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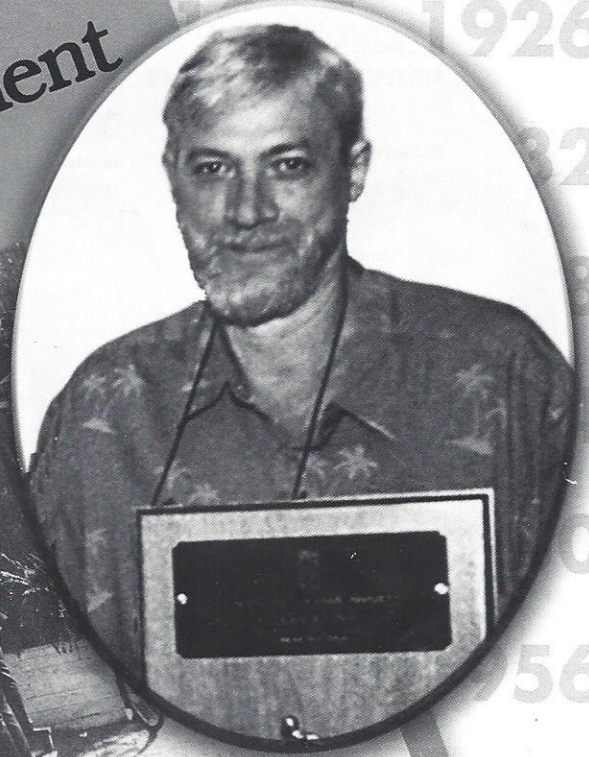
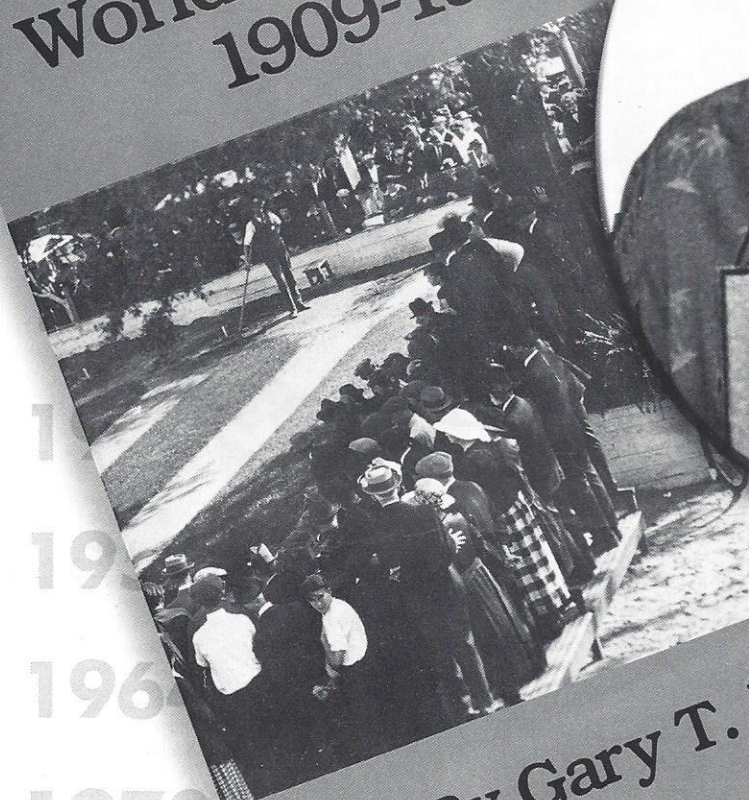
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Paul Stewart

We are looking forward to a big turn out and a successful World Tournament in York, Pennsylvania. Everything looks to be in order for the 2008 World Tournament. Dale and Lee Estep and all the York people know what to expect from us and we know that they are very capable of hosting a very successful World Tournament.

As all of you read in the last issue of Newslines, we are updating our World Tournament equipment. Since there will be a lot of work to do in getting this new equipment set up and ready, Jerry LaBrosse and I will be going to York a week earlier than we usually do to assist Dale Estep and the York World Tournament workers in getting the new rubber mats down and get the lines painted on them for this tournament and future World Tournaments. After all the lines have been painted on these mats, the work load should be much less for setting up future world tournament pitching facilities. I am sure that Dale and the York World Tournament Committee and their workers

would welcome any and all the volunteer help that they can get on this project.

The tournament is the earliest that I can remember this year making it necessary to use this issue of Newslines for World Tournament announcements that would normally be in the next issue. The next issue of Newslines would be close to when most of you are leaving or are in route to the tournament.

A reminder to all Charter Presidents: By-Laws, Article IX: section 3. The Charter President must provide to the NHPA President, at least 72 hours prior to the start of the convention, a written and signed (or emailed) list of delegates which names the delegation Chairman.

The list of delegates must be submitted by the Charter President. I will be leaving for York on June 28th. Please

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World Horseshoe Tournament – Little Rock, Arkansas **July 12 – 24, 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, 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, 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 as well as 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.

The Fairgrounds is only about five minutes to downtown Little Rock. We will be pitching in two different buildings. The Barton Coliseum is 25,830 square feet with 7,175 permanent seats. It also has a new air conditioning unit which will be on all the time. We also will be pitching in the Dodge Hall of Industry with 34,506 square feet. There will be practice courts on the grounds. The fairgrounds has parking for 5000 cars, and RV parking for 247 units. The grounds are paved, lighted and patrolled.

When you are voting at the 2008 World Horseshoe Tournament this July, please vote for the 2010 World Horseshoe Tournament to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, which would be a great place for the family to vacation.

Sponsored in part by: Little Rock Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau

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allow several days if submitting your list by US mail to insure that I receive it prior to this date. After June 28th and at least 72 hours prior to the start of the convention, which is July 13th at 8:00 a.m., your delegates list can be e-mailed to me at: nhpapaul@yahoo.com. Once again this list must be submitted by the Charter President. Our Convention and Business meeting will be held July 13th, at 8:00 a.m. at one of the banquet room facilities on the grounds of the York Expo Center.

Times and dates for all meetings; Regional Directors, State Officers, Club/League Directors, etc., will be posted on location at the tournament.

Awards will be presented at our annual Hall of Fame & Awards Banquet, Sunday, July 13th at one of the banquet room facilities on the grounds of the York Expo Center. This year's Hall of Fame inductees are listed in Vicki Winston's article in this issue of Newsline. At this time all other awards have not been finalized. When available, this information will be posted to the website and included in your World Tournament packet. Please make plans to attend the Hall of Fame & Awards Banquet. I promise that you will have fun and enjoy the evening.

Only one candidate, Tina Hawkins, notified me as well as Newsline before the March 15th deadline that she is seeking the office of the 2nd Vice President of the NHPA. As all of you know, Casey Sluys has decided not to seek

re-election for this position after serving 14 years as NHPA 2nd VP. We are glad that Tina Hawkins from Oklahoma has stepped forward to fill this position and we think she will fill the position well and make a good NHPA 2nd Vice President.

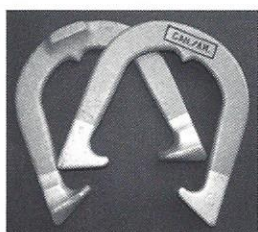
Many of you may have seen on the NHPA web site that we recently lost our NHPA Historian, Gary Kline. Gary is a Hall of Fame member and is the Author of the book, The Official NHPA History of the World Tournament 1909-1980. Gary knew more horseshoe and baseball history than any individual I have ever known. We lost a dear friend to many of us and a tremendous amount of horseshoe knowledge when we lost Gary Kline. We are now in the process of filling two positions that were left vacant by Gary's passing; the NHPA Historian and also a Hall of Fame Committee member.

I am sure that a lot of you have either heard or seen something about the Horseshoe Pitching Pro Tour that is being formed. This is not an NHPA project. However, based on the information that we have received, it is the opinion of our NHPA Executive Council that we should support this effort as it can only help to promote our sport. We don't see this as an attempt by any one individual or group of individuals to exploit the NHPA or any of its members.

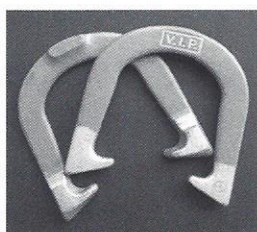
Looking forward to seeing you in York, Pennsylvania.



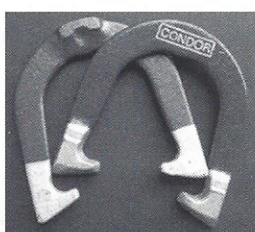
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by Dave Loucks

It's April 1st as I write this and probably 6-7 weeks later as you read it. The first quarter of 2008 has been a relatively slow and uneventful one for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation at least in comparison to the previous two years. All the construction and excitement of the new Hall of Fame building project is behind us as the Wentzville facility is now open and well into its first year of operation.

