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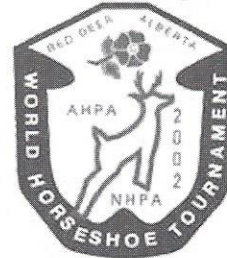
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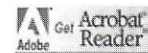
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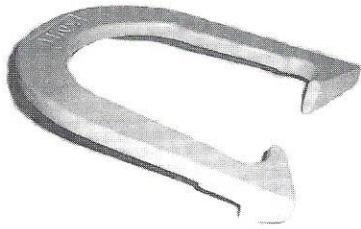
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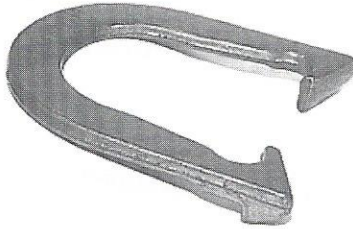
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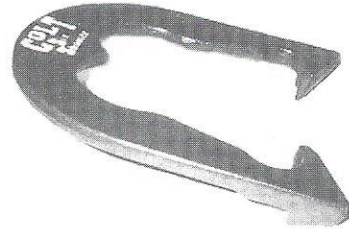
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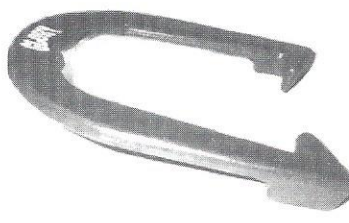
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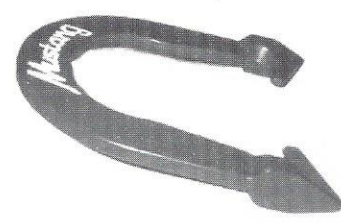
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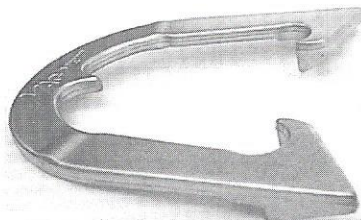
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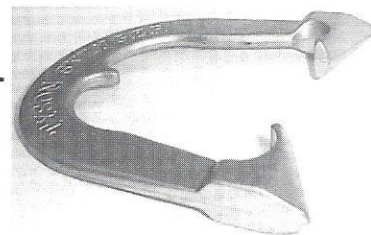


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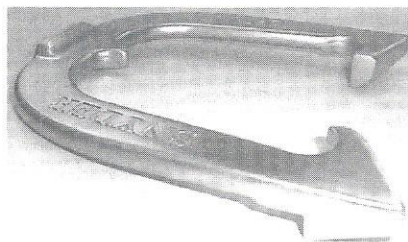
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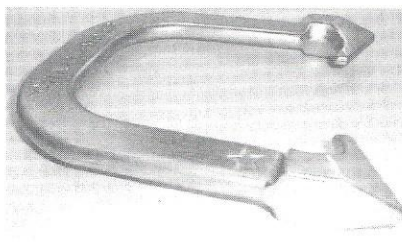


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Dave Loucks

Over the weekend of January 12-13, the Executive Council met in Nashville for their annual winter meeting. There were several important topics on the agenda. Among them were many World Tournament administrative decisions, a difficult grievance review, a challenge to the Council's interpretation of a vague rule, selection of Sanctioned League Junior Scholar award winners, evaluation of a proposal and questions for a random membership survey and review of 13 member proposed changes to NHPA Bylaws. Some of the Council decisions, especially those on topics of concern to a broad base of the membership, will become evident as you read through other articles in this issue.

It is no secret that NHPA membership growth has been at a relative standstill for several years. To some degree, the same problem exists in all charters. A percentage of members one year fail to renew the next year. To avoid a decline, new members have to be found or former members coaxed back into the fold. Around the association, there has been a lot of discussion and speculation as to why it is so difficult to find and maintain members. Theories abound. An aging membership, no sponsors, a lack of publicity, too many rules, dues are too high, poor communication, no money in the game, can't smoke or drink, tournaments too far to travel, a dull sport, have family conflicts or other options that are more exciting. These are just some of the reasons we hear. Unfortunately, no one has yet been able to hit on a single

one or two that if addressed, could turn things around.

How then do we attack this dilemma? There is in my mind, no easy solution. Our ability to attract and maintain new members will always be limited as long as the national media and sponsors ignore us. We have learned from experience that the reason they do so is that horseshoe pitching is perceived to be just a backyard or picnic recreation requiring no athleticism and offering little excitement or spectator appeal. Some of this is difficult to dispute. Even when it is explained that we have a National Organization with members throughout the States and Canada and an annual World Tournament, we are unable to produce the demographics required by major sponsors who hope to get a return on their advertising dollar. This is much like a catch-22 problem. It's difficult to build National recognition without major sponsors and we can't get sponsors because the media and general public think of horseshoe pitching not as a sport but as a recreational pastime enjoyed mostly by retirees.

I am reminded of the article that appeared in USA Today after our 1993 World Tournament. A reporter who was there wrote in part, "in the U.S. frame of reference, this cannot be a sport. No large people or objects collide; there is no noise other than the clanking of horseshoes hitting the stake. Golf galleries are noisier around the putting green than these spectators. Monotony on this scale is

rarely duplicated outside of a United Nations debate." For some hardcore horseshoe pitchers, those are fighting words. However, they point out why it is difficult for us to gain recognition, why we are not a spectator sport and why we have trouble attracting sponsors and new members.

So, what do we do? We, all of us, should get involved with any club activity that may bring about the betterment and growth of horseshoe pitching. We should strive to increase awareness of organized pitching through publicity and promotion, wherever and whenever we can get it. Continue to support sanctioned tournaments and league play. Stop complaining and finding fault with those who run these events or enforce our rules and bylaws. Let the local media know in advance of our events and provide them with the results afterward. Strive to bring in a new member, especially a junior or younger adult. Promise to help a beginning pitcher. Keep an open mind to new ideas and methods of play that might improve the appeal of the game.

Achieving any one of these goals by themselves will not overnight correct our membership, image or sponsorship problems. However, if we achieve some success with most of them, we can over time expect to see improvement in all areas. Again, make a commitment to do a fair share. The NHPA is a volunteer organization and its work cannot be done by just your club, charter or national officers. You need to help!

FIRST INDOOR CHARITY TOURNAMENT RAISES \$900

submitted by Dean Schmitz, MCIHPC Director

Over sixty horseshoe pitchers participated in the 2002 opening of the Southeastern Michigan Horseshoe Club's charity season held at the Mount Clemens Indoor Horseshoe Pitchers Club. Forty-six of them pitched in the tournament, raising \$900 for Special Olympics on Saturday, January 19th.

Tournament winners were: First place, Elbert Hawkins, Detroit and Vic Farrar, Warren; Second place: Ken Connin, Ray Township and Tim Robinson, Smiths Creek; Third place: Chuck Ashmore, Eastpointe and Dick Czenkus, Casco.

The TV raffle was won by Tom Blake, Shelby; 50-50 by Jerry Barnes, Harrison Township. Other raffles of caps, shirts, jackets, etc., were won by 10 different pitchers.

The Southeastern Michigan Horseshoe Club is organized for charity fund-raising and has as its motto "Pitching for Charity". The club raised \$15,000 in 2000, \$11,000 in 2001 and nearly a quarter-million dollars since being organized. Horseshoe tournaments are held in Macomb and St. Clair counties in all weather conditions throughout the year. Larry "Woody" Woods of Smiths Creek is the President.

The Mount Clemens Indoor Horseshoe Pitchers Club was formed three years ago and is sponsored by the Mount Clemens Recreation Department, Theresa Randolph, Director.

For more information about each club call (810) 367-3235 (SeMHsC) and (586) 463-7488 (MCIHPC) or email: dschmitz@compuserve.com

DAVE'S COURT REPORT *by Dave Loucks*

W.T. SCOREKEEPING

Scorekeepers in Red Deer will once again receive a voucher from the judge for each game scored. These vouchers can be redeemed at the NHPA W.T. office for cash. The difference this year is that the cash paid will be in Canadian funds, three dollars per game.

2001 RECORD PAYOFF FOR JUNIORS

During the course of last year, the NHPA paid out a record \$8,992.79 to former junior pitchers who claimed their trust accounts as they graduated high school. Eighteen accounts were paid off. Some claimed their World Tournament prizes while others were getting their Sanctioned League Junior Scholar Awards. To date, the NHPA has paid out a total of \$46,551.85 in junior trust money. Some \$11,360 is still being maintained in interest bearing trust accounts for future payouts.

RULES REVISION TO BE SOUGHT FOR 2003

Delegates at Red Deer will most likely be asked to approve an order to present a revision (rewrite) of the playing rules at the 2003 convention. There have been many comments that the rules need to be clarified and

simplified in several places. Inconsistencies in wording need to be corrected. Many have suggested that penalties be better defined and other scoring methods added as options. Rules Chairperson, Bonnie Seibold would like to address these issues next year and the NHPA Council concurs.



"I WONDER WHY THE CITY INSTALLED LIGHTNING RODS IN THE PARK SANDBOXES?"

by Robert E. Taylor



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NHPF News & Contribution Update by Dave Loucks

Contributions received during November and December stayed pretty steady despite the poor economy and Holiday Season. During the last six weeks of the year, I deposited and acknowledged 31 individual contributions totaling \$5665.16. 2001 marked the 4th full year of operation for the NHPF. Over those four years, a total of 1250 donations from a combination of 755 individuals, charters and clubs were received. The total of these is \$115,199. Additionally, 56 other checks were received for such things as Joelton court fees, Banquet revenue, NHPA Money Market interest and miscellaneous income. The total of these was \$53,846 making a grand total of \$169,045 in deposits.

California has sent the most contributions, 131 from 72 different contributors. Minnesota follows closely with 123 donations from just 38 contributors. Art Moran from Minnesota has himself sent in a donation of at least ten dollars 47 different times. 56 individuals, clubs or charters have donated \$500 or more earning each of them an engraved nameplate on the plaque of major benefactors, which will be displayed in the Hall of Fame. Nine of those major contributors are from the Northern California charter while six are from Minnesota. Oregon and Texas have provided four each; Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina and Wisconsin, three each; Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Kentucky and Tennessee two each, while Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Eastern Nebraska, Nevada, New York, Ohio and Washington have one each.

Last year, 20 contributors reached the \$500 level to earn their engraved plate. As we enter 2002, 14 others are sitting at \$400 or more. We actually have another person who has donated more than \$500 but they wish to remain anonymous so there has been no plate engraved for them. The NHPF Directors cannot overstate their expression of thanks to all those who have sent in contributions. Your generosity and desire to give back something to the sport is a demonstration of true support for the well being of horseshoe pitching. If you are one who has not yet sent in a contribution, please do so this year. It is tax deductible because the NHPF is a charitable organization dedicated to preserving the

history of our sport while ensuring its future.

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3. Minnesota, 123 for \$7261
4. Oregon, 42 for \$5766
5. Georgia, 15 for \$5725
6. North Carolina, 62 for \$5178
7. Missouri, 59 for \$5048
8. Wisconsin, 60 for \$4608
9. Michigan, 71 for \$4467
10. Colorado, 38 for \$4093
11. Massachusetts, 7 for \$4015
12. Florida, 48 for \$3328
13. Texas, 31 for \$3185
14. Ohio, 68 for \$3036
15. Washington 38 for \$3021
16. Iowa, 25 for \$2346
17. Illinois, 48 for \$2200
18. Pennsylvania, 38 for \$2174
19. Kentucky, 28 for \$2105
20. Kansas, 23 for \$1932
21. Indiana, 21 for \$1603
22. New York, 29 for \$1581
23. New Jersey, 24 for \$1529
24. Nebraska, 19 for \$1318
25. Nevada, 9 for \$990
26. Maryland, 24 for \$890
27. North Dakota, 6 for \$820
28. Louisiana, 8 for \$767
29. Connecticut, 17 for \$717
30. South Dakota, 12 for \$452
31. South Carolina, 10 for \$450
32. Montana, 6 for \$420
33. Oklahoma, 11 for \$408
34. Alabama, 3 for \$370
35. Idaho, 8 for \$335
36. West Virginia, 11 for \$320
37. Virginia, 11 for \$318
38. Arizona, 7 for \$264
39. New Mexico, 4 for \$235
40. Arkansas, 5 for \$185
41. Wyoming, 3 for \$182
42. Hawaii, 3 for \$150
43. Alaska, 1 for \$120
44. New Hampshire, 2 for \$105
45. Utah, 3 for \$100
46. Vermont, 2 for \$50
47. Maine, 1 for \$25
48. Delaware, 1 for \$7
49. Mississippi, 1 for \$5

JUNIOR PROMOTION

by Heidi Poppe

A Look Back at the 2001 World Jr. Boys Champion

Not only is Minnesota the home of the 2001 World Tournament, it is the home of the 2001 Junior Boys World Champion, Lance Albrecht. Lance started pitching at the young age of 8 years old with his dad and older brother in a local league. If you would have told Lance that he was going to win the championship class before he arrived in Hibbing last summer he never would have believed you. But, after a 6-1 record and pitching 74.38% he found that 5 days of practice a week really does pay off! Lance uses CanAm shoes pitching a 3/4 turn and credits his dad's dedication to him and the sport as his influence to keep pitching.

