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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Paul Stewart

It's been a long hard winter for most of us with the weather and also the down-turn in our economy. This makes me, along with most of you, even more anxious to get the new horseshoe pitching season under way. I hope 2009 will be a good year for all of us in horseshoes.

The NHPA Council has just concluded our winter meeting where we discussed and ruled on present and future business of the NHPA. We had a two full days of business meeting. Several of our discussions and decisions are reported in detail in other articles in this issue of Newsline.

One of our discussions was about seeking a sponsor for our World Tournament to help offset some of our world tournament expenses and prize funds. Our 2nd Vice President & Publicity Director, Tina Hawkins, has hit the ground running with a complete sponsorship package and will be sending it out to potential sponsors soon. If you think you know of a company or organization that might be interested in seeing our sponsorship package, Tina would like to know about them.

Most of you have seen our new website look and we hope you like it and are getting use to the new links and how they are arranged. I am sure we will make some adjustments to

some links in the future as needed. Steve Summerlin, our webmaster, has put long hours of work into our website and we have received compliments from other websites saying what a nice website the NHPA has. We are adding more information to the website almost every day, plus it is a constant battle of keeping hackers out of our forums and guest book. This may cause temporary unavailability to that forum or guest book, but we will have it back on line as soon as possible.

Bill Marvin, Springfield, and all of the Illinois gang is working hard to see that the 2009 World Tournament will be a great experience for you and one of the best World Tournament that you have attended. We hope you are planning to attend.

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club of Wentzville Missouri, keepers of our Hall of Fame, are also looking forward to the 2009 World Tournament and are expecting a lot more visitors to the Hall of Fame since Springfield is only about ninety miles from Wentzville, MO. If you have not had the opportunity to visit our Hall of Fame yet, this will be a great chance to do so and I promise you will be amazed and glad you did.



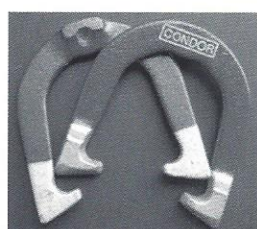
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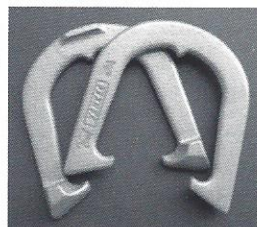
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NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

The NHPF received its charitable, tax-exempt status as a Public Foundation in 1997. While the primary goal was to raise funds to build a National Hall of Fame, another goal was to provide grants to assist in the upgrade or construction of new horseshoe courts on public land. A grant program for this purpose was started in 2003. Since that time, 32 grant requests have been received with 27 approved for amounts between \$750-\$1,000.

As a Public Foundation, the NHPF can provide grant money only for horseshoe pitching related projects that benefit the general public or are made on property supported by tax dollars: city, county, state or federal. Two of the most recent grant requests that had to be denied were from clubs who wanted financial aid to put permanent in-ground courts on privately owned property. There is however one way that a club may receive a grant for courts that are to be *used* on private property. That would be when the club constructs portable courts that may be set on private property, but under written agreement with the landowner, the club maintains control and ownership of the courts and can move them for use at other locations.

Some may be surprised to learn that the NHPF seeks to have the grants repaid when possible. Clubs receiving a grant are encouraged to hold annual fund-raising tournaments so they can feel comfortable when pledging to return some grant money to the NHPF. While there is no legal obligation to repay the grant, the reason for asking should be obvious. The Foundation does not have a large endowment fund and receives financial support from a very small minority of the NHPA membership. By holding fund-raisers to repay the grant, clubs help the Foundation continue its work and support of other clubs in need.

Of the 27 grants issued since the 2003 start, three have been paid back in their entirety. Eleven others have sent in some payments with five of those now better than a 50% payback. Unfortunately, thirteen grant recipients have yet to send any repayment despite pledging to do so.

Since I've heard from a few, I know that not everyone supports the mention of contributor names in Newslines

and the publication of the State Ranking list. I guess it may intimidate some who have not contributed. But by far and away, I've received many more positive comments on the name mention and the ranking list. Most people take it for the real meaning, a way for the Foundation to express thanks and keep its supporters informed. We now have 160 who have reached or exceeded the \$500 level in contributions. For each of these individuals, clubs or associations, the NHPF has put an engraved plate on a plaque of recognition that hangs in the Hall of Fame room in Wentzville. Another 34 names need just a \$100 or less to reach the \$500 level. Some are as close as \$10. If you think you are near the \$500 level and want to know your total contribution amount, send an email request to: 3ringers3@att.net

A contribution to the NHPF is tax deductible if you itemize 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.

During the months of December and January, \$4,663 was received from member contributions and brick orders. Another \$3,000 was received from the Quail Ridge H.C. for their 4th quarter building rent.

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The Top 15 Contributing States

	Contributors	Donations	\$
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2. MO	143	266	\$37,612
3. MN	53	285	\$23,805
4. NC	33	178	\$22,552
5. TN	32	68	\$21,677
6. OR	25	117	\$16,962
7. WI	40	139	\$13,897
8. MI	54	139	\$12,190
9. IL	59	110	\$9,243
10. CO	30	85	\$9,129
11. WA	36	83	\$8,960
12. FL	55	86	\$8,691
13. OH	71	113	\$7,941
14. PA	34	71	\$7,525
15. GA	20	26	\$7,370

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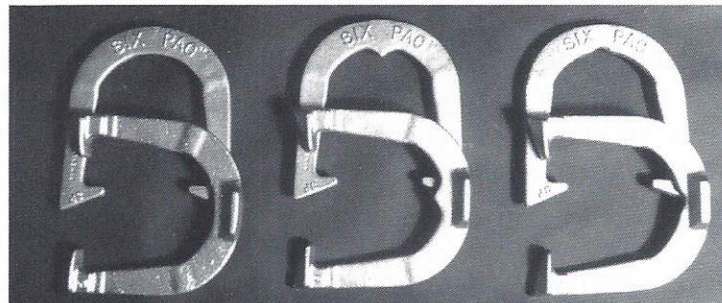
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2009 WORLD TOURNAMENT

by Dick Hansen

In 2009 the World Tournament will have a few minor changes. In an effort to get more women to enter the Senior Women's division, the NHPA Council approved adding prize money to this Championship Class and also increased it from just six to eight that will be able qualify for this Championship Class. The scheduling of class play will be about the same as past year's, but as always, the number of courts installed and the number of entries can make a difference in your start date.

