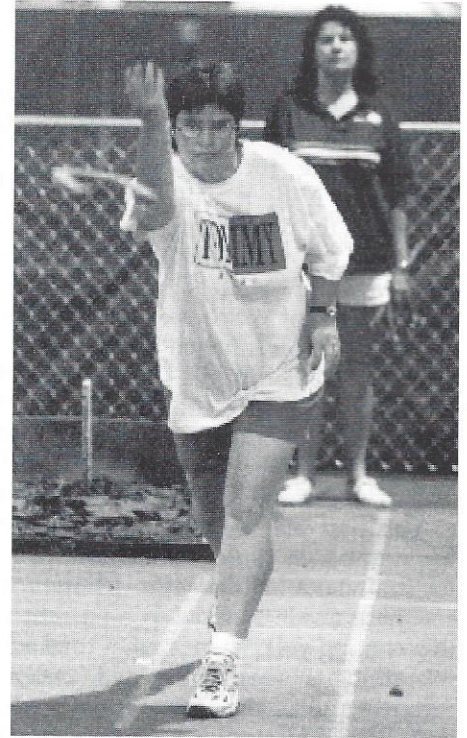
points a ringer!

I should say that as a teenager I also played in a women's hockey league four years. The fourth year we reached the finals of a tournament and two of our players left by ambulance following severe body checks! I don't like roughness in any sports or aspects of life so I quit hockey... I also played basketball, baseball and broomball...

I'm rarely slow in anything, but I very slowly and gradually liked horseshoes. I liked the social and fun, especially those doubles tournaments. However, I probably learned to appreciate the fact it's an individual sport. I never liked to practice, but loved competition.

HIGHER LEVELS OF COMPETITION:

For our family, the first competitions with the Quebec provincial horseshoe association came in 1980. Again the events were mostly doubles except for the singles championship... Those doubles I still played in the B class and had lots of fun. More serious pitching started for me in 1984 when at the end of the year I reached A class and then played mostly singles. In the meantime, I saw my first Quebec and Canadian championships in 1981. In 1982, I met my eventual husband, a tall and thin guy named Andre Leclerc, whose sister Helene Leclerc became my friend. In 1983, I was a junior girl. Up until then I had played only in sand! Then my first world tournament appearance came in 1985. I was hooked for good. Clay really improved my game. I guess seeing where the shoe lands allows you to adjust your throws consciously or not. Me and Andre started to date each other at the end of 1983. The following year we traveled a lot more to play: our first Silver Shoe tournament in Ottawa, then the Canadian championships in Regina, Saskatchewan where I finished 9th in the women's division. I reached my best with the flip shoe, playing with Gordons, during the summer of 1984. My high tournament average was in the mid-60s. Feeling pain in my shoulder, and feeling I was reaching a top, Andre coaxed me to try the 1 and 1/4 turn. Pitching with Allens, I averaged 54% in my first tournament with that turn, a month after I had played the flip at the Quebec provincial championship. The next summer, I pitched my best tourna-



ment ever at the World Tournament, averaging 68.5% and barely missing the championship group. Since then I improved that personal high on eight occasions (all in clay), the last time at the 2000 Greenville Ringer Classic with 86.1 Four out of the first five improvements happened at the World or Canadian championships.

So it is a euphemism to say that major competitions contributed to improve my game. Strong Quebec competitions pushed me also: Diane Cantin, Angeline Moisan, Doris Bilodeau, Helene and Solange Leclerc, and later Annie Coté. For instance, the Quebec provincial championship (in sand), equivalent to your State championships, once featured 17 women over 50%, including eight over 60% and four women over 70%! That was in 1987, when Diane came back from the World tournament where she'd lost the playoff to Sandy McLachlin-Janssens. She finished 3rd in the Quebec provincials behind Doris and Helene. At the 1997 World Tournament, 4 Quebec women finished in the top 11! While I won the Canadian championships 5 times (1988, 1991, 1995, 1997, 1999), I actually never won the Quebec Provincial singles.

More of Sylvianne Moisan's story will appear in the next issue of Newslines.

**by Brian Simmons,
2000 Mens WC**

I want to thank you for asking me for a few tips. I am honored. Well let's see where do I start? As most of you know I throw a 1 1/4 turn. I use Ted Allens as I feel these are the easiest shoes to learn how to throw a turn. I use a "hammer grip" but hold the shoe loosely. I try to line my body up in the middle of the platform as it gives you room to move either to the right or to the left when missing the pin to the right or left.

I was always taught by my father to move the way that you are missing the pin. The same way that you would in bowling, as you line up on the alley.

The key factor I find for myself which has made me a top pitcher and World Champion for 2000, is dedication to the game. This takes a lot of practice and setting a goal for yourself. I practice 3-4 times per week and approx. 1-3 hours a day or 200-300 shoes. If pitching alone, stop for 20 seconds in between throws as if you are pitching against someone. This way you don't get into a set rhythm all the time. I never pitch four shoes at once. I only use just one pair and practice and concentrate as if you were pitching a tournament.

Another factor for pitching is that I concentrate on my release point only. I find if you can release your shoe chest high, and in the middle of your chest, you'll have perfect height for the shoe and your alignment for the pin. You've already released the shoe, waist high, but thinking of your chest helps your release point as well as follow-through. A correct follow-through will help improve your game.

Always try to find a shoe which fits your liking and feels comfortable in your hand. Don't try to copy anyone else's style. Perfect your own and don't be afraid of trying different things like your stance and step. I bend at the knees a little and start out by leaning slightly forward. My left foot is about 2 inches in back of my right foot as I am right handed and have a very long stride. I stay low to the ground as this gives me a more direct throw at the pin, releasing my shoe at chest height with a good follow-through.



While pitching in a tournament you must have mind set. This is very important along with strong concentration. If you don't have this you'll pitch poorly most likely. You have to learn to shut everyone and everything out. You should just be concentrating on the pin.

It takes dedication, practice and time to become a real good pitcher. My father once said to me that you'd only be as good as what you want to be. Set a goal for yourself and practice, practice, practice. Don't be afraid to try something different or experiment on different things.

Good Luck and more ringers to you!!



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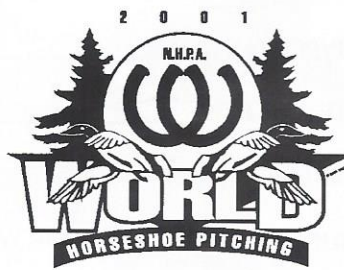
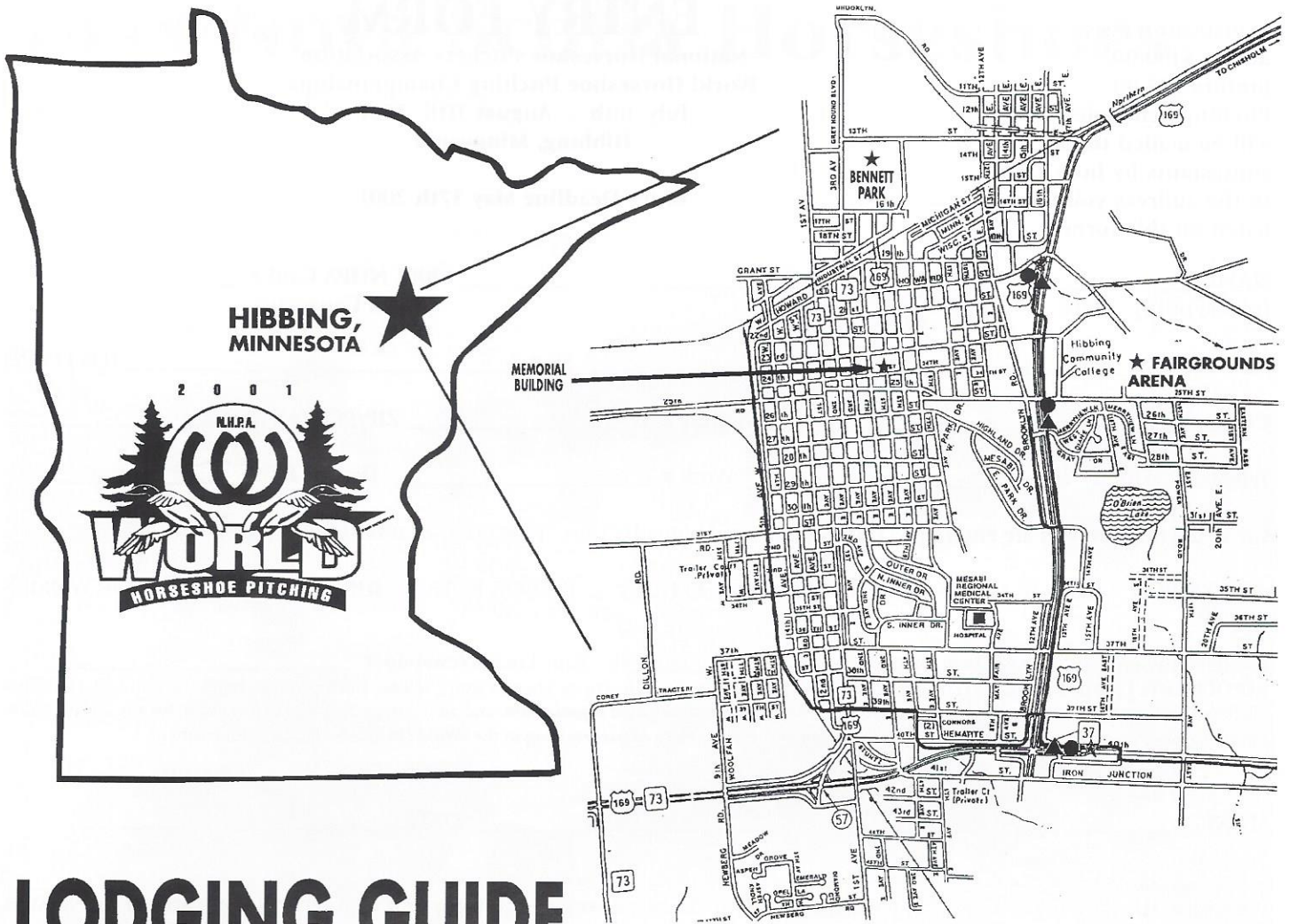
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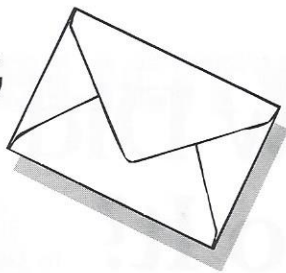
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Thank You For The Prayers

Earl and I would like our friends in horseshoes to know how much the e-mail messages, cards and phone calls have meant as he recuperates from his surgery. For those who didn't know, Earl underwent surgery for colon cancer at a Kansas City hospital on Jan. 18th. Quite a large malignant tumor had almost completely blocked the lower end of the colon. He came home on January 25th and is making good progress in his recovery. He will be undergoing more tests and he will have some follow-up chemo treatments in the weeks ahead. Not all news has been bad. The surgeon said the tumor was not as bad as he had feared and CAT scans do not find any signs of cancer in the liver.

