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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Paul Stewart

The NHPA Council just concluded their annual winter meeting at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The council discussed and ruled on present and future business of the NHPA. Some of our discussions and approvals included this year's World Tournament Prize list which can be found in this issue. Another World Tournament decision made was to upgrade tournament equipment, rubber mats for full walk ways and also new courts. (See Jerry's article in this issue for more information).

Another decision made at our meeting is to hold three NHPA sponsored tournaments at the NHPA Hall of Fame facilities in Wentzville Missouri. The National Sanctioned League Team Tournament will be held, October 4-5, 2008. Also a Jack Freeman Team Tournament will be held November 15-16, 2008. And the National Walking Doubles Tournament will be held March 7-9, 2009. Details and formats for all three tournaments will be worked out and posted in future issues of NEWSLINE as well as on the NHPA website.

By-Law proposal changes were discussed and approved and will be presented to the delegates at our convention in York, Pennsylvania. (See Stu's article in this issue).

NHPA Second Vice President, Casey Sluys, announced that he would not seek re-election for office. Casey has served us very well for the past fourteen years. The NHPA Council will miss Casey very much as I am sure all of you will too. Casey has told me that he will still be very much involved in horseshoes and will assist us in any way that he can after his term expires at the end of 2008.

A message has been posted on the front page of NHPA Website; so anyone wishing to run for this position can notify me and the NEWSLINE editor by March 15th (required by our By-Laws, Article V: Officers, Section 7).

If anyone ever questioned the dedication of our NHPA 3rd VP, Lorraine Sternberg, then here's your answer. Lorraine and Terry were scheduled to fly out of Milwaukee Wisconsin to Myrtle Beach South Carolina on February 7th for our winter council meeting. A snow storm hit their area on February 6th causing their flight to be canceled due to the airport being closed. Seventeen inches of snow

never stopped them from attending our council meeting in Myrtle Beach. They jumped in Terry's truck about four in the morning and headed south for almost 22 hours. Everyone was surprised and appreciative of Lorraine's dedication to the NHPA and the Council.

I have been in contact with the York Pennsylvania Convention & Visitors Bureau, the York Expo Center and Dale Estep. A record turnout for the 2008 World Tournament is expected and everyone is working hard to have everything ready. If you have not yet made reservations and plans, please do so as soon as possible as York is a very popular area and motels fill quickly due to it being a popular tourist area. Links are on the NHPA Website that will lead you to all you will need to make reservations.

As always, I look forward to seeing everyone on the courts and in York, Pennsylvania.

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NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

I hope that those of you who have endured extreme winter weather are beginning to see some relief and warming temperatures. As I write this, Cathie and I are in Bullhead City, Arizona, having come here to escape the cold and heavy rains of Northern California and seeking some warmer days. Turns out to be an extra cold year here as well with daily temps averaging about 10 degrees lower than normal. We have however been able to pitch almost daily with the contingent of horseshoe pitchers who come to this Riverview RV Resort for its executive golf course and seven regulation horseshoe courts. There are several NHPA members here and some very good pitchers who are not members.

There is not a great deal of news to report with regard to the Hall of Fame building in Wentzville. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club has had a couple of tournaments and continues with league play. They will once again host the popular Six-Pac Tournament in May with an expanded format. The NHPA is looking to schedule some special events at the courts as well as the National Sanctioned League Club Tournament, which will again be a big attraction at the site.

Sales of engraved bricks and cash donations appear to have slowed since the opening of the Wentzville facility. I guess some people believe that with the building now

open, their support is no longer needed. Nothing could be further from the truth. Your financial support is now needed more than ever as we have a million dollar facility to maintain. And what a beautiful facility it is; one that every NHPA should take pride in. A 2,000 square foot Hall of Fame room is the main attraction, but there are also 16 indoor climate controlled clay courts and within the next few months, an additional 16 outdoor courts will be completed. One day, with your continued financial support, we may be able to roof and enclose the outdoor courts by extending the building thus providing 32 indoor courts and a solid basis for a world tournament location.

I realize that many options are available to you as multitudes of worthy causes compete for your charitable dollars. The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation is but one of those causes, but I urge you to put it first or near the top of the non-profits you support. The NHPF is a registered charitable organization and any contribution you make is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS and your filing status. Your contribution to the NHPF can be in the form of a check, cash, stocks and real estate now or as a beneficiary of any of the former upon your death. Also, don't forget that we also have a beautiful commemorative brick plaza with more than 3,000 bricks still available for engraving. There are two different size bricks available for \$100 or \$200. Order forms were sent to all NHPA members but if you have misplaced or discarded yours, you can print out another by logging on to the NHPA website and clicking the NHPF link. Remember, your support is not only needed, but any contribution is tax-deductible and will be greatly appreciated. Contributions of \$25.00 or more will be acknowledged by letter while brick orders will only be mentioned in future editions of this magazine and on the NHPF link of the NHPA website. Mail all contributions and brick orders to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

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5.	NC	31	164	\$20,062
6.	OR	24	104	\$14,912
7.	WI	36	130	\$12,923
8.	MI	53	136	\$11,840
9.	CO	29	80	\$ 8,759
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CHARTER CHATTER

by Tina Hawkins

MINNESOTA

The officers of the MGSHPA are introducing, yet another brainstorm idea to increase membership in their charter.

They will be issuing “tickets” to pitchers for each new member they sponsor. Getting a past member (out for at least two seasons) to re-join will bring the same benefit. A drawing will be held at the state tournament to give fantastic prizes to the ticket holders, including a grand prize of \$1,000 cash!!! WOW!! Other prizes include \$500 in cash, two World Tournament entries, five state tournament entries and many more, yet to be named. The new member must pitch in at least one sanctioned event by September 1st for his/her sponsor to receive a ticket – juniors and adults count!!

This is an exciting incentive to recruit new members, get tardy members back in the fold, AND keep existing members interested from year to year. Every charter should take heed to the MGSHPA’s example and contact the people who have let their membership lapse. A little nudge might be all they need!

Effort of this type is why the MGSHPA is the largest and strongest charter in the NHPA. Let’s all give them a run for their money!!!

For detailed information on this incentive, contact Regional Director Jerry LaBrosse at 8170 Fern Lane, Greenfield MN 55357 Phone (763) 498-7353 or Jlabro6186@aol.com.

NEW ENGLAND

The indoor courts in East Hartford, Connecticut are going strong! Every week there are almost 250 pitchers participating in sanctioned and non-sanctioned leagues; including a new group of pitchers from a local business, who stop by right after work to pitch, then head on home for supper. Another league picks up where they left off with an evening league, keeping the place busy! The facility boasts computerized scoring, making the running score always visible to pitchers and spectators. Pitchers from all across the East Coast pitch in the twice monthly tournaments – If you plan to participate, enter early, because they fill up fast!

Over in Thompson, CT, there is another facility with three courts which has a new couples’ league on Friday evenings – all the women are new pitchers, so KUDOS for adding new members to the organization!

Membership is growing in the New England states, due in part to the indoor facilities and in part to the close proximity of the 2008 World Tournament. Whatever the reason – YAY!!

OKLAHOMA

Several new courts will be sprouting up across the state of Oklahoma in the near future, with ground work and negotiations being conducted in the cities of Moore, Stillwater and Tonkawa.

Organizers in Moore, with the help of fellow pitchers from around the state, have gotten the nod of approval from the Parks and Recreation Board for their courts, fence and lighting – and they want a first class setup!!

Thanks to the OHPA’s two-day exhibit at the National Cowboy Museum and Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, contact was made with a group from Tonkawa, who now have a donor who wants to install eight new courts and a shelter in their Ray See Park.

In Stillwater, the Senior Citizens Center is the probable location of twelve new courts. When pitcher, Homer Cain talked with their Convention and Visitors Bureau about the World Tournament, he received a very interested, brow-raising “Hmmmmmm...” Seems they may be interested in bringing the event back to Oklahoma some time in the future, at the Payne County Expo Center.

TEXAS

If you’ve been around the World Tournament for very many years, you know who Texan Debra Odom is. She has been a regular in the Women’s A Class and Championship Division for several years. Debra is also quite active on the Texas circuit, pitching as well as promoting. The THPA has recognized her many accomplishments by installing her into the Texas Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Debra!!

After a lengthy illness, Texas lost a long-time member, Joe Sullins. Joe was responsible for acquiring the property to establish courts in Houston, and was one of the founders of the Greater Houston Horseshoe Club. He served the THPA over the years in the positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer. He traveled thousands of miles to all areas of the big state of Texas, promoting and organizing new clubs. Joe was installed into the Texas Hall of Fame in 1986. He passed January 7, 2008.

Texas is gearing up for a great year, with 53 sanctioned tournaments scheduled throughout the state. All NHPA members are invited to participate when they visit!! Check the schedule on the THPA website, which is accessible through www.horseshoepitching.com.

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CHARTER CHATTER *Continued*

VIRGINIA

Suffolk held the grand opening of the state's newest set of sanctioned courts, September 15, 2007. This endeavor was made possible by the teamwork of many groups – The city, the Parks & Recreation Department, Boy Scouts, Park Rangers, sponsors, and club members. During construction, sponsors were found for every court and on opening day, every sponsor was represented. Over 100 attended the ceremonies and more than 40 pitched in the first event!! These facilities, as well as others in Virginia, include handicap accessible courts.

Pat and Kevin Snelgrove (charter secretary and regional director) have been venturing around the state conducting training classes on the HSMaster program. They are teaching tournament and league directors how to use the software and may be conducting refresher courses in the spring. They are using a step-by-step PowerPoint presentation and a DVD showing the process in living color. What a great idea!

It is great to see so much growth and enthusiasm across the country!! The dedication and service to the sport – even through the dead of winter – is to be commended.

Now is the time to stir up some excitement in your own Charter!!! Wake everyone up and get them out of their cozy armchairs! Throw a cookout or a potluck with some impromptu pitching on the side... Let them shake hands and mingle before the stiff competition is in full swing.

Have a “kick-off” meeting and ask your members what they would like to see happen in your Charter for the upcoming season. There is no telling what great ideas you might end up with. The ones mentioned above had to start somewhere, didn't they? And don't forget to listen to the juniors... They are the future – and they are just full of young fresh ideas!!!

