

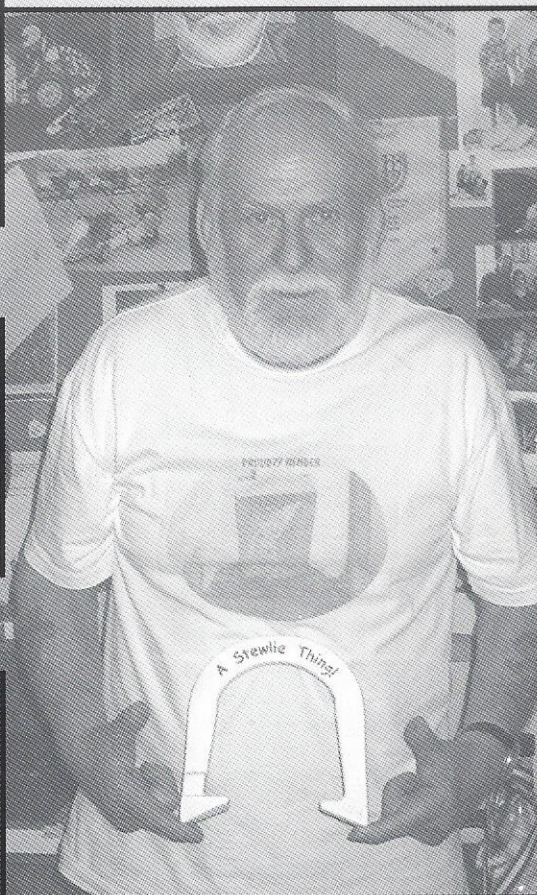
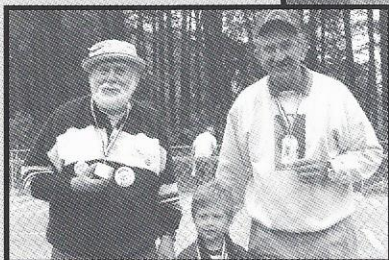
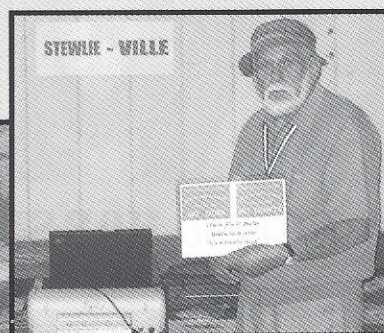
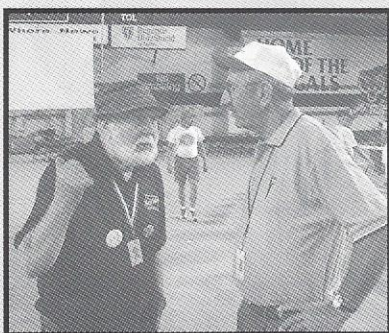


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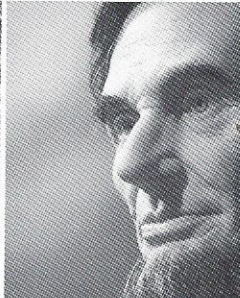
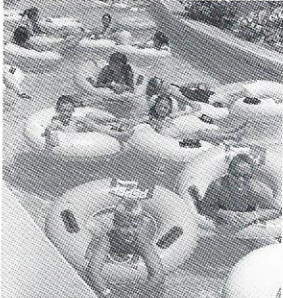
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Eugene "Burly" Burlingame will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Paul Stewart

I know this is not a normal president's message, but most people have never been lucky enough to have had a best friend like Burly. "Good Bye my friend, you will always be my buddy and Best Friend." There is not another soul I can call my best friend that will ever replace him. I will remember him for the laughter and good times.

My last conversation with Burly was February 15th, when he said "Good bye old buddy, its been great to have you as my friend". I knew after that phone call that it would only be a few days. I received the call from his son, Brian, about 10:00 p.m. on February 19th, saying that Burly had passed away.

I spent most of the first day on my computer with Billie Sue, sharing pictures of Burly that we had taken over the years. We couldn't keep from crying at times, but we also couldn't keep from laughing at times when we would see pictures of him that brought back memories of some of the good times and laughs we had together; and there were a lots of them.

I would like to thank Betty and Burly's family for giving me the honor to speak at my best friend's funeral and also of being a pallbearer. I have participated in a lot of funerals by being in The Old Guard and participating in funerals at Arlington Cemetery, but this was my first time speaking at someone's funeral and I managed to get through it with my wife Pat's words of encouragement, "Go do what Burly would do for you".

Burly was a man that created friendships, made people smile and laugh, and not only locally. He had an ability to expand them worldwide and if he was your friend, then it was for life!!! He made the world a smaller place. His sense of humor was infectious and one of a kind.

The people in horseshoes that had the privilege to meet Burly will miss him, especially those at the World Tournament, the Awards Banquet, the Dogwood Tournament and at the Team World Tournament where things will never be the same without him. He kept us all smiling and laughing from the first day until the end of the tournament. We will miss all of the work he did at these tournaments and I will miss the two of us being the first to arrive each day and the last to leave the tournaments each evening.

Burly was the founder and president of the Paul Stewart Fan Club, known as The Stewlies; it's 879 members are from as far away as Ireland. Many have asked me what will happen to the Stewlies now that our Prezz is gone. Here is the letter I sent to the Stewlies after returning home.

Hello All Stewlies,

I just returned home from the funeral of my best friend and our "Stewlie Prezz, Burly". I am sure all of you are asking what will happen to the Stewlies? I have discussed this

with Betty and the Stewlie Executive Council and here is how it will go.

Once a Stewlie, always a Stewlie, but there will be no more new Stewlies. This entire Stewlie thing was Burly's thing and there is no way anyone could ever come close to doing what Burly has done with spreading cheer and love to all Stewlies. Me, Billie Sue and Betty will keep the book of Stewlies and their email addresses to stay in touch and so that we can send you important Stewlie messages from time to time. We will try to keep the Stewlie Website but will take off several things that are on it now pertaining to new memberships and Burly's addresses. If you would like to honor Burly in memorials here is what we can do.

While I was at Burly's home for his Funeral, Betty and I discussed what we thought might be the best way to do memorials in memory of Burly. We thought it would be best to do it through the Hall of Fame Brick program which will be located where you enter the Hall of Fame building. Anyone can purchase an engraved brick honoring Burly. This is what I am doing along with others. (example) The brick I am buying will say: "In Memory of Burly, From Stewlie #0"

The Stewlie Executive Council is suggesting that you either buy a brick in memory of Burly that you can personalize or that you can send any amount of \$ that you want to send and we will pool the money and buy as many bricks as far as the amount I receive will go. We will just have those bricks saying, "In Memory of Burly, from The Stewlies"

Make Checks payable to NHPF and mail to me, Paul Stewart, 1043 Old Mtn. Rd., Statesville NC 28677

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Paul Stewart



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NHPF NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

At the end of January, the sale of the last Joelton parcel of land was concluded. The deal closed for \$310,000 less the usual real estate sales fees. All the proceeds are expected to be used toward the new Hall of Fame & Museum building project in Quail Ridge Park, Wentzville, Missouri, where construction has finally gotten into gear though some 2-3 months behind schedule. The frigid weather has left the area and we have only to contend with the occasional rainstorm and a few remaining delays related to some specific permits that the County has been dragging their feet on. For those of you who are interested, you can get a first-hand look at construction progress by clicking the NHPF link on the NHPA website.

The Commemorative brick plaza and parking lot is also behind schedule due in most part to the bad winter weather. In the last Newsline issue, I mentioned that the brick plaza was expected to be finished and the engraving process started. Well, neither of those happened and we now look to the month of May before engraving can start. The annual Six Pac Tournament hosted by the New Melle Club who has changed their name to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club was to have been played in the new facility. Scheduled for the first weekend in May, the location obviously had to be moved back to New Melle, the site of play in previous years. We also had to cancel the planned May date of the building dedication ceremony. It has been rescheduled for October 5th, the day before the weekend start of the 2007 NHPA Sanctioned Club Team Tournament, which will be the first major national event scheduled for the new facility.

We have now received orders for over 400 commemorative bricks. This program is adding some badly needed revenue to the Hall of Fame building project. The NHPF needs and asks for your support of this project. If you

haven't yet ordered a brick, please consider doing so. It is a wonderful way to visually show your support. You can purchase a \$100 or \$200 brick and honor or remember a loved one, your entire family or a special friend. The plaza has been arranged so most States will have a specific assigned area for bricks ordered by people from that State. This will make it easier to find your engraved brick should you decide to visit the site.

At the end of March, the NHPF issued three more grants to clubs needing funds to rework courts or install new pitching facilities. In the past 3 years, nearly \$25,000 in grant money has been issued. Maybe your club will be next. Don't forget that the NHPF still needs continued cash contributions for its work in grant and educational programs. Any donation amount would be appreciated. All contributions and brick orders are to be sent to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

For the months of February and March, the NHPF deposited \$25,388 received through contributions and brick orders from the following.

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Vicki Fox, FL
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Raymond Radley, IL
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4. NC	27 148	\$16,451
5. MN	43 237	\$15,813
6. OR	23 92	\$12,884
7. WI	33 118	\$11,077
8. MI	50 125	\$10,540
9. CO	26 73	\$8,009
10. FL	51 78	\$7,638
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"Burly" Burlingame

by Casey Sluys

In 1988 while pitching in our usual Tuesday night practice session, three individuals walked past our courts. There was a couple and a little ol' man with a white beard. The fellow with the white beard commented that it was a nice facility and that he pitched shoes back home. He introduced himself, then I proceeded to tell him about the NHPA and he said he was familiar with it. We exchanged a few more words and they continued their walk and we continued our practice.

