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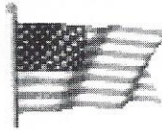


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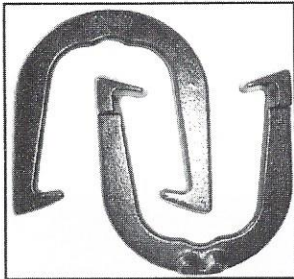


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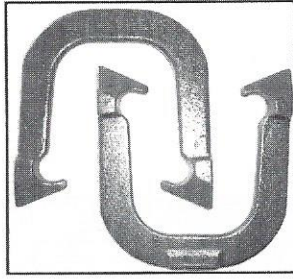


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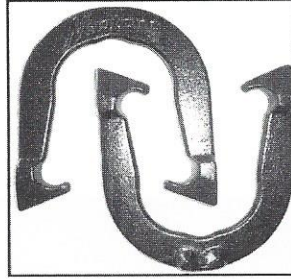
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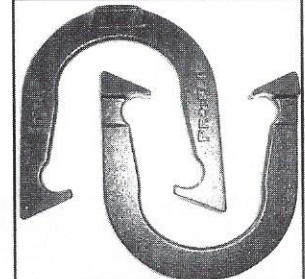
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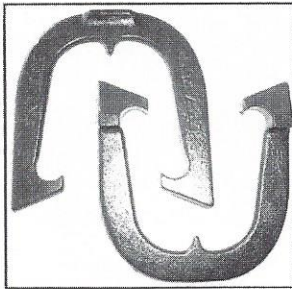
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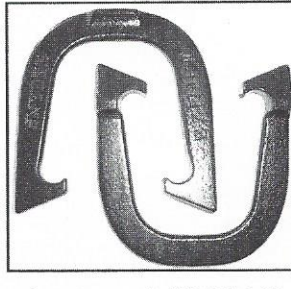
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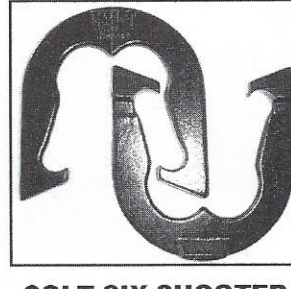
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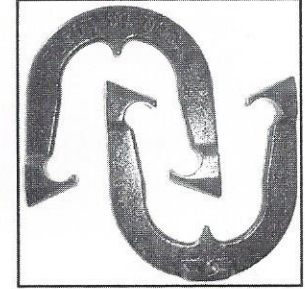
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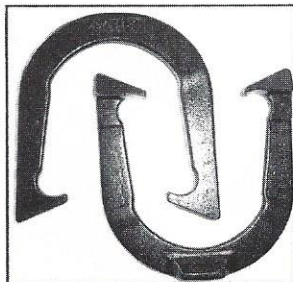
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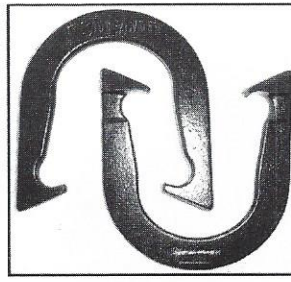
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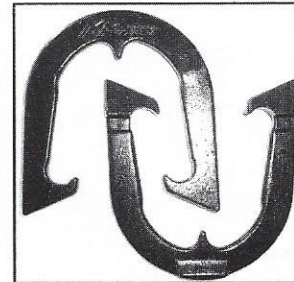
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *By Dave Loucks*

Ever notice how hard it is to get some people to donate to a worthy cause? Well, maybe you haven't but if you've ever been on the asking side, you have no doubt experienced some of the same disappointments that I have over the past five years. The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation hasn't yet gained the support needed from a majority of our association membership. There are many, many causes out there asking for your dollars and some are more heart wrenching than others. Those of us who do contribute to charities generally have a favorite or two, most likely something that strengthens our spirit or somehow affects someone or something we love. How is it then that so many who love horseshoe pitching enough to put it at or near the top of their favorite sports activity fail to see the need to donate to the foundation that has been set up to advance the game, showcase the present and preserve the history of the sport?

Granted, the NHPF is not an old, well-known charity. Donating to it will not, at least at this point in time,

get you much more than a charitable deduction on your tax return. But we are close to opening a Hall of Fame and horseshoe museum in Joelton, Tennessee. We are close to beginning a grant program for development and improvement of horseshoe courts around the country, maybe for your club. We have goals to better educate the general public and increase awareness through more junior scholar trusts and association with other non-profits that work for the benefit of youth. Like any other charitable organization, the NHPF needs contributions to survive and do its work.

At the 2001 NHPA convention it was suggested that we, the NHPA, adopt a nationally recognized charity and that all charters all across the country on or near the same weekend, hold fund-raising tournaments for that charity. This was the idea of past publicity director Billie Sue Pennington and it makes a great deal of sense as it could lead to a greater national awareness of horseshoe pitching and NHPA. But yet the idea seemed

to fall on a lot of deaf ears. Some charters however have been holding charitable fund-raisers for years and still others are getting involved. Louisiana and Michigan have been promoting fund-raising tournaments for charity for some time. Minnesota is this year donating \$1.00 of every entry fee from every tournament to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Just imagine what we could realize if all charters were to hold fund-raisers for the same charity. Properly promoted and run, the tournaments would draw greater media attention to the sport, which might well attract new members, something we all realize the NHPA needs. If charters can't agree on a single nationally recognized cause, why not adopt one of local preference along with the NHPF and share the proceeds equally. In this manner, if promoted in the surrounding community, you should be able to count on some media coverage, which will enhance the sport while gathering funds for the NHPF and the local charity of choice.

DAVE'S COURT REPORT *by Dave Loucks*

Two bids have been received for the year 2004 World Tournament. They are from Pocatello, Idaho and Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

Pocatello offers the Holt Arena, an indoor facility owned by Idaho State University. Up to 60 courts can be accommodated in the arena. This bid with proposed dates of July 26 -August 7, is backed by the Idaho HPA with support from the Pocatello Chamber

of Commerce, the CVB, the Pocatello Sports Committee and numerous local business enterprises.

Kitchener, host of the 1997 World Tournament, is again offering the Memorial Auditorium Complex in the July/August time frame, the exact dates not yet firm. As before, this bid is backed by the City of Kitchener and has the full support of the local K.W. Khaki Club, Horseshoe Ontario and Horseshoe Canada.

THE SANCTIONED LEAGUE **REPORT** *By Lorraine Sternberg*

Most clubs should have begun their season by now. I do hope that if you have begun pitching, league directors will remember to submit your membership report as soon as possible. Keep in mind that all pitchers on a sanctioned league must have a current NHPA card.

I recently had a league director inform me that there was an error made when reporting a high game for one of their pitchers. It was discovered when going over score sheets again. This can easily happen and can change a pitchers percentage, sometimes by enough to put the person in a different class. So please when filling out final stats sheets and top ten forms, double-check your figures before submitting them.

When I sent out the new revised Red Books to all league directors, I also sent a letter with it. In there I mentioned holding a National League Tournament, possibly to be held in Joelton, TN. So far I have heard back

from very few people. I would like for you to talk this over with your club members. I think this would be a great opportunity for leagues to get together throughout the NHPA. This could bring some of those members who only pitch leagues into tournament play. I look forward to hearing your response and hopefully with enough interest we can go forward with this.

As of March we have gained four new clubs:

Clarksville HSC, Georgia
 Borger HSC, Texas
 Reynolds HSC, Indiana
 Greenfield HSC, Minnesota

If you know of anyone who may be interested in starting up a sanctioned club or league please have him or her contact me.

May all of you have a good summer season and I hope to see many of you at the World Tournament in Canada.

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While we closed out 2001 with a spurt of activity, the start of this year has been dismal in comparison. Only 21 individual contributions totaling \$1615 were received during the first three months of 2002. It was the poorest quarter for individual contributions in four years. Fortunately, three months of interest from the NHPA Money Market account plus a special contribution of \$1 per NHPA member for the year 2001 brought overall deposits to \$15508. Over the same three months, the NHPF paid bills totaling \$36084. Most of this was paid to contractors who had finished up their construction jobs on the Hall of Fame building. There is still a similar amount to be expended before the Hall of Fame will be ready to open later this year. Once that happens, the NHPF will be faced with the added costs of utilities, upkeep, greater taxes and insurance and a caretaker.

As we've gotten further into this project, we have been able to refine our annual estimates of costs and contribution needs. Fortunately, those figures have gone down as we rethought construction plans and put aside, for the time being, any ideas of an improved RV park. Initially, we felt annual contributions had to average about \$10-12 per member. We now see a break-even point with income of sixty-five to eighty thousand dollars per year. That brings the needed average donation to just \$6 per NHPA member per year. This amount is less than the entry fee of just about any tournament and one would think that horseshoe pitchers would be proud to donate a few dollars to enhance their sport and preserve its history. Sadly, that is not yet the case as less than 800 of the

some 12,600 NHPA members have sent in a contribution. Please take an active part this year in supporting this worthwhile project. If you have not contributed before, now is the time to start. There is no better way to show support for the sport of horseshoe pitching.

Contributions to the NHPF can be mailed to either: 6233 Woodman Drive, Oroville, CA 95966 or PO Box 159027, Nashville, TN 37215.

During the months of January through March, the following donations were received.

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Clair Rigby, NY
Hunterdon County H.C., NJ
John & Jan Decker, MI
Jim & Phyllis Quist, WA

Donating \$500

Eastern Nebraska HPA

NHPA Money Market interest of \$1,342 plus \$12,552 for 2001 membership was also received. Total contributions deposited through 3/31/02 = \$184,552.55

How your state ranks in number and dollars contributed

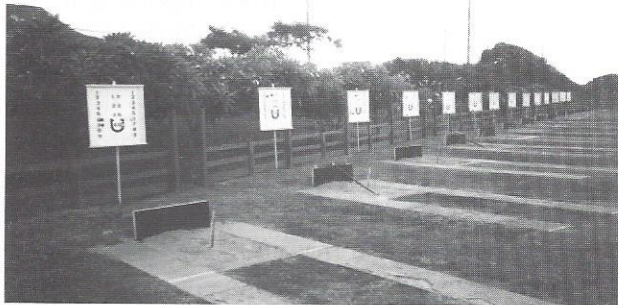
1. Tennessee, 33 for \$18480
2. California, 132 for \$12566
3. Minnesota, 131 for \$7550
4. Oregon, 42 for \$5766
5. Georgia, 15 for \$5725
6. North Carolina, 62 for \$5178
7. Missouri, 60 for \$5073
8. Michigan, 73 for \$4617
9. Wisconsin, 60 for \$4608
10. Colorado, 38 for \$4093
11. Massachusetts, 7 for \$4015
12. Florida, 49 for \$3353
13. Texas, 31 for \$3185
14. Washington, 39 for \$3121
15. Ohio, 68 for \$3036
16. Iowa, 25 for \$2346
17. Illinois, 49 for \$22.25
18. Pennsylvania, 38 for \$2174
19. Kentucky, 28 for \$2105
20. Kansas, 24 for \$2032
21. Nebraska, 20 for \$1818
22. New York, 30 for \$1681
23. New Jersey, 25 for \$1629
24. Indiana, 21 for \$1603
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 Carolina, 11 for \$550
31. South Dakota, 12 for \$452
32. Montana, 6 for \$420
33. Oklahoma, 11 for \$408
34. Alabama, 3 for \$370
35. Virginia, 12 for \$368
36. Idaho, 8 for \$335
37. West Virginia, 11 for \$320
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

A VISIT TO HAWAII

Submitted by Jerry Shene, Michigan

My wife, Carol, and I vacationed in Hawaii this past summer and went to the island of Kauai. While we were there we contacted the Regional Director for Hawaii.

We had looked in the "Newslines" before leaving and found Hawaii's Re-



gional Director, Myrtle May Kamoku's name, address and phone number and copied it down to take with us.

Upon arriving in Kauai, we called her and she told us where their horseshoe courts were. They are on the main road, right by her house, but you cannot see them from the road because of bushes in front of them. They have about sixteen courts and are well laid out.

Her husband, Howard, and sons keep the courts



looking good. Her family invited us for dinner and we played a game or two.

Myrtle May has been a director for a couple of years. They have tournaments on the other islands also.

While we were there they took us down to Hanalei Bay where they have two horseshoe pits set up. It is nice there because you are right by the trees, on the beach by the bay, which is very scenic. They play doubles; winners stay, losers sit out. If you are ever in Kauai, contact Myrtle May. She will be glad to see you and share your interest in horseshoes.

