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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Paul Stewart*

The 2007 horseshoe pitching year is nearing an end for most of us. The exceptions being a few charters in the extreme south who pitch over the winter and those lucky enough to have indoor facilities. I hope all of you have had a good year in horseshoes and are looking forward to an even better year in 2008.

2007 has been a very busy year for me with respect to horseshoes. I have traveled more this year than any previous year: two trips to Ardmore, OK; two trips to Wentzville, MO; and one trip each to Davenport, IA; Greenville, OH; Crossville, TN; Newberry, SC; Washington DC and York, PA. I am considering a contest to see if any one can guess how many flight delays I encountered or how many times my baggage was lost.

It has been an especially busy time since the World Tournament in late July. I have attended several big tournaments, my Army Reunion, an on-site visit to the 2008 World Tournament site in York, PA and the Horseshoe Hall of Fame Grand Opening in Wentzville, MO.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Grand Opening was a great day for our sport and all horseshoe pitchers past and present. I stated at the ground breaking seventeen months ago that I did not believe a more beautiful location could have been found for our Hall of Fame. After visiting the completed Hall of Fame, I am even more convinced that this is the best and most beautiful location. I hope at some point in time that every horseshoe pitcher, their families and friends will have an opportunity to visit our NHPA Hall of Fame. I promise you will not be disappointed. It is a beautiful and professionally orchestrated tribute to our sport and its rich history.

As to the 2008 World Tournament, Dick Hansen and I made an on-site visit to York, PA on September 24th & 25th. We were both pleased and excited with our visit. Christina Smith with the York Convention and Visitors Bureau showed us some of York the first day. Motels and restaurants seem to be plentiful. There is a lot to see and many places to visit in both York and the surrounding areas. Gettysburg, Hershey, Lancaster, and Baltimore are only minutes away and Washington DC and Philadelphia, PA less than two hours away.

After touring the city and visiting a local coffee shop that not only brews, but roasts, their own coffee beans, we headed for the York Expo Center where the 2008 tournament facilities are located. We met with the facilities director and took the grand tour of all the facilities that we will be using for the tournament, the convention and the banquet. The tournament will be held in Memorial Hall East and Memorial Hall West which are connected by a large corridor adjacent to a plush lobby. Memorial Hall West, a 29,264

sq. ft. area, will have 32 sets of courts and Memorial Hall East, 28,202 sq. ft. area, will have 24 sets of courts. There is plenty of on-site parking and also on-site camping. This is a great facility for our 2008 World Tournament.

While visiting the Expo Center we also checked out the area that will be used for all of our Offices, Shoe Check, Class Pictures, Awards, World Tournament Bidders, Game Related Sales, and meeting rooms. We were also able to sit in on a world tournament planning meeting with Dale and Lee Estep as well as a lot of Eastern Pennsylvania horseshoe pitchers and club members. It looks like they have a good group of workers ready and willing to undertake the enormous amount of work required to organize, set-up and maintain the facility for a world tournament.

2008 could very well be a record for entries in a World Tournament. The York location is a reasonable driving distance for many of the clubs and members in the north and northeast. I'd like to urge all state charters to promote the world tournament. No matter what their pitching level is, every horseshoe pitcher should try to attend at least one world tournament. It is a truly amazing experience and one that you'll always remember. But I must warn you that you'll be hooked and want to attend every year thereafter. For those of us who have attended multiple tournaments, it becomes like a "family reunion". Make plans to go in 2008. You won't be disappointed.

By the time you read this the holiday season will be upon us, so I'd like to take this final opportunity to wish each and every one of you good health, much joy and happiness and a safe holiday season with family and friends! And I look forward to seeing all of you at the courts in 2008.



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NHPF NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

On a warm and sunny October 5th, the new National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame & Museum building was dedicated in Wentzville, Missouri. An estimated crowd of near 300 people attended the ceremony, some who came from states as far away as Florida, Idaho and California.

The building did not disappoint. It proved to be far more than most imagined. The professionally designed Hall of Fame room was indeed a wonderful sight to see. The firm of Ginkgo Design, Inc. certainly did a marvelous job of bringing all aspects of our history and memorabilia together.

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, who will be the caretakers of the building, contributed over 2,000 hours of volunteer labor and more than \$25,000 in material to the project, the total cost of which approached \$1,000,000. More than 90 members of the QRHC volunteered time and material to the construction. While we cannot name them all, we have to acknowledge and give special thanks to members Joe Faron, Larry Langewisch, Gary Buehler, Bob Cutright, Rich Altis, Rose Diekamp, Mickey Gillette, Don & Jeanette Claas and Roy & Suzanne Evans. Each of these members spearheaded specific projects which saved the NHPF untold dollars.

When we started, the NHPF needed a project manager and we found a gem in Kevin O'Meara of Tinker's Ridge Ltd. Kevin not only knew what had to be done but how to do it. Kevin is not a horseshoe pitcher but he probably now knows more about the sport and court layout than 98% of the membership. Kevin was with us from the beginning and spent many 12-14 hour days at the building site. He kept the contractors, work and volunteers coordinated while doing the entire interface with the County and City governments.

The new facility is fully climate controlled by state-of-the-art geothermo ground wells, which over time will save many thousands of dollars in heat and electric costs. Inside you will find 16 clay courts, full kitchen facilities, offices, storage, public facilities and of course the Hall of Fame and Museum. Outside, there are an additional 16 horseshoe courts. The 2007 NHPA Sanctioned Club Team Tournament was held at the facility over October 6 & 7 and will be continued there next year along with additional NHPA events. The 2008 Missouri State Tournament will be held there as well. It is indeed a wonderful facility not only for pitching but show casing our history and Hall of Fame inductees. Every NHPA member should be proud of what has been constructed in Quail Ridge Park, Wentzville, Missouri. The facility will be open to the public four days a week. The open hours are Saturday & Sunday, 12 - 5 pm and Monday & Wednesdays, 12- 9 pm.

The commemorative brick plaza now has some 620 engraved bricks sold. There are plenty more available to be purchased so why don't you buy one as a holiday gift for that special loved one or a departed family member who you'd like to remember. You can even buy one for yourself. Now that the Hall of Fame is constructed doesn't mean that your support can stop. On the contrary, the NHPF needs your financial support more than ever

as we must now maintain the upkeep of the building in addition to our grant and educational programs. Please continue your support by sending a tax-deductible donation or brick order to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

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NHPA HALL OF FAME OPENS AT QUAIL RIDGE PARK

Press Release – October 5, 2007

Doug Bolnick, St. Charles County Parks Marketing Coordinator

St. Charles County Parks Department – With a ringing success, St. Charles County Government helped dedicate the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame and Museum this morning at Quail Ridge Park.

Members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation, and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club were on hand to take part in the official dedication of the 23,000-square-foot facility, which brings St. Charles County to the forefront in the sport of horseshoe pitching. It offers County residents and visitors an opportunity to learn more about the sport and to compete in a world-class indoor pitching facility.

“With an estimated 15 million horseshoe pitching enthusiasts in the United States and several million more throughout the world, the central location of our County will help this facility to attract substantial visitation,” St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann said. “Horseshoe pitching also enjoys tremendous support within the state of Missouri and throughout St. Charles County – the Missouri chapter is the second-largest in the nation and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club features more than 250 members. And, we’re anticipating additional benefit to our restaurateurs, hotel managers, and other attractions through the many visitors attending the local, state, national, and world tournaments that this Hall of Fame will host.”

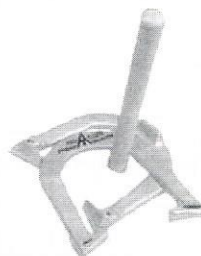
The NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum will feature many amenities to attract visitors and horseshoe pitchers to the facility. The museum area will include displays, memorabilia, trophies, and other items that detail the history of the sport that is believed to have begun in the Second Century – including a display honoring the 144 individuals inducted into the Hall of Fame and the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Walkway Plaza. A world-class pitching facility offers 16 indoor courts that will be designed to host leagues and tournaments in climate-controlled comfort throughout the year. Other features of the facility will be a food-service area, sixteen pitching courts open to daily public use, and offices. The facility will be open to visitors on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday (or by appointment). For information, please call 636-357-5270 or visit www.horseshoepitching.com or www.quailridgehorseshoes.com.

Today’s opening brings conclusion to a process that began in 2004, when NHPA member Joe Faron first initiated discussions with members of St. Charles County Government and the St. Charles County Council. In November 2005, the Council approved Bill No.2812 that officially agreed to house the Hall of Fame in Quail Ridge Park, and a groundbreaking ceremony began the construction process in May 2006. The facility has been built by the NHPF at a cost of nearly \$1 million, and the

County contributed an additional \$400,000 to build the parking lot and for landscaping near the 250 acre park’s entrance. The NHPF will lease the land encompassing the building for \$100 per year for 30 years (with three 10-year options to renew).

“We’re excited to combine with the NHPA, the NHPF, and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club to present the Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame inside Quail Ridge Park,” St. Charles County Parks Director Bettie Yahn-Kramer said. “With our passive recreation focus, our parks – and Quail Ridge Park with its convenient location near the intersection of Interstate 70 and Highway 40/61, in particular – offer a perfect setting for the focus of this sport that can literally be played by anyone of any age. This is yet another of the unique amenities that we offer within our parks’ system.”

Among the guests participating in today’s ceremony were County Executive Ehlmann, Yahn-Kramer, NHPA President Paul Stewart, NHPF President Dave Loucks, Faron, and several Hall of Fame members. The Ceremony began with a formal introduction of the colors by deputies from the St. Charles County Sheriff’s Department and a singing of the National Anthem. At the conclusion of the ceremony, dignitaries participated in a ribbon-cutting, and the building opened to the public. In addition to the ceremony, Krey Distributing of St. Charles hosted an Anheuser-Busch Clydesdale on the ground to entertain guests. On Saturday and Sunday, the NHPA will host its first Sanctioned League Tournament at the facility.



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FIELD OF DREAMS "IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME!"

by Jeanette Claas

And come they did. From California to Pennsylvania, horseshoe pitchers traveled for the Dedication Ceremony of the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum on October 5, 2007. It was a moment in horseshoe history, perhaps as NHPF President, David Loucks stated, "Today may go down as the most important event in our association's history." It was a day of celebration for all horseshoe pitchers.

For the workers of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, planning for this day came a long time ago. It had been 17 months to the day since the ground breaking, and QRHC members were anxious to get "this shoe on the road." It is estimated that the club as a whole provided more than 2,000 hours of volunteer labor and more than \$20,000 in donated materials.

Back in May and June, Joe Faron was at the facility overseeing the construction and making sure things were going right. When Joe's health became an issue he asked Larry Langewisch to step in and help him out. The concrete flooring was in place, the metal framing was up, and the siding was on. No doors, no windows. No air, no electricity and no water.