***Most importantly – HAVE FUN!!!
It really is contagious!!***

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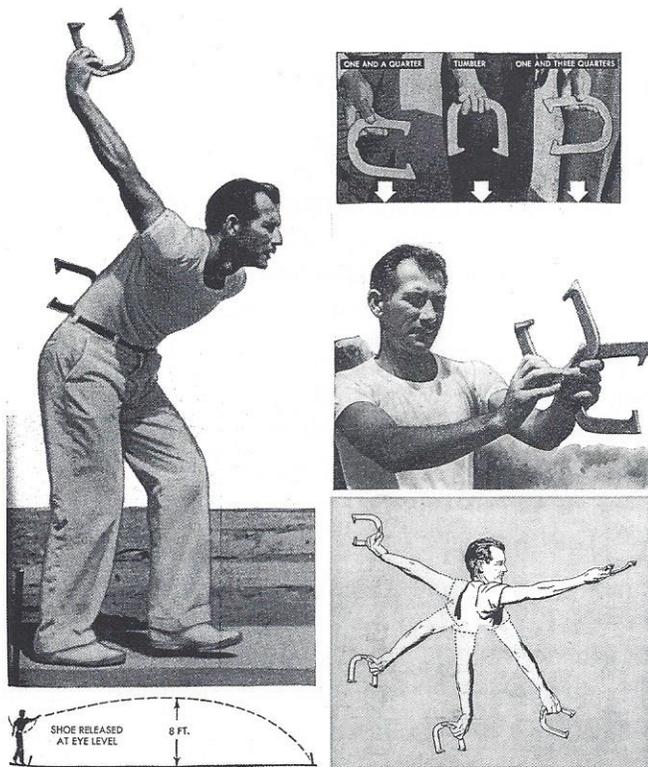
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HORSESHOE PITCHING FACTS AND FOLKLORE

by Bob Dunn

“POPULAR MECHANIC” – HARRY TRUMAN and FERNANDO ISAIS



Our sport is familiar with having horseshoe courts on the White House lawn. Both of the Presidents Bush were avid pitchers. The sport even goes back to Warren Harding, who in 1921 was named the Honorary President of the NHPA.

This article brings to our attention that President Harry Truman had pitching courts on the White House lawn. From an article in the July 1946 Popular Mechanics, came this national exposure for our sport. What may initially appear to tell of Truman's pitching, actually is more about the sport itself, featuring ten-time World Champion Fernando Isais.

So here is what Popular Mechanics said about our sport 60 years ago.....

“PITCHING THE PRESIDENT'S GAME”

If someone tells you horseshoes pitching is a farmer's game, don't believe it! It's a soldier's game. Farmers learned the game from soldiers when the soldiers came home from the wars – back in ancient Greece, a couple of thousand years ago.

When President Truman recently established a horseshoe court on the White House grounds, he pitched a dead ringer

for a game that has between two and three million followers in the United States. Now the sport is in the national spotlight. And many a foresighted statesman is brushing up on horseshoe pitching just in case!

No, horseshoe pitching is not a farmer's game. It's been popular with the farmers since grandpa was a kid, but the game cuts across the lines of income, social position and occupation to carve a homely niche among America's popular pastimes. The clank of steel can be heard from tenement districts to millionaire estates. The game is especially popular with factory workers, who flip horseshoes between bites of their noonday lunch. And where's the village firehouse that has no pitching court just around the corner from the hooks and ladders?

Chief reason for the popularity of the sport is the simplicity of the equipment and the small area needed for a court. Secure a couple of steel pegs in properly prepared beds, buy a few horseshoes and you have a court. One set of shoes will last a lifetime. It's inexpensive entertainment that pays a bonus in muscle building. It's easy-moving sport that's played in outdoor air.

There are ways and more ways to pitch a horseshoe. The experts have their own style to pitch a horseshoe. But the game itself is standardized under rules adopted by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America. The game has its local, regional, state, inter-state, national and world championship tournaments. And champions of the sport are real athletes.

How does a champion pitch a horseshoe? Take a look at Fernando Isais in action. He is a husky 32-year-old Californian who was born in the fishing village of La Paz, in Baja California, Mexico. He's of Spanish Basque descent and that last name is pronounced “ee-sah-ees” with the accent on the middle syllable.

He's a horseshoe champion extraordinary, but he's never ridden a horse and has never lived on a farm. He's been winning horseshoe pitching championships for 15 years. He was the champion tennis player in the Mexican Southern California tournament for 1946 and he averages a husky 186 as a bowler in league play. Between tournaments, he manufactures Venetian blinds at Ventura, Calif.

Soon after Isais started pitching horseshoes he won the California championship. That was in 1931. He has held

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HORSESHOE PITCHINGS FACTS AND FOLKLORE *Continued*

the state title eight or nine times and has been interstate champion of Arizona, Indiana, Utah, Iowa and Oregon. In 1934 and 1935 he toured the country with Ted Allen, national title holder at that time, giving exhibitions of plain and fancy "hoss shoe" pitching. He whipped Allen at the Iowa State Fair at Des Moines in 1941 to win the national championship and he has held the title through the war years.

Championship pitching is not a lazy everyday sport. It's a grueling game that calls for great physical endurance and steady nerves. Many a contender drops out because of fatigue. Isais trains for a tournament by putting himself in top condition with four hours of practice a day for at least six weeks before the tournament. "It's like any other sport," he says. "Practice counts!"

Isais started out as a "1¹/₄" pitcher. That is, he first pitched a horseshoe that turned one and one fourth revolutions in mid-air.

"But I found I could do better with a shoe that turns faster," he says. "Now I throw a one and three quarter shoe. It grabs the peg better, it doesn't bounce back as easily."

In action, Isais has the precision and grace of motion that mark his fine athlete. And if you want to learn his style of pitching, here's the way to toss the shoe:

With your left hand hold the shoe with caulks down, open end toward your right. Grip the shoe with your right hand, thumb on top with three fingers reaching under the shoe and gripping its inner edge. Brace your little finger against the toe caulk – that's the one on the round end of the shoe.

"Bracing your little finger like that will always give you exactly the same hold on the shoe," Isais says. "The whole purpose of your grip, your stance and your delivery is to standardize your movements so that every pitch will be exactly alike. Then you should work to improve your accuracy."

Stand in the pitcher's box, about even with stake, feet close together, with your weight mostly on your right leg. Raise the shoe to sighting or aiming position, at full arm's length ahead of you. Swing the shoe back and drive your arm high up behind you, keeping elbow and wrist straight.

When Isais makes this backswing, he leans sharply forward from the hips. His hand and the horseshoe are high above his head.

In this position, you are ready to start the forward swing, which will send the 2¹/₂ pound steel shoe sailing 40 feet to ring the opposite stake – you hope.

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For purposes of scoring, a game is divided into innings. When each contestant has pitched two shoes, that's one inning. A tournament game is played for 50 points, but most league games usually are played for 21. A regulation contest between two players consists of the best six out of eleven games.

To earn any points the shoe must lie within six innings of the stake after all four shoes have been pitched. The closest shoe within six inches of the stake scores one point. A ringer scores three points. All equal scores by opponents in any inning are ties and are not tallied. In each inning, a player may gain in score only by superior pitching. Tournament games have gone to 130 shoes per player before one player could win 50 points.

"That's when training counts," says Fernando Isais. "Training gives you confidence. When the game gets tough, you don't lose your nerve. The crowd doesn't upset you. You are sure of your delivery. And with luck – you win!"

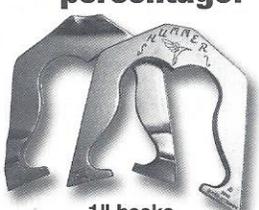
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NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT

by Lorraine Sternberg

I hope everyone is having a good winter. I am sure those of you who live in the South are. Here in Wisconsin, winter has been long. The thought of Spring is in the minds of many. Lucky are those who have indoor courts close by to pass away the cold winter months.

The National Sanctioned League Team Tournament will be held, October 4-5, 2008 at the Hall of Fame Facility in Missouri. More details about this tournament will be published in the next issue of Newsline.

The Top Ten for 2007 is printed in this issue. I would like to congratulate all those league pitchers who made the top-ten list. The highest game pitched in the 2007 season was Bobby Fields from the Crossville HSC, TN. Bobby pitched a game of 92.50%. Gert Wilcziek from the Eau Claire HSC in WI had the highest ringer average of 80.07%.

In the juniors division the highest game pitched was by Kyle Bidwell of Topeka HSC, in Kansas, pitching 85%. The highest ringer average also goes to Kyle Bidwell with 72.14%. Check out the entire list. There was some good league pitching.

As you all know there are different divisions and separate categories in each division. In the National Division, both for adults and juniors you must pitch 50-shoe-count all games to be eligible. For the rest of the divisions the games can be either count-all or cancellation, but they must be at least 30 shoe games.

When submitting your final stats or top-ten form, all figures are to be carried out to hundredths. (For example point average should be 96.87 not just 96 or 96.9) The same applies for ringer averages and high over average. I had to redo a lot of the top-ten forms this year because this was not done.

I am changing the deadline for the Top Ten to be submitted. You will now have till the 31st of December. So the top ten will run from January 1st to December 31st. I have decided to do this because of the increased number of fall leagues that now finish up in December. This should make it easier for league directors that run fall leagues. The Top Ten list will still come out in the March/April issue of Newsline as it does now.

The Scholarship form has been slightly changed. We are no longer in need of the junior's Social Security number so I have taken that off of the form. But I would like the name of the club that the junior pitches on. Please e-mail me for the updated form.

As long as I am on the topic of reports to be submitted, I would also like to review the membership report. Whether you e-mail or send them in the mail you should also be sending a copy to your charter secretary. This way the charter secretary can check over to make sure that all of your league pitchers have purchased a current NHPA card and make sure that all numbers are correct. It's also important that when filling in the category column you list the correct distance for the pitcher. Don't just fill in M for all men, those that pitch at 30' should be listed as so. Juniors should be listed JB for Junior Boy and JG for Junior Girl and if they pitch from 20 feet, please list them as 20' pitchers.