Other than winning the World Championship, Lance recalls his competition against his older brother, Andy, in the Minnesota State Tournament as a highlight of his pitching career. His advice to other junior pitchers in the NHPA would be to stay dedicated to the sport, if you practice and work hard you can achieve your goals. Lance would like to see more juniors-only tournaments around the states and more junior 'visibility' at the World Tournament.

Besides pitching horseshoes, Lance plays in a bowling league during the winter. In his last year at Rochester Off Campus High School, he is a member of the Student Council and plans to attend a local college to take his general education courses until he decides what he wants to major in.

On behalf of the NHPA, congratulations Lance and Good Luck to you in your future endeavors!

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| Newsline Ads | \$4,209.00 |
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| Membership Dues 2001 | \$18,523.00 |
| Horseshoe Sanction Fees | \$2,700.00 |
| NHPF | \$2.00 |
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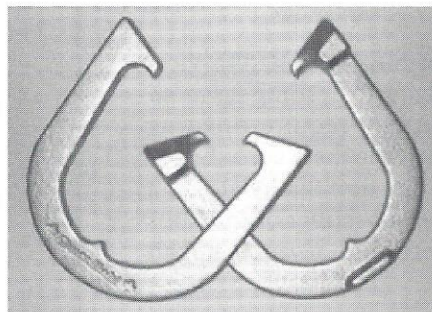
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by BONNIE SEIBOLD

The following proposals submitted by members to the Council were deemed appropriate, with sufficient merit to consider discussion and vote by the delegates. A few proposals of very similar wording were combined with recomposed text for clarity.

#1

Article V, Section 3 (C. through H.)

Currently Reads -

- c. Each NHPA Vice-President shall receive 5% of the Secretary/Treasurer total.
- d. The NHPA Newsline Editor and Natstats Director shall each receive 20% of the Secretary/Treasurer total.
- e. The NHPA Publicity and Web Site Directors shall receive 5% of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer total.
- f. The Sanctioned Club/League Director shall receive 15 cents for each member reported as playing in the Sanctioned Club/League Program.
- g. The Regional Director Chairman shall receive 5 cents annually for each adult NHPA member.
- h. The NHPA National Promotion Director shall receive \$300 while specialized directors shall receive \$150 annually.

Proposed Change:

- c. Each NHPA Vice-President shall receive 10% of the Secretary/Treasurer total. Vice-Presidents shall direct specific NHPA functions assigned them by the President. These functions shall include but not be limited to; Bylaws, Rules, Regional Directors, Sanctioned League, Publicity, Promotion and Website.
- d. The Natstats Director shall receive 20% of the Secretary/Treasurer total.
- e. The Newsline Editor shall receive 10% of annual subscription revenue.
- f. The NHPA President may authorize Associate Directors to assist the Vice-Presidents with specific tasks related to the functions mentioned in paragraph c., above. These Associate Directors shall receive 2-5% of the Secretary/Treasurer total, the percentage to be approved by the Council and determined by the magnitude of the task.

g. & h. Delete

Reason:

To define primary functions of responsibility assigned to Vice-Presidents while simplifying and equalizing their compensation. To recognize that certain functions may require ongoing assistance from associates and to compensate them accordingly. The Newsline Editor is the only above function that relates to a specific segment of the membership (subscribers) and thus should have compensation tied to subscription revenue, not all membership dues.

#2

Article VII, Section 12

Currently Reads -

All sanctioned tournament results must be reported promptly in a prescribed format to NatStats, the NHPA Center for

Pitching Averages. It is the responsibility of the charter president to designate the reporting person. All sanctioned Club/League results shall be reported to the designated NHPA Club/League Director, promptly at the conclusion of any league, who will then forward results on to the Natstats Director.

Proposed Change:

The results of all sanctioned events must be reported timely in a prescribed format to the NatStats Director. It is the responsibility of the Charter President to designate the reporting person. All results of sanctioned tournaments must be sent to NatStats within 15 days of their completion. All results of sanctioned club/league play must be sent to the NHPA Club/League Director within 15 days of their completion.

Any results sent later than 15 days after completion shall be considered null and void unless they are accompanied by a written reason that is acceptable to the NatStats or Sanctioned Club/League Director. Under no circumstance shall results be accepted that were sent later than 30 days from the date of event completion. Unaccepted events shall be identified in Newsline and on the NHPA website. Members playing in unaccepted events shall initially receive no NatStats credit for playing in the event but they may reverse that decision by personal appeal if made within 120 days of the event date.

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Any results reported in a timely manner or otherwise accepted that includes a player without a valid NHPA or Canadian membership number (pre-approved Pro/Am events excepted) shall subject the reporting Charter to a possible fine. The NatStats director will first contact the TD and Charter Secretary to obtain the missing card number or an acceptable explanation. If it is not provided within 30 days of initial NatStats contact, the Charter shall be fined \$100. All fines must be paid before the following years membership cards will be sent.

Reason:

Too many tournament directors or charter reporting people display complete apathy for timely reporting or ensuring that all entrants are members. This indifference hurts and is unfair to players who expect all pitching averages to be updated by NatStats in a timely manner. If NatStats is to be a viable tool for maintaining averages, there must be some penalty for those who blatantly disregard reporting requirements.

#3

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 13
(First Sentence)

Currently Reads:

All officers of a charter must be members of the NHPA and subscribe to the NHPA magazine Newslite.

Proposed Change:

All officers of a charter, sanctioned league and tournament directors within an NHPA Charter shall be required to be subscribers of the NHPA Newslite Magazine prior to their being issued material to sanction a league and/or tournament.

Reason:

How else can recognized league and tournament directors be timely informed of the latest directives issued by the NHPA Executive Council, so as to organize and conduct sanctioned events according to the latest information? Moreover, having at least one issue of the magazine within a Club, should encourage the director to impart contents of the magazine, not only to the associated club members, but too, to those that could be spectators, which in turn, may encourage their becoming members.

#4

Article XI, Section 3
(First Sentence)

Currently Reads -

In World, National, Regional and State Championships, all ties for first place must be broken by a play-off game.

Proposed Change:

In World, National, Regional and State Championships, all ties for first place in any class must be broken by a play-off game.

Reason:

For better clarification.

#5

Article XII, Section 8
(Second Sentence)

Currently Reads :

When a junior division is offered in a non-handicap tournament, a junior may pitch with the adults without harm to their junior standing, only when their average is at least 20% higher than the next junior.

Proposed Change :

When a junior division is offered in a non-handicap tournament, a junior may pitch with the adults without harm to their junior standing, only when their average is at least 10% higher than the next junior.

Reason:

There would not be a problem with this bylaw if we had more Junior participation in sanctioned tournaments, however, until that happens, I feel we need to change this bylaw in order to make competition pitching for Juniors more enjoyable. As a Junior, would you enjoy competing against the same person, (not persons), pitch the best out of 5 games, which more often are only 3, and then go home. Often these games are not real competitive due to the required 20% ringer spread.

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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Allen Baptist

Notice to Regional Directors – I would like some input from all of the RD's. I have been thinking about organizing Regional tournaments again, but not to the extent of the prior tournaments. For now, I would like to restrict the tournament to just a Regional tournament only; not expand it to the National tournament as before. I think a Regional tournament would spark a lot of interest and excitement. The RD's would be in charge of running the tournament. If there is more than one RD in a region, they would share the responsibilities. I would like some ideas on how to divide the charters into Regions. Please write or email ideas and suggestions to me and we can discuss them at the RD meeting in Red Deer. (Please note new email address: beckybbaptist@msn.com)

FROM THE MAIL BAG

Wayne Roope, North Carolina RD – reports that he has sanctioned 24 new courts in Gastonia, NC, located at George Poston Park. These fine courts are complete with lights and clay.

Myrtle May Kamoku, Hawaii RD – reports that the Island of Hawaii (The Big Island) will soon have 12 additional horseshoe courts in Hilo at the Onekahakaha Beach Park. Mr. David Calles, Sr., President of the Hilo Ohana Horseshoe Club based in Hilo, reported that he has received the Memorandum of Agreement from the Department of Parks and Recreation for their review and signature. This Memorandum of Agreement after executing by all parties will be their permission to start implementing their project. Myrtle states that the Island already has 12 existing courts.

Fred Briand, Southern California RD – reports that Southern California will have approximately 105 sanctioned tournaments in 2002. So, California has started the newly named Riviera Horseshoe Club located at 1219 Encinitas Blvd. The club has six sand courts and will host six sanctioned tournaments this year. Fred says that he has received interest from Dana Point, CA in starting a club. Fred also says that as he attends weekend tournaments, he inspects the courts at the site and makes notes on the condition. I think that is a very good idea.

Don Weaver, Nevada RD – reports that he is feeling a lot better since his operation. He is even playing Paddle Tennis to get back into top horseshoe pitching shape!

Randy Collins, Texas RD – reports that Sarah Cottingham, of the George Bush Library recently contacted him in College Station, TX. She needed help putting together a horseshoe tournament in which the staff and students would participate with George Bush, Sr. Of course Randy jumped at the chance, as this would be great promotion for horseshoes. They met with some of the people who were going to participate in the tournament by going over basic rules and giving some pointers. It was decided the tournament would be a doubles

format and double elimination. The final 3 teams would then pitch a separate double elimination against George Bush, Sr. and his grandson George P. Bush. The Bryan Horseshoe Club helped with the scorekeeping and helped Sarah run the brackets. George, Sr. and his grandson had some close competition but prevailed in the end! George, Sr. expressed interest in holding more tournaments at the library. After the tournament, everyone was invited to a Texas Bar-B-Q lunch.

Deborah Michaud, ARD Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island – reports that New Hampshire has two large clubs which currently hold sanctioned tournaments and there are other active clubs which presently have no sanction activities. Deborah has plans to meet with these officers and get a newsletter started. She wants to get more clubs started and also two clubs in the middle of the state are showing interest. Rhode Island has one active club run by a very enthusiastic group, which sends out a bi-annual newsletter to each member. Massachusetts is showing growth every year. There are eight active clubs in the state, of which four will hold sanction tournaments this year. They also send out a bi-annual newsletter to each member at no charge. MA averages approximately 60 entries in each tournament.



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PUBLICITY **NHPA** PROMOTION

By Casey Sluys

PROMOTION IDEAS

Some years ago, when I had the privilege of being a Charter Officer, I attended the officer's meetings that were held annually at the World Tournaments. At these meetings various promotion ideas were discussed and presented. Here is a re-cap for some of them. How many of them has your Charter implemented? There was the publicity brochure specifically designed for your Charter. If I'm not mistaken, it was originally done in Iowa. On this brochure it has a list of all the cities within your Charter that have horseshoe clubs. Included are the names, phone numbers and email addresses of people in those cities, so they can be contacted for more information. There can also be specific information about your Charter and a statement about the NHPA. These would be handed out to anyone showing even the remotest interest in horseshoe pitching. There are always people walking by, stopping to look, etc. Walk up to them and hand them one of these brochures. If this sounds like something your Charter publicity people would like to have, let me know I'll send you an example.

All Regional Directors have NHPA supplied "business cards." These cards should be given to the various Tournament Directors within the Charter. They in turn hand them out to passers by. In fact, anyone with any type of horseshoe "business card" could do the same thing. One other idea with the card was to go to local sports shops and large department stores that carry horseshoe sets. Talk to the sales clerk and ask if you could slip your card into all their horseshoe sets. Explain to them that it is to let potential horseshoe pitchers know that organized horseshoe pitching exists. More often than not, you will get an okay to do that as long as you do not damage the boxes trying to stuff the card in.

