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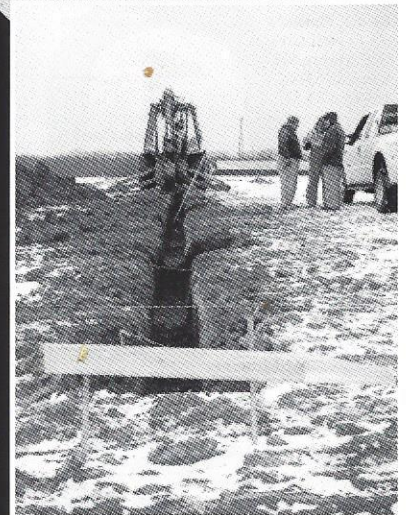
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Paul Stewart

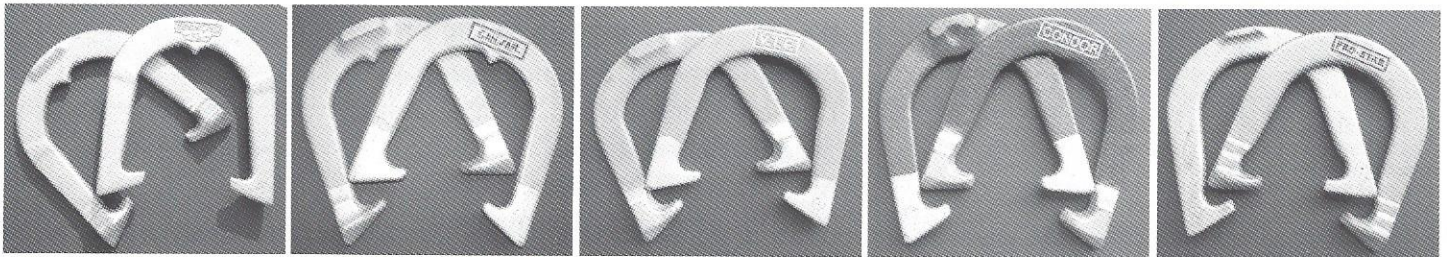
The NHPA Council recently held its annual winter meeting January 19th & 20th in Ardmore, Oklahoma, location of our 2007 World Tournament. We arrived in Ardmore a few days after a big snow, sleet and ice storm. Most of us came by air through Dallas or Oklahoma City (the mileage is almost the same distance to Ardmore from either city). Most of us had some weather delays, but we all made it there safe. We kept an eye on the forecast while there, because the forecast was calling for snow/sleet, but we got lucky and it was all rain in Ardmore Friday and Saturday. On Sunday morning we awoke to a beautiful sunny day, but on the way back to Oklahoma City to catch our flight back home Stu Sipma and I did see several accidents from ice covered bridges. I was assured by the shuttle bus driver that when we return in July that the thermometer will be on the opposite end.

We covered a lot of NHPA business in the two days of meetings and also met with Mita Bates with the Chamber of Commerce and Mike Reding, President of the Lake County Horseshoe Pitchers Association and Tina Hawkins, President of the Oklahoma Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Several OKHPA officers and local club officers were unable to attend because of illness or weather related problems. We made an onsite visit to Hardy Murphy Coliseum and the Ardmore Convention Center where we found both locations very spacious and capable of hosting a great 2007 World Tournament. Oh! By the way, both locations have refrigerated air conditioning.

The 2008 World Horseshoe Tournament was awarded to York, Pennsylvania. For more details see Stu's article on the World Tournament Update elsewhere in this issue. I

will not go over each item that we discussed or ruled on at our meeting in detail in this article. I will try to cover some of the important subjects that are not covered by other Council members articles. More details of our meeting are in articles by all other Council members in this issue of Newsline. (World Tournament Update, by Stu Sipma) (2007 World Tournament Entry Form & Entry Fee, by Dick Hansen) (Rules Committee Business, Official Rules Change Proposals for 2007, by Jerry LaBrosse) (Publicity Promotions, by Casey Sluys) (Sanctioned Club/League Report, by Lorraine Sternberg) (NHPA Grievance Committee, NHPA Playing Rules Committee by Jerry LaBrosse) (Regional Directors Report, by Dan Sanders).

The NHPA Council has made their decision for Game Related Sales. Game Related Sales will be run by the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club in St. Charles County Missouri where eventually all of the storage, shipping and sales will be done from the New Hall of Fame building once it is completed. Roy Evans will be the new Director & National Buyer for Game Related Sales. We had hoped that we could delay this move out until the completion of the New Hall of Fame building so we wouldn't have to move the inventory twice, but circumstances have changed and we are now proceeding to make the move as soon as possible. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is now making preparations for getting everything set up and then moving the inventory to a temporary location where they will operate out of until the Hall of Fame building is completed. We appreciate the patience and understanding from all of the Game Related Distributors during these transactions. We would also like to say thanks to K&S Fuel, Jason Kosky and Ron Truman for helping us through these unexpected circumstances.



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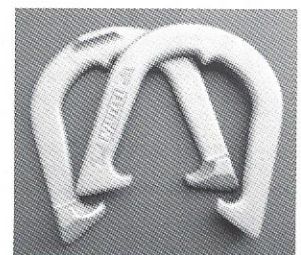
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by Dave Loucks

I'm writing this article a couple of weeks early as Cathie and I plan to join some other snowbirds in Arizona where we hope to find some warmer weather for a few weeks. Because of this early writing, not all of you who sent in contributions or brick orders in January will be mentioned here. I'll pick up the late January and February mail when I get back and those contributors will be acknowledged in the next issue.

The Commemorative Brick program continues to bring in some badly needed revenue for the Wentzville Hall of Fame building project. If you haven't yet ordered a brick, please put it on your list of things to do in the next 2-3 months. By the time you read this, the Commemorative Brick plaza outside the Hall of Fame Building should be finished and the first ordered bricks scheduled for engraving. The plaza has been arranged so most States will have a specific assigned area for bricks ordered by people from that State. We are also encouraging Charters to undertake a program to order bricks for all their State Hall of Fame members. Many, especially those who are deceased, have no extended family still involved with the NHPA. It would be nice to have all Charters attempt to contact some relation to see if they might want their family member recognized and forever remembered by purchasing an engraved brick at the Commemorative Brick plaza. One Charter has already notified us that they intend to purchase a brick for all of their more than 70 State Hall of Fame members. It's a great way to show support for the sport and give recognition to those who were the horseshoe pitching or administrative leaders in your State.

We have an offer on the Joelton farmland, the last NHPF owned parcel in Tennessee. We hope this sale, which is subject to some contingencies will be closed as the funds will be needed to complete the Wentzville building project that continues to bring escalating construction costs. We had hoped for a May 2007 opening but that now looks to be optimistic as a severe winter ice storm and some hang-ups with the county have caused

some unexpected delays. You can log on to the NHPA website, www.horseshoepitching.com and click on the NHPF link to view some photos of the HOF construction progress.

Don't forget that the NHPF still needs your cash contributions to continue its work in grant and educational programs. Any donation amount would be appreciated. All brick orders and donations are to be sent the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

For the Month of December and through the 20th of January, the NHPF deposited just over \$10,300 received through contributions and brick orders from the following.

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2. MO	99 188	\$24,925
3. TN	31 64	\$20,902
4. NC	27 144	\$16,026
5. MN	43 235	\$15,793
6. OR	23 88	\$12,484
7. WI	33 115	\$10,677
8. MI	49 122	\$9,890
9. CO	25 71	\$7,759
10. FL	48 74	\$7,138
11. GA	17 23	\$7,070
12. IL	47 87	\$5,868
13. WA	33 64	\$5,710
14. OH	58 91	\$5,336
15. MA	11 17	\$5,230

HALL OF FAME

by Vicki Winston

Did anyone save any of that heat from last summer? It would sure be welcome after the weeks of ice that we've had on the ground in our area. It's very easy to go ice skating right now WITHOUT SKATES!! Hopefully by the time you read this, the ice will be long gone.

I know that the Hall of Fame Committee will probably be finished with their voting by the time you are reading these words. We are voting a month earlier this year. However, we have made an addition to our voting procedure. If a category goes two consecutive years without someone receiving 20% of the total points voted in that category, we are going to take a second ballot. That ballot will consist of only the five names that received the most points in their category on the first ballot. On the second ballot, only the person who receives the most points in their category will be declared elected. Therefore, with that in mind, I thought I would let you see the list of nominees for the 2007 ballot. We know that at least one person from the Player category and one person from the Promoter/Organizer category will be elected this year.

You can compare the list of nominees with the list of inductees on the HOF link of the NHPA web site. If you know of a deserving person whose name does not appear on either list, then you have until the end of January 2008 to send in their nomination. Any member or club may submit a nomination. Thank you to the folks who took the time and effort to submit new nominations since the voting last year. Here is the list of nominees on the ballot for 2007. A few names are from way back in the early history of the NHPA.

PLAYER

Harold Anthony
Ed Arionus
Charles Bobbitt
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Tom Brownell
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RULES COMMITTEE BUSINESS *by Jerry LaBrosse*

The following proposed Rules changes were submitted by NHPA members prior to the December 31st deadline and have been reviewed and approved by the NHPA Executive Council for consideration and voting by the Delegates at the 2007 Convention at Ardmore, Oklahoma later this year. These proposed Rules are being published here as required by the NHPA Bylaws.

I would also like to announce that the NHPA Council will be asking that the voting on these proposed Rules changes be deferred until the 2009 Convention for the following reasons.

- The new RGS Book was almost unanimously adopted at last year's Convention and since that time, the membership seems very pleased with it, based on the feedback we have received.
- This would allow us to use the current RGS book for 2 more years before we would have to reprint and distribute it, which is much more costly than our earlier Rules booklet.

Taking this a step further, the NHPA Council would also like to propose that the voting cycle for our Rules and Bylaws be extended to every three years, beginning in 2008. If approved, the schedule for voting on proposed Bylaws changes would be in 2008, then again in 2011, etc. and the schedule for voting on proposed RGS changes would be in 2009, then again in 2012, etc. The reasoning behind this proposal is that we've just spent a tremendous amount of time and effort to "clean up" our Rules and Bylaws, and we feel we now have a very complete and efficient document. As already mentioned, it's very expensive to print and distribute these booklets around the country, so is it really necessary to do this every year? I personally feel that we have better places to use our time and resources. We welcome your input on these ideas at any time prior to the convention in Ardmore.

Official Rules Change Proposals for 2007

Rule 3, Sec. C.1

Currently reads:

Section C. Delivery of Shoes

1. The contestant pitching first shall deliver both shoes (one at a time) and then the other contestant shall deliver both shoes (one at a time). A contestant may deliver the shoes from either the left or right pitching platform, but in any one inning, both shoes must be delivered from the same platform. A contestant shall pitch the entire tournament with the same hand or arm, except in the case of a medical emergency (to be determined by the Tournament/League Officials).

Change to read:

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1. The contestant pitching first shall deliver both shoes (one at a time) and then the other contestant shall deliver both shoes (one at a time). A contestant may deliver the shoes from either the left or right pitching platform, but in any one inning both shoes must be delivered from the same platform. A contestant may pitch with either hand/arm, but must use that same hand/arm for the entire game, except in the case of a medical emergency (to be determined by the Tournament/League Officials).