For the clubs that pitch more than one league, you can list all the pitchers on one membership report. There is no need to fill out a separate membership report for each league. The leagues that break up their season by spring, summer and fall; only have to send in the names of the new pitchers for each session, except for in the beginning of the season. Then you must list all the pitchers.

I am working on a new final stats form. The new form will include a column for high over average for points and one for ringer percent. With this information on the form there would be no need to fill out a top ten form any more. I hope to have this done soon. Of course until I do and if you finish your winter leagues, you will still need to complete the top ten report. When the new form is completed I will send everyone a copy and I will explain them at that time.

So for now that is all I have on leagues. The list of Junior Scholarships will be in the next issue. The council will be deciding the scholarships at the winter meeting in February. If you need more information on any of the forms that need to be filled out for your sanctioned league please let me know or you can look it up in your sanctioned league booklet. Let's hope for an early Spring so we will all soon be able to get on the courts.

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JUNIOR PROMOTIONS

by Justin Sipma

Winter Horseshoes

It was a beautiful winter day in North Dakota and already horseshoe pitchers of all ages and locations were descending upon Hankinson, North Dakota to demonstrate their horseshoe pitching skill. The temperature was 15° and sunny, the perfect weather condition for horseshoe pitching right? Well luckily for some, we didn't have to fight against Mother Nature, but instead were able to pitch in the comfort of the Dakota Sky Hotel & Casino. Most of us North Dakotans could have handled this type of weather, but I guess NHPA Presidents from North Carolina can't handle pitching in sub arctic conditions! At the resort, there were twelve portable courts where pitchers could pitch from sun up to sun down for four straight days. This was my second time attending this winter horseshoe tournament and I would encourage anyone to attend this tournament just once because it is a fun tournament with pitchers of all skill levels so anyone could be accommodated in this tournament.

It was during this tournament where I got my first real exposure to the horseshoe pitchers outside of Bismarck since becoming Junior Promotions Director. There should have been nothing to be jittery about, but at the beginning of the day there were a few nerves when first putting on the new Junior Director shirt. Soon thereafter, all the tension and nervousness went away when I was finally out on the courts throwing my shoes.

When not pitching, I was able to talk to some of the pitchers and try and find out what some of the other clubs are doing to attract junior attention to our sport. A lot of ideas were bounced back and forth between myself and others trying, not only to attract junior pitchers, but also to keep them in the sport. One of the horseshoe clubs from Minnesota hopes to

sanction its high school gym students. This school has horseshoe pits right on its ground so the club saw this as an opportunity to get good participation from some of these students. Then with teachings of basic techniques of the game, they hope to improve their junior participation status. The state of Minnesota is still finding many ways to improve its junior program which currently tops the nation's list.

I'm sure many other clubs are coming up with new and creative ideas to get junior pitchers, however, the only reason I found out what Minnesota was doing was from the Hankinson Horseshoe Tournament. I can not go to tournaments all across the country to get input on what all the local clubs are doing or have questions on. So if anyone is hoping to try something new with their junior program or has seen success with their juniors, please let me know. That way I can get out what everyone is doing to draw a new crowd of young pitchers and be of assistance, if necessary, doing whatever I can do to assist in getting more juniors involved. So let me know what you are doing and/or hope to do in the future. My email address is jwsipma@hotmail.com and all types of ideas, comments, and questions are welcomed.

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PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

by Casey Sluys

Banners

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What we do

We have heard comments throughout the years that the NHPA council puts too much emphasis on the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships. True, a lot of effort is spent to bring you, the NHPA membership, a premier event. Certainly though not all our efforts are directed toward the World Tournament. During the course of a year we are continually working to increase our membership, solve specific charter problems or concerns, answer questions, (either by phone, email, or letter), schedule interviews with various publications and/or radio, collect, organize and accept rule proposals, consult with convention and visitors bureaus for potential WT sites, work with the Regional Directors on court requirements and improvements, review and update our membership database, input all sanctioned league data, arrange special horseshoe pitching events, organize and begin a series of tournaments at our new Hall of Fame site. There you have quite a list of things we attempt to accomplish throughout the year other than simply concentrating on WT things. Although by no means comprehensive, you get the general idea. Believe me when I say that we do not sit idle and simply wait for things to happen. Nothing is going to occur unless there is someone involved that is willing to take the lead in things. You all know the story of; everybody, somebody, anybody, and nobody right? Well for those who have not seen it here it is: *This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.*

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Bumper Stickers

How about all those bumper stickers we've handed out over the year? Have you bought a new car since you've received a bumper sticker? Need another one; I've got a limited supply on hand for those needing some. Have you acquired new members because of them? From here it's difficult to gauge the various promotion and publicity ideas that we've implemented. We certainly hope they are doing you some good. Whenever someone asks, "Hey, you pitch shoes", tell them when and where and invite them over to pitch with you.

This and that

All in all I'd have to say we need to become much more proficient; at recruiting new members and retaining past members. Even though NHPA membership held virtually steady in 2007, it's still significantly below where we could be if everyone would simply bring in one new member. Bring one in this year, and if those new people bring another in the following year we have the capability to grow with leaps and bounds rather than a trickle here and a trickle there. It's a know fact that wherever the WT is held that area of our country grows in NHPA membership. Maybe we need larger tournaments throughout the year in all areas of the country?

Prior to this year's WT, NHPA Historian Gary Kline and I will blanket the Pennsylvania and New England area with press releases about the WT; both by snail-mail and email hoping to generate more interest in organized horseshoe pitching. We'll invite them out and explain how Pennsylvania has always been an active charter in the NHPA etc. etc. If any of you anywhere need assistance with the media, please let me know; I'll help where I can. This WT should be the best looking WT in many years, (see Jerry's article). Hope to see all of you there.

Even though I've announced that I will not seek re-election to this office I will serve the NHPA membership until

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January 1, 2009. That will be the date my predecessor's term begins, whoever that might be. Our president Paul Stewart has asked me to continue answering questions and

concerns on the website Forum, so just because I won't be a VP, I'll still be around voicing my opinions. (smile)

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

25th - 27th Best of the West Again - Stagecoach Hotel and Casino Beatty, Nevada. Entry deadline: April 15th, entries limited to the first 108. Friday, non-sanctioned hi-lo doubles, \$10.00 entry fee, matched by the Casino. Saturday and Sunday, Singles 2-day event, \$50.00 entry fee + \$2,700.00 prorated added purse. Contact Don Weaver at (702) 736-7348 or by e-mail at donatlasvegas@aol.com. Entry forms are also available on the NHPA website under coming events.

MAY

16th - 18th Team World 2008 - Beloit, WI. Entry Deadline: April 12th, \$200 per team. 4-Person Team representing your state; no more than 2 short distance pitchers per team roster. Mail entries to: Earl Paulson, 7105 So. County RD. H, Beloit, WI 53511 Phone: (608) 879-2304 or email: epauls@teamworldhorseshoe.com

23rd - 25th 13th SummerFun Horseshoe Tournament - Newberry, SC. Entry Deadline: April 29th, \$30 Adults & \$5 Juniors; limited to 184 players. \$6,500 in Cash, Prizes & Trophies. 1st Place Championship Classes: \$650; 1st place in all classes below championship: \$125. Entry forms available at: www.horseshoepitching.com (coming events) or www.schorseshoes.com. Make checks payable to: SummerFun Horseshoe Tournament and mail to: Ron Taylor, 1901 Molly Circle, York, SC 29745 Phone: (803) 684-1453 or email: hawgjawtaylor47@comporium.net

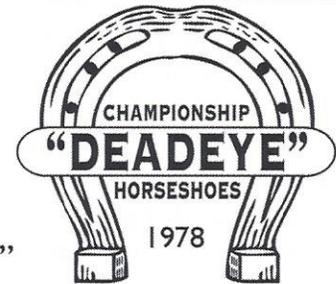
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JULY

3rd - 6th - Ringer Classic, Greenville, OH Entry Deadline: June 19th, Adults - \$30 and Juniors - \$5; Additional fees: Class A Men & Women - \$25; Class B Men & Women - \$15 and Class C Men - \$10. All twelve-person classes will pitch two days. Make checks payable to: Darke County Horseshoe Club and mail entry to: Mary Fleenor, 8494 Baker RD, Versailles, OH 45380 NOTE: Telephone entries will NOT be accepted.

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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Dan Sanders

Court Sanctioning Update

As you may know, December 31, 2007 marked the deadline for the completion of the new required court sanctioning process which began in July of 2006. On behalf of the NHPA, I extend my heart-felt thanks to all who were involved in this monumental task! And so it can now be assumed that all Charter court complexes hosting NHPA sanctioned leagues and tournaments are in compliance with at least the six (6) minimum CS specifications listed in these requirements (see RGS Book, pgs. 34-38). There are two exceptions to this CS requirement, as follows: 1) Any court complexes not meeting the minimum requirements may continue hosting sanctioned events so long as an approved Court Upgrade Agreements Form has been completed and signed by the Charter Club Officers and Regional Director, and 2) Any courts that were constructed during the year 2007 (and into the future) must comply with all 14 CS specification requirements; not just the minimum requirements. I am happy to report that Court Registration Forms have been received from the majority of Charter Regional Directors, though there are still a few that I have not yet received. After all of this information has been organized, I will be publishing a listing of all Charters and the total number of sanctioned courts within each Charter. A more complete listing of Charter court locations and other information will also be made available to each Charter for their Charter Websites or for distribution to potential new members. While there have been a few court complexes that cannot be sanctioned at this time, I don't feel that this new requirement should result in the loss of any of our members, and in the long run, should be helpful in attracting and keeping new members. Among the many reports that I have received from our Regional Directors, the following report is fairly typical, but for some Charters may represent goals that they should be working toward.

"The Minnesota charter is happy to announce that the court sanctioning process is now complete. There was only one club that did not meet the basic minimum requirements for court sanction, and they opted not to remain a part of the state organization. The club has a very small and aging membership, and just didn't have the resources to upgrade. Most clubs met all the requirements for a full court sanction status, and many more that initiated upgrades to achieve that level of sanction. "There are a few clubs that upgrading to full sanction status is not practical, or achievable. The

MGSHPA courts are generally in excellent condition, with plans to improve even further, and to maintain the level of quality they will enjoy for years to come."

