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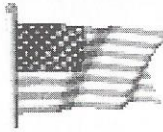


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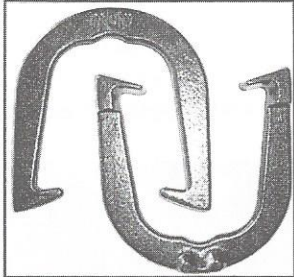


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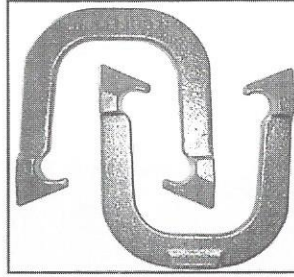
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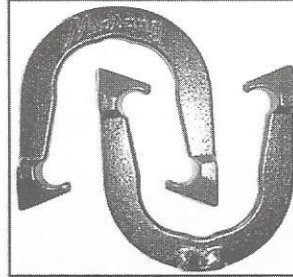
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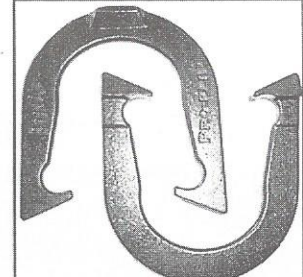
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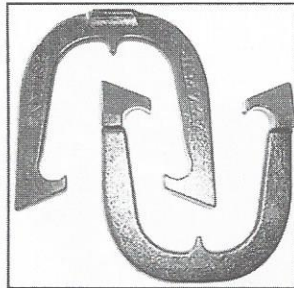
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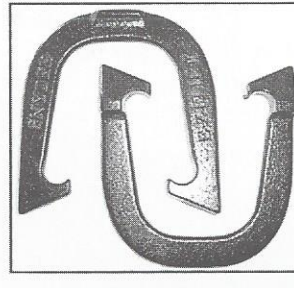
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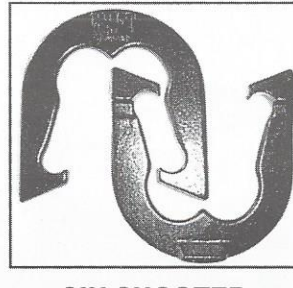
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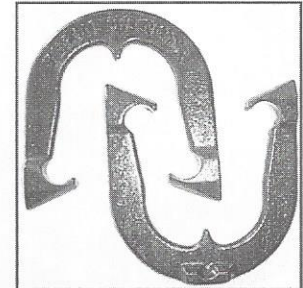
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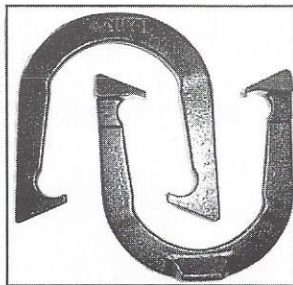
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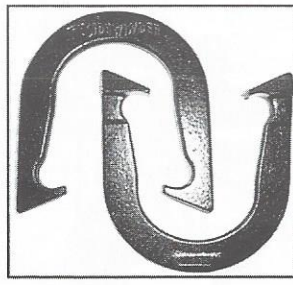
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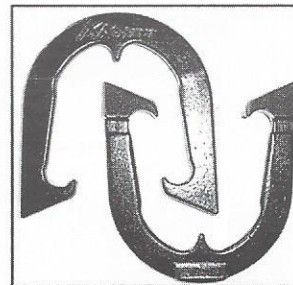
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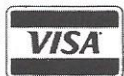
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Celebrating George Greott's 92nd birthday at the Sonoma County courts this past April. Among the dignitaries present was Gaye LeBaron, shown presenting George with some roses. The display of wood carvings and various other artifacts are all George's handiwork. He has a veritable museum at his ranch in Healdsburg. The board display of tools took him 500 hours to carve. Yes, this is the Greott of "Greott Grabber" fame. Those of you traveling to the World Tournament in Red Deer this summer will have the opportunity to watch him pitch. He is the oldest entrant in the tournament this year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *By Dave Loucks*

The March/April Newsline had two pages of the five proposed changes to NHPA Bylaws that the delegates will be asked to vote on in Red Deer. One proposal in particular seems to have hit a nerve in some charters. It is proposal #2 that proposes a time limit for reporting of tournament results to NatStats and further suggests a fine if non-qualified participants are allowed in the tournament.

The complaints I've viewed with suggestions to vote against this proposal appear to have not been fully thought out. First, consider that this proposal, if passed, would affect only a handful of charters, those being the ones that approve Tournament Directors who habitually report late and/or include players who do not hold a valid NHPA membership. Eighty-five to ninety percent of Charters and Tournament Directors generally report within 10-

15 days and would be unaffected by this proposal. The entire purpose is to put some teeth into the need for timely reporting. As it is now, the NatStats Director has to spend an inordinate amount of time on World Tournament entries that say they have four or more tournaments but are not in the NatStats data bank. In most cases, it is because Tournament Directors have been lack in reporting. Not only do the entrants have to sometimes be disqualified, tardy reporting also often hurts others who are accepted. They are affected because missing results could have either lowered or raised their entering average. Without those results, these people are often seeded in a class above or below where they should actually be.

While the proposed Bylaw change suggests results to be sent within 15 days of play, or not be accepted, it does allow an additional 15 days

grace (30 days total) if a written reason for the delay is given. The proposal further suggests a possible fine against the charter if they have approved a Tournament Director who submits results that include players without a valid NHPA or Canadian card number. When this happens, the NatStats Director will contact the T.D. and Charter Secretary to obtain the missing card number. They have 30 days to respond. Only if the request for a card number were ignored, would the charter be subject to a proposed \$100 fine. The reason for this should be clear. If NatStats is to be viable NHPA tool, than some penalty must be imposed against those who blatantly disregard reporting requirements. Allowing a person to play without being an NHPA member violates both our Bylaws and the restrictions of our liability insurance.

DAVE'S COURT REPORT *by Dave Loucks*

RED DEER ENTRIES DISAPPOINTING

The final number will be somewhere around 825, well below the expected 1200+. It is too bad that so many decided not to attend. While it may have been a bit further for some, it is also going to be less expensive for most. A nice area, a first class arena with indoor practice courts and a lot of hard work by Red Deer will not be suitably recognized by such a poor turnout. We did however see an increase in the number of Elders and Senior Women, enough to break this latter group out of the Open Women and let them play for the first time as a completely separate division.

CHARTER DELEGATES

Charter Presidents should not overlook the requirement to provide to the NHPA President, a list of delegates who have been appointed to represent your membership in convention. This list of names has to be presented no later than 72 hours prior to the convention. The list is to be signed by the charter president and if it comes directly from him, an emailed list will be acceptable. Anything sent by fax or regular mail must be received by July 20th, about the time I'll leave for Red Deer.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

No, this is not an announcement of a dues increase, but based on past history, one is probably overdue. Current dues are \$12 and have been for the last eleven years. That is the longest time span in NHPA history without a change. In the 50 years dating back to 1953, prior to our current structure, annual dues were \$9 for three years, \$7 for six years, \$6 for three years, \$5 for six years \$1.50 for seven years, \$1 for four years, \$3.50 for six years (News Digest included) and \$1 for four years.

HALL OF FAME OPENING GETTING CLOSER

In May, a pick-up truck and rented enclosed trailer moved years of stored history and memorabilia from Earl Winston's home to Joelton, TN where it was unloaded into the yet to open Hall of Fame building. The items are currently being inventoried and studied to determine just what will make it to display and how it can best be shown. Once we have a handle on the volume of items and some professional suggestions on how to display things, showcases will be procured. Overall, we are still some months from opening.

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

It seems like the leagues are off to a good start this season, with membership reports coming in on time. Those of you who have started and have not filled out your membership report yet, please do so.

I have got a good response from the eight original clubs on their club's history and stories. This issue I am featuring the St. Moritz Horseshoe Club of Massachusetts and the Goldendale Horseshoe Club of Wisconsin. The only two clubs that have not submitted an article on their club is Denver Metro of Colorado and the Winchester Club of Virginia. Hopefully they will still do so. I do hope that you all have enjoyed these articles on our charter clubs.

I will be holding a Sanctioned League meeting at the World Tournament as usual. If any of you have some suggestions or comments and are unable to attend the meeting, you may write or e-mail me those. I will be glad to bring them up at the meeting.

I want to thank Danny Cunningham for the nice letter that he submitted to me on receiving one of the Junior

Scholar Pitchers Award. It's always nice to hear from the juniors who receive this award and I will submit their story to Newline. League directors, don't forget to request from me a form for the Junior Scholar Pitcher Award if you have juniors that are eligible for this award. You can find out who is eligible and who is not in your Red Book, page 23.

New clubs that have been sanctioned after March are:

King William Horseshoe Club of Virginia
 Enid Area Junior Horseshoe League of Oklahoma
 Platteville Horseshoe League of Wisconsin
 Big Oak Horseshoe Club of Virginia
 Rockin Rogers Horseshoe Club of Minnesota

That makes a total of nine new clubs so far for this year. I want to welcome all these new clubs to the Sanctioned Club/League Program.

Those of you that are going to the World Tournament this year, I wish you all lots of ringers and the best of luck to you. May you all have a safe trip.



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Three more plates are being prepared for the Hall of Fame plaque with the names of the latest benefactors who have reached the \$500 level in contributions. They are the Eastern Nebraska HPA, Art Holter of Coon Rapids, MN and Frank Jones of La Follette, TN. Their generosity is very much appreciated. These three bring to a total of 59 who have contributed \$500 or more.

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Newsline Subscriptions	\$ 3,964.00
Newsline Ads	\$ 540.00
W.T. 2002 Entries	\$ 79,910.00
Charter Dues	\$ 14.00
Membership Dues	\$ 28,265.00
Sanction Club/League Patches	\$ 30.00
NHPF Donations	\$ 297.00
Firstar Bank Interest Money Market	\$ 926.64
Firstar Bank Interest Checking	\$ 257.76
Total	\$ 114,204.40

Expenditures

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$ 4,615.36
Sanction League Office, Supplies & Telephone	\$ 162.00
W. T. Refunds, Fees, Dues & Overpayments	\$ 1,300.00
Hall Of Fame, Awards, Supplies & Expenses	\$ 333.77
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$ 90.00
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs	\$ 3,297.98
Printing, Paper & Office Supplies	\$ 675.51
Postage	\$ 97.47
Officers Telephone	\$ 230.61
Secretary-Treasurer Allowance	\$ 3,040.00
Presidents Allowance	\$ 912.00
Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$ 1,193.13
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges Etc.	\$ 356.71
Special Events	\$ 592.00
Refunds	\$ 14.00
Internet Access & Web Site	\$ 585.61
Total	\$ 17,496.15

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2. California, 132 for \$12566
3. Minnesota, 138 for \$8263
4. North Carolina, 69 for \$6463
5. Oregon, 43 for \$5816
6. Georgia, 15 for \$5725
7. Missouri, 63 for \$5417
8. Wisconsin, 64 for \$4818
9. Michigan, 75 for \$4742
10. Colorado, 40 for \$4193
11. Massachusetts, 8 for \$4035
12. Florida, 52 for \$3783
13. Texas, 31 for \$3185
14. Washington, 39 for \$3121
15. Ohio, 69 for \$3086
16. Iowa, 25 for \$2346
17. Pennsylvania, 39 for \$2324
18. Illinois, 50 for \$2275
19. Kentucky, 30 for \$2255
20. Kansas, 24 for \$2032
21. Nebraska, 20 for \$1818
22. New Jersey, 27 for \$1779
23. New York, 30 for \$1681
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, 12 for \$650
31. Montana, 7 for \$520
32. South Dakota, 12 for \$452
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

ST. MORITZ HORSESHOE CLUB

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS

by Jim Tyrie

Pitching horseshoes in Quincy, Massachusetts dates back to an unknown original date. However, it did start with a small group informally on a vacant lot on Montelio Road. This information was provided by Fred Breen and Bill Cunniff. Fred Breen was the only living original member of our club in 1983. Both members have since passed on.