It was four years later when I ran into this "little ol' man" again. The place was the Columbus, Ohio World Tournament. He noticed my Santa Rosa, CA pitching shirt while I was judging a session and tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Are you from Santa Rosa?" Upon commenting that I was, he mentioned that he had a life-long friend that lived there. Not being able to chat very long because of the duties involved in judging, I said, "Talk to you later," and went on about my business. At the end of that session I looked around for this fellow, found him and began to chat more about his friend in Santa Rosa. Upon chatting at length with him he mentioned that they used to walk in a park where there were horseshoe pits in Santa Rosa; well that finally rang a bell and I told him that we've talked before. I saw his eyes light up and he said, "Why sure, I remember now!" From that time on we became fast friends.

Since 1992 Gene "Burly" Burlingame worked for me at virtually every World Tournament. With a simple handshake, upon completion of the WT's, we would 'sign a contract' for the following year. After the 2006 WT I walked up to him stuck out my hand and asked, "Contract?" He shook his head back and forth and told me, "No more friend; this is the last one." Everything that he ever earned at any World Tournament, he donated to the junior horseshoe-pitching program in his state of Iowa. He became friends with all of the NHPA council, especially NHPA President Paul Stewart.

He had more innovative ways of raising funds for our NHPF than anyone could imagine. Through his efforts, and your generosity, he was a major contributor for the NHPF; not only at the World Tournaments, but any tournament he attended. Be it the Dogwood or Team World; he would always run some sort of raffle for the NHPF.

Burly would always watch out for Travis and even Daniel when he was younger. Burly would know where we were at any given time and would direct them to us. When we told Travis, our nine year old grandson, how gravely ill Burly was and that he would pass away soon, he said with a very concerned look on his face, "Who's going to tell me where you guys are at the World Tournament from now on?" Then pondering what he had said he stated, "I suppose I'll have to take our Walkie Talkies from now on."

We will miss him greatly and the NHPA World Tournament will not quite be the same without this 'little ol' man' roaming the grounds, telling jokes and gathering up Stewlies.

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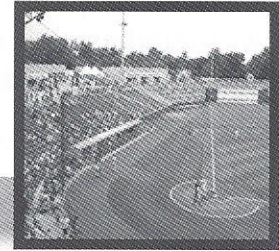
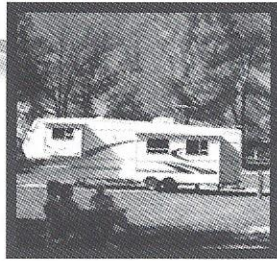
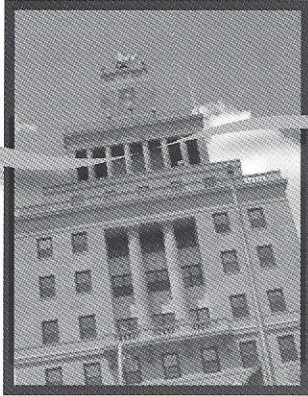
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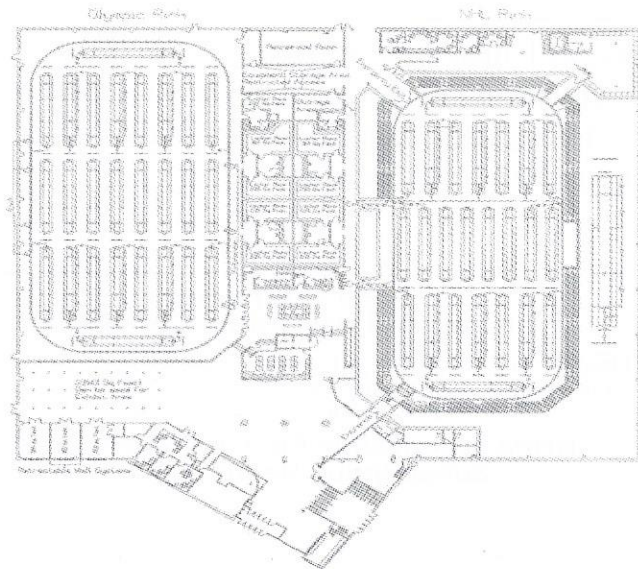
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DOWN AND BACK IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION

By Bobby White, National Junior Promotions Director

Many times I've been near the deadline for this article and without a story. Every time that happens, I contemplate writing a note to the editor saying, "skip me this time... I've got nothing to say." But somehow, something always comes up and before I know it, there's something to write about. It's kind of like pulling a big come-from-behind victory in a horseshoe game... sometimes I have to dig real deep for it, but there's a story there somewhere and luckily, I always seem to find it. It's still early spring here and it'll be another six weeks or so before we can get all excited about outdoor pitching around here in northwestern Pennsylvania. But by the time this is printed, it will be prime time for horseshoes everywhere.

Most of my previous articles have centered around my own activities in promoting junior horseshoes with the people from Horseshoes For Life (HFL), Dan Kuchcinski and Dale Pierce. I suppose that's natural since this is where the bulk of my effort has been concentrated. I think what they're doing to introduce our youth to horseshoes through in-school programs is critical to the future of the sport. I am proud to say that their efforts are really beginning to take shape and they now have a multi-year history of success behind them and a fledgling program that absolutely works. You've read some of the testimonials over the last two years and it's great to report that those are now just a fraction of the great things that have been said about what this organization is doing to expose our youth to this wonderful lifetime activity... check out their new website and bookmark it to stay up on all their activities: www.horseshoesforlife.org.

But this is not the only growth in junior promotions in the US. Maybe it's started to seem that way since it's mostly what I've been writing about in recent issues, but there are others and I'd like to make a little effort to mention some of the things happening within the NHPA to promote junior pitching. Of course, when you write about NHPA junior promotions across the country, you always have to mention the Midwest charters of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Missouri. The Dakotas have also been big on junior promotions and I suppose there are many more I should mention... But here's some you don't hear a lot about... but you should...

Jean and Johnny Davenport in Texas do a ton to promote horseshoe participation amongst the NHPA juniors in their charter. They have developed a very substantial junior scholarship program much like the one they developed in Nebraska years ago, which still exists. This has become a lifetime effort of junior promotions that is worthy of everyone's recognition... we should all be thankful for the efforts of the Davenports, who have now spanned two states.

Dave Spears of the Idaho charter has been working with the great Don Titcomb and several Idaho members on an in-school promotion to elementary age children that is much like the efforts of the HFL in Pennsylvania... this is exactly what we need!

I know that there are a lot more of you out there working on things to promote horseshoes to juniors all over the country. I hope you will take the time to send me an e-mail or a note to report on the things you're doing. I will gladly turn around and

report them like I have here. I want everyone to see that there is an effort to do this and I want us all to have a chance to learn from each others ideas and efforts. Every once in a while someone hits on something that really works great to get juniors hooked on horseshoes and surely, there's no reason to keep it a secret... We need to know what's working, don't we? Things change so fast when it comes to kids... what we old people think will work, often turns out to be a wasted effort. So, I'd also really like to hear some ideas from the junior membership on how to promote this great sport to them and their peers. What does it take to get kids interested today? I have my own ideas, but really, I'm just one of those old people now... So, I sure would like to know what all of you think. Please send me your thoughts; e-mail me at... (rdwhite67@verizon.net).

NHPA Income And Expenditures

Receipts

Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$2,100.00
Charter Dues	\$73.00
Membership Dues	\$33,061.00
Newsline Ads	\$3,511.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$5,383.00
US Bank Interest - Money Market	\$1,424.88
US Bank Interest - Checking	\$121.82
Transferred From Game Related Sales	\$42,954.74
Total	\$88,629.44

Expenditures

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$3,849.98
Newsline Publication, Editing, & Miscellaneous	\$893.18
Sanction League Postage & Printing	\$190.55
Sanction League Patches & Awards	\$468.76
Sanction League Office Supplies & Telephone	\$18.21
W.T.A. (Replaced Lost Check)	\$300.00
Hall Of Fame Awards, Supplies & Expenses	\$452.90
Regional Director Allowance	\$4,663.00
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$337.40
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repair	\$983.71
Printing, Paper & Office Supplies	\$608.14
Postages	\$1,071.40
Officers Telephone	\$549.44
Officers Travel	\$1,963.57
Secretary-Treasurer Allowance	\$3,500.00
Presidents Allowance	\$1,050.00
Publicity Promotions & Ads	\$96.00
Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$13,494.15
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$80.50
Special Events	\$107.00
Refunds	\$73.00
Natstats	\$1,050.00
Internet Expenses	\$424.24
Total	\$36,225.13

From The Books Of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT by Lorraine Sternberg

The dates have been set for the National Sanctioned Club/League Tournament. Mark your calendars for **October 6th & 7th**. The tournament will take place at the new NHPA Hall of Fame Facility in the Quail Ridge Park, St. Charles County, Missouri. Along with the tournament will be the Dedication Ceremony on **Friday, October 5th** for the new HOF Building. So come a day early to be part of Horseshoe History. This should be a great weekend. Get your entry in early as we will only be accepting twenty teams this year. If your club would like to enter more than one team, please indicate your #1 team. After the deadline if there are not twenty different clubs/leagues entered, your #2 team would then qualify to enter. This tournament is limited to adults only. The entry fee is \$105 per team. The entry form is in this issue of Newslines.