We thank all who have been praying for both of us and we won't mind a bit if your prayers continue. God has seen Earl safely through the surgery and has kept me safe during my trips back and forth to Kansas City. Wonderful friends

and relatives have assisted with cattle chores and have provided help and comfort in many ways. We will be awaiting the day when we can once again return to the horseshoe courts and we want you all to be there too, SO ... here is a bit of advice. If you haven't had a recent colonoscopy, do yourself a favor and schedule an appointment. You could save yourself a lot of grief. Take it from some friends who have learned the hard way.

A friend in horseshoes,
Vicki Winston

From Wisconsin

Just a note to relay thanks for all the people that remembered me while I was recuperating from my heart attack and by-pass surgery. It was great to be remembered by so many. I am back to work and look forward to seeing you all at World.

Thanks ...
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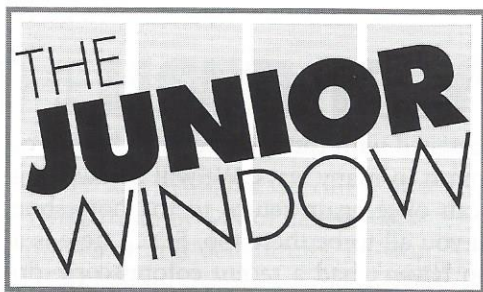
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How Did They Do It?

by Heidi Sternberg

Last year around this time I sent out a questionnaire to the Junior Charter Directors and Junior League Coordinators asking them "How did they do it?". Here is what they had to say, maybe it will give you the motivation you need to start up your charter youth program or local sanction junior league! I am asking that ALL charter presidents make it a priority THIS YEAR, to elect or appoint a Charter Youth Director. If you are willing to promote the game of horseshoes, we need to start with the youth! We need everyone to help out!

JUNIOR LEAGUE DIRECTOR QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. Number of Shoes per Game:

30 - we tried 30, 40, and 50 but 30 shoe games worked the best. - *Ault Jr. H. C., Diana Danielson*

2. Format of Play:

Singles/Teams - we have the juniors pitch for themselves against 3 or 4 opponents for the night. We keep track of wins for team championship at the end of the year. We have short distance (< 30') and 30' distance and divide into 2 groups: Long/Short. - *Close Doesn't Count, WI, Jane Smith*

3. How did you start your league?

We advertised it through a local recreation association that serves K-8th grade in our area. We opened it up to 3-8th graders. - *Ault Jr. H. C., Diana Danielson*

My father introduced me to the sport as a junior, I joined the Brooklyn Park adult league in 1989. I started the Junior League in 1992 with 3 juniors. Now we have around 25! - *Brooklyn Park, MN Jr. H. C., Jessica Dunn*

Our local school had horseshoes in Phy. Ed. We advertised and started a league. - *Bureau Valley Jr. League, IL, Frank Yohn*

There is a need for more junior pitchers nationwide and it starts in our own backyards. We had Tuesday evenings free and interested juniors so the league began. We also have the support of a local community (Centuria) and youth sports organization who donates \$100-150 for shirts or shoes every year. - *Close Doesn't Count, WI, Jane Smith*

4. What suggestions would you give someone who is looking to start a junior league?

We have advertised in the local park and recreations calendar to recruit players. - *Brooklyn Park, MN Jr. H. C., Jessica Dunn*

Work through your schools in the Phy. Ed. Department. We have about 60-75 7th, 8th, and 9th graders participating in the Phy. Ed. Class that use the courts for 2 weeks each spring. I usually pick up about 4-8 new juniors for the sum-

mer program from these classes. Our school has been very cooperative to do this for about 10-12 years now. Last season we had 25 sanctioned juniors in our league. We get businesses to sponsor teams for \$20. We purchase trophies with this money. We charge the juniors \$5 which is the NHPA membership dues. The club pays the remainder of the expenses for the juniors. - *Cooperstown, ND, Paul Hagen*

Don't give up if there are only a few juniors starting out. It can blossom. One kid brought in five others one year. Two are still pitching after four years! - *Sunflower H.C., Gregg Turner*

CHARTER YOUTH DIRECTOR QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. How do you promote Junior Pitching within your state?

We are currently starting an Adopt-A-Junior program, asking members to mentor a junior, taking him or her to tournaments, paying entry fees, etc. - *Dale Ferguson, Illinois*

I work with the middle school students in the Phy. Ed. Class for about 1 week every year. I show them the different turns and explain scoring and rules. Most of the time is spent letting them throw. There are on average about 180 students. I stress the fact that everybody can play the game. You don't have to be big, strong, fast, smart or an athlete. I also have at least one tournament at Gladbrook every year and I get about 15-24 juniors. I have done an exhibition at the State Fair for the past three years in which I feature juniors pitching and this seems to attract the crowds. I have also spoken to the Lions club. - *Dennis Smith, Iowa*

2. If you have a scholarship fund how does your state raise money?

We charge members a \$1.00 fee at all sanctioned tournaments. - *Dale Ferguson, Illinois*

90% raffles and 10% Junior Scholarship Tournament held every spring. - *Tom Steinke, Wisconsin*

To this point we have used funds acquired through dues and sale of horseshoe clothing and patches. - *Larry Hoyt, North Dakota*

3. What suggestions would you give someone who is looking to start a Junior Charter in his or her state?

Make it the responsibility of a Vice President to start raising money for scholarships or to head up the committee. - *Tom Steinke, Wisconsin*

4. How did you form your Junior Program?

My husband and I invited our children's friends over for a fun day of pitching horseshoes and food. We signed eleven up on the first time and drove them to our tournaments. - *Shelia Bolick, North Carolina*

OVERCOMING THE ODDS

Growing up on a Native reservation in Canada gave Sheila McGrath her natural introduction to sports. In a community with very few amenities, sports played on the natural lay of the land was the only outlet. Sheila remembers with humour trying, for the first time, to skate with figure skates. She was nineteen and had used hockey skates all her life! True to her personality, Sheila had the picks filed smooth.

In 1977, she encountered the sport of horseshoe pitching for the first time at a local park where she took her children. She gravitated towards those clanking sounds and became fascinated. Bitten by the bug, she bought horseshoes, put a couple of pegs in the ground in her yard (with no idea of distance) and started to throw. She states that at first, she seriously considered getting a dog to retrieve the horseshoes from all over the yard! She then found and contacted the Scarborough Horseshoe League and started pitching with them. First night with two different brands of horseshoes - 27%!

Her first memory of a "big" tournament was a doubles tournament the following winter. Mary Spooner Archer asked her to be her partner. Determined to do her best for the current Canadian Ladies' Champion, Sheila practiced to average 50%. Mary became a good friend and they shared many a game, in good competition and fun.

As Sheila progressed, she recorded the highest percentages in Canada but couldn't win championships. But in 1983 she won the first of her 7 provincial championships and was thrilled to become the Canadian Ladies' Champion in 1990. In that time her one perfect game was against good friend Mary Archer.

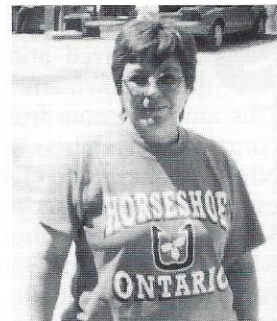
All of this was accomplished as she raised her family of five children. She had stopped teaching elementary school and special education in a girls' reform school to raise her family. She now has four grandchildren from her surviving three children.

Sheila has great energy and is a very positive person. This belies the fact that she has experienced some very difficult circumstances. Losing two children when they were only 12 & 11 years of age is something every parent fears but was a reality for Sheila. A grandchild has also been diagnosed with autism and is receiving therapy. But her personal battle has been with the chronic illness of Multiple Sclerosis after being diagnosed with it in 1994. Before the diagnosis, Sheila had episodes in tournaments where she faltered and couldn't let go of the horseshoe, where she had no co-ordination and no strength. She feared the worst, a brain tumor, so the MS diagnosis was a kind of relief BUT it meant a major life change.

She first confided to one person and that was Stan Leis, a close friend from Kitchener (she was from Toronto at that time). Stan is now her constant companion and a source of strength and encouragement. They play in a winter league in Wellesley and in the 1999-2000 season Sheila edged out Stan for the highest average. Her practice now consists of visualization, a proven method of effective practice and a must for Sheila to practice without overdoing. When she warms up to actually pitch, recalling visions from weekly practice sessions ensures pitching correctly while conserving energy.

Few who saw Sheila visit the World Tournament in Kitchener, Ontario on crutches can forget then seeing her compete in the Womens' Championship Group in the heat of the 1998 & 1999 World Tournaments in Ainsworth, Nebraska and Greenville, Ohio. The 1998 tournament was especially exciting as she won 7 games and finished 9th, better than she ever did before her illness. Many times Sheila must consider dropping out of tournaments because of physical limitations but her positive energy and "never give up" attitude keep her going long after others would have quit. I personally will never forget her comment during the final day of qualifying in Greenville when her vision was so blurry she couldn't see the stake but still managed to make it into the championship group. She said, "Well, I figure I've been pitching long enough to know where the stake is so I just aimed there."

Sheila also has a very positive impression of the women who pitch horseshoes today. She states, "There are so many talented and devoted horseshoe pitchers today. The women approach the game with great talent and preparation. It's always so fascinating to sit back and witness the finesse that they display in competition." Her greatest admiration is for



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NHPF NEWS & CONTRIBUTION UPDATE by Dave Loucks

Since our last update, \$4,517.29 was received and deposited to the endowment fund account. This amount came from 59 member contributions plus the November NHPA Money Market Account interest. We ended the year 2000 with \$37,867.07 in contributions received, which included \$13,900 from the combination of Joelton Court fees, MMA interest and the Hall of Fame Banquet. Just \$23,967 came from member donations.

The NHPF information brochure,

which we started mailing to NHPA members in November, was responsible for a large number of the individual contributions mentioned below. As we did not finish mailing this brochure to all households until February, it is expected that contributions for the first quarter of this year will show an increase.

Everyone who has supported the NHPF this past year and before is extended heartfelt thanks from the Foundation Directors. We hope that you and the charter newsletters will

continue to spread the word. Every donation check brings us that much closer to being able to start construction on the NHPA Hall of Fame and beginning the educational and promotion programs required by our charitable status. As always, your contribution is tax deductible and will be greatly appreciated. Your check made out to the NHPF can be mailed to P.O.Box 159027, Nashville, TN 37215 or to the NHPF Treasurer, 6233 Woodman Dr., Oroville, CA 95966.

