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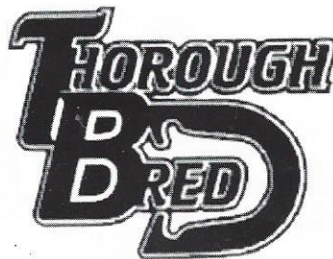
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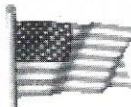


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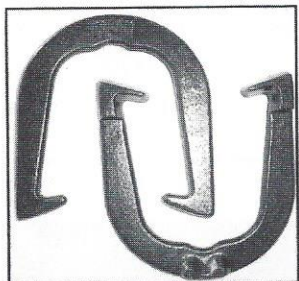


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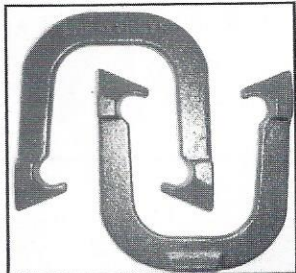


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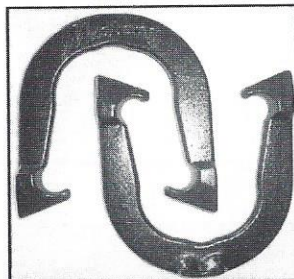
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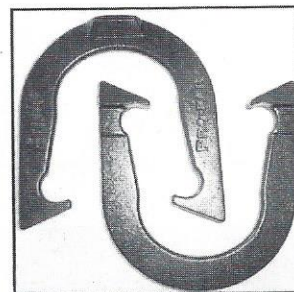
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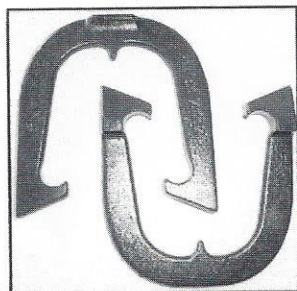
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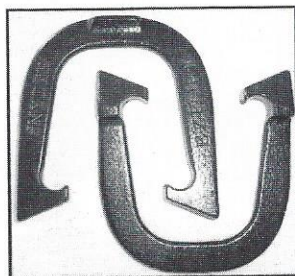
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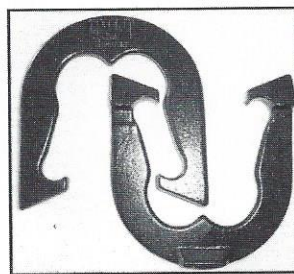
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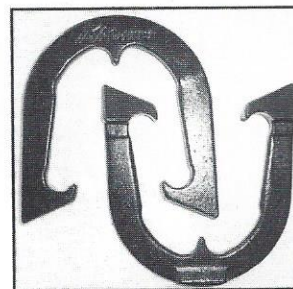
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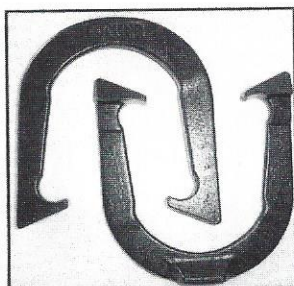
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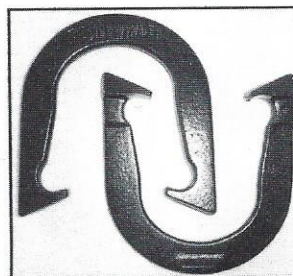
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Paul Stewart

This is my first writing as your new NHPA President. You will soon see that writing and grammar are not one of my stronger points. My writings in the President's Message will be simple and to the point because that's how I write.

As I take over the duties as the new NHPA President, I am excited with the challenges this job holds and at the same time I am hopeful that I can live up to your expectations. I can promise all of you that I am dedicated to the NHPA and the sport of horseshoe pitching and will do my best to see that this sport continues to grow and prosper as it has under Dave's leadership for the past 18 years.

Some of you ask if I have any plans for a new direction for the NHPA. My answer is no. We will make changes as needed. We have a very good Executive Council and will use them as a team. All of my decisions will be made with the Executive Councils full approval. We also have a lot of Charter Officers and knowledgeable horseshoe people in leadership rolls in our horseshoe world that we will be looking to for advice and for changes needed to keep this sport growing, not only in numbers but also in the quality. I do have goals that I would like to reach while I am serving as your president. Neither I, nor the Council, have any magic tricks to fix all of our problems, but we will be trying to do what's best for the NHPA and horseshoe pitching. The Council will be meeting in mid January, to work on new business, By-laws proposal changes and assigning our new Fifth Vice President, Stu Sipma, his duties.

My new NHPA phone number is: (704) 528-0398; please direct all NHPA related calls to this number. My new email address is: nhpapaul@bellsouth.net. I will be in my office after 5 p.m. (EST) Monday through Friday, and weekends anytime. If you call during the out-of-office hours, you will get the answering machine; leave your number and I will return your call as soon as I am back in the office. If your call needs immediate attention, please call Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen, (262) 835-9108. I plan to retire from my regular job after April 1st and will be in the office full time after then.

In a recent visit to Joelton, Tennessee, it was very encouraging to see that our Hall of Fame is now being opened to visitors during special events or by appointment with Jack Freeman or Mary Bastian. I, along with others, was surprised to see how much work had been done in getting horseshoes and memorabilia displayed in the Hall of Fame. There is much more work to be done before all of the displays are complete. Mary and Jack are working almost daily to accomplish this. I hope all of you can visit the Hall of Fame some day and remember that it will take continued support to the NHPF to make and keep the NHPA Hall of Fame a place we all can be proud of.

I hope all of you had a happy and safe holiday season and are looking forward to the New Year and a new season of horseshoe pitching.

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUEREPORT *by Lorraine Sternberg*

The National Sanctioned Club/League Tournament

They started coming in on Friday from all directions. There were a total of eighteen teams. They came from Massachusetts to Nebraska. There were teams between there from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Georgia, Oklahoma, Missouri, Wisconsin and Tennessee. Those that made their first trip to the courts at Joelton, Tennessee seemed to be impressed. Paul Stewart and his wife Pat came to help out. They made the trip the week before for the Music City Tournament. The trip to Joelton usually takes them six to seven hours, only this time on the way home they ran into some unforeseen snags (an accident on the freeway) and it took them more like ten hours to get home. Jack Freeman and Mary Bastian took groups up to tour the new Hall of Fame building. They both have worked very hard on getting some of the items displayed for people to see what the Hall of Fame building is all

about. Needless to say there is still a lot of work to be done, but we are off to a great start, thanks to these two dedicated people.

The tournament was to get started early on Saturday morning. While it was rainy and cool outside it was warm inside. Before hand there were many with questions and a little confusion as this was the first of its kind. We opened the tournament by all getting together to have a group picture taken with all the teams that entered the first National Sanctioned League Tournament. You can be assured that Jack will see that this photo will hang in the Hall of Fame building. He was sure to get everyone's name correct with their picture. We then explained how the tournament was going to be run and we were off to get started.

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SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUEREPORT *continued from page 4*

There were three groups with six teams in a group. I randomly picked teams for each group so that there would not be any two teams from the same state pitching together. One of the purposes of this tournament was to meet new people and make some new horseshoe friends. The first round went till 1:00 P.M. when we broke for a lunch break. There was a catered lunch served and time for everyone to visit. Saturday's pitching finished around 5:00 P.M. This gave everyone some time to relax and enjoy some of the sights of Nashville. Some even got in the Grande Old Opry Show.

It was again back on Sunday morning by 8:00 A.M. to conclude the tournament. Homer Cain and his wife rolled in on Sunday to oversee how the tournament that he put together was going. They would have been there earlier but had some problems with their truck on the way from Oklahoma. Things wrapped up around 1:00 P.M. With all the goodbyes and a few more pictures with the winning teams, everyone was back on the road to return home. The first National Sanctioned Club/League Tournament was now history.

Over all I would say the tournament went well. Of course with anything that is a first time event, there are things that will need to be improved on. We did have a few

problems, but those will be worked on and by next year we hope to have a bigger and better tournament.

Many thanks go out to all who helped with the tournament. Homer Cain and Debby Michaud for the idea of this kind of tournament and for setting up the format. Jack Freeman and Mary Bastian for taking care of everything at the courts. Paul and Pat Stewart for helping with all the stats. To my husband Terry who headed up a make-up team due to a last minute drop out. One of the most rewarding parts of the tournament for me was getting to meet some of the league directors that I have not met before and getting to visit with others that I only see at World Tournament time. Just watching everyone have a good time was rewarding enough.

As teams were leaving the building some of the comments went like this: next year.....

So we hope to see everyone back next year and more!

Results of the tournament are published in this issue.

Look for Top Ten results in the next issue of Newslines.

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NHPFNEWS & CONTRIBUTION UPDATE By Dave Loucks

I hope some of you got to Joelton in November for the Music City Team Tournament or the National Sanctioned League Team event. If you did, you not only had fun pitching but a chance to visit the NHPA Hall of Fame, which was open for a limited time on those weekends. The exhibits are far from being complete, but those that did view the limited displays came away saying they were impressed. A great deal of thanks goes to Jack Freeman and Mary Bastian who spent a lot of time getting the preliminary displays ready and will continue to add things as they are cataloged.

Our last comprehensive report was in the September/October issue of this magazine. Since that time, nearly \$7,400 in contributions have been received, acknowledged and banked. Four more names have qualified for a personal engraved plate on the plaques of major benefactors by reaching the \$500 level in contributions. They are Gerald and Carol Shene of Sterling Heights, MI, the Cajun Horseshoe Pitchers Association of Church Point, LA, the Connecticut HPA and Milton (Mickey) Gillette of Warrenton, MO. The NHPF very much appreciates their support and that of all others who continue to recognize the importance and satisfaction of making a contribution to this worthy cause.

An important Reminder. All contributions and correspondence to the NHPF should now be sent to a new address. It is P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. We ask that this new address be printed in charter newsletters, as the previous Oroville and Nashville addresses are no longer active. Also, in a cost savings move, contributions less than \$25 will no longer receive a personal letter of acknowledgement though all will continue to be mentioned in this column.

In the last 3 months, the following contributions were received.

