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Thanks Casey!



Casey Sluys, 2nd Vice President of the NHPA for the past 14 years.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Paul Stewart

There comes a time in everyone's life that they have to make some tuff decisions and I have just made a tuff one. After giving this a lot of thought and discussion with my family, I have decided to not seek re-election for President of the NHPA.

When my term is up on December 31, 2009, I will have served thirteen years as an NHPA officer, seven years as 5th VP and six years as President. I have enjoyed serving on the NHPA Council for thirteen years and I feel that I have given it my all while serving in these positions. I will not try to list what I think I have accomplished or have not accomplished while serving in these positions, all of you will be the judge of that. I will tell you that I will continue to work for the NHPA, just as diligently and concerned as I always have, for the duration of my term as NHPA President.

I have put a lot into horseshoes over the past twenty-five years, but I have gotten just as much, if not more, out of it. This is a sport and people that I love and I will continue to participate and support horseshoes and the NHPA as long as my health and finances allow. I am not leaving the game; just stepping aside for some new blood in the organization.

I hope all of you will respect my decision; it is final. It would not be fair to my family for me to reconsider this decision.

A quote from John Brown, OH; "It's not the ringers that make this sport great, it's the people in it that makes it great."

By the time you read this, the holiday season will be upon us. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you good health, much joy and happiness and a safe holiday season with family and friends! I look forward to seeing you all at the courts in 2009.

Always a friend,
Paul Stewart

EDITOR'S APOLOGY: In the recent World Tournament issue on page 11, the name of the Sanction League Director of the Year was misspelled. Leo Bratland from Illinois was the winner of this award.

My apologies and congratulations go out to Leo!

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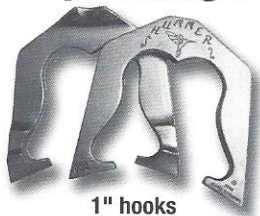
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NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

The NHPF has issued grants to two more clubs in need of financial assistance. The Dan Patch H.C. in Savage, MN and the Little Elm H.C. in Little Elm, TX were both sent checks in late September to assist in projects to rework existing or construct new courts in City parks. We hope each of these clubs conclude successful projects that result in a greater community awareness of our sport and the general improvement of available pitching courts within the City. The next deadline for receipt of grant applications is March 1, 2009. Applications can be found and printed out by going to the NHPF link on the NHPA website.

As many of you know, the commemorative brick plaza at the Wentzville Hall of Fame facility is set up to provide specific sections for brick orders from each state. Most states have a section with nine large bricks in a square surrounded by some ninety small bricks. Some of the large membership states were initially assigned sections with 18 or 30 large bricks and these too have smaller bricks surrounding them. Oregon is the first state to completely sell out all their large bricks. There are still plenty of small \$100 bricks available but any further large bricks ordered by Oregon members will have to be put into an overflow section reserved for just that purpose.

As we near the end of the year, I hope some of you will think of the NHPF when you are writing gift-giving checks. This would apply especially to those who might like to claim a bit more in tax-deductions when they file their 2008 tax return. Since the completion of the Hall of Fame building in Wentzville, individual contributions to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation have fallen off sharply as have orders for engraved bricks. We all realize that the economy is in poor shape right now and money is tight for many. However, if you are not among those feeling the pinch, please consider sending a year-end contribution or brick order to the Foundation. If you itemize, your contribution can be a year-end tax deduction and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are giving back something to the sport and association. Send your contributions and/or brick orders to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

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NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT

by Lorraine Sternberg

Summer is over and the leaves are beginning to change colors here in Wisconsin. By the time this issue reaches all of you, the holidays will be upon us.

Clubs that are receiving a 15-year consecutive plaque are: Western Colorado HSC, CO; Cedar Rapids HSC, IA; Dixie HSC, UT and Kenosha HSC of WI.

I would just like to remind all those that have juniors on their leagues to please get the scholarship forms in to me. These forms are due November 15th. Check the Red Book to see if they will meet the requirements. I will be glad to e-mail you a form if you are need of one.

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Also this year, you have until the end of the year to get your top ten forms in to me. If you have completed your leagues, it's best to get them in now, rather than wait till the last minute. Don't leave any pitcher out that may make the top ten. These are awards that all pitchers work hard to achieve for.

This is the list of clubs and leagues that are receiving plaques for 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and 5 consecutive years of being an active sanctioned league.

The clubs that are receiving a plaque for 30 years are: Bradenton HSC, FL; Bloomington HSC, MN; Minneapolis HSC, MN and Mountaineer HSC of WV.

Those clubs receiving a 25-year consecutive plaque are: New Cumberland HSC, PA and Close Doesn't Count HSC of WI.

The clubs that are receiving 20-year consecutive plaques are: Kona HSC, HI; Wells Park HSC, IL; Danville HSC, IL; Troy HSC, OH; Try County HSC, OH and Central Texas HSC of TX.



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Clubs receiving five-year consecutive plaques are: Clarksville HSC, AR; Apple Valley HSC, CA; Half Moon HSC, CA; Valley HSL, CT; Hilo Ohana HSC, HI; Plymouth HSC, IN; Whitley County HSC, IN; Ringer 5 HSC, KS; Tri-Town HSL, MA; Lake Orion HSL, MI; Red River Valley Men's HSL, ND; Marion County HSC, OH; Crossville HSC, TN and Fleet Reserve HSL of WI.

Congratulations to these 37 clubs and leagues. I hope that you all grow in membership as sanctioned clubs and leagues.

If you think you are too old to join a horseshoe league, well guess again. I received this from the Denver Metro HSC in Colorado. Larry Riley, now 92 years old, has pitched for 57 years. Larry pitches league for the Denver Metro Club and averages a respectable 32%. He has been a member of the NHPA and CHPA since 1983.

Larry called it quits in 1991, pitching from the men's 40-foot distance. After a six-month lay-off he decided to move up to 30 feet. His love of the game took over and he was back on the courts again.

Riley has won three world-class titles from 1989 through 2000. During that time he also took one third place and two fourth places to add to the champs wins. In addition, Larry has been on league championship teams nine times and has posted some high percentages and games during his career.

He was inducted into the Colorado Hall of Fame in 2006 for his pitching excellence in the elders division.

We congratulate Larry for his many years of pitching and hopes he has many more years on the courts.

Thank you Bob Champion for the nice article. If anyone else would like to send me a story about one of your league members, please do so. I will see that it is published under sanctioned league news.

I would like to wish all of you a happy holiday season!

HALL OF FAME THANK YOU

I was very sorry I was not able to attend the World Tournament in York, Pennsylvania to be inducted in the NHPA Hall of Fame in the Player Organizer category. Our NHPA Regional Director Jerry LaBrosse did the honors for me. However I attended our Minnesota State Horseshoe banquet and was happy to give my award acceptance speech there, in which the award was presented to me by our son Dale, certainly was a great thrill for me. I also missed being installed in York along with a great guy "Curly Seibold".

Horseshoe pitching has always been an important part in my life; was Regional Director for many years, and meeting and playing with many of the great pitchers, and winning the World Intermediate, Class D and some

runners-up and traveling over the US, including Hawaii and Canada, giving many exhibitions, having son Dale in the NHPA Hall of Fame with me, as three times World Champ and 27 times Minnesota State Champ, actually is frosting on the cake for me. I offered my sincere thanks to those who supported me. It was difficult to express my feelings; I was paid a very high compliment and conferred for me a very high honor. Again I thank the NHPA as well as our State Officers who made this possible for me.

Thanks to those of you who think I am better than I am.