The first job that the QRHC members could do to help speed up the process of the project was to clean up after the construction workers and that is when I received my first phone call. Joe asked if I would call some volunteers to help out. I quickly found out who was retired and who wasn't and who would be available to help and who was not. Thank Heavens, for the retired seniors in our club. We soon found out our bodies were a little older than what we like to think. Picking up after the workers, sweeping the floors and numerous trips to the dumpster with wheelbarrows filled to the brim became almost a daily job and it took many volunteers to do this.

We all came to know our project manager, Kevin O'Meara, almost like a member of our club. He knew nothing about horseshoes when he first got involved in this project, but, boy, did he learn. He was responsible for all the building planning, permits, contractors, construction, city and county interface. Kevin went above and beyond his call, finding ways to keep expenses down while acting as the communication hub for everyone involved.

After our return from the World Tournament, another new phase was beginning. The drywall was being installed and it created a powdery atmosphere. If you worked during this phase, you knew better than to take a shower before coming. When I think back to this time, I remember how hot it was in the month of August – in the 3 digits – with no rain in the forecast. However, when you left the building you looked as if you had been in a downpour. We could have measured sweat

by the gallons.

It seemed the drywall tapers were in the building forever. Would they ever go away, so we could get some painting done? Eventually, the painting party began. Larry L., on the high lift fully dressed and covered with a face mask, had to be dying from the heat in the high ceiling. Larry now began his day at 5:00 am. Paint was delivered in five gallon buckets. Clay Beige and Chalet Brown were forever embedded in our fingernails. First the primer and then the real stuff. We stretched our bodies reaching the high walls with those long handled rollers. The reds and the blues in the Hall of Fame needed second and sometimes three coats. It would be nice if we had lights. Just how many rooms are in this building?

If you were one of the lucky ones who painted the brown iron trusses in the north and south pavilions, you quickly found out it was a tedious, slow moving chore, but one that had to be done -- and it took forever!

As much as we hated the Johnnie-on-the-Spot parked at the entrance of the building, we soon knew it was a necessary evil. One day, Rose came running to me, "What's happened to our Johnnie, he's not there?" "Well, it was there when I got here this morning" I replied. We were about to get into the car and go looking for it when we spotted they had moved it around the far corner of the building. We appreciated "it" more after that.

The concrete floor – lots and lots of concrete area. Power washing it twice in both pavilions was quite a job, but the splash of water on our legs was a cool relief. Then we sealed it. "One more time," says our manager, Kevin. So we sealed it twice. Then it was time for green stripes and the fun really began. Some mistakes were made here, but we found paint the color of concrete that covered our mistakes and we started all over again. By golly, this place is beginning to look like a horseshoe court!

The outside doors are installed and we now lock the place up at night – things are progressing. Along came Bob Cutright with his "Cubbie" (Gary Buehler) and woodworking crew. The sound of saws, the smell of sawdust and we soon had a beautiful wood wall. The painted brown trim added a final touch to its beauty. Next came the framework for the four foot walls. More boards to saw, more sawdust to clean up. Thank Heavens for staple guns. The beaded boards were donated by Dave & Bea Feldewerth who were unable to physically work due to health problems and made the wall so much more attractive.

The beautiful 90 foot countertop that you see in each pavilion

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was donated by Larry Langewisch's mother, Erma Langewisch and Elaine Langewisch's father, Gale Wilson. The green fencing and gates were installed; things were shaping up. We wanted to throw some shoes, but there was never any time. Later.

At last the electricians were finished. It was Labor Day weekend and we now had electricity, meaning lights for the first time, we were tired of working in the dark ages. The third week in September, how do you spell relief? We had AC!

Stewlie #76 Rugman Rich took the floor. Still employed at the age of 69, Rich reported for his second job by 5:30 each evening and would work until 10:00 pm when the park ranger reminded him, "It was time to go home." He brought everything he needed – tools, glue, carpet squares, baseboard molding and lots and lots of 60 pound boxes filled with tile. We designed the tile and he laid it. Seven coats of wax later by the Evans', you could see your reflection in it.

Our biggest headache – the late arrival of the inside doors. Without doors, we would have no occupancy permit which meant no tournament. With only a few days left before October 5th, they arrived late on Tuesday afternoon. All the carpenters we could find were there to complete this job. Painting of the doors would come later. All along, Kevin kept saying, "Everything is on schedule." As I looked around, I had my doubts and sometimes had a hard time sleeping from worry.

9:00 AM – Oct 5 – Dedication begins at 11:00AM. Rich was laying the last few pieces of tile, the Hall of Fame designers were putting on the final touches and the "quails" were in costume. And YES, SIREE, we made it! We were 95 volunteers strong. Did we ever doubt for a moment that we wouldn't accomplish it? We learned "Birds of a feather, win together." Through all the long hours of working together we bonded with a determination to "Getter Done." It was a labor of love for horseshoes.

"THANK YOU!"

Donations and Contributions

There is not enough space to list the 95 plus members of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club who volunteered their services to complete this project. It was through your "generosity of time, energy and dedication" that created the beautiful interior of this building. You know who you are and what you did – you have to feel a sense of self-satisfaction and pride in what you personally accomplished. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is proud and thankful for what you did. You donated your time, your gas and your physical labor. Your contribution was most appreciated.

A special thank you to some wonderful people, some not even members of the QRHC, who stepped in with donations and

contributed to the cause when it was needed:

- Erma Langewisch and Gail Wilson – Donated the \$3,000 to cover the expense of the two 90' countertops in both pavilions.
- Jason Korte – Donated many hours of labor installing the countertop.
- Mark Clemme – Supplied the use of his bobcat and backhoe when installing both indoor and outdoor pits and digging hole for propane gas tank
- Jack Barry – Donated all the rubber belting placed on the inside of the pits and to be used as covers.
- St. Charles Sand Co. (Richard Viehmann) – Donated three truckloads of sand that was used inside of the pits and the burial of the propane gas tank.
- Joe Faron III. – Supplied all the pneumatic tools, compressors, hoses and fasteners that were used for the woodwork.
- Bob Williams (Sign-a-Rama) – Donated 20 scoreboards to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club.
- Dave & Bea Feldewerth – Donated \$500 to pay for the cost of the beaded boards.
- Larry Langewisch – Donated this special three-day weekend barbequing the meat. He then donated the cooker to the NHPF/NHPA organization.
- Rich Altis – Donated all the tile used in the kitchen and restrooms, plus trim and adhesive.
- Roy & Suzanne Evans – Donated the stakes and court frames for the sixteen indoor courts.
- Travel Transitions – Those who donated their vehicles traveling to Wisconsin, Kentucky & Tennessee picking up equipment and clay to be used in the new facility.
- Ladies in the Kitchen – Spent their time in the kitchen preparing and serving food for three days.
- QRHC Ladies – Donated the delicious cakes and pies.
- Flags – Donated by VFW Post 5651 in New Melle and the American Legion Post 323 in Wentzville.
- Don & Jeanette Claas – Donated the laser scroll Quail wall hanging.
- St. Charles Parks Department – For including us into their Parks System and the beautiful landscaping surrounding our building
- Mr. Henry Stealey - For his generosity of the partial donation he gave to the St. Charles Park Department.
- Mr. Jack Freeman – For the donation of his property to the NHPF allowing all this to be possible.
- NHPF Directors – For selecting the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club to be caretakers of this beautiful new facility.

Our apologies if your name was inadvertently left off.

HALL OF FAME

by Vicki Winston

It was a warm and sunny fall day when a large crowd gathered for the grand opening of the NHPA Hall of Fame, Museum and Court Complex. I'm sure there will be other stories about the event elsewhere in this issue. Earl and I were just so happy to be able to attend and were glad to have my brother, Barry Chapelle, fly back to attend this occasion with us. What many people may not realize is that there were things not able to be completed until the last few days before the Grand Opening. How they managed that miracle must have taken around the clock labor. I know people that saw the building in early July commented, "There is no way that place can be ready for October 5th," but it was. Most of the credit goes to the tenacity and endurance of some members of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, plus the cooperation of Ginkgo Design for getting the Hall of Fame room set up with so little time to work. At least everyone will now be able to work at a more leisurely pace to complete whatever finishing touches might need to be done, if there are any. It is a fantastic conclusion to a dream that was begun a few decades ago, when the NHPA delegates voted to put away money in a CD to be used at future time to construct a place to preserve the history of our sport. Thanks to the

generosity of Dr. Jack Freeman, much more than that was accomplished and the Memorial Plaza is quite a fitting tribute.

It is my hope for the future that there will someday be a computer station available within the Hall of Fame, where all of the old horseshoe magazines will be available via CD's. Then people will be able to come in, ask for a certain magazine and be given a disk to place in the computer and search for whatever it is they seek. Our Hall of Fame should be a place where people have access to reading materials that can't be made available for public handling, because those items would soon be ruined. This will take time and probably additional funds. I just hope that someday a way will be found to make it happen.


I will remind you once again that any nominations to be considered for the 2008 voting will need to be in my hands no later than January 31, 2008. A printable Hall of Fame Nomination Form is available on the Hall of Fame link of the NHPA web site.

STATE AND PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Because of the extensive coverage and photos of the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum Opening Ceremony, all of the championship results will be published in the January/February 2008 issue. This is your last opportunity to submit your results if you have not done so previously.

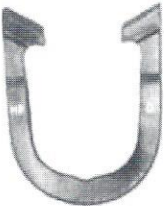
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NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM DEDICATION PROGRAM

by Jeanette Claas

- Presentation of the Colors and Raising of the Flag Presented by the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department
- National Anthem Sung by Vicki Winston, NHPA Hall of Famer, 10 Time Women's World Champion
- Welcome: Bettie Yahn-Kramer, Director of St. Charles County Parks
- St. Charles County Executive, Steve Ehlmann
- President, NHPF – Dave Loucks
- President, NHPA – Paul Stewart
- Quail Ridge Shuffle
- Ribbon Cutting

The warm temperature of 90 degrees met perfectly with the feeling of warmth shared by the horseshoe pitchers and dignitaries that gathered high on this hilltop to dedicate the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and Museum. It was 17 months ago this day that we met at this very same spot for the Groundbreaking Ceremony. The vision that we visualized at that time was now a reality. It was hard to hold back the tears of happiness as we thought back to the long, hard hours that we labored to create this building.

Bettie Yahn-Kramer began the ceremony. . . . "Good Morning. On behalf of the Administration of St. Charles County, the County Council, the Parks Advisory Board, and all of our parks staff – Welcome Home!!! Come back with me and recall the memories of warm summer nights, the sounds of metal striking metal, and the happy shouts of success as another "ringer" occurred. For many, it was at the local church yards, or a park, or for us locally it was at Johnson's Service Station at the intersection of Highway 40-61 and old Highway 94 in Weldon Spring. (I know Cal Jaeger remembers that!)"

