



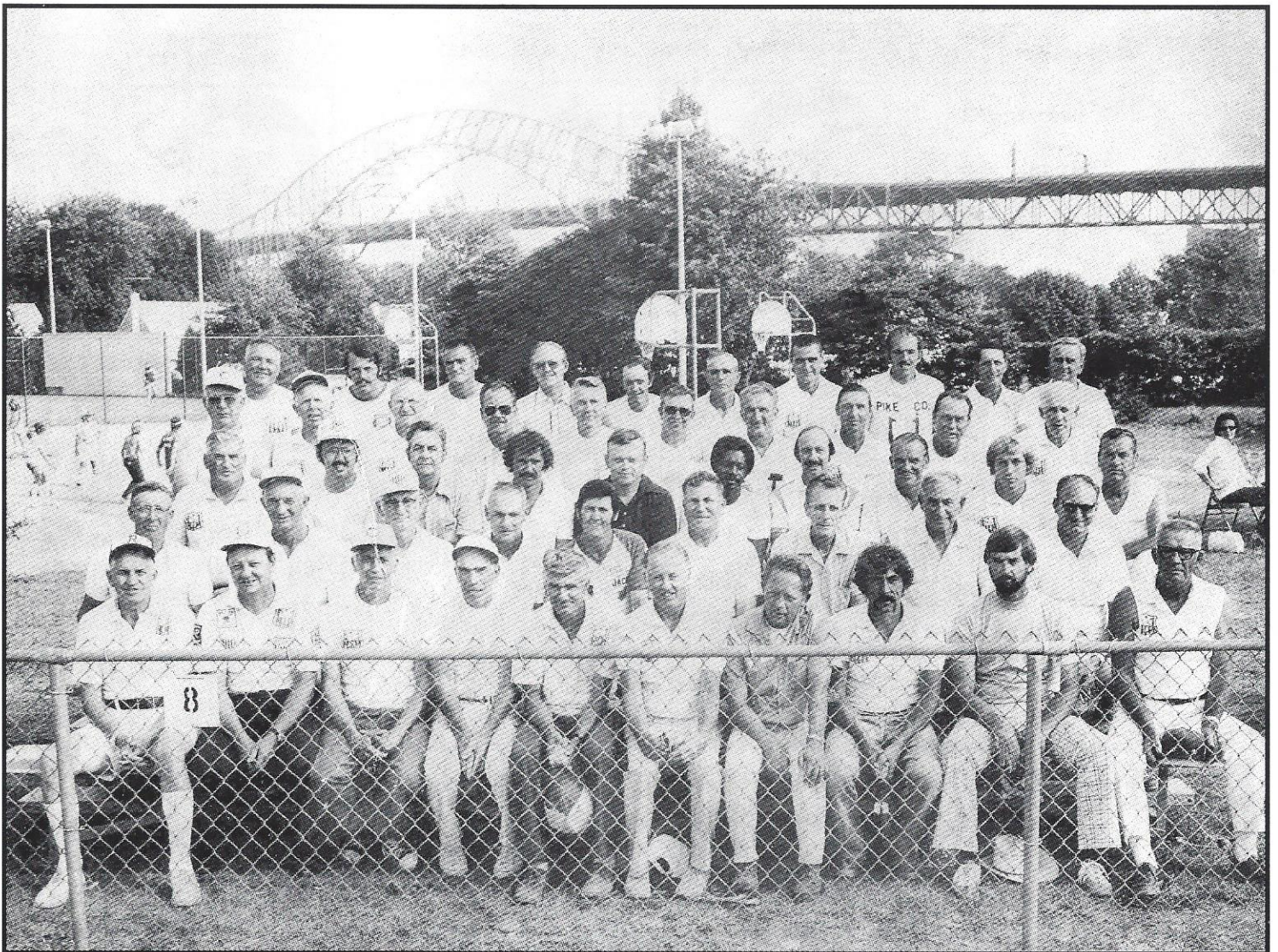
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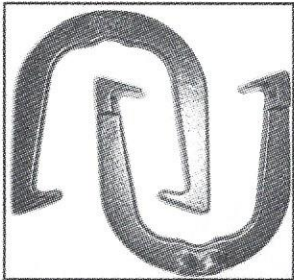


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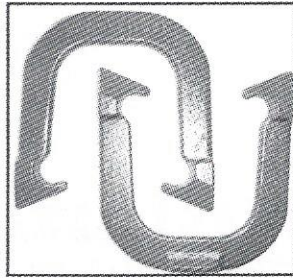


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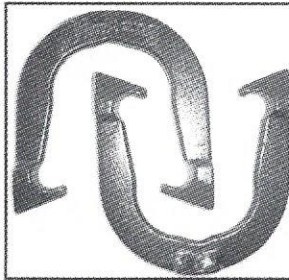
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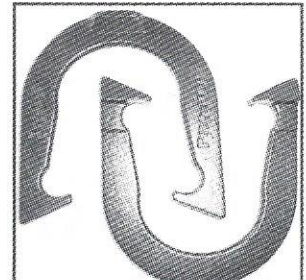
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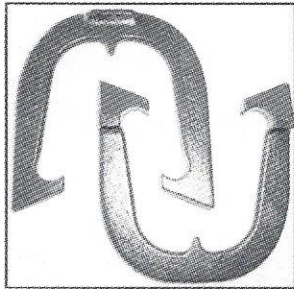
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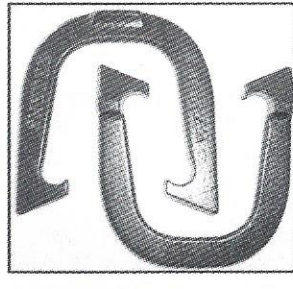
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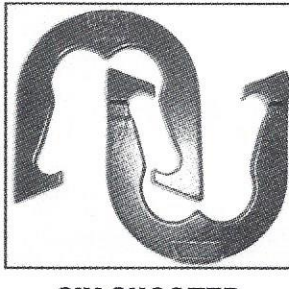
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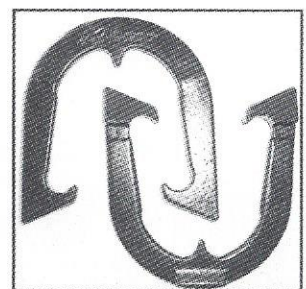
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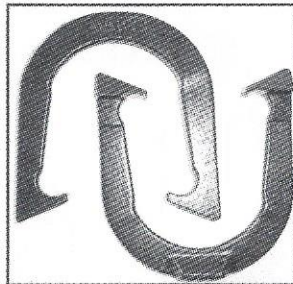
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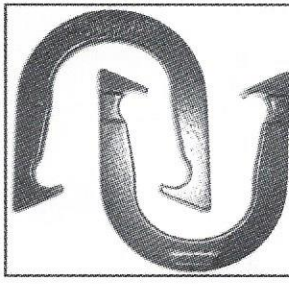
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1976 World Tournament - Men's Championship Group
 1976 was Curt Day's last World Tournament. It was also Donnie Roberts' only appearance in the championship. See complete results and all pitchers names on pages 29 and 30.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Paul Stewart

Bakersfield and Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association are getting things in order for the 2005 World Tournament. I have stayed in contact with World Tournament Coordinator, Jim Gorth, and he assures us that everything is on schedule and going fine. We are all concerned about the rising fuel prices and are hoping they don't affect tournament entries too drastically. It seems that we are talking about rising fuel prices each year when it comes close to World Tournament time and I guess higher fuel prices is something that we all will have to live with in the future. So let's all bite the bullet and come on out to Bakersfield, CA for great 2005 World Tournament.

Due to work related issues, 1st Vice President, Allen Baptist has decided not to run for re-election for the office of NHPA 1st Vice President. Allen has done a great job as 1st VP and all of the Council, Regional Directors, and members will miss him very much. We wish Allen the best in all of his endeavors and look forward to working with him until the end of his term. We are looking forward to seeing Allen at tournaments in the future. Allen's announcement is in this issue of Newslines. Also we would like to thank the three candidates, Ron Kohn, MI; Dan Sanders, OH; and Jon Husted, ND that have stepped forward to run for the 1st Vice President vacancy.

The NHPA plan to re-write the *Official Rules of Horseshoe Pitching* and present a proposal at the 2005 NHPA Annual Meeting appears to have stalled for lack of more input from a greater number of the general membership. Although a tentative proposal was published in both the NHPA Website and NEWSLINE magazine, the Executive Council now plans to withdraw it and defer the expected proposal presentation until the 2006 Annual Meeting, with approval of delegates in 2005. This delay will not only provide additional time for staff and the general membership to have input and study early re-write drafts, it will perhaps better accommodate handling of rule changes that involve some bylaws which may need to be moved to the rules document. Since bylaws reviews are normally scheduled for even numbered years (in this case 2006), presentation of both the rules re-write and modified bylaws resulting from any such move, can be handled at the same time by the delegates.

The committee will list and explain anticipated changes in the current rules; draft an outline for the anticipated re-write; and publish progress reports for the general membership to review and comment upon before a final draft is submitted to delegates for approval at the 2006 Annual Meeting. Every member is being asked to help by reviewing the committee work and expressing their concern about the application, interpretation, wording and need for changes.

Committee progress may be followed on the NHPA Website, which may change quite frequently over the next year and in the NEWSLINE magazine, which is published every other month. If you see something you object to, speak up. If you see something new you like, speak up. If you want to suggest a change, speak up. These are your rules.... Comments may be sent to any or all of the committee members or in responses to website posts covering the rules re-write project.

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CHARTER CHATTER by Debby Michaud

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TENNESSEE

From April 2, 2005 until October 29, 2005, this state has a tournament on all but two weekends. Quite a busy schedule and, since they have that warm weather, a good LONG season! Shannon Foster has resigned as president and Paula Hunsicker, the 1st VP, will be acting president at least until the next election in September of 2005. The news at Joelton is not good for keeping those courts – a pity as the whole place is a great facility and was loved by those who pitched there. Lots of changes in Tennessee.....