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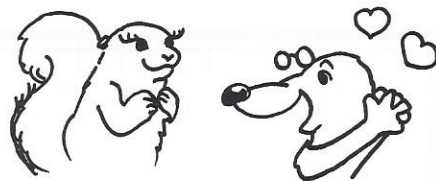
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ALABAMA

(AHPA by Jim Harris)-Jerome McCarty won the 2000 Alabama state mens title. The womens title was won by Sheila Yancey. Kenneth Hatchcock was the Junior Boys champion.

In 2001 the state doubles will be held in Huntsville Aug. 18 and the state singles in Montgomery Sept. 15.

The Alabama HP Hall of Fame was established in 1977. Selection is made on the basis in either of two categories-as a pitcher or an organizer/promoter. A person must be an NHPA/AHPA member a minimum of ten years. The present members are Ottie Reno, W.A. Nelson, Ose Veeseey, Charles Glant, Johnnio Mullican, Bob Stowe, Walker Shaneyfelt, Jack Henderson, Jim Harris, Fred Betterton, Bill Calhoun, James Conaway and Bobby Holland.

In the year 2000 Alabama had 84 members, highest ever. Among out-of-state pitchers Floyd Maxwell of Tennessee competed the most, 18 tournaments. The Jackson Gap area has done real well this year with getting new pitchers. Congrats to Jim Pritchard and all of the folks there.

The passing of Bobby Holland leaves a giant void in Alabama horseshoes; Bobby was regional director for Alabama and Mississippi; the leader in organizing the Diabetes tournament in Huntsville; state president 1998-2000 and a state officer since 1994; the mens champion in 1999, averaging 62.5% ringers; leader in originating the indoor courts in Huntsville; pitcher in 283 tournaments from 1990-2000, easily more than anyone in the state; the greatest moment was his induction into the AHPA Hall of Fame in September. "I believe that I will pitch horseshoes with him again someday with GOLDEN shoes and GOLDEN stakes in HEAVEN." (Jim)

ARIZONA

(by Mary Wilburn)-The 10th annual Main Event Tournament began by presentation of a plaque to Gary Chalberg for his 10th year of running this event. The 2001 tourney was a \$9,000 event with 180 participants from 25 states and two Canadian provinces.

The 40-foot champion was Frank Farley, Arizona with a 60.44% ringers for 11 games. Judy Curtiss of Michigan was the 30-foot champion with an average of 76.4% for 11 games. An annual potluck drew 92 hungry souls.

Many RVers came early and stayed late, enjoying all four sanctioned tournaments to include the Warmup, Main Event and the two Cool Downs.

Next year, 2002, the Quartzsite Main Event tournament will be Jan. 24-27, the Warmup Jan. 19 and the Cool Downs Feb. 2-3. All entrants received a T-shirt. We hope you will join us in Quartzsite next year!

ILLINOIS

(Illinois Court Reporter by Bill Marvin)-Robert Schaver captured the Illinois state mens title with a 14-1 mark at the ISC held in Oakland. Only Leon Johnson, Illinois top flipper, was able to beat Bob in the Class A competition held over three days. On the last day of play, Schaver beat in succession Larry Fettes, Jerry Dumstorff, Larry Knop, Charlie Webb and Cliff Baker. He averaged 65% for the 15 games in claiming his first-ever Illinois state championship.

The womens crown was won by Nellie Fleming, her first after being second a number of years. Nellie pitched 59.2% in the playoff game to win her crown. Walter Danielson beat Ervin Starwalt to take home the 70+ prize. Danielson pitched 72.5% in the playoff game and averaged 58.4. Tyler Koons won his second consecutive Junior Boys title with a 5-1 record, pitching 50% in the six games. Danielle Rakstad threw a double in the last frame of a playoff game to edge Crystal Wason and capture her second Junior Girls title.

The Illinois council chose Bill Marvin as recipient of the Jim Korte Memorial Award, given to the person who has done the most to advance the sport of horseshoes in the state the preceding year. Wayne Davis of Casey is the winner of the 2000 Henry Franke award. This award is given annually to the person in Illinois who promotes and encourages horseshoe pitching in the spirit of Henry Franke.

Ceremonies in Oakland inducted Don Bailey of Springfield and Harold "Booty" Lange of Elgin as the newest members of the Illinois Horseshoe Hall of Fame. Bailey was one of the founders of the Earl Bomke HC in Springfield that reached a membership as high as 125 and is currently around 80. Don has spent hours watering and maintaining the Lincoln park courts. He spearheaded a successful drive to

expand from nine to 15 courts. The award was accepted by his widow Shirley, father Ray, son Kevin and grandson Austin.

Lange has been a member of the NHPA 45 years. In 1944 he set a World record by pitching 16 hours straight in a doubles event.

Don Marit, Springfield, was awarded Illinois' first "Pitcher of The Year 2000" plaque. He directed 7 tournaments, entered nine and directs the Illinois state singles tournament.

Congrats to Cliff Baker who shot a 93.8 per cent game at Danville.

IOWA

(IHHPA by Cassandra Lепley)-According to Iowa president Bob Walters Burlington has a great setting for tournament horseshoes. There are 18 courts, very good clay in Crapo Park, one of Iowa's best. There are huge trees and flower plantings and you can see the Mississippi River and Burlington and Illinois bridges from the eastern edge of the park.

Marls Goodrich, 87, of the Clay County club, has been pitching for 75 years. He is still going strong and a pleasure to visit with. Marls has no idea of quitting and is sure those of us that get to heaven will be pitching gold horseshoes on gold stakes.

The Quad-States Horseshoe Pitching Tournament received newspaper coverage from the Farm News in Clay County. This tournament goes on for nine days in September.

MICHIGAN

(The Ringer Report by Paula Summerlin)- Maybe the popular songster will find heart in the fact that the 2001 Michigan state championships will be in Kalamazoo. After he left his "sweetest gal" in Kalamazoo, must have taken up horseshoes, next best thing. But now he gets to return and reclaim this charming gal! Now that is a marvelous combination.

Kalamazoo hosts the event for the first time. Wolverine president Dave Loop notes, "I want to thank all the fellow pitchers who helped with the broken stakes...this year 57,944 shoes were pitched with 20,294 ringers." The past year, 2000, was the eighth straight year that the courts at Adrian has played host to the state tourney.

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NHPA PUBLICITY CORNER

by Billie Sue Pennington



Ward went on to suggest that a good day would be on May 10th (the anniversary of the incorporation of the NHPA (May 10, 1921)). His idea was sent via email to a few people. All who read it thought it to be a great idea, but everyone expressed doubts that we could get everything in place to be successful this year (2001).

A project like the one above, or a modified version thereof, would attract some national media attention. However, for this or any similar idea to work, every charter (and clubs within) will need to pitch in. We need to join ourselves with a common cause and reach out all across the country. Through a combined effort we will present a favorable image as we use our sport to enrich the lives of others.

Some publicity team members suggested that perhaps the easiest route to take would be to use Labor Day weekend, when most charters hold their state tournaments, as our "day". Naturally the first thing that comes to mind with that weekend is "Jerry's Kids" and MDA. Clubs could choose their own activity for the fundraiser, but the donation would be presented in total. There again, we are probably too late to make an actual donation in 2001, but we could certainly conduct the activities this year.

This writing is just a short summary of what has transpired on the subject. A committee will be formed to further investigate possibilities, (the talking will continue!) and hopefully will have a proposal prepared in time for the business meeting in Hibbing. Additional input from charters and individuals is still desired. My mailing address can be found elsewhere in this issue. My email address is bspenn@mpinet.net. Remember, there is strength, and marketing leverage, in numbers. Lets team up and DO something!

Note: A date will be chosen for an ONLINE MEETING. Please plan to attend. Watch for further information on this.

In the January/February "Publicity Corner", I wrote about our need to do something really big that would attract national media attention for our sport. In that same column, I brainstormed the situation (by myself), and suggested that you do the same and contribute your ideas. I must say that truckloads of ideas were not received, but some were. The two communication methods established on the internet were not used as I had envisioned, but a few good ideas were presented. Thanks to all of you who took time to contact me. One could say that some progress was made. But the "talking" we've done for so many years, must continue.

One of the best ideas, was submitted by Ward Lutz, Regional Director, MN. Following is an excerpt from his letter: "My idea for a National Horseshoe Day would be to encourage and support the involvement of a particular group on a particular day. What group? Disadvantaged youth such as those in the Boys and Girls Clubs or Special Olympians for example."

SHOE BITS... *Continued from Page 20*

Dean Schmitz, publicity chair for the Wolverine SHPA writes, "Congratulations to all WT participants. I received a nice news article from Charlie Laramie, from Southgate, written in the Heritage Newspapers, about his World class win...remember, it is OK to toot your own horn. As you know by now, no one is going to do it for you, and every time you toot, it is a promotion of our great game."

Look for the St. Clair Shores Horseshoe Club to be on the next sanctioned pitching schedule. On this subject there's a quote from Duane Goodrich, taken from the NHPA website. "Every pitcher sooner or later, should be a tournament director, a judge and a club officer, to better qualify as a promoter and a critic...horseshoe pitching would be better for everyone, from the experience. Like finding

it hard to see the forest for the trees, some find it hard to see the NHPA for the members."

Wolverine Hall of Fame members inducted for the year 2000 include Frederick L. Smith, Jr, Dimondale and Paula Summerlin of Brighton. David Loop was reelected president.

WEST VIRGINIA

Charles M. Bunner reports on the progress of the Fairmont facility: "The project has been recognized by Earl Ray Tomblin, president of the West Virginia state senate, in addition to the Marion County delegation that represents Fairmont/Marion County in the West Virginia Legislature, plus Secretary of State Joseph Manchin III."

The substance of Tomblin's letter: "Thank you for your letter and petition as well as your continuing interest in

promoting horseshoe pitching in West Virginia. In order to provide assistance in moving your effort forward, your petition will be introduced on the floor of the Legislature when it reconvenes. Additionally the petition will be assigned to a committee where it will be considered for possible legislative action."

Bunner, coordinator of the Affiliated Horseshoe Pitchers of Fairmont, addresses fellow horseshoe pitchers; "you can further help to bring about the funding of the improvements (building a roof 80' x 210' w/ a 16' ceiling clearance; and, on one end under the proposed roof, enclosed rooms for the Operations Center; a concession stand and two restrooms) by lobbying your elected County Delegation in the state legislature, since such will require their approvals."