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Total deposits to date: \$249,817

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6.	MO	46	82	\$7,361
7.	MI	42	89	\$6,972
8.	GA	15	19	\$6,670
9.	WI	29	84	\$6,112
10.	CO	23	51	\$5,258
11.	FL	40	59	\$4,688
12.	MA	10	11	\$4,195
13.	PA	27	45	\$3,784
14.	WA	26	45	\$3,606
15.	TX	22	32	\$3,585
16.	OH	52	74	\$3,531
17.	KS	16	30	\$3,351
18.	NJ	20	31	\$2,809
19.	IA	18	30	\$2,651
20.	IL	33	56	\$2,565
21.	KY	16	31	\$2,305
22.	NE	13	22	\$1,968
23.	NY	29	33	\$1,830
24.	IN	18	21	\$1,603
25.	LA	8	13	\$1,452
26.	VA	12	14	\$1,128
27.	ND	5	9	\$1,120
28.	SC	9	17	\$1,070
29.	MD	19	27	\$1,040
30.	NV	8	10	\$1,015
31.	CT	13	20	\$967
32.	MT	4	7	\$520
33.	ID	5	12	\$520
34.	SD	10	14	\$484
35.	AL	4	4	\$470
36.	OK	9	12	\$458
37.	AZ	8	9	\$414
38.	WV	8	12	\$330
39.	NM	2	4	\$235
40.	AR	5	5	\$185
41.	WY	3	3	\$182
42.	HI	3	3	\$150
43.	UT	2	4	\$130
44.	AK	1	1	\$120
45.	NH	2	2	\$105
46.	VT	1	4	\$100
47.	ME	1	1	\$25
48.	DE	1	1	\$7
49.	MS	1	1	\$5

RULES *by Bonnie Seibold*

Here are the answers to a few questions I have been asked and where to find them in the rules pamphlet.

Question: Can I pitch one shoe from one side and the second from the other side?

Answer: Rule 6, Section C. Delivery of shoes, #1
The contestant pitching first shall deliver both shoes (one at a time) and then the other contestant shall deliver both shoes (one at a time). A contestant may deliver the shoes from either the left or right platform but, in any one inning, both shoes must be delivered from the same platform. A contestant shall pitch the entire tournament

with the same hand or arm, except in the case of a medical emergency.

Question: Some pitchers take a long time to pitch their shoes. Is there a limit on time?

Answer: Rule 6, Section C. Delivery of shoes, #2
A contestant shall deliver both shoes within 30 seconds. The time shall start when the contestant steps onto the platform with the intention of pitching. (As opposed to retrieving shoes or removing foreign material from the platform). NOTE: Extra time taken to repair a damaged shoe by filing a burr, etc. or a delay resulting from a distraction not caused by the contestants, shall not be penalized.

Question: I am a short distance pitcher. Do I need to go back to the 40 ft. distance after I pitch my shoes?

Answer: Rule 6, Section D. The opponent, #2
An opponent's position when not pitching, shall be standing quietly and stationary on or behind the same court's platform and at least 2 ft. behind a contestant who is pitching from the same or adjacent court. In mixed distance pitching, a short distance pitcher who pitches first must return to this position on or behind the 40 ft. platform.

Question: What is the length of an official game?

Answer: Rule 7, Length of the game.
The length of a game shall be determined before play begins. There are three options:
1. Point Limit
2. Shoe Limit
3. Point Limit or Shoe Limit (Whichever comes first).

NHPA Income And Expenditures October/November 2003

Receipts

US Bank Interest / Money Market	\$205.88
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Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$700.00
Membership Dues	\$7,076.00
Newsline Ads	\$2,272.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$4,201.00
Sanction League Tournament Entries	\$1,890.00
Sanctioned League Patches	<u>\$52.00</u>
Total	\$16,606.67

Expenditures

Newsline Printing Supplies & Mailing	\$12,293.70
Sanction League Patches & Awards	\$6,163.73
Sanction League Office Supplies & Telephone	\$289.36
Sanctioned League Tournament Awards & Expenses	\$1,890.00
All Junior Scholarship Trusts	\$714.52
W. T. Travel Expenses	\$3,802.86
W. T. Admin. Costs, Printing, Office Supplies, Etc.	\$22.14
Hall Of Fame, Awards, Supplies & Expenses	\$89.55
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$330.85
Sanction Tournament Patches	\$10,177.10
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs	\$339.84
Printing, Paper & Office Supplies	\$2,258.78
Postage	\$834.31
Officers Telephone	\$283.28
Officers Travel	\$419.45
Secretary-treasurer Allowance	\$3,040.00
Presidents Allowance	\$912.00
Publicity, Promotions & Ads	\$261.29
Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$410.81
Insurance	\$1,922.00
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$60.00
Refunds	\$30.00
Natstats	\$297.13
Internet Access & Web Site	<u>\$203.65</u>
Total	\$47,046.35

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CHARTER CHATTER

by Debby Michaud

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ALABAMA

Approximately 20 years after hosting three World Tournaments, the Huntsville courts are being dismantled. That is sad news for those of us who remember pitching there. There were some dramatic playoffs in those tournaments and lots of good memories.

COLORADO

Colorado crowned two first-time champions in the Women's and Elder's Divisions at its State tournament. The Women's Championship Class began with four pitchers and had a three-way playoff! Sheila Shepard emerged as the winner. Tony Paiz averaged 70% to win his first state title in the Elder's class, defeating defending champion Dee Powell in the final game to win while Rich Pintor won his sixth state title in the Men's Division.

MICHIGAN

90-year-old Beryl Williams pitches in the Jackson County Horseshoe Club League. He is uncle to Tom, Bob and Sue Williams (Sue is a former Junior Girl's World Champion) and the brother of Oz Williams. Michigan also takes part annually in the Michigan-Ontario Friendship Tournament. Sounds like a great idea.

MINNESOTA

Jackie Hughes, the Junior Promotion Director for the state association, was the recipient of the President's Award for her work with the Juniors and for her efforts as the Make-A-Wish coordinator. Jackie was a junior pitcher, is married to a pitcher and her children are now pitching. President Jerry LaBrosse states he can't remember a more aggressive junior promoter. The number of junior pitchers in Minnesota is definitely a testament to her success.

MISSISSIPPI

Ocean Springs has 11 courts and was scheduled to hold the Senior Olympics there in October 2003. We hope it went off well.

NEW ENGLAND

The annual New England Horseshoe Championships saw 303 pitchers competing over the three-day Labor Day weekend which is kicked off with a Friday night States' Challenge. In this fourth challenge, Massachusetts pitchers were victorious for the first time. In four years, four different states have won!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

(& Nevada)

An idea for some local tournaments is the "money in an envelope" tournament. An amount of money is placed in an envelope and given to each pitcher. At the end of a game, losers must give the winners one half of

the money in their envelope. Do we need to bring pennies for change if we have a bad day??

TENNESSEE

November 2003 was a banner month for the Jack Freeman courts in Joelton. First the annual Music City Team Tournament was held, followed one week later by the first ever National Sanctioned League Tournament. The first Hall of Fame Exhibit tours were conducted during both events and pitchers from many states enjoyed great facilities and camaraderie. The Tennessee state association also has a new president in Shannon Foster as Jack Freeman has moved to Kentucky.

Also, as happened in many states in the 2003 pitching season, 21 out of the first 40 tournaments in Northern California WERE RAINED OUT! As some of each entry goes into the state fund, this was not a good thing. Hopefully, next year will be much better - with rain every other night from midnight to 5 A.M. only!

WASHINGTON

The Bellingham club hosted an All-City High School Horseshoe Tournament. Twenty-two teens competed in the tournament, which was followed by a barbecue. Food always helps!

GENERAL

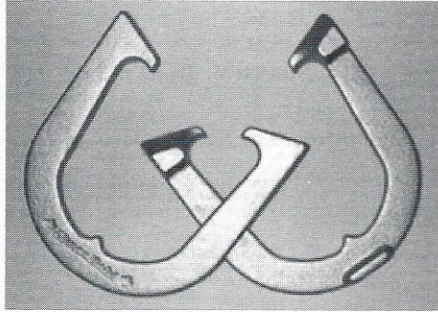
Best wishes to Paul Stewart from North Carolina in his next position, that of NHPA president. And welcome to Stuart Sipma from North Dakota who will be a new Vice-President for the NHPA. We wish them many progressive thoughts and lively discussions!

This month's question: Send me all the examples you have seen for horseshoe pick-up tools. I've seen a few, but I bet there are lots more that we cannot even imagine!

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PUBLICITY PROMOTION

by Casey Sluys

Pitch And Win Program

Quick, without looking it up, tell me whom the 1960 Men's World Champion is! He lived in California most of his life, but has also resided in Kentucky and Florida in recent years. He is, without a doubt, one of the greatest promoters this sport has ever seen. His thousands of exhibitions have enabled virtually tens of thousands to witness horseshoe pitching at its finest. Not only the standard ringer after ringer, but also the very complex and detailed "trick pitching".

Have you guessed yet? Some of you have certainly? The "trick pitching" consisted of tossing ringers through a hoop, lighting matches on fire, with a little gunpowder sprinkled on the match heads for a spectacular effect. Then there is the pitching over a blanket and making ringers, pitching to one and two pits over from where he was standing and still making ringers, setting a shovel handle adjacent to the stake, then ringing it without breaking the handle. There were the people brave enough to lie prone in front of the stake while he was pitching ringers over them, then two others holding a blanket in front of that person and still pitching ringers. Yes, the individual was still lying on the concrete in front of the stake with horseshoes whizzing by him or her, just inches from them and encircling the stake, being pitched by this great promoter.

Yes, his name is Don Titcomb; perhaps the most congenial man that I've ever met. Soft spoken and gentle, this man let his pitching do all his talking for him. He dearly loves this sport and has devoted thousands of hours to its promotion and advancement. His achievements are too numerous to mention in a column dedicated to publicity and promotion, but he is, without a doubt, the greatest promoter in recent history!

Years ago Don developed a county fair program, which he appropriately entitled "Pitch and Win". The outline of this fantastic program is available for anyone who would like a copy of it. Simply request the "Pitch and Win Program" from me and we will send you a copy of it free of charge.

The "Pitch and Win Program" has been tried by many and has proven hugely successful! Witness two relatively new Northern California clubs. Because Don never mentioned it, during his stays in Kentucky and Florida, new clubs were formed because of this program, I cannot speak to that aspect. Personally I would suspect there were new clubs started, as this was one of the goals of the program, another being growth of your own local horseshoe club.

This event can effectively be held anywhere there is a large festive group of people. County Fairs prove an ideal setting, but the program can also be held at any large city's outdoor function. Set up a meeting with your fair board, normally in January, February, or March at the latest. A letter of introduction should be sent prior to the meeting. NOW is the time to begin your "Pitch and Win Program", don't delay; order your copy now!