The 15th annual Six Pac Invitational Tournament played May 3-4 is now history but 2008 was the first time it was held in the new Wentzville, Quail Ridge Park, horseshoe-pitching complex. The NHPA has plans for other events at this new facility and hopes to add more in coming years. The next major event will be the Missouri State Championships over Labor Day weekend, followed by the National Sanctioned League Team Tournament scheduled for October 4-5 and the re-introduction of the Jack Freeman Team Tournament on November 15-16, 2008. In the spring of 2009, a National Walking Doubles Tournament will be held March 7-9.

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club continues to settle in as the caretaker of the Hall of Fame facility. It is a big undertaking for the club, but the members have enthusiastically taken to the task and the NHPF is very happy with their dedication and support. Of course, other Missouri members outside the club have pitched in as well and it shows when one just looks at the Commemorative Brick plaza and the list of the top 15 contributing states, dollar wise. Missouri people have purchased 146 bricks as of this writing and taken over the number one position in total dollars sent to the NHPF. Congratulations Missouri.

The engraved Commemorative Brick sales program got underway in the summer of 2006. In the first 18 months, 694 bricks were sold, an average of better than 38 per month. In the last four months, the total number of bricks ordered is just 44, and average of 11 per month. That is a very disappointing drop-off. Three states have yet to order their first brick. Another eighteen states have ordered just 1-5 bricks each. Come-on folks, this is your Hall of Fame, your opportunity to show your support for the sport we love to play. Don't think that because the facility is now built that your financial support is no longer needed. We now have a million dollar asset and a sport that needs your contributions to maintain, grow and prosper.

The NHPF is a registered charitable organization and your contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS and your tax filing. Contributions to the NHPF can be in the form of a check, cash, stocks and real estate now or later as a beneficiary of any of the former upon your death. Remember, we have a beautiful commemorative brick plaza with more than 3000 bricks still available for engraving. There are two different size bricks available for \$100 or \$200. Order forms were previously sent to all NHPA members but if you have used or misplaced yours, you can print out another by logging on to the NHPA website and clicking the NHPF link. 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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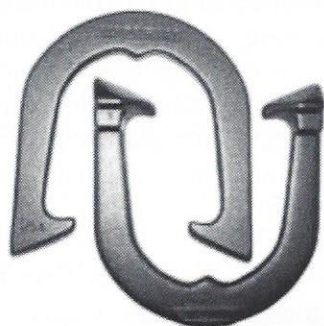
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2.	CA	114	275	\$34,932
3.	MN	52	269	\$22,843
4.	TN	32	68	\$21,677
5.	NC	31	165	\$20,162
6.	OR	24	106	\$15,062
7.	WI	36	131	\$13,023
8.	MI	53	136	\$11,840
9.	IL	57	106	\$ 8,918
10.	CO	29	80	\$ 8,759
11.	WA	36	81	\$ 8,360
12.	FL	55	83	\$ 8,338
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15.	TX	31	49	\$ 6,210



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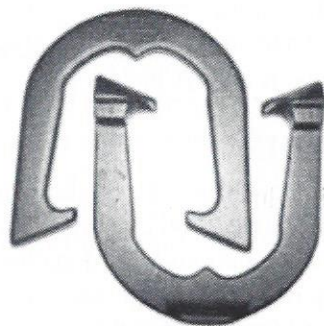
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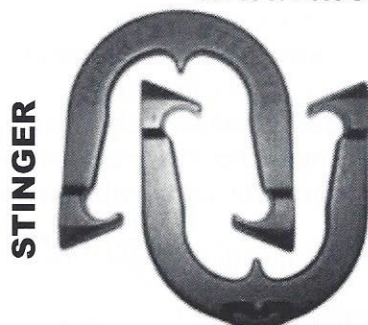
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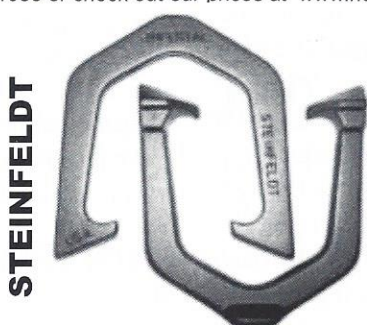
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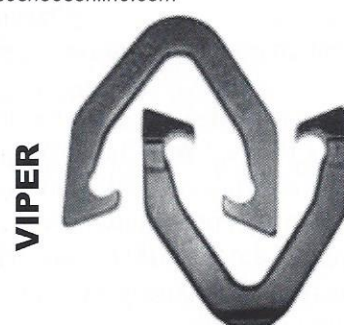
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by Tina Hawkins

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The MGSHPA has a full schedule of tournaments and events planned for the 2008 season. The early season "Pitch and Win" event at the horse Expo draws thousands of potential horseshoe pitchers, and has become an annual promotion event held at the end of April each year.

MGSHPA President Rick Wright is excited about the statewide efforts being made to attract junior pitchers through the school systems. There are three areas planning on conducting such programs this spring.

There are already several volunteers stepping forward to assist in the construction of the new NHPA courts. The assembly will be taking place in mid April. Everyone is welcome to help out!! If you will be in the area and want to volunteer, contact Jerry LaBrosse at (763) 498-7353 or email to Jlabro6186@aol.com.

Many MN members, along with NHPA president Paul Stewart, attended the Dakota Magic Tournament in North Dakota in late January. This event has become a huge draw for our pitchers, and is growing bigger each year. Jerry wants to thank Bill Trader, along with his large staff of organizers and workers, for hosting one of the greatest tournaments of the year. There are three Dakota Magic events each year, and a great time is always had by all.

OKLAHOMA

The brand new Moore Horseshoe Pitching Club is excited to have received a \$1,000 grant from the NHPF. That combined with private donations and a donation from the OHPA, as well as money raised in garage sales has them well on their way to a ground breaking for their new courts. Club organizers, Johnny and Wanda Vanderburg – with a little help from their friends – have already recruited members for the leagues which will be held on completion of the facilities...

The OHPA has been invited back for the third year to the Annual Children's Festival and Chuck Wagon Gathering at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum. This event has been chosen by the American Bus Association as one of the Top 100 Events in North America, and attracts more than 10,000 people each year. It provides a prime opportunity to present horseshoe pitching as a "hands

on" experience for people from all over the country.

Oklahoma will be introducing a Junior Scholarship program in 2008. In addition to the scholarships awarded to the State Champions, there will be at least one given to a Junior pitcher based on scholastic merit and other criteria. Hopefully, this will help grow the numbers of the youth pitchers.

TEXAS

The price of gas is keeping pitchers closer to home courts in the big wide state of Texas, but they are still pitching. There are 18 clubs across Texas with 53 sanctioned tournaments on the 2008 schedule, beginning February 23rd through October 25th. Tournament entries range from 24 pitchers at one tournament to 97 pitchers at another one depending on the location of the tournament. They already have eight tournaments under their belts – and one "snow out" due to a freak snowfall in McKinney.

Ed Arinous is on the move again. Ed is five-time Texas Men's 40 ft. Champion, four-time Texas Elders 30 ft. Champion, two-time Elder 30 ft. World Champion and two-time Senior Men 40 ft. World Champion. And now he has moved to 40 feet again. So watch out all you 40 footer!! He's BAAAAAAACK !!

Good luck Ed!! We're all excited to see the results of this move...

VIRGINIA

The folks in Virginia have been diligently working on an instructional website that will help you learn how to use the HSMaster program provided by the NHPA.

This is a great program that makes all your tournaments and leagues easier to run and reports a snap to create.

They are ready to share this website with the rest of the world. They just ask you to remember that it is a work in progress. It can be found here: <http://hsmaster.vahpa.com/>.

A lot of work has gone into this website. Thank you Kevin Snelgrove for all you are doing!

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CHARTER CHATTER *Continued*

Chatter is a bit sparse this time of year, but with warmer weather on the horizon, things will be hopping soon!

Don't forget – NOW is the time to begin recruiting new members for the upcoming season!! Spring leagues will be starting soon. They are a great way to entice people into the fold in a friendly, laid back setting. How about trying a "family league?"

Remind all your friends of the May 15th deadline for the 2008 World Tournament in York, PA. There is still plenty of time to get events in, even for a new pitcher to qualify for entry.

Dale and Lee Estep worked hard when they came to Oklahoma in 2007 and I know they will be working around the clock to make this one of the greatest World Tournaments we've ever had!!

Let's get out there and start pitching!! Start recruiting!! And above all – HAVING FUN!!!

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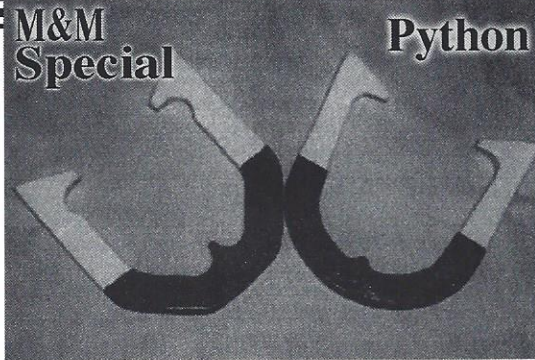
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HORSESHOE PITCHING FACTS AND FOLKLORE ED DOMEY

by Bob Dunn

This article about a very young Ed Domey was found in the November 1949 issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER. Ed, a NHPA Hall of Fame member, was the managing force of the NHPA Game Related Sales for decades. The overall value of Ed's contributions for the good of our sport may not be known by most members, but during Ed's years of administration, thousands of dollars were made available for the NHPA to make major purchases, such as the portable courts used in our World Tournaments and the computer equipment used during the World Tournaments.