Sincerely,
Len Lipovsky

CHARTER CHATTER

by Tina Hawkins

FLORIDA

Tournament season is just beginning in the great state of Florida. Eighty-seven sanctioned tournaments are scheduled between now and June 2009 at the 16 charter clubs. Dates and locations can be found on the Charter's website. This winter is a wonderful time to plan a vacation to the beautiful and sunny state of Florida, pitch some horseshoes, soak up some sun, relax and play tourist.

The Clearwater Horseshoe Club will be hosting the very first Horseshoe Pitching Pro Tour tournament March 27-29, 2009. Check the HP Pro Tour website and the Clearwater Horseshoe Club website for details about the event, lodging information, etc.

MARYLAND

Maryland had a terrific showing of 66 entries in the 2008 World Tournament, at York, PA. They extend many thanks to Dale and Lee Estep, the NHPA officers and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make a wonderful event. It was a first time experience for the majority of the 66 – many have plans to continue participating in World Tournaments, now that they know what to expect. The support of other pitchers, friends and family who came to watch was greatly appreciated!

The MDHPA is pleased to announce its 2008 Hall of Fame inductees: the late Randolph "Bud" Freeman, a very active member of the Frederick club whose son and grandson are current active members, and 91-years young Stacy Wiitala from Balto Metro. Both men should have the "Spirit of Horseshoe Pitching" added to their names!

The Maryland State Championship was a bit of a challenge this year with a couple of classes rescheduled due to rain. The tourney was ultimately held on three different dates in two locations. Elbert Shifflett reclaimed the Men's Title from Dale Dean, making it his 11th win. Vicki Kunde pitched her way to the Women's Title; William R. Kidwell held on to the Elder's Championship, and a new Junior, Jacob Garrison came out on top! Congratulations to all who pitched and placed in this annual event!

MINNESOTA

180 pitchers competed in the 2008 MGSHPA State tournament, which was a smooth, successful event.

Congratulations to our state champs: Men's, Dale Lipovsky, Women's, Janet Larson, Elders, Bob Knudtson, Junior Boys, Joe Rolfes, and Junior Girls, Katie Sheehan.

The annual awards banquet was the largest ever, attended by about 155 members and guests. Marlys and Marvin Timm were inducted into the MGSHPA Hall of Fame. Crystal Sheehan was entered into the Hall of Fame "Junior Honor Roll" category, for her very accomplished junior career.

The MGSHPA will have a new Regional Director in 2009. Rob Hagman, currently the state statistician, has been appointed and approved to take over the position being vacated by NHPA 4th VP Jerry LaBrosse.

MISSOURI

After eighteen years of service, Missouri's Regional Director, Elwyn Cooper is stepping down. He will be replaced by Donna Bastel. Best wishes to both in all their future endeavors.

OKLAHOMA

In an attempt to increase junior membership, the Oklahoma Charter awarded its first Junior scholarships at the 2008 State Championships. They were won by state champions Randy Jackson and Meannnda Davis. \$150 will be kept in trust for each until they complete high school and enroll in some form of "continued education."

Tom Goff garnered his TWELFTH men's state title, breaking his own record for the third time. (The previous record of nine titles was held by Andy Mogus.)

At the annual business meeting, Tina Hawkins was nominated and approved for induction into the Oklahoma Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. The honor will be bestowed at the annual awards banquet later this year.

WASHINGTON

Two weeks after returning home from the World Tournament, Matt Fuller pitched his first PERFECT game. Matt placed 2nd in the Junior Championship Class at York, PA. The entire Charter is proud of him!

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It is with great sadness we report the loss of Junior pitcher, Yancy Goodwin, on August 12, 2008. He is the grandson of long time pitchers Dave and Patty Goodwin. Yancy was serving in the U.S. National Guard. A great void has been left in all our hearts.

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HORSESHOE PITCHING FACTS AND FOLKLORE

by Bob Dunn

Leland Mortenson is one of the most prolific writers from our earlier years. Without his writings, much of our history would not be available today. Others in his day also saw the value of Mortenson's work, as he was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1971. That is only five years after the Hall of Fame was established and Leland was inducted along with Jimmy Risk, Laura Lanham, Fred Brust and John Gordon. That was with some very distinguished company.

Starting with the April 1949 issue of the HORSESHOE PITCHER, Mortenson wrote a synopsis of 1940's. We find a lot of bits and pieces of the of our past specific to the 1940's, but his article ties all the events together so we can have a perspective of how it was in that time. His article was divided over three issues – we will reprint the series over the next two issues of NEWSLINE.

HORSESHOE PITCHING

1940 – 1948

By LeLand S. Mortenson

Introduction

In 1929 and in 1940, the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association published complete histories of the game up until those dates. The last publication, The Horseshoe Compendium, included practically all of the information in the 1929 issue.

In order to write an accurate history, one should delay it until a number of years have elapsed from the time the events took place. By doing so, the writer gains a better perspective, and he generally is in an improved position to judge the significance of events.

Therefore, the writer is aware that in about ten or more years from now, he might emphasize some subject matter which is not so treated at this time, for which reason he has refrained from drawing conclusions in some situations.

The National Association Itself

When one thinks of a history of horseshoe pitching, he generally thinks first of world championship tournaments, but as the tournaments follow the association, the constitution, and the rules, and the promotion of the officers, and other, let's look at this angle from 1940 to date.

When the 1940 world tournament and national convention came to pass, the association was operating under the constitution which had been in effect for many years. However, at the 1939 convention, a regulation had been passed requiring that in order for the pitching shoes to be official, in addition to meeting certain specifications as to size and weight, the container in which they left the

manufacturing plant would have to contain an association stamp showing that the association had received five cents from the manufacturer. The motion as passed called for it to be in effect for three years.

Just why nobody thought of making it a permanent regulation is unknown to the writer, for the rule automatically expired in 1942 after it had resulted in a substantial income to the association. And a sad result of the expiration was that the association missed out on a possibly attractive intake of funds when thousands of pairs of horseshoes were sold to the army during the war. The regulation was re-enacted in 1946, on a permanent basis.

The officers at the time of the opening of the 1940 convention were LeRoy Page, Des Moines, president; Lee "Rose" Henry Jacobs, secretary-treasurer; Jack Claves, St. Louis, first vice-president; Sam Somerhalder, Guide Rock, Neb., second vice-president; and Alvin Dahlene, Lawrence, Kansas, third vice-president. Of this group, Dahlene is the only one who is an active member of the association at this time. Claves passed away a few years ago.

At the time of the convention, President Page had not paid his association dues, and they were not paid until several weeks after the convention, and he was re-elected at the convention. The association is still criticized about this matter. The dues at that time were 25 cents per year.

A few days before the convention, President Page appointed a young pitcher, an attorney, to head a committee to rewrite the constitution. This young man, J. Robert Tompkin, Dysart, Iowa, turned out a constitution which didn't differ much from the one he was supposed to improve upon. He was supposed to have produced an improvement, at least from a legal standpoint, but this he failed to accomplish. But the new constitution passed, and it has not been materially changed since that time.

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HORSESHOE PITCHINGS **FACTS AND FOLKLORE** *Cont.*

Page was re-elected, Tompkin replaced Rose as secretary, Claves was re-elected first vice president; Andrew Stolarik, Canton, Ohio, became third vice-president; and Mrs. Archie Gregson, Los Angeles, was elected treasurer.