All pertinent details are covered, plus examples given. Get three or four members of your club to assist you with details and bring those members in! You won't believe the results!

I'm very honored to have known Don and proud to call him my friend! He has recently moved to Southern California to the town of Oceanside. I am convinced that he will be teaching the United States Marine Corps how to pitch horseshoes in very short order. After all, Camp Pendleton Marine Training Base is right next-door. If one were to pen a biography of Don, it would read like a virtual encyclopedia of horseshoe pitching.

There are many more people that have an immense amount of knowledge in the NHPA. It would behoove all of us to pry whatever knowledge we can from folks. Whether that is over dinner, at a tournament, over breakfast, wherever, you must talk to these folks; they are the walking, talking history of the NHPA. They know which promotion things have been tried, they have vast knowledge of the various publicity items, which some of the relatively new comers may not even know about.

Remember to order your copy of this most productive program quickly. We need to begin contacting our fair boards very soon. The "Pitch and Win" program will eventually be put online as yet another promotional tool all of you can use.

What types of promotion efforts have proven successful for your Charter? We would be very interested to know. Perhaps then we could embellish it to become another national promotion tool. Unless we hear from you though, it will remain your secret. Jot it down on a piece of paper; be sure to include all pertinent details. Please do not worry about grammar sentence structure or anything like that; simply an outline with details will suffice. Let's all think about what we can do to increase our membership. We have a new NHPA president let's start his term(s) out with an increase in members.

MUSIC CITY TEAM TOURNAMENT

Eighteen teams from thirteen states traveled to Joelton, Tennessee to compete in the twelfth annual Music City Team Tournament. The two-day tournament was held at the Jack Freeman Indoor Horseshoe Courts on November 8th and 9th. Total payback for the tournament was \$3,165.00 with each class paying three places.

Sue Snyder, Shannon Foster and Charles Helton were Class A winners with a total of 32 wins. Joan Elmore, Bobby Fields and Paula Hunsicker claimed second place in Class A with 27 wins. Third place went to Mandel Procter, Elbert Shifflett and Tom Decker with 22.5 wins. Sue Snyder won all fifteen of her games. Tamara Burke and Joan Elmore each had a high game percentage of 95%. Shannon Foster's 80.83% was the men's high tournament percent. Joan Elmore had the women's high tournament percent of 86.17%

Class B champions were Tom Westbrook, Clayton Bonham, Jr. and Larry Kemp with 29 wins. Coming in second was the Ohio team of Paul Burkitt, Bob Garber, Jr. and Levi Miller, Jr. with 28.5 wins. The Alabama team of Orville McElroy, Jim Harris and Jackie Gary claimed third place with 24 wins. Tom Westbrook lost one game and finished the tournament with an average of 73.50%.

Winners of the Class C title with a total of 28.5 wins were Bob Hassan, Harold Morgan and Barry Chapelle. Missourians Rich Altis, Mick Gillette and Roy Evans posted 26 wins to claim second place. Ohioans Ottie Reno, Josh Brooks and Karen Dudley with 25 wins captured third place. Rich



Class A: Charles Helton, Sue Snyder, Shannon Foster



Class B: Tom Westbrook, Clayton Bonham, Jr., Larry Kemp



Class C: Barry Chapelle, Harold Morgan, Bob Hassan

Altis had the highest tournament average in Class C with a 62.83%. The Kentucky team of Walter Mullins, Jim Culver and Monty Roberts did not place but paid their entry fee for 2004.

This event used official NatStats averages to place the pitchers in the three classes. Six teams each were placed in Class A, Class B and Class C. The total percentage of the three players on a team could not exceed 215% with no minimum. All games were 40-shoe cancellation. The entry fee was \$105.00 per team with \$25.00 of each team entry being earmarked for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation.

Paul Stewart set up the tournament using the HS Master Program and helping him post results were Burly (Gene Burlingame) and Mary Bastian.

Jack Freeman, Facility Director at the Courts, had these comments: "This was another great tournament for us and we enjoyed some of the great pitching we frequently see at the courts. Thanks to all of you who participated. Thanks to Paul Stewart for running the tournament and teaching us how to use the HS Master program.

The NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum was open and there were many visitors. Some came just to see what we had done so far. There were lots of positive comments and we will continue to work on displaying more of the memorabilia.

Since we do not have a full time caretaker who lives on the property, the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum will be open only when we are having a tournament."

HALL OF FAME

by Earl and Vicki Winston

We trust that each and everyone of you has had a nice holiday season and are looking forward to a new year filled with horseshoe pitching activities. Since we last wrote this column, we have experienced the loss of another Hall of Famer with the passing of Wisconsin's greatest pitcher ever, Casey Jones. Our condolences are extended to his family and friends.

The Hall of Fame Building was opened for a preview during the November tournaments in Joelton, TN. We've received some nice comments thanking us for our efforts in collecting the memorabilia to begin this project. Thank you very much for the nice words and we would like to thank Jack Freeman and Mary Bastian, who have been doing the hard work of getting the items and the building ready for public viewing. They should be commended for all that they have done and are continuing to do. It has been a tremendous undertaking.

Another reminder that nominations to be included in the 2004 NHPA Hall of Fame voting must reach us in printed form by March 31, 2004. You need send only one copy of the nomination, which must be typewritten and should include data, pertinent stats and the reasons you feel your candidate should be recognized on the national level, either as someone who has excelled at playing our sport or who has served it or promoted it on the national level to a high degree.

Now on with the quiz and once again we thank the authors of various publications for doing the research for us. None of the answers are repeats from a previous quiz.

HALL OF FAME QUIZ

1. Inducted as a charter member of the NHPA Hall of Fame, he was a publisher of "The Horseshoe World" for twenty years. He was also a NHPA Vice-President and served as NHPA Secretary/Treasurer for seven years.
2. A top-notch pitcher in his prime, he continues to remain on the horseshoe scene having been in charge of game related items for many years.
3. The mother of a former world champion, she is a 17-time state champion and has served on the NHPA Executive Council longer than any current member. She is in the know if you have a question about NHPA rules, by-laws or insurance.
4. He was never a world champion, but was runner up in 1927 and Indiana state champion several times. He put on horseshoe pitching exhibitions at the White House for President Truman and also for our troops at various locations throughout the world during World War II and the Korean War.
5. During the 1964 World Tournament, this pitcher set new records pitching 2,903 ringers out of 3,476 shoes and throwing 1,173 doubles in the process. Always a tough competitor, his highest world tournament finish was third place and he won 30 West Virginia state titles during his career.

6. A five-time world champion and 17-time state champion, four of her world titles came in consecutive years. She was a participant in both the longest 50-point game and the shortest 50-point game ever pitched in the Women's Championship Division.
7. In 22 world tournament Championship Division appearances, he has a 72.9% lifetime ringer average and won the Kansas state title 23 times.
8. This person was largely responsible for bringing the world tournament to Statesville, NC and also served as the director of the ever-popular Dogwood Festival Tournament.
9. In the last year an official world tournament game was played to 21 points, this world champ won 48 consecutive games before suffering his only loss and finishing with a 53-1 record. He also designed the Ohio pitching shoe.
10. Son of a one-time NHPA president, he served several years on the NHPA Executive Council, as well as taking turns at heading up both the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee and the NHPA Rules Committee. During his rules committee chairmanship, he did a complete rewrite of the NHPA rules.
11. A two-time world champion, she helped to organize the West Virginia charter and served as the secretary/treasurer from 1948 - 1963.
12. He spent over 50 years pitching horseshoes and organizing pitching events on the state and regional level in the New England area. He also played a key role in running the 1965, 1968 and 1972 world tournaments.

(Answers on page 29)

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THE HORSESHOE TRADER

They Made More Than Tractors

by Bob Dunn

In the agricultural world, John Deere and International Harvester are common names. To most folks, these names relate to manufacturing tractors and farm implements. Nevertheless, they made more than tractors; they made pitching style horseshoes too.

Both companies were involved with horseshoe pitching in the early 1920's. International Harvester is thought to have produced shoes only for promotional purposes. Due to the lack of documentation and any known ads etc., much is left to speculation. There has been extensive research done but without turning up any concrete information. There are national collector clubs of International Harvester memorabilia, and their leaders were totally unaware of horseshoe manufactured by I.H.

During the 1920's, horseshoe tournaments were commonplace at rural gatherings as countywide picnics. The Farm Bureau was a major host at these events and a great supporter of the sport of horseshoe pitching. No doubt, International Harvester produced regulation shoes for some of the contests to gain advertising. There have been just two finds of early-day International Harvester shoes. First, a lone shoe which is an early 1920's issue, rather round shaped, deep and heavy calks, but most importantly, a I.H. insignia. The shoe is for sure a regulation shoe, and has a number '2' on one point to prove it. The other find is a full set of 1930's hookless shoes that have the I.H. insignia and as a brand name - Harvester Club. Because more finds are not coming forward, it can be surmised that International Market never ventured into the retail market, but for sure did make some pitching horseshoes.

There is one other I.H. shoe to report that certainly is a promotional shoe. An International Harvester plant in Waukesha, WI produced a shoe as a farewell token to a retiring employee. The shoe is a modern-day hooked picnic model, probably patterned after the Pro-Shot shoes, also a Wisconsin based shoe. The shoe has a GOOD LUCK ED across the toe, the I.H. insignia on each point and under the toe calk, Waukesha Plant. There is no evidence of that plant producing any other shoes either for employee use or promotion purposes.

John Deere is another story however, or at least there is some story to tell about. There has been knowledge of a modern-day John Deere all along. In fact, St. Pierre has recently produced John Deere shoes out of the American mold. There has been one shoe found manufactured out of a John Deere plant and dated 1969. That shoe is a gem and bears the John Deere deer logo and all.