All the other Championship Classes will remain the same as last year, as will the payout in each class. A complete prize fund list is also printed in this issue of Newsline, as is the entry form. The total Championship prize fund for 2009 will be \$51,735.00. At this writing the NHPA Council is still working with potential sponsors to help cover some of this cost. But with the economy as it is, that will not be an easy sell; but you don't know if you don't ask.

At last year's World Tournament we paid the scorekeepers \$3 per game for working the first or last shift of the day instead of \$2 per game. This worked very well to fill the scorekeeping needs of those shifts, but what that did was make the other shifts harder to get scorekeepers. So in 2009 we are going back to paying scorekeepers \$2 per game for all shifts. This is your World Tournament, if you are planning on being at this year's tournament please help out. Scorekeeping is an important part of this tournament and we appreciate the help.

As a reminder, to qualify for the World Tournament all adult entrants must have four NHPA Sanctioned Events completed within the 12 months preceding the May 14th entry deadline. This rule does apply to those pitchers that have just moved or want to move to the Elders Division. All four of your qualifying events must be at the pitching distance you are entering.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel on August 2nd. If you know you will be attending please order your tickets early.

Hope to see a good turn out in Springfield, IL this year.

Dick Hansen
NHPA Secretary/Treasurer &
World Tournament Director

Income & Expenses Statement

December 2008 - January 2009

Income

Cedar Rapids, IA CVB World Tournament Payment	\$ 5,000.00
Charter Dues	\$ 21.00
Game Related Sales HoF Insurance Payment	\$ 1,930.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$ 1,700.00
Membership Dues	\$10,785.00
Newsline Ads	\$ 240.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$ 4,457.50
Received for Game Related Sales	\$ 180.00
Sanctioned Club League Patches	\$ 4.00
Transferred from MMKT	\$15,000.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$ 12.48
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$ 17.37
World Tournament Court Sponsorship	\$ 500.00
NHPF Donation	\$ 497.00

TOTAL **\$40,344.35**

Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$ 3,968.87
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$ 1,017.70
Sanctioned League Patches & Awards	\$ 630.85
Sanction League Office, Supplies & Telephone	\$ 92.49
Hall of Fame Awards Supplies & Expenses	\$ 1,006.50
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$ 388.57
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs	\$ 340.74
Printing, paper & office supplies	\$ 1,317.54
Postage	\$ 246.94
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Presidents Allowance	\$ 1,044.00
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Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$ 497.00
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Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$ 93.25
Special Events	\$ 178.00
Refunds	\$ 21.00
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Internet Access & Web Site	\$ 1,217.51

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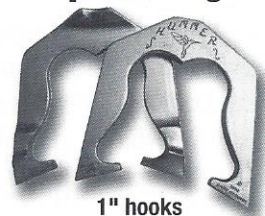
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by Lorraine Sternberg

The calendar still says January, but Spring can't come fast enough for me. This has been a really cold winter here in Wisconsin. This time of the year is my slow time, so it's always a good time to catch up on the things I put aside. I have been wanting to redo some of the forms, so I will try and get that done.

You will find the top-ten list in this issue of Newslines. Congratulations to all the league pitchers who made the top-ten for 2008. Once again there was some great pitching in leagues this past year. The deadline to submit the top-ten form was changed in 2008 to December 31st. It will stay the same for 2009. This should give all those that pitch a late fall season, plenty of time to get there report in. When doing your top-ten report, if your league pitches less than 50 shoe count all, you do not have to fill out the columns for point average, high point game and high points over average. Only those leagues that use the 50-shoe count-all method need to complete that part of the form. Also please remember that all figures are to be carried out to hundredths. (For example point average should be 96.87 not just 96 or 96.9) The same applies for ringer averages and high over average. And please make sure that all of the information on the form is correct. I ask that you double check everything before sending it to me.

The highest game pitched in 2008 was by Carl Carlton from the Pueblo HSC, CO and Gert Wilczek of the Eau Claire HSC, WI. Both pitched a game of 96%. Bobby Fields of the Crossville HSC, TN held the highest ringer average of 78.28%. In the juniors, the highest game pitched was Michael Bowman from the Lions Park HSC, MO, pitching 90%. Michael also held the highest ringer average of 65.29%.

Congratulations to the ten juniors who received a scholarship. Along with the scholarship each of the ten also received a plaque.

Jessica Golz and Rush Hicketier from the Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., of Wisconsin received honorable mention and a certificate.

There were only 12 juniors that applied for the scholarship this past season. In the Red Book, starting on page 23 it explains how the scholarship program works for sanctioned leagues. If you have juniors on your league, I ask that you look over this part of the Red Book. You can get a scholarship form from me and if you have any questions I would be glad to answer them for you. We had a lot of juniors pitch league and I know there has to be more than 12 who are eligible. This is a great program for junior league pitchers.

I feel that the new format that the council has adopted is a good and fair way of choosing the scholarships. We now base it on GPA and the total amount of shoes pitched in a sanctioned league. This helps to encourage our juniors to pitch more in their league.