PUBLICITY PERSONS

Does your Charter or club have a publicity chairperson? What is expected

of that individual? Do they contact the media prior to one of the local events? Are the results of your tournament called in to the sports desk of your local paper? Does he/she contact the media (TV, newspaper, radio, and public information stations) with upcoming events and results? We assume in most cases that this person would be a Charter Officer, but does everyone know who it is? Does your Charter host any charity fund raising events? A function like this could serve a dual purpose. Not only would you be raising money for a worthwhile cause, but it could also generate a significant amount of very positive publicity for the Charter.

In order for this Publicity/Promotion team to function at its best it would be nice if each Charter or club could send me the name, address, phone number and email of their publicity/promotion person. Let's begin 2002 with a national media blitz. Help is available on the website or simply ask us for it; we would be glad to help.

PLANNING STAGE

Some things in the planning stages now are to create some written guidelines that could be sent to anyone wishing to know how our organization operates. These guidelines would explain how to set up and run a tournament, how to contact the media, written instructions on how to pitch, how to construct horseshoe courts and what it takes to become an NHPA Club. There may be a few other things that need to be included into this and if you have an idea please send it to me. If any of you have some of this information readily available, we certainly would be able to use it.

Our intent is to create a booklet similar to the League Redbook (except for the color). Most of the information we compile will be generic and thus be able to be applied to any given situation. We may have to publish two separate booklets; one for the various Parks and Recreation Departments, Boy/Girl

Scouts, 4H Clubs, etc. and one for the NHPA Charters.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

In Minnesota, John Stanford made a proposal to take a charity fundraiser Charter wide. Jerry LaBrosse formed a committee to study the feasibility of this. They got their tournament directors to commit \$1.00 from every member entry fee and donate it to the "Make a Wish Foundation". Just this commitment alone will bring in over \$1000.00 to this worthwhile cause. Phyl Quist (obviously a visitor) shared the idea of an event calendar they made and sold in Washington. The group created a calendar that sells for a mere \$5.00 and 50% of that will go to the Make a Wish Foundation. Jackie Hughes will be coordinating all of the tournament proceeds. Presently Minnesota is looking to adopt a specific wish for which they would be able to get photos with the wish they would sponsor. Anyone wishing a Minnesota schedule and a very nice calendar can contact Jerry LaBrosse at Jlabro6186@aol.com or Marlys Timm at Martimm2@aol.com

Another great fund-raiser is found in Michigan. See the article else where in this issue to read about this charity fundraising club.

YOUNGER JUNIORS

Most of you should know by now that a proposal passed allowing children nine and younger to pitch from 20 feet. Every effort should be made to make these youngsters feel as comfortable as possible. Here's how that situation should be handled.

If as a Tournament Director, I were to run into the situation where we had a child under 9 entering a tournament, the first thing I would do is to be certain this child had an established average. Then I would watch him/her during warm-ups to determine their ability. I would establish their foul line somewhere between 20 and 23 feet with either a

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piece of tape on the pad or a mark of some kind in the grass. Whether it is a thin paint line or some temporary mark, it wouldn't really matter. Although a temporary mark would be best, maybe a couple of nails and a piece of string? Whatever the case, a TD would have to mentor this child and re-establish that foul line at every court they would play on. I would make EVERY attempt to seed this youngster into a 5 or 6 person group. That way the child wouldn't get so worn out.

Each instance you run into will have its own unique circumstance so adjustments will have to be made for almost all cases. The important thing is to have the child leave the tournament with a positive experience. Upon the completion of their tournament, make a special presentation to this youngster. Certainly all clubs have a plaque/trophy that could be donated to this cause. Make the youngster feel welcome and above all have some patience with them.

INTERNATIONALLY

We have heard from Bruce Nimon of New Zealand, another newcomer to horseshoe pitching. He owns a winery there called Lucknow Estates. Catchy name, right? Well their logo is a horseshoe and his intent is to build some horseshoe courts on his property for entertainment for his guests. He says he is keen to have a regional tournament next year and asked for some rules. A package was sent to him with rules and other general information in it. Visit his website at www.lucknowestate.com. Hopefully in the near future he will have pictures on it showing the completed courts and people pitching on them.

In the past few issues I have asked all of you to send me various things. Please don't forget to send it. Compiling all this information into one useable national resource would certainly benefit our organization and assist in its growth.

Thank you,
The Publicity/Promotion Team

Hello NHPA members!

It has been nearly 10 years since we have requested input from the general NHPA membership on a broad basis. We are in the planning stages of conducting a mail survey this spring. The survey instrument will be sent to a random sample of members from 18 randomly selected states.

The purpose of the survey is to get grass root input that will help us determine how members feel and act towards different elements of NHPA as an organization. In addition, we will update some of the demographics on our membership from an earlier survey conducted in 1993 by President Dave Loucks, who was then editor of Newsline. It will also give us an idea of

whom the target groups would be for future NHPA members.

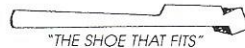
Our goal is to use the information to help guide NHPA as we plan for the future. We encourage all members that may receive the survey to respond, as with a small sample, response rate is important to interpreting the results.

If you receive one of these surveys, please take the time to fill it out as completely as possible. Together we can make the NHPA grow and prosper for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you,

Casey Sluys,
Publicity/Promotion Director

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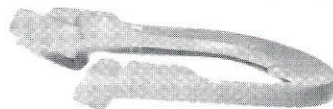
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I am now holding a 54.6% and pitching in Class 'A'! Even though I still struggle through some 40-50% games, I also have a lot of games in the 60-70% range. With a little more time on the courts, I expect my % to keep climbing!"

D. Mc. - Colorado

". . . Just for your information, I am an amateur horseshoe pitcher, having only joined a league two weeks ago. At one of the meetings, I had the pleasure of throwing some of your MR. D. shoes.

Being new to the sport, I never dreamed that different shoes could make a difference! For the three games I used your shoes, my ringer percentage was double my usual average.

I simply had to get a pair of your shoes after that experience (much to the chagrin of my wife!)."

T.S. - Kansas

"Dear Sir,
I would like to order a pair of your MR. D. Horseshoes.

I am a 30 foot pitcher, and my ringer percent is 56%. I have a lot of ringers flip off the stake. I hope the MR. D. shoe helps."

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"Dear Johnny,
I received my pair of MR. D. shoes today, and, of course, I had to try them out. After I got used to them not having a toe lug, I thought I would see what ringer percent I would get out of fifty shoes.

The first fifty, I got 72% - the next fifty shoes I got 74%. The last fifty I had 82%!!! I sure like the way they flip and land!"

-*-

"Johnny,
I have been to seven tournaments since I started using the MR. D.'s, and I've won four! I hit a lot of 70 plus % games!

I am enclosing a check for fifty dollars for another pair of MR. D.'s as my back-up. Thanks."

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"Johnny,
First, I want to thank you for designing the MR. D. Horseshoe.

After I talked to you, I won the Class "A" at the West Liberty Tournament with 62.3% average.

Then, on the 1st of September, I won the Elders State Championship at the Ohio State Championship Tournament at Greenville, Ohio, with a 63.8% average!

Every Tournament my ringer percent keeps going up."

B.T. - Ohio

“WHAT’S GOING ON?”

Cathie Loucks

If you have something you would like to share, please send the information to me at 6233 Woodman Drive, Oroville, CA 95966 or email me at cathieloucks@yahoo.com.

COLORADO:

According to Alan Baptist, Sheila Shepard, who assumed the duties of CHPA secretary in November, is the 1st woman secretary in the history of Colorado horseshoes. Only 7 women have even held office since the association was formed in 1921. Good luck to her as secretary and in reaching her personal goal of winning the women's championship in the State Tournament. She came in 4th at the 2001 State with a 54.8% and was one of the 3 Shepards that made up the Edgewater League team that won the State Team League title for the 3rd year in a row.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the "Double Ringer" with Bob Champion as editor. "Champ" is wondering if anyone is interested in taking over the responsibility as he is about ready to retire.

Of the 91 pitchers entered in the 1981 State tournament (Paul LaCrosse won his 3rd title) 16 are still active.

FLORIDA:

A survey regarding handicapping was recently conducted, receiving an awesome 25% response rate. The results showed that the majority of members (responders) feel that handicapping at 80% is fair and should be used when the spread is greater than 8%.

A few clubs have been using 6 and 9 person round robins in which the players alternately pitch and keep score. A player keeps score for 1 game then pitches 2 repeating until the end of the round robin. Scorekeeping money is paid out as prize money making available more prize money in each class (Florida collects scorekeeping \$\$ from the players prior to start of games). The tournament director doesn't have to beg for scorekeepers, more players can be scheduled on available courts and the players are finished in one session and don't have to stay to keep score.

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. maintains the highest percentage for 40' men with 78.8%. Bill Roop holds the Elder's with 73.5% and Debbie Burrows the women at 58.5%.

During 2001, 224 members pitched in 5 or more tournaments.

LOUISIANA:

When Louisiana was first issued a charter they had 25 members and 3 courts. Since then the membership has grown to 270 and courts have been built statewide. They continue to grow every year.

Jack Atchley won the Elders championship for the 2nd consecutive year and James F. Walker, Jr. was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

MICHIGAN:

The Southeastern Michigan Horseshoe Club is organized for charity fund raising and has as its motto, "Pitching for Charity". The tournament opening the club's charity season for 2002 had 46 players and raised \$900.00 for Special Olympics. This club has raised nearly \$250,000.00 for charity since being organized.

MINNESOTA:

These folks believe in awards. The following are some of the deserving recipients for 2001. Congratulations to them all! Les Holland was inducted into the Hall of Fame as a promoter, while Jackie Hughes was inducted into the State Junior Honor Roll. (Glad to see her back pitching) Bob Knudtson was named Pitcher of the Year and Marlys Timm was recognized with a plaque for all her hard work as News Media Director. Tom Keppel accepted a plaque for the Hibbing club in honor of the great job done hosting the World Tournament. Marlene Knudtson was Scorekeeper of the Year and Joel Duenow took Rookie of the Year honors.

MISSOURI:

Sharon Taylor was elected Vice- President of the MOHPA taking office November 1st from Danny Branson who had to step down due to work related reasons. At the annual awards banquet, the MOHPA inducted Carl W. "Cotton" Gutshall into their Hall of Fame. Awards for outstanding achievement went to Bill Masterson, Carlye Gricks, Jr., Bob and Donna Bastel. Two special awards went to father and son, Jerry and Stan Griggs. Jerry, who has since moved to Florida, served ten years as the MOHPA Hall of Fame Chairman. Stan has for several years served as State Statistician. In his position as General Manager of Midwest Embroidery, Stan last year provided the NHPA with a price saving quote on all our tournament, league and specialty patches, the result of which brought 2001 winners a better quality and sharper looking patch.

Melody Williams, Co-Director of the MOHPA Junior program recently had the opportunity to introduce 12 Girl Scouts to horseshoe pitching. On her backyard court, Melody and husband Danny gave demonstrations and then let the girls have plenty of hands-on play of the game. The girls, aged 12-14, were very interested, so much so that they invited Melody to a winter meeting for further indoctrination to the game. Plans for this year are to get the Boy Scouts involved.

NORTH CAROLINA:

Sheila Bolick who has served as Jr. Promotion Director for the past 7 years and won more than 200 trophies in her 15-year pitching career was the 2001 inductee into the State Hall of Fame. If you wanted to pitch in the 35th Annual Dogwood Tournament in Statesville, you should have sent your entry in back in January. The tournament held each year in April was full (190 entries max.) last year by Feb. 8th. This is a great tournament and a fun time. If you missed it - maybe next year you should send your entry in December.

NEW YORK:

The NYSHPA is still going strong and extends thanks to the horseshoe pitchers around the country for their support, prayers and sympathy to those who were affected by "September 11th".

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Congratulations to two fine gentlemen and great promoters of our sport; Glenn Brown and Jack Stenberg, who were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Sue Twyman, who now has 10 state championships under her belt, has won the most consecutive titles. She is on the fast track to overtake two former NY woman champions. Lorraine Thomas won 11 championships from 1963 to 1985. Her first title was won with a 37% average but by 1970 she won with 80.9%. Ruth Hangen picked up 16 championships from 1967 to 1991. Her first title was won with a 68.5% and a high of 82.5% in 1977. Sue won her first title in 1992 with 68% and her high to date was in 1996 at 78%.

NEW JERSEY:

Congratulations to Larry Thomason on his induction into the Hall of Fame, to George Patrick for the Sportsmanship of the Year Award and to Justin MacIntyre for having the most improved percentage. Neal Pronek voiced the opinion (tongue in cheek) that the Sportsmanship of the Year Award should have gone to former charter president, Bill Penn. Neal says that many of Bill's shoes miss the pit entirely, 10 to 20 feet in either direction, and although he maims a lot of spectators and passersby, he ALWAYS says "excuse me"!

