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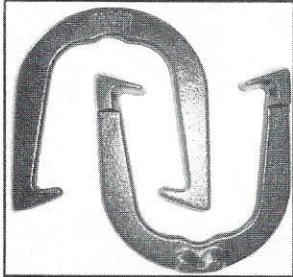


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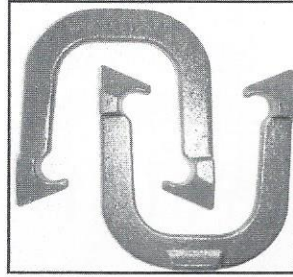
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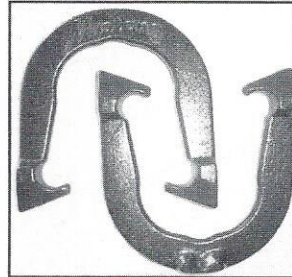
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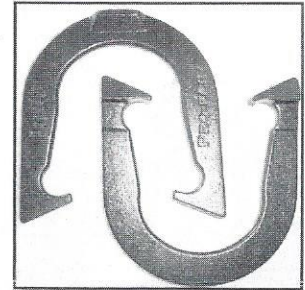
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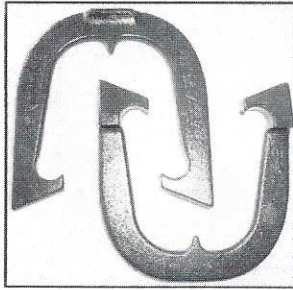
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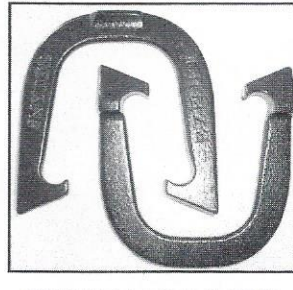
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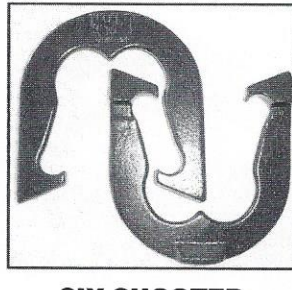
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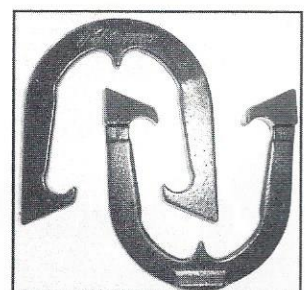
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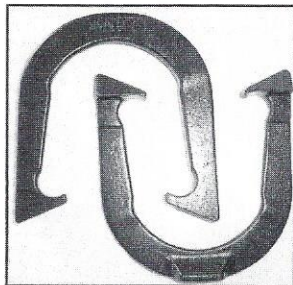
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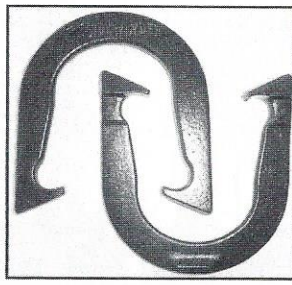
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Paul Stewart

The people in Pocatello, Idaho are excited about hosting the 2004 World Tournament and the closer the tournament gets, the more excited they seem to get. Pocatello, Holt Arena, Bobby Faulkner, the Tournament Committee and local horseshoe clubs are getting ready for what could be one of our biggest and best World Tournaments. The NHPA trailer arrived a few days ago and is now sitting in front of one of their major sponsor's business with a 30-foot banner advertising the 2004 World Tournament. The day the NHPA trailer arrived the local horseshoe club held a press conference. After all of the reporters and cameras arrived, they opened the trailer and unloaded a couple of the portable courts and score boards and explained what everything was and how all of these strange looking things will work once the tournament is under way. Bobby Faulkner, the tournament committee and local horseshoe clubs have come up with some clever ideas for a fund raiser and also getting spectators into Holt Arena to watch some of the action. They have been selling advanced spectator tickets for the entire tournament. What a great way to raise funds and also insure that we will have local people attending the tournament. Bobby says they have sold over \$3,000 worth of tickets as of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Pocatello Tournament Committee has invited some big name dignitaries for this World Tournament. They are expecting the Pocatello Mayor, the Idaho Governor and an Idaho Senator. They have also invited President Bush. No guarantee yet that President Bush will be attending. For security reasons the White House won't confirm the President's travel plans until a closer date to the visit. This certainly would be a huge exposure for horseshoes, the NHPA and the World Tournament if President Bush does attend the tournament.

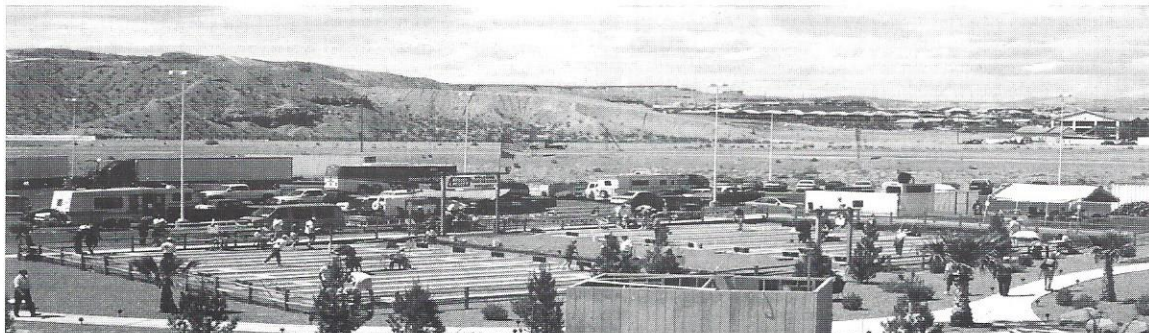
World Tournament entries are arriving daily to Secretary Dick Hansen's mailbox. More entries usually arrive the last two weeks before the deadline than in the previous three months. We have some good reports from some of the major motels and campgrounds in Pocatello, stating that reservations for the two weeks of the tournament are booking up fast. We are hoping fuel prices and airfare rates don't affect the entries very much. I will bet that prices

are cheaper this year than they will be for future World Tournaments. Travel doesn't get cheaper over the years, so throw some clothes in the old suitcase and head on out to Pocatello, Idaho for some horseshoe fun and fellowship. See you all in Pocatello at the 2004 World Tournament.

Junior Promotion Director, Heidi Poppe, informed me in early January that she had received a promotion in her job and that her new position will require a lot more of her time and attention. Heidi asked if the Council would try to find another Junior Promotion Director. At our winter meeting, the council all agreed that Jackie Hughes from Minnesota would be our first choice. Jackie has been Junior Promotion Director for Minnesota for several years and has done a great job. After returning home from our meeting, I contacted Jackie and she has accepted the position of NHPA Junior Promotion Director. I am sure she will do as great a job for the NHPA as she has done for Minnesota. We welcome Jackie to this position as one of our NHPA Committee Directors. We would like to thank the Minnesota Charter for allowing us to steal Jackie from her position in the Minnesota Charter.

The NHPA would like to say thanks to Heidi Poppe for her years of service to the NHPA in the position of Junior Promotion Director. She has done a great job and will be missed by us all. We wish Heidi the very best in her endeavors and look forward to seeing her and Rick at many more World Tournaments.

How many of you recall the fun and good times we used to have at the annual Las Vegas tournaments? Well this ain't exactly Vegas, but there are casinos and horseshoe courts. Word has it that the Mesquite Star, which put in beautiful horseshoe courts, is now called the Oasis. It's under new management and they want to utilize the horseshoe courts again. They have contacted surrounding states' Regional Directors for input. Of course the "Don" of horseshoes, the incomparable Mr. Weaver, will be working closely with the Oasis. I envision a comeback for a great winter tournament in Mesquite, Nevada. Keep your eyes and ears open for further information.



# SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUEREPORT by Lorraine Sternberg

By the time this issue comes out, most leagues should be started. So has your club sent in their membership report?

What I would really like to focus on this season is the Junior Scholarship Award given out for junior pitchers that pitch on a sanctioned league. Last year we had less than ten juniors submit for this award. We have way more juniors than that who participate on leagues, so I am going to review who is eligible and who is not.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any junior who is a member in good standing, observes a 27-foot foul line, and participates in an NHPA Sanctioned Junior League, an NHPA Sanctioned club, or Sanctioned Adult League, and who holds a current, NHPA Junior Membership card.

## WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

Juniors not observing at least a 27-foot foul line or are members of a non-NHPA sanctioned club/league are not eligible for any honor or scholastic pitcher award.

## CLASS & AGE REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible, a junior must be in grades 7<sup>th</sup> through and including 12<sup>th</sup>, a Middle School, Junior High School, or Senior High School pupil.

A junior must also be a minimum of 12 years of age and no older than 18 years of age. Anyone, especially 18 year olds, who forfeit their 'Junior' status, knowingly and willingly, at the State or National level, also forfeits their eligibility in this program.

## PITCHING REQUIREMENTS:

The normal pitching schedule and format as used by the participating clubs/leagues, with the juniors being required to meet all league and playing rules as set by their administrators and the NHPA.

All junior members shall be required to pitch in a minimum of two-thirds of all scheduled matches. A club or league may raise this eligibility standard, but may not make it lower than that set by the NHPA.

## SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENTS:

To be considered eligible the pitcher must maintain a scholastic grade point average of 3.00 or above on a scale of 4.00, 85.00% or above on a scale of 100%, or average equal to a B or above on any other scale used by their school. This GPA must be for the entire school term, not just 1,2,or 3 quarters or semesters. A club/league may

have authority to raise this minimum GPA, but shall not make it lower than that set by the NHPA.

## WHAT ARE THE AWARDS EARNED?

Honor/Scholar Society – An NHPA Certificate of Verification and an NHPA Scholar Patch, for each junior making this Honor listing.

NHPA Scholar/Trust Fund Pitcher – There will be no requirements to give an equal awarded dollar amount to both boys and girls. The NHPA Council has the option of awarding Junior Scholar Pitcher Trust Fund awards, as it sees fit. The NHPA Council will make a determination as to how these awards shall be divided.