We just finished with our winter council meeting. It was a good meeting and we discussed many issues. I am looking forward to a great season and what I think will be a super World Tournament in Springfield, Illinois. So get your four sanctioned events in soon, to qualify for the tournament. You are not going to want to miss out on this one. The dates for this year's World Tournament are July 27th through August 8th.

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This year's juniors that received scholarships are:

Joey Mueller	Fridley HSC, MN	\$200	Ashley Craven	Liberty Jr. Lg., MO	\$125
Trevor Sipma	Bismarck-Mandan HSC, ND	\$175	Julia Larsen	Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., WI	\$125
Beau Davison	Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., WI	\$175	Alyssa Leger	Liberty HSC & Liberty Jr. Lg., MO	\$125
Lacey Wabshaw	Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN	\$150	Casey Swart	Litchfield HSC, MN	\$100
Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve HSC, WI	\$150	Tyler Thell	Brooklyn Park Jr. Lg., MN	\$100

We will be having the sanctioned league meeting along with the charter officers meeting on Saturday, August 1st. There will be signs posted through out the building as to where it will be held and the time of the meeting. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for this year's Sanctioned Club/League Tournament. It will be held October 10th & 11th at the Atterbury Facility in Edinburgh, Indiana. I will have the entry form in the next issue of Newsline and it will also be on the NHPA web site.

This is a good time to start promoting for the upcoming spring and summer season. Winter can be a good time to have a club get-together of some sort. Encourage members to bring along a friend that may be interested in pitching. It's a great way for new members to feel more comfortable when the horseshoe seasons starts.

May you all have a great 2009 season with many ringers!

CHARTER CHATTER

by Debby Michaud

CONNECTICUT

The Central Connecticut Horseshoe Club, an indoor six court pitching facility in East Hartford, CT, continues to hold twice monthly tournaments, five night leagues, a couple of day leagues, as well as a Luck of the Draw Doubles monthly and a New England Sanctioned League Team tournament twice. All through the winter, activity there is at a high level. During tournaments and leagues, scoring is strictly by computer. Tournament entry is limited by the number of courts. However, they have been able to squeeze in as many as 66 entries in several of the two-day tournaments by running seven pitchers on three courts and by having three flights on Saturdays. Entries come from as far as New Jersey and Pennsylvania for some of the contests. We are SO lucky to have this facility and the two men who tirelessly run it, Don Maine and Don Beck.

LOUISIANA

Louisiana will have 30 tournaments this year. Unlike most of the charters, they do have to worry about hurricanes disrupting their schedules. They are hoping to get new members from around the state and are hoping for a good year. Their first tournament is March 28th.

MARYLAND

MDHPA Officers for 2009 are as follows: President Jane Barthlow, NE VP Larry Bunn, NW VP Brian Lucas, SE VP Ed Lee, SW VP John Downs, VP-At-Large Wayne Ploughman, and Secretary/Treasurer Diana Ratliff. Don

Lawyer is our Regional Director. Although it's been cold, the various clubs are working on schedules and making plans for the 2009 season. Spring will be here before we know it! The Baltimore Metro Club is warming up its pitchers throwing arms with a Baggo League on Thursday nights. Yep! They actually have teams throwing beanbags into a hole in a slippery, tilted board from 20 feet. The thinking is that perhaps they might recruit some new pitchers by running this program during the winter.

Larry Bunn has been working hard, with a little assistance from Elbert Shifflett and Diana Ratliff, to create an official historical record of MD State Champions and their statistics. Kudos to Larry for volunteering to compile and record this important data!

MISSOURI

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, which is the host for the new Hall of Fame facility in Wentzville, MO, reports a very busy schedule for 2009. They are hosting over 18 tournaments and special events throughout the coming year. Among the special events are a washer tournament put on by the St. Charles County Parks Department, a benefit horseshoe tournament to support the local St. Roberts Church and the St. Charles Golden Games for Seniors over 55. They are preparing for the 16th Annual Six Pac Invitational Tournament in May and will be hosting their 2nd State Championship Tournament on Labor Day weekend.

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The new Hall of Fame facility can boast over 1,000 visitors since its grand opening in October, 2007 and several of these people have joined the NHPA to be able to pitch at the new complex. Jeanette Claas, President of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club will be writing a new column in the Newline Magazine, in which she will attempt to give all NHPA members a better look inside the facility, since many of you may never be able to travel to see it.

The Quail Ridge Club extends you all an invitation to stop and see the NHPF/NHPA Hall of Fame & Museum as you travel to the 2009 World Tournament in Springfield, IL.

NEW ENGLAND

In a year when so many New England pitchers were able to attend the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships, many for the first time, the annual New England HPA championships in Keene, NH on Labor Day Weekend, 2008, again drew over 300 entries. This event runs smoothly because of the Keene Horseshoe Club and because the six states all contribute by "running" a flight. On Friday evening prior to the 2008 competition, there was a Luck-of-the-Draw Doubles which was unannounced and went over with a bang. Over 70 pitchers participated, with many more wishing they could have arrived early enough to sign up. This will be an annual event – many pitchers arrive for the weekend on Friday and stay right through to Monday. The adjacent campground and many hotels are filled to capacity for the weekend. It is yearly the most anticipated tournament for the six New England states.

UTAH

We have a LOT of fun at our tournaments and the players are so great. They, along with the scorekeepers and everyone else involved, are wonderful people, good sportsmen, and a joy to associate with. We are fortunate to have tournaments from as early as February (in sunny St. George), throughout the Spring and Summer in several towns as far north as Nephi, then on until November (back in St. George to finish up the season). We love our players. It's like a little reunion every time we meet.

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"Two points is a poor man's ringer." – Bud

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"I'd a won if I hadn't a lost." – Chuck

"I'm so proud of my gold medal, I'm going to have it bronzed." – Bud

"If you're not going to have fun, you might as well win." – Bruce

"That just blows my noodle!" – Gary
"Ahm gittin' purdy dang tarred a sittin' here."