Due to the membership growing, the Quincy group moved to our present location at Bunker Hill Lane. The name "St. Moritz" was given to the club because it was only a short distance from a section of the Metropolitan District commission owned land, which was used years ago for winter sports. That prompted the idea of giving it the same name as the Swiss winter sports area.

We are still using the original courts that were installed in 1932 with blue clay from Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Through the last twenty-five years new clay has been added, but I would venture to say that some of the original clay is still there.

In 1932, six courts were constructed. Unfortunately, due to the lack of space, no additional courts can be added. However, through the last 69 years, this club has been very active and has produced some of the most competitive members for tournaments throughout New England.

St. Moritz Club was fortunate to have a member named Russell Gadoury join the club in 1971. Russ was the originator of the NHPA Sanctioned Club and League Program. Although Russ no longer pitches horseshoes, he did a great deal for our club as past president and did a great deal for the NHPA. Russ was inducted into the "Massachusetts Hall of Fame" as an organizer in 1981. He was also New England Vice-President and Statistician until 1984.

St. Moritz also has two other members in the Massachusetts Hall of Fame. They are Russ Sweeney in 1975 and Bart Sargent in 1989 as organizers. Russ Sweeney was also inducted into the Hall of Fame as a player in 1979. Russ died in the year 2000.

Another player we have in the Massachusetts Hall of Fame is Charlie Bonani, inducted in 1989. Charlie is still going strong. Both Russ Sweeney and Charlie Bonani have been State Champions.

From 1971 through 1993, Bart Sargent kept St. Moritz Club glued together. He kept all of the stats, ordered all of the patches and certificates. For 22 years he gave out the awards. Bart lost his wife, Adel, in 2001 and sold his house in Massachusetts. He now lives in Florida. We all truly miss him.

Bart Sargent has donated a large volume book on World Tournament players to the NHPA Hall of Fame for all of us to see in Joelton, TN.

In closing this article, I am very proud to be a member of St. Moritz Horseshoe Club, Quincy, Massachusetts and a member of the NHPA.

RULES - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS by Bonnie Seibold

Question: What to do if you discover that you have pitched one of your opponents shoe?

Answer: **Rule 6, Section E. Flow of the Game, #3**
If it is discovered during an inning that a contestant has pitched the shoe of an opponent, the shoes shall be picked up and the entire inning shall be repitched using the correct shoes. If the contestants fail to discover the error until after all four shoes have been pitched, the inning shall be scored on the basis of whatever shoes they pitched. If agreement cannot be reached, a judge shall be called. Based upon the input from the contestants, the judge shall either determine the scoring for the inning or void it and order it to be repitched.

Question: I'm standing on the platform getting ready to pitch and I accidentally drop my shoe. Is that considered a pitched shoe?

Answer: **Rule 6, Section H. Foul Shoe, #2(d)**
Any shoe that leaves a contestant's hand once the final forward swing of the delivery process has started shall count as a pitched shoe. If it touches any ground outside of the target pit, it shall be counted as a foul shoe. A shoe that is accidentally dropped by a contestant before the final forward swing has started shall not be considered foul and may be picked up and pitched.

Question: What if my opponent picks up the shoes before we agree on the score?

Answer: **Rule 6, Section H. Foul Shoe, #3**
A contestants shoes shall be called foul if the contestant removes any shoe before the scoring of that shoe has been agreed upon. A judge shall be called if a decision cannot be reached. The judge shall determine the scoring for the inning.

GOLDENDALE HORSESHOE CLUB

Germantown, Wisconsin By Terry Sternberg

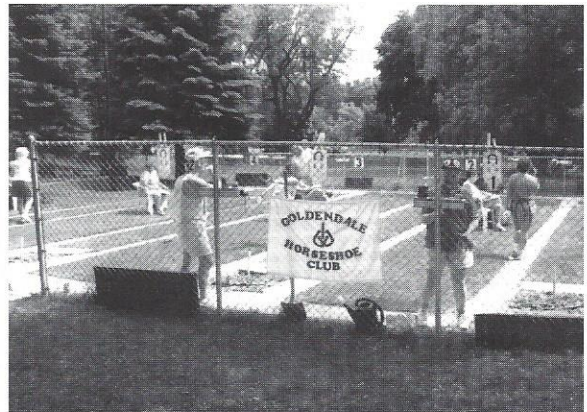
This story begins with a man with a dream, Ed Wing of Germantown, Wisconsin, who founded the Goldendale Horseshoe Club in 1972. He was a devoted horseshoe pitcher since 1925 and was inducted into the Wisconsin Hall of Fame in 1978. With the help of others, he constructed five clay courts, organized leagues and held the club's first tournament. This tournament was also the first in the state to incorporate a Junior Class. A few years later, two more courts were added.

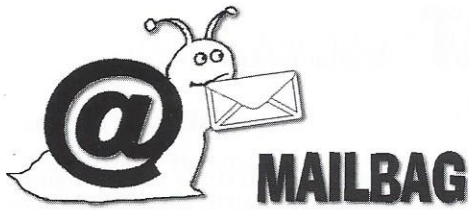
In 1978, with the help of his daughter, Susie Pritzlaff, they requested to be part of the newly formed NHPA Sanctioned League Program and thus became one of the thirteen original sanctioned clubs. Susie was the club's sanctioned league director until she turned it over to Lorraine Sternberg, who as many may know is also NHPA 3rd Vice-President and the National Sanctioned League Director.

The Goldendale Club has been fortunate to have a number of its members over the years, earn State Champion titles and one Junior Girl's World Champion title, Heidi Sternberg. Of Ed's four grandsons, two are former Junior State Champions and one is a former Men's State Champion.

At one time the club had leagues four nights a week, with some nights having two shifts. At present we now have leagues two nights a week. All the leagues are setup with handicap, making it more competitive and fair, which the Sanctioned League Program is all about. Over the years, the club's officers and members have tried their best in the promotion of the sport.

The club has a newly formed website with information on club events and contacts. The Goldendale Horseshoe Club's website address is www.members.tripod.com/ghc0





'Kudos' to John M. Garcia for the wonderful writing in his story 'Jesse Gonzales, The Legend Continues', (May/June 2002) issue. I enjoyed every action and statistic packed sentence.

M. Joan Bryan
Sacramento, CA

You are really taking hold of Newsline and doing a great job. I just sat down and read the current issue cover to cover. Very diversified and interesting content. Keep up the good work.

Ken Kosky
Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter

Dick (Hansen):

I really enjoyed the table of Number of Pitchers you had published in the Newsline this (last) issue. That's great information. A lot of members don't have visibility to whether their state membership has gained or lost.

Pat Snelgrove, Virginia

It is a pleasure to receive the Newsline — except for a couple of columns, I love to read it and travel from cover to cover. People are giving you more things to publish, aren't they?

Noticed the nice article on Jesse Gonzales - after I just sent mine in! Serves me right - I sat on that for a while and tried to get some input from people in California but I didn't get to the talkative people, I guess. I'm so glad he has an article in there. He is a treasure of a man! Maybe you can use the photo or something for an addendum. He is such a quiet man that people haven't thought to honor him as they do the flashy ones.

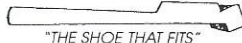
Anyway, keep up the good work. I'm hearing lots of positive comments from pitchers in our area about the Newsline also.

Take care,
Debby Michaud

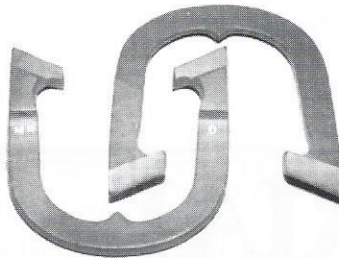
Reply from the editor:

As Debby took a different angle in writing about Jesse Gonzales, I am printing it also. One can never read too much about our great pitchers. (I received notice that Jesse's name is spelled with an 's' and not a 'z' as in the last issue's article. Our apologies to Jesse.)

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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

REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Allen Baptist

New Regional Director

Arizona Regional Director, Joe Kubiak, has resigned his position due to health reasons. For many years, Joe has done a wonderful job for the Arizona Charter. Taking Joe's place is Ernie Swann. Ernie has given up his position as Arizona Charter President to take on the duties as Regional Director. I am sure Ernie will do a fine job and I am looking forward to working with him.

Regional Director of the Year

The Gene and Mary Van Sant Memorial Award is given each year to the Regional Director whose attitude and initiative best fulfills his or her responsibilities to uphold and enhance the image of the NHPA. Each year, the Regional Director Chairman chooses the recipient of the award. There are so many hard working and dedicated Regional Directors that the choice is always very difficult. This year, I have chosen Dan Sanders from Ohio as the 2002 Regional Director of the Year. In addition to Dan's Regional Director duties, he is very involved with the Ohio newsletter and website. At the World Tournaments, you can find Dan working the shoe checks and judging when he is not pitching.

Dan joins a group of distinguished members who have received this award in the past: 1990-Len Lipovsky, MN; 1991-Sue Johnson, AZ; 1992-Marie Wetzel, PA; 1993-John Decker, MI; 1994-Paul Stewart, NC; 1995-Rick Rebman, OR; 1996-Elwyn Cooper, MO; 1997-Allen Baptist, CO; 1998-George St Pierre, MA; 1999-Lance Twyman, NY; 2000-Jim Haupt, WI; and 2001-Jim Shilling, IN.

From the Mail Bag

Myrtle May Kamoku, Hawaii Regional Director - reports that on April 6, 2002 Hawaii held their first sanctioned doubles tournament on the island of Kauai. Myrtle would like to thank Phyl and Jim Quist for taking time out of their vacation to lend a hand with the tournament.

Monty Roberts, Kentucky Regional Director - reports that they are building new courts in Somerset. Construction was scheduled to be completed in time to hold a tournament on Memorial Day, 2002.

Elwyn Cooper, Missouri Regional Director - reports that Danny and Melody Williams of Glen Allen, MO are building eight indoor-courts in their own backyard. In addition to the courts, there will be restrooms and a concession area. They are hoping for a June 1, 2002 grand opening. Elwyn says that the Northwest Missouri pitchers have enjoyed their first full winter of indoor pitching at the 10-court Don Harris arena located in Liberty, MO.

Don Weaver, Nevada Regional Director - reports that the Best of the West horseshoe tournament in Beatty was a great success! Almost 90 pitchers competed during three beautiful sun-filled days. Don says that much of the credit for the success must go to John Bass of the Burro Inn for his generous added purse to the prize money. The Burro Inn always treats the horseshoe pitchers very well! Don says that the day after the Best of the West he runs the Las Vegas

Corporate Challenge horseshoe tournament. This tournament attracts hundreds of pitchers. Even though this tournament is non-sanctioned, he always recruits a few pitchers to join the NHPA.

Ed Quigley, New Jersey Regional Director - reports that the four-court Harmony Barn indoor facility held eighteen sanctioned tournaments, as well as club pitching during the week, this winter. One of the highlights was that Ed had a perfect game during the winter season. Ed also reports that they have 30 tournaments planned for this year.