Reason:

Rules do allow using different "turns", pitching from different platforms, using different shoes, and pitching with either foot forward during the same tournament; all of which could affect the pitcher's performance, so why not allow pitchers to switch pitching arms?

RULE 1, Section A-1 first paragraph

Currently reads:

1. Junior Cadets (any pitcher nine (9) years old or under for the entire calendar year)

Change to read:

1. Junior Cadets (any pitcher ten (10) years old or under for the entire calendar year)

Reason:

Thirty feet is too far for many 10 year olds. It is not good to get them interested and then move them back where they get discouraged.

RULE 1, Section A -2 and 3 (first paragraph of each)

Currently reads:

2. Junior Boys (any male pitcher eighteen (18) years old or younger for the entire calendar year)

3. Junior Girls (any female pitcher eighteen (18) years old or younger for the entire calendar year)

Change to Read:

2. Junior Boys (any male pitcher seventeen (17) years old or younger for the entire calendar year)

3. Junior Girls (any female pitcher seventeen (17) years old or younger for the entire calendar year)

Reason:

The official legal turning point for "adulthood" is generally 18 years of age for many things across the country. Things like smoking, military service, legal

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guardianship, drinking (in some states), gambling, etc., are all permitted at the age of 18. The current rules allow for a junior to pitch at short distance through the year of their 18th birthday, which could be a day short of their 19th birthday.

RULE 11, Section F, 4th sentence

Currently reads:

Rule 7 Section C – Handicap Rotation

Any game played under any kind of handicap system shall use one of the alternate – pitch formats, described above in Section A-2

Rule 11 Section F - Handicapping

Handicapping may be used in open tournaments and in league play. The Tournament/League Officials shall determine the amount of the handicap. Class winners will be determined by win/loss record or by total points. An alternate-pitch format shall be used. For the breaking of ties, the options in Section B (above) may apply, except that ringer percentage shall not be used. Game handicapping shall not be used in any World, National, or Regional Tournament or in the Championship Class of a designated Division of any State Championship Tournament.

Change To Read:

Entirely Delete Rule 7 Section C

Deleted 4th sentence of Rule 11 Section F

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Reason:

Alternate first pitch is already required for all count-all scoring (RULE 7, Section B) and permitted in any cancellation tournament (RULE 7, Section A- 2). It should not be required for handicapped cancellation. We are all accustomed to pitching first when we score using cancellation. The current rule disrupts the flow of the game for both players. We have run several handicapped tournaments and the stats show lower percentages for almost all players when using alternate first pitch. If the tournament director feels the higher player has an unfair advantage, he would still have the option for alternate first pitch or he could just use a higher handicap percentage.

RULE 7, Section D-Pacer Rotation (change to C if former C is omitted)

Currently reads:

If a pacer is used, the pacer will always pitch last; for all innings (see GUIDELINES PART I #5 for additional information about pacers).

Change to read:

If a pacer is used, the scheduled player may pitch first every inning or let first pitch be determined by the same method as the rest of the event if he or she desires. (See GUIDELINES PART I, #5 for additional information about pacers).

Reason:

To force the player to pitch first is a distraction to some. I see no reason to force the scheduled player to pitch first.



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SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT by Lorraine Sternberg

We have just finished with our annual winter council meeting. I feel it was a very good meeting and we accomplished a lot of NHPA business. This year the two days went very fast, with having to pick a site for the 2008 World Tournament and the onsite tour of the 2007 World Tournament. But I feel it was a very productive meeting and we are all ready and excited for the 2007 horseshoe season to begin.

For the Sanctioned Club/League part of the meeting, we went over the juniors that were submitted for the Scholarship Program. We had eighteen juniors that met the requirements as stated in the sanctioned league booklet. Because of the grade point averages being so close this year we gave out ten scholarships, totaling \$1650. This is the most scholarships ever given out.

The ten juniors that received scholarships are:

Receiving a \$200 scholarship were:

Justin Sipma of Bismarck-Mandan HSC, ND
Grade point average of 4.00
Joseph Mueller of Fridley HSC, MN
Grade point average of 4.00

Receiving a \$175 scholarship were:

Lacey Wabshaw from the Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN
Grade point average of 3.88
Nicole Lilly of Rockford Ringers, MN
Grade point average of 3.81
Nicola Hickethier from the Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., WI
Grade point average of 3.81

Receiving a \$150 scholarship were:

Rush Hickethier from Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., WI
Grade point average of 3.75
Jimmy Paulson of the Beloit HSC, WI
Grade point average of 3.75
Bradon Bieber from the Bismarck-Mandan HSC, ND
Grade point average of 3.70
Alyssa Leger of the Liberty Jr. Lg., MO
Grade point average of 3.70

Receiving a \$125 scholarship was:

Casey Swart of Litchfield HSC, MN
Grade point average of 3.66

Those juniors receiving honorable mention are:

Ryne Lund of the Bismarck-Mandan HSC, ND
Trevor Sipma also from the Bismarck-Mandan HSC, ND
Amanda Kuske of the Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., WI
Seth Limbach of the Pawnee Ringers Club in NE
Malachi David and **Kiri Cook** both of the Fleet Reserve HSL, WI
Heather Drozd of the Pawnee Ringers, NE
Michael Thell from Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN

I look forward to having even more juniors submit for this scholarship next year.

CONGRATULATIONS to all these junior pitchers!

The Top Ten list is also in this issue. The top ten is for those pitchers that pitch in a sanctioned league. It's a special honor to make this list. In order for your league pitchers to make the list, the league director must have submitted the form by the first of December.

Jim Walters of the Troy HSC, Ohio, made 1st place in four categories. He pitched a high game of 92% and had 78.72% for a league ringer average in the Men's 40' Division. Bobby Fields from the Crossville HSC in Tennessee, had a high ringer game of 97.50% and a ringer average of 77.97%, placing 1st in the Men's 30' Division.

Gert Wilcziek of the Eau Claire Club, Wisconsin battled it out with Joan Elmore of the Crossville Club, Tennessee. Joan pitching a high game of 95% for 1st and Gert, 94% placing 2nd. For high ringer average, Gert beat out Joan with 81.71% and Joan taking 2nd with 81.40%. That's what you consider some great pitching.

In the junior division, Abby Green from the Try County Club, Ohio was the only pitcher making all six categories. In the Junior Girl's Division she pitched a high game of 70% and averaged 47.15% ringers. Lisa Atwell of Burbank-Joslyn Club, California pitched 29.36 over her average in one game.

The Boy's Division was just as impressive. Michael Bowman of the Lions Park Club, Missouri averaged 65.43% ringers. Cody Preston out of the Sodbusters in Vermont had a high game of 84%. Out of Fort Collins, Colorado, Brad Wilson pitched 36.67 over his ringer average in one game.

This is just a few of some of the great pitching that was done in league play this year. Check out the rest of the top ten pitchers in this issue.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of these great pitchers along with everyone else who made the top ten list for 2006!

I still have no date for the National Sanctioned Club/League Tournament. As soon as I do, I will have it posted on the web site.

May you all have a great 2007 season and I look forward to working with all of you this coming year.

NATSTATS by Glenn Jamieson

A new year is here and some states are just starting their pitching season. There are still a few states that have some tournament results that have not been reported for 2006 plus some League results to still come in.

A note to all Regional Directors - - if you have not already done so, would you please send me a copy of your 2007 schedule. There are times when tournament results arrive without a Sanction number, maybe no Tournament Name, or sometimes there is not even a date listed for when the tournament was pitched. A schedule will help me determine which results are being reported without having to write back to the person submitting the results which can then delay entering the results into Natstats and getting the current averages posted on the NHPA web page.

For your average on the NHPA web page - - I still get questions as to "why is my average different on the Charter stats than it is on the "Individual Search" page?" ANSWER: If you will check the date each of those files have listed you will probably see a different date. The Charter Stats are normally updated every Wednesday - - the Individual Search file is update normally the 1st and 3rd week of each month - usually on Thursday. So the Individual Search file can be a week or two behind. All averages being used for local Tournaments, or for the World Tournament should always be taken off the NHPA CHARTER web pages. (Not individual search.)

To all people reporting Tournament or League results... It would be very helpful to have the Category listed for each pitcher. Many times there are new people pitching that are not in my files yet, and I have no idea if they are Men - Women - Elders - Juniors, etc. For the "NEW" Junior Cadets, we will use a Category listing of "9" - since they are 9 years old and under. Their file will print out their Category as Jr. Cadet. Once they go to full Junior status then they will be listed as "B" or "G". If each charter Secretary/Treasurer or whoever has the records could send me a list of their states Junior Cadets and their birthday, I can enter that information into my files.

We still have a problem with a few people using the HSMaster program. I get printed out copies of the tournament results in the mail, or get several different styles of results in my email. If they are not in the "ascii" comma delimited format I then have to enter each and every entry manually. For large tournaments that can take 15 - 20 minutes or more instead of being able to import all the information in just 2 or 3 seconds. There is a place in the HSMaster program to export the file for Natstats. It will usually be something like the date of the tournament - - Jan20_07.txt.

If you send that file I can then enter the results in seconds. It would also be VERY helpful if tournament results have names listed as they appear in Natstats. If you list Bob Smith as a pitcher but my file shows Robert Smith, -- that comes up as a "difference" and I have to stop and look up that file to see what the difference is.

To have your tournament results entered into the Natstats program and the current averages posted on the NHPA web site each Wednesday evening, I need to have the results to me before NOON on Wednesday (California time). I enter all

the results and make a file to send out to the Web Master and he puts the information onto the NHPA web site.

When you notice an error in your average or file, please notify your state statistician and Natsats, as to what the error is. Don't just say that your file is wrong. I need to know what is wrong. What tournament or League results are posted incorrectly and what you think the correct scores should be. We will get things corrected.

My address and email address is listed on page 3 of Newslines.

Good pitching and see ya all at the World Tournament in Ardmore. Have fun!!!

NHPA Income And Expenditures December 2006 - January 2007

Receipts

Junior Fund Donation	\$10.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$4,500.00
Charter Dues	\$16.00
Transferred From Money Market Account	\$50,000.00
Membership Dues	\$5,583.00
Newslines Ads	\$3,200.00
Newslines Subscriptions	\$5,147.00
Sanction League Patches	\$26.00
US Bank Interest - Money Market	\$1,509.11
US Bank Interest - Checking	\$46.16
World Tournament Bids	\$15,000.00
Total	\$85,037.27

Expenditures

Newslines Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$3,914.02
Newslines Publication, Editing, & Miscellaneous	\$890.42
Sanction League Patches & Awards	\$655.99
All Junior Scholarship Trusts	\$845.47
W.T. Refunds, Fees, Dues & Overpayments (From 2006)	\$100.00
Hall Of Fame Awards, Supplies & Expenses	\$9,087.00
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$23.59
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repair	\$277.68
Printing, Paper & Office Supplies	\$7,559.54
Postages	\$2,735.61
Officers Telephone	\$321.77
Officers Travel	\$3,345.48
Secretary-Treasurer Allowance	\$3,500.00
Presidents Allowance	\$1,050.00
Vice Presidents Allowance	\$5,250.00
Publicity Promotions & Ads	\$2,348.57
Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$1,641.08
Insurance	\$20,468.00
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$90.70
Special Events	\$200.00
Refunds	\$16.00
Natstats	\$1,050.00
Internet Access & Web Site	\$1,413.83
Total	\$66,784.75

From The Books Of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

CHARTER CHATTER

by Tina Hawkins

COLORADO

Representing the Denver Metro Winter League, Pete Acosta, Jeanette Romero and Dave Morales captured the 2006 Colorado State League Championship. The three were successful at the 2006 World Tournament in Gillette, Wyoming, as well. Acosta and Romero garnered championships in their classes and Morales finished second.