THE USED KEY

by Lloyd Killgore



Walter Ray Williams, Jr. came into my living room by way of national television Feb. 4 and delightfully, he won the PBA championship in Toledo, Ohio, besting Jeff Lizzi of Ohio, 258-204 in the finals. Looking dapper in a bright red shirt (except for a dapple of beard), WRW reeled off five strikes in a row to take a commanding lead. Williams finished the preceding 2000 season as the PBA's top-rated bowler.

Walter Ray, six-time World mens horseshoe pitching champion, noted after the victory. "My goal is to win every week, regardless of how much importance is placed on each tournament. Many people have criticized me for not having more majors under my belt since I have so many titles. Now I

have three. That's not too bad....," he said.

Williams, a PBA Hall-of-Famer, needs only the Tournament of Champions title to become the fifth player in PBA history to complete the Triple Crown (T of C, PBA NC and US Open). The win also gave Williams his 33rd overall title, one behind Mark Roth on the alltime bowlers list. This is remarkable for the two-sport champion.

Williams now calls home Ocala, Fla. His wife is Paige Pennington and she was on hand to witness the Toledo championship performance.

Some other bowling stats are rather interesting. In 2000 there were 59 perfect games rolled in 19 tournaments for

an average of 3.1 per tournament. In 1999 there were 183 in 26 tournies for a hefty average of 7.03. There were no televised perfect games in 2000, the first time this has happened since 1995.

While the scoring formats differ, imagine that it only takes 12 strikes in a row for a perfect game in bowling. Walter Ray, in the 1978 Oregon Open, connected for 56 consecutive ringers against Bob West, the longest perfect game in the NHPA recordbook. No wonder perfect games in horseshoes are more rare (but not nonexistent). Horseshoe Records Compiler Bart Sargeant has listed 102 perfect games

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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Promote your special event here.

If your tournament is set apart from the usual, to benefit charity, raise funds or has in excess of \$1,000 prize money, mail details to the *Newsline* Editor at least 90 days in advance.

MARCH 2001

3RD ANNUAL CYSTIC FIBROSIS FUNDRAISER MARCH 24, 2001. PLACE: KEMPER-WILLIAMS PARK, PATTERSON, LOUISIANA. This is a charity event for cystic fibrosis. Entry fee \$20 adults; \$5 juniors; includes a CFT shirt with entry fee. Special T shirts to the top 3 finishers in each bracket. Pre-register by March 20, 2001. Camping at the Park. 504-395-2298. Contact Al Dodson 504-385-1909; Tim Gilmore 504-395-5062; Dave Shilling 504-395-5645.

CYPRESS SAWMILL FESTIVAL MDA FUNDRAISER MARCH 31, 2001. PLACE: KEMPER-WILLIAMS PARK, PATTERSON, LOUISIANA. This is a charity event for MDA. Entry fee \$15 adults; \$5 juniors. Special T shirts to the top 3 finishers in each bracket. Pre-register by March 27, 2001. Camping at the Park. 504-395-2298. Contact Al Dodson 504-385-1909; Tim Gilmore 504-395-5062. Bayou Horseshoe Club.

APRIL 2001

CAROLINA DOGWOOD FESTIVAL HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT APRIL 21-22. PLACE: STATESVILLE, N.C., JACK H SPRINGER HORSESHOE COURTS, LAKEWOOD PARK. 24 Lighted Courts. \$5500 in cash prizes and trophies. PRE-REGISTRATION (REQUIRED) BY MARCH 15. TOURNAMENT IS LIMITED TO FIRST 190 ENTRIES. Mens Championship A, B, C will pitch both days! Send \$20 entry fee to Carolina Dogwood Horseshoe Tournament, Statesville Recreation & Parks Dept, PO Box 1111, Statesville, N.C. 28687-1111 or register online Active.com. Tournament director Paul Stewart 1-704-528-5081.

WORLD TOURNAMENT, HIBBING, MINNESOTA. JULY 30-AUGUST 11. See pages 12-14. Registration deadline May 17.

MAY 2001

BELOIT ENCORE. MAY 5-6. Sanctioned Singles tournament. Entry Fee \$20. Entry deadline--April 21. Send entries to: Earl Paulson, 7105 S County Rd H, Beloit, Wis. 53511. Phone: Area 608-879-2304. EMail: bhc.tw@brodnet.com.

JUNE 2001

TED ALLEN MEMORIAL HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT AT NATOMA, KANSAS- CITY PARK, JUNE 9-10, 2001. Ted Allen's birthplace. Entry fee \$20 including scorekeeping fees. 80% payback plus added money. Starting time 9 a.m. Have 12 clay courts with cement pads and some sand courts. Free camping with electric and water nearby and sewer dump. Entries close May 10. Send entries to Bill Reh Box 314, Natoma, KS 67651. Phone 785-885-4482.

EASTERN NATIONALS JUNE 15, 16, 17, 2001, ERIE, PA.: Total purse \$3500 plus in cash and awards with 150 adult entries. NO GENDER MIXED. Below 35% plays 30 point games. Women will handicap below Class A. Entry deadline June 2, 2001. Class A men entry \$35; all other adult classes \$25; Juniors-Free. Check payable to Erie Horseshoe Club % Sally Siegel, 4147 Stanton St., Erie PA 16510. Phone 1-814-825-0666. TROPHIES FOR 1ST PLACE. PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWN: (CLASS A MEN 350-250-150; CLASS A LADIES 175-125-75; OTHER CLASSES 80-50-30; SENIOR MEN 30' 70-50-30.) See White Distributors Ad, Inside Front Cover

JULY 2001

DANVILLE OPEN, DOUGLAS PARK, DANVILLE, ILLINOIS, JULY 14-15. Over \$4100 in prize money based on 120 entries. Separates 30 & 40 ft pitchers, A Class. High R% award in each class. Free monogrammed towel to all entrants. Entry Fee \$20. Deadline July 6. Checks payable to Danville Horseshoe Club. Can register online at WWW.ACTIVE.COM. Send to Leo Bratland, 41 Country Club Dr., Danville, Illinois 61832. Phone 217-443-5818.

1899 Nova Scotia Horseshoes

By Jack Whiting, Past President of the NSHPA



In 1860 Renfrew, Hantsco, Nova Scotia, was an unpromising wilderness of barren slate outcroppings, boulders and bogs, surrounded by stunted black spruce and junipers.

One year later William Thompson discovered gold in a dried-up streambed which turned a backwoods settlement into a thriving, immigrant-saturated, crazed community. Work was manually back breaking with Clydesdale horsepower harnessing this potential. Sunday was a welcomed non-working day and records chronicled verify that horseshoe pitching was the only sport played.

The photo shown is the oldest record I have of the sport of horseshoe pitching in Nova Scotia. It was taken in 1899

at the homestead in Renfrew where Sunday tournaments took place. This photo is from the Lloyd Bent collection and was passed down from great, great grandparents.

Some of the players were Ginine Bleankhome, Letita Manthorn, Stuart MacDougall, Beddie Haden, Minnie Dunken, Brines and Eva McGenes.

In the 1970's Robie Blinkhorn, a variation of Bleankhome, and brother Bernie were Nova Scotia doubles champions. With Robert the youngest mens' singles champion ever in Canada at age 15. John MacDougall, probably, a distant relative of Stuart, had for years been an outstanding senior player in Nova Scotia.

NHPA Income & Expenditures for December 2000/January, 2001

RECEIPTS

SANCTIONED LEAGUE PATCHES.....	20.00
NHPF	28.00
2000 HORSESHOE SANCTIONED FEES.....	1900.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES 2000.....	5762.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES 2001.....	16359.00
NEWSLINE ADS	5434.00
NEWSLINE SUBSCRIPTIONS	6980.00
2002 WORLD TOURNAMENT PAYMENT.....	5000.00
FIRSTAR BANK INTEREST MONEY MKT.....	3311.19
FIRSTAR BANK INTEREST CHECKING.....	199.13
TOTAL.....	44993.32

EXPENDITURES

INTERNET ACCESS & WEB	99.75
NATSTATS	912.00
INSURANCE	15192.00
DIRECT & INDIRECT NHPF DONATIONS.....	1728.29
PUBLICITY PROMOTIONS & ADS.....	456.00
VICE PRESIDENTS ALLOWANCE.....	2280.00
REGIONAL DIRECTOR EXPENSES	129.00
SANCTION LEAGUE DIRECTOR ALLOWANCE	432.00
NEWSLINE PRINTING, SUPPLIES & MAILING.....	4645.37
NEWSLINE PUBLICATION, EDITING & MISC.....	912.00
SANCTION LEAGUE PATCHES, AWARDS	5797.91
SANCTION LEAGUE OFFICE SUPPLIES, TEL	200.19
REGIONAL DIRECTOR ALLOWANCE.....	1512.00
SANCTIONED LEAGUE JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS....	127.83
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, RENTALS & REPAIRS.....	742.23
PRINTING, PAPER, OFFICE SUPPLIES	793.09
POSTAGES	1030.04
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SECRETARY-TREASURER ALLOWANCE	3040.00
PRESIDENTS ALLOWANCE.....	912.00
MISC FEES, BONDS, BANK CHARGES, ETC.....	73.74
REFUNDS CHARTER DUES.....	8.00
INTERNET, SERVICE & WEB SITE	229.09
TOTAL.....	41387.78
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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involved and did all the work setting up our domain and moving all the files from Geocities to a Server in California. Once the domain, "horseshoepitching.com" was established, NHPA 2nd VP Casey Sluys took over the task of monitoring the Guest Book and Message Post for questions that seemed in need of an official NHPA reply. Casey also undertook editing responsibility and can recommend that the Webmaster pull offensive or derogatory messages that have been posted.

I know this brief doesn't tell the entire story nor does it mention everyone who had some involvement. To those whose name I've missed, I extend my apologies. To those who are still involved, let me end by saying "Thank You" and clarifying your involvement.

Billie Sue Pennington; Idea specialist, Publicity page director and back up to Paul Stewart.

Steve Summerlin; Webmaster, the mechanic that makes the page do what it's supposed to

Paul Stewart: Director of the domain and customer service. Has final say in all matters.

