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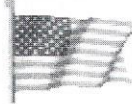
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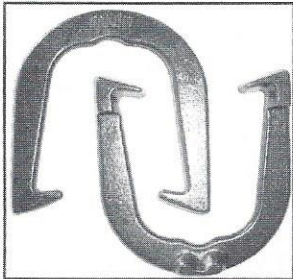


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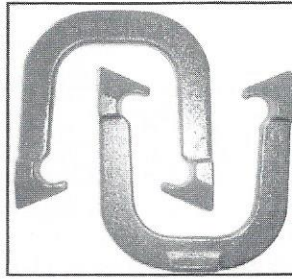


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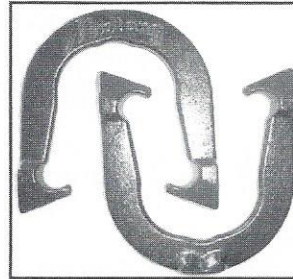
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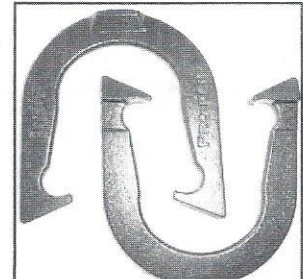
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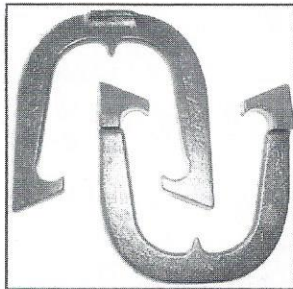
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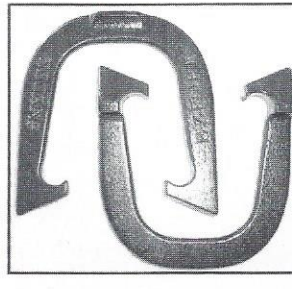
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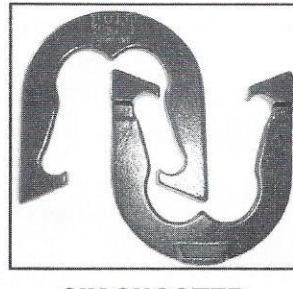
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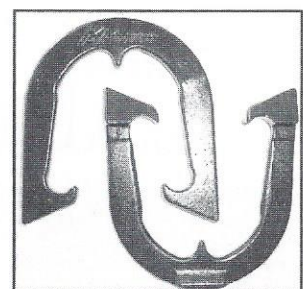
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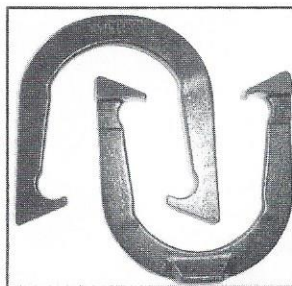
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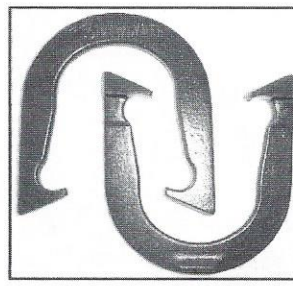
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The Phoenix-Mesa Horseshoe Pitchers Club held their Inaugural Charity Tournament on March 27th. The one-day event raised \$400, which was presented to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Southern Arizona on April 14, 2004. The club looks forward to next year's charity tournament. Pictured from left to right are Jan Stewart, secretary/treasurer; Rick Durkit, president/tournament director; Rebecca Villicana, president and CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation; and Chuck Stewart, first vice president.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Paul Stewart

We welcome and are happy to have a total of 1,200 entrants for the 2004 World Tournament. Entries are a little below the number expected by Pocatello. I am sure gasoline prices and airfares played a big part in these lower than expected entries. However, this does not mean the World Tournament won't be a great one. Numbers can be misleading and not always a deciding factor. A well-run tournament and the camaraderie should go a long way to make a great tournament.

Idaho has a total of 170 entrants. Would you believe that 95 pitchers are from the town of Pocatello? I can't find any records with these kinds of numbers for local pitchers from the host city participating in any World Tournament. Bobby Faulkner, the Tournament Committee and local clubs have been doing a great job promoting this World Tournament locally. This should result in more local Press coverage, not to mention the hometown people watching and cheering on their favorite hometown pitchers!

We are happy to have all of you that are participating in the 2004 World Tournament. Of the 1,200 entrants, there are 548 Open Men, 162 Women, 41 Sr. Women, 136 Sr. Men, 229 Elders, 76 Juniors and 8 nine & under pitchers. A break down of entrants, state by state, is located on the NHPA Website at www.horseshoepitching.com.

The World Tournament office phone number, effective July 23rd through August 7th, is: (208) 282-4490 The World Tournament e-mail address is: wt2004@horseshoepitching.com. The World Tournament Press Room e-mail address is: press-info@horseshoepitching.com

A reminder to all Charter Presidents: By-Laws, Article IX: Section 3. The Charter President must provide to the NHPA President, at least 72 hours prior to the start of the convention, a written and signed list of delegates, which names the delegation Chairman.

I will also accept a list of your delegates by e-mail if sent by the Charter President. I will be leaving for Pocatello on July 19th. Please allow several days mailing time prior to this date. You can e-mail me your delegate list at: nhpapaul@bellsouth.net prior to July 19th. After July 19th, you can email me your delegates list at least 72 hours prior to August 1st 8:00 a.m. to: wt2004@horseshoepitching.com

Times and dates for all meetings, Regional Directors, State Officers, Club/League Directors and the Hall of Fame Committee, will be posted on location at the tournament. It is almost impossible to schedule these meetings prior to

the tournament. We will have to see what meeting rooms are available at what times.

Awards will be presented at our annual Hall of Fame & Awards Banquet Sunday, August 1st, at the Red Lion Hotel. As President I have the honor and pleasure of choosing the recipient of the President's Award. I am happy to announce this year's President's Award will go to Horseshoe Pitching Newslite Editor, Paula Summerlin. Achievement Awards will be going to Bobby Faulkner of Idaho, and Heidi Poppe of Wisconsin. Membership Awards will be announced at the Banquet. The Regional Director of the Year Award is listed in Allen Baptist's article in this issue of Newslite. This year's Hall of Fame inductees are profiled in Earl and Vicki Winston's article in this issue of Newslite. Please make plans to attend the Hall of Fame & Awards Banquet. I promise that you will have fun and enjoy the evening.

For all of you that are participating in this year's World Tournament, I wish you a safe and enjoyable trip to the World Tournament and an enjoyable stay while in Pocatello. May all of your short shoes be close enough to measure and may all of your long shoes catch the top of the stake.

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SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUEREPORT by Lorraine Sternberg

The World Tournament in Pocatello, Idaho is soon approaching. Please try to attend the sanctioned league meeting. The meeting will be either on the first Friday or Saturday of the tournament. I would like to see as many league directors attend as possible. We need your input.

I would like to add something new to my sanctioned league article by featuring a club or league each issue. If you would like your club featured please e-mail or send me a little about your club that makes it somewhat different and interesting.

In this issue I would like to feature the Classic City Horseshoe Club of Indiana.

When the Classic City league director, Jim Shilling, sent in his final stats report for their winter leagues he included a Newsletter that he published for their league pitchers. I found this to be a great, added feature for their club. I thought I would write a few things found in the Classic City HSC News.

Club history: The Classic City HSC began league pitching in Auburn, IN in 1984. There were six courts in the back of Mettert's Used Furniture Store. The club pitched there until Jim Mettert sold the building in April of 1990. Jim Shilling then put up a building with six courts on his farm. They have been pitching there since the fall of 1990. The Classic City HSC has been in the NHPA Sanctioned League Program for 19 years.

The club has 95 members and pitches four nights a week during the fall and winter season. Following 22 weeks of league play, the first half winner of each night goes up against the second half winner of each night. Following the nightly play-offs, the four first-place winners played for the title of "BEST TEAM IN THE HOUSE".

Other items featured in their Newsletter are the names of their players receiving sanctioned league awards and the names of pitchers from their club that made the National Top Ten list. At the end of the Newsletter was a ranking list and stats of all the Classic City members according to their actual point averages.

This may be an idea for your club. The Classic City HSC has their own web site, www.shilling4.home.mindspring.com. Why not check it out. A great job done by the Classic City HSC!

At the end of this article I have included a Sanctioned Club/League Membership Report from 1979 to 2003.

There WILL NOT be a National Sanctioned Club/League Tournament this year due to the fact that the building in Joelson, TN is closed for now.

Good Luck to all of you that are going to the World Tournament this year! May you all have a safe trip and we will see you in Pocatello!

Sanctioned Club/League Membership Participation from 1979 to 2003

Year	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
1979					1665
1980					1963
1981					2472
1982					3213
1983					3060
1984					2678
1985					2677
1986					3322
1987					5325
1988					6660
1989					7019
1990					7681
1991	5576	1068	265	123	6644
1992	5405	1061	351	142	6959
1993	5149	1031	296	115	6591
1994	4554	980	258	128	5920
1995	4999	1047	284	89	6419
1996	4779	1069	300	101	6249
1997	4756	1034	258	92	6140
1998	4684	1022	260	107	6073
1999	4794	1071	270	*	6135
2000	4450	999	237	93	5779
2001	4337	868	209	83	5497
2002	4078	875	216	62	5231
2003	4279	931	230	77	5517

* Juniors Altogether

NHPFNEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS by Dave Loucks

The names of two more contributors will be added to the plaques of major benefactors. They are White Distributors of Erie, PA and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. of Ocala, FL. There are now 95 individuals, charters or clubs that have met or exceeded a contribution level of \$500 to the NHPF. Major benefactors to the Foundation are honored by having a personal engraved plate placed on one of several plaques displayed in the Hall of Fame.

The NHPF is very appreciative of all contributions received but especially those from major benefactors who continue their support despite the uncertainty surrounding the Joelton site due to the death of Jack Freeman. While the indoor court facility has been appraised for estate purposes, as of this writing, no report or indication of planned action has yet been shared with the NHPF. The grounds are being looked after, but there is no play at the courts, as the facility remains somewhat in a lock-down status pending settlement of the estate, which may take several more months.

The Dogwood Tournament in North Carolina continues to be a major source of income for the NHPF. Tournament Director Paul Stewart promotes the benefits of Foundation support as well as anyone. With some donated items and Stewlie Club support, the Dogwood always has several good raffles. This year's event brought in \$1,154 in donations and has helped to push North Carolina past Minnesota and into third place on the list of State rankings. Thanks to all who gave support.