MISSOURI

With the nearly definite final closing of the Jack Freeman courts in Joelton, TN, the NHPA Hall of Fame may be looking for a new home. Missouri would LOVE to have the NHPA Hall of Fame in its backyard and they have more than one site bidding for just that. See other information on this elsewhere in the Newline.

There was a benefit tournament at the Don Harris Arena in Liberty on March 5th to raise money for an ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) sufferer Donald Lee Cline of Albany. They were able to raise \$515 to help him out. He can still talk for short periods and walks with help. We hope he maintains this level for a long time.

NORTH CAROLINA

As many of the charters around the country bemoan the lower entry level in tournaments and membership numbers that do not increase, this state is celebrating the second highest tournament entry number ever for 2004 AND they are building two new court facilities. One is in Clayton and the other will be in Raeford.

One possible reason for their success may be the extra prize money they provide for the state tournament. The Executive Council decided to distribute \$1,000.00 in prize money for the top three finishers in each class. They also have a full pitching season, starting on March 19th and extending into the first weekend of November. Every weekend has at least one tournament and most of the tournaments are sanctioned.

WASHINGTON

The state of Washington is also looking forward to having two new sets of courts on which to compete. Their two new sites will be in Odessa and Goldendale. The State Doubles tournament will be held in Goldendale this year. And their annual series, the Winetrouts, still continues. Francis "Winnie" Winetrout, or "Mr. Horseshoes" as he is known in Washington, started the Series in 1966 to help pitchers keep their skills honed in the winter and to

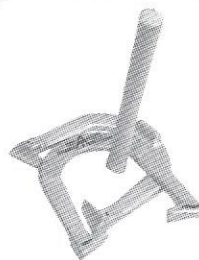
encourage pitchers to get their new memberships early in the year. Mr. Winetrout just celebrated his 100th birthday on March 26, 2005. Amazing! He has been an important force in the promotion of horseshoes throughout his life AND the Series is in its 40th year in 2005.

MICHIGAN

More new courts! The state of Michigan improved its membership to 281 members in 2004, up from 247 AND expansions are planned in Taylor and Adrian which will bring them each up to 18 courts. They also have a Junior Scholarship Fund which currently awards a \$100.00 scholarship to the Junior Boy and Junior Girl State Champion. They hope to increase the amount of this scholarship and hope it serves as an incentive for more juniors to pitch.

NEW ENGLAND

After one of the toughest winters we have had in several years, we are all looking forward to the start of the outdoor season. As I write this, there is still snow on the ground in places, even here in southern New England, BUT we have hope that spring and summer WILL arrive. Good luck to all, Lots of Ringers, and let's have a wonderful 2005!!



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NHPFNEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

By the time you read this, I will have returned from a trip to Tennessee and Missouri. The purpose was to conclude the purchase of the Jack Freeman indoor courts in Joelton and make a second visit with the officials of St. Charles County, Missouri. A proposal from St. Charles to move the Hall of Fame and NHPF courts to Missouri was received. Because the NHPF Directors feel that Missouri would be a better site for the Hall of Fame with the potential for the 200 member strong New Melle Horseshoe Club acting as caretaker, we are going to seriously pursue the St. Charles proposal. There is much to be discussed and it is far too early to say whether things will work out for a move. Hopefully, I'll be able to report further developments in the next Newslines.

The NHPF Directors approved two Grant application requests in March. Checks for \$1,000 were sent to the Grand Forks Park District in Grand Forks North Dakota and the Treasure Valley Horseshoe Club in Nampa Idaho. Grand Forks will be constructing 9 new courts. The Treasure Valley Club will be constructing 4 new and upgrading 12 existing courts.

Contributions during February & March were slow with only checks from ten states being received. One of those however was from Wyoming where the 2006 World Tournament will be held. It was the first donation received from that state since 1998. Let's hope that the W.T. return to Gillette will open the pockets of other Wyoming members and horseshoe pitchers in several surrounding states that noticeably lag in contribution support to the NHPF and the Hall of Fame project. The NHPF, by its non-profit tax-exempt charter, works 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 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. Those that donate \$25 or more will receive an acknowledgement letter of thanks.

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2.	CA	88	186	\$19889
3.	NC	26	121	\$12502
4.	MN	39	192	\$10720
5.	OR	21	65	\$9345
6.	MO	47	91	\$8866
7.	WI	29	92	\$7646
8.	MI	45	100	\$7634
9.	GA	15	20	\$6770
10.	CO	23	60	\$6417
11.	FL	41	62	\$4913
12.	MA	10	14	\$4730
13.	PA	27	49	\$4174
14.	WA	30	54	\$4140
15.	IL	38	68	\$3895
16.	TX	22	32	\$3585
17.	OH	53	76	\$3571
18.	KS	17	32	\$3571
19.	NJ	20	34	\$3159
20.	IA	18	31	\$2751
21.	KY	16	32	\$2560
22.	NE	13	23	\$2468
23.	VA	39	53	\$1960
24.	NY	30	34	\$1930
25.	IN	20	23	\$1753
26.	LA	8	15	\$1752
27.	ND	7	12	\$1420
28.	MD	22	31	\$1414
29.	SC	9	20	\$1370
30.	CT	14	22	\$1322
31.	NV	9	11	\$1030
32.	ID	7	16	\$873
33.	WV	11	27	\$803
34.	MT	4	9	\$720
35.	AZ	8	14	\$644
36.	AL	4	5	\$570
37.	SD	10	16	\$564
38.	OK	9	12	\$458
39.	NM	2	4	\$235
40.	WY	4	4	\$232
41.	AR	5	5	\$185
42.	HI	3	3	\$150
43.	UT	2	4	\$130
44.	VT	1	5	\$125
45.	AK	1	1	\$120
46.	NH	2	2	\$105
47.	ME	1	2	\$50
48.	DE	1	1	\$7
49.	MS	1	1	\$5

2007 WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE by Stu Sipma

With the March 15th deadline behind us (deadline to submit World Tournament bid proposals), I am proud to announce two locations contending to host the 2007 NHPA World Tournament.

DECATUR, ALABAMA

The Decatur-Morgan County Convention & Visitor's Bureau, the Decatur Parks & Recreation Department and the Alabama Horseshoe Pitchers Association support Decatur, Alabama as a host site for the 2007 W.T. Decatur has offered to NHPA the Celebration Arena as the host site. The proposed dates at the *Celebration Arena* will be *July 16-July 28, 2007*.

Decatur, Alabama is found in the heart of the Tennessee River Valley, the Celebration arena is located in southeast Decatur. Located on Interstate 65, Decatur-Morgan County is in the center of it all, great attractions, great food and good'ol southern hospitality at its best! With Birmingham 73 miles south, Nashville, TN 103 miles north, and Atlanta, GA 181 miles southeast, Decatur is your ideal location for hosting the NHPA World Tournament for 2007. There is no need to worry about the Alabama weather, temperatures are milder than you might expect with mid-summer highs approximately 91° and with lows of 68°.

The Racking Horse Breeders' Association's Celebration Arena has a 300-foot long oval floor area and seating for over 10,000 people, this 88,000 sq. ft. arena is spacious enough for indoor track events, cultural festivals, flea markets, antique car shows and equipment auctions, horse and animal shows, as well as hosting the NHPA World Tournament. This indoor facility also features a full concession area,

vendor booths, roof ventilators, industrial fans, 16 female restroom stalls and 5 male restroom stalls. For more information, visit the website at www.rackinghorse.com.

If you plan on flying, the Huntsville International Airport Transportation is one way to get there. Major carriers through Huntsville are Delta, Northwest, Independence Air, Continental, American and US Airlines. The airport is fifteen miles from Decatur and group discounts can be negotiated for travel through specific airlines that fly into Huntsville International.

If you plan to camp, Decatur offers three campgrounds with full and partial hook-ups ranging from \$15-\$25 nightly: The Racking Horse Breeders' Association Celebration Arena, Point Mallard Campground and the Pirate's Chest Marina.

The Racking Horse Breeders' Association Celebration Arena

has 90 hook-ups available for campers and other recreational vehicles complete with all the basic amenities including electricity, water and dump station.

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ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

The Ardmore Chamber of Commerce, Vice President Mita Bates and Ardmore Horseshoe Association, President, Garland Bellamy, has offered to NHPA the Hardy Murphy Coliseum as the host site. The Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Ardmore Horseshoe Club will host this event. Garland (Buddy) Bellamy has volunteered to be the W.T. Chairperson. The proposed dates at the *Hardy Murphy Coliseum* will be July 23 - August 4.

Ardmore Oklahoma, located in the Southern part of the state has a population of approximately 30,000 lies at the foot of the beautiful Arbuckle Mountains and with over 30 attractions, including six lakes, it offers something for everyone. Ardmore is the ideal blend of southern charm and a bustling

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city. Whether your tastes run to a casual stroll through antique stores and boutiques, or a trek in the great outdoors, there is something for everyone!

Historic Hardy Murphy Coliseum, a 129,000 square foot facility with over 38,000 square feet of air-conditioned space will play host to the 2007 Event. Located just off I-35, 90 miles from both Dallas-Fort Worth and Oklahoma City, it is easy to reach. With over 900 available rooms, lodging choices range from the traditional hotel/motel to a nationally recognized bed and breakfast to floating villas at Lake Murray. If camping is more your style, over 200 sites are located within 20 miles of the Coliseum and an additional 200 RV sites are also available. Restaurant choices also span the spectrum with over 36 local places providing cuisine

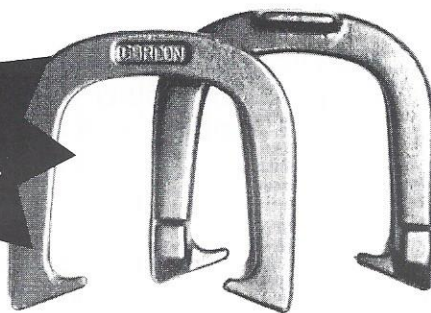
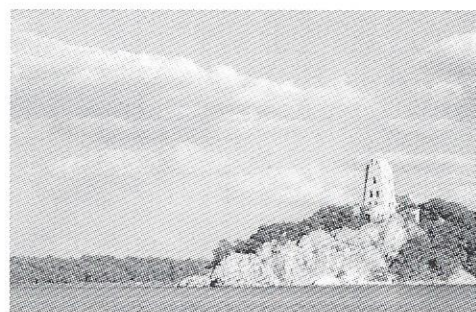
ranging from Chinese to Italian to Barbeque.