OKLAHOMA:

Homer & Ginger Cain of Marland, have attended 25 consecutive World Tournaments starting with Greenville in 1977. Homer, who competed in all of them, says they have worn out three pickup trucks and two travel trailers.

Wanda Morris of Broken Bow was voted into the OKHPA Hall of Fame. Formal induction will take place in March at a recognition tournament in Broken Bow.

Bob Reese, charter president for the past six years has given up that position to Jim Crockett of Yukon. David Montgomery of Midwest City is the new 2nd Vice President.

Ardmore, who was trying to put together a World Tournament bid, is apparently unable to gather the necessary funding at this time.

OREGON:

Alan Ringo, a 4-year pitching veteran has accepted the Jr. Director position. He believes that his position as a teacher with a cheerful personality will assist him in bringing in new junior members. Barry Chapelle visited the Joelton, TN courts in November and checked out the Hall of Fame building. He shares others' concerns that the site won't receive many visitors but states that it is much better to have our Hall of Fame materials available for viewing than stored in someone's basement. Perhaps you folks with these concerns haven't heard - "If you build it - they will come". Let's think positive!

TEXAS:

The Central Texas Horseshoe Pitchers of Waco were the recipients of an achievement award for having the most club members in 2001. Don Duncan, Bubba Frieda, Derick Carsile, Sara Doty and Betty Griffin all received awards for being the most improved in each of their respective divisions. Sportsmanship awards were resented to Kelly Tooley, Nelda Dodson and Brian Rutledge. Jean

Davenport received a special award for her work and dedication to the Jr. Scholarship Fund.

Ricky Afinowicz became the 23rd member to be inducted into the Hall of Fame since its inception in 1974. Ricky served as the charter president for 6 years and is currently 1st VP. He is an unselfish and tireless worker for the charter and Hall of Fame chairman, Bob Graham says, "he makes the Energizer bunny envious".

WASHINGTON:

Phyl Quist remains charter president by a unanimous vote. She does such a good job that Jim rewarded her with a cruise to the Bahamas via the Panama Canal. Carol Dammarell, Lee Luchsinger and Russ Phillips shared the pitcher of the Year award. Three must be the lucky number here because 3 deserving gentlemen were inducted into the Hall of Fame; Gerry Staley, Les Spilseth and Don Tysver.

The 37th annual Winetrot Winter Classic began on Jan. 12th. This series of 6 tournaments was begun by "Winnie" Winetrot to encourage early membership renewal and to give those hardy enough to brave rain, wind, sleet and snow a way to stay competitive year round. Pitchers travel from all over the state to compete, some driving over 200 miles one-way for the 1-day event.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA:

The City of Erie dedicated the new 24-court facility in honor of the Kuchcinski family last October. The court complex which boasts hi impact, plastic backstops, aluminum bleachers and 6 RV pads with water & electric hook-ups was built at a cost of \$200,000.00.

Regional Director, Darle Esh would like to see a little more pride taken in the appearance of courts during tournament play. He suggests that all court coverings be picked-up and removed to an out of site location. Shovels should be hung in brackets on the fence and water cans be kept in a designated spot. He would like to see backboards removed for better viewing but if not at least keep them looking presentable. Keep walkways and pads clear of clay and use cans or buckets, instead of the ground, for smokers to dispose of their butts.

Ron Weiss did a survey, which included a pitcher's record for 8 years at 40' and 9 years at 30'. In 56 tournaments over the 8 years as a 40'er, he averaged 49.16%. In 67 tournaments over 9 years as a 30'er he averaged 36.18%. The point being that you do not automatically become a better pitcher by moving up. As with anything, you have to work at it.

WEST VIRGINIA:

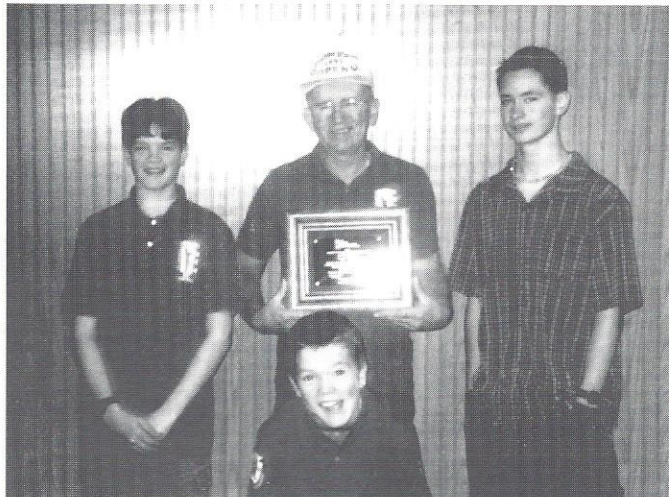
Jerry Wykle (66%) beat out Rick Cale's 62% for the Men's championship while Doug Cook, with the high % of 67, took 3rd place. Brenda Tawney won her 9th Women's title with 73% and Earl Huggins went undefeated to take the Elder's title with 48%. Heather Powell at 35% and Randall Owens at 31% won the Junior titles. Alan Withrow and Roland Barnett were inducted into the Hall of Fame and Charles Casey was elected to replace the retiring Charles Bunner as Secretary/Treasurer.

2001 LEAGUE DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Wayne Hinman, Syracuse Pioneer Horseshoe Club, New York

What a wonderful surprise it was when I received the letter letting me know that I was chosen to receive the award for Director of the Year for 2001. Thank you so very much for honoring me with this prestigious award. I can't tell you how much this means to me. It is such a pleasure to be able to serve as the league director for the Syracuse Pioneer Horseshoe Club and I hope to be able to continue for years to come.

I will try to tell you a little about myself and our club, which I love! I retired in June of 2000 after forty years as a General Contractor. My wife and I have five wonderful children and eight wonderful grandchildren. I love fishing at our camp with my grandchildren, as well as bowling, golfing and, of course, horseshoes. I love the comradely here at our club and I have met so many wonderful people in horseshoes.



Wayne and his grandsons, Left to Right: Nick Hinman, David Hinman and Bob St.Laurent

The Syracuse Pioneer Horseshoe Club has just received its Twenty Year Sanction plaque this year. I have been trying for the last fourteen years that I have been the league director, to get a Junior League going. Finally, last year I was able to get six juniors, including three of my grandchildren, pitching. We have twelve indoor courts on the NY State Fairgrounds.

I served as co-chairman for the 1991 US National Senior Sports Classic 3 held here in Syracuse. We also held the 1994 World Horseshoe Tournament on which I served as the Director of Finance & Merchandise. In addition, other tournaments we run each year include the NY State

Senior Games for Horseshoes and the Pioneer Open Annual Tournament in June. I served as the 1999 & 2000 Pioneer Open Director.

We have our leagues on Wednesdays, April through October, as we have no heat in our building. We also run tournaments on Monday evenings and an annual Doubles Tournament. I host an annual club picnic at my summer home on Oneida Lake. I put stakes into three-foot railroad ties and we bury them in the sand in the water,

about eight inches deep. It's cool pitching in the water and everyone enjoys it.

I would like to thank all the people in our club who "pitch" in and help! No one person can run a club. We have about sixty members and it takes many hands to run a club smoothly. Thank you again for the honor of this award. I really do appreciate it!

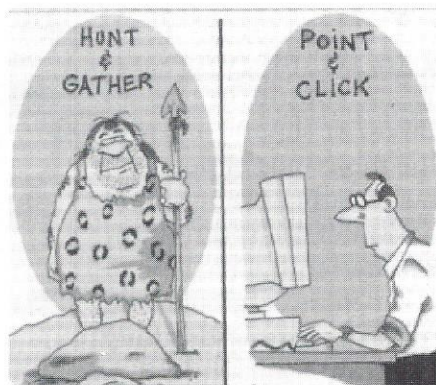
NHPA INTERNET WEBSITE

www.horseshoepitching.com

By Paul Stewart

I am sure all of you have heard the slogan, "We have come a long way baby". When talking about horseshoe pitching information today, I will have to say the same. "Yes, we have come a long way baby". March 2002 will be the 5th anniversary of the NHPA Online Website. Prior to 1997 there were only three horseshoe pitching links on the Internet. They were Terry Sears, Terre Haute Horseshoe Pitchers Club; Duane Goodrich, Horseshoe Pitching in Kansas and Dave Sullivan, North Texas Ringer.

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Before and After the NHPA Website

Candidates for NHPA Office

Bonnie Seibold -4th Vice-President

It has been an honor to serve you as your NHPA 4th Vice-President for several years. I've enjoyed working with the other NHPA officers and carrying out my responsibilities as Insurance Administrator, Bylaw Change Coordinator and chair of the Grievance Committee. Next year I will be doing the Rule changes also. I have always worked for the betterment of the NHPA and its members. The years ahead bring many new challenges and opportunities for the NHPA. It would be my privilege to continue serving and your support at the 2002 convention would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Dick Hansen - Secretary/Treasurer

I wish to announce that I will seek another 2-year term as NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. I have been an NHPA Officer since 1993 and NHPA Secretary/Treasurer since 1995. I am also on the NHPF Board of Directors and have been since its inception. I still consider the position a challenge and a very rewarding one at that. But the enjoyment comes from the love of the game and the desire to make it better for all pitchers regardless of ability.

I enjoy very much my working relationship with the other members of the council as well as helping the general membership in anyway I can. I would consider it an honor to be able to serve the NHPA for another 2 years.

Thank you for your support.

Dick Hansen
NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

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A few years ago, if you "Asked Jeeves" about horseshoe pitching you would have gotten little in return, but today he can tell you where to find over 175 horseshoe pitching related links. Ok, now you are asking, who in the heck is "Ask Jeeves"? He's a search engine (www.askjeeves.com) that you can type in just about any subject and he will find it; if it's on the Internet. Another well-known search engine is www.google.com. All you need to do once you go to any of these search engines is type in horseshoe pitching and away you go to links that will take you to anything and everything you ever wanted to know about horseshoe pitching.



**2002 SummerFun
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tournament

Entry forms available at:
www.geocities.com/sc_hpa
www.horseshoepitching.com (coming events)

or contact tournament director:
Ron Taylor at (803) 584-1453
or email: hawgjawtaylor@aol.com

Make checks to:
SummerFun Horseshoe Tournament

Mail to:
Ron Taylor
1915 Molly Circle
York, SC 29745

2002 WORLD HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT UPDATE

The organizational aspect for the 2002 World Horseshoe Tournament is getting more intense as the entry forms are now available and reservations for the Hotels and RV camping are beginning in earnest. The NHPA trailer and green carpeting are here. The pitching site details are finalized. The set up and working of the clay is very much under discussion. Recruitment of volunteers, sponsorship and fundraising is an on going process. Plans are in the making for hospitality nights on Wednesday, July 31st and Wednesday, August 7th at the Chalet on the Westerner grounds. These will be informal so bring along your jamboree instruments and fun loving spirit.

Accommodations: Host Hotel reports: (check our web site at www.2002wht.ab.ca for more information)

There is at least one other major event (District 17 Arabian Horse Show) on at the same time as the 2002 World Horseshoe Tournament. Those pitchers coming to the tournament should make reservations as soon as possible. It will be necessary to estimate your pitching time as best you can as June may be too late to reserve the accommodation that you would like. Our two host hotels have given us a rate of \$89.00 Canadian (approximately \$55.00 to \$60.00 US).

Red Deer Lodge - The Lodge has recently completed a two million dollar renovation. The 233 rooms and 32 spacious suites are 50% non-smoking. The rooms have electronic locks, air conditioning, complimentary coffee and newspaper, hairdryers, voicemail, facsimile and computer hookups. Guest services include toll-free **1-800-661-1657** reservations, indoor pool and whirlpool, a new fitness facility, business center services and laundry services. The Lodge also offers a tropical garden courtyard, botanical restaurant, the Sharks Garage Pub (with professional billiard tables and big screen TV) and the Reflection Lounge with a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Also available are a hair and esthetics salon, gift shop and a liquor store.

Travelodge Red Deer- The Travelodge has been newly renovated with 123 air-conditioned rooms and executive suites with security card locks. There is games and Internet access, indoor pool and Jacuzzi, licensed restaurant and free long distance access. Guest services include toll-free reservations **1-888-383-2344**, free full hot breakfast for two guests per room and in room tea and coffee, guest laundry and in room movies. The Travelodge is the closest full service hotel to the Westerner Grounds.