The host hotel to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club and New Hall of Fame Facility is the Holiday Inn Wentzville, MO. Forty rooms have been blocked off for this event, so call early. Be sure when making your reservations that you inform them that you are there for the tournament, so you get the preferred rates. Preferred Room Rates are \$57.95 + tax (13.9%) Single or Double Occupancy. The phone number to the Holiday Inn is (636)327-7001. For those of you who will be camping, I am still looking into camping facilities.

The tournament rules are as follows:

This is a team event – each team consists of three single players, all of which must belong to the same Sanctioned Club or League.

All games are count-all format with handicap. Handicap will be determined by each contestant's final highest point average in a NHPA Sanctioned League for the calendar year. This must come from a count-all format for the league.

A team will be awarded one point for each win or ½ point for a tie. If twenty teams entered, we will divide in two groups of ten. Each pitcher would then play a total of nine games. The winning team from each group will then have a pitch off to determine the championship. A National Championship plaque will be awarded to the winning team soon after the conclusion of the tournament. Small plaques will be awarded to each member of the winning team.

If you have any questions concerning the tournament feel free to e-mail me or call.

horshoewi@aol.com Phone number is (262)677-3300

Other sanctioned league news; Gregg Craven from the Liberty HSC, in Missouri would like to issue a challenge (in one category) to all league teams of any size. Audra Craven and Joe Barry are a two-player team on the Monday Morning Blahs League in the Don Harris Arena. Audra has been pitching since 1989 and Joe is a rookie. The Community Blood Center of Kansas City, MO has credited them with donations of 56 gallons of blood. (That is 912 donations). This is a great thing to have done. It goes to show that horseshoe pitchers are very caring people. Thank you, Audra and Joe. Is there any one that would like to take on the challenge?

Be sure to get your membership reports in as soon as possible, once your leagues have begun. Your league is not covered by the NHPA insurance until I receive that report. I also would like to stress that all league directors check everyone's NHPA membership card to be sure that they are current cards and please make sure that you have the correct NHPA card number for each pitcher on all forms submitted.

May you all have a great summer season!



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Entry Deadline August 18th, 2007

Registration fee: \$105.00 per team

Name of Club and State _____

Sanction number of club or league _____

1. Name (Captain) _____ NHPA# _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone Home# _____
League Point Average _____ Ringer Average _____

2. Name _____ NHPA# _____
League Point Average _____ Ringer Average _____

3. Name _____ NHPA# _____
League Point Average _____ Ringer Average _____

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MAIL THIS FORM WITH REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

TO: Lorraine Sternberg, NHPA 3rd Vice President
W206 N13520 Woodside Lane
Richfield, WI. 53076

Phone: (262) 677-3300

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

League averages will be used for this tournament from this years' league season (2007). Limit 20 teams. If your club would like to enter more than one team, please indicate your #1 team. After the deadline if there is not 20 different clubs/leagues entered your #2 team would then qualify to enter. This tournament is limited to adults only!

REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Dan Sanders

I have received some questions and concerns about the sanctioning/re-sanctioning of courts, but this work seems to be going smoothly in most charters. Due to the colder weather, some of our more northerly states may just be getting started with this process, at least for their outside facilities. The Regional Director of one of our larger charters reports that half or more of their clubs have completed and returned the court sanction forms to him, and another, from one of our smaller charters, reports that this work has already been completed! Regardless of how far along your charter is with this process, there is still plenty of time to complete this work before the end of the year. I have included here some additional information that may help to explain some of the more recently asked questions and concerns.

Question: *Compared with our earlier CS Form, is it easier or more difficult to get our courts sanctioned now?*

Answer: The earlier Court Sanction Form included a total of eleven (11) items. All eleven of them required “yes” answers to have your courts sanctioned, and so it was really *more difficult* before 2007. One difference is that court sanctioning wasn’t required then, and so there are now some existing courts that may never have been sanctioned or haven’t been sanctioned for a very long time. Until this year, sanctioned events could be held on *non-sanctioned* courts! Now that sanctioned courts *are* required for sanctioned events, there are only six (6) basic requirements instead of the earlier eleven (11). Courts that now meet these first six basic requirements are considered to be “sanctioned courts”. And so the requirements for sanctioning courts now are really “easier” to meet than they were before.

Question: *For a Full-court Sanction, why are there more requirements now than there were before?*

Answer: In comparing the new Court Sanction Form with the earlier one, the specifications are basically the same, with additions in three areas. One of them has to do with the “levelness” of the courts, another has to do with full-length walkways that provide a pitching platform and mid-court foul line for the new Junior Cadets, and the third is about the marking of imaginary stakes. These three specs; level courts, full walkways, and imaginary stakes, are not really “new” and there are many existing facilities across our charters that had already completed these upgrades before 2007.

Question: *What about the Full-court Sanction requirement for hosting a State Tournament?*

Answer: Looking beyond the basic requirements of correctly-marked foul lines, minimum pit dimensions, stake dimensions/placement, legal pit substances, and a protective barrier for safety reasons... the full-court sanction requirement for full-length walkways has created the most concern. But if this is the only requirement preventing your horseshoe pitching facility from being able to host your State Tournament, a *Temporary CS Waiver* for this condition can be granted if the club is willing to work on this upgrade; even for only one or two courts each year so that our Junior Cadets won’t have to pitch their horseshoes from the grass. This will allow the State Tournament to be held here on a year-to-year basis as upgrades may continue. For existing courts where there may be a *pre-existing condition*, like previously-installed walkways that do not meet the specs (the 18” width, for example), a *Permanent CS Waiver* can be granted for this requirement; upon request and by providing written details to your Regional Director. Other pre-existing court conditions may also be considered for a permanent CS waiver which would allow your State Tournament to be held/continue to be held at this location. I am asking that the Regional Directors please contact me about either of these CS waiver requests; temporary or permanent, which may need to be handled on a case-by-case basis. And as I have said before, the NHPA is more than willing to work with your RD and all charter clubs during this transition period of time.

New Website for Regional Directors...

All Regional Directors who have a current e-mail address (nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of all RDs now have e-mail!) will soon be invited to join a new restricted website for RDs. I’m very excited about this as it will provide a much better way for the Regional Directors to communicate with questions, answers, and ideas from each other about the sanctioning of courts or anything else related to their duties. This will be set up something like the “forum” on our NHPA Website, with different topic categories, etc., but will be only for Regional Directors, plus a few others who may be invited to join this group. It will also provide a location where any one of our RDs can find and print-off all forms and certificates that may be needed for their Charter work. I would like to extend a big “Thank You!” to Kevin Snelgrove, Virginia RD, who has helped in getting this website all set up. I will soon be contacting all RDs with information on how to register, etc.

PUBLICITY PROMOTION

by Casey Sluys



Pitch and Win

By now it should be okay to assume that all of you have contacted your fair boards in your city or county and established a rapport with them to hold the Pitch and Win Program right? Well even if only five charters are doing it for 2007, it's a start; and here is the banner we will ship you for use at your charter's Pitch and Win Program. That would require us, the NHPA, to send this beautiful banner to five different locations. What would happen if 2-3 events were held in the same timeframe? Well some of you would have to go without the opportunity to display this nice banner. In reality I hope this comes about, in fact I hope there are ten charters out there willing to operate this worthy recruitment tool. In fact I hope that every charter would require one of these nice banners. If you are going to run the Pitch and Win event in your area, please let me know so we can make arrangements to ship the banner to you for use at your event. We need to coordinate the shipment and return of the banner for now until every charter runs this event and we can supply all of you with one of these.

Attendance

With the 2007 pitching season underway we sincerely hope that your tournament attendance is up compared to last year. There are many ways to improve your events attendance isn't there? Here are a few: You can carpool to save on fuel costs; you can offer food, either for sale or free; you can run special events like a

double round robin of 20 shoes per game; you could mix the whole tournament then handicap everyone; you can run the old standby events of 35 or 40 points; you can run shoe limit games. The main thing is to become creative in how your tournaments are run. Once folks get a taste of something different, and they enjoy it, they will be back to your events time after time. One more thing that will make your events a big success is to have your courts groomed and in good pitching condition prior to hosting your event. Don't make the participants attending your event have to groom their own courts before pitching. If eight or ten people groomed your facility prior to an event, doesn't it stand to reason that you would have more people attending? Sure it does; and once your facility develops a reputation of having well run events, and well-groomed courts your attendance will naturally increase.

Members Ideas

1. An interesting idea is to have a two-tiered membership. There would be a Tournament level membership and regular level membership. With the tournament level membership you receive all of the benefits that you already receive, plus a subscription to the Newline. With the regular membership level, you are just a member, like the NRA or the NAFC (North American Fishing Club). Included in the regular membership is also the Newline. To afford this we will have to raise the price of membership to include the Newline subscription; which means more subscribers and more funds. With more subscribers, the potential is there to get more sponsors and in turn even more income.

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PUBLICITY PROMOTION *continued from page 13*

Another idea is for Game Related Sales to get involved. When a customer calls me for an order, I ask if they are a member of the NHPA. The majority of the time the answer is no. I am selling horseshoes to hundreds of potential members. Not necessarily tournament level members, but regular members. Should we come up with some sort of informational flyer to be included in all of the orders that GRS sends out? We as GRS representatives have more exposure to potential members than any local club. (Kimeeh)

2. Playing "horse" like in basketball: Make a ringer from any spot on the court and your opponent has to match the feat or lose a letter.

My favorite, though, is to give away a "big" prize, like a car, for a series of shots: ringers from 10 feet, 20 feet, 30 feet, 40 feet, and finally at 50 feet (consecutively, in order).