Colorado has been holding a State League Playoff Championship tournament since 1987, and hopes other states will follow suite.

KANSAS

The Kansas HPA mourns the loss of long-time pitcher, Wayne Shelinbarger, January 25, 2007. Wayne was passionate about horseshoe pitching. Not only was he an active member, but a past President of the KHPA. Wayne participated in many local and world tournaments and was inducted into the KHPA Hall of Fame.

In a feat that is rarely accomplished by any individual, Wayne worked forty years for Beatrice Foods and never missed a day of work. He will be missed by his wife, Jerry; daughter, Bonnie Jacobs; sons, Leon, Bob and Dale; sister, Elsie Booth; his six grandchildren; and hundreds of horseshoe pitchers across the country who are proud to call Wayne "friend." Wayne was 86 years old.

LOUISIANA

The final meeting for finalizing the Louisiana tournament schedule will take place in February. 2006 was an excellent year with 32 total tournaments! Here's hoping for another good year in 2007... And another year of avoiding all those hurricanes!!

MINNESOTA

Contrary to popular belief, Gophers do NOT go into total hibernation during the winter months! The MGSHPA has a few indoor pitching facilities offering winter leagues and tournaments. These provide good "qualifying" opportunities to the surrounding states for state and world tournament.

The Upsala Arena, hosted by Mel and Joyce Larson, has eight permanent clay courts in a well-lit, heated, city-owned building. They host winter leagues, as well as four sanctioned tournaments between January and April. These tournaments are very popular and fill up early.

The west metro area of Minneapolis is home to the Greenfield Club, which runs two leagues on three indoor heated courts.

An office building on Cope Avenue in St. Paul has housed horseshoe courts in the basement level for many years. Pitchers gather there on weeknights and Saturday mornings. They don't currently run sanctioned events, but pitchers from all over the east metro area of Minneapolis and St. Paul gather here to sharpen their skills in the off season.

If you are in the area, make plans to join the winter pitchers in these "tropical" Minnesota locations. For more information, contact Regional Director, Jerry LaBrosse, 8170 Fern Lane, Greenfield MN 55357.

MISSOURI

The members of the St. Charles County Horseshoe Club hope to be able to dedicate their Hall of Fame and Horseshoe Court Complex early this spring.

Of course, everyone knows they will be host to the NHPA Hall of Fame on its completion. If you want to make plans to visit the area, Missouri has (so far) 86 sanctioned tournaments on the schedule for 2007 - giving ample opportunity for a pitching/site-seeing venture.

Don't let the frigid winter weather scare you away! About half of those tournaments will be held in the seven indoor facilities around the state. Contact Regional Director, Elwyn Cooper, 6920 N.W. 78th St., Kansas City, MO 64152 Phone (816)741-0043, email ivead@hotmail.com, for information on their pitching schedule.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Director, Gail Sluys, knows the importance of "club membership." Not CHARTER membership or even NHPA membership... The cornerstone of both of those entities is the local club.

Northern California is the only charter in the NHPA that *requires* membership in a local club. Why? According to Gail, "Without our members joining local clubs,

who would maintain the courts? Run the tournaments? Solicit new members locally? Without club dues, or a rich contributor, how would our clubs replace shovels, water buckets, and other tools needed to maintain their courts?"

When a club fails, it is usually due to lack of membership, or because there is just a handful of people within that club trying to do all the work. When a club fails, members are lost...from the club, the charter and the NHPA.

Local clubs are important... Each club working to increase its members also increases the charter and the NHPA. It seems small on a local level, but all the local clubs in the NHPA add up to a VERY BIG DEAL!!!

Work with your local club to increase membership. When you go to a local tournament help with the work!! Don't just wait for the same three or four people to get it all done. When THEY get tired, who will take over?

OKLAHOMA

The good people of Ardmore are preparing for more than the 2007 World Horseshoe Tournament. They are also preparing for their "Black Gold Festival," which takes place right in the middle of the World Tournament, July 27 - 29. Black Gold is a multi-day, city-wide event celebrating the history and rich heritage of Ardmore's oil industry.

Events include a parade, an antique road-type event, a tailgate cook-off, a pioneer breakfast, gospel singing in Central Park and an oil well "gusher" (produced with water provided by the fire department)... And much, much more!

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Southern California Charter mourns the passing of Wally Shipley on December 17, 2006. Wally was an avid horseshoe player all his life and a 50-year NHPA Lifetime member. He especially enjoyed organized horseshoes offered by the NHPA and showed his appreciation by not only serving as the Charter's President for seven years, but also as NHPA President for ten years. Wally then served as the region's NHPA Game Related Items Distributor until his passing. In recognition of Wally's accomplishments and many years of service, he was inducted into the SCHPA Hall of Fame and the NHPA's Hall of Fame. He was also honored by the NHPA with the Stokes Memorial Award. Wally, we miss you!

The organizers of the 2006 Southland Senior Olympics added horseshoes for the first time. The City of Anaheim hosted the games and chose the Orange Horseshoe Club for the event's venue. The club's President, Orville Lokken, coordinated the horseshoe event. Using guidelines supplied by the NHPA and the services of tournament director Eston Brown, preliminary rounds produced gold, silver, and bronze medal winners by age group followed by a championship round between the age group winners.

This event enjoyed good local publicity for horseshoes and attracted new members for the Orange Horseshoe Club, the charter, and the NHPA. Hopefully, other charters will jump at the opportunity to host a horseshoe event for Senior Olympics when they are held in your area.

TEXAS

Texas boasts several members who are "TOPS" in the NHPA; including the number one Elder pitcher in the United States, Ed Arionus, who holds an amazing 82.36% ringer average. Joining Ed at the top is Debra Odum. At number seven in the women's division with 79.22%, she has been seen in the Championship flight of the World Tournament, and no doubt will be seen there again in Oklahoma!

There are seventeen pitchers in this charter listed in the "top" of their respective categories - four Elders in the top 50, six Women in the top 100, four Junior Girls in the top 25 and three Junior Boys in the top 50. I'm not sure everything is BIGGER in Texas, but it would be hard to argue with BETTER!!

My appreciation goes out to all the Regional Directors and newsletter editors who sent articles and newsletters for this issue of Charter Chatter. I really enjoy reading about all the folks I have met through the years at World Tournaments. It is fun to actually have a face to go along with all the names!

Keep 'em coming, folks!! We all want to know what is going on around the country! If you have never submitted items for this column, NOW is a good time to start!! Send email to tinahawk@msn.com, or snail mail to Tina Hawkins Rt. 4, Box 52 Marlow, OK 73055.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Dan Sanders

This marks the first year in the history of the NHPA where all sanctioned events must be contested on sanctioned courts. This new rule went into effect on January 1st of this year, but in many Charters it may take the remainder of this year to sanction/re-sanction all existing courts. What implications does this have for the court complexes in your Charter? How many courts may not meet the minimum requirements for pitching distances, minimum pit dimensions, stake dimensions and placement, and legal pit substances; and what happens if they do not meet these requirements? Well, no one knows for sure how many courts may not be in compliance, but we are asking all local clubs to please help their Regional and Assistant Regional Directors with this re-sanctioning process, and if necessary, to bring their court conditions up to these minimum standards. Here's the basic plan:

1. During the month of February, your Regional Director will be sending out an official Court Sanction form to your Club President and/or Secretary. One side asks for basic information about your club and its' history, leagues, tournaments, etc. The other side is based on required court specifications, and each question (many requiring measurements) is to be answered with a "yes" or a "no" response. This completed form will then be returned to your Regional Director as soon as possible. Attempts should be made to correct all "no" responses for the basic requirements before your RD arrives for a "re-check". League play and/or tournaments for 2007 should proceed as scheduled.

2. Your Regional Director will schedule a time to meet one of your club officers or tournament director at the courts for a re-check and verification of this completed form, and depending on compliance with these court sanction requirements, determine if a "Conditional" or a "Full Court" sanction certificate can be issued. If so, the Court Sanction Certificate can then be completed and sent to your club President.

3. If some of your courts do not meet the basic requirements for a Conditional Court Sanction, the necessary improvements must be discussed and a formal plan for upgrades must be agreed to and completed within a reasonable period of time.

4. When this work is completed, the RD should be notified and can then return for a re-check and verification of these basic requirements. If all courts are now in compliance, a Court Sanction Certificate can then be completed and sent to your club President.

You may be wondering why it is so important for all courts to be sanctioned, and so I'd like to name and discuss two very important reasons for the sanctioning of all courts. The first and most important reason is to standardize the conditions and results of play for everyone. Surely all of us

can agree that the conditions of play **do** affect the results of play. If the stakes are short or loose, if the pitching platforms are uneven, if short-distance pitchers have to pitch from the grass, etc., etc. your scores are not going to be as high as if you had pitched on courts that met these court sanction requirements. It's these results that are sent in to NatStats; results that may not represent your true pitching ability. So if a competitor from another area seems to be "sandbagging", maybe it's not that at all; maybe it's that their lower NatStats are a result of pitching on sub-standard court conditions. With everyone now competing on courts that have been sanctioned, the league and tournaments results sent to NatStats will be more valid and the skill levels of your competitors in future events should be more equal. To accomplish this, however, we must make every effort to make the playing conditions on each of our club courts the same, and also from one club to the next, and from one Charter to the next.

The second important reason for the sanctioning of courts has to do with our membership. All of us have a special tournament that we simply won't miss. And yes, the main reason is often the people, our friends, as it should be. Or maybe it's also the food, or something else, but I often hear people saying that they just "love those courts"! Maybe it's the playing conditions; the clay, or the walkways, or something else about the courts, but for whatever the reasons, it's a place where they love to go and pitch horseshoes. And if you would check, these courts will also very likely meet all the conditions for a Full Court Sanction. And so is there a connection between the playing conditions and participation? Well yes, I think there is!

And what about attracting (and keeping) new members? Most people who are "shopping" for a new sporting activity, such as horseshoes, have come to expect that the facilities for **all** sporting activities will be "top notch" and well-maintained. There really is a lot of "competition" out there for leisure-time activities, and this is perhaps especially true for younger people. I guess my point here is that we need to make every effort to make sure that our horseshoe pitching facilities at least meet the minimum specifications, and then strive toward a "Full Court Sanction" status for all court facilities within our Charters. Not only will this help to attract new pitchers, but it should also help to **keep** them; to insure that these "newbies" will return for that next year.

