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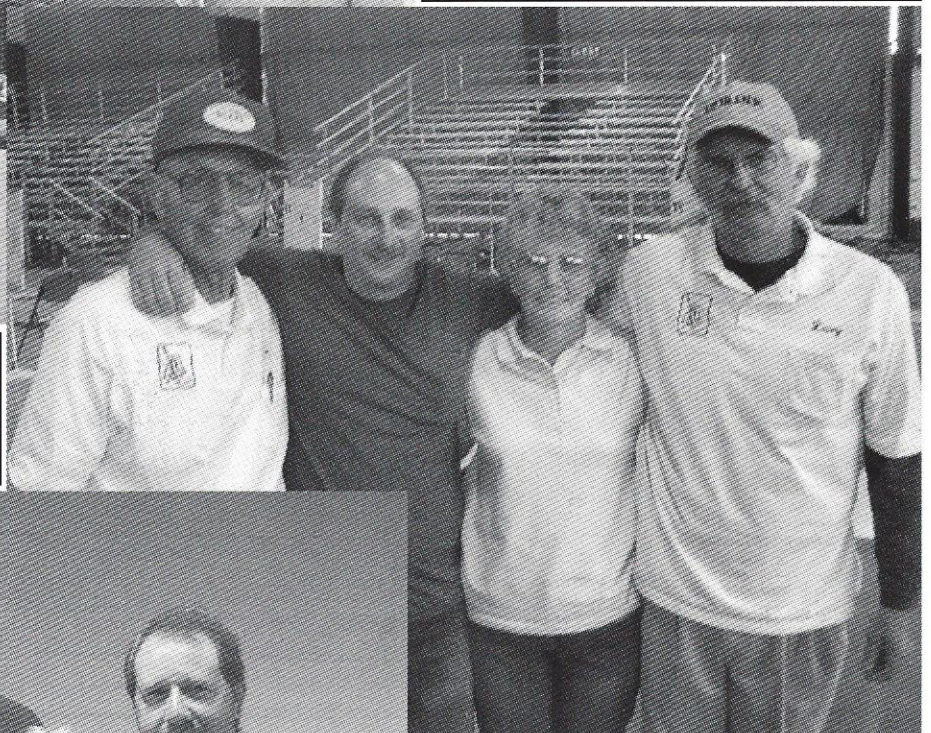
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Captures
Team World
Title**



**Michigan Team
Takes Second Place**



**Third Place
Goes to
Ontario, Canada
Team**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Paul Stewart

We welcome and are happy to have a total of 822 entrants for the 2005 World Tournament. Entries are well below the number expected. I am sure gasoline prices and airfares played a big part in these lower than expected entries. However, this does not mean the World Tournament won't be a great one.

We are happy to have all of you that are participating in the 2005 World Tournament. Of the 822 entrants, 382 are Open Men, 100 Women, 23 Sr. Women, 93 Sr. Men, 139 Elders, 61 Juniors and 8 nine and under. A break down of entrants, state by state, is located on the NHPA Web site at www.horseshoepitching.com. The World Tournament office phone number, effective July 16th through July 30th, is: (661)396-8236. The World Tournament e-mail address is: wt2005@horseshoepitching.com. The World Tournament Press Room e-mail address is: press-info@horseshoepitching.com

A reminder to all Charter Presidents: By-Laws, Article IX: Section 3. The Charter President must provide to the NHPA President, at least 72 hours prior to the start of the convention, a written and signed list of delegates which names the delegation Chairman. I will accept a list of your delegates by e-mail if sent by the Charter President. I will be leaving for Bakersfield on July 13th. Please allow several days mailing time prior to this date. You can e-mail me your delegates list at nhpapaul@bellsouth.net prior to July 13th. After July 13th, you can email me your delegates list at least 72 hours prior to the convention (July 24th, 8:00 a.m.) to: wt2005@horseshoepitching.com

Times and dates for all meetings; Regional Directors, State Officers, Club/League Directors, will be posted on location at the tournament. It is almost impossible to schedule these meetings prior to the tournament. We will have to see what meeting rooms are available at what times. We are scheduling our Church services for 2:00 pm on Sunday the 24th at the Holiday Inn Select. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to having good attendance and a good service.

Awards will be presented at our annual Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet, Sunday, July 24th at the Holiday Inn Select. I am happy to announce this year's Presidents Award will go to Genevieve Lavett of Seaside, California. Achievement Awards will be going to Jim Gorth of California, Roy Evans of Missouri and Bob Reese of Oklahoma. Membership awards and League awards will be announced at the Banquet. Regional Director of the year Award is listed in Allen Baptist's article in this issue of Newline. This year's Hall of Fame inductees are listed in Vicki Winston's article in this issue of Newline. Please make plans to attend the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet. I promise that you will have fun and enjoy the evening.

For all of you that are participating in this year's World Tournament, we wish you a safe trip to the World Tournament and an enjoyable stay while in Bakersfield and a safe trip home.

Two years ago Jerry Holt, our NHPA Chaplain, asked me if the NHPA would consider also having an Assistant Chaplain. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Ken Heinritz, of Wisconsin, as the NHPA Assistant Chaplain. Ken is well qualified for this position. He has been highly recommended by his church and by Jerry Holt. Ken is also serving as the WHPA Chaplain. We welcome Ken to this position and I am sure he will do a great job.

Hall of Fame concerns; In a recent letter from a concerned member here are both replies.

As the Georgia Horseshoe Pitchers State Publicity Director, I try to stay abreast of everything that effects horseshoe pitching in the state as well as national. I have been keeping up with the situation in Joelton, TN. When I read the proposal that the TN Horseshoe Pitching Association had sent to the NHPF to keep the Hall of Fame in Joelton, TN, I wrote Paul Stewart, the President of the NHPA, concerning this matter and these are a few lines of his reply to me. After reading this letter I also feel the same as he and many others about the Hall of Fame and moving it. His view is the other side of the story we sometimes never get to hear. I felt everyone needs to know all of the facts.

May 5, 2005

Dane,

You say that you are disturbed by the way the NHPF is handling of the facility that Jack Freeman began. Perhaps you don't fully understand all of the facts and figures that are involved with Joelton courts that Jack built.

Jack Freeman and I were good friends and he probably spent more time and shared more with me than any other of the NHPF Directors except Mary Bastain. From personal conversations with Jack he has told me that he was not against the Joelton facility being sold and the Hall of Fame moved. He donated the property primarily to get a needed tax write-off. He knew the NHPA was looking for a Hall of Fame site and because of his offer; the NHPF was formed to cover both, his needed tax-deductible contribution and a place to locate the Hall of Fame. We know from our discussions with Jack that if the NHPA had been a charitable entity, he would have made the donation whether the H of F was built there or not. This is where the land was available at the time Jack decided he would build the indoor courts to hold tournaments and also try to build up the memberships in middle Tennessee. However this never happened. The memberships in TN never grew to no where close to what was expected with a facility of this kind. The local club that was formed there fell apart after there was controversy between some of the club officers and Jack. If it weren't for Jack's generosity of subsidizing the facility with \$ it would have never made it on it's own from the beginning.

All of this boils down to be there is not enough support there to support this facility with enough dollars to operate it. Yes I agree that this is our premier facilities to pitch at. However there is little hope of ever having a large active club there and the Joelton location itself is not conducive to attracting visitors to try horseshoe pitching or visit the Hall of Fame. The big majority of people that I have talk to (especially the supporters of the NHPF) feel that Joelton is not the ideal location. It's natural for the Tennessee and surrounding States pitchers to feel differently but they represent a small minority.

North Carolina is one of the most supportive charters to the NHPF and all of us agree that the Hall of Fame will be better served with relocating. Yes we can and will build another building in a new location and I am sure as you say it will cost more in today's prices. This new building and location will be more centrally located and will have one of the NHPA's strongest clubs as the care taker and the courts will be used several times weekly with a very strong participation of pitchers. We are planning a lot of NHPA tournaments there also.

Paul Stewart
NHPA President

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT by Lorraine Sternberg

By the time this issue is published, horseshoes will be in full swing for the summer season. Leagues will be midway through and the World Tournament will be right around the corner. If you find that you are half through with your league and have not submitted a membership report yet, better do it right away as your league will find itself without coverage from the NHPA insurance. And, make sure that all pitchers have a current NHPA membership card.

The entry form for the National Sanctioned Club/League Tournament was printed in the last issue. Don't put off getting your entry in. Remember it is limited to the first 24 teams, one from each club.

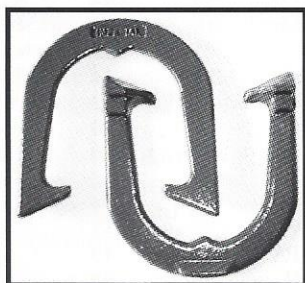
There will be a sanctioned league meeting at the World Tournament. The meeting will be either Friday the 22nd or on Saturday the 23rd. So for those league directors that will be at the World Tournament, please try to make the meeting or try to send one of your club members to represent your club. Those that cannot attend the World Tournament; if you have suggestions or anything that you want brought up; you can e-mail or call me. I will be out of my office from July 16th thru July 31st. If you will be doing your league awards during that time, please submit your patch request form before July 11th, so that I can send them to you before I leave.

I received a nice article from Frank Yohn, league director for the Bureau Valley Junior League, IL. Kyle Burrows, one of the clubs' junior pitchers recently was presented with a special award by the Princeton Police chief. The award is called Above and Beyond. It is given out to people who help out in situations where there is criminal activity or where they've provided a public service. Kyle helps out with an elderly lady who lives across the street from him. When not seeing her out for several days, Kyle realized something was wrong and got emergency help. Mrs. Lutes had slipped and fell, breaking her hip and was unable to move to call for help. Had Kyle not responded she could have died. It's great to see young people step up and become involved. I am sure that the Bureau Valley Junior League is very proud of this young man.

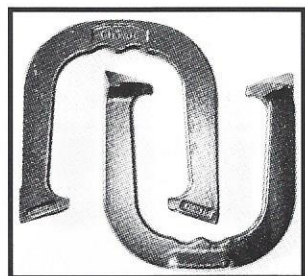
If you have a story of interest on your club please send it to me. We would love to hear more stories as this one.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the World Tournament. Whether you are driving or flying, may you all have a safe trip.