I am glad we met her and her family. They are nice people! Thanks for having us, Myrtle May and family. Now I can go to Hawaii and play horseshoes halfway around the world.

NHPF Year End Financial Report

	1997	1998	YEAR 1999	2000	2001
INCOME					
NHPA Cash Grant	160,353	0	0	0	0
NHPA Corporate Contributions	0	0	0	6,403	13,573
Individual, Charter, Club Donation	2,174	28,756	37,067	20,059	27,144
Miscellaneous Cash Donations	844	0	2,019	2,653	572
Banquet Revenue	1,052	3,330	3,555	3,960	3,820
Joelton Court Use Fees	360	1,060	3,811	3,537	2,797
Merchandise Sales	0	0	0	0	500
Account Interest Earned	7,834	8,945	9,859	14,951	11,663
Total Income	\$172,617	\$42,091	\$56,311	\$51,563	\$60,069
EXPENSE					
IRS Organization Fee	465	0	0	0	0
Accounting Fees	0	600	825	800	1,000
Legal Fees	0	13,020	0	0	0
Bank & Secretary of State Fees	0	125	145	145	145
Supplies	0	0	0	0	115
Printing & Publications	0	0	0	0	269
Travel	0	0	0	678	0
Promotional Items	0	195	183	157	3,162
Property Tax & Lease	0	913	939	939	939
Banquet Fees	0	2,300	1,773	2,857	2,674
Construction & Maintenance	0	9,500	0	2,080	36,903
Total Expense	\$465	\$26,653	\$3,865	\$7,656	\$45,207
Net Cash Asset Gain or (Loss)	172,152	15,438	52,446	43,907	14,862
Prior Year End Account Balance	0	172,152	187,590	240,036	283,943
Year End Cash Account Balance	\$172,152	\$187,590	\$240,036	\$283,943	\$298,805

Note: These figures compiled by NHPF Treasurer, Dave Loucks.

JUNIOR PROMOTION

by Heidi Poppe

Will 20' Catch On?

In 2001, a new rule was passed that states the following: *Junior contestants may pitch any place on either the full distance or extended platforms and observe the 27-foot foul line. Juniors age nine or under, for the entire calendar year, may observe a 20-foot foul line.*

So, what does this mean to tournaments and leagues? I hope that by reading this article, you will be able to un-

derstand the new rule and how you can use it in your tournaments and leagues to attract 'younger' pitchers.

Tournament play for the new junior division will be dependent on how many of the 9 and under group enter and if the tournament director feels that there are enough entries from that group. If there are enough to make a class, (s)he may include a nine and under class. This also goes for State and World tournaments. Talking to Dick Hansen, right now only one junior has entered the 2002 World Tournament that falls into this category. If more enter the council will decide if the division will be added. Since this is a rule and not a By-Law, it is not stated anywhere that this division must be present at any tournament or league. I feel though, that this may entice younger players who do not have the strength to pitch from 30'. We have all said that we need younger players in the game; so using this new rule is a great start to seeing how we can improve our junior standings.

Junior league play will greatly benefit from the category since there are juniors already playing in leagues who would fall into the nine and under division. The Red Book for Sanctioned League play, has recently been rewritten and includes a rewrite of the junior section. It states that 'all' juniors who pitch in a sanction league and pitch no less than 400 shoes, are eligible for all junior awards through the sanction league program except for the Junior Scholar Award. This is because the Junior Scholar Award goes to juniors who are in at least the 7th grade. Patches will be awarded to all juniors who are entered on the Final Stats. Lorraine Sternberg would like all pitchers who are eligible for the nine and under division to be stated so when sending in the League forms.

No By-Law was ever proposed to discuss this at the 2002 Convention in Red Deer, Canada. Maybe after this year, we'll see some interest.

If there are any questions regarding this new rule, please email me at hrpoppe@spacestar.net.

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Charter Dues	\$25.00
Sanction Club/League Patches	\$26.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$2,500.00
Nhpf	\$125.00
World Tournament Patches	\$5.00 Firststar
Bank Interest Money Market	\$836.34
Firststar Bank Interest Checking	\$106.22
Total	\$63,641.56

- Notes:
- 1 Membership dues reported in the last issue were for 2001 & 2002 not just 2001 as reported.
 - 2 Newsline expense is double this month due to a check mailed in November 2001 that was lost in the mail.

EXPENDITURES

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$9,077.53
Newsline Publication, Editing, & Miscellaneous	\$912.00
Sanction League Postage & Printing	\$3,997.17
Sanction League Office Supplies & Telephone	\$3.74
Hall Of Fame Awards, Supplies & Expenses	\$34.00
Regional Director Allowance	\$4,660.20
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$22.58
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs	\$268.21
Printing, Paper & Office Supplies	\$247.18
Postages	\$601.61
Officers Telephone	\$174.32
Officers Travel	\$837.26
Secretary-treasurer Allowance	\$3,040.00
Presidents Allowance	\$912.00
Publicity, Promotions & Ads	\$806.21
Direct & Indirect Nhpf Donations & Support	\$13,541.62
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$75.29
Refunds	\$40.00
Natstats	\$912.00
Internet Expenses	\$149.65
Total	\$40,312.57

Note: These figures compiled by NHPF Treasurer, Dave Loucks



Editor's Response:

Dear Editor:

I can't believe that "Perfect Games" are less interesting than "old shoes". Seems so! There's seldom anything about PGs in "Newline". Old shoes, on the other hand, get lots of wear. Moreover, the website is not up-to-date regarding PGs. As of the date of this letter, PGs pitched after February 18, 2001 have not yet been documented.

Surprisingly, only 119 sanctioned single perfect games have been recorded in the 59 1/2 year period, August 1941 through February 2001. Were there no PGs pitched prior to 1941 when there were some great pitchers?

Is it possible, or even probable, that over the years a number of PGs were never reported — maybe because the reporting procedures, if any, are not generally known? Will a phone call do? I don't think so. What is the procedure to report a PG and who should be notified? Whatever evidence is required and where it should be sent should be published in "Newline" once a year.

At this point, you're probably wondering why this 77-year-old elder is carrying on so. Well, I pitched a perfect game on January 26, 2002 and I still don't know what to do with it!!!

Wishoe the Best,

Ed Quigley

Although I can't agree with your opinion that "old shoes get lots of wear" (I am assuming, from your statement, that you believe that too much is printed on that subject.), I do understand your concern that perfect games are not published. As the editor I am always looking for new and interesting items for publication however, I can only print what is sent to me. Articles are always welcome (see contents page for guidelines) and will be printed if space is available and the article is of interest to others and in the best interest of horseshoe pitching.

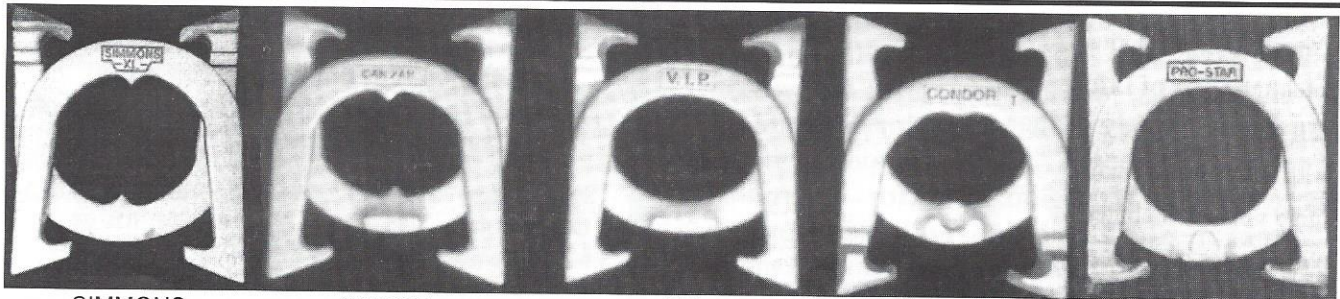
In order for perfect games to be acknowledged and printed, a copy of the game must first be sent to the NHPA Statistician for verification. It should include the location where it was pitched, the date it was pitched and the pitcher's division, as well as the last name of both pitchers if not on the scoresheet. This is the charter statistician's responsibility.

The address for reporting a perfect game is:
 NHPA Statistician
 PMB # 171
 303 SE 17th Street #309
 Ocala, FL 34471

You will find the entire history of NHPA perfect games (those that have been reported) elsewhere in this issue. If a pitcher has pitched a perfect game during a sanctioned event and it is not listed, that means it has not been reported and they should contact the proper person in their charter to send a copy of the game to the above address.

Congratulations on your perfect game; it will be added to the list as soon as it has been reported and verified.

Paula Summerlin
 Editor



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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT by Allen Baptist

Notice to Regional Directors

The World Tournament will be here before we know it. I will need Regional Director assistance for all of the shoe checks, starting with the 8:00 a.m. shift on Monday. Please contact me to let me know when you are available to help. It is much easier to know ahead of time than for me to scramble for help before each shift. The RD meeting should be sometime on the Saturday in the middle of the tournament.

FROM THE MAIL BAG

Jerome Kennedy, Georgia Regional Director - reports that Georgia's pitching season is on its way, beginning with a tournament in Stone Mountain on March 23rd. Jerome says that the Perry courts have been moved from the Agri Center to Rozar Park in downtown Perry. The Rozar courts are now one of the finest facilities in the state.

Richard Archer, Arkansas Regional Director - reports that the Arkansas Charter is showing signs of growth with inquiries about how to form leagues and clubs coming from parts of the state that typically have had little interest in the past. The city of Fort Smith is in the planning stages of building courts in Ben Garen Park with the hope of hosting future State Tournaments. There is also interest from Jonesboro, Pochahontas and Pine Bluff in building new courts. Some students from Ozark High School are considering starting a horseshoe league since the AVHA courts are close to the school. Bill Webb is trying to jump start the Hot Springs club by hosting some open tournaments and they will also be hosting the 2002 Senior Olympics horseshoe tournament. The Plummerville club has now put blue clay in all 12 of their courts. Plummerville will hold an entry-free juniors tournament this year in hopes of sparking interest with their junior program.

Kevin Snelgrove, Virginia Regional Director - reports that the Chesapeake and Richmond clubs are looking forward to a great year. Kevin will be sending a letter to all members advertising the clubs. There is also another club forming 20 miles north of Richmond.

C. Leo Buell, Iowa Regional Director - reports that he has sent his ARDs a letter to contact members in their area who haven't renewed their membership in the last three years in hopes of bringing them back to horseshoes.

Bud Schardine, Utah Regional Director - reports that the Murray courts which have hosted eleven World Tournaments no longer exist. Murray city removed the courts to

make room for the Olympic parking. The city has also refused to relocate the courts. It is sad to hear that these courts with so much history are no longer.

Pat Wemhoff, Nebraska Regional Director - reports that Nebraska will be doing shoe checks early in the season at their tournaments, so that a pitcher will not get attached to a pair of illegal shoes. Nebraska will be making a concerted effort this year to build their junior program, by contacting different junior organizations about horse-shoes.

Wayne Bennett, Montana Regional Director - reports that the Laurel Horseshoe club has added three indoor courts to their already existing outdoor courts in the City Park. As a result, the Laurel club has added six sanctioned tournaments to their 2002 schedule. This brings the total to 32 sanctioned tournaments for Montana's season.

Dan Sanders, Ohio Regional Director - reports that Ohio has had a great winter season. They added six tournaments for a total of 25 winter tournaments. These tournaments were held in nine different indoor facilities.



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PUBLICITY **NHPA** PROMOTION

By Casey Sluys

Excellent Idea:

An idea has blossomed into a major Publicity/Promotion Campaign... During an exchange of messages over the computer program ICQ (I Seek You), Kevin Smith and I were kicking around ideas. Kevin came up with this thought. Why couldn't the NHPA come up with a brochure, insert, card or the like with NHPA information on it to be inserted into every pair of horseshoes sold in the world! Something with all the Regional Directors names on one side and general NHPA information on the other. When we approached an individual who has been extremely cooperative with any Promotion item we have passed his way, Bob White of White Distributors became very enthusiastic about this idea. He immediately asked for 500 copies in order to start including one with each set of horseshoes he sells.

While we were developing what should be included on the insert, Bob emailed back to say that he didn't need them after all. What he had done was make room on his own insert for the list of Regional Directors of all Charters. This will now go into each set of shoes he sells.