Here is the article announcing Ed as a 15-year-old and his pitching skills. The pictures of a younger Ed are from the local newspaper back in 1949.

MASSACHUSETTS 15-YEAR-OLD WORCESTER BOY SAYS "RINGERS ARE A CINCH"

In Worcester, there's a 15-year-old lad who can pitch horseshoes so well that getting ringers is the rule rather than the exception.

He's Edward Domey, of 547 Cambridge Street, and the skill with which he can throw horseshoes qualifies him as one of the best pitchers in this area.

For instance, in an exhibition match held this spring in Worcester, Domey made 22 consecutive ringers with an ease that amazed onlookers. His practice record for 1949 shows that for 50 shoes pitched he got 42 ringers and for 100 shoes he got 73 ringers.

For the past two years he has tied for first place in the Worcester County Horseshoe Pitching Championship and in the Worcester City Horseshoe League he set a record this year by getting 21 ringers out of 30 throws – two separate times – to set a record for the league.

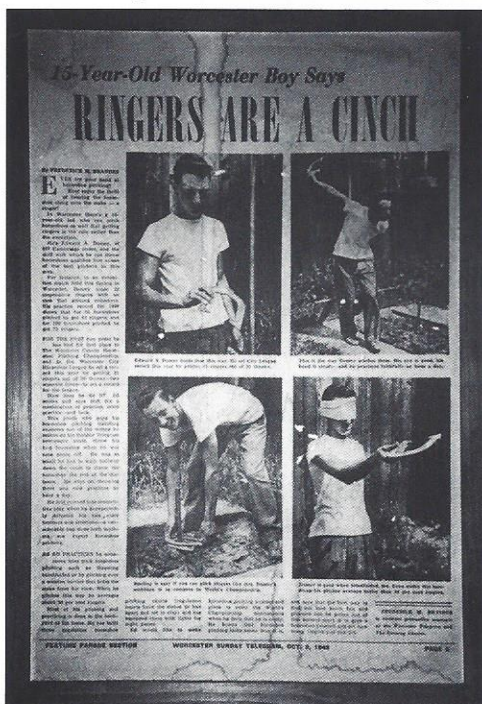
How does he do it? Ed smiles and says that it's a combination of practice, more practice, more practice – and luck.

This youth, who pays his horseshoe pitching traveling expenses out of the money he makes on his Sunday Telegram newspaper route, threw his first horseshoe when he was nine years old. He was so small he had to walk halfway down the court to throw the horseshoe the rest of the distance. He kept on throwing them and now practices an hour a day.

He first entered into competition play when he unexpectedly defeated his two older brothers one afternoon – a considerable feat since both brothers are expert horseshoe pitchers.

As Ed practices, he sometimes tries trick horseshoe pitching such as throwing blindfolded or by pitching over a wooden barrier that hides the stake from his view. When he pitches this way he averages about 50% ringers.

Most of his pitching and practicing is done in the backyard of his home. He has built three regulation horseshoe pitching courts and has equipped them with lights for night games. Ed would like to make horseshoe pitching career and plans to enter the World Championship Tournament when he feels that he is ready. He knows that horseshoe pitching looks easier than it is, and says that the best way to find out how much fun and pleasure can be gotten out of this ancient sport is to grab a horseshoe yourself and see how many ringers you can get.



"RINGING AMERICA"

Just how far would two people go to accomplish what most would consider impossible? Walter Burtner joined the NHPA twenty years ago and Joan Douglas became a member ten years later. After having pitched in sanctioned tournaments in only seven different states prior to 2004, they decided it would be "fun" to pitch in a sanctioned tournament in the other forty-three states.

Walter became the logistical coordinator and the odyssey began. They started scheduling trips around the country and competing in sanctioned tournaments wherever they went. Their cross-country pitching trips often lasted from six to eight weeks and involved thousands of miles of travel. Each time they returned to Pennsylvania they were able to scratch more states off of their list.

Hawaii and Alaska required air travel and even more logistical coordination. After the Hawaii tournament, Walter and Joan stayed as guests of Tournament Director Kamoku's family for a wonderful Super Bowl party. Two weeks later, they flew to Alaska and received a special welcome from Tournament Director Tom Bowers, who recognized them as the first from the lower forty eight states to pitch in one of his tournaments.



pitchers from Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, a sanctioned tournament was held in Ocean Springs Mississippi, with Walter and Joan participating.

The pair also discovered their scheduled trip through Nebraska would not enable them to make a Nebraska tournament. They are very grateful to Doc Roberts of Scotts Bluff who scheduled a "make-up tournament" that coincided with their visit. During all their travels, Rhode Island was the only state they had to revisit because of a tournament rainout.

In July of 2007, they completed their quest in Ardmore, Oklahoma by pitching in their 50th state. To celebrate, they helped staff the York, Pennsylvania booth during the World Tournament. Working in the booth with them was like working with celebrities. Many who stopped by knew them

Mississippi did not have an active state charter at the time and presented a special challenge. However, with the help of the local Parks Department and Richard Miller, Ron Kindrick, and dedicated

from competitions across the country. It was obvious that lasting friendships had been made during their travels.



More than 70,000 land miles were logged in the last three years in order to reach their goal. Throw in an airplane ride from Pennsylvania to Hawaii and another to Alaska, and you have a sense of the dedication and focus required of them.

Walter and Joan are effusive in their praise and appreciation of all the tournament directors who enabled them to complete their amazing odyssey. Add in innumerable new-found friends and enough tournament experiences to last most of us a lifetime and you will begin to understand these two wanderers.

We are glad to have them back home in Pennsylvania. Walter and Joan will be in York, Pennsylvania in July of 2008, assuring that all who come to the World Tournament in THEIR back yard will be made as welcome as they were during their entire journey to Ring America.



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NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT

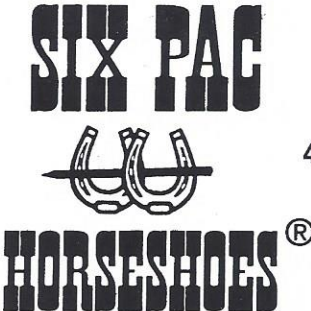
by Lorraine Sternberg

It has been a long winter here in Wisconsin, so I know that for myself I am really looking forward to getting out on the courts. I am looking forward to a great league season. As of the end of March we have eight new clubs and leagues. They are: Adams County HSC, WI; District of Columbia HSC; District of Columbia; Moore HSC, OK; Doling Park HSC, MO; Sleepy Hole HSC, VA; Muskego Moose HSL, WI; Warner Robins HSC, GA and Mt. Sterling HSC, KY. This is a great start to the new year.

In this issue you will find the entry form for the National Sanctioned Club/League Tournament. The dates for the tournament are October 4th & 5th. It will once again take place at the NHPA Fall of Fame Facility in Missouri. After reviewing the schedule that we used last year I have decided to keep it at a 20 team limit. My decision was based from the questionnaire that I asked each team to fill out at last year's tournament. The majority wanted the tournament limited to Saturday and Sunday pitching, without starting on Friday. Adding four more teams with 16 courts would mean a much longer day on Saturday and finishing later on Sunday. This would mean we would all get home later on Sunday. In the past we have been able to finish the tournament around 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, which seems to work out well. So for this year it will remain the same as last year. If you have any questions about the tournament, you can contact me by e-mail or you can give me a call at (262) 677-3300.

I would like to congratulate all the juniors who received scholarships for the 2006-07 school year.

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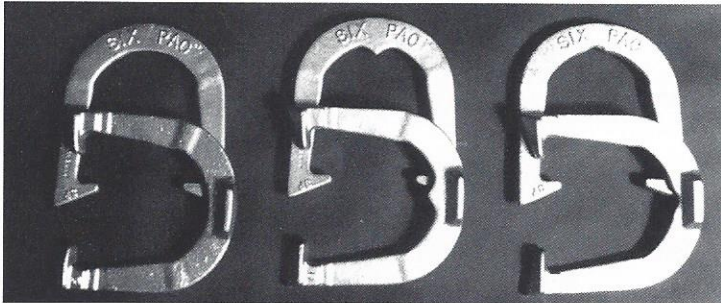
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The juniors receiving scholarships are:

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Joseph Mueller from Fridley HSC, Minnesota

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Julia Larsen from Close Doesn't Court Jr. Lg., Wisconsin
Brandon Bieber from the Bismarck-Mandan HSC,
North Dakota

\$150

Alyssa Leger from Liberty HSC, Missouri
Tyler Thell from Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., Minnesota

\$125

Trevor Sipma from Bismarck-Mandan HSC, North Dakota
Ryne Lund from Bismarck-Mandan HSC, North Dakota

\$100

Kiri Cook from Fleet Reserve HSL, Wisconsin
Casey Swart from Litchfield HSC & Cokato HSC, Minnesota

Those that received honorable mention along with a patch and certificate are:

Lacey Wabshaw from Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., Minnesota
Samantha Sheehan from Loon Pond HSC, MA.
Malachi David from Fleet Reserve HSL, Wisconsin
David Bates from Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg.,
Minnesota

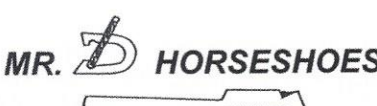
CONGRATULATIONS to all of these junior pitchers!