RV Camping. The reservation form for RV camping was in the last Newsline and is also on our web site at www.2002wht.ab.ca Sites at the **Lion's campground** (15 and 30 amp power) are limited and on the **Westerner grounds**, 98-(15 amp) sites are available as well as unlimited dry camping. For those who have sent in reservation forms, confirmations will be sent out starting in March and will contain local maps with regard to the Lion's and Westerner camping locations.

A-Soo-Wuh-Um Campground on the Red Deer river, 5.5 Km west of Penhold and 20 minutes from the Westerner Park. This campground has 15 and 30 amp power but only 6 sites available. Other amenities include 2 horseshoe pits, showers, RV sewage disposal, tap water, playground and boat launching for fishing. Their rates are \$25.00 Can. *Contact them directly* at 1-403-886-2001 for reservations.

Or at Pine Lake (30 minutes South East of Red Deer). These are large campgrounds that have 30 and 50 amp electrical hookups but are booked up early. They have PWS and showers. *Contact these directly.* **Leisure Campgrounds** at 403-886-4705 or leisure@direct.ca **Green Acres** at 403-886-4833 or 1-888-999-4833.

Program: Those who wish to advertise in the 2002 World Horseshoe Tournament Program should contact Keith Rideout of Adviser Graphics at 1-800-533-5562, Fax 1-887-309-6333, email adviser@telusplanet.net and web www.advisergraphics.com

Friends of Horseshoes: Your help to successfully stage the Tournament would be appreciated. Friends donating \$50.00 or more will be acknowledged in the tournament program. Donation cheques made out to 2002 WHT can be sent to Bill Gibson, Chairman, 2002WHT, 305-4614-47A Ave., Red Deer AB T4N 3R4

2002 WORLD HOSESHOE TOURNAMENT— RED DEER ALBERTA

As You Pitch And Play In Red Deer, Visit Awesome Alberta This Year

- Come for the world famous **Calgary Stampede, July 5-14, 2002** www.calgarystampede.com
- Discover the jewels of the Canadian Rockies, **Banff and Lake Louise**, located in Canada's oldest National Park and **UNESCO World Heritage** site 2 hours west of Calgary. www.banfflakelouise.com
- Study Dinosaurs at the world class **Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology** near Drumheller, 1 hour, 45 minutes by car. www.tyrrellmuseum.com
- The **Columbian Icefields** en route to **Jasper, Maligne Valley** and a boat tour to **Spirit Island**, as well as **Mt. Edith Cavell**, are just a few of the natural wonders of the Canadian Rockies to be enjoyed near **Jasper** in **Jasper National Park**. (4 hours by car) www.worldweb.com/Parks-Canada-Jasper
- Follow the exploits of the early fur traders at **Rocky Mountain House Historic Site** (1 hour by car). <http://parkscanada.pch.gc.ca/>
- Explore the world's largest shopping and entertainment center at **West Edmonton Mall in Edmonton** (2 hours by car). www.westedmontonmall.com
- On the way to Calgary, stop and see **Fort Macleod**, the site of the first **North West Mounted Police** (precursors to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police) outpost, established in 1874. Experience the recreated first outpost and the Fort's Mounted Patrol Musical Ride (not to be confused with the RCMP Musical Ride).
- Visit the **Frank Slide area** 1 hour west of Lethbridge to explore the massive rockslide that took place in 1903 and buried part of the town of Frank. A mass of rock 500 feet thick, 1,400 feet high and 3,280 feet wide crashed down and covered the road, and railway as it spread over 1.2 square miles. www.frankslide.com
- Alberta Praire Railway Excursions in Stettler** (1hour east). Ride on a steam train on July 26th, 27th, 28th, August 2nd, 3rd, 10th, 11th, and 15th. www.absteamtrain.com

In and Around Red Deer (www.city.red-deer.ab.ca)

- Heritage Ranch. Western hospitality meets you at the equestrian center where you can enjoy a guided trail ride and a stocked trout pond.
- Fort Normandeau. Reconstruction of the original fort, interpretive center, displays, and demonstration tell stories of natives, freighters, settlers, and militia who used the site.
- Bower Ponds. Picturesque setting with summer boating and inline skating trails.
- River Bend Golf Course. An 18 hole Championship course in a scenic valley.
- Discovery Canyon. A unique water-park for kids with a simulated canyon ending in a wading pool with a fountain.
- Kerry Wood Nature Center. Home of nature interpretation, information, interactive exhibits, nature-art displays and field trips.
- Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. See the exhibit on horseshoes in the museum.
- Red Deer's Ghost Collection. Six bronze sculptures to illustrate Red Deer history.
- Collicutt Leisure Center. Recreation with a wave pool, hot tubs, steam room and a fitness area.
- Farmer's Market. Each Saturday morning, farm produce and numerous crafts.
- Lacombe Corn Maze. 3 miles west of Lacombe. Come and challenge your wits and have fun.
- Red Deer & District Museum. Come and see the history of this area.

For more information, contact:

- Red Deer Visitor and Convention Bureau. 1-800-215-8946 or www.tourismreddeer.net
- 2002 Visitors Guide to Alberta. 1-888-244-1400 or www.alberta-vacations.com
- 2002 World Horseshoe Tournament www.2002wht.ab.ca

Registration Fees:

Adults \$100.00

Juniors \$25.00

Pitching Schedules

will be mailed to all
contestants by June 17th
to the address you have
listed on this form.

ENTRY FORM

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

World Horseshoe Pitching Championships

July 29th - August 10th 2002

Red Deer, Alberta, Canada

Entry Deadline May 16th 2002

NAME _____ 2002 NHPA Card # _____
(please print) First Last (or Canadian)

ADDRESS _____ SS # _____
(US ONLY)

CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____

Telephone: Home # _____ Work # _____ Date of Birth _____

Circle the division you are entering - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page)

OPEN MEN SENIOR MEN OPEN WOMEN ELDERS JUNIOR BOYS JUNIOR GIRLS SENIOR WOMEN
40' 40' 30'

I believe my current average is approx _____ %

No Refunds Can be made after May 31st 2002

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

----- **cut line** -----

We reserve the right to disallow your participation if we discover errors on this form or if your records don't appear in NatStats, CanStats, or false or misleading information is on this form.

MAIL THIS FORM with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

TO: NHPA
3085 76th St
Franksville WI 53126

Direct Telephone Inquiries to:
Dick Hansen NHPA Sect/Treas
262-835-9108

All Entries must be on this form and mailed with a postmark no later than **MAY 16th 2002**. Entries received with a postmark after May 16th shall be put on a waiting list and pay an additional 20% penalty if later accepted into this event. NATSTATS/CANSTATS files must substantiate that you have pitched a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the preceding twelve (12) months, at your divisions pitching distance, prior to May 16th 2002, which is the last date NATSTATS will accept results to determine entering averages. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Participants will be required to show their 2002 NHPA or CANADIAN membership card when checking in to pitch.

REGISTRATION FEES:

ALL ADULTS — \$100.00 ALL JUNIORS — \$25.00 U.S. FUNDS ONLY
CANADIAN ENTRIES USE MONEY ORDERS REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES SCORE KEEPING FEES

NO REFUNDS AFTER May 31st, 2002

You may enter at anytime prior to MAY 16th. All averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS/CANSTATS on MAY 16th, 2002

READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years or older as of July 28th, 2002. Any individual 70 years or older or physically impaired person of any age, all of which must pitch from less than the full distance platform, may enter the **ELDERS DIVISION**. **JUNIOR DIVISION** entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2002 calendar year.

US RESIDENTS ONLY -INCLUDE a self addressed - stamped envelope if you would like a copy of your current average. This will be sent to you by NatStats. Canadian entries need to go direct to CANSTATS for their average.

The pitching schedule will be finalized by **June 3rd** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above.

WORLD TOURNAMENT \$100 ENTRY FEE

There is some misunderstanding as to where the \$100 World Tournament entry fee goes and what it is used for, so I have put together the following in an effort to better inform the membership on where your \$100 entry fee goes. This has been printed before, but it is one of the most asked World Tournament questions. The dollar amounts are based on a class size of 16 and all amounts are rounded up and subject to change pending final tournament costs. Dollar amounts can go up or down based on the number of entries at a given World Tournament.

Each Class of 16 entrants is self-supporting with none of the entry fee going to the Championship Classes or for NHPA Officers expenses. With seven out of every sixteen entries getting at least their money back in prize money it's a good deal. The competition is fierce, class percentages are very close and the money is good. Just a horseshoe pitcher's dream tournament and the opportunity to say I am a World Class Champion. Because this year's tournament is in Canada the scorekeeper will be paid \$3.00 per game in

Entry Fee \$100.00

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|---|-----------------|
| Class Prize Fund | \$ 70.00 |
| Scorekeeping Fees | \$ 15.00 |
| Class Trophies | \$ 5.00 |
| Schedule Printing & Mailing | \$ 2.00 |
| WT Workers, Judges, Shoe Checking, Computer Input and Score Sheet Runners. | \$ 4.00 |
| Misc. Expenses such as Name Card, WT Program, etc. | \$ 4.00 |
| TOTAL | \$100.00 |

Canadian money. This could change between now and the World Tournament if the exchange rate should happen to change before the tournament. All prize money will be in US funds. I hope to see many of you there. It will be another great event.

Dick Hansen, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

| | CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY | | | | CLASS PLAY | | |
|-----|-------------------|-------------|---------|------------|------------|-------|---------|
| | Men/Women | Sr./M/Elder | Boys | Sr/W/Girls | 12 | 14 | 16 |
| 1. | \$3,200 | \$1,500 | \$600 | \$600 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 |
| 2. | 2,130 | 1,000 | 400 | 400 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| 3. | 1,600 | 750 | 300 | 300 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| 4. | 1,200 | 600 | 280 | 270 | 110 | 120 | 130 |
| 5. | 1,000 | 500 | 260 | 230 | 100 | 110 | 120 |
| 6. | 800 | 400 | 240 | 200 | \$860 | 100 | 110 |
| 7. | 650 | 350 | 220 | \$2,000 | | \$980 | 100 |
| 8. | 550 | 320 | 200 | | | | \$1,110 |
| 9. | 450 | 300 | \$2,500 | | | | |
| 10. | 400 | 280 | | | | | |
| 11. | 360 | 260 | | | | | |
| 12. | 320 | 240 | | | | | |
| 13. | 300 | \$6,500 | | | | | |
| 14. | 280 | | | | | | |
| 15. | 260 | | | | | | |
| 16. | 250 | | | | | | |
| | \$13,750 | | | | | | |

Total Purse for all Championship Divisions = \$47,000
All Finalists in Championship Adult Divisions will pay added \$50 fee.
Juniors will have all dollar winnings deposited to a Trust Fund.

NHPA HALL OF FAME

by Earl Winston, Chairman

During the 2001 NHPA Banquet held in Hibbing, Minnesota, it was our pleasure to welcome three new inductees into the NHPA Hall of Fame. They were Norman Gaseau, Sandy (McLachlin) Janssens and Sue Snyder. I realize that most of you do not know the names of nominees currently on the ballot and you may not know the procedure to place someone in nomination. Therefore, I'd like to tell you a little about the Hall of Fame ballot and the nomination procedure.

There are three categories on our ballot. The first is all individuals who made their contributions to our sport or played the majority of their events at least 40 years prior to the current year. The nominees currently on our Pre-1962 ballot are:

| | |
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| G. A. Berger | Raymond Frye |
| Charles Bobbitt | Henry Haynes |
| Tom Brownell | Loran May |
| Frank Crumm | Ralph Spencer |
| Alex Cummings | William Weis |
| Alvin Dahlene | Sam White |
| Harvey Elmerston | |

The second category is called Player/Organizer. These are nominees who have participated as players, but have also done much for the sport by way of service and/or promotion and organizing. The nominees currently on the ballot in this category are:

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| George Anderson | Len Lipovsky |
| Francis Asher | Perl Pepple |
| Curt Bestul | Don Weaver |
| Will Gullickson | Woody Wilson |
| Floyd Hix | |

The third category is the Player category. These are individuals who are known primarily for their pitching accomplishments. The nominees currently on the ballot are:

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| Harold Anthony | Spud Napier |
| Diane Cantin | Bev Nathe |
| Jesse Gonzales | Francis White |

The NHPA Hall of Fame was formed to recognize individuals who have promoted horseshoes, served the NHPA as an officer or in some other capacity or attained pitching excellence on a national level. Those persons who have been active only on a state or club level, should be nominated for induction into their local Hall of Fame. There is still time to nominate individuals and have them placed on the NHPA Hall of Fame ballot for 2002, but time is running short. Anyone may place a candidate's name in nomination. The candidate must be an adult and must have at least 10 years of service or pitching experience at the adult level. If you have a candidate in mind, compose a typewritten nomination giving all of the qualifications and achievements of your nominee and why you feel they are worthy of this high honor. Submit your nomination to: Earl Winston, 10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337, or you may send it via E-mail to: SecMOHPA@iland.net. Nominations to be considered for the 2002 ballot must be received by March 31, 2002.