The Scholarship form must be submitted by November 15<sup>th</sup> of the year in which the school term was completed. These forms must be verified by both the club/league director in charge and the school of attendance. A copy of each student's total year report card and birth certificate must accompany this form when it is submitted.

After reading this if you feel that your child is eligible for this award, have your league director contact me for the form so that he or she can submit for the Scholarship Award. Remember the deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any other questions about the scholarship program please give me a call or e-mail me. I look forward to having lots more juniors apply for this award.

I have a correction from the last issue with a junior's name for receiving scholarships. It should have been James Paulson, not Mary Ann Paulson. My apology to James.

## Support the NHPF

The only horseshoe pitching related charity needs your tax-deductible donations to support many programs of the sport including the Hall of Fame and Grants to install new or upgrade existing courts.

Deadlines for Grant Applications  
March 1 & Sept. 1

Mail inquiries & contributions to:  
NHPF, P.O. Box 1628  
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# NHPFNEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS by Dave Loucks

The NHPF Directors approved funding four grants for court installation or improvement. Checks for \$1,000 were sent to the North Mankato Horseshoe Club in Minnesota, the Mile High Horseshoe Club in Prescott, Arizona, the Mylan Park Horseshoe Club in Morgantown, West Virginia and the Jefferson City Parks & Recreation, Jefferson City, Missouri. This makes a total of ten grants the NHPF has issued in the past twelve months. The next deadline for review of grant applications is September 1<sup>st</sup>. If your club is willing to hold fund-raisers for the Foundation and could use a grant to build or improve courts on public property, consider submitting an application by one of the two yearly deadlines of March 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. Up to eight grants per year may be issued. Application forms can be downloaded from the NHPA website or obtained by email or letter request to the NHPF.

There are now 93 individuals, charters or clubs that have met or exceeded a contribution level of \$500 to the NHPF. Those reaching this level are considered major benefactors to the Foundation and are honored by having a personal engraved plate on one of the plaques to be displayed in the Hall of Fame. Two plaques, each holding 40 nameplates, are currently in Joelton. A third plaque is on order. The most recent ten major benefactors for who name plates are being engraved are; Milton Gillette, MO, Jim & Phyllis Quist, WA, Roy Hamilton, SC, the New Jersey HPA, Earl & Nancy Simler, IL, Western MO & Eastern KS Pitchers, Donald Boyer, IL, Eastern Pennsylvania HPA, the Kenosha Horseshoe Club, WI and Vern Gosney & Ben Yost, Vallejo Horseshoe Club, CA.

Activity at the Joelton site remains at a standstill. There have been several exchanges with the attorney who is handling the estate of Jack Freeman. Some things we did not anticipate remain unresolved. Jack apparently advised his attorney and CPA shortly before his death that he wanted to hang on to the indoor courts a few more years before turning them over to the NHPF. This and other estate factors have caused the attorney to say that the indoor courts will not be

donated but must be sold. We have been advised that an appraisal of the property has been ordered.

The Foundation received and banked nearly \$17,000 since our last report. The bulk of this came from the NHPA as it sent the annual contribution of one dollar per member. We also received three gifts of \$500 each plus over \$1,600 in court use fees collected from Joelton tournament entries last year. A personal letter acknowledged all gifts of \$25 or more. All these donations are very much appreciated, as the NHPF needs your support to continue its work. If you haven't yet sent a contribution, take the time to do it now. There is no better way to show your support for the sport of Horseshoe Pitching and it takes only a minute or two to write that check.

In the last two months, contributions from the following were received.

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Ward Lutz, MN

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Vern Gosney & Ben Yost, CA  
Donald Boyer, IL  
Kenosha Horseshoe Club, WI

\* In Memory of Ralph Vargas,  
Eddie Garcia & Marilyn Clark

\*\* In Memory of Jack Freeman

NHPA MMA Interest received, \$361  
NHPA annual \$1.00 per member, \$12,623

Joelton Courts fees received, \$1,620

Total contributions deposited  
this reporting period, \$16,858

## How your state ranks in number and dollars contributed

	Contributors	Donations	\$
1. TN	29	57	\$20,377
2. CA	85	169	\$17,969
3. MN	39	174	\$9,842
4. NC	26	99	\$9,800
5. OR	20	58	\$8,285
6. MO	46	87	\$8,041
7. MI	43	93	\$7,159
8. GA	15	20	\$6,770
9. WI	29	85	\$6,612
10. CO	23	54	\$5,797
11. MA	10	12	\$4,695
12. FL	40	59	\$4,688
13. PA	27	46	\$3,934
14. WA	26	47	\$3,736
15. IL	36	63	\$3,685
16. TX	22	32	\$3,585
17. OH	53	76	\$3,571
18. KS	16	30	\$3,351
19. NJ	20	33	\$2,959
20. IA	18	30	\$2,651
21. KY	16	32	\$2,560
22. NE	13	23	\$2,468
23. NY	29	33	\$1,830
24. IN	18	22	\$1,703
25. LA	8	13	\$1,452
26. SC	9	18	\$1,170
27. VA	12	14	\$1,128
28. ND	5	9	\$1,120
29. MD	19	27	\$1,040
30. NV	9	11	\$1,030
31. CT	13	20	\$967
32. AL	4	5	\$570
33. MT	4	7	\$520
34. ID	5	12	\$520
35. SD	10	14	\$484
36. AZ	8	10	\$464
37. OK	9	12	\$458
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

# CHARTER CHATTER *by Debby Michaud*

Want your charter news to appear in this column? Send your charter newsletter to me at 379 Hodges Street, Taunton, MA 02780-2057 or email me at loonpnd@comcast.net with your charter news.

Winter is trying to hang on as I write this; but the crocuses, though one month late, are saying otherwise. They have pushed up through the snow and are now hailing the midday sun as if to say "Let them pitch!"

There is not much "new" news except for the warm states and the states with indoor courts – they are the lucky ones. We in the North are at the point where we cannot wait to get out on the courts—we may pitch indoors but being able to just walk out to a court and pitch is something we haven't done – this has been an unusually cold winter for us. But enough whining!

## ALABAMA

There will be 25 sanctioned tournaments from the beginning of April through the end of September in Alabama. In addition, their newsletter encourages them to travel to other states to pitch and to try out the World Tournament. They will have many good choices for this summer.

## COLORADO

In Colorado they do have some indoor courts and Bob Champion writes an excellent newsletter to keep everyone well informed. In addition to that, they have the PPHA. What is that, you ask? That is the Pintor Park Horseshoe Academy. Rich Pintor, current Colorado Men's champion, along with his wife Jessie, own this one-acre plot of land. There are two horseshoe courts in a park atmosphere next to a river and a picnic area. Here is where some top horseshoe pitchers gather to hone their skills in preparation for big competitions. The last two weeks of July (before the World Tournament) and the last two weeks of August (before the State tournament) are the busiest and are the times when these good friends and competitors gather to pitch and enjoy each other's company during barbecues, afternoon swims and singing around a campfire. They can even earn a Masters degree (More Accurate Shoes Thrown Equals Ringers) or, better yet, a PhD. (Pitching Horseshoes Diploma). Too bad enrollment is limited!

## FLORIDA

Speaking of websites, Florida has ten horseshoe clubs with their own websites. Since they are just winding down from their busy season, there are photos and results to keep you reading for a nice stretch of time.

## MICHIGAN

Two amazing men in Michigan have pitched in 45 tournaments each! Dan Markley and Marvin Falk are the endurance champions. Dan has pitched 13,010 'shoes in competition while Marv has the most wins in the state – 136! Just think, if they

### NHPA Income And Expenditures February and March 2004

#### Receipts

Newslite Subscriptions	\$5,615.00
Membership Dues	\$33,916.00
Charter Dues	\$10.00
Firststar Bank Interest / Money Mkt	\$339.01
Firststar Bank Interest / Checking	\$18.22
2006 World Tournament Bid ( Des Moines, IA. )	\$5,000.00
2006 World Tournament Bid ( Louisville, KY )	\$5,000.00
Donations	\$100.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$1,800.00
Logo Use Fee	\$400.00
Newslite Ads	\$2,369.00
Sanction Club/league Patches	\$10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,577.23</b>

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Newslite Publication, Editing, & Miscellaneous	\$876.00
Sanction League Patches & Awards	\$423.03
W. T. Admin. Costs, Printing, Office Supplies, Etc.	\$239.02
Regional Director Allowance	\$4,674.20
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$388.28
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repair	\$1,758.10
Printing, Paper & Office Supplies	\$811.95
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Officers Telephone	\$500.19
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Presidents Allowance	\$912.00
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Refunds	\$10.00
Natstats	\$912.00
Internet Expenses	\$414.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,782.48</b>

From The Books Of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

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## **CHARTER CHATTER** *continued from page 7*

pitched one tournament a week, they would have only had seven weeks off. That is terrific!

They also have some new indoor courts in Clyde Township near Port Huron. Since Michigan is one of our colder states, these must be a welcome antidote for the winter doldrums. In addition to the four courts, there are two table shuffleboard courts and an area for a dartboard.

### **MISSOURI**

Just two comments this month from this very active state – Y.E.A.H. means Youth Excited About Horseshoes. Whatever they do and whatever they call it – it works! They have a large number of junior pitchers. AND What is this game called “Ladders” that was played at the practice courts in Eau Claire? Just curious! We are always interested in new twists on our favorite sport.

### **NEW ENGLAND**

In New England, Gale Greene won his first New England Championship after many close calls. Gale, newly retired, is from Vermont and is one of the most liked horseshoe pitchers in New England. He has been traveling to Connecticut every two weeks this winter to pitch in their indoor tournaments and has had some great success. Leonard Johnson, also from Vermont, captured his first ever Elder Championship while another Vermonter, Nick Preston, continued the Vermont dominance by winning the Junior Boys' Championship. Maine women won two other championships when Carol Simpson won her fifth title in the Ladies division and Renee Leach won her first title in the Junior Girls division. The other four states will just have to wait until the 2004 Labor Day weekend for any chance at these titles. Other awards were inductions into the New England Hall of Fame for two very surprised honorees, Don Maine of Connecticut and Debbie Brown of Vermont. Don has been the New England president for several years and spends all of his free time on horseshoe related activity. It would be hard to find someone who does more for horseshoes. And Debbie, in addition to being a top pitcher, runs tournaments and does much in the state of Vermont. The Most Improved Award in New England went to Joanne Martin of Massachusetts and the Don Harrison Award was presented to Debby Michaud. As Debby is the chairman of the Don Harrison Award, that was a REAL surprise!