While the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation functions as a separate entity, its work is closely tied to support many plans, projects and goals of the NHPA. While developing the Hall of Fame is most noted, the Foundation also issues grants for court development or improvement, is a partner in the

annual Awards Banquet, provides new player instructional videos and hopes to grow an endowment fund sufficient to sponsor clinics and foster increased junior and amateur participation. Your contribution will help the NHPF achieve these goals. Please send a check today to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. Contributions of \$25 or more will be acknowledged with a letter of thanks.

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

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Walter Ray Williams, Jr., FL

Donating \$200-250

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Donating \$500+

Dogwood Tournament

* In Memory of Burnell Trangsrud

** In Memory of Glenn R. Brown

*** In Memory of Joe Schultz

**** In Memory of Eddie Garcia

NHPA MMA Interest received, \$285

Total contributions deposited this reporting period, \$2,228

Total contributions deposited YTD \$22,851

How your state ranks in number and dollars contributed

	Contributors	Donations	\$	
1.	TN	29	57	\$20,377
2.	CA	86	170	\$18,019
3.	NC	26	103	\$10,529
4.	MN	39	177	\$10,077
5.	OR	20	60	\$8,385
6.	MO	46	87	\$8,041
7.	MI	43	94	\$7,234
8.	GA	15	20	\$6,770
9.	WI	29	86	\$6,662
10.	CO	23	54	\$5,797
11.	FL	41	61	\$4,813
12.	MA	10	12	\$4,695
13.	PA	27	48	\$4,074
14.	WA	27	48	\$3,836
15.	IL	36	64	\$3,710
16.	TX	22	32	\$3,585
17.	OH	53	76	\$3,571
18.	KS	17	31	\$3,371
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.	MD	20	28	\$1,240
27.	SC	9	18	\$1,170
28.	VA	12	14	\$1,128
29.	ND	5	9	\$1,120
30.	NV	9	11	\$1,030
31.	CT	13	20	\$967
32.	AL	4	5	\$570
33.	SD	10	15	\$534
34.	MT	4	7	\$520
35.	ID	5	12	\$520
36.	AZ	8	10	\$464
37.	OK	9	12	\$458
38.	WV	9	13	\$375
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

"Switched"

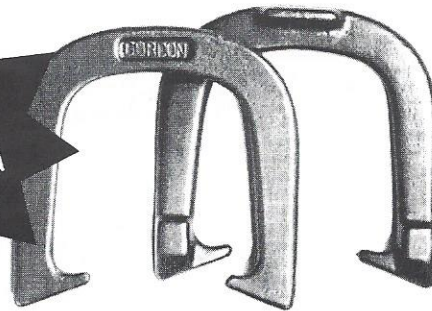
The deadline for sending applications to the program was May 9, 2004. I have received an email from Mitch Tanen, Casting Associate, from the show called "Switched" for the ABC Family Channel. They have three applicants, all incredible kids that they would like to use: **Tava Cook (WI), Chase Battle-Smith (AR), and Eric Marvin (IL). Congratulations!** Mitch says, "The fact that they're such awesome, unique kids, is really a rarity, so we love them. What happens now is the arduous process of finding the right time to use them in the right switch. It can take some time to get this together but once they're on our 'board' (which means in serious consideration) they never leave it. That means too, that if they don't get used for this round of shows they're still in the running for the next round, which since it's doing so well for the network, is pretty likely to happen. So patience here pays off." Mitch was very grateful and thanked me for my help. In essence, he is thanking all of you for helping me get the word out to our kids. We're very grateful to Mitch for giving our juniors this wonderful opportunity. I will make sure we follow-up with all of you once we hear more from the program

"Switched." Mitch will be moving to another show soon and he has given us a new contact to reach for further details of the program. We will now be in contact with Kim Adelman. **Good luck, Mitch, in your adventure!**

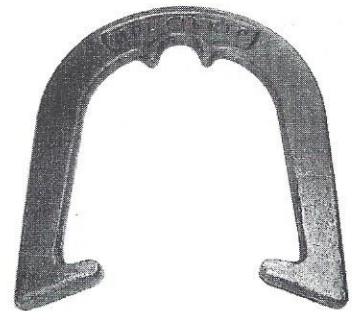
World Tournament Junior Party

I am asking that all junior directors around the country who will be going to Pocatello, Idaho give a hand at the tournament. My family and I will not be attending this year. I will be looking into ideas of what the kids will have for a junior party. I will probably be emailing several of you to let you know what information I have received regarding the possibilities. Anyone who would like to email me regarding ideas, please do, so we can help the Pocatello World Tournament Team provide a great junior party!

I want to wish everyone "good luck" at the World!



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MICHIGAN

2004 marks the 32nd consecutive year that the Michigan-Ontario Friendship tournament has been held. This friendly competition of horseshoe pitching continues off the courts where individuals play darts and pool and enjoy an evening of food, fun and entertainment. There is a maximum of 36 players per team. No report of how the wins and losses stand – maybe it doesn't matter!!!

In Michigan they have also raised more than \$20,000.00 for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital over the years - \$2,400.00 in 2003 alone. They use pledge sheets for the occasion, just as many other charity events do and earn T-shirts for their efforts. The tournament was held May 22nd

and 23rd this year. What a remarkable achievement!

MINNESOTA

In Minnesota they held their third annual State Summit meeting. At this meeting, representatives from the clubs in the state meet to compare notes, offer ideas on club and league promotion, and give out handouts on our sport for all the clubs to use. Sounds like a very logical and productive idea. This information was received from their newsletter, the Ringer Digest, which has been published now for 25 years. Wonder if that is the longest running state newsletter? A couple of incentives they have used is to offer door prizes for people who are attending the meeting AND for clubs to offer a discount for their banquets if pitchers show up for the clean-up days.

NHPA Income And Expenditures April and May 2004

Income

Charter Dues	\$13.00
Logo Use Fee	\$100.00
Membership Dues	\$32,842.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$4,015.00
Newsline Ads	\$475.00
US Bank Interest Money Mkt.	\$244.92
US Bank Interest Checking	\$61.51
Sanction Club/League Patches	\$20.00
W.T. Patches	\$10.00
W.T. 2003 Entries	\$114,825.00
NHPA Banquet	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$152,631.43

Expenditures

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From the books of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Association is very proud of the fact that it has had a consistent growth in membership from 1994 – 2003. In those years, they increased their membership by 74 members, an increase of 53%. In that time, the National membership numbers decreased by almost 7% so North Carolina has really done itself proud.

They are also happy that they rank # 3 in contributions to the NHPF even though they are only 23rd in membership. To continue that, they are having a Hall of Fame benefit tournament in Statesville on June 26th – all the proceeds from this tournament will go to the NHPA Hall of Fame and the NHPF.

They also report that the 2004 Dogwood Open was the best ever. They pitched on Friday evening and were able to increase the number of entries because of that.

NORTH DAKOTA

In this state they are planning to own several indoor, portable courts that can be used in various indoor locations. They plan to have nine courts, a cart to carry them, and even a trailer to transport these courts to locations that will be able to use them – all state association owned and available to set up anywhere. Good idea!

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma and Texas have an annual tournament in which the winning team has the "Red River Bragging Rights". This year in Ada, OK the final score was Oklahoma – 66 and Texas – 48 after TWELVE hours of

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pitching.

And in 2003 Glenn King was named the newest member of the OKHPA Hall of Fame. His horseshoe career spans many years of helping to acquire new members and new courts while winning two state championships. He also helped to raise a Junior Girl's World Champion in their daughter Becky. Congratulations, Glenn!

Oklahoma is proud of its two Junior pitchers who made the Top Ten List in the Sanctioned League Program for 2003. William Hall III was 7th in the High Point over Average category while Erik Harjo was 10th in High Ringer Average and 9th in High Ringer Game.

OHIO

In Ohio, members of the Reno-Roberts family have been pitching for four generations. There have been 35 different family members who have been active in the NHPA. This group has also put on nine exhibitions per year for 32 years. Quite a record!

Another "bragging rights" item from Ohio is that the Try County Horseshoe Club (for Try Harder) had more Top-10 finishes in the Sanctioned League Program for 2003 than any other club in the country. This league runs through the winter indoors and has a good number of juniors and adults involved. Elden and Rita Sarbaugh run the Sarbaugh Courts where this league of 60 pitchers plays. There are five other indoor clubs in Ohio.

WASHINGTON

Vey Allen is running a "Backyard Buddy League in 2004." This will be an e-mail league, run on the honor system, which will raise money to help send Junior Pitchers to the 2004 World Tournament and is hoped to promote horseshoe pitching in general. It is a 12-week league with two games each week and is to cost \$24.00 per pitcher.

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION -

We have often talked about compiling a list of all the indoor pitching facilities across the country - I do not know of any list that has yet been completed. LET'S DO IT!! Please let me know by snail mail or by e-mail of ANY public indoor facilities in our country and we will try to publish a list for the November/December issue. Thanks!

-GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2004 WORLD TOURNAMENT-

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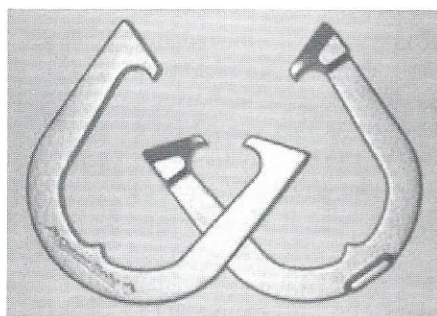
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PUBLICITY PROMOTION by Casey Sluys

On April 15, 2004 I sent an email to various folks with the following goal in mind. Here are some ideas that they have written down. The hope is that some of you can glean some useful information from this and apply it to your club! Let's do something...

"The goal will be to gain 2,500 NHPA members by year-end report 2006. The starting point is 13,605; therefore the end result should be 16,105. The 13,605 are a total of adults and juniors in our organization as of year-end 2003. Results will be measured by NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen in his year-end report due out around February 2007." - Casey Sluys 4/15/2004

From Duane Goodrich, KS:

People who come to the city park or club courts want to try their hand when there are few people around. A helpful court poster that explains the basics would help them, picnickers and spectators alike. When people feel free to use the courts and can read "how to play" posters designed for them to "help themselves learn" along with invitations to join your group, then newspaper messages of invitation can be used to kick the whole thing into gear.

"Sanctioned" play is currently required almost to the point of being a cold shoulder to newbie's and renewbies who have no interest (at the present time) in fees for activities "out of town". Selling them with this hard-line attitude is difficult. Can we find a soft line approach? "Free", one time entry to sanctioned events failed previously and still has little supporting interest. How about encouraging TD's to have a non-sanctioned class for anyone wanting to play free with the understanding their stats are not submitted to NATSTATS. As long as such "free" classes don't interfere or replace sanctioned schedules, what better invitation can we offer? Maybe we can call them "training" classes and include any level of skill, handicap, assistance, etc., found practical (including mixed play of newbie's with experienced volunteers). Maybe they can play the day before, day after a sanctioned event or later in the day, and just maybe these prospective members will come watch the "main" event and evaluate their own skill level with the thought in mind of joining us soon. This "hands on" approach will surely be more helpful in recruiting new members than our present cold shoulder attitude.