Just outside the box thinking. Plus, it leaves the "new" pitcher feeling like they can possibly do it. Imagine all of these things happening at our world tournament, after being promoted within our organization and with the local community at the world tournament.

It goes back to the article from Bakersfield. Sure, the words hurt, but we've got to do something to get more people interested. Our world tournament allows us two weeks to sell those residents on our sport and all the fun it can be. I say, let's do it.

I've got more ideas (just like others), but let's start with these. Come on everyone, join in and help enhance our sport to something that others can be excited about with new ideas. (Smile)

3. These are great ideas. Does anyone remember the "Miniature Horseshoes" we had in Genola, MN in 1981? It sure was fun - had to pitch at a stake stuck horizontally in a stump, had to pitch through the crook of a tree at a stake we couldn't see, etc. I believe there were nine "ends". AND we had the Longest Ringer Contest that year too. Other years there were the four colored stakes with the corresponding colors on the horseshoes. The goal was to ring a colored stake with the like colored 'shoe. Others we have had here were to actually pitch a horseshoe from a pony or from a Clydesdale, or to pitch the two horseshoes welded together at the toe - twice as much chance for a ringer! Let's keep the crazy stuff going! (Debby M.)

4. Horseshoe growth seems to catch on well by simply recruiting one or two new players who in turn will begin to invite friends or family that they are associated with, but only IF they have been shown a fair and fun system. How many times is a new player thrown into a league or tournament with far more experienced players and really is unable to compete? I think we need to work harder to make those new players feel welcome and as competitive as possible. One of the best recruiting grounds for new players, as is well known, is the local fairs and festivals. I've seen guys at county fairs that have pitched for years but knew nothing of the NHPA. We need to make sure we participate and visit those venues with charter information material, hand out inexpensive business cards with website addresses and phone numbers. Even at our sanctioned events, you will see "fence learners" who are curious as to the goings on. Be polite, yet aggressive, talk with them, invite them out on the courts to do a few practice pitched or yet again just slip them a card or brochure. The opportunities are out there we just have to recognize and use them to the best advantage. (flipton)

Thank you all for the interesting thoughts and we can only hope that some of these will come to fruition.

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CLASS A 30 FT.

		WINS	LOSS	RINGERS	%
1. WEIDRICH	BEN	8	2	287	67.6
2. RUTHERFORD	JOHN	6	4	334	60.0
3. TABAT	BARBARA	6	4	244	54.9
4. WHEELER	PETE	5	5	308	61.3
5. LONG	BOB	4	6	275	57.7
6. BOSHMAN	IDA	1	9	170	40.4

CLASS A 40 FT.

1. COMSTOCK	JERRY *	8	3	275	55.7
2. TABAT	TOM *	7	4	284	53.3
3. SHERRARD	DARRELL	5	5	251	50.2
4. McKEE	ROBERT	5	5	211	46.4
5. HYATT	CHAD	3	7	233	48.9
6. FARLEY	FRANK	3	7	227	45.2

CLASS B 40 FT.

1. ALLEY	JOHN	8	2	221	53.1
2. RENFRO	JIM	8	2	216	45.8
3. RENFRO	BOB	5	5	218	44.6
4. BOSS	DALE	4	6	200	44.0
5. CUTHBERTSON	TERRY	3	7	143	35.5
6. REED	HOWARD	2	8	194	39.1

CLASS C 40 FT.

1. HOERNER	BOB	7	3	165	41.2
2. McKEE	REVIS	7	3	131	32.7
3. MITCHELL	GERALD	7	3	127	31.7
4. PEDERSEN	LENARD	5	5	113	28.2
5. ROUTH	TOM	4	6	101	25.2

CLASS B 30 FT.

1. THOMSEN	MARION	11	0	279	57.8
2. O'BLNES	RONALD	9	2	297	54.5
3. HOSHAW	TRISHA	7	4	302	51.3
4. WILBURN	WALLY	6	5	289	48.6
5. MAGOON	RUSS	6	5	235	47.0
6. REBMAN	RICK	6	5	182	38.3
7. SPARKS	DAVID	5	6	189	40.3
8. ROBINSON	KENT	5	6	207	40.1
9. CONLIN	JIM	3	8	214	40.3
10. McCUTCHEN	GENE	3	8	205	40.1
11. GARNER	HAROLD	3	8	141	30.3
12. RITTWEGER	DUTCH	2	9	227	43.1

CLASS D 30 FT.

		WINS	LOSS	RINGERS	%
1. WILBURN	RAY	9	2	217	49.3
2. SPARKS	BABETTE	8	3	190	43.1
3. KRAEMER	RAY	7	4	181	41.1
4. VIGIL	VALARIE	7	4	171	38.8
5. KUYKENDALL	GENE	6	5	182	41.3
6. CUMMINGS	EARL	6	5	169	38.4
7. TRUCHAN	BILL	6	5	166	37.7
8. MEYER (MOOSE)	LEROY	5	6	146	33.1
9. THOMSEN	BOB	5	6	135	30.6
10. ETTER	MOE	4	7	153	34.7
11. WALLACE	PAUL	2	9	127	28.8
12. WERK	GLEN	1	10	86	19.5

CLASS E MIXED

1. NIELSEN	HARLAN	10	1	129	29.3
2. RADAMACHER	ANDY	8 ½	2 ½	132	30.0
3. REIHL	JOHN	7	4	117	26.5
4. BOSCHMAN	HERB	7	4	103	23.4
5. JELLEMA	CLARENCE	5 ½	5 ½	131	29.7
6. LOWRY	PAUL	5	6	103	23.4
7. NICASTRO	PETE	5	6	100	22.7
8. McKEE	MARION	5	6	100	22.7
9. PEDERSEN	JOHN	4 ½	6 ½	91	20.6
10. PREIS	GEORGE	3 ½	7 ½	83	18.8
11. CARPENTER	RAYMOND	3	8	105	23.8
12. OAKES	BOB	2	9	86	19.5

CLASS F MIXED

1. BAEZ	AL	9	2	102	23.1
2. SPRAGUE	BILL	8	3	110	25.0
3. ANDERSEN	HARLEY	7 ½	3 ½	123	17.9
4. GANT	LEON	7	4	112	25.4
5. NYGAARD	RICHARD	7	4	110	25.0
6. SPRAGUE	SHIRLEY	6	5	98	22.2
7. STANLEY	JIM	6	5	98	22.2
8. GALUARDIU	JIM	6	5	95	21.5
9. HITE	JIM	4	7	89	20.2
10. SHANNON	KEN	3	8	71	16.1
11. REYNA	JERRY	2 ½	8 ½	70	15.9
12. CLARK	PAUL	0	11	72	16.3

I want to say Thank You to all the wonderful people that helped support the Valley Of The Sun Tournament, it was an honor to get to know a lot of you and make new friends. After eight years it is time for me to step aside and let some one else take over. I hope to meet many of you great horseshoe players on the courts around the country in the future.

Sincerely
RICK DURKIT

HALL OF FAME

by Vicki Winston

Spring is here and the lawnmowers are busy. A welcome change from the snow shovels of winter. It's also a sign that outdoor pitching is ready to resume. I've been advised that the concrete flooring has been poured for the new Hall of Fame and court complex and by the time you read this, construction should be underway. You can view progress reports and photos by clicking on the NHPF link of the NHPA web site and then clicking on the Articles and Photos tab. Then click the Construction Photos link.

I am happy to announce that three people have been elected to the Hall of Fame in the 2007 voting. We will hold the induction ceremonies during the annual Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet, which will be held in Ardmore, OK on July 29th. I hope that many of you will plan to attend as we honor these new inductees. I have written a brief biography of each one, so you will know a little more about them.

CURT BESTUL

Curt and his wife, Beaty, reside in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, but spend their winters in Texas. They are the parents of four children, with their youngest, Debby, having the most success in World Tournaments. She won the Jr. Girls Championship four times.

When Curt became involved in the sport, he quickly took an active leadership role and became involved in organizing a club in Eau Claire, WI in 1965. He also joined the NHPA that year and took in the World Tournament at Keene, NH. This prompted him to contact the NHPA secretary, Bob Pence, for information on forming a state charter in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin State Association was born in 1967, with Curt largely responsible. During this same period of time, Curt was meeting many times with Eau Claire city officials and finally received permission to construct the beautiful courts in Carson Park. Curt remained active in leadership and promotion on both the local and state level for many years and also served as a NHPA Regional Director. Curt and Beaty's greatest contribution to our sport occurred in 1987 when they hosted the 1987 World Tournament at Eau Claire. We are told they were the first to use the triplicate score sheet, which was shown to NHPA President, Ralph Dykes, and have been used by the NHPA since that time. Although several years had passed, Curt and Beaty were on hand again to greet many of the pitchers who came to Eau Claire when the World Tournament returned there in 2003.

In his prime pitching years, Curt also was very capable of throwing ringers, carrying averages in the high 60% range, with games in the 70 percents not uncommon. Curt qualified into the Mens Championship division in South Gate, CA in 1970 and averaged 68% while competing against the best

the world had to offer at that time. He placed second in the Wisconsin state tournament many times and finally became the state champ in 1981. His most memorable game occurred in 1972 at the Minneapolis Open. He had given Frank Stinson his only loss and Curt and Frank ended up tied for first place. In a 50 point playoff game, Curt defeated Frank Stinson while averaging 87.1%. They had nine consecutive four deads during this game.

As of this writing, this most deserving gentleman is planning on being in Ardmore, OK, along with some family members, for the induction ceremony.