When we contacted St. Pierre they stated that they would include the insert also and asked for 100,000 copies! My first thought was WOW what did we get into here! After a little thought though we decided that we will send them 24,000 to start with; primarily because the RD's change frequently and we wish the information to be as current as possible. We realize that some sets of shoes will sit in a warehouse or on store shelves for many years sometimes. Therefore, the information printed in 2002 might not be applicable in 2007. Hopefully all of you listed as RD's presently will at least still be pitching horseshoes and

therefore able to direct whomever calls to an information source within your Charter.

Once all manufacturers and distributors have been contacted and asked to assist us with this campaign, we will blanket most all the recreational horseshoe pitchers with official NHPA information. Regional Directors, look for some increased calls from strangers wanting to know more about the sport of horseshoes. So far all those I've managed to contact have agreed to help us with this information. Remember that if you buy a set of shoes with this card in it and you are already a member, give some thought about giving it to someone who isn't a member yet.

Internationally:

Internationally we have heard from Togo and Sovon Kodzo a couple of times. He has gone to the neighboring country of Ghana to introduce them to horseshoe pitching. Through emails we have put him in touch with the US embassy in Accra, the capitol of Ghana. Sovon is doing this entirely on his own at the moment and sent me a timeline of his future plans with other neighboring countries of Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast and Benin; all small countries in West Africa.

As popularity increases in West Africa perhaps you would like to take one of these clubs and become a "sister" club with them. I envision that would consist of something like sending them a pair of horseshoes and stakes occasionally, exchanging pictures with them of your members and your courts, perhaps sending them a couple of your clubs shirts, some horseshoe pitching caps, instructions on the different types of games you play on league night. They desperately need anything related to horseshoe pitching. Here is Sovons address for anyone wanting to assist him with this endeavor. If you have an

email address, he will send you pictures of the items you send in actual use.

His email is... fths22@yahoo.com

Sovon Kodzo Akakpo,
President of Togo Horseshoes Federation
PO BOX 1921-
Lome. Togo
Phone Number: 00228-227-21-58

Odds and Ends:

We are still working on the Parks and Recreation publicity project I wrote about four months ago, having thus far sent out over 800 emails to various Parks and Recreation Officials. There are some positive results, but not as many as we had hoped for. Perhaps because it was wintertime? Hopefully they have bookmarked our URL (uniform resource locator) and will use our website for future reference when they decide to install horseshoe pits in their parks. Another item we hope to accomplish with this project is to let them know there is a uniform set of rules to play by and that they are "official".

Some current projects are the distribution of the RD list, enhanced Publicity Page, continuation of emails to Parks and Recreation Departments, updating the World Tournament program and checking for resources to film some videos for us on everything from building a court to becoming a top pitcher and everything in between.

Those of you heading for the World Tournament this year; be sure to let your local newspaper know that you are participating in the World Championships!

Be sure to post your tournament results on the Publicity Page, under the Post Results menu. It gives anyone in the

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PUBLICITY NHPA PROMOTION

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world a chance to view your results and helps publicize your club.

Phyllis Quist of Washington has challenged all Washington members to bring in just one new member each. Now, if we all did that we would certainly attain the growth we all look forward to!

Kevin has purchased some equipment to be able to create video on our website. Look for a new and improved Publicity page in the near future.

Sitting in a small neighborhood park on a bright sunny spring day, watching our grandson Travis play with other small children, makes one appreciate life plus all the things we need to be thankful for. As I begin to jot ideas on a piece of paper I pause and reflect on some of the reasons this game is so difficult to promote. Yes, what Dave Loucks wrote about in the last issue is true, having heard it all myself. Let's NOT allow that to be a deterrent to promotion though, we still need everyone to publicize our sport as often and much as we can. Let's all pull together and create a membership that will be a force to be reckoned with.



RULES *By Bonnie Seibold*

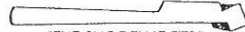
I will be asking the Delegates at the NHPA Convention at Red Deer to approve an order for a rewrite of the playing rules to be presented at the 2003 World Tournament.

I have many questions from members about the interpretation of different rules. There are many rules that are not stated properly so that members know

what they really mean. Members interpret them differently.

I read all the messages on the NHPA message board on the Internet. It is really interesting. Some of the past messages were about the rules. Some felt we might have too many rules. We need rules for sure, but I think they need to be reviewed and clarified.

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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."

"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."

"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

NHPA PERFECT GAMES

Player-State	Date	Location	Opponent	Shoes	Division						
Bob Bales - MO	Aug. 1941	Sedalia, MO	C. Smith	22	M	Lois Webster - KY	03-16-91	Joelton, TN	Dale Henry	24	W
Guy Zimmerman - CA	08-18-48	Milwaukee, WI (WT)	Henry Pergal	44	M	Lois Webster - KY	05-05-91	Edinburgh, IN	Vi Rust	32	W
Fernando Isaacs - CA	1952	CA State	Lester Anderson	30	M	Tari Powell - IL	06-01-91	Cayuga, IN	Karl Van Sant	40	W
Harvey Kohlenberger - IL	08-03-63	Washington, MO	Rudy Meyer	36	M	Tari Powell - IL	06-01-91	Cayuga, IN	Sandy Mclachlin	24	W
Elmer Hohl - Ontario, Can	08-03-68	Keene, NH(WT)	Wes Kuchcinski	30	M	Ronnie Corte - CT	07-07-91	New Haven, CT	Fran Troxel	14	W
Bob West - OR	July 1969	Vernonia, OR	Orville Sears	32	M	Vorn Ven - KS	08-03-91	Coffeyville, KS	Russ Rendell	16	B
Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - CA	09-04-71	Eureka, CA	Scott Mohammed	20	B	Jim Walters - OH	04-25-92	Statesville, NC	Karl Hix	28	B
Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - CA	09-04-71	Eureka, CA	Chris Mohammed	20	B	Cathy Carter - IA	04-26-92	Beloit, WI	Dale Lipovsky	40	W
Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - CA	10-16-71	Santa Rosa, CA	Gary Fontaine	20	B	Ray Phillips - IL	05-24-92	Peoria, IL	D. Swank	14	3?
Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - CA	10-16-71	Santa Rosa, CA	Jeffery Williams	36	B	Sue Snyder - IN	06-06-92	Cayuga, IN	Tari Powell	14	W
Donnie Roberts - OH	12-03-72	Dayton, KY	Ernie Danielson	28	M	Jim Walters - OH	07-04-92	Greenville, OH	Brian Farmer	16	B
Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - CA	08-28-77	Hermiston, OR	Bob West	56	M	Amy Brown - OH	09-05-92	Greenville, OH	Helena Morgan	16	W
Earl Winston - MO	Sept. 1978	Gilman City, MO	Leonard Francis	34	M	Jim Walters - OH	07-30-93	Spearfish, SD (WT)	Lucas Ives	24	B
Kevin Cone - IA	07-25-78	Buena Vista, IA	Mike Gustafson	22	B	Tari Powell - IL	08-14-93	Danville, IL	Steve Nook	20	W
Carl Steinfeldt - NY	Sept. 1979	Glen Falls, NY	Dick Carnahan	18	M	Mark Seibold - IN	08-28-93	Worthington, IN	Roger Rachfeldt	16	M
Opal Reno - OH	1980	Lucasville, OH	Brenda Reno	30	W	Debby Michaud - MA	06-11-94	Shrewsbury, MA	Mary Ryan	32	W
Opal Reno - OH	1980	Lucasville, OH	Jennifer Reno	20	W	Sue Snyder - IN	07-31-94	Edinburg, IN	Bob May	40	W
Carl Steinfeldt - NY	03-01-80	Plant City, FL	Ken Drury	28	M	Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - CA	09-03-94	Bakersfield, CA	Jonathan Williams	26	M
John Stevenson - KY	07-04-80	Louisville, KY	Bill Henn	18	M	Herb Criss - WA	09-17-94	Yakima, WA	Stanley Speers	24	M
Kirk Bartnik - MN	10-25-80	Genola, MN	Tom Holland	50	B	Richard Pintor - CO	02-05-95	CO Doubles	R.Heim / N.Jones	14	M
Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - CA	05-31-81	Albuquerque, NM	J. Otterback	24	M	Sue Snyder - KY	05-28-95	Indianapolis, IN	Mark Seibold	20	W
Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - CA	07-12-81	Pleasanton, CA	Bob Mauzey	50	M	Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - CA	06-11-95	Stockton, CA	Chris Moore	20	M
Alan Francis - MO	09-05-81	St Joseph, MO	Bruce Wallace	14	B	Tony Hankins - KY	06-18-95	Owensville, IN	Marlin Wells	14	M
Tom Towne - NM	09-22-81	Albuquerque, NM	Fred Romero	22	M	N.A. Moore - NC	07-15-95	Worthington, WV	Cliff Powell	28	M
Carl Steinfeldt - NY	April 1982	Clearwater, FL	Floyd Bartley	50	M	Vicki Winston - MO	09-03-95	Independence, MO	Audra Craven	22	W
Alan Francis - MO	Aug. 1983	Sedalia, MO	Scott Dominique	14	B	Bev Nathe - MN	09-04-95	Minnesota State	Ginger O'brien	14	W
Alan Francis - MO	Sept. 1983	Independence, MO	J. Flores	16	B	Frank Bohun - PA	10-20-95	Erie, PA	Marcia Lord	16	3
Tari Powell - IL	Aug. 1984	Springfield, IL	Ellen Ronk	18	W	David Johnson, Jr. - OH	12-16-95	Adams County, OH	Clarence Bushman	16	B
Alan Francis - MO	09-01-84	Springfield, MO	Robert Waisner	18	B	Brian Simmons - ME	03-10-96	New Milford, CT	Don Maine	22	M
Bob Allen - OH	09-01-84	Greenville, OH	Tim Hymer	24	B	Sue Snyder - KY	07-21-96	Edinburgh, IN	Bill Ungetheim	18	W
Alan Francis - MO	Sept. 1984	Independence, MO	Jeff Hart	32	B	Becky Kemper - KY	04-26-97	Louisville, KY	Randy Hanksins	24	W
Don Kuchcinski - PA	Sept. 1984	PA State	Al Zadroga ?	30	M	Steve Morris - PA	06-08-97	Shelocta, PA	V. Neff	20	B
Andre Leclerc - Quebec, Can	10-04-84	E Hohl-Ontario, Can	Tom Gallina	22	M	Jeromy Umphries - TX	06-14-97	Ada, OK	Kendra Jarrett	40	B
Mark Seibold - IN	1984	Kalamazoo, MI	John Shuck	32	M	Jeromy Umphries - TX	07-12-97	Worthington, WV	Dennis Phillips	18	B
Carl Steinfeldt - NY	06-22-85	Erie, PA	Curt Over	24	M	John Kapnis - MA	08-10-97	Massachusetts State	David Martin	22	M
Carl Steinfeldt - NY	06-22-85	Erie, PA	Raymond Rugg	20	M	Earl Dewald - OR	09-06-97	Gresham, OR	Russ Randall	20	3
Peter Clark - WA	07-13-85	Port Angeles, WA	Bob Hughes	22	M	Virgil Rife - OH	09-07-97	Kenton, OH	Tom Guill	24	M
Fran Carnahan - PA	07-14-85	Warren, PA	Joyce Spicer	20	W	Sam Carter - MO	Sept. 1997	MO State Doubles	Jaeger / Weldon	10	M
Michael Henderson - AL	07-20-85	Huntsville, AL	Jack Henderson	26	B	Rick Cale - WV	03-14-98	Uniontown, PA	T. Metts	16	M
Debbie Pickering - NH	08-10-85	Nashua, NH	K. Dyer	18	W	Alan Francis - OH	04-25-98	New Melle, MO	Elwyn Cooper	26	M
Tom Francis - MO	1985	Independence, MO	Donnie Mass	16	B	Becky Kemper - KY	05-16-98	Richmond, KY	Tony Hankins	20	W
Vicki Winston - MO	09-13-86	Independence, MO	Brenda Mahnken	18	W	Lois Webster - KY	11-08-98	Joelton, TN	Cliff Baker	40	W
Gene Fleek - KS	04-04-87	Wichita, KS	Paul Toole	20	M	Jerry Black - ND	09-05-99	Bismarck, ND	Don Pederson	18	M
Jim Knisley - OH	05-24-87	Fairmont, WV	Marcus Rice	28	M	Alan Francis - OH	09-06-99	Greenville, OH	John Walters	24	M
Angeline Moisan - Quebec, Can	08-09-87	Can Championship	???	18	W	Renee Cowan - VA	09-25-99	Stuarts Draft, VA	T. Danivan	20	W
Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - CA	08-22-87	Columbus, OH	Jesse Gonzales	20	M	Amy Hall - VA	07-08-00	Churchville, VA	Darrell Brock	20	W
Sandy Mclachlin - Ontario, Can	08-22-87	Columbus, OH	B S Pennington	20	W	Ed Arionus - TX	09-09-00	East Bernard, TX	Henry Carmichael	24	3
Sandy Mclachlin - Ontario, Can	08-22-87	Columbus, OH	Renee Cowan	20	W	Kurt Von Kleist - PA	02-18-01	Carnegie, PA	Zeni	16	M
Phyllis Negaard - MN	08-22-87	Columbus, OH	Jim Knisley	20	W	Joe McCrink - NJ	05-19-01	Middlesex, NJ	John Forti	20	M
Sandy Mclachlin - Ontario, Can	08-23-87	Columbus, OH	Debby Michaud	20	W						
Steve Barnes - MO	09-06-87	Jefferson City, MO	Brett Francis	16	B						
Cliff Baker - IL	1987	???	???	18	M						
Spud Napier - CA	03-24-88	San Bernardino, CA	Chris Lutz	20	M						
John Kapnis - MA	08-20-88	Columbus, OH	W R Williams, Jr.	20	M						
Sandy Mclachlin - Ontario, Can	08-20-88	Columbus, OH	Kevin Hollister	20	W						
Jim Knisley - OH	08-21-88	Columbus, OH	Kevin Hollister	20	M						
Jerry Holt - OK	09-03-88	Woodward, OK	Glenn King	24	M						
Joe McCrink - NJ	06-04-89	Clifton, NJ	Tom Skinner	16	M						
Diane Cantin - Quebec, Can	08-11-89	Halifax, Nova Scot	Shirley Ann Fisher	24	W						
Alan Francis - MO	08-19-89	Columbus, OH	Sharon Paddock	20	M						
Steve Kuchcinski - PA	08-19-89	Columbus, OH	Oscar Manns	20	M						
Debby Michaud - MA	08-19-89	Columbus, OH	Lois Webster	20	W						
Jim Knisley - OH	08-20-89	Columbus, OH	W R Williams, Jr.	20	M						
Diane Cantin - Quebec, Can	08-20-89	Columbus, OH	Sharon Paddock	20	W						
Diane Lopez - CA	03-25-90	Bakersfield, CA	Mary Ann Fumia	18	W						
Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - CA	05-12-90	Santa Rosa, CA	Dave Shelton	50	M						
Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - CA	05-26-90	Stockton, CA	Mary Ann Fumia	20	M						
Elwyn Cooper - MO	06-24-90	St. Joseph, MO	Doyle Derrick	16	M						
Ron Powell - KY	07-15-90	Edinburgh, IN	Lois Webster	24	M						
Art Tyson - NY	07-15-90	Newark, NJ	Ron Ballinger	14	M						
Peter Clark - WA	08-21-90	Port Orchard, WA	Dick Dillenburg	30	M						
John Walters - OH	09-01-90	Greenville, OH	Julie Walters	24	B						
Sue Snyder - IN	09-28-90	Georgetown, KY	Karl Van Sant	20	W						