### **NORTH DAKOTA**

Just checked their website. - North Dakota's website is up to date and easy to follow. There are many good websites in the country – just check out one or two every time you get a chance. Liked the whole schedule I saw for the Bismarck club – looking at photos of the covered courts

reminded me of the fine World Tournament they hosted.

### **VIRGINIA**

As the Virginia schedule begins in April and runs through September, it is hoped that no one named “Hurricane Isabel” will pay a visit. The 2003 season in many states was notable for the amount of rain received and Virginia was no exception.

On a brighter note, the Hanover Parks & Recreation Department wants to build four new horseshoe courts at Pole Green Park near Mechanicsville. This is a testament to a good relationship that can be forged between the Horseshoe Associations and the Park Departments in towns.

### **WASHINGTON**

Washington always has news. They have recently bought a trailer to house their Hall of Fame. They are already starting to renovate it to get it ready for its duties. We will keep you updated on how it works for them.

Washington also has a Junior fund to help Junior pitchers attend the World Tournament. This year the goal is to raise \$3,200 – they have raised \$1,230 so they have \$1,970 left to raise. We wish them luck.

**LAST COLUMN'S QUESTION** was about different types of hooks used to pick up horseshoes. Along with the NHPA horseshoe pick-up tools are the long screwdrivers whose ends are bent and the old golf clubs that are cut and bent to fit. But there were two contributions to the list that I had never heard of. Clint Bryson of South Dakota and Bob Grattan of Massachusetts both sent the same unusual example to me – deer antlers that had been cut to use as handles with metal shafts put into holes drilled into the antlers. Clint sent photos of his and stated his shafts were made of stainless steel while Bob described the same thing to me, but used titanium for his shaft to make it as light as possible.

**THIS COLUMN'S QUESTION** is “What are some of the most unusual methods of play that you have seen for horseshoe tournaments?” Most of what we do in New England is the cancellation, point games in a round robin schedule. Send me some ideas we can share with one another – thank you!

This was a “light” month for information. You may e-mail me at (new address) loonpnd@comcast.net or send something to me at: 379 Hodges St. Taunton, MA 02780-2057. I look forward to hearing from lots of you!



# JUNIOR CORNER

by Jackie Hughes

## NHPA Junior Promotions Director

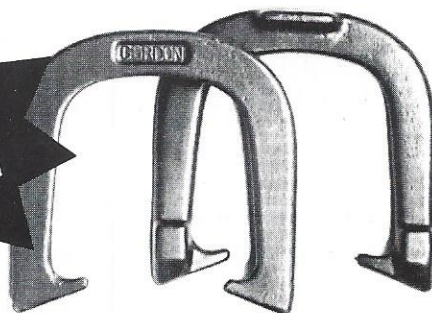
I would like to let everyone know that I have been approached by the NHPA to be the new NHPA Junior Promotions Director. I thought about this in great detail and decided it would be a great opportunity. The NHPA Counsel took a vote. Mr. Paul Stewart said I could have the position on one condition—only if I don't take up four pages at a time for my article. I need to let all of you know that I would have never been in this position without all the help I have received in Minnesota. This is all about teamwork, and trust me, I will be asking all of you for your help—this job has just a tad bit more "space" involved than being the MN Junior Director! I want to thank the NHPA Counsel for their belief and confidence in me to do this job. I am very honored to be in this position. I will continue on where Heidi Poppe has left off. She has done a wonderful job and has offered me her assistance for any questions or concerns that I have. Thank you, Heidi.

## A Little History

I received my first pair of horseshoes for Christmas when I was 14 years old. My dad thought it would be a good idea for me to start pitching.... since I had to tag along with my dad, mom and brothers to tournaments. I could have done two things with those 'shoes once I unwrapped them. One, I could have put the 'shoes back into the nice square box they came in, or two, put on my winter boots

and coat and walk out to the shed and hang 'em with the guys 'shoes. That next spring, I took my 'shoes off the hook in the shed and started pitching with my dad. I began pitching that summer in the Women's division. Back then there was not a separate division for girls. In 1979 I was 17 years old and our State of Minnesota began to have girls 18 and under in their own class. This was truly the year for my family. My dad, Jack O'Connor, won the Men's Class A Championship, my brother Pete O'Connor won the Boys' Class A Championship and I had won the very first Girls' Class A Championship for MN. I believe this was the foundation of where I am today...that has imprinted me for life! I then went back into the women's at age 18. I progressively improved my game and was a serious Class A Women's pitcher. I married Dave Hughes in 1983. We have raised three children, Cassie, Corey and Crysta. Of course, they all pitch 'shoes. I took some time off from pitching horseshoes when the kids were small. I was working full-time, was taking care of the kids and tried keeping up with all the duties of being married...why would I think about horseshoes? At this time, Dave was pitching in the "Close Doesn't Count" league in Centuria, WI (about 40 minutes from my town of Cambridge, MN). Eventually I started pitching again—thanks to our dear friend Jane Smith. It's been a slow progression with my game, but

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a speedy development into working with the promotion of horseshoes. This will be my third year working as the chairperson for our MN chosen charity—the Make-A-Wish Foundation. I've been the MN Junior Promotions Director for two years.

### What's New?

I received information from Heidi Poppe the first week of March. She was called by Rick Redman/Regional Director from Oregon, who, in turn, was called by Mitch Tanen, a casting director from the T.V. program called "Switched," which is owned by Disney. I had just been "dubbed" the NHPA Junior Promotions Director and had the opportunity to speak with Mitch Tanen myself. This was quite an interesting way to begin my position. "Switched" is a teenage show broadcasted on the ABC Family Channel, which is a cable program. They were looking for a unique interest for their show...they decided horseshoe pitching would be a fun "switch" for someone who would probably be more involved with more known sports such as baseball, hockey, football, etc.

The following is what we learned from Mitch regarding the program:

"Briefly, here's what we do on the show: 'Switched' takes teenagers from all over the country, of different backgrounds and has them switch lives with another teen with an entirely different family, environment, group of friends, and set of circumstances for four days. The show premiered in May of 2003 and is being aired Monday - Friday, we've already switched over 150 teens. It's a very positive experience for all the kids who've been involved. We've found it to be a very effective way to open their minds and hearts.

We are very interested in including any of the teens who you work with because we feel it would be enriching for the teen who would experience it as well as eye-opening and educational for our teen viewers.

We're looking for naturally enthusiastic, very involved and conscientious high school aged kids (16 to 20 years old) to participate in this switch. If you think any one in your community would be interested in this, please pass my information along; we'd love to speak to them and their parents. For your information, our camera crew is very small (four people) and unobtrusive: no big lighting setups or anything like that, and we would be very courteous and respectful of the concerns of the community."

At this point, we put the information on the NHPA website: [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com)

Paul Stewart & Company did a great job getting this up and running on the website within one day! We need to thank all of the people who were able to do this on such short notice! Also, kudos to everyone who passed on all

my emails regarding the program—teamwork makes it happen!

This was a great opportunity to implement our communication system, via the Internet. We can reach many, but need to work on the system. We need help from all of our junior directors, regional directors, presidents of each state and horseshoe clubs—nationwide—to get this implemented. I hope that our message was heard throughout the country and Canada for this great opportunity. There was an April 9, 2004 deadline for "Switched" applications—this may have been extended by the time this issue is out. Please make sure you check the NHPA website periodically for any new information. This is a great tool to work with and it can reach everybody. I hope all who applied has had fun doing so with making the videos. We're all looking forward to watching the program with one of junior horseshoe pitchers!! Don't be discouraged if you are not chosen for this episode of "Switched"...there may be a possibility with other episodes of this program.

I will do whatever I can to continue to make our Junior Program grow and run smoothly. I am open for ideas and suggestions. I want to dedicate all of my efforts to my dad, mom and family.

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# PUBLICITY PROMOTION

by Casey Sluys

## NHPA Survey

A random sampling survey was conducted in 2002 and found that retaining members is a significant concern throughout the NHPA. There is a 25% turnover rate! That means we'd have to recruit 35% new members each year just to realize a 10% growth rate. It's a huge number and if we can concentrate on getting this 25% that fall by the wayside back into our organization we could grow with leaps and bounds!

This office is going to propose selecting 30-35 of you to assist the NHPA with generating and implementing new ideas for recruitment and retention of NHPA members. If there are any of you out there that would like to volunteer for this please let me know. The number one criterion is that you need to have access to email, as this will be done primarily via email. I've taken the liberty of creating a list of various names; the criteria that I used for choosing these folks were: 1. Email, 2. Knowledge, 3. Geographic location, 4. Charter involvement i.e.; officer, newsletter editor, junior representative, publicity, etc.

In 2003 the NHPA had a .45% growth that's less than 1/2 of a percent, albeit up.

What I envision is a 20% increase in NHPA membership by 2006. That's 20% over 2003 total of 12,623. If you keep

that figure in mind, a 20% increase would equate to 2,525 new or returning members, bringing the total to 15,148. Ya think that's feasible? Or you think I'm blowing smoke? Whatever your thoughts are on this matter; personally I'm tired of simply writing down ideas and 'hope' that someone will implement them. What we need is action! This is exactly what we hope to accomplish with this group of dedicated and knowledgeable horseshoe pitchers.

By the time you read this article the selected members will have been asked to participate. Those declining, for whatever reason, will be replaced with willing participants. We sincerely need folks willing to take an active part in the growth of this fine organization. One person cannot accomplish it alone we need individuals like you to participate and assist. Together much can be accomplished, let's do it!