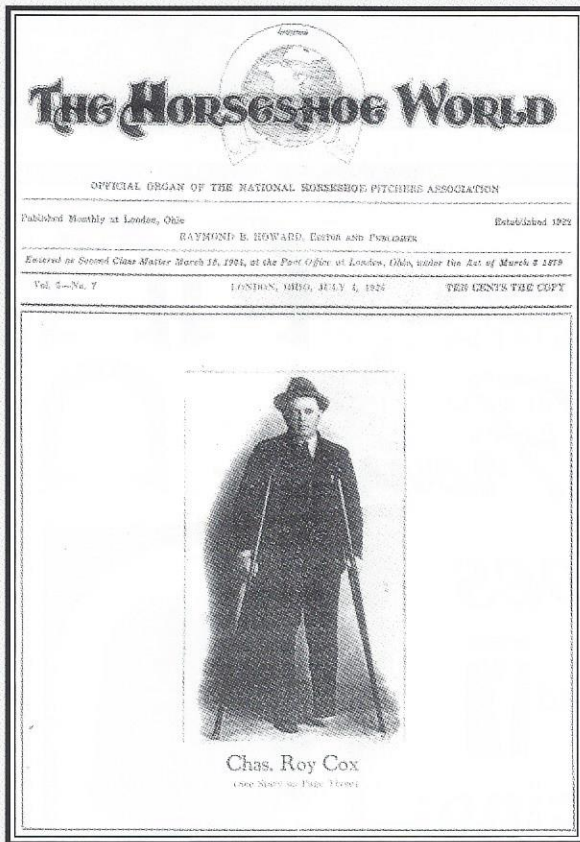
Let's make the courts, and our friendship, a place that will attract new members who will also want to return! I truly believe that the up-grading and maintenance of our courts can make a difference, from a promotional standpoint, and trust that all of you are in agreement. Working together, each one of us can make a difference! Thanks in advance for your help with this very worthy project!

Horseshoe Pitching Facts and Folklore



By Bob Dunn

Again we can thank Gary Kline, NHPA Historian, for providing this most unusual story and the unbelievable cover page and photo from a 1926 Horseshoe World magazine. The story of a pitcher with one leg, is unusual, a state champion at that is incredible. But also a feature theme in the story is the fact of an Ohio State Championship held in 1915. I doubt there is any state that precedes that or even matches it for that matter. Several states can claim a state championship in 1919 and most others followed by 1924. And now, our story....



THE CHARLES ROY COX STORY As reprinted from the Horseshoe World Written by Art Headlough

First Ohio Champ, Just Out of Hospital
Warns Tossers to Look Out For "Has-Been"

Charles Roy Cox, of 995 E. Rich Street, Columbus, Ohio, whose articles have frequently appeared in the Horseshoe World, and one of the greatest boosters of the sport that horseshoe pitchers has ever known, suffered a re-amputation on his left leg at University Hospital on June 17th. "Governor" as he is known by his many friends, and by most of the horseshoe pitchers of the country, originally lost his leg in 1909, but in spite of this handicap was a winner of the first horseshoe championship

of Ohio, sponsored by the Scripps-McRae League of Ohio newspapers in 1915. Many fans and even many pitchers wondered why he was seeded in the draw as a "Class A" player when he appeared in the National Tournament at Cleveland in 1923, after the miserable showing that he made, and the truth of the matter has probably never been told – that he was suffering from a skin abrasion on the leg at the time, which has steadily grown worse since then, finally necessitating the re-amputation and making it possible for him to pitch since that time.

Mr. Cox has taught the game to many youngsters and has won several pennants with his teams in the Columbus leagues. He has never laid down but two rules for his players to follow, these being: First, always remember that the game is never over until one of the pitchers has 50 points; Second, never ask for or take a point that you would not willingly concede to the other fellow if the shoes were reversed.

Three of his youngsters have won championships – Art Meier winning the State Amateur Championship, and Paul Ryan, another of the Governor's young stars, finishing second, and the only player in the tournament to win a game from Meier. Dave Bender, picked by Cox for his pennant-winning Whistle team when he was only 13 years old, came through and won the Columbus and Franklin county championship; Bill Jones, the sixth man on the Governor's team, finished fourth in the same tournament and winning the only game that West lost.

His friends everywhere – and they are legion among the horseshoe pitchers – will be glad to know that the operation has apparently been successful and the Governor says tell 'em, "Look out for the old has-been champ of Ohio. When I get back to walking, which I should about November 1st, I expect to start a comeback that will again place me in Class A-1. And I still claim to be the champion of all pitchers who walk on crutches or an artificial leg."

Cox's best records are: While walking on his artificial limb, 48 ringers and 15 doubles out of 72 shoes, for a long game, and a perfect game pitched against Louis Lehman at the courts of No. 11 Engine House in Columbus, in the summer of 1922. Cox dropped on 10 straight doubles, Lehman getting three ringers and no points. Walking on crutches, the Governor put on 30 ringers and 9 doubles in a league game.

Folklore Jottings By Bob Dunn

Okay, history buffs, lets hear about your first state championship, no matter what year it was in. Those prior to 1921 are always interesting as the NHPA was not in existence yet, and the sport was split under the tutelage of two different organizations, with different scoring methods and two different set of rules, including pitching distances. Great variance and some wild formats were used and the events were generally sponsored by some commercial company as a promotion. Send your story to Bob Dunn, 6417 Georgia Ave No, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR@ MAILBAG

I was state single and doubles champion in elder division. I also pitched at Pennsylvania State Farm Show. Also, I do as much tutoring as possible and want to promote horseshoe pitching as much as I can.

Thank you for any help to me that you can provide.

I remain yours truly.

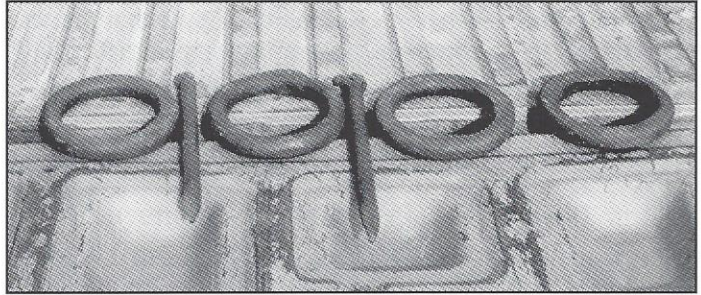
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Adult National Division-Mixed Distance

High Point Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	Points
1	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	125.69
2	Mark Mauthe	Platteville, WI	122.27
3	Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA	121.97
4	Tom Ebers	Independence, MO	121.88
5	Scott Perala	West Geauga, OH	116.85
6	Sheila Shepard	Denver Metro, CO	110.85
7	Jerry Wykle	Mountaineer, WV	110.64
8	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	110.54
9	Paul Burkitt	Arledge's Indoor, OH	110.28
10	Robert Booe	Liberty, MO	110.22

High Point Game

1	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	142
2	Scott Perala	West Geauga, OH	138
3	Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA	136
4	Tom Ebers	Independence, MO	136
5	Paul Burkitt	Arledge's Indoor, OH	135
6	Mark Mauthe	Platteville, WI	135
7	Sheila Shepard	Edgewater, CO	133
8	Dick Wilson	Belle Fourche, SD	133
9	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	131
10	Nick DiRaimo	Liberty, MO	127
10	Harry Dunbar	Syracuse Pioneer, NY	127
10	Hershel McCollister	Arledge's Indoor, OH	127

High Point over Average

1	Dale Hughes	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	55.52
2	Mervin McCord	Moline, IL	42.26
3	Ginger Hundt	Hardin County, OH	39.48
4	Robert Sheldon	Arledge's Indoor, OH	38.76
5	Lloyd Elwood	Hardin County, OH	38.03
6	Carla Lay	Hardin County, OH	37.42
7	Jody Howman	Try County, OH	37.21
8	Deb Braasch	Red River Valley, ND	36.30
9	Burton Clark	Minot, ND	35.62
10	Bill Dike	Woodward County, OK	35.57

Men's Division - 40' Distance

High Ringer Average

1	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	78.72
2	Mark Mauthe	Platteville, WI	74.85
3	Scott Perala	West Geauga, OH	69.12
4	Elbert Shifflett	Frederick, MD	67.66
5	Gary Roberts	Arledge's Indoor, OH	66.24
6	Chan Herrell	Frederick, MD	66.19
7	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	65.67
8	Robert Booe	Liberty, MO	65.22
9	Jerry Wykle	Mountaineer, WV	65.00
10	Russell Baker	Stroh, IN	64.05

High Ringer Game

1	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	92.00
2	Scott Perala	West Geauga, OH	90.00
3	Russell Baker	Stroh, IN	86.67
4	Mark Mauthe	Platteville, WI	86.00
5	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	84.00
6	Chan Herrell	Frederick, MD	84.00
7	Elbert Shifflett	Frederick, MD	84.00
8	Norm Rioux	Central CT, CT	83.33
9	Elmo Cox	Crossville, TN	82.50
10	Harry Dunbar	Syracuse Pioneer, NY	80.00
10	Bubba Frieda	Bryan, TX	80.00

10	Pat Laffon	Stroh, IN	80.00
10	Bill Navratil	Central CT, CT	80.00
10	Randy Rein	Weston, WI	80.00
10	Gary Roberts	Arledge's Indoor, OH	80.00
10	Kevin Shields	Central CT, CT	80.00
10	Bill Tompkins	Weik/Towne, CT	80.00

High Ringer over Average

1	Dale Hughes	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	37.02
2	Lance Huth	Stroh, IN	36.84
3	Harold Bradshaw	Central CT, CT	36.81
4	Raymond Todd Zedaker	Classic City, IN	35.18
5	Walt Anderson	Weik/Towne, CT	33.41
6	Charlie Bender	Central CT, CT	32.53
7	George Patterson	Stroh, IN	32.28
8	Lloyd Elwood	Hardin County, OH	32.19
9	Rich Funk	Middlesex County, NJ	32.19
10	Roger Sinclair	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	32.08

Men's Division - 30' Distance

High Ringer Average

1	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	77.97
2	Tom Ebers	Independence, MO	75.33
3	Woody Story	Crossville, TN	73.61
4	Paul Burkitt	Arledge's Indoor, OH	67.22
5	Nick DiRaimo	Liberty, MO	65.45
6	Hershel McCollister	Arledge's Indoor, OH	61.65
7	Wayne Totten	Eau Claire, WI	61.63
8	Phil Bergeron	Gate City Clangers, NH	65.55
9	John Gensman	Lake Orion, MI	60.42
10	Dick Wilson	Bellefourche, SD	59.41

High Ringer Game

1	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	97.50
2	Woody Story	Crossville, TN	90.00
3	Tom Ebers	Independence, MO	88.00
4	Phil Bergeron	Gate City Clangers, NH	86.67
5	Paul Burkitt	Arledge's Indoor, OH	86.00
6	Wayne Totten	Eau Claire, WI	86.00
7	Dick Wilson	Bellefourche, SD	86.00
8	Irv Detweiler	Crossville, TN	82.50
9	John Gensman	Lake Orion, MI	82.50
10	Nick DiRaimo	Liberty, MO	80.00
10	Hershel McCollister	Arledge's Indoor, OH	80.00
10	Robert Pluckebaum	AVF Downers Grove, IL	80.00
10	Lester Waguespack	Bayou, LA	80.00

High Ringer over Average

1	Jim Jakel	Weston, WI	36.21
2	Lawrence Wooster	Stroh, IN	32.95
3	Robert Sheldon	Arledge's Indoor, OH	30.57
4	Ken Stewart	Shreveport, LA	28.61
5	Dan Couch	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	28.37
6	Will Mabry, Sr.	Frederick, MD	27.36
7	Hank Labine	Gate City Clangers, NH	27.08
8	Robert Pluckebaum	AVF Downers Grove, IL	26.95
9	Richard Roberts	Classic City, IN	26.75
10	Merrill Semingson	Eau Claire, WI	26.69

