

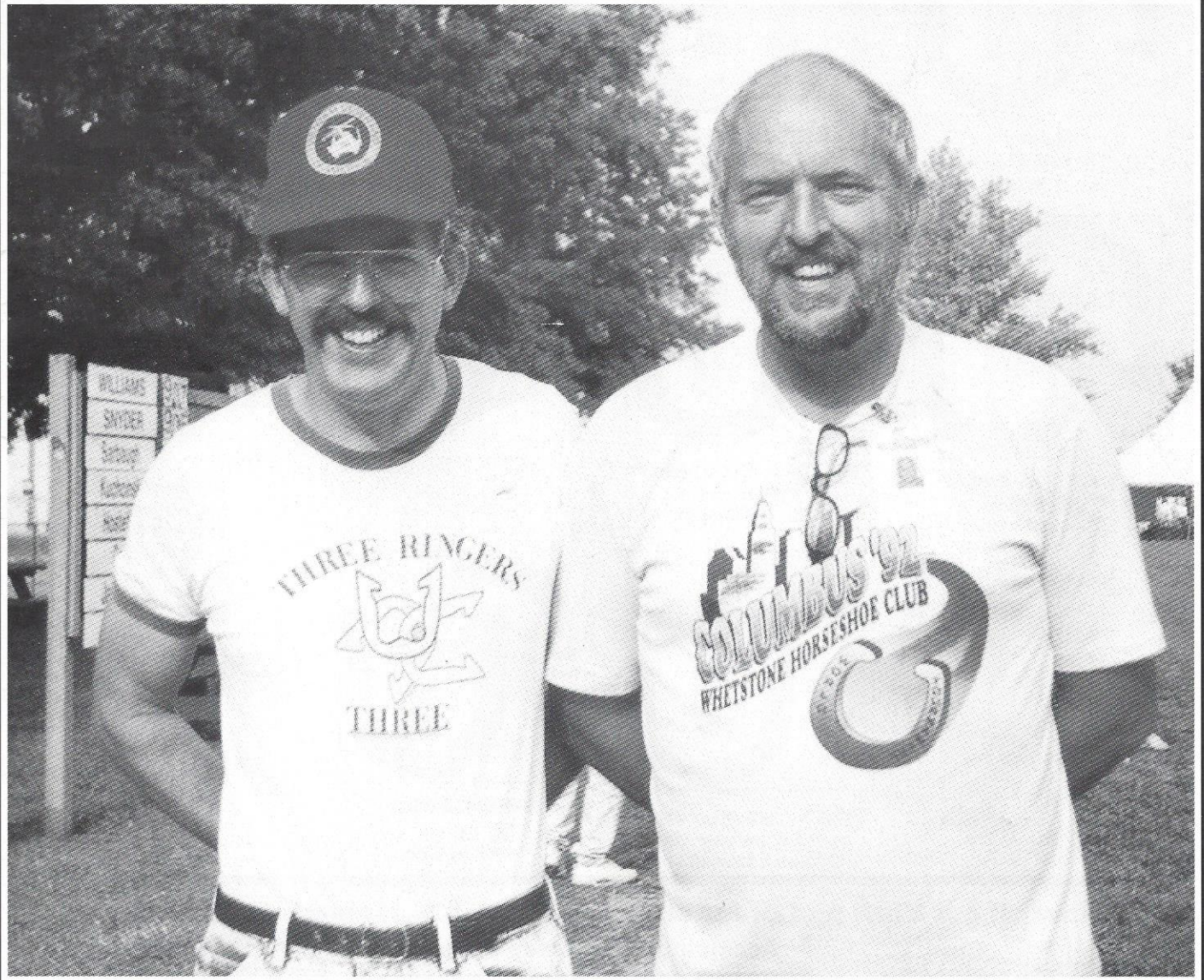


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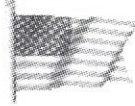


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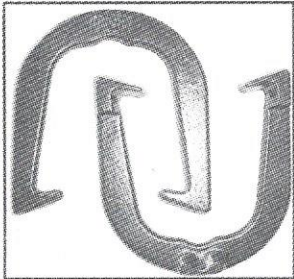


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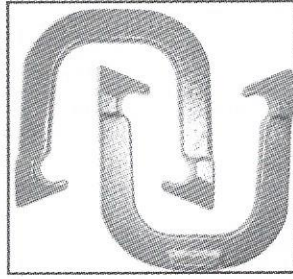


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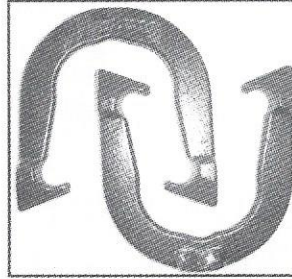
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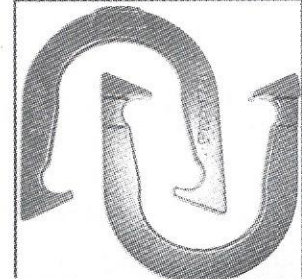
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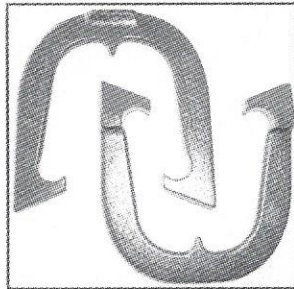
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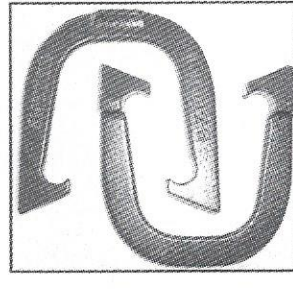
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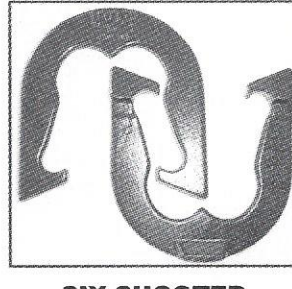
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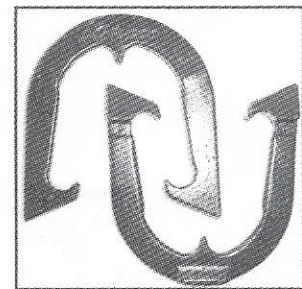
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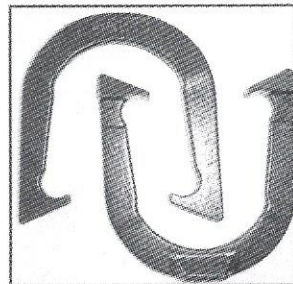
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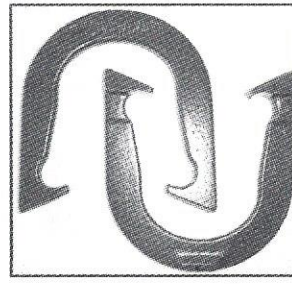
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Donnie Roberts passed away February 23, 2005. His contributions to the sport of horseshoe pitching will never be forgotten. See page 11 for Ottie Reno's "Remembering Donnie Roberts"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Paul Stewart

The NHPA Council has just concluded the annual winter meeting where the council discussed and ruled on present and future business of the NHPA. One of the biggest decisions was choosing one of three bids we had for the 2006 World Tournament. Gillette, WY was chosen for the 2006 World Tournament. I would like to thank the other two bidders, Pocatello, ID and St George, UT for their bids and hope they will consider bidding again in the future for the World Tournament.

I am proud to announce that Bobby White, from Erie, PA has been chosen as our new Junior Promotion Director. The Council looks forward to working with Bobby and I am sure he will do a great job at this position. I am sure the juniors will love him as their director.

Other discussions and approvals at our meeting included this year's World Tournament entry form and prize list which can be found in this issue. Please remember that we, the NHPA Council, do not determine the format for the World Tournament. This is discussed and voted on each year by the delegates at convention. This year's format was voted on at the 2004 convention to seed only one-third of the Championship Men's and Women's classes. The Championship Men's and Women's classes will have 24 pitchers, with the eight highest entering percentages getting a direct seed to the Championship class. The remaining 16 spots will be filled by the best percentages from class play. Senior Men and Elder's Championship classes will have 12 pitchers with no direct seeds. All 12 spots will be filled by best percentages from class play. Junior's championship will have no direct seeds. Senior Women's championship will have no direct seeds. Senior Women will be seeded back among the open women if we do not receive at least 48 entries. We voted to put the class and position of finish on all junior trophies. We also voted to not reseed any of the Championship classes during the tournament this year. We feel that reseeding is not as important since we are seeding the top eight pitchers in the Championship from Natstats.

The Council decided to extend the co-op advertising program for another year with the option to start all over. If your charter has already taken advantage of this program you can do it again. This program can reimburse charters up to 75% of their out of pocket cost for ads and promotion efforts aimed at bringing in new members. For further details of this program contact 2nd Vice-President Casey Sluys.

The National Sanctioned League Team Tournament has been approved for this year. This tournament will take place at the Atterbury facility in Edinburg, Indiana. The location is approximately 35 miles south of Indianapolis. It is enclosed with 18 courts. The tournament will be

held October 8th and 9th, 2005. The entry form will be published in the May/June issue of Newsline and made available on the NHPA Website. For more details, contact 3rd Vice-President Lorraine Sternberg.

NHPA 2nd Vice-President Casey Sluys and I have just returned from a recent visit to Bakersfield, California. We met with 2005 World Tournament Coordinator, Jim Gorth; SCHPA Regional Director, Fred Briand; SCHPA Vice-President, Mike Klingenberg; local club members, the Kern County fair grounds Director and the Bakersfield Convention & Visitors Bureau.

We toured the fairgrounds and checked out all of the facilities that we will be using at the Kern County Fairgrounds for the 2005 World Tournament, July 18-30. All of the facilities are nice and very adequate for the tournament. Campers will love it since camp sites are on the fairgrounds. We will be using two separate buildings for pitching with 24 courts and one play-off court in each building. Offices, Game Related Sales, Shoe Check, and Stats Room will be in a third building. Enclosed in this issue is a map of the fair grounds.

The Holiday Inn Select in downtown Bakersfield is the official host hotel and is where our Convention and Awards Banquet will be held. All the hotel facilities are nice with a full service restaurant, bar and outdoor pool. The hotel will also provide two tournament quality raised horseshoe courts for guests to use. Just behind the hotel is the McMurtrey Ice/Aquatic Center, where the junior party will be held.

The local horseshoe club's 24 clay courts in Beach Park will be used for the practice courts. Beach Park is located about three miles from the fairgrounds and not hard to find. I found Bakersfield very easy to navigate and had no trouble finding the practice courts.

There are plenty of hotels, restaurants, and things to do and see in Bakersfield and the surrounding area. The Bakersfield Convention & Visitors Bureau has a very nice Visitor's Guide that you can get for free with a toll free phone call at: (866) 425-7353 or write to: Bakersfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, 515 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. For more information visit the World Tournament links on the NHPA Website.

I was very surprised as how I had Bakersfield pictured in my mind and how different it turned out to be. "It's not in the Desert". The Bakersfield area is an agriculture and petroleum area with orange groves, grape vineyards, and fields of vegetables with oil wells scattered throughout most of the fields. Bakersfield will be a good host for the 2005 World Tournament.

CHARTER CHATTER by Debby Michaud

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

MISSOURI

With Branson, MO becoming a very successful area for tourism, horseshoe pitchers have taken advantage of this success and built a new 12-court facility in the area. It is a fact that most new horseshoe pitchers come from established clubs. Therefore, a new club is an opportunity for more than just new tournaments. Missouri is bidding to regain its former position as the charter with the most members – one of the ways they try to gain and keep members is by having informational booklets available at each tournament. New members also receive a packet full of current NHPA information.

OREGON

Gary Opper from Idaho and Bill Graham, Jr. from Oregon pitched the final C match in the Oregon Money Open at Hermiston. This money tournament annually brings in pitchers from all over the Northwest. Rick Rebman manages to acquire some significant prize money which attracts high caliber pitchers. In 2004, Gary and Bill each pitched over 80% in the final, 102 shoe game, but Gary pulled it out on the final pitch. Gary's wife also won her class.

CONNECTICUT

Most Improved winners at the annual New England tournament were Ginny Kennedy and Steve Lavoie, both from Connecticut. Connecticut continues its tradition of a very active indoor season in the winter – the Central CT Horseshoe Club has leagues almost every night with sanctioned tournaments and Draw Doubles each bi-monthly on its six courts. All this with computerized scoring for tournaments AND for leagues. Hard to find pencils and paper in this building! Their summer season kicks off with an annual Hall of Fame Awards Dinner in April. In 2004 Cathy Hansen was inducted into the CT Hall of Fame – a fitting tribute to this popular and strong woman who, later in the year, lost her long battle with cancer. NHPA Longevity patches are also handed out at the banquet. This year Paul Bittner will receive his 30 year patch.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

In November of 2004, Cathie Loucks and John Sylvester were inducted into the NCHPA Hall of Fame. Cathie Loucks is well known for her work on the national level and in Northern California while John is well known as a good competitor – he was also named Player of the Year for 2004. In other news there, Dave Loucks, former NHPA president, is now going to serve as president of the NCHPA charter. H-m-m-m-m, does he have the qualifications? Northern California is going to try having fewer tournaments in 2005, hoping for better entry numbers. It will be an interesting experiment.

COLORADO

Sheila Shepard, who competed in the Championship Class of the Women's Division at the 2004 World Horseshoe Tournament, tied a record by winning ten tournaments in the calendar year. Congratulations!