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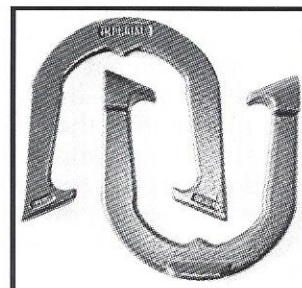
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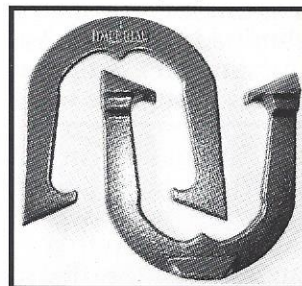
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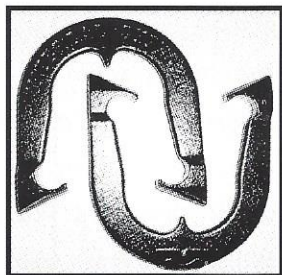


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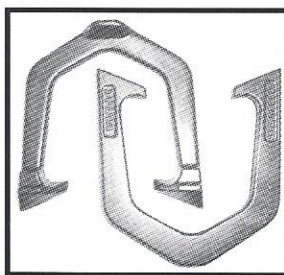


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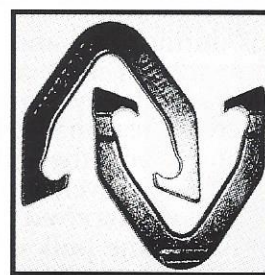
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by Dave Loucks

My trip to Nashville and St. Louis went smoothly. Papers were signed concluding the purchase of the Jack Freeman indoor courts in Joelton. All three adjoining parcels totaling some 65 acres and improvements are now owned by the NHPF. During the past 18 months of inactivity and shutdown, the indoor court building sustained some water damage to several rooms. Evidently the near flat roof covering several rooms leaked during the winter rains causing the hung ceiling to collapse in three or four places with further damage to several walls. To what extent repairs will be made may depend upon whether the NHPA decides to move the Hall of Fame to Missouri or stay in Joelton and reopen the courts.

St. Charles County, Missouri, wants the NHPA Hall of Fame to move there. They have offered to lease a piece of land in one of their newer parks. A building for the Hall of Fame, including offices and pitching courts would have to be constructed. The NHPF would be responsible for construction costs and operation. Currently, cost estimates for construction and insurance are being solicited while county officials study a ground lease agreement drawn up by the NHPF attorney. Forms have already been submitted to the Assessors office requesting an exemption from property taxes though as we learned in Tennessee, county tax officials do not treat all charitable corporations the same. The NHPA Council and NHPF Directors have set a basic budget and the decision to move will depend upon the county decisions as well as the insurance and construction cost estimates. Therefore the further decision of what to do with the Joelton property is still pending.

Contributions during April and May were an improvement over recent months though still badly lag what can be considered a reasonable level of contributions from the NHPA membership. Twenty-seven checks totaling \$4,726 were received from fifteen states. Again, the bulk of the donations received came from the top eight states on the ranking list. It continues to befuddle me how the vast majority of NHPA members gladly

take what the organization and sport offers but refuse to send even \$10 to assist in its projects and growth. It is downright shameful to see the total contribution level of the majority of the states after eight years. There are more than a dozen states that have a donation level of less than 50 cents per member per year. Come on folks, break out the checkbook. Support the NHPF, the needed endowment fund and the Hall of Fame project. By its non-profit tax-exempt charter, the NHPF 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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4.	MN	39	194	\$10,945
5.	MO	48	93	\$9,866
6.	OR	21	66	\$9,395
7.	WI	29	94	\$8,346
8.	MI	45	102	\$7,752
9.	GA	15	20	\$6,770
10.	CO	23	60	\$6,417
11.	FL	41	62	\$4,913
12.	MA	10	14	\$4,730
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16.	TX	22	33	\$3,635
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21.	KY	16	32	\$2,560
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23.	VA	39	54	\$1,975
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26.	IN	20	23	\$1,753
27.	LA	8	15	\$1,752
28.	ND	8	15	\$1,730
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33.	ID	7	16	\$873
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 2005 World Tournament around the corner, there will be a number of pitchers and family members making their final travel plans and scheduling what attractions to see while participating in the 2005 World Tournament in Bakersfield, California. I for one am looking forward to the trip because of all the attractions this community has to offer.

During the two weeks at the World Tournament, I will be available to visit with people interested in hosting the 2008 World Tournament. Last year, I made numerous contacts with locations around the country, including Canada, and I hope to visit with these folks again about the possibility of bidding for the 2008 World Tournament.

Gillette, Wyoming, the 2006 host site, will be present at Bakersfield to discuss details pertaining to the 2006 World Tournament. Rexina Brown, Marketing Manager at the Cam-Plex will be there to answer any questions you may have about the Cam-Plex or the town of Gillette. As most of you know, Gillette hosted the World Tournament in 1996. The dates will be July 10-22, 2006.

The NHPA is pleased to announce there will be two locations bidding to host the 2007 World Tournament. They are Decatur, Alabama and Ardmore, Oklahoma. Both sites will be present in Bakersfield promoting their site.

The Decatur-Morgan County Convention & Visitor's Bureau, the Decatur Parks & Recreation

Department and the Alabama Horseshoe Pitchers Association are teaming up to host the 2007 World Tournament. The *Celebration Arena* in Decatur is the proposed site. The proposed dates will be July 16-28, 2007.

The Ardmore Chamber of Commerce and the Ardmore Horseshoe Association has offered to NHPA the *Hardy Murphy Coliseum* as the host site. The proposed dates will be July 23-August 4, 2007.

During your stay, I encourage everyone to visit these booths and find out what these sites have to offer.

For all the folks traveling to Bakersfield, have a "safe" trip and I look forward to seeing everyone again.

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By Bobby White, National Junior Promotions Director

"...it's the little things that make the big things happen..."

Yes, I guess this is one of those catch phrases that has just stuck with me all my life... I had a high school math teacher who used that phrase constantly in explaining how one thing builds upon another in mathematics... Twenty some years ago, I thought I might just shoot myself if I ever heard those words again and now, ironically, I find that I use them all the time and furthermore, that they apply to just about everything in life, especially horseshoes!

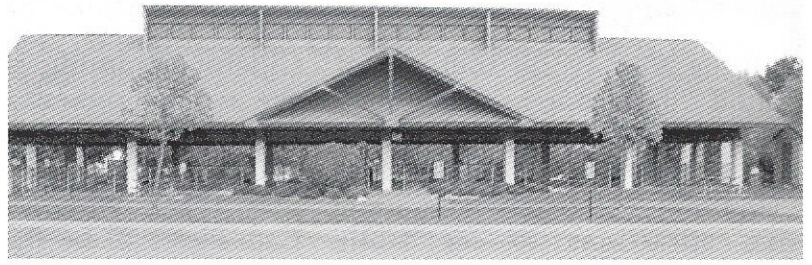
...Here we are again, midway through another horseshoe season... Wow, how time flies when you're having fun! Yes, we're all in this for the fun of it and it's nice that there are so many different ways to enjoy this game... For some, it's the personal challenge of making ringers... For others the real thrill comes from passing on their knowledge of the game to other people, especially, a young child interested in learning the game... I'm sure that everyone reading this article can think of at least one person who fit into this role for them during the time when they were first exposed to this sport. Who was it for you? Obviously, it's not something you just learned all by yourself... Yes, it takes a ton of personal effort to get good at this sport... but the truth is that a person could hardly do it at all without having someone there to guide them at least a little bit in the beginning. Seriously, think about it... who would really have any idea how to throw a horseshoe and make ringers consistently if they had to figure it out all by themselves?

Take a minute and think of that person who you'd say was this person to you... I'm pretty lucky because when I do this myself, I can't narrow it down to just one... I am fortunate enough to have a list of people that I'd say helped me get started in this game and it really seems like the list is never ending because I am forever learning new things about horseshoes. I sure wish I had the time to get out and find new people to play this game... but, like most of you I'm sure, I already have a full schedule... I barely have time to do my laundry and keep up on things around the house... getting out there and searching for new horseshoe

players is definitely not part of my every day activities! But then I think back to when I was a kid getting started at this game and I think about those people who helped me along and I think about how they were probably pretty busy in their own personal lives at the time... but they somehow stopped and took a little time with me... time they probably didn't really have to spare... and I think, if they could do it, then so can I and that's what motivates me to do what I'm doing in this sport.

Yes, I love to play the game and yes, it would be nice to just do that and nothing else like most players do... but that's not enough for me and frankly I can't understand how it could be enough for anyone. Do you realize how great this sport could be if every one of us made it our personal goal to bring in one new player a year? Think about that... It's a pretty simple idea, eh? Yeah, I know, we've all heard this one a thousand times, right? But seriously, can you think of even just one person that you know who might enjoy this activity like you do? I'm sure you can... I'm sure you can probably think of many people... So why are you being so selfish in keeping this wonderful secret from them? Wouldn't you love to be the person that they think of as being the person who helped them get going at this great game? Wouldn't that be a great honor for you? Sure it would!

Fortunately for all of us, there is what realistically amounts to a handful of people all over the country who get a charge out of helping others learn horseshoes. Many of them coordinate youth programs that focus on teaching the game to kids... something we should all be interested in doing... To give you an idea of what I mean, let's take a look at what's happening in just one of our NHPA charter clubs... the West St. Paul Horseshoe Pitching Club in St. Paul Minnesota... These people could be content with just playing the game and having great times socializing amongst themselves in their perfect, state of the



art, covered facility they play in (pictured above), keeping the whole thing a secret from the rest of the world like most clubs do... But as seems to be typical among most Minnesota horseshoe clubs, they are not at all content with that. They want to reach out and share their experiences with others, especially kids. The West St. Paul Club has a long tradition of holding summer junior leagues which are designed to teach kids the game of horseshoes ...from the basics of how to pitch to the intricacies of game etiquette and sportsmanship. It's a well organized effort by some really experienced people. Yes, like the sport itself, their program has had its ups and downs but it's still there and is rebounding nicely in recent years...

The current director of the program is Tim Ahles from Woodbury, Minnesota and here's how he describes the program:

"The West St. Paul Horseshoe Pitching League initiated a Junior League for boys and girls in 1992. The league plays on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. for eight weeks, from mid-June to mid-August. No fees are collected from players, since the Minnesota Gopher State Horseshoe Pitching Association (MGSHPA) does not charge the junior players for its state-sanctioned cards and pays the \$5 NHPA fee for the national-sanctioned cards.

The pitching format is singles, count-all, with three games of 40 shoes being played each week. Several veteran players are on-hand to provide instructions in pitching, scoring and game etiquette.

Several local businesses have generously sponsored our youth program. Two-dozen pairs of horseshoes have been purchased for the junior players, to use on league days. Each boy and girl is given a t-shirt with the club's name printed on the front. One can of soda is provided to each player at the end of each session. On the last day of the season, after pitching is completed, a picnic is held at the horseshoe court site, where the local McDonalds fast food restaurant

donates hamburgers, fries, and shakes to the players on that day.

At one time, the WSP Junior league had 46 boys and girls in the league and was ranked the largest in the nation, forcing it to expand to a two-day weekly schedule. However, in recent years, the number of players has decreased to about a dozen players. So, a concentrated effort is now being made to restore the size of the league by contacting several local school districts and asking them to inform their students of our summer program through their family newsletters and the posting of our flyer. And, our horseshoe pitching web site is also being used to promote our junior league at <http://www.wsphorseshoeclub.4t.com>

Since the forming of our junior league, some of our junior players have gone on to play in the adult league and one junior player was awarded a NHPA scholarship of \$250."

Just reading what Tim has to say about their junior program sets off many thoughts in my head... Doesn't this simple program make a nice model that just about any club out there could follow pretty easily and probably have about the same success as these people? Yes, it does! They've covered all the bases

here and all that's really needed is a little polishing and a way to funnel a little higher volume of kids into the program. Their approach of contacting schools and getting their information included in school mailings is absolutely the right move to get more kids into their program. Surely this will succeed if they keep working at it. Simple advertising like this might seem useless, but honestly, don't underestimate its powers...