The Lake Country Horseshoe Pitching Association plans to host the event. Those involved include, Mike Redding, President; Buddy Bellamy, Tournament Director; Oklahoma Horseshoe Pitching Association President, Tina Hawkins and other Oklahoma and North Texas Clubs.

The new Ardmore Convention Center will play host to the Hall of Fame Banquet and other delegate gatherings. Visit www.ardmoreconventioncenter.com to view this state-of-the-art facility and to obtain additional information about the community of Ardmore. The people of Ardmore are the real reason to visit our wonderful community. The community boasts the work ethic associated with rural

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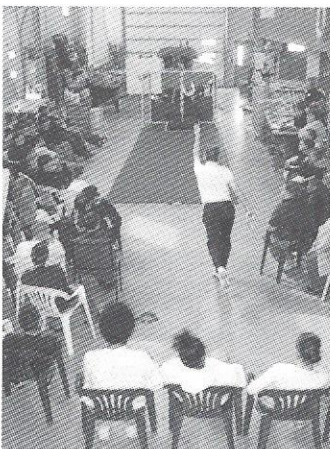
Down and Back in the Junior Division

By Bobby White, National Junior Promotions Director

Ready or Not, Here We Come!

As promised in my last column, we're going full steam ahead with introducing horseshoes into schools in the Erie, PA area. The interest is huge and we've got introductory programs set up with numerous districts in Erie County. We've already had one introductory assembly program in the Erie School District... This turned out to be a great test for our system because it was with Erie's Perseus House students... This is the district's alternative education program for the most challenged kids in the city. Most of them do not function well in a normal classroom setting... they are sent into the non-traditional Perseus House program so they can get the special attention they need with hopes that they will one day be able to return to a normal classroom setting to complete their education. The programs at Perseus House often involve much more "hands on" type of interaction with the students. One of the things they can do at Perseus House is learn how to build wooden boats at the Bayfront Center for Maritime Studies. This is where we held the introductory horseshoe pitching seminar...

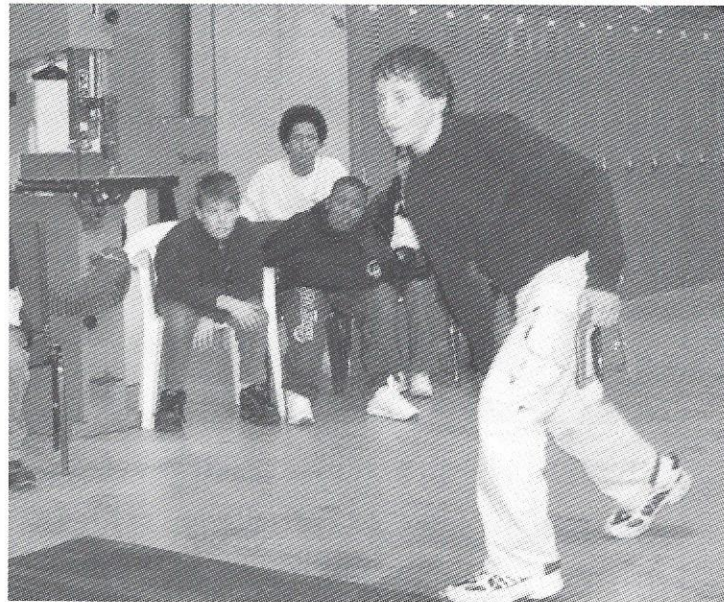
Since it had the highest ceilings in the building, we set up the prototype indoor horseshoe court right in the shop where they work on the boats. It was a bit of a squeeze once all the people were in there, but it worked out great. The program started with Dan Kuchcinski putting on a show for the crowd of 70 or so students... Dan did some trick shots and then, once he had their attention, got into the mechanics of how to pitch a shoe. Remember, this is the toughest crowd in any school in the county to impress... Well, Dan had them on the edge of their seats during his performance and the kids (mostly teens) all paid attention very intently during his instruction. We really didn't know what to expect going into this and were prepared for the worst, but instead were pleasantly surprised.



The kids behaved very well throughout the demonstration and were full of questions when it came time for the Q & A part of the program. Of course, we weren't about to leave there without letting these kids throw a few shoes... That's what this is all about, right? Well, we figured maybe a handful of them would want to try it... WRONG!! Just about every kid in the Dan Kuchcinski demo at Perseus House in Erie place lined up to toss a few shoes... The instructors

and administrators were amazed! They told us that they never get this kind of response out this group... It's rare for them to show any interest whatsoever in anything at all. So when all those kids jumped up to try horseshoes at the end of the

program, the instructors were absolutely stunned! Even more astounding was the fact that more than 40 of the kids signed up for the introductory horseshoe pitching class that Dan will be teaching there very soon... Now that's a success story!! Not bad for the first shot at it, eh?



A Perseus House student in Erie school's alternative education shoots for a ringier

The new, clean "clayless" indoor court held up well during the demonstration, so the kinks are definitely getting worked out fast on that end of things. Overall, we couldn't have had a better turn out for our first time out. We are extremely satisfied with how this went and can't wait for rest of the upcoming introductory programs at area schools this spring.

We are also progressing nicely towards developing a four day long day camp in June or July of 2005 for local kids to learn horseshoe pitching at a local indoor/outdoor sports park called "Family First Sports Park." This place is huge (big enough to easily handle a world tournament) and they are excited to soon be adding horseshoe pitching to their offering! Well, we are too! The park director, Jim Rimmer, has suggested that we bring in teenage players who already know how to pitch to help with instruction. His philosophy is that kids learn fastest from other kids... not only that, but it gives the kids participating as instructors a great opportunity to learn valuable leadership skills. So, any young players (actually, anyone, period, regardless of age!) out there who'd like to instruct at a camp in Erie this summer, just contact me (contact info in the front of this magazine) and I'll send you the details as I know more.

Once we get all this off the ground and running smoothly here in Erie, the plan is to take it all over the U.S. from there. Of course, that's where you come in. We're going to need lots of help from local NHPA horseshoe organizations everywhere... The programs will be well tested and simple to implement before they get to you, but we'll still need your help... lots of it! So, please jump in and give this a try when it comes your way... You'll be glad you did and so will we!

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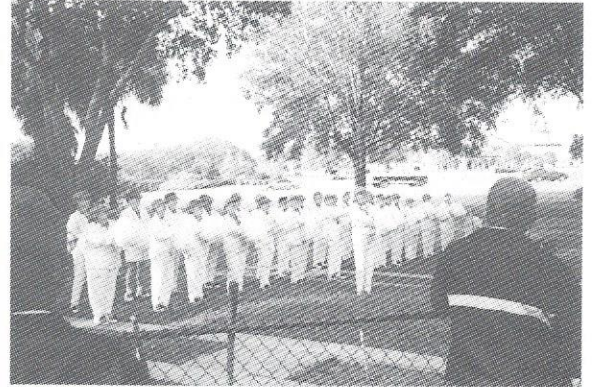
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JERRY GRIGGS MEMORIAL AT THE VILLAGES, FLORIDA

Jerry Griggs, a 40 year member of the NHPA, attending over 20 world tournaments, lost his battle with cancer last July 5th. The Villages Horseshoe Club in Florida had a Memorial Tournament December 18, 2004 in his name. Here are a couple photos and results.

Scott Griggs (Springfield, MO),
Tammy Griggs (Alpharetta, GA),
Joan Griggs (The Villages, FL),
Stan Griggs (Kansas City, MO)
and Stacy Griggs (Bixby, OK)

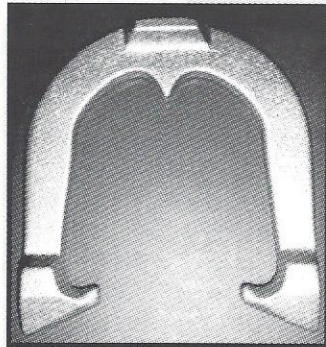


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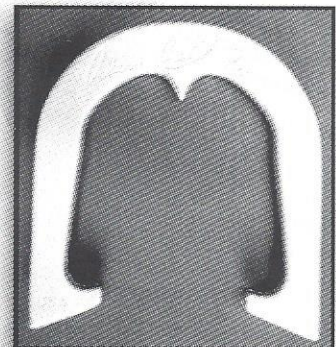
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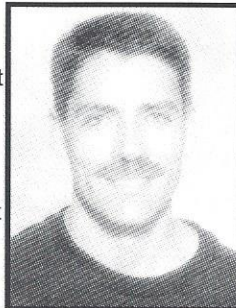
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Alan Francis
10 Time World Champ

shoes into our top selling shoes... We expect this shoe to out sell them all! We've incorporated our newest feature, hardened tips, into this shoe first, making it one of the toughest and most durable shoes you can buy. It's a very easy turning shoe with a narrow, pointed ringer break, making it easy to grip for the flip pitch too. The exceptional balance in this design makes it great for any turn or flip... It was well worth the extra effort that went its design. Like all our other shoes, it has a one year warranty... We were lucky to have one of the best players in the world to help us on this one and now we're passing that benefit on to you!