Johnny Sebeck, Canton, Ohio, has recently charged that the convention of 1940 was illegally conducted, that the delegates and non-delegates both voted. Nothing could be further from the truth. This writer and Lee Rose both wrote individual reports about the convention at the time and these were published in the Horseshoe World. Neither of us mentioned such a thing. The writer was not a delegate, and like many others, he made no motions and he did not vote. Non-delegates were, however, permitted to arise and talk and we took advantage of that opportunity.

The privilege of non-delegates to speak at conventions was a privilege until the 1948 convention at Milwaukee when it was denied for the first time in the history of the association.

Mr. Page, like his predecessors, appointed several committees and just like those who passed before him, he paid no further attention to them, and they did nothing about the responsibility delegated to them.

But there was one exception. He miraculously appointed Harry T. Woodfield of the publicity Committee. Woodfield, of Washington, D.C., took the appointment with pride and went to work.

Woodfield knew that his job did not call for him particularly to carry on promotion with the members of the association or to merely write articles for the Horseshoes World, but to publicize the sport to people who regularly have no contact with the association. He did a fine job at this post for a year, a year in which he also became better known to the members of the association.

Page resigned as president a few months after the 1940 convention, and was automatically replaced by Jack Claves.

The 1941 convention at Des Moines saw nothing specially important happen except that Mr. Woodfield was elected president; Archie Gregson of Miami, Oklahoma, husband of the out-going Treasurer, was elected secretary-treasurer; Clayton Henson, Arlington, Virginia; Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa; and John Rossellet, New Jersey; took the vice-presidents post.

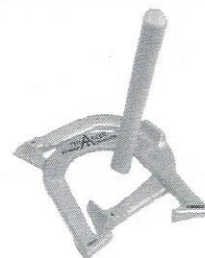
As president of the association, Woodfield was destined to lay down a record for performance which is unmatched by any past officer.

The war delayed another convention until 1946, again at Des Moines, Woodfield was re-elected, as was Gregson who had proved to be a good right-hand man to him; Rossellet had been killed in the war.

Again in 1947, Woodfield was re-elected, this time at the Salt Lake City convention. Harvey Clear, Santa Cruz was elected secretary-treasurer; Archie Stokes, Salt Lake City, already a second-vice president was elected first vice president; Guy C. Wertz, Waukesha, Wisconsin, who delivered a bid of \$3,000.00 for the 1948 tournament, was chosen second vice-president; and Jimmy O'Shea, Brockton, Mass. was elected third vice-president.

At Milwaukee in 1948, Woodfield was replaced as president by Arlo Harris of Indianapolis, Indiana, but before this took place, the delegates showed their appreciation to Mr. Woodfield by electing him Honorary President for life. Bryon Jaskulek, New York, who has served as second vice-president from 1946-1947, was elected first vice-president. Mr. Wertz was re-elected second vice-president; and Louis Dean, Pomona, California, became third vice-president.

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The 1940 world championship tournament was held at Des Moines. In the round-robin, Ted Allen, Boulder, Colorado, defending champion; Guy Zimmerman, the of Sac City, Iowa but later a California resident; and Fernando Isias, Los Angeles, tied for the title. The playoff finished in the above order.

One of the tournament games, between Allen and Zimmerman, saw each man pitch 145 ringers for the greatest game of horseshoe ever tossed. That is still the topnotch of all games. Zimmerman averaged 86.1% ringers for the 31 game round-robin, a world record that was to stand until 1948.

The 1941 world meet was also held at Des Moines. In this event, Fernando Isias, 27 years old, lifted the crown from Ted Allen. In the Isias-Allen clash, Isias hooked 130 ringers. He has 15 double ringers in a row.

Allen had been King of the pitchers since 1933 and he had been the undisputed master of the thirties, regarded without question as the number 1 tosser of all time. The forties, at least to 1948, was to see him relegated to the back seat, but yet, still a very dangerous threat to the driver, Isias, who is driving the championship car as this article is being written.

The war delayed the big tournaments until 1946 when the title was again settled at Des Moines. Isias did not appear to defend his title.

This tournament produced the greatest climax and suspense of any match in all of horseshoe history. So large was the audience, that several men perched themselves in nearby trees nearly an hour before the contest in order to assure themselves of excellent viewpoints.

Ted Allen and Casey Jones, Waukesha, Wisconsin, were the combatants. Jones has lost a round-robin match to John Lindmeier, Chicago, while Allen had been handed a setback at the hands of John Sebeck, the Ohio express.

The suspense was supreme as Allen and Jones came out into the courts to settle the Championship of the World in one fifty point game. Two of the official scorekeepers, Mrs. Archie Gregson and Andrew Storarik were so taken by the suspense that they mentioned that their knees were trembling.

In what still stands as the second greatest match of all time, Allen scored 139 ringers to 137 ringer for Jones to regain the championship of the sport which he loves so much and for which he has done so much to elevate.

The 1947 world tournament was played at Murray, Utah, on what are said to be the best tournament courts ever constructed. Isias regained his championship. Probably the outstanding performance in the tournament was a new world record of 22 straight double ringers by Wayne Nelson, Muncie, Indiana. Murray, Utah, won the reputation of having been the most generous host the world meets has ever had. Free tickets for refreshments were provided daily to the contestants.

In 1948, at Milwaukee, Fernando walked away with the championship by about as uncomfortable a margin as anyone could afford. Allen, Zimmerman and Jones tied for second with Tommy Brownell, promising 26-year-old World War II veteran right behind. Allen and Jones are also war veterans as are many others in the National Association.

In this Milwaukee tournament, Allen finishes one game with 29 consecutive double ringers and started the next one with seven straight; Guy Zimmermann pitched the first perfect game in all history, twenty-two straight doubles out of 44 shoes; Jones had 87.5% ringer for a new world record for 31 games.

There were daily radio and television broadcasts at which the pitchers appeared. In addition to the pitchers, Mr. Wertz gave a talk on the benefits to ones health from pitching, the writer talked about his experiences as Director of Horseshoe Pitching for the Army in World War II and Bryon Jaskulek told about horseshoe pitching in New York City. Several wives of the contestants appeared in television.

The prizes awarded at Milwaukee amounted to \$3,000, very good; the weather was excellent, but the pitchers went away with a gripe such as has never been equaled in horseshoe history.

The courts faced east-west, the pegs were not set solid and most of them came loose during the games, only one groundskeeper was hired, and his was a 110-pound man, 62 years old and he could not possibly handle the work that had to be done, a roller coaster within 30 feet of the courts caused as Roy Smith says, "An infernal" roar, and the writer serving as an announcer for the tournament did not have sufficient electric cord to cover all courts. These are only part of the complaints. Alvin Dahlene recently wrote about the 17-inch "telescope courts." This caused one to wonder if any of the records established at Milwaukee will be recognized as official.

Another complaint was that it had been announced before the tournament that the players would be treated to two

HORSESHOE PITCHINGS **FACTS AND FOLKLORE** *Cont.*

banquets, and the director of the tournament, Mr. Guy C. Wertz, contacted on his own responsibility to produce a number of dinners. But when the pitchers learned that they had to pay for the plates and that nothing was to be free, many of them did not go to the banquets.

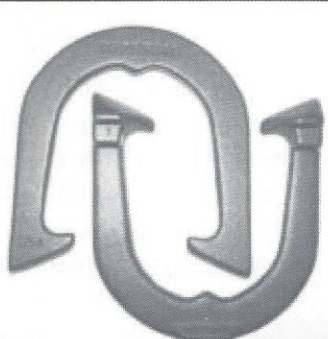
The operating expenses of the tournament were paid by the Wisconsin Centennial Commission. The writer received his pay directly from that source, as did Mr. Wertz. The writer was definitely under contract with the Centennial Commission, not the Association.