– Carol (at end of "Western" Open)

VIRGINIA

The Virginia HPA's newest sanctioned club – the Sleepy Hole Horseshoe Club – on the Eastern Shore. hosted a non-sanctioned event last November. The proceeds from the event were donated to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, which is in the process of building a brand new veteran's cemetery in the area. They received a wonderful thank you note in return. The club is hosting a similar event this coming fall, with the proceeds to sponsor a memorial bench in the cemetery. The VaHPA is very proud of the club and their enthusiasm. They have shown that participation in our sport can benefit others in the community, and we commend them for their efforts.

Thank you all for your contributions - Please continue to submit newsworthy items from your charter to me at: Debby Michaud, 379 Hodges St., Taunton, MA 02780 or e-mail to: loonpnd@comcast.net



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HORSESHOE PITCHING FACTS AND FOLKLORE

CLOSING OUT THE 1940'S

by Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

Our sport has always had various issues to be dealt with, some more serious or difficult to deal with, but back at the end of the 1940's, there was just plain turmoil amongst the NHPA leadership. Looking back from this late date, one can see that the issues at that time, whether one considers minor or major, initiated one of the most major transformations the NHPA has ever experienced

In the last two NEWSLINE issues, we read Leland Mortenson's accounting of our sport during the 1940's. He alluded to the controversy about count-all scoring. From the very beginning of the NHPA, the sport was "tournament oriented." There were leagues in the 20's and 30's, but most were town teams that traveled a circuit, playing against neighboring town teams. There were leagues in the 1940's, but the NHPA did not have the sanctioned league program at the time and the greater majority of league players were not members of the NHPA.

There was a movement within the ranks, to have the NHPA give equal recognition to league participation as to the promotion of tournament participation. It reached a point where Ohio even requested a second charter, so there could be one for those for count-all scoring and one for those wishing to remain with cancellation scoring. The movement reached a climax with Arlo Harris being elected NHPA president and heading the list of his agenda, the acceptance of count-all scoring. Believe it or not, all, since the beginning, had been cancellation scoring. Today, the predominant scoring in sanctioned league play is count-all scoring.

Turmoil is a fair appraisal for what was going on – it led to the sudden resignation of the NHPA President and a large alternative horseshoe group being established in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky – the AHPA. The AHPA was established under the leadership of Arlo Harris. The AHPA focused on league play, which used count-all scoring exclusively, including their state tournaments. While not as large as it once was, the AHPA still exists.

Today's NHPA membership is predominantly league oriented. A smaller percent of our membership participate in tournaments, as was the case during the initial five decades. The Sanctioned League Program was finally established in 1976, as designed by Donnie Roberts.

So, here are some footprints as printed in THE HORSHOES PITCHER, that give some image to what initiated the transformation from tournament focus to league focused.

This first article is from the August 1949 issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER, published by Editor Byron Jaskulek, who also served as NHPA 1st Vice President. Just by the tone, we can tell that there was considerable friction amongst the NHPA officers.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NHPA

By Byron Jaskulek, 1st Vice President

It is really too bad that the following report of the President of the NHPA, for 1949 did not reach me in time to publish it in the July number of this magazine. Like all information that has come to me throughout the past year, it has come to me NOT through our President, but from different friends in the organization. This is a sample of the reasons why Mr. Harris and the other officers have never gotten together on any ideas for the good and welfare of the National Association. Not once in the past year has he taken the trouble to ask any of the officers on the Executive Board for their opinion on anything which he had in mind for the good of the game or the National except to ask for our vote on whether or not to give the Buckeye HPA their charter. On the other hand, he did appoint an Advisory Board to whom he tried to give voting power to which he was foolish enough to believe would or could supersede the powers given to the Executive Board whose powers were given to them in the Constitution and By-laws of the NHPA. And who were the men appointed to his so-called Advisory Board? His own henchmen – those whom he was sure would vote his way. The Board consisted of fifteen men, eight of whom he could twist around his finger. He uses the word "selfish interests" very frequently. Those words cover a lot of latitude. Why not be specific? As far as the meeting at Indianapolis was concerned, counting his own men, there would have been at least ten men present; surely a large enough meeting.



LeLand Mortenson

About paying dues cards in advance. He says the other officers screamed the loudest against it. He's right; but he did not hear the louder screams from the membership at large that Mr. Clear and myself heard. His ears probably were only turned into Ohio and Indiana but ours were on the national hook up! In the July number of this magazine, Mr. Clear said that some of Mr. Harris statements were lies. They probably were because he has lied twice more in his report. He says that Mr. Clear FORGED his signature to the Buckeye charter and that I wanted my magazine to be designated as the official organ of the NHPA. I said I would not want it to be so designated if it meant controlling my editorial policy. And my policy has never changed even if Mr. Harris says so. His idea of the National

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publishing their own paper is O.K. by me. The time, effort and expense I have put into it absolutely DOES NOT PAY.

And General Motors! Someone who got in touch with them said he was told that they knew nothing about it. And about those checks that Mr. Clear sent Mr. Harris to sign. Article III Section 6 of our constitution says, "any bill of account or expense against the association amounting to over twenty dollars shall be submitted to the Executive Council and paid when approved by four out of the five other officers."

Personally, I am in agreement with most of Mr. Harris' sixteen points especially point No. 14. I'll be in Murray when this issue comes off the press, but I made arrangements to have copies air mailed to me so they will get there during the convention where all can read this and form their own conclusions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - YEAR 1949

Horseshoe pitchers of the nation, I feel that it is just as necessary for the President to report to you in regard to the workings of this organization as for the other officials to do so.

I was happy to serve as President of the NHPA and hoped very much to move the organization forward with harmony and cooperation and with the aid of the Executive Council, get the NHPA out of its doldrums and shallow thinking – and relieve it the selfish interest that is revolving around just a few scattered men over the country who are exclaiming in word and very little action what our associations needs.