## Reality vs. Perception

Dr. Jo Ann Dahlkoeter, a noted Stanford University Sports psychologist has found the following to be true; "Competition is 90% perception and 10% reality." This was in a study done on Olympic athletes and their intense preparation for their events. Wow! What's that tell you about competition? Can we really believe that horseshoe pitching is 90% in our head? Well, if it were only 50%, and

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we could overcome that aspect, would we be 50% better than we are? Sounds hard to believe, but there is always that chance?

Professional athletes think, "How can I use this situation to my advantage." Don't go into a tournament, or game, with the attitude that I've never beaten this person. Instead think that YOU can do it, think that horseshoe pitching is my friend, out here I'm one of the best. With the proper attitude and outlook you'll win more games than you'll lose.

Keep in mind though that if one begins to beat their chest and brag about how great they are, they'll soon find out that it will become a very humbling experience when they lose a game. The louder one brags, the more people will want to whip you. If you can remain humble while practicing the above, then sit back and watch your ringer percentage go up. Most of all, keep smiling; humor is one of the best ways to disarm anxiety.

## **Iraq Horseshoes**

Some time ago we received an entry in the NHPA website Guestbook from a soldier in Iraq. They were using our website as a source of information, precisely what it is intended for. Striking up an email conversation with him, I polled the NHPA officers and we decided to send him a few pair of horseshoes. They were Americans of course. Along with that we sent them 20 NHPA pins. Even though they said they were already pitching shoes we thought they could use a few more as there are 20+ people pitching them. Previous to sending the shoes, I had sent a packet of various items, rules, NHPA info, and a few bumper stickers advertising our website. I had asked him to stick them on a few vehicles and send us some pictures. As of this writing I have not received any photos, I hope to continue the dialogue with him and eventually get some pictures. Whether or not you agree with this present administration's foreign policy, one thing remains certain, the young men and women deployed overseas can certainly use a set of horseshoes now and then. Who else has sent horseshoes overseas to military personnel? We'd love to hear from you!

## **Kyrgyzstan**

Perhaps you'll need a geography lesson to locate this country? Allow me to help...it's located in central Asia, just west of China. (A Central Asian country of incredible natural beauty and proud nomadic traditions, Kyrgyzstan was annexed by Russia in 1864; it achieved independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.) A message was posted on the NHPA website Message Board by a fellow named Erik Erickson asking about the dimensions of a horseshoe for pitching. He's in the Peace Corps and teaching there. We sent him the specifics on the shoes and he was going to have some built by a local blacksmith. Kimmy Stockli,

proprietor of the Northern California Shoe Shop and bonifide NHPA Game Related Sales Distributor, upon reading this post, replied back to him saying she would send him four pair of horseshoes. Prior to that I had sent a packet of rules and NHPA information. Looks as though we are becoming a worldwide distributor of horseshoes, thanks to the NHPA website.

## **Co-op Ideas**

Some very innovative uses of co-op ad funds have been implemented. For example, rather than the normal newspaper or radio ads, Michigan is exploring the possibility of advertising on about 20 vehicles. They are in the process of pricing vinyl decals that will advertise horseshoe pitching and solicit new members; giving a phone number to call. They'll be seen by a myriad of people each time the vehicle is on the road. Great idea! North Dakota and Iowa have created charter specific brochures that they will hand out to the general public. Nebraska is going to do something similar for their charter. Ohio will advertise again this year in the newspapers. They had success to the tune of 20 new members from their last ads. This program will; work all you have to do is implement it.

## **Success Story**

We are proud to announce four new members, and one returning member, to our club in Santa Rosa, California. The four new members pitched in their very first tournament in mid-March. One newbie came to us via his father; he moved back to the area and his father was already a member. Three of them came to us via the NHPA website. They submitted a few questions for the Northern California RD, (Gail Sluys) because we have the same email I chose to answer them. After a series of email question and answer sessions they decided to qualify and join.

Since they've joined, we have had four others show interest and we will meet with them on April 6<sup>th</sup> when our sanctioned league begins. They are two adults and two juniors. It looks like an aggregate of nine new members here, and all this before our scheduled amateur tournament in May was even announced! We hope to gain five -six more from that endeavor. Now is an ideal time for this club to hold a BBQ and social event to get to know everyone...it's in the planning stages as we speak.

Remember to share all your success stories with us in Newslines. Don't forget to promote horseshoes at every opportunity. Please give a subscription to Newslines as one of your raffle prizes in your next tournament?

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# REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT *by Allen Baptist*

The World Tournament is slowly sneaking up on us. As usual I will need help from the RD's for the shoe checks. If you are going to attend the World Tournament, please make an attempt to help with at least one shoe check. It takes at least four people to run a shoe check.

I am happy to announce that Robert Reese is the new Regional Director for Oklahoma; he is replacing Ronnie Frederick.

## From the Mail Bag


**Ron Deckard - Florida** Regional Director reports that Florida has 96 tournaments scheduled for this year. The Brevard Horseshoe Club in Melbourne, FL will host the State Tournament. Ron says that thanks to Jim Smith, the Florida Promotional Committee Chairman, most all of the charter clubs in Florida now have their own website with pictures of club officers, tournament results, court information with directions, league pitching schedules, a list of members and contacts. Jim volunteered to set up the initial website for each club providing one of their members would take over the updating of the website. Access is obtained from clicking on the U.S. map on the NHPA website and then clicking on Florida. The Clearwater Horseshoe Club completely renovated their 18-court horseshoe pitching facility during the summer of 2003. All of the courts are now handicap accessible with 6-foot wide runways. The courts are lighted and have aluminum covers over the pit area, which has blue clay. With new fencing and landscaping, the facility is definitely one of the best pitching facilities in the Country. The Clearwater Horseshoe Club and the Clearwater Parks & Recreation Department shared funding for the project equally.

**Dan Sanders - Ohio** Regional Director reports that Ohio will have at least 61 sanctioned tournaments this year. Dan says that with the help of his ARD's they are continuing to re-sanction the Ohio courts.

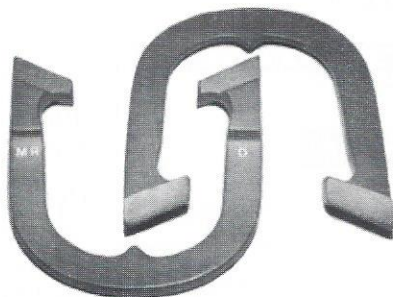
**Pat Wemhoff - Nebraska** Regional Director reports that Pete Rebman from Alma and Ray Jassen from Sidney were voted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame; Pete for pitching excellence and good sportsmanship and Ray for Horseshoe promotion, sportsmanship and Charter offices held. Rolly Johnson from Neliagh was voted the 2004 Fleaherty Award winner for the person that did the most for the sport of Horseshoes.

**Don Lawyer - Maryland and Delaware** Regional Director reports that the Delaware Charter and the First State Horseshoe Club has all new officers in place to start the new-year. They are excited to be having seven tournaments at the new home courts in Milford, Delaware. Walter and Judy Swain are the owners of the "Putt -A- Rosa" mini golf ranch. In the past two years Walter and his wife have constructed ten new horseshoe courts that will be the home for the First State Horseshoe Club and host site for the Delaware State Championships. Walter has also constructed a new batting cage at the site. So while the pitchers are pitching, the kids can play mini golf or work on their baseball skills in the batting cages.

**Darle Esh - Pennsylvania** Regional Director reports that West Pennsylvania will have 17 sanctioned outdoor tournaments and 19 indoors. They will have the State Doubles tournament also this year.




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# 2006 WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE by Stu Sipma

With the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline behind us (deadline to submit World Tournament bid proposals), I am proud to announce two locations contending to host the 2006 NHPA World Tournament.

## Louisville, Kentucky

The Greater Louisville Sports Commission, Andy Jugan, Executive Director, has offered to the NHPA the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) as the host site.

The proposed dates at the Kentucky Convention Center will be July 31-Aug 12. The facility has 78,000 square feet of column-free space, air-conditioned with several adjacent rooms for hospitality, registration, concession stands and

the NHPA business office. In addition, there are 3,000 hotel rooms downtown, 2,500 of them attached to the KICC by pedway.

The city of Louisville boasts over 90 attractions in the Louisville Metro area, obviously too numerous to mention. However, some of the major attractions are within walking distance of the competition venue and hotels.

Louisville is easily accessible and an exciting city that is within a days drive for 60% of the U.S. population. All major airlines service Louisville, while offering some of the most affordable flights in the region. Louisville is located on the northern edge of Kentucky, bordering Indiana. The Ohio River runs along the city. Louisville has a population of 256,000.

## Des Moines, Iowa

The Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), Sports Marketing Manager, Tiffany Spinner, has offered to the NHPA the Iowa State Fair Grounds as the host site. The CVB, in conjunction with the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association (IHHPA), will host this event. LeRoy Law with the IHHPA has volunteered to be the W.T. Chairperson. Des Moines is no stranger to World Horseshoe Tournaments; some of you may remember that Des Moines hosted the 1978 World Tournament with a total of 787 registered to play.

The proposed dates at the Iowa State Fair Grounds will be July 10<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. The Iowa State Fairgrounds are a complete, year-round meeting, sporting and exposition center, with plenty of parking, more than a dozen major buildings and is located just 10 minutes from downtown Des Moines. The newly renovated Varied Industries Building would serve as host to the NHPA, offering over 110,000 square feet of air-conditioned space. Additionally, the Fairgrounds offer parking for up to 15,000 cars, a 160 acre campground, three outdoor stages, picnic shelters, outdoor horseshoe courts and much more.

Des Moines has many attractions with something for everyone - from live theater, sports teams, shopping, golf, unique dining, world-class festivals and events. Des Moines has a population of 198,000.

Be watching for updates pertaining to the 2006 World Tournament in future editions of Newslines.