But Harvey Clear, hardest working official at the tournament, was unpaid for the tedious job he performed. Around twenty persons who served as scorekeepers went unremunerated. This was another oversight.

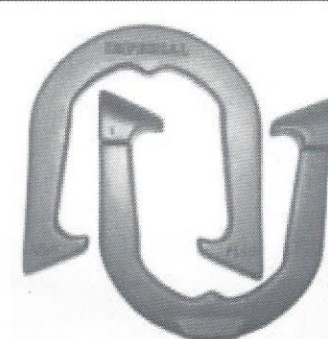
But, let's not forget this. Suppose Mr. Wertz has offered \$2,000 which was what was paid at Salt Lake City, our guess is that if he had made that offer when he made a bid of \$3,000, he would still have had the tournament. The pitchers divided \$1,000 more than they received the year before, but they received some inconveniences in addition.

The horseshoe game had been on an increasing march of national popularity since 1944, and by the time of the Milwaukee tournament, the peak was the highest yet reached in all history.


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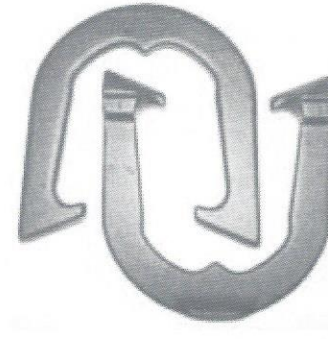
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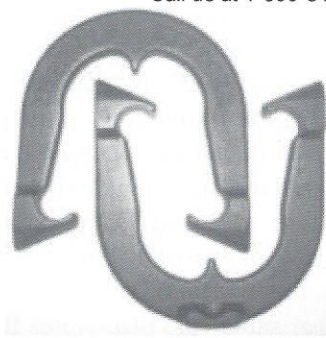
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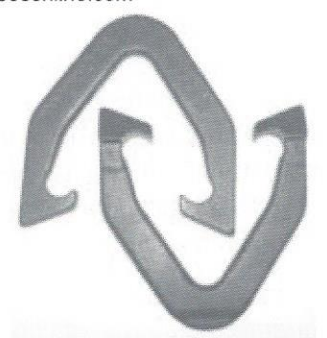
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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Dan Sanders

New Regional Director

After many years of serving as the Regional Director of Nevada, Don Weaver has decided to step down. Thanks Don, for your many years of service! The newly named Regional Director is Chad Hyatt. As many of you know, Chad has been a horseshoe pitcher for many years and has also been very active with the Nevada Charter. I'm looking forward to working with Chad and know that he will do a fine job. If you see Chad, please congratulate him on this new appointment!

Court Sanction Update Information

As most of you are aware, sanctioned courts are now a requirement for all sanctioned leagues and sanctioned tournaments. This new requirement became effective on January 1st of this year and as a result of a lot of work by our Regional Directors, in cooperation with their Charter Club members, the vast majority of courts have now been sanctioned. There are some courts, however, that did not meet one or more of the basic requirements for a court sanction (see RGS Book, pgs. 34-38), but that can still be used for sanctioned events if a Court Upgrades Agreement Form has been completed and is on file with the Charter RD. This agreement allows for un-interrupted and continued use of the courts while the required upgrades are being made for a period of up to three years, depending on the number of courts and the amount of work that is necessary. This "grace period" should allow enough time for the raising of funds and for the time that may be required for the completion of this work, after which the courts can be sanctioned.

Requirements for a Basic Court Sanction

The basic requirements for a court sanction include properly marked foul lines, stake size and placement, minimum pit size, approved pit material, and a protective barrier surrounding the courts. If the courts of a complex meet these basic requirements, the complex can be officially "sanctioned" by the Regional Director, a basic Court Sanction Certificate can be issued, and sanctioned events can be scheduled. For the basic requirements listed above, most are self-explanatory, but I'd like to discuss two of them more fully.

There have been a lot of questions about what a "protective barrier surrounding the courts" means. For most of us, a fence comes to mind and most horseshoe complexes *do*

have a protective fence surrounding the courts, for safety reasons. This is perhaps the best type of protective barrier, especially if it is a chain-link type of fence that is capable of stopping an errant horseshoe. We have learned, however, that some City Parks will not allow any fencing on the "sides" of the courts. The usual reason offered is that the sides must remain open for maintenance equipment, such as lawnmowers, for example. In such situations, we recommend that while sanctioned events are being held, a temporary plastic-type of fence could be used, or at the very least, a rope (with streamers attached) could be placed across these open ends. This would at least help to keep spectators and/or small children from entering the courts area during scheduled games.

Another basic requirement that has received some recent attention and was brought up for discussion at the Regional Director's meeting in York, PA earlier this year, is the minimum pit size requirement of 31" x 43" (a width of 36" and length of 48" is recommended). As the most important question here is about the reason for the 31" minimum width, here is the explanation: Everyone knows that a shoe that is within 6" of the stake scores a point, and that sometimes the shoe is just barely within this 6" distance. We must now take into account the diagonal measurement of a horseshoe, which for most is 9", and which will extend beyond the 6-inch "in count" area surrounding the stake. Since a horseshoe may land in the pit in any orientation, we must use this maximum measurement when calculating the minimum width of the pit; a measurement which will allow the shoe to land as a "fair" shoe and still remain "in count". The 9" diagonal measurement of the shoe, plus the 6" "in count" area surrounding the stake is equal to the 15" minimum distance required on each side of the stake. Including the 1" diameter of the stake, the total minimum width of the pit must be 31 inches. When/if the width of the pit is less than 31", we have a "playing field" where there can be a conflict of our Playing Rules since it is now possible for a shoe to be touching the framework of the pit, but that can also be within 6" of the stake. Our rules state that a shoe that hits or touches the framework of the pit/court is to be considered a foul or "dead" shoe, has no point value, and is to be removed from the pit. The rules also state that a shoe that lands within 6" of the stake has a value of one point. But this same rule also states that it must be a

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“live” shoe. And so described here is this conflict of rules, created in situations where the width of the pit is less than 31”. And so how do we resolve this dilemma, where we do have some existing courts (mostly portable courts) that are less than 31” wide? In most cases, a Court Upgrades Agreement Form (temporary waiver) is in place and the courts will be re-built, or a small section of the wooden sides can be modified with a router or in other ways that will allow for the minimum width of 31”. As we currently don’t have any hard data as to the extent of this problem (where upgrade agreements may not have been reached), the next step will be to contact all RDs to gather some additional information. This question will become a topic of discussion at our up-coming Winter Council meeting and we will be reporting back to you in the next issue of Newsline Magazine.

Full Court Sanction Status

When reading about Court Specifications in the RGS Book, you will notice that there are several other court specifications listed and described here, in addition to the *basic requirements* that are named there. These additional specifications include *extended pitching platforms, full walkways, levelness of courts, backstops, imaginary stakes, a minimum distance between adjacent courts*, etc. which a large percentage of our horseshoe courts already have in place. It is important for you to realize, however, that *none* of the specifications listed here are currently required for a court complex to be sanctioned (see the above section for these basic requirements). But when *all* of the courts of a complex meet *all* of the RGS Book specifications, the courts can be *fully sanctioned* by the RD, and a Full Court Sanction Certificate can be issued.