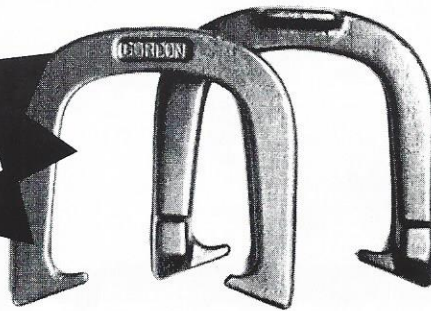
I personally know numerous people who got involved in horseshoes because they saw a small advertisement for a horseshoe league on a local sports page in a newspaper or something like that. A great friend to many of us over the years here in Pennsylvania and really all over the country got started in horseshoes by responding to just such an ad in his local newspaper. Can you imagine what the horseshoe world would have missed out on if Mr. Wes Kuchcinski hadn't seen that little ad back in the mid 1950's? Yes, it is likely that none of the three generations of the Kuchcinski family that have since awed us with their incredible abilities in pitching horseshoes would have ever become part of the organized horseshoe pitching world... So, believe me, it's definitely worth doing little things like that... If you were to contact your local newspaper this time of year, I'll bet they'd

do a feature story on your club for free... They are searching for stories about activities such as horseshoe pitching this time of year... it's absolutely worth a phone call to the editor!

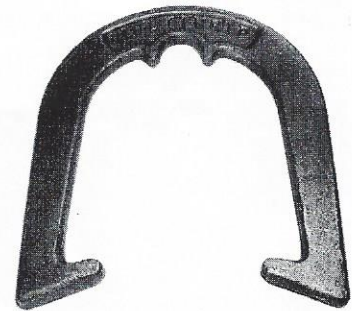
I guess, more than anything else, my point here is that there are many simple little things that just about anyone, promoter or not, can do to promote this sport in their own area without a lot of time or effort and one of those little things could easily lead to some great happenings in the future of the game... you just never know... So when you get time, please take a moment and do even just one of those little things and see what happens... You won't be disappointed, there's no doubt about that!



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PUBLICITY PROMOTION *by Casey Shuys*

Advertising Agencies:

As you will recall, I have mentioned investigating professional advertising as a method of publicizing horseshoe pitching. The following is what I've found out:

Out of the seven agencies contacted we received replies from four of them, a mere 57% response. It seems that direct contact is still the best method of communication in order to achieve results. Therefore, I've made direct contact with the other three agencies. The following is what I've found out, through emails, phone conversations, and the information they have sent me.

One recommendation is to create a more colorful logo. As ours conforms to all other National sports like the MLB, NBA, PGA LPGA, etc, etc personally I'd say it was fine. Another suggestion was a tiered membership of packages and benefits. For example a \$50.00 annual membership might get you a 10% discount on Game Related Sales merchandise, and a subscription to Newline, a \$40.00 membership might get you only the 10% discount, a \$30.00 might be just a standard membership? Neither of the above would have a significant impact on our goal to increase membership though would it? Another was website enhancements, for additional fees, of course. These folks also suggest radio advertising, print ads, and an in-house mailing list. Other companies believe that it would be difficult to do much on a national level for the figure I tossed at them, \$20,000.

That 20K is a number that is close to what the NHPA is already offering to the membership in an attempt to advertise for new members. In fact, the actual figure for the NHPA Co-op advertising Program is \$25,000. This figure includes all charters and is based on last years' membership numbers. For more info on this please contact me. Together we can make this program work to increase our membership!

Advertising Tournaments:

You've all seen the new housing developments and the style of advertising they use, right? There is an individual with a sign, commonly shaped as an arrow. He or she will dance around on a busy thoroughfare moving this sign up and down with the arrow pointing at the new development. How about one of these for your event? It will most likely draw spectators who might otherwise tool right on by. These spectators could be handed the charter specific brochure you've created for your charter using the NHPA Co-op Ad Program. The sign could say, "Horseshoe pitching today at -----park, stop by for free instructions, new members welcome." Or anything similar to that, use your imagination. Now the tough part, finding a gregarious individual willing to stand on a corner, listening to their favorite tunes, and waving the sign around. Sure, go ahead and smile at the thought, but I'll bet you it would gain you a few new members. Especially when they see the fun you folks are having.

Bumper Stickers:

We thank those of you who have ordered horseshoepitching.com bumper stickers, please display them proudly. So far I've shipped out nearly 1,150 of them and have about 1,300 left for whoever would like to have them. They will be given out at this years World Tournament also. Our car flags are also available through Game Related Sales. With each sale, \$1.00 will go to the NHPF and \$1.00 to Make-A-Wish Foundation. How can we possibly go wrong buying these with dollars going to great causes? Buy two of them to balance the vehicle you'll

be putting them on. Again these will also be available at the WT in Bakersfield.

World Tournament Figures:

Could it be the fact that it's simply too far West? Seems to be because in 1988 we, California, only drew 833 participants and this year only a paltry 822. You folks choosing not to come are missing a unique section of California for sure. By all indications of these turnouts, the future World Tournaments would be much better attended if the bidders chose a more central location. Every year since 1988 we have attended the World Tournament and each year we are questioned by numerous folks, "When is it coming to California again?" Well we did it and because of the lack of participation it is liable to be a long time before California will bid again?

Promotion in Victoria BC:

The Victoria, British Columbia, Canada horseshoe pitching club has a membership of 160. You wonder how this is possible? Dorothy Butts has been and continues to be a huge inspiration here. She has created a five page informational packet, "Promoting Horseshoes in Your Area, as a Sport and Recreational Pastime." Granted they have a clubhouse with a full kitchen and are able to feed the members during a tournament at nominal cost because of all the volunteer help. They have four separate leagues per week and virtually all courts are filled, one women's league, two men's leagues and a junior league. Look them up at, <http://www.victoriahorseshoeclub.com/>

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Events Pitched	MEN	WOMEN	ELDER	BOY	GIRL	TOTAL PITCHED
67	1					1
59			1			1
52	1					1
48	1					1
46	1					1
44			1			1
43			1			1
42		1	1			2
41	2	1				3
40	1	2				3
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33	3					3
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18	42	9	17	1		69
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13	130	21	33	3	2	189
12	138	39	38	3	2	220
11	165	47	49	2	1	264
10	206	45	56	17	4	328
9	272	50	64	12	2	400
8	309	59	69	24	4	465
7	389	67	101	24	7	588
6	526	112	113	32	12	795
5	587	120	115	37	15	874
4	759	118	124	76	24	1101
3	855	180	146	70	35	1286
2	1105	204	183	114	37	1643
1	2083	434	246	195	51	3009
TOTALS	8073	1623	1538	634	199	12067

The Holiday Inn Select has sold out of its \$59 room block for the NHPA World Tournament.

The Best Western Hill House (across the street from the Holiday Inn Select) is the overflow hotel and is also offering rooms for \$59.

Anyone interesting in booking lodging with them must call the hotel directly to receive the rate. Their number is (661)327-4064.

NHPA Income And Expenditures March and April 2005

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2007 World Tournament Bid (Decatur, AL)	\$5,000.00
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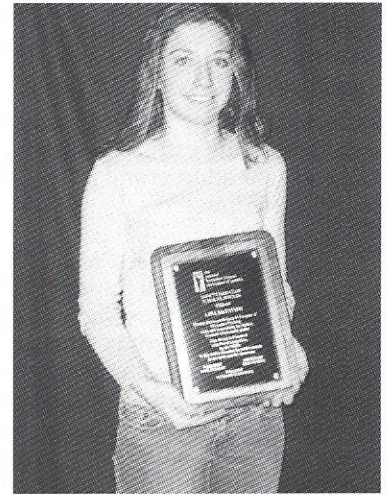
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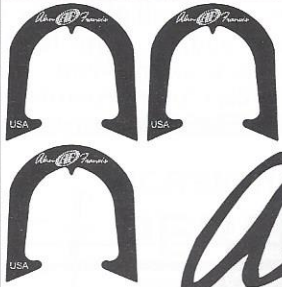
From The Books Of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

LISA MCTAVISH GIVEN SCHOLARSHIP AT THE GOLDENDALE HSC SPRING MEETING *by Lorraine Sternberg*

Lisa McTavish, a senior at Wauwatosa East High School in Wisconsin, is a member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (honorary math society), Key Club, Red Arrow Club, was a member of the volleyball team and three-year Varsity Letter Girl's Track Team. She also participated in the Science Club, Theater Group and was the President of Future Business Leaders of America. Her artwork has won her numerous art awards. Lisa did volunteer work at her church teaching Vacation Bible School and worked in the church nursery. In the community she taught Safety Town and raised thousands of dollars for the Tosa

East Theater for the past two years. Lisa organized and ran a candy drive at her school for Breast Cancer research raising over \$500 and worked on school food drives for local food pantries. She also organized and lead Christmas activity days at a local nursing home for the Alzheimer patients in Adult Day Care. Lisa McTavish pitches at the Goldendale Horseshoe Club in Wisconsin. She wishes to thank the NHPA for the scholarship she received which will be used towards her graphic design degree at Mount Mary College where she will be studying in the fall.




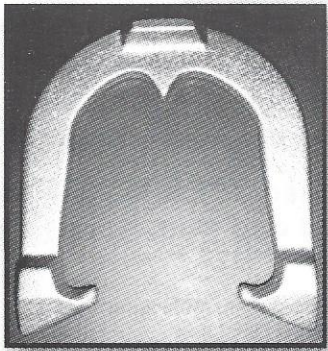



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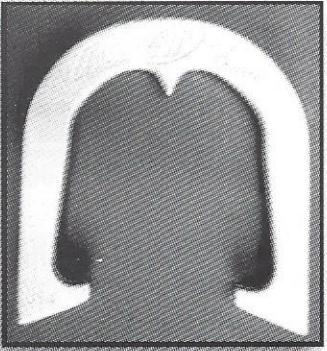






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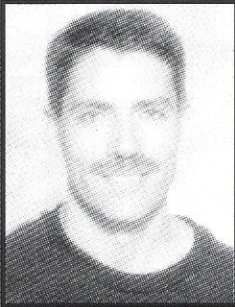
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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT *by Allen Baptist*

The World Tournament will be here before we know it. As always, I will need much help doing the shoe checks. Monday is always the busiest and most crucial day for finding help. I would appreciate an email or a letter letting me know who can help out on the first day, since there is not much time to round up RD's to help on the first shift.

I am looking for 16 State Doubles Class patches for 2005. If anyone has any extra, could you please send them to me. Please note my new address and phone number on the inside of the cover of this Newsliner.

This year I have chosen Myrtle Mae Kamoku, Regional Director from Hawaii, as RD of the year. Myrtle has been a terrific promoter and supporter of horseshoes in Hawaii for many years. Myrtle has also been elected as Charter President this year. Her whole family is involved in horseshoes and is very supportive of her. Her husband Howard and her sons have built 16 courts in their front yard, on which they hold many tournaments throughout the year. Myrtle publishes a newsletter which she sends to all of the islands reporting tournament results and interesting horseshoe stories.