Women's Division

High Ringer Average

1	Gert Wilcziek	Eau Claire, WI	81.71
2	Joan Elmore	Crossville, TN	81.40
3	Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA	77.06
4	Bev Nathe	Tri County, MN	67.11

5	Sheila Shepard	Edgewater, CO	66.06
6	Kelly Russell	Moline, IL	59.67
7	Mary Vogel	Liberty, MO	58.00
8	Marion Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	53.11
9	Debra Brown	Sodbuster, VT	52.65
10	Sandy Karasch	Tri County, MN	51.48

High Ringer Game

1	Joan Elmore	Crossville, TN	95.00
2	Gert Wilcziek	Eau Claire, WI	94.00
3	Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA	88.00
4	Bev Nathe	Tri County, MN	85.00
5	Sheila Shepard	Edgewater, CO	84.00
6	Debra Brown	Sodbuster, VT	78.00
7	Mary Vogel	Liberty, MO	74.00
8	Marlene Cooper	Classic City, IN	73.33
9	Deb Scully	Central CT, CT	73.33
10	Mary Ellen Wisneski	Central CT, CT	73.33

High Ringer over Average

1	Deb Scully	Central CT, CT	32.81
2	Laura Wixon	Moose Lodge #2239, LA	32.50
3	Jody Howan	Try County, OH	31.32
4	Patti Smith	Moose Lodge #2239, LA	30.00
5	Rene White	Moose Lodge #2239, LA	29.78
6	Kim Briard	North Mankato, MN	28.88
7	Maryls Timm	Rockford Ringers, MN	28.73
8	Joanna Holton	Shreveport, LA	28.61
9	Nelda Addison	Moose Lodge #2239, LA	28.39
10	Amber Brown	Central CT, CT	28.28

SANCTIONED JUNIOR LEAGUE 2006 TOP TEN LIST

National Division-Mixed Boys/Girls

High Point Average

1	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	106.67
2	Cody Preston	Sodbusters, VT	105.34
3	Abby Green	Try County, OH	89.26
4	Shane Madewell	West Geauga, OH	88.19
5	Seth Limbach	Pawnee Ringers, NE	79.82
6	Brad Wilson	Fort Collins, CO	79.50
7	Jon Byrd	Pueblo, CO	76.67
8	Kiri Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	75.08
9	J.J. Stanton	Liberty, MO	74.39
10	Austin Sarbaugh	Try County, OH	72.86

High Point Game

1	Cody Preston	Sodbusters, VT	129
2	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	127
3	Abby Green	Try County, OH	118
4	Shane Madewell	West Geauga, OH	113
5	Seth Limbach	Pawnee Ringers, NE	109
6	J.J. Stanton	Liberty, MO	107
7	Brad Wilson	Fort Collins, CO	105
8	Cole Grimm	Try County, OH	103
9	Kyle Cannon	Try County, OH	100
10	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	97

High Point over Average

1	Lance Dykes	Liberty, MO	55.55
2	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	45.38
3	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	35.88
4	Cole Grimm	Try County, OH	35.62
5	J.J. Stanton	Liberty, MO	32.61
6	Abby Green	Try County, OH	32.36
7	Kyle Cannon	Try County, OH	32.13
8	David Burley	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	31.25
9	Annie Jamiel	Try County, OH	30.27
10	Seth Limbach	Pawnee Ringers, NE	29.18

Boy's Division

High Ringer Average

1	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	65.43
2	Cody Preston	Sodbusters, VT	62.91

3	Josh Carr	Greater Lansing, MI	59.13
4	Kyle Bidwell	Topeka, KS	57.94
5	Travis Uhrig	Ross County, OH	49.15
6	Shane Madewell	West Geauga, OH	46.38
7	Trevor Sipma	Bismarck-Mandan, ND	45.86
8	Joh Byrd	Pueblo, CO	44.00
9	Brad Wilson	Fort Collins, CO	42.67
10	Seth Limbach	Pawnee Ringers, NE	42.41

High Ringer Game

1	Cody Preston	Sodbusters, VT	84.00
2	Josh Carr	Greater Lansing, MI	83.00
3	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	82.00
4	Kyle Bidwell	Topeka, KS	77.50
5	Trevor Sipma	Bismarck-Mandan, ND	68.00
6	J.J. Stanton	Liberty, MO	68.00
7	Travis Uhrig	Ross County, OH	67.50
8	Shane Madewell	West Geauga, OH	66.00
9	Seth Limbach	Pawnee Ringers, NE	64.00
10	Brad Wilson	Fort Collins, CO	62.00

High Ringer over Average

1	Brad Wilson	Fort Collins, CO	36.67
2	Lance Dykes	Liberty, MO	34.70
3	Joe Rolfes	Bismarck-Mandan, ND	29.25
4	Dennis Kuntz	Bismarck-Mandan, ND	28.77
5	Kyle Bidwell	Topeka, KS	28.27
6	Ryne Lund	Bismarck-Mandan, ND	27.87
7	Seth Bravinder	Cokato, MN	27.77
8	Chris Hallman	Golden Isles, GA	27.57
9	Kyle Cannon	Try County, OH	27.22
10	J.J. Stanton	Liberty, MO	27.00

Girl's Division

High Ringer Average

1	Abby Green	Try County, OH	47.15
2	Kiri Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	39.42
3	Nicole Lilly	Rockford Ringers, MN	31.00
4	Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	26.75
5	Cola Hickethier	Close Doesn't Count, WI	24.74
6	Marissa Carlisle	Lakeside, TX	23.01
7	Krystle Price	Lake Orion, MI	21.46
8	Erika Bowman	Lions Park, MO	19.66
9	Heather Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	17.89
10	Samantha Sheehan	Loon Pond, MA	16.79

High Ringer Game

1	Abby Green	Try County, OH	70.00
2	Kiri Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	52.00
3	Nicole Lilly	Rockford Ringers, MN	50.00
4	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	46.00
5	Marissa Carlisle	Lakeside, TX	45.00
6	Cola Hickethier	Close Doesn't Count, WI	43.33
7	Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	42.00
8	Samantha Sheehan	Loon Pond, MA	40.00
9	Krystle Price	Lake Orion, MI	35.00
10	Erika Bowman	Lions Park, MO	34.00
10	Heather Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	34.00

High Ringer over Average

1	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	29.36
2	Abby Green	Try County, OH	26.90
3	Samantha Sheehan	Loon Pond, MA	23.21
4	Marissa Carlisle	Lakeside, TX	21.99
5	Katey Jackson	Forebay Park, CA	19.83
6	Nicole Lilly	Rockford Ringers, MN	19.00
7	Cola Hickethier	Close Doesn't Count, WI	18.59
8	Annie Jamiel	Try County, OH	17.03
9	Heather Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	16.11
10	Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	15.25

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH 2007

17th - Spring MDA Horseshoe Tournament - Kemper Williams Park - 203 Park Road - Patterson, LA. \$20.00 entry fee. T-Shirts to the top 3 finishers in each bracket. Pre-Register by March 15, 2007. Contact: Angela Percle 985-384-9490, Tim Hayles 985-385-3858, or Tim Gilmore - 985-395-5062. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. Tournaments benefits MDA

APRIL 2007

20th - 22nd, Carolina Dogwood Tournament, Statesville, NC. Pre-registration required by March 1st. \$25 Entry Fee to be sent to: Carolina Dogwood Horseshoe Tournament, Statesville Recreation & Parks Dept., P.O. Box 1111, Statesville, NC 28687-1111 Tournament Director: Paul Stewart (704) 528-0398 or nhpapaul@bellsouth.net

MAY 2007

5th - Jerry Crochet Memorial Horseshoe Tournament - Kemper Williams Park - 203 Park Road - Patterson, LA. \$20.00 entry fee. Prize money to the top 3 finishers in each bracket. Pre-Register by May 3, 2007. Contact: Angela Percle 985-384-9490, Tim Hayles 985-385-3858, or Tim Gilmore - 985-395-5062. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. Tournament benefits NHPF

5th - 6th 14th Annual Six Pac Invitational Tournament will be held for the first time in the new NHPA/NHPF Hall of Fame Building. Plans are in the making by the St. Charles County Parks Dept. and Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club to hold a dedication ceremony at the Quail Ridge Park for Friday, May 5. Your interest as an out-of-state member of the NHPA is particularly important to us and we cordially invite you and friends to attend this historical event

in horseshoe history. For further info, contact Joe Faron at (636) 398-5028 - Cell (314) 704-7082 or email at bugsfaron@aol.com

26th - 9th Annual Beth Verret Cystic Fibrosis Memorial Horseshoe Tournament - Kemper Williams Park - 203 Park Road - Patterson, LA. \$20.00 entry fee. T - Shirts to the top 3 finishers in each bracket. Pre-Register by May 23, 2007. Contact: Angela Percle 985-384-9490, Tim Hayles 985-385-3858, or Tim Gilmore - 985-395-5062. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. Tournament benefits Cystic Fibrosis

JULY 2007

June 29th, 30th - July 1st - Ringer Classic, Greenville City Park, Ohio. Entry fee: \$30 Adults & \$5 for Juniors. Additional fees for Class A Men and Women: \$25; Class B Men & Women: \$15; Class C Men; \$10. Deadline: June 16, 2007. Mail entry to: Mary Fleenor, 8494 Baker RD, Versailles, OH 45380. Indicate pitching category and NHPA Card No. (Telephone entries will not be accepted.) All twelve-person groups will pitch two days.

AUGUST 2007

25th - Fall MDA Horseshoe Tournament - Kemper Williams Park - 203 Park Road - Patterson, La. \$20.00 entry fee. Prize money to the top 3 finishers in each bracket. Pre Register by August 23, 2007. Contact: Angela Percle 985-384-9490, Tim Hayles 985-385-3858, or Tim Gilmore - 985-395-5062. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. Tournament benefits MDA

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DOWN AND BACK IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION

By Bobby White, National Junior Promotions Director

"...And all I ask is a tall ship, and a star to steer her by."

(one of my favorite poetic lines ever... from John Masefield's "Sea-Fever")

I'm sitting here writing this article on what will probably turn out to be the coldest weekend of the year. The deadline for this publication is thirty days before the print date and you won't receive your mailed copy for probably another two to three weeks from then, which will put this in your hands by mid to late March of 2007. By then, this cold stretch, which is making headlines across the nation will be long forgotten and most of us will be thinking thoughts of springtime (I can't wait!)... fishing, camping, sailing and yes, of course, horseshoe pitching! But right now, it's hard for me to think that way as I stare out my window at the blowing snow, knowing that just a few inches away on the other side of that frosty, fogged up glass I just wrote my name on with my finger, the temperature is well below zero degrees.

Every time I sit down to write one of these articles, I first take some time to look back over my past stories to see if there's anything I need to follow up on or expand further upon. Sometimes that little exercise even helps inspire a new thought, so I always do it, especially if I'm running dry on ideas... like now.

I'm re-reading them one by one and I'm up to my most recent article now and I can't help but draw the parallel between the main concept of that article and trying to think spring while staring out the window at a subzero white-out. If you'll recall, my last article focused on the idea that we are all responsible for planning the future of this sport and to do so, we have to look very far down the road, not just to this upcoming season or to our next big event, but rather to years far off into the future. I guess that's what I'm doing right now, but on a smaller scale. And you know what? I'm having a hard time with it... and worse yet, I even have an advantage... I already know what the scene outside my window looks like in the springtime and yet, I'm still having a hard time imagining it right now.