"Those were the locations that we as kids first learned of self responsibility as parents gave the admonition – "Stay back out of the way of the horseshoe pitchers, and pay attention!!!" If you didn't, the lesson learned could have potentially been painful, meeting a horseshoe up close and personal . . . but it was a good, good time for all, with memories that resonate across generations and locations."

"Today, the tradition continues in an even greater way. I look out and see folks from many states in our nation here this morning, proud to represent their

sport. This facility and site represents a strong and wonderful history, and we look forward to all the future possibilities yet to come. Thank you and again, Welcome Home!"

St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann spoke, "With an estimated 15 million horseshoe pitching enthusiasts in the United States and several million more throughout the world, the central location of our County will help this facility to attract substantial visitation."

NHPF President Dave Loucks stated, "It was some 42 years ago that the NHPA delegates approved a proposal to establish a Hall of Fame. While worthy candidates have been inducted over those past 42 years, it is only now that we can properly enshrine them in a permanent home."

Paul Stewart, President of the NHPA declared, "When I first saw this location over two years ago I stated that I saw it as the perfect place to build a National Hall of Fame. After seeing the facility completed, I still stand by my statement. There could not be a more beautiful setting, a more centralized location than where we stand today."

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club member, Sharon Taylor, spoke of the beautiful park where the deer, the turkeys and the quail run. She told of how Quail Ridge Park was named by Mr. Henry Stealey. About that time a different breed of quails arrived on the scene. The Quailers and the Quailettes of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club did a rousing rendition of the Quail Ridge Shuffle. "We are the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Crew, Struttin' on down, doing it for you . . . You can look at our feathers, but please don't ruffle; we're just here to do the Quail Ridge Shuffle."

The ribbon cutting ceremony ended the formality of the dedication. The doors opened and the beauty of the inside interior along with the design of the Hall of Fame layouts was more than what people expected. Paul Stewart said, "I nearly choked up when I saw it for the first time." As he was leaving on Sunday he again said, "I am still in awe of this place. Just amazing what this club and the Hall of Fame designers accomplished. Nothing could have been more perfect."

HALL OF FAME DEDICATION *by Casey Shuys*

On the weekend of October 4th -7th I had the unique opportunity to attend the most wonderful event our organization has experienced to date, the dedication and grand opening of the NHPA Hall of Fame in Wentzville, Missouri. Among those in attendance was six-time Women's World Champion and Hall of Fame member Sue Snyder, along with various dignitaries from the St. Charles County Parks Department plus the former owner of the property, who had donated the land to the county for a park. The ceremony began promptly at 11 AM with a color guard raising the flag and ten-time Women's Champion and Hall of Fame member Vicki Winston signing our National Anthem.

Many, many thanks to our NHPF president Dave Loucks for his dogged determination and countless hours of effort in making this dream a reality. He has bargained with more people than can be imagined over the past six years; attorneys, county commissions, neighbors, city governments and the list goes on... Kevin O'Meara has been an immense help in finding the best source of supplies and assisting us with keeping costs down. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club will be the caretakers of the facility which includes 16 of the best indoor courts I've seen. Joe Faron and Roy Evans head up the list of the club members, all of which deserve a heartfelt thank you for their many, many hundreds of hours of volunteer labor and their thousands of dollars in material contributions.

The company that was contracted to outfit and create displays for the Hall of Fame was Gingko Design. (I might add, very professionally done.) Owner Bob Rogers has now joined the NHPA through the Missouri charter as a member of the Quailridge Club and has volunteered to act as curator for all our various items and documents. This task will involve many hours of cataloging the items that have been collected over the past 40+ years, rotating displays every so often, plus tracking any new items we might receive. Bob will have his hands full learning to pitch while also learning our history and sorting all the treasures that are still packed in boxes in Roy's shop. For more information please see: <http://www.quailridgehorseshoes.com/>

Most of you are aware of the four decades that this project has been in the planning stages. It has now become a reality and it is something we can and should all be very proud of. I don't believe we could have chosen a better site. The two highways crisscrossing within 300 yards of the facility carry over 80,000 vehicles per day. There is a General Motors assembly plant within a few miles

away that works three shifts. Imagine having workers get off at 6 AM and begin league play at 7 AM, then a second shift league beginning at 3 PM and a third at 11 PM. The Quailridge club might shoot me for suggesting that, and I'm sure that's "pie in the sky" thinking, but who knows...? Round the clock pitching in a brand new facility, wow!

Besides the Hall of Fame, the facility sports 16 fine indoor courts, a full kitchen capable of cooking and serving most anything. It is hoped that park visitors might stop in and purchase some refreshments while visiting the Hall of Fame and learning about the NHPA.

While there, I spoke to a couple from Michigan who just happened to be attending a wedding in the park and wondered what was happening at the building. Roy showed them all around and gave them information with our website address. Also earlier in the day a young couple came in and simply joined to pitch in their leagues. If this keeps up, the NHPA Hall of Fame will become a very good source of new membership. Regardless of where the people come from, if we supply them with information about their local charter they will likely look us up when they get back home.

There was a nice article about the dedication in the St Louis Post Dispatch, the area's largest newspaper; various radio stations in the area also picked it up. Even though I did not hear it personally, a couple in a local restaurant told this to us. They struck up conversation upon seeing our horseshoe shirts and pretty soon we had a three-table, one on each side of us, conversation going on about horseshoes. Needless to say we invited them all to stop in and see.

Even though the building is up with limited hours of operation, Saturday and Sunday, 12-5 PM and Monday and Wednesday 12-9 PM, we will continue to need your financial support for a long time. If you are able to do so, please send a contribution to the NHPF; doing that will allow it to become fully tax-deductible. We really need more folks to buy bricks in the Jack Freeman Memorial Plaza. As can be seen in some of the photos in this issue there are many spaces available for you, your family members, or your charter to become part of horseshoe pitching history. It is truly a moving experience to walk that plaza to read all those varied inscriptions. One has to wonder, while standing on that plaza, gazing at the building why this had not been done 40 years ago, please help?

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE TOURNAMENT *by Lorraine Sternberg*

This was the 4th National Sanctioned Club/League Tournament. It was also the first tournament held in our new Hall of Fame Facility in Missouri. This was a huge honor for this tournament. Homer Cain from Oklahoma was the originator of this tournament so we have him to thank for getting this tournament started.

The Hall of Fame building holds 16 courts; eight on the north side and eight on the south side of the building. The tournament filled the courts with 20 teams entering the tournament. They came from Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. The format was the same as last year; two groups of ten teams each.

The calendar told us it was October 6th, but the weather outside was more like August. The temperature inside was very comfortable for the pitchers though. Saturday morning started out with everyone ready to get out on the new courts. After the National Anthem, the 2007 National League Tournament was under way. This was the first time that all of the NHPA Council was present at this tournament. That alone made it special for me. The only problem was I didn't have enough jobs for all of them. So this gave them more time to visit with the people that came to visit the Hall of Fame Facility; something I know that they all enjoyed.

Saturday night we had our cookout as we did the past two years, with Homer providing all the burgers and Terry doing all the brats. Thank goodness for the new cooker that was given to the NHPA. This thing was big enough to do all the cooking at one time as we got started later than planned. The tournament was running a little later than expected so we didn't get started when planned.

The format for the tournament is the winner of Group One plays the winner of Group Two for the championship. The First Capital Women's Club of Missouri won Group One while the Liberty Club of Missouri won Group Two. The First Capital Women's Club team was Jeanette Claas, Ginny Weiss and Mary Beeson. The Liberty team consisted of Mary Vogel, Jim Moore and Laura Johnson. In the end the Liberty Club won out for the title. Congratulations to the Liberty Club!

There is always room for improvement and we will keep working on that aspect. I think all in all everyone had a good time and that is what this tournament is all about.

The details for next year's National Club/League tournament have not been all worked out yet. As soon as they are, I will have them published in Newsline and on the website.

In closing, I strongly suggest that all NHPA members take a trip to our new Hall of Fame Facility in Missouri. I guarantee you will NOT be disappointed.

Team Standings for Group 1

	Won	Lost
1. First Capitol Women, MO.	21	5
2. Whitley County, IN.	17	10
3. Kenosha, WI.	16	11
4. AVF Downers Grove, IL.	15.5	14.5
5. Danville, IL.	14.4	15.5
6. Independence, MO.	13	14
7. Golden Triangle, MO.	12.5	14.5
8. Beloit, WI.	12.5	14.4
9. Quail Ridge #2, MO.	11	16
10. Edmond, OK.	6	21

Team Standings for Group 2

1. Liberty, MO.	25	5
2. Quail Ridge, MO.	22	5
3. Yukon, OK.	20	7
4. Combined Locks, WI.	14	13
5. New Castle, IN.	12	15
6. Enid, OK.	11.5	15.5
7. Marion, IN.	11	16
8. Beloit #2, WI.	10	17
9. Heart of America, MO.	6	21
10. Lake of the Ozarks, MO.	5.5	21.5



Sanctioned League Tournament Champions
Liberty of Missouri - Mary Vogel, Jim Moore and Laura Johnson



Sanctioned League Tournament – Group 1



Sanctioned League Tournament – Group 2

WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE – by Stu Sipma

With all the information that was put into the last issue of Newsline, I decided to wait until this issue to update everyone regarding the World Tournament and the bidding status for 2010.

I first want to thank the Ardmore Horseshoe Club, CVB personnel and all the volunteers who were involved in setting up the portable courts for the 2007 W.T. A special thanks to Mita Bates, Mike Reding, and Buddy Bellomy for their many hours of their own personal time in bringing the 2007 W.T. to Ardmore and more so for the huge success in maintaining the courts while the tournament was being hosted.

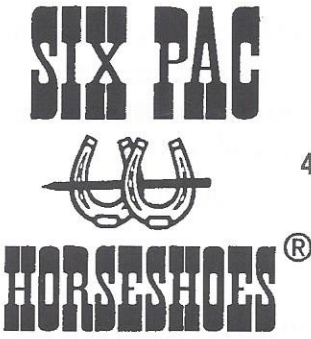
As you read the last Newsline article written by Mike Reding, you will have noticed that he is seeking financial help to offset the cost of the World Tournament. If there are charters out there who can see it in their budget to help Ardmore, please do so by sending a cash donation to the Ardmore Horseshoe Club.

At the 2007 delegate meeting, there were three sites bidding for the 2009 W.T.; Topeka Kansas, Cedar Rapids Iowa and Springfield Illinois. After two rounds of voting, Springfield Illinois won the bid and will be hosting the 2009 W.T. Congratulations to Josh Feger, Bill Marvin and the Illinois Horseshoe Club.