Why are active non-NHPA leagues not interested in becoming part of the NHPA? Is it their self satisfaction with no interest in expanding; is it a difference in rules, scoring, etc.; is it something previously said or done by the NHPA; or perhaps they are discouraged by NHPA fees? Unless we have a grasp on the "why", we can't address "what" can be negotiated. These groups already have organizers and members, can they not have the same roll within the NHPA, providing leadership to the same people (and growth potential)? If we can convince leaders of active non-NHPA groups, we might realize faster growth with their help than our having to chase down people one at a time without their help.

Let us first get people playing horseshoes for the recreational enjoyment that it can be, then promote more involvement in organized events to the point they become enthusiasts (like us!) and they discover horseshoe pitching as a competitive sport in which they can participate at every level of skill.

From Bill Tedrick, MI:

Recently I have been in contact with Fred Smith, a past president

of the Michigan State Charter. Here he relates an interesting idea about introducing new members to organized horseshoes pitching. Maybe some useful psychology here!

From Fred's email: "I want to relate a couple of personal experiences I have had in regard to new members. Would you believe that I have never had a friend of mine join? It wasn't because I haven't tried but when they came out to watch me play, and against the competition that I play, they put it in their mind that they will never be as good as pitcher as I was. Now that said when a prospective new member comes out to watch a tournament who is it that horseshoe pitchers wants them to watch? The top players are who they are told to watch. When I talked to members about bringing new people to watch a tournament I told them to have them watch the bottom class play because that is usually where their skill levels are at that time. The new person has to get it in his mind that he can beat those pitchers the very first time he walks onto the courts. When an exhibition is given who does the pitching? The top players are whom the audience sees. People walk away knowing that their skill levels are no where near those who demonstrate the game and would only be greatly embarrassed if that is who they believe that they would be playing against. Why not have the game demonstrated to them by very low average pitchers first as a way to get their attention then bring out the better pitchers and have it explained to them that it took many years of tournaments and practice to achieve that level of play? It is good to remember that a pitcher that throws 25% can be intimidating to a person who throws four or five ringers every 50 shoes."

From Jim Shilling Indiana RD:

Here are the positive things that have worked very well for Cam and I for 20 years at Classic City.

1. For retaining old members and getting new members, I make personal house calls each fall, sometimes driving hundreds of miles before leagues start. (Sounds like the old time doctor making house calls, doesn't it?)
2. I have found that contracting new people to pitch is much more beneficial than begging old members to come back!
3. People between the ages of 40 - 70 are the ones I find most receptive.
4. People who are about to retire are prime candidates.
5. Grandpas and Grandmas are great to talk with about starting their grandkids in the game of horseshoes. Sometimes you can pick up 2 or 3 pitchers at the same time.
6. Do you know that boys and girls in Scouts are offered a scouting award for learning a new sport?
7. And what about 4-H kids along this same line of thinking?
8. I keep my eye open for large families with a lot of close relatives. They often like to pitch together on a team.
9. Cam and I take a personal interest in the lives of our pitchers. We even bake birthday cakes for some!
10. I have picked up members by having the NHPA license plates on all of our cars and trucks.
11. I carry NHPA cards in my billfold and freely hand them out wherever I go. I have actually recruited new members while standing in a long line at the grocery store. I almost never go out in public without wearing some apparel that says something about horseshoes!
12. Factory workers and union members are good groups from

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which to recruit members; you may get a team or two or a number of individual members.

13. As you can see by now I'm a strong believer in personal contact. It works in the sales world and it will work in recruiting horseshoe members.
14. Also I believe we should promote private ownership of NHPA sanctioned courts, both outdoors and indoors. This forces one or two individuals to make it work as opposed to a park or fairground system where the bottom line is: nobody really cares if it works or not, because nobody has a financial interest in it.
15. We need to promote sanctioned league pitching. This would be a great way to increase membership.
16. The question often asked is, "why do people quit"? In my opinion the game of horseshoes is one of the hardest sports to learn. Some people are never able to pitch enough ringers to enjoy the game. We should have occasional pitching seminars in different parts of the country to help people learn the game. This has helped Classic City retain a lot of members.
17. Indoor courts in the northern states have somewhat of an advantage during the winter months when other activities are somewhat dormant making it a good time to recruit new members. However the southern states pickup a lot of people during this time too.

We must realize that many organizations are having the same problems that NHPA is having with membership. Some have even folded. When you look at our membership over the past 50 years we have been able to hold our own. We must be doing something right!

You may not agree with my opinions and ideas but you must realize this comes from 30 years of making Classic City Indoor Courts successful. Whatever direction this committee takes, Cam and I are ready to help.

From Bobby Stewart, SC and UT:

I am currently a 24-year-old college student at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah majoring in Elementary Education (changed from Communications). But I still consider South Carolina my home. Ok, so I will toss a small idea into the ring. How about getting schools into the horseshoe spirit? With a sometimes-low Physical Education budget in many schools, think about how cost efficient horseshoes would be. I can remember playing all sorts of sports in school and getting fired up about the ones I realized I could compete in. How many young kids would develop a desire to pitch horseshoes simply from being introduced to it in Elementary school? Junior or Senior High? Perhaps something for the Jr. Directors in many states to attempt to get started up. But I think many schools would be interested in the physical education aspect of Horseshoe pitching.

From Mike Myers, SC:

I have served as Newsletter Editor, HOF Committee chairman, Webmaster and VP for the South Carolina Horseshoe Pitcher's Association. Since the "changing of the guard" so to speak from our previous president to our current (SCHPA) president and long time RD Ron Taylor, I have been working with him and the other officers to try to get the association on a more business like footing.

This has included developing a training workshop for our tournament directors and recommending and organizing a strategic planning session for the officers and TDs. From this effort we developed this mission statement, <http://www.schorseshoes.com/mission.htm> and the formation of several committees including the PR committee of which I am a member and a membership committee to concentrate on retention as well as growing our association. These were identified as key objectives:

- Preserve What We Have - Members, Facilities, Finances
- Develop What We Have - Increase Participation (Tournaments, Committee, grow Junior Program)
- Expand The SCHPA - Increase Membership, Revenue, Locations, Promotion, Public Relations, Image

These are the areas that we targeted to be concentrated on over the next 3-5 years. Within each of these key objectives we identified and prioritized the goals.

What I suggest is that we try to measure the effectiveness of each idea so that we can identify which ideas are the most likely to produce results. However the same solutions may not work everywhere.

Our charter's membership peaked in 1993, 1994 & 1995 at just over 100 adult members. This was largely due to personal contact and the concentrated effort of a single individual. This also closely parallels the national figures. Our experience was at that time that even though we managed to get membership to crack the century mark we did not realize any appreciable change in participation.

Since then our experience has been much like everyone else's. We gain about as many members as we lose each year. However, we have been gaining a little more in recent years with the addition of a couple new locations. Our goal for 2004 is a 20% increase in membership. So far we have met last year's numbers and gained a little but still have a ways to go to make this goal. The most encouraging thing for me is the number of additional people that are getting involved.



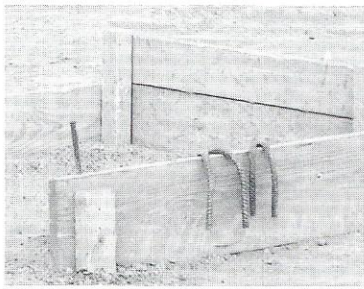
Update on Kyrgyzstan:

Just a glance at these smiling faces pitching horseshoes melts your heart, doesn't it? Kimmy Stockli made the introduction of horseshoe to this country possible by the gracious donation of eight horseshoes, court dimensions and even scoresheets to Erik Erickson who is teaching there in the Peace Corps. Simply seeing them enjoy the game so much makes one wonder why everyone doesn't pitch horseshoes.

Armed Forces Shoes:

Necessity is the mother of invention as proven by the photos of Keith Lee and his fellow airman pitching with U shaped re-bar. (Concrete re-enforcing rods) They were even using re-bar for a stake! Upon seeing this we solicited Ken Kosky NHPA Game Related Sales Manager and he sent these guys two pair of shoes; American of course due to their durability and cost. They were extremely happy to receive them! Do you have an extra set of shoe you could send to

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a member of our Armed Forces? After all, the sport was brought to America via various military actions. Why not return the favor and introduce the rest of the world to the sport we love to play.

We, (Kimmy Stockli, Greg Ellisen and myself) here in Northern CA are presently

pursuing various avenues to gather names and addresses of military personnel who would like to receive a set of horseshoes. We contacted the Public Affairs office of Travis AFB in hopes of having them ship a load of horseshoes on a flight to our troops. The Sergeant I spoke with said that this was the first request he's ever had to ship horseshoes and that they get about 100 calls per week with similar requests. He told us that only military cargo is allowed to be transported on military flights, that he was sorry, but no dice. He suggested that the only sure way was to mail them to an individual we knew. Hmmmmmmmm, could we donate 50-100 pair of shoes to their recreation department in the hope that



they would eventually end up in the right hands? Just a thought..... They would probably end up in a military warehouse on some Air Force Base until it was dismantled?

In the interim we are collecting horseshoes in our charter, thus far we have collected 12 sets and getting them ready for a fresh coat of paint and further use by our young men and women overseas. We have one address to send to already!

Personally I'm aware that most, if not all, military bases have a recreation department and almost all of them include horseshoe sets. Are there any ideas on how to ship them in bulk rather than individually? Costs would be around \$20.00 a set (4 shoes) to ship to a military post office. If we get inundated with addresses of military personnel that want horseshoes I'll post it on our website, in hopes of finding more shoes or assisting us with the postage. If the above inspires you to make a donation to this worthy cause you can send the donation to Dick Hansen the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. Be sure to note that it's for "Armed Forces Horseshoes"



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HALL OF FAME

by Earl and Vicki Winston

Some of you have already seen the announcement on the NHPA Message Board and know that the NHPA will be inducting four deserving individuals into the Hall of Fame at the banquet in Pocatello, ID on Sunday, August 1, 2004. We thought you might be interested in knowing how the inductees were selected. There are 15 voting members on the NHPA Hall of Fame committee. Nominees are listed in one of three categories. Each voting member is given a ballot with spaces for five points, four points, three points, two points and one point for each of the three categories. They may vote for as many as five candidates in each category, but they don't have to fill all of the spaces if they don't wish to do so. If every committee member fills all five spaces in a category, there will be a total of 225 points voted. A candidate must receive at least 20 percent of the total points cast in their category to be elected. Committee members must abstain from voting in a category in which their own name or the name of a family member appears. If a category does not have a candidate who receives at least 20 percent of the total points voted, there is no election in that category.