No older hookless shoes had ever been found, but the questions and suspicions were always present. A contact

to the John Deere History center in Moline, IL solved the issue in a very surprising fashion. There are many UMICO shoes in collection across the country. The shoes are so unique with heavy calks and they just look old. What we never suspected was that United Malleable Iron Company (maker of UMICO shoes) was a foundry owed by John Deere. The John Deere history archives produced a copy of an UMICO rules Brochure with a cover picture of shoes and dated 1922. The stakes were 8 inches high in those days. Also a photocopy also dated 1922 showing three distinct models of

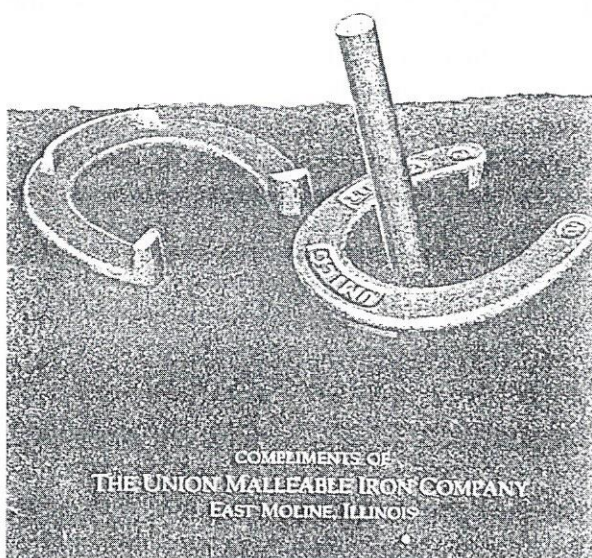
UMICO shoes. While they are rare, it is a known fact that UMICO, or should we say John Deere, made junior shoes that are the spitting image of the full sized models - just smaller at 1½ pounds.

From the archives also was a memo dated 1921. "The plant has been making malleable horseshoes during the past year and a very substantial volume has been developed. These shoes are being sold in all parts of the country and have been met with a very favorable reception. It is hoped that this feature will develop to the extent of making it profitable for the malleable factory."

Who knows today how successful it may have been? We do know there is evidence that the shoes existed. What is significant in the memo is that - John Deere, through one of its subsidiaries entered into the sport of horseshoe pitching at the very beginning, when National Standard and Ohio were in their own infancy and initial production.

No doubt, not as successfully as the tractor and implement business, but these two companies did make pitching shoes too.

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Trader Jottings

This is the final article for the *Horseshoe Trader* series. This series began in 1997 and the next issue of *NEWSLINE* would be the seven-year anniversary of series. With the first issue, no one would imagine the success that would occur. I also never imagined the enjoyment that would come from researching and writing about antique pitching shoes.

When the first roster of horseshoe collectors was drafted, there were 18 collectors. Today, there are over 70 and they are still signing up.

During the past seven years, many, many individuals have sent pictures, tracings or photocopies of their old treasures for identification. Many others brought their shoes to World Tournaments for examination. Those individuals all appreciated the help and information they received and all of us collectors enjoyed helping out. Out of that effort, several shoe donations have been generated for the NHPA Hall of Fame display and many more commitments for future donations.

This series has had a large and dedicated following. I appreciate that and feel gratified that so many NHPA members have expressed and joined into the

understanding that the old antique pitching shoes are artifacts of our history and each shoe is a footprint in our tradition.

I certainly will remain available to anyone who needs to inquiry about some old shoes. Keep my address handy: 6417 Georgia Ave No, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428, phone: 763-535-3884.

The fact that the *Horseshoe Trader* series is ending, doesn't mean that I have discontinued writing. Plans are being developed for a new series "*Horseshoe Pitching Facts, Fun and Folklore.*" The series will center around history tidbits, whether fact or folklore. If you have an old story that you want to share with the NHPA readership through *NEWSLINE*, write it down and mail it to me. The first article of the series will tell about where the term 'Barnyard Golf' originated and when. Other articles will talk about who claims credit for initiating the turn shoe. You might be surprised as more than one former pitcher has been documented as to be the first to pitch a turn shoe. Where did the term 'Four Dead' originate. There is more than one accounting for that little item too. Guess that's why the term 'Folklore' is in the title. If you have a version of this story, please share it, so we all can enjoy. As I said, keep my address handy.



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THE NATIONAL SANCTIONED LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

by Jack Freeman

The first National Sanctioned League Championship Tournament was played in Joelton, TN, the weekend of November 15 and 16. Eighteen teams from 13 states came to determine who has, "The best team in all the Sanctioned Leagues in the country."

Such a tournament has been requested for some time. This tournament is the brainchild of Homer Cain and Debbie Michaud, and others. Many feel it is about time. Of the 15,000 NHPA members, about 6,000 are league pitchers.

At this time, each Club, or League, can send only one team to participate. The individual pitcher percentages are taken from NATSTATS. These percentages are used to calculate a 90 percent handicap, and the games are played "Count All." There is no problem getting scorekeepers. Two teams occupy two courts. While two of the team members are pitching, the third team member keeps score. When these games are pitched, they move to the next team.

The teams were placed in groups of six and each team member played every other team member in the group. It is called a "match" when each member of a team has played all the members of the opposing team. After all three members of each team have played each member of the other team, the match is complete and they move to the next match.

Each player pitched fifteen games – nine games on Saturday, and six games on Sunday. The three team-members have a chance of winning a total of forty-five games. Each win gave the team one point. A tie game gave the team ½ point. The total points for each team is compiled and the team that has accumulated the most points wins the tournament.

Since you have established a "record", it is there for someone else to beat. All the teams don't have to be there for a playoff. In the event of a "tie", there are two "tie breakers."

In the first tiebreaker, one point will be given for most total points in a match for a possible total of ten (10) points per match. The second tiebreaker gives the win to the team with the highest point total over their entering average OR the closest to their entering average if there are no teams over their entering average.

The "Flips and Turns" team from TENNESSEE consisting of Joan Elmore, Walt Sexton and D. W. Story won this first time event with a total of 35 wins in 45 games played. The "Four Stakes" team from GEORGIA consisting of the Coile's – Jeff, Jimmy and Dave - took second place with 30 wins. The "Sandbar Sandbaggers" team from WISCONSIN consisting of Dave Forseth, Bernard Carley and Ken Frame, took third place with 27.5 wins. Another team from (Perry) GEORGIA consisting of Buddy Ayer, Dane Clark and Doyle Johnson took fourth place with 26.5 wins.

The tournament needs a little more "tweaking", but all in all, is a great tournament. If nothing else, it pits the 35-percenters against the 80-percenters and gives the lesser percentage pitcher a realistic chance of winning.

For example, the winning team this year had two players with NatStats averages under 50%. They won their games pitching against players with both higher and lower percentages than their own. They are part of a "National Championship Team."

There was some discussion regarding the fairness of a handicapped game. Several people that I talked with seemed to think this tournament favors the lesser percentage pitcher. Is the Count All and 90% Handicap fair to the higher percentage pitcher?

The answer to the question, "is this tournament fair to the higher percentage pitcher," is probably "Yes." It is "Yes" if the better percentage pitcher changes his mindset a little. In

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THE NATIONAL SANCTIONED LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

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order to win a scratch game, you have to pitch better than the opponent there beside you. When you pitch a 90% handicap game, you are pitching against yourself. You have to pitch a little above 90% of your average, every game, and stay "cool" in the process, if you expect to win.

After all, winning, a lot of times, is pitching well under pressure. The pitcher who handles the pressure best, frequently wins. This applies to the lesser percentage pitcher as well as the higher percentage pitcher.

As stated previously, this is a great tournament. We had 18 teams participate this year. We were hoping for 24 each, on

two separate weekends. If we have more than that next year, we can free up more weekends. We will make room for this tournament!

The NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum located at the Courts here in Joelton is now open. We had approximately 60 visitors over the weekend, and many went out of their way just to come by and visit and sign our Guest Book. We have received nothing but positive comments since the museum has been open.

While you are here, you might want to go into Nashville and visit many of the historic and fun spots. Come visit us!

NATSTATS *by Glenn Jamieson*

"Everybody" wants to know – "How come my average on the NHPA web page is not the same percentage as the way I figure it"? There are possibly several different answers. One is – you are figuring your average the wrong way, another is – you are figuring your average the wrong way and one big possibility is you are figuring your average with your latest tournament results which have not been submitted and entered into your Natstats file yet.

In checking the NHPA By-Laws (blue book) it states that your average "shall be based on the three highest NHPA sanctioned events pitched in the preceding 12 months or the last ten sanctioned events during the same period, whichever occurs first". An event is either a tournament or a sanctioned league. So if you pitch a lot of tournaments (events) during the season, you will count back ten events and take the three highest events and total the ringers divided by the total shoes for those three events to figure your average. If you do not pitch very often you will count back 12 months and find your three high events and figure your average. Say you pitched only seven events in the most recent 12 months. You would then be using the three high events out of those seven events that you pitched to figure your average.

A few pitchers are trying to figure their average by totaling ALL the tournaments they pitched in the last 12 months and dividing the ringers by shoes. WRONG!

A few pitchers are trying to figure their average by taking their three high events pitched during the last 12 months, even when they pitched maybe 15 or 20 events. WRONG! In this case you only go back ten events to find your three high events

Hopefully by the time you read this article we will have up and running a new feature on the NHPA web page (www.horseshoepitching.com). I had mentioned during the World Tournament in Eau Claire that when I got home I would be working with my computer programmer to come

up with a new feature to add to the NHPA web page. That feature will be for you the local pitcher, or anybody for that matter, to be able to log on to the NHPA web page and by going to the proper place you will be able to enter your NHPA card number or your last name and then be able to view your most recent 12 month pitching record. That is to say, the file will show each of your tournament results as to the Sanction #, the date, name of tournament, ringers, shoes, percentage, and at the bottom of the page your current Natstats average. This way you will be able to see what events have been submitted and entered into your Natstats file.

Currently we update the Natstats averages every Wednesday. I believe we will also be updating this new feature every week.

I receive other questions throughout the year also and do my best to answer them. For many of the questions, the answer is available on the NHPA web page. You can log on to the NHPA web site and click on NATSTATS to be able to look up anyone's average – by state. Also in the same place you can CLICK on REPORTED EVENTS to view a list of all the events that have been recorded in Natstats for each state so far for the current year. This is one way of seeing if the most recent event you pitched in has been submitted to Natstats yet. You can also check so see who the top 100 averages are for Men along with files for the Women, Elders and Juniors. If you are a pitcher with one of the higher percentages you can see how you stack up against other pitchers throughout the United States.

Also there is a feature you can click on – POST RESULTS – that you can view tournament results for those tournaments that have been posted. There is much information available on the NHPA web site – check it out. www.horseshoepitching.com

Have fun!

KEN MCVICKER MEMORIAL PRO-AM

by Andre Leclerc



This past June we went to Newton Falls, Ohio for a nice tournament that we have attended seven times. On Saturday June 21st, we were witness of what is thought to be the longest 40-point game ever pitched. It opposed eventual tournament winner Joan Elmore and Amy Francis.

The game lasted 140 shoes

and Joan had 128 ringers (91.4%) to Amy's 121 (86.4%). Despite this fine pitching, Amy scored but 21 points. They had 47 four-deads. Joan had a stretch of 55 ringers out of 56 shoes.