Bids are open for the 2010 World Tournament and will remain open until March 15, 2008. At the 2007 delegate meeting I had presented to the delegates a short list of approximately 15 locations expressing interest in bidding. Since this time, I have been in close communication with two sites who are expressing great interest in completing a contract and sending it into the NHPA. No signed contracts have been received, but I do want to mention that Meri Smith, Director of Events and Facilities for the Arkansas State Fair Complex and NHPA member Bill Weaver have been working hard at getting a contract signed and forwarded to the NHPA. Their team is proposing the T.H. Barton Coliseum and the Dodge Hall of industry as their two indoor facilities to host this event. A proposed date of July 13-July 31, 2010 have been set aside for this event.

The second interested site is Pocatello Idaho. Raul Cano, CVB Sales Director, who was instrumental in landing the 2004 W.T. wants to bring this event back to the Holt Arena. The proposed dates are July 12-24, 2010.

Don't forget to get your reservations in early for the 2008 W.T. at York Pennsylvania. The dates are July 7th-19th. For more information contact the York CVB at (888) 858-9675



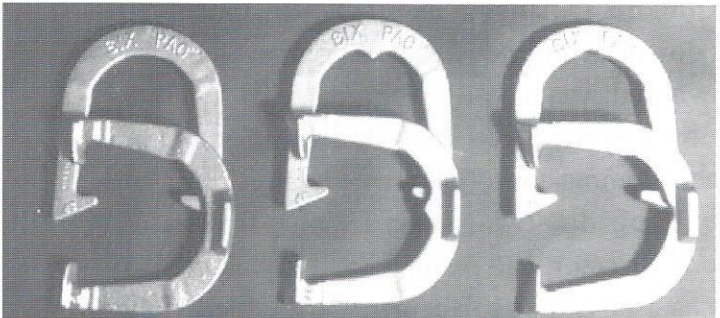
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JUNIOR PROMOTIONS

by Justin Sipma

Another horseshoe season has come and gone yet again. Looking back now that it's over, this season was full of surprises I myself had not even seen coming. Just a month ago, at the North Dakota State Horseshoe Championships, I became the youngest person to win the North Dakota Men's title. In those games, I even managed to get a win against the 5th National Vice President who some call Stuart Sipma, but to me it's just Dad. Then to win this title with my younger brother, Trevor Sipma, taking the junior division was just a great experience for me and my whole family. All of this was a huge shock to me, but was no where as significant as the surprise I received while in Ardmore, Oklahoma for the World Horseshoe Tournament.

As most of you know, this year's World Tournament was in Ardmore, Oklahoma and the tournament was winding down to an end. I had a great two weeks in the town and was already planning what I would be doing back home when Paul Stewart informed of me of the dilemma the NHPA was dealing with at the time. It turned out that Bobby White, the Junior Promotions Director, had resigned and my name had come up as a possible replacement. So immediately questions starting filling my head. Why me? Am I qualified to do something like this? What would be involved? Nonetheless, in the end I agreed to take on the position and tackle all the duties and responsibilities that come along with the job.

If you don't know who I am, my name is Justin Sipma and I am 19 years old. I am attending college in Fargo, North Dakota. Currently I am majoring in computer engineering at North Dakota State University. As for my horseshoe background, I have been a member of the NHPA since 1998. I have pitched in the last eight World Tournaments, six as a junior and two as an adult. While in the junior division at the World Tournaments, I made the championship division twice placing as high as ninth. At the state level, I was the North Dakota State Junior Champion in 2005 and the Men's Champion in 2007.

Now that I am the Junior Director, I look forward to helping out in any way that I can. The junior program is something I really enjoyed not so long ago and I am hoping we can keep it fun and enjoyable for all the young pitchers. So if you have any questions, comments, information, etc. in which you think I should know about, you can reach me by email at justin.sipma.1@ndsu.edu or jwsipma@hotmail.com.

NHPA Income And Expenditures June & July 2007

Income

2008 World Tournament Payment	\$5,000.00
Hall of Fame Banquet	\$120.00
Charter Dues	\$25.00
Junior Trust Donation	\$15.00
Newsline Ads	\$12.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$200.00
Sanction Club/League Tournament Entry Fees	\$840.00
Membership Dues	\$36,813.00
Newsline Subscription	\$2,806.00
US Bank Interest - Money Market	\$325.61
US Bank Interest - Checking	\$377.90
World Tournament Entry Fees	\$1,100.00
World Tournament Unused Scorekeeping Funds	\$965.00
Total	\$49,336.51

Expenditures

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$4,100.23
Newsline Printing, Editing & Misc.	\$877.44
Sanction League Postage & Printing	\$49.53
Junior Scholarship Trust Accounts Closed	\$1,296.03
WT Cash, Patches & Trophy Awards	\$48,656.96
WT Travel Expenses	\$149.49
WT Admin. Cost, Printing, Office Supplies, Etc.	\$23,497.17
WT Refunds, Fees, Dues & Overpayments	\$625.00
Hall Of Fame Awards, Supplies & Expenses	\$24,632.47
Regional Dir., Postage, Phone, Supplies & Print	\$18.12
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repair	\$1,208.36
Printing, Paper & Office Supplies	\$483.00
Postages	\$49.65
Officers Telephone	\$261.90
Officers Travel	\$203.70
Secretary-Treasurer Allowance	\$3,538.50
Presidents Allowance	\$1,061.55
Vice Presidents Allowance	\$5,265.40
Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$731.95
Professional Fees, Accounting & Legal	\$6,000.00
Insurance	\$34.00
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$612.50
Refunds	\$25.00
NatStats	\$1,057.70
Internet Access & Web Site	\$122.64
Total	\$124,568.29
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NHPA RULES COMMITTEE *by Jerry LaBrosse*

After attending the Hall of Fame grand opening recently I must say that I was very impressed. The quality of the display area is truly world class. The 16 indoor courts are absolutely beautiful, and the layout of the whole complex was planned out very well. There are also 16 more courts under construction adjacent to the complex, and will someday be enclosed, or at least covered. The memorial brick plaza is really amazing. What a great way to immortalize an individual or a club forever. While there, I bought a brick in my father's name, I know he'd be proud. The facility is set in beautiful Quail Ridge Park, and can be seen from the highway by over 100,000 cars per day. The Quail Ridge Club is really a dedicated group of workers, and has done a great job. I would like to give them my personal "thank you" for taking on this responsibility.

This facility is something that every member can be proud of, and I hope that every one of you has a chance to visit it some day soon. Now that the long awaited Hall of Fame is a reality, I hope everyone understands that the NHPF still needs our support. One great way to do this would be to purchase a brick, but those of you who believe that this is an important and worthwhile endeavor, keep those contributions coming in. This facility is going to only get better with time. If any of you would like to see the pictures I took at the grand opening, I would invite you to view them at the MN state website. Simply go to www.MinnesotaHorseshoes.com and select the "photo gallery" button. Scroll down to the bottom and you'll see the Hall of Fame Grand Opening album.

As for rules activity, we have a few proposals that we are reviewing at this time. The next convention that will deal with rules proposals is going to be in 2009, so there's plenty of time to submit any proposals or questions you may have. As I stated previously, there will be a proposal to change the cycle of voting on rules and bylaws changes. This proposal is being drafted and will be submitted to Stu Sipma, Bylaws Committee chairperson, and will be published in

Newsline. Then it will be placed on the agenda for voting at the 2008 convention in York.

In the next few issues of Newsline, I want to discuss some of the rules that draw the most questions. Until then, have a great winter, and remember, I will always respond to any and all contacts that come my way.