I have found in the one year that I have been President the word "Progress" means nothing to the members of the Executive Council and that building a sound financial organization is far from their thinking! Promotional ideas introduced by your President have been completely ignored by the member of the Executive Council – Mr. Wertz, Mr. Clear and Mr. Jaskulek. Why? I presume because of selfish interest. These men – along with many other – are forgetting the men who are really building the game.

Gentlemen, it is the men who pay \$1.00 for a combined dues card, belonging to the organization, who never plan to attend a national tournament, who possibly don't

pitch well enough to get into a state tourney, that enjoy pitching in an individual city park or church league. I am sure most of these would not venture 3,000 miles to a NHPA World Tournament where their chances of getting in would be slim indeed. This being the case, what else do we have to offer them – as members of our association?

Yes, gentlemen, that's where you begin to build. Factories, playgrounds, church leagues, juvenile programs – where you have the greatest participation is the foundation for a great

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We would like to host the World Horseshoe Tournament here in Arkansas for the year 2011. We believe our facilities are outstanding here in Little Rock. This facility is a fenced area with security, campground area, large buildings for the tournament and centrally located. Plus there are many historic facilities and other activities that are family-oriented, within driving distance.



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- 🐾 Shopping Malls - River Market
- 🐾 Lakes, rivers - fishing, boating, camping, trails
- 🐾 Historic Hot Spring State Park - dig your own
- 🐾 Large entertainment events throughout the year
- 🐾 Lots of dining, ball games, golfing, zoo
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institution. You don't build around 24 to 36 top-ranked shoe tossers whose only interest is a sponsored NHPA tourney.

Gentlemen, I have argued and fought for a revised constitution and even offered to pay the expense of a Constitution Committee to Indiana for this purpose in order that we might have something to present to the convention floor. What happened? You know as well as I. The men who are holding back the progress of the NHPA said it was unconstitutional, that the idea was crazy, that we are wasting time, that some couldn't come to Indiana, and well, you know as well as I the outcome! Why? Because of selfish interests! They knew we intended to put teeth in the law, and they just didn't want that.

I asked for a dues card similar to that used in bowling, providing for dues to be paid in advance. This would make a sound financial basis for both state and national, but I ask you "Who screamed the loudest?" Your 1st Vice President, Bryon Jaskulek, your Secretary-Treasurer, Harvey Clear and "Pop" Woodfield. Gentlemen, the idea of sending out dues cards that get lost and are never accounted for must stop.

Mr. Clear complained in letters to me about the stamp tax, about the dues cards being lost, about charters and what have you. Yet, everything that was proposed was thrown overboard. Take the Buckeye situation. Mr. Clear got himself into that through poor management under Mr. Woodfield's administration. We here in Indiana and Ohio were ironing out the difficulty without too much trouble. However, Mr. Clear became angry with Mr. Sebek and through selfish interests, made a serious mistake by issuing a charter to the Buckeye group with my signature forged on it. He did this over the heads of the Committee and a majority of the Executive Council. I have conclusive evidence of which I will present to you at the convention.

Gentlemen, the house of the NHPA needs a complete remodeling job!

Mr. Bryon Jaskulek informed me that he wanted his paper to be designed as the "official organ of the NHPA." This I could not do in all fairness to "Pop" Woodfield or any other person who can and will publish a magazine for our pitchers throughout the United States. From a lot of the printed material published by Mr. Jaskulek and from information many people have sent him which he refuses to publish, as he says "because of his editorial policy" (which he has changed three times), I wonder if any paper should be the "official organ"! My idea concerning this is that we publish our own paper, include it in our dues system and start hearing from all NHPA pitchers – not just a chosen few, but anyone who carries a dues card.

I only wish I had time to write you all a personal letter stating more of the truths about our association. Gentlemen, when we asked General Motors to give us \$10,000 for a World Tournament, they wanted a financial statement about our association. They wanted some assurance as to the number of members in our association – how many would take an active part. In fact, they were not sold on the workings of our

organization. I ask you in all honesty and fairness to yourselves, aren't some of these questions pretty rough? Could you give Milwaukee as an example after we all know what happened there? I wonder what you would do if you were trying to get a \$10,000 tourney?

Gentlemen, I advocate the following:

1. Revised constitution.
2. Prompt payment of dues.
3. 5 cents tax to be on every pair of shoes.
4. There should be a Secretary.
5. There should be a Treasurer.
6. The Secretary should reside close to the President in order that correspondence could be handled accurately and promptly with all states.
7. Combined dues card.
8. International Association development.
9. Point system or cancellation optional.
10. Further development of National League.
11. Auditing of books by CPA twice yearly.
12. Bonded Treasurer.
13. Recognize all NHPA members according to any record such as bowling in league or any tournament.
14. Let the NHPA publish their own paper and send it to every member; add subscription price to our dues system.
15. Recognition for states that have largest membership gain each year.
16. Let each state delegate bring to convention scrapbooks, pictures, newsreels or any new ideas that can be appropriately displayed to show the other states promotional ideas. This should be worked on a competitive basis with a gold medal for the winning state.

Mr. Clear mailed me several blank checks and asked me to sign them. He did not tell me what they were to be used. I ask you – is this the way business should be done? I have asked Mr. Clear for a financial report and for the addresses of all State Secretaries. Did he give me that information? No! Why – I don't know! That is why we need to separate the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Also R. Clear sent the Buckeye a charter with my name signed to it. Why – I don't know! I am not questioning anyone honesty, but it is just as easy to do things right and fair as it is to get everything jumbled up!

Gentlemen, without vision we die! I only hope what I have said here has added or will add to the progress which our Association sorely needs and can get with men of vision and executive ability to head it.