JERRY GRIGGS MEMORIAL RESULTS

CLASS A:	W-L	PCT.
1. Warren Woolsey-30ft (FL)	6-1	72.4%
2. Mark Seibold (IN)	5-2	75.4%
3. Carol Simpson (ME)	5-2	75.0%
4. Ron Deckard (FL)	5-2	73.0%
5. Robert Zumbahlen-30ft (FL)	3-4	64.6%
6. James Adcox-30ft (FL)	2-5	66.7%
7. Stan Griggs (MO)	2-5	61.6%

CLASS B:	W-L	PCT.
1. Lee Post-30ft (FL)	5-0	63.2%
2. Roy Shaffer-30ft (FL)	4-1	56.0%
3. Richard Mortenson-30ft(FL)	2-3	36.4%
4. Jim Burnett-30ft (FL)	2-3	48.4%
5. Nick Borick-30ft (FL)	1-4	48.0%
6. Paul Taylor-30ft (MO)	1-4	46.8%

CLASS C:	W-L	PCT.
1. Kathie Gregorich (FL)	6-1	43.3%
2. Regina Hawes (FL)	5-2	44.7%
3. Linda Smith (FL)	4-3	49.3%
4. Mary Lombardo (FL)	4-3	45.3%
5. Dorothy Babe Hood (FL)	3-4	52.0%
6. Joanne Simpson (FL)	3-4	44.0%
7. Linda Seibel (FL)	3-4	43.0%

CLASS D:	W-L	PCT.
1. Jim Liggett (FL)	5-2	37.0%
2. Leo Seibel (FL)	5-2	39.0%
3. Frank Podolski (FL)	4.5-2.5	37.3%
4. Howard Hawes (FL)	4.5-2.5	44.3%
5. Thomas Grillis (FL)	4-3	38.0%
6. Ron Hopman (FL)	3-4	39.0%
7. Tom Hall (FL)	2-5	40.7%

CLASS E:	W-L	PCT.
1. Paul Robie-30ft (FL)	7-0	48.7%
2. John Manning-30ft (FL)	5-2	38.3%
3. Richard Forness-30ft (FL)	5-2	42.3%
4. William Paige-30ft (FL)	4-3	38.7%
5. Walter Smith-30ft (FL)	3-4	24.3%
6. William Roop-30ft (FL)	3-4	41.3%
7. Robert Spears-30ft (FL)	1-6	30.7%

CLASS F:	W-L	PCT.
1. Carmine Macedonio (FL)	5.5-1.5	31.3%
2. Bob Fuchs (FL)	5-2	27.7%
3. James Strain (FL)	5-2	37.3%
4. Ron Bronzi (FL)	4-3	27.3%
5. Charles Buddy Short (FL)	4-3	34.7%
6. Ronald Ryan (FL)	3.5-3.5	36.0%
7. William Peck (FL)	1-6	20.3%

CLASS G:	W-L	PCT.
1. Rita Mortenson (FL)	3.5-1.5	33.6%
2. Tammy Griggs (GA)	3-2	24.8%
3. Jeanette Ferrell (FL)	3-2	18.4%
4. Edna Price (FL)	2-3	28.4%
5. Joyce Smith (FL)	2-3	26.8%
6. Terry Peach (FL)	1.5-3.5	22.8%

CLASS H:	W-L	PCT.
1. Carl Greer (FL)	6-1	27.7%
2. Paul Holmes (FL)	6-1	23.0%
3. Don Holder-30ft (FL)	5-2	26.7%
4. David Hood (FL)	5-2	19.0%
5. Fred Smith (MO)	2-5	22.0%
6. Herbert Heesch (FL)	2-5	10.0%
7. Scott Griggs (MO)	2-5	5.3%

NHPA Income And Expenditures February 2005

Receipts

Charter Dues	\$28.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$1,000.00
Logo Use Fees	\$200.00
Membership Dues	\$13,317.00
Newsline Ads	\$1,670.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$3,944.00
US Bank Interest Money Market	\$85.50
US Bank Interest Checking	\$26.76
World Tournament Bid (Gillette,Wy.)	\$10,000.00
Total	\$30,271.26

Expenditures

Sanction League Postage & Printing	\$114.17
Sanction League Patches & Awards	\$377.31
All Junior Scholarship Trusts	\$267.39
Regional Director Allowance	\$4,680.40
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$412.74
Printing , Paper & Office Supplies	\$408.28
Postages	\$414.07
Officers Telephone	\$256.20
Officers Travel	\$4,396.17
Secretary-Treasurer Allowance	\$1,970.00
Presidents Allowance	\$531.00
Publicity, Promotions & Ads	\$3,599.37
Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$12,756.62
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$60.75
Special Events	\$142.10
Refunds	\$25.00
Internet Expenses	\$444.17
Total	\$30,855.74

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NHPA Co-op Ad Program

With more than \$25,000 available for advertising to entice new members to join the NHPA, it seems we should have significantly increased our membership. But, alas the charters only took advantage of \$4,262 of that money. Let's make this year much more successful, ask your charter Secretary how you and your club can take advantage of the help the NHPA is offering you through the Co-op Advertising Program. There is extensive information available on the website and also in past issues of Newsline. Anyone wanting an update regarding this worthwhile program please contact me. (Address on page 3)

Some of the types of advertising used in the last campaign were: charter specific brochures, large banners, club specific flyers for each club in the charter, window decals, radio advertisements, and newspapers ads. More on club specific flyers; one person gathered all the particulars for every club in that charter. Then printed the flyers in whichever color the club preferred. Sent them to the club contact people who, in turn, handed them out to their members to post at their local grocery store, place of business bulletin board, community center, or nearest telephone pole, or wherever they thought people would read them. This will work well, but you have to post them. They are absolutely useless lying on someones desk.

9 and Under

It's been sometime now since the NHPA implemented the 9 and under, or 20 foot, groups. How's your charter doing with this group? I've been asked, "Where do I mark their foul line, it's smack in the middle of the walkway, how thick should it be? Use your own discretion and don't quibble about whether or not the foul line is exactly centered. These are young children we are dealing with and just a small bit of leniency will go a long way toward these children continuing their horseshoe-pitching career.

Theoretically the foul line would be invisible right? A one-inch thick line with a half-inch on either side of the 20-foot mark will suffice. I did 32 pads with masking tape and a brush in 1-1/2 hours. I began by stretching a nylon line exactly at 20 feet then simply eying the one-inch with 2 strips of masking tape. Don't use spray paint, it seeps under the tape. I realize that not all courts have full walkways, but please don't let that deter you from making some sort of mark to guide these children. Whether it's a strip of paint on the grass or an official line on the walkway these youngsters need the guidance that you can provide.

Caravan

We certainly hope all of you RVers out there planning on attending the World Tournament will participate in the caravan. See details on the website or the last issue of Newsline. It will be a well-coordinated effort by Leo Michaud, the "wagon master" and Homer Cain the originator of the idea. Everyone that participates in the caravan will receive two free car flags. (See ad in this issue) Plan now to join them at one of their overnight locations. There will be eight overnight stops along the route, and certainly a few games of shoes at each stop. Even if you don't come all the way to Bakersfield, plan of riding with them for 50 miles or so. It's a great publicity stunt to get the word out about organized horseshoe pitching.

Carpooling

Gas prices got you down and house bound? You're certainly not alone on this one. With fuel prices at an historic high, it looks as though tournament participation will be down even more than last year was. If you find in your charter that that is the case, please encourage car pooling with 3-4 others to distant tournament. Chip in for gas or buy the driver breakfast whatever is agreeable with the group. Take one of your new members with you to these 'away' tournaments. Let them experience the camaraderie we all enjoy when visiting distant clubs.

Personally I remember distinctly my first 'away' tournament. A veteran pitcher took four of us to this event. It hooked me for good! The same can happen to one of your new members. Imagine if each of you took a new member to an 'away' tourney and they all got *hooked* like I did. This organization would be growing in leaps and bounds. We must get the new members involved with all aspects of the game in order to grow. The new members are our future!

Judges

Have you ever judged at a local tournament? Would you like to try your hand at judging at a World Tournament? How well do you understand the Official Rules of Horseshoe Pitching? If you answered yes to the first two questions, and feel you know the rules very well then we can certainly use your skills at the upcoming World Tournament. We need qualified judges at every WT, but this one in particular. With the pitching courts in two separate buildings we may need six judges per shift. If you are available for judging please do not hesitate to sign up at the sign-in table when you arrive in Bakersfield. Remember to. **"Do what you can, but behave yourself"** Courtesy of Jim Eason former radio talk show host, KGO radio.

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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT by Allen Baptist

I have decided not to run for reelection as your NHPA 1st Vice President. With personal and business conflicts, I would not be able to give the NHPA and the membership 100%. I have enjoyed working with the NHPA Executive Council, Regional Directors and the NHPA membership during the last six years.

Richard Archer, Arkansas Regional has resigned and has been replaced by Dewayne Moody.

From the Mail Bag

Gail Sluys - Northern California Regional Director reports that Northern Cal had 145 sanctioned tournaments in 2004. That is an amazing number since their pitching schedule runs from February to the end of October and all of the tournaments are outside. Some of the early ones had to be cancelled because of rain as were some of the late ones. Ken Schulze again pitched the most tournaments in 2004, at 86 years old he pitched in 54 tournaments. He is such a gentleman and everyone enjoys pitching with Ken, but darn it he still whips us.

C Leo Buell - Iowa Regional Director reports that they had 35 sanctioned tournaments in 2004 plus their State Tournament which was held at the State Fair. During the State Fair, they pitch all ten days which includes sanctioned and non sanctioned events for whoever wants to pitch. One evening they had about 50 Future Farmers pitching. The IHHPA has purchased a new Hall of Fame trailer. Their old trailer was a compliment of current President Don

Wilson. He supplied the trailer and installed the display items. Don will do the same with the new trailer. The Hall of Fame trailer will be on display all ten days of the State Fair, the Iowa games and other major tournaments. Iowa also held ten indoor tournaments this winter at the Eldora indoor facility.

Pat Wemhoff - Nebraska Regional Director reports that John Seever is Nebraska's latest Fleaharty Award winner for promotion of the sport of Horseshoes. The Nebraska State Doubles Championships will be held in Sidney on June 5th, and the winners will be awarded the traditional blue jackets.

Jim Shilling - Indiana Regional Director sent me a copy of the "Vintage Truck" magazine. Inside is an article titled "It's a Ringer" which highlights Jim's 1931 Ford AA truck with a gravity dump bed that Jim totally restored. The article has some great before and after pictures, which has a door decal advertising his Classic City Indoor Horseshoe Club.

Jim is also in three other magazines with pictures. What a great advertising for Horseshoes!

Monty Roberts - Kentucky Regional Director sent me an interesting picture taken during a Horseshoe tournament. It was a picture of Eugene Brown who is 6'11" tall pitching against Tyler Howard who is six years old and 3'9" tall! The game was pitched at the beautiful new courts at Somerset Kentucky. Monty didn't tell me who won the game though!