KANSAS

Kansas has formed a World Tournament Committee to investigate placing a bid for the 2009 World Horseshoe Tournament. They are gearing for 2009 as it will be the 100th

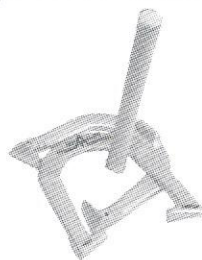
anniversary of the first World Tournament in Bronson, KS where Frank Jackson won his first championship and was THE very first World Champion.

INDIANA

Indiana boasts ten sanctioned horseshoe clubs at seven different sites with over 250 pitchers. That is a good number. Perhaps that is one reason that the state of Indiana is going to be the site of the 2005 National Sanctioned League Tournament. Yes! The second National League Tournament will be held at Camp Atterbury, in Edinburg on October 6 – 9. The first one was held in November of 2003 in Joelton, TN and was very successful. Join your sanctioned league OR form one, and make your reservations in Indiana for the first weekend in October. On a sadder note, we lost one of the great gentlemen of our sport when Indiana native Curt Day passed away in December of 2004. If you met him, you were blessed.

NORTH CAROLINA

In a record setter for participation, over 80 pitchers competed in the 2004 State Championships. In his 20th State tournament, Rick Bolick, Sr. won his first ever Open Men's Division. Rivers Prewette won the Open Women's Division, Joe Young was Elder Champion, while Brandi Hall and Stephen Vernon were the Junior champions. They are currently gearing up for the annual Carolina Dogwood Festival to be held on April 22–24, 2005.



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NHPFNEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

There has finally been a breakthrough in the settlement of the Jack Freeman estate, at least as far as the NHPF goes. Title to the indoor courts has apparently been cleared and a contract to purchase those is under review by NHPF attorneys in Nashville. Basically, the indoor courts and land on which they set, with an appraised value of \$220,000, needed to sell for at least \$200,000 in order for the estate to avoid further tax problems. After initially being told that the NHPF would not pay more than \$100,000, the estate attorney offered a proposal. Would we pay \$200,000 if the estate could arrange for \$100,000 donation to be made to the NHPF? The Directors agreed and this is the basis of a lengthy real estate contract that is now under review. Should all go well, escrow should close some time in April. After that and pending an expected proposal from St. Charles County, MO, to locate the Hall of Fame there, the NHPF Directors will decide whether to stay in Joelton or put the property up "For Sale" and move the Hall of Fame elsewhere.

My last article stated that the year 2004 ended on a disappointing note as far as contributions went. That was basically true at the end of November when my article had to be in the hands of the Newsline editor. However, December improved and January continued well as a number of new contributors rang in, mostly from the State of Virginia. We also had two contributors reach the \$500 level, Alice Garcia of California and Mel Yockstick from Colorado. With them, we now have 100 individuals, clubs or associations who have contributed \$500 or more. If you look at the State Ranking list, it is sad to realize that these 100 have each contributed more than the totals for 12 different States. In fact, the 20 bottom States combined haven't yet reached 100 contributors.

Let's hope that during 2005 horseshoe pitching will grow in members and prosperity. The Joelton site issue should be resolved and a Hall of Fame location determined. The NHPE, by its non-profit tax-exempt charter, has to work for you, the NHPA and the development of Horseshoe Pitching. Make it a point this year to support our sport by sending your tax-deductible contribution to the NHPF at P.O. Box

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6.	MO	47	91	\$8866
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2005 WORLD TOURNAMENT CARAVAN

by Leo Michaud

What about the Caravan to the 2005 World Horseshoe Tournament? What is happening?

Well, this is where we are. The route from "Beantown to Bakersfield" has been determined with hopefully no major changes occurring before July 9th. That is the departure date from the starting point at the intersection of I-495 North to I-90 west in Massachusetts, just west of Boston (Beantown).

The route will be as follows:

I-90 west to I-84 south through Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York.

Then I-81 south to I-80 west in Pennsylvania.

At approximately 400 miles, we will stop at a campground for the night.

The second day, leaving at 9 A.M., we

will continue our travel on I-80 west through PA and into Ohio, where we will take I-76 west to I-71 south to Columbus, where we will take I-270 west to I-70 west. Again, at approximately 400 miles of travel for the day, we will stop at a campground for the night in the vicinity of Dayton, OH.

Day three will be a full day of travel on I-70 west to I-55 south to I-44 west. After accumulating 1,200 miles in three days, we will stop for our third night of camping on the border of Illinois and Missouri.

Day four and I-44 west through Missouri will take us to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Here will be campsite # 4.

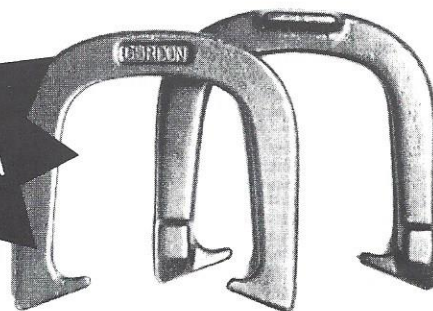
Day five will be Wednesday, July 13th, and will bring us into the Oklahoma

City Fairgrounds for a barbecue, an evening of fun, and campsite # 5.

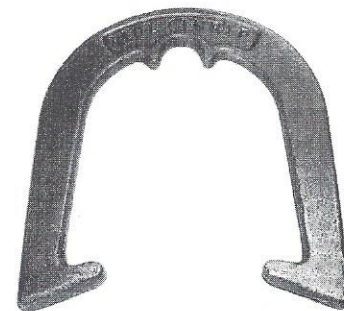
Now it gets REALLY boring! We depart Oklahoma City on I-40 west on July 14th and will not see another route change for three whole days - until we get to Barstow, CA where we will camp and take Rt. # 58 the next morning for the remaining 128 miles to Bakersfield, arriving on July 17th. (Hooray, we made it!)

Information on the campgrounds will be made available when most of the confirmations are in.

This first of hopefully many future caravans to the World Horseshoe Tournament will be a fun time because of the people involved. They are horseshoe pitchers and they are campers. This says it all!



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WORLDTOURNAMENT UPDATE by Stu Sipma

Gillette, Wyoming will be hosting the 2006 World Tournament. The NHPA Officers met January 28-29 and voted between three different sites to host this event. It was a very difficult decision with all officers in awe on which location to choose. The three locations, St. George, Utah; Pocatello, Idaho and Gillette, Wyoming all proposed great indoor facilities with plenty of motel and campground space.

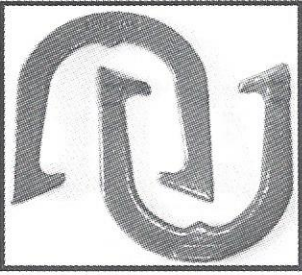
Congratulations to Rexina Brown, Marketing Manager for the Cam-Plex Multi-Event Facility and Phil Plotke, horseshoe member of the Gillette community for their successful presentation.

As you may remember, Gillette hosted the 1996 World Tournament at the Cam-Plex with 1,536 entries. That tournament was one of few to have entries which exceeded 1,500. For those of you who may have missed that tournament (like me), the Cam-Plex encompasses over 1,000 acres of land


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With the 2007 bid deadline arriving soon, I have tentatively received verbal commitments from five different locations interested in submitting a bid. Seven other locations are still looking into the possibility. I think the voting delegates will be surprised with the variety of sites to choose from at the convention meeting in Bakersfield this July. I can assure you there is interest throughout the United States and yes even the east! Remember the deadline for submitting a bid for 2007 is March 15, 2005.

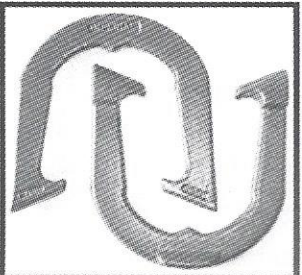
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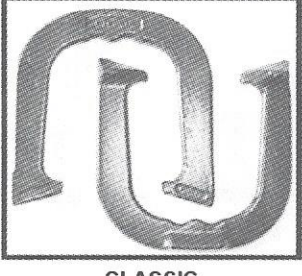
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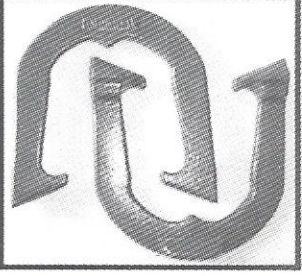


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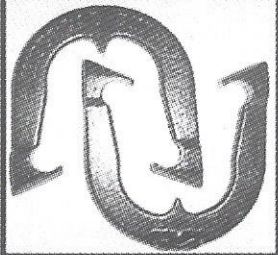
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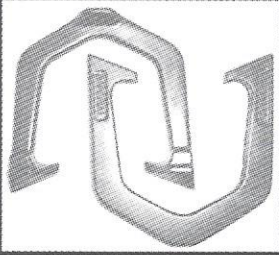
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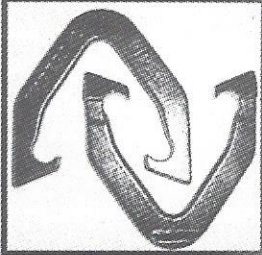
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SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUEREPORT by Lorraine Sternberg

As I sit here waiting to fly back home from our winter council meeting, I think back to what we discussed and accomplished. It was great to see everyone once again. One of the hardest things we had to decide was the site for the World Tournament for 2006. Stu did an excellent job in bringing us three sites to choose from, with all three making a great presentation; that making it only harder to choose. Hopefully the membership will be pleased with the site that the council chose for the 2006 World Tournament.

During the sanctioned league part of the meeting, the council decided on the scholarships to be given out for the past school year. (2003-04) Once again there were only a small number of juniors that applied for the sanctioned league scholarships, just ten that met the requirements as stated in the sanctioned league booklet.

Six of the ten were give a \$200 scholarship.

Justin Sipma from the Bismarck Mandan HSC, ND
Grade point average: 4.00

Nicola Hickethier from the Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., WI
Grade point average: 3.95

James Paulson from the Beloit HSC, WI
Grade point average: 3.93

Wesley Ryan Barnhart from the Try County HSC, OH
Grade point average: 3.66

Lisa McTavish from the Goldendale HSC, WI
Grade point average: 3.63

Ryan Rademacher from the Greater Lansing Area HSC, MI
Grade point average: 3.62

The four other juniors receive honorable mention and a certificate.

Trevor Sipma, Bismarck Mandan HSC, ND
Grade point average: 3.30

Michael Thell, Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN
Grade point average: 3.25

Adams Miller, Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN
Grade point average: 3.20

Kiri Cook, Fleet Reserve HSL, WI
Grade point average: 3.14

CONGRATULATIONS to all of these junior pitchers.

I was hoping for a larger number of juniors to apply this year. I'm not quite sure how to stress that if you have junior pitchers in your leagues to encourage them to complete the scholarship form.

Another item brought to the attention of the council was the National Sanctioned Club/League Tournament. There will be a few changes from the first tournament that was held.

1. The National Sanctioned League Tournament will take place at the Atterbury Facility in Edinburg, Indiana. The location is approximately 35 miles south of Indianapolis. It is enclosed with 18 courts.
2. The tournament will be held October 8th and 9th, 2005. The entry form will be published in the May/June issue of Newline.
3. It will be a team event – each team will consist of three (3) single players, all of which must belong to the same Sanctioned Club or League.
4. Style of Play – Singles games, 85% handicap, 40-shoe count-all games in a round robin format with six teams in each group. Each group will play two days. Each individual of every team will play each individual on the five other teams once for a total of 15 games per individual or 45 games per team.
5. Handicap will be determined by each contestant's final, highest point average in an NHPA Sanctioned League for the calendar year. Point averages will be converted to the 40-shoe format from other shoe limit games, computed to the hundredth, converted to 40-shoe, and only then rounded up to the next whole number.
6. Scoring – A team will be awarded one point for each win or a half point for a tie. In the case of a tie at the end of the tournament, it will be broken by the tying teams playing it off for first place. Each person will play just one person on the opposing team. Pitchers will be paired off by their point averages. The two high pitchers will play each other and so on. It would be 40-shoe count-all games with 85% handicap.
7. A National Championship trophy or plaque will be awarded to the winning team. Smaller trophies or plaques will be awarded to each member of the winning team.
8. The event will be limited to a maximum of 24 three-person teams.

Also in this issue of Newline is the Top Ten list. **Congratulations** to all of you who made the Top Ten list. The Top Ten form must be submitted by December 1st in order for your league members to be eligible for the Top Ten. There will be some changes on the Top Ten this coming season. The high ringer average category for the National Division will be eliminated for both the adult and junior division. The high ringer average category is also in the individual divisions, so I feel there is no reason for it to be in both the National and Individual Divisions.

With the upcoming league season fast approaching, I need to stress that league directors check all pitchers' NHPA cards. There have been many problems with pitchers pitching without current NHPA cards. Make your league the best it can be for all pitchers to enjoy.

Many Ringers to all of you for 2005!