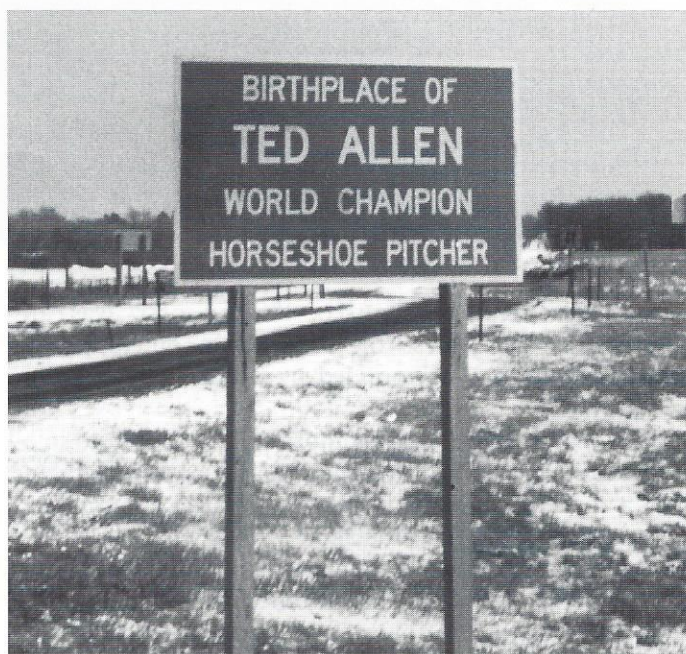
Casey Sluys: Guest Book & Message Post monitor who answers questions & finds solutions

Glenn Jamieson; Works with Paul updating NatStats every week

Kevin Smith; Maintains the Pitchers Profile and Trading Post pages which he designed

Walter Ray Williams Jr.; Writes and updates software to make things work easier for all

Ed Smith; Domain advisor who provides technical support



Sign posted entering Natoma, Kansas, birthplace of 10-time World Champion Ted Allen. Site of 2001 Ted Allen Memorial Tournament June 9-10. Refer to Special Events Calendar.

THE TOLL OF TIME

HAROLD 'CASEY' MCKAY

Harold "Casey" McKay, 78, long-time Moses Lake, Washington resident and a member of the Washington State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, lost a two-year battle with cancer when he passed away Oct. 28, 2000, at his home. Casey was born to the late Frank and Bertha McKay near Elgin, Nebraska, July 12, 1922. He was raised on the family farm near Elgin.

He enjoyed playing baseball in his youth and played with and against several players who were later major leaguers. He served for three years in the US Navy during WWII on the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown and honorably discharged Christmas Eve, 1945.

Casey was married to Dorothy Rickard on June 12, 1948 in Ericson, Neb. They moved to Waitsburg, Wa. in 1951 where he worked with his brother Cecil B. McKay, before moving to Moses Lake. In Moses Lake he and his brother owned and operated the Triangle Texaco station. After selling the business Casey was a truck driver until his retirement in 1989.

Casey never missed a chance to promote the sport of horseshoes, an active tournament player for over 35 years. He was a charter member of the Moses Lake radio controlled modelers club, building and flying model airplanes. Survivors include his wife Dorothy of Moses Lake, a son, Larry of Moses Lake; two daughters, Darla Ransford and Lisa Foss of Spokane, four grandchildren, and two sisters.

HENRY LARRY MORTON

Henry Larry Morton, 71, of Columbus, Georgia, died of a heart attack Dec. 18, 2000. Larry was one of Georgia's best horseshoe players and a member of the Georgia Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame, being inducted in 1991. Larry won the Georgia Class A mens title eight times. A watchmaker, engraver and jeweler for 50 years, he was president of Mor-Mac Services, Inc. of Columbus the past 22 years.

Before moving to Georgia Larry did much of his pitching in Kansas and will be remembered by NHPA members for his many entries in World

Tournaments. He did most of his WT pitching in the old Intermediate (60-65) division. While residing in Topeka, he was instrumental in getting horseshoe pitching courts built in Gage Park.

After high school graduation he studied at the American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute in Pittsburgh, Pa. and served in the US Navy. He returned to the south in 1978 where he launched Mor-Mac Services, specializ-

ing in watch and jewelry repair and customized engraving work.

He was born Feb. 11, 1929 in Hartsville, S.C. to Mary Beatrice and Henry Edward Morton. He is survived by his wife Virginia Yancey Morton of 51 years and by four daughters, four sons, 15 grandchildren, three great grandchildren and two brothers.

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STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

These results are published in accordance with the previous format but includes editorial revision. For future reference, please read the following.

Tournament results will be printed in the below format starting with the March-April edition. The top three in each class will be listed for future reference. Deadline for 2001 state tourney results is October 10, 2001. This will save space and allow more tournaments to be included. NOTE TO ALL STATES: The editor will accept the results in this same format for an additional three tournaments from your state during the year. It is your decision as to which three you would like published. This is in addition to the state tournament. These will be published according to space allowance in four successive issues. Deadline for all copy remains the same (Feb. 1, Apr. 1, June 1, Aug. 1, Oct. 1 and Dec. 1). ABBREVIATIONS: EC-Elders Champion; JC-Junior Champion; WC-Womens Champion; MC-Mens Champion.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE TOURNNEY 2000:

EC-1-Lew Haskins, 7-0, 61.67; 2-Marc Schneider, 5-2, 49.67; 3-Oral Elhard 5-2, 49. JC-1-Jordan Carr 6-1, 35.79; 2-Rachel Luckey 4-2, 40.34; 3-Trevor Sellden 4-2, 32.53. J-B-1-Justin Sipma 5-0, 28. MC-1-Jerry Black 7-0, 62.03; 2-Larry Smith 5-2, 49.73; 3-

Jon Bennett 4-3, 52.06. M-B-1-Gary Erickson 7-0, 41.43. M-C-1-Larry Jorgenson 6-1, 34.29. M-D-1-Bill Trader 7-0, 33.43. M-E-1-Lyle Anderson 7-0, 18.57. WC-1-Connie J. Filley 5-0, 70.67; 2-Frances Kylo 3-2, 45; 3-Nancy Husted 3-2, 42.35. W-B-1-Colleen Beaver 4-1, 36.

SOUTH CAROLINA:

MC-1-Terry Hudson 7-1, 63.8; 2-Tom Westbrook 6-2, 64.1; 3-Randy Hudson 4-3, 60.9. M-A-1-Charlie Williams 4-1, 46; 2-Wayne Harrison 3-2, 41.; 3-Keith Queen 2-3, 39. M-B-1-Mike Quinn 5-0, 35.5; 2-Warren Church 3-2, 31.; 3-Bryan Queen 3-2, 26. M-C-1-Herbert Sutton 5-0, 29.; 2-Bill Gibby 4-1, 28.5; 3-Jessy Frost 3-2, 28.5. WC-1-Barbara Taylor 3-0, 56.4; 2-Jane Jordan 0-3, 45.7. EC-1-PeeWee Murr 3-2, 44.1; 2-Bobby Stewart 2-3, 39.5. JC-1-William Blackwell 3-0, 23.8; 2-Josh Jennings 0-3, 11.0.

SOUTH DAKOTA:

EC-1-David Zilverberg 6-0, 57.3; 2-John Beaird 3-3, 44.6; 3-Bill Britton 3-3, 36. JC-A-1-Tyler Wipf 6-0, 34.3; 2-Clint Corean 5-1, 39.3; 3-Chance Harmon 4-2, 32.6. WC-A-1-Iris Sharpfish 5-0, 36.8; 2-Phyllis Wheeler 4-1, 43.6; 3-Mickey Lodge 3-2, 22.8. MC-A-

1-Milton Renville 7-0, 48.57; 2-Roland Kleinschmidt 6-1, 50.57; 3-Carl Chambers 4-3, 32.57. E-B-1-Les Lameyer 5-2, 18.79. J-B-1-Terrance Monlux 6-0, 9.67. M-B-1-John Smith 5-2, 33.71. M-C-1-Kent Robinson 7-0, 28. M-D-1-Ron Schoon 7-0, 19.43. M-E-1-Gary Van Vleet 8-1, 20.

VIRGINIA:

MC-1-Branson Miller 9-1, 72.6; 2-Darrell K. Brock 8-2, 60.0; 3-Ronald Walker 6-3, 65.4. B-1-Chris Foster 9-2, 52.6; 2-Terry Figgins 8-3, 50.0; 3-Ray Barb 8-3, 45.3. C-1-Craig Settle 6-1, 43.7. D-1-Charlie Carter 4-1, 38.4. E-Steven Wheeler 5-1, 31.3; F-Ben Robinson 6-1, 30.3. G-Thomas French 6-1, 31.0. H-Golden Salmons 7-0, 29.6. I-Terry Sparks 4-1, 12.0. JB-A-1-Chris Omdorff 5-0, 35.7; 2-David Cowan 4-1, 41.9; 3-Thomas Hix 3-2, 26.0. JG-A-1-Charlene Hix 5-0, 26.1. B-1-Rachel Cowan 3-0, 0.0. M30-A-1-Gean Dunivan 3-0, 28.6. SM-A-1-Donald Parkes 3-0, 38.3. SW-A-1-Amy Hall 3-0, 83.3; 2-Renee Cowan 0-3, 65.2. W-B-1-Thelma Dunivan 3-0, 50. C-1-Carol Fredriksen 3-1, 26.4. D-1-Patricia Snelgrove 6-1, 30.2. E-1-B-Diane Barb 3-2, 19.6. F-1-Mary Dunivan 4-1, 8.1.



Class A Winners: From left to right - Fred Gross (IN), Dale Lipovsky (MN), Bob Logan (IN)



Class B Winners: From left to right - Charlie Webb (IL), Sam Carter (MO), Kenneth Pogue (MO)

MUSIC CITY WINNERS

Class C Winners: From left to right - Bob Outt (MO), Robert Long (MO), Melvin Bray (KS)



also pitched a perfect game, 32-32 at Vernonia, Oregon in 1969, recognized by the NHPA.

Simmons' current NatStats average is 85.01, being a righthanded 1 1/4 pitcher.

Simmons has a prophetic maxim for his fellow pitchers: "Stay focused on the pin and never say never to your dreams and what you would like to accomplish in horseshoe pitching. Don't be afraid of trying something new, it might just help your game. Don't be afraid of asking a top pitcher for some pointers."

Hartford, Connecticut is the home of the oldest U.S. newspaper, the Hartford Courant. It was established in 1764, now in its 237th year of publication. I emailed the sports editor about the perfect game. In a website visit I noted the Courant's motto; "The Hartford Courant seeks to provide the news Connecticut needs, reported faithfully and fully, with

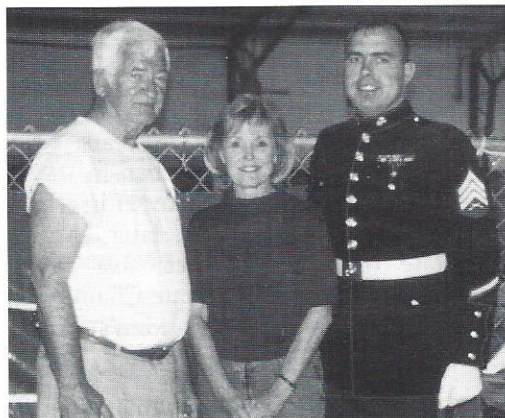
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recognized over a 55-year period from 1941-95; of those 12 were recorded by Williams.