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HALL OF FAME

by Earl and Vicki Winston

The Hall of Fame voting is currently in progress, so we will be able to report the results in the July/August issue of NEWSLINE. One additional nomination came in before the deadline and the name of Steve Summerlin was added to the ballot in the Promoter/Organizer category.

Our article had already been submitted for the last issue when we learned of the passing of Donnie Roberts. A very fitting tribute was given to him in that issue, although one magazine article can't begin to acknowledge all that Donnie Roberts did for the sport of horseshoe pitching and for the NHPA. A well deserving Hall of Fame inductee, Donnie was also a voting member of our Hall of Fame Committee and this created a vacancy just as the voting was set to begin. Because the NHPA President needs to give time and thought into finding a capable replacement to serve on the HOF Committee, and the committee member would need ample time to become acquainted with the information concerning the nominees, there are only 14 ballots being cast in the 2005 voting. It will still take 20% of the total votes cast in a given category for a candidate to be considered elected. The calculator will no doubt be doing considerable work as the 2005 voting is tallied.

We've not yet decided if we will be present in Bakersfield, CA at the 2005 World Tournament. If we make it, this would be Earl's 55th consecutive World Tournament, having started in 1951. He missed participating in one or two, but he was present at sometime during the last 54 World Tournament events. During his nearly 30 years on the NHPA Executive Council, he was present for the entire tournament. Vicki began attending World Tournaments in 1953 and has only missed being at two World Tournaments since that time. It's always a joy to see our old friends and maybe make a few new ones. We will be thinking of you if we aren't able to be there in person.

This is the last installment of the Hall of Fame Quiz. Again, our thanks to Gary Kline, Ottie Reno, Bart Sargent and others who have worked so diligently to preserve some of the history of our sport. We must retract part of the information in the quiz printed in the last issue. We referred to Ben Leighton as being the Founding Father of the NHPA. This caused the NHPA Historian to give an incorrect answer. Our apologies to Gary and the rest of you who have been taking part in the quiz. Although Ben Leighton was involved in the merger of the horseshoe leagues that evolved into what became the NHPA, and he was very active in the early days of the association, Gary informs us that the actual Founding Father title belongs to Arthur Headlough. We just wanted to clear that up. We hope you have enjoyed the bits of trivia that have been presented via the quiz over the past few years.

QUIZ

1. Although an above average pitcher, he is known more for the service that he has performed for the NHPA. A recipient of the Stokes Award, the Presidential Award and now a member of the Hall of Fame, he has served for several years in various positions on the NHPA Executive Council and is largely responsible for giving those who are interested the capability of keeping up on World Tournament happenings and progress through the NHPA Web site. He was also responsible for the first free software programs that were made available to the NHPA charters.

2. He taught horseshoe pitching in Butte, MT schools in the early 1930's and was Montana State Champ from 1925-35,

except for 1933. Later on he was active in Georgia, organizing the North Georgia Horseshoe Club and serving as the Georgia charter secretary/treasurer. In 1967 he became the GA State Champ at the age of 81.

3. A many time Kansas State Champ, he appeared 15 times in the World Tournament Championship Class and had a career ringer average of 74.1% for those events. His highest finish was a third place in 1951, placing right below Fernando Isais and Ted Allen. In 1952, he placed fourth, because Casey Jones earned the third spot right below Isais and Allen.

4. An active promoter from the early 1930's until his death in 1946, he kept things going in the Missouri charter by running the annual state tournament and having both Ted Allen and Fernando Isais make more than one visit to the St. Louis area to put on exhibitions. He also served short stints as both the NHPA president and vice president and was the person who originated the phrase "four dead."

5. This likeable young Iowa farmer and auctioneer appeared in World Championship Class play 14 times, winning the world title once when he averaged 82.9%. His career average is 73.55%. Our historian says this man is the first auctioneer to win a world title, thus proving that something besides fast talk is needed in winning horseshoe pitching championships.

6. In the early days of the NHPA, he served as an officer for at least ten years, most of the time as Treasurer. He has also been honored by the Florida Hall of Fame.

7. A resident of Kansas, he was also an auctioneer and involved in the promotion of horseshoe pitching. He was the originator of the first horseshoe pitching contest open to the world, which was held at Bronson, KS in 1909. His first name really is Lucky.

8. He is considered by many to be the person most influential in stimulating the growth of horseshoe pitching and NHPA membership in the State of Florida. He served a term as a NHPA Vice President and he was instrumental in the creation of the very fine Florida Horseshoe Hall of Fame exhibit.

9. A long time pitcher, organizer and tournament director in the Hawkeye state, he pitched horseshoes in at least 30 states, Canada and England. He appeared ten times in the World Tournament Championship Class, where his best finish was a tie for fifth place. He also served as a charter officer and was instrumental in building an indoor pitching facility at Mediapolis, Iowa.

10. He served as a charter officer in Colorado for several years. During Ted Allen's early years of exhibition pitching, he was a promoter and traveled with Ted. He also perfected and marketed a set of playing schedules.

11. By pitching in a record breaking game with Putt Mossman in the finals of the 1925 World Tournament, he earned the nickname of "Kansas Cyclone." With hookless horseshoes, they pitched a 50 point game that went 108 shoes. They had a combined ringer average of over 70% while pitching at 8 inch stakes that leaned only one inch.

Answers can be found on page 30

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT by Lorraine Sternberg

One of the most asked questions is; "How do I start a horseshoe league?" Whether it be sanctioned or non-sanctioned, the basics are the same. First you will need a place to pitch. A good place to check into for putting in courts is your local parks and recreation department. There are a number of private courts at bars and campgrounds also.

Once you have established a place to pitch, you will need to go out and get people interested in pitching. This can be done by advertising. Post bulletins in the lobbies of grocery stores, Walmart or other local stores. Advertise on your local radio station. Word of mouth always is good. You may surprise yourself how many people you can get interested by talking horseshoes.

To be successful, a horseshoe club should have some type of weekly, organized competition. The most satisfactory is a team league, with the teams playing a round robin schedule of matches. Smaller clubs or groups can organize their competition on an individual basis playing either doubles or singles, but larger clubs should organize the competition with teams represented by three or more players. It is better to keep the number of players on a team to a minimum and thereby have more teams. The league schedule should be drawn up at the start of the season and all rules and provisions of play listed. Once

rules and provisions are agreed upon they should be adhered to and followed.

You can get more detailed information on starting up leagues in the sanctioned league booklet. This writing is just a general idea on getting a horseshoe league started in your area.

The entry form for the National Sanctioned League Tournament is in this issue. You can submit your entry before your league is completed. You will have to send me your final stats prior to the tournament so I am able to get point averages for your pitchers who will be competing from your club. Entries will be on a first come basis.

Please remember if you are in need of patches during World Tournament to submit your material request form before July 16th. I will be out of my office from July 16th thru July 31st. Membership reports are due shortly after your leagues begin for the season. I am requesting that league directors check everyone's NHPA membership cards to make sure that all pitchers are using a 2005 membership card.

With the summer horseshoe leagues about to get under way, is your club ready? Why not make this year the year that you get more involved with your club. Remember it takes everyone in the club to make it a successful club.



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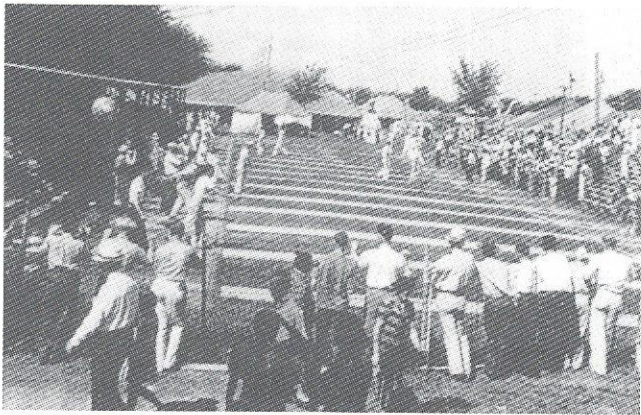
Horseshoe Pitching Facts and Folklore



By Bob Dinn

Here we are, at the final installment in our three-part series on the history of horseshoe pitching in Iowa. This section deals with the activity during 1930's. Our sport made distinctive changes in the 30's. The shoes had major changes in the design of hooks and the development of the tournament shoe. And, there was a changing of the 'guard'. Most of the names of the key pitchers are more common to our readers. Some have only recently passed on. Another point to note as we close out this series – for the third straight decade, Iowa was among the leaders of all states in promotion of the sport and producing major events.

The tournament in 1939 was described to be covered by Life Magazine. That deserved some additional research and lo and behold I came across a copy of the specific issue in an antique shop. So the photos included in this article are the same pictures that appeared in Life Magazine in October 17, 1939.



IOWA

By Leland Mortenson

In spite of my efforts to boost fan interest in the tournament, the spectators were dwindling. I conclude that new blood was needed among the contestants, so I was successful in getting the meet opened to adjoining states in 1933. This tournament was called the "Mid-West." C.C. Davis came here and went away with the title, but not until he had to beat Jackson two out three games, winning the last 50-49 with 79 ringers apiece. That year a Davis-Zimmerman game was broadcast, play by play, over the radio.

In 1933, Mossman, Jackson and Lyle Brown all entered a Chicago National meet, and all failed to qualify among the best 24 pitchers.

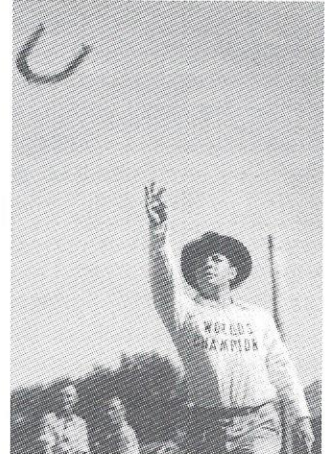
Davis repeated his victory in 1934, but Jackson had now left the state, and to date he has not returned. In order to defeat Guy Zimmerman in a game which was to decide the 1934 championship, Davis used clever tactics. With Zimmerman leading 30-17, Davis started an argument with the announcer,

and then with the crowd, with the simple purpose of rattling his opponent. It worked. Guy became nervous and Davis walked out 50-37. This tournament had among its entries little Charles "Casey" Jones, of Waukesha, Wis., then 15 years old, who took third place.