Forfeit Rule

In last month's Regional Directors article I discussed the seeding of contestants into tournament classes, based on the information in Rule 11, Section D and also mentioned that I would be including some information about the Forfeits Rule in this issue. The current rule for tournament forfeits can be found on page 19 of the RGS Book, but there is really a lot of history behind an earlier change to this rule which was made after the World Tournament in 1979. Some of you may remember the circumstances of this memorable event, and I have asked Oattie Reno to share his remembrances of it, under the old rule. Oattie is a well-known pitcher, writer, and NHPA Hall of Fame member. Here is his account of the 1979 World Tournament, plus some additional comments on this rule:

"The rule pertaining to forfeits in round robin tournament play has been the subject of a lot of interest and discussion. Prior to 1980 the NHPA rule was that if a pitcher forfeited one game he had to forfeit all games. In addition to that the statistics for him and his opponent in all games he played were taken out of the final tournament statistics. That rule has now been changed, providing that all games played remain in the standings just as they happened. You are now credited with the wins and losses, shoes, ringers, ringer percentage, just as if you had completed the round robin. Only the games you did not play are treated as forfeits. Good arguments can be made for either rule. I prefer the rule as it presently exists.

One argument in favor of the old rule is that it treats every pitcher the same, giving everyone a win with no statistics, in contrast to the new rule which would give wins to the players who did not pitch against the forfeiting player and saddle others with losses if they played him and lost. The 1964 world tournament at Greenville, Ohio, is often called the greatest ever played. Ringer percentages were exceptionally high. A record thirteen pitchers averaged over 80% ringers. In that tournament Bob Pence, NHPA Secretary and Tournament Director, threw Art Dugle of Illinois out of the tournament for using foul language to spectators after being warned about the same offense prior

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to his ejection. Up to that point Dugle had averaged over 80% ringers and won several games. He was a magnificent pitcher who now had to give up all his wins, go 0-35 and have the statistics for himself and his opponents deleted for all the games he had played. Dugle was the fourteenth pitcher to average 80% in that tournament, a world record, now wiped out by the old rule. One pitcher who played Dugle before he was thrown out was Ralph Maddox of West Virginia. Their game went over 100 shoes and over 80% ringers. When that game was stricken from the records it cost Maddox one world record and lowered two others. Maddox was credited with 3,476 shoes for the tournament, a world record without the Dugle game. However in 1968 John Rademacher of Florida pitched 3,586 shoes to claim a new world record which he still holds. Maddox would still hold that record if allowed to count the shoes pitched against Dugle. Maddox still holds two world records with 2,903 ringers and 1,173 doubles for that tournament, but each would be higher if he could count the Dugle game. Just to illustrate how tough the 1964 tournament was, Maddox averaged 83.5% ringers, lost ten games and finished ninth.

In the 1979 world tournament in Statesville, North Carolina, the old rule cost Jim Knisley of Ohio the high tournament percentage, for which there was a cash prize. It also cost him a tie for the championship and might very well have cost him the world title. Don Kuchcinski of Pennsylvania was pitching the tournament of his life. In his first eight games he knocked off seven of the top eight ranked pitchers, all but Knisley. One of his victims was Mark Seibold of Indiana, who would eventually win the tournament. The championship division was made up of 32 pitchers instead of the usual 36. The final standings show Seibold with a record of 27-4-82.6% and Knisley with 26-5-82.3%. That was under the old rule, so let's look at what it would have been under the new rule: Knisley, 26-5-82.5% and Seibold, 26-5-82.0%; a tie for first place and Knisley with the higher ringer percentage.

Let me make it clear that none of this detracts from Mark Seibold's performance or in any way tarnishes his title. He did what he had to do when the opportunity presented itself. I am just pointing out how the forfeit rule changed the picture on the last night of competition. Don Kuchcinski became ill on the last night of competition. Kuchcinski and the tournament officials tried their very best to enable him to complete the tournament but he could not. Seibold and Knisley met in the next to last round. With Kuchcinski's figures still in the standings Knisley stood 25-4 and Seibold

24-5. That meant Seibold would have to beat Knisley to gain a tie and since both pitchers won the last game to remain tied, Seibold would have had to defeat Knisley two best of three to become world champion. The regular game plus the playoff meant Seibold would have had to win three out of four from Knisley to win the title. But Kuchcinski's forfeit changed all that. It changed Seibold's loss to Kuchcinski into a win, tying him with Knisley, so that when Seibold won 50-47 over Knisley in game thirty, it gave Seibold a one game lead and the world championship. The forfeit naturally took a toll on Knisley's confidence and boosted Seibold's confidence, which might have changed the outcome of their game with each other. That eliminated the playoff.

Taking out the figures of their games against Kuchcinski gave Seibold the high tournament percentage and the cash prize, whereas it would have gone to Knisley, leaving the Kuchcinski game in. Seibold had hit in the 60% range in his loss to Kuchcinski; Knisley had hit 77 of 88 for 88.9% in his win over Kuchcinski.

Another danger existed under the old rule. Suppose that when Ted Allen hit his world record 72 consecutive ringers against Cletus Chapelle, Chapelle had later dropped out. Allen's record would have been taken out of the records. The same could be said for the only two perfect games in world tournament play by Guy Zimmerman and Elmer Hohl. Had their opponents later forfeited, both perfect games would have been lost.

Let me give you another scenario. Let us suppose that Allen Francis, Walter Ray Williams or Brian Simmons was breezing along undefeated and had a four game lead with three games to go. The world championship would be locked up, even if they lost their final three games. At that point the leader has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital. Under the old rule he would be reduced to 0-35 and his title forfeited. Under the new rule he would simply lose three games and still rightfully remain champion.

These are just some examples of why I think the present rule is best.

By Ottie W. Reno, 148 Reno Road, Lucasville, Ohio 45648

Based on the information that Ottie has shared here, I think that most everyone would agree that the present rule is better, but there are some additional questions about the forfeits rule that I have recently received and that warrant

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some further discussion and interpretation. In the interest of space, I will continue with this discussion of forfeits in the next issue of Newslines.

Income & Expense Statement December 2007 & January 2008

Income

Membership Dues	\$15,342.00
Sanction League Patches	\$41.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$2,800.00
Insurance Payment from NHPF & QRHC	\$3,896.00
2008 World Tournament bid payment	\$5,000.00
Charter Dues	\$24.00
Newsline Ads	\$760.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$4,669.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$32.65
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$904.90

Total Income **\$33,469.55**

Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$4,097.06
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$906.72
Sanctioned League Postage & Printing	\$206.99
Sanctioned League Patches & Awards	\$4,764.07
All Junior Scholarship Trusts	\$809.06
Hall of Fame Awards Supplies & Expenses	\$420.00
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$181.72
Sanctioned Tournament Patches	\$5,270.57
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs	\$277.68
Printing, paper & office supplies	\$107.51
Postage	\$659.00
Officers Telephone	\$259.03
Officers Travel	\$873.14
Sec/Treas Allowance	\$3,500.00
Presidents Allowance	\$1,050.00
Vice Presidents Allowance	\$5,250.00
Publicity, Promotions & Ads	\$420.00
Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$951.26
Insurance	\$24,130.50
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$83.00
Refunds	\$24.00
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WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE

by Stu Sipma

Before I update you on the bidding status for the 2010 World Tournament, I want everyone to know as I am writing this article the weather here at Bismarck ND is -15 degrees F with wind chills at -50 degrees F. It is briskly cold!! However, it has not kept me from writing this article.

With the March 15th deadline for submitting a bid to the NHPA around the corner, the NHPA has received signed contracts from two sites. Both sites are preparing their trip to York, PA in July in hopes of winning the delegates vote to host the 2010 World Tournament. Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Little Rock, Arkansas are among the two sites that will be competing; however, one other site is moving forward with preparing their bid so the NHPA receives it by the deadline. Pocatello, Idaho has also shown interest and committed to submitting a signed contract.

Following is an updated report on each bidding site.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA – July 26th through August 7th, 2010

Iowa is known for many things; like its *first in the nation status for political caucuses* and the phrase *“Is this heaven? No, it’s Iowa.”* Iowa is from an Indian word meaning *“this is the place”* or *“the beautiful land.”*

The members of the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association wish to share the beauty of the state with you in 2010. They are inviting the NHPA to hold the World Tournament in one of its family-friendly cities, Cedar Rapids. The tournament will be take place on July 26 – August 7 under one roof at the eight-year-old Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. This state-of-the-art building has ample space for the tournament office, awards presentations and exhibitors. Spectators will have a clear view to cheer on participants from the comfortable and cool seating areas, and ample parking surrounding the building is free.

Camping for self-contained motor homes will be available on site and additional camping is just a five-minute drive

from the tournament venue. For competitors desiring hotel accommodations, 1,500 rooms are located no more than three miles away offering a range of prices and amenities. Eighteen shaded horseshoe courts in scenic Ellis Park, located along the banks of the Cedar River, will be available for those wishing to practice.

Spend your free time away from the tournament enjoying the history, unique food experience and handcrafts available in the seven authentic German Villages of the Amana Colonies. This unique area was settled as a communal society 150 years ago and today balances the old traditions with the new.

The Czechoslovakian and Slovak heritage is strong in Cedar Rapids. Discover why the National Czech & Slovak Museum is known internationally for its folk art and costumes, fine art, history exhibits and 1880 immigrant home. More Cedar Rapids area attractions and entertainment options (including area casinos) can be found at www.cedar-rapids.com.

Iowa is located in the heart of the nation and is easy to reach. The Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association excitedly extends an invitation to you to discover this *“beautiful land”* and exclaim that *“this is the place”* to hold the NHPA World Tournament in 2010!

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS – July 12th though July 24th, 2010

This event will be held at the Arkansas State Fairgrounds located in Little Rock, Arkansas. It is within two miles of the Little Rock National Airport, surrounded by several freeways, I-30, I-40, I-430, I-630 and also AMTRAK.