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 2005

22nd - 24th

38th Annual Carolina Dogwood Festival Horseshoe Tournament, Jack H. Springer Horseshoe Courts at Lakewood Park, Statesville, North Carolina. \$7,500.00 in Cash Prizes & Trophies. Pre-Registration (Required) By March 1, 2005. Tournament is limited to first 240 Entries! Send \$25 Entry Fee To: Carolina Dogwood Horseshoe Tournament, Statesville Recreation & Parks Dept., P.O. Box 1111, Statesville, NC 28687-1111. Print an entry form, from the coming events at: www.horseshoepitching.com. Tournament Director: Paul Stewart, (704)528-0398 nhpapaul@bellsouth.net Statesville Recreation & Parks (704)878-3429

MAY 2005

13th - 15th

Team World, Edwards Activity & Sports Center, Beloit, WI. 4-Person Team, no more than 2 short distance pitchers per team roster. Entry Fee: \$240.00 per team. Increased Prize Money. Entry Deadline: April 15th. Mail entries to: Earl Paulson, 7105 So. County Rd. H, Beloit, WI 53511 Phone: (608)879-2304 email: epauls@peoplepc.com

JULY 2005

1st - 4th

Ringer Classic - Greenville, OH Entry Fee: \$25 for adults with additional fee for Championship Classes Men & Women. \$25 for Class A Men & Women, \$15 for Class B Men & Women, \$10 for Class C Men, \$5 for Juniors. Fees payable to Darke County Horseshoe Club, mail to Mary Fleenor, 8494 Baker RD, Versailles, OH 45380 Entry Deadline: June 15th Estimated purse \$8,000 to \$9,000

9th and 10th

17th Annual Danville Open Horseshoe Tournament, Danville, IL. Douglas Park just off I-74 at Bowman Avenue exit. Cash payback \$6,975 based on 144 entries. Entry fee: \$25.00 (includes scorekeeping fees). Free monogrammed towel to all entrants. Make checks payable to: Danville Horseshoe Club. Entry Deadline: June 24th. Send entries to: Leo Bratland, 41 Country Club Drive, Danville, IL 61832. Phone: (217)443-5818 or email: bratld@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE REPORT

by Dick Hansen, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

Well it has finally become a reality. We now have the ability to compare the NatStats database against the Membership database. The first week in January 2005 I had Glenn Jamison, Natstats Director, email me the complete NatStats file. Because NatStats goes back 12 months, everyone on that list should be a member. I then compared that list with my membership list and came up with 164 errors. Every Charter Secretary was then sent a list of errors found in their Charter. Those errors were incorrect card numbers, same card number for two different people, misspelled or incomplete names and the big one, people that pitched but were not members.

At the time of this writing about half of the Charters have responded and most of the errors have been corrected. But I also have 21 cases, in which we know for sure, that a person pitched in 2004 but never paid for a 2004 membership card. In one case a person pitched in six tournaments in 2004 without ever joining the NHPA. He just used his 2003 card number. As of this date 15 members have paid back dues for 2004 and other charters are trying to collect back dues and will not sell those pitchers 2005 cards until 2004 dues are paid.

I will know more when all Charters have reported back, but it is plain for me to see already that there is one main problem. If you are a tournament or league director, you cannot just go to the NHPA Web Site and look someone up in Natstats, find a name and card number and assume that person is a current member. That person could be a member from last year and his record would still be in NatStats even if it's July when you are looking it up.

When we pitch in an NHPA sanctioned event we expect that everyone else in that event has paid their fair share. Let's see if we can do a better job in 2005. Is everyone in your tournament or league a current member?

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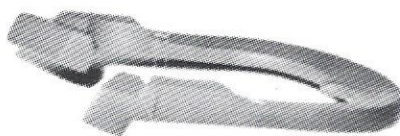


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REMEMBERING DONNIE ROBERTS (1943-2005) *by Ottie Reno*

At the request of NHPA President Paul Stewart, I put together this brief look at the life and contribution of former NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Donnie Roberts, whose mother, Marjorie Reno, was my sister.

Donald Eugene "Donnie" Roberts died February 23rd, 2005 at his home in Lucasville, Ohio. Born July 8, 1943, he was 62. The last few years of his life were plagued with illness, including two heart bypass operations and at least two heart attacks.

With Donnie's passing, the horseshoe world lost one of its greatest promoters and friends, as well as a great pitcher. The game and the people who played it were part of his life from the cradle to the grave, and he loved them both. He was a good athlete, excelling at Softball, Basketball and Jukskei, but his favorite game was pitching Horseshoes.

Donnie's accomplishments would fill a book, so I mention only a few highlights in the hope that his life will be appreciated and remembered. In 1959, at Murray City, Utah, he won the Junior Boys' World Championship. In 1972, he won the Ohio Men's State Championship averaging 81.5% ringers and clinching the title with a 50-47, 144-shoe marathon victory over Wilbur Cabel. In 1973, he averaged 78.3% for the entire season, including 15 consecutive tournaments over 80%. He pitched a perfect game, 38 out of 38, against Ernie Danielson of Iowa in an NHPA-sanctioned tournament at Dayton, Kentucky. At Rushville, Indiana, in a 50-shoe cancellation tournament, he defeated Curt Day 12-9, a game in which he hit 94% and Day 92%. In Statesville, North Carolina's Dogwood Festival, he set two records which stand to this day, 92% in qualifying and a complete tournament of 15-0, 85.8%. At the 1972 Bob Evans Farm Festival, as a part of the Reno-Roberts family's annual exhibition, he hit 42 consecutive ringers. In 1971, he pitched his way into the world tournament finals. Had he devoted his entire energies to practice and pitching only, I think it is safe to say that Donnie had a genuine chance to win the world championship.

Instead, he chose to serve the game in the added capacities of promoter and administrator. That took its toll on his pitching, as it does on all promoters of the game. In that area, he also excelled. Donnie was one of the organizers and officers in the powerful Pike County Horseshoe Club, which produced many state and world champions in all divisions and brought about the inclusion of women's and junior divisions in the Ohio State Tournament. He built and operated four indoor courts, which for years attracted top pitchers from neighboring states. He had league play running seven days a week, bringing dozens of new faces into the game. He was recognized for his work by being inducted into the Ohio HPA Hall of Fame.

On the National level, Donnie's greatest contribution was his 20-year term as NHPA Secretary/Treasurer (1976-1995), longest in NHPA history. His work won him the 1977 NHPA Achievement Award and the 1978 Stokes Memorial trophy. He ran 20 consecutive world tournaments smoothly and

efficiently, as well as the Las Vegas Open, Ohio state fair, and many others. He worked tirelessly with all other national officers on many improvements to our game: eliminating qualifying and substituting NatStats; devising a move-up system, and fine tuning round-robin play in the world tournament; putting in place judges, scorekeepers, pacers and directors; moving from the old chalk-and-blackboard days to the use of computers, email, fax, cell phones and all the rest; preparing guidelines for regional directors; moving world tournament sites to all sections of the United States and Canada; bringing the world tournament from a format limited to only a few of the top players to its present practice of playing all pitchers who enter; helping build and dedicate courts at the Whitehouse and Camp David; operating his horseshoe pro shop as a part of the NHPA's distribution of game-related items to pitchers all over the world; going to Japan representing the NHPA as well as to South Africa as part of an international sports exchange; serving as a member of the NHPA speakers bureau, rules committee, hall of fame committee and first director of the nationwide sanctioned league program.

In 1986, Donnie was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame.

On the personal level, Donnie was an elementary school teacher and guidance counselor with a degree in elementary education from Ohio University and a Master's degree in counseling from Indiana State University in Terra Haute. All members of his immediate family pitched NHPA horseshoes: his wife, Helen Roberts, was an Ohio Women's State Champion and runner-up to Vicki Winston for the World Championship; all three of his children, Sheila, Donnie B. and Susan, won junior state titles in Ohio. His brother, Gary Roberts, was a four-time Junior Boy's World Champion and Ohio Men's State Champion. All family members have participated in exhibitions.

A little known but important fact is that Donnie and his brother Gary were pioneers in junior division play, and most of the rules that govern junior play were put in place because of situations they had to confront: can a junior compete in both junior and adult classes in the same tournament, does competing in an adult class terminate a junior's eligibility to continue in the junior division, can a junior accept prize money without destroying his junior status, what is the exact age range during which a junior can remain a junior, and can a junior pitch from 30 feet in junior play and 40 in adult play? Other questions arose and were resolved.

This sketch only scratches the surface of Donnie Roberts' part in our sport. If you are one of the people who never knew him or if you want to know more about him, you can still get acquainted. Just ask the officers who serve on state, local or national levels who worked and pitched with him what he was like. They will give you a smile and tell you about his even temperament and confident approach to every phase of the game, as well as how they and you are in Donnie's debt. Every day in Donnie's presence was a good day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR @ MAILBAG



PITCHING HORSESHOES IN THE OLYMPICS?

The newspaper and television has brought the Olympic Games into my home. I'm amazed at what I see and read. Jamaica's bobsled participants have had little or no experience in this event. Sand volleyball has evolved from our common volleyball sport, but only two ladies on each team. I didn't know the sport existed. There are many sports attempting to be recognized for Olympic competition. Dancesport, Korfball, Orienteering, Bridge, and Tug of War are but a few sports seeking such recognition. From the preceding list above, I don't know what the first two sports are. My wife plays Bridge, and I have participated in Orienteering and Bridge once or twice in my life. In my opinion, horseshoe pitching for males and females are more worthy Olympic Sports than many of the sports now included and those sports trying to enter.

pride and move up instead of quitting, that would help maintain the numbers. Their turn can be adjusted or even change to a flip(uhg) as a last resort (just kidding).

What would be some good ideas on age limits? I'd suggest 75 for women and 85 for men. Does anything else need to be considered? Such as physical handicaps certified by a physician. Please send in your suggestions.

*Mariner Munk
Mesa, AZ*

To qualify as a Summer Olympic Sport, the sport must be played by men in 75 countries on four continents and by women in 40 countries on three continents. Our NHPA brochure relates to horseshoe pitching as an international sport and is currently played in the following six continents: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Europe, and Australia. We may be closer to 75 countries having someone playing horseshoes than what we think.

What would be the reaction in our school systems if our sport was an Olympic Sport? Would young girls and boys seek out private lessons and camps to learn our sport as they do for swimming, wrestling, gymnastics, golf, tennis and many team sports? Would our sport be inserted into Physical Education Curriculum Guides throughout the world?

We all believe we have a great sport and great leadership. Is it possible for us to put our shoulders together and work toward a mutual goal of finding a venue for horseshoe pitching at Olympic Sites?

*John J. Seevers
Seward, NE*

PITCHING FROM 20'

Dear Editor:
I'm sure this isn't a new idea, but perhaps someone will think it merits attention. Now that the NHPA is allowing those under 9 pitch from 20', why not let the real elderly pitch from there also? The number of players is dwindling so rapidly. Perhaps this would help to keep some pitching longer. That 9 year old rule is really good to get the youngsters to start. Now if the men would swallow their

NHPA Income And Expenditures December 2004/January 2005

Receipts

Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$1,000.00
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Newsline Ads	\$454.00
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Total	\$74,623.91

Expenditures

Newsline Printing Supplies & Mailing	\$4,204.18
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Sanction League Patches & Awards	\$907.00
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All Junior Scholarship Trusts	\$1,679.86
W. T. Travel Expenses	\$1,012.00
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Special Events	\$56.71
Natstats	\$1,178.65
Internet Access & Web Site	\$1,336.47
Total	\$48,369.56

From the books of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

PUBLICITY PROMOTION by Casey Sluys

Car Flags

Upon receiving 35 entries for our NHPA car flag contest, a winner was finally determined. The winning design will be made into a flag that all folks caravanning across the US to the World Tournament will receive. Hopefully they will fly it proudly to announce to all that see it that organized horseshoe pitching is alive and well. I've heard a comment that this flag says patriotism rather than horseshoes, but our website is displayed prominently.



We need to let everyone know that we exist. Simply advertising the NHPA doesn't do much. The primary reason for that is no one knows what the acronym NHPA means. Even our logo, as nice as it is, could very easily be mistaken for the National Basketball Assoc. at first glance. Most folks are aware of

the Internet, in fact millions more know a website address by sight than they know what NHPA means. Therefore it's critically important to let the public know our website address.

While Paul and I were in Bakersfield doing an onsite inspection of the facilities for the upcoming WT, I called the company that will make the flags for us. It just so happens that they are located in Bakersfield. Cheerstix is the name of the company and primarily doing business online over the Internet, so their office was small, but they had product samples for us to view. You'll find the flags are made of good quality material and the flag sticks durable and able to withstand 70 MPH without bending more than 10%.

Bumper Stickers

Certainly nice decorative bumper stickers would be eye catching, but what good are they if you can't read them from a distance? Personally I've seen them so small that one needs to tailgate in order to read them, (curiosity you know). The dirt simply black and white horseshoepitching.com bumper sticker says all we need and can be read from 50-60 feet. I have bumper stickers from previous WTs and only two out of nine can be read from any distance. If we want to get our message out, then make the message so people can read it. Be brief and succinct.

These bumper stickers will be available in a few weeks. Send me your requests now and I'll be certain you get as many as you can display, one for each vehicle is good, maybe two for each one in front and one in back. Yes, they are removable. If you'd rather wait and get some at the WT, go ahead, but you're wasting valuable advertising time.

Military Shoes

My brother-in-law is retired from the Army and asked if I knew of a source to get some horseshoes to soldiers. I explained to him what we had done in the past regarding this, he was quite impressed. He gave us the name of someone and we turned it over to Kimmy Stockli GRS Distr. in Northern California. She will once again send horseshoes to Iraq. We certainly hope that some others of you have been able to do this.

Professional Advertising

In the last issue I suggested that perhaps we should seek the services of a professional advertising agency. The primary reason

for this line of thought is that we need "new and innovative" methods on how to promote the game of horseshoes. Looking back through 1932-1950 issues of the various NHPA magazines virtually everything that we've done in the past six years was tried then also.