Tournament organizer Charles Stiles is shown here with Jeannine St. Clair who sang a thrilling national anthem. Jeannine is the daughter of one of the club members, Ron St Clair, and sings the national anthem at Jacobs Field,

Ken McVicker Memorial Pro-Am Newton Falls V.F.W. Horseshoe Club, Ohio Past Champions

Men's Division

1988	Ansil Copeland	OH	65.8
1989	Jim Knisley	OH	78.6
1990	Alan Francis	MO	79.4
1991	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	CA	81.3
1992	Mike Dimartino	NY	83.4
1993	Mike Dimartino	NY	68.4
1994	Rick Cale	WV	81.6
1995	Mike Dimartino	NY	72.8
1996	Art Tyson	NY	81.7
1997	Alan Francis	OH	83.3
1998	Alan Francis	OH	83.6
1999	Alan Francis	OH	81.8
2000	Jim Walters	OH	78.4
2001	Alan Francis	OH	86.2
2002	Alan Francis	OH	82.5
2003	Alan Francis	OH	88.0

Women's Division

1994	Lois Webster	KY	81.6
1995	Sue Snyder	KY	81.5
1996	Sylvianne Moisan	QUE	82.2
1997	Sylvianne Moisan,	QUE	80.0
1998	Sue Snyder	KY	80.6
1999	Amy Francis	OH	78.6
2000	Sylvianne Moisan	QUE	82.8
2001	Sue Snyder	KY	75.5
2002	Sylvianne Moisan	QUE	86.2
2003	Joan Elmore	TN	87.8

home of the Cleveland Indians. In the background of the picture you'll notice an impressive list of sponsors. Charlie Stiles is a tremendous volunteer and promoter for horseshoe pitching. He deserves of lot of credit for all he's done for horseshoes. To give you an idea, the small community of Newton Falls has more than 140 members in their horseshoe club, with more than 47 women pitching! Their annual tournament attracts more than 150 pitchers and Charlie annually invites many of the top pitchers to come and pitch. You'll find below, the list of past winners of the Ken McVicker Memorial Pro-Am, followed by some of the 2003 results. Both 2003 winners set new high ringer percentage record for this tournament.

2003 Ken McVicker Memorial Horseshoe Tournament, June 21, 2003

Men's A

1.	Alan Francis, OH	7-0	88.04
2.	Bob Jones, NY	5-2	70.00
3.	Mandell Proctor, MD	4-3	70.99
4.	Elbert Shifflett, MD	4-3	68.65
5.	Mark Seibold, IN	4-3	68.47
6.	John Mathys, PA	2-5	57.58

Women's A

1.	Joan Elmore, TN	7-0	87.83
2.	Amy Francis, OH	6-1	83.03
3.	Sylvianne Moisan, QUE	4-3	82.40
4.	Tamara Burke, WV	3-4	74.19
5.	Sue Snyder, KY	3-4	72.51
6.	Becky Kemper, KY	3-4	67.88
7.	Brenda Tawney, WV	2-5	67.25
8.	Bernie Blaney, OH, Pacer		

Mixed B

1.	Tony White, PA (Jr.)	6-1	60.00
2.	Bob Lautenschleger, OH	5-2	59.17
3.	Rich Knerem, OH	5-2	55.42

Mixed C

1.	Oscar Manns, OH	6-1	52.50
2.	Scott Perala, OH	6-1	53.93

Special Games (Women's Division):

Joan Elmore, TN	40	128/140	91.43
Amy Francis, OH	21	121/140	86.43
Joan Elmore, TN	40	88/100	88.00
Sylvianne Moisan, QUE	35	85/100	85.00
Amy Francis, OH	42	95/110	86.36
Sylvianne Moisan, QUE	38	93/110	84.55

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Ringers
Columns

Inning
Points

Class A Date 2/1

Game No. 5 Court 2

FRANCIS VS J. E. LMORE

Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
XX	—	—	2	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	4	XX	—	—
X	—	—	6	X	—	—
XO	3	17	8	X	—	—
XX	—	—	10	XX	—	—
X	—	—	12	XX	—	—
X	1	18	14	X	—	—
XX	—	—	16	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	18	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	20	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	22	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	24	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	26	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	28	XX	—	—
X	—	—	30	XO	3	—
XX	—	—	32	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	34	XX	—	—
XO	3	21	36	X	—	—
XX	—	—	38	XX	—	—
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SUMMARY

Points _____
 Ringers _____
 Doubles _____
 Shoes Pitched _____
 Percent Ringers _____
 Scorekeeper _____

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Ringers
Columns

Inning
Points

Class A Date 2/1

Game No. 5 Court 2

H. FRANCIS VS J. E. LMORE

Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
XX	—	—	2	XX	—	—
X	—	—	4	X	—	—
XO	3	3	6	XO	3	3
X	—	—	8	X	—	—
XX	—	—	10	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	12	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	14	XX	—	—
XO	3	6	16	X	—	—
XX	—	—	18	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	20	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	22	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	24	XX	—	—
XO	3	9	26	X	—	—
XX	—	—	28	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	30	XX	—	—
X	—	—	32	X	—	—
XX	—	—	34	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	36	XX	—	—
X	—	—	38	XO	3	6
XX	—	—	40	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	42	XX	—	—
			44	XO	3	12
XX	—	—	46	XX	—	—
X	—	—	48	X	—	—
XX	—	—	50	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	52	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	54	XX	—	—
X	—	—	56	X	—	—
X	—	—	58	X	—	—
XX	—	—	60	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	62	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	64	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	66	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	68	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	70	XX	—	—
XO	3	13	72	XX	—	—
			74	XX	—	—
			76	XX	—	—
			78	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	80	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	82	XX	—	—
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XX	—	—	86	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	88	XX	—	—
X	—	—	90	X	—	—
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XX	—	—	96	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	98	XX	—	—
XX	—	—	100	XX	—	—

SUMMARY

Points 140 Shoes _____
 Ringers 12.1 _____
 Doubles _____
 Shoes Pitched 140 _____
 Percent Ringers 86.42 _____
 Scorekeeper GATOR

THE TOLL OF TIME

Casey Jones Wisconsin

Casey Jones, Wisconsin's finest horseshoe pitcher passed away November 4, 2003. He was just short of 85 years. Casey was born November 10, 1918. He had been in poor health and confined to the Greenville Health and Rehabilitation Center of Plymouth, WI for the past 16 months suffering with Parkinson's disease.

He was listed as Charles Jones in his first world tournament in 1935 where he placed 6th, pitching 72.7%. While he was still a youngster he was popular at expositions. Once a bystander urged him on calling out, "Come on Casey." Whether the association was made to "Casey at Bat" or to the famous train engineer, the nick-name stuck. By special ruling, he was allowed to pitch that year of 1935 in the men's open class in the Wisconsin state tournament. It was the year of his first state title at the age of 17. He went on to earn 16 state titles in the next 26 years. It has yet to be proven and is doubtful that Jones actually entered the state competition every one of those years.

Glenn Portt, former NHPA president and respected author, calls Casey one of the greatest pitchers ever, but yet he never won a world title. Portt devoted two pages of the horseshoe pitchers magazine, "Newsline" to the exploits of "hard luck Casey". Yes, although a member of the big three, Ted Allen, Fernando Isais, and Casey; the best he could do was runner up four times. Casey actually said that his strongest competitor was Fernando Isais.

At the same time, Casey allowed that he could have easily won in 1946, 47, and 48. "It was a matter of just one game. But when the chips were down, Allen and Isais came through always pitching 85% against me." Casey set a record of 87.5% at the 1948 World Tournament.

Casey married Mary Katznski in 1943 while serving in U.S. Navy during World War II. They later made their home in Waukesha, WI. Mary was

an avid bowler and served the NHPA as secretary 1951-1955.

Casey said he had to make a living and despite being a world class pitcher, he quit horseshoes at 36 years of age although we have him winning the state in 1961 at age 43.

By that time, Casey Jones had made his mark on the bowling alleys. He owned his own lanes in Plymouth, WI after spending a few years at Random Lake. He rolled thirteen 300 games and a record number (14) of 800 series. He carried a 233 average for 81 games and bowled often on TV stations in Milwaukee and Green Bay.


Casey was no stranger to golf attaining a hole-in-one twice. Casey, was also a member of the American Bowling Congress.

He was preceded in death by his son, Charles Jr., and a daughter, Debbie Miller. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and two daughters, Nancy Eisentraut and Peggy Weber.

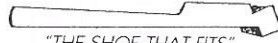
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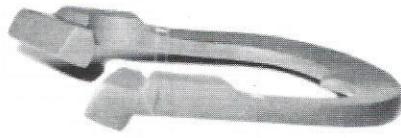
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HONESTY, DEDICATION AND HOMETOWN VALUES

by Jill M. Bratland

Isn't it bad enough that at 26 years of age, while still grappling with the terms 'responsibility' and 'adulthood', I am forced to tell new friends of my travels to places like Eau Claire, Syracuse, Bismark and Stone Mountain? Well, the real punch comes when I come to terms with the fact that my parents, Leo (Illinois HPA, Hall of Fame) and Deborah Bratland, did it right. Now, I cannot say that horseshoe pitching is the catalyst for the success in rearing two formerly 'bratty' children. But I'm realizing more and more the older I get, the more I cherish honesty, dedication and 'hometown values'. It is those words that come to mind when I think of the qualities instilled in me by my parents.

Now, you ask, what does any of this have to do with horseshoe pitching? Well, the answer is simple...my long-winded description is not so.

When I think of the kids I grew up with and what they are doing now, I am proud that I am not the only responsible adult who once attended Sunday school religiously, dressed up in homemade costumes for Halloween, made my own 'grassroots' t-shirts in high school during my 'independent phase' and fought with my baby brother. I think we (those other kids and myself) made out okay despite all that. But I do realize a big difference between them and I.

You see, I have moved away from home now and live in a 'horseshoe-court-less' community, beautiful nonetheless, along the southern coast of South Carolina. And, no matter where I travel, I am pulled by each community to look a little deeper...beyond the downtown shops and shopping malls or other attractions. I am pulled to see the inner-depths of how people engage and socialize. For my family, our engagements were horseshoe tournaments and league nights. Our socialization was with many people but not without a handful of honest and valuable horseshoe pitchers.

On a recent trip to another South Carolina town, I was pulled to a park far from the 'main drag'. I drove through the park, criticized the layout in my mind, archived the courts and outbuildings with my camera and left with the feeling of pride that what I'd seen was nice. It was then that I realized something about me was different. 'Kids' my age don't seek out horseshoe pits. And they certainly don't photograph them to send back to dad like a prized possession or 'bag of goodies'.