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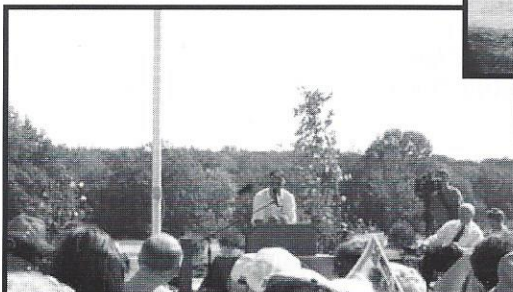
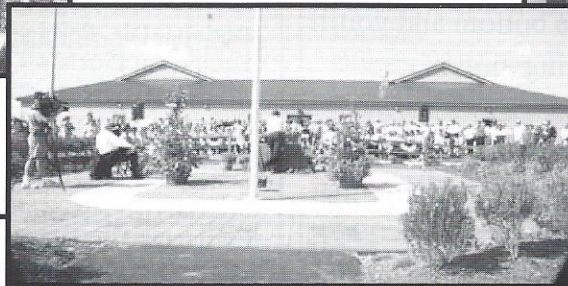
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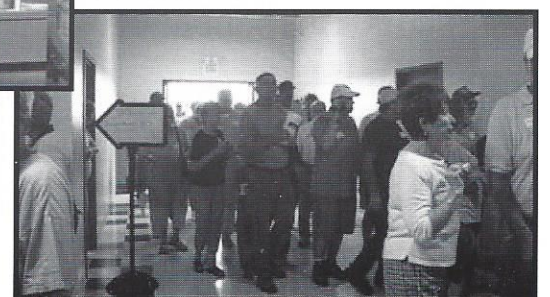
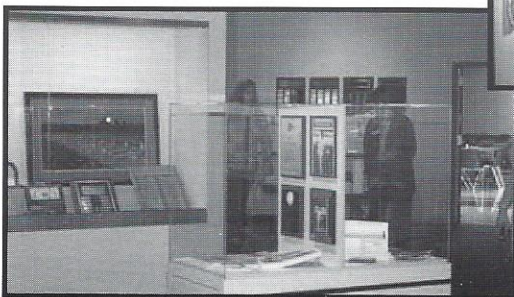
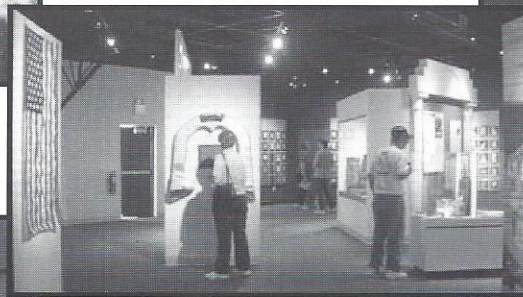
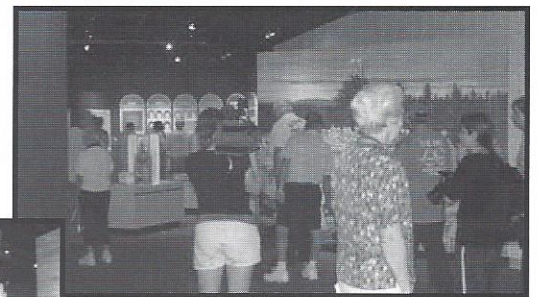
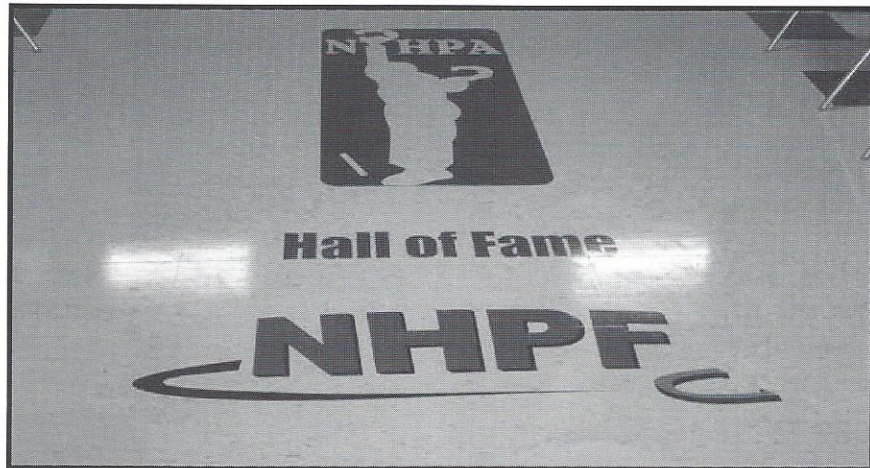
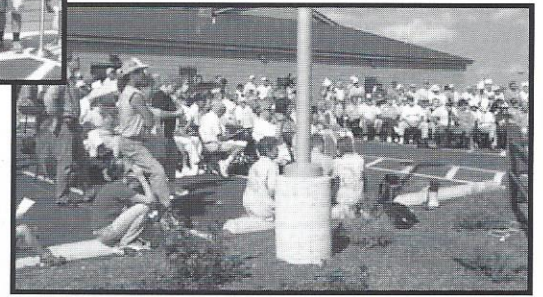
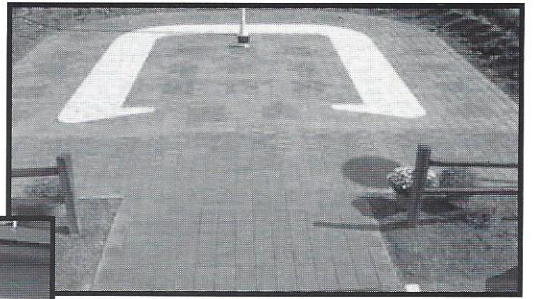
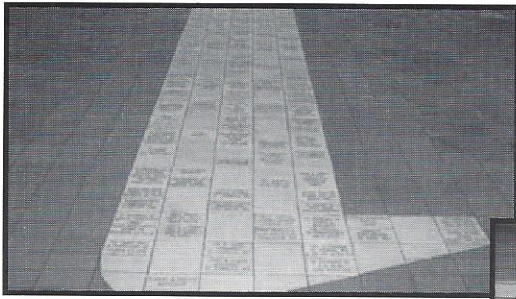
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Hall of Fame Banquet	\$3,680.00
Membership Dues	\$19,045.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$3,128.00
Sanction Club League Patches	\$5.00
Sanction Club League Tournament Entry Fees	\$1,260.00
US Bank Interest - Money Market	\$1,631.98
US Bank Interest - Checking	\$87.41
World Tournament Entry Fees	\$750.00
World Tournament Final Fees	\$3,500.00
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World Tournament Unused Scorekeeping Funds	\$965.00
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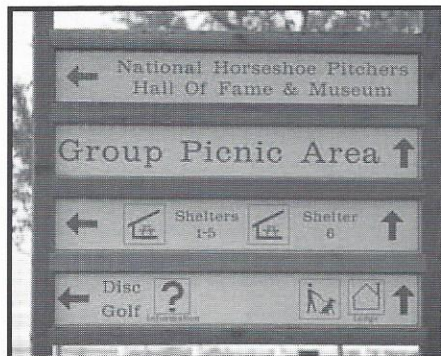
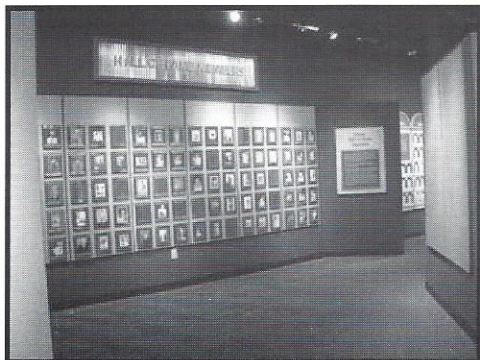
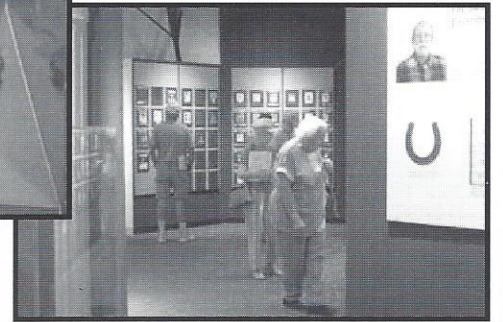
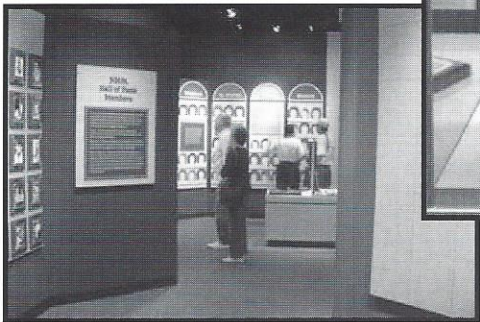
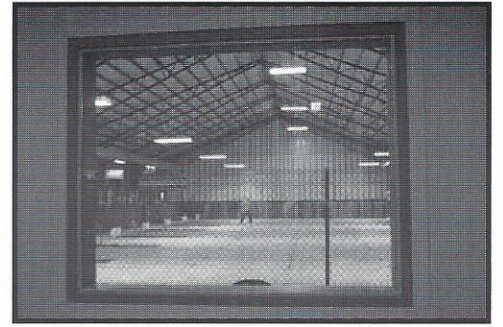
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Junior Scholarship Trust Accounts Closed	\$6,119.42
WT Cash, Patches & Trophy Awards	\$84,522.60
WT Travel Expenses	\$14,933.73
WT Admin. Cost, Printing, Office Supplies, Etc.	\$2,929.51
WT Refunds, Fees, Dues & Overpayments	\$5,500.00
Hall Of Fame Awards, Supplies & Expenses	\$14,042.27
Regional Dir., Postage, Phone, Supplies & Print	\$57.00
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repair	\$210.30
Printing, Paper & Office Supplies	\$2,188.65
Postages	\$402.91
Officers Telephone	\$654.60
Officers Travel	\$1,286.41
Secretary-Treasurer Allowance	\$3,500.00
Presidents Allowance	\$1,050.00
Publicity Promotions & Ads	\$300.00
Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$2,496.43
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$95.50
Special Events	\$371.05
Internet Access & Web Site	\$2,368.86
Total	\$151,271.18

From The Books Of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen







CHARTER CHATTER by Tina Hawkins

If you have interesting happenings in your Charter that you would like to share, please email to tinahawk@msn.com or mail to Tina Hawkins, Rt. 4, Box 52, Marlow, OK 73055.

MARYLAND

The MDHPA reports an increase in membership for 2007. Participation is up in both tournaments and leagues, and much excitement is in the area with the news that the 2008 World will be in neighboring Pennsylvania.

Frederick boasts a record number of league pitchers for its 15-week Monday night league, with all 16 courts in use. League members range in age from 13 to 87; both male and female, full and short distance - all pitching against each other with a handicap format. Averages range from the single digits to the mid-to-upper 60's. Helping to make up those numbers are a three-generation pitching family, complete with a set of twins, a father and son, and uncle and nephew.

Baltimore Metro welcomed six new members this year, and tournaments have been well attended. BMC's top men's division at their most recent tournament contained four of the top 100 pitchers in the world, Elbert Shifflett, Dale Dean, Jerry Dean and Bobby Thompson. One of the top 100 women, Vicki Kunde, also participated.

MINNESOTA

The Minnesota charter is on track to increase its membership this year. At the national convention in Ardmore, charter president Rick Wright made a bold challenge to all charters. He offered a cash donation of \$100.00 to the junior program of any Charter that could overtake the MGSHPA in total membership. This challenge was mainly aimed at the Missouri charter, since they are running a close second to MN.

A variety of promotion efforts are being tested this year, including a contest among all clubs to increase their membership and cash prizes awarded to any club showing a 20% increase. This contest, in addition to the "Pitch and Win" events held at the Minnesota Horse Expo and the normal promotional efforts of advertising and "word of mouth," should turn the tide of slowly declining membership that many charters have been experiencing the past several years.

MISSOURI

Horseshoe pitching is alive and well in the Missouri Charter. The 2007 season has already had 110 tournaments sanctioned.

There are two new indoor facilities available. Long's Horseshoe Courts in Webb City has one tournament scheduled on their two courts. The Pits in Laurie have requested six sanctioned tournaments for the 2007 and 2008 seasons.

Of course, the big excitement in Missouri is the dedication of the NHPA Hall of Fame and indoor courts at Quail Ridge Park. That historic event and the League National Tournament will be past (October 5 & 6) when this issue goes to press. Hopefully, many of you had the opportunity to attend both.

These new facilities should allow visitors to the NHPA Hall of Fame the chance to pitch in a Missouri tournament or two. Be sure to call early to enter. The tournaments require pre-registration and fill up quickly, especially in the winter months.

Contact the "Show Me State's" Regional Director, Elwyn Cooper, at ivdead@hotmail.com or 816-741-0043 and ask him to show you where to pitch. He will be more than happy to let you know where the action is and who to contact.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The "Pitch and Win" program put a smile on the faces of close to 2,000 kids at the 2007 San Diego County Fair! This fair is a monster - with 1.3 million people during a three week run, it was the site of the original "Pitch and Win", initiated by its founder, Don Titcomb.

Don negotiated with the fair board for the horseshoe clubs to furnish the manpower to run the event and the fair to furnish ribbons and prizes, liability insurance, free fair parking and admittance for the staff, plus \$3,000! The fair has gotten great feedback.

As kids are the main target audience, the event is located in the Kids Fun Zone and is FREE for both kids and adults. Many kids said that this was the only free activity they saw at the fair.

The San Diego County horseshoe pitching clubs have

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CHARTER CHATTER *Continued*

kept the "Pitch and Win" going. This year Doc Jim Knott of the Balboa Park Horseshoe Pitching Club lead the effort. Doc Jim teamed up with local Lions Clubs to increase his volunteer base to staff the event and he shared the incentives from the fair. In addition to the free fair parking and admittance, he paid the volunteer's home club \$100 for every two shifts worked.

Local club information was handed out to interested adults and many questions were answered about joining, pitching techniques, and building courts. Participating clubs now see it as a good fundraiser and are already lining up for next year.