Frank Jackson and Zimmerman both entered a National meet in California in 1934. Jackson tied for third, Zimmerman was fifth.

The Mid-West Tournament had been an improvement over the State, but I was not satisfied and induced the Fair Board to put up \$500 in prizes for a Mid-West National Tournament in 1935. Since then it has been the same each year and each year since the courts have been enclosed with a five-foot fence.

In 1935, Ted Allen, 27-year-old world's champion from California, dethroned Davis, and in 1936 he defeated "Casey" Jones in a play-off of a tie. In 1936, we secured a first-class public address system and have had one each year since. Leroy Page, a young man from Des Moines, who had helped me several times before in conducting the tournament, handled it exceptionally well, and has done so since.



In 1937, Fernando Isais, 22 years old, and from Mexico City, Mexico, dethroned Allen and won every game he played in the finals. In that tournament, Isais was the coolest pitching machine I have ever seen. He averaged 83.5 per cent ringers in 15 games on new iron stakes put in by John Gordon, a California enthusiast. Isais, in his final game against Allen that year, appeared to consider his time as a boring waste, and Allen as a beginner. He looked exceedingly bored as he proceeded to pitch ringers, walked slowly, and put Allen into a nervous state of mind. Isais won 50-28; every shoe he threw was a ringer, and the only time Allen scored was when the Mexican's ringers hopped off. Isais lost a large number of ringers as the clay was a little too dry. This game is one of the three greatest in Iowa history for the unusual aspect of it.

John Gordon was mentioned above. He is a wealthy retired California man who manufactures horseshoes, and in a dozen other ways is linked up with the game. He has taken an active part in the Iowa State Fair tournaments since 1935. If I say that Mossman is the most unusual personality in the history of the pitchers, I must also say that John Gordon is the most interesting personality of the non-pitchers connected with the game. No doubt, he is head and shoulders over anyone else in that respect. A full story about John Gordon must wait for at least ten years, for it seems that a story now would be only the beginning of a much longer story which can be later be assembled.

Ted Allen was an improved pitcher in 1938, while Isais had gone back. Ted averaged 84.1 per cent to win every game. In 1939, he again won every game to average 82.7 per cent.

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Horseshoe Pitching

Facts and Folklore



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The 1939 tournament was covered by Life Magazine, and a game by California star, Dean Brown, was broadcast by radio. In connection with this tournament, a convention of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association was held at Hotel Fort Des Moines. At this convention, Leroy Page, of Des Moines was elected president, while another Iowan, Robert Tompkin, a young lawyer from Dysart, was appointed to be a member of the important Rules Committee.

An amusing incident occurred on the Sunday morning of this tournament. The Fair Board had permitted a preacher to use a huge dance hall tent to hold his service, and with the time for the sermon about to commence, he came over and furiously demanded that I compel the pitchers to stop practicing as the congregation was watching the pitchers instead of going to church. I agreed to stop them, so he announced to the crowd that there would be no more pitching that morning, and that church services would start immediately. Some of the people argued with him, but most of them went back into the church.

By 12 o'clock he was still preaching and I thought that two hours of that was enough, so I signaled for games to start. The preacher heard the sound of the shoes hitting the pegs and shouted "There they go, worrying about their box scores; some day they will worry about their box scores above." The congregation snickered. The closing prayer came. The congregation hurried back to watch the games.



Since 1934 the Iowa championship has also been decided at the State Fair. Zimmerman won in 1934, 1936, 1937 and 1939; John Garvey, of Boone, in 1935 and Lyle Brown in 1938.

In 1939, Dale Dixon, of Des Moines, personally interested eight Des Moines business firms to pay the expenses of an industrial league tournament in which there were six men on each team, it was a success and is to be continued in 1940.

The State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, after its collapse in 1927, was re-organized in 1936, but it did not become affiliated with the National Association. In 1938, Byron Stoney, of Cedar Rapids, replaced Lyle Brown, of Des Moines, as President, and it joined the National, and that year held a tournament at the Cedar Rapids Fair which was won by John Paxton, Fairfield. It was a

statewide tournament, but was not for the state championship.

Some of Iowa's best horseshoe pitchers not already mentioned have been; Elzie Ray, of Shenandoah, who once beat Frank Jackson 50-0, John McCoy, of Des Moines, Bill Garvey, of Boone, and Russell Sheetz, of Cedar Rapids.

During the past 20 years, the only prominent pitchers of the nation who have not competed at the state fair have been Blair Nunamaker, of Cleveland, Ohio and Harvey Elmeron, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Since 1935, the Mid-West National has had as its visitors many non-pitching prominents such as Gordon, Lattore and Levagood of Michigan, and Tanner of Illinois.



In closing, it may be said that the Mid-West National is different in the type of pitchers competing than were the state meets of the twenties. Then the contestants were mostly farmers. The Mid-West National has less farmers among the players, and has had such others as Professor Carl von der Lancken of Columbia University, New York; Jimmy O'Shea, a Massachusetts penitentiary guard; Eddie Packham, a California aeronautical engineer; Sam Somerhalder, of Guide Rock, Neb., a high school football coach; and Dean Brown, who made his living by pulling Zeppelins to earth; just to mention a few. In addition, there is a noticeable difference in the ages of the pitchers. In the twenties, Mossman was one of a few youths in a field of forty to fifty much older men, while today, if a man

past 40 years of age gets into the finals it is a surprise.

The crowds watching the games today are larger than in the twenties, so large now, that we estimate the total number of ever-changing spectators of six-day competition at 60,000, with 2,500 the most at any one time.

The remarkable skill of Isais, Allen, Zimmerman and others of today has discouraged the poorer players to become spectators, so that the 105 entries of the 1923 state tournament have dropped to 38 in the Mid-West National in 1939.

2005 CANDIDACY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jon Husted for 1st Vice-President



In accordance with the By-Laws of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Article V, Section 7 it is with great pleasure that I announce and submit my candidacy for the position of 1st Vice President of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

I am a 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force. I currently manage a 400-seat customer service support center for a global provider of customer service solutions. I am originally from Pennsylvania and now reside in North Dakota where I have been a resident since 1980. My family and I have been involved in horseshoes and pitching horseshoes since 1985. I have been a member and avid supporter of the NHPA ever since I have been active in horseshoes.

I believe that my experience with horseshoe pitching would be an asset to the National Horseshoe Pitchers

Association. I am a member of two local horseshoe leagues and have held or currently hold the positions of Vice President and President. I have been involved at the state level for the North Dakota Horseshoe Pitchers Association as well and held the position of Vice President and am currently in my second term as President. I have been a tournament director for many years and continue to conduct at least four tournaments a year. My wife and I are avid promoters of the sport and continuously seek out new members locally and across the state. We stay actively involved in obtaining sponsors and media coverage for not only local events but for events conducted by the state charter as well. We have attended numerous World Tournaments and have assisted in various capacities from setting up trophies, judging, scorekeeping, and even providing shuttle service to and from the events. I believe that I have a lot to offer to help our sport continue to grow.

Respectfully Submitted
Jon Husted

Ron Kohn for 1st Vice-President



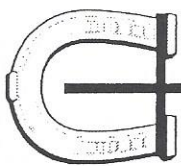
I would like to announce my candidacy for election of First Vice President of the NHPA.

I currently reside in Freeland, Michigan with my wife of almost 33 years, Margo. We have two grown children. I will be fifty-six years old in June and have lived in this area all of my life. I currently work at the Dow Chemical Company in Midland as a Research Tool & Die Maker. My wife and I are actively involved in the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce for 20 plus years. I've served two terms of each President and Vice President.

I am currently the President of Michigan's WSHPA (Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association) Charter. I previously served three terms of Vice President and have been Secretary of the WSHPA as well. I have been Chairman of the membership committee. I have received the Sportsmanship Award of a sanctioned league. I've also been the Assistant Regional Director for Michigan since the late 1980's.

My wife and I have been members of the NHPA since 1984. I competed in my first World Tournament in 1987 and have not missed one since 1991. In 1987, my wife took second place in her place in Eau Claire, WI; and in 1992, I took second place in my class in Columbus, OH. I've served many shifts as a judge at the world tournaments, passed out round robin cards and helped with checking in shoes. I am able to attend all World Tournaments in their entirety if elected to this position.

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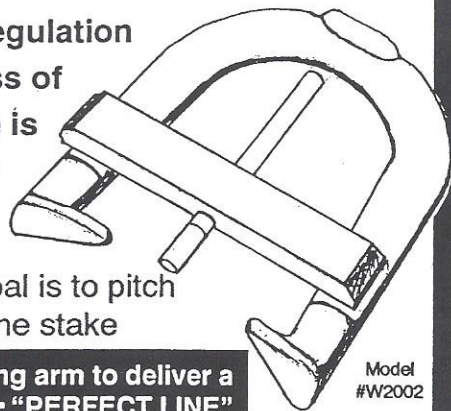


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In 1988, I started the Auburn Horseshoe Club with eight courts. We now have 12 courts, all with 30-foot pads. We host at least four sanctioned tournaments at the Auburn City Park each year and have had the State Doubles for the past 11 years. I also maintain the courts at the Auburn City Park.

I currently have a good friendship and working relationship with the officers of the NHPA and hope to continue that into the future. There is much to do in the years ahead with many new opportunities and challenges being presented to the NHPA and it would be my privilege to serve you as First Vice President in these upcoming years.

Dan Sanders for 1st Vice-President



I would like to announce my candidacy for the office of 1st vice president to the NHPA board and offer the following qualifications for your consideration:

Early interest in horseshoes: My early interest in horseshoes began when I received a set of horseshoes for my 11th birthday. This interest continued through my high school years and it wasn't until after I moved to Columbus, Ohio that I learned about and became involved with organized horseshoes.

Local level contributions: I have been a member of the Whetstone HC for over 30 years and during that time have served in all offices at one time or another, as league and tournament director for many years, was co-author of the WHC bylaws and special league rules, and helped our club in hosting the World Tournament in 1992.