You see; my deduction is this. I've met a lot of great people through my parents' dedication to the sport of horseshoe pitching. I've seen a lot of great things while being dragged all over the state of Illinois and the USA for tournaments, including the World several times. And on the way and while there, I've met people who are honest, dedicated and possess the hometown values that are hard to find these days.

I sometimes think I've always been (and am just now mature enough to realize) truly and humbly proud of my parents, especially my dad, who has committed countless hours, conversations, energy, time, sweat, blood and money to the sport he loves; a sport, which he learned to play and love from his father, Vingner Bratland (North Dakota HPA, Hall of Fame). As I consider and digest the notion of the family members I love and myself aging, I realize that I am unable to do so until I respect their passions and thank them for the values they have instilled in me that shape my connections to other people and the community around me.

I would like to offer three 'tag-lines' created for my dad and all the other pit-lovers out there...

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With that I say thank you to 'dad and mom', Grandpa Bratland and all the others who work hard to promote this sport which embodies those three great qualities - honesty, dedication and hometown values. I hope that I can continue to enjoy the sport and keep it a part of my family in years to come.

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PHYLLIS NEGAARD

WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS by Rosie Leyk, TCHPA Club, Minnesota

Had a nice visit with Ronn Negaard the other evening. He had stopped to visit and brought "Flirt" (the dog) along to play. Ronn and his son, Randy, would like to express their gratitude for the prayers and support they received from the horseshoe pitchers during this difficult time. The caring calls, cards and e-mails he received from all over the USA and Canada were greatly appreciated. We talked about the coming year, and Ronn said he would still attend tournaments and be a part of horseshoe.

Phyllis will be truly missed at our Tri-County Horseshoe Courts. Through the summers, actually going back to 1977, she pitched in our leagues sometimes two nights a week. My pitching buddy Lu Cave and I also had the opportunity to pitch in her class in tournaments throughout the state. I actually had more in common with Phyllis than my own family members. Certain people enter your life and leave a lasting impression on you and Phyllis was that type of person.

I wanted to share with you copies of two of the condolence letters Ronn received from our pitching friends. The first is from our Canadian friend Terry Koivisto. He writes: "Hi Ron,,, received word bout Phyllis's passing onto the courts in the sky...you are in my thoughts and prayers, and offer you my deepest condolences...she just wasn't one of the best woman pitchers in the world, but one classy lady. She will be very much missed by Lori and myself, both on and off the courts for sure...the little time we spent with her will always be cherished and remembered, for she always treated us like good friends, and we always enjoyed both her and your company when we got together...which wasn't often,

but when it was, it was enjoyed...its not the quantity of time spent that makes it important when spending time with people, its the quality, right...now, she has gone back home to where there is no more pain or suffering, just the best of clay to pitch in, the best conditions to pitch in, and bet ya she'll be kickin' butt with all the others that have gone before her...please accept our deepest sympathies Ron, and may the Spirit of God's strength and guidance be with you and the family... sincerely, your Canuck friends, Lori & Terry."

The second letter is from Lorraine Thomas a former two-time world champion, and New York State Champion. She shared: "Only miles keep us apart today. Although our association was only on a once a year basis I feel her death as I imagine I would a sister if I had one. She was a friend and a competitor. She was a class act and a good sport in all endeavors. Her expressive roll of the eyes as she told you something only she could do. We had a lot of good times at horseshoe tournaments with Ronn and Phyllis and recently as we visited our son since he moved to St. Joseph. The talents of this lady on and off the courts amazed me. She and Ronn were a team and as I write this I realize I really know very little details of their personal lives except their honesty, their love of life, respect for each other and I treasure the good times we've shared together and I feel my life has been blessed by knowing her. I have lost a special friend."

When I had sent a message to my friend Jane Smith, she wrote back, " Phyllis will be pitching only perfect games from now on".

I, too, have lost a special friend. Phyllis Negaard, you will always be in our hearts and thoughts.



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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT *by Allen Baptist*

Unfortunately in the last couple of months I have only received two Regional Director Reports. I realize that this is a slow time of the year for horseshoes. I would like all of the Regional Directors to send me a recap of the 2003 horseshoe season with some of the highlights that have happened in your area.

From the Mail Bag

Wayne Bennett- Montana Regional Director reports that thanks to the efforts of A.J. Richards, the Great Falls Horseshoe Club has two indoor courts at the Montana Expo Park State Fair Grounds to accommodate Winter Tournaments. As a result, the Great Falls Club has added two tournaments to their 2003 schedule and six to their

2004 schedule. Montana will now have 41 sanctioned tournaments for the 2004 season.

Jack Stenberg – New York Regional Director reports that New York has had a very successful 2003. Jack writes that Bob Hayes was crowned the Men's State Champion. Traci Hastings the former NYS Girls Junior Champion won the Women's class ending Sue Twyman's 11 year reign. Glenn Addicott won the Elders title with John Perry winning his second Boy's title and Natanna Metoott winning her first Girl's title. Winter tournaments are scheduled at the Indoor Palace in Hamburg, the Tri County Horseshoe Club in Dryden and Olsen's Barn in Geneva.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

January/February 2004

Jan 31st – February 1st

Winter Magic Horseshoe Tournament. Dakota Magic Casino, Hankinson, ND. Exit 1, I-29 on the ND-SD Border. Entry Deadline Jan. 17th. Pitch Either Day or Both Days. \$25.00 per day for adults, \$3.00 per day for juniors. \$1,000+ added purse. Contact-Send to:

Kurt Whaley, 245 N. Meier St., Spearfish, SD 57783
(605) 717-3760, whaley@rushmore.net

February 8th – 15th

Valley of the Sun, Pioneer Park, Mesa, AZ. \$3,000 additional prize money added by Casino Arizona and Phoenix-Mesa Horseshoe Pitchers Club. Entry Fee: \$50.00, Deadline: January 17th. Limited to 192 pitchers. See advertisement in September/October 2003 issue for entry form and more details. Make checks payable to: PMHPC and mail to: Rick Durkit, 7303 E. Taylor Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85257. Call for pitching time starting January 22nd: (480) 946-5608

February 22nd – 25th

13th Annual Quartzsite Main Event Tournament, Quartzsite, Arizona. Entry fee: \$40.00 (score keeping fee included). Entry deadline: January 2nd. Additional \$2,500 donated by the Main Event. NHPA or Canadian Card required. Limited to 192 Pitchers. If possible, groups will be 12 man classes – pitch two days - 30' & 40' to be separated when possible. Send entry to: Gary Chalberg, P.O. Box 315, Meadview, AZ 86444. For more information or to call on January 12th for pitching time: (928)564-2278 or email: arizonatwo@webtv.net See www.horseshpitching.com under "Coming Events" for more details and entry form.

April 2004

3rd – 4th

Spring Magic Horseshoe Tournament. Dakota Magic Casino, Hankinson, ND. Exit 1, I-29 on the ND-SD Border. Entry Deadline March 20th. Pitch Either Day or Both Days. \$25.00 per day for adults, \$3.00 per day for juniors. \$1,000+ added purse. Contact-Send to:

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23rd – 25th

37th Annual Carolina Dogwood Festival Horseshoe Tournament, Jack H. Springer Horseshoe Courts at Lakewood Park, Statesville, North Carolina. \$7,500.00 in Cash Prizes & Trophies. Pre-Registration (Required) By March 1, 2004. Tournament is limited to first 240 Entries! Send \$25 Entry Fee To: Carolina Dogwood Horseshoe Tournament, Statesville Recreation & Parks Dept., P.O. Box 1111, Statesville, NC 28687-1111. Print an entry form, from the coming events at: www.horseshoepitching.com. Tournament Director: Paul Stewart, (704)528-0398 nhpapaul@bellsouth.net Statesville Recreation & Parks (704)878-3429

May 2004

1st & 2nd

Beloit Encore Tournament, Entry Fee: \$20.00 Entry Deadline: April 15th. 24 indoor courts at Telfer Park, 2101 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI. Send entries to: Earl Paulson, 7105 So. County Rd. H, Beloit, WI 53511 Phone: (608)879-2304

21st – 23rd

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2. Nathan Williams	11/3	63.23
3. Sam Boone	9/5	58.50
4. Paul Hopkins	9/5	54.79
5. Jonathan Williams	6/8	53.18
6. Jeff Williams	6/8	42.76
7. Dale Tex	3/11	44.66
8. Ray Looper	0/14	38.50

Men's Classes

A Dan Cervantes	10/1	47.95
B Del Stockstill	11/0	40.68
C Don Beasley	8.5/1.5	38.00
D Tony Marino	11/0	36.82
E Gil Tournour	10/3	30.00
F Efrem Bravo	9.5/1.5	33.86
G Dale Hughes	9/2	31.36
H Paul Anzelone	9.5/2.5	21.88
I Bill Virgen	11/1	24.17

Elder Men's 30' Championship

1. Tom Munoz	9/2	61.11
2. Dean Manges	8/3	63.17
3. Bill Milligan	8/3	62.37
4. Ed Engle	8/3	59.55
5. Chuck Kruse	8/3	58.93
6. Jim Gibbons	7/4	60.11
7. Bernard Merchen	6/5	62.27
8. Harvey Monk	4/7	49.13
9. Charles Russian	3/8	54.98
10. Pat Murtha	3/8	53.04
11. Walt Stafford	2/9	47.13

Elder Men's 30' Classes

A Marlin Walker	8/1	52.19
B Daniel Espino, Sr.	9/0	33.44
C Pete Kleary	10/1	31.82

Senior Men's Championship

1. John Sylvester	12/2	56.23
2. Andy Loobey	10/4	49.07
3. Don Kies	9/5	46.24
4. Dave Loucks	7/7	40.13
5. Dave Shelton	6/8	45.87
6. Bill Brown	5/9	43.97
7. Orville Lokken	4/10	41.06
8. Carl Newsom	3/11	40.64

Senior Men's Class

A Jim Mudra, Sr.	7/1	39.75
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Women's Championship