Within the Little Rock area is the Arkansas State Capital, Clinton Presidential Center, Heifer International Center Green Building, Central High School National Historic Site, Little Rock Zoo, as well as several museums, such as Arts Center, History Commission, National Guard Museum, MacArthur Museum, Old State House Museum,

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North Shore Maritime Center, which includes the USS Razorback Submarine, also baseball, golf courses, tennis courts, concerts, hiking areas along with many hotels/motels, and restaurants.

The Little Rock Air Force Base is nearby; also, several large hospitals such as VA, Children's, Heart and University Medical Science. Within a couple hours is Hot Springs, several lakes for fishing, camping, underground caverns and a mine to look for your own diamond.

Little Rock is proposing two indoor sites to host the World Horseshoe Championships, the T.H. Barton Coliseum and the Dodge Hall of Industry. The proposed dates are July 12th - July 24th, 2010

POCATELLO, IDAHO – July 18th though July 31st, 2010

It is with great pleasure that we announce our intentions of bidding on the NHPA World Championships for 2010.

In 2004, Pocatello had an opportunity to play host to the NHPA Worlds. We had over 1,220 horseshoe pitchers ranging from boys to girls to elders to all levels of handicap to the championship flight.

According to Paul Stewart the President of the NHPA "Holt Arena is one of the best set-ups the NHPA has ever had for a world tournament. Stewart also went on to say that he was impressed with the undivided support the championships were given by the city and its residents. Pocatello and Chubbuck also provided 96 pitchers and 170 from the state of Idaho.

We are very honored and excited with the prospect of hosting this prestigious event once again.

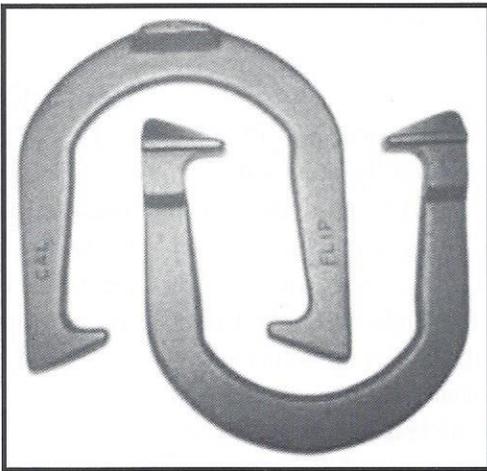
The proposed dates are July 18th - 31st and the site is Holt Arena on the campus of Idaho State University.

We hope that you'll give Pocatello your utmost consideration and for those of you that have only heard of true Western hospitality, we hope you're able to witness first hand the warmth and friendliness of our wonderful communities.

2008 World Tournament

The entry to the 2008 World Tournament at York, PA is on the NHPA website as well as in this issue; don't forget to get your reservations into Dick. The dates are July 7th - 19th. For more information contact the York CVB at 1-888-858-9675

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NEW LOOK FOR WORLD TOURNAMENT

by Jerry LaBrosse

Paul Stewart has instructed me to announce plans to use a new type of floor covering at our world tournaments, beginning this year in York, Pennsylvania. Paul was searching for the best material possible for this application, and I believe he found it. He introduced it to all of the officers at the Hall of Fame grand opening. After discussing the pros and cons of the new material, I volunteered to do an in-depth testing at my indoor facility in Minnesota over the winter.

The material is $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick rubber matting that is commonly used to line horse stalls and other high traffic applications. Paul had two rolls of this material shipped to me and I set it up in my facility in early November. It comes in 3' x 48' rolls, weighing approximately 220 pounds each. The two rolls lay side by side to create a pad 6' x 48'.

I am happy to report that the test was a shining success. After many weeks of careful observation, we have solved the few minor issues that we identified during the test. You are all going to love pitching on this new matting. The traction is perfect, no slipping at all, and not too "grippy" that you will stumble on it. It also has a very slight give to it, and acts as "anti fatigue" matting, very easy on your feet. Keep in mind that I have only tested this rubber on one court setup, so we don't know for sure that there won't be some minor problems arise when we setup 60 courts and subject them to the rigorous pitching conditions of a world tournament. We have tested and planned the best we possibly can, and we're very confident that the pitchers will agree that this new equipment is the best they've seen.

One of the biggest benefits will be the ease of setting up the courts. This first year will be some work, due to the painting of the foul lines. Every $\frac{1}{2}$ " mat will be identical and interchangeable. In future years, the mats will be set into place, and the boxes placed on pre-determined lines, and we're set to go, with no tape

measures required, and perfect foul line distances. The setup time will be cut dramatically, which is one of the biggest tasks of the world tournament.

The other exciting news is that the NHPA has decided to replace the old portable courts that we've been using. The new portables will be of similar design as the old ones, but with some improvements. The bottoms of these courts will be lined with a thinner piece of material that is the same as the matting, thus guaranteeing that there will be no movement of the boxes. A protective pad will be placed in front of each box and will have the NHPA logo painted on it. There will also be a front "bumper board" that will protect the front of the court box, hold the clay in better, and also help determine when a foul shoe hits the front rail of the court. The new design also features removable backstops, thus solving the storage problem we now have. These courts are a modified version of the original design made by Curt Bestul, NHPA Hall of Fame inductee from Wisconsin.

Sponsorship Appeal

The NHPA Executive Council has decided to appeal to the membership to help offset the costs of this beautiful, new equipment by offering sponsorships. The cost per court, which includes the new rubber matting and brand new portable boxes, will run approximately \$600.00. We are asking that charters, clubs, individual members, or any other interested parties sponsor one or more courts at a minimum of \$500 each. The sponsor's name will be painted on the rear side of the court backstops. Anybody who submits a sponsorship by June 1st is guaranteed to have their logo painted on the backstops at this year's World Tournament at York. All sponsors will be recognized in our Newslines magazine. In addition to this recognition, a beautiful

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NEW LOOK FOR WORLD TOURNAMENT *Continued*

plaque will be created listing all sponsors and displayed at the world tournament, and perhaps at our new Hall of Fame in Quail Ridge Park.

This new equipment will be the classiest thing the NHPA has ever done to showcase our world tournament, possibly making it much more appealing to larger national sponsors. It will take our sport to a professional level never before realized. The NHPA officers

and world tournament hosts are dedicated to providing the membership with the best possible pitching conditions, and we believe we're going to have it this year!

If you, your club, your charter, or any other interested party wants to sponsor a court for the NHPA, contact Dick Hansen, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer.

2008 World Tournament Prize List

Championship Classes

Class Play

Place	Men	Women	Sr. Men	Elders	Boys	Girls	Sr. Women	Cadets		Place	12	14	16
1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$300.00		1	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
2	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$200.00		2	\$250.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
3	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$150.00		3	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
4	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$135.00		4	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
5	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$230.00			5		\$125.00	\$150.00
6	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00			6			\$125.00
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						\$1,025.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,425.00
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	\$785.00					
Total	\$50,950.00	All Championship Class											

HALL OF FAME

by Vicki Winston

As I write this article, nominations are closing for the 2008 election year and the balloting will begin shortly. This is one election that doesn't drag on for two years. Smile! It has been encouraging to see interest in the Hall of Fame increase since a building is now available in which to honor our distinguished horseshoe pitching personalities. I have received several new nominations since the new Hall of Fame opened last October. Just because the voting will soon be taking place for this year doesn't mean that you should cease sending in nominations. The screening committee will consider any nominations received and if they are accepted, they will be included on the 2009 ballot. A printable nomination form is available on the Hall of Fame link of the NHPA web site. Any NHPA member or club may submit a nomination. Put some time and effort into the project, but it doesn't have to be real lengthy. The committee is more interested in the quality of the information you send, rather than the quantity. As is stated on the nomination form, you may send additional information besides what is requested on the form. If a photo of the nominee is available, that is nice also.

Two of our Hall of Fame members have passed away in recent months. We have had to place a star beside the names of Ralph Maddox and Bob West. They were great ones in their day. It would be nice to have more of their caliber come along. Dick Hansen told me that Ralph Maddox had the most years of NHPA membership that he

has on record. Ralph had been a member for 69 years.

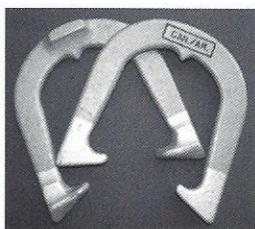
With the increased interest in the Hall of Fame, I have been asked several times just what qualifications a person must have in order for their nomination to be accepted by the screening committee and then considered favorably during the voting process. We had discussed this somewhat during our HOF committee meeting in Ardmore, OK last year. During the winter I began collecting ideas from our committee members. Several members have expressed their thoughts that the questions I posed were really hard. It is going to take time, but hopefully we will come up with a list of qualifications or guidelines that will be helpful both to the HOF committee and to persons making nominations. In the meanwhile, if you think you have a qualified candidate in mind, go ahead and send in the nomination. The worst that can happen is that it won't be accepted by the screening committee and it will be returned to you.

There have been suggestions that it would be nice to somehow designate the category in which they were elected for each present Hall of Fame inductee. This idea has been shared with the curator. At this time, I cannot tell you if any action will be taken.

That's it for now. By next time perhaps I will be able to share with you the results of the 2008 HOF voting.



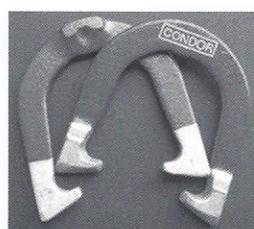
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2008 PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Proposed Bylaw Changes to Be Voted on at the 2008 NHPA Convention.

is requesting the additional dollars to maintain escalating World Tournament cost.

1. Article III, Section 3

Now reads – “The dues for adult members are the National dues of twelve dollars (\$12.00) plus the amount set for State in their Charter. Three dollar (\$3.00) of every adult membership will be set aside for the World Tournament prize fund for the next year.”

Change to read - “The dues for adult members are the National dues of seventeen dollars (\$17.00) plus the amount set for State in their Charter. Three dollar (\$3.00) of every adult membership will be set aside for the World Tournament prize fund for the next year.”

Reason: The last dues increase was in 1992. With inflation averaging 3.5% per year, our cost of doing business has risen significantly.