From the Mail Bag

Steve Summerlin - Michigan Regional Director reports that Michigan is looking forward to another banner year. They have had a 15% increase in membership and have started two new sanctioned leagues as well as one new tournament site this year. Steve was informed at their Spring meeting that one of his ARD's is resigning. Bob Mullenhour is resigning due to health problems and cannot continue as ARD. Bob who is 84 years old has done a terrific job for Steve over the years!

Bob Reese - Oklahoma Regional Director, with the help of Leon Bell and Candace Tiger, has taught the sport of horseshoe pitching to three classes totaling 70 physical education students. During the first hour they viewed the video on "How to Pitch Horseshoe" by Dave Loucks, our past NHPA President. Four additional hours were used to pitch horseshoes that were donated by the City of Ada Recreation Department. Bob Reese demonstrated the 1 1/4 turn, Leon Bell the 2 3/4 turn and Candace Tiger demonstrated the flip.

Jim Anderson - Texas Regional Director reports the THPA is off to a great 2005 season. Lakeside Horseshoe Club of San Antonio has moved into a resort area on the outskirts of San Antonio and built 20 new pits. Four of their tournaments have averaged over 100 entries with the CTHPA in Waco having 145 entries. Texas State Doubles Championships were held with 85 teams entered. Texas has 47 sanctioned tournaments this year with their State Singles being held in Buffalo Texas which has 32 courts.

Don Weaver - Nevada Regional Director reports that the famous Burro Inn in Beatty which annually holds the "Best of the West" and the "Pitch and Witch" tournaments has been bought by the Stagecoach Casino and will be closed June 1st. For those of you who have traveled to Beatty for these fine tournaments, it will be sorely missed. I am glad that I was able to attend the last tournament held there. I will have many fond memories of Beatty. I would like to thank Don Weaver and the Burro Inn Manager, John Bass, for putting on some great tournaments. If anyone would like to drop a note to John Bass for his contributions and for hosting some great tournaments, his address is: P.O. Box 523 Beatty, NV 89003.



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HALL OF FAME

by Earl and Vicki Winston

At the time we were writing for the May/June issue of Newsline, the 2005 voting was underway. We are happy to announce that there will be two people inducted into the Hall of Fame this year during the banquet held in Bakersfield, CA. Voting was a little more complicated than we had anticipated. Fortunately, Ottie Reno had sent his ballot before he suffered a heart attack and underwent bypass surgery. We are happy to report that he is doing well and plans to be at the 2005 World Tournament as far as we know. Harold Darnold was critically ill at the time the voting took place and was unable to participate. However, we have learned that he eventually made a miraculous recovery and is currently residing in a care center until he regains the use of his legs. It's been a rough year for committee members. Vicki Winston has recently undergone surgery for breast cancer, but is recovering nicely. Barry Chapelle has had some knee surgery and we've been told Gary Kline is undergoing some back surgeries. Would it be any wonder if NHPA President Paul Stewart has some difficulty in finding someone to volunteer to fill the vacancy on the committee? Of course, none of these problems have anything to do with the ages of the committee members. HA! Because of the health issues going on in our household, we did not make plans to attend the 2005 World Tournament. We could still change our minds, but if we don't, we will try to catch up with you in Gillette, WY in 2006. In the meanwhile, we would like to have more nominations coming our way before the 2006 voting takes place early next year. A printable nomination form is available on the NHPA Web site, or we will mail you one if you will contact us.

Our two inductees this year are Jesse Gonzales and Reinhard Backer. Short biographies follow at the end of this paragraph. We urge those present in Bakersfield to attend the banquet at which these two gentlemen will be honored. We are hoping that Jesse will be able to attend the ceremonies in person, as the event is taking place in his home state. Reiny Backer has been deceased for many years, but his son, Bill, will be doing the induction and has a short program planned, which we think you will enjoy as you learn a little about the NHPA in the years when his dad was active. We congratulate the 2005 Hall of Fame inductees and thank them for the contributions they have made to the sport of horseshoe pitching.

JESSE GONZALES

Jesse was born on May 25, 1932 in Betteravia, CA. He currently resides in Los Osos, CA along with his wife, Sylvia. They are the parents of five children. Jesse has been a member of the NHPA for 43 years. Jesse hasn't been too active in pitching in recent years, due to a hip problem and his wife's battle with cancer for the past several years. When Jesse was notified of his election, he was surprised and elated, but he was more elated that his wife's cancer was in remission and they were praising God daily.

Elected in the Player category, Jesse is known for being the most successful 40 foot flip shoe pitcher in the history of the World Tournament. Most of his activity took place when horseshoe games went to 50 points, instead of 40 points. He competed in the Men's Championship Class a total of 12 times, the last being in 1991. He has a career ringer

average of 75.31% for those 12 events. In the 1972 World Tournament, he averaged 80.8% for 35 games. This earned him a 7th place finish. Through the years Jesse defeated many of the world's top pitchers, some more than once. There were a few who never won a game against Jesse.

Jesse began his pitching career using the flip turn. Although many tried to discourage him by telling him he never would be successful with it, Jesse never changed his style of pitching throughout his career. While he was active, he also won the California State Title three times. Known also for his good sportsmanship and willingness to coach and encourage fellow pitchers, our hats are off to our Mexican friend who had the tenacity to defy all of the friendly advice and stick with what he knew was best for him. The flip shoe served him well and has earned him a place in horseshoe pitching history.

REINHARD BACKER

Reinhard Backer was born May 3, 1913 in Dornum, Germany. He immigrated to the USA with his parents and three siblings at age 11. He married his wife, Ruby, on April 1, 1934 and together they had four children, three sons and a daughter. Reiny, as he was called by everyone, was in the bakery business about all of his adult life, owning and operating the West High Bakery in the Salt Lake City, Utah area from 1940 to 1978, when he passed away from a heart attack.

Elected in the Promoter/Organizer category, Reiny became involved with the sport of horseshoe pitching when a son, Gary, was invited to pitch with some folks at Liberty Park in Salt Lake City. The family got involved and Reiny eventually became the Salt Lake City Club President and later on the Utah State association president. He held each of those offices for about ten years. He also served as a NHPA Regional Director. In 1959 he was elected president of the NHPA and served a two-year term. After Murray, Utah had hosted the World Tournament for 11 consecutive years, one of Reiny's first acts as NHPA president was to seek other hosts for the World Tournament to give more pitchers across the country a chance to participate and to allow interest in the sport to grow. He was successful in this endeavor and the 1960 World Tournament was held in Muncie, IN and has continued to move to various locations ever since. Along with Commissioner Paul Rose, Reiny was instrumental in winning the bid to bring the World Tournament back to Murray, Utah for one more visit in 1966. It was also in 1966 that Reinhard Backer was awarded the coveted Stokes Award for his outstanding contributions to the game of horseshoe. A dynamic promoter and organizer, he continued to attend world tournaments and work for the sport beyond his NHPA presidency. However, health problems began to curtail his involvement in 1963 and eventually led to his death in 1978.

The NHPA is indebted to this man, who had the foresight and the courage to take the World Tournament from his home state and put the show on the road, thereby allowing people in many parts of our country to watch and compete with some of the greatest horseshoe pitchers who have ever lived.

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.

And, remember to send us your listing of any indoor horseshoe court facilities. Thank you!

ARKANSAS

More new courts! Clarksville, AR is adding five courts to its existing 15 courts – they have already signed up several new members. Plumerville, AR also has added four courts to have a total of 16 courts now. They are hoping to add four more in the future. Arkansas now has at least eight sanctioned pitching sites – looking at a map, that is great “court coverage”. The 2005 State tournament will be in Mountain Home, AR.

OKLAHOMA

More than 70 Physical Education students watched the Dave Loucks video, “How to Pitch Horseshoes” in the first of five classes. In the next four hours of classes, they watched as different styles were demonstrated by Bob Reese, Leon Bell, and Candace Tiger – then they practiced those different styles of pitching. Hopefully, they awoke some budding future horseshoe pitching stars.

The annual Oklahoma-Texas Shootout was held in Texas on May 14, 2005 and the “homers” won the top three places in each of the four classes. Of course, they DID outnumber the Oklahoma pitchers by 31 to 5 – Yikes! Overall, this Red River rivalry has been won by Texas pitchers 8 times out of 11 tries. Let’s root for the underdogs next year!

And you should see the photo of the horseshoe vest which Leslie Deer has designed and made – chances are being sold – some lucky winner will enjoy wearing that.

NORTH CAROLINA

2005 is starting the way 2004 left off – with more participants in tournaments and new members signing up all the time. In the Peters Creek Open alone, ten new members were signed up! A month later, in Raleigh, some more new members signed up – they think the 41 pitchers that day made it the biggest tournament in Raleigh – ever.

Ronnie Joines was inducted into the NC Hall of Fame as an organizer and player. He was instrumental in getting new courts built in North Wilkesboro, is interested in the history of horseshoes and also pitches consistently well, often in Class A’s within the state. Congratulations to him for “jobs” well done.

North Carolina also boasts an attractive new State patch with horseshoes, the outline of the state, and the dogwood flower on it. Words are “Member, NC Horseshoe Pitching Assoc.” Along with the jackets given out to their state champions, this is very good advertisement!

OHIO

There are 33 scheduled sanctioned horseshoe tournaments in Ohio in 2005 – frequent opportunities to pitch every weekend. Makes one understand why this state has one of the highest membership numbers in the USA.

Alan Francis did the Ohio association and himself proud by pitching a 90.66% tournament in New Melle, MO. He did it by pitching 620 ringers out of 664 ‘shoes pitched. I guess the previous week in North Carolina at the Dogwood, when he “only” pitched 79%, was a motivator. Awesome job.....

IOWA

I just heard that Iowa also has some indoor courts in Eldora. We’ll try to get that on our list... Iowa has also ventured into the “computer scoring” world as an experiment AND they have purchased a trailer for their Hall of Fame. More and more charters are using trailers for their Halls of Fame.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the cold, long winter north of the border, the Victoria Club sure makes it easier to pass the time. They have horseshoes on one night, a Friday Night Drop-In Darts league, and Thursday Crib Night and also a card night. In addition, Joe Iannarelli and Chuck Kerr put together a couple of golf and curling events each year while Melanie Taylor, Cheryl and Claude Cliché put together dinners, parties, special events, auctions, etc. An annual event is the Oktoberfest Dinner, which is complete with dress attire to match the occasion and German food. Every holiday provides incentive for some get-together!

One of their ongoing discussions is their dress code. Apparently, the code has been white slacks, skirt, or shorts with the tops the colors of the respective clubs. Some think the code is outdated and might keep down the participation while some think that it lends class to our sport. Isn’t it an interesting discussion...?

WASHINGTON

The state of Washington again plans to send some juniors to the World Tournament - they are holding a raffle and other fund raising events with the goal of sending eight juniors to World’s – at \$450.00 each, they hope to raise \$3,600.00 +.