Except for the fact that we have a distinct advantage nowadays, our communication is almost instant whether it is by telephone, email, or instant messaging we can get an idea to virtually everyone at the same time. Very little has changed regarding the actual implementation of all the ideas we've discussed throughout the years. It could be a risky undertaking unless one is extremely cognizant of the fact that in the advertising industry there are some shrewd business people looking out for their interests. This idea was discussed at our winter meeting and I've been given the okay to begin some preliminary investigation into hiring a professional advertising agency. Do we have a horseshoe pitcher that is in this line of business? Perhaps you have dealt with an agency you could recommend? Any assistance from anyone is better than starting out cold, but I'll pursue it for the two plus month lapse between this writing and your reading it.

Turnover rate

Is there any method by which we can decrease the 30% turnover rate in our membership? Certainly folks will pass on, become too feeble to pitch, and just generally give it up for no apparent good reason, but 30%! It is a national trend, so those of you who feel it's charter related can rest assured that this happens throughout our organization. Perhaps 10% in one charter maybe 35% in another, but the average hovers at 30%. We must do something to stem this glaring figure!

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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT by Allen Baptist

This is always the slow time of the year for horseshoes and horseshoe news, with the Holidays just over and many pitchers hanging up their shoes until Spring. It also seems like the time of year for some Regional Directors to decide to pass their duties on to someone new. Randy Collins, Texas RD has decided to step down and will be replaced by Jim Anderson. Jim has been a member of the NHPA for 15 years, which 12 of those years have been spent as a THPA State Officer, four years of which were as THPA President.

Jack Stenberg, New York RD has stepped down and has been replaced by Ken Fraser. Also David Spears, Idaho RD has resigned and will be replaced by Rodney Pickering. The new RD's are very experienced horseshoe people and I am sure they will do a great job.

From the Mail Bag

Dale Boss - Arizona Regional Director reports that he has sanctioned three courts in 2004. Dale also re-sanctioned 12 courts at Tuscon Park. Dale traveled to Glendale and sanctioned 12 new courts for the Eagle Horseshoe Courts. Dale traveled to Quartsite and sanctioned 32 new courts, which are named the LA-Z-DAZE horseshoe courts. Dale reports that Arizona has 38 sanctioned tournaments scheduled to 2005.

Myrtle May Komaku - Hawaii Regional Director reports that she has been elected as Hawaii State President.

RULES RE-WRITE AND GUIDELINES by Bonnie Seibold

The NHPA rules re-write and guidelines have been published in the Newsline and on the internet. To take each rule and guideline one by one at the Convention would take hours, so we are going to ask the delegates to accept the Rules Re-write and Guidelines as the committee have presented them. Then you could send any proposals to make changes to Stu Sipma, who is the rules chairman now.



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HALL OF FAME

by Earl and Vicki Winston

As this is being written, the winter chill is in the air in many parts of our country and the outdoor pitching season is some weeks away. By the time you read this, hopefully many will be cleaning the rust off the shoes and heading for the courts. The deadline for submitting Hall of Fame nominations to be considered in the 2005 voting will probably have passed, but we can tell you that with just one month to go, there have been no new nominations submitted. If none are received in the next month, the list of nominees will remain as printed in the January/February 2005 issue of NEWSLINE.

In that issue we told you that quite possibly the official Hall of Fame Nomination Form might soon be available on the NHPA Website. The Webmaster has accomplished that task for anyone wanting a copy. If you don't have internet access, just contact us and we will mail you the form. We know there must be some deserving people, both in the past and in the present, who have not yet been nominated for this high honor. The committee cannot elect anyone if they haven't first been nominated. It is not too early to begin work on nominations for the 2006 voting.

We are trying to keep the list Hall of Famers updated as we learn of persons who have passed on. They are marked by an asterisk. We recently lost Curt Day and we thank those who notified Dick Hansen. We would ask your help in keeping our records current. If you notice people on the Hall of Fame list on the Web site, in the World Tournament program book or on the banquet program that should be designated as deceased, please notify us or Dick Hansen. Thanks for your help.

HALL OF FAME QUIZ

1. Known for her rapid fire delivery, this four-time World Champion has set numerous records in her homeland, as well as the United States. She has a ringer average of nearly 85% for her four World titles, which is amazing considering she seldom practices and rarely pitches on clay courts, except when she is visiting in the USA.

2. A contender in the early days of the World Tournament Senior Men's Division, he moved on and became the Elders Division World Champ in 1982 and 1983, when the minimum age was 75. His home state of Illinois presents an annual award that bears his name.

3. This one-time World Champ participated in the Men's Championship Class a total of seven times with a career ringer average of 77.01%. The year he won, he averaged 82.3% for 35 games. During his pitching career he won 15 State Championships in his home state of Washington.

4. He never won a world title, but this popular southpaw was always a tough competitor. In his 20 appearances in the Championship Class, he has a career average of 76.41%. He won eight Pennsylvania State Championships in 27 tries and finished with a state tournament career ringer average of 79.43%.

5. The Founding Father of the NHPA, he set in motion the merger of the Grand League of American Horseshoe Pitchers and the National League of Horseshoe and Quoits Players. The merger was completed at the Winter World Tournament in Florida in 1925, when the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America was named.

6. Since 1994, he is the only person to win the Men's World Championship other than Alan Francis. In his two title

appearances, he had tournament ringer averages of 80.8% and 85.3%. He has won a total of at least 11 State Championships while a resident of various New England states.

7. A five-time Women's World Champion, her 88.3% ringer average is a record high for a complete World Tournament. Ironically, this came in a year when she didn't win, but placed second. A tenacious competitor, her career ringer average for 15 World Championship Class appearances is near the 80% mark.

8. While he served as NHPA Secretary, he put together game by game results of the 1946, 1947 and 1948 World Tournaments in pamphlet form. For 25 cents, one was mailed to any NHPA member who requested a copy. This practice came to a halt in 1949 due to the lack of \$150 to finance the project.

9. His occupation as a letter carrier got him into fine shape to compete in events mostly in the southwestern part of our country. During his nine World Tournament Championship Class appearances, he had a career ringer average of 74.42%. He is a five-time California State Champion and served one term as NHPA 2nd Vice President.

10. Everyone should be able to guess this one. He is not known for his pitching ability, but is known for his years of dedication and service to our sport. He began as an officer in his charter, and is now serving on the national level. A tireless worker, he has spent endless hours putting the entire NHPA membership list into a computer database.

Answers can be found on page 30.

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Horseshoe Pitching Facts and Folklore



By Bob Dinn

As you remember, we are reprinting the history of horseshoe pitching in Iowa, as written by Leland Mortenson for the "Horseshoe Pitching Compendium," originally published by the NHPA in 1940. This is the second part in the series. In the early-days of our sport, there probably was no more colorful player than – Putt Mossman. Mortenson, has captured so much of the colorful side of this Hall of Fame pitcher and also the interaction with the great Frank Jackson. Appears the whole Mossman family may have been a bunch of colorful characters.

Please note where the article is telling about Emmett Mossman being the 1924 Junior World Champion. We must consider and keep in mind that the author lived in Iowa, but the NHPA World Tournament Program lists Hall of Fame pitcher, Frank Stinson, as the 1924 Junior champion. Well, in part, both records are correct. That year there were two Junior divisions, a division for 30' Junior pitchers and a 40' Junior division. Emmett won the 30' division and Stinson won the 40' division. There was a best of five game playoff between Emmett and Frank for the outright 1924 Junior world title. Stinson won in straight matches.

IOWA

By Leland Mortenson

The three Des Moines high schools adopted horseshoe pitching as an inter-school sport in 1924, and Lyle Brown was secured to serve as coach for all three schools. The athletic board evidently didn't have much interest in trying to make success of it for they merely drove a couple of stakes in some cinders behind out-of-the-way corners of the schools. The poor courts made a poor appearance, as did the out-of-the-way locations.

Why was the game dropped? It couldn't have been of lack of interest for there were more entries for horseshoe pitching than for track, for which reason coaches grumbled about horseshoes "taking away material." Did the sport attract the rougher element of the school? Well, hardly, for of the ten men on the North High team, all graduated with excellent records, five graduated from college, and one man, the City High School champion, is now a foreman in a Des Moines factory. The City School athletic director opposed horseshoes upon the grounds that it lacked enough action, but she favored golf, a sport with less action.

It was about 1924 or shortly before that the Des Moines horseshoe pitchers organized a club and held regular Sunday morning tournaments at what are now called the Birdland Courts. The results of these tournaments were published regularly in the press. This was not necessarily the first such club in Iowa, but it was the best known, as it still is. Since that time, many other active clubs have sprung up such as those at Cedar Rapids, Cedar Falls, Adair and Ankeny, with its electric lights.

Two interesting officers of two of these clubs were D.J. Cowden of Adair, and Dr. J.H. Becker, of Des Moines, already mentioned.

Cowden organized a mail league tournament on a nation-wide and called his league the "National Horseshoe Pitchers Athletic Association of America." He studied horseshoe scores as they were mailed in, spent hours on each one, wrote letters of eight to ten pages to the sender with what he called scientific criticism of the pitchers' score. And he had revolution ideas on how to

completely change the game. His plans were so complicated that nobody but Cowden bothered to try to study them.

Dr. Becker, although I said he used dictatorial methods in holding his office, was a practical horseshoe booster. Many times he personally canvassed the Des Moines merchants to get prizes for tournaments, and in a state meet here in 1927, he collected \$275 in merchandise prizes. A fault he had, but which did no harm, was to get enthusiastic about some plan, announce it to the press, and then discover that it was unworkable. For instance, he once announced that the following year he was going to take America's best 50 pitchers on an exhibition tour of Europe. Becker began getting numerous applications and he made promises to some, then found out he couldn't do it.

By August of 1924, Frank Jackson was again world's champion and came to the fair confident of regaining the title left vacant by Lundin's retirement. But he was disappointed, for Putt Mossman, a flashy 18-year-old boy from Eldora, swept through the tournament. Mossman had won fifth in the 1923 state tournament.

A world's championship tournament was held at Minneapolis in September, 1924 and Mossman won first, Frank Jackson second, and Frank Campbell, of Waukee, Iowa, fourth. Emmett Mossman, age 13, won the world's junior title, and the oldest brother, Warren, took the men's world's amateur title.

Putt Mossman was in Hardin County, Iowa, July 8, 1906. Besides his brothers, Emmett and Warren, he had a sister, Dessie. The children all went in for sport with emphasis upon horseshoe pitching, almost total exclusion of education, and as much as possible also of work. In fact, Putt probably never did any work except a little on the farm and none at all after he became world's champion.

A few years after winning the world's amateur championship, Warren took up professional wrestling and once claimed the middleweight championship of his county.

Emmett beat Frank Jackson at the Iowa State Fair at the age of 13, but he never seemed to improve much and never beat Jackson again. Several years later he tried to copy Putt's horseshoe and motorcycle exhibitions, but he flopped. He tried amateur boxing and in his only fight he was knocked out in the first round. He tried Putt's motorcycle stunts on the highways and there he had similar accidents to those Putt had on the race tracts,

After Putt won the world's horseshoe title he traveled from coast to coast staging horseshoe exhibitions, sometimes on a guaranteed contract, but mostly by taking up collections. In 1927, he pitched for a semi-pro baseball team in New York, and in 1928 he failed in a try-out with the Boston Braves. In 1927 he invented a hook horseshoe and also a horseshoe uniform. In 1929, he started to stage motorcycle exhibitions. By 1930 he was shooting revolvers by aiming through mirrors, doing high kick stunts and numerous other things. In 1929, he nearly served time in the Ohio Penitentiary for killing a pedestrian while driving 40 miles an hour in a town, and with defective brakes, and then he drove the car the remainder of the year without having the brakes repaired. He starred in motion pictures in Hollywood in the early thirties, fought main events on Des Moines boxing cards in 1930, and went around the world putting on exhibitions in Japan, Australia and other countries.

Putt has been nearly killed on his motorcycle several times, and he is reported to have crippled his wife for life when he failed to clear her in a stunt motorcycle in California. He is said to have taken up an airplane in Australia without instructions, and to have crashed. He claimed the title of "World's Champion

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Horseshoe Pitching Facts and Folklore



By Bob Dwan

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All-around Athlete" in 1930. (See Omaha World-Herald April 6, 1930). An Iowa college professor said Putt was a genius, and if he studied chemistry or law he would have been as remarkable in that way as he was in horseshoes. Another professor said he was insane. One newspaper reporter wrote an article about Putt's marvelous personality. Another reporter said Putt has a very poor personality.

This is just an outline about Putt, but this outline is worth further investigation as to whether Mossman must not certainly be rated Iowa's No. 1 athletic of all time.

In August of 1939, Mossman was reported to be a member of an exploring expedition in Africa, but this is not presented as fact as it has not yet been confirmed.

For a short time after winning at Minneapolis, Mossman took Frank Jackson with him for exhibitions, and beat his rival most of the time but the two couldn't get along and soon parted company.

The 1925 National meet in Florida, and the state tourney at the Iowa State Fair of the same year were repetitions of 1924, Mossman first, Jackson second.

In the fall of 1925, Omaha, Nebraska, held a tournament for the interstate championship of Iowa and Nebraska. Lyle Brown won, but neither Mossman nor Jackson were present.

In the spring of 1926, Jackson regained his world's title from Mossman in a Florida tournament, but he was not master without dispute, for Putt beat him in four straight games a few weeks later. Jackson was absent from the Iowa State Fair Tournament, so Mossman won with ease.