San Diego recommends the following advice for other Charters considering the "Pitch and Win" program:

- Target kids and think of it as a long-term investment for the game of horseshoes.
- Use light shoes and close pitching distances – you want kids to succeed!
- Use donated participation ribbons and prizes to reinforce success.
- Do not expect many immediate new members for your clubs; however, there is opportunity to pick up whole families.
- Do follow up with any adults showing sufficient interest in joining a club.
- Do not undervalue your clubs' volunteers; insist that the event is good for the fair and the fair must pay for your support.
- Use incentives to attract volunteers.

Don Titcomb has done a great deal for the advancement of horseshoe pitching. His "Pitch and Win" program is just one example. It really is a great way to get public exposure for the sport and increase your clubs' memberships. It is a lot of fun, too!!

You can get more information on this program on the NHPA website by clicking the "Publicity" link then "Promotional Tools."

For many states, the pitching season is nearly over – Don't let this slow down recruiting efforts!! Consider setting up a "Pitch and Win" near the tailgaters at a college football game or at your church or school's fall carnival.

How about entering a float in the Christmas parade? Tape local club contact information to the candy you toss to the kiddies!! Don't forget to include that information in any news articles you may get published in the local papers.

Let's get the word out – Horseshoe pitching is NOT just something you do in the back yard or at your family reunion!! The more we talk about it, the more people will know! The more they know, the more we will GROW!!

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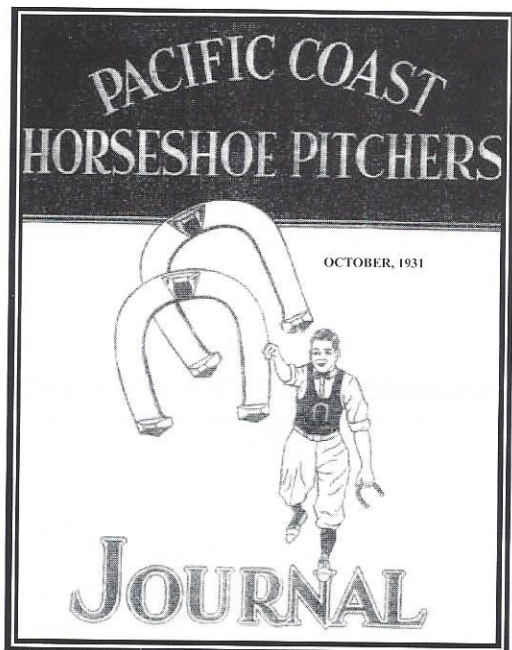
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Horseshoe Pitching Facts and Folklore



By Bob Dinn

REMEMBERING THE PACIFIC COAST HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION



Remember the Pacific Coast Horseshoe Pitchers' Association? Never heard of it? Well, indeed there was such an organization; a copy of the cover artwork of their very first newsletter is presented with this article. This cover artwork for the initial Journal is dated October 1931. Editors were M.C. Atheny and L.E. Atheny, 28 East 80th Street North, Postland, Oregon, phone Tabor 1456. The subscription cost was \$1.00 a year or ten cents a single copy.

There can be many schools of thought of why such an association would be formed when there already was the NHPA. One should not immediately jump to any conclusion that the formation of such an organization was because of displeasure with the NHPA or that it was the start of a maverick or competitive group to the NHPA. Back in the 1930's, communication was not the same as it is today. From these two introductory articles, there is a hint that because of miles in distance, there was a need to make for better communication within a region.

Here are the first two articles in Volume I, No. 1.....

HOWDY, FOLKS

With this number, The Pacific Coast Horseshoe Pitchers' Journal makes its bow.

This magazine, which will appear monthly, is designed to give horseshoes enthusiasts of the Pacific coast states the news of horseshoe pitchers, courts, clubs, associations and personalities in the west.

Horseshoeing is a sport which has been raised in the last few years from the status of an informal neighborhood game to that of keenly-fought interstate competition. And yet it has retained its homey charm. There is something about getting out in your shirt-sleeves and twirling horseshoe that make for friendship. By the time you have pitched a couple of games, joked a little and yarned a little, the stranger is a stranger no more. He is "Bill" or "Joe" now.

Add to this the great fun that pitching is in itself, and we have the reason why there are over 10,000 horseshoe pitchers in our district.

The Journal, by publishing the news and views of these ten thousand, hopes to create an esprit de corps among them, encourage the formation of new associations, aid the development of those already formed, promote state and interstate tournaments and serve as a means

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of expression and communication for pitchers throughout the West.

We send greetings to all pitchers and their associations and particularly to the Oregon State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, without whose assistance this first number of the Journal would not be possible.

PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION

Horseshoe pitching will receive a great impetus with the formation of the All-Pacific Coast Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, now under way. Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, California and Oregon will be included. Each of these states has now a strong organization of its own. When these are linked together in the new association, horseshoe

pitching will be established on a scale that rivals the major sports.

What will this interstate mean? It means, for one thing, that interest in the game has reached such a point that the National Association is considering holding its tournament in Los Angeles during the Olympic meet. It will be up to the Pacific Coast Association to secure the tournament and make it a success!

By all means, let us have a Pacific Coast Association.

A special thanks goes to Lee Wallace (Dallas, Oregon) for furnishing a copy of this historic Newsletter.



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Alan Francis
12 Time World Champ

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THE TOLL OF TIME

Robert J. Reese
Oklahoma



Robert J. (Bob) Reese, avid horseshoe pitcher and promoter, died on Friday, September 21, 2007 at his home in Ada, Oklahoma.

He was born August 10, 1922 at Clements, Kansas, to John M. and Amelia Tschapel Reese. He attended Kansas State University and later graduated from the University of Oklahoma, with a degree in Civil Engineering. While attending the University of Oklahoma, he lettered in basketball, baseball, track and horseshoes. He was later drafted by the St. Louis Browns baseball team, but was recalled into the US Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He married Billie Jo Gooch on September 3, 1948 in Oklahoma City. She died on October 12, 1998 at Ada. Mr. Reese served in the US Navy during WWII and the Korean Conflict, serving on the USS Chicago as communications officer on the Admiral Staff.

Bob served as President of the Oklahoma Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and most recently as NHPA Regional Director for the charter. In 2005, Bob received an NHPA Appreciation award for all his efforts in promoting horseshoe pitching, which included teaching the sport to countless college students at East Central University in Ada. He was also a member of the Oklahoma Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Billie Jo Reese, his parents, a sister, Leah Reese, and a brother, John M. Reese Jr.

Survivors include a son, James Reese and wife, Carol, Hillsboro, OR; two daughters, Patricia Ann Reese, Ada, and Susan Hunzaker and husband, Mark, Cary, NC; five grandchildren, Christopher Reese, Adam Reese, Kaleb Reese, Nathaniel Hunzaker and Michelle Hunzaker; three great grandchildren, Loudyn Reese, Carly Reese and Broderick Reese; two sisters, Mary Niedfeldt, Wamego, KS, Florence Rafferty, Houma, LA; one brother, Roy Reese, Topeka, KS.

Harold E. Harget - Magnolia, Delaware
10/24/35 – 08/09/07

Harold and his wife of 18 years, Lora Lee, have become the top names associated with the sport of pitching horseshoes in the State of Delaware. When he passed away peacefully at the age of 71 at her daughter's home on August 9th, Lora Lee's strength of character became even MORE obvious as a main reason for his concentration and perseverance on his chosen avocation.



He was born in Cairo, IL on October 24, 1935; was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and worked for 30 years at Chrysler Corp. His outgoing personality attracted many new members for UAW Local 1183 and Newark Masonic Lodge #24.

Harold, a four-time World Class Champion, and member of NHPA for 26 years (and somewhere along the way was assigned sanction card #430002), reorganized and rebuilt Delaware's "First State Horseshoe Club". During his 2004-2005 Presidency of the Club, the Delaware membership increased by over 325%. Then he became Regional Director until he unfortunately was incapacitated in the spring of this year with pancreatic cancer.

Some believe he has fired off more horseshoes in his lifetime than any other Delawarean, if you add all his traveling to tournaments in other states, teaching sessions with youth, league play, back yard 'get-togethers' and fifteen trips to NHPA World Tournaments. If there were a "Tiger Woods" of FSHC, it would be Harget (of course w/o the monetary compensation).

Submitted by M. Baker

POEM prepared on August 13th by Orris Davis for Harold's wife and for the services at the funeral of Harold E. Harget.

*"Of all the things we would love to do, we'd love
to spend one more day with you.*

*To see your smile, to hear you laugh; this just
can't be the aftermath.*

*He loved to make people happy, he went out of
his way; and that's the reason we're all here today.*

*So thoughtful, so kind, so ready to trust, he opened
his heart and his home to so many of us.*

*He loved to travel and go different places; loved
meeting new people, and greeting old faces; and*

*if you believe anything you must believe this: that
Harold Harget will truly be missed."*

THE TOLL OF TIME *Continued*

James Tyrie
Massachusetts

A member of the MAHPA and our State Treasurer, James Tyrie, passed away October 16, 2007 after a long battle with cancer. He was the most generous man I have ever met and he was like my right arm. He was treasurer for almost eight years and had even accepted to do it again in 2008 with the help of his wife Margaret (Maggie). Jim also ran the St. Moritz H.P.A club in Quincy MA. He was a man of many trades and a master at all of them. Jim received many awards, including the New England's Don Harrison Award for his sportsmanship, respect for competitors, words of encouragement, the untiring devotion to better the game of horseshoes, always helping out wherever and whenever the need be. People talk about paying it forward; here is truly a man who did so.

I wrote this poem for him from the MAHPA

Submitted by Barbara Hanson, Secretary MAHPA

He So Paid It Forward *(Jim Tyrie)*

*Did he do his ultimate best
To work and achieve
In everyway he could
To pay it forward as he believed*

*That question was answered
Many times ago
From so many of his friends
He came to love and know*

*Many caring thankful words
Either said or sent his way
For so many paying it forwards
You couldn't count them in a day*

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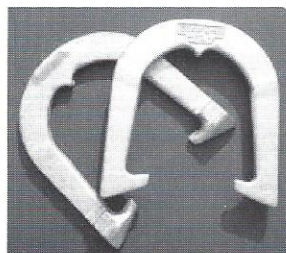
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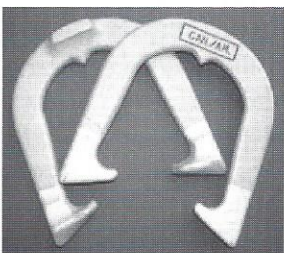
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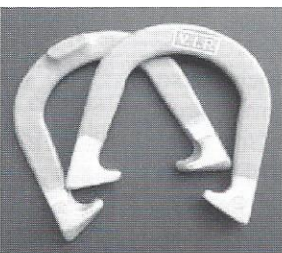
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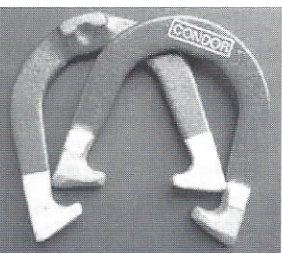
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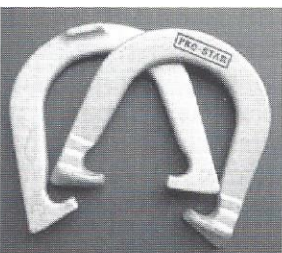
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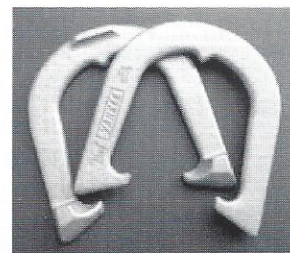
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SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT *by Lorraine Sternberg*

The summer season has come to an end for 2007. I would like to thank all league directors for all their hard work this past year. Without all of you there would not be a sanctioned league program. I really appreciate everything you all do. Most of the leagues have been sending in their league reports shortly after they have been finished as I have asked. Sure has kept me busy. Great Job! Hope you all have gotten your patches in time for your awards presentation.