As we announced in the last issue of Newline, there is now an official NHPA Hall of Fame Nomination Form. Contact us if you would like to have one and we will send it to you. All nominations must now be submitted using this form or a reproduction of it. Forms have already been sent out for possible nominations to be considered in 2005. Remember, the candidate should be someone who has achieved success or served the association on the national level. Persons with outstanding achievements on the local level should be honored within their own charter.

In order that we might provide you with brief profiles of the 2004 Hall of Fame electees, we will forego this installment of the Hall Of Fame Quiz. Look for it to resume in the November/December issue. Once again, we congratulate those who have been elected this year. We are excited, because as of this writing, all four are planning to attend the induction ceremony in Pocatello.

DICK HANSEN (Organizer)

Dick was born in Franksville, WI and still resides there today. He and his wife, Paulette, have four children and eight grandchildren. Dick was first elected to the NHPA Executive Council in the position of NHPA 5th Vice-President. His duties consisted of overseeing the NHPA Regional Directors. In 1995 he became the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer and is currently serving in that position. He also serves on the NHPF Executive Board, the NHPA Rules Committee and has the unenviable task of serving as World Tournament Director. He has received the coveted Arch Stokes Memorial Award and also a Presidential Award. During Dick's tenure as NHPA Secretary/Treasurer he has computerized the NHPA membership list into a workable database. He is currently working on making the membership database compatible with the NatStats database. If you wish to speak to Dick during the world tournament, you will most likely find him in the NHPA office.

GARY KLINE (Organizer)

Gary was born in Dayton, OH and still resides there with his wife, Joyce. Gary has two stepdaughters and three grandsons. Gary is a recipient of the Arch Stokes Memorial Award, he served as the Official NHPA Statistician from 1979 through 1983 and he served on the NHPA Publicity and Promotion Committee for approximately ten years under the leadership of Sol Berman. He currently fills the position of NHPA Historian and serves

on the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee. Gary made a major contribution to the sport of horseshoe pitching by writing a book titled *The Official NHPA History of the World Tournament, 1909-1980*. This required the collecting of tremendous numbers of pitching records, personal information and personal interviews before the writing could even begin. He gathered material from microfilm, photocopied material from other books and magazines and hired people in other states to read and make copies of microfilm records for some of the 72 years of World Tournament information that he collected. Gary didn't keep detailed records of his time or expenses, but the project took three years from the inception to the completion of the finished product.

SYLVIANNE MOISAN (Player)

Sylvianne was born in St. Raymond, Quebec and lives today in L'Epiphanie, Quebec with her husband, Andre Leclerc, and their daughter, Sandra, who will be six years old on August 6th. Many of you know Sylvianne's mother, Angeline Moisan, who has also participated in World Tournament competition for many years. Sylvianne first made it into the Women's Championship Class at the World Tournament in 1986 at the age of 20. Since then, she has competed in the championship class 12 times. She has finished 3rd twice, has been runner up three times and has won the World Championship the last four years. Bart Sargent has compiled figures that indicate Sylvianne has a career ringer average of 81.49% in championship division play through the 2003 event. Her highest complete world tournament average to date is the 86% she pitched in 2002. Sylvianne has also won eight Canadian Ladies Championships. This is quite an accomplishment for a woman who pitches nearly all-Canadian tournaments on sand courts and rarely sees clay courts except when she comes to the USA. If you have the opportunity to attend the world tournament this year, you won't have any trouble spotting Sylvianne. She will be the right-handed turn-and-a-quarter pitcher, who fires both shoes in as little as seven or eight seconds, with most of them landing around the stake.

PAUL STEWART (Player/Organizer)

Paul lives in Statesville, NC with his wife, Pat. They have three children and one grandchild. He is a recipient of the Arch Stokes Memorial Award and also a NHPA Presidential Award. Paul has been an above average pitcher, sometimes sporting a NatStats average of over 70% and he made the Senior Men's Championship Class at the World Tournament in 2002 and 2003. However, more people will recognize Paul for his years of service to the NHPA and what he has contributed to the modernization of the association. He was first elected to the NHPA Executive Council as a Vice-President and this year has begun his first year as NHPA President. He also serves on the Executive Board of the NHPF and the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee. Paul knew nothing about computers, but started in to teach himself. Out of this have come free computer programs for charters, the NHPA Website and online photos and results from World Tournament competition on a daily basis for those who cannot attend the tournament in person. There is no way to measure the magnitude of what has been accomplished since Paul first learned to operate a computer and then enlisted a few other individuals to help him. We can only sit at our keyboards and reap the benefits of what he has done for the NHPA. In case you didn't already know, Paul is the reason that the Stewlie's organization exists. What are the Stewlies, you ask? Paul's sidekick, Burly, will be glad to clue you in.

2006 WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE by Stu Sipma

For the first four months of the year, I had numerous groups contact me showing a grave interest in bidding for the 2006 World Horseshoe Tournament. Since the March 15th deadline, that number has dwindled down to two. Louisville and Des Moines continue their efforts to get ready for their booth and presentation at the 2006 World Tournament in Pocatello, Idaho. The following is the latest update for these two locations.

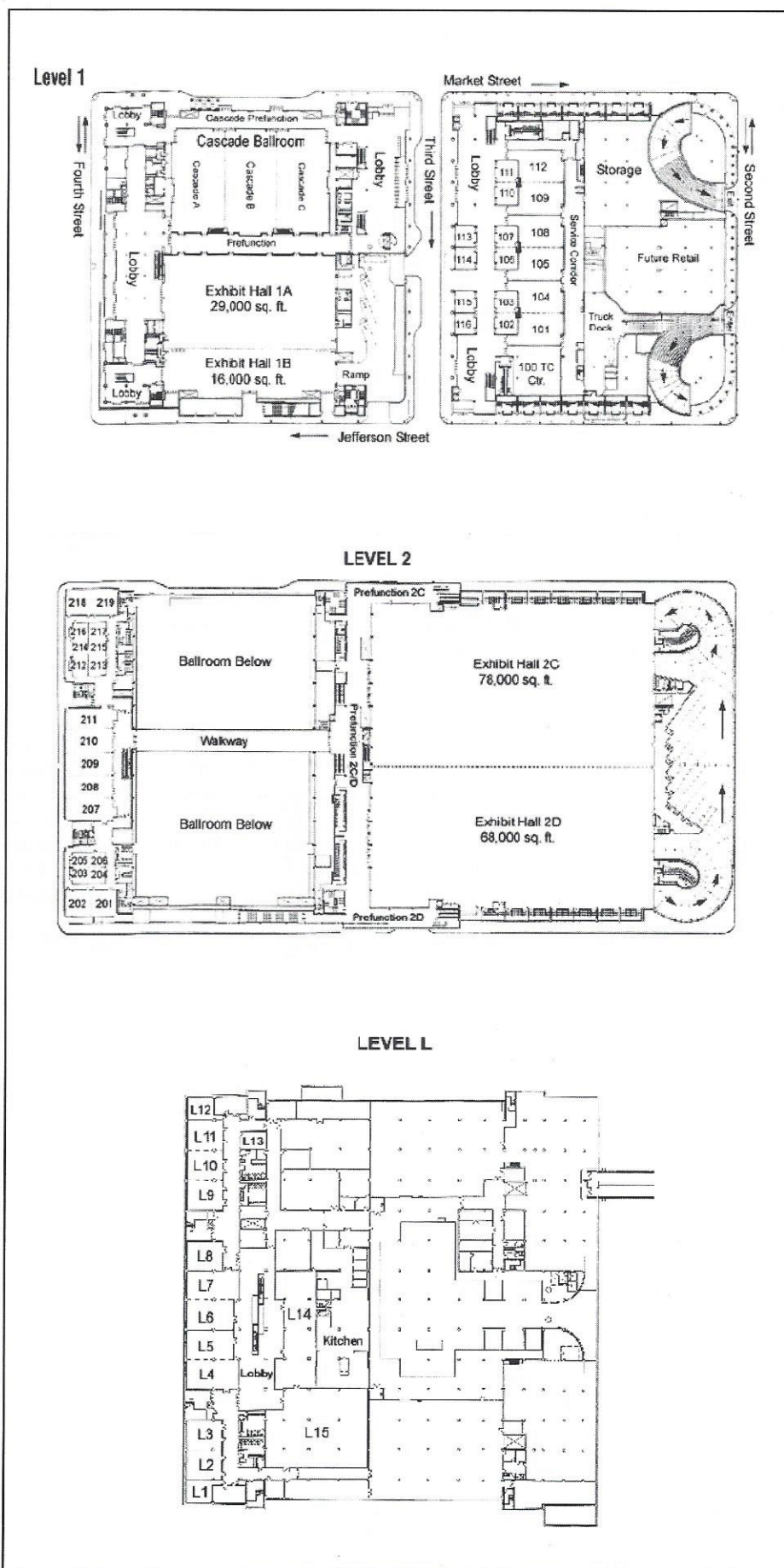
Louisville, Kentucky

Andy Jugan, Executive Director of The Greater Louisville Sports Commission, and Meredith Reeves, Information and Bid Development, have been working hard at putting together a beautiful host site facility for the horseshoe pitchers at the Kentucky Internal Convention Center (KICC). To the right is a layout of the facility showing the different levels of the Convention Center.

The proposed dates at the Kentucky Convention Center will be July 31st-August 12th. 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.

As a sports town, Louisville has it all. They have hosted some of the top sports events in history from four NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four Tournaments to 129 Kentucky Derbies, the oldest continuous sporting event in the United States. Louisville has also played host to two of the most successful PGA Golf Championships in history and is on a regular rotation to host the Breeder's Cup. With Louisville's strong affiliation with the horse industry, what community is a more natural match to host the World Horseshoe Tournament?

Louisville is home to some of the most storied athletes and sports venues in the world. The list of recent celebrity athletes includes some of the all-time greats, Muhammad Ali, Pee Wee Reese, Paul Hornung, Darryl Griffith, Derrick Anderson, Fuzzy Zoeller and Pat Day to name a few. We have legendary facilities from Churchill Downs to Freedom Hall.



REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT by Allen Baptist

I am happy to announce that Clint Bryson, North and South Dakota Regional Director, is the 2004 NHPA Regional Director of the Year. It is always very difficult for me to choose the Regional Director of the Year because there are so many hard working and dedicated Regional Directors. Clint has been Regional Director for many years and is a tireless worker for the North and South Dakota Charters. Clint is always helping out at the shoe checks for the World Tournaments when he is not pitching.