On December 18, 1925, Mayor Hale Thompson promoted a special match in Chicago for the world's championship between Mossman and Jackson with Mossman winning and claiming the championship. Jackson then claimed that a match for a championship was in violation of National rules. So, in fact there were two world's champions until C.C. Davis beat both of them in Florida early in 1927.

In September 1926, Jackson entered a Mid-West Tournament at Omaha. First and second place prizes has been advertised as \$100 and \$40. When the pitchers assembled, they complained about the lopsided set-up of prizes. But Jackson insisted that the prizes remain as advertised, which they were. Cecil Freel, a lanky six foot, five inch, 118 pound, 18 year-old youth from Murray, Iowa, provided a surprise and won every game, connecting with 65 ringers to defeat Jackson. Freel was really not in Jackson's class. It was just his day, and if any man ever was blue it was Jackson with his \$40.

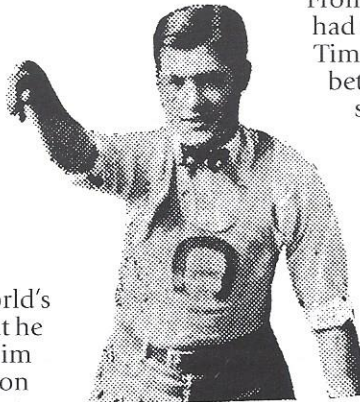
After Davis won the world's championship from Mossman and Jackson in 1927, no Iowa man ever won it again. A state championship tournament was held at the Des Moines Birdland courts in June 1927. Jackson won and Mossman was absent, and at the State Fair the same year, Jackson kept his title although he lost two games to Mossman.

1927 saw the establishment of electric lights at the Birdland courts and many pitchers took advantage of them by tossing until past midnight many times. Before the end of the summer, hoodlums had destroyed the light and they were removed by the Parks Department. In 1938, lights were again installed and are still in use.

In 1928, a Central Iowa tournament, with an airplane ride for first prize, and a state junior tournament were held in Des Moines. John Garvey, a youth from Boone, won the first meet and Floyd Saffell of Des Moines, took first and Emmett Mossman second in the later tournament.

Frank Jackson won the 1928 State Fair Tournament, with Mossman fourth. This meet saw our first experience with a public address system, but we didn't have another one until 1936.

On July 14, 1929, a state tournament was held at the Birdland Courts. Jackson was first and Mossman sixth.



Putt Mossman

From the time Mossman became a first-class pitcher he had never been backward about belittling Frank Jackson. Time and time again he issued challenges to play for side bets. Sometimes these were published. During the summer of 1929, Mossman did more challenging than ever, and inferred through a newspaper story that Jackson feared him. The results of this was that Jackson was rather "burned up," and that there were a large number of red-hot fans ready by State Fair time. Jackson downed Putt in the preliminaries, but the finals were to be a sensation.

At this time, and this was the last one, we had no schedule, game by game, for the finals. The finals started and a crowd of over 1,000 was present.

There was always tremendous interest in the Mossman-Jackson games. There were several reasons. Both were former world's champions: both hated each other and the fans know it; there was a contrast wherein Jackson was old and a common farmer type, while Putt was young, good looking, fast and active and dressed in a flashy manner. Jackson was modest, Mossman a braggart; Jackson was fairly large, Mossman small.

I was superintendent of the tournament and had arranged for Mossman to put on a trick exhibition in the midst, the result of which was to draw about a thousand people about him on the courts. The State Fair farmer police gave up in their attempt to get the crowd back. In fact, they refused to help me.

The fans presence on the courts stopped several games and slowed down the finals. Many of the pitchers became angry at Mossman and me for arranging the exhibition, but my purpose was to get the fans entertained so I let the exhibition continue, Jackson was furious.

Finally, after the exhibition, Mossman and Jackson argued as to when to pitch their game. Jackson wanted it at once. Mossman wanted it last. The crowd got into the argument and all knew what the trouble was. Finally, Mossman, Jackson and Guy Zimmerman, then a quiet 21-year-old boy from Sac City, Iowa,

had only one another to pitch against. Mossman and Jackson got into a heated argument in the center of the courts as to which one should play Zimmerman first.

The crowd had followed the dispute closely, and thinking there was an impending fight, rushed out upon the courts, their mass stopped most games. Some of the crowd were Jackson supporters, evidently eager to fight for their favorite. Some were for Mossman. I went out to settle the argument and I was threatened by both sides. The Fair cops vanished from sight. It seemed that the slighted thing could have started a first-class mob fight. I called for a flip of a coin. Mossman lost.

As I walked away from the center of the court, I absent-mindedly walked in front of a peg to which Harry Reese, of Iowa City, was ready to pitch. Reese's patience with the interfering fans was at its end, and as soon as he saw me, but yet not recognizing me, he let the shoe go with all his might. It struck me a terrific blow on my arm.

Putt downed Guy Zimmerman, 50-29; Jackson then beat Guy 50-14. Then Putt hurled 51 ringers out of 60 shoes to beat Jackson 50-16. This clash between Mossman and Jackson, I rate among the three greatest of Iowa games, as was said before, for suspense.

Mossman and Jackson split games at the Fair in 1930, but Jackson won the title.

In 1931, Mossman filed his entry for the tournament at the Fair but was seriously injured in a motorcycle spill on the race track

a few days before the start of the tournament. Hansford won the title from his dad who took second.

Dessie Mossman, Putt's comely sister was permitted to pitch 30 feet against the men in 1930 and 1931. The first year she won seventh prize; the second she took third, and in a hot streak she connected for ten straight double ringers. The men pitchers objected so strongly to a women having a handicap (*of the shorter pitching distance*) that such a method has not been permitted since.

Frank Jackson regained his title at the Fair in 1932 by handily defeating Hansford. That year as in 1931, a state college tournament was also held with Victor Jones of Iowa State College, defeated a field which include the 1931 winner, Jimmy Rainbow, of State Teachers' College; and a State High School Tournament was likewise held. In addition, I presented the State College champion discus thrower, a leading shot-putter, and a boy who the next year won the Drake Relay hop, step and jump event, in exhibitions. The exhibitions were good, but the Fair visitors were not greatly interested.

To be continued.....

ST. GEORGE UTAH

by Dick & Paulette Hansen

As we landed in Las Vegas in the rain, our first thought was not the slot machines, but getting to St. George, Utah. We were excited about touring a new facility to have our World Tournament. The drive north through the mountains was beautiful. The signs along the highway said to watch for animals and falling rocks. They should have said watch for the beautiful scenery.

The Dixie Center was great. While not built for horseshoes, it would definitely hold enough courts to have a great tournament. It is air conditioned and in a great city. The offices overlooked the playing area which would give the office workers a view of the tournament. It also had meeting rooms and banquet facilities right there. Also being built right next door was a Hilton Hotel.

We were greeted by Jeff Harding and toured the center. Very, very impressive. Jeff and his staff were really prepared for all the questions we had and were very knowledgeable as to what our needs would be.

After checking into the Ramada, we were given a riding tour of their wonderful city by Jeff and his wife Karen. You could not get lost. The city of St. George is nestled in the foothills of the mountains. Everything was there; shopping, eating and many many activities for all ages. As a tourist town it was wonderful.

We were taken to a supper club that was in the hills and overlooked the city. What a beautiful site. We were greeted warmly by Cleo Wardle and Gary Gilbert, along with Gary's wife Lilly. It was a great dinner along with horseshoe talk.

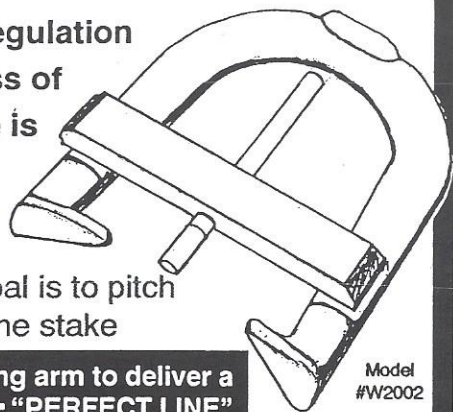
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THE TOLL OF TIME

Max Gunyon

Frankfort, Indiana

Max Gunyon passed away on Jan. 17, 2005. He was a 1939 graduate of Kirklin High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired in 1985 from Chrysler in Kokomo.

Max was a member of the First Christian Church, National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Moose Lodge 7, Scottish Rite, Shriners and Blue Jacket Hospital Auxiliary. He also drove for the Red Cross and Meals on Wheels. He was a member of the Indiana Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and volunteered with the Senior Olympics horseshoe competition.

Max married his first wife Helen in 1940 and she died March 3, 1994. He married his second wife Donna on August 26, 1995, and she survives. Also surviving are three daughters and one son, 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Max was involved with the Curt Day courts at Frankfort and was a very good friend of Curts. He was a good supporter of Horseshoes in Indiana and will be missed by all.

Melvin S. Kalb

Ohio

Melvin S. Kalb, 82, of Bucyrus Ohio passed away December 29th, 2004 after a yearlong battle with cancer.

On November 3, 1943, he married Florence Nedolast who survives along with sons Michael (Linda) Kalb of Columbus OH, Steven (Joyce) Kalb of Stow OH and daughters Jane (Jeff) Holschulte of Richwood OH, Mary Feaver of Marion OH and 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

During WW II he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS California in the South Pacific and later was employed 31 years with the North Electric Company in Galion OH.

Melvin started pitching in horseshoe tournament competition in 1953 at the Ohio State Championship held in Columbus OH. That year there were 26 pitchers and all were placed in one class with a round robin of 25 games in 3 days.

During his pitching career he played in many local and state tournaments, as well as the '62 and '64 world tournaments held in Greenville OH. For Melvin the highlight of the horseshoe season was to pitch in the Ohio State Tournament and to qualify high enough to make Class A so he could compete against world champion title holders Harold Reno, Paul Focht, Jim Knisley and many more top players.

His Ohio State Tournament accomplishments include pitching in Class A seven times with a 7th place finish (68.7%) in 1964 and a 9th place finish (69.5%) in 1970. He also won the Ohio State Class B title in years '63, '68 and '71. His best tournament average was 75% when he won the 1963 Crawford County Fair Tournament.

His pitching days were cut short by a 1973 knee injury, but he was able to resume pitching in 1991 for another 10 years. In 1987 he was elected into the Ohio State Horseshoe Hall of Fame. Melvin loved the game of horseshoes but most of all enjoyed the friendship and comradery of the players.

Submitted by Michael Kalb



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EXERCISE - RECREATION - SPORT

by Steve Summerlin

Hard to believe that it was five years ago that I was appointed the NHPA webmaster and that I have been a member of the website team since 1996. I have witnessed a lot of changes and in the process had to learn a lot of different things over the years to try and keep up with the ever changing way things are done.

I would like to take a moment to thank Ed Smith of California for his invaluable support and assistance when I needed help and to Paul Stewart for his confidence in me. Also, big thanks to Casey Sluys for handling some of the Q&A areas of the site, as well as Steve Morris of Pennsylvania and Kevin Smith of Michigan for doing some program setup for us.

Today we find ourselves with more and more software as well as online services that make starting and hosting a website for the local club or league a thing that almost anyone can tackle. No longer is it necessary to learn complicated coding or to be overwhelmed with the very thought of having to learn something new, after all most of us have been out of school a long time. It has become about as simple as a copy and paste to create your web presence. Everybody likes to see their name "up in lights", so why not get your club or league a website and put the results up for the world to see. As a bonus, you just might get a few new members for your efforts.

Everyone, I am sure by now, is aware of the Caravan that will be leaving from Taunton, Massachusetts and making their way across country to Bakersfield. We will be hosting a special area of the site to give you updates of their progress with a few photos and reports from out "on the road" as often as it is possible to do so. So visit HorseshoePitching.com often to find out where they are and perhaps read a few anecdotes shared by the travelers as they traverse the U.S.

As always, the website has the World Tournament entry form available for printing if you should need additional copies. We also have lots of information available about the tournament site and Bakersfield as well. Don't forget we do have a "Coming Events" section of the site where you can advertise your upcoming Major Tournament. This should be a "money added" tournament and/or one that is expected to have at least 120 entries or more. Send your entry form and vital information to webmaster@horseshoepitching.com.

HORSESHOES IN IRELAND

by Betty Burlingame

Last spring I had the delight of meeting three men who pitch horseshoes in Ireland. Since the beginning of the Stewlies, Burly has been corresponding with Paddy Kennedy, a member of the Shamrock Horseshoe club of Dublin, Ireland. He alerted Paddy that I would be in Ireland and we agreed to meet.

When I left home, I was entrusted with a pair of Dead-Eye horseshoes. I was to give them to the Dublin club. (I wonder what security thought if they scanned my check-in suitcase). When we arrived in the city during our tour, I gave a quick call from the hotel to Paddy, telling him we'd arrived, and made arrangements to meet that evening in the hotel pub. He said he'd bring some of the other lads with him.

My friends and I saw the three men standing at the bar – all with their horseshoe team shirts on – and introduced ourselves. Paddy introduces Dave Roche and Paddy Koppenhofer. We went over to an alcove booth where I gave Burly's package to them. They were beside themselves with pleasure. They said they had been trying to figure out how they could get a pair of those horseshoes ever since they saw them on the NHPA website.

Paddy gave me some things to bring home to Burly: a bright green sweatshirt with "Dublin Shamrock Horseshoe Pitchers" in white lettering; a blue jersey of the Dublin football team, comparable to, say, a Chicago Bears' jersey; a silk banner proclaiming the Irish win over England at the horseshoe tournament on the Isle of Man; and a wooden plaque with a golden horseshoe and horse-head. They also had beautiful neck-scarves illustrated with calligraphy and drawings from Trinity College's famous Book of Kells for my three friends and myself.