At the winter council meeting, the officers decided to change the method of choosing the scholarships. In the past we went on GPA and the junior had to have pitched at least 400 shoes in a sanctioned league. For this coming year we will base it on GPA and the total amount of shoes pitched in a sanctioned league. In other words, the junior will receive points for GPA and points for the amount of shoes pitched. For example, based on this past year there were 14 juniors that submitted

for the league scholarship so 14 points would be the highest you could receive for each category. If the junior had the highest GPA, he or she would receive 14 points. Then if that junior was 3rd highest for shoes pitched, he or she would receive 12 points, for a total of 26 points. If a junior pitches on more than one league the number of shoes pitched will be total of all leagues. Scholarships will then be given out by total points earned. The council felt that, the amount of participation in league play should play an equal role with GPA.

We will give out ten scholarships, same as this year, with two at \$200, two at \$175, two at \$150, two at \$125 and two at \$100 for a total of \$1,500. The deadline for scholarships to be submitted is **November 15th**. Please see that they are in by this time. I will now be able to announce the names of the juniors receiving scholarships before the winter council meeting. You can get a scholarship form from me. I know we have more than 14 juniors who pitched on a sanctioned league that would be eligible for the scholarships. League directors, please remember to bring this topic up at your spring meetings. I would like to see many more juniors participating in this program.


May you all have a great summer and hope to see many of you at the World Tournament this year in York, Pennsylvania!



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by Jerry LaBrosse

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I want to thank the following people for doing a great job: Terry and Lorraine Sternberg, Jane Smith, Edi Mckinney; who all made the trip from Wisconsin. Members of the Minnesota charter who participated were: Dick Dvorak, Rick Wright, Bert Logsdon, Tom Prokop, Marv and Marlys Timm, Mark Smith, Joe and Joey Mueller, Dale Ackman, Tim Reinke, Ron Fadden and Harold Bischel.

It was a very fun and productive day. The production went much faster than anticipated, because the workers we had were able to “catch on” to the task they were performing quickly and balance the work flow with all the help available.

The job is not yet complete however. The boxes will now be painted inside and out for appearance and also to help protect the wood.

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ENTRY FORM

NHPA Sanctioned Club/League Tournament October 4th & 5th 2008

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2. Name _____ NHPA# _____

Division & Distance _____ League Point Average _____

3. Name _____ NHPA# _____

Division & Distance _____ League Point Average _____

MAIL THIS FORM WITH REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA) TO:

Lorraine Sternberg, NHPA 3rd Vice President
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Phone: (262) 677-3300

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

League averages will be used for this tournament from this years' league season (2008). Limit 20 teams. If your club would like to enter more than one team, please indicate your #1 team. After the deadline if there is not 20 different clubs/leagues entered your #2 team would then qualify to enter. This tournament is limited to adults only!

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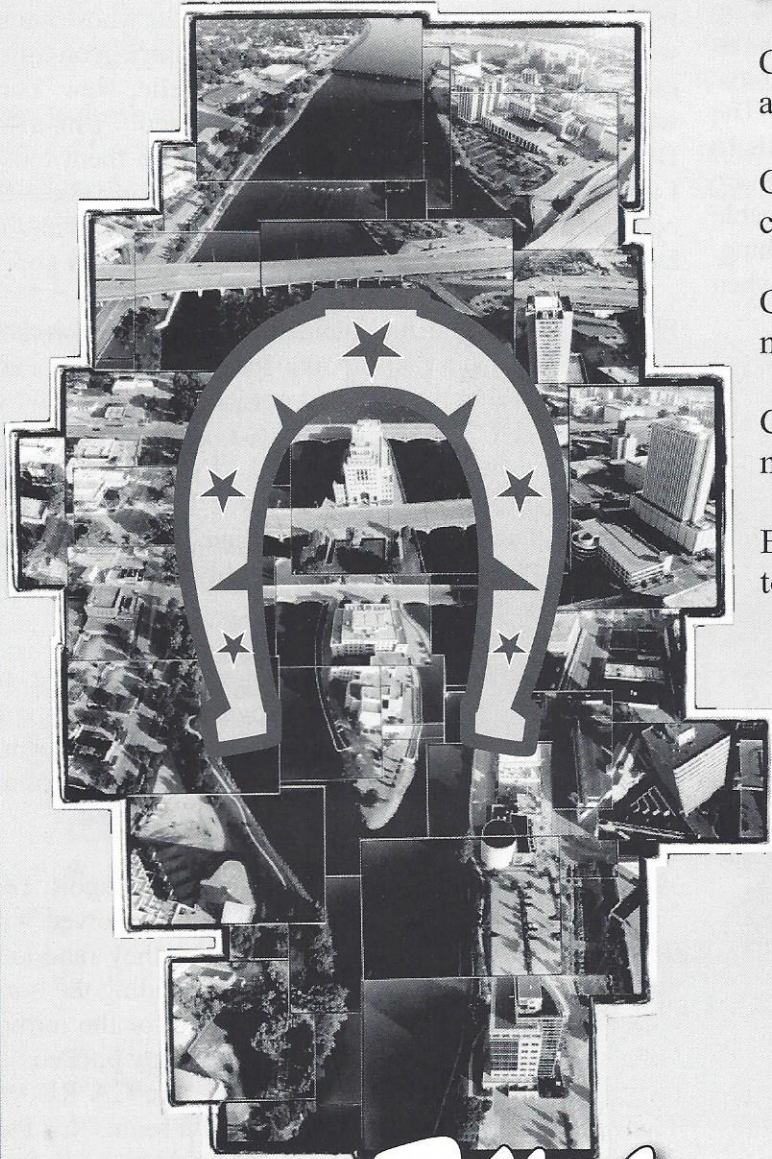
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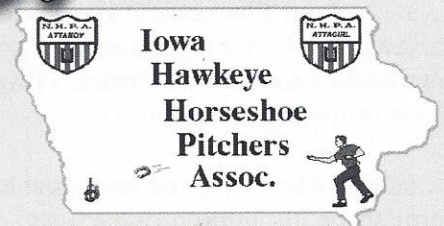
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*by Casey Sluys***Magazines Articles**

I did two interviews on the phone recently, one for "Cooking Light" the other for "Best Life" an offshoot of "Men's Life" for which we've also done a segment on horseshoe pitching. We've been in contact with Maxim magazine in the past. Attempted in each case to have them publicize our website. Some will, some won't. The thought here is though to at least mention our website to anyone that is willing to do an article on us. The more people we direct to the website the more knowledgeable people will become about organized horseshoe pitching. Be sure to always mention horseshoepitching.com when you do an interview.

Perfect Pitch Earns \$1M at Santa Anita

Date Posted: March 15, 2008

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John Placzankis threw a perfect ringer and won first prize of \$1 million in Santa Anita's annual St. Patrick's Day Horseshoe Pitch contest.

Photo: Benoit

(edited track release)

Horse racing's newest millionaire was crowned March 15 at Santa Anita and the lucky winner didn't even run in a race. John Placzankis, 41, of Rancho Cucamonga, tossed a perfect ringer and won first prize of \$1 million in Santa Anita's annual "St. Patrick's Day Horseshoe Pitch" contest following the seventh race.

Placzankis, who remained unflappable in the immediate aftermath of his million-dollar toss, did exclaim to the

on-track crowd of 15,660, "The drinks are on me!" when interviewed on live television.

He attended as part of a group sponsored by Old Dominion Freight Line and was one of five contestants whose names were drawn as finalists. "I barely got the entry in on time," said Placzankis, a native of New Rochelle, New York, who moved to California eight years ago. "I'm a big Duke (basketball) fan and I lost money on them today. I was watching the game and I wasn't thinking about the contest. In fact, my sales rep (Randy McNally, with Old Dominion) found somebody who told us where to go."

Placzankis said that he attended the races occasionally and that he was at Santa Anita for last year's St. Pat's Pitch, when "somebody almost got it.

"I was just trying to relax," he said. "I'm pretty calm and I was actually just trying to throw it like a softball ... and I didn't want to go over the line." As for pitching horseshoes, Placzankis said, "I probably hadn't done it in like 30 years."