From the Mail Bag

Dale Boss - Arizona Regional Director reports that Arizona held their State Tournament on April 3rd and 4th. Arizona had 44 entries with Gary Minnick winning the Men's Championship Class. Gerald Schinagle won the Elder's division and Barbara Tabat is a first-time winner taking the Women's class. Dale writes that it may seem funny that Arizona holds their State Championships before most Charters even start their season, but summer in Arizona can be a little warm!

Bob Reese - Oklahoma Regional Director reports that the OHPA has 22 tournaments scheduled for 2004 in nine different locations. The Oklahoma-Texas shootout will be held in Ada, OK this year. Oklahoma leads the competition with six victories and two losses. Bob has completed teaching horseshoes to two physical education classes at East Central University. This is the eighth semester of such teaching, but not one of the students has continued pitching with the OHPA. Two classes each semester average between 15 and 20 students. Help in demonstrating pitching techniques was given by OHPA members, Candace Tiger, Leon Bell and Gerald Brown. "How to Pitch Horseshoes" by Dave Loucks was the video used for one classroom session. NHPA Secretary Treasurer Dick Hansen furnished NHPA rules, etc. Tina Hawkins keeps the OHPA members informed through her newsletter web page located at <http://www.angelfire.com/ok5/okhorseshoes/newsletter.html>.

David Spears - Idaho Assistant Regional Director reports that Bobby Faulkner has sanctioned courts in

Chubbuck, ID, which are two sand pits at the Five Mile Inn. These are new courts that are already holding a sanctioned league.

Elwyn Cooper - Missouri Regional Director reports that their Charter has 85 tournaments scheduled for 2004. If you would like to browse Missouri's web site the address is <http://www.mohpa.us>

Johnny Davenport - Texas Assistant Regional Director reports that he has sanctioned the Green Acres Horseshoe courts in Lubbock, Texas. It is one pit owned by Dominic Caranta and he is planning on two or three more courts in the near future.



Letter to the Editor


Because of heart and inner ear problems, I won't be competing in the World Tournament this year. I would like to wish all of my horseshoe friends a safe and successful tournament. Hope to see you all down the road. God bless.

*Bob Hayes,
2003 Sr. Men's World Champ and New York State Champ*

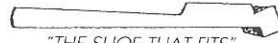
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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

July 2004

24th

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

August 2004

14th

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.

16th

Iowa State Fair Midwest Senior Classic, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA NHPA Sanctioned. Must be 60 years of age by August 16th. Over \$1,800 spent on awards each year. Entry deadline: July 31st (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

4th

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

THE TOLL OF TIME

William A. Kalariotes
New Hampshire

William "Bill" Kalariotes, 66, of Hooksett, New Hampshire died April 10, 2004 after an illness.

Bill truly enjoyed the game of horseshoe pitching. All who knew him, whether on or off the courts, were taken by his friendly and competitive nature. He was an active member of the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association for many years and had participated in many tournaments.

Bill was the owner and operator of Colonial Auto Body Shop in Hooksett, NH, spending winters in Sunshine Key, Florida where he also enjoyed fishing.

He leaves his wife, Maria, two sons, six daughters, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many friends. He will be missed by all.

Submitted by:
NHPA-New Hampshire
Thomas D. Booth, VP

Marion William Lange
Iowa

Marion W. Lange, 91, born November 2, 1912 in Churdan, Iowa passed away peacefully on Thursday April 29, 2004 at Mitchell Village. Marion graduated from high school and farmed throughout his entire life, eventually retiring. He was superintendent of horseshoes at the Iowa State Fair 17 years. He was elected to the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame in 1978. In 1989 became a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. Marion was a member of Capitol Hill Christian Church.

For many years during the 1940's and 1950's Marion attended and played in the World Horseshoe tournaments with his lifetime friend Harold Shaw of What Cheer. His best years in the world were 1952 and 1954 in Utah. Marion was a past President of Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association and a member of the 1978 World Tournament Committee.

His nieces Dixie Rhiner, Susan Knapp and Diane Mussell and numerous great nieces and nephews survive Marion. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 65 years, Pauline.

Marion loved horseshoes and people of Iowa will always remember him fondly. He loved his church and family. He is with Jesus today.

Respectfully submitted Danny Sease



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Horseshoe Pitching Facts and Folklore



By Bob Dinn

MAJOR REVELATIONS IN THE SPORT

Hooked Shoes and The Initiation of the Turn Shoe

Putt Mossman's newly designed shoe in 1927, that sported hooks on the inside edge of the points, was the beginning of a major revelation in the sport. What was to be a historic event of the 1927 World Tournament (Summer) was not without some resistance. This is described in a note hand written by Frank Stinson in the late 1970's. It is amazing, of all of us present day members that knew Frank, or had met him or even those who can recall the name – Frank Stinson was a participant in the 1927 World Tournament, he was there in person and an eye witness to the introduction of the hooked shoe.

"Putt Mossman invented first hooked shoe in 1927, I was one of many who used it. Other manufacturers were caught by surprise and tried to have it barred at the pre-tournament convention, but players voted to allow its use. Otto Swanstrom, president of Diamond Horseshoe Company stood and offered his shoes free to any player to use in the tournament with \$100.00 extra going to the one winning the title. Of course, those using the new hooked shoe had a big advantage and C.C. Davis won 1" with them."

Those initial hooks were barely buttons compared to the hooks later designed by other shoemakers. In fact, Mossman shoes were nicknamed 'Cheeters'. For those who are enjoying the benefits of the tournament styled large hooked shoes, remember, it hasn't always been like that.

Another major change in our sport was the introduction of the turn shoe. As prominent as the turn shoe is today, especially in the championship classes, the turn shoe was not always the pitch of choice. As our sport began, the most common hold was with the forefinger across the tip of one heel calk. The other hold was the flip-flop shoe. The flip shoe had a draw back as it had to maintain a full revolution that allowed shoes to land calks down, or no score. That was the rule in those days. In fact, here is the exact wording from 1919: *Section IV, SCORING RULES No. 4 A – Sacrifice Ringer. A sacrifice ringer is a ringer that has been cancelled by an opponent pitching a ringer on the first player's ringer. B. – Shoes alighting upside down – calks up – is a foul shoe and does not score.*

Well that situation certainly was improved with the introduction of the turn shoe, specially the 1¼ turn. It does seem strange to think that the sport existed for quite some time before the turn shoe was part of the game, even by those players that had achieved the skills for world-class rankings. Part of the explanation, could be as simple as habits are hard to break, as illustrated in the following article written by D.D. Contrell.

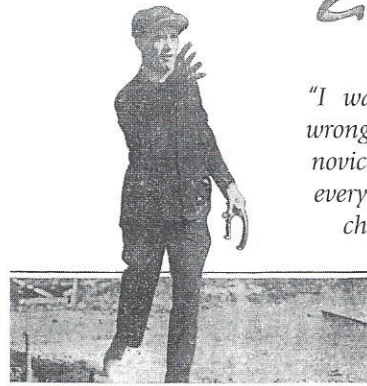
"For nearly 40 years Mr. (Frank) Jackson held his shoe in the way he describes as follows: 'I hold my shoes with my front finger around the heel calk, hold the shoe with the thumb and next two fingers, hold the shoe level with the little finger under the shoe and gauge the turn with my wrist.' This gave his shoe a 2-¾ turn. This was the way that practically every horseshoe pitcher of the older generation learned to hold his shoe. Mr. Jackson was the best ringer pitcher that ever used this hold.

However, in January, 1926, he decided if he was ever to win the World Championship again he must change his hold because with his old turn, he was not able to work the joint of his first finger fast enough and control his shoe well enough to get better than 55 percent ringers, while pitchers using other holds were pitching a better percent.

Only a few weeks before the National Tournament in St. Petersburg, Florida, which was held February 18, 1926, he changed his hold and began pitching 1¾ turn. The result of this change of hold was that Mr. Jackson again won the title of World Champion. His record in this tournament was 2028 ringers in 3278 shoes pitched, or 61.9 percent ringers."

Frank Jackson, who is one of the charter inductees to the NHPA Hall of Fame, seemingly took his time to employ a turn shoe, but early in his career, did not have the advantage to see other players using the turn shoe or as some used to term it – the side shoe. So, who did perfect the turn shoe? Most history buffs will give the nod to George May of Akron, Ohio. The February 1924 issue of *Farm & Fireside* had an article interviewing George May. Here are excerpts from

that article and in George Mays own words, how he perfected the turn shoe.



"I was still a dub; I held my shoes wrong, and I was still practically a novice at the game, but I still surprised everyone by bringing the 1920 national championship back to Akron with me – also some mighty sore fingers.

I held my shoe like any other dub who first starts to play. You know how – calks down, with the index finger over the end of the right fork and the

toe towards you. Several days of straight pitching in my awkward way had worn off a lot of skin on my right hand, so as soon as it healed up I started out trying to find a new way to hold the shoes so they wouldn't do so much damage.

I changed my grip – turned the forks towards me, calks down, and griped the shoe by the right fork and threw it in somewhat the same manner.

It was about this same time that I discovered something about my new way of holding the shoe. If I held it a certain way it went through the air making exactly a one and one-quarter turn in flight, and landed with the forks toward the stake, making the chance for ringers 100 percent – provided of course the shoe hit the stake.

Horseshoe Pitching Facts and Folklore



By Bob Dunn

Somewhere in that hold was the secret of the 'open shoe', something horseshoe pitchers everywhere told me to try for but couldn't tell me how. It's really simple enough, though it took a long time and a lot of pitching to discover."

But here is another accounting that addresses the 'open shoe', and is even earlier than the days of George May. This short exert is from early-day (1927) writings of D.D. Contrell:

"In 1907, the winter visitors to St. Petersburg, Florida began to amuse themselves by pitching horseshoes in the sand on a lot next to the Poinsettia Hotel on Central Avenue. There were two courts for horseshoe pitching and two courts for quoits. The pegs used for horseshoe pitching were 35 feet apart and three inches high above the grounds. Games were 21 points, ringers counting 3 points. First part of the winter season of 1909 and 1910, the courts were moved to the corner of Third Street and Second Avenue North, where the Park Cafeteria now stands and the latter part of the season to the vacant lot next to the Allison Hotel. No pitcher had up to that time heard of so controlling the delivery of a shoe so it would fall open toward the peg.

In the winter of 1909 on the lot side of the Allison Hotel, Dr. F.M. Robinson, Poughkeepsie, New York, and O.T. Battles, Chardon, Ohio as partners were playing a game with Frank Elliot, Rochester, N.Y. and another man. While the game was in progress, it was discovered while digging the shoes out of the sand that Robinson's shoes all came fork to the stake. This had not been previously noticed, even by the doctor himself. The other then began to question the doctor to find out how he did it, but he didn't know, other than it was natural to him to release his shoe so that it fell open towards the peg with a one and three-quarter turn.