We had a good visit, although this was the first day of the ban on smoking in any public place in Ireland. The lads said it was some kind of miracle that they'd been sitting with us for

over an hour without smoking! We discussed The Troubles with Northern Ireland, and the men said the tragedy of 9/11 had pretty much put a stop to the violence up there. People saw where violence could lead. Asking about books on Irish history, they suggested Walter Macken's trilogy.

We all had cameras with us, and a great deal of picture-taking ensued. Two or three conversations were going on at the same time, amid all the smiles, thanks and laughter. The men continued to admire their horseshoes, telling me to thank Burly so much. Too soon, we felt we should say goodbye, knowing all the lads had to go to work the next day. We all agreed this was one of the highlights of our trip to Ireland.

Paddy gave Burly some history of the Shamrock club:

"We are going on 21 years. We were the first club to be set up in Dublin. The game is a country event, and could be seen being played in many parts of Ireland. It took a Wexford man, Martin Doyle, to introduce the game to us Dublin lads, and thank God he did, because we have had hours of fun and enjoyment ever since. You could say that had it not been for Martin, I would never have met the likes of yourself, Mr. Prez. He is for us what horseshoe pitching is all about. If we had a Wall of Fame, he would be top of the list. I can't put into words what Martin means to us in Dublin.

Another two people I have to mention are Billy Bolton and Dave Roche. These two people have kept the game alive in Dublin. The amount of work they have put into the running of the Shamrocks is outstanding.

Horseshoe pitching in Ireland has been going on for hundreds of years, and I hope to trace its history in Trinity College in the near future. (Paddy Kennedy works at Trinity College) The rules of Irish horseshoe pitching are:

"The shoes are two pounds in weight, and pitched over 33 feet to a one inch diameter metal bar, 12 inches above the ground. The game is played on grass, and finishes when a player reaches 21 points. The nearest shoe wins the point. Ringers and cockers do not score during a match. (A cocker is a shoe which is resting in an upright position against the bar). The player must toe the bar at all times – foot behind the bar – and the shoe is pitched from a standing position. There is no movement towards the bar by a player before the shoe is pitched."

Burly has made the entire Shamrock club Stewlies – all with their own Stewlie name, and we have been delighted to hear what they thought of and did with their Stewlie dolls! One sits in the window of his owner's barbershop, and another watches the patrons from the back bar of a pub!

Paddy said, "As for the Stewlies, they have become for us the link to our fellow pitchers across the U.S. and Canada and long may they continue. You do a great job, Mr. Prez and I wish you well in keeping it going."



Left to right: Paddy Koppenhofer, Char Riley, Paddy Kennedy, Betty, Dave Roche

Danville, Illinois' 17th Annual Open Horseshoe Tournament July 9 & 10, 2005

AWARDS:

Class "B" and below

1st = \$100.00 and Plaque
2nd = \$60.00
3rd = \$40.00
4th = \$25.00

Designated "A" Sponsorship brings awards to:

1st = \$595.00 and Plaque 5th = \$100.00 9th = \$50.00
2nd = \$350.00 6th = \$ 80.00 10th = \$40.00
3rd = \$250.00 7th = \$ 70.00 11th = \$30.00
4th = \$150.00 8th = \$ 60.00 12th = \$25.00

(Class "A" 30 ft. and 40 ft. play Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.)

FREE MONOGRAMMED TOWEL TO ALL ENTRANTS

COURTS: 20 Court layout with full walkways. Located in Douglas Park just off I-74 at Bowman Ave. exit.

ENTRY DEADLINE: June 24th. Register online also at: www.Active.com by June 21st.
(Specific day requests considered but not guaranteed.)

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 (includes scorekeeping fees). Make checks payable to: Danville Horseshoe Club.
Prepayment preferred. Scorekeepers to be paid \$2.00 per game.

SANCTION: 29-05-001

SEND ENTRIES TO: Leo Bratland
41 Country Club Dr.
Danville, IL 61832
217-443-5818 (home)
E-mail: bratlnd@aol.com

Martin Drummond
Box 195
Perrysville, IN 47974
765-793-4075 (home)

PAST DANVILLE CHAMPS:

1989 - 1 st Annual Open	Tari Powell, Rossville, IL	73.5%
1990 - 2 nd Annual Open	Sandy McLachlin, Dresdon, Ont., Can.	84.5%
1991 - Spring Open	Tari Powell, Rossville, IL	79.8%
1991 - 3 rd Annual Open	Tari Powell, Rossville, IL	79.6%
1992 - 4 th Annual Open	Don Peters, Chenoa, IL	59.6%
1992 - August Open	Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Stockton, CA	83.0%
1993 - 5 th Annual Open	Larry Knop, Verona, IL	69.0%
1993 - August Open	Tari Powell, Rossville, IL	80.0%
1994 - 6 th Annual Open	Randy Hankins, Prospect, KY	63.8%
1994 - August Open	Cliff Baker, Sheldon, IL	72.3%
1995 - Pepsi Open	Dennis Reid, Bridgeview, IL	60.4%
1995 - 7 th Annual Open (Cocoa Cola)	Robert Hatten, Neoga, IL	70.7%
1996 - 8 th Annual Open	rained out	-----
1997 - 9 th Annual Open	Cliff Baker, Sheldon, IL	74.3%
1998 - 10 th Annual Open	Cliff Baker, Sheldon, IL	40 ft. 70.3%
	Curly Seibold, Huntington, IN	30 ft. 78.9%
1999 - 11 th Annual Open	Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Ocala, FL	40 ft. 86.1%
	Amy Francis, Defiance OH	30 ft. 84.1%
2000 - 12 th Annual Open	Mark Seibold, Huntington, IN	40 ft. 72.6%
	Robert Logan, Kouts, IN	30 ft. 79.9%
2001 - 13 th Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40 ft. 85.4%
	Robert Logan, Kouts, IN	30 ft. 86.7%
2002 - 14 th Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40 ft. 86.1%
	Robert Logan, Kouts, IN	30 ft. 79.0%
2003 - 15 th Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40ft 83.2%
	Amy Francis, Defiance, OH	30ft 84.2%
2004 - 16 th Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40 ft. 87.4%
	Joan Elmore, Mt. Juliet, TN	30 ft. 85.2%

Registration Fees:

Adults \$100.00
Juniors \$25.00
Pitching Schedules
will be mailed to all
contestants by June 18th
to the address you have
listed on this form.

ENTRY FORM
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
World Horseshoe Pitching Championships
July 18th to July 30th 2005
Bakersfield, California

Entry Deadline May 19th 2005

NAME _____ 2005 NHPA Card # _____
(please print) First Last (or Canadian)

ADDRESS _____ SS # _____
(Optional)

CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____

Telephone: Home # _____ Work # _____ Date of Birth _____

Please list your local Newspaper _____

Circle the division you are entering - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page)

OPEN MEN 40' SENIOR MEN 40' OPEN WOMEN SENIOR WOMEN (see note #1) ELDERS 30' JR. BOYS JR. GIRLS JR 9 & UNDER 20' (see note #2)

I believe my current average is approx _____ % **No refunds will be made after June 2nd 2005**

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

----- **-mail top half only -** -----

We reserve the right to disallow your participation if we discover errors on this form or if your records don't appear in NatStats, CanStats, or false or misleading information is on this form.

MAIL THIS FORM with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

TO: NHPA
3085 76th St
Franksville WI 53126

Direct Telephone Inquiries to:
Dick Hansen NHPA Sec/Treas.
262-835-9108

All Entries must be on this form and mailed with a postmark no later than **MAY 19th 2005**. Entries received with a postmark after May 19th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. NATSTATS/CANSTATS files must substantiate that you have pitched a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the preceding twelve (12) months, at your divisions pitching distance, prior to May 19th 2005, which is the last date NATSTATS will accept results to determine entering averages. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Participants will be required to show their 2005 NHPA or CANADIAN membership card when checking in to pitch.

REGISTRATION FEES: ALL ADULTS -- \$100.00 • ALL JUNIORS -- \$25.00 • **U.S. FUNDS ONLY**
CANADIAN ENTRIES USE MONEY ORDERS REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES SCORE KEEPING FEES
NO REFUNDS AFTER June 2nd 2005

You may enter at anytime prior to MAY 19th. All averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS/CANSTATS on MAY 19th, 2005

READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years or older as of July 17th 2005. Any individual that turns 70 years of age in 2005 or is older or physically impaired person of any age, all of which must pitch from less than the full distance platform, may enter the **ELDERS DIVISION**. **JUNIOR DIVISION** entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2005 calendar year.

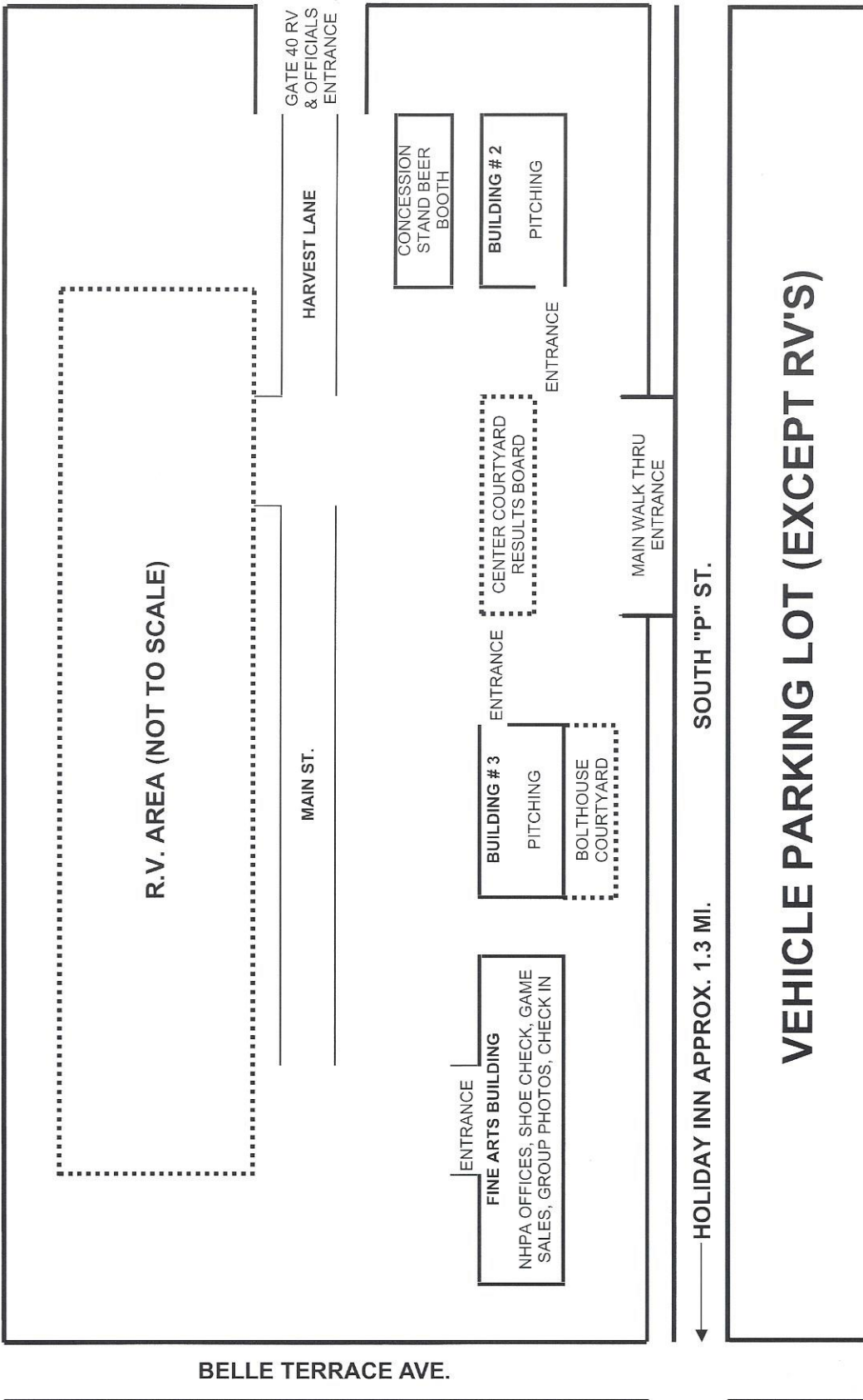
Note # 1. A minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled and all entrants will be placed in the Open Women.
Note # 2. The Junior 9 and under is for juniors under the age of 10. This division will be CLASS PLAY ONLY.

US RESIDENTS ONLY -INCLUDE a self addressed - stamped envelope if you would like a copy of your current average. This will be sent to you by NatStats. Canadian entries need to go direct to CANSTATS for their average. Or you can check your average on the NHPA Web Page at www.horseshoepitching.com
The pitching schedule will be finalized by **June 3rd** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held July 24th 2005. Please sign up for this event prior to July 17th 2005. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. **DON'T MISS OUT.**

KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS SITE MAP FOR 2005 WORLD TOURNAMENT

UNION AVE.



R.V. AREA (NOT TO SCALE)

MAIN ST.

HARVEST LANE

MING AVE.

GATE 40 RV & OFFICIALS ENTRANCE

ENTRANCE

FINE ARTS BUILDING
NHPA OFFICES, SHOE CHECK, GAME SALES, GROUP PHOTOS, CHECK IN

BUILDING # 3
PITCHING

BOLTHOUSE COURTYARD

CENTER COURTYARD RESULTS BOARD

ENTRANCE

CONCESSION STAND BEER BOOTH

BUILDING # 2
PITCHING

ENTRANCE

MAIN WALK THRU ENTRANCE

HOLIDAY INN APPROX. 1.3 MI.