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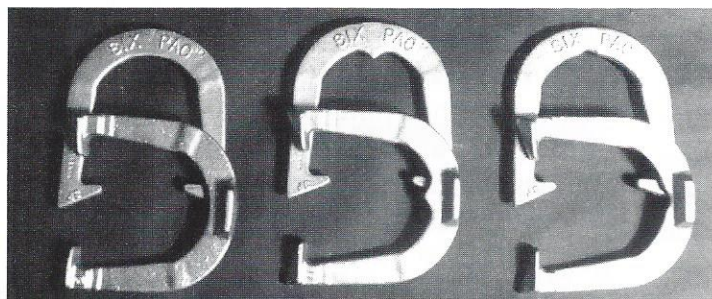
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# MEMORIES OF THE 1986 WORLD TOURNAMENT

by Andre Leclerc

The 1986 World Tournament is special for us because that's the first year Sylvianne made it in the championship group (she was 20). It was also Cathy Carter's first appearance in the championship group. Sylvianne and Cathy went on to become World Champions later. There were five former World Champions in the group in 1986: Debby Michaud, Phyllis Negaard, Vicki Winston, Ruth Hangen and Lorraine Thomas.

Ironically, Sylvianne's five losses came at the hands of those five women. She won the rest of her games to finish fifth. Debby Michaud was defending champion that year, but lost to Phyllis (an early 102-shoe game if I remember right) and her second loss was on the last round against Sharon Paddock. Phyllis's only loss was to Cathy Carter.

Unable to play that year (that's a long story), I kept score and tried to follow what Sylvianne did round after round (I've always been a fan of Sylvianne). While Debby was playing her long last round game, an official came to me and asked if I would keep score for the playoff game that was likely coming up. But the last-round loss by Debby prevented a playoff. Watching that final game with Phyllis standing close-by, I

turned around to her when she had clinched the title and she stepped towards me, arms extended in my direction. I was in for a "memorable hug"! When I learned of Phyllis's death a few months ago, that hug (and many other great souvenirs I keep of Phyllis) came to my mind. Phyllis won the last of her six titles three years later in 1989.

## Results of the 1986 Women's Championship Group

### Womens Division - Championship Class 1986 World

1. Phyllis Negaard	MN	14/1	706	890	79.33	609
2. Deborah Michaud	MA	13/2	893	1074	83.15	608
3. Vicki Winston	MO	11/4	752	976	77.05	578
4. Sharon Paddock	CA	11/4	708	924	76.62	570
5. Sylvianne Moisan	ON	10/5	668	916	72.93	525
6. Fran Carnahan	PA	9/6	688	900	76.44	517
7. Ruth Hangen	NY	8/7	734	1008	72.82	535
8. Renee Cowan	VA	7/8	646	882	73.24	458
9. Lois Bolstad	SD	7/8	681	942	72.29	512
10. Jane Smith	WI	6/9	720	1006	71.57	490
11. Lorraine Thomas	NY	6/9	631	918	68.74	464
12. Bonnie Seibold	IN	5/10	639	904	70.69	421
13. Cathy Carter	IA	5/10	540	824	65.53	407
14. Jeannie Spaller	OH	4/11	479	770	62.21	364
15. Lynda Frederick	OK	3/12	571	868	65.78	403
16. Margaret Tarket	CO	1/14	567	874	64.87	323

To view the entire results of the 1986 World Tournament go to:  
[http://www.horseshoepitching.com/wt\\_arc/wt86.txt](http://www.horseshoepitching.com/wt_arc/wt86.txt)



(Back row L-R): Al Hodge; Official from Ainsworth; Lynda Frederick; Cathy Carter; Sylvianne Moisan; Fran Carnahan; Jane Smith; Margaret Tarket; Lorraine Thomas; Jeannie Spaller; Renee Cowan; Barry Chapelle.  
 (Front row L-R): Sharon Paddock; Vicki Winston; Debby Michaud; Phyllis Negaard; Bonnie Seibold; Ruth Hangen; Lois Bolstad; Don Weaver.

# HALL OF FAME

by Earl and Vicki Winston

Since we wrote the column that appeared in the March/April Newslines, we have received additional nominations that will be included on the ballot for 2004. We will be adding the names of Ed Arionus, Reinhard Backer, Mike DiMartino, Dick Hansen and Walter I. Williams. There are still a couple of days before the deadline for nominations, so the possibility remains that there might yet be one or two more nominations received. We appreciate people taking the time and trouble to present these nominations to the committee. There is now an official NHPA Hall of Fame Nomination Form that must be used for all future nominations. Contact us if you would like us to send you one.

A recent post on the NHPA Message Board informed us of the passing of another one of our Hall of Fame inductees. Dean McLaughlin, from Canada, passed away in February. The message said he lived well into his 90's. He was a talented pitcher in his day and much revered in his country and in ours.

As always, we are grateful for the foresight of Oattie Reno Sr., Gary Kline, Bart Sargent, Bob Champion and others who have preserved some of the history and statistics of our sport. Their efforts have enabled us to include many interesting bits of information in the quizzes. Now on with the quiz for this issue.

1. The very first recipient of the prestigious Stokes Award, this man served a total of 20 years as vice-president and also secretary/treasurer of the NHPA. He devoted most of his life in service to the Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association.
2. He served as NHPA President from 1941 - 1948 and published a booklet for pitchers. Quite the horseshoe pitching promoter, he presented a NHPA card to Harry Truman and later helped to install horseshoe courts at the White House when Truman became president.
3. Author of many horseshoe pitching related books; he was a common pleas judge before his retirement. He served as NHPA legal advisor for 19 years and designed and manufactured a pitching shoe that bore his name.
4. His world tournament career included one world title and two second-place finishes during his 21 years of world championship class participation. He won nearly 75% of the games he pitched and has a championship class career average of 77.7%. You may know him as the originator of the Pitch and Win program.

5. With a lifetime of service to the sport of horseshoe pitching in the country to our north, he continues to serve as an ambassador and is seated as a delegate in each NHPA convention. He also currently serves on the NHPA Hall of Fame committee.
6. A resident of the Gopher state, he won two Intermediate Division world titles and served many years on the NHPA Hall of Fame committee.
7. A former junior boy world champ, he later became NHPA secretary/treasurer where he served for nearly 20 years. He helped to bring the NHPA into the computer age and triplicate scoresheets came into use during his time in office.
8. A two-time women's world champ, she was married to one of the charter members of the NHPA Hall of Fame. They received the Stokes Award as a team. She did world tournament stats with pen and paper before the days of pocket calculators and computers.
9. A three-time world champ and 18-time Hoosier state champ, he pitched a 3/4 reverse turn from the crossfire position. One of the all time greats of our sport, in his 17 world tournament appearances he won 85% of his games and had a world tournament career ringer average of 82.5%.
10. This pitcher, also from the Hoosier state, appeared 16 times in the world tournament championship class. Although he never finished higher than 4th place, he was in the top ten many times with a world tournament career ringer average of 76.8%.
11. He served as NHPA President during some of the depression years when no world tournament was held. It must have been a very difficult time to keep the association alive.
12. He placed 5th in the 1934 world tournament and then did not appear again until 1947. In 1949 he placed 4th. He participated in 13 world tournaments with a career average of 72.1% and is one of the men pictured on the cover of the Jan/Feb. 2004 Newslines.

Answers found on page 29



# INSURANCE

by Bonnie Seibold

The Insurance Certificates for each charter have been sent to your Charter secretary. I included the following in the packet.

1. 2004 Certificate of Insurance for your Charter
2. A claim form
3. Envelope for filing claim
4. Description of General Coverage
5. Request form for added Insurance Certificate

So, if you need any of these forms, you should contact your Charter Secretary and they could make you a copy.

A few things you should remember:

1. The NHPA Insurance only covers sanctioned events. This means that everyone who participates must be an NHPA member.
2. If you need to put a pacer in any of your classes, that pacer must be an NHPA member.
3. If you need added insurance certificates for the facility you are using, you should be sure the Insurance Company has the exact wording for the certificate holder.



Dear Paula:

You and your staff did a fine job on the January/February issue of Newslines. I loved the cover. My first impulse was "God I would hate to have to play that bunch". My second impulse was "I would give anything to play that bunch". Don Titcomb introduced me to Fernando Isais many years ago and I did play Ira Allen, Ted's brother in 1958.

Newslines needed a fresh outlook and you have provided that freshness. I renewed my subscription for three years and will look forward to enjoying Newslines.

I would love to see a breakdown on how the top pitchers have done over their careers in the World. Firsts, seconds, thirds, wins and losses, etc.

Vern Gosney

## Editor's Correction

On page 7 of the last issue of Newslines, the "Candidacy Announcements" were incorrectly referred to as NHPF Candidacy Announcements.

The correct title should have read "NHPA Candidacy Announcements".



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# SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

## May 2004

14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Team World 2004, Edwards Activity & Sports Center, Beloit, WI (please note the corrected dates). 4-Person Teams representing your state or providence. No more than 2 short distance pitchers per team roster. Adults Only. Entry Fee: \$200.00 per team. Entry Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>. Mail entries to: Earl Paulson, 7105 So. County Rd. H, Beloit, WI 53511 Phone: (608)879-2304 or email: BHC.TW@WEKZ.NET

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

16th Annual Elmer Hohl Ringer Classic, K-W Khaki Club, Wellesley, Ontario, Canada. Minimum added prize money is \$2,000. Entry fee for Men and Women Championship class is \$30.00 Canadian. Entry fee for all other classes \$20.00 Canadian. Junior entry fee is no charge. If not enough for a junior class they will be put in the classes by average. Camping is onsite at the rates of \$15.00 with electricity and \$10.00 without electricity. Mail entry fees made payable to the Khaki Club Tournament Fund and a self addressed envelope along with division and NHPA or CHPA number before the May 1 2004 deadline to: Wayne Becker, 308-41 Pioneer Drive, Kitchener Ontario Canada, N2P1H2. Phone (519)896-6670 E-mail wbecker@sgci.com

29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Head-Of-The-Mon-River Horseshoe Tournament, Fairmont, WV. Send entry fee; \$25.00 Adults / \$5.00 Juniors to: Tri-County Horseshoe Club, Inc., 1133 Sunset Dr., Fairmont, WV 26554 (304) 366-3819 or (304) 282-4062. Indicate: men-women-juniors-seniors-elders division and if 30' or 40'. Also send NHPA Card No. Director: Ms. Beverly Tiano. All players required to pay scorekeeper \$1 per game. 100% of all entry fees is returned by purse. The purse should exceed \$5,000 for cash prizes and other awards and will be divided equally among all classes.