THOMAS R. BROWNELL

Born on April 22, 1923 in the state of New York, Tom began pitching horseshoes at the age of 14. He would eventually become one of the top pitchers in the nation and won his first New York State title in 1941. Tom went on to win a total of six New York state titles while a resident of that state. He took time off from the local tournaments from 1943-46 while he served with the U. S. Army in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. When he returned to civilian life in New York, he resumed his job with General Electric, which he started in 1941. In 1948 he married his wife, Shirley, and one son was born to this union, Thomas Van Ness Brownell.

Tom competed in the Mens Championship Class at six world tournaments - 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1955 and 1957. In 1948 he placed 5th and averaged 80.9%. His best finish was in 1955, when they took the top four pitchers after the round robin play and had them pitch a four man playoff for the championship. The contestants were Ted Allen, Fernando Isais, Tom Brownell and Don Titcomb. Tom came in third with a 1-2 record and averaged 82.7% for those three games. It is said that during the 1955 world tournament playoffs, Tom pitched a 158 shoe game with Ted Allen in which they had 50 four deads. Ted averaged 91.1% for this game, while Tom averaged 87.3%. At the 1957 world tournament, the championship men were divided into two groups of 18 men each for the semi-final competition and the top seven from each group competed for the world title. Tom finished 5th in the finals and averaged 80.4%.

While still residing in New York, Tom served a stint as the New York charter secretary/treasurer and at some point in time apparently authored a training manual on the sport of horseshoe pitching covering all aspects of the game. However, in 1956 General Electric transferred

HALL OF FAME *continued*

Tom to San Jose, California where he was residing when he passed away. He took several years off from horseshoe competition, but was an avid bowler. In 1974 he became active again in horseshoe pitching and finished 2nd in the California state championships. In 1975 he was one of four men selected by the NHPA to represent the USA in putting on horseshoe pitching demonstrations at the request of the government of South Africa. This was in connection with the delegation of South African jukskei players that came to a world tournament to put on a demonstration of their sport for us.

Cancer claimed Tom's life on March 2, 1976 in San Jose, CA. At the time of his passing, he had been serving as the Manager of General Electric's nuclear energy division office in Sunnyvale, CA. We can only wonder if Tom would have eventually won some California state titles had his life not been cut so short. Son, Tom, and his mother, Shirley, currently reside in Amsterdam, NY. When I spoke with the son, he told me that his mother was going to be very thrilled when she learned the news of the Hall of Fame honor.

DON WEAVER

Don was born on June 6, 1927 in Nevada. He was married to his wife, Lurline, for 57 years before she passed away in November 2004. They did not have any children. Don spent 32 years in the law enforcement profession and when he retired in 1981, he was serving as Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal in Nevada.

Retirement gave Don more time to really get involved in the sport of horseshoe pitching. In 1981 he was the only

NHPA member in the Las Vegas area, so he went to work and eventually organized a club and supervised the construction of nine sanctioned courts now in use. He was elected president of the Las Vegas area club and continued to hold that position until he refused the nomination in 2002. In 1983 he was appointed the NHPA Regional Director for Nevada, a position that he still holds. He was presented the Regional Director of the Year Award in 2006. In 1989 he was elected the president of the Nevada charter and is currently still serving in that position. Don also currently serves on the NHPA Grievance Committee.

Many people will remember Don and his involvement in directing or serving as a co-director at 13 indoor tournaments at the Hacienda Hotel and Casino that drew pitchers from all over the country. The tournament was moved one year to the Showboat and drew 510 entries. It was played on 24 synthetic clay courts that were designed and constructed by Don. After the Hacienda was imploded, Don held three more Las Vegas tournaments under a tent at the San Remo.

Don purchased and equipped a 20 foot trailer with two 4' x 8' bulletin boards, 24 scoring devices, 24 courts, a public address system, table, chairs and all other equipment necessary to run a tournament. He became a traveling tournament director, taking his trailer to many locations each year and running successful events, including some that were in neighboring states or several hundred miles from Las Vegas. Over the years Don has also taken the time to supervise the construction of permanent courts at various locations throughout Nevada.

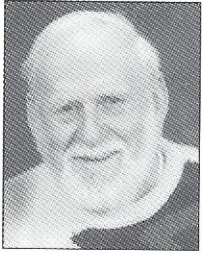
Don's eagerness to help in conducting tournaments has brought him to several world tournaments, where he has always been willing to work wherever needed. He has assisted shift directors and has even served as a shift director. He has been seen hanging numbers for wins and losses on the large scoreboards for the championship classes. Fortunately, there is now a safer way to display this information on the wall with the use of computer generated technology. It is no longer necessary to hang name cards and numbers on nails by hand. Whenever Don attends a horseshoe tournament anywhere, he has always been a willing worker.

It is uncertain as of this writing whether Don will be able to be in Ardmore for his induction ceremony, but we know he has spent many years working tirelessly to promote the sport of horseshoe pitching and is very deserving of this honor.



"LET ME GUESS, YOUR HORSESHOE PITCHING AVERAGE JUST TOOK ANOTHER NOSEDIVE?"

THE TOLL OF TIME



Eugene 'Burly' Burlingame
Davenport, Iowa

Eugene Neal "Burly" Burlingame passed away Monday, February 19, 2007 following an extended illness.

Burly was born May 23, 1927, in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Clyde and Gladys (Judd) Burlingame. He married Betty Schaffer, June 21, 1974, in Aledo, Illinois. Burly was a veteran of the U.S. Army from 1945-1947, retiring as a sergeant in the tank company. He was a machinist and roofer in his early years. He was employed at the Rock Island Arsenal as a supervisor of the tool grinding department, retiring in 1979.

He was a member of Good Sam's Camping Club and the Area Maintenance Persons volunteer group. Burly was also a proud 45-year member of Alcoholics Anonymous. His hobbies included pitching horseshoes, NASCAR racing, bowling, and playing pool. He was the founder and president of the Paul Stewart Fan Club, known as the Stewlies; whose website is www.stewlies.com. Its 879 members are from as far away as Ireland. He enjoyed supporting youth sporting events, especially those involving his grandchildren.

Burly was a loving, supportive dad, grandpa and friend. Survivors include his wife, Betty; children, Jeanne (Bill) Dugger, Crestview, Fla., Pat (Steve) Holgorsen, Estes Park, Colo., Sue (Pete) Williams, Taylor Ridge, Ill., Kathy (Dan) Medina, Moline, Lianne (Jeff) Levetzow, Alva, Okla., MGySgt. Brian (Cindy) Burlingame, San Clemente, Calif., and TY Burlingame, Protivin, Iowa; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; his chocolate lab, Ringer; brother, Kenneth Burlingame, El Cajon, Calif.; a special friend, Gordon Summy, of Moline, Ill.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter, Margaret Mary; brothers, Bill and Bob, and sister, Marian, infant granddaughter, Theresa, and his beloved granddaughter, Jennifer Lynn Evans.

Memorials may be made to National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation.

Paul D. Warren Indiana

Paul D. Warren, Sr., age 67, of Michigan City, died Saturday, February 24 at his residence in Michigan City. Mr. Warren

was born December 12, 1939 in Valparaiso, IN to Walter N. and Lucille (Dille) Warren, both whom preceded him in death. In 1965 in Chesterton he married Patricia Ward, she survives in Michigan City. Also surviving are daughter Stacy Long of Michigan City; son Paul (Cindy) D. Warren, Jr. of LaPorte; and daughter Rochelle (Darrell) Dierdorf of Michigan City; grandchildren Jennifer and Emily Warren, Kyle, Colby and Drake Dierdorf, and Seth Long; and brother Walter (Beverly) Warren of Chesterton.

Mr. Warren was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a member of the New Buffalo Gun Club, an avid outdoorsman, and enjoyed playing golf and horseshoes. He particularly enjoyed spending time with his family. Mr. Warren had been in maintenance at Joy Mfg. for 27 years, and with Memorial Hospital for 6 years. Since retiring Mr. Warren had worked at the Michigan City Municipal Golf Course.

Mr. Warren was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp., serving 2 tours in Vietnam. Memorial contributions may be made to donor choice.

Paul Warren was a past member of: Porter Central Horseshoe League, Portage, Indiana Westchester Horseshoe League, Chesterton, Indiana Michigan City Tuesday Night 4-Man Horseshoe League. Paul was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying archery, rifles, handguns, golf, and hunting. Paul was a kind, polite, hardworking man who will be missed by all.

Wayne L Trautwein Missouri

Wayne L. Trautwein, 93 years young, died at his home on January 31, 2007. In February, Wayne and his wife Fern would have celebrated 71 years of marriage. Wayne and Fern had four children; Connie, Terry, Sharon and Dick. Connie Trautwein who just moved from Arizona to Kansas City and her sister Sharon Armstrong are currently playing horseshoes.

Wayne began playing horseshoes in the Clay Center, Kansas area in the 1940's and played against the best in Kansas. He moved to Kansas City, MO in 1957 and continued to play horseshoes. Wayne and his son Terry were the first to build the courts for the Heart of America club in Kansas City, MO. In 1978 Wayne was Class G at the World Tournament in Des Moines, IA.

In Missouri, Wayne played in the Senior's Division and became the all time victory leader with four titles. Wayne had 54 wins in 69 games with a ringer percentage of 50.78.

At the time of his death Wayne was the oldest pitcher in the MOHPA. Wayne never met a stranger and he helped so many.