Yours very truly,
Arlo E. Harris
President, NHPA

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This next article appeared in the January 1950 issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER. THE Ohio situation is further described by then Ohio Horseshoe Pitchers' Association Secretary, Johnny Kovacs. One thing that strikes this writer is that, at the time, there had not been a handicap system developed with the cancellation scoring method. That is unlike today, where league play can be managed with handicapping whether the league uses count-all or cancellation scoring.

champions, that these champions and leaders are a little selfish in upholding a method of play where their ability shines the brightest.

The champions of Ohio and the organizers of the Ohio Horseshoe pitchers Association were willing to forego the honor of being a "Standout Player" in order to promote horseshoe for all who want to pitch the state of Ohio. Promoting horseshoes should not be just promoting a tournament at the end of the year, but it should promote horseshoes throughout the year, through league play, then after the players have established averages, conducting tournaments, for their respective classes.

The Ohio Horseshoe pitchers Association will continue to promote horseshoe through league play using the point system, even though the majority would prefer to play cancellation individually and unless more State Association leaders and their champions are willing to forego the honor of shining as "Stars" these state associations will continue to show only a small membership.

Johnny Kovacs,
Sec'y O.H.P.A.

OPEN LETTER TO THE READERS OF THE HORSESHOE PITCHER

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the position of the Ohio Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and the majority of its members. I believe that the majority of the pitchers in Ohio prefer pitching the cancellation system over the point system – this was shown in the poll taken by Byron Jaskulek last summer where the Ohio pitchers who voted, showed 5 to 1 in favor of the cancellation system. (I do not know whether six pitchers voted or 360, but regardless of the number, I believe it to be fairly accurate).

When the Ohio Horseshoe Pitchers Association was organized, the method of pitching was thoroughly discussed by the organizing group, which included state champions and future champions that since the primary purpose of the Association was to promote horseshoes in Ohio, this could be best be accomplished through league play which allows more pitchers to take part in our sport than if we just held tournaments at the end of the year. We also decided that if league play was to be continued year after year, with the chances of breaking up cut to a minimum – it had to be conducted under the point system where there is a chance of handicapping the beginners so as to make it interesting for the beginner to take part.

Under the cancellation system, the champions stand out as almost unbeatable and they shine as a "Star." But under the point system, the champions appear only as a player with a higher average and he does not stand out as he would under cancellation.

I believe that since most state associations and also the National Association is composed of and most conventions are attended by champions and near

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Please list your local Newspaper Did you enter last year's tournament - Yes No

Circle the division you are entering - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page)

OPEN MEN 40' SENIOR MEN 40' OPEN WOMEN SENIOR WOMEN (see note #2) ELDER MEN 30' JR. BOYS JR. GIRLS CADETS 20' (see note #3)

I believe my current average is approx % No refunds will be made after May 23rd 2009

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READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the OPEN MEN'S DIVISION regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION. To enter the SENIOR DIVISION, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2009. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2009 or is older or physically impaired person of any age may enter the ELDER MEN'S DIVISION. JUNIOR DIVISION entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2009 calendar year.

Note # 1. A Social Security number is required from all pitchers that move up to the Championship Classes. Except Juniors.

Note # 2. A minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled and all entrants will be placed in the Open Women.

Note # 3. Junior Cadets must be 9 years old or younger for the entire calendar year.

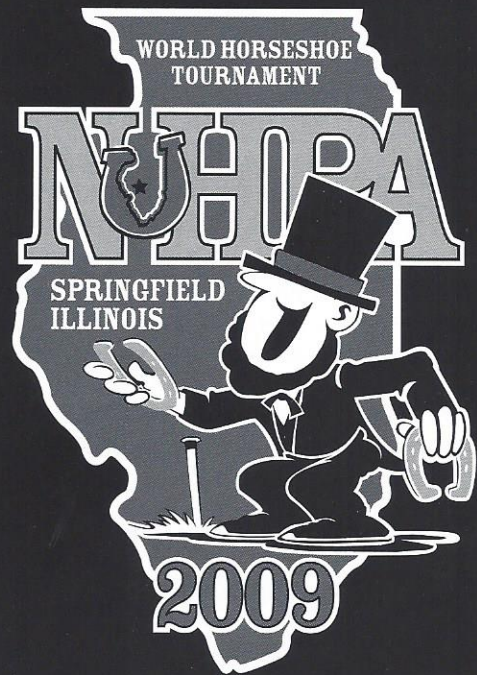
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The pitching schedule will be finalized by May 24th and will be mailed to the address you have listed above by June 8th.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held August 2nd 2009. Please sign up for this event prior to July 24th 2009. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. DON'T MISS OUT.