SOUTH "P" ST.

TO 99 FRWY →

VEHICLE PARKING LOT (EXCEPT RV'S)

1. FINE ARTS BUILDING WILL HOUSE THE FOLLOWING: NHPA OFFICES, CHECK-IN, SHOE CHECK, GROUP PHOTOS AND GAME SALES.
2. BUILDING NUMBERS 2 AND 3 WILL HAVE 24 COURTS AND 1 PLAYOFF COURT EACH.
3. BOLTHOUSE COURTYARD IS A COVERED OUTDOOR AREA AND THE AWARDS CEREMONIES WILL TAKE PLACE THERE.
4. ONLY VEHICLES ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS WILL BE RV'S, STAFF AND HANDICAP PARKING, ALL OTHERS PARK ACROSS STREET.
5. ALL FOOT TRAFFIC WILL ENTER IN THE MAIN WALK THRU ENTRANCE ONLY.

SANCTIONED ADULT LEAGUE 2004 TOP TEN LIST

ADULT NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED DISTANCE

PosName Club/State Pts.

High Point Average

1	Elden Sarbaugh	Try County, OH.	128.31
2	Jim Walters	Troy, OH.	124.15
3	Paul Burhitt	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	114.53
4	Pam Henderson	Independence, MO.	113.70
5	Allen Withrow	Mountaineer, WV.	112.42
6	Stan Griggs	Kansas City Heart of America, MO.	112.04
7	Jerry Wykle	Mountaineer, WV.	112.00
8	Deborah Michaud	Loon Pond, MA.	111.95
9	Mary Vogel	Liberty, MO.	111.50
10	Mark Mauthé	Platteville, WI.	111.11

High Point Game

1	Elden Sarbaugh	Try County, OH.	148
2	Jim Walters	Troy, OH.	141
3	Pam Henderson	Independence, MO.	138
4	Allen Withrow	Mountaineer, WV.	135
5	Paul Burhitt	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	133
6	Bob Volles	Syracuse Pioneer, NY.	133
7	Nick DiRaimo	Liberty, MO.	132
8	Ottie Reno	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	132
9	Don Wild	North Weld, Co.	132
10	Jim Cooper	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	129
10	John Martin	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	129
10	Deborah Michaud	Loon Pond, MA.	129

High Points over Average

1	Don Shoffner	Darke County, OH.	43.44
2	Norman Neumon	Woodward Governor, CO.	38.59
3	Bob Volles	Syracuse Pioneer, NY.	37.86
4	Sandy Stevenson	Boulder, CO.	37.08
5	Wes Podvin	Goldendale, WI.	36.95
6	Joe Pillion	Troy, OH.	36.33
7	Margaret Wilkinson	Syracuse Pioneer, NY.	35.25
8	Joyce Arledge	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	35.09
9	Kent Armstrong	Kansas City Heart of America, MO.	34.53
10	Jim Haupt	Goldendale, WI.	34.41

High Ringer Average

1	Gert Wilcziek	Eau Claire, WI.	81.67
2	Elden Sarbaugh	Try County, OH.	81.16
3	Jim Walters	Troy, OH.	76.59
4	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS.	76.47
5	Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA.	75.62
6	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN.	72.42
7	Wayne Totten	Eau Claire, WI.	72.03
8	Paul Burhitt	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	70.50
9	Branson Miller	Winchester, VA.	70.29
10	Pam Henderson	Independence, MO.	69.90

MEN'S DIVISION-40ft. DISTANCE

High Ringer Average

1	Jim Walters	Troy, OH.	76.59
2	Branson Miller	Winchester, VA.	70.29
3	Jerry Wykle	Mountaineer, WV.	67.80
4	Stan Griggs	Kansas City Heart of America, MO.	67.38
5	Allen Withrow	Mountaineer, WV.	66.60
6	Mark Mauthé	Platteville, WI.	64.89
7	Gary Roberts	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	63.34
8	Bob Lautenschlager	West Geauga, OH.	63.04
9	Bernie VanLerberg	Ringer 5, KS.	63.00
10	Chan Herrell	Frederick, MD.	62.47

High Ringer Game

1	Bernie VanLerberg	Ringer 5, KS.	92.50
2	Jim Walters	Troy, OH.	92.00
3	Allen Withrow	Mountaineer, WV.	86.00
4	John Singleton	Franklin, OH.	84.00
5	Branson Miller	Winchester, VA.	83.83

6	Dick Dvorak	Brooklyn Park, MN.	82.50
7	Gordon Fuhr	Pawnee Ringers, NE.	82.00
8	Bob Lautenschlager	West Geauga, OH.	82.00
9	Jerry Wykle	Mountaineer, WV.	82.00
10	Jim Cooper	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	80.00
10	Stan Griggs	Kansas City Heart of America, MO.	80.00
10	Chan Herrell	Frederick, MD.	80.00
10	John Martin	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	80.00
10	Mark Mauthé	Platteville, WI.	80.00
10	Darrel Taulbee	Classic City, IN.	80.00

High Ringer over Average

1	Steve Eck	Classic City, IN.	47.00
2	Tony Ortiz	Classic City, IN.	34.55
3	Jim Lemish	Classic City, IN.	34.27
4	Willie Lothamer	Classic City, IN.	32.94
5	Roger Sinclair	Lake of the Ozarks, MO.	31.67
6	Jimmy Henry	Moose Lodge #2239, LA.	31.56
7	John Hawk	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	31.55
8	Ron Roy	Classic City, IN.	31.13
9	Bud Weaver	Classic City, IN.	31.03
10	Scott Prather	Bayou, LA.	30.95

MEN'S DIVISION-30ft. DISTANCE

High Ringer Average

1	Elden Sarbaugh	Try County, OH.	81.16
2	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN.	72.42
3	Wayne Totten	Eau Claire, WI.	72.03
4	Paul Burhitt	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	70.50
5	John Gensman	Lake Orion, MI.	67.00
6	Nick DiRaimo	Liberty, MO.	64.74
7	Ottie Reno	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	61.88
8	Curly Siebold	Marion, IN.	61.16
9	Lloyd Wolf	Tri County, MN.	58.30
10	Sam Barbuto	Syracuse Pioneer, NY.	58.25

High Ringer Game

1	Elden Sarbaugh	Try County, OH.	98.00
2	Wayne Totten	Eau Claire, WI.	90.00
3	John Gensman	Lake Orion, MI.	89.75
4	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN.	87.50
5	Paul Burhitt	Arledge's Indoor, ON.	86.00
6	Nick DiRaimo	Liberty, MO.	84.00
7	Ottie Reno	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	84.00
8	Bob Volles	Syracuse Pioneer, NY.	84.00
9	Lester Waguespack	Bayou, LA.	82.50
10	Don Wild	North Weld, CO.	82.00

High Ringer over Average

1	Alfred Halwix	Loon Pond, MA.	33.82
2	Jim Ward	Sunflower, KS.	33.33
3	Bob Volles	Syracuse Pioneer, NY.	33.15
4	Bernie Stelter	Eau Claire, WI.	32.39
5	Doug Peoples	Lake of the Ozarks, MO.	31.96
6	Joe Pillion	Troy, OH.	31.04
7	Kent Armstrong	Kansas City Heart of America, MO.	30.33
8	Bill Matey	Combined Locks, WI.	29.79
9	William Sweet	Moose Lodge #2239, LA.	29.33
10	Larry Bryce	Shreveport, LA.	29.23

WOMEN'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1	Gert Wilcziek	Eau Claire, WI.	81.67
2	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS.	76.47
3	Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA.	75.62
4	Pam Henderson	Independence, MO.	69.90
5	Deborah Michaud	Loon Pond, MA.	68.06
6	Mary Vogel	Liberty, MO.	66.88
7	Bev Nathe	Tri County, MN.	66.50
8	Jenny Morris	Marion, IN.	61.56
9	Ruth Hudson	Crane Creek Ringers, MO.	61.00
10	Rosie Leyk	Tri County, MN.	60.70

High Ringer Game

1	Gert Wilcziek	Eau Claire, WI.	98.00
2-tie	Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA.	90.00
2-tie	Pam Henderson	Independence, MO.	90.00
2-tie	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS.	90.00
3	Deb Halvorson	Eau Claire, WI.	82.00
4	Deborah Michaud	Loon Pond, MA.	82.00
5	Bev Nathe	Tri County, MN.	80.00
6	Mary Green	Try County, OH.	78.00
7	Mary Vogel	Liberty, MO.	78.00
8	Audra Craven	Liberty, MO.	76.00
9	Linda Hoelscher	Tri-County, CA.	76.00
10	Mary Matuke	Brooklyn Park, MN.	76.00
10	Jen Speakman	Boulder, CO.	76.00

High Ringer over Average

1	Laura Lindsey	Shreveport, LA.	32.22
2	Sandy Stevenson	Boulder, CO.	32.21
3	Shirley Schneider	Tri County, MN.	30.80
4	Christy Weyer	Tri County, MN.	30.00
5	Joyce Arledge	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	28.91
6	Sandy Dehart	Troy, OH.	28.04
7	Margaret Wilkinson	Syracuse Pioneer, NY.	27.00
8	Mindy Adams	Troy, OH.	26.70
9	Laurie Paul	Bryan, TX.	26.42
10	Norma Thompson	Close Doesn't Count, WI.	26.13

SANCTIONED JUNIOR LEAGUE 2004 TOP TEN LIST NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED BOYS/GIRLS

PosName Club/State Pts.

High Point Average

1	Justin Smith	Try County, OH.	94.88
2	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO.	78.30
3	Tava Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI.	76.77
4	Damon Barnhart	Try County, OH.	76.28
5	Travis Uhrig	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	75.53
6	John Byrd	Pueblo, CO.	74.85
7	Abby Hogan	Try County, OH.	74.59
8	Tina Riehle	Fleet Reserve, WI.	70.47
9	Cole Grimm	Try County, OH.	67.90
10	Aaron Diaz	Pueblo, CO.	67.41

High Point Game

1	Justin Smith	Try County, OH.	120
2	Abby Hogan	Try County, OH.	113
3	Tina Riehle	Fleet Reserve, WI.	111
4	John Byrd	Pueblo, CO.	106
5	Tava Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI.	105
6	Wesley Barnhart	Try County, OH.	103
7	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO.	101
8	Damon Barnhart	Try County, OH.	99
9	Travis Uhrig	Arledge's Indoor, OH.	98
10	Cole Grimm	Try County, OH.	95

High Point over Average

1	Jaron Simpson	Marion, IN.	41.42
2	Tina Riehle	Fleet Reserve, WI.	40.53
3	John Stines	Try County, OH.	39.14
4	Abby Hogan	Try County, OH.	38.41
5	Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE.	36.83
6	Wesley Barnhart	Try County, OH.	35.95
7	Brian Stockwell	North Weld, CO.	35.48
8	Ryan Blodgett	Try County, OH.	33.73
9	Slade Mahon	Try County, OH.	32.46
10	Garrett Stotts	Try County, OH.	31.23

High Ringer Average

1	Nick Preston	Sodbuster, VT.	57.75
2	Justin Sipma	Bismarck, ND.	53.80
3	Justin Smith	Try County, OH.	51.47
4	Trevor Sipma	Bismarck, ND.	50.42
5	Corey Hughes	North Branch, MN.	47.83
6	Cody Preston	Sodbuster, VT.	47.26
7	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO.	42.78
8	Jacob Shimek	Bismarck, ND.	42.67
9	Josh Carr	Greater Lansing, MI.	41.25
10	John Byrd	Pueblo, CO.	39.52

JUNIOR BOY'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1	Nick Preston	Sodbuster, VT.	57.75
2	Justin Sipma	Bismarck, ND.	53.80
3	Justin Smith	Try County, OH.	51.47
4	Trevor Sipma	Bismarck, ND.	50.42
5	Corey Hughes	North Branch, MN.	47.83
6	Cody Preston	Sodbuster, VT.	47.26
7	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO.	42.78
8	Jacob Shimek	Bismarck, ND.	42.67
9	Josh Carr	Greater Lansing, MI.	41.25
10	John Byrd	Pueblo, CO.	39.52

High Ringer Game

1	Cody Preston	Sodbuster, VT.	82.00
2	Nick Preston	Sodbuster, VT.	76.00
3-tie	Justin Smith	Try County, OH.	74.00
3-tie	Justin Sipma	Bismarck, ND.	74.00
4	Trevor Sipma	Bismarck, ND.	68.00
5	Josh Carr	Greater Lansing, MI.	67.50
6	Corey Hughes	North Branch, MN.	64.00
7	Travis Uhrig	Ross County, OH.	62.50
8	John Byrd	Pueblo, CO.	62.00
9	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO.	60.00
10	Ryan Radamacher	Greater Lansing, MI.	60.00

High Ringer over Average

1	Adams Bickett	Bureau Valley Jr. Lg., IL.	35.93
2	Cody Preston	Sodbuster, VT.	34.74
3	Jaron Simpson	Marion, IN.	30.42
4	John Stines	Try County, OH.	30.25
5	Michael Smith	Bureau Valley Jr. Lg., IL.	29.85
6	Tom Engelen	North Mankato, MN.	29.83
7	Wesley Barnhart	Try County, OH.	28.08
8	Chip Read	Bureau Valley Jr. Lg., IL.	27.96
9	Daniel Wharton	Sonoma County, CA.	27.70
10	Tim Wagler	Classic City, IN.	27.28

JUNIOR GIRL'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1	Tava Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI.	39.20
2	Abby Hogan	Try County, OH.	34.94
3	Melissa Bigelow	Sodbuster, VT.	34.88
4	Crystal Sinde	Whiting, IN.	33.45
5	Tina Riehle	Fleet Reserve, WI.	32.80
6	Kiri Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI.	30.20
7	Kimberly Mabry	Frederick, MD.	25.76
8	Heather Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE.	24.46
9	Amanda Tolbert	Chesapeake, VA.	23.88
10	Laryssa Stanton	Liberty, MO.	23.44

High Ringer Game

1	Tina Riehle	Fleet Reserve, WI.	68.00
2	Abby Hogan	Try County, OH.	64.00
3	Tava Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI.	60.00
4	Melissa Bigelow	Sodbuster, VT.	54.00
5	Kiri Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI.	48.00
6	Crystal Sinde	Whiting, IN.	45.00
7	Laryssa Stanton	Liberty, MO.	42.00
8	Kimberly Mabry	Frederick, MD.	40.00
9	Kaylin Lee	Enid Area Jr. Lg., OK.	40.00
10	Heather Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE.	38.00

High Ringer over Average

1	Tina Riehle	Fleet Reserve, WI.	35.20
2	Abby Hogan	Try County, OH.	30.15
3	Kaylin Lee	Enid Area Jr. Lg., OK.	24.17
4	Tava Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI.	20.80
5	Melissa Bigelow	Sodbuster, VT.	19.12
6	Krystle Price	Lake Orion, MI.	18.68
7	Laryssa Stanton	Liberty, MO.	18.56
8	Kiri Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI.	17.80
9	Nicole Lilly	Rockford, MN.	15.15
10	Crysta Hughes	North Branch, MN.	14.80

Down and Back in the Junior Division

By Bobby White, National Junior Promotions Director

Is it possible? Horseshoes 101? Yes, it is!