2. Article IX, Section 10 , paragraph (b)

Now reads – “A city or organization desiring to hold a World Tournament shall place its bid in the hands of the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer by the 15th of March, two years in advance. The NHPA President shall designate one or more members of the Executive Council to open bids after he/she has determined that these members shall have no conflict of interest in the matter. No bids will be considered unless all of the following conditions are met and approved by the Executive Council:”

- a. The facilities available for conducting the tournament are stated.
- b. A minimum bid of \$15,000 in cash is offered.
- c. A minimum payment of one third (33%) of the total cash bid shall accompany the bid. This deposit is refundable, after the Convention, to the unsuccessful bidders.

Change to read (par. b only) - “A minimum bid of \$21,000 in cash is offered.”

Reason: Reason: World Tournament cost has risen significantly the past few years. NHPA Executive Council

3. Article V, Section 7

Now reads – “Candidates for NHPA office must announce their candidacy in writing to be received by the President and the Horseshoe Pitching Newline Editor no later than March 15th.”

Change to read - “Candidates for NHPA office must announce their candidacy in writing to be received by the President and the Horseshoe Pitching Newline Editor no later than February 1st.”

Reason: This change will allow an extra month for candidates to get their written letter of intent to the NHPA President, for publication in Newline Magazine.

4. Article XI, Section 1, Amendments

Now reads – “The Bylaws may be amended as follows:

a. At any Convention held in even numbered years, by a two-thirds majority vote, provided previous notice was given in the call to convention.”

Change to read - “The Bylaws may be amended as follows:

a. At every third Convention beginning in 2008, by a two-thirds majority vote, provided previous notice was given in the call to convention.”

Reason: The NHPA Council feels with the cost to revise By-Law and RGS booklets it would be more beneficial to delay revisions to both booklets to every third year.

Standing Rules Needing to be Approved

STANDING RULE 14.

Now reads – “The official NHPA RGS Book is printed as a separate document. The NHPA Rules Committee shall

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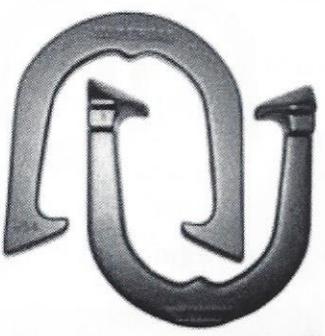
2008 PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES *Continued*

review and bring approved, proposed changes before the Convention Delegates for a vote, in odd numbered years.”

Change to read - “The official NHPA RGS Book is printed as a separate document. The NHPA Rules Committee shall review and bring approved, proposed changes before the Convention Delegates for a vote, at every third Convention beginning in 2009. A two-thirds majority vote is required to pass rules changes.”

Reason: The NHPA delegates have just recently approved changes to our Rules & By-laws, and we feel that both of

these documents are now very complete and up-to-date, with no need for proposed changes every year. If an unforeseen need for an emergency or other Rules/Bylaws change should occur, there is a provision for this that is already in place (see Article XI, Section 1.b and Section 2). It is very expensive to reprint and mail these booklets around the country every year, so this change would also save the NHPA some significant money on the costs of printing and mailing.



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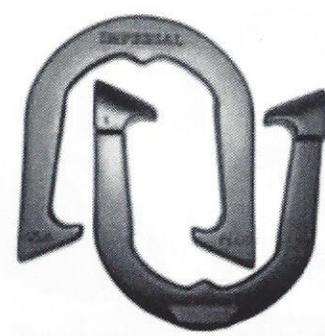
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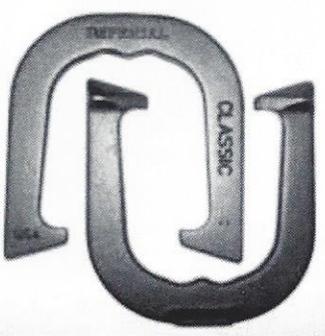
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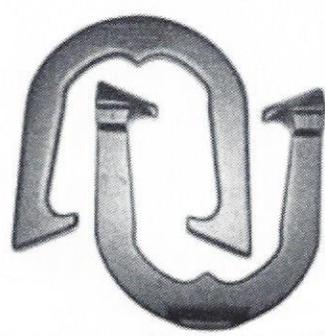
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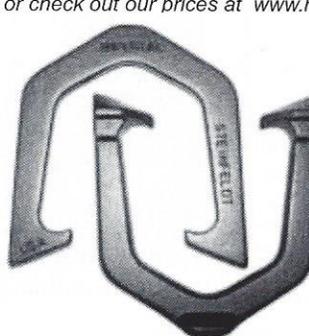
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Arizona State Championships
April 28-29, 2007

Men's A

1. Jacob Fimbres	5 / 0	58.41
2. Frank Farley	4 / 1	57.14
3. Tom Tabat	3 / 2	56.91
4. Les Fillipi	1 / 4	37.00
5. Dennis Bret	1 / 4	35.85
6. Bob Swain	1 / 4	33.67

Women's A

1. Patty Ingraham	5 / 0	56.78
2. Barbara Tabat	3 / 2	55.08
3. Trish Hoshaw	3 / 2	50.36
4. Valarie Vigil	2 / 3	46.26
5. Carol Hoppe	1 / 4	43.41
6. Ruthie Barrett	1 / 4	38.18

Elder's A

1. John Boyer	5 / 0	55.49
2. Paul Lange	4 / 1	43.33
3. Daniel Englebert	3 / 2	33.33
4. Luther Bullock	2 / 3	26.58
5. Jason Bundy	1 / 4	23.73
6. James Clausen	0 / 5	21.03

Junior's A

1. Jordan Lange	4 / 1	24.00
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* Jordan was the only Junior, pitched with Men's F

Men's Classes

B Ralph Parra	4 / 1	45.00
C Daniel Stremick	3.5 / 1.5	34.00
D Don Leppok	4 / 1	26.50
E Don LeBeau	5 / 0	19.50
F Don Ferris	5 / 0	16.00
G James Jones	4 / 1	11.50

Women's Class

B Mary Firms	4 / 2	31.25
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Mixed Elder's Class

B Rudy McIntosh	5 / 1	26.25
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North Dakota State Championships
Bismarck - September 1-2, 2007

Men's Championship

1. Justin Sipma	7 / 0	54.78
2. Jon Bennett	6 / 1	49.62
3. Damion Johnson	4 / 3	50.99
4. Stuart Sipma	4 / 3	40.51
5. Chad Rach	2 / 5	39.17
6. Ron Hopfauf	2 / 5	37.72
7. Mike Lund	2 / 5	30.59
8. Chuck Schlecht	1 / 6	15.79

Women's Championship

1. Carol Peterson	5 / 0	56.25
2. Judy Selden	4 / 1	47.01
3. Dorinda Johnson	3 / 2	46.28

Elder's Championship

1. Larry Jorgenson	5 / 0	52.80
2. Myron Trangsrud	4 / 1	60.40
3. Don Bennett	3 / 2	44.00
4. Oral Elhard	2 / 3	52.80
5. Bruce Hinkel	1 / 4	41.20
6. LeRoy Jorgenson	0 / 5	39.20

Junior's Championship

1. Trevor Sipma	5 / 0	67.62
2. Ryne Lund	4 / 1	38.66
3. Jon Davis	3 / 2	31.77

Cadet's Championship

1. Brady Bieber	3 / 0	12.00
2. Austin Hagerott	2 / 1	8.00
3. Jordan Johnson	1 / 2	2.67
4. Matthew Trader	0 / 3	3.33

Men's Classes

A Damion Johnson	5 / 0	52.80
B Justin Sipma	5 / 0	51.20
C Chad Rach	5 / 0	42.40
D Tom Meyer	6 / 1	32.86
E Pat Bieber	4 / 1	25.60
F Keith Braaten	5 / 0	10.80

Elder Classes

B Wilbur Gabel	4 / 1	39.60
C Lois Trangsrud	5 / 1	43.33
D Krista Horn	6 / 0	30.67
E Lyle Anderson	5 / 0	16.80

Junior Classes

B Ben Saunders	4 / 1	32.40
C Jennifer Trader	5 / 1	11.67

Virginia State Championships

Men's Championship Class

1. Hearl Kelly	7 / 0	70.52
2. Ronald Walker	5 / 2	65.68
3. Jackie Whetzel	5 / 2	62.37
4. Jessie Johnson Jr	4 / 3	57.50
5. Ricky L Hall	3 / 4	50.32
6. Jerry Colyer	2 / 5	54.14
7. Charles Walker	1 / 6	50.61
8. Paul Arnold	1 / 6	48.21

Women's Championship Class

1. Amy Hall	5 / 0	80.63
2. Renee Cowan	4 / 1	49.03
3. Gail Walker	2 / 3	38.29
4. Patricia L. Snelgrove	2 / 3	37.92
5. Betty B Weakley	1 / 4	37.10
6. Denise Graves	1 / 4	33.33

Elder's Championship Class

1. Carl H Otto	3 / 0	42.76
2. Don F Masters	2 / 1	40.13
3. Donald Parkes	1 / 2	30.16
4. John R Ham	0 / 3	31.33

Senior Men's Championship Class

1. Granville R Weakley	5 / 0	43.24
2. David H Moser	4 / 1	35.55

3. WL Doss	3 / 2	30.77
4. George C Guyer	1 / 4	28.28
5. Robert J Snowden	1 / 4	24.80
6. Robert Johnson	1 / 4	21.60

Cadet Championship Class

1. Elizabeth Vannoy	1 / 0	0
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Jr Boy's Championship Class

1. David McDowell	2 / 1	11.49
2. Tyler Whetzel	1 / 2	12.16

Jr Girl's Championship Class

1. Rachel Cowan	2 / 0	12.22
2. Jessica Matsko	0 / 2	10.00

Men's Classes

A Hearl Kelly	6 / 1	66.07
B Horace L Phillip	7 / 1	53.75
C Granville R Weakley	5 / 0	44.50
D Randy D Hughes	6 / 0	30.00
E Miles Noel	5 / 1	32.08
F Greg Walton	7 / 1	35.31
G Richard FC Owens	5 / 2	30.36
H Jack Miley	5 / 0	39.00
I Thomas H Fegan	5 / 1	14.58
J Mike Williams	6 / 0	18.33

Mixed Classes

30AB Amy Hall	5 / 0	82.00
30C Denise Graves	4 / 0	38.75
30D Gail Walker	5.5 / 0.5	29.17
30E Jessica Matsko	3 / 0	16.67

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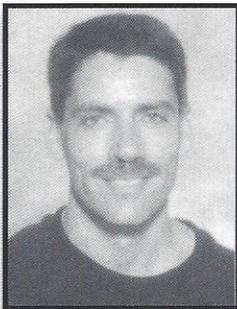
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CANDIDACY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Hansen for NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

I would like to announce that I will be a candidate for re-election as NHPA Secretary-Treasurer. I want to take this time to thank you for your support over the past 12 year. It has been a real privilege for me to serve the NHPA at this level.