## July 2004

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Horseshoe Tournament, Danville, IL, July 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Douglas Park just off I-74 at Bowman Avenue exit. Cash payback \$6,540 based on 136 entries. Entry fee: \$25.00 (includes scorekeeping fees). Free monogrammed towel to all entrants. Make checks payable to: Danville Horseshoe Club Entry Deadline: June 25<sup>th</sup>. Send entries to: Leo Bratland, 41 Country Club Drive, Danville, IL 61832. Phone: (217) 443-5818 or email: bratlnd@aol.com

24<sup>th</sup>

7th Atchafalaya Classic Horseshoe Tournament, Kemper Williams Park, Patterson, La. July 24. This is a charity fund

raising event for Cancer Patient, Dana Herman. Entry fee \$20.00 Adults, \$5.00 Juniors. Special Bayou Horseshoe Pitchers Association T Shirts to the top 3 finishers in each class. Pre register by July 21. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. For Tournament Information, contact Al Dodson, 985-385-1909, Kevin Dore', 985-395-7327, or Tim Gilmore, 985-395-5062

## July - August 2004

July 26<sup>th</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup>

World Horseshoe Pitching Championships  
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See last issue of Newslines or go online at [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com) for entry form.

## August 2004

14<sup>th</sup>

6th Annual Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser, Kemper Williams Park, Patterson, La. August 14. Entry Fee \$20.00 Adults, \$5.00 Juniors. Everyone will receive a Cystic Fibrosis T Shirt. Special BHPA T Shirts to the top 3 finishers in each bracket. Pre-register by August 11. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. For Tournament Information, contact Al Dodson, 985-385-1909, Kevin Dore', 985-395-7327, or Tim Gilmore, 985-395-5062.

16<sup>th</sup>

Iowa State Fair Midwest Senior Classic, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA NHPA Sanctioned. Must be 60 years of age by August 16<sup>th</sup>. Over \$1,800 spent on awards each year. Entry deadline: July 31<sup>st</sup> (No late entries please) Registration Fee: \$15, Championship \$20. (Will be notified when you play) Send entry fee of \$15 to Dave Sidles 2816 Pinehurst Circle, Ames, IA 50014. Phone (515) 233-1394 Email: dsidles@mchsi.com Include with fee name, complete mailing address, phone number, gender, NHPA card number and pitching distance. Tournament Director, Danny Sease phone: (515) 285-0131 or email: ddsease@msn.com ask for flyer of all events.

## September 2004

4<sup>th</sup>

Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival MDA Horseshoe Tournament Fundraiser, Kemper Williams Park, Patterson, La. September 4. This is a charity fund raising event for MDA. Entry fee \$20.00, Adults, \$5.00 Juniors. Payout to top 3 adult finishers in each class. Pre register by September 1. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. For Tournament Information, contact Al Dodson, 985-385-1909, Kevin Dore', 985-395-7327, or Tim Gilmore, 985-395-5062

Sometimes people's visions really do come true. A long time ago the members of the website team saw in the Internet a chance to promote our sport and to get information out to our members and the general public about the NHPA and each state association.

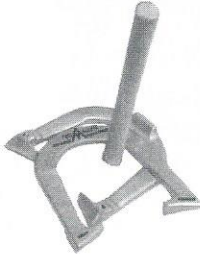
Over the years more and more charters have seen the usefulness of the Internet. Currently we only have three charters that do not maintain a visual presence on the web. Our horseshoe pitching community has grown with individual clubs, and personal pages by some of our pitchers have increased it even more. We commend and thank all of you for the many hours of work you have put into getting these websites created and in keeping them maintained.

As it was in the beginning, we still continue to offer assistance to those that wish to create their own website. We can provide you with information on how to obtain free hosting, free tools and of course our advice and expertise. If you or someone in your

club would like to get started, please don't hesitate to contact us at [info@horseshoepitching.com](mailto:info@horseshoepitching.com) and one of the website team members will give you all the help we can to make your visions come true.

The Horseshoe Trader series written by Bob Dunn, has had a large and dedicated following in NEWSLINE and like so many others, I am saddened to see it come to an end after seven years. "So many NHPA members have come to understand that the old antique pitching shoes are artifacts of our history and each shoe is a footprint in our tradition". In contacting Bob, I asked for permission to publish his seven years of work on our Website and I am pleased to announce that he has granted my request. We have started with his first and last articles and will add a new article each week (approximately 30). Be sure to stop in and check out this newly added feature.

It is our hope to further expand the search for the pieces of our history that Bob has brought to our attention these past years. Thank you Bob.



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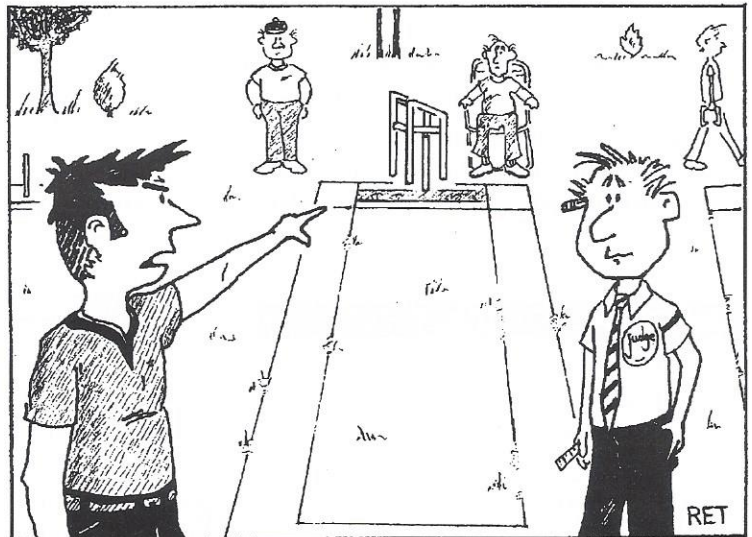
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# Horseshoe Pitching Facts and Folklore



By Bob Dunn

## The longest Game Every Played

*I am aware of the days of the 50-point game and when the tournament game was reduced to 40-point games. Long before that period in time there was a seriously long game played. There is record of that game that started out to be a 5,000 points contest and then was extended to 25,000 points. The site was Hayward, a small town in southern Minnesota, and in 1930 the Postmaster and the depot agent had what might be the longest game ever played. The record below is from the Albert Lea Evening Tribune of August 11, 1930 and the accounts of this unusual event is extremely interesting, including what type of shoes the players used.*

### CRACK HORSESHOE PLAYERS OF HAYWARD IN TOUGH GAME

**Big Duel Between Railroad Department Won By  
Post Office Department – Final Score 25,000 to  
24,949**

On March 6, J. C. Hanson, station agent, and R. E. Dewey, postmaster, agreed to play a game of horseshoe to 5,000 points: score Dewey 5,000; Hanson 4,972.

The game being so nearly even, by mutual agreement it was extended to 10,000 points. This time Hanson winning by the score 10,000 to 9,978.

Again the score being so even it was agreed by both parties to extend the game to 25,000 points and on August 9 the games was finished, the score being – Dewey 25,000, Hanson 24,949.

Number of games played – 586  
Won by Hanson – 293  
Won by Dewey – 293

An average of five 50-point games were played daily and record of each day's play. Time required to play the series was five months and four days.

The largest margin of victory in any one game was won by Dewey on July 15, by a score of 52 to 3. The game with the most ringers went to Hanson on August 7,

Hanson throwing forty-one ringers and Dewey thirty-six ringers, Hanson winning the game 52 to 45.

Many queer things happened during the series, at the end of the 208<sup>th</sup> game, each contestant had won 104 games and exactly 9,000 points. On August 6 at the end of the 362<sup>nd</sup> game, Hanson had 181 games and 23,961 points to his credit and Dewey exactly the same figure.

Dewey reached 21,000 just one point ahead of Hanson and at the 24,000 mark, Hanson got there seven points ahead of Dewey, so both contestants feel that no decision has been reached by playing so long a series and each feels confident he has met his match in the other fellow.

During the entire 25,000 points, no argument of any kind ever arose over a ringer or points and perhaps next spring when the horseshoe season open up again, Hanson and Dewey may play a 50,000 point series to see who really is the better player.

Hanson used a pair of Mossman shoes the entire series while Dewey used a pair of Ohio shoes, until the last 1,000 points, when he too switched to a pair of Mossman shoes.

## Folklore Jottings

By Bob Dunn

This new series has already received a lot of positive response. Individuals have sent in interesting accounts from their own experience and fitting articles that have been handed down from veteran pitchers to them. If you have a favorite horseshoe pitching story from yesteryear, write it up and send it in. There still needs to be more folks writing in as to the origin of the term "Four Dead." Send your information to Bob Dunn, 6417 Georgia Ave No., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

# 2003 NHPA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

## Jason Fisher

Jason Fisher has just received a \$200.00 scholarship from the NHPA. Jason is currently a sophomore at Tri-County North High School in Lewisburg, Ohio. He has a current G.P.A. of 3.9. He is a member of the Darke County HSC in Greenville, Ohio and a member of the Kucharski Memorial HSC in Union, Ohio where he and his Dad pitch in a summer league.



In 1999 at the World Tournament in Greenville, Ohio he captured the World Title in the Junior Class E Division. Jason had a perfect 15-0 win record. In the year 2000 he was crowned the Ohio State Junior Champion in Greenville, Ohio.

Jason also enjoys his YMCA membership and has been a 4-H member since 1996, where he has entered a show livestock at his county fair.

His parents Brian and Tammy want to congratulate Jason for his achievements! Jason would also like to thank the NHPA for honoring him with this award!

# 2003 NHPA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

## Nicola Hicketier

Nicola Hicketier is a freshman at Unity High School in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. This is what Nicola has written:

I am enjoying the school year very much - even the homework! Being a leader of my freshman class and president of my South Milltown 4-H Club gives me leadership opportunities and keeps me busy.