From that time the other players began to practice holding their shoes on the side with the opening toward them and from them and by most conceivable way in order to try to control the shoe so it would fall open toward the peg for they said if the doctor's shoe naturally fell open toward the peg they could acquire the skill necessary to control the delivery of a shoe so it would fall open."

So now we see that the turn shoe had several introductions to our sport. The turn shoe had an impact each time. So much so, that many of the times earned documentation. What we today assume to always have been common to our game, just wasn't always the case. Even though notable pitchers had developed the turn shoe, that didn't mean the word had spread throughout the country. Or maybe, the old diehard player refused to let go of the 'spin-shoe' hold that they had used from their beginning.

Here is an interesting insert from our own Ed Quigley. Ed's account of the 'Spin Shoe' from the 1930's is testimony to the fact that the turn shoe was reinvented on many occasions, therefore more than one is to be credited with developing the turn shoe.

"Before the turn shoe was the Spin Shoe. The Spin Shoe was what

the adults in my neighborhood pitched when horseshoe pitching was the national pastime, during the Depression years. The shoe was held with the tip of the index finger at the point of the shoe. The shoe was made to rotate rapidly in flight. There was no science involved and ringers were scarce too.



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At age seven in 1932, I couldn't get my index finger to the point of the shoe so I just held the shoe on the left side and it made a show ¾ turn in flight. Consequently, I was the first to pitch a turn shoe – in my neighborhood.

It seems to me that in actuality, the various turns and flips were discovered and initiated simultaneously in various sections of the country."

(This 1946 ad for Phoenix shoes is still featuring the 'Spin Hold')

Facts & Folklore Jottings By Bob Dunn

Letters and input are being received. What is lacking, however, is input specific to the origin of the term 'Four Dead'. If you have a version, please send that to Bob Dunn, 6417 Georgia Ave No. Brooklyn Park, MN 55428. If you have any interesting story from the by-gone eras of our sport, write it up and mail it to me.

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by Steve Summerlin

It's almost time to get the shoes packed for the trip to Pocatello. But for those of you that aren't making the World Tournament this year, we will continue to provide you with "live" coverage from the event as we have in the past with photos, results and happenings around the tournament. We had a suggestion about expanding our "Game of the Day" feature to include one from each division. We will do our best to get this implemented into the coverage this year. Thanks to Bill MacIntyre for making the suggestion.

This is a list of the coverage we have provided in years past. Please feel free to contact us at info@horseshoepitching.com about what would be of interest to you.

- CLASS RESULTS
- CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS
- CHAMPIONS
- PHOTOS
- DAILY PHOTO ALBUMS
- PAST FEATURED PHOTO
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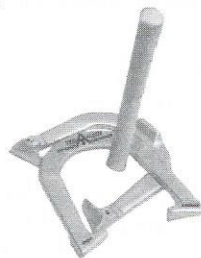
If you would like to send 'Best Wishes' or other e-mail messages to members attending the world tournament, please send them to either wt2004@horseshoepitching.com or press-info@horseshoepitching.com and we will do our best to pass them along.

One final thing comes to mind as I prepare for the upcoming event. Please be sure to download any photos or other information you may wish to keep from last year's world tournament, as this information will not be available once this year's tournament begins.

A new feature has been added to your NHPA Forum. We have added a place for you to post your tournament announcements. This will give you a chance to let other members know about your special upcoming event. It is not intended to replace our upcoming events section, but only to provide the smaller local tournaments a place to promote their events.

Bylaws by Bonnie Seibold

As you know, the proposed Bylaws will be voted on at the 2004 Convention at Pocatello. The proposals have been posted on the NHPA website and were also in the March/April issue of Newsline. It is very important that the delegates for your Charter read these over carefully and talk to your members and see how they feel about them. Your delegates will then be prepared to vote intelligently on the proposals.



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11th Annual Six Pac Shoes Tournament

New Melle Horseshoe Club

Jeanette Claas writes . . .

Hoorah! Hoorah! It's the first of May – the Six Pac pitchers are on their way! In Missouri we don't need to do a rain dance if the weather is dry and the ground needs a little watering, all we have to do is schedule the Six Pac Horseshoe Tournament – GUARANTEED, the rain will come. Due to conflicting tournaments schedules, the Six Pac Tournament was pushed forward a week later this year. Now we are in the month of May and we are sure there will be plenty of sunshine – WRONG! That four-letter word spoke again as the "Sweet Sixteen" horseshoe pitchers arrived in beautiful, but wet, downtown New Melle for the 11th Annual Six Pac Horseshoe Tournament

In another state, not too far away from Missouri, horses were running the race of their lives for the championship crown. Although Harvey Wobbe's purse was not quite as stiff – it was large enough in the horseshoe business for horseshoe pitchers to travel for world competition where their skills and talents would come alive.

Plans were made early on in the year by Tournament Directors Joe Faron, Bob Diekamp and Tim Henderson to make this tournament a success. If it were not for the enthusiasm, promotion and monetary generosity of Harvey Wobbe this tournament would not be possible. Harvey is a member of NMHC and the owner and distributor of Six Pac Horseshoes.

The sanctioned horseshoe event is an invitational tournament for the top sixteen pitchers from the United States and Canada. The format for the tournament is a 16-man round robin consisting of 40-point games. Eight games are played on Saturday and the remaining seven games pitched on Sunday. This year's tournament drew great pitchers such as:

1. Alan Francis	OH	86.46%
2. Gale Green	VT	79.47%
3. Randy Hudson	NC	76.17%
4. Mandell Proctor	MD	75.13%
5. Art Tyson	NY	73.62%
6. Tom Westbrook	SC	72.93%
7. M.O. Turne	MO	72.61%
8. Rick Howe	NH	71.34%
9. Jerry Dumstorff	IL	71.04%
10. Terry Hudson	NC	70.85%
11. Mark Seibold	IN	69.52%
12. Mark Mauthe	WI	68.84%
13. Larry Knop	IL	68.14%
14. Stan Griggs	MO	67.64%
15. Rich Altis	MO	66.94%
16. Charles Killgore	MO	66.90%

With tournament averages such as this, you knew these 'professionals' would put on an exciting tournament to be remembered. After a welcome by NMHC president, Martin Orf, introductions of all participating pitchers were made by



Six Pac Winners

REAR ROW: L-R, Mark Seibold, IN-Mandell Proctor, MD
Rich Altis, MO-Tom Westbrook, SC-Randy Hudson, NC
Greene, VT.

FRONT ROW: L_R, Alan Francis, OH-Art Tyson, NY.

announcer, Bob Diekamp. Harvey Wobbe presented each pitcher with a medallion as a souvenir of the event. As Martin Orf was singing the National Anthem, the mic blew a fuse and his voice faded away, but the horseshoe pitchers standing on the courts picked it up right on cue as if it were rehearsed that way. What a special horseshoe moment it was! Harvey Wobbe presented a plaque to Martin Orf in recognition of hosting the Six Pac Tournaments for the past 10 years. It was now post time.

To a dedicated horseshoe pitcher, there is little that compares with attending a tournament and being able to watch the best pitchers in the country pitch. One knows that consistently piling ringers on top of ringers is a talent that can only be acquired from years of dedication and practice. Seeing this in front of our eyes at NMHC was an awesome sight as we watched the skill of these 40' pitchers as they pounded away for two days in grueling competition.

Pitching for the first time in the Six-Pac Invitational were Gale Green of Vermont, Randy Hudson of South Carolina, and Rick Howe of New Hampshire. Charlie Killgore, two-time MO State Champion, filled in for an ailing Paul LaCrosse and Rich Altis, also of MO, came in at the last minute replacing a no-show.

Just as racehorse Smarty Jones came to Kentucky undefeated and left with his record intact so did Missouri bred Alan Francis. Claiming his 7th title as the Six-Pac Champion was 34-year-old Alan Francis of Ohio with an unblemished record of 15 wins and no losses. Alan threw 750 shoes in the tournament of which 638 were ringers giving him the high tournament average of 85.06%. Newcomer Randy Hudson of SC was initiated early in the day as Alan pitched the high game of the tournament 95% against him, pitching 38 ringers of 40 shoes! Alan's elite record boasts current and

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nine-times Men's World Champion, four-times Junior World Champion, ten-times Missouri State Champion and seven-times Ohio State Champion. Evidently being a new proud papa did not deter his concentration on the courts. Leaving Missouri, Alan took home with him his wife, new baby, a first place trophy and \$1,500, not to mention the money that Amy won in the 30-foot competition!

In 2nd place with a record of 13 wins and 2 losses was our most colorful horseshoe pitcher from New York, Art Tyson. Mr. Clean, "the ringer machine", finished with a tournament average of 75.94% and a high game of 85.29% against Missouri's Little Richard. Art has pitched in the Men's World Championship Division for the past 30 years, finishing as runner up three times. He has been a twelve-times NY State Champion. Art is the 1998 former Six Pac Champion. He was presented a 2nd place trophy and prize money of \$1,000. We missed his good buddy, the late Buffalo Bob Jones, who pitched in the tournament the previous year.

Four pitchers tied for 3rd place, each with a record of ten wins and five losses. This tie was broken by ringer percentages. Making an impressive finish in his first time appearance in the Six Pac Tournament, with a ringer percentage of 71.97%, was Vermont's 2003 State Champion, Gale Green. Winning 3rd place won him \$650 in prize money. Gale scored several high 84 and 85% games. Maryland's State Champion, Mandell Proctor, claimed 4th place with a tournament average of 69.10% and \$400 prize money. In 5th place from Indiana was former Indiana State Champion and two-times Men's World Champion Mark Seibold. Mark pitched a high game of 80% and an average of 66.98%. He was presented with \$350 for his achievement. We were so glad that Mark was back after suffering from a bout of colon cancer last year.

'Twas the big surprise of the tournament when Rich Altis, of MO, stepped in as a replacement and finished in 6th place claiming \$250 in prize money. After his first several wins, I asked him if he was trying to impress somebody. "Well," he said, "I just want to let them know I'm here." Martin Orf, who was scorekeeping at the time, recalled a game that I pitched against Rich a few years back. I had him way down but he was gaining ground quickly on me when I exclaimed, "The little creep is creeping up on me!" I'm sure there were a few horseshoe pitchers there that felt the same way! He remained calm, cool and collected even as he pitched against Alan Francis.

The score was 40-13, but Altis pitched 73.21% and Francis pitched 89.28%. Proud of the game that he just pitched, Altis said, "It didn't hurt a bit!"