Dan Sanders, Ohio Regional Director - reports that the Ohio Charter has voted to re-inspect all of the courts in Ohio. This will take place over a period of two years and will require the help the ARDs and local club officers. Dan is also promoting sanctioned doubles tournaments and leagues this year in Ohio.

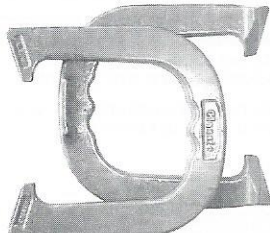
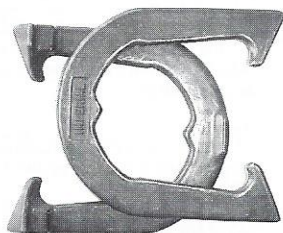
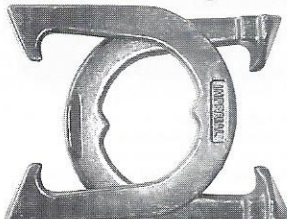
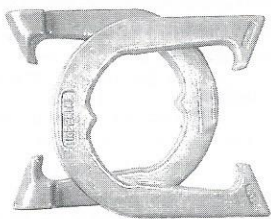
Dexter Stallings, Tennessee Regional Director - reports that the building of six more courts at Elizabethton has been approved. This will make a total of 15 courts. Carl Hyder and his group of pitchers will be doing most of the work. The THPA Executive Board has agreed to fund up to \$800.00 for concrete.

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PUBLICITY **NHPA** PROMOTION

By Casey Sluys

Promotion takes on many aspects as can be witnessed by television commercials. Some insult ones intelligence, others are humorous, and still others have a serious tone to them. If we took some of the humorous promotional ideas and applied them to horseshoe pitching, would it work? What about the serious aspects, certainly we all take this game seriously. Could it be conveyed to new members and prospective new members how serious the competition is? Would things like these entice new members to join and help retain other members? In most cases it probably would help if the people were told up front that the competition is rather serious in sanctioned tournaments. Then explain to them that your regular league night, at you club, is more for fun and socializing.

Do you know which oil company fuels the NASCAR cars? Do you know who sponsors Jeff Gordon's car? Sure you do, because of the wide spread publicity of both these companies and the popularity of auto racing. We could advertise our sport very well IF we all used the bumper stickers that were handed out at last years World Tournament. As we travel the highways, to and from various tournaments, just imagine how many people we pass, or pass us, that read the sign horseshoepitching.com. It certainly would pique their curiosity and want to make them look up our website. If you need stickers, contact me; they are vinyl and will come off very easily. (Address is in the front of this magazine.) (Answer: Union 76 and Dupont)

How do we convey to others that this game we love to play is wholesome, healthy, good exercise and one the whole family can play? We do this in the manner we dress; nice club shirts, decent shorts/pants, by our mannerisms both on and off the courts, by our willingness to speak to others about our sport, and by our general enthusiasm about this sport. In British Columbia, Canada all participants are encouraged to wear white pants. Wouldn't that dress up the NHPA, if we adopted a dress code for all our sanctioned events? It would really add to spectator appeal if we all looked sharp on the courts all the time.

Our website is an excellent source of information for publicity. When speaking to someone, the second thing I ask him or her is if they are 'hooked up' to the Internet. If they answer yes, then I tell them about horseshoepitching.com. Explain to them that they can locate virtually anything regarding this sport on the website. Those of you who have not had a chance to view this website are encouraged to use your local resources like the public library. Perhaps a friend or neighbor is online and will show you how extensive this site actually is?

Some promotion ideas involve running a charity tournament, still others involve money tournaments. An energetic and enthusiastic couple, Mary and Gary Keiser of the Tri-Valley Club in Pleasanton, California., solicited Gary's employer for donations for a tournament. They received a generous donation that enabled them to pay \$100 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third in each group. Both of these are good for the present membership, but how about the general public? First they need to learn that we are here, right? That's where all of you come in; word of mouth is still one of the best advertising schemes there is.

Oklahoma has done a marvelous job in the promotion department! (See the article elsewhere in this issue.) They had 276 doubles teams entered into the horseshoe pitching segment of the Corporate Challenge Event in Oklahoma alone. The total participation for these games nationwide was 27,000 competitors in a variety of sports. "Spectators sat in the stands whooping at every ringer, doing the "wave", cheering, clapping, and waving pom-poms. It excited the pitchers and made them enjoy the game more." (Quote by Tina Hawkins) The Oklahoma horseshoe pitchers have already been invited to participate again in 2003. Imagine the potential new members at a huge event like this. We all can use a little more audience participation once in a while. Let's get out there and cheer the pitchers on! Let passers-by know that you are having fun, it will draw attention to the game and perhaps gain you a few new members.

According to a recent survey, 65% of the membership does not receive Newsline. It would be a good idea to give a subscription away at your tournaments. Make it one of your raffle prizes or maybe give it to the person who had the highest percentage over their average? How about a gift for the recent graduates, birthday present, Christmas present, a gift of Newsline will help keep others as informed as you are. Make it worthwhile and give a three-year membership. You'll find a subscription form in this issue. What about increasing the dues to include Newsline? Virtually every other organization I have belonged to, or still belong to, includes the magazine in their dues structure. Why couldn't we do that? It would mean a modest increase to cover the costs of mailing/publication etc., but it would definitely be within our means.

Please do not forget to make up your Charters Publicity Brochures. Then hand this out along with a copy of the rules to all interested people. Be sure to include a contact person's name, phone number and email so that they are able to contact you. No matter what you do people have to walk away with something tangible in their hands, something they may very well put down when they get home, but then later find it and say, "Hey, I'm going to give these folks a call."

INTERNATIONALLY:

We recently heard from Ghana that one of their promoters was killed in a tragic road accident. This fellow, Joe Tetteth Koffi was a radio personality and an avid supporter of horseshoe pitching, mentioning it at every opportunity. Perhaps some of you could email Augustine Kpognon at ayk650@yahoo.com to lend verbal support to them. Perhaps you could even get their mailing address and send them some horseshoes. They would sincerely appreciate any support we could give them and are in dire need of anything related to horseshoe pitching.

“WHAT’S GOING ON?”

Dear Readers,

Please send me information that you think might be of interest to other readers. This can be a newspaper article about a pitcher or your club. Possibly something interesting that took place at a tournament or that involves a fellow pitcher or yourself. The majority of items come from charter newsletters but I can always use more. We have over 50 charters and I'd like to hear from all of you. Send your contributions to: Cathie Loucks at 6233 Woodman Dr., Lake Oroville, CA 95966 or email me at cathieloucks@yahoo.com.

Cathie Loucks

CALIFORNIA (NORTHERN)

- Former Senior Women's World Champ, Teddy Guillotte will be competing in Red Deer this summer. However, she will not be trying to regain her title but possibly making a run for a new one in the Elder's Division where she is seeded #10 for the prelims.
- NorCal members Chet Carter, Bud Grisaffi, Gary & Mary Keiser, Pat Murtha, Ken Schulze, Doug Simon, John Skidmore and John Sylvester are obviously after the year-end award for most tournaments pitched. By the end of May they had all pitched in 20 or more tournaments with 5 months left to go.
- Othal Rippetoe, although a member for only 3 years, has been active in the sport since 1990. He has accumulated over 60 medals in competition, both singles & doubles, at Police & Fire Games throughout the world.
- Don Titcomb and members of the Sacramento club held a "Pitch & Win" program in early May. Over 10,000 people were exposed to the game, 500 school children were taught how to pitch and eleven new members joined the NHPA/NCHPA.
- Sonoma County's George Greott, at age 92, will be the oldest competitor at this year's W.T. in Red Deer. He will pitch with the Elders and carries about a 50% average. He used to carry a higher average and can still hit some "hot" streaks. Good Luck, George!
- Ken Fraser, former Californian, whose father Bill was inducted into the NCHPA Hall of Fame way back In 1967, will join the honorees of his adopted state of New York this September. Congratulations Ken!

COLORADO

- Rich Pintor, as the only 40' pitcher in a 6-person class, went undefeated to win his 5th Tournament of Champions title with a high game of 81.7% and a 68.6% average.
- The team of Paul LaCrosse, Rich Pintor, Dee Powell and Don Wild were "HOT" despite the near freezing temps in Beloit during Team World, 2002. The team was seeded #1 going into the finals but "cooled off" and lost the championship to the too tough MN team. Colorado also took 2nd place last year but won the event in 2000.

IDAHO

- Congratulations to charter president, Dave Spears on his marriage to Kimberly who he says supports his dedica-

tion to horseshoes 100%. (She will certainly have the chance to prove it if Idaho is awarded the 2004 W.T. bid.)

- Bobby Faulkner and fellow club members from Pocatello convinced the Chamber of Commerce and the Visitors' Bureau to fund this endeavor, which will be held in an air-conditioned facilities at Idaho State University if the bid is successful.

ILLINOIS

- The 4th charter to have its own web site has a new address. You can go directly to www.fourdead.com or access them through the NHPA web site.
- Former junior pitchers who enroll in higher education programs can take advantage of the \$7,000.00+ in the Junior Fund. (Does every charter have this available to their juniors?)
- New officers elected to fill positions are 1st VP, Judy Long, 3rd VP, Mike Wood and Youth Director, Dale Ferguson.
- A tournament, which is hoped to become an annual event, will be held on August 17th & 18th. Named the "Galesburg Classic" it will have separate 30 & 40 foot `A` classes, a 2-day format and winners who will be taking home \$450.00 and a plaque.

MINNESOTA

- In efforts to unify the charter, the officers organized a meeting inviting old and newer members from across the state to analyze and discuss every aspect of their organization. "Summit II" was attended by 65 representatives and special guests from neighboring states. Groups for charter issues, communications, promotion and tournament issues were formed. After several hours of discussion the moderators of each group made their reports listing the important points and ideas from each. The board will take this information into future meetings for reference when forming charter policy.
- Ward Lutz, current Regional Director, a member of the board of directors of the NHPE, hard working and dedicated, will be inducted into the MN Hall of Fame as a promoter. Lance Albrecht, current Jr. Boys' World Champion will receive the Junior Honor Award. Congratulations to them both.
- The West St. Paul, Bloomington and Upsala clubs are not only participating in the "Make-a-Wish" donations, they

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are also hosting NHPF benefits. (The NHPF thanks you for your support!)

NEW JERSEY

- Lifetime NJ/NHPA member Bill Kolb, with this year's membership, logs 64 years as a member. I think that's what can be called a "lifetime" of pitching!
- Gibbstown pitchers have formed a new club with 35 members (more expected) and have 12 new courts located at the VFW Hall. Although they have no lights they hope to form a league and limit their pitching to the early evening.
- President, Bill MacIntyre, extends his appreciation to Joe McCrink and Jeanne Forti for their years of contributions to the NJSHPA. Joe and Jeanne who resigned their positions have been replaced by Ed Quigley as 2nd VP and George Anderson with Ed Emery assisting in the Secretary/Treasurer position. Bruce Conord has assumed the statistician duties.