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(WT) Pitched In World Tournament Competition!

This list may be incomplete if a State Charter has not reported a perfect game. Send any sanctioned perfect game pitched to the address below. Please send a copy of the scoresheet, making sure it has the location where it was pitched, the date it was pitched and the last names of both pitchers.

If any person has information regarding the above games such as a more specific date, the opponent or location pitched, please send the information to the address below also.

NHPA Statistician
 PMB # 171
 303 SE 17th Street #309
 Ocala, FL 34471

“WHAT’S GOING ON?”

Cathie Loucks

California (Northern)

- Scheduled tournaments beginning in mid-February have this charter’s pitching season well under way. As of mid-March, 25 new members have been welcomed to the NHPA/NCHPA.
- Don Titcomb is still busy promoting here in Northern California. He has confirmed dates to hold his “Pitch and Win” program at county fairs for the months of May, June and September. The program, which Don originated many years ago and is willing to share with any interested parties, always attracts new members to the NHPA.

Colorado

- Hal Sheppard will be stepping down this year after serving nine years as charter President.
- Rich Pintor and Ray Heim captured the 2002 State Doubles Championship title by one game. High games were posted by Joe Rosi at 81.3% (men), Don Wild at 79.2% (elders), Mildred Romero at 77.8% (women) and Noah Elich at 33.3% (juniors).
- Paul LaCrosse’s (18 times state champ) “most memorable” playoff game in the State Championships was against Rich Pintor in ‘89 when he threw 41 ringers out of 42 shoes for a 97.6%.

Florida

- A new format was introduced at the state tournament this year. All championship classes consisted of the defending champion (if entered) plus the next six highest entering percentages making for 7 person classes. (I wonder why anyone would encourage byes in championship classes?). All groups below championship were handicapped at 80% if there was a spread of more than 10%. This is allowed by NHPA bylaws (handicapping) and should make for a more equitable tournament. State tournament time is almost a week-long-event here as “state” doubles and “state” mixed doubles, not to mention cocktail parties and buffets are also held.

Hawaii

- Almost 20 years ago Reg Gomes and some friends joined together to form what is now the Kona Horseshoe Club. This was the first club in Hawaii to become associated with the NHPA but soon after Kauai, Oahu and Maui followed suit and now all fall under the Hawaii State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Originally pitching was done at the beach or in backyards, but when it was decided to form a club the county was asked for a land donation. Although the go ahead for land use was given, no funds were allocated. Thanks to donations and all volunteer labor the old Kona airport became home to 12 courts with grass, trees and covered tables. Linda Ferreira, one of the top women pitchers in the state, often finds herself traveling to other islands in order to compete in tournaments. (If you have a trip planned to Hawaii, contact Regional Director, Myrtle May Kamoku at (808) 821-0602 for information on tournaments or club’s pitching schedules.)

Indiana

- In 2001, 92 of the 420 charter members were NEW and by the end of January, 19 new members had already joined for 2002. (Imagine if every charter signed up 100 new members every year – the NHPA would double its membership in less than 3 years!)
- Newsletter editor and charter secretary, Tammi Cunningham underwent surgery for breast cancer in January and will be undergoing chemo and radiation treatments for several months. Tammi has not relinquished any of her duties and plans to be back pitching ASAP. Way to go Tammi! Our prayers are with you for a complete and speedy recovery.

Louisiana

- Congratulations are in order for three deserving members that will be inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2002. They are: Elise Atchley, a four time state champion and the first woman member of the charter; Clayton Iles, the first state men’s champion and an avid organizer and competitor and Ricky Richard, former state champion and current 2nd VP of the charter.

Michigan

- The Mt. Clemens Indoor HPC’s (MCIHPC) newest award and highest honor is named the Thadeus “Ted” Kowalski “for the Love of Horseshoe Pitching” award. The award is a personal plaque and a showcase plaque that lists the winners, along with \$100.00 to be sent in Ted’s honor to a horseshoe organization (charity, NHPE, scholarship fund). The first recipient of the award was Ted who succumbed to cancer last December.
- Dan Markley, who pitched in 53 of the 69 tournaments held in 2001, took 6 first, 9 second and 11 third-places and pitched 13,020 shoes. Off to a good start this year, Dan had already chalked up 3 second-places out of 4 tournaments by mid-February.

Minnesota

- The charter has initiated a program of support for the MN chapter of “Make-a-Wish Foundation”. All tournament directors have agreed to contribute \$1.00 per entry from every tournament. This has previously been done on a club level and generated community interest and brought positive publicity through newspaper and television coverage. As the largest charter in the NHPA, this should be great for MN horseshoes. (Author’s note: The promotion people, i.e. Billie Sue Pennington, suggested the entire NHPA do something like this as a group. Pick a charity, a coordinated tournament date, contact the media, etc., etc., etc... THIS IS HOW WE WILL ATTRACT SPONSORS & THEIR \$\$\$\$.)
- Tom Keppel delved into the 30’ vs. 40’ controversy to determine whether a 30’ pitcher had an advantage. After researching mixed tournaments over a three-year period using different samples to make comparisons, he concluded that

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"WHAT'S GOING ON?" *continued from page 14*

- 30' pitchers have a 5.06% or 2.5-ringer advantage per 50-shoe game.
- The 2nd Annual NHPF Benefit Tournament is scheduled for April 27th- 28th in Upsala with all proceeds going to the NHPF in the name of the MGSHPA.

Missouri

- Pam Henderson reports that the Don Harris Arena that opened for winter pitching last November welcomed over 1000 pitchers through the doors within the first two months. Tournaments are held twice a month with leagues and open pitching on Thursday and Saturday. Everyone is welcome, so if you are close by and want to pitch, Pam says, "come on down".
- More indoor pitching seems to be a goal in this charter. Danny and Melody Williams have erected a 75' x 120' building that holds 8 courts, restrooms, concession stand, office and viewing area with seating. The sidewalls have been constructed so that they are removable for summer pitching.
- The MOHPA is making a move to regain their "largest charter title" back from MN. Members are working diligently to sign up new pitchers - 29 and counting so far.
- Congratulations to "Shoe Biz" editor, Jeanette Claas on her induction into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

New Jersey

- The fourth tournament of 2002, held at the Harmony Indoor Courts, proved to be special for "lefty" Ed Quigley. A few years ago he became a short-distance pitcher and his average shot up. So much so that on January 26th he pitched a PERFECT GAME against George Anderson. Way to go, Quig!

North Carolina

- Poston Park in Gaston County is home to 24 new courts with lights, full concrete walkways, complete fencing and bleachers. There were many problems and delays before the complex was completed but thanks to the efforts of Ron Taylor of SOUTH Carolina the courts are first-class. They were sanctioned by the NHPA on January 19th and will host five tournaments in 2002 including the state championships in September.
- Current state champion, N.A. Moore, has had his share of health problems this past winter. He underwent surgery in December and again in January and had about three feet of intestine removed. Hopefully he has fully recovered and will be back on the tournament trail this summer.

Oregon

- Tournament director Jim Postell tried a little different format in a recent tournament. The person you pitched was

not your opponent but your partner! The goal (as always) was to pitch as many ringers as you could in a 20-shoe game. Points were awarded based on what you should pitch according to your entering percentage. Example: If you are a 50% pitcher you should get 10 ringers out of 20 shoes; your partner carries a 25% average so he/she should get 5 ringers so your combined goal is at least 15 ringers. Points from 0 to 8 are awarded based on closeness to the goal. This doesn't have to be 20-shoe games, just adjust the number of ringers accordingly.



Rhode Island

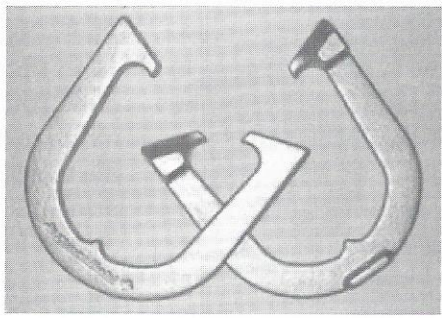
- Brian Simmons says he was averaging over 85% all winter long, but is pretty sure he will be doing better in the future. Seems he wasn't operating at 100% because he had some blocked arteries, which he hopes are fine after undergoing surgery in February. If the adage is true that one feels much better and has more energy and stamina once their arteries are unclogged, he will definitely be a force to be reckoned with come W.T. time in Red Deer. He plans on competing. Speedy recovery, Brian!

Tennessee

- The dues to belong to this NHPA charter are \$13.00 per year. The NHPA receives \$12.00 from this and the charter secretary/treasurer gets \$1.00. Normal tournament entry fees are \$11.00 with \$1.00 going to the host club. In a 6-person group the THPA gets \$15.00 with \$45.00 being paid back to contestants. In an 8-person group the THPA gets \$10.00 with \$70.00 being paid back to contestants. This changes if there are juniors in a group because they do not pay entry fees. The secretary/treasurer pays some expenses out of his own pocket as does the president and some pitchers donate their winnings back to the THPA.

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West Virginia

- On "Community Day" (3/9/02) the Middletown Mall in Fairmont was home to a display that included the WVHPA Hall of Fame and plenty of literature. A court was also set up with several pitchers on hand to demonstrate pitching methods and answer questions.
- Charles Bunner received notice from the Marion County Commission that they would sponsor the July 13th-14th tournament in Worthington to the tune of \$1500.00. This tournament will be limited to the first 108 entries.