A special thanks to the other members of the NHPA Council, both past and present, for their support over the years. They are a big help in making this position more enjoyable and rewarding; as are all the Charter Secretary-Treasurers out there that get all those reports we ask for in on time. After all, if they don't do their job I can't do mine.

The 2008 World Tournament will be here before you know it, and from the inquires I am getting, it could be one of the biggest in many years as far as entries go. That makes for a fun and challenging time. I find there is nothing more rewarding than helping that first time pitcher at the World Tournament. They have so many questions and just need someone to give them a couple of minutes of their time and they will be back for many years to come at the next World Tournament and the next.

Thank you for support and hope to see many of you in York PA.

Jerry LaBrosse for 4th Vice President

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for re-election to the position of NHPA 4th Vice President. It has been a pleasure working with the fine group of officers during my first term, and I would very much like to continue serving on the NHPA board. If re-elected I will continue to work hard to promote the best interests of the NHPA and to uphold and further build the integrity of our great organization. I want to thank the membership for giving me the chance to serve the NHPA, and would appreciate your continued support at the convention in York, PA.

Thank you
Jerry LaBrosse, MN

NHPA 2nd Vice President Position is Open

Having been a member of the NHPA executive council for the past 14 years it's time for some new blood to step forward. I've chosen not to run for re-election again. This

upcoming World Tournament will be our 20th consecutive event. We've seen a lot of beautiful country, made lasting friendships throughout the USA and Canada, thanks to this great sport. If our 10-year-old grandson Travis chooses to continue his horseshoe pitching career we will be taking him to future World Tournaments.

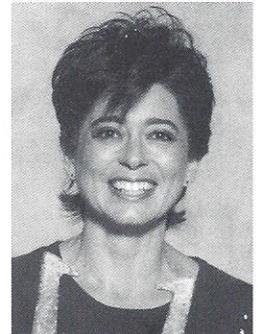
My sincere appreciation goes out to every one of you who have made this experience very fulfilling. I wish to thank all my fellow officers, past and present, for their support and guidance over the last 14 years. I remain convinced that there are bright, new ideas out there for promotion and publicity that can be implemented by a person with tenacity and perseverance.

Even though I will not be an officer I will continue to assist the NHPA council in whatever way I'm able. In the meantime there is plenty to accomplish in my own charter. Thank you all for a very rewarding experience.

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Tina Hawkins for NHPA 2nd Vice President

I would like to announce my candidacy for the position of NHPA 2nd Vice President, charged with publicity and promotion.



Currently, I am in my second term as President of the Oklahoma Charter and serve as President of my local club. I also compose the "CHARTER CHATTER" column in the Horseshoe Pitching NEWSLINE, and was a contributor to the rules rewrite, which was published as the NHPA RGS book.

I have been an active member of the NHPA for approximately 30 years. During that time I have been heavily involved in organizing several promotional events, including the "Bean Town to Bakersfield Caravan" and accompanying "Mid-Way Celebration" held in Oklahoma.

Through my efforts, the National Cowboy Hall of Fame now includes horseshoe pitching as a regular attraction at their annual Children's Festival and Chuck Wagon Cook Off, exposing thousands of people to the sport.

I believe my most pertinent qualification for this position is my passion for the sport of horseshoe pitching. I love to pitch, I love being at tournaments (even if I am not

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CANDIDACY ANNOUNCEMENTS *Continued*

pitching), and I love to spread the word and get others involved.

I have lots of publicity plans and promotional ideas. If elected as your new NHPA 2nd Vice President, I will put forth every effort to do the best job possible for the

association.

Thank you for your support,

Tina Hawkins
Oklahoma

SANCTIONED ADULT LEAGUE 2007 TOP TEN LIST

ADULT NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED DISTANCE

High Point Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	122.00	
2.	Tom Ebers	Liberty, MO	120.64	
3.	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	118.86	
4.	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	118.83	
5.	Mark Mauthe	Platteville, WI	118.76	
6.	Hearl Kelly	Stuarts Draft, VA	117.00	
7.	Carl Carlton	Pueblo, CO	116.10	
8.	Scott Perala	West Geauga, OH	115.74	
9.	Warren Woolsey	Clearwater, FL	115.62	
10.	Robert Booe	Liberty, MO	115.19	

High Point Game	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	136	
2.	Mark Mauthe	Platteville, WI	135	
3.	Irv Detweiler	Crossville, TN	134	
4.	Tom Ebers	Liberty, MO	134	
5.	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	134	
6.	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	134	
7.	Wayne Cowger	Clearwater, FL	132	
8.	Scott Perala	West Geauga, OH	132	
9.	Warren Woolsey	Clearwater, FL	132	
10.	Carl Carlton	Pueblo, CO	131	

High Points over Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Ron Umbarger	Danville, IL	41.07	
2.	Jay Roth	Try County, OH	38.44	
3.	Marin Drummond	Danville, IL	36.33	
4.	Rick Smith	Try County, OH	36.05	
5.	Dawn Bishop	Lions Park, MO	35.10	
6.	Ronnie Frederick	Woodward County, OK	34.39	
7.	Lou Ann Rochford	Platte Valley, NE	34.06	
8.	Mark Beach	Try County, OH	33.57	
9.	Donna Bastel	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	33.51	
10.	Wes Rapp	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	33.28	

MEN'S DIVISION - 40' DISTANCE

High Ringer Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	72.67	
2.	Mark Mauthe	Platteville, WI	71.94	
3.	Hearl Kelly	Stuarts Draft, VA	71.17	
4.	Dale Lipovsky	Ramsey, MN	70.32	
5.	Randy Rein	Weston, WI	70.00	
6.	Robert Booe	Liberty, MO	68.75	
7.	Scott Perala	West Geauga, OH	68.03	
8.	John Udelhofen	Sandbar Sandbaggers, WI	66.50	
9.	Gordon Fuhr	Pawnee Ringers, NE	66.33	
10.	Allen Withrow	Mountaineer, WV	64.40	

High Ringer Game	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Dale Lipovsky	Ramsey, MN	90.00	
2.	Bill Navratil	Central Connecticut, CT	86.67	
3.	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	86.00	
4.	Mark Mauthe	Platteville, WI	86.00	
5.	Randy Rein	Weston, WI	85.00	
6.	John Udelhofen	Sandbar Sandbaggers, WI	85.00	
7.	Scott Perala	West Geauga, OH	84.00	
8.	Randy Smith	Central Connecticut, CT	83.33	
9.	Robert Booe	Liberty, MO	80.00	
10.	Jack Conner	Crossville, TN	80.00	
11.	Jim Hill	Central Connecticut, CT	80.00	
12.	Hearl Kelly	Stuarts Draft, VA	80.00	
13.	Norm Lothamer	Classic City, IN	80.00	

High Ringer over Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Randy Smith	Central Connecticut, CT	44.07	
2.	William Koff, Jr.	Shreveport, LA	36.91	
3.	Jim Lemish	Classic City, IN	35.66	
4.	Steve Johnson	Central Connecticut, CT	35.52	
5.	Dave McHugh	Central Connecticut, CT	34.25	
6.	Mike Hollis	Central Connecticut, CT	34.13	
7.	Shawn Castleberry	Central Connecticut, CT	33.51	
8.	Greg Lyon	Classic City, IN	33.38	
9.	Ron Umbarger	Danville, IL	32.80	
10.	Tony Seniak	Edison Moose, NJ	32.56	

MEN'S DIVISION - 30' DISTANCE

High Ringer Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	76.33	
2.	Tom Ebers	Liberty, MO	72.57	
3.	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	72.51	
4.	Warren Woolsey	Clearwater, FL	71.64	
5.	Carl Carlton	Pueblo, CO	71.10	
6.	Nick DiRaimo	Liberty, MO	67.82	
7.	Wayne Cowger	Clearwater, FL	66.65	
8.	Stan Loy	Whitley County, IN	64.93	
9.	Earl Wyatt	Crossville, TN	64.29	
10.	William Hood	Clearwater, FL	63.86	

High Ringer Game	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	92.50	
2.	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	92.00	
3.	Stan Loy	Whitley County, IN	90.00	
4.	Carl Carlton	Pueblo, CO	88.00	
5.	Wayne Cowger	Clearwater, FL	86.00	
6.	Irv Detweiler	Crossville, TN	86.00	
7.	Tom Ebers	Liberty, MO	86.00	
8.	Warren Woolsey	Clearwater, FL	84.00	
9.	John Cowen	Whitley County, IN	83.33	
10.	John Gensman	Lake Orion, MI	82.50	

High Ringer over Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	John Cowen	Whitley County, IN	38.57	
2.	Don Sieben	Dan Patch, MN	30.82	
3.	Paul Gibson	Whetstone, OH	30.56	
4.	Jim Parks	Classic City, IN	29.21	
5.	Harold Paxton	Dan Patch, MN	29.05	
6.	Martin Drummond	Danville, IL	28.72	
7.	Paul Vanevercooren	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	28.00	
8.	Lile Harper	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	27.36	
9.	Norm Richard	Gate City Clangers, NH	27.16	
10.	Larry Bryce	Shreveport, LA	27.11	