Placzankis, who is single, manages a warehouse for Hankook Tires in Rancho Cucamonga. His family remains in New York. "I'll pay some bills and take care of my nieces and nephews ... I'm also going to take care of my mom back home." Copyright © 2008 The Blood-Horse, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

When the NHPA's greatest promoter of this sport, Don Titcomb, was in California he used to be involved with this publicity stunt. It's a stunt because they randomly pick about six people from the crowd attending the horse races to pitch one (1) shoe from 47 feet for the million dollars. Here's the catch...right after this guy pitched that ringer we began receiving phone calls, the CA RD, the TX RD, the Sec/Treas and so on. Well it seems that they did not want to pay out the money IF this guy belonged to the NHPA or any other organized horseshoe pitching association. If you are a member and get chosen for one of these publicity stunts read the fine print first because you may not get your million. The chances of being chosen are extremely remote though so I don't believe any of us need to worry about losing a million because we are NHPA members.

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NHPA PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION *Continued*

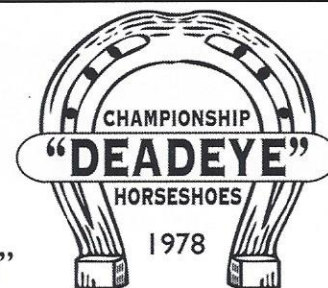
Business cards:

All Regional Directors have NHPA supplied "business cards." These cards should be given to the various Tournament Directors within the Charter. Then they hand them out to passers by. In fact anyone with any type of horseshoe "business card" could do the same thing. One other idea with the card was to go to local sports shops and large department stores that carry horseshoe sets. Talk to the sales clerk and ask if you could slip your card into all their horseshoe sets. Explain to them that it is to let potential horseshoe pitchers know that organized horseshoe pitching exists. More often than not you will get an okay to do that as long as you do not damage the boxes trying to stuff the card in. In fact take some tape along with you and simply attach your card to all those picnic sets on the shelves of all those stores. Nowadays you can create your very own business cards on the computer, be creative and design your clubs business card. Any decent office supply store will have the necessary business card stock that you can purchase to put in your printer. The stock is already perforated and all you need to do is fold them to tear them apart.

Something different

Added fun at local tournaments could consist of setting up a stake and measuring off 47 feet and for a dollar per try let the people give it a try. You could dole out money for a point if you wanted to, and then a ringer could get half the money collected. Or you could simply do this as a fund-raiser for the NHPF and donate the remainder to our Foundation. Here's another idea to try at tournaments, we've done it in Santa Rosa once and will continue through this pitching season. We have a Clydesdale horseshoe, a rubber horseshoe, a pony shoe, a steel regular horseshoe, an aluminum regular horseshoe and one of your own horseshoes. You pay \$1.00, get as many turns as you have dollars, to pitch them at a stake from your specific distance, whoever gets the most point receives whatever money is in the pot. Again, here you could give half away and collect the rest for your club, the NHPF, or some local charity. We had 18 people try nine full-distanced and nine short distanced. The best score for each of these six shoes was only three points and only one of them was a ringer. The other score was three single points. It's a fun event and hilarious to watch!

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JUNE

28th - 29th Danville 20th Annual Open Horseshoe Tournament - Entry Deadline: June 13th, \$25.00 (includes scorekeeping fees). Make checks payable to: Danville Horseshoe Club. Send to: Leo Bratland, 41 Country Club DR, Danville, IL 61832. Phone: (217) 443-5818 or email: bratlnd@aol.com. Designated "A" Sponsorship brings awards to: 1st - \$600 & plaque, 2nd - \$375, 3rd - \$275, 4th - \$200, 5th - \$100, 6th - \$90, 7th - \$80, 8th - \$70, 9th - \$60, 10th - \$50, 11th - \$40 & 12th - \$25. Class B and below: 1st - \$105 & plaque, 2nd - \$65, 3rd - \$45, 4th - \$25. Courts are located in Douglas Park just off I-74 at the Bowman Ave, exit #216.

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.

AUGUST

23rd - Fall MDA Horseshoe Tournament - Kemper Williams Park - 203 Park Road - Patterson, LA. \$20.00 entry fee. Prize money to the top three finishers in each bracket. Pre Register by August 21st. Contact: Angela Percle (985)384-9490, Al Dodson, (985)385-1909, or Tim Gilmore (985)395-5062. Camping at the park, (985)395-2298. Tournament benefits MDA

DIRECTORS REPORT*by Dan Sanders***Regional Director Award**

The Gene & Mary VanSant Memorial Award is given each year to the Regional Director whose attitude and initiative best fulfills his or her responsibilities to uphold and enhance the image of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. This year I have selected Ron Deckard from Florida as the recipient of this award. This selection is never easy as we have a lot of very hard-working Regional Directors out there who are promoting our great sport by assisting Tournament Directors as well as fulfilling many other Charter duties. The next time you see Ron, be sure to congratulate him on this award which will be presented during the World Tournament at the Hall of Fame Awards Banquet in York, Pennsylvania.

New Regional Director

Melvin Jeardoe will be the new Regional Director for Kansas. Melvin has been a member of the NHPA for the past eleven years. He is an active pitcher and was instrumental in building the sanctioned courts at Belleville, KS where he also serves as an assistant tournament director. Melvin has also served as a delegate at the National Convention several times. He replaces Monica Vaughn who will be advising Melvin on his RD duties as she completes the remainder of her term as State Secretary. Many thanks to Monica for her contributions to the KS Charter and for her excellent work as the NHPA Regional Director during the past four years!

Regional Directors at the World Tournament

The date and time of the Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors' meeting will be posted at the World Tournament site. It now looks as if this meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, July 13th. If you plan to be at the World Tournament this year, please plan to attend this important meeting. Also, please contact me about times that you may be available to help out with shoe checks, etc.

More on the Forfeit Rule...

In the last issue of Newline Magazine I included an historical account, written by Ottie Reno, of circumstances which occurred during the 1964 and 1979 World Tournaments and which led to a change in the Forfeit Rule. This rule change is still in effect today and can be read on page 19 of the RGS Book. Though game forfeits aren't all that common, they will very likely occur at some

tournament in your Charter this year and it is important that everyone understands this rule; especially the Tournament Director/Committee.

In summary of the information presented in the last issue, all games played during a round robin now remain in the standings just as they happened, and players who must forfeit are now credited with their wins and losses, shoes pitched, ringers made, ringer percentage, etc, just as if they had completed the round robin. Only the games that they did not play are treated as forfeits; with wins credited only to the opponents they had not yet played. Also, any records that may have been set during their games will remain in effect. Most pitchers are in agreement with the current forfeit rule.

The Current Rule and Game Integrity

In addition to all of the above, the current rule also helps to protect the integrity of the game. The following passage, contributed by Fred Smith, was taken from a much earlier NHPA website Forum discussion on the forfeit rule. This is a hypothetical scenario, but could actually have happened under the earlier forfeit rule where all "losses" were changed to "wins". With the current rule, this could not happen.

"Let's say that I play a very good friend of mine in the first round and I win the game. As the tournament progresses I haven't won any more games but my friend has won the rest of his games. When it is time to play the last game I notice that my friend is playing someone I don't care too much about and that he has two losses. In addition, my friend has never won a tournament and has never beaten this opponent, so I go to the tournament director, say that I have a bad headache and cannot play my last game. Because I have dropped out of the tournament my friend's loss now becomes a win and the outcome of his last game will have no bearing on who wins the tournament. With the rule as it now reads all I can do is hope that my friend wins that game, or the ensuing playoff game, and that leaves who wins the tournament to be decided between those players and not with my decision [to drop out]."

Many thanks to Ottie Reno and Fred Smith for their contributions to this discussion on forfeits. In the next issue of Newline, I'll include some comments about game ties, tournament ties, and playoffs. In the meantime, don't hesitate to ask your Tournament Director or Regional Director about the Playing Rules or their interpretation.

IN MEMORY OF **GARY T. KLINE**

by Gary B. Roberts

My friend, Gary Kline, passed away on March 6th, 2008 at Kettering Medical Center Hospital in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 60. Gary's death occurred during a medical procedure and was totally unexpected. I had the honor of speaking at his funeral.

Gary's involvement with horseshoe pitching began at the age of five when his uncle provided him with a pair of rubber horseshoes. By age 12 Gary was pitching 40 feet with the men in his Dayton neighborhood. In 1970 Gary joined the Inland General Motors Corporation pitching team and met the great Glen Riffle who introduced him to the NHPA. Gary eventually evolved into a 70% pitcher and competed in the Championship Division of the Ohio State Tournament.

Gary and I shared other experiences beyond horseshoe pitching. In 1968 both of us were deployed to the Republic of South Vietnam. Gary was a member of the 46th Scout Dog Platoon of the 25th Infantry Division. During his tour he was exposed to Agent Orange which contributed to his medical problems.

After his military service Gary continued his horseshoe pitching and went to work for Inland General Motors in Dayton. He retired from this company (now called Delphi) after 37 years of service.

Gary will always be remembered as horseshoe pitching's foremost historian. He served as the NHPA Historian for many years, and he is personally responsible for uncovering many unknown facts about the early history of our sport. At the time of his death he was excited about tracking down descendants of some of the early pitchers to obtain additional information about our sport.