Submitted by Kent Armstrong

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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 Perle 985-384-9490, Tim Hayles 985-385-3858, or Tim Gilmore - 985-395-5062. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. Tournament benefits NHPF

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 Perle 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

JUNE-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.

July 7th, 8th - Danville 19th Annual Open Horseshoe Tournament, Douglas Park off I-74 at Bowman Ave. exit. Designated "A" Sponsorship increases awards. Class A 30 ft. and 40 ft. play Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. Entry Fee: \$25.00 includes scorekeeping fees. Deadline: June 22nd. (Register online also at: www.Active.com by June 19th) Make checks payable to: Danville Horseshoe Club and mail to: Leo Bratland, 41 Country Club Dr., Danville, IL 61832. Phone: (217) 443-5818 or email: bratln@aol.com.

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 Perle 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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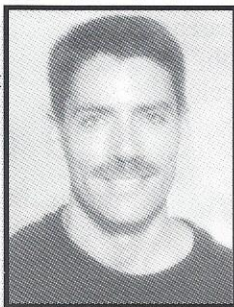
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BARNYARD GOLF

by Bob Champion

Back in 1922, the first horseshoe pitching publication was called "Barnyard Golf" and through the years, the term has popped up from time to time. It was published 28 times. The Horseshoe Pitching Digest was published from 1958 to 1988 and the present horseshoe publication, the Horseshoe Pitching NEWSLINE, took over the sports news until the present time.

The first official horseshoes were actually horses shoes until the squared hooked shoe made its' presentation to the sport in the 1930s. The slang name of "Barnyard Golf" stuck for the first two decades of the sport of horseshoe pitching. Considerable promotion efforts were being made to develop leagues and state organizations by 1919. World tournaments were held each year.

The term "Barnyard Golf" did not project the image the National leaders would prefer, although the newspapers commonly used the nickname. However, National and State officers have made an effort to modernize the sport by using illustrations of the present day horseshoes in most of their publications. However, these early years were a period of time when horseshoe pitching had considerable coverage. Major newspapers and hometown weeklies covered horseshoe events right along with baseball, football, basketball and other sports of the day. The Barnyard Golf nickname phased out in the mid-thirties along about the time that hooks became the future of the modern horseshoe.

The history of horseshoes began in 1909 when horses' shoes of any size were used in competition. From 1921 through 1931, standard size horseshoes without any hooks were used, except an Ohio company did produce a shoe with small hooks in 1927. The present day horseshoes with sizeable hooks reached the market when Ted Allen introduced his "shoe" in 1938. Through the years from 1921 the opening of all the horseshoes was a standard 3 1/2 inches. The interesting chart on this page will explain all the heights and sizes of stakes and shoes through the years.

BARNYARD GOLF



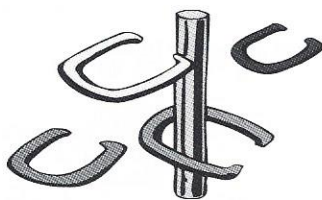
Leaner counted 3 points 1909-1915

Stakes, Distance, Points

YEAR	STAKE (High)	DISTANCE (Feet)	PTS	R	L	CL.
1905	2"	38½	21	3	2	1
1909	2"	38½	21	5	3	1
1911	6"	38½	21	5	3	1
1915	8"	38	21	5	3	1
1919	8"	40	50	3	-	1
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1920	10"	40	50	3	-	1
	1" Dia.					
1933	12"	40	50	3	-	1
1950	14-15"	40	50	3	-	1
1982	14-15"	40	40	3	-	1

Notes:

- 1909 First so-called dirt courts. Ringer on top took all points. No regulation shoe size or weight.
- 1911 One point any distance from stake.
- 1915 Shoes 2 lbs. to 2 lbs. 3 oz. maximum. One point if shoe is 12" from stake.
- 1919 Only 19 World Tournament pitchers.
- 1923 Stakes leaned 3". Percentages kept.
- 1925 Rules revised February 26, 1925.
- 1982 Point Change made January 1, 1982.



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Contact Mike Redding mike@securitysolutions-usa.com for more information on these campsites.

Please try to make your reservations AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!! These sites are limited and will not last long!!!

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Visit the website for more information.

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www.oklahomaparks.com

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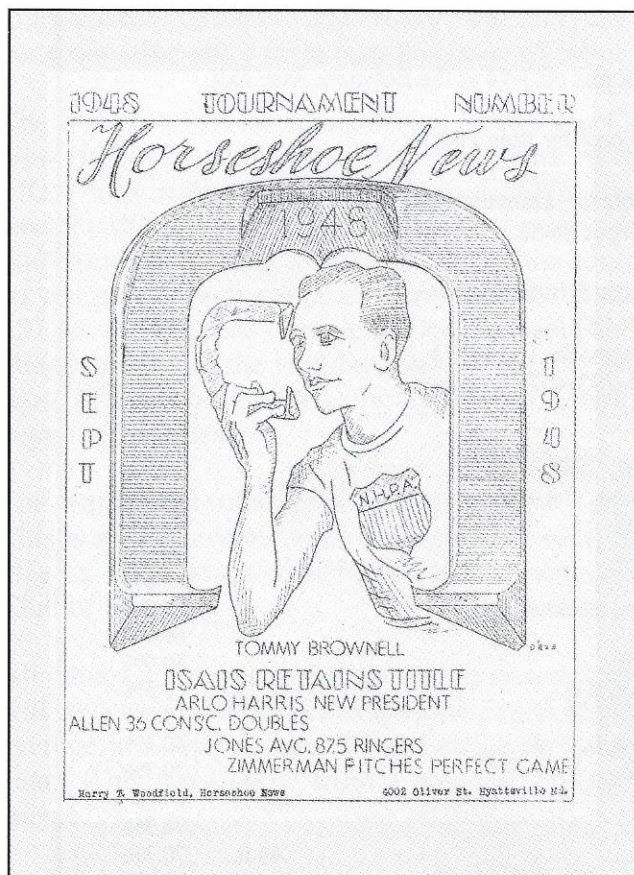
Horseshoe Pitching Facts and Folklore



By Bob Dunn

More Than Just Folk Art

This cover picture from 1948 just may be the most historic NHPA magazine cover ever. That's a lot to say, as there have been countless great covers, including U.S. presidents and horseshoe pitching notables. This cover tells of some incredible headlines of the day and also highlights an incredible competitive era of our sport.



Notice the cover itself, a rather homemade looking; amateur produced book. This was a two-year period where the NHPA news magazine did not have the professional look as the decades prior through the Horseshoe World, or the decades that followed through The Horseshoe Pitcher, Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest and today's Newslines. The Horseshoe News was the individual effort by then NHPA president and Hall of Fame member, Harry "Pop" Woodfield. During 1947, 1948 and part of 1949, the Horseshoe News produced off an old-fashioned mimeograph machine; was the only communication for the NHPA members. A little known fact about Mr. Woodfield is that he was responsible for constructing horseshoe pitching courts on the White House lawn during the Truman administration.

The first headline that caught the reader's eye was: Ted Allen 36 consecutive doubles in the World tournament competition. Everyone knows that the great feat of 72 consecutive ringers was accomplished by Allen in 1955 against Cletus Chapelle. Actually, Allen accomplished the feat twice, first in 1948; but over two games. Allen ended one game with 29 consecutive doubles then started the next game with 7 double ringers.

The next headline is the record setting performance by Casey Jones, averaging 87.5% and not winning the championship. In fact, Jones lost three games in that 1948 World Tournament, held in his home state of Wisconsin.

Then, Guy Zimmerman pitched a perfect 44 shoe game, believed to be the first perfect game in a World Tournament.

Isais was named in the headlines, for winning the world's championship in one of the most competitive eras, but probably next to the most competitive era of our sport. This was Isais' third title as he went on to win eight titles in all.

Now looking back, those items weren't really the big news of the day; Arlo Harris elected president is by far the most newsworthy. A whole book could be written about Harris, his efforts and his impact to the NHPA. Ever notice how the NHPA has a league program and league participation that is equal to and maybe even greater than tournament involvement. It hasn't always been that way. Prior to Arlo, the NHPA was strictly tournament pitcher oriented. While there always have been leagues and town teams, as far back as 1919, those pitchers were not all NHPA members. Harris had plans to change all that and to bring in "count-all scoring". While there was no great success during his term, it was a major thrust of the movement and culminated as Donnie Roberts drafted out the first guidelines of the NHPA Sanctioned League Program, 30 years later. Today; league players out-number tournament pitchers, a fact that would seem improbable in the 1920's or 1950's.

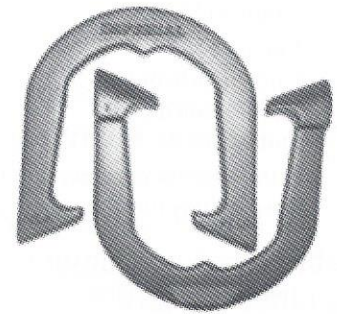
Tommy Brownell is pictured on the cover. For those who may never have heard of Brownell, he is one of the three players to defeat Casey Jones in 1948. And in 1955, when Ted Allen again had 36 consecutive doubles (all in a single game), in a different game, he matched up against Allen, to mark a new record of 50 four-deads in a single game. Brownell's accomplishments are not limited to World Tournaments. He was a six time New York State Champion.