NEW YORK

- Congratulations are in order to two worthy men who will be formally inducted into the State Hall of Fame this September. They are Ken Fraser and Bob Hayes.
- Taking over the reins from Jack Stenberg, Stan Banner will assume the duties of charter president this September. Al Buckland will replace Sue Twyman as 1st VP.
- Glenn Brown, championship caliber pitcher, fell and injured his pitching shoulder putting him out of commission for a while. He is scheduled for rotor cuff surgery and hopes that will take care of the problem so he can get back in gear. Hope you heal well and quickly, Glenn. You'll be missed at the WT.
- After 23 years and thousands of dollars in donations & improvements to the Village Park, the Falconer Club has been evicted from their courts. Although allowed to remove their property and equipment, they have been unsuccessful in locating an alternate site. One wonders what could be more important than having horseshoe courts in the park? Good luck on finding a new location.
- Charter officers have developed a form for individuals requesting permission to pitch at a shorter distance due to medical reasons. The form will be used to review the circumstances and to maintain a file document for the records. Sounds like a good idea. I'm curious to know how many pitchers around the country ever return to the full distance after their medical problem is gone? Anyone have an idea?

OHIO

- Jerry Boesch, whose efforts established the Whetstone HSC as one of the 1st in the sanctioned league program, passed away on February 6th. This year the club will receive a plaque of recognition for 25 years as a sanctioned club.

Seventeen other clubs in the charter hold sanction certificates.

- "Bucky" Walters, a member of the Troy HSC since 1978 and a man extremely proud of the pitching accomplishments of his grandchildren, passed away on Easter Sunday. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Ken Walters, OHPA Sec./Treas., and his family at their loss.
- Dan Sanders is hosting a computer workshop to give interested T.D.'s a "hands on" opportunity to learn the different programs available that make a directors job faster, more accurate and all-around easier.
- The current executive council has voted to re-sanction all Ohio courts that hold NHPA sanctioned events. This large undertaking will take place over a 2-year period, overseen by the regional director and ARDs.

OREGON

- Hosting a Pro-am doubles tournament is the latest effort to promote juniors in the state. Some clubs host these non-sanctioned tournaments with all proceeds going to local boys and girls' clubs.
- Also, thinking about promotion, Bob Brennan (publicity director) along with his twin daughters and a few other pitchers, entered a float in a local St. Patrick's Day parade. Barry Chapelle drove (with the girls) as Bob pitched into a sawdust filled court on the 16' flatbed. The rest of the gang distributed flyers to the crowd while listening to the positive comments "floating" around.
- Under the direction of Jerry Staley, the Eugene club again hosted a benefit tournament (June 22nd) for the NHPF. This has been a very successful money-raiser for the Foundation in the past few years.

PENNSYLVANIA (Western)

- The White Family - "5" generations of horseshoe pitchers/promoters. As far back as the 1920's Sam was not only pitching, but promoting horseshoes with inner league play, team sponsors and newspaper coverage. He was the first president of the Erie Club formed in 1936. Sam's son, Francis, at age 71, won the 1988, 40' Elder World Championship. He was also an Erie Club president for several years and also a distributor for game-related items. Francis' son, Bob, began his pitching career in 1980 and is the current Erie Club president. He and son, Bob, Jr. who began pitching as a junior, took over game-related sales and also developed their own brand of shoes. Bob, Jr. was also the Erie Club president for a few years and is currently Sec./Treas. Bob, Jr.'s son, Tony, began pitching in 1998. In 2000, he began the year with an average of 7.61% and by the time of the state tournament was up to 45.5%. In 2001 he was the indoor state junior champion with an average of 53.95%. (I'm impressed - can anyone top this?)

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- From the list of the top 350 pitchers in the country, 12 are members of the WHPA. They are: Men-Kurt Von Kleist, Glenn Burris, Steve Kuchcinski and John Mathys; Women-Cindy Hoffman and Kathy Burkett; Junior Girls-Shalee Sebastian (#1); Junior Boys-Tony White and Sam Chilcott; Elders-Frank Bohun (#1), Joe Wohar and Ed Pacacha.

TENNESSEE

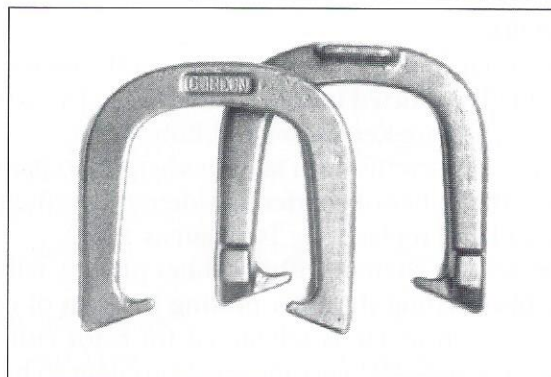
- The 2002 Indoor State Champions are: Shannon Foster (67.2% men), Joan Elmore (80% - women) and Edward Reader (20.4% - elder). Frank Jones is the leading contender for the Horseshoe Pitcher of the Year Award.
- Joan Elmore recently received personal congratulations for her horseshoe pitching accomplishments from the governor. She was also invited to the governor's mansion to pitch with his wife and friends. He was welcomed as an honorary member of the THPA and Joan presented him with a certificate and a hat bearing the TN logo. Incidentally, Joan is the top seed in Open Women at the 2002 W.T. in Red Deer.
- Carl Hyder and his club members are adding 6 courts at Elizabethton to bring the total to 15. They hope to have them ready for their tournament on July 13th.
- Shannon Foster was scheduled for surgery on May 15th to have a kidney removed. This was elective surgery as he was donating the kidney to his father. Hopefully the surgery was a success and that Shannon and his father are fully recovered.

WASHINGTON

- The Columbia Basin Open in Kennewick welcomed 5 new pitchers to their 1st sanctioned tournament in late April. They were Barbara McMinn, Mary Ebey, Chelsi Zorn, Tom Bauder and junior, Amy Smith.
- The WHPA web site was put on hold late last year when site designer, Dave Link's computer crashed & burned. Dave has been hard at work and says the site will be up & running in the near future.
- Jim & Phyl (WHPA Pres.) Quist even work at horseshoes while on vacation. They assisted Hawaii's Regional Director, Myrtle May Kamoku in running a 2-day doubles tournament. Hard to call it work though when the courts are located on the white sand beaches of Kauai!
- Jr. pitcher, Mike Kern played his last tournament just 3 days before he died as a result of a diabetic seizure. Mike was introduced to our sport through a promotion of Terry Hanson in the Bellingham High Schools. He was enthusiastic about all aspects of the game and at his last tournament won his class.
- Over 45 pitchers from the state will be traveling to Red Deer this summer. For many of them it will be the first time they have competed in a World Tournament.

WISCONSIN

- Lorraine Sternberg who has proven herself as a pitcher and promoter, not only in WI but the NHPA as well, will be inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame later this summer. Lorraine is the current NHPA 3rd VP and the director of the Sanctioned League Program. CONGRATULATIONS!
- Randy Rein & Mark Mauthe accepted invitations to participate in Harvey Wobbe's "Six Pac Invitational" in April. The group of 16 men from all over the country that competed for \$4500.00 in prize money, read like the Men's Championship class at the W.T. Randy took 6th place with a 9 and 6 record and a 65.44% average. Mark had a 3 and 12 record with a 61.6% average.



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NHPA **INTERNET WEBSITE** *by Paul Stewart*

www.horseshoepitching.com

It's World Tournament time again, and it looks like we will have more people keeping up with what's happening at the World Tournament via the NHPA Website since world tournament entries are down from expectations. September 11th, is not only affecting us here in the USA, it's now affecting the World Tournament in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada.

For all of you who cannot attend this year's world tournament for whatever reason, just sit back and relax in front of the old computer and let us keep you informed on what's happening at the World Tournament in Red Deer.

This year's agenda for the Website from Red Deer will be close to what we have been doing in the past several years. We will post results approximately 30 minutes after each shift is completed, a game of the day will be posted daily, a picture of the day and a few picture albums posted as we get time. As soon as it is available, we will post the email address for the 2002 World Tournament on the NHPA Website. We will also post an ICQ number. Please be patient if we don't answer ICQ or your email immediately. We will be short on help this year at the Website desk. Our main "work horse", Steve Summerlin will miss this year's tournament due to a temporary health problem. However, Steve will be working with us on the Website from his desk at his home in Webberville, Michigan.

The NHPA has purchased a very nice professional model digital video camera for future use for Publicity, the Website and the Hall of Fame. We have other ideas for uses of video, but most of these ideas are down the road a while until we can get all of our equipment and technology updated to handle video. I know what some of you are thinking right now, video clips from the World Tournament on the Website. Not possible yet. We all take our laptops to the world tournament to do our work on and they are not equipped to handle or process the huge files video creates. Also our Website server and whatever server we are using from Red Deer would have to be updated to allow us to do live streaming video to you so you wouldn't have to sit in front of your computer for 10 or 15 minutes waiting for video files to download. "Maybe next year."

All of you at the World Tournament will see us taking a lot of video of some of the key games and pitchers; also we will be doing some interviews with some of the pitchers and officials. Who know? It could be you, so wear a big smile and throw lots of ringers. One of our goals is to get some video for future use. (A video bank.) Instead of money in the bank, we will have video in our bank. Someday down the road we might even be able to make available a DVD of a World Tournament?

JUNIOR PROMOTIONS *by Heidi Poppe*

Early this year I received an alarming email that brought to my attention that there was no information on the NHPA web site about junior pitching. I was in shock that I had overlooked this issue and decided to start putting together some information. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this article the 'Junior Corner' will be up and running! The reason I am writing this article is to get some ideas out there - in here! I think the juniors would like to see an area of the web site dedicated to them and allow them to write the articles, and to be able to keep in contact with their horseshoe friends. Not only will I be trying to promote this idea in Red Deer to the junior pitchers - I will be compiling a listing of ALL Junior Promotions Directors for each charter. Now, I know not every charter has a Junior Promotions Director, maybe now is the time to appoint one. We need to come up with NEW ideas to keep this sport alive! Every Charter President will be or has received a letter from me to send me information as to who can be contacted in their area for

junior pitching information. This is a challenge to every one of them that I would like to see every letter come back to me with the information that I requested. By doing so, you're doing something to help promote the sport in your area!

I am also looking for ideas on how to promote the sport at the Charter levels to get kids and parents more involved in their area. Wouldn't it be something if each charter sent their top 3 pitchers to the World Tournament? Other sports do it and they do it successfully! What other ideas are out there????

I will be attending the World Tournament this year in Red Deer and I hope to see many of the families out there with junior pitchers! Good Luck and see you there!

WANTED: PHOTOS

We need junior photos for the 'Junior Corner' of the NHPA web site!

9TH ANNUAL **SIX PAC** INVITATIONAL

Jeanette Claas reports...

Have Shoes, Will Travel

Four inches of rain fell Friday evening as the "Sweet Sixteen" horseshoe pitchers traveled to New Melle to attend the 9th Annual Six Pac Invitational for a weekend of first-class competition. To a dedicated horseshoe pitcher, there is little that compares with attending a tournament and being able to watch the best pitchers in the country pitch. One knows from his or her own experience, that consistently putting ringers on top of ringers is a talent that can only be acquired from years of dedication and practice, but there's still the question; what does this or that pitcher do consistently that gives him or her the edge. The search for the answer is to watch championship class pitchers in action.

Harvey Wobbe, NMHC member of Hillsboro and owner of Six Pac Horseshoes, generously sponsored the event with a \$4,500 purse. He also donated the beautiful red, white and blue trophies for 1st and 2nd place depicting our nation's era of tragedy. Harvey is also supplying a surprise for all scorekeepers.

The format for the two-day tournament was a 16-man round robin consisting of 40-point games. Eight games were pitched on Saturday and seven games held on Sunday. An additional mixed tournament was held on Saturday for 30 footers on Courts 9 - 12 with 8 pitchers participating.