1. Diane Silva	9/1	74.17
2. Linda Hoelscher	7/3	62.00
3. Gail Sluys	6/4	56.74

4. Sharon Paddock	4/6	56.49
5. Teddy Guillotte	4/6	56.18
6. Lois Edwards	0/10	48.37

Women's Classes

A Foa Remillong	7/2	55.28
B Vicki George	10/0	39.75
C Carolyn Otis	8/2	23.75

Junior Boy's Championship

1. Keith Boone	11/0	46.20
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Junior Girl's Championship

1. Amy Horton	10/0	26.00
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Junior Boy's And Girl's Classes

A Vincent Lopez	9/1	29.75
B Adam Hatcher	9/0	18.13

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		%
1. Bob Hayea	6/1	69.03
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5. Alan Overbaugh	3/4	65.24
6. Jack Stenberg	3/4	60.29
7. Bill Franklin	3/4	56.61
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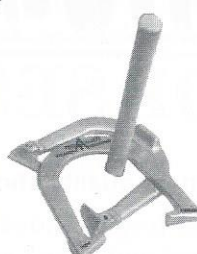
Men's Classes

A Bob Hayes	6/1	72.50
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J Curt Wheat	7/0	33.57
K Dave Kois	7/0	38.03
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M Pete Rogowski	6/2	34.67
N Albert Montroy	6/1	32.50
O Howard Salisbury	6/1	27.50
P Richard Reynolds	7/1	25.32
Q Walt Virkler	6/1	24.29
R Marty Lindner	7/1	26.64
S Jim Perry	6/1	23.21
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Elder's Championship

1. Glen Addicott	5/1	62.22
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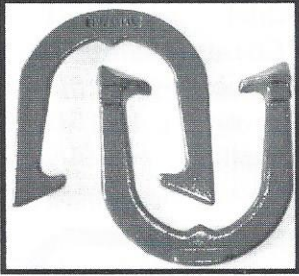
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B Wayne Riley	4/1	29.50	3. Travis Kessler	5/2	44.94
Women's Championship			4. Aaron Dorler	4/3	41.81
1. Traci Hastings	7/0	72.48	5. Joshua Bowerman	3/4	33.99
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4. Ellen Perry	4/3	49.69	8. Justin Huntsman	0/7	14.81
5. Sandy Bough	3/4	47.76	Junior's Classes		
6. Pat Turner	1/6	45.43	B Joshua Wright	5/1	22.50
7. Julie Bernard	1/6	42.36	C Natanna Metott *	8/0	19.58
8. Joan James	1/6	37.58	*Junior Girl's Champion		
Women's Classes					
A Sue Twyman	7/0	76.07			
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C Lisa Young	6/1	43.21			

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5. Roy Hunt	4/2	59.01
6. Gary Roberts	4/2	57.93
7. Bob Garber, Jr.	3/3	60.74
8. Don Brown	3/3	59.43
9. Jim Riley	1/5	55.13
10. Rex Uhrig	1/5	55.12
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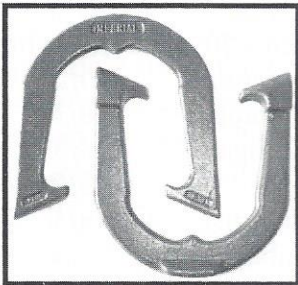
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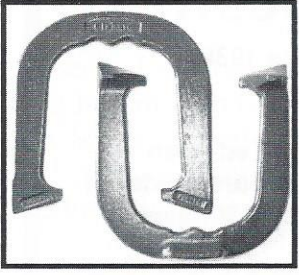


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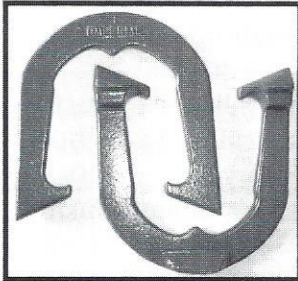
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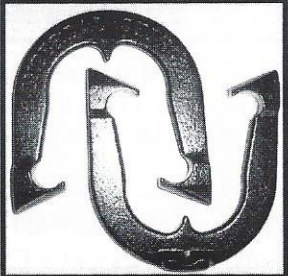
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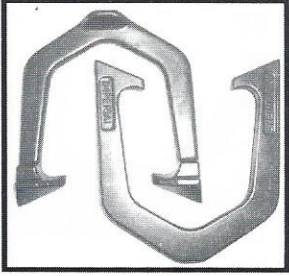
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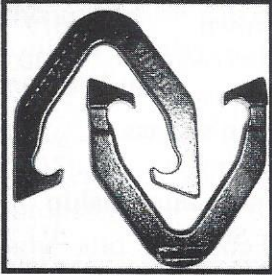
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INTERESTING STATS - VOLUME THREE by Bart Sargent

Here are some examples of interesting stats listed in Volume Three of my encyclopedia. This volume lists how some players pitched against each other. There are over 300 players

listed all in the championship classes. I have most of the scores of players' games from 1933 on except 1934, 1940, 1949, 1950 and 1966 (except for Curt Day). Listed in the first row

is how Curt did against four of his opponents during his lifetime in the championship class. Listed are the year, score, shoes pitched, ringers eliminated and ringer percentage.

Curt vs. Ted Allen

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1956	37-50	86	73.2
Playoff	19-51	114	80.7
1957	49-50	174	89.0
Finals	30-51	168	87.5
1958	49-50	98	79.5
1959	17-51	70	70.0
1960	50-46	120	81.6
1961	20-51	86	73.3
1962	42-50	118	80.5
1964	37-50	126	87.3
1965	40-50	132	84.1
1967	52-31	64	79.6
1969	51-19	64	89.0
1971	54-21	102	90.2

Win/Loss Record: 5-9
 Total Shoes Pitched: 1,522
 Average Shoes Pitched: 108.7

Curt vs. Paul Focht

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1959	40-51	94	71.2
1960	28-50	92	77.1
1961	41-51	108	80.6
1962	40-50	90	78.8
1965	36-50	124	81.5
1966	50-19	88	92.0
1967	50-19	84	73.8
1969	39-50	110	86.3
1971	50-46	118	83.1
1972	50-47	82	67.1
1974	52-19	60	83.3
1975	51-27	94	84.0

Win/Loss Record: 6-6
 Total Shoes Pitched: 1,144
 Average Shoes Pitched: 95

Curt vs. Ralph Maddox

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1960	41-50	100	75.0
1961	51-32	112	85.7
1962	51-30	64	79.6
1964	52-43	126	84.9
1965	50-19	102	90.2
1966	50-15	84	91.6
1967	50-47	88	75.0
1969	55-20	86	84.9
1971	50-26	92	83.7
1974	51-15	64	85.7
1975	51-31	110	80.0
1976	51-19	76	84.2

Win/Loss Record: 11-1
 Total Shoes Pitched: 1,104
 Average Shoes Pitched: 92

Curt vs. Harold Reno

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1957	51-45	98	78.5
Finals	51-30	88	86.2
1959	49-52	110	80.9
1960	19-50	96	77.0
1961	34-52	108	79.6
1962	51-47	122	79.5
1964	43-51	124	85.5
1965	48-51	180	88.1
1966	50-44	122	86.0
1967	51-32	110	79.1
1971	51-14	94	89.4
1972	55-10	48	89.5

Win/Loss Record: 7-5
 Total Shoes Pitched: 1,300
 Average Shoes Pitched: 108.3

Here are a few more interesting stats.

Dan Kuchcinski vs. Wilbur Kabel

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1966	?	?	?
1968	52-32	128	85.1
1969	50-26	110	89.0
1970	51-42	100	81.0
1972	51-28	84	78.6
1973	50-45	108	81.4
1974	52-47	88	71.6
1975	51-31	122	88.5
1979	51-27	106	86.7
1980	44-51	104	77.8

Ralph Maddox vs. Frank Stinson

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1963	51-14	62	90.2
1964	50-31	68	76.4
1965	49-52	114	78.9
1966	?	?	?
1967	49-50	90	73.3
1968	50-40	132	85.6
1969	37-52	94	78.7
2971	50-37	84	73.8
1974	24-52	98	78.6
1975	25-50	58	62.0

Ray Martin vs. Dan Kuchcinski

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1965	47-51	160	83.8
1966	? Played Twice		
1967	49-50	114	80.7
1968	50-47	94	77.6
1969	29-50	102	81.3
1971	52-38	100	85.0
1974	50-17	82	84.1
1975	33-52	72	66.7

Jerry Schneider vs. Harold Reno

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1957	17-52	68	69.1
1959	18-55	94	71.2
1963	30-51	88	75.0
1966	? Played Twice		
1966	49-51	158	83.5
1968	52-32	100	85.0

And even more

Player by Player Results

Dale Dixon vs. Ted Allen

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1940	?	?	?
1941	1-50	42	52.4
1946	32-50	82	69.5
1947	14-50	70	68.6
1948	9-50	50	60.0
1949	?	?	?
1950	?	?	?
1951	13-50	80	75.0
1952	10-50	72	98.0
1953	4-50	48	52.0
1955	13-52	62	66.1
1957	24-52	70	71.4
1958	12-52	74	75.0
Finals	20-51	94	71.2
1959	14-51	52	61.5
1960	44-50	108	79.6
1961	28-51	80	72.5
1962	28-52	96	79.1
1963	24-50	80	76.2
1964	38-52	82	73.1
1968	45-52	90	66.7
1970	16-51	50	52.0

Jim Knisley vs. Mark Seibold

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1971	54-18	90	90.0
1973	30-52	76	71.0
1974	51-3	48	95.8
1975	44-51	118	83.7
1976	25-51	64	71.9
1977	36-50	98	76.5
1978	52-48	90	75.5
1979	49-50	110	80.0
1980	19-50	74	72.9
1981	50-32	118	84.7
1982	25-42	62	75.8
1983	38-40	84	73.8
1984	41-36	64	62.5
1985	40-23	60	80.0
1986	32-40	90	80.0
1987	40-13	46	87.0
1988	40-22	66	84.8
Playoff	40-38	76	78.9
1989	29-42	64	62.6

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INTERESTING STATS - VOLUME THREE *continued from page 25*

1990	40-30	88	86.4
1992	40-14	34	76.5
1993	41-36	74	73.0

Don Titcomb vs. Ted Allen

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1947	16-50	74	68.9
1949	?	?	?
1950	?	?	?
1952	22-50	106	79.2
1953	30-50	122	81.1
1955	42-52	126	80.1
Playoff	24-50	86	76.7
1956	51-46	146	85.6
Playoff	15-52	60	70.0
Playoff	45-51	94	81.9
Playoff	52-40	118	85.5
Playoff	49-50	116	81.9
1957	39-51	100	78.0
Finals	36-51	140	83.5
Playoff	17-52	66	66.7
Playoff	49-51	168	84.5
1958	18-52	98	81.6
1959	48-53	100	81.0
1960	51-26	124	88.7
1963	51-48	98	77.5

Don Titcomb vs. Fernando Isais

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1947	10-50	70	72.8
1949	?	?	?
1950	?	?	?
1952	15-50	80	76.3
1953	45-50	110	80.0
1955	50-29	88	82.9
Playoff	15-51	86	72.1
1956	35-51	100	70.0
Playoff	52-27	106	89.6
1957	50-47	112	80.3
1958	28-50	100	81.0
1963	42-50	126	79.3

Casey Jones vs. Fernando Isais

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1940	46-50	?	?
1941	41-50	112	81.2
1947	30-50	118	79.6
1948	49-50	136	85.2
1949	Casey Lost	?	?
1950	46-50	?	?
1951	27-50	100	81.0
1952	41-50	132	84.8
1953	50-48	132	84.6
1954	37-51	116	79.3

Charlie Killgore vs. Merlin Potts

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1973	50-38	80	73.8
1976	28-50	78	71.8
1977	52-46	118	80.5
1979	50-45	94	70.2
1982	21-44	56	60.7
1983	15-41	56	66.1
1985	36-42	68	67.6
1986	38-40	68	60.3
1988	41-27	62	75.8

Jesse Gonzales vs. Wilbur Kabel

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1970	19-52	82	75.6
1972	50-44	108	82.4
1973	50-47	106	79.2
1975	50-48	106	75.5
1977	51-49	138	80.4
1979	33-51	88	80.6
1980	55-33	64	70.3

Kevin Cone vs. Walter Ray Williams, Jr.