Our 7th and 8th place finishers traveled all the way from South Carolina. Tom Westbrook, four-times South Carolina State Champion, had eight wins and seven losses and a ringer percentage of 67.71%. Tom was presented with a check for \$150. He brought along his little sister, Jane Jordan, to pitch in the 30-foot division. He taught her everything she knows (about horseshoe pitching) which was a lot for a pitcher only pitching four years and carrying a percentage average of 72.12%. In 8th place was Randy Hudson, (brother of Terry) making his first time appearance in the Six Pac Tournament, with a record of eight wins and seven losses and a ringer percentage of 67.26%, Randy won enough to take care of his entry fee, \$100. The Hudsons and the Jordans flew to Missouri on Friday. No wonder their arms were tired!



L-R, Alan Francis and Harvey Wobbe

Saturday evening some of the pitchers relaxed in the atmosphere of Stefanina's Restaurant in Wentzville by enjoying a delicious dinner, sharing lots of conversation and companionship where it was said that little Alex Francis stole the show.

For the second year in a row Martin Orf won the Six Pac Horseshoes donated by Harvey Wobbe. And if that sounds a little strange, hear this one. Maxine Brewer, aunt of Alan Francis, won the 50/50 drawing for the second year in a row. She ran right out with the money to buy her a Missouri lottery ticket while her chances were still hot!

Behind the scene of the Six Pac Tournament were a lot of dedicated NMHC members who had worked hard preparing for the event. We wish to thank our sponsor, Harvey Wobbe - his generosity made it all possible; Tournament Directors and organizers, Joe Faron, Tim Henderson and Bob Diekamp

PLACE	NAME	WON	LOST	SCORE	RINGERS	SHOES	PERCENT
1	Alan Francis OH	15	0	620	638	750	85.06%
2	Art Tyson NY	13	2	581	565	744	75.94%
3	Gale Greene VT	10	5	526	606	842	71.97%
4	Mandell Proctor VT	10	5	522	539	780	69.10%
5	Mark Seibold IN	10	5	554	568	848	66.98%
6	Rich Altis MO	10	5	492	501	784	63.90%
7	Tom Westbrook SC	8	7	528	558	824	67.71%
8	Randy Hudson SC	8	7	505	565	840	67.26%
9	Rick Howe SC	7	8	474	580	862	67.28%
10	Charles Killgore MO	6	9	474	483	770	62.72%
11	Stan Griggs MO	5	10	447	515	810	63.58%
12	M.O. Turner MO	4	11	426	474	754	61.85%
13	Larry Knop IL	4	11	459	478	790	60.50%
14	Jery Dumstorff IL	3	12	350	412	752	54.78%
16	Terry Hudson	2	13	320	360	658	54.71%

11th Annual
Six Pac Shoes Tournament

who bore all the problems; the clean up crew: Don Claas, Bob Reininger, Joe Buskirk, Ray Nadler, Joe Faron, Bob Diekamp; Roy Evans who was wired, working on the PA system; Larry Vollo, our Poster Boy whose artistic fingers spent much time on the drawing board; our stats lady, Pam Gettinger; and Julia Jaeger who lined up all the scorekeepers. The scorekeepers were about to apply for overtime as many games consisted of over 70 shoes! Keeping score and learning from them was our pleasure.

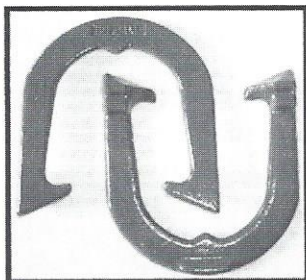
Most of all, New Melle Horseshoe Club wishes to thank each of the participants that traveled near and far to attend the tournament for some great competition. Whether you won or lost, your contribution to this great game that we all love helped to make and complete another exciting tournament. Ya'll Come Back!

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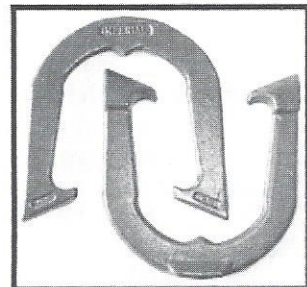
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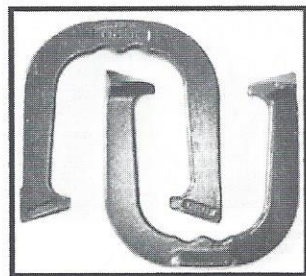
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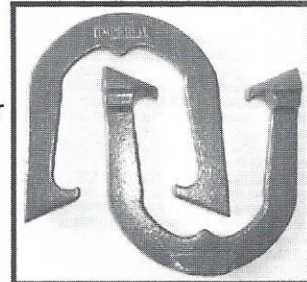
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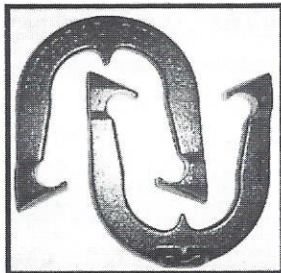
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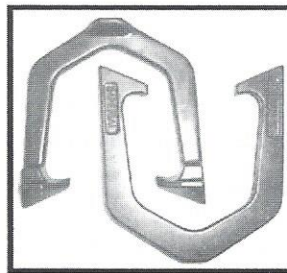
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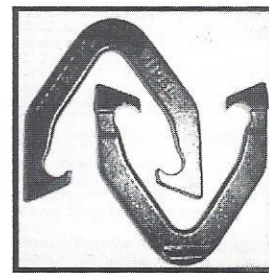
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30 Footers Six Pac Tournament

Jeanette Claas writes. . .

The Six Pac 30 Foot Invitational Tournament was played in conjunction with the Six Pac 40' Tournament. There is something especially exciting about watching the 30 footers pitch. The ladies are always exciting to watch, and the men, 70 and over show a lot of wisdom on the courts. This year there were five men and four women participating in this event ranging from ages 36 to 84 years old. Three of the men were 80 plus years and for them to be able to pitch and compete at this point in their life demands all our respect and admiration. They are indeed a thrill to watch.

1. Amy Francis	OH	84.36%
2. Pam Henderson	MO	76.02%
3. Jane Jordon	SC	72.12%
4. Archie Matheny	AK	70.25%
5. Melvin Bray	KS	69.79%
6. Rose Diekamp	MO	68.59%
7. Don Mercier	MO	63.98%
8. Duke Enke	MO	62.41%
9. Boxie Schrum	MO	57.74%

After five hours of excellent horseshoe competition, the talented 30 footers completed their tournament. A pitch off between the youngest and oldest pitcher in this class, Amy Francis and Melvin Bray would decide the tiebreaker. With eight wins and one loss, a tournament average of 72.79%, Amy Francis would claim the Championship Title. Amy is the current and seven-times Ohio State Women's Champion and four-times runner up in the Women's World Championship Division. Her high game of the day was 84.37%. She was presented a 1st place trophy and a check for \$350. Being a new mother did not seem to distract Amy's attention on the court. After all, there were several grandmas, grandpas and aunts to watch little Alex as he blissfully giggled and slept through most of the excitement.

Runner up was Melvin Bray of Kansas with a record of 7-2, a tournament average of 69.07%, and high game of 75%. Melvin received a 2nd place trophy and prize money of \$250. Melvin is the current two-times World Champion and three-times Kansas State Champion.

Making her first appearance in the Six Pac Tournament was Missouri's current Women's State Champion and 2-times State Champion, Pam Henderson of Independence, MO. Pam finished in 3rd place with a record of 6-2, high game 83.33% and a tournament average of 68.68%. Pam received \$175 prize money.

Fourth place went to NMHC member Rose Diekamp, with a

record of 6-2, high game 73.33% and a tournament average of 67.36% earning her \$100. Rose is a three-times MO Women's State Champion and three-times Double's State Champion.

Don Enke came in off the farm to fill in as a replacement and found himself finishing in 5th place. Making her debut in the Six Pac Tournament was Jane Jordan, sister of Tom Westbrook, of South Carolina. Jane finished in 6th place with a high game of 75%. Seventh place went to Don Mercier of St. Louis. Archie Matheny drove all the way from Arkansas for his first time appearance in the Six Pac Tournament. Archie is two-times Arkansas Men's State Champion and three-times and current 30' State Champion. Archie painfully finished the tournament with a severe heel problem and was probably the most relieved pitcher when the tournament was over. It was a first for 81-year-old Boxie Schrum of MO to pitch in the tournament. Although he finished in last place, he was probably the most enthusiastic pitcher of all.

Congrats to Amy Francis, the 30' Champion, and all the 30 footers who put on such an exciting and thrilling tournament and to Tournament Director Bob Diekamp for organizing the tournament. And always, we thank Harvey Wobbe for his generosity bringing the 30 footers into the Six Pac Tournament.



30' Six Pac Winners

L-R, Rose Diekamp, MO-Melvin Bray, KS-
Amy Francis, OH-Pam Henderson, MO.

Place	Name	State	W/L	Hi-Game	Ringers	Shoes	Percent
1 st	Amy Francis	OH	8-1	84.37%	297	408	72.79%
2 nd	Melvin Bray	KS	7-2	75.00%	344	498	69.07%
3 rd	Pam Henderson	MO	6-2	83.33%	283	412	68.68%
4 th	Rose Diekamp	MO	6-2	73.33%	256	380	67.36%
5 th	Don Enke	MO	3-5	74.32%	273	430	63.48%
6 th	Jan Jordan	SC	3-5	75.00%	253	410	61.70%
7 th	Don Mercier	MO	2-6	66.66%	223	396	56.31%
8 th	Archie Matheny	AK	1-7	71.62%	278	448	62.05%
9 th	Boxie Schrum	MO	1-7	62.06%	187	370	50.54%

For Want of a Horseshoe

New Exhibit Opening at the Idaho Museum of Natural History

Pocatello, ID – Think horseshoes are just for horses? Think again! Horseshoes have a rich and colorful history that has made them as meaningful to humans as they are to horses. "For Want of a Horseshoe," a new exhibit opening July 29th at the Idaho Museum of Natural History in Pocatello, celebrates the horseshoe in all its guises.

The exhibit first examines the history and evolution of the horse, starting 50 million years ago with Hyracotherium. This prehistoric horse was about the size of a dog or large house cat, had multiple toes and lived in tropical environments. From there, changes in the horse's structure are detailed up to the time of the modern horse.