Wisconsin

- Mark Mauthe took high honors at the "Freezeroo" tournament in February. The day began with a heavy, wet snowfall but the sun was shining by noontime. By then the snow was almost melted from Steve Kulow's sizzling 48.4% tournament average. (This being 18% over his entering average)
- The Wisconsin newsletter folks printed up a flyer and included it in their March/April issue in the hopes that the members would copy and distribute it. The flyer advertises the 2003 World Tournament to be held in Eau Claire and provides names, phone numbers and email addresses of people to contact for information. (Great idea!)

NHPA INTERNET WEBSITE *by Paul Stewart*

www.horseshoepitching.com

HSMaster Program

After many requests and a lot of work and development, it is here...a windows based horseshoe program. The Horseshoe Master program has been made available to the NHPA for free. It may be copied and shared with the provision that all rights belong to the author, Kurt Whaley, South Dakota.

In the past ten years I have probably looked at more horseshoe programs than anyone. The HSMaster program is by far the most advanced and user friendly program that I have seen for horseshoe pitching record keeping and reports. The author, Kurt Whaley, is a computer program writer, horseshoe pitcher, tournament director and Secretary/Treasurer of the South Dakota Charter. I don't think there is a more qualified person to write a horseshoe program than Kurt. This program was not created over night. Kurt came to me at the 2000 World Tournament at Bismarck, North Dakota and told me he had written a horseshoe program. Since that time he has been adding more options and polishing up the previous ones. He now has well over 600 hours of programming into this program and I would be afraid to guess how many pages and lines of codes.

HSMaster was created in an effort to simplify record keeping for Tournament Directors, League Directors, State Statisticians, and State Secretaries. It is designed as such that the data can be shared by these various individuals. HSMaster is a database application. It uses Microsoft Access as the database. However you do not have to have Access installed on your machine to run HSMaster.

HSMaster should be able to run on most Windows 98, 2000, ME and XP systems. We would recommend a mini-

um of a 200mhz machine, with 32 Megs of ram. However, we would prefer that you have 64 Megs of ram to get better performance. If you do not have Internet Explorer 5.0 or greater installed on your machine, HSMaster may not run without loading either IE 5.0 or several other components on your computer.

To acquire HSMaster, you will need to go to the NHPA Online Website at www.horseshoepitching.com where you will see a banner with a link that will take you to the download page. Here you will need to read instructions and requirements before downloading. The download file is a zipped file; you will need a program that will unzip files, such as WinZip or any other program that will unzip files. Important: After you have unzipped the files in a temp folder, the first thing you should do is go to the README.txt file and print it for your install instructions. The program will not function at all if you don't have your ODBC set up correctly on your machine. This README.txt file has the ODBC install instructions in it.

After you have installed HSMaster, open the program and go to the HELP link in the tool bar at the top of the window. You will need to read how everything works before trying to use HSMaster. You may want to print the HELP file to get complete documentation for the program. If you print the complete Help file you will need to have your printer loaded with enough paper to print 58 pages.

If for some reason you cannot download HSMaster from the Website, or if you do not have access to the Internet with the computer you are planning to install the program on, the NHPA will mail you a copy of HSMaster on a CD disk. Contact me, NHPA 5th VP, Paul Stewart, 1043 Old Mountain Rd. Statesville, NC 28677 or email me at: nhpa5th@bellsouth.net

RE-ELECTION NOTICE

Dear NHPA members,

With this announcement, I hereby seek re-election to the NHPA office of 2nd Vice-President. With the changes in duties, I look forward to be able to assist with the Publicity and Promotion efforts within the NHPA.

The Publicity/Promotion Team has already developed a brochure to be included into each set of horseshoes that is sold. On it is all the Regional Directors in the US and Canada, with telephone numbers for each, plus a few paragraphs about the NHPA in general. Most of our distributors sell to members, but the manufacturers sell to non-mem-

bers also. Therefore, we hope to reach the recreational horseshoe pitchers with information regarding our fine organization. More about this in future articles...

Having been the chairman of the rules committee for nine years has introduced me to members throughout the US and Canada. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve the NHPA in this new capacity as Publicity/Promotion Director and ask for your support in the upcoming election. Together we can attain the growth that is needed to maintain a strong organization. Thank you.

Casey Sluys

THE TWIN COUNTY HORSESHOE CLUB

Submitted by Gerard Racette

In 2002, the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Sanctioned Club/League Program. The Twin County Horseshoe Club of north-central Massachusetts is pleased to continue its membership with the NHPA.

The Twin County Horseshoe Club of north-central Massachusetts was founded in 1954. Thirteen players representing towns such as Athol, Erving, Gardner, Orange and Shelburne Falls from both Franklin and Worcester counties started the league. Additional members joined the league as horseshoe pitching became more popular, until the league reached its highest membership of ten teams with four to seven players per team.

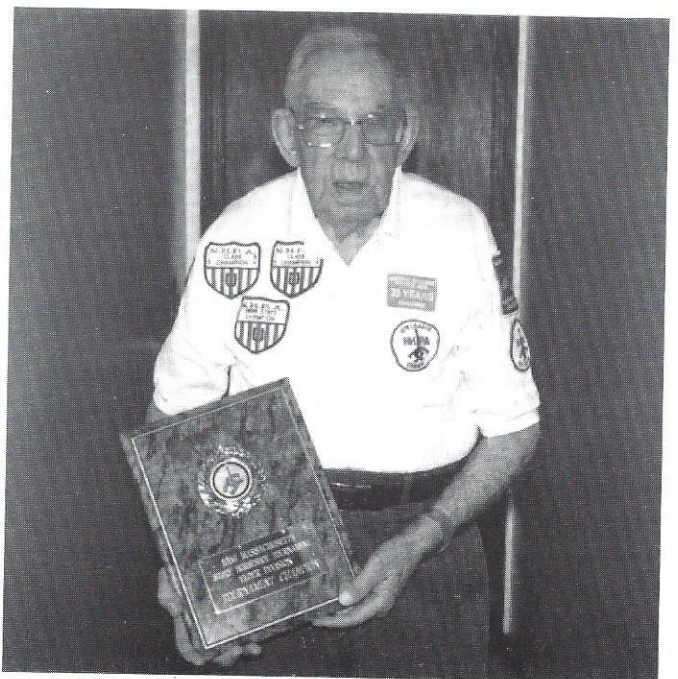
Amos Whitaker, 87 years old, of Orange, MA is the last surviving member of the original thirteen players who founded the league. Amos last pitched shoes three or four years ago when he became the Maine State Champion of the Senior Division. Amos no longer pitches shoes, but has taken an interest in painting and crocheting.

Another member of the Twin County Horseshoe Club who is in his 80's is Angie Cieslak, of Gardner, MA. Angie did not begin to play horseshoes until he was in his 50's, but has gone on to win a world title in the Senior Division. It is an honor having Angie play in the Twin County Club.

Finally, one person who will always be a part of the Twin County Club is Percy Howe of Athol, MA. Percy ran the Twin County Club for over 40 years, organizing teams, running tournaments, maintaining player statistics and taking

care of all the odds and ends required to run a well-organized league. Unfortunately, Percy passed away two years ago. The league is not the same without him. He is deeply missed.

The Twin County Club resumes league play this spring. The season begins in May and runs throughout the summer into the early part of fall. This year, the league has moved all its games indoors to the Gardner Horseshoe Club in Gardner, MA. Rainouts, mosquitoes and the occasional frost won't bother the players this year and hopefully will remain as fond memories of seasons past.



Amos Whitaker

NEW MELLE-MUSIC CITY MATCH UP

The rain on the tin roof at the Jack Freeman Courts in Joelton sometimes muffled the sound of horseshoes hitting the stake during the match up between the New Melle Horseshoe Club and the Music City Horseshoe Club on Saturday, March 9th. Thirty-five pitchers and others from New Melle began arriving by mid-afternoon on Friday, March 8th. Roy and Suzanne Evans and Mary Ann Ell, with advice from Joe Faron who was vacationing in Florida, handled the arrangements from Missouri while Jack Freeman and Mary Bastian worked out the details in Tennessee.

The pitchers like the format for this tournament. Games are 50 shoes cancellation and ties remain ties. Joe Faron and Jack Freeman make match ups between players in the classes and wins/losses are recorded for those designated pitchers and then tallied for the flight. The first flight Saturday morning was made up of five 6-person classes and one 3-person class. Six 6-person classes made up the second flight on Saturday afternoon. Twenty-five pitchers continued play on a chilly, sunny Sunday morning under a different sanction number. Music City was ahead after the first flight on Saturday and carried that lead to a winning victory of 102.5 points to New Melle's 93.0. The date and score will be engraved on a plaque and attached to the large trophy that will stay in Tennessee for the third year in a row. Complete tournament results are posted on www.jackfreemancourts.com website. Click on the THPA icon.

New Melle had 35 pitchers present. Music City had 25 pitchers from Tennessee, Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Florida and Wisconsin. Total payback was \$930 with first places paying \$35.00 and second places \$25.00 in the six person classes.

Many people helped to make this tournament a success. Special thanks to all the score keepers, Roy Evans and Joe Faron who signed in the pitchers and took their money, Joanie Smith who filled the clipboards with score sheets and kept the coffee pot going, and Nancy Bragg who made sure all pencils had sharpened points. Sandwiches, chips, and cookies were available on Saturday and on Sunday the group ate grilled chicken, green beans, au gratin potatoes, rolls and chocolate pudding dessert. Ask the Missouri pitchers what the "real" name of the dessert is. Liz Page of Catering to Order catered the food both days.

Jack Freeman, Tournament Director, had these comments: "This was the Eighth New Melle - Music City Match Up tournament. Music City won by a score of 102.5 points to New Melle's 93.0. Thanks to all who participated in the tournament, those from Missouri and those who represented Music City. My thanks go especially to Mary Ella Bastian, Roy Evans, and others who helped with the tournament.

The players had an opportunity to play in two sanctioned tournaments, all day Saturday and Sunday morning. They also had an opportunity to see the completed Hall of Fame building.

Anyone interested in participating in this tournament can pitch for Music City. New Melle is the largest Horseshoe Club in the world and they usually have more than enough to have a large tournament anytime. Music City needs all the pitchers it can find. There is one restriction. You cannot be from Missouri and pitch for Music City. The tournament is held usually the second weekend in March. We need pitchers of all percentages. If interested, contact Mary Ella Bastian or me.

Dick Hansen and Joe Faron, both members of the NHPF Board, were here. Paul Stewart had planned to be here but injured his back at work and was unable to make it this time.

Plans are being made for display of the inventory in the Hall of Fame Building. The material should be coming from Missouri sometime in April or May of this year, as soon as moving logistics can be worked out.

The NHPF Board is in the process of developing criteria for meeting the educational goals of the NHPF. The Board is also setting up some guidelines for a "Caretaker" duties once one is hired.

Information regarding the NHPF and its activities is kept up to date on the NHPF website which can be accessed from the NHPA website at www.horseshoepitching.com or the Jack Freeman Courts website at www.jackfreemancourts.com

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Horseshoe Pitchers Celebrate the Wedding of a Match Made on the Courts

Sternberg – Poppe

Heidi Sternberg and Rick Poppe were married June 30, 2001 in Hudson Wisconsin.

Heidi was the 1994 Girl's World Champion. She is now NHPA Junior Promotions Director and Webmaster of a very professional WHPA webpage. Her interest in horseshoes stems from her family. Mother, Lorraine Sternberg, is the NHPA 3rd VP and Sanctioned League Director.

Rick Poppe also began his horseshoe pitching as a Junior. He was the subject of a cover feature article in Newline as a two-sport competitor. His winter sport is semi-pro ice hockey.

The following account of their gala day was submitted to the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter by one table of wedding guests.

WE WERE THERE

At our table were Randy, Marge, Ken K., Blondie (wife of Rick's hockey buddy), Gloria, Edie and Jane. We are a staff of very keen observers and if you missed it, you certainly missed quite a celebration.

Heidi was a beautiful bride with a long flowing white sparkly gown. Rick was debonair and suave decked out in his tuxedo. The bridesmaids' dresses were dark and light purple with the groomsmen complimenting the wedding party. There were many handsome, well-dressed men of all ages as well as fashion-statement dressed ladies joining the wedding celebration. One gentleman in particular caught our attention as he sported an elegant dress shirt complete with tie and no hat! We wondered if his attire was influenced by Ken or Regis.

Each table was equipped with a disposable camera for candid pictures of the evening. Ken Davison used one camera and was checking out cameras at other tables to compliment his

photographic talent. Pictures should be interesting and hopefully not used as "blackmail" in the future. Dinner was interrupted quite often with the clanging of horseshoes. Rick and Heidi had ample opportunity to "perfect" their kissing technique. The best man shared a few of his and Rick's pre-Heidi adventures. It seems Heidi has been a very positive influence on Rick.