Announcer Bob Diekamp introduced the 24 horseshoe pitchers as Tournament Committee members **Joe Faron**, **Tim Henderson**, **Harvey Wobbe** and **Bob Diekamp** presented each pitcher with a medallion to keep as a souvenir of the event. This year's tournament drew great pitchers such as **Alan Francis** of Ohio, 8 times Men's World Champion, 6 times Men's Ohio State Champion, 10 times Missouri State Champion and 4 times Junior World Champion, average 85.74%; **Walter Ray Williams, Jr.** of Florida, 6 times Men's World Champion and 3 times Junior World Champion, average 80.49%; **Mark Siebold** of Indiana, 2 times World Champion, average 70.11%; **Art Tyson**, 12 times New York Men's State Champion and World Champion Runner-Up four times, average 70.84%; **Paul LaCrosse**, 18 times Colorado State Champion, Valley of Sun Champion 6 times, and 1999 Six Pac Champion average 75.95%; **Mandell Proctor**, 2001 Maryland State Champion, average 75.68%; **Tom Westbrook**, 2 times South Carolina State Champion, average 72.94%; **Randy Grady**, 2001 Missouri State Champion, average 71.69%; **Stan Griggs**, 3 times Missouri State Champion, 2 times

Junior State Champion, 15 years Missouri State Statistician, average 71.69%; **Matt Guy**, world class horseshoe pitcher of Kentucky with an average of 73.42%; **Mark Mauthe**, 2 times Wisconsin State Champion, average 72.94%; and **Jerry Dumstorff**, Illinois 1998 State Champion, 3 times Illinois State Fair Champion, average 70.01%. Making their first Six Pac appearance were: **Randy Rein**, 7 times Wisconsin State Champion, 5 times Wisconsin Pitcher of the Year, average 78.65%; **Elbert Shifflett**, 9 times Maryland State Champion, average 78.65%; and "Buffalo" **Bob Jones** of New York, 1992 Class B World Champion, average 73.14%. **N. A. Moore** of North Carolina, suffering with health problems had to drop out a week before the tournament and was replaced by **M. O. Turner** of Missouri with an average of 68.5%. Age difference ranged from 26 years to 68, proving this game remains a competitive and healthy sport for all ages.

Pitching in the Six Pac 30-Footer Invitational (the competition was just as loaded as the 40-foot tournament) were: **Bob Logan** of Indiana, 2 times World Champion, 3 times Men's State Champion, average 85.09%; **Joan Elmore**, 6 times Tennessee State Champion and presently ranked #1 in the World, average 84.90%; **Amy Francis**, 6 times Ohio State Champion, twice runner-up in World Championships, average 84.09%; **Rose Diekamp**, 3 times Missouri State Champion, average 70.02%; **Loree Meier**, one time Missouri State Champion, average 69.16%, **Darwin Compton** of St. Louis with an average of 57.92%. Making their first appearance in the Invitational were **Melvin Bray** of Kansas, 2 times 30-foot State Champion, 3rd in World Championship 3 times, average 72.68% and **Archie Matheny**, 2 times Arkansas Men's State Champion and one time 30-foot State Champion.

With averages and achievements like these, you knew you could expect two exciting tournaments where anything could happen. New Melle Horseshoe Club President, **Martin Orf**, gloriously sang the National Anthem on Saturday and God Bless America on Sunday to begin the contests. After five hours of competition the 30-footers completed their tournament. Defending Six Pac Champion, Bob Logan earned his second title as Champion with a clean sweep victory of 7 wins and no losses and the high tournament average of 80.86%. Bob also had the high game of 86%. He was rewarded with prize money of \$400 and a trophy. Missouri's Rose Diekamp was runner-up, winning \$275 with 5 wins, 2 losses, averaging 72.40% and a high game of 80%. Receiving the 3rd place trophy and prize money of \$150 was Joan Elmore with 5 wins, 2 losses,

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averaging 72.13% and a high game of 84.31%. Amy Francis placed 4th to win \$75 and a trophy with 4 wins, 3 losses, a tournament average of 71.46% with a high game of 78.57%.

Repetitious sounds of "4 dead" echoed through the courts as the players called out their scores. At the conclusion of Saturday's games, Alan Francis remained undefeated, Elbert Shifflett and Paul LaCrosse suffered one loss each and Walter Ray had 2 losses. The high game of the day was pitched by Alan Francis, 88.09%.



A relaxing Saturday evening was spent at Stefanino's Restaurant in Wentzville with some 35 pitchers and NMHC members in attendance sharing food, conversation and laughter. Buffalo Bob and Art Tyson of New York entertained the group with their own poetry. Joe Faron offered Joan Elmore the opportunity to pick up the tab since she was the only one there who had won money that day.

The tournament continued on Sunday for the final seven games of the event. Walter Ray Williams, Jr. had high game of the tournament, pitching 24 shoes, 22 of them ringers for a 91.66% against Buffalo Bob. Paul LaCrosse pitched the only shutout game 40/0 with his high game of 90.90% also against Buffalo Bob. Paul was the only pitcher in the tournament to pitch his entry average by 0.56% increase. Mandell Proctor threw the most shoes, 944 for the tournament. The longest games of the tournament, 86 shoes, was pitched by Jerry Dumstorff and Stan Griggs, score 38/40 with Stan Griggs winning. Buffalo Bob and Mark Mauthe also pitched an 86-shoe game with a score of 42/32, Mauthe winning the game. A close match between Williams and LaCrosse took place as Williams pulled it out 40/36 for a win. An exciting last game of the tournament was between Francis and Williams. Williams had Francis down 29 to 18. Joyce Francis, mother of Alan, was standing by watching this game. "Doesn't this make you nervous?" I asked. "No," she replied. "I've seen Alan come back too many times to



win." And that he did. The game was tied at 36-36. Francis threw a double and Williams missed both.

At the conclusion of the tournament, after 15 games of tough competition, Alan Francis with 15 wins and no losses claimed his 5th Six Pac Championship title with a 83.61% tournament average. Trophies and prize money were presented to the 8 top finalists. During the two-day event, 13,816 shoes were pitched, 9,452 ringers were recorded for an average ringer percentage of 68.41%. The pitchers agree that the Six-Pac Tournament is one of

the finest tournaments held for competition, purse, facility and central location held in the USA and are looking forward to next year's event. I heard Buffalo Bob exclaim as he drove out of sight, "I'll be back next year, but I'm goin' home and practice, and next year lookout for the clown!" Well, boys, I think he means it!

A lot of dedicated NMHC members worked very hard behind the scene of this tournament to make this tournament successful. A special thank you to the clean-up crew of **Dave and Bea Feldewerth, Cal Jaeger, Floyd and Mary Beeson and Joe Faron**; Stats man on the computer, **Rich Altis**; all scorekeepers under the direction of **Julia Jaeger**;

Our poster boy, **Larry Volo**, who worked many hours on the scoreboards; Tournament Committee members, **Joe Faron, Tim Henderson, Harvey Wobbe and Bob Diekamp**; **Pam Gettinger** who computed the new program on courts one and two. A special thanks to Tournament Director **Joe Faron** who was reeling the last five weeks prior to

the tournament when his sister fell ill. Joe buried her on Friday before the tournament with a heavy heart. And to complicate matters for Joe, the infamous "Obits Bandit" burglarized his sister's house while the family was attending her wake. The thief was captured and killed by police on April 27. Thanks to all the participants who traveled far and near to attend this tournament; there were no losers in this tournament - **You are all Champions!**

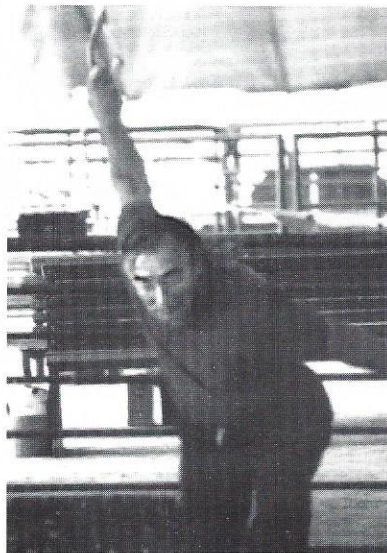
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Highlighting the "Flip-Flopper"

Jesse Gonzales

Submitted by Debby Michaud

In our area, most backyard horseshoe pitchers pitch the flip. Unless you lived near someone who set an example by successfully pitching another turn, you picked up the horseshoe, held it at the back, or toe, and flipped it end over end. So when I began pitching as an adult in a league, I did the same. As I quickly took to the sport, I began to notice that most of the men in the higher classes pitched a "turn" while most women in the higher classes still pitched some form of the flip. As I improved with my flip, the name Jesse Gonzales was mentioned more and more frequently. Why? Who was this man from California who had the reputation as the BEST Flipper in the game? I wanted to see him, to see what all the fuss was about. I did get my chance – Jesse was entered in my first World Tournament.



To say I was surprised was an understatement. I guess my imagination had made Jesse into a seven-foot tall swashbuckler or something. Here was a small man of Mexican descent who exuded such a friendly air I thought someone had pointed me in the wrong direction – but there he was, the name Gonzales on the back of his shirt. And the way he pitched! Such a high backswing with the 'shoe slightly angled to one side, then the straight rapid delivery and the high single flip that HUGGED the stake. His 'shoe slides down the stake, coming in from such a good height that its energy is spent by the time it arrives at its target. The sound of the 'shoe coming down the stake is that SHOONK that we horseshoe pitchers love. It lands firmly around the stake

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40 Foot Men's Six Pac Invitational

Place	Name		Won	Lost	High Game	Ringers	Shoes	Percent
1.	Alan Francis	\$1,500.00	15	0	88.09%	689	824	83.61%
2.	Paul LaCrosse	\$1,000.00	11	4	90.90%	580	758	76.58%
3.	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	\$650.00	10	5	91.66%	646	882	73.24%
4.	Tom Westbrook	\$400.00	9	6	79.16%	647	936	69.12%
5.	Art Tyson	\$350.00	9	6	80.95%	630	940	67.02%
6.	Randy Rein	\$250.00	9	6	78.57%	534	816	65.44%
7.	Mark Seibold	\$200.00	7	8	77.77%	583	850	68.58%
8.	Elbert Shifflett	\$150.00	7	8	75.00%	625	912	68.53%
9.	Matt Guy		7	8	84.48%	591	866	68.24%
10.	Stan Griggs		7	8	74.41%	589	882	66.78%
11.	Mandell Proctor		6	9	84.61%	685	944	72.56%
12.	M.O. Turner		6	9	74.24%	560	866	64.66%
13.	Jerry Dumstorff		5	10	74.13%	506	804	62.93%
14.	Bob Jones		5	10	73.80%	558	890	62.69%
15.	Randy Grady		4	11	80.35%	498	784	63.52%
16.	Mark Mauthe		3	12	70.68%	531	862	61.60%

30 Foot Six Pac Invitational

1.	Bob Logan	\$400.00	7	0	86.00%	317	392	80.86%
2.	Rose Diekamp	\$275.00	5	2	84.09%	265	366	72.40%
3.	Joan Elmore	\$150.00	5	2	84.37%	277	384	72.13%
4.	Amy Francis	\$ 75.00	3	4	78.57%	273	382	71.46%
5.	Melvin Bray		3	4	74.32%	272	404	67.32%
6.	Loree Meier		3	4	65.21%	194	324	59.87%
7.	Archie Matheny		2	5	63.46%	172	304	56.57%
8.	Darwin Compton		0	7	47.22%	98	244	40.16%

Highlighting the "Flip-Flopper" *continued from page 18*

in the clay "like it grew there"! I had a new goal - to have my flip land around the stake like Jesse's.