I also participate in school sports: volleyball, basketball, and softball; and horseshoes during the summer months. Pitching horseshoes for the past six years has been a fun and rewarding sport for me. Pitching in the World Tournament in Eau Claire, Wisconsin was an experience I will never forget. I won all of my games the first two days and after the third day ended up with a few losses and a tie for the championship of my class. We played the tie breaker and I won! One of my younger brothers also was a champion in his class. My family has helped me in my horseshoe pitching career. My Grandma Carol, Aunt Shari, brothers, Rush and Cash, cousins, Beau and Jake, also pitch. My parents don't pitch, but are willing to travel the miles so we can compete in the state and local tournaments.

Thanks Mom and Dad for taking me to so many places and being by my side no matter what happens. I would also like to give a big thanks to Jane Smith for starting the Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., in Centuria and believing in everyone who starts pitching in our junior league.

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01	Washington	35	1		34	0	34
02	Oregon	33	0	1 (dbls)	32	0	32
03	No. California	144	26		118	3	121
04	So. California	123	9		114	3	117
06	Hawaii	24	2		22	4	26
07	Nevada	10	0		10	1	11
08	Idaho	27	0		27	4	31
09	Utah	52	4	1	47	1	48
10	Arizona	36	2		34	0	34
11	Montana	32	8		24	0	24
12	Wyoming	16	2		14	1	15
13	Colorado	30	1		29	18	47
14	New Mexico	18	0		18	0	18
15	North Dakota	23	1		22	7	29
16	South Dakota	16	0		16	3	19
17	Nebraska	58	6	9	43	4	47
18	Kansas	43	3		40	0	40
19	Missouri	101	7		94	31	125
20	Oklahoma	22	1	3	18	10	28
21	Arkansas	23	1		22	3	25
22	Texas	46	0		46	18	64
23	Minnesota	51	4	1	46	56	102
24	Iowa	64	7	2	55	3	58
25	Mississippi	---	0		0	2	2
26	Alabama	27	2		25	0	25
27	Louisiana	31	4		27	15	42
28	Wisconsin	69	12		57	23	80
29	Illinois	69	0	17	52	15	67
30	Michigan	73	4		69	2	71
31	Indiana	61	5		56	10	66
32	Kentucky	14	0	2	12	3	15
33	Tennessee	43	0		43	1	44
34	Georgia	22	0		22	6	28
35	Florida	98	6		92	8	100
36	Ohio	61	5		56	34	90
37	West Virginia	22	0	1	21	1	22
38	Virginia	35	5		30	11	41
39	Pennsylvania	56	2		54	0	54
40	North Carolina	41	7		34	0	34
41	South Carolina	30	3		27	0	27
42	Maryland	10	0	2	8	6	14
43	Delaware	7	0		7	0	7
44	New York	49	2		47	8	55
45	Maine	8	1		7	0	7
46	Vermont	12	0		12	1	13
47	New Hampshire	7	0		7	3	10
48	Massachusetts	14	3		11	4	15
49	Connecticut	27	2		25	5	30
50	Rhode Island	3	1		2	0	2
51	New Jersey	45	3	1 (dbls)	41	3	44
52	Alaska	10	0		10	2	12

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1971</b>	<b>-152</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>=1779</b>	<b>+333</b>	<b>=2112</b>
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# 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VALLEY OF THE SUN by Rick Durkit

The Phoenix-Mesa Horseshoe Pitchers club held our annual 46<sup>th</sup> Valley of the Sun Horseshoe Tournament. We had excellent weather for the tournament, a little chilly in the mornings but by 10:00 a.m. the weather warmed up real nice.

We had players from 22 states and Canada, the payout this year was \$7,680 not including scorekeepers. The

Tournament Committee would like to thank everyone who participated this year.

Next year's Valley of the Sun Tournament will be February 6<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

## Class A - 40 ft.

1. Bob Hayes	NY	10/2	68.9%
2. Darrell Sherrard	IN	7/5	64.3%
3. Ron Lipinski	AZ	4/8	56.7%
4. Frank Farley	AZ	3/9	53.9%

## Class A - 30 ft.

1. Jan Turnquist	MN	10/2	68.5%
2. Marion Thomsen	NE	6/6	59.4%
3. Sue Twyman	NY	5/7	62.5%
4. Roland Kleinschmidt	SD	3/9	63.7%

## Class B - 40 ft.

1. Bill Larsen	MN	10/0	53.6%
2. Bob McKee	IA	6/4	51.5%
3. Terry Steinke	CAN	6/4	49.3%

## Class B - 30 ft.

1. Bob Long	MI	8/2	57.2%
2. Gordon Carlson	CO	7/3	49.0%
3. Ken Wooley	CA	6/4	46.1%

## Class C - 40 ft.

1. Jerry Comstock	CO	10/1	49.3%
2. Jack Boston	MT	9/2	47.9%
3. Charlie Phipps	IA	8/3	46.1%
4. Revis McKee	CA	8/3	41.1%
5. Ray Hawkins	OR	7/4	46.5%
6. Dennis Keaney	TX	4/7	46.6%

## Class C - 30 ft.

1. Barbara Tabat	AZ	10/1	54.0%
2. Don Livingston	AZ	9/2	52.9%
3. Charlie Russian	CA	8.5/2.5	48.4%
4. Carol Hoppe	AZ	6.5/4.5	47.9%
5. Kent Robinson	SD	5.5/5.5	47.2%
6. Dick Wilson	WY	5.5/5.5	47.2%

## Class D - 40 ft.

1. Jerry Reyna	AZ	8.5/2.5	34.0%
2. Richard Stormont	AZ	8/3	37.5%
3. Dutch Rittweger	IL	8/3	32.2%
4. Lenard Pederson	NE	8/3	30.6%
5. Maurice Stern	CAN	7/4	34.3%
6. Al Ayers	AZ	6.5/4.5	32.9%

## Class D - 30 ft.

1. Marvin Karst	AZ	10/1	52.7%
2. Howard Melstad	SD	8/3	50.2%
3. Leroy Meyer	WI	8/3	38.1%
4. Bob Dennis	WA	7/4	46.1%
5. Ray Kraemer	MN	7/4	36.1%
6. Wallace Runia	MN	6/5	37.7%

## Class E - 40 ft.

1. Don Sutton	IL	9/2	27.9%
2. Casey Sluys	CA	8/3	27.0%
3. Jack Alexander	MI	8/3	20.2%
4. Harlan Nielsen	SD	7.5/3.5	28.6%
5. George Preis	WY	7/4	26.9%
6. Bob Thomsen	NE	7/4	26.9%

## Class E - 30 ft.

1. Fred Canfield	AZ	10/1	39.3%
2. Jan Knaub	CO	9/2	37.7%
3. Donald Tiegs	MN	7/4	33.8%
4. Paul Wallace	IN	6/5	32.7%
5. Ted Clark	IA	6/5	32.2%
6. David Sparks	WA	6/5	31.8%

## Class F - 30 ft.

1. Milton Etter	CO	8/3	35.9%
2. John Hargrove	MO	7.5/3.5	36.6%
3. John Rutherford	TX	7.5/3.5	35.2%
4. Babbette Sparks	WA	7.5/3.5	32.2%
5. Debbie Brooks	CO	6/5	32.7%
6. Helen Valasquez	AZ	6/5	30.2%

## Class G - 40 ft.

1. Eddie Alldredge	AZ	9/1	26.0%
2. Jim Galuardi	AZ	5.5/4.5	25.7%
3. Al Baez	AZ	5.5/4.5	24.0%

## Class H - Mixed

1. Gene Erickson	MN	8/1	26.8%
2. Connie Trautwein	AZ	6.5/2.5	25.5%
3. Jim Stanley	CO	6/3	28.4%
4. Roy Lemaster	AZ	6/3	17.7%
5. Harold Barker	IA	4.5/4.5	16.6%



# WORLD TOURNAMENT LOCATIONS

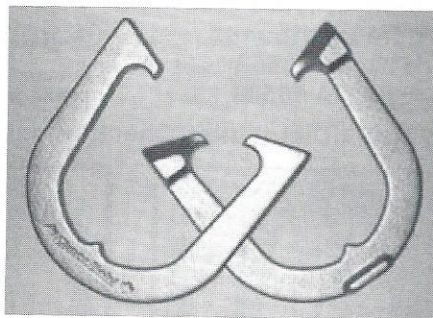
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1915	-	Kansas City, Missouri	1971	-	Middlesex, New Jersey
1919	-	St. Petersburg, Florida	1972	-	Greenville, Ohio
1920	s	Akron, Ohio	1973	-	Eureka, California
1920	w	St. Petersburg, Florida	1974	-	Keene, New Hampshire
1921	s	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1975	-	Lafayette, Indiana
1921	w	St. Petersburg, Florida	1976	-	Levittown, Pennsylvania
1922	s	Des Moines, Iowa	1977	-	Greenville, Ohio
1922	w	St. Petersburg, Florida	1978	-	Des Moines, Iowa
1923	s	Cleveland, Ohio	1979	-	Statesville, North Carolina
1923	w	St. Petersburg, Florida	1980	-	Huntsville, Alabama
1924	s	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1981	-	Genola, Minnesota
1925	w	Lake Worth, Florida	1982	-	Huntsville, Alabama
1926	w	St. Petersburg, Florida	1983	-	Statesville, North Carolina
1927	s	Duluth, Minnesota	1984	-	Huntsville, Alabama
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1928	w	St. Petersburg, Florida	1986	-	Ainsworth, Nebraska
1929	w	St. Petersburg, Florida	1987	-	Eau Claire, Wisconsin
1933	-	Chicago, Illinois	1988	-	Pleasanton, California
1934	-	Los Angeles, California	1989	-	Spearfish, South Dakota
1935	-	Moline, Illinois	1990	-	Stone Mountain, Georgia
1940	-	Des Moines, Iowa	1991	-	Biloxi, Mississippi
1941	-	Des Moines, Iowa	1992	-	Columbus, Ohio
1946	-	Des Moines, Iowa	1993	-	Spearfish, South Dakota
1947	-	Salt Lake City, Utah	1994	-	Syracuse, New York
1948	-	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1995	-	Perry, Georgia
1949	-	Murray, Utah	1996	-	Gillette, Wyoming
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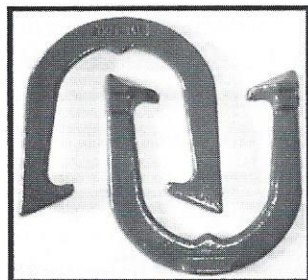
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- 1998 - Ainsworth, Nebraska
- 1999 - Greenville, Ohio
- 2000 - Bismarck, North Dakota
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- 2002 - Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
- 2003 - Eau Claire, Wisconsin
- 2004 - Pocatello, Idaho
- 2005 - Bakersfield, California