I’m happy to announce that over 50% of the courts across the US are already fully sanctioned, with many more that fall short of a full court sanction by just one or two of these requirements. For those courts that are *not* currently fully sanctioned, we encourage all club members to work toward this goal. And if you don’t know which of these specifications needs to be worked on, they have been marked on the back of the Court Sanction Certificate that was issued by your Regional Director. The ultimate goal here, of course, would be to have *all* courts of all Charters become fully sanctioned; sometime in the future.

Sanctioned Tournament Update Information

I’m happy to announce that there has been an apparent increase in the number of sanctioned tournaments during this year. Many of our Regional Directors have requested additional Tournament Champion, Class Champion patches, and others, and I’ve had to re-order 650 additional patches from our supplier! This is all very good news which I cannot explain, but I’d like to believe that perhaps the earlier court upgrade requirements, for the sanctioning of our courts, may have had something to do with this. I think that most of you will agree that it is much more enjoyable to pitch on courts where there are clearly and accurately marked foul lines, where the stakes are properly set, etc., etc. I’d also like to thank any and all you who may have been involved with this court upgrades work! Keep up this good work and strive toward full court sanction certification for your courts, if you’re not already there. Pitching on courts that have been maintained properly *does* make a big difference and can only help to attract and keep new members!

JOTTINGS

by Bob Dunn

One of the functions of the NHPA Historian is to present our sport’s history to the membership and the public. Although being historian for only a few months, presenting bits of our history is something I have done for several years as part of my articles.

The stories, data and much of this information has come from magazines that are part of our NHPA Hall of Fame archives. Another goal should be to enhance the preservation and availability of our

history archives for the NHPA membership through both innovative displays at the Hall of Fame site and through the electronic means of a website.

If you have enjoyed reading these articles over the years, and would like to assist in the preservation of our history, please make a donation to the NHPF to support our NHPA Hall of Fame. There is only a short time remaining in 2008, so don’t procrastinate. Thank You!

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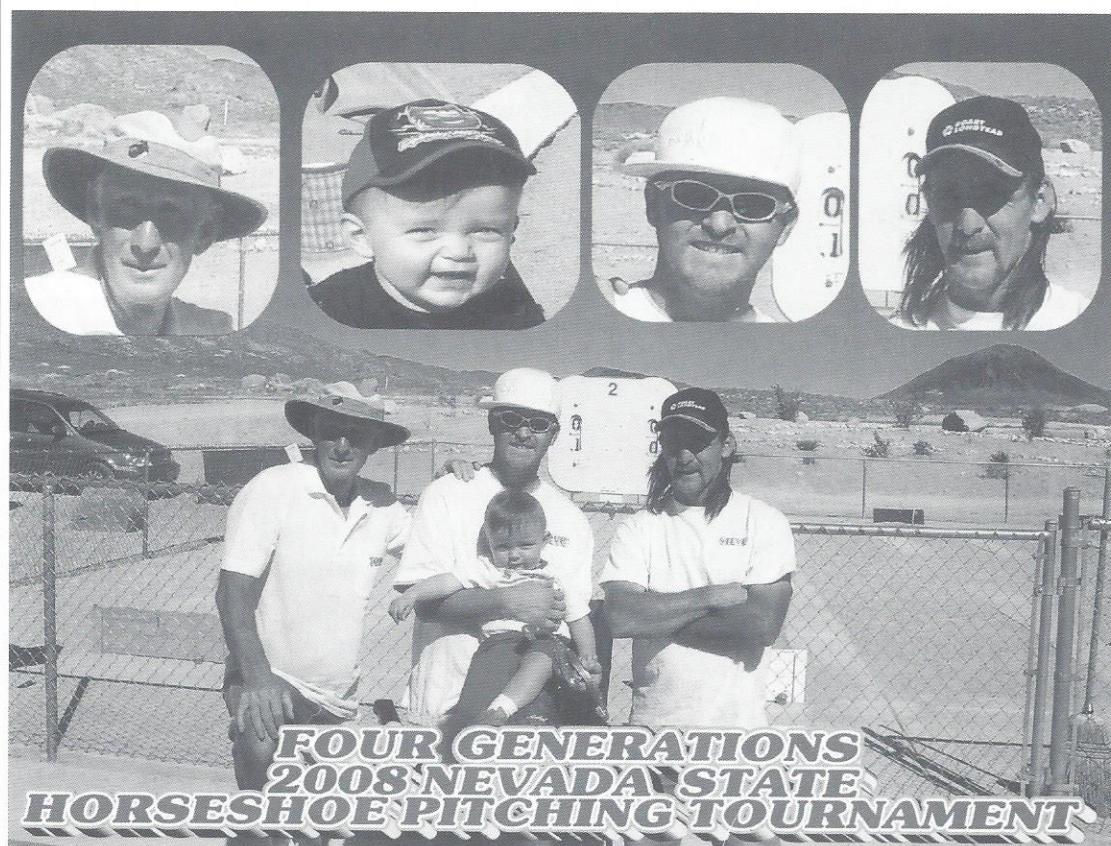
Boise, Idaho and the surrounding area recently hosted their first Western States Police and Fire Games (WSPFG), this event is noted for being the third largest event in the United States. The Treasure Valley Horseshoe Club hosted the horseshoe pitching event at Julia Davis Park in Boise. Among those that helped out were Don Titcomb, Jerry Smith, Bob Riley, Glen Warwick and folks from the police and fire games committee. I would like to thank Bob, Don and Glen for their hard work. I would especially like to thank Jerry Smith for all his hard work and coordination of the event, and Harlen Rippetoe from California who was also among the winners in both days the event was held.

The 2008 Senior Games was held at Storey Park in Meridian, Idaho and coordinated by Don Titcomb and David Spears and was a great success. Don Titcomb has been working with the schools in Meridian, Idaho and has had as of the time of this letter well over 100

students come out and get exposed to the great game of Horseshoes. The Lifetime Sport Classes are held weekly with the Meridian schools.

Other news worth mentioning is that Don Titcomb, over the last three years, has been working with the Meridian Parks and Recreation Department in trying to get a horseshoe pitching complex built at one of the local parks, he recently shared news with me and others that the Parks Department has approved the building of the complex and will be starting construction this fall on the facility, a dedication tournament will be held at the new facility in the Spring of 2009, Don also noted that this facility, once constructed, will be the finest facility in the Northwest and should be a great host site to many tournaments and guests as well throughout the community.

Information provided by:
David Spears
Idaho RD



This picture was taken at the Nevada State Championships August 23, 2008.

The picture is four generations. The only one that did not pitch was the little guy.

Tom McQueen –
Steven McQueen, Jr. –
Steven McQueen, Sr.
and Emanuel.

This is something you don't see at too many tournaments.

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PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

by Casey Sluys

BIG CITIES

There are a great many metropolitan areas without a place to pitch horseshoes. In my own area, for instance, a former San Francisco Club folded due primarily to the lack of actively recruiting new members, the lack of cooperation of the city parks department, and the homeless element of society. (Aka druggies and bums) There seems to be a notion that people are just plain too busy with making a living to become involved with horseshoe pitching. Just about the same thing happened across the bay in Oakland. The criminal element took over the park making it very uncomfortable and even hazardous to pitch horseshoes there. Both these facilities were established in a much simpler time, the 20's and 30's.

The point I'm trying to make here is why aren't there facilities in the inner cities of our country? There are many boy/girls clubs where kids "hang out" so let's approach these organizations and introduce them to horseshoe pitching. That's not to say that all their present activities are not worthwhile, it's simply an added outdoor activity they could enjoy. Speak with the various counselors of these clubs to see if you could introduce them to horseshoe pitching. Begin with a short presentation and perhaps one portable pit. You could use rags or carpet for a surface to pitch into on that pit. This is simply to let them try their hand at pitching shoes.