The Bridal party was introduced individually as they marched into the ballroom forming somewhat of a tunnel to formally introduce the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Poppe. The celebrating couple began the dancing to the continuous music of a DJ. Before long other guests joined the Bridal party on the dance floor and the temperature began rising! It seemed as though the dancing ladies had more stamina than the men as they kept dancing song after song. Some of the men needed "liquid energy" to continue dancing all through

the night. One vivacious and energetic couple danced up quite a storm. Dick and Paulette Hansen know how to dance the dance! What a fun-loving couple!

A dollar dance started and it looked as though the dance would go on forever, as the line to dance with both the bride and groom was never-ending.

At this point, these three "Cinderellas" headed home before the bewitching hour of midnight.

Submitted by Jane Smith, written in collaboration with Edie McKinney and Gloria Smith.

Editors Note: Heidi and Rick will celebrate their first anniversary next month. This article was sent shortly after their wedding but due to space limitations, this is the first opportunity we had to print it.

NHPA Membership Numbers for 2001

submitted by Dick Hansen, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

2001 Final Report	Adults 2001	Jr's 2001	Adults 2000	Jr's 2000	Adults +/-	Juniors +/-	2001 Delegates	% Increase	% Decrease
TOTALS	12476	820	12854	814	-378	6	154		-2.94%
Alabama	67	3	77	6	-10	-3	1		-12.99%
Alaska	62	0	39	0	23	0	1	58.97%	
Arizona	120	0	124	0	-4	0	2		-3.23%
Arkansas	104	10	112	17	-8	-7	2		-7.14%
California N.	538	22	560	31	-22	-9	6		-3.93%
California S.	418	19	417	18	1	1	5	0.24%	
Canada	8	0	8	0	0	0	1		
Colorado	374	31	390	22	-16	9	4		-4.10%
Connecticut	294	8	310	15	-16	-7	3		-5.16%
Delaware	32	0	23	2	9	-2	0	39.13%	
Florida	416	21	418	15	-2	6	5		-0.48%
Georgia	108	6	136	4	-28	2	2		-20.59%
Germany	1	0	1	0	0	0	0		
Hawaii	136	3	154	4	-18	-1	2		-11.69%
Idaho	111	4	104	3	7	1	2	6.73%	
Illinois	475	37	488	36	-13	1	5		-2.66%
Indiana	319	15	369	20	-50	-5	4		-13.55%
Iowa	205	8	213	5	-8	3	3		-3.76%
Japan	0	0	6	0	-6	0	0		
Kansas	201	14	192	13	9	1	3	4.69%	
Kentucky	156	8	140	4	16	4	2	11.43%	
Louisiana	260	9	248	17	12	-8	3	4.84%	
Maine	82	9	78	7	4	2	1	5.13%	
Maryland	181	10	230	13	-49	-3	2		-21.30%
Massachusetts	313	11	314	7	-1	4	4		-0.32%
Michigan	224	15	229	15	-5	0	3		-2.18%
Minnesota	1015	95	1130	111	-115	-16	11		-10.18%
Mississippi	47	3	49	3	-2	0	1		-4.08%
Missouri	898	36	875	36	23	0	9	2.63%	
Montana	90	5	97	6	-7	-1	1		-7.22%
N. Carolina	173	12	174	13	-1	-1	2		-0.57%
N. Dakota	228	39	234	44	-6	-5	3		-2.56%
New Hampshire	122	3	125	7	-3	-4	2		-2.40%
Nebraska E.	158	18	186	18	-28	0	2		-15.05%
Nebraska W.	67	2	72	0	-5	2	1		-6.94%
Nevada	109	3	112	4	-3	-1	2		-2.68%
New Jersey	213	13	202	12	11	1	3	5.45%	
New Mexico	78	10	69	10	9	0	1	13.04%	
New York	468	54	461	36	7	18	5	1.52%	
Ohio	683	27	732	23	-49	4	7		-6.69%
Oklahoma	140	16	150	11	-10	5	2		-6.67%
Oregon	165	7	156	6	9	1	2	5.77%	
Pennsylvania E.	179	3	165	2	14	1	2	8.48%	
Pennsylvania W.	281	16	263	6	18	10	3	6.84%	
Rhode Island	47	0	54	0	-7	0	1		-12.96%
S. Carolina	63	11	80	11	-17	0	1		-21.25%
S. Dakota	106	13	128	17	-22	-4	2		-17.19%
Tennessee	114	4	106	1	8	3	2	7.55%	
Texas	491	48	466	40	25	8	5	5.36%	
Utah N.	42	2	58	3	-16	-1	1		-27.59%
Utah S.	48	0	54	1	-6	-1	1		-11.11%
Vermont	102	10	87	11	15	-1	2	17.24%	
Virginia	208	13	230	17	-22	-4	3		-9.57%
Washington	218	20	209	14	9	6	3	4.31%	
West Virginia	193	22	192	19	1	3	2	0.52%	
Wisconsin	426	45	439	55	-13	-10	5		-2.96%
Wyoming	99	7	119	3	-20	4	1		-16.81%

Note: The percent of increase or decrease is based on adult members only.

JESSE GONZALEZ, THE LEGEND CONTINUES by John M. Garcia

Saturday, September 29, 2001, was a memorable day in California horseshoe pitching. The Southern California Championships were held in historical South Gate Park in South Gate, California. There were eighteen courts for some 80 pitchers. The games were scheduled to start at 7:30 a.m., but a heavy fog rolled in over night making visibility a slight problem. It was still dark at 6:30 a.m. and the fog was thick as soup. Early arrivers had to feel their way to the courts and some newcomers asked if they were at the right place. It was nearly impossible to get in any practice before game time. Somehow the matches started on time, but as the day moved along it became apparent that all other classes would start late. The fog burned off, the sun came out and pitchers had a wonderful day to pitch in.

Young ladies fed us all asking only for a donation—coffee and donuts in the morning, hot dogs, chicken, potato salad, beans, chips and drinks in the afternoon. Food was brought by others also - fruit salad, muffins, punch, snacks, a birthday cake for one of the ladies, a royal feast indeed. There was one young lady selling lapel pins with red, white and blue ribbons and a US Flag for \$2 each — “Everything I make I’ll send to the Red Cross for our heroes in New York and Washington” she proudly stated. These ladies and children are Ray and Francis Lopez’s kids, a great bunch of volunteers. Ray and Francis have brought these courts back to life and we all owe them a hearty thank you.

But, this story is all about “The Legend”. All Championship Classes (men, women and elders) were supposed to get started at 2:30 p.m., allowing plenty of time to play 40-point games for the championship titles however, most started well after 3:00 p.m.

While waiting to start, Jesse talked with a small group of players. We talked about many things, but we were mainly interested in “shoes”. He didn’t let us down.

“Walter (Ray Williams) was one of the best. He treats everyone with respect, especially me. If it weren’t for him I would not have attended some of the world tournaments...”

“Yes, I played against Fernando Isais, he threw a very high shoe. Yes, Fernando was from Mexico. Did he speak good English? Yes, and Spanish too. He was a great man, he won 6 worlds in a row.”

“I practice most every day, pitch 300 shoes.” How long does it take you? “Oh about an hour or so.” Are you sure, that’s a lot of shoes? “Maybe an hour and a half or two. You need to practice if you’re serious.”

“The horseshoe pits in a park were named after me and I practice there whenever I want to. I worked for the City of San Louis Obispo, as a heavy equipment operator for over thirty years, retired when I was 62 and now I’ve been retired for about 7 years. I was ‘Employee of the Year’ two times.”

“My ability to pitch good shoes is a gift from God. I was working in the parks when I saw a man pitching, this was around 1960, he asked me if I wanted to pitch, I started off at 60% and only pitched below that when I was concerned for my wife Sylvia’s health a while back, but now she takes care of me.”

We could have talked a lot longer but he had to pitch. Jesse pitches Gordon Horseshoes. I noticed that he carries a small flat file, along with articles of past accomplishments (yellow winning slips) in his ancient wood carrying-box. He filed away some burrs on his shoes just prior to the start of the tournament.

Jesse was on fire from the beginning. His first match was against Steve Belikoff. Belikoff just happens to pitch a nice 2-flip shoe as compared to Jesse’s smooth single flip. The game started off pretty tight with Belikoff keeping pace and matching ringers with Jesse, but Jesse’s 67.2% outlasted Steve’s 56.9%. Jesse won 40/21.

Jonathan Williams was next in line for Jesse. Jonathan, as many of you may recall, is a past Junior World Champion. Jonathan’s nice looking 1-3/4 pitch was no match for Jesse. Williams pitched 50.0% against Jesse’s 61.1%.

His third match was against Dan Cervantes. Dan is a 1-1/4 pitcher with a low arc and a hard aggressive pitch. Jesse won 44-35. This was a close game only because Jesse came from behind catching Cervantes at 35-35, going ahead 38-35, then finishing with two ringers six. He pitched 57.1% against Cervantes’ 58.6%.

As the day wore on, whispers could be heard throughout, “they’ll never finish before the sun goes down”. I heard Dan Cervantes say, “If we have any long games, the dark will

take over.” But not one player was going to let up. They came to determine a Champion.

In the fourth match Jesse turned up his intensity and broke 70% in a game against Charles Woolery, another flip pitcher from the high desert area. He won easily 42-15 with a 72.7% game.

In between games four and five Jesse’s wife, Sylvia, handed him a bottle of water and told him she’d wait in the car, “It’s getting cold out here.” Besides, she never watches Jesse pitch; makes her nervous. As she walked away, he said, “I told you she takes care of me.”

In the fifth match a fellow from San Diego, by the name of Dave Koch, gave Jesse his biggest scare of the afternoon. It was a tug of war, a classic 1-1/4 pitcher versus a flawless flipper. The match started with ringers being topped by ringers with a number of four-deads being tossed. Koch pulled away from Jesse with a 36-27 lead. But Jesse, relentless as when he was a world contender, pulled to within 36-30 and in the last inning he pitched two doubles that weren’t answered and won 42-36. He was an artist at work throughout the match, never wavering in his style or rhythm. One-two, one-two-three, a beautiful arching pitch, then one, one-two-three the second exactly the same. His right arm extends to the rear, parallel to the ground; he takes a long step for a small man, almost from the rear of the pit to just before the foul line. You have to understand he stands about 5’6”. Few are able to perform like this master; it was a lesson in pure style and consistency by one of the best.

On another court, the course was being set for two pitchers to meet for the title, as happens in most contests. Paul Hopkins, the number one seed, met Carlos Delgado in the fifth game just as dusk was settling in, the sun was fading fast below some tall trees to the west. Hats were discarded; they weren’t needed. Paul, muttonchops beard waving as he pitched a classic 3/4-shoe, would also have his toughest match. “I’m running out of gas” I heard him say to no one in particular as I watched from under the shade of a pine tree. But he wasn’t about to give in. Nor was Carlos, an easygoing high school principal who pitches a methodical 1-1/4 pitch, going to lose grip of his chances to

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win a game. In what was to be the longest game of the day, 72 shoes and taking about one hour to complete, Hopkins held out for a 44-30 win. Hopkins pitched 63.9% against Delgado's 58.3%

The sixth match was played in semi-darkness.

You remember Dave Koch. Well that rascal came up against Hopkins in their sixth game and handed him his first defeat 42-26. Hopkins now had to win his last match against Gonzalez to force a playoff game for the championship.

Hopkins and Gonzalez were on track. Number one seed would meet number two.

"Hey, it's almost dark they won't be able to see a thing" was said by some...not by the players. They were meticulous competitors, always preparing the court before every game. They dug out, what seemed to me to be every square-inch of the court, then they painted every inch of the peg. They weren't going to leave anything to chance. Luck was not going to play a part in these contests; none of them were going to allow this to happen. Not even if playing in the dark.

In the meantime, there was stupendous side play being played in the elder's championship bracket. They too were playing 40-point games. One player was undefeated, Dean Mangus. In the seventh game a diehard gentleman of eighty-six years, Carl Grabow, from San Diego, upset Mangus by coming from behind and winning one of the finest games of the evening 40-37. At one point he was down by 37-28. Neither of these men nor any other in the group was going to give in because of darkness or fatigue. They had pitched close to 400 shoes and a champion had to be named.

Grabow's win over Mangus forced a playoff game for Mangus. His opponent was Dewain Murray.