So, how are any of us supposed to plan and develop ideas about something

we've never seen? The future of the sport of horseshoe pitching is completely unscripted. It is for us to imagine and then to somehow make happen. But first, we need a vision... a dream. You know, up until a couple of months ago, I had no idea what to expect the NHPA Hall of Fame to look like. I couldn't imagine such a complex in my mind. But recently the NHPA and the NHPF got together and put up a 3-D sketch of the brick walkway area of the complex on the opening page of the NHPA website and you know, as a result, the thing finally came to life for me... I wonder how many other people had the same experience. Now I can see it... now it's finally real to me... and it's kind of exciting now, isn't it?

I always wondered why churches went to the elaborate expense of putting up detailed displays in the lobby of their buildings showing their new expansion project or perhaps the design of their new church. Such displays seemed quite excessive and pointless to me, especially when they barely had any funds to work with. But now I see that these sketches are completely necessary... they are like a flag for an army to rally behind... they are the symbol of what lies ahead for those people. For them, those drawings and blueprints are the star that their captain is steering their ship by.

What is our future... our tall ship? For us, it has got to be our youth. In comparison to our youth membership, the adult participation in the sport is pretty strong and probably always will be. In all likelihood, with the graying of the baby boomers, we'll see a pretty big surge in adult participants in this sport over the next decade or so and maybe even some added youth as well and we'll probably think we're finally on the right track. But if we just rely on that and continue to neglect the active development of junior participation in the sport, the surge will be short-lived and we'll then be even further in the hole than we are now with our young players.

What is going to be our vision... our dream... our flag... our symbol... our star to steer by? I can answer that with ease... Dan Kuchcinski's organization, *Horseshoes For Life (HFL)* is the architectural team that is right now drawing the blueprints

of what is going to become the pattern for the development of youth involvement in the sport of horseshoes nationwide. I'm not going to go into all the details now. I have written much about it in past articles and if you want to know more, well, you can now visit their new website at www.horseshoesforlife.org and get all the details for yourself. While you're there, check out the "In the press" section to get a good feel for what's going on with the HFL... you'll be impressed. If you are and you want to join them, well, just find an e-mail link and write to Dan or Dale to find out how you can help. It is that simple and your interest and efforts will be greatly appreciated and the reward will probably be life changing for you. HFL has greatly expanded its involvement with Special Olympics and is continuing to reach more and more schools and now needs the support of our horseshoe pitching family in the NHPA to take its next major growth steps.

Introducing horseshoes to children in schools and now through Special Olympics across the nation is something that takes more than just a couple of people. HFL is lean on people and will be relying on the expertise of knowledgeable people such as NHPA players as it spreads from region to region. Interested? Well, then just find my info in the front of this magazine and contact me or go the HFL's website (mentioned previously) and send one of us an e-mail or a letter or call or whatever and we'll find some way to get you involved.

I don't want our next generation to grow up not knowing a thing about our sport. Isn't it time we stopped hiding this gem of a family activity from the public eye? My vision is for every school kid in the USA to try horseshoes through an HFL introductory program and then have a chance to play in an advanced NHPA endorsed youth league or tournament... Doesn't it seem like a perfect fit... HFL and the NHPA? Please help me make that happen! I'm sure, in a few years, as we watch all the new kids pitching, we will all be glad we did it, don't you think? I can't wait to see it happening for real... a dream come true for all of us.

THE TOLL OF TIME

Tony Brunett
West Virginia

Tony Brunett, age 92, of Fairmont, West Virginia died Monday, January 1, 2007.

He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service after thirty years of service as both carrier and clerk.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving as a medic in Italy when he took shrapnel and was a recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Tony was one of the original sixteen men and women that organized and had chartered the Monongahela Valley Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Inc., in Marion County, WV 1978.

Tony was issued a National Horseshoe Pitchers Association sanctioned league plaque, while competing in the club that was issued the number 82-C-116. He pitched the Ohio 'O' horseshoe using a one and a quarter turn, right handed. He was instrumental in helping to organize the club.

Survivors include a daughter, Frances and her husband Richard Gump of Fairmont; John Anthony and his wife, Sherry of Vienna, WV; a daughter Toni and her husband, David Ricer of Fairmont; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and two sister-in-laws. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his wife, Elsie Stefani Brunett; three brothers, Frank, John and Bill and two sisters, Grace Raneri and Mary Amendollia.

Tony was a "father figure" to the undersigned and was well respected throughout his immediate community and by his many acquaintances.

Charles M. Bunner
Member WVHPA/NHPA

Wally Shipley
California

Wally Shipley was born in the small town of Edgar, Nebraska, population less than 1,000. He was the youngest of three sons, each born ten years apart. Born with a natural athletic ability, he was the star quarterback for his high school team, and pitched horseshoes that came off a horse. He had a natural turn and horseshoes was a major recreation activity in his town. His mother died when he was ten years old. When Wally graduated from high school, his brother, Wilbur, took him back to California, fulfilling a promise he made to his mother before she died.

When World War II broke out, both Wilbur and Wally enlisted in the army. They were both sent to the European front and were there during the historic D Day invasion. Wilbur was killed in Italy. Wally came home safely to California, but was infected with TB. He slowly regained his health, but suffered severe respiratory problems the rest of his life.

After returning from the war, he married Charlotte and they had four children, Beverly, Bob, Barbara and Bonnie. One day when he was at a park with his children, he heard the clanging of horseshoes. He was amazed to see people pitching manufactured horseshoes. He joined the club at Hart Park in Orange and was a member there for 50 years. Wally began working for Pacific Bell Telephone Company in the print shop in Pasadena. Later he transferred to the Orange County branch where he worked his way up to an administrative position. He supervised the internal printing and graphics production. He said his staff was amazing, so creative and talented.

During this time he met Sally at a singles party at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel. The hostess sat Sally beside Wally, and it was "love-at-first-sight". Wally had so much rhythm and loved to dance. They exchanged business cards and the

next day Wally called Sally and asked her out to dinner. They got married exactly one year later on December 28th and celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in 2005.

Sally found out very quickly that Wally's life was seriously involved with horseshoes. At one time Wally was a 70% pitcher. He became very involved with the administrative end of horseshoes, becoming the Southern California President for seven years and National Horseshoe Pitchers Association President for ten years. Wally won many tournaments and awards during his tenure. He received the coveted Arch Stokes Memorial Award, which is the second highest honor given by the NHPA to the person making the greatest contribution to the sport any given year. He was also inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame.

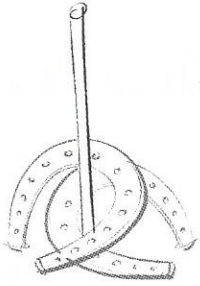
Even though Sally's choice of sport was tennis, she did learn to pitch horseshoes and eventually became a 28% pitcher. They traveled all over the nation to local, state and world tournaments. Once they took a month and drove to a tournament in Alaska. Another time they pitched in a tournament on a cruise ship. They won the tournament because they were smart enough to pitch the shoe while the ship was level, while others either over-threw or under-threw. The horseshoe world was a wonderful one with so many friends and fun times.

Later Wally became a distributor for the NHPA and sold horseshoes and game related items. Sally and Wally continued to attend tournaments and set up their wares on display tables. They also have a display room in their home and a mail order business.

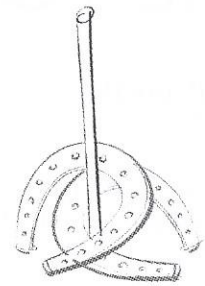
Horseshoes was an exciting and adventurous part of Wally's life and Sally was so happy to be part of it.

He cherished his family, friends and neighbors.

Wally passed away December 17, 2006. He will be missed by many.



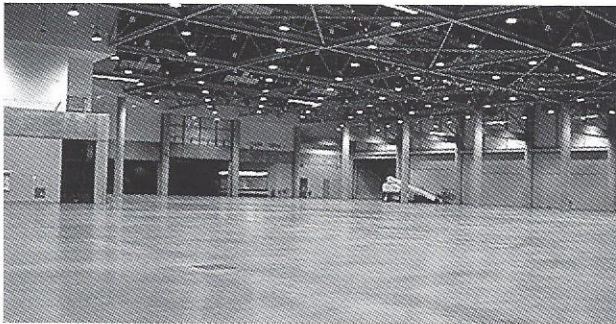
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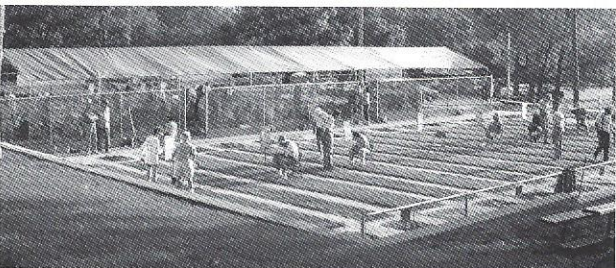
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- The Kansas Expocentre offers 67,000 square ft. of air conditioned floor space, 72 RV sites with electrical hookups, and an additional 200 spaces for RV parking with a dump station on-site and no utilities.
- An additional three RV parks, including a KOA campground, are located within 15 min. of the Kansas Expocentre.
- Home of Heartland Park Raceway
- Ramada, the host hotel, is offering a guaranteed 2009 room rate of \$65 per day plus tax for up to two adults, with a complimentary continental breakfast and a hospitality room.
- Topeka is home to Lake Shawnee. Three additional lakes are within 30 miles.
- Three Casinos are within 50 miles.

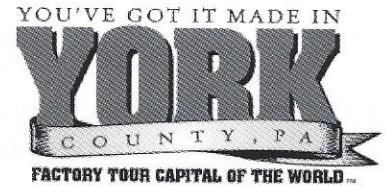
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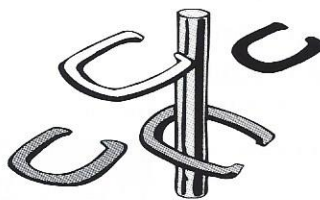
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Be sure to save room in your suitcase. Many of York County's factory tours are also home to authentic factory outlets, offering bargains by the bagful. You can watch as many of your favorite products being made, then take them home for less!

While visiting, be sure to save time to travel the new UnCork York Wine Trail featuring 11 award-winning wineries in York County and the surrounding area. From some of the best-known vineyards to newly emerging vintners, each stop on the trail provides an experience sure to please your palate. Sample delightful wines and watch grapes transformed from the vineyard to the bottle. Visit www.UnCorkYork.com for more information and to request a free wine trail guide.

History comes alive in York where the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation. George Washington might never have become the nation's first president if the Conway Cabal, a plot to overthrow him, wasn't thwarted in York's Golden Plough Tavern.

From the Revolutionary to the Civil War, York offers a number of historical sites for visitors to step back in time. There are museums dedicated to agriculture and

industry, watches and clocks, police and fire fighting, the Civil War, and weightlifting!

In addition to compelling history, York offers a variety of exhilarating recreation opportunities, from kayaking on the Susquehanna River, to skiing, bird watching, hiking, or taking a swing at one of the more than 22 area golf courses.