They also have completed the 40th annual Winetrout Series with ten juniors in the final event, six of whom received trophies. Amazing successful run for them.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota continues its very successful Make-A-Wish program – they received a wonderful letter of thanks from a young man who was able to experience his wish of visiting the set of the television show “24”. His name was Peter Meslow and he has since passed away, but not before he experienced one of his dreams. To raise money for this charity, they hold various tournaments and fund-raisers throughout the year. The Fridley club will pay \$1,000.00 to the first pitcher who pitches a perfect game this year – a good incentive for more entries! Minnesota also holds other charity tournaments such as the recent NHPF tournament – wonder how much money they have raised in total while having a good time pitching?

Horseshoe Pitching Facts and Folklore



By Bob Dunn

HORSESHOE PITCHING AT HARVARD

By Bob Dunn

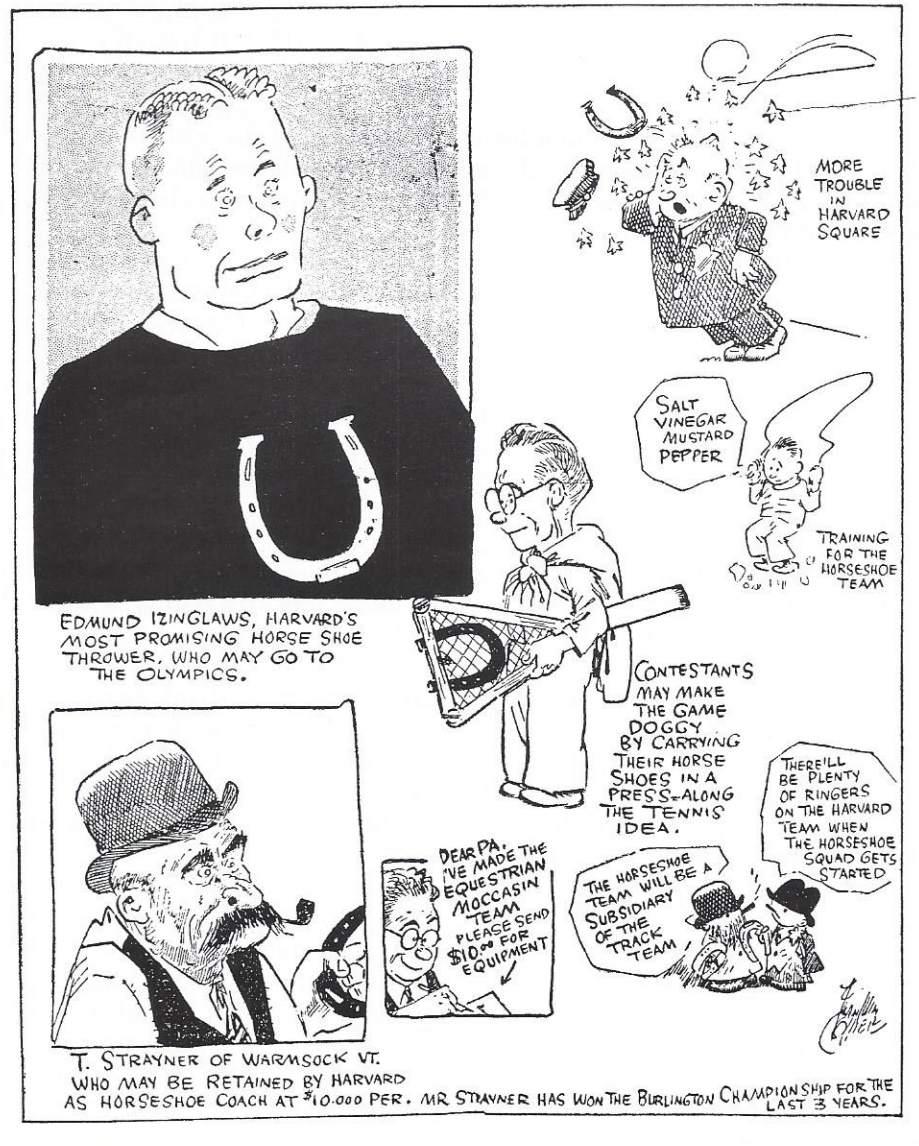
Occasional old articles from the 20's and 30's turn up telling about horseshoe pitching on college campuses, just as the Iowa series, just completed, made mention of the sport at Iowa colleges and in high schools. Most of the college activity was in the mid-west region and varied in intramural leagues, campus tournaments and some team challenges between rival schools. But, no one would ever expect the sport to grace the campus at such a prestigious school as Harvard University.

When this cartoon, dated 1932, showed up, it was an exciting moment. Besides being great folk-art, the artwork depicted a team coach by the name of T. Strayner, a campus champion in Edmund Izinglaws and even hinted at horseshoe pitching at the Olympics. This is some incredible information and certainly warranted further research.

A call was placed to the Harvard Research Library and a student was assigned to check into all this. Here is the result of that report. Indeed, it is a fact that the cartoon was published in the Harvard weekly newspaper in 1932. What isn't so factual is the information depicted. It seems that a fraternity constructed a horseshoe pitching court and soon became a bit of a laughing stock. So much so, that this spoof of a cartoon was published. So what was a good laugh in 1932, got re-life and spoofed again, some 70 years later. Now you know the rest of the story.

Horse-Shoe Tossing at Harvard

By FRANKLIN COLLIER



Jottings

- If anyone is interested in researching a college in your area to see if there ever was horseshoe pitching on campus, just call the school's library and they will help with the research. Provide the report and copies of the documentation to me and we'll publish an article on your school. R.C. Dunn, 6417 Georgia Ave No, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428.
- The 2005 World Tournament will have a Horseshoe Traders booth, thanks again to the efforts of Lee Wallace. Lee has managed the Horseshoe Trader displays at the western sites. Anyone, whether a collector or not, is invited to assist Lee by bringing shoes for display and everyone is invited to bring shoes for identification.

12TH ANNUAL SIX PAC INVITATIONAL

NEW MELLE, MISSOURI *by Jeanette Claas*

When the snowballs bloom in Missouri, it naturally means the weather turns cool and this year was no exception. They were in full bloom with temperatures in the forties as the date for the prestigious Six Pac Invitational Horseshoe Tournament arrived. However, Mother Nature was kind, sparing us the rain that usually falls upon Missouri this time of the year.

The 12th Annual Six Pac Invitational Horseshoe Tournament was very special this year. Harvey Wobbe, who generously sponsors this event each year, was struck with a series of strokes earlier in the year and there was the possibility that he might not be able to attend. With the help of his good friend, Jerry Francis, he made sure he arrived just in time as they announced the pitchers on the court. It was good to see Harvey back in action once more.

The format for the two-day tournament was a 16-man round-robin for 40 footers only. Eight games were pitched on Saturday and the final seven games completed on Sunday. Arriving early for a warm-up session, the sound of horseshoes soon filled the air and it was time for another exciting show filled with talented horseshoe pitchers to begin.

Martin Orf, NMHC president, gloriously sang the National Anthem a cappella before the contestants were introduced by announcer Bob Diekamp. Each pitcher was presented a medallion by Tournament Committee members, Harvey Wobbe, Tim Henderson and Joe Faron to commemorate the event.

The horseshoe pitchers participating in the tournament traveled from afar in spite of the high cost of gasoline this year. They were: Alan Francis, OH, 86.44%; Walter Ray Williams, JR., FL, 77.76%; Art Tyson, NY, 75.03%; Tom Westbrook, SC, 74.22%; Mandell Proctor, MD, 73.77%; Randy Hudson, SC, 72.20%; Mark Siebold, IN, 72.20%; Terry Hudson, SC, 71.02%; Mark Mauthe, WI, 70.10%; Charles Killgore, MO, 69.00%; Paul LaCrosse, CO, 68.08%; Stan Griggs, MO, 67.89%; Matt Guy, KY, 66.96%; Jerry Dumstorff, IL, 66.43%; M.O. Turner, MO, 65.69% and newcomer to the Six Pac Bob Booe, KS, 63.24%.

At the end of competition on Saturday, Alan Francis and Walter Ray had no losses with Tom Westbrook close behind with only one loss. On Saturday evening 36 horseshoe pitchers and NMHC members found themselves at Stefanino's Restaurant for a relaxing evening to share some good food and laughter before retiring for the night.

Spectators gathered to watch the final day of pitching on Sunday morning. Alan Francis of Ohio was red hot as he captured his eighth title as Six Pac Champion. Art Tyson of New York would claim the most points scored against him - 18 points. High game of the day was scored by Alan - 97.22%, 35 ringers - 36 shoes! His remarkable tournament average for the day 90.66%! During the years that Francis has

participated in this tournament, he has pitched a total of 143 games with only 3 losses. It was Alan's second tournament pitching with his own Alan Francis shoes that he is now distributing!

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. of Florida placed second with a 73.16%. Williams changed from pitching right-handed to left-handed after the World Horseshoe Tournament last year. At the Dogwood Festival Tournament Williams was pitching against Tom Westbrook when Westbrook noticed that he was pitching left-handed. Westbrook was admiring just how well he could pitch with his left hand. Before he knew it, he realized the game was over and he had just lost the game. Before the Williams-Tyson match, Tyson quipped, "You beat me pitching right-handed, but I'm not going to let you beat me left-handed." Tyson did win that match pitching his high game of the day, 76.31%.

Wearing his traditional plaid shorts, Paul LaCrosse of Colorado won third place with eleven wins and four losses and a tournament average of 67.71%. It was an exuberant Paul that accepted his third-place prize money!

While waiting for the final tallies of the scorekeeping, Matt Guy challenged several of the horseshoe pitchers to a game of toss beanbags. Matt also displayed a special talent in that sport, too!

Behind the scenes preparations for the tournament were made by the housecleaning committee of: Dave/Bea Feldewerth, Roy/Suzanne Evans, Ken/Angie Novel, Bob Reininger, Martin Orf, John Simms, Kevin Nenninger, Jan Kreienkamp and Ernie Brakensiek. Good comments from the horseshoe pitchers were given to the scorekeeping crew of: Jullia Jaeger, Nona Collins, Angie Novel, Bob/Arlene Reininger, Joe Buskirk, Martin/Ursula Orf and Gidget Rahe.

Our Poster Boy, Larry Volo, did another excellent job as he skillfully posted wins and losses after each inning. A big thank you to our stats crew: Rich Altis, Dave and Bea Feldewerth.

The tournament directors would like to thank the spectators who came to support the horseshoe pitchers during the competition. A special thank you goes to Dick Hanson, Secretary/Treasurer of the NHPA, who drove to NMHC all the way from Wisconsin. Dick was accompanied by his lovely wife, Paulette.

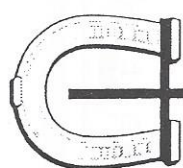
The horseshoe pitchers all agree that the Six Pac Invitational is one of the finest horseshoes tournaments held for competition, purse, facility and central location held in the United States. Tournament Director Joe Faron and NMHC members wish to thank all the horseshoe pitchers that traveled so far to attend our tournament. Their display of skill and talent was hard to beat. No one goes away a loser from this tournament.