The Sanctioned League Program has now been going for 30 years. Unfortunately there are no records of how many league pitchers there were when the program first started up. But we still have six of the original thirteen clubs active yet today.

This year they will receive a **30** year consecutive plaque. Those clubs are: Denver Metro HSC, CO; Clearwater HSC, FL; St. Moritz HSC, MA; Wheatstone HSC, OH; Winchester HSC, VA and the Goldendale HSC, WI. Congratulations to these six clubs!

Those clubs receiving a **25** year consecutive plaque are: Fort Collins HSC, CO; Kilkenny HSC, MN; Independence HSC, MO and the Sodbuster HSC, VT.

The clubs that are receiving **20** year consecutive plaques are: Chugiak-Eagle River HSC, AK; Balboa Park HSC, CA; Lake Isabella HSC, CA; Bradenton Recreation HSC, FL; Liberty HSC, MO; Crane Creek Ringers HSC, MO; West Geauga HSC, OH and the Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., WI.

Clubs that are receiving a **15** year consecutive plaque are: Brevard County HSC, FL; Perry HSC, GA; Cajun HSC, LA; Frederick HSC, MD; St. Paul, Ramsey County HSC, MN; Shelbina Liberty Park HSC, MO; Southern Nevada HSC, NV; Darke County HSC, OH; Fulton County HSL, OH; McKinney HSC, TX and Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN.

10 year consecutive plaques go to the following clubs: Central County HSC, CT; Tilton HSC, IL; New Castle HSC, IN; Bayou HSC, LA and Brighton HSC, MI.

Clubs receiving **5** year consecutive plaques are: Gate City HSC, ID; North Branch HSC, MN; James River HSC., ND; Greene County HSC, OH; Ross County HSC, OH; Portsmouth HSC, VA and Deansville HSC, WI.

Several dates to mark on your calendar are: 1) The deadline for junior scholarships to be submitted is November 15th and 2) The deadline for the top ten form should be submitted by December 1st. Don't let your pitchers be left out from these top honors. If you have juniors on your leagues, remember you should submit all of them on your top ten form. If you have any questions about either of these forms, please contact me and I will be glad to help you out with them.

For those of you who are having fall leagues, have a good season and lots of ringers to you all!



Geri Macha receiving her plaque for League Director of the Year from Louis Engelhardt

LIBERTY HORSESHOE CLUB AT STOCKSDALE PARK

These junior horseshoe pitchers enjoyed the morning of Independence Day pitching horseshoes in a League run by the Liberty Horseshoe Club at Stocksdale Park. The league lasted five days and most had perfect attendance. They range in age from 6 to 15.



Kneeling from left: Andy Schmitz-Lawson, Miles Huffhines-Lawson, Jordon Duberry-Kansas City, Joey Jackson-Liberty, Timmy Jackson-Liberty, Felicia Gwinn-Independence, Jianna Duberry-Kansas City, McKenzie Mathis-Liberty. 2nd row: Jayson Schmitz-Lawson, Cole Huffhines-Lawson. 3rd Row: Nichol Craven-Kansas City, Kevin Schmitz-Lawson, Brooke Jackson-Liberty, Ashley Craven-Kansas City, Tanner Stark-Lawson, Bruce Thomson-Liberty, Michael Leger-Liberty, Ashley Happy-Kansas City, Hailey Happy-Kansas City, Alyssa Leger-Liberty Back row: League Director Gregg Craven-Liberty, Tyler Stark-Lawson, Seth Huffhines-Lawson, Tyler Happy-Kansas City, Taylor Mathis-Liberty, Jaydon Duberry-Kansas City

IDAHO UPDATE by Don Titcomb

Our Treasure Valley Horseshoe Club had many involvements this year.

First of all, the V.A. hospital in Boise has several that are going to pitch in an impaired group in their Olympic horseshoe tournament. We have gone to the hospital with literature, movies and equipment and helped them learn to pitch. Several cannot see very well; we wish them luck.

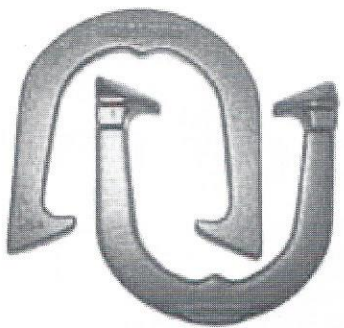
Our club then had a booth at the Idaho horse council event which ran three days. It is held at a large indoor arena with about 50 booths of western gear, foods and exhibitions of riding, roping and horsemanship by girls and boys, men and women. They looked great. Our club had three portable courts available for all to pitch on. We gave away prizes. We are invited back again next year. We have had new players attend our club because of it.

I went to a Good Sam's Club gathering (they are an R.V. group that meets in different cities each year). I gave a demo, showing equipment and talking on the national and local organization; it went well. There were a thousand people.


My Meridian club has been working with our city on plans for 16 courts to be built in the near future. They will provide overheads if our club will build eight of the courts. The overheads will cover each end and leave the middle of the courts open; they will be the only ones like it in the state.

I also am teaching for the city in their Recreation program for the spring and fall activities. Our paper is running a notice of when our club meets and welcomes men, women and juniors for league and open play.

Just wanted to bring you up to date.




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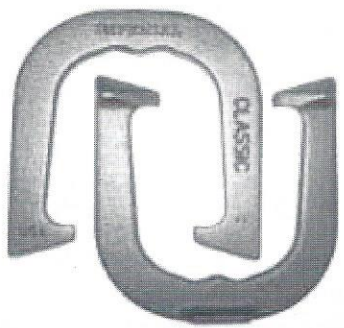
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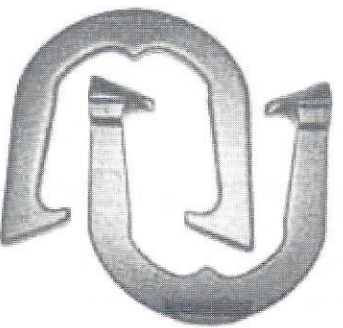
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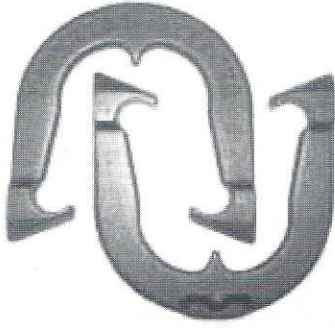
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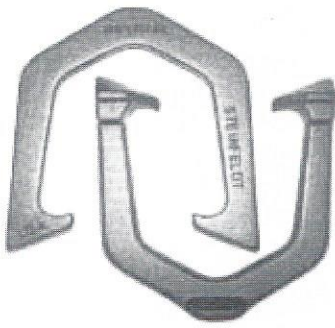
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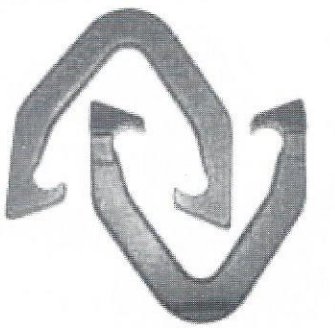
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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Dan Sanders

Patch Awards

By the time you receive this issue of Newsline Magazine, the new 2008 patches will have arrived here and will be sent out to all Regional Directors as soon as their orders have been received. As "Team" events have become more common on many Charter tournament schedules, we have added a "Team Champion" patch and a "Team Class Champion" patch which are now available, if ordered by your Regional Director.

New Regional Directors

Dan Carter will be the new Regional Director for the State of Delaware. Dan is also the current Charter President and is replacing Harold Harget, now deceased. Harold was a long-time member and promoter of horseshoes and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

David Montgomery has been appointed as the new Regional Director for Oklahoma and will be replacing long-time RD Bob Reese who passed recently. Bob gave many years of service to the OHPA and NHPA and will be missed!

We are all looking forward to working with these new RDs as their Charters continue to grow and develop.

Sanctioning of Courts

As you may already know, sanctioned courts will now be required for all sanctioned leagues and tournaments, effective January 1, 2008. This will help to ensure that all individual NatStats ringer percentages are more valid and comparable for setting up competitive Classes at your local and state tournaments, larger regional tournaments, and also for the World Tournament. By now, most Charter courts have been checked/re-checked by your Regional or Assistant Regional Directors, and we should all extend a big "thank you" to them for the extra time and effort that it has taken to complete this work!

New Charter Courts

Larry Ingraham, AZ Regional Director, reports that 12 brand new horseshoe courts were constructed by the Prescott Parks and Recreation Department, with the help of Mile Hi Club members. Their State Tournament was held there in April.

Clint Bryson reports the construction of 12 new courts at Spearfish, SD, and two new court complexes have been built in Ohio; 9 at Whetstone Park in Columbus, and 6 just South of Circleville.

Shoe Checks at World Tournament

Please find below a summary chart for all horseshoes that were checked this year in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Of the 3,350 shoes (1,675 pairs) that were checked, 124 shoes (just over 3.7%) did not meet one or more of the required specifications for maximum width, length, or weight. These sanctioned horseshoe specifications can be found on the NHPA Website or in the RGS Book (see page 33, I - Equipment Specifications, Section A). If anyone would like to have a more complete summary than has been provided here, please contact me.

SHOE CHECK SUMMARY - ARDMORE 2007

Shoe Name	# of prs	Wide	Long	Heavy
Allen	276	12	10	-
American	17	2	-	-
Bronco	29	7	-	-
Cal-Flip	41	6	-	-
Challenger	21	-	-	-
Condor	27	1	-	-
Deadeye	234	5	-	2
Diamond	157	1	-	4
Hohl	30	6	-	-
Francis	82	-	-	-
Glory	33	-	-	-
Gordon	43	-	-	-
Imperial	167	20	2	-
M&M	81	15	1	-
Mr. D	11	-	-	-
Mustang	78	3	-	-
Pony	18	-	-	-
Six Pac	25	2	-	3
Six Shooter	19	-	-	-
Snyder	165	3	-	-
Super Ringer	23	11	-	-
Tyson	15	-	-	-
All Others	73	8	-	-
Totals	1675	102	13	9

2007 NORTH DAKOTA STATE HORSESHOE CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Bill Trader, NDHPA State Secretary/Treasurer

The North Dakota State Horseshoe Pitching Championships were held on September 1st and 2nd, 2007 at the Wildwoods Horseshoe Complex in Bismarck, ND. This year was the 85th year that North Dakota has conducted State Horseshoe Pitching Championships. Even into our 85th year, records continue to be set.