York County offers a wide variety of lodging options to suit your preferences and your budget. Choose from historic inns, bed and breakfasts, a wide variety of hotels, and a full-service golf and spa resort. If you'd like to bring your own "roof", we can accommodate that too, with a variety of camping choices. In addition to variety, York County offers tremendous value. York was noted in *USA Today* as one of the four cities with the lowest first-class lodging rates in the United States.

You may wish to extend your stay to experience the many great sites in the Pennsylvania Dutch Country Roads Region. York County is located in the scenic heart of Pennsylvania's number one tourist region and is just a short drive to Lancaster's Amish Country, Gettysburg's Battlefields, and Hershey's Chocolate World. Our centralized location between Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Baltimore also provide a vast selection of travel options.

For assistance in planning your visit or to request a FREE York County Visitors Guide, contact the York County Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-888-858-YORK, or visit www.yorkpa.org.

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2007 NHPA CANDIDATES

Paul Stewart
For President

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

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

Thank you,
Paul Stewart

Dan Sanders
For 1st Vice President

I would like to announce that I will be seeking re-election for the office of NHPA 1st Vice President. My first year as a national officer has been very challenging, but rewarding, and I look forward to my continued work with the Regional Directors. With the enactment of the new RGS Book on January 1st of this year, a great deal of work lies ahead with the re-sanctioning of horseshoe courts in all Charters. I feel that the up-grading of courts can only help to attract new members and to ensure that they will want to return for that second year, and for succeeding years. I would appreciate your vote of support at the Ardmore convention.

Dan Sanders

Lorraine Sternberg
For 3rd Vice President

I wish to announce my candidacy for re-election for NHPA 3rd Vice President. I am finishing my fourth term in office and would like to continue to serve the NHPA Sanctioned League Program. I have enjoyed working with the league directors and the other NHPA officers. I feel there is still much to be done to increase our membership in sanctioned leagues. I would like to continue this effort for the growth of the program. I would appreciate your support for re-election at the 2007 convention.

Thank you!
Lorraine Sternberg


Stu Sipma
For 5th Vice President

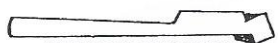
With my term ending in 2007, I wish to announce my re-election for 5th Vice President to the NHPA Board. As 5th Vice President, my major responsibilities included World Tournament Coordinator, NHPA Rules, and Chairing the Rules Re-write Committee. As the W.T. Coordinator the past two years, I have worked hard soliciting bidders to bid for the World Tournament. I feel I have brought to the Board and voting delegates a wide variety of potential sites. These past two years, I have worked with numerous locations to provide members the opportunity to participate and enjoy world class pitching at world class sites! With my knowledge and background in Sports Marketing, I feel I have established a great relationship with many Sports Marketing organizations around the United States and Canada for future World Tournament sites. I feel the future world tournament sites will get better each year.


One other accomplishment I completed in the last two years was the finalizing and printing of the "new" yellow "RGS" book. As the chairperson on this committee, I was in charge of keeping the committee in charge of re-formatting and cleaning up the existing rules. Most of you should have already seen the book and should enjoy using it.

I have really enjoyed my four years working with the NHPA Board and would like another opportunity to serve the NHPA members. If re-elected, I will continue to work hard to promote the "sport of horseshoes" and help make it grow. I have really enjoyed my second term and look forward to continue serving you. I would appreciate your support at the 2007 convention at Ardmore.



Stu Sipma

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WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE – by Stu Sipma

On January 19th & 20th, the NHPA Council held its annual meeting in Ardmore, Oklahoma, location of the 2007 World Horseshoe Tournament to be held July 23- August 4, 2007. At the annual meeting, Mita Bates with the Chamber of Commerce and Mike Reding, President of the Lake County Horseshoe Pitchers Association, presented to the Council an update on the status and their preparations for the 2007 World Tournament. A tour of the Ardmore Convention Center and Hardy Murphy Coliseum (host site) was held and we found the Coliseum to be very spacious with plenty of on-site camping. Mita Bates wanted to make sure members who plan on going to Ardmore are aware they need to make their reservations no later than 30 days in advance to get the block room rate. After this time, the block rate will no longer be available. Rates will increase anywhere from \$15-\$30, so make your reservations early.

At the annual meeting, the Council chose a site for the 2008 World Tournament due to the "default" of Decatur, Alabama. The NHPA invited three locations (Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Springfield, Illinois, and York, Pennsylvania) to come to Ardmore and present to the Council an overview of their proposed sites. All three sites met the minimum requirements of the World Tournament Contract, had local horseshoe support, and even had centralized air conditioning! All presenters (CVB, Sports Marketing, and horseshoe members) did a great job of presenting and showcasing their location. Each location/community had a very special interest that would make their location a great place to host the World Tournament.

Leo Buell, Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Mary Lee Malmberg, Director of Sports Tourism, and Bryan Barney, Manager of the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena, presented to the Council the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena which has two ice hockey arenas. The NHL Rink (main arena) had seating for 3,850 spectators and would hold 24 portable courts. The other arena, the Olympic Rink, had seating for 350 spectators and would hold 26 portable courts. Practice courts, camping and motels were all within five minutes of the proposed site. They proposed July 21st – August 2nd as their dates to host the tournament.

Dave Shreve, Regional Director for the Illinois area, and Josh Fegar of the

Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau presented to the Council the Prairie Capital Convention Center (PCCC) in downtown Springfield with the Hilton Springfield Hotel being the host motel (located adjacent to the Convention Center). The PCCC was found to be very spacious with approximately 34,596 sq. ft. of arena space with seating all around the perimeter. Springfield proposed July 21st – August 2nd as their dates to host the tournament.

The other location to present their site and also be **awarded the bid to host the 2008 World Horseshoe Tournament was York, Pennsylvania.** Dale Estep, 2nd VP of Eastern Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Laura Bookwalter, York County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Steve Bohn of the York Expo Center presented to the Council two locations to host the World Tournament. Both locations are located at the Expo Center which is spread over 120 acres. The area is located in the residential section of town and is fenced and gated, originally the fairgrounds for York County. The first location proposed is the Toyota Arena and the other location is the Memorial Hall. Both locations are very spacious with plenty of on-site camping (approx.

1,000 spots). "Guaranteed" motel rates at the Holiday Inn of \$90-\$100 were presented. York County has plenty of history and attractions to make your stay very memorable. York will be presenting an update of both facilities at the 2007 Delegate Meeting at Ardmore. Proposed dates are July 7th – 21st.

2009 World Tournament Status

With the March 15th deadline arriving soon, I am pleased to announce that we will have three locations (at this time) submitting bids to host the 2009 World Tournament. Proposed sites include Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Springfield, Illinois, and Topeka, Kansas. All three sites plan on having a booth setup at Ardmore for you to obtain additional information.

In conclusion, I want to thank the Cedar Rapids, Iowa and the Springfield, Illinois groups for taking time from their busy schedules to come to Ardmore. I am confident sometime in the future each of these locations will be hosting the World Horseshoe Tournament and I look forward to working with them in the future.

Stu Sipma
World Tournament Coordinator

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2007 WORLD TOURNAMENT

Entry Fee Increased to \$125.00

The NHPA Council voted at our winter meeting in Ardmore, OK to increase the World Tournament entry fee from \$100.00 to \$125.00. Juniors remain the same at \$25.00. I would like to offer an explanation as to why this was needed at this time.

The NHPA Council feels that our goal should be to make the World Tournament a "break even" event. In the past three years this has not been the case. At the 2006 World Tournament in Gillette the NHPA lost a little over \$7,700, in 2005 over \$12,000 and in 2004 just under \$2,000. That's an average of \$8.30 per entry into the WT in the red. Everything has gone up in cost to hold this event. From the printing of the schedule to the cost of mailing it, the costs are increasing yearly.

The last entry fee increase was in 1999 when the entry fee was changed from \$75.00 to \$100.00. That was also the first year that all score keeping fees were included in the entry fee. We could have left the entry fee at \$100.00 and went back to having the pitchers pay the score keepers but not too many pitchers or the score keepers would like that option.

Not all of the \$25 increase is going to off set the cost of running this tournament. We were also able to change the prize fund for all classes. Since 1999 first place in all classes has been \$300.00. With this increase first place in all class play will now be \$500.00. So for the extra \$25.00 in the entry fee all have a chance at an extra \$200 in prize money. Increasing the first place prize money was one of the most requested issues over the past several years that I have received. A complete break down of the class prize money is printed below and on the NHPA Web Page.

Ardmore will host a great event. Entry deadline is May 17th 2007. The NHPA Council sincerely hopes this increase will not keep anyone from entering. This decision was not an easy one but rather a necessary one.

Dick Hansen, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

World Tournament Prize List 2007

----- Championship Classes -----							
Place	Men	Women	Senior Men	Elders	Boys	Girls	Senior Women
1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
2	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
3	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
4	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00
5	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$230.00
6	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
7	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$180.00		
8	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$160.00		
9	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$140.00		
10	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$280.00	\$280.00	\$120.00		
11	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$110.00		
12	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$100.00		
13	\$280.00	\$280.00					
14	\$240.00	\$240.00					
15	\$220.00	\$220.00					
16	\$200.00	\$200.00					
17	\$180.00	\$180.00					
18	\$170.00	\$170.00					
19	\$160.00	\$160.00					
20	\$150.00	\$150.00					
Totals:	\$15,570.00	\$15,570.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$2,810.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Class Play			
Place	12	14	16
1	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
2	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
3	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
4	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
5		\$125.00	\$150.00
6			\$125.00
	\$1,025.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,400.00

Note: The Junior Boy's may be cut down to 8 or 10 based on entering percentages.

Registration Fees:

Adults \$125.00

Juniors \$25.00

Pitching Schedules
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contestants by June 11th
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ENTRY FORM
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
World Horseshoe Pitching Championships
July 23rd to August 4th 2007
Ardmore, Oklahoma

Entry Deadline May 17th 2007

NAME _____ 2007 NHPA Card # _____
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ADDRESS _____ SS # _____
(See Note #1)

CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____

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

Please list your local Newspaper _____

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

OPEN MEN 40' SENIOR MEN 40' OPEN WOMEN SENIOR WOMEN (see note #2) ELDER MEN 30' JR. BOYS JR. GIRLS CADETS 20' (see note #3)

I believe my current average is approx _____ % **No refunds will be made after May 26th 2007**

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SIGNED _____ DATE _____

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

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You may enter at anytime prior to MAY 17th. All averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS/CANSTATS on MAY 17th 2007

READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2007. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2007 or is older or physically impaired person of any age may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. **JUNIOR DIVISION** entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2007 calendar year.

Note # 1. A Social Security number is required from all pitchers that move up to the Championship Classes. Except Juniors.

Note # 2. A minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled and all entrants will be placed in the Open Women.

Note # 3. Junior Cadets must be 9 years old or younger for the entire calendar year. This division will be CLASS PLAY ONLY.

US RESIDENTS ONLY -INCLUDE a self addressed - stamped envelope if you would like a copy of your current average. This will be sent to you by NatStats. Canadian entries need to go direct to CANSTATS for their average. Or you can check your average on the NHPA Web Page at www.horseshoepitching.com

The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 27th** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above by June 11th.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held July 29th 2007. Please sign up for this event prior to July 19th 2007. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. **DON'T MISS OUT.**

NHPA Rules and Grievance Committees

by Jerry LaBrosse NHPA 4th VP

The NHPA Executive Council has reviewed and approved the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for both the Rules Committee and the Grievance Committee.