12TH ANNUAL SIX PAC INVITATIONAL

NEW MELLE, MISSOURI

The results of the two-day event are as follows:

Place	Name	Won	Lost	Score	Ringers	Shoes	Percent	Prize Money
1 st	Alan Francis OH	15	0	619	602	664	90.66%	\$1,500 & trophy
2 nd	Walter Ray Williams, Jr. FL	12	3	575	559	764	73.16%	\$1,000 & trophy
3 rd	Paul LaCrosse CO	11	4	531	558	824	67.71%	\$650
4 th	Tom Westbrook SC	10	5	537	558	816	68.38%	\$400
5 th	Mark Seibold IN	9	6	507	476	710	67.04%	\$350
6 th	Art Tyson NY	9	6	534	606	914	66.30%	\$250
7 th	Mandell Proctor MD	9	6	503	597	902	66.18%	\$200
8 th	Matt Guy KY	8	7	540	594	864	68.75%	\$150
9 th	Stan Griggs MO	8	7	488	498	790	63.03%	
10 th	Randy Hudson SC	6	9	503	607	924	65.69%	
11 th	Charles Killgore MO	6	9	404	490	818	59.90%	
12 th	Terry Hudson SC	5	10	413	450	748	60.16%	
13 th	Jerry Dumsorff IL	4	11	392	507	834	60.79%	
14 th	Robert Booe KS	3	12	381	473	802	58.97%	
15 th	Mark Mauthe WI	3	12	356	442	782	56.52%	
16 th	M.O. Turner MO	2	13	320	372	688	54.06%	



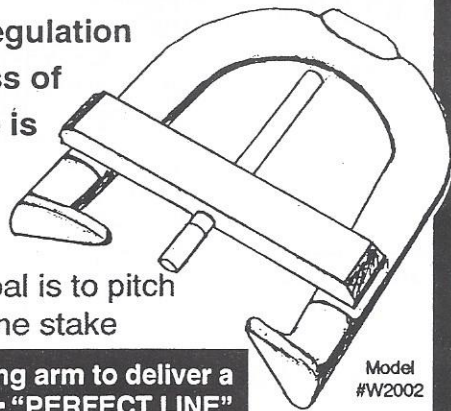
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Submitted by Rick Durkit, President & T/D

The Phoenix - Mesa Horseshoe Pitchers Club held their 2nd Annual Charity Tournament. We raised \$500.00 for the MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION. There were 28 players and all were treated to lunch by the P.M.H.P.C. Half of the players were from the Apache Trail Park League, which we are going to try to recruit as new members for NHPA.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and said that they will be back next year. The PMHPC hopefully can double our contribution next year.

**NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION
2004 TOURNAMENTS AND LEAGUES**

REGION	STATE	# Tournaments Scheduled	Cancelled /Voided	Not Reported	# Tournaments Reported	# Leagues Reported	TOTAL EVENTS REPORTED
01	Washington	001 thru 036	7		29	0	29
02	Oregon	001 thru 037	2		35	0	35
03	No. California	001 thru 145	17		128	5	133
04	So. California	001 thru 114	10		104	5	109
06	Hawaii	001 thru 021	3		18	3	21
07	Nevada	001 thru 012	1		11	1	12
08	Idaho	001 thru 032	1		31	1	32
09	Utah	001 thru 052	0		52	1	53
10	Arizona	001 thru 034	2		32	0	32
11	Montana	001 thru 045	8		37	0	37
12	Wyoming	001 thru 020	0	2	18	1	19
13	Colorado	001 thru 032	0		32	15	47
14	New Mexico	001 thru 016	1		15	0	15
15	North Dakota	001 thru 026	0		26	8	34
16	South Dakota	001 thru 017	0		17	3	20
17	Nebraska	001 thru 047	1		46	5	51
18	Kansas	001 thru 047	1		46	6	52
19	Missouri	001 thru 100	6		94	26	120
20	Oklahoma	001 thru 023	1		22	8	30
21	Arkansas	001 thru 027	1		26	2	28
22	Texas	001 thru 047	3		44	15	59
23	Minnesota	001 thru 050	3		47	54	101
24	Iowa	001 thru 064	11		53	3	56
25	Mississippi	---	0		0	1	1
26	Alabama	001 thru 025	0		25	0	25
27	Louisiana	001 thru 030	1		29	15	44
28	Wisconsin	001 thru 057	5		52	26	78
29	Illinois	001 thru 065	16		49	15	64
30	Michigan	001 thru 081	5		76	4	80
31	Indiana	001 thru 057	4		53	11	64
32	Kentucky	001 thru 018	5		13	3	16
33	Tennessee	001 thru 045	2		43	2	45
34	Georgia	001 thru 020	0		20	7	27
35	Florida(93 events)	043 thru 039	8		85	7	92
36	Ohio	001 thru 059	5		54	32	86
37	West Virginia	001 thru 022	1		21	1	22
38	Virginia	001 thru 034	2		32	7	39
39	Pennsylvania	001 thru 060	5		55	2	57
40	North Carolina	001 thru 039	0	1	38	0	38
41	South Carolina	001 thru 031	1		30	0	30
42	Maryland	001 thru 012	2		10	6	16
43	Delaware	100 thru 107	1		6	0	6
44	New York	001 thru 037	0		37	5	42
45	Maine	001 thru 007	0		7	0	7
46	Vermont	001 thru 013	1		12	1	13
47	New Hampshire	001 thru 009	1		8	3	11
48	Massachusetts	001 thru 012	1		11	4	15
49	Connecticut	001 thru 027	1		26	5	31
50	Rhode Island	001 thru 003	1		2	0	2
51	New Jersey	001 thru 049	3		46	3	49
52	Alaska	001 thru 012	0		12	2	14

TOTALS	1968	150	3	1815	324	2139
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR@

Dear Paula,

I noticed that on the 4th row right after Dan Beshore, that is Ray Bechtel instead of Ray Plute.

Ray Bechtel is from my area that is why I recognized him.

Thank you
Harold Clippinger

Editor's note: In the last issue, we had identified Ray Bechtel (stating that we were not positive) as being in the front row, fifth from the right. As Mr. Clippinger has notified us that Ray Bechtel is in fact in the 4th row, 7th from the right, perhaps Ray Plute is the man in the first row? If anyone can confirm this, please drop me a note.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 2005

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: bratlnd@aol.com

AUGUST 2005

15th

Iowa State Fair Midwest Senior Classic, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA NHPA Sanctioned. Must be 60 years of age by August 15th. Over \$1800 spent on awards each year. Entry deadline: August 11th (No late entries please) Registration Fee: \$15, Championship \$20. (Will be notified when you play) Send entry fee of \$15 to Dave Sidles 2816 Pinehurst Circle, Ames, IA 50014. Phone (515) 233-1394 Email: dsidles@mchsi.com Include with fee name, complete mailing address, phone number, gender, NHPA card number and pitching distance. Tournament Director, Danny Sease phone: (515) 285-0131 or email: ddsease@msn.com ask for flyer of all events.

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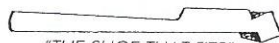
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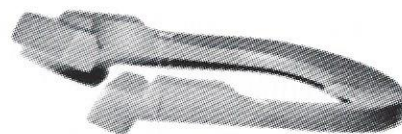


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Len Hofmann
North Dakota

Len Hofmann, age 70, Bismarck, North Dakota died February 15, 2005 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Diane, one son Lon and two daughters Debbie (Dean) Wolf, Robin (Bob) Weimer and three grandchildren. Len retired from the Agricultural Research Service in 1994.

Len began his fascination with horseshoes in 1967 when as a graduate student he watched Danny Kuchcinski become World Champion when Fargo hosted the World Tournament. In 1974, Len and his family moved to Bismarck and he began his 30-year commitment to his favorite pastime and sport. The first thing to add to the backyard was horseshoe courts and he was ready to go.

The Bismarck Horseshoe Club benefited from Len's passion. He served as President, Treasurer, Secretary, League Statistician and Tournament Manager. In 1978 Len became active in the State Association when he was elected to the Board of Directors followed by Secretary/Treasurer position from 1985-1990. He was instrumental in updating the NDHPA Constitution and By-laws and encouraging members to join the NHPA. He was also a delegate to several NHPA business meetings.

Len pitched in the Bismarck League for 25 years and pitched in over 160 tournament throughout the state. Len threw a $\frac{3}{4}$ -turn shoe that was described as a "lame duck". Many pitchers would comment that he would be easy to beat because a shoe like that could not keep hitting the stake. Len pitched in

several World Tournaments winning the Class C Senior Division in 1995. In 1996, Len was inducted into the NDHP Hall of Fame. That same year he achieved a 20-year goal by winning the North Dakota Class A Men's Championship. In 2004, Len finished his horseshoe career winning the North Dakota State Elder Championship and the Bismarck League Men's Class A with his partner Justin Sipma.

Joe B. Morgan
Bradenton, Florida

Joe passed away March 3, 2005 two weeks after making a short appearance at his last NHPA sanctioned Tournament, The JOE MORGAN OPEN. He enjoyed a short visit with a fellow Indiana Pitcher, Mark Seibold, and was greeted by many.

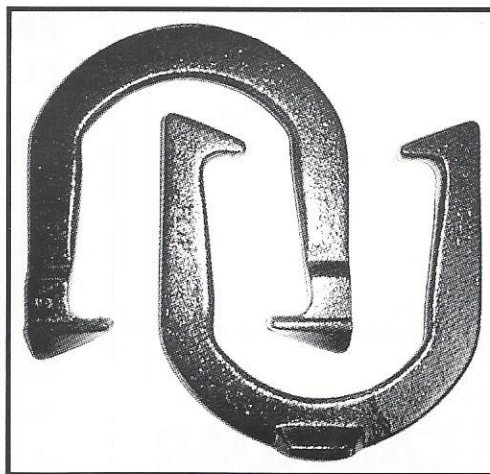
Joe moved to Florida in 1975 and joined the Bradenton Horseshoe

Club in 1976. Joe received the NHPA Director of the Year award in 1991. He was inducted into the Florida State Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall Of Fame in 1992. He was an active member of the BHC serving not only as league Director, but as First Vice President. Joe's NHPA Sanctioned League introduced many pitchers to the NHPA, including myself, and has set high standards for our future league directors. The BHC was very fortunate when Joe moved to Bradenton, for he brought a lot of experience from his home town of Scottsburg, Indiana. He helped formed the Scottsburg Horseshoe Club, served as President for ten years and built four courts in Beechwood Park. The BHC and the NHPA lost a true friend.

He is survived by his wife of 63 year, Marjorie Little Morgan.