This year saw the third time a father and son pitched in the Men's Championship Class. Justin Sipma, from Bismarck, ND, pitched his way into the Men's Championship Class winning his first North Dakota State Men's title, pitching 54.78% and going 7-0 on Championship Day. His father, Stuart Sipma, and current National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA) 5th Vice President, placed fourth in the Men's Championship Class. Justin, at age 19, is believed to be the youngest man to ever win the North Dakota State Men's title.

Carol Peterson (Bismarck, ND) won her second title in a row pitching 56.25% winning the Women's Championship. Larry Jorgenson (Jamestown, ND) won his second title in three years defeating his brother-in-law, Myron Trangsrud of Valley City in the Men's Elder's Championship. Larry pitched 52.80% in winning his second title. Myron Trangsrud was the 2006 Elders State Champion.

In Juniors play, Trevor Sipma (Bismarck, ND) won his fourth title in five years, pitching 67.62%. Brady Bieber (Lincoln, ND) won the Junior Cadets State Championship pitching

12.00%, which is a State Cadet's record. The Junior Cadet Class consists of youngsters age 9 and under.

There were 90 participants at this year's North Dakota State Championship. On Saturday evening during the North Dakota Horseshoe Hall of Fame Banquet there were approximately 100 attendees where Donna Symanietz of Fargo, ND and Earl Setterlund of Mandan, ND were inducted into the North Dakota Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame.

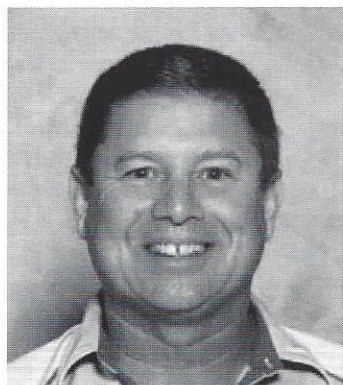


2007 North Dakota State Horseshoe Pitching Champions

Trevor Sipma (Bismarck), Juniors Champion; Justin Sipma (Bismarck), Men's Champion; Carol Peterson (Bismarck), Women's Champion; Larry Jorgenson (Jamestown), Elder's Champion; Brady Bieber (Lincoln), Junior Cadet's Champion

ERROR CORRECTION

In the last issue, the results of the 2007 World Tournament Men's Division M1 were omitted. Below are the results for M1.



Mens Division M1

1.A.J. Jim Mortinger, Jr.	KS	18.21	10	3	114	520	21.92	326
2.Mike Reding	OK	16.28	9	4	95	520	18.27	287
3.Richard Schultz	KS	16.20	9	4	89	520	17.12	302
4.Ivan Barnett	KS	17.14	8	5	117	520	22.5	378
5.Jerry Marshik	MN	15.90	8	5	76	520	14.62	283
6.Rich Carvell	IL	16.90	8	5	68	520	13.08	268
7.Roy Evans	MO	17.99	7	6	100	520	19.23	322
8.Marshel Keith	MO	18.23	7	6	66	520	12.69	278
9.Craig Rippetto	AR	15.79	6.5	6.5	84	520	16.15	252
10.Joe Keller	MO	17.83	5.5	7.5	75	520	14.42	217
11.Ronnie Kunze	OK	16.31	4	9	42	520	8.08	193
12.Don Hathcock	AL	17.19	4	9	31	520	5.96	199
13.Mike Harrison	AL	15.43	3	10	44	520	8.46	198
14.Royce D. Reid	TX	17.25	2	11	54	520	10.38	171

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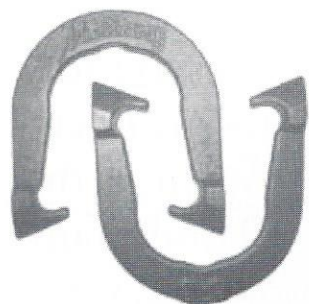
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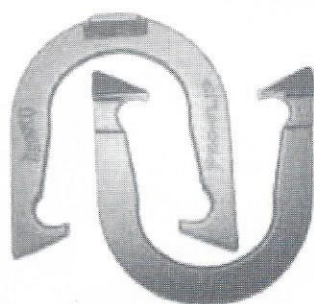


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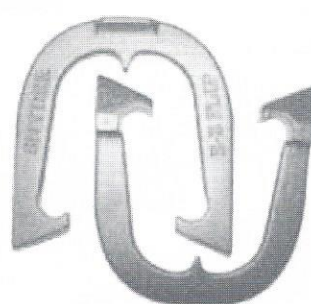
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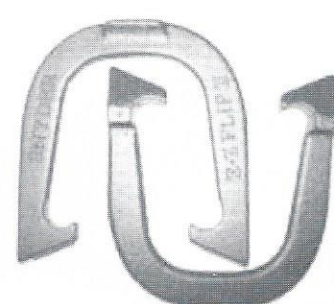
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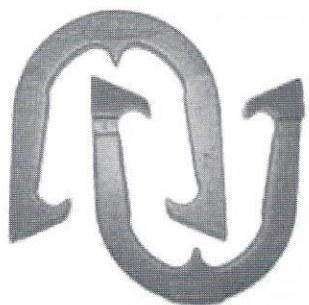
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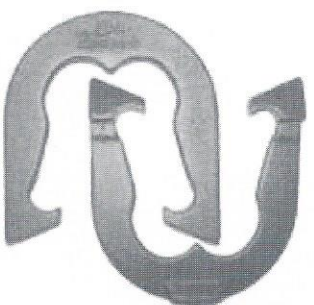
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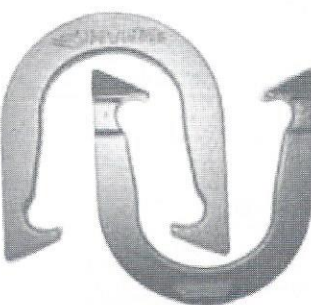
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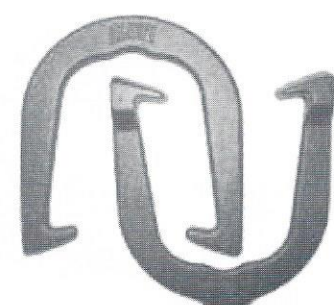
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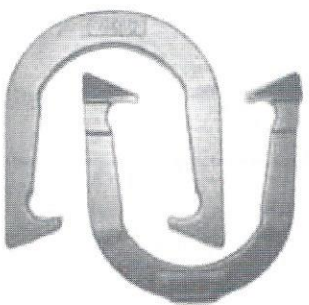
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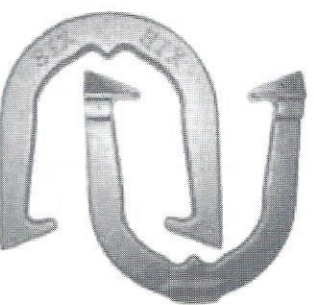
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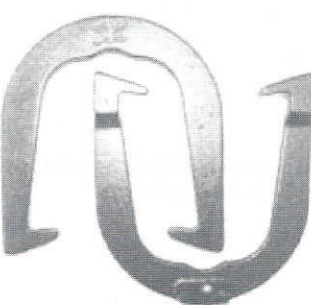
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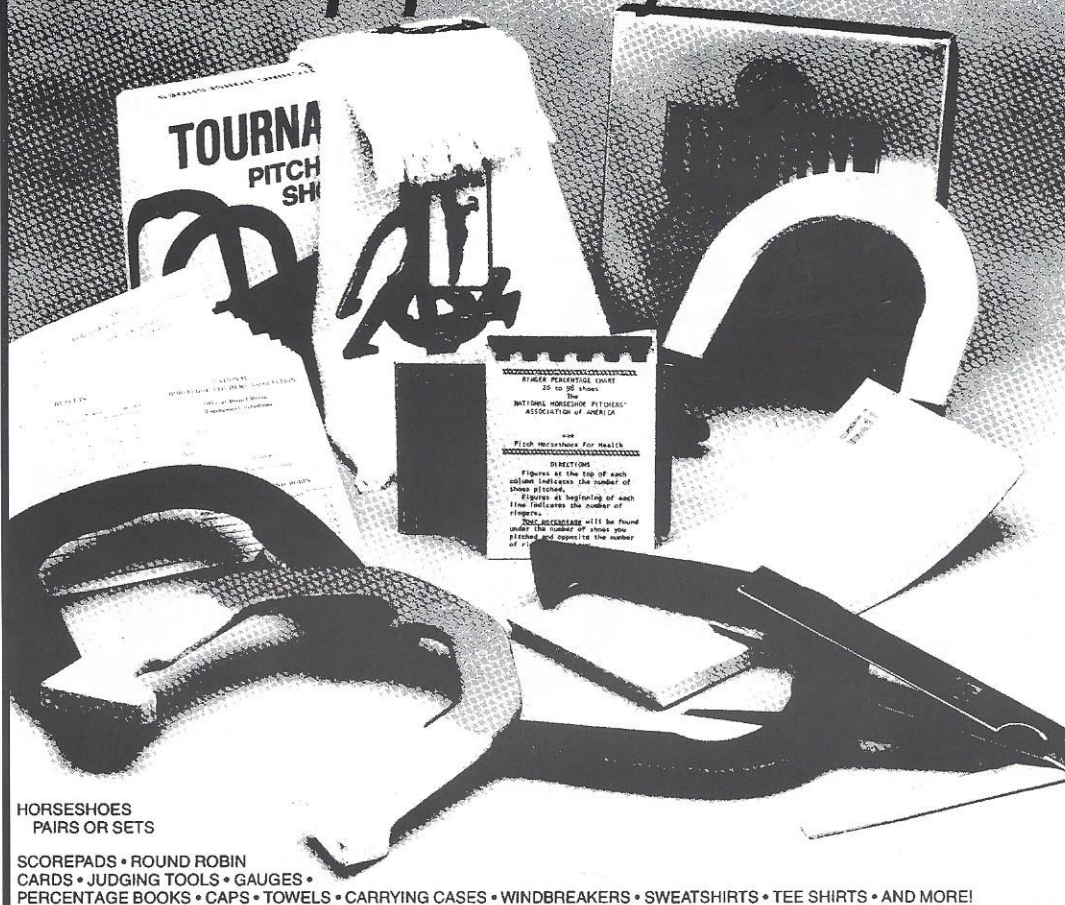
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