Subsequent areas of the exhibit discuss the rise of the need for the horseshoe and the birth of the professional horseshoe crafter, called a farrier. "Learning the complexity of the farrier's craft has been extremely fascinating," says Christian Peterson, the exhibit's creator. "They're really part blacksmith, part veterinarian, and part engineer, but they also need to have a working knowledge of farming, ranching and

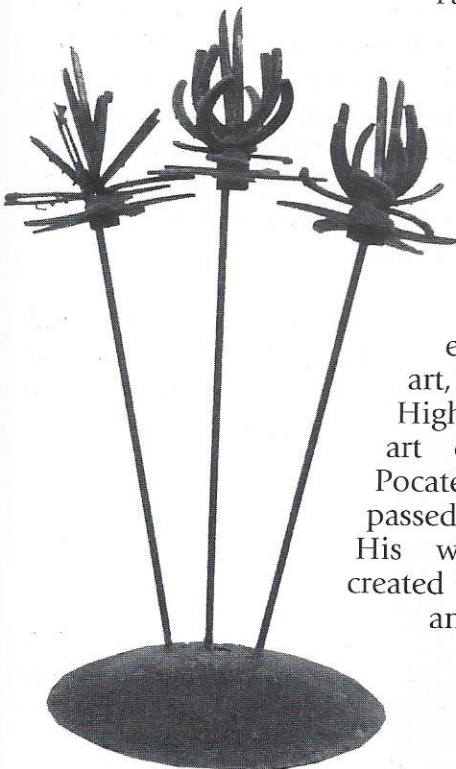


artisan. The horseshoe as a symbol of luck will also be discussed.

Finally, the sport of horseshoes will be featured, from its ancient origins in a game called "Quoits" to the rules and players of today. It would seem to make sense that a section on this topic would be included,

since it was the sports angle that generated the idea for the exhibit

in the first place. "The World Horseshoe Tournament really piqued my interest in the idea of doing an exhibit like this," says Linda Deck, the Museum's director. "We're uniquely positioned to offer information on the natural and cultural history of horseshoes because of our scholarship and collections in the area of horse evolution."



equestrian sports."

From there, the exhibit delves into the symbolic side of the horseshoe, examining its place in art, literature and culture. Highlights include the art of Mel Jackson, a Pocatello folk artist who passed away last winter. His whimsical sculptures, created using old horseshoes and other cast off metal materials, showcase the horseshoe's versatility in the hands of a skilled

"For Want of a Horseshoe" opens to the public on July 29th and will run through summer of 2005. On Saturday, July 31st, the Museum will hold "Horseshoe Fest," a celebration for the public. Activities will include a horseshoeing demonstration by a professional farrier, a horseshoe tossing clinic and other events for children and families.

The Idaho Museum of Natural History is open Monday evenings from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Museum is located on South 5th Ave. and Dillon St., on the campus of Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho. For more information, call 208-282-3317.

TEAM WORLD 2004 *By Jim Haupt*

The newbies did it! Tennessee, long sought after as a Team-World competitor went all the way on the first try. They defeated the traditional Team-World titlists, Minnesota-1 with a score of three games to one. Joan Elmore needed the final two ringers to win 34 ringers to 33 ringers over Jan Lundquist.

Paula Hunsicker, veteran Team-World worker acting as head coach for the Tennessee team was exuberant. She had been instrumental in their entry. She realized their talent. Leading the pack was the boss, Shannon Foster with mostly wins at an impressive 78.96%. Joan Elmore won every single game with a stunning 78.02% ringer average. Bobby Fields lost only twice in three days pitching 70.10%. Even their bottom man, Harold Morgan won 10½ games pitching 50.10%.



Tennessee and Minnesota-1 were top of the ladder finalists but it had started earlier with four teams vying for the fourth ladder position. Ohio was without the services of Amy Francis. She twisted her leg, Saturday, already in the brace. Regardless, the Ohio team first defeated Missouri-1 while Colorado took out Wisconsin-1. Then Ohio eliminated Colorado. In consolation it was Wisconsin-1 over Missouri-1 in total points.

Ohio made it to the ladder where they found Illinois-1 too much to handle. Next game the traditional Team World winners, Minnesota-1, mastered Illinois-1 for a crack at the prelim leaders, Tennessee.

One year or another all these ladder teams, excepting Wisconsin, have been Team-World Champions.

The three-day competition of Team-World certainly is fine competition, but it's not the whole story. Because teams are coming and going all day, never more than six games running, there's lots of time to meet most everyone pitching or attending the event.

We consider the day complete when we see Chuck Blakely, a disappearing breed, a horseshoe fan. Some folks bring their new stuff. Ken Pogue brought his new knee. Works OK. Amy and Alan Francis brought their newly-adopted Alex. He didn't win a game, but stole the show. Grandfather,

Fred Brown has another duty besides coaching, its baby watching. Burly, full name, Gene Burlingame brought the object of the Stewlie organization, Paul Stewart. The new Pres was pressed into service as scorekeeper on occasion. The Minnesota RD, Ward Lutz always shows up to help the scorekeepers. And we must say the event does not lack for willing workers to keep score—a welcome cadre.

The new NHPA Junior Director, Jackie Hughes made the scene in accompanying her husband, Minnesota pitcher, Dave Hughes. Also in attendance, this time not as a pitcher, was NHPA exec Lorraine Sternberg. Newest NHPA personality from Wisconsin and always at the Team-World is the shoes and stuff salesman, Ken Kosky. Of course, working the event

is, as always, the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, Dick Hansen, the announcer.

It may be of interest that the Team World has the services of a new committeeman, Jeff Secord. He's the son of Sandy and John and long associated with the game from his days as a junior pitcher. Jeff has brought some fresh ideas and is ace with a computer. In fact he brought along an excel spreadsheet he developed for the Team -World. Prior to the start of the event he was showing it to the others and somehow it mysteriously ate itself up and disappeared from the screen. A dismayed Jeff set out to make another team sheet and went on to use it for the entire tournament. This was the first time the event was done on the machine and under the gun! One of the objects was to provide a Natstat report in time for World.



All of us, promoters and pitchers alike benefit with Jeff Secord on the keyboard.

See you all in Pocatello and once again in Beloit next year.

World Horseshoe Tournament 2004 - Calendar of Events

Greater Pocatello Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee

Sunday, July 25th***

Fort Hall Day – Sponsored by the Shoshone Bannock Tribe/Fort Hall Casino

Day's Activities in Fort Hall

- > Native American Craft Booths
- > Free BBQ
- > Miniature POW WOW
- > Story Telling
- > Native American Fashion Show
- > Dancing/Drumming/Etc.

Thursday, July 29th

Revive @ FIVE – Sponsored by Civitans

- > Willie B Rockin' Live Music
- > Dutch Oven Delights Food
- > Other Vendors

Friday, July 30th

Taste of Idaho – Sponsored by Convention and Visitors Bureau

- > Local crafters
- > Wild Bill???
- > Food Vendors

Saturday, July 31st

Taste of Idaho – Sponsored by Convention and Visitors Bureau/Upper Campus

Wellness Fair – Sponsored by Intermountain Mind

Mechanics/Lower Campus

Horseshoe Exhibit – Sponsored by Idaho Museum of Natural History/Lower Campus

- > Local crafters
- > Wild Bill???
- > Food Vendors

Sunday, August 1st***

Fort Hall Day – Sponsored by the Shoshone Bannock Tribe/Fort Hall Casino

Day's Activities in Fort Hall

- > Native American Craft Booths
- > Free BBQ
- > Miniature POW WOW
- > Story Telling
- > Native American Fashion Show

Banquet Day - Adults – Red Lion Hotel Pocatello

12 and Under – Tough Guy Lanes/Pizza Party

13 and Older – Amusement Acres/BBQ

Tuesday, August 3rd

FMC Park Fishing Day – Sponsored by American Legion

- > Kids Fishing
- > Transportation being worked on?
- > Raul is in communication for this day

Thursday, August 5th

Revive @ FIVE – Sponsored by Civitans

- > Yellow Polly Live Music
- > Cow Pokes
- > Other Vendors

Activities in Fort Hall

July 25th & August 1st***

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Craft Booths – Jo's Parking Lot/Lawn

- > Craft Booths
- > Food Booths

**Fire Dept/FHPD/EMS will be located in the Public Safety Building

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tours of Fort Hall

A sign-up sheet and information will be available in the Casino

Parking Lot

– Provided by Fort Hall Casino Shuttle

- > Monument
- > Buffalo Pasture
- > Bottoms
- > Old Boarding School
- > New Boarding School

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Story Telling – Museum

A sign-up sheet will be available inside the Museum

- > Storytellers/Hobby Hevewah and Rosephine Coby
- > Tee-Pee

Fashion Show / Entertainment – Museum

(2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. July 25th)

(4:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m. August 1st)

- > Modeling of Traditional/Modern Outfits
- > Karaoke (July 25th only)
- > Dancing
- > Drumming

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (8:00 p.m. August 1st)

Mini Pow-Wow – Museum

- > Goody Bags will be given to the dancers
- > Drummers
- > M/C

6:00 p.m.

BBQ – Public Safety Lawn

- > Hot Dogs – Chips – Potato Salad on July 25th
- > Buffalo/Hamburgers–Chips–Potato Salad August 1st

DUSK July 25th – Firework Show – Enterprise

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. August 1st

Enterprise Street Party

Activities at Bonneville Park – Holt Arena

July 30th & 31st – 12:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- > Tee – Pee
- > Enterprise Booth / Museum
- > Shuttle from Holt Arena/Bonneville Park to Casino
- > Miss Sho-Ban and Fort Hall Royalty
- > Gibson Eagles – Youth Drum Group
- > Hovia Edwards & Tree Cody
- > Dancers 1-3 and 5-7

NHPF YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

Income	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Prior Year Adjustment							174
NHPA General Fund Donations	160,353	0	0	6,403	13,573	17,976	15,607
Individual, Charter, Club Donation	2,174	28,756	37,067	20,059	27,144	18,075	20,331
Miscellaneous Cash Donations	844	0	2,019	2,653	572	234	100
Banquet Revenue	1,052	3,330	3,555	3,960	3,820	4,000	3,680
Joelton Court Use Fees	360	1,060	3,811	3,537	2,797	2,675	2,795
Merchandise Sales	0	0	0	0	500	500	0
Account Interest Earned	7,834	8,945	9,859	14,951	11,663	4,132	4,364
Total Income	\$172,617	\$42,091	\$56,311	\$51,563	\$60,069	\$47,592	\$47,051

Expense

Grants (cash)	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,500
Corporate Federal & State Fees	465	0	20	20	20	20	20
Accounting Fees	0	600	825	800	1,000	900	900
Legal Fees	0	13,020	0	0	0	27	0
Bank Service Fees	0	125	125	125	125	165	150
Supplies	0	0	0	0	115	250	30
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Phone/Internet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Travel	0	0	0	678	0	0	200
Promotional Items	0	195	183	157	3,162	0	0
Property Tax & Lease	0	913	939	939	939	1,859	7,096
Banquet Fees	0	2,300	1,773	2,857	2,674	2,506	2,708
Construction & Maintenance	0	9,500	0	2,080	36,903	33,695	0
Total Expense	\$465	\$26,653	\$3,865	\$7,656	\$45,207	\$42,165	\$17,689

Net Cash Asset Gain or (Loss)	172,152	15,438	52,446	43,907	14,862	5,427	29,362
Prior Year End Account Balance	0	172,152	187,590	240,036	283,943	298,805	304,232



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