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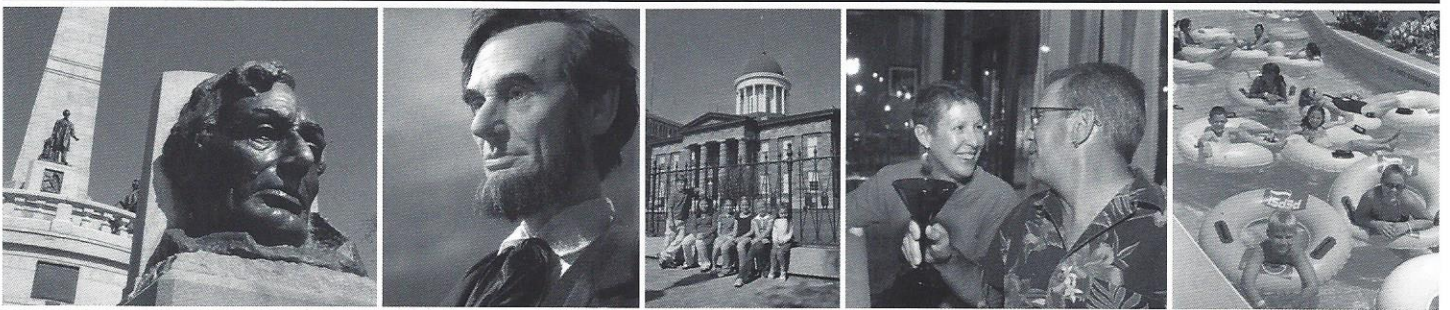
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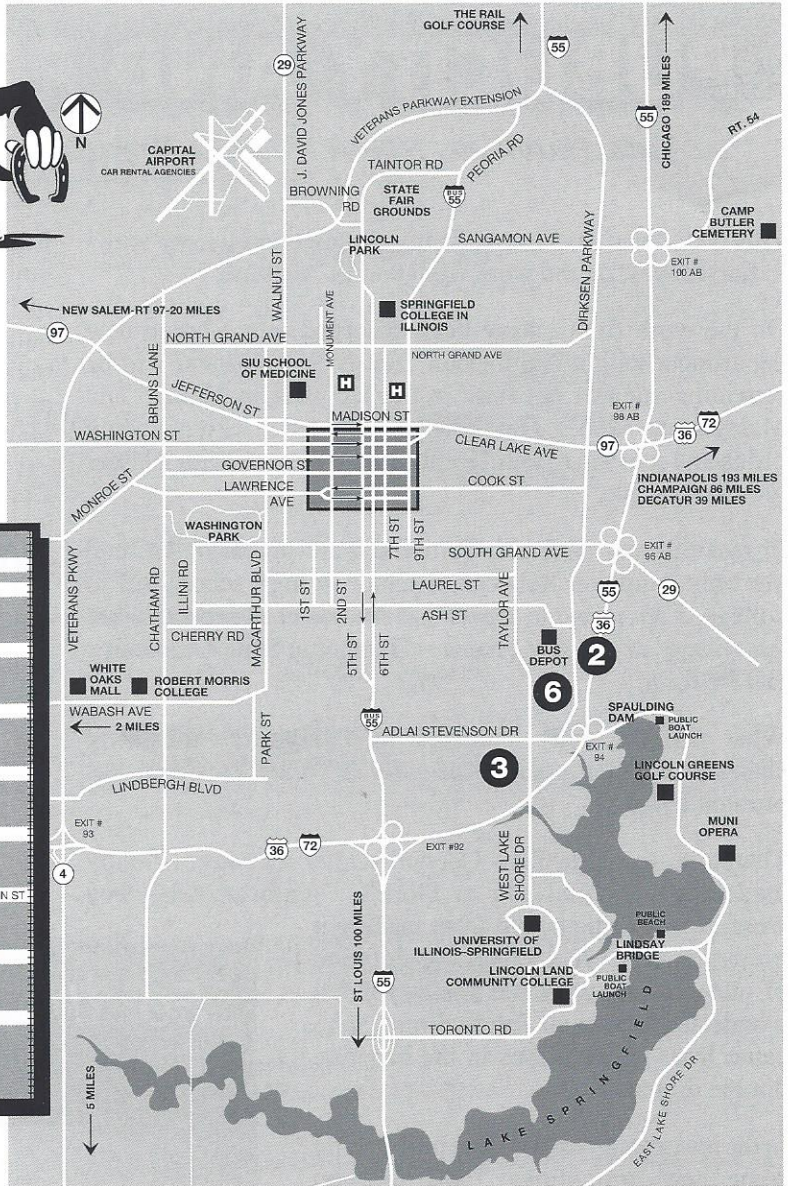
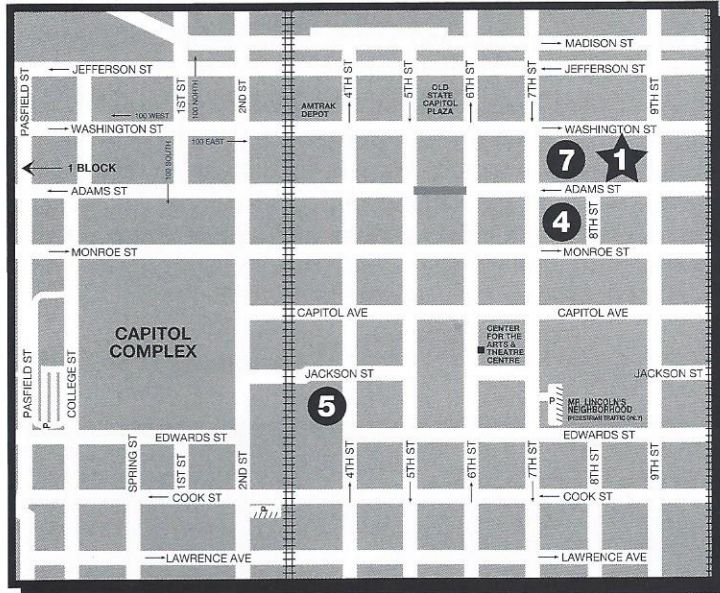
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NHPA

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

by Tina Hawkins, NHPA 2nd Vice-President

This New Year has brought many new beginnings my way - in horseshoes, on the work front and in "real life."

On the work front I have been absorbed into a brand new department within Halliburton Energy Services and will be providing support not only in the U.S. but in Mexico and Malaysia as well. This change included packing up my office and moving to a different facility to work with a larger group of people.

In real life, my husband, Tom and I are preparing to send our only daughter, Rebecca, a senior in high school, off to college. I am proud to report that she has been accepted into the college of her first choice - Oklahoma State University. GO POKES!!

What you are really interested in, though, are the many changes my new position as your 2nd Vice President has brought about.

Thanks to the Executive Council winter meeting, I finally made my very first trip to Florida! Unfortunately, they were experiencing a cold front making it necessary to wear a jacket the duration of our stay, though I am positive it felt wonderful to Stu and Sandy Sipma, who came from temperatures in the negative double digits!