There is excellent clinic material available on our website that you could use in conjunction with your presentation. Here is the URL: <http://www.horseshoepitching.com/publicity/promo/clinic.shtml> Or simply go to Publicity and then Promotional Tools. Go through it and use what you want for your initial presentation. It's not necessary to inundate them with information when making an initial presentation, but once you get the okay to continue, then use the remaining material to further their knowledge of our fine sport. Let's make a concerted effort this winter to introduce these inner city kids to horseshoe pitching.


It's really a simple matter of making that initial contact!

WEBSITES

Back to the San Francisco Club for a minute. A few months ago Peter Zapponi contacted me for information on our charter and how to begin a club. He had already developed a website called www.sfhorseshoepitching.com He used the following software program to do this: www.wetpaint.com. Presently he is the only member, but we've supplied him with NHPA brochures plus NorCal brochures to hand out to people. The Golden Gate Park facility is still rundown and unsafe; he'll be using the courts at Stern Grove to begin his club. He's spoken with the maintenance crew at this place and they've cleaned it up real nice for him already. We're looking forward to add another club to Northern California.


Upon taking a look at what Peter had created, this stimulated another idea. Could we all try to create individual websites within our charter? There is no reason why we couldn't is there? You've got a long winter coming and an ideal opportunity to do some creative web design. The Internet has been with us for a number of years now and horseshoe pitching is prominently displayed, but it

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All of us owe a debt of gratitude to Steve Summerlin! Without him managing our website and the many charter websites he maintains, we'd still be stuck in the 60's. Oh yeah... he says he's gonna teach me website design so I can assume some of the duties in this charter.

THIS & THAT

Please do what you can to make this publication a household item for every member. It should be a must read for the whole membership not just those wanting to subscribe. Give away a years subscription in the raffles you conduct. When our membership reads The Horseshoe Pitching Newline they will be much better informed. We're going on our 21st year of this publication and there are still many members who are not subscribers.

Thank you to all those newsletter editors that have continually sent their newsletters to me through the years. Please change that now to Tina Hawkins who's address is: Tina Hawkins, Rt. 4, Box 52, Marlow, OK 73055

Having enjoyed my 14 years as your NHPA Second Vice President, it's time to say goodbye and good luck to my successor Tina Hawkins. I certainly hope she gets even better cooperation that I've received over the years. I could not have put in 14 years without the support of my wife of 40 years, Gail. Her patience, support, and hard work at

World Tournaments made this task rather enjoyable. I used her as a sounding board for 'new' ideas and if they were received with silence I'd work some more to refine them until I heard, "yeah, that might work". We will continue to be involved with horseshoes, but at a charter level instead of a national level. Even though I am not obligated to write an article every two months, Gail says she can't imagine me not having something to say? Well that may be the case and you're likely to hear from me time and again. I'd also like to thank my fellow officers for their guidance and support through the years. I'll miss the camaraderie and friendships that developed in guiding an organization such as this. Church mouse, I'll miss ya!

Gail, Travis and I wish you all a great holiday season and may your winter be mild.

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WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE

by Stu Sipma

With all the information that was put into the last issue of Newslite, I decided to wait until this issue to update everyone regarding World Tournament information and the bidding process for 2011.

Congratulations to Mary Lee Malmberg, Director of Sports Tourism, Ralph Palmer, LeRoy Law, Leo Buell, and all the other volunteers on their successful bid for the 2010 World Tournament. It will be held July 26th – August 7th at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I kept telling these folks the third time would be the charm and wouldn't you know, it was. Good luck to Cedar Rapids!

Also, thank you to the other sites bidding to host this event. The NHPA really appreciates all the time and efforts of everyone involved with the bidding process.

2008 World Tournament – York, PA

For those of you who could not make the 2008 World Tournament at York, Pennsylvania; you missed one great show! Not only did you miss breaking in the new portable courts and rubber mats, you missed some mighty fine horseshoe pitching.

I want to thank the Pennsylvania Horseshoe Club(s), CVB personnel and all the volunteers who were involved in setting up the new portable courts, cutting the rubber mats and spray painting foul lines. The Expo Center was a great facility to host this event. A special thanks to Laura Bookwalter and Lee and Dale Estep for the many hours they contributed in bringing this event to York and more so for the huge success in running this tournament. I have heard rumors they are already considering bidding again, however, using the Toyota Arena right next door.

I want to take just a quick moment to congratulate all the 2008 World Champions. I do also want to congratulate Alan Francis on his two perfect games and the World Record for pitching the highest average in a World Tournament.

2009 World Tournament – Springfield, IL July 27th – August 8th

As we move into 2009, many of us are already making our plans to participate in the 2009 World Tournament in Springfield, Illinois. Springfield will be hosting the 2009 World Tournament with the scheduled dates of July 27th – August 8th. The host site will be the Prairie Capital Convention Center (PCCC) in downtown Springfield with the Hilton Springfield Hotel and the President Abraham President Hotel (PALH) being the two host hotels (located adjacent to the Convention Center). The PCCC is an indoor, air-conditioned facility with 34,596 square feet of arena space with seating all around the perimeter. A

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WINNER OF 2009 **WORLD TOURNAMENT PACKAGE**

The winner of five nights at the Springfield Hilton Hotel and five dinners at five of Springfield's finest restaurants during the 2009 World Horseshoe Tournament to be held in Springfield, Illinois is Terry Hlavac from Chicago, Illinois. When reached for comment, Terry said, "That is fantastic!!! My family and I are very excited about the Tournament being in Springfield and look forward to spending time in the Capital city. Thanks to the Capital Area Sports Commission for sponsoring this drawing."

The dates of the Tournament are July 27 through August the 8, 2009. Make your plans now to attend.

Bill Marvin

great place to showcase this event! Bill Marvin will be the host director for this event. Bill spent approximately three weeks at York this past year assisting in the set up and loading of the portable courts, mats and accessories. The NHPA trailer has already made its move to Springfield. I want to wish the Illinois Horseshoe Club the best of luck in making this event a very successful one. For more information regarding this event call (800)545-7300.

2008 TEAMS Pittsburgh, PA

Due to the huge success of past TEAMS (Travel, Events and Management in Sports) Conventions held in Louisville and Houston, they have requested the NHPA to once again participate and present the World Horseshoe Tournament at this years event in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This convention will have more than 1,300 event organizers, event rights holders, host designations, suppliers, and sports-event sponsors. Groups from all around the USA, Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico will be represented this year. Once again, I will be presenting a short overview at the beginning of the convention to all attendees with individual appointments with communities to follow over the three days. The dates for this event will be October 22nd – 24th at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center right by the famous Three Rivers.

2011 BIDDING PROCESS OPEN

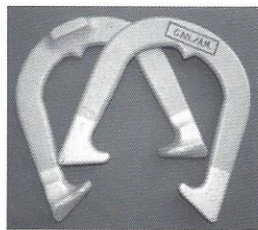
I want to take this time to discuss the revised World Tournament Contract. Since the delegate meeting in York, there was one By-Law change that affected our World Tournament contract. The delegates voted to increase the bid fee from \$15,000 to \$21,000. The reason for this was mostly due to the inflationary costs associated with hosting an event of this magnitude. I feel we have plenty of interest in our tournament that this dollar amount should not discourage sites that are interested in bringing this great event to their city.