The following are the SOP's for both committees:

NHPA PLAYING RULES COMMITTEE

MISSION: The committee shall accept and completely review proposals from the membership, regarding the NHPA Official Playing Rules, Guidelines and Specifications for the sport of Horseshoe Pitching (The RGS Book). The committee shall define and interpret the RGS Book and its rulings shall be official unless overturned by the NHPA Council.

DUTIES:

1. All proposed changes to the RGS Book by the membership must be submitted in writing to the committee chairperson postmarked by December 31st of the year preceding the appropriate convention.
2. RGS Book proposals/questions/interpretations will be discussed and dealt with by the committee. The committee may conduct business by mail, email or telephone, providing all committee members are provided with equal information (email availability of committee members is recommended).
3. If the majority of the committee feels a proposal is worthy of voting on at the annual convention, the proposal will be submitted to the NHPA Council for approval. With Council approval, the proposal must then be printed in Newsline prior to the convention, per NHPA By-Laws Standing Rule 10.
4. An ongoing function of the committee shall include responding to questions/interpretations of the RGS Book from the membership.
5. Committee members may respond to basic questions/interpretations they receive from the membership. If the answer is in any way "controversial" or "unclear", the committee chairperson should be consulted before rendering any official response to the question/interpretation.
6. Any interpretations deemed "controversial" or "unclear" by the committee chairperson will be submitted to the NHPA Executive Council, and their decision will be final.
7. The committee, for accuracy and/or clarification, may modify all proposals by the membership.
8. Any misunderstanding or unclear questions of the RGS Book rendered by a member shall be returned for clarification.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. The membership of the committee shall consist of a chairperson and other members of the NHPA as appointed by the chairperson. The President shall appoint a chairperson who shall be an NHPA Council member. The term of appointment of the committee chairperson is at the discretion of the President.
2. Current committee chairperson is:
Jerry LaBrosse, NHPA 4th VP
3. Current committee members include:
Dan Sanders, Ohio
Jane Smith, Wisconsin
David Spears, Idaho
Andre Leclerc, Quebec, Canada
Debby Michaud, Massachusetts
George Nick, Minnesota

NOTE:

Dan Sanders will be the official keeper of the master RGS files, providing updated backup copies to the NHPA Council, and to the NHPA Webmaster.

NHPA GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

MISSION: The committee shall accept and completely review and try to resolve all grievances submitted in written form from the NHPA membership, regarding the NHPA By-Laws and the Official Playing Rules, Guidelines and Specifications for the sport of Horseshoe Pitching (RGS Book).

DUTIES:

1. The committee findings and it's rulings shall be official unless overturned by the NHPA Council
2. Assistance from the Rules and By-Laws Committee Chairpersons should be solicited for interpretations of the RGS Book and the NHPA Bylaws.
3. If a grievance settlement cannot be agreed to within the committee, the NHPA Executive Council will be provided with all the information surrounding the grievance and their ruling will be final.
4. Grievances should be settled within thirty days if possible.
5. Results of all grievances shall be provided to the President.
6. Any grievance ruling may be appealed to the NHPA Executive Council for a final decision.

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The event will be held at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum, a premier equine facility, located at 600 Lake Murray Drive in Ardmore, Oklahoma. This historic rodeo arena was built from native limestone in 1937 as part of the WPA program. Improvements and updates have been made to the facilities and grounds, including an outside covered arena. The Hardy Murphy Coliseum is available to host a wide variety of events and activities with its 80,000 square feet of floor space in the arena, including a large entry hall with meeting wings off each end. Accommodating groups of 5,000 plus, the Coliseum is heated and air conditioned, a fact we know you will appreciate at your summer tournament!

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Although horseshoe pitching will be foremost on the minds of most of you while here, we hope you will spend some time experiencing our lovely city! Located on I-35 less than 90 minutes from both Oklahoma City and Dallas and surrounded by the rugged beauty of the Arbuckle Mountains, the Ardmore area is a lovely area with an abundance of fun things to do. Golf at one of the local golf courses or shop historic downtown Ardmore with its many unique boutiques and antique shops. Visit the Charles B. Goddard Center (a visual and performing arts center) and the Greater Southwest Historical Museum. If cowboy history is your passion, don't miss the Gene Autry Museum with memorabilia from the legendary performer and cowboy. And you won't have to fly to Las Vegas for an afternoon of casino action with three casinos located in the Ardmore area

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www.oklahomaparks.com

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Town & Country Mobile Home Park
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Turner Falls Park
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Chickasaw National Recreational Area
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Davis Trailer Park
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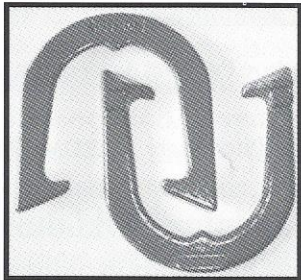
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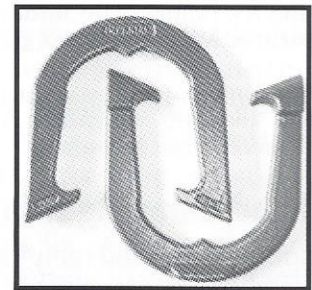
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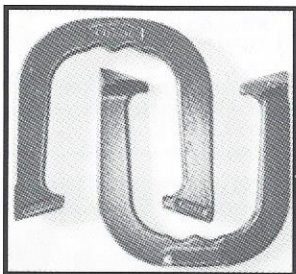


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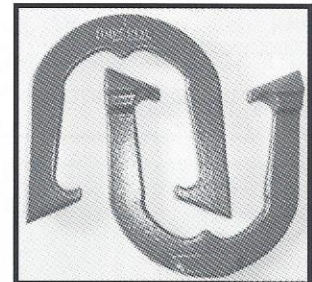
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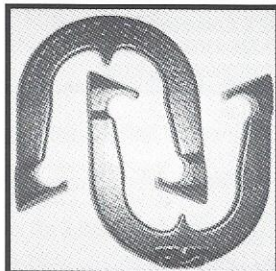
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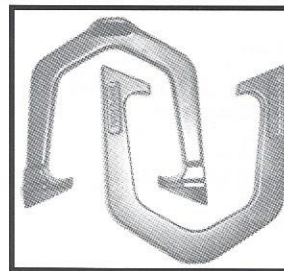
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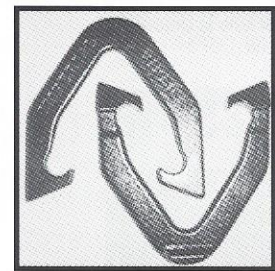
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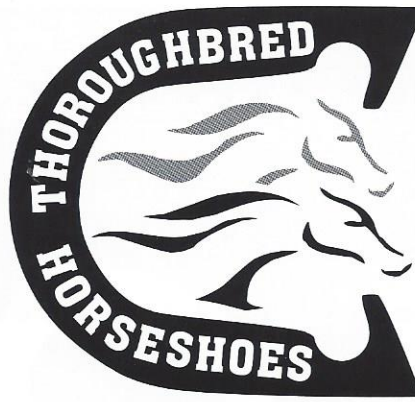
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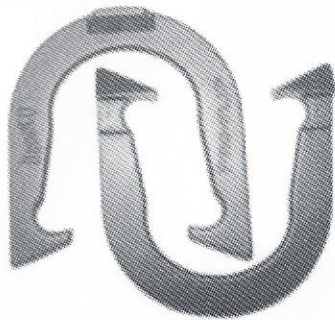


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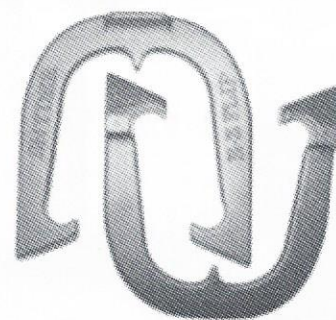
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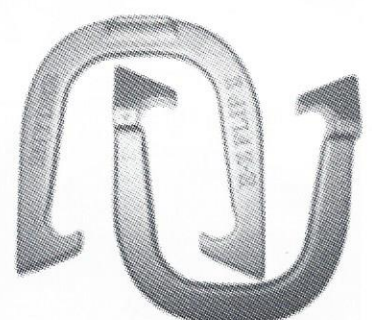
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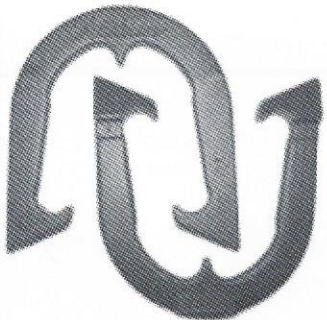
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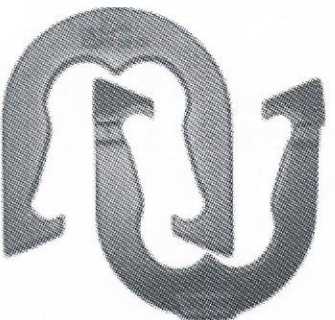
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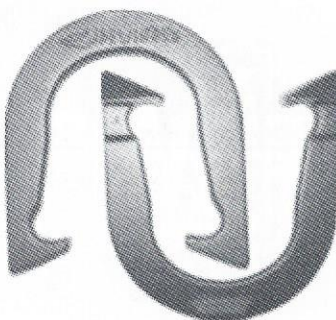
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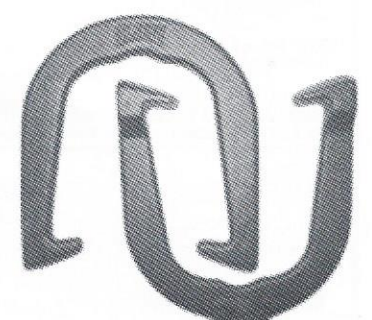
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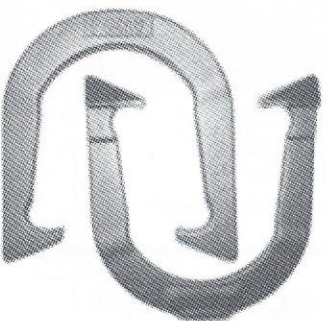
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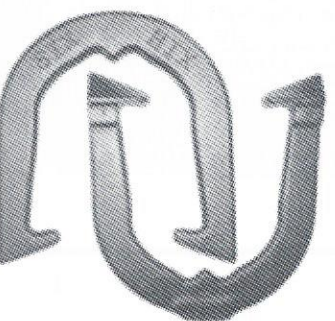
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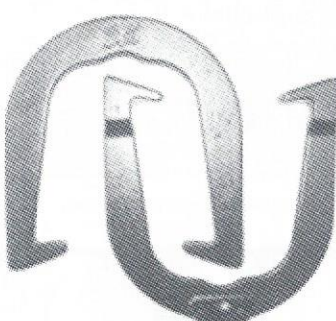
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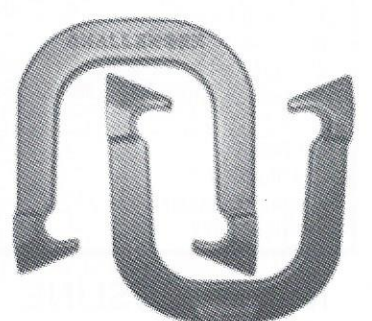
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