WOMEN'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Gert Wilcziek	Eau Claire, WI	80.07	
2.	Debra Brown	Sodbuster, VT	63.65	
3.	Carolyn Coyle	Whitley County, IN	60.21	
4.	Elizabeth Furner	Liberty, MO	58.82	
5.	Jennifer Speakman	Boulder, CO	57.28	
6.	Jenny Morris	Marion, IN	56.35	
7.	Connie Reimer	Whitley County, IN	55.47	
8.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	54.57	
9.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	54.10	
10.	Bev Nathe	Fingers of Rice, MN	53.75	

High Ringer Game	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Gert Wilcziek	Eau Claire, WI	92.00	
2.	Carolyn Coyle	Whitley County, IN	90.00	
3.	Debra Brown	Sodbuster, VT	88.00	
4.	Connie Reimer	Whitley County, IN	83.33	
5.	Jennifer Speakman	Boulder, CO	80.00	
6.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	78.00	
7.	Jenny Morris	Marion, IN	76.00	
8.	Roena Branson	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	76.00	
9.	Elizabeth Furner	Liberty, MO	74.00	
10.	Brenda Sablatura	Riverside, TX	74.00	

High Ringer over Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Kathie Method	Whitley County, IN	36.17	
2.	Mabell Johnson	Shreveport, LA	33.81	
3.	Deb Scully	Central Connecticut, CT	31.12	
4.	Heather Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	30.89	
5.	Rene White	Shreveport, LA	30.89	
6.	Connie Reimer	Whitley County, IN	30.46	
7.	Carolyn Coyle	Whitley County, IN	29.79	
8.	Shelley Carley	Whitley County, IN	29.72	
9.	Nelda Addison	Moose Lodge #2239, LA	28.78	
10.	Paula Stark	Classic City, IN	28.66	

SANCTIONED JUNIOR LEAGUE 2007 TOP TEN LIST

NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED BOYS/GIRLS

High Point Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	103.86	
2.	Abby Green	Try County, OH	92.19	
3.	Shane Madewell	West Geauga, OH	80.25	
4.	Seth Limbach	Pawnee Ringers, NE	75.78	
5.	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	75.64	
6.	Benjamin Grooms	Green County, OH	73.22	
7.	Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	72.25	
8.	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	71.44	
9.	Chip Sloan	Lions Park, MO	68.58	
10.	Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	61.00	

High Point Game	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	121	
2.	Abby Green	Try County, OH	110	
3.	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	106	
4.	Benjamin Grooms	Green County, OH	104	
5.	Seth Limbach	Pawnee Ringers, NE	103	
6.	Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	99	
7.	Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	97	
8.	Samantha Sheehan	Loon Pond, MA	97	
9.	Annie Jamiel	Try County, OH	95	
10.	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	92	

High Points over Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Samantha Sheehan	Loon Pond, MA	37.94	
2.	Annie Jamiel	Try County, OH	37.29	

3.	Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	36.00
4.	Greg Morrell	Boulder, CO	33.30
5.	Grant Staluk	Shenoyne Valley, ND	32.67
6.	Alex Roberts	Liberty, MO	32.28
7.	Benjamin Grooms	Green County, OH	30.78
8.	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	30.36
9.	Nick Garcia	Indian Valley, CA	29.08
10.	Jon Michael Grant	Denver Metro, CO	27.45

BOY'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Kyle Bidwell	Topeka, KS	72.14	
2.	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	62.27	
3.	Cody Preston	Sodbuster, VT	59.71	
4.	Trevor Sipma	Bismarck-Mandan, ND	58.59	
5.	Joshua Carr	Greater Lansing, MI	49.89	
6.	Seth Limbach	Pawnee Ringers, NE	43.26	
7.	Travis Uhrig	Ross County, OH	43.03	
8.	Shane Madewell	West Geauga, OH	42.00	
9.	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	40.93	
10.	Benjamin Grooms	Green County, OH	39.94	

High Ringer Game	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Kyle Bidwell	Topeka, KS	85.00	
2.	Cody Preston	Sodbuster, VT	84.00	
3.	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	78.00	
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5.	Travis Uhrig	Ross County, OH	65.00	

6.	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	64.00
7.	Benjamin Grooms	Green County, OH	62.00
8.	Seth Limbach	Pawnee Ringers, NE	60.00
9.	Casey Swart	Litchfield, MN	60.00
10.	Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	58.00
11.	Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	58.00

High Ringer over Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Casey Swart	Litchfield, MN	32.92	
2.	Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	28.07	
3.	Joshua Demoranville	Loon Pond, MA	26.19	
4.	Zachary Spanke	Lake Orion, MI	26.01	
5.	Grant Staluk	Shenoyne Valley, ND	24.44	
6.	Cody Preston	Sodbuster, VT	24.29	
7.	Jon Davis	Bismarck-Mandan, ND	23.26	
8.	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	23.07	
9.	Tyler Lewis	North Mankato, MN	22.81	
10.	Benjamin Grooms	Green County, OH	22.06	

GIRL'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Abby Green	Try County, OH	48.94	
2.	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	34.56	
3.	Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	28.00	
4.	Samantha Sheehan	Loon Pond, MA	26.86	
5.	Cola Hickethier	Close Doesn't Count, WI	24.44	
6.	Annie Jamiel	Try County, OH	22.95	
7.	Bethany Britton	Belle Fourche, SD	20.00	

8.	Charlisie Bahret	Topeka, KS	19.77
9.	Brianna McCormick	Sodbuster, VT	16.51
10.	Sarah Dunham	Soo Area, SD	13.45

High Ringer Game	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Abby Green	Try County, OH	64.00	
2.	Samantha Sheehan	Loon Pond, MA	54.00	
3.	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	52.00	
4.	Annie Jamiel	Try County, OH	50.00	
5.	Charlisie Bahret	Topeka, KS	45.00	
6.	Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	42.00	
7.	Cola Hickethier	Close Doesn't Count, WI	40.00	
8.	Bethany Britton	Belle Fourche, SD	38.00	
9.	Brianna McCormick	Sodbuster, VT	30.00	
10.	Nicole Salmen	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	28.00	

High Ringer over Average	Pos	Name	Club/State	PIS
1.	Samantha Sheehan	Loon Pond, MA	27.14	
2.	Annie Jamiel	Try County, OH	27.05	
3.	Charlisie Bahret	Topeka, KS	25.23	
4.	Abby Green	Try County, OH	19.27	
5.	Bethany Britton	Belle Fourche, SD	18.00	
6.	Brianna Johnson	Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN	17.50	
7.	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	17.44	
8.	Nicole Salmen	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	17.33	
9.	Ashley Gordon	Crisp, GA	16.38	
10.	Cola Hickethier	Close Doesn't Count, WI	15.56	

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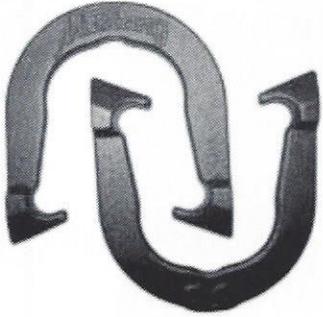
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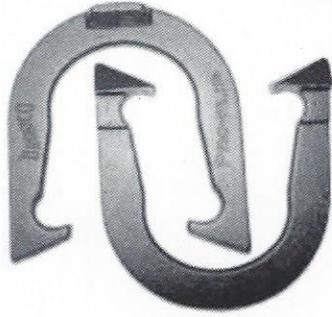


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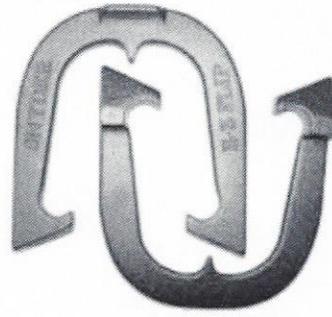
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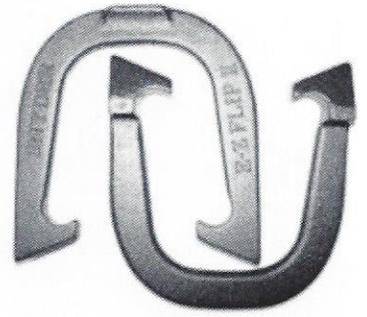
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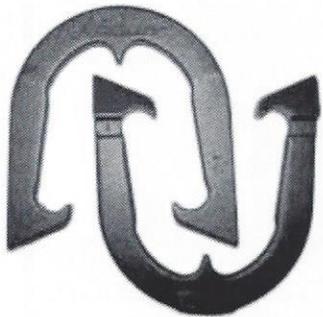
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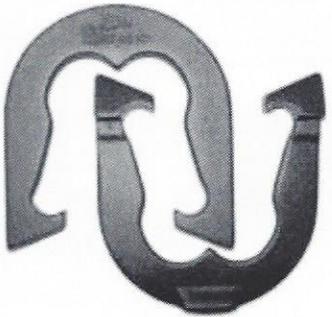
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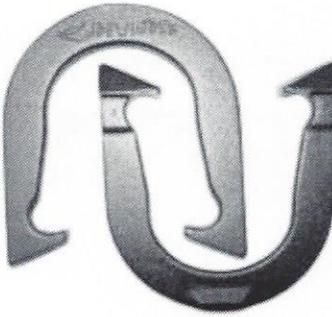
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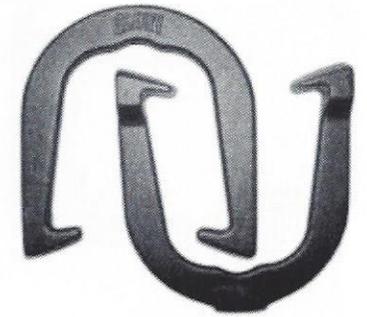
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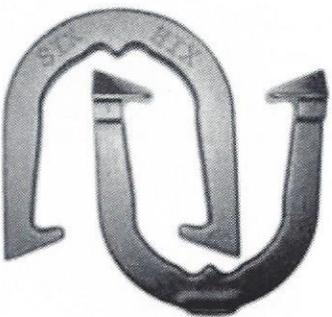
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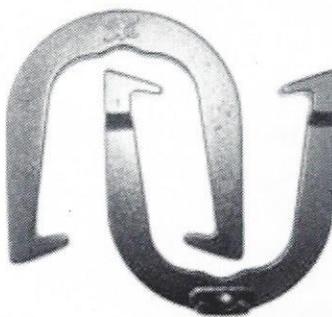
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