State level contributions: With more available time since my early retirement in 1994, I am currently serving as the OHPA 3rd vice president, chairman of the Hall of Fame committee, and chairman of the Bylaws revision committee. I contribute articles and a regular column to our Ohio Horseshoe Newsletter, and am also the Ohio Regional Director of tournaments.

National level contributions/recognition: I attended my first World Tournament at Statesville, NC in 1983 and since then have attended all World Tournaments but three. In recent years, and after becoming Regional Director, I have helped with WT scorekeeping, shoe checks, and have served as a judge in all the various divisions. I have a special interest in writing and have developed the Medical Exemption forms (originally for Ohio pitchers) that have since been adopted by the NHPA. I have also revised the NHPA Court Sanction form and am currently serving on the NHPA Rules re-write committee. In 2002 I was recognized and honored as the NHPA Regional Director of the year.

Work and family: In 1994 I retired from teaching biology after nearly 30 years in the classroom. I am very proud of the fact that my entire family has participated in organized horseshoes. While our children were growing up, my wife and I always planned our summer vacations around the World Tournament and for four of those years, all five of us competed. Currently, my wife Joan, daughter Stacy, and I are still enjoying this sport.

Request for support: I hope you will agree that my interest, experience, and contributions to horseshoes, at all levels, qualifies me to serve you in this new position and I respectfully ask for your vote at the 2005 convention.



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by Steve Summerlin

As the deadline is quickly approaching for entry into the world tournament, I am contemplating the things that need to be done to get ready for this year's event. Now it is my turn to ask for assistance.

Each year we have asked members to provide us with a newspaper for your local area on the world tournament entry form. This information has been saved and has led me to research the contact information for your paper so that we can report to them how you fared at the event.

Over the past few years I have set up a data base of more than 2000 entrants from past world tournaments.

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Any one that is interested and can give us much needed help please contact me at webmaster@horseshoepitching.com.

This being said, I would also like input from those of you at home on what we can do to make our "coverage" of the event better for you. Time is always against us in trying to do things during the tournament, but I will do my best to add and improve where I can.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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9th and 10th

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AUGUST 2005

15th

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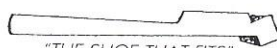
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The schedule will be mailed only to the captain of each team. It will be the captain's responsibility to inform his or her teammates of the schedule. Scorekeeping fees are not included in the registration fees. Players will be responsible for paying scorekeepers before each game.

League average from this years' league season (2005) will be used for this tournament. Limit 24 teams. If your club would like to enter more than one team, please indicate your #1 team. After the deadline, if there are not 24 different clubs/leagues entered, your #2 team would then qualify to enter. This tournament is limited to adults only.

QUARTZSITE A WINTER GEM *by Dave Loucks*



Quartzsite, Arizona is not a place you'd want to spend your summer vacation, but for thousands of snowbirds, the winter months there are just fine. Located on Interstate 10, just 20 miles from the Colorado River and California border, the township of Quartzsite swells to the size of a small city during the months of December – March. During that time, you will find one of the country's largest concentrations of RVs and campers. Within a five-mile radius of the intersection of highways 10 & 95, an estimated seven to eight thousand snowbirds and their RVs have flocked to Quartzsite where the weather is mild and bargain shopping is king. Hundreds of exhibitors displaying crafts, jewelry, clothing, home wares, RV supplies and much more set up their business in temporary tents. In big open fields, RV dealers from cities 500 miles away have brought in hundreds of the latest model recreational vehicles and trailers. For one who just likes to look, it would take a couple of days to see everything. For the serious shopper who searches out the best bargains, several days can be spent among the displays because there is so much to see.

If you don't care to search for bargains or gemstones in the desert, how about pitching horseshoes? Quartzsite is home to one of the largest winter tournaments in the country with warm-up and cool-down events scheduled the week before and after. This year, 180 pitchers from twenty states and Canada took part in the 13th Annual Quartzsite Classic. This NHPA sanctioned tournament was held over four days, January 20-23rd. Formerly called the "Main Event", this year's event was held on 32 new sand courts installed at the LA-Z-DAZE Trailer Park just off Hwy 10 at exit 19. Park owner Paul Herrin invested \$12,000 in preparing the site after pitcher-volunteers dug up the pits, backstops and fencing at the former Main Event location, which was sold. He also plans further improvements by adding 100 dry-camping spots near the courts that would be in addition to the more than 200 existing spots with full hook-ups.

Tournament Director John Sargeant set up and ran an excellent tournament. Like any event of this size, many volunteers aided in its success. The entry fee was \$40 with scorekeeper fees included. Over \$6,000 in prize money was paid out fairly equally to 16 classes which had 10-12 players in each. There were daily potluck lunches and silent auctions to help participants socialize and get to know one another. Competition was keen with no run-aways in any of the 16 groups, some of which were handicapped. Edi Holland, MN, won the A30' group while Jerry Comstock, CO, took honors in the A40' group.

If you're thinking of making a trip to Arizona next winter, be sure to include the Quartzsite Classic in your plans. Information will be available in Newsline and on the NHPA website or you can call tournament director, John Sargeant, (916) 708-7139 or (928) 927-4076.

NHPF Year End Financial Report

Income	Year 1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
NHPA General Fund Donations	160,353	0	0	6,403	13,573	17,976	15,607	15,116
Individual, Charter, Club Donation	2,174	28,756	37,067	20,059	27,144	18,075	20,331	17,136
Miscellaneous Cash Donations	844	0	2,019	2,653	572	234	100	367
Banquet Revenue	1,052	3,330	3,555	3,960	3,820	4,000	3,680	6,000
Joelton Court Use Fees	360	1,060	3,811	3,537	2,797	2,675	2,795	1,620
Merchandise Sales	0	0	0	0	500	500	0	0
Account Interest Earned	7,834	8,945	9,859	14,951	11,663	4,132	4,538	4,371
Total Income	\$172,617	\$42,091	\$56,311	\$51,563	\$60,069	\$47,592	\$47,051	\$44,610
Expense								
Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,500	5,000
Corporate Federal & State Fees	465	0	20	20	20	20	20	20
Accounting Fees	0	600	825	800	1,000	900	900	940
Legal Fees	0	13,020	0	0	0	27	0	32
Bank Service Fees	0	125	125	125	125	165	150	150
Supplies	0	0	0	0	115	250	30	135
Postage	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	200
Phone/Internet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	787
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254
Printing & Publications	0	0	0	0	269	2,743	0	0
Travel	0	0	0	678	0	0	200	402
Promotional Items	0	195	183	157	3,162	0	0	0
Property Tax & Lease	0	913	939	939	939	1,859	7,096	3,670
Banquet Fees	0	2,300	1,773	2,857	2,674	2,506	2,708	4,800
Land, Building & Improvements	0	9,500	0	2,080	36,903	33,695	0	0
Total Expense	\$465	\$26,653	\$3,865	\$7,656	\$45,207	\$42,165	\$17,689	\$16,390
Net Cash Asset Gain or (Loss)	172,152	15,438	52,446	43,907	14,862	5,427	29,362	28,220
Prior Year End Account Balance	0	172,152	187,590	240,036	283,943	298,805	304,232	333,594
Year End Cash Account Balance	\$172,152	\$187,590	\$240,036	\$283,943	\$298,805	\$304,232	\$333,594	\$361,814

Note: These figures compiled by NHPF Treasurer, Dave Loucks.

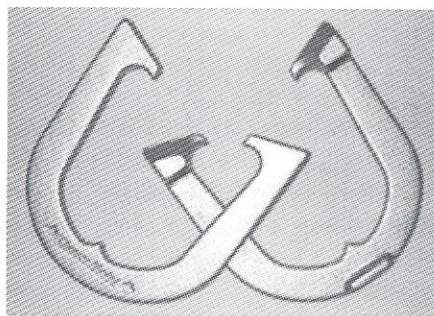
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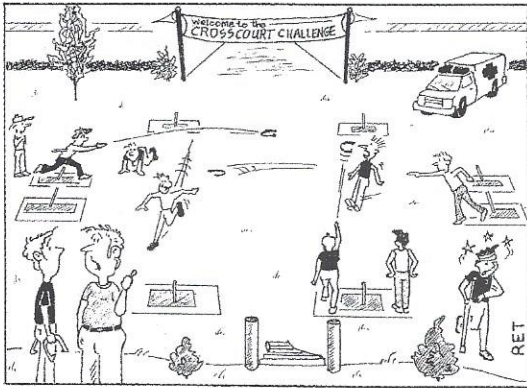
LONGEST GAMES