Murray, a first year elder, quickly pulled out to an 18-1 lead. A light went on at the elder's side of the courts, the only light evident in the area. Someone drove up on to an area of vacant courts and with headlights somewhat lit a portion of the pits where the others were playing. Murray's lead was to last for only a short time. Mangus caught him at about 30, then pulled away for a 41-37 win. This reminded me that there is competition for every age group in horseshoes.

At the same time, the last game of men's finals was starting in the dark. Hopkins vs Gonzalez. The headlights had little effect on lighting the courts. But this wasn't going to stop the matches. Only one must survive

"How can they see anything?"

"Oh, I've pitched into the darkness, it's still fun." I answered.

It was an old-fashioned backyard shootout, only it wasn't in a backyard and it wasn't for the championship of the Family, City, State, US, World, you name it. It was for the Southern California's Men's Championship.

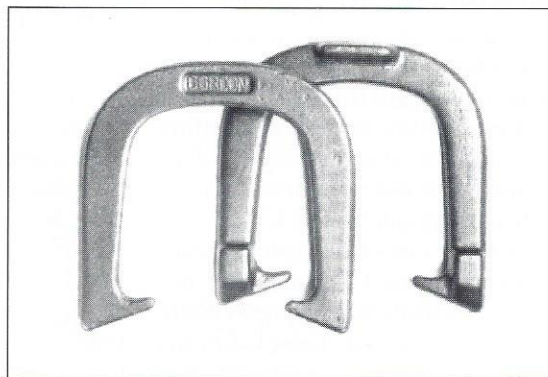
There was only one match that really mattered. Paul Hopkins had a chance. It was not a slim chance, you see. Paul is one of the finer players in this area. He had practiced long and hard. He was prepared for the challenge. He had to beat Jesse Gonzalez, the Legend, and force a playoff. The game started off as if they were pitching in daylight...only it was dark. At that distance only a slight shimmer of reflection could be seen off the peg. The beautiful arching pitches weren't visible—at all. It didn't stop them. On this day, superior eyesight was not a factor. The ability to see like a cat in the dark was not a factor. Pure instinct and muscle memory took over. Hours of practice were going to pay off.

It was a run away...Jesse the Legend won his final match 43-12. It ended that fast.

As Paul walked away he mentioned to me.

"Jesse just beat me. He pitched a 70 percent against me. IN THE DARK." Paul was not bitter, he was not angry, he seemed even happy. You see; he is now part of a legend. He played Jesse on the NIGHT JESSE GONZALEZ PITCHED 75.0% IN THE DARK TO WIN THE 2001 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

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ALAN FRANCIS **World Champion** *by Bob Champion*

After 31 years of World Tournament competition, Ted Allen was deemed "The Legend" of horseshoe pitching. During his World Championship play, Ted won ten World titles, finished second six times and third and fourth on two occasions. He pitched over 80% average 19 times, winning his first title in 1933 and his last in 1959.

Name	Wins	State
Ted Allen	10	Colorado
Alan Francis	8	Missouri, Ohio
Fernando Isais	8	Canada
Frank Jackson	7	Kansas, Iowa
Walter Ray Williams, Jr.	6	Florida
Charlie Davis	5	Ohio
Elmer Hohl	5	Canada
Dale Lipovsky	3	Minnesota
Jim Knisley	3	Ohio
Curt Day	3	Indiana
Dan Kuchcinski	3	Pennsylvania

His eight-title mark has tied another outstanding pitcher, Fernando Isais from California, who was Ted's top opponent. In fact, during a 15-year stretch, this twosome lost the title to a third opponent only once, to Guy Zimmerman in 1954. Just imagine the electricity every world Tournament when Ted and Fernando usually met in the final game of the tournament.

Boys			Mens		
1981	3rd	8-3 78.8	1987	12th	17-14 74.8
1982	WC	11-0 84.1	1988	5th	24-7 77.1
1983	WC	11-2 80.8	1989	WC	28-4 77.2
1984	WC	11-0 84.2	1990	4th	2-5 81.4
1985	WC	11-0 88.8	1992	4th	24-7 80.3
1986	4th	11-4 75.6	1993	WC	32-3 77.1
			1994	3rd	13-5 82.5
			1995	WC	11-4 78.6
			1996	WC	13-2 81.3
			1997	WC	18-1 84.2
			1998	WC	14-1 85.8
			1999	WC	19-0 83.4
			2000	2nd	13-2 81.2
			2001	WC	15-0 85.7

Island, six-time winner Walter Ray Williams, Jr. from Florida, Dale Lipovsky from Minnesota, a three-time champion and Indiana's two-time winner, Mark Seibold.

Other competition will come from Ohio's Jim Walters, who stepped out as an undefeated junior champion eight years ago and finished third last year at Hibbing, Minnesota and defeated Francis for the 2001 Ohio state title last year in a record 126-shoe game. Walter closed with an overall 90.5 ringer percentage to Alan's 87.3%.

Missouri		Ohio	
1986	79.60%	1996	83.00%
1987	82.50%	1997	83.50%
1988	79.60%	1998	84.20%
1989	81.80%	1999	84.80%
1990	75.60%	2000	82.70%
1991	76.40%		
1992	78.30%		
1993	78.90%		
1994	81.50%		
1995	81.90%		

As usual, World class pitchers are state champions and Francis is no exception. In Missouri, he won five boys and ten men's crowns before

moving to Ohio. He has added five more state titles in the Buckeye state.

Alan "struggled a little" in his first eight years in Missouri state men's competition, hitting the 80% plus percentage average only twice, but then all scores below 80% were forgotten as he had seven straight 80-plus finishes in the balance of Missouri tournaments and five more in Ohio.

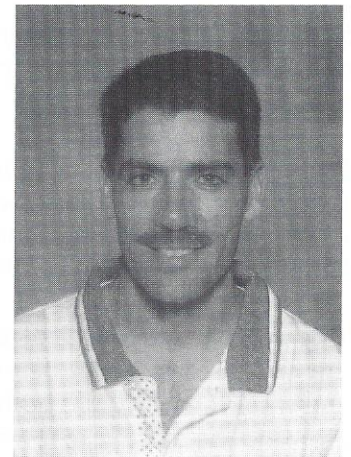
He has been engineering his 3/4 reverse with Deadeye shoes for many years, but when he is not tossing the iron, Alan enjoys basketball, deer and turkey hunting and golf. Of course he earns a living as a purchasing manager for Commercial Printing Company in Defiance, Ohio.

Alan played basketball in high school four years and received "All State Honors" his senior year. He attended Northwest Missouri State College four years, but did not compete in sports, except for horseshoes.

Horseshoes is a family sport and wife, Amy, who he married in 1996, also has developed into a formidable world-class pitcher and finished second in the women's division last year at Hibbing, Minnesota. She has been a challenger for the title several years.

Alan and Amy hold the top five spots in the husband-wife combined percentage figures. The top combined figure is 165.6% (See Chart)

The A and A combination practice for about an hour every day from April to September, but they store the shoes during the winter months.



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Last Name	Year	Husband	%	Wife	%	Combined %
Francis	2001	Alan	85.7	Amy	79.9	165.6
Francis	1996	Alan	81.3	Amy	81.3	162.6
Francis	1998	Alan	85.8	Amy	76.6	162.4
Francis	1999	Alan	83.4	Amy	77.3	160.7
Francis	2000	Alan	81.2	Amy	79.3	160.6
LeClerc / Moisan *	1992	Andre	76.9	Sylvianne	81.1	158.0
LeClerc / Moisan *	1995	Andre	72.1	Sylvianne	85.5	157.6
Francis	1997	Alan	84.2	Amy	70.0	154.2
Winston	1963	Earl	71.6	Vicki	68.3	139.9
Winston	1961	Earl	70.9	Vicki	57.1	128.0
Reno	1993	Gene	58.9	Opal	65.4	124.3
Winston	1962	Earl	67.5	Vicki	53.8	121.3
Winston	1989	Earl	58.3	Vicki	60.7	119.0

* Quebec law does not allow wife to assume the husband's last name

"Actually, Alan and I compete in the winter with Yahtzee," said Amy, laughing as she noted the two even record wins and losses. "Just have to keep that competitive edge." she added.

Joining the elite group of pitchers at the World Tournament is a goal individuals must work hard to achieve. Amy finished second to Canada's Sylvianne Moisan last year at Hibbing and was third in 1998 and 1999.

This popular couple's dedication for excellence could be in line for a record never before accomplished by a husband and wife. If they should both win the championship the same year, it will mark another first in the 84-year history of the sport. It could happen in the near future.

(More stories about World Champions by Bob will be coming in future issues.)



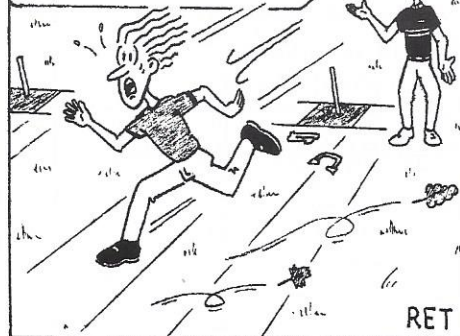
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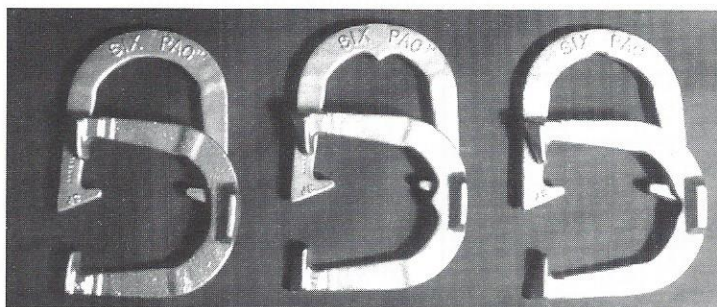


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Celebrating Five Years

By Bob Dunn

It's hard to imagine that this series began five years ago. This has been an enjoyable endeavor and considerable ground has been covered in this time. A lot has been accomplished, certainly more than first imagined. True, the focus of this series may appeal to a narrower portion of our membership than much of the other material in the "Horseshoe Pitching NEWSLINE", but the series has certainly developed a dedicated following.

The first roster of Horseshoe Traders and Collectors had 18 members. That roster has gradually grown to the present tally of over 60, which states that several members have joined the hobby from exposure of the series.

A national interest in preserving our artifacts has been enhanced. This is evident by most antique shops and dealers in every state of the union being aware that pitching style horseshoes are a collectible item. This movement greatly enhances our ability to save old shoes from landfills and many from probable extinction.

Our NHPA collection has expanded from the increased attention and that will continue over time as several individual collectors have expressed intention for donations to the NHPA display in Joelton as they fade out of the hobby. Those collections will be providing rare shoes that are not currently listed as part of the NHPA inventory.

The interest for displaying collections continues to grow. Not just for collector displaying at club functions and local tournaments, but many charters are getting into the motion and establishing collections as part of their Hall of Fame exhibits. The latest being Wisconsin, who had a display at the 2001 Team World event and Florida has a quickly growing display at their permanent Hall of Fame exhibit in Clearwater.

The Horseshoe Trader has enjoyed the honor to reach \$500 in donations to the NHPF. These funds were raised through donation cans at the various antique horseshoe displays at tournaments.

Thank you to collectors that have participated in the research by finding rare old shoes and acquiring old rules brochures and other related items, and sharing that information with all the other collectors. Those that have participated in trading have helped many others to expand their collections.

Thank you to all who have made inquiries about shoes. You have helped make this series interesting and all worthwhile. Each and everyone have received information about your shoes and many of you have gone on to donate those shoes to the NHPA collection. Others have committed to donate later on. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to all who have followed this series and expressed your appreciation.

Trader Jottings

There will be a Horseshoes Trader booth in Red Deer, thanks to Lee Wallace. Lee will be at the World Tournament August 4th through the 8th and possibly the 9th. Of course Lee will not be available to host the booth on the shifts when he is pitching, but will schedule as much time as possible to display shoes from his collection and great collectors and visitors. Lee has several uncommon and rare shoes to see and we would like to sign up more collectors to our roster.

While browsing through an antique shop recently, I found an old article from a 1935 Collier's magazine. The article was on how to pitch shoes and play the game. What really caught my attention were the pictures of the players that had given input to the article. As we talk about old shoes from yesterday, it is interesting to have a glimpse of those who used those old shoes and to great perfection. This was quite a collection of former pitching greats and the only photo I recall of Caroline Schultz pictured so early in her career.