I'm sure there are some worthy individuals, past or present, who have not yet been nominated and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Even if you are unable to gather all of the necessary information on your candidate by the deadline for this year, don't give up. Continue working and when you have the nomination completed, go ahead and send it while you are thinking about it. Then we will have it for the 2003 ballot. There were some comments after the 2001 election about why certain individuals hadn't been named to the NHPA Hall of Fame several years ago. One reason is that some of them had only been on the ballot for a short time. The committee can't vote for persons, no matter how deserving, if their names have not been placed in nomination. If you think there are individuals being overlooked, now is the time for you to do your part. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

The Sanctioned League **Report** By Lorraine Sternberg

I would first of all like to congratulate all those who made the Sanctioned League Top Ten list.

This year's outstanding pitcher for the adults was Joan Elmore of Tennessee, taking first place in three of the four categories in the National Division. She also took first place in two of the three categories in the Women's Division. In the High Ringer Game category for Women she tied for first place with Gert Wilcziek.

Top honor for the Juniors was Lance Albrecht of Minnesota. Lance took first place in three of the four categories for the National Division and received two firsts in the Boy's Division. Lance is also the current Boy's World Champion.

In the Men's Division, Brian Simmons captured two first place titles in two of the categories, while Meagan Bigelow took two first in the Girl's Division. You can catch the entire list in this issue.

There were some excellent games pitched this year in league play. Please remember that the only way your pitchers are eligible for the Top Ten list is if you, as a league director, complete the Top Ten form.

At the council meeting this past January, the council reviewed the list of juniors that were submitted for the NHPA Scholarships. This year was down from last year's list. A total of seventeen were submitted, but five of them were ineligible. Again, I want to remind you to review the requirements as stated in the Red Book before submitting juniors from your club. Also, please read over the form carefully. This year there was a number of juniors that failed to send in all required information.

There were five juniors selected for a \$200.00 scholarship each, for the school year of 2000-01. Those juniors receiving a scholarship and plaque were:

Kayla Larson of Alexandria HSC, MN

Grade point average of 3.96

Danny Cunningham of Liberty HSC, MO

Grade point average of 3.80

Rebecca Moore of Try County HPA, OH

Grade point average of 3.73

Scott Sager of Sweetwater County HSC, WY

Grade point average of 3.71

Joseph Maestas of Sweetwater County HSC, WY

Grade point average of 3.64

Those that received Honorable Mention, were given a certificate and plaque. They are:

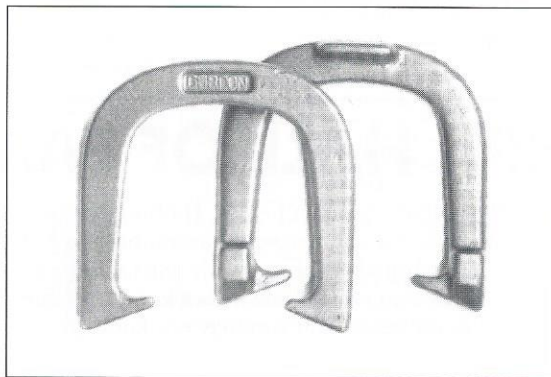
Michael Spahn, Windy Hill Jr. League, WI.

Rebecca Duenow, North Mankato HSC, MN

Allyson Craven, Liberty HSC, MO
Cappie Stanton, Liberty HSC, MO
Johnny Stanton, Liberty HSC, MO
Zachary Hines, Close Doesn't Count Jr. League, WI
Joyann Doyan, Close Doesn't Count Jr. League, WI

This year's patches that will be given out at the end of your league season will be a little special. Being that this is the 25th year for the Sanctioned League Program, I asked Stan Griggs who does our patches, if he could add this on the dated patches. I think you will all be very pleased with what he did on the patch. Thank you, Stan!

With that, I would like to wish everyone a good league season!



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The Sanctioned League 2001 Top Ten

Adult National Division-Mixed Distance

High Point Average

| Position | Name | Club/State | Points |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. | Joan Elmore | Backyard, TN. | 133.67 |
| 2. | Jim Walters | Troy, OH. | 125.25 |
| 3. | Connie Filley | Red River Valley, ND. | 118.61 |
| 4. | Paul LaCrosse | Denver Metro, CO. | 118.23 |
| 5. | Stan Griggs | Kansas City Heart of America, MO. | 115.27 |
| 6. | Randy Rein | Windy Hill, WI. | 113.72 |
| 7. | Don Wild | Denver Metro, CO. | 113.72 |
| 8. | Tom Munoz | Tri-Valley, CA. | 113.00 |
| 9. | Mary Ann Kramer | Riverside, TX. | 111.83 |
| 10. | Gary Roberts | Arledge's Indoor, OH. | 111.05 |

High Point Game

| Position | Name | Club/State | Points |
|----------|---------------|---------------------------|--------|
| 1.tie | Joan Elmore | Backyard, TN. | 144 |
| 2.tie | Jim Walters | Troy, OH. | 144 |
| 3. | Randy Rein | Windy Hill, WI. | 134 |
| 4. | Gary Roberts | Arledge's Indoor, OH. | 134 |
| 5. | John Walters | Troy, OH. | 134 |
| 6. | Paul LaCrosse | Denver Metro, CO. | 133 |
| 7. | Tom Munoz | Tri Valley, CA. | 133 |
| 8. | Levi Miller | Marysville/Ostrander, OH. | 132 |
| 9. | Don Wild | North Weld, CO. | 132 |
| 10. | Sterling King | Stone Mountain, GA. | 131 |

High Point Over Average

| Position | Name | Club/State | Points |
|----------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------|
| 1. | Robert Gidel | Moline, IL. | 48.54 |
| 2. | Gary Robertson | Reynolds, IL. | 45.31 |
| 3. | Arnold Rich | Albany, GA. | 43.08 |
| 4. | Rex Robison | Pawnee Ringers, NE. | 40.78 |
| 5. | Patrick Blevins | Crane Creek Ringers, MO. | 40.05 |
| 6. | Bob Snyder | Denver Metro, CO. | 38.39 |
| 7. | Eugene Drozd | Pawnee Ringers, NE. | 37.78 |
| 8. | Gene Sandoval | Denver Metro, CO. | 37.56 |
| 9. | Chuck Norris | Moline, IL. | 36.96 |
| 10. | Wendy Kruczek | Loon Pond, MA. | 36.58 |

High Ringer Average

| Position | Name | Club/State | Average |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 1. | Joan Elmore | Backyard, TN. | 85.78 |
| 2. | Gert Wilczek | Eau Claire, WI. | 80.77 |
| 3. | Brian Simmons | Ringers & Swingers, RI. | 78.86 |
| 4. | Jim Walters | Troy, OH. | 78.16 |
| 5. | Mary Ann Peninger | Sunflower, KS. | 76.67 |
| 6. | Bev Nathe | Tri- County, MN. | 74.05 |
| 7. | Connie Filley | Red River Valley, ND. | 73.56 |
| 8. | Paul LaCrosse | Denver Metro, CO. | 72.74 |
| 9. | Mary Ann Kramr | Riverside, TX. | 71.76 |
| 10. | Stan Griggs | Kansas City Heart of America, MO. | 69.92 |

Men's Division-40' Distance

High Ringer Average

| Position | Name | Club/State | Average |
|----------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 1. | Brian Simmons | Ringer & Swingers, RI. | 78.86 |
| 2. | Jim Walters | Troy, OH. | 78.16 |
| 3. | Branson Miller | Winchester, VA. | 73.46 |
| 4. | Paul LaCrosse | Denver Metro, CO. | 72.74 |
| 5. | Stan Griggs | Kansas City Heart of America, MO. | 69.92 |
| 6. | Thomas Decker | New Cumberland, PA. | 68.69 |
| 7. | Randy Rein | Windy Hill, WI. | 68.67 |
| 8. | Gary Roberts | Arledge's Indoor, OH. | 67.14 |
| 9. | John Martin | Arledge's Indoor, OH. | 66.80 |
| 10. | Richard Williams | Paulding County, GA. | 65.75 |

High Ringer Game

| Position | Name | Club/State | % |
|----------|---------------|------------------------|-------|
| 1. | Brian Simmons | Ringers & Swinger, RI. | 95.00 |
| 2. | Jim Walters | Troy, OH. | 94.00 |
| 3. | Gary Roberts | Arledge's Indoor, OH. | 88.00 |
| 4. | John Walters | Troy, OH. | 88.00 |
| 5. | Ralph Guffey | New Castle, IN. | 87.50 |

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|-----|---------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 6. | Paul LaCrosse | Denver Metro, CO. | 86.00 |
| 7. | Levi Miller | Marysville/Ostrander, OH. | 84.00 |
| 8. | Ray Helm | Denver Metro, CO. | 82.00 |
| 9. | Randy Rein | Windy Hill, WI. | 82.00 |
| 10. | Jim Rhymer | Arledge's Indoor, OH. | 82.00 |

High Ringer Over Average

| Position | Name | Club/State | % |
|----------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. | Mike Deer | Tenn-us-see, OK. | 40.65 |
| 2. | Jack Abramo | Winchester, VA. | 37.34 |
| 3. | Arnold Rich | Albany, GA. | 37.33 |
| 4. | Patrick Blevins | Crane Creek Ringers, MO. | 35.14 |
| 5. | Ruben Schwartz | Classic City, IN. | 34.52 |
| 6. | Dave Warner | Dan Patch, MN. | 33.73 |
| 7. | Ray Christensen | Minneapolis, MN. | 33.17 |
| 8. | Bill Beverly | Forebay Park, CA. | 32.67 |
| 9. | Harvey Thompson | Classic City, IN. | 32.17 |
| 10. | Stan McCoy | Classic City, IN. | 31.97 |

Men's Division-30' Distance

High Ringer Average

| Position | Name | Club/State | Average |
|----------|---------------|--------------------------|---------|
| 1. | Tom Munoz | Tri-Valley, CA. | 69.00 |
| 2. | Don Wild | Denver Metro, CO. | 68.46 |
| 3. | Sterling King | Stone Mountain, GA. | 65.33 |
| 4. | Bill Whitley | Sunflower, KS. | 65.06 |
| 5. | Lloyd Wolf | Tri-County, MN. | 63.56 |
| 6. | Clayton Gage | Close Doesn't Count, WI. | 63.50 |
| 7. | Marv Meyer | Rochester, MN. | 62.83 |
| 8. | Milton Vinson | Stone Mountain, GA. | 62.56 |
| 9. | Ralph Weigle | New Cumberland, PA. | 62.38 |
| 10. | Duane Pollard | Sunflower, KS. | 62.32 |

High Ringer Game

| Position | Name | Club/State | % |
|----------|----------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. | Bill Whitley | Sunflower, KS. | 90.00 |
| 2. | Tom Munoz | Tri-Valley, CA. | 84.00 |
| 3. | Marv Meyer | Rochester, MN. | 83.33 |
| 4. | Don Wild | North Weld, CO. | 82.00 |
| 5. | Clayton Gage | Close Doesn't Count, WI. | 80.00 |
| 6. | Chuck Norris | Moline, IL. | 80.00 |
| 7. | Duane Pollard | Sunflower, KS. | 80.00 |
| 8. | Lloyd Wolf | Tri-County, MN. | 80.00 |
| 9. | Sterling King | Stone Mountain, GA. | 78.00 |
| 10. | Archie Matheny | N.C.Arkanasas, AK. | 78.00 |
| 10. | Larry Riley | Denver Metro, CO. | 78.00 |