Four of Williams' perfect games were in the Boys Division; the last eight on record in the mens division, keeping in mind the list only covered events thru 1995. But it gives a thumbnail impression of how much more difficult it is to pitch a perfect game in horseshoes. Ted Allen twice recorded 72 consecutive ringers without being credited with a perfect game. In a random rating comparison, assuming all pitches were equal, that comes to six perfect games in a row for the great one of Natoma, Kansas!

In addition to the 56-shoe masterpiece Williams added two 50-shoe perfect games in California tournaments-Pleasanton (1981) and Santa Rosa (1990), within the scope of this 55-year research window. My thanks to Bart Sargeant for this incisive research data.

Newsline thanks Sol Berman, formerly the NHPA's promotion committee chairman, for use of the five sketches (from his book) in the January-February edition. Four of these were of world champions Curt Day, Ted Allen, Mark Seibold and Dan Kuchcinski.

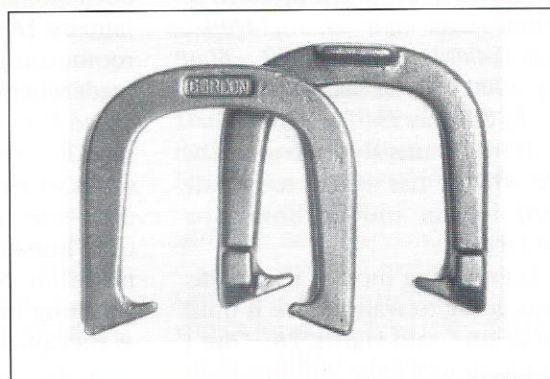


From left to right - Jack Freeman, Music City Tournament Director, Nancy Vaden and Marine Sergeant Chard Long, Toys for Tots Reps.

respect for all and favor to none. We strive to be authoritative and insightful, to inform and to delight."

If Maynard seems a bit put out, it's because the U.S. Postal Service lost our Jan-Feb Newsline in transit. They left the mailing house in Corvallis, Oregon on Jan. 11. By the end of the third week we put a tracer on them, with the help of the mailing service's barcodes. After several phone calls John of Automated received the answer. It was at a regional distribution center in error. Our magazines finally began landing after they were found and redistributed to the various distribution centers. One other factor: the local Corvallis post office had 16 employees out with the flu at the time *Newsline* was in its hands. Six absentees is considered critical.

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A Lifetime Contribution

by Bob Dunn

Promotion efforts are provided in a variety of fashions. Some promotion efforts are significant for being provided over a long span of years, or sometimes for hosting the same annual event for a number of years, and sometimes promotion suddenly arise and appears as a whole lifetime of contribution all at one time. Thus is the story of Don Harris and his extraordinary generosity. This profile has been provided by Vicki Winston as it appeared in the June 2000 MOHPA newsletter.

DON HARRIS

In The News...This Article appeared in the Kansas City Star on 6/14/00... Horseshoe Enthusiast Leaving Gift... Man donating \$100,000 for indoor arena in Liberty... By Summer Harlow

Don Harris wants to leave a legacy, which is why he has agreed to donate \$100,000 for an indoor horseshoe arena in Liberty.

"I've been saving money all my life, and I was going to wait to give it until after my death," said Harris, 78. "But I decided I want to see the building built before I died."

Harris, a Smithville resident who has been pitching horseshoe for more than 70 years, said he looked all over the Kansas City area before deciding Ruth Stocksdale Park in Liberty was the ideal location for an indoor facility.

Liberty already has 12 outdoor courts at the Park. The new area will be adjacent to the outdoor area. Also, the Liberty Horseshoe Club, an active league with about 50 members, play regularly at the park, said Gregg Craven, league director.

The indoor facility will allow leagues to play during winter months and hold state and national competitions. Currently the closest indoor arena is near St. Louis, said Wilbur Hodgson, who founded the Liberty Horseshoe Club in 1986. Harris said he would like to see the arena boast 12 indoor courts. He has formed the Heartland Indoor Horseshoe Association to handle the design, construction and maintenance of the facility. The arena, to be named after Harris, will be owned by

the city but leased back to the association, said Chris Deal, director of Parks and Recreation.

Liberty Horseshoe Club member Angela DiRaimo of Gladstone said she expects the arena will attract new club members. "People will come from all over to pitch because it will be the only indoor arena in the area." DiRaimo said, "This is a great opportunity to get more people interested in horseshoes."

PROFILE - DON HARRIS

This horseshoe pitchers career goes back quite a few years ago. Don was born on a farm in Clay County, MO on January 18, 1922. He attended a one-room country schoolhouse until 8th grade when his family moved to a town called Paradise where he attended high school. Don started pitching horseshoes when he was 8 years old. As children, they pitched with regular shoes from horses while the adults used those made for pitching. He learned from watching his father and older brothers as they pitched.

At the age of 17, the year 1938, Don went to work at the CCC Camp in Idaho for several years helping out his family as they struggled through the depression years. He worked at several jobs until he was drafted. On November 11, 1942 he entered the Army in World War II, serving with the 491st Port Battalion. He was sent overseas on July 13, 1943 spending 27 months in New Guinea and three months in Manila serving as Staff Sergeant with a section of 21 men.

Don engaged in some boxing during wartime, boxing at 135 lbs., taking second place in his regiment. He earned several medals while overseas fighting for his country; the Good Conduct Medal, Marksman Sharp-shooter and the Bronze Star Medal. When the war was over, Don was discharged from the Army on Jan. 6, 1946.

Returning home Don married Fern in 1948, living in Paradise for a few years, and then moving to Smithville where they have lived happily ever after. This year mark their Golden Wedding Anniversary of 50 years

together! Don and Fern have four daughters and ten grandchildren. He has built two houses for his family. Don has had to rely on Fern many times to drive him home from tournaments as he gets such terrible leg cramps after lengthy afternoons of pitching.

Don went to work for Benson Mfg. making parts of missiles and fuel tanks for B-52 Bombers. Later he worked for the Claycomo Ford plant and then in 1964 went to work for TWA as a sheet metal mechanic in which he retired from in 1983.

Don loves all things outdoors, his many hobbies include fishing, hunting, trapping (in his younger days) and gardening. For 20 years he has had a colony of purple martins. He built his own birdhouses for the Martin family. He is an expert with a slingshot, proving he doesn't need a gun if he wants a squirrel or a rabbit to eat. He keeps track of the wildlife that frequents his yard and knows the repeat visitors, sometimes naming them. The ones that nibble in his garden have some names we can't print.

A photo I have seen shows Don with his pet duck, Dilly. The duck walks (or waddles) back and forth with Don as he pitches.

Don's favorite interest is the sport of horseshoe pitching, having both an outdoor and indoor court at his home. He practices for hours at a time, at least 200 shoes, 5 days a week and has really come to the top since he was able to move up to short distance pitching. He keeps spare pegs (set in buckets of concrete) ready in case one would break during his practice sessions.

Don pitches a reverse turn, pitching Deadeye horseshoes. He has been pitching horseshoe over 70 years, being a NHPA member for 25 years. He became an NHPA member in 1972 attending his first State Horseshoe Tournament where he later earned State titles eight times; five times Missouri Elder Men's State Champion, three times Senior Men's State Champion and three times Senior

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Sanctioned League Director for 2000

Rita Sarbaugh of the Try County Club, Ohio

What a great surprise! I never dreamed that I would receive this award. It is really a thrill for me to be honored and the plaque is beautiful. Thank you so much!

Here is a little about myself:

I was born and raised in Muskingum County in Ohio. I was the youngest of four children. I graduated from Adamsville High School and Meredith Business College.

My husband, Elden and I have been married for 39 years and have four grown children and six grandchildren. For 28 years I have been employed at Tri Valley Schools as a Librarian and Cashier.

We started our Try County Club in 1989 with 19 members, playing on 4 courts in our farm garage. In 1998 we completed a new facility at our home with 12 indoor courts. We run league two nights a week and doubles on Sunday afternoons. Four or five tournaments are held during the winter. The club also has 12 outdoor courts in Coshocton County for summer pitch-

ing and tournaments.

Elden did stats for the first two years of league, then I took over and have been doing it ever since. We have been blessed to have good help from our members who are eager to learn and help out. Throughout the years we have taught five members to do the stats and helped by doing the weekly stats one night a week. This has taken some of the work load off me by not having to do both nights. I enjoy doing the stats as it lets me see how each member is pitching and how they are improving as the season progresses.

Our club consists of about 70 members this year. We have 4 junior pitchers. I pitched for several years from 1990 to 1996 but had to quit because of shoulder problems. However, I do hope to pitch again as I certainly miss it.

Once again I want to thank you for honoring me with the Director of the Year Award. It is certainly appreciated.

Yours in Horseshoe, Rita



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That same year the state of Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation Division approached the Portland Council of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul. They offered to subsidize five "rehabilitation positions" in the Society's workshop. After a period of steady growth they had an operating budget of \$15 million and over 800 employees and trainees by 1996. In addition to servicing federal accounts, Frontline Staffing provides light industrial, clerical, administrative and technical personnel to local and state government and corporations.

1996 was a real turning point for St. Vincent dePaul Rehabilitation Service. We celebrated our 25th anniversary for providing training and employment opportunities for the disabled. We were recognized by Oregon Business Magazine and the Portland Chamber of Commerce as one of the "Top Ten Fastest Growing Companies" in the Portland Metropolitan area. In addition we opened a new Staffing Services office in Corvallis. In 1997 we moved the original Portland training center into a new larger facility in the Lloyd Center area to meet the growing demand for computer related training. In 1998 we opened a training center in Hillsboro, Oregon to make training easier to access for Washington County residents and businesses. New opportunities with the federal government also developed in 1998. To service these agencies in the Puget Sound area we started a new division called Frontline Staffing Services and opened our first out-of-state office in Renton, Washington.

In 1999 an opportunity to provide technical and administrative positions with the Navy allowed us to open an additional office in Bremerton, Washington to service the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

The history of St. Vincent dePaul Rehabilitation Service is an ever-evolving one that reflects an organization committed to change and continued growth.

And the editor acclaims this fine organization as a new "Friend of Horseshoes."

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PROMOTION JOTTINGS

by Bob Dunn

• There are many other NHPA members making extraordinary efforts to improve our sport and to present pitching events to our membership. Those individuals deserve mention and a moment in the spotlight. All that is needed to give national attention to those deserving individuals is to write up a profile and mail it to this writer. Often the profiles appear in the charter's newsletter, in those cases, all you have to do is make a photocopy and mail it in. Pictures should also be provided.

• A look back in our sport's history finds us visiting Wyoming as written in 1940:

WYOMING

The first championship horseshoe tournament, under National jurisdiction in Wyoming was held in Cheyenne in 1933 and was sponsored by the Cheyenne Horseshoe Club. This contest was won by Lester Forsythe of Laramie. In 1934 and 1935 the state meets were also held by the Cheyenne Horseshoe Club. Both of these meets were won by Clarence Carllson of Cheyenne.