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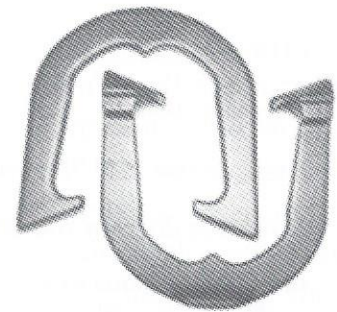


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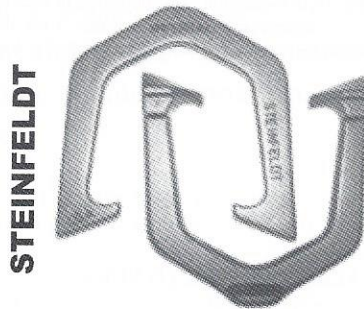


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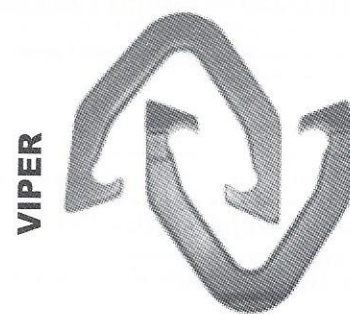
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3	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
4	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00
5	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$230.00
6	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$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
will be mailed to all
contestants by June 11th
to the address you have
listed on this form.

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 # _____
(please print) First Last (or Canadian)

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**

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

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

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

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

MAIL THIS FORM with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

TO: NHPA
3085 76th St
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Direct Telephone Inquiries to:
Dick Hansen NHPA Sec/Treas.
262-835-9108

All Entries must be on this form and mailed with a postmark no later than **MAY 17th 2007**. Entries received with a postmark after May 17th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. NATSTATS/CANSTATS files must substantiate that you have pitched a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the preceding twelve (12) months, at your divisions pitching distance, prior to May 17th 2007, which is the last date NATSTATS will accept results to determine entering averages. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Participants will be required to show their 2007 NHPA or CANADIAN membership card when checking in to pitch.

REGISTRATION FEES: ALL ADULTS -- \$125.00 • ALL JUNIORS -- \$25.00 • U.S. FUNDS ONLY
CANADIAN ENTRIES USE MONEY ORDERS REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES SCORE KEEPING FEES
NO REFUNDS AFTER May 26th 2007

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.**

CHARTER CHATTER *by Tina Hawkins*

CORRECTION

I was in err in writing "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" in the last issue of this column... I apologize for any confusion created.

The Hall of Fame and Court Complex referred to is, in fact, the NHPA Hall of Fame, Museum and Court Complex, being constructed by the NHPF and financed, in part, by the NHPA. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club (formerly New Melle HC) will be managing the complex for the NHPA. They will be doing all of the work and helping to raise the finances that it will take to keep the facility operating and open.

They will be in charge of court maintenance, manning the concession stand and sales area and coordinating events, among other things. The club will also be conducting pitching clinics or instruction sessions. The outdoor courts will be available to the public at no charge nearly all the time, unless needed for special events.

Why not make plans to visit the site on your way to Ardmore, Oklahoma for the 2007 World Tournament? It's right on the way for many!

FLORIDA

The great state of Florida is now right in the middle of their tournament season. Their pitching begins in October and ends in May, with only a few tournaments held during the summer. There are eighty-one sanctioned tournaments on the schedule.

The Brevard County Horseshoe Club in Melbourne is busy planning and preparing for the State Championship Tournament, slated for April 18 thru April 21.

At this time, all but four of the charter clubs in Florida have upgraded their pit material to Kentucky blue clay. Hopes are that the remaining clubs will follow suit.

This sounds like a great place to go during what other folks consider the "off" season!! For schedule information, contact Regional Director Ron Deckard, deckardr@verizon.net, phone: (813) 884-2932, OR visit their website which can be linked to from www.horseshoepitching.com.

MISSOURI

The deep freeze is finally over, so, outdoor construction can resume on the Hall of Fame complex. Despite the number of indoor pitching facilities, it is nice to be able to get back outside!

The annual Cancer Action Benefit Tournament was held March 24th at the Don Harris Arena. In its fifth or sixth year, this year's event generated \$1285.46 for the organization that provides special home services for cancer patients in the Greater Kansas City Area. About 25% of the tournaments held in Don Harris Arena are benefit tournaments -including Window of Opportunity to help special education children, the Special Olympics Benefit and the A.L.S.

The Board of Directors of Don Harris Arena, also known as Heartland Indoor Horseshoe Association, has given donations to many other needy organizations and individuals.

Thank you, Don Harris, for providing MORE than just "a place to pitch" in cold and inclement weather.

The Regional Director and the MOHPA Zone Directors hope to have all the courts in the state sanctioned by the end of the year. With about 25 locations, this will be a major task!!

OHIO

Six new outdoor courts are being built in the Circleville area. League play should begin this summer and a tournament may be scheduled for later this year.

The Charter Council voted to purchase a brick at the Hall of Fame in Missouri, and is encouraging all charter clubs as well as individuals to honor their Hall of Fame members, friends and family with the purchase of a brick.

This is a very personal and very visible way of showing your support for the NHPF programs and the NHPA Hall of Fame.

OKLAHOMA

Thirty volunteers gathered at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum, March 31, for a tour of the 2007 World Tournament site. General layout plans were formulated for the placement of the portable courts. After progressing to Ardmore's Regional Park for a hamburger/hotdog cookout they took on the task of unloading the NHPA trailer to assess the condition of all the World Tournament equipment.

Necessary repairs are now underway on scoreboards, courts, fence, shovels and whatever else needs repairing. Everything should be in tip-top condition upon your arrival in July!

Lunch, which was provided by the Lake Country Horseshoe Pitching Club, was prepared and served by the good people at the Comfort Inn. During the feast, a \$25 gift certificate given by the CASA ROMO Mexican Restaurant was given as a door prize. It was won by hard-working volunteer, Jake Thompson.

During your stay in Ardmore, please try to show your appreciation to these businesses for their support!

MINNESOTA

The MGSHPA has launched a major membership drive with incentives being offered to clubs for recruitment. All clubs that show a 25% or higher increase over last year's member totals will receive a \$100.00 bonus from the state association!

The club with the greatest increase in percentage of members will be awarded an additional \$400.00.

Many clubs are already planning their strategy to win the \$500.00 bonus. Some will be offering free club dues to members who recruit at least one new member. This "trickle down" incentive will prove to be a "win-win" situation for all involved.

Minnesota has enjoyed the largest adult and junior membership in the NHPA for several years, and must aggressively turn the trend of declining membership in the positive direction if they want to retain that distinction. It's no wonder, with ideas like this!!

Another "Pitch and Win" event is scheduled for late April at the Minnesota Horse Expo. Last year's effort was largely washed out by a massive spring storm. Hopefully this year's weather will be more accommodating. Horse lovers from all over the Midwest attend this event, and interest in pitching horseshoes should be high.

I have been receiving lots of great chatter from Regional Directors around the country! Keep them coming my way! How about that recruitment incentive launched by the Minnesota Charter? Those Gophers are really "GO-FER'S" aren't they?

We should ALL be trying new and interesting ways to increase our memberships. (Or some old, tried and true ways!)

Get the rust dusted off your shoes and limber up your arm!!! The 2007 World Tournament in Ardmore, Oklahoma will be upon us before we know it!!

WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE – by Stu Sipma

With the March 15th deadline for submitting World Tournament bid proposals behind us, I am proud to announce three locations contending to host the 2009 NHPA World Tournament.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Dave Shreve, Regional Director for the Illinois area and Josh Fegar of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau will be presenting to the voting delegates 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 27th – August 8th as their dates to host the tournament.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Leroy Law and Leo Buell, members of the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association; Mary Lee Malmberg, Director of Sports Tourism, and Bryan Barney, Manager of the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena, will be presenting to the voting delegates the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena which has two ice hockey arenas. The NHL Rink (main arena) has seating for 3850 spectators and would hold 24 portable courts. The other arena, the Olympic Rink, has 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 20th - August 1st as their dates to host the tournament.

TOPEKA, KANSAS

The Topeka Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the Kansas Horseshoe Pitchers Association submitted a bid to host the 2009 World Championships in Topeka. The proposed dates are July 27th – August 8th at the Kansas

Expocentre. Bronson, Kansas was the host site for the first World Tournament in 1909. If successful, these folks will be honoring the 100th anniversary of the World Tournaments. Larry Cuthbertson and Ivan Barnett, members of the Topeka Horseshoe Association and H.R. Cook, General Manager for the Kansas Expocentre will be working together on this task. For more information on their facility, visit their web site at <http://www.ksexpo.com/facilities/exhibition.php>

All three locations will have a booth set up at Ardmore, Oklahoma in July. Stop in and visit with these folks.

Look forward to seeing everyone in Ardmore!