High Ringer Over Average

| Position | Name | Club/State | % |
|----------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. | Floyd Knudson | Brooklyn Park, MN. | 33.40 |
| 2. | Larry Bryce | Shreveport, LA. | 32.72 |
| 3. | Robert Gidel | Moline, IL. | 32.46 |
| 4. | Vern Osterhues | Fridley, MN. | 31.74 |
| 5. | Richard Roberts | Classic City, IN. | 29.24 |
| 6. | Bob Snyder | Denver Metro, CO. | 28.55 |
| 7. | Jack Duncan | Moline, IL. | 27.83 |
| 8. | Chuck Warner | Marysville/Ostrander, OH. | 27.50 |
| 9. | Tom Wadhams | Tri-County, MN. | 27.20 |
| 10. | Bill Whitley | Sunflower, KS. | 26.86 |

Women's Division

High Ringer Average

| Position | Name | Club/State | Average |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1. | Joan Elmore | Backyard, TN. | 85.78 |
| 2. | Gert Wilczek | Eau Claire, WI. | 80.77 |
| 3. | Mary Ann Peninger | Sunflower, KS. | 76.67 |
| 4. | Bev Nathe | Tri-County, MN. | 74.05 |
| 5. | Connie Filley | Red River Valley, ND. | 73.56 |
| 6. | Mary Ann Kramr | Riverside, TX. | 71.76 |
| 7. | Tamara Burke | Winchester, VA. | 64.73 |
| 8. | Deborah Michaud | Loon Pond, MA. | 64.19 |
| 9. | Pat Stumph | Tri-County, MN. | 63.12 |
| 10. | Pam Henderson | Liberty, MO. | 62.22 |

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High Ringer Game

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Club/State</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1.tie | Joan Elmore | Backyard, TN. | 94.00 |
| 2.tie | Gert Wilczek | Eau Claire, WI. | 94.00 |
| 3. | Mary Ann Peninger | Sunflower, KS. | 90.00 |
| 4. | Liz Downer | Sodbuster, VT. | 88.00 |
| 5. | Bev Nathe | Tri-County, MN. | 88.00 |
| 6. | Tamara Burke | Winchester, VA. | 83.33 |
| 7. | Connie Filley | Red River Valley, ND. | 82.00 |
| 8. | Mary Ann Kramr | Riverside, TX. | 82.00 |
| 9. | Jenny Morris | Marion, IN. | 82.00 |
| 10. | Debra Brown | Sodbuster, VT. | 80.00 |

High Ringer Over Average

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Club/State</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. | Wendy Kruczek | Loon Pond, MA. | 33.73 |
| 2. | Shirley Schneider | Tri-County, MN. | 33.04 |
| 3. | Mabeth Johnson | Shreveport, LA. | 32.04 |
| 4. | Imogene Worm | Tri-County, MN. | 31.55 |
| 5. | Missa Rosival | Montgomery, MN. | 30.04 |
| 6. | Margaret Wilkinson | Syracuse Pioneer, NY. | 29.62 |
| 7. | Roena Branson | Lions Park, MO. | 29.31 |
| 8. | Marlene Cooper | Classic City, IN. | 28.95 |
| 9. | Debbie Harris | Tenn-us-see, OK. | 28.64 |
| 10. | Linda Brink | Classic City, IN. | 28.27 |

Sanctioned Junior League 2001 Top Ten

National Division-Mixed Boys/Girls

High Point Average

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Club/State</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Lance Albrecht | Rochester, MN. | 102.13 |
| 2. | Shawn Lunde | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 95.07 |
| 3. | Mark Strand | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 90.06 |
| 4. | Pat Hovda | Rochester, MN. | 87.81 |
| 5. | Keith Collins | Bryan, TX. | 85.11 |
| 6. | Jarrold Giesey | Try County, OH. | 83.44 |
| 7. | Blake Graeber | Riverside, TX. | 82.20 |
| 8. | Justin Engelhardt | Riverside, TX. | 78.28 |
| 9. | Michael Spahn | Windy Hill Jr., WI. | 74.03 |
| 10. | Cole Grimm | Try County, OH. | 72.94 |

High Point Game

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Club/State</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Lance Albrecht | Rochester, MN. | 133 |
| 2. | Shawn Lunde | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 122 |
| 3. | Jarrold Giesey | Try County, OH. | 111 |
| 4. | Blake Graeber | Riverside, TX. | 110 |
| 5. | Pat Hovda | Rochester, MN. | 110 |
| 6. | Justin Engelhardt | Riverside, TX. | 107 |
| 7. | Keith Collins | Bryan, TX. | 104 |
| 8. | Cole Grimm | Try County, OH. | 101 |
| 9. | Mark Strand | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 101 |
| 10. | Mark Melchert | Kilkenny, MN. | 88 |

High Point Over Average

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Club/State</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Michael Gericke | Lions Park, MO. | 35.88 |
| 2. | Michael Bowman | Lions Park, MO. | 31.79 |
| 3. | Lance Albrecht | Rochester, MN. | 30.87 |
| 4. | Rebecca Moore | Try County, OH. | 29.24 |
| 5. | Justin Engelhardt | Riverside, TX. | 28.72 |
| 6. | Ryan Hoverson | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 28.10 |
| 7. | Cole Grimm | Try County, OH. | 28.06 |
| 8. | Blake Graeber | Riverside, TX. | 27.80 |
| 9. | Jarrold Giesey | Try County, OH. | 27.56 |
| 10. | Joshua Chaney | Windy Hill Jr., WI. | 27.19 |

High Ringer Average

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Club/State</u> | <u>Average</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Lance Albrecht | Rochester, MN. | 61.25 |
| 2. | Shawn Lunde | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 54.40 |
| 3. | Corey Hughes | Forest Lake, MN. | 50.41 |
| 4. | Keith Collins | Bryan, TX. | 48.59 |
| 5. | Mark Strand | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 48.00 |
| 6. | Blake Graeber | Riverside, TX. | 46.50 |
| 7. | Pat Hovda | Rochester, MN. | 45.75 |
| 8. | Justin Engelhardt | Riverside, TX. | 41.89 |
| 9. | Jarrold Giesey | Try County, OH. | 41.51 |
| 10. | Ryan Anderson | Eau Claire, WI. | 39.45 |

Junior Boys Division

High Ringer Average

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Club/State</u> | <u>Average</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Lance Albrecht | Rochester, MN. | 61.25 |
| 2. | Brent Keen | Classic City, IN. | 54.73 |
| 3. | Shawn Lunde | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 54.40 |
| 4. | Corey Hughes | Forest Lake, MN. | 50.41 |
| 5. | Keith Collins | Bryan, TX. | 48.59 |
| 6. | Mark Strand | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 48.00 |
| 7. | Blake Graeber | Riverside, TX. | 46.50 |
| 8. | Pat Hovda | Rochester, MN. | 45.75 |
| 9. | Justin Engelhardt | Riverside, TX. | 41.89 |
| 10. | Jarrold Giesey | Try County, OH. | 41.51 |

High Ringer Game

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Club/State</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. | Lance Albrecht | Rochester, MN. | 86.00 |
| 2. | Brent Keen | Classic City, IN. | 80.00 |
| 3. | Shawn Lunde | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 76.00 |
| 4. | Corey Hughes | Forest Lake, MN. | 74.00 |
| 5. | Blake Graeber | Riverside, TX. | 66.00 |
| 6. | Nicholas Preston | Sodbuster, VT. | 66.00 |
| 7. | Keith Collins | Bryan, TX. | 64.00 |
| 8. | Justin Engelhardt | Riverside, TX. | 62.00 |
| 9. | Pat Hovda | Riverside, TX. | 62.00 |
| 10. | Mark Strand | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 62.00 |

High Ringer Over Average

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Club/State</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|
| 1. | Cody Preston | Sodbuster, VT. | 32.74 |
| 2. | Nicholas Preston | Sodbuster, VT. | 27.78 |
| 3. | Cole Grimm | Try County, OH. | 27.43 |
| 4. | Tim Knudson | Brooklyn Park, MN. | 27.43 |
| 5. | Brent Keen | Classic City, IN. | 25.27 |
| 6. | Michael Gericke | Lions Park, MO. | 24.88 |
| 7. | Lance Albrecht | Rochester, MN. | 24.75 |
| 8. | Jarrold Giesey | Try County, OH. | 24.49 |
| 9. | Erik Harjo | Tenn-us-see, OK. | 23.85 |
| 10. | Todd Bettermann | Alexandria, MN. | 23.72 |

Junior Girls Division

High Ringer Average

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Club/State</u> | <u>Average</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Meagan Bigelow | Sodbuster, VT. | 37.72 |
| 2. | Melissa Bigelow | Sodbuster, VT. | 24.17 |
| 3. | Katie Piatz | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 22.13 |
| 4. | Kayla Larson | Alexandria, MN. | 21.94 |
| 5. | Stephanie Hagen | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 18.11 |
| 6. | Rebecca Moore | Try County, OH. | 16.43 |
| 7. | Marie Williams | Paulding County, GA. | 12.75 |
| 8. | Sara Besaw | New London, WI. | 12.19 |
| 9. | Nicola Hicketier | Close Doesn't Count Jr., WI. | 12.06 |
| 10. | Kari Mabry | Frederick, MD. | 11.71 |

High Ringer Game

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Club/State</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| 1. | Meagan Bigelow | Sodbuster, VT. | 54.00 |
| 2. | Melissa Bigelow | Sodbuster, VT. | 50.00 |
| 3. | Rebecca Moore | Try County, OH. | 42.00 |
| 4. | Katie Piatz | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 40.00 |
| 5. | Kayla Larson | Alexandria, MN. | 38.00 |
| 6. | Stephanie Hagen | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 36.00 |
| 7. | Kari Mabry | Frederick, MD. | 32.00 |
| 8. | Torri Selleck | Sodbuster, VT. | 24.00 |
| 9. | Sara Besaw | New London, WI. | 23.00 |
| 10. | Nicola Hicketier | Close Doesn't Count Jr., WI. | 23.00 |

High Ringer Over Average

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Club/State</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------|
| 1. | Melissa Bigelow | Sodbuster, VT. | 25.83 |
| 2. | Rebecca Moore | Try County, OH. | 23.57 |
| 3. | Kari Mabry | Frederick, MD. | 20.29 |
| 4. | Stephanie Hagen | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 17.89 |
| 5. | Katie Piatz | Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND. | 17.87 |
| 6. | Meagan Bigelow | Sodbuster, VT. | 16.28 |
| 7. | Janelle Larson | Close Doesn't Count Jr., WI. | 16.28 |
| 8. | Kayla Larson | Alexandria, MN. | 16.06 |
| 9. | Torri Selleck | Sodbuster, VT. | 14.35 |
| 10. | Anita Factor | Tenn-us-see, OK. | 13.27 |

THE HORSESHOE TRADER

"Steinbreder"

The Misunderstood Shoe

By Bob Dunn

The Steinbreder shoe is an old fashioned hookless shoe from the 1930's. There are occasional Steinbreder shoes found. While not abundant, after nearly 70 years the shoes are still showing up and cannot be classified as rare. Many collectors in making their first find of a Steinbreder shoe, refer to it as homemade or even primitive. Well, not so. That is the misunderstood part. There is no disputing that the shoe's characteristics are not quite what is normally found in a professionally forged pitching shoe.

Not only was the Steinbreder shoe commercially produced and successful on the retail market, the shoe was patented. William J. Steinbreder (Pine Lawn, Missouri) applied for patent on August 14, 1930 and received approval on June 6, 1933. The shoe apparently was manufactured by Beehler Steel Products Company of St. Louis, Missouri as the patent was assigned to that corporation.

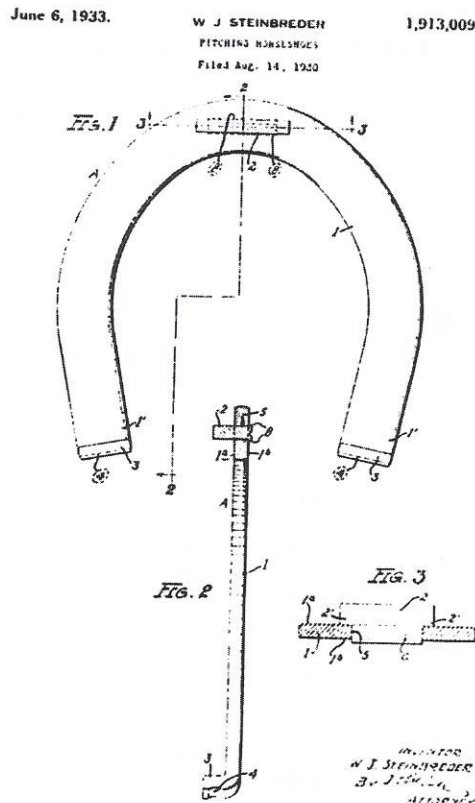
What is a bit of a puzzle is why during a time when nearly all manufacturers and design initiatives were aimed at developing hooked model tournaments shoes, Steinbreder was designing a soon to be obsolete hookless shoe. No doubt the focus had been totally on a revised manner of producing a pitching shoe in a less expensive process and then hit the market for big sales and profits by offering a low-priced shoe. In the present day we refer to the inexpensive hardware store line of shoes as picnic shoes. The Steinbreder was the picnic shoe of the hookless shoes.