Bids are open for the 2011 World Tournament and will remain open until March 15, 2009. At the 2008 delegate meeting, I presented to the delegates a list of approximately 11 locations that have expressed an interest in bidding. Since this time, I have been in close communication with two sites that are expressing great interest in completing a contract and submitting it to the NHPA.

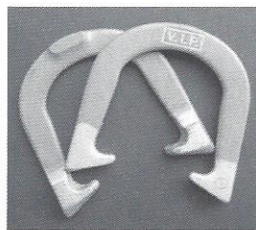
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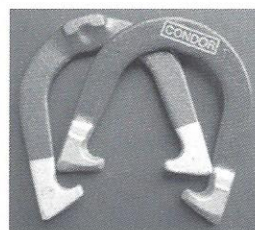
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NHPA ANNUAL CONVENTION MINUTES

July 13, 2008

President Paul Stewart called the convention to order at 8:30 AM in the "Pennsylvania Room" of the York Expo Center. Ken Heinritz delivered a very inspirational invocation. The audience then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul asked for a motion to accept the meeting rules. The motion was made and seconded and passed by voice vote.

The meeting minute's committee was introduced. Jerry LaBrosse, chairperson, Jane Smith and Bonnie Seibold (substituting for George Nick).

Paul then opened discussion on the financial report, prepared by Dick Hansen, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. Being no discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the report as written, and passed by voice vote.

Bill Marvin and Leo Bratland then gave a report on plans for the 2009 world tournament to be held in Springfield, IL. Both men answered questions and said everything was in line for another successful tournament.

NHPA 5th VP Stuart Sipma then introduced the bidders for the 2010 world tournament to give their presentations. Little Rock, Arkansas was first; Pocatello, Idaho was second; Lebanon, Ohio was third and Cedar Rapids, Iowa was last. Mary Lee Malmberg, Cedar Rapids spokesperson, came out in scuba gear, making fun of the recent flooding in Cedar Rapids. The crowd enjoyed the humor.

After the bidder presentations, the credential report was ready and announced. On first ballot votes, there were 130 ballots and 66 would be needed for a majority. Second ballot votes would have 129 ballots (one ballot vote not present) and 65 would be needed for a majority.

Bylaw voting would have 128 total ballots and 86 would be needed for a 2/3 majority.

After a 10-minute recess, roll call was taken and the vote was taken for the 2010 tournament location. During the ballot counting, Brian Fisher talked about travel tips for NHPA members. Tina Hawkins also addressed the group and spoke about some promotion ideas.

Paul Stewart then announced that all three NHPA Officer positions up for voting were uncontested, and that all three were considered elected by acclamation. The positions were NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, Dick Hansen; NHPA 4th VP, Jerry LaBrosse and NHPA 2nd VP, Tina Hawkins. Tina is replacing outgoing 2nd VP Casey Sluys, who served that position for 14 years. Casey gave a thank you/ farewell speech and received a standing ovation.

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NHPA ANNUAL CONVENTION MINUTES *Continued*

Paul Stewart then announced that Cedar Rapids, IA was the successful bidder for the 2010 world tournament.

Stu Sipma then proceeded to read the proposed Bylaw changes that were up for voting. There were five items up for voting. After reading and discussing each one, the votes were taken. While the ballots were being counted, Paul opened discussion about the world tournament pitching format. Several ideas were discussed and a show of hands indicated that the current format was acceptable. The voting results were announced, and all five proposals passed the required 2/3 majority vote. Proposal #1 raised the NHPA membership dues \$5.00, passed 104-22. Proposal #2 raised the world tournament contract bid from \$15,000 to \$21,000, passed 122-4. Proposal #3 changed the date that candidates for NHPA office must announce their candidacy to no later than February 1st, passed 125-1. Proposal #4 changed the voting cycle of Bylaws to every three years, passed 91-35. Proposal #5 changed the voting cycle for rules to every three years, passed 91-35.

Officer reports were the next agenda item. Dan Sanders, NHPA 1st VP, reported on the court sanctioning process and indicated that it was proceeding well. Lorraine Sternberg, NHPA 3rd VP, talked about the club team tournament held in Wentzville, MO, location of the new NHPA Hall of Fame. Casey Sluys just stood up and again thanked the delegates for their appreciation of his service to the NHPA. Jerry LaBrosse, NHPA 4th VP, spoke about the new equipment project and also informed the delegates about why George Nick was not present. He told them that George was involved in a bad car accident and regretted that he could not attend the meeting, and extended his greetings to all of his longtime friends. Stu Sipma talked about the process of seeking world tournament bidders, and listed several that were interested in hosting future world tournaments. Justin Sipma, NHPA Junior Promotions Director, introduced himself and talked about promoting juniors. Glen Jamieson spoke to the delegates about Natstats and prompt reporting. Paul Stewart announced that Bob Dunn, MN, had been appointed to the position of NHPA Historian. Dave Loucks, NHPF Board Chairman, gave an update on NHPF activities. Roy Evans, NHPA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to lack of space in this issue, the Toll of Time will not be published. All submission will be published in the January/February 2009 issue.

Game Related Sales Director, gave an update on sales activities, and said this year's world tournament sales had been going extremely well.

Dick Hansen then proposed that the delegates approve a standing rule addition to donate \$1.00 per member annually to the NHPF, something that had been happening every year, but was not in the standing rules. The proposal passed by voice vote.

In the open general good and welfare of the NHPA discussion, Don Titcomb spoke about establishing a new set of regional Directors dedicated solely to promotion. Dave Loucks suggested that since the new rule and bylaw voting cycle had been changed to every third year, that the "off" year could be filled with world tournament bidders. Stu Sipma added that he would explore that suggestion to see if it were feasible.

President Paul Stewart then adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

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RULES COMMITTEE

by Jerry LaBrosse

As you may have heard, there were some changes made to the voting cycle of rules and bylaws at the 2008 convention in York, PA. Beginning in 2009, the cycle will be every three years instead of every other year. This means that rule change proposals will be voted on at next year's convention in Springfield, IL and then again at the 2012 convention. Bylaws will be considered for changes at the 2010 convention in Cedar Rapids, IA, and then again at the 2013 convention. I would like to remind anyone that wishes to submit a rules change proposal for consideration in 2009 that the deadline for submitting proposals is December 31, 2008. All bylaw change proposals need to be received by the bylaw committee chairperson, NHPA 5th VP Stuart Sipma, by December 31, 2009.

I have received a small number of rules change proposals for consideration this year. Some have made it through the rules committee and some have not. I would like to say again that the members of the rules committee are all very level headed, seasoned veterans of our sport, and consider these proposals with the overall good of the NHPA in mind, not their personal interests. We are

striving to preserve the integrity of our sport, while at the same time not complicating and bogging down the rules process.

Equipment Update

I want to thank the members who responded with suggestions and ideas to improve the new equipment used in York this past summer. A few members have made

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suggestions pertaining to the front bumper boards of the new portable courts. The issue I most want to solve is the durability of the rubber pad, and also to reduce the rebound of shoes that hit the front board. Although there will always be shoes flying around the court area, we want to do everything possible to keep this to a minimum.