136 OR MORE SHOES PITCHED

Submitted by Bart Sargent

Year	Shoes	Score	Winner	Ringers	%	Loser	Ringers	%
1965	194	52 /49	Glen Henton	175	90.2	Ray Martin	174	89.7
1969	186	52 /46	Ray Martin	167	89.8	Elmer Hohl	164	88.2
1965	180	52 /49	Ray Martin	157	87.2	Marines Tamboer	154	85.6
1965	180	51 /48	Harold Reno	160	88.9	Curt Day	159	88.3
1961	178	51 /48	Paul Focht	154	86.5	Floyd Toole	153	86.0
1960	176	55 /47	Don Titcomb	156	88.6	Carl Steinfeldt	154	87.5
1964	176	52 /48	Ralph Maddox	151	85.8	Ray Martin	149	84.7
1966	176	54 /44	Paul Focht	153	86.9	Floyd Toole	150	85.2
1957	174	50 /49	Ted Allen	155	89.1	Curt Day	155	89.1
1964	170	53 /37	Carl Steinfeldt	150	88.2	Elmer Hohl	145	85.3
1956	168	52 /67	Fernando Isais	148	88.1	Ted Allen	145	86.3
1957	168	51 /30	Ted Allen	152	90.5	Curt Day	147	87.5
1969	168	51 /48	Ray Martin	146	86.9	Ralph Maddox	145	86.3
1957	168	51 /49	Ted Allen	142	84.5	Don Titcomb	142	84.5
1961	166	51 /43	Ted Allen	147	88.6	Ralph Maddox	145	87.3
1962	164	50 /48	Wilbur Kabel	137	83.5	Carl Steinfeldt	136	82.9
1968	164	55 /49	John Rademaacher	130	79.3	Harold Anthony	131	79.9
1971	164	52 /43	Bob West	144	87.8	Paul Focht	140	85.4
1977	164	55 /44	Walter Ray Williams, Jr.	146	89.0	Clarence Bellman	142	86.6
1964	162	52 /43	Harold Reno	144	88.9	Ray Martin	141	87.0
1968	162	51 /39	Carl Steinfeldt	147	90.7	John Rademacher	141	87.0
1979	162	52 /45	Jesse Gonzales	134	82.7	Clarence Bellman	132	81.5
1965	160	51 /47	Dan Kuchcinski	136	85.0	Ray Martin	134	83.8
1968	160	51 /48	John Rademaacher	135	84.4	Howard Shriver	133	83.1
1976	160	52 /38	Glen Henton	139	86.9	Bob West	135	84.4
1981	160	50 /49	Ben Wiedrich	139	86.9	Walter Ray Williams, Jr.	139	86.9
1946	158	50 /44	Ted Allen	139	88.0	Casey Jones	137	86.7
1955	158	50 /35	Ted Allen	144	91.1	Tommy Brownell	138	87.3
1964	158	52 /25	Floyd Toole	146	92.4	Jim Solomon	137	86.7
1966	158	51 /49	Harold Reno	133	84.2	Jerry Schneider	132	83.5
1969	158	51 /27	Ray Martin	147	93.0	Merlin Potts	138	87.3
1969	158	50 /34	Ralph Maddox	141	89.2	Paul Focht	135	85.4
1964	154	50 /48	Henry Knauft	127	82.5	Ralph Maddox	126	81.8
1965	154	51 /41	Bob May	136	88.3	Glen Henton	131	85.1
1967	154	50 /47	Elmer Hohl	135	87.7	Dan Kuchcinski	134	87.0
1968	154	51 /37	Jerry Schneider	136	88.3	Dave Baker	129	83.8
1954	152	50 /40	Guy Zimmerman	133	87.5	Fernando Isais	132	86.8
1955	152	50 /47	Ted Allen	131	86.2	Fernando Isais	130	85.5
1965	152	50 /37	Harold Reno	127	83.6	Glen Henton	123	80.9
1977	152	50 /49	Glen Henton	123	80.9	Carl Steinfeldt	124	81.6
1964	150	50 /45	Carl Steinfeldt	131	87.3	Henry Knauft	129	86.0
1964	150	52 /46	Ray Martin	132	88.0	Curt Day	130	86.7
1965	150	52 /44	Carl Steinfeldt	133	88.7	Marines Tamboer	130	86.7
1966	150	52 /40	Paul Focht	127	84.7	Gary Farnsworth	124	82.7
1972	150	52 /45	Jesse Gonzales	129	86.0	Harold Anthony	127	84.7
1977	150	51 /41	Glen Henton	129	86.0	Jim Knisley	124	82.7
1977	150	52 /34	Jim Knisley	135	90.0	Jesse Gonzales	130	86.7
1941	148	50 /46	Fernando Isais	130	87.8	Ted Allen	129	87.2
1948	148	50 /48	Casey Jones	128	86.5	Guy Zimmerman	128	86.5
1960	148	51 /44	Gene Brumfield	127	85.8	Carl Steinfeldt	125	84.5
1960	148	51 /48	Ted Allen	121	81.8	Gene Brumfield	122	82.4
1965	148	51 /48	Floyd Toole	129	87.2	Dan Kuchcinski	126	85.1

Year	Shoes	Score	Winner	Ringers	%	Loser	Ringers	%
1969	148	52 /41	Ray Martin	129	87.2	Jim Knisley	114	77.0
1974	148	51 /48	Norm Rioux	127	85.8	Elmer Hohl	126	85.1
1956	146	51 /46	Don Titcomb	125	85.6	Ted Allen	124	84.9
1964	146	50 /47	Jim Johnson	118	80.8	Carl Steinfeldt	116	79.5
1966	146	51 /43	Curt Day	129	88.4	Dan Kuchcinski	125	85.6
1947	144	50 /41	Sid Harris	123	85.4	Ted Allen	118	81.9
1964	144	51 /40	Glen Henton	130	90.3	Paul Lattray	126	87.5
1968	144	50 /43	Elmer Hohl	127	88.2	Carl Steinfeldt	125	86.8
1969	144	52 /44	Frank Stinson	124	86.1	Floyd Toole	122	84.7
1969	144	51 /43	Al Zadroga	122	84.7	Curt Day	121	84.0
1971	144	50 /47	Harold Anthony	123	85.4	Al Zadroga	122	84.7
1972	144	51 /43	Glen Henton	126	87.5	Dan Kuchcinski	124	86.1
1973	144	50 /39	Elmer Hohl	127	88.2	Henry Knauft	123	85.4
1976	144	50 /47	Ed Domey	115	79.9	Jim Solomon	115	79.9
1981	144	50 /36	Jim Knisley	123	85.4	Ron Simmons	119	82.6
1947	142	50 /25	Casey Jones	128	90.1	Ted Allen	119	83.8
1953	142	50 /43	Ted Allen	120	84.5	Louis Dean	116	81.7
1963	142	50 /47	John Monasmith	122	85.9	Jerry Schneider	121	85.2
1965	142	50 /36	Ralph Maddox	126	88.7	Harold Reno	121	85.2
1968	142	50 /47	Frank Stinson	116	81.7	Ray Martin	117	82.4
1969	142	52 /40	Dan Kuchcinski	126	88.7	Curt Day	122	85.9
1969	142	51 /46	Clair Bruce	124	87.3	Paul Focht	121	85.2
1970	142	50 /31	Elmer Hohl	126	88.7	Henry Knauft	119	83.8
1971	142	54 /42	Mark Seibold	119	83.8	Dan Kuchcinski	111	78.2
1973	142	52 /34	Mark Seibold	119	83.8	Roger Vogel	112	78.9
1975	142	53 /42	Glen Henton	119	83.8	Dan Kuchcinski	116	81.7
1976	142	52 /46	Curt Day	122	85.9	Glen Henton	119	83.8
1979	142	55 /49	Ansil Copeland	109	76.8	Dan Kuchcinski	106	74.6
1954	140	50 /45	Fernando Isais	118	84.3	Carl Steinfeldt	116	82.9
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1970	138	52 /38	Henry Knauft	117	84.8	Wilbur Kabel	112	81.2
1971	138	51 /48	Harold Reno	116	84.1	Ray Martin	115	83.3
1974	138	54 /45	Paul Day	123	89.1	Elmer Hohl	120	87.0
1977	138	50 /36	Walter Ray Williams, Jr.	119	86.2	Ken Fraser	113	81.9
1977	138	51 /49	Jesse Gonzales	111	80.4	Wilbur Kabel	109	79.0
1981	138	50 /44	Art Tyson	112	81.2	Elmer Hohl	110	79.7
1970	136	51 /47	Bob West	114	83.8	Henry Knauft	110	80.9
1972	136	51 /49	Al Stockholm	110	80.9	John Rademacher	109	80.1
1974	136	51 /31	Mark Seibold	114	83.8	Paul Day	108	79.4
1975	136	52 /48	Glen Henton	112	82.4	Elmer Hohl	111	81.6
1975	136	51 /34	Curt Day	124	91.2	Clarence Bellman	118	86.8
1975	136	50 /38	Larry Griffin	111	81.6	Jim Solomon	105	77.2
1975	136	51 /39	Curt Over	107	78.7	Paul Tobey	104	76.5
1977	136	50 /45	Jesse Gonzales	117	86.0	Clarence Bellman	115	84.6
1977	136	51 /40	Larry Griffin	102	75.0	Karl Van Sant	97	71.3
1978	136	50 /44	Walter Ray Williams, Jr.	116	85.3	Mark Seibold	114	83.8
1979	136	52 /42	Mark Seibold	114	83.8	Ralph Simon	111	81.6
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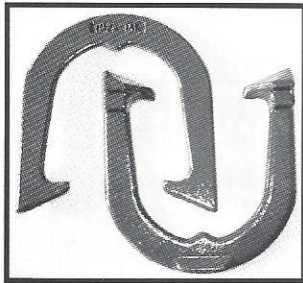
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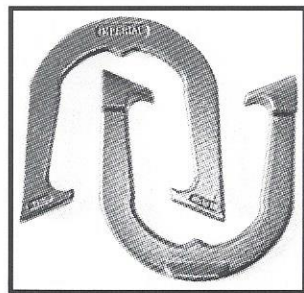
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4. Elmer Hohl	Wellesley, Ontario	29	6	2507	3014	83.18
5. Glen Henton	Maquoketa, IA	29	6	2571	3132	82.09
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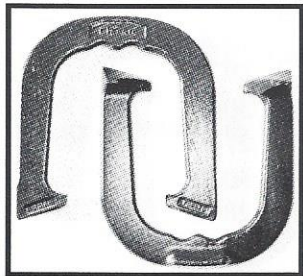


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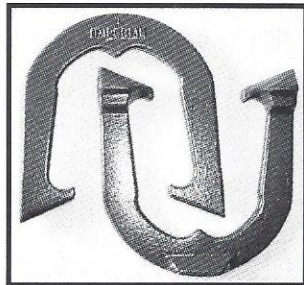
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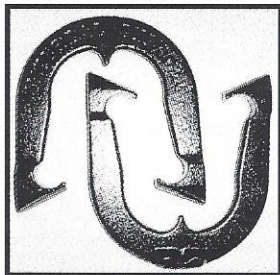
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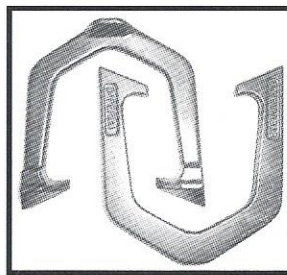
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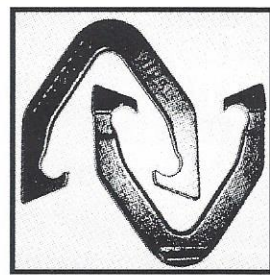
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