Gary's other horseshoe pitching accomplishments are many. They include:

- Authored the book entitled "The Official NHPA History of the World Tournament 1909 - 1980". Gary and I later found the statistics of the two tournaments that were unavailable at the time the book was published.
- Participated as a member and chairperson of the Ohio Hall of Fame Committee.
- Participated as a member of the National Hall of Fame Committee.
- Received the Stokes Memorial Trophy in 1980. This award goes each year to the person who has contributed the most to the development of the game during the past year.
- Cataloged the entire careers of all persons participating in the Ohio State Tournament, and tracked down results of old Ohio tournaments.

- Assembled on index cards every person who had participated in the Championship Class of the World Horseshoe Tournament and calculated each person's total victories.
- Inducted into the Ohio Horseshoe Hall of Fame in 2002.
- Inducted into the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame in 2004.

I always looked forward to Gary's appearance at the Greenville Ringer Classic and the Ohio State Tournament. We could talk endlessly about horseshoe history and our exploits on the courts. He will be greatly missed this year.

I hope Gary's hard work will inspire others to continue filling in the missing pieces of our sport's history.

Joyce, Gary's charming wife of 27 years, is still recovering from the shock of his sudden death. Joyce and Gary were extremely devoted to each other and enjoyed many activities together. I'm sure Joyce would enjoy receiving a card or letter from their horseshoe friends. The address is 605 Brantly Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45404.

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2010 WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE

by Stu Sipma

With the March 15th deadline for submitting World Tournament bid proposals behind us, I am proud to announce four locations who have met the requirements for contention to host the 2010 NHPA World Tournament.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA **July 26th – August 7th**

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, 1500 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.

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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 – July 24th**

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, 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, 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. Several large hospitals such as VA, Children's, Heart, 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

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POCATELLO, IDAHO**July 18th – July 31th**

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 1220 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.

LEBANON, OHIO**July 26th – August 7th**

The Warren County Fairgrounds is the proposed site for the 2010 NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament in Lebanon, Ohio. Proposed dates for the tournament are July 26th – August 7th, 2010. Warren County is located in Southwest Ohio between Cincinnati and Dayton, easily accessible off Interstates 71 & 75.

The fairgrounds are home to a variety of different events and festivals. Such activities include the Warren County, Ohio Fair and the Lebanon Raceway, with live harness racing and simulcasting.

For the tournament, two main competition spaces will be utilized which are positioned within 50 ft. of one another. The combined spaces offer 46,970 sq. ft. of competition space. The fairgrounds are conveniently located within 15 minutes of Warren County hotel options (with 3,000+ rooms) and campgrounds. There are also 45 RV spaces with electric and water hookups on-site.

The fairgrounds are situated just north of Historic Downtown Lebanon, which proudly boasts The Golden

Lamb Inn & Restaurant, established in 1803 as Ohio's oldest continuously operating inn. The Golden Lamb has become a frequent stopping place for major figures throughout the nineteenth century. Twelve U.S. presidents have visited the Golden Lamb including James Garfield, William Howard Taft, Ronald Reagan, plus Mark Twain, Charles and Harriet Beecher Stowe, just to name a few.

Warren County is also home to a wide variety of attractions and activities, offering diverse travel experiences for individuals of all ages and backgrounds – defining why Warren County is "*Ohio's Largest Playground!*"[®]. If it's excitement you're looking for, plan a visit to Kings Island or The Beach Water Park. Kings Island is one of the largest thrill and entertainment parks in the Midwest, offering more than 80 rides and attractions. The Beach Water Park has been ranked one of the top five water parks in the U.S. and is home to 35 acres of tropical paradise.

For shopping opportunities, one can find a truly one-of-a-kind gem in one of more than 100 charming antique or specialty shops; or a visit to one of the many local shopping malls including the Deerfield Towne Center or Prime Outlets Jeffersonville, where you can find amazing selections and values.

If you enjoy outdoor activities, visit one of many great golf centers including Shaker Run Golf Club or The Golf Center at Kings Island, designed by the legendary Jack Nicklaus. Also enjoy the many activities along the 70-mile Little Miami Scenic Bike Trail, or canoe and raft down the Little Miami River, one of the top ten nationally-recognized scenic rivers. Amidst all the fun in Warren County, there are "can't miss" unique dining experiences including the Village Ice Cream Parlor, Valley Vineyards Winery, and the Golden Lamb. Since Warren County is located so close to Cincinnati and Dayton, visitors can also enjoy the many fun experiences in both cities which are only a short drive away. The Cincinnati Museum Center, Cincinnati Reds Baseball and Hall of Fame Museum, National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, IKEA, and the Newport Aquarium are all just a short drive away.

Mason, Ohio, also located in Warren County, is the site of the Western & Southern Financial Group Masters and Women's Open professional tennis tournaments. The Masters event is part of the ATP's prestigious Masters Series; and in 2009 the Women's event will be elevated to a WTA Tier I event. Dates are not set for the 2010 schedule, which generally occur in late July and early

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August. Watching the greatest tennis players in the World compete is just another great experience visitors can enjoy while they are in Ohio's Largest Playground.

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These four locations will have their booths set up at the Expo Center in York. Please take time to stop by and see what each location has to offer.

See you all in York! Have a safe and enjoyable trip.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Woman on a Mission

Ellen Beaver of Marceline, Missouri has been letting her little fingers do all the walking as she continues to work on the World Tournament shirt quilt to be hung in the new Hall of Fame Building. She desperately needs the 1993 (Spearfish) and the 2004 (Pocatello) shirts to complete this beautiful quilt. If anyone out there has one and can bare to part with it, please email me or Ellen at erb-rwb@sbcglobal.net. She would like to complete the quilt and have it on display at the WT in York, PA this summer. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Thank you,

Jeanette Claas

Dear Editor,

Now that I'm well into my 80's, my pastime is --- looking back. Currently Newslines has my attention. All of the issues through nineteen volumes.

Over the first 12 years, 1989 – 2000, Letters to the Editor and Reader Forum were two key areas of the publication. During that period 320 letters from readers were published. That averages out to 26.6 letters per year.

For the seven years, 2001 – 2007, only 44 letters, slightly over six per year, appeared in Newslines.

That's a stunning decrease. Have readers stopped writing or has Newslines stopped publishing reader letters?

It's been said that letters can be the heartbeat of a magazine. When the Toll of Time is busier than the Mailbag, circulation can become a serious problem.

Wishoe the best,
E.L. Quigley

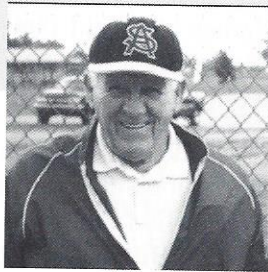
Editor's Response:

As stated on page 3 of Newslines, "Newslines welcomes communication and articles from the membership.....The editor reserves the right to accept or reject any letter..... All submissions are subject to editing, available space...." etc. As editor I can tell you that I have published approximately 95% of all letters received.

I believe the answer to Ed's question can be found on the NHPA's website, where the NHPA Forum is very active daily. The Forum can have anywhere from ten to twenty posts a day, depending on what topic is being discussed. Letter writing as a whole has declined over the past few years. How often do you receive a written letter from a family member or friend? With the technology of today, it is far easier to pick up the phone, send an email, join a chat room or go online where people of like interests (such as horseshoe pitching) can post their views for people world-wide to read and receive instant responses.

TOLL OF TIME

Mr. William "Bill" Henn 1924-2007



On December 16, 2007 Kentucky lost one of its greatest players and longest standing members, Mr. Bill Henn of Bellvue, Kentucky. Bill held a true passion for the sport of horseshoes. Bill actively competed in the Kentucky State Championship for more than 22 years, winning the title of Men's Kentucky State Champion a record seven times, 1969, 1971-75 and 1984. Bill also holds the Kentucky record of championship games won at 172. Bill participated in 14 World Horseshoe tournaments and qualified for the Men's World Championship in 1973, finishing 15th, with a ringer percentage of 74.3%.

Mr. Henn was also very active through the years promoting horseshoes, supporting and running leagues in Northern Kentucky in the late 60's through the 1970's and was a member of the O.K. Horseshoe Club in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bill Henn pitched or was involved in horseshoes his entire life, was well respected and had many friends.

Bill was the son of the late Harry Henn who was also a Kentucky State Champion and horseshoe promoter throughout the 1930's and 40's. If you had to choose one person throughout the history of horseshoes in Kentucky that has left the largest footprint; I don't know that you could choose any other than Mr. Bill Henn. He will be greatly missed.

Submitted by: Robert Taylor, KHPA 1st VP

Bob West Oregon

The NHPA lost one of its greatest ever with the death of Bob West of Woodburn, Oregon on December 23, 2007. He was 85. Bob was plagued by lung troubles and was on oxygen the last several years of his life. Bob and his wife Elinor were married for 57 years. He is also survived by a son, daughter, three grand-children, five great grand-children and a brother.

Bob was born in South Dakota and reared in North Dakota. He was a three-time North Dakota horseshoe champ and was elected to their Hall of Fame and also to the North Dakota Bowling Hall of Fame. He moved to Oregon in the 1950's.