Blair Nunamaker (upper) and (lower) the world's champion, George May

Jimmy Risk (upper) and (lower) Caroline Schultz, the women's champion

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2001 - 13 th Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40 ft. 85.4%
	Robert Logan, Fouts, IN	30 ft. 86.7%

Chaplin's Corner

by Pastor Jerry Holt

One of the game's fascinating personalities is Coke Bowker. Coke has won the men's Texas State Championship thirteen times. He says he has competed in the championship class at the World Tournament seven or eight times. Coke and his wife are of the Sioux Indian people. He has worked for the post office in Ft. Worth, Texas thirty-five years, but when he retires they are returning to South Dakota.

When I was pitching better in the 80's, we had our own Red River rivalry. I found him to be one of the fiercest competitors I have known. In the World Tournament, he frequently finishes a few places higher than his ringer percentage would indicate. He grinds it out and often finds a way to win. No one knows where Coke finds his extraordinary willpower in this competitive game.

Bob Graham says Coke made the greatest comeback of all times in a Texas State Championship game in 1997. It was in the last game. Bob and Coke had both lost one game. Coke was playing Ed Aironius who had won the championship the preceding year. If Ed defeated Coke then Bob would be the state champion. Bob says that he checked the score and Ed was ahead approximately 36-6. So in his mind he thought he knew that he would be the champion. Then Coke made an epochal comeback. For about the next 30 shoes, Coke threw 90%. Bob says he checked back and it was 37-18. Later it was 37-27. Ed scored and he had 38 points. Ed was throwing about 60% through the stretch but Coke continued the onslaught. Finally it was over and Coke had pulled it off, 40-39. Coke then went on to win the playoff game.

My first meeting with Coke was in 1979 at Yukon, Oklahoma. It was his breakout tournament. He had just begun pitching the Dead Eye and Coke believed it helped his game. The great Merlin Potts of Kansas was also in the tournament. It was Merlin's day but Coke forced Merlin to the last peg. Merlin had thrown a 90% game in strong wind gusts. At the last peg, Coke recalls, "I threw a ringer and a close one. We were tied. Merlin's first pitch was well short. Then I knew that I had won because even if he threw a ringer I had the point. But then Merlin's second shoe glanced off his first shoe, went on for a ringer, somehow it also knocked on his first shoe and I had lost. This was in the clay. How that happened I will never know." Merlin even won the tournament drawing for a prize. Coke, however, had served notice that he had become a serious championship class pitcher.

Coke pitches with flare. In 1980 in Genola, Minnesota he wore white trousers with decorative horseshoe designs on the sides of his trousers. One year after qualifying for the championship class at World he had a Tee shirt made up that said, "You can't win it if you're not in it." One year he wore a shirt that said Ringerville, Texas. I was in a group when the question was asked, "Where is Ringerville, Texas?" I said, "Wherever Coke lives; that is Ringerville."

The Sioux Indian Nation recognizes Coke's singular spirit. In Spearfish, South Dakota a ceremony was held by the Sioux nation for Coke. They gave him his Indian name. It is Wambli Cante, which means Eagle Heart. The name describes Coke's inner man.

Coke is a spiritual man. He once told me that he prays prior to a tournament. He is also a compassionate man. Once when I was competing against him in a World Tournament, he picked up and moved a bug that was in our path so that we would not step on it.

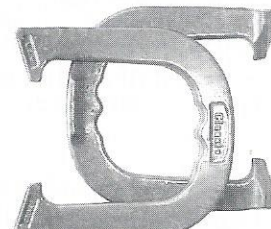
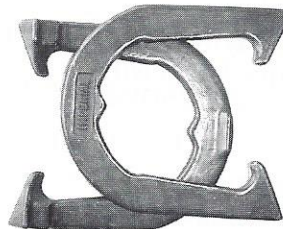
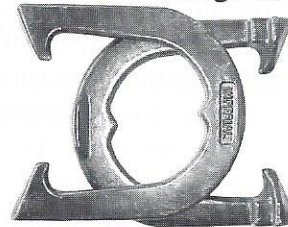
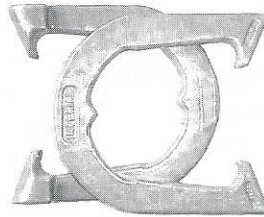
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THE TOLL OF TIME

Richard "Dean" Crail
Russiaville, Indiana



The Indiana Association is sad to report the death of Dean Crail. Dean was born on October 14, 1925 and passed away February 14, 2002. He and his wife Margaret would have been married 59 years on February 26th. Dean was a World War II Navy veteran. He served on the USS Bunker Hill as a First Class Seaman.

Dean was a member of the Indiana Charter of the NHPA. He was a very competitive pitcher and finished 6th in the State Championship Elders Class this past September. He was also an avid pool player. All Indiana pitchers will sadly miss him. Dean was a true gentleman on and off the courts.

Our sympathy goes out to his wife Margaret, two sons, three daughters, 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Bernice Busch
Canada



It is with deepest regret that I must inform you that at 5:30 a.m., Monday, February 18, 2002 after a long and courageous battle with bone cancer, Bernice Busch passed away. Lou, her husband, would like you to know that she put up a valiant fight and she was relentless to the end, as many of you know who played with Bernice. Each of us will remember Bernice in our own way, but I think you will all

agree that her love of playing horseshoes, her lively spirit, her generosity, her warm nature, her humour, her wonderful personality and most of all that unique laugh will be missed by all.

Bernice was a two time Canadian Ladies Champion (1996 and 2000), as well as five-time B.C. Provincial Ladies Champion (1993, 1994, 1996, 1998 and 2000).

Bernice was born September 17, 1943 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Survived by her are husband Lou, three sons, 5 grandchildren as well as brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Roy Siddens
Illinois

On Christmas of last year I received a card from the wife of a friend of mine that told me that he had passed away. I met this couple in Florida several years ago, where they spent the winter each year. Being an avid horseshoe pitcher we became good friends, as I also play. We spent many an hour on the courts pitching and socializing together.

This gentleman was one of the most avid and devoted players to the game that I have ever had the pleasure to meet. He was on the courts every day and lots of nights, never controversial, never arguing, just enjoying the game. The last time I saw him was in Georgia at the world, which he attended every year. When the Vegas games were being held, he was there, if there was a tournament anywhere around you could count on seeing him there, totally dedicated to the game of horseshoes. Horseshoe lovers around the country and the game of horseshoes have lost one of its most ardent and loyal devotees to the game, and he will be sorely missed by those that knew him. My friend passed away quietly while laid back in his easy chair, probably thinking about and contemplating his next tournament or game. This friend was Roy Siddens of E. Alton Illinois, and the husband of Alice Siddens. Rest in peace Roy, I didn't see you very often but just knowing you are gone leaves a void in my life, as it will to others who had the pleasure of knowing you.

Dewey Storms
Norfolk Virginia

Mary Craig
Indiana

Mary Craig, 73, of Muncie, Indiana was born September 7, 1928 and died March 17, 2002. She is survived by her husband, Harold and a daughter, Penny. She served as NHPA Vice-President during the time Harold was NHPA President.

Harold and Mary were co-recipients of the Stokes Memorial Trophy in 1960. She helped play a major role in the World Tournament in Muncie in 1960 and 1961.

Mary and Harold were employed with Heritage Hall Christian School and Grace Baptist Church for 26 years.

Mrs. Craig will be missed by her family, friends, and past members of the Muncie Horseshoe Club.

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May 2002

4th - 5th **Burro Inn "Best of the West", Beatty, Nevada at the Burro Inn.** \$2000.00 added prize money. \$25.00 entry fee. Limited to the first 108 pitchers. 12-person round robins. Players will play both days. Rooms for \$30.00 and full hook-up RV spaces for \$8.00 per night. Hi-Lo doubles on Friday, May 3rd. For further information please contact Don Weaver at (702)736-7348.

25th - 26th **14th Annual Elmer Hohl Ringer Classic - Wellesley, Ontario, Canada.**

\$2000.00 added prize money. Must register by May 1st. Entry fee: Class A (men and women) \$30.00.

Other classes \$20.00, juniors \$5.00, Canadian funds only. Camping available. Make cheques payable to KW Khaki Tournament Fund c/o Bernie Baetz, 204-401 Erb St., Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, N2L 1W7 or telephone (519)885-3894

June 2002

14th - 16th **51st Annual Eastern National Tournament** — Glenwood Horseshoe Courts, Erie, PA - Prize money will exceed \$7,500 and could go as high as \$10,000, depending on total entries. Will be played on brand new 24-court layout. Entry Deadline: May 31st Entry Fee: \$25.00 (Additional \$25.00 for Men's and 30 ft. Championship Classes) Juniors pitch for free. Scorekeeping: \$1.00 per game, per player. May 29th NatStat or CanStat average will be used. Contact Chuck Burkett at (814) 455-3954 for an entry form or send entry fee with your name, mailing address, phone number, NHPA or Canadian Card number, date of birth, division you are entering (open adult 40', open adult 30' or junior) and your current ringer percentage to: Chuck Burkett, 1117 E. 27th Street, Erie, PA 16504

July 2002

4th, 5th, 6th & 7th **Ringer Classic - Greenville, OH** - Estimated purse: \$8,600 Contact person: Mary Fleenor, Secretary/Treasurer, Darke County Horseshoe Club, 8494 Baker Road, Versailles, OH 45380

13th - 14th **Danville, Illinois' 14th Annual Open Horseshoe Tournament** - Will payback over \$5,000 (based on 120 entries). \$20.00 Entry Fee. Must register by July 1st. Registration information elsewhere in this issue or register online at www.Active.com by June 28th. Call Leo Bratland (217) 443-5818 or Martin Drummond (765) 793-4075 for more information.

13th - 14th **7th Annual Pre-World** - Worthington Park, Marion County, West Virginia - Over \$3,200 in cash prizes and trophies. Adult Entry Fee: \$10...Junior Entry Fee: \$5...Adult Championship and A Class: 12 person groups / Required to pay a \$25 Class Pitching Fee. Other Classes: 8 person groups. All juniors will receive trophies. Adult Classes will receive a trophy.

Deadline to submit Entry/Registration Form with Entry Fee: July 3rd Limited to the first 108 entries. For information and entry form email: MrHshue@aol.com or call (304) 366-7986

August 2002

31st - **Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival MDA Horseshoe Tournament Fundraiser, Kemper Williams Park** - Patterson, LA Charity fund raising event for MDA. Entry fee: Adults-\$20.00, Juniors-\$5.00. Payout to top 3 adult finishers in each class. Pre-register by August 29th. Camping at park, (985) 395-2298. For Tournament information, contact Al Dodson, (985) 385-1909, Kevin Dore', (985) 395-7327 or Tom Gilmore, (985) 395-5062.

12th **4th Annual Iowa State Fair "Midwest Senior Classic", Des Moines, Iowa** - Men & Women must be at least age 60 by August 12th. 30 and 40 ft. pitchers will be classed together using NatStat averages. Over \$1800 paid back in 2001, all pitchers will receive a minimum payback of entry fee amount. Send entry fee of \$15.00 by July 27th (No Late Entries Accepted) to: Russ Martin, 28585 205th Street, Clarksville, IA 50619 Include your name, mailing address, phone number, NHPA membership number, gender and pitching distance. Championship class will pay an additional \$5 at sign-in. Playing time will be mailed to you along with a schedule of other pitching events held during the fair. For more information contact: Danny Sease, Director, 1229 SW Evans Street, Des Moines, IA 50315, Phone: (515) 285-0131 or Email: ddsease@msn.com

17th - 18th **7th Annual SummerFun Horseshoe Tournament Newberry, South Carolina.** \$4,000 in Cash, Prizes and Trophies, Limited to 120 players, Entry Fee: \$20. Entry Deadline: August 5th. Make checks payable to: SummerFun Horseshoe Tournament and mail to: Ron Taylor, 1915 Molly Circle, York, SC 29745. Phone: (803) 584-1453 or email: hawgjawtaylor@aol.com. Entry form available at: www.geocities.com/sc_hpa or www.horseshoepitching.com (coming events). (See page 17 of last issue.)

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The following is a list of all NHPA Regional Directors and the states or territory they cover. Those of you who travel and want to get out-of-area tournament information, are encouraged to contact the appropriate Regional Director. Each RD maintains a full list of all NHPA sanctioned tournaments in their area. If your travel plans call for stops in several states and you need multiple site information, you might want to write the NHPA 1st Vice-President who is in charge of all RDs. He should have copies of all the state schedules. The address for the 1st VP can be found on page 3 of this publication.

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