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	Adults 2004	Jr's 2004	Adults 2003	Jr's 2003	Adults +/-	Jr's +/-	2005 Delegates	% Increase	% Decrease
TOTALS	12655	975	12643	984	12	-9	153	0.09%	
ALABAMA	95	13	80	17	15	4	1	18.75%	
ALASKA	30	0	60	0	-20	0	1		40.00%
ARIZONA	137	0	141	0	4	0	2		-2.84%
ARKANSAS	116	11	118	16	-3	-6	2		-2.54%
CALIFORNIA N.	476	26	499	37	-24	-11	5		4.81%
CALIFORNIA S.	413	40	402	37	11	3	6	2.74%	
CANADA	9	0	8	0	1	0	1	12.60%	
COLORADO	377	21	424	23	47	-2	4		-11.08%
CONNECTICUT	448	12	299	17	149	-6	5	49.83%	
DELAWARE	102	3	25	0	77	3	2	308.00%	
FLORIDA	425	18	401	22	24	4	6	5.99%	
GEORGIA	118	11	125	16	-7	-6	2		-5.60%
GERMANY	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
HAWAII	118	2	117	2	1	0	2	0.85%	
IDAHO	223	9	278	14	-66	-6	3		-19.78%
ILLINOIS	445	42	459	48	-14	-6	5		-3.05%
INDIANA	369	21	384	18	-16	3	4		-3.91%
IOWA	245	18	260	16	-16	3	3		-5.77%
JAPAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
KANSAS	266	40	201	28	64	12	3	31.84%	
KENTUCKY	102	4	107	4	-6	0	2		4.67%
LOUISIANA	263	2	263	6	0	4	3	0.00%	
MAINE	82	4	82	7	0	-3	1	0.00%	
MARYLAND	175	5	192	6	-17	-1	2		-8.85%
MASSACHUSETTS	268	10	301	9	-33	1	3		-10.96%
MICHIGAN	262	19	227	20	36	-1	3	15.42%	
MINNESOTA	958	106	948	106	10	0	10	1.05%	
MISSISSIPPI	19	0	27	1	-8	-1	1		-29.63%
MISSOURI	824	57	867	69	43	-2	9		4.96%
MONTANA	98	4	96	4	2	0	1	2.08%	
N. CAROLINA	202	19	214	16	-12	3	3		-5.61%
N. DAKOTA	275	41	259	40	16	1	3	6.18%	
N. HAMPSHIRE	94	4	99	3	-6	1	1		-5.05%
NEBRASKA E.	170	19	166	15	4	4	2	2.41%	
NEBRASKA W.	52	6	66	3	4	3	1		-7.14%
NEVADA	116	12	99	4	17	8	2	17.17%	
NEW JERSEY	210	9	223	9	-13	0	3		-5.83%
NEW MEXICO	68	5	73	8	-6	-3	1		-6.85%
NEW YORK	391	32	418	53	-27	-21	4		-6.46%
OHIO	670	47	720	33	-50	14	7		-6.94%
OKLAHOMA	135	37	132	27	3	10	2	2.27%	
OREGON	169	10	153	8	16	2	2	10.46%	
PENNSYLVANIA E.	160	1	182	2	-22	-1	2		-12.09%
PENNSYLVANIA W.	207	13	244	16	-37	-3	2		-15.16%
RHODE ISLAND	39	2	35	2	4	0	1	11.43%	
S. CAROLINA	112	17	89	10	23	7	2	25.84%	
S. DAKOTA	98	19	86	21	13	-2	1	15.29%	
TENNESSEE	130	8	126	4	4	4	2	3.17%	
TEXAS	483	45	483	37	0	8	5	0.00%	
UTAH N.	55	8	44	2	11	6	1	25.00%	
UTAH S.	47	1	47	1	0	0	1	0.00%	
VERMONT	114	17	119	12	-6	-5	2		4.20%
VIRGINIA	238	19	239	38	-1	-19	3		-0.42%
WASHINGTON	192	11	205	18	-13	-7	2		-6.34%
WASHINGTON DC	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
WEST VIRGINIA	190	19	185	23	5	4	2	2.70%	
WISCONSIN	485	55	477	44	8	11	5	1.68%	
WYOMING	91	2	88	4	3	-2	1	3.41%	

HAPPENINGS IN IDAHO

by Don Titcomb

I would like to bring you up to date on happenings since I have moved to Idaho. One of the first things I did was to contact Jerry Smith, Northern California officer of the Yolo Club, who moved here a few years ago. We got together and we are involved in starting a new club here called the Treasure Valley Horseshoe Club. We have had two meetings with a dozen members; I have gotten the names of another dozen interested when new courts are built.

I went to the Parks and Recreation Department supervisor here in Meridian and he said they will have courts in a new park that is being built here; a 22 acre park with many facilities. I gave him some court plans that have been used by other cities. I hope they will allow the overheads at each end. I then went to the local state fair office and spoke with the events manager and she will allow my "pitch and win program". It will run ten days and I have a sponsor or two already.

I have pitched in two tournaments and met Jerry Opper and Joe Campbell. Jerry was in the 70's and Joe and I was in the 60's; a nice turn out.

I also was contacted by the Del Mar Fair in California. They want the "pitch and win program". During the 22 days, over a million people attend; it is a lot of work and responsibilities to get enough people to help. Everyone loves to play, but to spend a day working a booth for the game of horseshoes is something else. I don't know why it is so important to me, it always has been. I can't say no; so here goes a two-thousand mile drive. I will pay some of my grandsons to help and I am running an ad in the San Diego paper offering free tickets and spending money to students if they will work a four or eight hour shift. I have to give an exhibition each day on top of that... I am eighty-one now and thank God, still fairly healthy, I don't look forward to driving that many miles, but to hear some of the mothers at the fair say, "This booth has made our fair, thank you".

I also gave a Demo out on the track last year with my daughter Patricia helping. I made two out of four over her lying on a blanket; three out of four throwing through a hoop and four out of four with Patricia lying on the blanket again. I don't think I have ever given a better one, under those conditions. Cowboy boots, standing on and in the turf with little or no warm up; 75% average with over 25,000 people watching.

I do the "pitch and win", regardless of how many people or families sign up. To have that many people see that horseshoes is still alive and that there are clubs in the area, to me, is more important than State or national tournaments. I remember playing in the Pleasanton World Tournament in California and running a "pitch and win program" in San Jose at the same time, 35 miles away. I also had to give three demos a day. It was one of the most successful World Tournaments. It made money, (and by the way, I won the Intermediate World Tournament championship that year.) Anyway, I hope and pray, whenever God calls me, that some one will step up to the plate and say how can I help? Is there some one who will answer the call? I hope so.

I hope I don't sound like I am the only one who loves the game or who promotes the game, I am referring only to the programs I offer. I will be rooming at the W.T. again, with MY friend Ottie Reno (HE HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR THE GAME)...

Yours in horseshoes
Don Titcomb

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Good luck to all the pitchers traveling to Bakersfield, California for the World Tournament. The next Newline is the special World Tournament issue and will be mailed out later than normal due to the extended deadline for WT articles and results.

BYLAWS

by Bonnie Seibold

Question:

How do I get to be a delegate to the NHPA Convention?

Answer:

The delegate body is made up of the following:

A Charter will be entitled to convention delegates based upon the previous years adult membership as follows:

Members	Delegates	Member	Delegates
25-100	1	601-700	7
101-200	2	701-800	8
201-300	3	801-900	9
301-400	4	901-1000	10
401-500	5	1001-1100	11
501-600	6	1101-1200	12

Further expansion of the above will continue in increments of 1 per 100.

Delegates are chosen in a manner that the Charter Officers decide. The Charter President must provide to the NHPA President, at least 72 hours prior to the start of the convention, a written and signed list of delegates which names the delegation Chairman.

Each charter that has presented an accepted delegation list is allowed to vote its maximum delegate votes based on the previous years ending membership report, even if the charter is represented by only a single delegate.

Charters with no appointed delegates to convention have no vote. States or Countries without a Charter, but with NHPA membership, may be represented in total, by one delegate appointed by the NHPA President. Such a representative can speak at the convention, but can not vote on any matters except the World Tournament site.

A delegate must be a member in good standing of the NHPA and a resident of the Charter which he represents.

The Charter Delegation Chairman must be a current subscriber of the NHPA Newsline magazine.

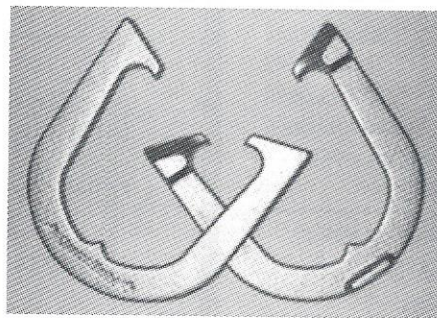
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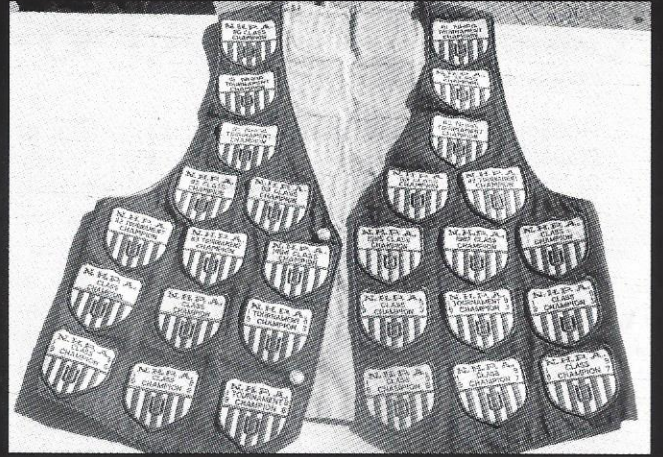
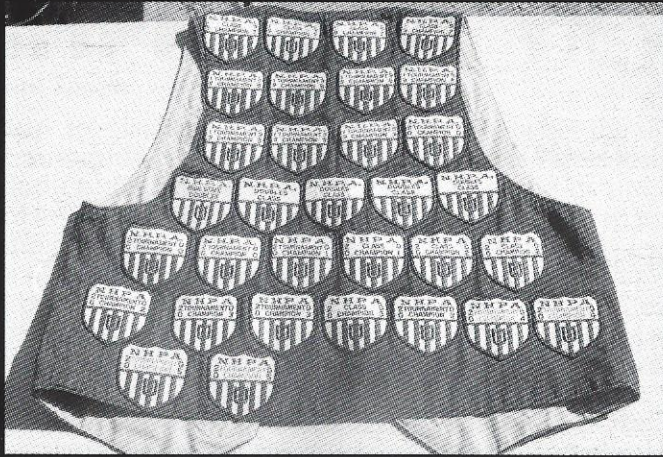
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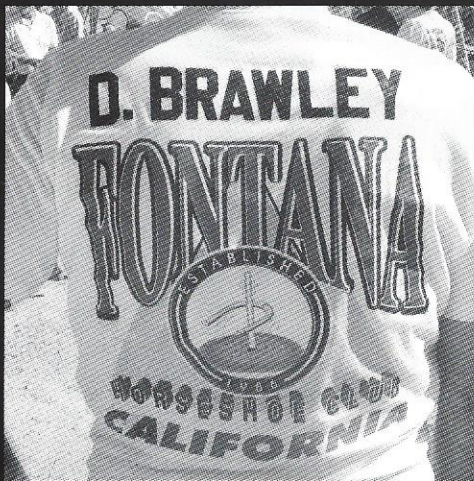
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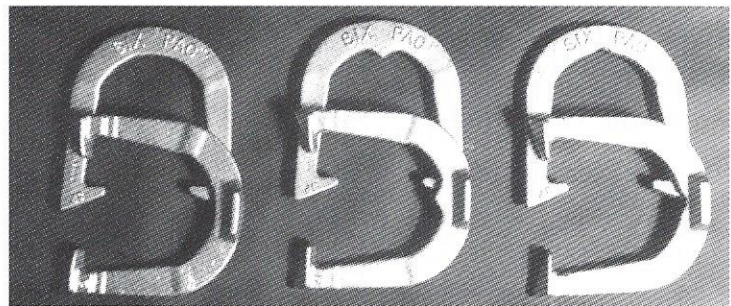
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NATSTATS *by Glenn Jaimeson*

It's a busy time of year right now with all the tournament and league results being received, plus checking all the World Tournament entries to verify that they qualify to enter and pitch in the World.