Even better than his pitching is his personality. When I decided to write this article, I asked several pitchers what they think about most when they think of Jesse. The responses could have been from a tape that played over and over - "Jesse is the nicest person!". I knew that! When I finally met Jesse, I was amazed that he knew who I was - he is that unselfish that he is always thinking about the "other" guy. The one thing his friends wanted most to add is the many times he encouraged his opponents *during* some important games. It was the norm, rather than the exception, that Jesse would stop an opponent who was having a bad stretch to give him some calming words. Although we know horseshoe pitchers are great people, Jesse is the epitome of that.

Always active in sports (he ran cross-country in High School), Jesse Gonzales began pitching in NHPA tournaments in July of 1962 and advanced to Class A the same year. He was 30 years old at the time and found the NHPA tournaments to be more competitive, something he preferred to push him to improve. As luck would have it, the 1963 World Horseshoe Tournament was in Southgate, California, his home state. He entered and remembers feeling calm and comfortable pitching with the best players in the world, as if he was "meant to play horseshoes". Over the years he was able to pitch in several World Tournaments and amass many honors. In 1970 he was recognized as the first flipper to be rookie of the year at the World Tournament and he came to be known by the title of "the Flip-Flop Man". In 1977, he received the Sportsmanship Award from Emily and Jim Weeks of Southern California and in 1985 he won Class B in the Lafayette, Indiana World Tournament. A favorite highlight was when he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1976. His best tournament percentage at a World Tournament occurred in the highly competitive 1972 World Tournament in Greenville, Ohio where he averaged 80.8%!

The opponents that were the most friendly (most like him) were the great Ted Allen, Glen Riffle, Bob West, Floyd Toole and Glen Henton. He enjoyed playing against all of them. Even more special were the games against Curt Day, Elmer Hohl, Fernando Isais, Don Titcomb and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. He learned something and was inspired by each of these champions, mostly that they give their full dedication to each and every game, which is why they are champions. His personal philosophy is to give each game his best and, win or lose, he is happy.

As long as he keeps his focus and concentration during the game, he is satisfied with the outcome.

He practices at the Jesse Gonzales Horseshoe Courts in San Luis Obispo, California and his method of practice is to play games. He also plays in a singles league there and does give exhibitions at times. As many of us have found, exhibitions are tough, dealing with different conditions, noise, questions, etc., but I am sure that Jesse handles it all like the gentleman he is.

He and his wife of 35 years, Sylvia, have raised five wonderful children who live in places from Texas to Hawaii. He is now retired from his job with the City of San Luis Obispo where he worked for 34 years as a Maintenance Supervisor in the Parks Department. His memories of horseshoe pitching are many. He treasures the many friendships he formed through horseshoes and the opportunities for travel that he has had. We treasure just having met him as he is a special man, and memorable. He gives courage and a goal to all those men who still pitch a flip but more than that, he is an example of the person we would all like to be.

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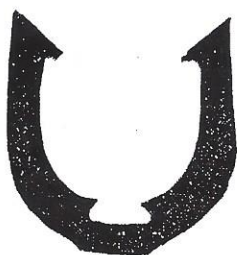
THE HORSESHOE TRADER

WHERE ARE THEY?

By Bob Dunn

For some time during the 1930's there was a publication named the *Pacific Coast Horseshoe Pitchers' Journal*. It was a publication that served the pitchers of the western states. Strange, but in 1932 the title was changed to *Western States Horseshoe Pitchers' Journal*. The publication was produced out of Portland, Oregon by M.C. Athey.

All this leads up to the January 1932 issue, about a new shoe about to hit the market. The article (reprinted below) tells a bit about the inventory and the shoe design. In fact, the article tells us about all we know about the Smith Stay-On shoe. No other information or ads have been uncovered. No Smith Stay-On shoes are reported in collection.



*"J.B. Smith Inventor of New Pitching Shoe
Making Ringers Easy*

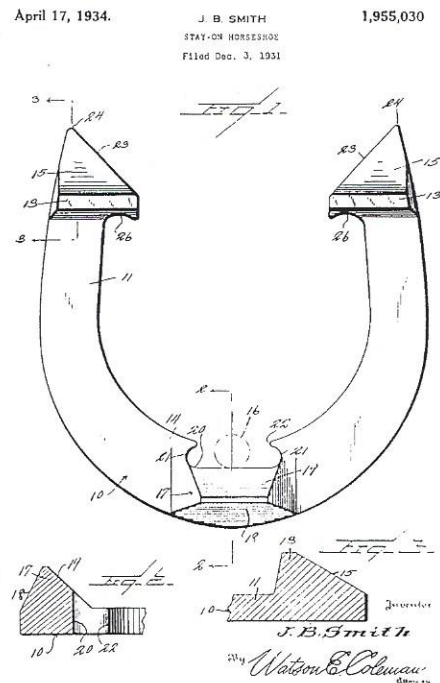
A new type of shoe, specially designed to make ringers easily, is being put on the market by J.B. Smith, 1809 X Avenue, LaGrande, Oregon. Mr. Smith worked out the style and specifications for this shoe himself and expects to spend much of his time this coming summer demonstrating the Smith Stay-On shoe.

The object of Mr. Smith's endeavors is to provide an improved horseshoe so constructed that it will stay on the peg when thrown on: that will readily encircle the stake: that will slide easily when pointed with the open end at the stake and that will slide less easily when the open end is away from the stake. The accompanying draft shows how the shoe is constructed. It is an evenly balance shoe and will increase your ringers 25 percent, according to experts who have pitched this new Stay-On.

Mr. Smith was in Portland this month arranging for the manufacture of the horseshoes."

The drawing shown is the exact blackened drawing as it appeared with the article. What was not mentioned in the article is that Mr. Smith had applied December 3,

1931 for a patent and the approval was received on April 4, 1934. The draft from the patent application gives a better conception of the shoe design. The Smith design was advanced to other popular brands during 1931. The hooks were larger than the Ohio and Gordon shoes and Gordon was the only other shoe with a ringer breaker.



Given the fact that the shoe received a patent and the shoe had been worked on for at least three years prior, it is puzzling why no specimens are showing up. If the shoe never entered the production mode, that would be a big explanation. Even if the shoes never achieved any sales, there sure could be some prototype shoes somewhere. Certainly a reason for collectors in the western states to keep an eye out for the elusive Smith Stay-On.

Trader Jottings

- Just a reminder – there will be a Horseshoe Trader booth at the World Tournament in Red Deer, thanks to the efforts of Lee Wallace. Lee cannot commit to the duration of the whole two weeks, but will be around for August 4th through the 8th.
- Also remember, if you have enjoyed the Horseshoe Trader series and to those who have joined those who are out looking to find the old artifacts of our sport, the NHPA collection is about to make it's permanent public appearance in Joelton, TN. The NHPF can use your financial support. Please make a cash donation at this time.

OKLAHOMA

Saint Francis Health Systems Corporate Challenge Draws 550+ Participants for One-Day Horseshoe Pitching Event

submitted by Homer Cain

One morning during an early morning email session with my daughter, Tina Hawkins, she asked me if I had been to the NHPA web site yet (we both are regular visitors). I had not.

Tina said the Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa had visited the guest book wanting information and rules on horseshoe pitching. They were looking for new contests for their corporate challenge.

We watched and discussed it for several days and then decided I should contact Saint Francis to see what response they had received. The answer was ZERO.

After a few email discussions with them and still no other response from their guest book inquiry, I offered to gather some information and meet with them to see if we could set something up for their corporate challenge.

During our first meeting I asked them how many total contestants they usually have. They said, "Last year we had twenty-five thousand. We expect more this year." I knew we were onto something big.

I contacted OHPA president, Jim Crockett, as well as Glenn King, our top promoter and pitcher in the Tulsa area. We worked together to convince them to give horseshoes a try. They were skeptical as they knew nothing of the game and we were talking about a large area. We offered to run it for them if they would give it a try for one year to see how it went. They agreed and gave us the new livestock arena on the Tulsa fair grounds to hold it in.

It was decided that doubles play would be necessary to speed things up. Not having any idea what kind of turnout we would have, we asked them to keep it small for the first year; they agreed. The announcements were sent out and the entries started pouring in. We got it shut down at two hundred and seventy-six teams, 552 participants for a one-day event. WOW!!! Time to ask for more help!

Word of what we had going on was put out to the Oklahoma pitchers and they responded nicely. We had several volunteers.

Some, such as Tom and Barbara Goff, and our Regional Director, Ronnie Fredrick drove for four hours to help --- that's dedication.

Dick Hansen responded quickly when we asked for handouts from the NHPA. We also distributed copies of the home page of the NHPA and the OHPA web sites, Oklahoma tournament schedule, a list of contacts and membership applications.

The Corporate Challenge expert scheduler worked with us to set up the format. We divided the teams into seven divisions (according to company size), and then put them into four-team "pools" for round robin play. This guaranteed everyone three games. The top team from each pool advanced to the play-off bracket for their division, where single elimination play would decide the champion. Thirty makeshift courts were installed in the arena (it would hold twice that many). Everything went unbelievably smooth!

We started the first flight at eight in the morning. With scorekeeping help from a volunteer group of ROTC students and the Oklahoma pitchers we stayed right on schedule and crowned the last division champion at five-thirty that evening.



The Challenge people were so impressed they were talking about next year before noon. Tina took lots of pictures and has already put some in her on-line horseshoe pitching scrapbook, which can be linked to from the Oklahoma website.

We are to receive all the email addresses of the pitchers, which we will use for contacts, and direct them to their

scrapbook pictures through the NHPA site, exposing them to everything we have to offer.

Since the event, the Tulsa Visitors and Business Bureau has contacted us about information on holding a world tournament.

With proper follow up this should be a recruiting gold mine. I strongly encourage others to find out about similar events in their area and approach the organizers about adding horseshoe pitching to the venue.

SYLVIANNE MOISAN World Champion

by Bob Champion

It had been a long time since a Canadian had won the Men's or Women's World Championship, but Quebec's Sylvianne Moisan did the trick on consecutive years in 2000 and 2001 to include her name with the "north of the border pitchers" to accomplish the feat.

Sylvianne is the second Canadian woman to win the crown, following the 1987 winner, Sandy (McLachlin) Janssens from Ontario, who by the way is the only horseshoe pitcher in the NHPA's long history to win the junior title and adult championship on consecutive years.

Sandy won the girl's title in 1986 at Ainsworth, Nebraska with a record 88.2 ringer percentage and followed in 1987 with the women's top prize at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the site of the 2003 World event. Moisan will be seeking her third in a row when the World Championships are held in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada July 29 through August 10, 2002.

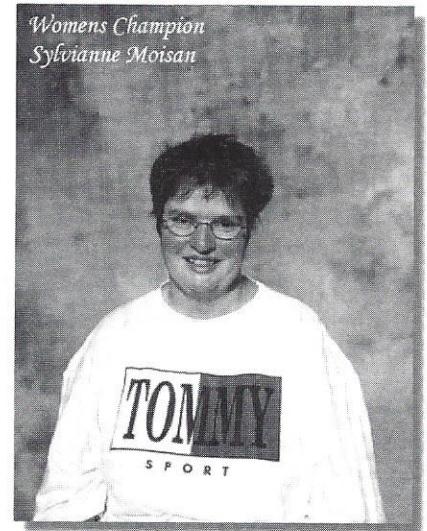
Sylvianne has competed in ten World events, winning her first at Bismarck, North Dakota at age 34 with a 14-1 record and overall ringer percentage 83.7. She repeated last year at Hibbing, Minnesota with the same 14-1 mark and 83.6%, edging Ohio's Amy Francis by two games.