Bob won the Oregon State Championship 15 times. Early in his career, he pitched a high soft 1_ shoe. Then, after a windy tournament, he worked on a low hard 1_ shoe which he pitched until his career ended. His highest tournament ever was 84.66%. He pitched a 32 shoe perfect game and also had a perfect game pitched against him - Walter Ray's all time high of 56 shoes. He was one of the first five inductees into the Oregon Hall of Fame.

Because of work commitments and health issues, Bob pitched in only ten World Tournaments, the last in 1986 when he did not make the Championship finals. In his nine championship appearances (1958, 1961, 1967, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1976, 1979), he had a composite average of over 79%. His highest was 83.4%. He finished third twice and fourth twice. He was elected to the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1977 for his pitching excellence.

Bob didn't pitch too much after 1980 as health issues were starting to arise. However, he was still active when mixed pitching started to become accepted and he felt that the shorter distance pitcher had an advantage because the swing alignment would not have to be as accurate. Bob wanted to dissolve this inequity by requiring the shorter distance pitcher to pitch a proportionally narrower shoe, which would thus require the short distance pitcher to align his/her swing as accurately as the full distance pitcher. His idea was never approved by the NHPA, but the merit of the idea cannot be denied.

Bob is remembered not only as a champion as a pitcher, but also as a champion as a sportsman. He was always gracious in victory or defeat and was known and respected as a true gentleman. Very simply, he was one of the best we ever had, both on and off the courts.

Rest in peace, Bob.

Submitted by: Barry Chapelle

Harold Floyd Darnold Burlington, Iowa

Harold Floyd Darnold passed away December 19, 2007, in Iowa City.

Born March 30, 1925 in West Burlington, Harold was a Burlington Northern Machinist Locomotive Inspector for

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17 years. He also worked at Camp Cleaners for 25 years. He served in the Air Force during World War II and was the last surviving member of the crew that manned the B-17 named Ray's Hell, which carried a horseshoe on every mission.

He was director and manager of the Iowa Corn Belt Horseshoe Tournament in Crapo Park starting in 1954. He was inducted into the IHHPA Hall of Fame in 1982 and into the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1994.

He was runner up at the State Championships in 1980 and 1982. He placed third in the Intermediate Class at the World Championship in 1990, throwing 59.6%.

Harold Garner, of Melrose, said that people would get him and Harold Darnold mixed up at tournaments. Harold Garner also said that Harold Darnold was a fun guy to pitch against.

Harold was also an avid billiards player and bowler. In 1964 and 1965 he was the straight pool city champion. The pallbearers at his funeral were the members of his pool team. His family held the funeral reception at Whitey's Bar and Billiards in Burlington.

Harold is survived by his son, Jerry Darnold, of Burlington.

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Ralph Maylahn
Wisconsin

Lifelong horseshoe pitcher, golfer, table tennis champion and car enthusiast Ralph Maylahn passed away on December 10, 2007 at the age of 88.

Ralph started pitching horseshoes as a youngster, winning a junior championship in Milwaukee, WI where he lived on the northwest side. He would pack a lunch and ride his bike to Washington Park, where he had the occasion to pitch with his mentor Ed Schimek and other greats, including Casey Jones and Harvey Elmerson. Beginning at age 15, he won the Class A Milwaukee title five successive years.

He was affectionately called the "Bull of the Woods" by World Tournament author Gary Kline. The year was 1972 when he won the Wisconsin state title and then went on to the World Tournament in Greenville, Ohio. His 69.4% was overshadowed by others, such as Elmer Hohl, Art Tyson, and a few others, all pitching over 70%, eight in excess of 80%. Ralph always said pitchers were more dedicated then.

Horseshoes was not Ralph's only passion. While in the service during WWII, he became the table tennis champ of the Middle East. Golf became another obsession, using clubs he professionally fashioned for himself.

He served as President of the WHPA. In 1990 Ralph Maylahn was inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame. He eventually pitched in all divisions. A master of the 1 _ turn at 40 feet, he went on to pitch the 1 __, the _ and the flip from 30 feet. He did well whatever the turn and quite possibly may have pitched more lifetime ringers than any other Wisconsin pitcher.

Ralph will be missed by the WHPA, the Beloit Club Old Timers League and many other pitchers who attended tournaments throughout the Midwest.

He is survived by his wife, Helen and son, Andrew.

Monte Joseph Latino
California

Monte Latino, a lifelong Sacramento athlete who won hall of fame honors in baseball, softball, soccer and horseshoe pitching died December 3, 2007. He was 90.

Monte capped a legendary athletic career with three world championship titles in horseshoe pitching in the late 1970s and early 1980s. He won in the 60-to-65 age class as a nationally ranked player and member of the Sacramento Horseshoe Club. In 1975, he was elected to the Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Latino was a naturally gifted athlete, bless with speed and quick eyes and hands, his sons said. He also believed in practice and built a horseshoe pit in his backyard in addition to playing regularly at Tahoe Park.

He married Mildred Mason in 1940 and served in the Army during World War II. He worked at the Pacific Western depot. He took pride in pointing out the signature Pacific Western feather he painted on passing trains with the company's slogan, "Rides like a feather."

Monte enjoyed working in the yard at his south Sacramento home. He was active at Immaculate Conception Church in Oak Park until his family moved to south Sacramento where he was an usher at St. Rose Church. His wife died in 1990.

He was an outgoing man with a fun sense of humor.

Robert Smith
Texas

Robert Smith, a Texas HPA member for several years and the Texas Web Master, was killed tragically in a tractor accident April 12, 2008.

The success of the www.texasringer.com was due to the dedication, hard work and many hours Robert put in making this web site one of the best, if not the best in NHPA. The THPA members were greatly dependent on this website for all immediate communication.

Robert was a humble man who never would accept the fact that it was he that made our web site so good due to the way he made it so user friendly. We have lost a good friend and he will never be forgotten by his fellow THPA pitchers/friends.

RULES COMMITTEE

by Jerry LaBrosse

This will be the last article prior to the world tournament, and I would like to make a few comments regarding world tournament rule enforcement and etiquette.

First of all, I want to congratulate all of you who will be attending this year's world tournament in York; it should be the best in many years. Not only will it be a larger tournament, but we will enjoy pitching on new equipment. As you all know, this is the showcase event of our sport. There will be media coverage present, and we all want to present a professional image of horseshoes. Be sure to wear your tournament shirts, and look good out there on the courts. I'm not going to get into specifics, but please be aware of the rules and etiquette of the game. We all know what these rules are: foul lines, legal shoes, sportsmanship, just to name a few. Be prompt to report for your pitching shift, and also don't waste time between games. If you must go to the restroom, or go outside to have a smoke, do it quickly so as not to delay your class. It is very difficult to keep the shifts running on time when just a few pitchers cause delays.

I want to give you all an update on the new equipment in process. As of today, April 7th, the project is right on schedule. All the components are ready to assemble, and a crew will be doing this work in the next few weekends. All the equipment will be shipped to York by mid-June. This year the set up will be fairly intense due to the painting of the new rubber matting. Dale Estep has invited all interested members who would like to help out with this task. The work will begin June 28th, and the setup should be complete in four days. If anyone wants to help out for a day or more, contact Dale at pennshoes@yahoo.com

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HALL OF FAME

by Vicki Winston

I do need to begin this article by retracting a statement that was printed in my article in the last issue. Dick Hansen has advised me that he gave me the wrong information and Ralph Maddox did not have the longest span of NHPA membership. That honor belongs to Mr. Bill Kolb of New Jersey, who will have 71 years of membership in 2008. He became a lifetime member in 1988 and apparently was one year ahead of Ralph Maddox. Bill will be 94 years young this year and last pitched at the age of 91. Congratulations to Bill Kolb for this outstanding achievement and thank you, Dick Hansen, for providing the new information.

It is with sadness that I report the loss of one of my Hall of Fame committee members. Gary Kline, of Ohio, died unexpectedly in early March due to complications from a hospital procedure. Gary contributed much to the preservation of some of the history of our sport by writing and publishing his book "The Official N.H.P.A. History of the World Tournament 1909-1980" Volume 1. This covered the men's championships. Unfortunately, Volume 2 was never written. His expertise and love for the history of our sport will be sorely missed. Gary had sent in his completed ballot before his passing, so he did get to participate in the voting for 2008.

That brings me to the good news. The Hall of Fame committee has elected two individuals to be inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame during the ceremonies that will take place at the banquet in York, PA on the evening of July 13, 2008. Those persons are Len Lipovsky and Curly Seibold, who were both elected from the Player/Organizer category. I will give you a few brief highlights from their careers.

LEN LIPOVSKY

Len was raised on a farm in Boyceville, WI and began pitching shoes at the age of 10; sometimes with shoes right off the horses. He later moved to Minnesota and joined the Minneapolis Horseshoe Club in 1966. The Minnesota Gopher State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association was officially formed in 1968 and Len is a charter member

of this NHPA Charter. Len continued to serve in various positions in the Minnesota charter and also local clubs. He often put on horseshoe pitching demonstrations for city celebrations and various organizations. He served for many years as the NHPA Regional Director for Minnesota and received the NHPA Regional Director of the Year award in 1990. When turmoil arose in the Minnesota charter in the late 1980's, Len took a very active part in trying to calm the troubled waters and making sure the MGSHPA remained affiliated with the NHPA. The efforts were successful and today the MGSHPA is the largest NHPA charter.