In the fall of 1935 the Wyoming Division of the National Horseshoe

Pitchers' Association was organized. This organization became active in the spring of 1936. The officers elected at that meeting were as follows: President, D.R. Kinports, Cheyenne; First Vice President, O.E. Forsythe, Laramie; Second Vice President, H.L. Rowe, Sheridan; Third Vice President, R.H. Platt, Encampment; Fourth Vice President, Jack Jones, Douglass; Secretary, Ernest Harrison, Cheyenne; Treasurer, G. D. Percival, Lusk.

In 1936 the Cheyenne Club again sponsored the state tournament, but was managed by the State Association, the championship being won by Lester Forsythe of Laramie.

The state meet in 1937 was sponsored by the merchants of Glenrock and held at that place. The State Organization also had charge of and conducted the Tournament. Jack Jones of Douglass won the championship.

The State Fair Association contributed cash prizes for the 1938 state meet which was again run by the State Association. As a result of this meet, Merle Palmer of Cheyenne, was declared state champion.

At this time the state officers for the following two years were elected as follows: President, Geo. H.

McConnaughey, Casper; First Vice President, O.E. Forsythe, Laramie; Second Vice President, Harry Phillips, Mission Barber Shop, Sheridan; Third Vice President, R.H. Platt, Encampment; Fourth Vice President, Hilmer Hanson, Casper; Secretary, by appointment, A.L. Mitchell, Cheyenne; Treasurer, G.D. Percival, Lusk.

The Wheatland Horseshoe Club, with the financial assistance of the business firms of that city conducted the 1939 state meet. This was the hardest fought contest ever held in Wyoming. Shell Patton of Dwyer, won with an average percent of 60.1, while Merle Palmer, the runner-up and former champion, averaged 62.2 percent. In some individual games the percentage ran as high as 70 percent.

A county association was formed in Laramie County in 1939 and a county tournament was held at the county fair in Pine Bluffs. L.W. Farrell of Cheyenne won the county championship.

Beside the county association of Laramie, there are two local clubs in the state: the Cheyenne Horseshoe Club which was organized in 1931, active every year since; the Wheatland Horseshoe Club which was organized in 1939, a progressive and strong club.

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Men's Runner-up. Don's high ringer percentage qualified him to pitch in the Men's Championship Class seven different years: 1973, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1983 and 1984.

His longest consecutive string of ringers was 69 on November 13, 1994. Don won the Missouri Senior Championship Class in 1982, 83 and 87. Moving up to 30 feet in 1992, Don won the Elder's title in 1992, 93, 95, 96 and 97. The year 1996 was a very good season for Don. He played in 20 tournaments, averaging between 70 - 81%, finishing first place in 18 events, 2nd in one and finishing 4th place in the World Championships with an average

of 74.36%.

His high game is a 94.4% game he shot against Tracey Sherman during a tournament at New Melle. Winning this tournament was nothing new to Don, but what made it unique was that Don pitched this tournament with a broken rib, breaking it just two days before the tournament, not wanting to cancel out.

Don has attended eight World Tournaments, his first in 1976. Pitching at 40 foot, he averaged 69.9%. Don qualified for the Men's Championship Class in 76, 78 and 79. He qualified for the Elder's Championship Class in 94, 95, 96, 98 and 99.

In 1996, Don was inducted into the MOHPA Hall of Fame and was also named the 1996 Missouri Player of the Year. His accomplishments also include helping to organize tournaments at Platte City, Smithville and Edgerton and serving on the Hall of Fame Committee for five years.

Don has found happiness through everyday living, all that he has accomplished in his lifetime made by sheer determination. Missouri horseshoe pitchers salute this man of great character who at the age of 76 is an inspiration to all of us. Small in stature, his achievements in horseshoe pitching make him a giant!!

JOHN T. PALMER

John T. Palmer, 46, died Jan. 27, 2001 at his home in Burton Township, Ohio, after a lengthy battle with cancer. John was a 1974 graduate of Ledgemont High school and a champion horseshoe pitcher at the Great Geauga County Fair in Burton. Born in Cleveland Dec. 27, 1954, he was the son of Harold and Esther (Gilham) Palmer. He was a lifelong Geauga County area resident.

He enjoyed swimming, shooting pool, basketball, tinkering with cars and his family pets. Mr. Palmer worked as a foreman for the Ohio Department of Transportation in Burton for 23 years.

Mr. Palmer is survived by a sister, Patricia Donaldson of West Farmington, brothers Dennis of Chester Township and Richard of Mantua and identical triplet brothers Jeffrey of Chardon and James of Burton; a daughter, Kristen Palmer of Athens, Ga. and a granddaughter.

GLENN L. RIFFLE

Glenn Riffle, 83, originally of San Diego, Ca. and formerly of West Carrollton, Ohio, passed away Dec. 6, 2000, in Dayton, Ohio. Glenn was a member of the Ohio State Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. He was born June 7, 1917 in Ansonia, Ohio. He was an Army veteran of WWII and retired from General Motors Corporation, Moraine, Ohio, in 1983 after 37 years of service.

Glenn was a 4-time National AAU horseshoe pitching champion. He was a charter and life member of VFW Post 8312, Beavercreek, Ohio. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 49 years, Marie "Liles" Riffle, three sons and their families, Dennis & Bonnie Riffle, Steve Riffle and Doug Euth and three grandchildren.

FROM COLORADO...

Colorado lost three members of its organization. They include Lelyn (Bill) Bryan, 79, of Greeley, Art Romero, 59, of Pierce and Bernard Sack, 55, of Brighton.



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Plan to attend. You will have a **GOOD TIME!!!**

HEALTH ON THE COURT *Continued from page 17*

Sylvianne Moisan, the current Ladies' World Champion, who defies some of the common tenets of "correct" horse-shoe pitching by pitching both 'shoes extremely fast. She also has great admiration for Sue Snyder for her caring attitude and expertise in winning multiple World Titles.

Sheila hopes to continue pitching horseshoes for as long as she can but will love the game as a spectator OR as a participant. It's a bonus when she can pitch and "have a little fun" but Multiple Sclerosis is unpredictable in its course. In Sheila's words, "some days I can't get out of bed, and other

days, I appear perfectly normal. I say 'appear' because I still have the pain, muscle spasms, and visual problems, and can get severely fatigued brushing my teeth... I don't know how I'll feel from hour to hour."

Sheila, you are an inspiration to all of us.

NOTE: This article is dedicated to the memory of Sheila's sons - Paul (1966-1978) and Brian (1972-1984).

Written by Sheila McGrath and edited by Debby Michaud. Submitted by Debby Michaud.

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE NEWS *Continued from page 9*

7. Willard Brakhage	Enid Area, OK.	62.11
8. Lloyd Wolf	Tri County, MN.	60.58
9. Don Hostrup	Close Doesn't Count, WI.	60.54
10. Ed Nadravnik	Villagers, FL.	60.17

HIGH RINGER GAME

1. Don Wild	North Weld, CO.	88.0
2. Marv Meyer	Rochester, MN.	83.3
3. Clayton Gage	Close Doesn't Count, WI.	82.5
4. Don Hostrup	Close Doesn't Count, WI.	82.5
5. Roy Lyons	Arledge's, OH.	80.0
6. Joe Pillion	Troy, OH.	80.0
7. Milton Vinson	Stone Mountain, GA.	80.0
8. Lloyd Wolf	Tri County, MN.	80.0
9. Wilbur Hodgson	Liberty, MO.	78.0
10. Curly Seibold	Marion, In.	78.0

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1. Mitch DeMars	Fridley, MN.	33.13
2. Orvin Bennett	North Weld, CO.	30.78
3. Don Ools	Enid Area, OK.	30.33
4. Wilbur Hodgson	Liberty, MO.	28.39
5. Lou Frazee	Liberty, MO.	27.50
6. Red Ayers	Gate City Clangers, NH.	27.39
7. Clarence Garner	North Weld, CO.	27.24
8. Don Shotfner	Troy, OH.	26.93
9. Don Carson	Troy, OH.	26.17
10. Dale Chadwick	Clauduis Crozet, VA.	25.09

WOMEN'S DIVISION

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1. Lois Webster	Madison Co., KY.	75.62
2. Bev Nathe	Tri County, MN.	74.95
3. Connie Filley	Red River Valley, ND.	72.67
4. Joan Elmore	Upper Cumberland, TN.	72.33
5. Tina Tonnous	Kahrig's Indoor, OH.	67.04
6. Lisa Maille	Nashua, NH.	66.37
7. Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX.	65.45
8. Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN.	65.38
9. Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA.	64.14
10. Carrie Carpenter	Bradenton, FL.	63.15

HIGH RINGER GAME

1. Lois Webster	Madison Co., KY.	90.0
2. Joan Elmore	Upper Cumberland, TN.	88.0
3. Bev Nathe	Tri County, MN.	88.0
4. Carrie Carpenter	Bradenton, FL.	86.0
5. Lisa Maille	Nashua, NH.	85.0
6. Connie Filley	Red River Valley, ND.	84.0
7. Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN.	84.0
8. Debra Brown	Sodbuster, VT.	82.0
10. Lor. Sternberg	Goldendale, WI.	82.0

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1. Betty Williams	Classic City, In.	35.06
2. Linda Fletcher	Shreveport, LA.	29.68
3. Marlene Cooper	Classic City, In.	28.63
4. Melanie Williams	Shreveport, LA.	28.43
5. Janet Lundquist	Montgomery, MN.	27.83
6. Cathy Heskett	Try County, OH.	27.61
7. M.A. Bridgewood	Loon Pond, MA.	27.52
8. Betty Smith	Try County, OH.	27.47
9. Lynn Miller	Painesville, OH.	27.18
10. Jeannie Manns	Painesville, OH.	26.76

SANCTIONED JUNIOR LEAGUES 2000 TOP TEN NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED BOYS/GIRLS HIGH POINT AVERAGE

1. Levi Blevins	Crane Creek Ringers, MO.	96.76
2. Jenae Arledge	Arledge's, OH.	95.91
3. Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN.	92.26
4. Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley Pitchers, NE.	85.72
5. Casey Hitt	Kilo Bay, TX.	81.67
6. Pat Hovda	Rochester, MN.	76.80
7. Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX.	71.42
8. Trevor Selldon	Red River Valley, ND.	71.11
9. Cole Grimm	Try County, OH.	70.55
10. Tori Eaton	Central Ct., CT.	63.39