Two remarkable feats, the latest even more dramatic because Sylvianne, who suffers from Crohn's disease, twice lay on the operating table only four months before the tournament when half of her colon and portions of her stomach and small intestine were surgically removed.

In those 10 years of championship play, Sylvianne, in addition to the first place finishes, has compiled three second places and two third places. Her highest percentage was recorded in 1995 with an 85.5 effort.

Born in 1966, Sylvianne started pitching in local and regional fairs with her mother, Angeline, who has competed in five World Tournaments, finishing third in 1993 at Spearfish, South Dakota. Sylvianne achieves her success with little practice, compared to some of her fellow competitors, throwing perhaps 100 shoes three times a week among the tall trees in the yard on their clay court. Of course, training is halted by bad weather in the winter.

"She's a natural," husband Andre LeClerc says. "Just don't ask her to coach. She really doesn't know how she throws so many ringers."



Sylvianne's Canadian and World Results

Canadian Championships

1984	9th	7/4	51.00%
1985	3rd	12/4	62.80%
1986	3rd	14/2	69.00%
1987	6th	8/7	69.70%
1988	1st	17/0	80.40%
1989	5th	10/5	71.00%
1991	1st	17/2	74.40%
1993	3rd	12/4	73.30%
1995	1st	13/1	84.50%
1997	1st	14/4	74.20%
1999	1st	15/2	80.30%
2001	1st	20/2	79.90%

World Championships

1986	5th	10/5	72.90%
1992	3rd	12/3	81.10%
1993	9th	9/8	74.30%
1994	5th	13/3	76.40%
1995	2nd	14/1	85.50%
1996	3rd	12/3	83.20%
1997	2nd	16/3	85.10%
1999	2nd	16/3	80.40%
2000	1st	14/1	83.70%
2001	1st	14/1	83.60%

Sylvianne has a special interest this year since the Canadian Nationals at Calgary will follow the World Tournament at Red Deer.

The "Champ" used the flip style until 1985 when she switched to the 1 1/4 turn and is one of the fastest, averaging about seven or eight seconds to pitch her two shoes. She has used the Deadeye E-Z Grip shoes since 1986, and of course, prefers clay courts, rather than the sand used all the time in Quebec tournaments and most Canadian events.

The former secretary for an insurance company has won the Canadian Championships six times including the last four in which she participated. In the 2001 championships she

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SYLVIANNE MOISAN **World Champion** *continued from page 22*

pitched a perfect game of 26 shoes. The first one on record was a 24-shoe perfecto pitched by her aunt, Diane Cantin in 1989. Sylvianne is the holder of many Canadian records, including a 126-shoe contest against Myrna Kissick from Alberta in 1995. They had 38 four-deads with Moisan winning, 42-23, with 110 ringers and 87.3%. Myrna had 104 ringers.

Overall, the LeClerc-Moisan family has been active in the sport. Andre's mother, Solange, starred in the sport and promoted the game and is in Horseshoe Canada's Hall of Fame. Sylvianne, Angeline, Diane and Andre may reach that pinnacle in the future.

It happened many times when Angeline entered a tournament and reported to play; they were usually short one player. She pointed to Sylvianne and said: "She wants to play." It wasn't until she was 14, playing in Provincial events, that Sylvianne really took a special liking to horseshoe pitching.

Ten years ago the couple moved 60 miles north of Montreal, as much for the pure country water Sylvianne's sensitive body needs as for the glorious tranquility. It's here they are raising their three-year-old daughter, Sandra, whose face lights up at just the sight of a horseshoe.

Last Name	World Combined Percent (Championship Class at World Tournament)				
	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	

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

Sylvianne wants to be around to see the youngster compete in horseshoes. Maybe the peewee division at the World will add her name to the competition sooner than one thinks.


At the kitchen table of their small home tucked deep in the Laurentians, surrounded by trophies, plaques and clippings, perhaps Canada's least-known World Champion quietly speaks of philosophy not just of her sport, but of her life.

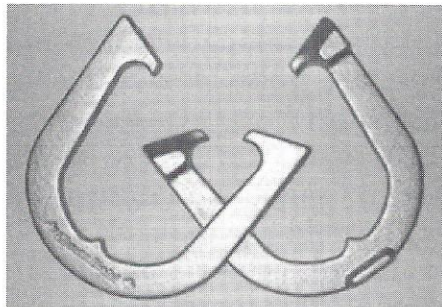
"Patience and perseverance are often rewarded. Never give up and be a good sport. Try to be the best you can be. Have fun."

The best-known Canadian pitcher has been Elmer Hohl, who won six World titles in a span of years from 1965 to 1977.

Twelve women have won NHPA consecutive championships with ten-time World champion Vicki Winston from Missouri nailing the double twice. New York's Ruth Hangen won four straight titles followed by Illinois's Laura Lanham with three in a row. In addition to Sylvianne, twin consecutive wins were recorded by Mayme Francisco, Mildred Brouillette, Carolyn Schultz, Sue Gillespie, Phyllis Neegard, Tari Powell and most recently, Sue Snyder in 1994 and 1995 and Bev Nathe in 1996 and 1997.

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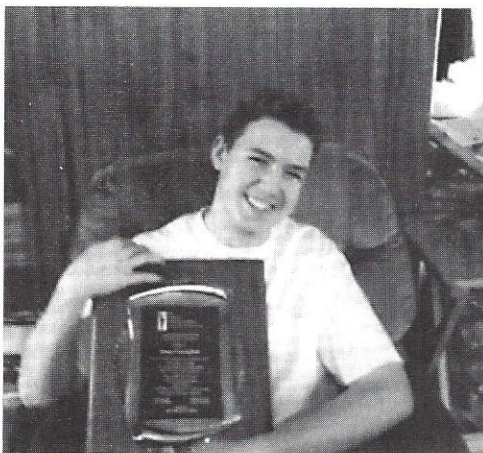
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I was surprised to win first place at my very first tournament, which was the Wilbur Hodgson Open, at the Liberty Club. I have never been very competitive, although I discovered that I do well in tournaments and usually place. I was happy just to play, however, as it is good fun, friendship and exercise. Along with my progress in horseshoes, I have always excelled in school. I maintain an A average, which I am proud of, as my schoolwork and grades have always been very important to me.

Greg Craven, director of the Liberty Horseshoe Club, approached me about the Junior Scholarship Program. One winter night I went with my parents to the Liberty Club to supposedly sign up for summer league and to my surprise I was the guest of honor for winning the Junior Scholar Pitcher Award. It was there that I was presented with a wonderful plaque along with certificates and patches. I also received a \$200.00 scholarship, which I plan to use at Missouri Western State College towards a degree in Computer Information Systems. I would like to thank all of the officials and members of the Liberty Horseshoe Club for all their help and encouragement, especially Greg Craven for helping me get this award. I would also like to thank all the officials of the NHPA for this amazing award.

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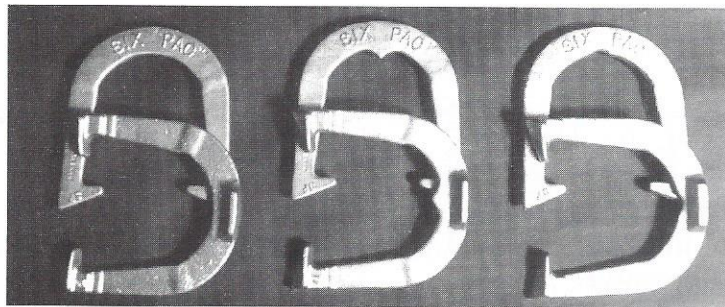
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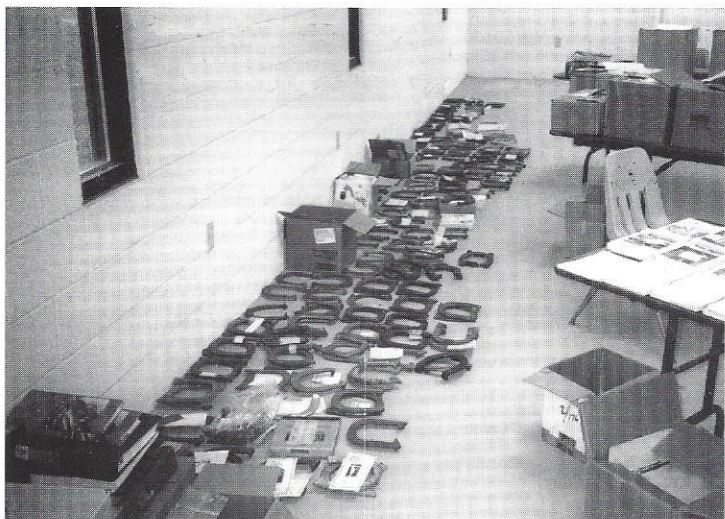
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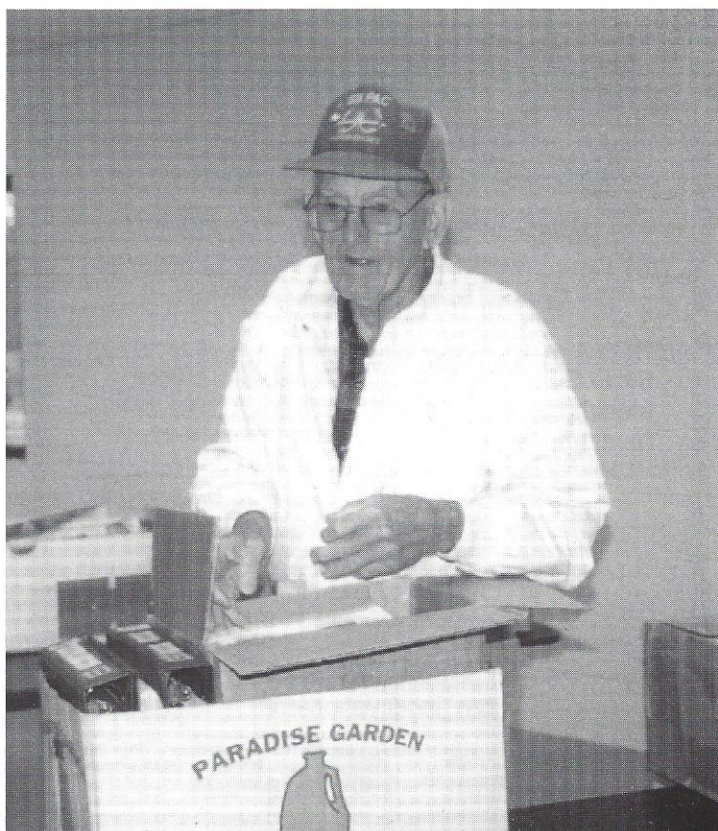


About the time we moved into our present home almost 13 years ago, people began to discuss a permanent site for the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum. When Earl began serving as the Chairman of the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee, it seemed logical for items to begin coming his way and gradually a collection of horseshoes, magazines, scrapbooks, pictures and various items of memorabilia began to grow in our basement. Each World Tournament brought additional contributions. We always arrived home with more items in our car than we took with us when we headed for a World Tournament. UPS and our mail carrier also brought donations to our door as the years went by. The collection began to take more space on the floor along one basement wall and on some shelves and tables until we had to declare the basement off limits to the children who attend our annual Easter Sunday dinner. We were most fortunate that our Missouri weather cooperated with us during those years and the children could play outside.