Organized horseshoe pitching is a remarkable sport/activity which has tons of potential to become a true "family activity" on a national level in every sense of the phrase. How many other activities can you name which a whole family can do together and get enjoyment, great competition at any skill level and a pretty good physical workout all at the same time? There aren't a whole lot of them! Most of the focus on growth in this sport seems to be in trying to attract new adult members and then hoping we get some new youth players from those efforts. That's not a bad approach, except that the sport seems to mostly attract older adults whose children are just about grown up and off on their own. I think that reversing the focus makes more sense... Try hard to attract kids to this sport and hope we get some new adults (parents) interested as well... The key to making this happen is attracting and keeping the attention of kids once they've been exposed to the sport. This is where the National Junior Promotions Director for the NHPA needs to lead the way. I see this position as having two facets... One pertains to the overall image of junior players within the NHPA where it is the responsibility of the national director to enhance this image and improve the status of all junior players inside the organization. The other facet (previously mentioned) pertains to improving the image of the sport of horseshoe pitching to potential junior participants and attracting (and keeping) their interest, their families and other key organizations such as school districts, YMCA's and other youth oriented recreational facilities outside of the NHPA. Lots can be done to improve in both of these areas of concern, especially if there's backing and support from the leadership of the NHPA.

There are several issues within the NHPA related to junior participation in the sport that concern me at this time. These are the things that I'll probably focus on in the beginning. The first issue that needs to be addressed is the establishment of a very strict and clear policy concerning monetary awards to junior players ...one that does not in any way jeopardize their amateur status as defined by such prominent amateur athletic associations as the NCAA as well as all other state and local scholastic athletic associations. If you compare our current policy to current NCAA regulations you will see that we are walking a very dangerously

thin line in the way we compensate junior players for excellent pitching performances. In fact, it could easily be argued that we are currently in violation of certain Division I and III regulations and that junior horseshoe players who win certain awards are not eligible to compete in NCAA sports... We'd have a hard time defending our position if someone were to challenge this. So, I think it's imperative to address this ASAP before one of our juniors who wants to compete in college level athletics (or even high school athletics in some states) is hurt over something that could easily have been avoided.

The second issue is the fact that junior members are not represented in any way at the delegate convention for the NHPA. In effect, they have no formal voice in any of the legislative functions of the NHPA until they become an adult member. The junior members are not even counted as members when determining the number of delegates eligible to represent each charter. The number of delegates is based on the number of adult members only. Of course, if you add in junior members, the delegate count for most every charter would remain the same because the number of juniors per charter usually isn't even enough to add one delegate to that charter's total. There are a couple of exceptions to this, but mostly, this is the case. I would propose by-law changes that amount to the NHPA junior membership forming its own charter with its own set of officers and a set number of delegates to the national convention, giving them the representation they deserve and an active voice in the legislative process within the NHPA. Getting these kids involved in the legislative side of the NHPA at an early age might do wonders for their social development and could have some really positive effects on the NHPA in general. Who knows, Maybe a future NHPA President might eventually stem from something like this... wouldn't that be really cool?

The next issue relates specifically to junior boys. I believe that the rule change to allow junior boys to throw at the 30 foot distance until they reach the age of 18 has had a negative impact on the sport. If junior boys were forced to move back to 40 feet at an earlier age, such as 15 or 16, this would give them at least two years to learn to pitch from the new distance before they are faced with the many simultaneous life changing events associated with becoming a legal adult such as high school graduation, moving away from home, entering the work force or going off to college. When you force a young man to relearn the game from 40 feet amidst all that, it's pretty likely that horseshoes is going to take a back seat to most of those other things... chances are that they may quit and never come back to the game... which is what we have mostly seen happening in recent years. Giving them that two



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year head start on learning to pitch from 40 feet might keep more of these young men continuously involved in the game past that tumultuous 18 year old mark. We need them and should want to do everything we can to make the transition to full distance, 40-foot pitching as easy as possible so that they continue playing as a young adult. I think we see a higher percentage of junior girls stay with the game because there is no transition for them like there is for the boys... I would propose that we revert back to the 16 year age for the change... But instead of having them enter the Men's Division at that time and having to deal with all those legal issues of intermixing like that, just create a new Junior Division for them to compete amongst themselves in major competitions... the 40-foot Junior Division. For tournaments such as the World Tournament, the competition would remain the same, mixing all juniors to start, including the 40 and 30 foot junior pitchers. Then the top groups would be separated out and you would have three finals instead of two...the girls, boys and 40-foot boys. Since the majority of smaller sanctioned tournaments are now mixed, the junior 40-foot pitchers could easily blend in with the adults (probably even better than they do now) but still compete as juniors. In the case where a tournament is not mixed, I would suggest that the 40-foot junior pitchers be mixed into the 40-foot adult classes, but still treated as juniors in terms of award compensation and entry fees.

Dealing with and developing prospective groups of new junior players not currently involved in NHPA horseshoes is also a huge priority of mine and it's something I am already working on at this time. From a national standpoint, developing junior interest in the sport seems to be an almost hopeless cause, especially when considering how much competition there is for a child's attention these days. The obvious key to this would be to introduce it to them through the school systems. In the past, there has been a lot of resistance to something like this for numerous reasons... Mainly though, it's basically been the fact that there was just no room for it in the traditional physical education programs and/or intramural sports activities. They were totally focused on the traditional sports only. But, lucky for us, there is a recent and rapidly growing national trend in physical education programs to focus more on what they are now calling "lifetime athletic activities." In the years to come, schools are going to be changing their phys ed programs to address the sedentary lifestyles of the majority of American families by making phys ed classes part of the daily schedule of all students. This new style of phys ed is searching for activities such as horseshoe pitching, where the students can learn a physical activity that they can continue to do and enjoy for the rest of their lives! Horseshoe pitching is a perfect fit and we need to get involved in this right now before the opportunities pass us by. This is where I am focusing my efforts. I have some ideas on how to approach this and finally get this ball rolling in a controlled, constructive and very productive way that will eventually lead to thousands, if not millions of kids getting long-term, first hand exposure to this wonderful sport. We need to take a fresh look at this old concept and figure out what the missing link is that will connect the NHPA with schools all across America. The answer is surprisingly simple and I think it will excite everyone after you see it in action.

It is my intention to develop an entire program that schools and other organizations can follow step by step to introduce elementary age children to this great activity and then keep them involved in it, teaching them to hone their skills all throughout their time in the educational system by teaching them more advanced techniques every school year right up to graduation. Getting started at this is the tough part. There are some drawbacks to the game (in its current form) that make it difficult to present to schools. What we need is a way for them to do this in their own gymnasiums. We need a multi court setup that is light weight and very portable so that they can set it up and take it down quickly on a daily basis; something that stores easily and doesn't take up tons of space in storage. Also, we need to protect their floors from potential damage. Of course, safety is also a major concern. Another issue to deal with is the weight of the shoes; for little kids, a full weight

shoe is just too much... something closer to a pound and a half would be the way to go. Yes, these are all major changes to the game, but we have to think of this as just an "introductory" form of the game... something that just gets them started with it is all we need at this level.

Of course, the hardware is only half the battle. Once we have a setup for them to play on, we then need a structured instructional method for them to follow in learning the basics of pitching and how the game is played. I know, this sounds like a lot to develop... There's no doubt about it... It is just that. But this is what has to happen to get horseshoes to this level. Believe it or not, the interest is there and school systems are now willing to budget this into their phys ed programs! All we need to have is a package they can see and costs they can plan into their budgets and so on... Locally (in Erie, PA) I have the luxury of working with some individuals who are really interested in making this happen in our local schools... they are very excited about it and my hope is to develop a solid program here, getting all the bugs worked out before we take it to schools all over the country. Luckily, I have a few contacts in the manufacturing industry, so we already have a low-cost portable court set-up (prototype) under development and nearly ready for actual testing. I also have a little pull with one of the horseshoe manufacturers, so the development of the ultra-lightweight shoe for the kids will be no problem (it's also already under way).

This project is going forward and we have hopes of having it fully in place and in use in at least one local elementary school for the fourth quarter of this school year. On top of that, we have a local sports park that wants to start up leagues for kids and hold several summer camps... some day camps and possibly some camps where kids could come and stay overnight for a few days to learn all about the sport. By the fall of 2005, we expect to have a fully functioning, multi-school program completely in place as part of the local phys ed offering. We also have four local universities and they are all interested in incorporating this form of horseshoes into their activity programs for students! The climate has definitely changed in the educational world! I have never seen such a welcomed interest in horseshoes like this... Focus on traditional athletics is waning in favor of more activities like this and we need to capitalize on it right now! Fortunately, we have a local individual, Dan Kuchcinski (you may have heard of him???) who has tons of experience instructing people on how to "teach" horseshoes and he is fully involved in this effort, so we know that the quality of instruction will be the best we can get (unless the great Don Titcomb wants to lend a hand!). Actually, we are hoping to eventually bring in some of the top players (adults and juniors) for demonstrations at some of the camps and schools. The opportunities are endless once this gets rolling!

Once this is on the move, I hope that the NHPA charters and clubs across the country will get involved and back this program helping us to introduce it to schools and youth groups all over America. It's going to take this kind of help and dedication for it to be a success nationally. I know we can do this and I think it will bring very healthy growth and great opportunities to the NHPA. Perhaps, once the model is built here and success is seen, the NHPA will want to contribute some money to help it grow faster nationally??? Perhaps in the form of NHPF grants or something like that??? Well, I hope so... what better investment could we make in the future of our sport?

I am very glad to have been chosen by the NHPA executive council to be the National Junior Promotions Director. You will find me to be very approachable and easy to deal with, so please feel free to contact me on anything concerning junior activities within the organization. My contact information including phone number and e-mail is in the front of this publication and I will absolutely welcome any help or suggestions from any member... Please contact me if you have anything to contribute to the development of youth involvement in our sport.

2005 CANDIDACY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Stewart For President

I wish to announce my candidacy for re-election for the NHPA President position. Given the opportunity and honor to serve you for another two years as your NHPA President, I can promise continued service and sincerity toward the growth of our horseshoe pitching sport.

I believe my horseshoe pitching experience and continued dedication as an officer will justify your confidence in me. As a candidate for NHPA President, I respectfully ask for your vote.

**Thank you,
Paul Stewart**

Lorraine Sternberg Third Vice President

I wish to announce my candidacy for re-election for NHPA 3rd Vice President. I have just finished my third term in office and would like to continue to serve the NHPA Sanctioned League Program. I have enjoyed working with the league directors and the other NHPA officers. I feel there is still much to be done to increase our membership in sanctioned leagues and to establish sanctioned leagues in charters where there are none. I would like to work to continue this effort in the growth of the program. I would appreciate your support for re-election at the 2005 convention.

Thank you!

Stuart Sipma 5th Vice President

With my term ending this year, I wish to announce my re-election for 5th Vice President to the NHPA Board. As 5th Vice President, my major responsibility has been as World Tournament Coordinator. I have worked hard to bring to the Board and voting delegates a wide variety of potential sites for the 2006 and 2007. I have worked with numerous locations to provide members the opportunity to participate and enjoy world class pitching at world class sites. I just recently returned from a TEAMS convention where I made numerous contacts with CVB's and Sports Marketing organizations around the United States and Canada for future potential World Tournament sites. I have also learned to find ways of marketing this event.

Some of my other accomplishments include, assisting in the rules rewrite and I am Chairperson of the Rules and Guidelines committee. If re-elected, I will continue to work hard to promote the "sport of horseshoes" and help make it grow. I have really enjoyed my first term and look forward to continue serving you. I would appreciate your support at the 2005 convention.

Stuart Sipma

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