My first thoughts on solving this problem were to find a material that would absorb the impact of the shoes, and also be indestructible. I knew that this would be a tough thing to achieve, and that such a material may not even exist. Some of the suggested materials may improve the durability, but wouldn't really improve upon the rebound effect we have now. However, a Minnesota member called one evening and discussed the possibility of putting a softer foam rubber layer of material between the front pad and the board itself. If the front rubber pad had a little "give" to it, perhaps it would hold up longer, and

also not have the rebound effect. As they are now, the 1/2" rubber pad is tight against a solid board. Also, the board itself is secured only on the ends. So imagine the spring effect we are getting when a shoe hits in the middle of the board. Granted that clay should be packed tightly behind the front board, but many this year in York were not, and I'm convinced that this "hollow" area behind the board contributed to the springiness. It will be very important in future setups to make sure that clay is packed securely behind these front boards, to reduce the spring board effect, and to hold them more securely in the proper position throughout the tournament.

The pads have been shipped to my testing facility, and will be upgraded over the winter. I'll be testing this idea, and am confident that we will be able to improve the front bumper design and function. There will be updates on this testing in upcoming articles.

Income & Expense Statement July, August & September 2008

Income

Hall of Fame Banquet	\$ 25.00
Junior Donation	\$ 10.00
Membership Dues	\$ 28,304.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$ 4,407.00
Newsline Ads	\$ 510.00
Refund from Comfort Inn, York, PA.	\$ 172.22
Sanction League Patches	\$ 57.00
Sanction Club/League Tournament Entry Fees	\$ 2,100.00
Transferred From NHPA Money Market	\$ 41,000.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$ 228.38
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$ 399.21
World Tournament Court Sponsorship	\$ 2,100.00
World Tournament Entry Fees	\$ 775.00
World Tournament Finals Fees	\$ 3,500.00
World Tournament Game By Game Printouts	\$ 691.00
World Tournament Patches	\$ 385.00
World Tournament Photos	\$ 2,000.00
World Tournament Unused Scorekeeping funds	\$ 17,451.00

Total Income **\$ 104,114.81**

Expenses

Newsline Printing, supplies & mailing	\$ 10,476.03
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$ 780.00
Sanctioned League Postage & Printing	\$ 206.99
All Junior Trust Funds	\$ 1,878.77
World Tournament cash, patches and trophy awards	\$ 164,752.62
World Tournament Travel Expenses	\$ 18,167.81
World Tournament Admin. Costs.	
Printing, office supplies, etc.	\$ 51,960.26
WT Bid Refunds	\$ 15,250.00
Hall of Fame Awards Supplies & Expenses	\$ 616.03
Sanctioned Tournament Patches	\$ 281.78
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs	\$ 1,716.04
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Special Events	\$ 405.56
NatStats	\$ 1,701.22
Internet Access & Web Site	\$ 421.65

Total Expenses **\$ 280,015.28**

From the books of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

Note. The \$17,000 in unused score keeping funds was caused because the local bank in York, PA would not release funds from a cashiers check that was used to open the account for 5 business days. So in order to pay the judges and score keepers additional funds had to be transferred by using the NHPA credit card. Those funds were returned then after the tournament.

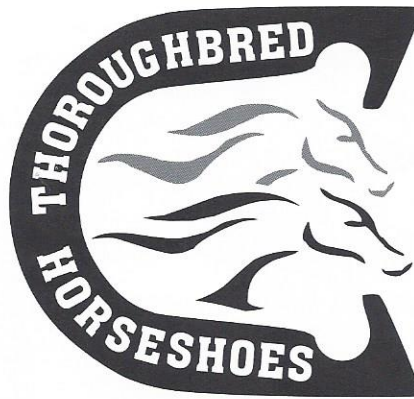
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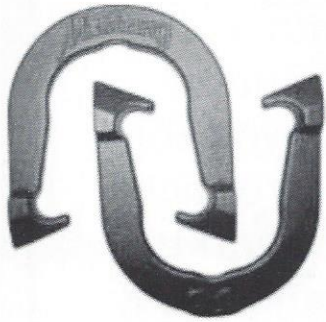
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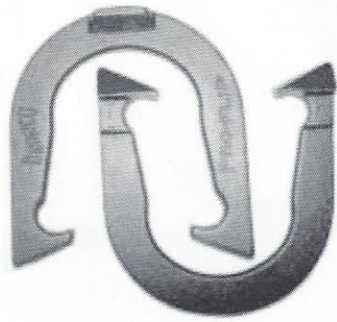


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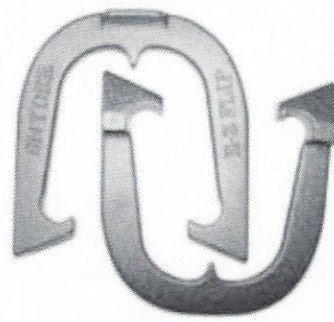
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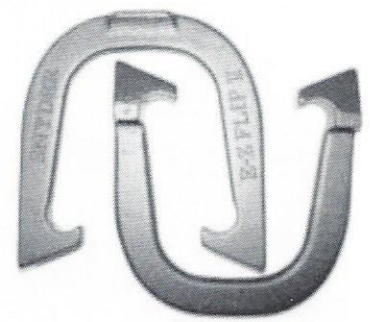
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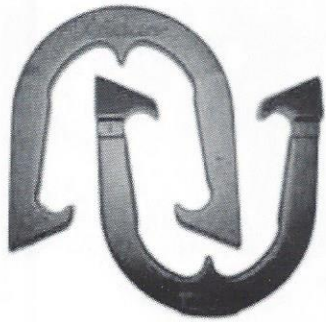
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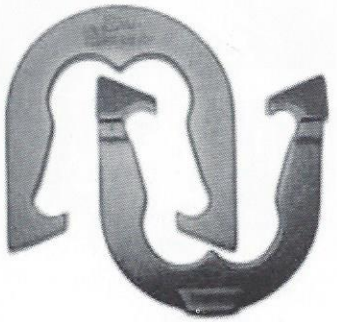
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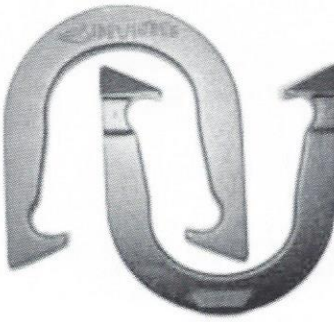
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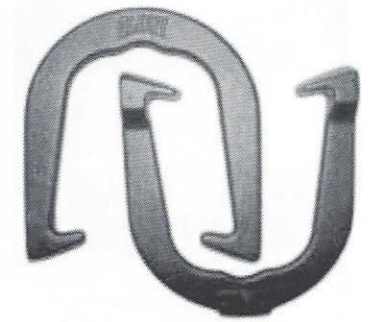
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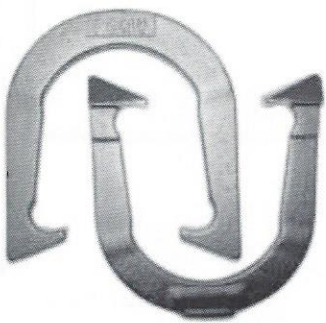
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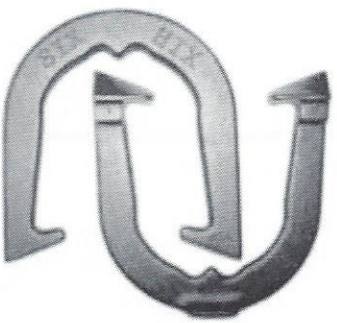
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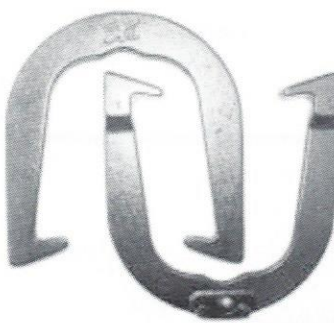
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