Five Year NHPF Financial Report

Income	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
NHPA General Fund Donations	17,976	15,607	15,116	13,779	16,073
Individual, Charter, Club Donation	18,075	20,331	17,136	17,224	50,988
Miscellaneous Cash Donations	234	100	367	658	2,903
Banquet Revenue	4,000	3,680	6,000	676	992
Court Use Fees	2,675	2,795	1,620	0	0
Merchandise Sales	500	0	0	60	75
Joelton Property Sale	0	0	0	0	275,262
Account Interest Earned	4,132	4,538	4,371	7,545	13,221
Total Income	\$47,592	\$47,051	\$44,610	\$39,942	\$359,514
Expense					
Grants	0	6,500	5,000	2,000	4,950
Corporate Federal & State Fees	20	20	20	20	105
Accounting Fees	900	900	940	950	1,115
Legal Fees	27	0	32	8,986	8,244
Bank Service Fees	165	150	150	150	150
Supplies	250	30	135	52	252
Postage	0	85	200	170	239
Phone/Internet	0	0	787	480	570
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	0	0	254	0	0
Printing & Publications	2,743	0	0	112	0
Travel	0	200	402	2,399	2,082
Promotional Items	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes, Insurance, Lease	1,859	7,096	3,670	3,670	12,704
Banquet Fees	2,506	2,708	4,800	0	0
Construction Management Fees	0	0	0	8,000	20,000
Building Contractors	33,695	0	0	99,111	27,550
Total Expense	\$42,165	\$17,689	\$16,390	\$126,100	\$ 77,961
Net Cash Asset Gain or (Loss)	5,427	29,362	28,220	-86,158	281,553
Prior Year End Account Balance	298,805	304,232	333,594	361,814	275,656
Year End Cash Account Balance	\$304,232	\$333,594	\$361,814	\$275,656	\$557,209

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

RULES COMMITTEE BUSINESS by Jerry LaBrosse

I hear some say we have way too many rules. Then I hear others say there should be a rule for this or a rule for that. Rules are all about questions that come up on the courts. We should think of our rules as the answers to these questions. We all know that there's no possible way to satisfy everyone. So with that in mind, the officers of the NHPA must do what we feel is the best for the long term interests of our sport. Remember that when I took over the position of 4th VP I stated that it was my intention to uphold the integrity of the game. Well, it takes rules to do that, and that's why I fully support what we've done with the new RGS book.

It was my intention to talk about a few specific rules in this article, but some recent happenings have changed my thoughts, and I want to share my ideas about the sanctioning of courts. One of the first questions I would like to ask everyone is this.....do we want horseshoe pitching to be a "picnic" sport? Or do we want it to be a legitimate and respected sporting organization? If you prefer the picnic variety of this sport, then non-sanctioned events on non-sanctioned courts may be good enough for you. I mean, who cares if the stakes are six or even 12 inches too close or too far away? Just stand closer or farther away when you pitch because why would you need foul lines? Is this what you really want our sport to be? There may be some of you who fit this group, and perhaps the NHPA isn't for you.

I firmly believe that the vast majority of NHPA members want our sport to be sanctioned, controlled, respected and legitimate. To do this we need rules. To do this we need specifications for our courts and equipment. Lately I have been hearing about some opposition to the new requirements for court sanctioning (in places outside of MN). Let's take a closer look at what this re-sanctioning process really means. First of all, there will be two different sanction levels awarded, Conditional and Full. The new RGS book requires that all sanctioned events must be contested on one or the other. By the way, I haven't talked with anyone who disagrees with this ruling, in fact most folks

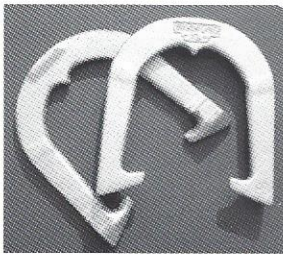
thought that was the way it has always been, and were surprised to find out otherwise. The only tournaments that will require Full Sanctioned courts are State, World, and Regional tournaments.

As for the new Court Specification requirements, Charter committees and individuals were invited to contribute their input on this, and many did. The final proposals were approved by the Re-write Committee, the NHPA Council, and the vast majority of Charter delegates who passed this proposal at the Gillette Convention. This was a widely developed and approved plan that deserves the support of our Regional Directors, Clubs, and all members during this transition period.

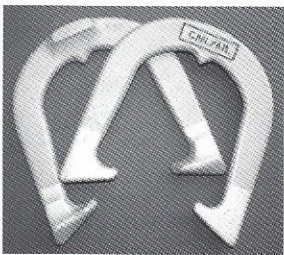
To meet the requirements of a conditional sanction, there are only **four basic things** you need to meet. These things are the bare minimum and I can't imagine anyone wanting to play on anything less. Pit dimensions, platforms, stake placement, and pit material. How much more basic can we get? Please review the RGS book for the specific requirements pertaining to court sanctioning. If you need an RGS book, contact me and I will be happy to mail you a copy.

Of course the overall long term goal is to have all court complexes work toward making their courts as close to full sanction as they can be. It is not our intention to shut down any facilities, and we are very willing to work with all clubs in mapping out a plan to improve your facility. In some cases, NHPF grant money can be applied for to make improvements. In many cases clubs can work with their city officials and get them to pay for materials if the club members do the work. I have witnessed this very scenario on many occasions across Minnesota.

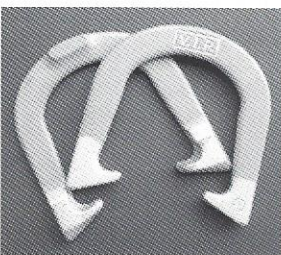
So please consider making at least the minimum upgrades to your court facilities and reach the conditional sanction status, and if possible, make a longer term plan to upgrade to a full sanction status. The future of our sport and the future of your local club will only benefit from this plan.



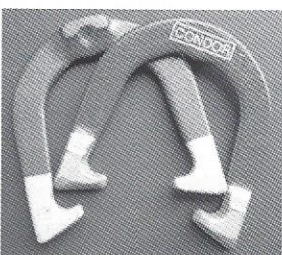
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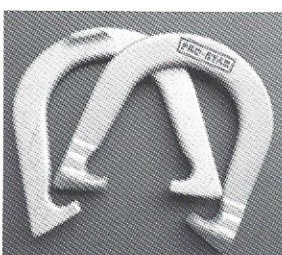
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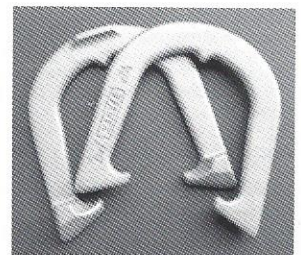
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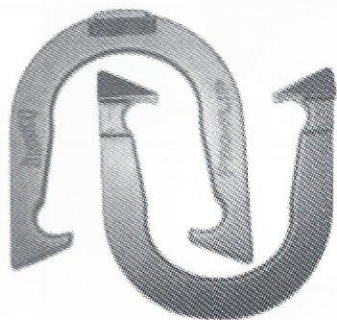


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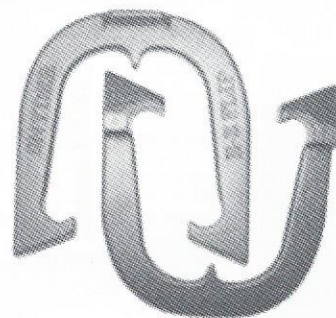
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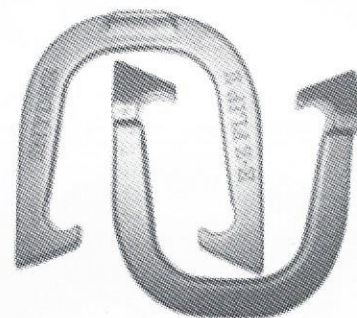
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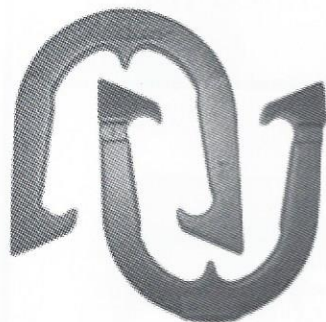
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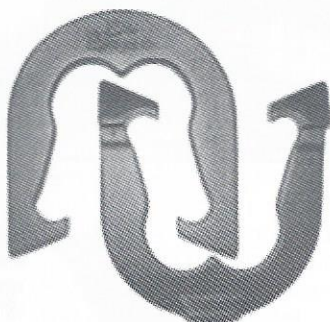
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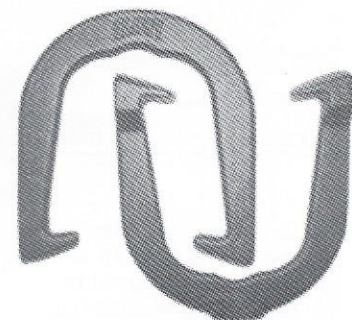
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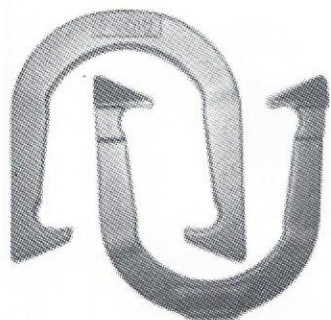
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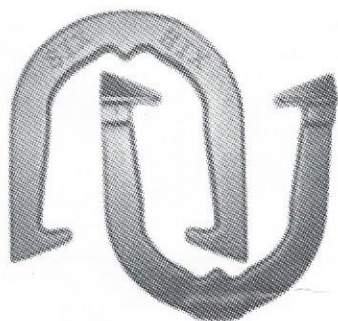
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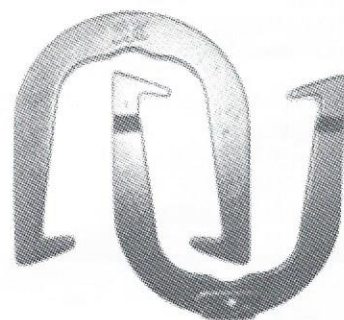
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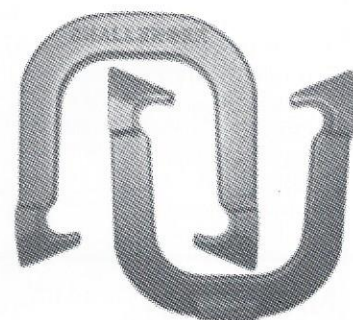
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