The shoe was designed to be produced by taking a regular bar steel and bending the bar into the shape of a horseshoe and then placing the shoe in a jig to bend the tips of the points down into heel calks. The toe calk was a rectangle shape piece riveted into place. This is the only shoe which has a toe calk of all flat sides and square edges. However, the Steinbreder shoe is not the only shoe with bend-around heel calks. There are a couple of other shoes with that feature. One is the original model of the Leader shoe produced by Octigon prior to being acquired by St. Pierre. The old Leader shoes had an extreme homemade look. Not only were the heel calks stamp pressed into shape, the toe calk was stamped also.

Somehow the toe calk was formed by scooping out material from the blade and bending it down into place to form the toe calk. Whether primitive looking or not, the shoe had success in the market place, as nearly 70 years later the old model Leaders are still showing up.

When you see your next Steinbreder shoe, notice there is a slight concave groove across the front of each heel calk. That's by design and is even included in the dialog of his patent. The groove was for the forefinger of the pitching hand. In those days, that was a common and accepted method of a pitching grip. His design even accommodated left-handed pitchers.

For the advanced collector, there are two versions of the Steinbreder shoe needed to achieve collection honor. There are the most common Steinbreders that are brandless but the patent number '1913009' is stamped on the topside of the right blade. And then there are a few Steinbreders showing up that state 'Patent Pending'. So here is a shoe that is not homemade, or blacksmith made, is not a primitive shoe. The shoe is one of the few that received patent approval and had some retail success otherwise we wouldn't be finding them today.



Trader Jottings

- This series has continued for five years already. Our roster of collectors and traders has gradually increased since the original list of 18 was typed up. The roster now has 60 collectors. There are still many collectors across the country that have not signed up or made contact with me even though I have made numerous

requests over the past years. Recently it hit me, if *Newsline* is received by 25% of our membership that would explain that 75% of the collectors have never seen a *Horseshoe Trader* article or any of my invitations. Help out here. If you know of a collector, and they do not subscribe to *Newsline* and are not aware of our collector group, please put them in touch with me. Bob Dunn 6417 Georgia Ave No, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

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PAST DANVILLE CHAMPS:

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| 1989 - 1 st Annual Open | Tari Powell, Rossville, IL | 73.5% |
| 1990 - 2 nd Annual Open | Sandy McLachlin, Dresden, Ont., Can. | 84.5% |
| 1991 - Spring Open | Tari Powell, Rossville, IL | 79.8% |
| 1991 - 3 rd Annual Open | Tari Powell, Rossville, IL | 79.6% |
| 1992 - 4 th Annual Open | Don Peters, Chenoa, IL | 59.6% |
| 1992 - August Open | Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Stockton, CA | 83.0% |
| 1993 - 5 th Annual Open | Larry Knop, Verona, IL | 69.0% |
| 1993 - August Open | Tari Powell, Rossville, IL | 80.0% |
| 1994 - 6 th Annual Open | Randy Hankins, Prospect, KY | 63.8% |
| 1994 - August Open | Cliff Baker, Sheldon, IL | 72.3% |
| 1995 - Pepsi Open | Dennis Reid, Bridgeview, IL | 60.4% |
| 1995 - 7 th Annual Open (Coca Cola) | Robert Hatten, Neoga, IL | 70.7% |
| 1996 - 8 th Annual Open | rained out | ----- |
| 1997 - 9 th Annual Open | Cliff Baker, Sheldon, IL | 74.3% |
| 1998 - 10 th Annual Open | Cliff Baker, Sheldon, IL | 40 ft. 70.3% |
| | Curly Seibold, Huntington, IN | 30 ft. 78.9% |
| 1999- 11 th Annual Open | Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Ocala, FL | 40 ft. 86.1% |
| | Amy Francis, Defiance, OH | 30 ft. 84.1% |
| 2000 12 th Annual Open | Mark Seibold, Huntington, IN | 40 ft. 72.6% |
| | Robert Logan, Kouts, IN | 30 ft. 79.9% |
| 2001 13 th Annual Open | Alan Francis, Defiance, OH | 40 ft. 85.4% |
| | Robert Logan, Fouts, IN | 30 ft. 86.7% |

STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Due to confusion as to where to send results, Oregon's Championships were not published in the results issues. Because of this, I made an exception to print them in this issue.

2001 Oregon State Championships

Grants Pass, Oregon

August 31 - September 1, 2001

| MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP | W/L | % |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| Barry Chapelle | 9/1 | 58.10 |
| Jerry Gorton | 8/2 | 59.33 |
| Bill Graham, Jr. | 6/4 | 55.06 |
| David Gorton | 6/4 | 44.91 |
| Ed Fogel | 3/7 | 48.35 |
| David Brown | 1/9 | 44.46 |
| Men's B Rick Rebman | 7/2 | 43.88 |
| Men's C Robert Zeulner | 7/0 | 45.89 |
| Men's D Tim Sakraida | 6/0 | 28.44 |

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|---------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Men's E Jerry Holter | 6/1 | 21.07 |
| Men's F Sam Watt | 5/1 | 24.16 |
| ELDER'S CHAMPIONSHIP | | |
| Lee Wallace | 4/1 | 60.77 |
| Don Lewis | 3/2 | 57.26 |
| Chuck Stewart | 3/2 | 55.11 |
| Marvin Tatchio | 3/2 | 52.32 |
| Ernie Gallo | 1/4 | 47.26 |
| Lowell Davis | 1/4 | 55.72 |
| Elder's B Bob Irwin | 6/0 | 48.72 |
| WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP MIXED ABC | | |
| LaVerne Ewing | 7/0 | 65.08 |
| Jan Stewart | 6/1 | 57.03 |
| Women's B Marge Owens | | 38.75 |
| Women's C Pat Gee | | 32.50 |
| JUNIOR'S CHAMPIONSHIP | | |
| Joshua Scott | | 10.00 |
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THE TOLL OF TIME

Lloyd Everett Wyatt

February 5, 1934 - December 25, 2001

Lloyd Everett Wyatt, 67, of Crossville, passed away December 25, 2001. Funeral services were conducted December 28 from the chapel of Crossville Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory Inc., with burial in Rinnie Cemetery. The Rev. B.J. Brown officiated, with special music by one of Mr. Wyatt's daughters, Judy Wyatt Chancey, and by Jocelyn Jones Sprouse and Martha Van Winkle.

Wyatt was a scheduler for Lockheed-Martin at the time of his death. He was second vice-president of the Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association, having served in that capacity since 1996. As an officer of the THPA, he was thorough, always wanted to do what was best for horseshoes and always had good views on difficult issues. Wyatt enjoyed playing the guitar and pitching horseshoes. He was the 1998 Men's Indoor State Champion Horseshoe Pitcher. His presence on the courts will be greatly missed by his horseshoe-pitching friends.

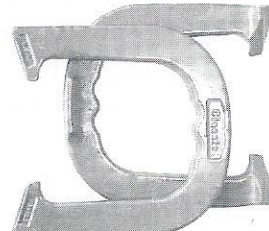
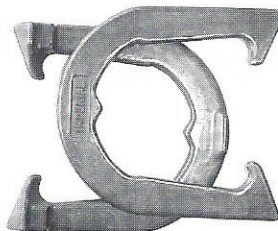
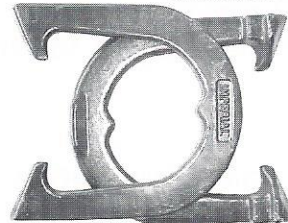
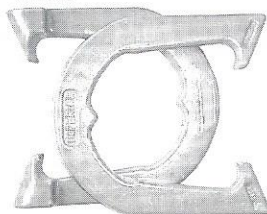
Wyatt is survived by his wife, Reba, four daughters and two sons-in-law Jane Wyatt, Mary Wyatt, Judy and Scott Chancey, Angie and David McNeill, one son Mike Wyatt and six grandchildren. His mother Maude Wyatt and two brothers George and Eugene also survive him.

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Game of a Lifetime

by John Brown

Every horseshoe pitcher at one time or another will have a game that they will remember more than any other. I waited more than 70 years for this one. It came about not because it was a win or loss for a title, not because it was the highest or lowest ringer percentage nor longest or shortest game I ever pitched. It just came about unexpectedly as most generally such games do.

It was 9 p.m. on Sunday, Labor Day weekend at Greenville, Ohio for the 2001 Ohio State Championships, game #6 between World Champion Alan Francis and myself. I arrived on court #5 a few minutes ahead of Alan and was talking to the scorekeeper, Richard Honigford. I said to Dick, "This is going to be the quickest \$2.00 you have earned in a long time, it has been a long day for this 'Old Man'"; we both knew how quick Francis could put you away.

Alan came over to our court and we pitched down and back, then flipped shoes to see who would have first pitch; it would be Alan. We shook hands, I told Alan what an honor and pleasure it was to pitch with him once again and he returned the compliment.

Alan was a little off his game to start with and I thought 'well it's been a long day for him also, maybe I will get the opportunity to score a couple of times against the World Champ' and after a few rounds I was real proud of the 2 points I had.

Alan then started on a string of ringers that continued until he threw 54 consecutive ringers before he had one bounce off, and I jokingly said to Alan, "What did you want to do, put them all on?" He just grinned. Well I lucked out and had a double on for 3 points. It had been 60 shoes since I had scored even though I had averaged 85 percent during the period and it would be the only ringer I would count out of the 71 that I pitched during the game.

Starting with the 22nd shoe through the 75th, Alan threw 54 consecutive ringers and during same period I threw 47 for 87 percent and was held scoreless for 60 consecutive shoes even though he threw 51 ringers out of 60 shoes for 85 percent.

Final score of the 90 shoe game was Alan Francis 42 points, 83 ringers for 92.2 percent and John Brown, 5 points, 71 ringers for 78.9 percent. My game of a lifetime was well worth the long wait, it's no secret what God can do...

Date 09/02/01 Class A

Alan Francis

John Brown

| Alan Francis | | | | John Brown | | | | | | |
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| Ringers | | Points | | Score | Shoes | Ringers | | Points | | Score |
| DEAD xx-x | LIVE 00-0 | Ringers 6-3 | CLOSE SHOES 2-1 | | | DEAD xx-x | LIVE 00-0 | Ringers 6-3 | CLOSE SHOES 2-1 | |
| X | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | X | - | - | - | - |
| X | 0 | 3 | - | 4 | 4 | X | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 6 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 8 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| X | - | - | - | - | 10 | X | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| X | 0 | 3 | - | 7 | 12 | X | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 14 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| X | - | - | - | - | 16 | X | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 18 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| X | 0 | 3 | - | 10 | 20 | X | - | - | - | - |
| X | - | - | 1 | 11 | 22 | X | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 24 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 26 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| X | 0 | 3 | - | 14 | 28 | X | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 30 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 32 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| X | 0 | 3 | - | 17 | 34 | X | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 36 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| X | 0 | 3 | - | 20 | 38 | X | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 40 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 42 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 44 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 46 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 48 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| X | 0 | 3 | - | 23 | 50 | X | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 52 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 54 | XX | - | - | - | - |
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| XX | - | - | - | - | 58 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 60 | XX | - | - | - | - |
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| XX | - | - | - | - | 72 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 74 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| X | - | - | - | - | 76 | X | 0 | 3 | - | 5 |
| - | 0 | 3 | - | 35 | 78 | - | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 80 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| X | - | - | 1 | 36 | 82 | X | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 84 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| XX | - | - | - | - | 86 | XX | - | - | - | - |
| X | 0 | 3 | - | 39 | 88 | X | - | - | - | - |
| X | 0 | 3 | - | 42 | 90 | X | - | - | - | - |
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| 70 | 13 | 3 | 90 | 70 | 1 | 2 |
| Dead Ringers | Live Ringers | Close Shoes | Shoes | Dead Ringers | Live Ringers | Close Shoes |
| 83 | | 42 | | 71 | | 5 |
| Total Ringers | | Score | | Total Ringers | | Score |
| % 92.2 | | | | % 78.9 | | |

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May 2002

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July 2002

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