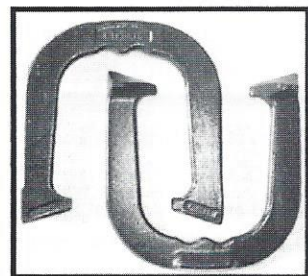
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- Greenville, Ohio - 5
- Keene, New Hampshire - 3
- Huntsville, Alabama - 3
- Minneapolis, Minnesota - 2
- Muncie, Indiana - 2
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- Statesville, North Carolina - 2
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- Eau Claire, Wisconsin - 2
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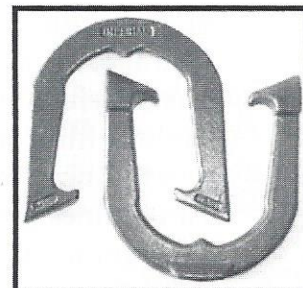
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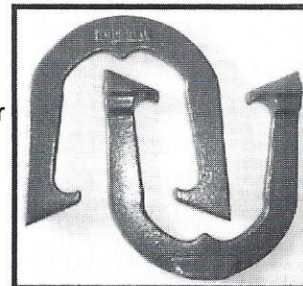
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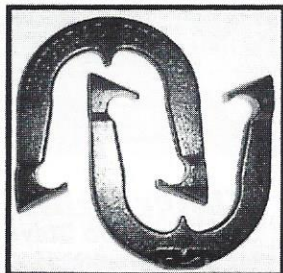


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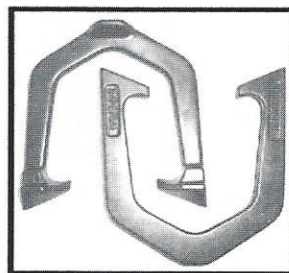


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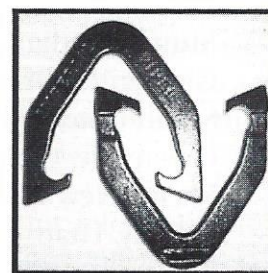
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1991 - Spring Open	Tari Powell, Rossville, IL	79.8%
1991 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Open	Tari Powell, Rossville, IL	79.6%
1992 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Don Peters, Chenoa, IL	59.6%
1992 - August Open	Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Stockton, CA	83.0%
1993 - 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Larry Knop, Verona, IL	69.0%
1993 - August Open	Tari Powell, Rossville, IL	80.0%
1994 - 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Randy Hankins, Prospect, KY	63.8%
1994 - August Open	Cliff Baker, Sheldon, IL	72.3%
1995 - Pepsi Open	Dennis Reid, Bridgeview, IL	60.4%
1995 - 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open (Cocoa Cola)	Robert Hatten, Neoga, IL	70.7%
1996 - 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	rained out	---
1997 - 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Cliff Baker, Sheldon, IL	74.3%
1998 - 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Cliff Baker, Sheldon, IL	40 ft. 70.3%
	Curly Seibold, Huntington, IN	30 ft. 78.9%
1999 - 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Ocala, FL	40 ft. 86.1%
	Amy Francis, Defiance OH	30 ft. 84.1%
2000 - 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Mark Seibold, Huntington, IN	40 ft. 72.6%
	Robert Logan, Kouts, IN	30 ft. 79.9%
2001 - 13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40 ft. 85.4%
	Robert Logan, Kouts, IN	30 ft. 86.7%
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# PIONEER CLUB COMPLETES SUPER SEASON

by Dave Harnden

The Syracuse Pioneer Horseshoe Club successfully completed another awesome pitching season for 2003! Under the very able leadership of League Director Lance Hinman, three eight-week squads continued to do battle.

Again, Lance, in his 15<sup>th</sup> year as Director, got vital assistance from the Club's "unsung heroes", NYSTHPA President Stan Banner, Harry Dunbar, Lloyd Barbur, computer dynamo Dave Claver and a host of others!

## Spring Squad

	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Scratch 1<sup>st</sup></u>
Class A	Lance Hinman	Battling Bob Wilsch
Class B	Lou Valentino	Dale Edwards
Class C	Dangerous Don Denblayker	Don Denblayker
Class D	Vin (Will Win) Smith	Art Sochia
Juniors	Bob St. Laurent	

High Average:	Nick Hinman	43.5
High Point Average:	Bob Wilsch	101.79
High Ringer Game:	Sam Barbuto	78%
High Game Over Average:	Barbuto	+34.25
Most Improved:	Paul Canavan	+8.75
High Low Doubles:	Barbuto and Denblayker	

## Fall Squad

	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Scratch 1<sup>st</sup></u>
Class A	Rick Whitney	Sudden Sam Barbuto
Class B	Art Dantuono	Lloyd Barbur
Class C	Dave Rode	Dave (The Road Warrior) Rode
Class D	Vinnie Smith	Vinnie, again!
Juniors	Bob St. Laurent	

High Average:	Dave Hinman	41.06
High Point Average:	Barbuto	103.06
High Ringer Game:	Barbuto	72%
High Game Over Average:	Lou Valentino	+24.75
Most Improved:	L. Barbur	+6.44

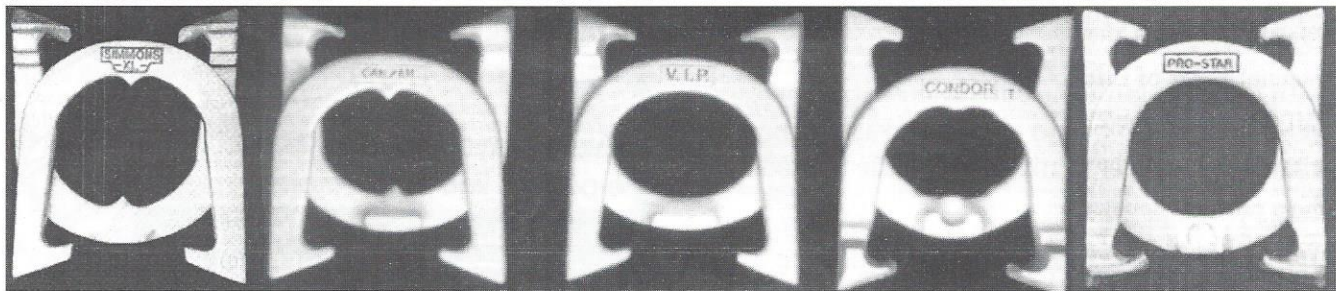
## Summer Squad

	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Scratch 1<sup>st</sup></u>
Class A	Katie Frazee	Katie, again!
Class B	Lorraine Valentino	Marge Wilkinson
Class C	Jeff (Magic) Johnson	Denblayker
Juniors	Dave Hinman	

High Average:	Dave Hinman	41.00
High Point Average:	Katie Freeze	100.25
High Ringer Game:	H. Dunbar	70%
High Game Over Average:	M. Wilkinson	+27.06
Most Improved:	Wilkinson	+11.81

## Hall Of Fame Quiz Answers

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| 1. Elmer Beller          | 7. Donnie Roberts |
| 2. Harry "Pop" Woodfield | 8. Katie Gregson  |
| 3. Oattie Reno Sr.       | 9. Curt Day       |
| 4. Don Titcomb           | 10. Wilbur Kabel  |
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# THE TOLL OF TIME

## Arnold C. Erikson Minnesota

Arnold C. Erikson, age 91, of Rapiden, MN died February 26, 2004 at Banner Garden Hospice House in Mesa, AZ. Arnold was born April 20, 1912 in Rapidan Township, Blue Earth County, MN. He was the son of Christopher and Mathilda (Knutson) Erickson. Arnold attended school in Rapidan. He was united in marriage to Helen Masher, October 16, 1937 in Mankato, MN. Arnold was employed as hydro-operator in Rapidan for NSP and retired in 1977.

In 1958 he founded the East League Horseshoe Club and was president of South Central Minnesota until 1977. He was president of Apache Horseshoe League and Towerpoint Horseshoe Club. He was in the Minnesota Horseshoe Hall of Fame. Arnold enjoyed traveling, bowling and pitching horseshoes. He and Helen had been spending winters in Mesa, Arizona.

## Keith Thompson Colorado

Keith Thompson, one of the outstanding executives in the history of Colorado horseshoe pitching, died March 22<sup>nd</sup> following four surgeries and serious complications. He was 67.

Keith had a long list of service with the Colorado Horseshoe Pitching Association including six years as president, plus terms as the Regional Director, including a time as a member of the NHPA Rules Committee.

Along with his wife, Janie, he constructed the horseshoe courts in Strasburg, Colorado and served as tournament director and club officer many years. Janie passed away in 1997.

Keith was a member of the CHPA 32 years, and worked 30 years for the Colorado Department of Transportation until his retirement.

He won the State Class B Doubles in 1998, teamed with Vicki Lisco and was the State Singles Champion in Class E in 1995.

He attended nine World Tournaments and finished in first place in 1988 at Pleasanton, California in Class G2.

In addition to horseshoe pitching, he was a bowler and model plane flyer.

Thompson served in the Army twelve and a half years in communication. He was sent to Vietnam, Korea and Germany.

Keith is survived by four brothers: Loren, Cedar Hill, Texas; Kenneth, Waco, Texas; Dwight, Louisville, Colorado; and Dean, Detroit, Michigan. Two sisters: Nelda Woodson-Martinez, Wichita, Kansas and Helen Alguire, Thornton, Colorado also survives him. Also surviving him are his son, Ron Thompson, Littleton, Colorado and daughters, Margaret Shockcor, Rouge River, Oregon and Linda Thompson, Lovell, Wyoming. He also leaves behind several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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