Year	Score	Shoes	%
1983	21-41	76	67.1
1984	40-35	92	81.5
1985	15-42	78	78.2

1986	45-34	68	73.5
1987	31-42	78	74.4
1988	7-43	44	63.6
1989	34-42	70	72.9
1990	23-41	80	78.8
1991	22-41	74	78.4
1992	40-35	102	84.3
1993	40-34	58	65.5
1994	5-19	40	77.5
Finals	37-41	102	79.4
1995	41-25	66	80.3
1996	32-41	66	66.7

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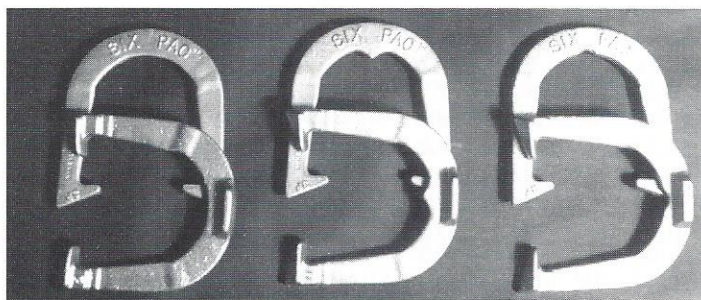
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3.	Sandbar Sandbaggers, WI. Dave Forseth, Bernard Carley, Ken Frame	27.5	17.5
4.	Perry, GA. Buddy Ayer, Dane Clark, Doyle Johnson	26.5	18.5
5.	AVF Berwyn, IL. Richard Andrysiak, Dalton Sommons, Luke Thompson	25.5	19.5
6.	Independence, MO. Pam Henderson, Ron Hughes, Terry Kampe	25	20
7.	New Melle, MO. Roy Evens, Richard Altis, Mick Gillette	24.5	20.5
8.	Loon Pond, MA. Deborah Michaud, Ralph Demoranville, Ken Vallie	24	21
9.	Whetstone, OH. Dave Rose, Jim Cooper, Roy Lyons, Dave Tabler	22.5	22.5
10.	Combined Locks, WI. Bill Matey, Elaine Troullier, Cliff Troullier	22	23
11.	Independence, MO. #2 Team Al Gwinn, Neal Straughn, Frank MacArthur	21.5	23.5
12.	Liberty, MO. Greg Craven, Andra Craven, Elizabeth Furner	21	24
12.	New Castle, IN. Ron Womack, Ralpy Guffey, Eugene Powell	21	24
14.	Yukon, OK. Georgia Burke, Kathy Sullivan, Leonard Burke	20	25
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87 YEARS OF PITCHING

by Bob Wilke

Horseshoe pitching was my father's favorite pastime, so that's how I got started playing the game way back in 1914 when I was just a five-year-old kid. Yes, I still have those little pony shoes, as well as all the other kinds of regulation shoes that I have thrown during the years that I have been playing this game. I also have many fond memories of pitching not only with the poorest, but also some of the world's best.

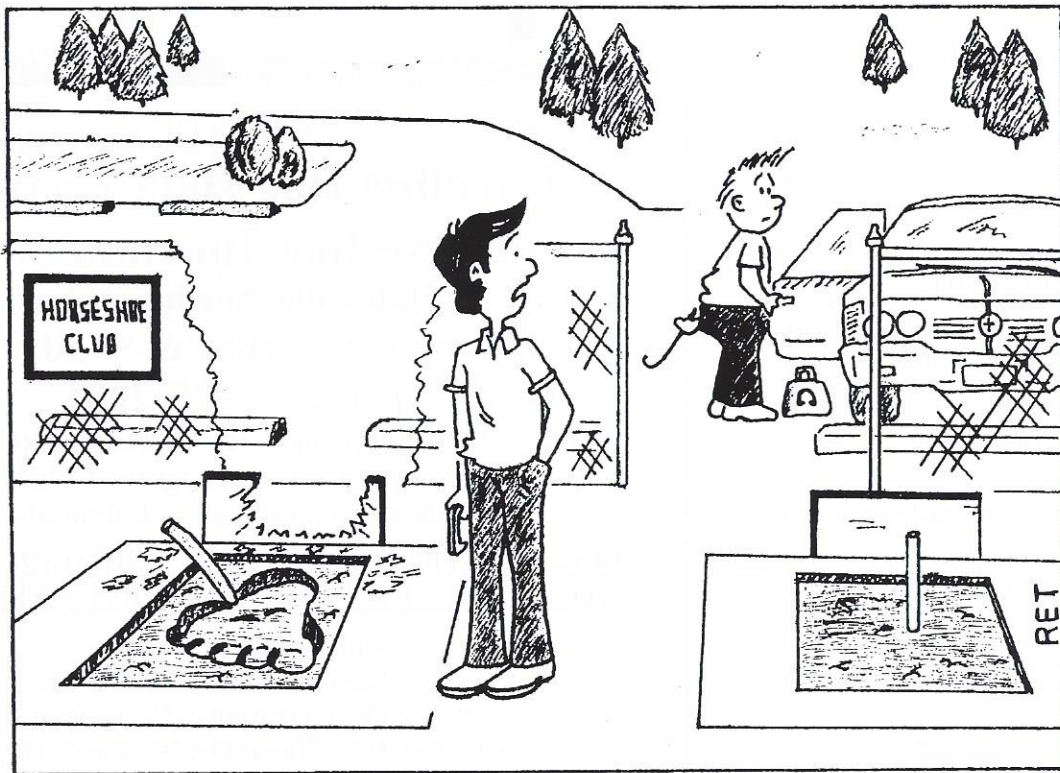
It was at the age of ninety, that I competed in state tournament play for my last game and I can say that I didn't wind up in the cellar, although I was dangerously close.

Today? – Oh, I can still get around and without any kind of aid, but no more horseshoe pitching for me. But I still like to talk about it. For instance, it was the month of February

1974 that the then World's Horseshoe Pitching Champ was touring the country, pitching exhibition games with whoever might challenge him. When he was at Park Plaza, Oskosh, I challenged him and won. We pitched twenty-shoe games. He missed three times; I missed twice. Lady luck was on my side, no question.

Back in the year 1932 I pitched in my first State Tournament, fifty-point ringer cancellation games. As I recall it took about eight hours. To me, at that time, I thought it was more like an endurance contest, rather than a game of skill. Yup, those were the good old days. It's just great to have been a horseshoe pitcher.

Note: This story was submitted by Bob Wilke, rural Redgranite. Bob, in his 90's, loves to write stories about yesteryear.



"HEY ED, I'VE CHANGED MY MIND. I'VE DECIDED I DON'T WANNA PITCH HORSESHOES AFTER ALL"

DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT by Bart Sargent

The following is an example of a double elimination tournament for eight players. This may be useful for those who might want to try it.

Game #1: Player #1 vs. Player #8
Winner goes to Game #7
Loser goes to Game #5

Game #2: Player #4 vs. Player #5
Winner goes to Game #7
Loser goes to Game #5

Game #3: Player #2 vs. Player #7
Winner goes to Game #8
Loser goes to Game #6

Game #4: Player #3 vs. Player #6
Winner goes to Game #8
Loser goes to Game #6

END OF FIRST ROUND

Game #5: Loser of Game #1 vs. Loser of Game #2
Winner goes to Game #9
Loser Eliminated

Game #6: Loser of Game #3 vs. Loser of Game #4
Winner goes to Game #10
Loser Eliminated

Game #7: Winner of Game #1 vs. Winner of Game #2
Winner goes to Game #11
Loser goes to Game #10

Game #8: Winner of Game #3 vs. Winner of Game #4
Winner goes to Game #11
Loser goes to Game #9

END OF SECOND ROUND

Hall Of Fame Quiz Answers

1. Ray Howard
2. Ed Domey
3. Bonnie Seibold
4. Jimmy Risk
5. Ralph Maddox
6. Ruth Hangen
7. Merlin Potts
8. Jack Springer
9. Fred Brust
10. Barry Chapelle
11. Anna Lindquist
12. Ralph Forsstrom

Game #9: Winner of Game #5 vs. Loser of Game #8
Winner goes to Game #12
Loser Eliminated

Game #10: Winner of Game #6 vs. Loser of Game #7
Winner goes to Game #12
Loser Eliminated

Game #11: Winner of Game #7 vs. Winner of Game #8
Winner goes to the Finals (Game #14)
Loser goes to Game #13

Game #12: Winner of Game #9 vs. Winner of Game #10
Winner goes to Game #13
Loser Eliminated or Enters Consolidation

END OF THIRD ROUND

Game #13: Winner of Game #12 vs. Loser of Game #11
Winner goes to the Finals (Game #14)
Loser Eliminated or Enters Consolidation

Game #14 (Finals):
Winner of Game #11 vs. Winner of Game #13
Winner is Champion
Loser is Second Place Finisher

CONSOLATION IF DESIRED:

Loser of Game #12 vs. Loser of Game #13



Sam Tomasevic from British Columbia, Canada sent in this photo of an unusual ringer pitched at the Winfield Horseshoe Club on September 13th.

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