Besides his organizational skills, Len also had some skills with pitching the shoes. He reached the 74-75% range in some area and state tournaments and was inducted into the MGSHPA Hall of Fame in 1985 in the pitcher category. He placed high in the Intermediate Championship Class of the World Tournament in the late 1980's and in 1990 became the Intermediate World Champion with an 11-0 record and a 69.5% ringer average. Through his interest in the sport of horseshoe pitching, his family became involved in league pitching and his son, Dale, went on to become a many time Minnesota state champion and a three time Men's World Champion. This might possibly be the highlight of Len's involvement with the sport of horseshoe pitching. Dale has already been elected to the NHPA Hall of Fame and is so pleased that his father is joining him in that elite group. Len regrets that his health will not let him make the long trip to Pennsylvania for the induction ceremony, but he is very appreciative of having received this high honor.

CURLY SEIBOLD

Curly is rapidly approaching Lifetime membership in the NHPA. He and his family have been involved in the sport of horseshoe pitching for many years. His wife, Bonnie, will be remembered for her 28 years of service to the NHPA as a vice president. Curly was a very supportive spouse during Bonnie's time in office. Curly has served as the Indiana charter president, secretary/treasurer and is

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currently serving as the Chairman of the Indiana Hall of Fame Committee. He served the NHPA as a Game Related Items distributor for ten years. Some of you probably ordered materials from him and also saw him working behind the sales counter at many world tournaments. He gave up that position in 2002. Curly was inducted into the Indiana Charter Hall of Fame in 1987.

Curly pitched in several Intermediate and Senior World Championship classes, but it was when he got old enough for the Elders Division that he reached his prime as a pitcher. He won the Indiana State Elders Championship in 1997 and 2000. He made it into the Elders Championship Class at the World Tournament several times and in 1999 was tied for first place with Frank Bohun. Curly lost the playoff game and finished in second place with a 73.98% ringer average. At the 2000 World Tournament he placed second in the Elders Championship with a 70.28% ringer average and in 2002 he placed third with a 78.9% ringer average.

Curly is another pitcher that got his entire family involved in the sport, including his grandchildren. His son, Mark, became a two time Men's World Champion and has already been elected to the Hall of Fame, as has Curly's wife, Bonnie. This will make three members of the Seibold family to be enshrined in the Hall of Fame. When asked if he was planning on making the trip to York, PA, Curly replied, "I am now!"

If you are planning on making the trip to York, PA for the World Tournament, I hope that you will plan to attend the annual Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet as we honor these two new inductees, plus the other deserving individuals who will be receiving special awards from the NHPA. The good Lord willing, I'll see you there!

Income & Expense Statement February & March 2008

Income

2009 World Tournament Bid Payment	\$10,000.00
2010 World Tournament Bid Payments	\$10,000.00
Charter Dues	\$ 21.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$ 4,000.00
Insurance Claim Payment	\$ 1,582.62
Sanctioned League Patches	\$ 30.00
W. T. Court Sponsorship Program	\$ 2,050.00
NHPF Donation	\$ 100.00
Membership Dues	\$35,704.00
Newsline Ads	\$ 2,303.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$ 5,750.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$ 75.63
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$ 535.07

Total Income

\$72,151.32

Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$ 3,919.17
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$ 879.85
Sanctioned League Postage & Printing	\$ 187.00
Sanctioned League Patches & Awards	\$ 630.85
Sanctioned League Office supplies & Telephone	\$ 27.78
All Junior Trust Accounts	\$ 100.00
World Tournament Travel Expenses (2008 WT)	\$ 395.24
Hall of Fame Awards supplies & Expenses	\$ 9,167.00
Regional Director Allowance	\$ 4,661.20
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$ 293.07
Equipment purchases, rentals & Repairs	\$11,194.14
Printing, paper & office supplies	\$ 1,352.81
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From the books of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

BIO-Alyssa Leger-Scholarship Winner

I am a sophomore at Liberty High School, in Liberty, MO. This summer will be the fourth year I have been attending the Liberty Horseshoe Club. I have also played on my school's basketball team for the past three years. I am currently a senior in Girls Scouts; it will be my ninth year this summer. I love to watch movies, and I enjoy reading in my free time. I am also interested in going to college after high school, and your contribution is greatly appreciated.



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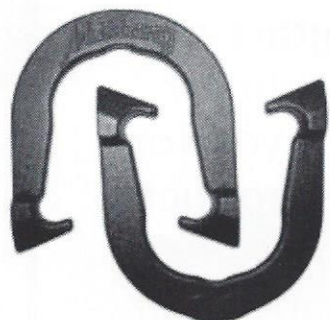
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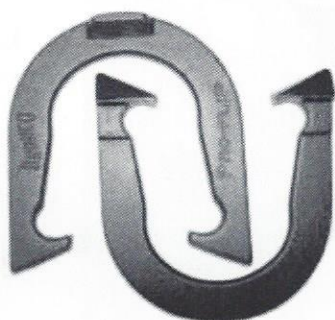


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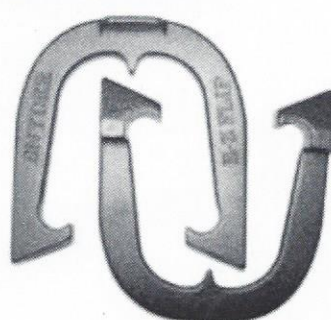
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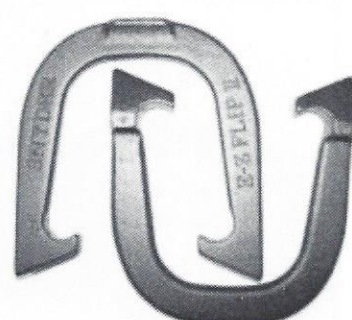
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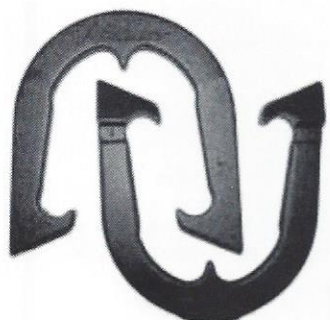
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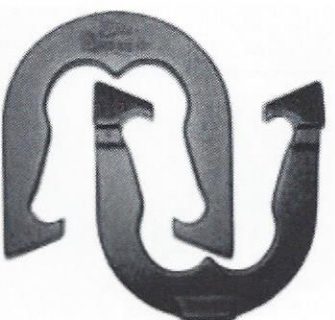
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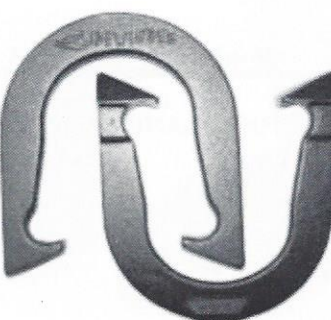
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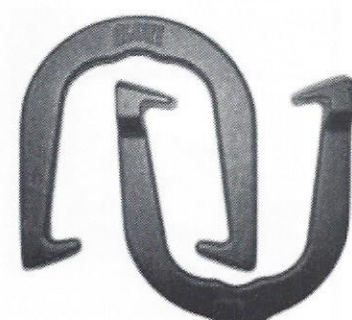
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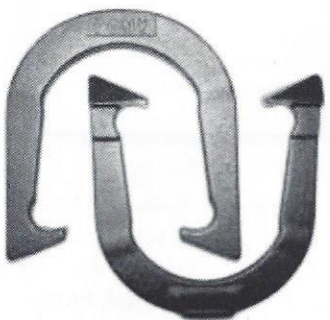
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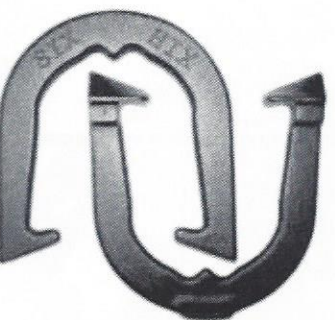
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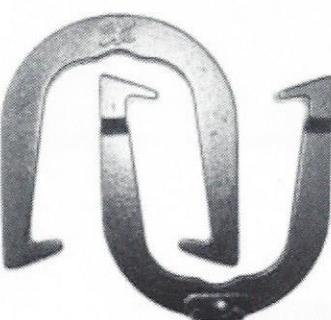
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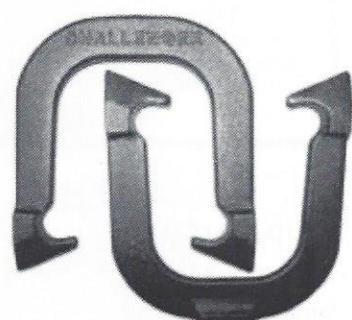
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