HIGH POINT GAME

1. Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN.	128
2. Jenae Arledge	Arledge's, OH.	123
3. Levi Blevins	Crane Creek Ringers, MO.	115
4. Casey Hitt	Kilo Bay, TX.	106
5. Michael Spahn	Windy Hill Jr. Lg., WI.	104
6. Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX.	100
7. Trevor Silldon	Red River Valley, ND.	97
8. Jared Graeber	Riverside, TX.	96
9. Cole Grimm	Try County, OH.	96
10. Pat Hovda	Rochester, MN.	95

HIGH POINT OVER AVERAGE

1. Joseph Maestas	Sweetwater Ct., WY.	45.85
2. Michael Spahn	Windy Hill Jr. Lg., WI.	43.81
3. Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN.	35.74
4. Jared Graeber	Riverside, TX.	33.52
5. Mark Bouley	Stuarts Draft, VA.	30.53
6. Michael Stanke	Windy Hill Jr. Lg., WI.	30.15
7. Cole Grimm	Try County, OH.	29.91
8. Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley Pitchers, NE.	29.28
9. Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX.	28.58
10. Rebecca Moore	Try County, OH.	27.61

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1. Dustin Dahl	Eau Claire, WI.	56.45
2. Jenae Arledge	Arledge's, OH.	55.90
3. Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN.	53.93
4. Levi Blevins	Crane Creek Ringers, MO.	53.45
5. Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley Pitchers, NE.	47.66
6. Casey Hitt	Kilo Bay, TX.	44.86
7. Tori Eaton	Central Ct., CT.	43.54
8. Pat Hovda	Rochester, MN.	39.00
9. Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX.	37.75
10. Meagan Bigelow	Sodbusters, VT.	35.30

JUNIOR BOYS DIVISION

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1. Dustin Dahl	Eau Claire, WI.	56.45
2. Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN.	53.93
3. Levi Blevins	Crane Creek Ringers, MO.	53.45
4. Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley Pitchers, NE.	47.66
5. Casey Hitt	Kilo Bay, TX.	44.86
6. Todd Brown	Classic City, IN.	42.91
7. Pat Hovda	Rochester, MN.	39.00
8. Chris Orndorff	Winchester, VA.	38.51
9. Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX.	37.75
10. Trevor Selldon	Red River Valley, ND.	33.33

HIGH RINGER GAME

1. Dustin Dahl	Eau Claire, WI.	92.0
2. Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN.	80.0
3. Levi Blevins	Crane Creek Ringers, MO.	68.0
3. Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley Pitchers, NE.	68.00Tie
4. Casey Hitt	Kilo Bay, Tx.	66.0
5. Todd Brown	Classic City, In.	60.0
6. Michael Spahn	Windy Hill Jr. Lg., WI.	60.0
7. Chris Orndorff	Winchester, VA.	56.7
8. Jamie Armel	Winchester, VA.	56.6
9. Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX.	54.0
10. Jared Graeber	Riverside, TX.	54.0

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1. Dustin Dahl	Eau Claire, WI.	35.55
2. Michael Spahn	Windy Hill Jr. Lg., WI.	34.00
3. Joseph Maestas	Sweetwater Ct., WY.	27.19
4. Josh. Chakarian	Gate City Clangers, NH.	26.41
5. Lance Albrecht	Rochester, Mn.	26.07
6. Jared Graeber	Riverside, TX.	24.95
7. Jamie Armel	Winchester, VA.	24.01
8. Travis Johnson	Fridley, MN.	23.78
9. Cole Grimm	Try County, OH.	23.73
10. Nicholas Preston	Sodbusters, VT.	22.05

JUNIOR GIRLS DIVISION

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1. Jenae Arledge	Arledge's, OH.	55.90
2. Tori Eaton	Central Ct., CT.	43.54
3. Meagan Bigelow	Sodbusters, VT.	35.30
4. Sarah David	Montgomery, MN.	27.47
5. Colette Cave	Tri County, MN.	23.60
6. Melissa Bigelow	Sodbusters, VT.	22.57
7. Rebecca Moore	Try County, OH.	14.87
8. Andrea Thatcher	Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN.	11.73
9. Heather Haubrick	Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN.	10.68
10. Rebecca Sellers	Try County, OH.	9.58

HIGH RINGER GAME

1. Janae Arledge	Arledge's, OH.	76.0
2. Tori Eaton	Central Ct., CT.	65.0
3. Meagan Bigelow	Sodbusters, VT.	64.0
4. Sarah David	Montgomery, MN.	56.0
5. Melissa Bigelow	Sodbusters, VT.	38.0
6. Colette Cave	Tri County, MN.	36.0
7. Rebecca Moore	Try County, OH.	28.0
8. Rebecca Sellers	Try County, OH.	28.0
9. Heather Haubrick	Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN.	26.7
10. Andrea Thatcher	Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN.	26.7

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1. Meagan Bigelow	Sodbusters, VT.	28.70
2. Sarah David	Montgomery, MN.	28.53
3. Tori Eaton	Central Ct., CT>	21.46
4. Jenae Arledge	Arledge's, OH.	20.10
5. Rebecca Sellers	Try County, OH.	18.42
6. Allyson Craven	Liberty, MO.	18.10
7. Amanda Thatcher	Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN.	16.53
8. Heather Haubrick	Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN.	15.98
9. Monica Fletcher	Shreveport, LA.	15.59
10. Melissa Bigelow	Sodbusters, VT.	15.44

LINES FROM THE **CHAPLAIN**

by Jerry Holt, Chaplain

I was encouraged to send in an article for our fine horse-shoe magazine. We made more beautiful memories at the 2000 World Tournament. We had a well-attended church service (75). Amy Francis sang some special songs and her father, Fred Brown, led the music service.

One of the highlights of the service was the comments of Chase Battle. Chase had won the Junior Boys World championship the night before.

Let me give you the background story on Chase and his championship. He has stayed with his grandparents a great deal, growing up near Mt. Ida, Arkansas. They live in the country. Chase and his grandparents, Bill and Joyce McKay, are very close.

Bill McKay became the connection. He started horseshoe pitching in the 80's, jumping in with both feet. He had a dream of having a major horseshoe tournament which would attract top pitchers from across the nation. I was pitching well at the time and he invited me. He invited such greats as world champion Jim Knisley of Ohio. Enticing me he said, "I'll line it up where you can preach a revival in one of the local churches." Bill was a member of no church. However, since he had lived in the community all his life, everyone knew him. He arranged for me to preach a revival in a denomination other than my own. Not one of their church members had ever met me.

So down to Arkansas I went from Iowa where I was pastoring at the time. The first year there the country church still had a pot-bellied stove in the auditorium. Talk about wonderful atmosphere. That became the first of six annual revival meetings. We'd pitch a lot during the day and attend church at night.

Chase was a little boy in the background. Bit by bit his interest and activity grew. We would work our hearts out and

exchange ideas. Glenn, Chuck, Bill and I became state champions. We've had our ups and downs. But wow, our little buddy, Chase, won the whole shootin' match! By the way Glenn King's granddaughter, Becky, did the same thing a couple of years ago in the Girls championships! It gives us all a little joy knowing we were their connection with organized pitching. We can bask in their sunlight.

Oh! Here is the best part—Bill and I never personally discussed how to have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. I knew if I pressed him, he'd back away. He'd listen to all the messages though. Finally, after about five years of revivals he walked out into the woods and had a talk with God. Christ became his Savior. He and Joyce were baptized and became a part of that country church. Chase followed and about 13 years of age, began to preach a few sermons. Others in the family were invited. Chase's sister, Jessie, his parents and one aunt all followed.

A couple of years ago Bill had a bout with cancer. He battled back, further beset by a stroke. It was a little tough for him, driving to North Dakota from Arkansas, and back, but he got his grandson there. He witnessed one of the great joys of his life to see Chase get over the top.

Hope to see you at the 2001 World Tournament!

GOOD PITCHING,
JERRY HOLT, CHAPLAIN

Editor's Note: "It was heart warming to see Chase win the Junior title this year. I selected him beforehand to do a TV interview in Bismarck for a national affiliate who wanted a youngster not afraid of the camera and could speak out. I have chatted with Bill several times in the last few years and knew some but not all, of Chase's ability to preach a sermon. So, I realized he would not be intimidated by an interview." -NHPA PRESIDENT DAVE LOUCKS.

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JANUARY1-2	31	MAY6-7	1543	SEPTEMBER1-4	4098
8-9	751	13-14	1294	Labor Day 9-10	1091
15-16	777	20-21	1787	16-17	674
22-23	483	Memorial Day 27-29	1429	23-24	722
29-30	576	JUNE3-4	2068	OCTOBER7-8	506
FEBRUARY5-6	485	10-11	2298	14-15	627
12-13	859	17-18	1920	21-22	397
19-20	678	24-25	1508	28-29	257
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MARCH4-5	613	8-9	2116	11-12	
11-12	883	15-16	1714	18-29	
18-29	985	22-23	1614	Thanksgiving 25-26	
25-26		29-30	789	DECEMBER2-3	
APRIL1-2	968	AUGUST5-6	990	9-10	
8-9	1303	World Tournament 12-13	1192	16-17	
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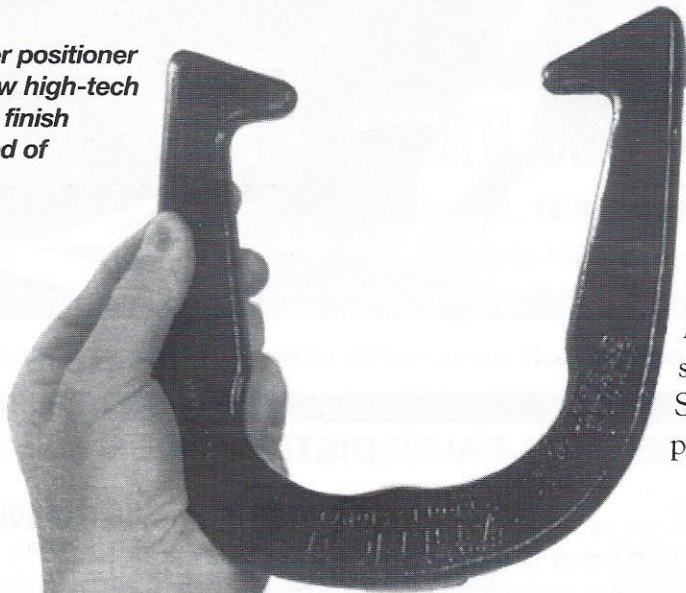
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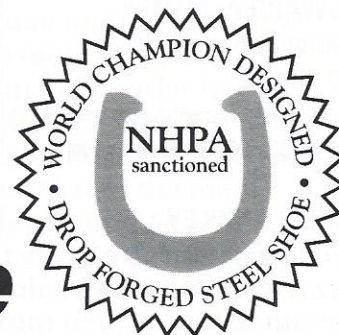
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