During the early years of the collection, the Director of the Missouri State Fair resigned his position and took a job as Director of the Iowa State Fair. As he was a personal acquaintance and very much interested in the sport of horseshoe pitching, it didn't take a lot of persuasion from Earl and some folks in Iowa before free display space and display cabinets were made available for a NHPA Hall of Fame exhibit each year

at the Iowa State Fair. This was just a small part of what was in our basement, but it did give some exposure to the NHPA. Volunteers from the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association, who were in attendance for the duration of the fair, faithfully manned the display each year. The Iowa State Fair features various horseshoe pitching events for each day of the fair, so someone was always willing to lend a hand. Without their help, the exhibit would not have been possible. Working conditions were not very good. The building was very hot. Most years Earl made a special trip to Iowa to set up the display and then drove up to Des Moines again after the fair was over to bring the items back home. There were one or two years when the timing was right to deliver the exhibit material on the way to a World Tournament, but he still had to go back for it later. This was always after we finished running the three day tournament at the Missouri State Fair. The final NHPA exhibit appeared at the 2001

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Iowa State Fair. The IHHPA and the NHPA have given up the space.

After the erection of a building in Joelton, Tennessee, tentative plans were made to haul the NHPA collection to Joelton in November 2001. At that time, it was discovered that the building was not ready and had a leak. We cancelled the reservation for a U-Haul trailer. During the next few months, the leak was fixed and the walls and floor were painted, so this delay allowed more time to get the building ready and climate controlled.

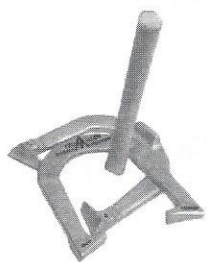
In late April, we again reserved a U-Haul trailer and Joe Faron II (MOHPA President) made plans to pull it to Joelton. On April 29, 2002 Earl and I drove to LaMonte, Missouri and pulled the trailer back to our place and got it ready for loading. We had been sorting and boxing items for several days. Early on the morning of April 30th, our youngest son and his wife, Carl and Amy Winston of Sweet Springs, Missouri, came out from town to help carry things out of our basement. It was Carl's day off from work and we



certainly appreciated all of his and Amy's help. By the time Joe Faron and his brother-in-law, Gary Buehler arrived about 9:30 a.m., much of the collection had already been carried outdoors and some had been loaded in the trailer. Joe had the loan of a pickup from his son, Joe III, and it had a cover on it, so we had boxes in the U-Haul and in the pickup bed. When the loading was completed, I fed lunch to the work crew and then Joe and Gary headed back to New Melle with the trailer in tow.

About 6:00 a.m. on May 2nd, Earl and I headed for New Melle and arrived at Joe Faron's house before 9:00 a.m. We left the van in his garage, climbed in the truck and the three of us headed for Joelton. I got to ride shotgun and poor Earl was elected to occupy the bench seat in the back. He probably rode sideways part of the trip. That bench seat would have been

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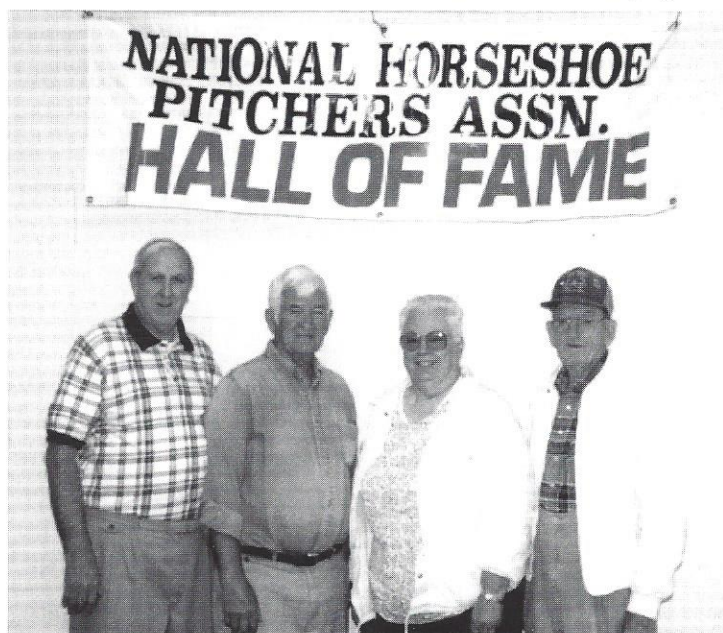
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more appropriate for Joe Faron IV, but his grandpa didn't take him along. It was a lovely but cloudy day, which made for good driving, until we reached the Kentucky border. Then the clouds opened up and the rain came down in buckets. Joe did a great job of trucking on through the storm. We made connections once with Jack Freeman by cell phone, but the storm disrupted the call. As we got closer to the Joelton exit, we tried again and had better connections that time. Both Jack Freeman and Mary Bastian were waiting with cameras as we pulled in off the highway about 4:00 p.m. We proceeded to unload the trailer and quickly perceived that the four long tables in the building would not begin to hold all of the boxes that we had brought. Mary Bastian was heard to comment that she was overwhelmed with the amount of items we had carried in. Many things had to be placed and laid out on the floor. Therefore, it is good that the leak is fixed. We worked for a few hours until we all grew weary and decided to call it a day and head for some supper.

On the morning of May 3rd, we were all back at work by 8:00 a.m. The Missouri crew worked until 11:30 a.m., when it was deemed time to head back towards St. Louis. There is much yet to be done, but a start has been made. It was on our return trip that we noticed the thousands and maybe millions of tulips in bloom along I-24 near the Clarksville exit. They covered the median and sometimes the road banks. Most were red, but we would see some pink and white once in a while. What a beautiful sight and how lucky we were to be traveling that stretch of road this time of year. We still don't know how we missed them on the way to Joelton. Perhaps it was concern about the weather or maybe I was busy trying to dial Joe's cell phone.

We reached Joe's house a little before 7:00 p.m. Because of our late departure from Joelton, we were caught up in the St. Louis traffic. Joe's wife, Alice, had fixed us a good meal and we accepted their invita-

tion to spend the night and finish our trip home the next morning. After a delicious breakfast, Alice rushed off to a rummage sale and we continued visiting, reluctant to leave good company. However, it was time to get back to the normal routine and we bade Joe farewell and headed west. At 11:30 a.m. on May 4th we were back in our driveway. Now we can begin the process of figuring out what to do with the suddenly empty space in the basement, but first we will have to clean it up.

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THE TOLL OF TIME

Carrie D. Carpenter Bradenton, Florida

Carrie D. Carpenter of Bradenton, Florida passed away May 11, 2002. Carrie joined the NHPA in 1982. At the 1992 World Tournament she placed second in the Senior Women's Championship class. In 1994 she moved to Bradenton and became an active member of the Bradenton Horseshoe Club and was the Florida State Woman's Champion for five years. Our condolences go to the Carpenter family, husband Bob, two daughters, four sons and 13 grandchildren.

Submitted by
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President, Bradenton Horseshoe Club
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Frank Sinclair Massachusetts

Frank Sinclair, a four-year member of the Loon Pond Horseshoe Club in Lakeville, MA passed away in July 2001 after a short illness. The illness began with surgery on the first scheduled day of our singles league in 2001.

Frank had started in the doubles league and 2001 was to be his first year in the singles league. A very likeable man, Frank was a senior elder in his church and led a weekly Bible study group from his home. We will miss him.

Submitted by Debby Michaud (Note from editor: This had been submitted last year, but with the changing of editor's it was lost in the shuffle. Thank you to Debby for re-sending it to me.)

Bob May Indiana

Indiana recently lost a special friend, a very humble man, and a pretty good horseshoe pitcher. Bob May of Glenwood, Indiana passed away on April 24, 2002 at the age of 77. Nila May, Bob's wife of many years, remains on the farm and can be reached at 7649 W

Co. Rd. 300 S, Glenwood, IN 46133. Although Bob never won a world or even a state championship, he was very competitive A-class pitcher his entire career. He always competed against Curt Day and later Mark Seibold, for the Indiana State Championship. I think his best World Championship class placing was 11th. Bob was still throwing at 40 ft. and it wasn't too many years ago he still managed a 70% average. Those who knew Bob would remember his gracious personality and friendliness. He never argued a close ringer and very rarely measured a close shoe for his benefit, only his competitors. Indiana Horseshoe Pitchers wish the best to Nila and the rest of Bob's family, he was a special person. NHPA lost a good horseshoe pitcher and strong ambassador for this sport, but his friends will mostly miss his gracious, humble, and generous personality.

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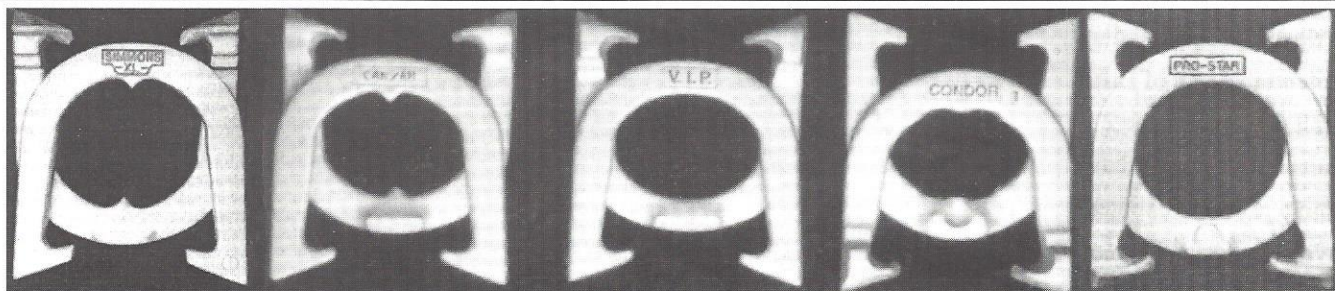
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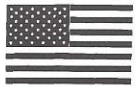
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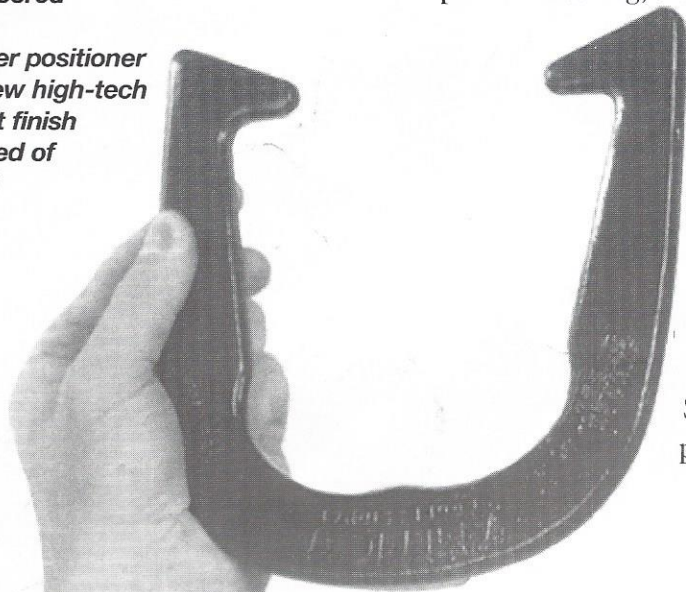
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