A reminder to all you "old timers" and to all you NEW pitchers; you can check your individual pitching record for the last 12 months on the NHPA web page.

Go to horseshoepitching.com - - put your mouse on NATSTATS - - then click on Individual Search - - enter your 6 digit NHPA card number or last name and click on SEARCH or hit ENTER. This file is updated twice a month, usually the first and third week of the month, normally by Thursday. Check the date at the top of the file to see what day the file was made. If you notice any errors - please check with that Tournament Director or your state person that submits results and they can send me a correction.

Also under NATSTATS you can click on CHARTER to get averages from any state. This file is updated every week, usually Wednesday evening.

Tournament and League Directors need to check card numbers for every pitcher. I have been receiving results with many WRONG or NO card number. Results with no card number go on a sheet of paper until such time that I do get a card number.

So if some of the new people do not see their name in the list of averages for their state, it might be that I don't have a card number for that person yet. I do write back to the states to try to get card numbers, but sometimes I get an answer back such as - "Don't know this person", or "This person hasn't bought a card this year" or "Haven't gotten the money yet", etc.

We have over 12,000 pitchers entering some 2,100+ Tournaments and Leagues each year, so each minor mistake with a wrong card number or name that does not match my NATSTATS files takes time to check it out to see what the "difference" is. When submitting results in computer format, try to have the pitcher's name listed the same way as it is listed on the NHPA web page for your state averages. If you wish to change your files with the spelling of a name, let me know I will change my files to match yours. That way when submitting results by computer file that name will not come up as "different" and I won't have to check it out and the information will import quickly.

There are some Regional Directors that have not sent me their Tournament Schedule yet. I need to know your sanction numbers and what tournaments they go with.

It's almost World Tournament time. If it goes like it did at the California State Tournament last Labor Day, the pitching arenas will be cool. The air conditioning DID WORK - almost too good. I hope you all got your entries in on time and we will see you in Bakersfield.

Have fun!

STEWLIES NOOZ

By Gene Burlingame

Hi Stewlies:

I want to send a big thank you to all of you for sending emails, cards and good wishes to our fellow Stewlies whenever one of them is in need of cheer at any time we ask you to.

Cheer, sympathy, shoulders to lean on, hugs or whatever, are greatly appreciated. I have received some very touching emails and calls with thanks, saying how much they really appreciate what we do. There are too many to mention, but I just wanted to make sure you know what it means to the Stewlies that receive them.

Thank you very much. We are all becoming very good friends. Ain't it amazing and wonderful??? And I'm sure more to come in Bakersfield; we are heading over the 700 mark.

"It's a STEWLIE Thing" And we hope you keep sending those well wishes when we ask.
Thanks STEWLIES

I have one more thing to ask of you. We have about 100 Stewlies that do not hear from us because they have changed email addresses and we don't have the right one. If you are one of these Stewlies please drop me an email with your new email. Or if you know of any, tell them to get with it. "That ain't a stewlie thing" or else the Stewlie Exec Council will get them. And the two gals on the Council ain't to be messed with. Grin!!!! Thanks

And to ya'll that are going to Bakersfield, please pack your ribbons and card and Stewlie button so we can greet and meet. Just takes a minute or two. Really something ain't it???

This Stewlie thing has taken off like crazy. Maybe another surprise on the way soon!!!

We are STEWLIES. One to Another. WOW!!!

Burly and Paul (Da prezz and The Original)

TEAM-WORLD by Jim Haupt

Colorado walks with the Team-World title for the third time. Emphatically in their final game against the formidable team of Michigan, the Colorado gang won all four face-offs.

In that last game, Paul LaCrosse, Colorado, was destroying Judy Curtiss of Michigan. It was well into the game when a spontaneous cheer went up from the crowd. Curtiss, the only pitcher winning all of her preliminary games had just broken the spell of double zeros preceding her name. Sure, La Crosse really smoked her with 33/40 ringers but Curtiss did get on the board.

Upon receiving the Team-World trophy, LaCrosse took the mike to publicly announce that Tony Piaz has now won four T-W play-off games and, that Rich Pintor's string of 11 T-W play-off wins is unbroken. Michigan's Larry Kemp is the last who can attest to Pintor's record.

Michigan became a threat to the winner's circle when they started bringing Judy Curtiss. This was their best finish at Team-World. Jim Wiltse held up his end for the MI team being number 12 in the percentage race. Clayton Bonham, Michigan's fourth team member contributed some pivotal games.

With 20 teams entering the T-W this year, the finish was new; only five went to the finals.

Sandy Janssens, Lucille Leis, Stan Leis, and Kevin McLachlin made up the Ontario team finishing a solid number three. Lucille was the 15th ranking finisher with an excess of 69%.

The defending champions, Tennessee and the Illinois teams pitched to a flat out match game tie, two games each, 110 points each and 97 ringers each. For the first time the Team-World called a tie to share fourth place. The last cash award, 6th, went to Missouri.

Team -World always enjoys some VIP visitors. Burly and Paul Stewart have been regular spectators for a few years. Burly says the Stewlies are pushing 700 nutty members which, incidentally, is the price of a pair of the new Stewlie shoes, (\$688). Second pair is about \$50.

This time some people were noticed for not attending. Dale Lipovsky, did not pitch for the first time in 21 years. MN missed the finals. Wisconsin's big average pitcher, Gert Wilcziek, was in attendance but out with a hurting back. WI also missed the finals. TN signed on Shannon

Foster at the last moment, but could not live up to his ordinary overpowering game.

The normal 24 team schedule was reduced to 20. The Ohio team with the Francis family was missing.

Cliff Baker of Illinois, rivaling Dale Lipovsky for consistent Team-World pitching, asked if we knew how many all 40' teams have claimed the Team trophy. Just one, was his quick response, Illinois, back at the Pitchin' Palace.

Nowadays even the Team World is tabulated by computer, but the event retains some of the imprint of Ralph Dykes, heavy on charts. John Secord was caught doing a 'like Dykes', color-coding results of team match-ups. Jeff Secord, stats, delivered constant team standings and individual percentages to Terry Sternberg for the big boards. Team-World definitely carries on the Dykes tradition of the big signboards.

2005 TEAM WORLD RESULTS

Rounds Completed : 41 38 Total Rounds in Prelims.

Team	Wins	Rds	Ringer %	70% +
1- Colorado	64.5	20	66.75%	33
2- Michigan	60	22	59.66%	26
3- Ontario	60	21	63.66%	26
4T- Tennessee	58.5	21	66.73%	39
4T- Illinois # 1	61	21	61.16%	21
6- Missouri # 1	53.5	19	60.92%	16
7- Minnesota # 1	50	19	58.13%	10
8- Missouri # 2	46	19	58.62%	13
9- Wisconsin # 1	45	19	56.15%	10
10- Minnesota # 2	32	19	51.78%	2
11- Wisconsin # 2	32	19	49.80%	3
12- Minnesota # 3	29.5	19	48.59%	6
13- Wisconsin # 3	28.5	19	45.59%	1
14- Indiana	26	19	49.87%	6
15- Missouri # 3	26	19	44.97%	4
16- Missouri # 4	25	19	46.48%	1
17- Iowa	23.5	19	43.22%	0
18- Illinois # 3	22	19	46.64%	0
19- Illinois # 2	20	19	46.05%	1
20- Missouri # 5	17	19	39.38%	0

Finals

Ontario def. Tennessee 98-94 total points (2 games each tie)
Michigan def. Illinois # 1 112-84 (2 games-each tie)

Illinois # 1 tied Tennessee 110-110 & 97 ringers each
TEAMS FINISHED TIED FOR 4th PLACE

Michigan def. Ontario 3 games to 1

Colorado def. Michigan 4 games to 0
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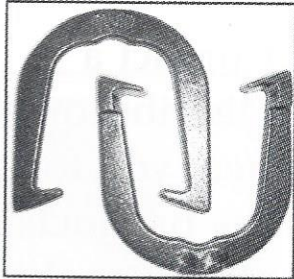


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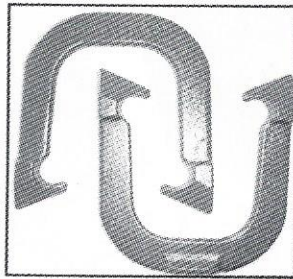


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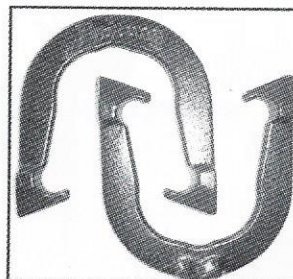
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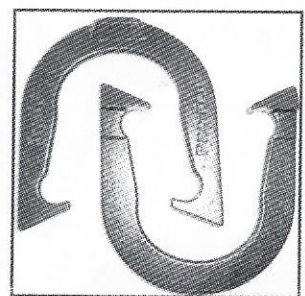
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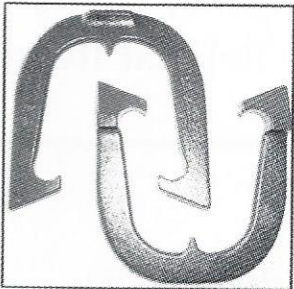
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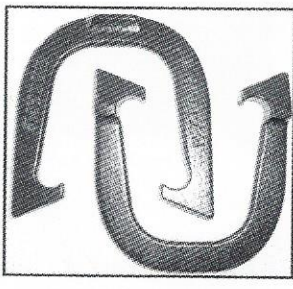
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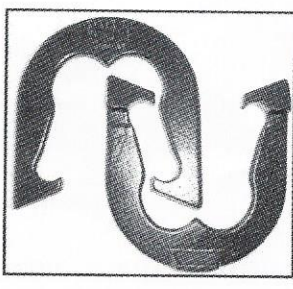
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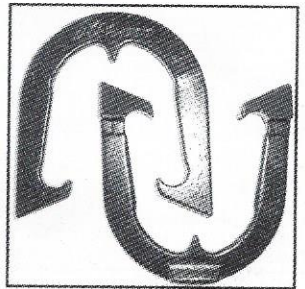
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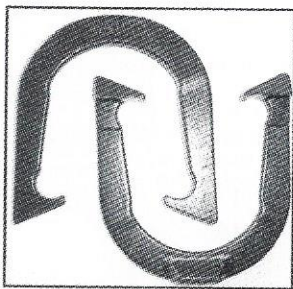
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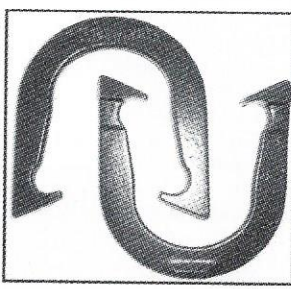
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