In the upcoming year, I will be introducing some new promotional tools for you to use at the state and local levels to publicize the NHPA and help you recruit new members.

The first of these items will be a new informational handout that can be used when you visit schools, county fairs, Pitch-n-Win events, community celebrations, parades, and when somebody simply asks you about horseshoes. It will contain brief, yet concise details about the NHPA, highlighting the benefits and joys of participating in organized horseshoe pitching. There will be an area left blank for you to add your local or state contact information.

Publicity posters are also being designed as a companion to these handouts. You will be able to hang these in prominent

locations around your community, such as bulletin boards at your church, community centers or workplace, in windows of businesses, on light poles at your horseshoe courts and ball fields, and other places where they can be seen by large numbers of people. They will contain the same information as the handout, on a larger scale, also with a blank area for your contact information.

Collaboration is underway on a National "Horseshoe Pitching is FUN!!" Day. The goal of this day is to take horseshoe pitching to the public and get as many people, members and non-members, to pitch horseshoes on one given day as possible. Not a tournament format - but a "get your hands wet" event to showcase the fun and fellowship available through our organization. We will be discussing this event in more detail in the Charter Officers/Regional Directors/Sanctioned League meeting at the 2009 World Tournament at Springfield, Illinois, after which, detailed information will be distributed to all charters.

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I am also actively seeking national, corporate sponsorship for the NHPA World Tournament. Obtaining a corporate sponsor will help us monetarily with a better ability to cover expenses of the event and to publicize and promote more extensively. It will also give us greater exposure and recognition having a "household name" associated with our World Tournament.

All of your NHPA officers are working together on several projects that are sure to make your experience at the World Tournament and with the NHPA in general more rewarding and satisfying. We have the best interest for the well being of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and its members in mind with every task we undertake.

As you can see, I definitely have my work cut out for me in this position, but I can assure you - I am up for the challenge!! I am very excited about all the projects that lie ahead of me and feel that I will do you proud as your Publicity and Promotions Director.

If you have ideas or success stories for promoting the NHPA and recruiting new members, please send them to me at tinahawk@msn.com or by U.S. mail to Tina Hawkins, RR 4 Box 52, Marlow, OK 73055.

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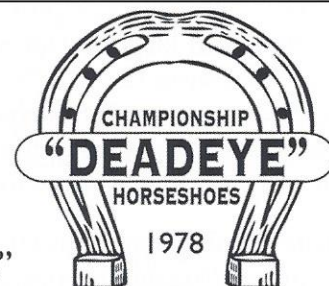
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MAY

30th - Jerry Crochet Memorial Horseshoe Tournament - Kemper Williams Park - 264 Cotten Road - Patterson, LA. \$20.00 entry fee. Prize money to the top 3 finishers in each bracket. Pre-register by May 28, 2009. Contact: Angela Percle, 985-384-9490, Tim Hayles, 985-385-3858, or Al Dodson, 985-385-1909. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. Tournament benefits NHPF

AUGUST

29th - Fall MDA Horseshoe Tournament - Kemper Williams Park - 264 Cotten Road - Patterson, LA. \$20.00 entry fee. Prize money to the top 3 finishers in each bracket. Pre-register by August 27, 2009. Contact: Tim Hayles, 985-385-3858, Al Dodson, 985-385-1909, or Tim Gilmore, 985-395-5062. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. Tournament benefits MDA

HALL OF FAME

by Vicki Winston

This will be quite brief, but I just wanted to let you know that the Hall of Fame Committee will begin the 2009 voting process during the month of February. We have placed all nominees into two categories this year. Since neither of these categories had anyone elected last year, by the rules under which we operate, there will be someone elected this year, even if it takes two ballots.

If you haven't checked out the Hall of Fame pages on the NHPA website lately, you will want to look at the Hall of Fame Members page. Thanks to NHPA Historian, Bob Dunn, who is also a member of the Hall of Fame Committee, short bios have been written for all of the inductees. Bob worked many hours on this project. Now when you click on a name you will see a photo and a brief bio of that person's achievements. You will no longer have to guess what that individual did to earn a place on this list of honored individuals.

This has been a very rough winter for some; but hang in there, because spring will arrive eventually. It always does!

REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Dan Sanders

New Regional Directors

After serving the Colorado Charter for many years, Don Conklin will be turning his RD duties over to Fred Shepard of Minister, Colorado. I'd like to thank Don for all of his dedicated work with the Colorado Association and also welcome Fred to his new position. Many thanks are also extended to Ken Jaeger Sr. for his many years of RD work with the Wisconsin Charter. The new RD for Wisconsin is Ed Wheeler. Welcome Ed! If you happen to see any of these dedicated horseshoe men at the courts, please thank them for all of their past and future work for our great sport!

Website for Regional Directors

All Regional Directors who have a current e-mail address are once again invited to join the website for RDs. This website is for RDs only and provides an additional way to communicate with questions, answers and ideas from each other about the sanctioning of courts or anything else related to horseshoes. This website also provides a location where RDs can find and print-off many of the forms and even tournament sanction certificates, if they might happen to run out. Other features of the website include past questions and responses, Regional Director Reports, Guidelines for RDs, and a place to post photos and messages as well as a calendar and links to other websites. All Regional Directors who are not already members of this website and that can send/receive e-mails are encouraged to join this group and will be receiving more detailed information on how to join. Many thanks are extended to Kevin Snelgrove of Virginia for creating and maintaining this website!

More on Winter Pitching

In the last issue of Newsline I included information about some of the inherent space problems often associated with the use of indoor facilities, in states where the colder weather will not allow outside

pitching. Usually these buildings have been designed for purposes other than for horseshoe pitching, and the minimum "safe" distances between courts, distances from the stakes to the back wall and side walls, and ceiling height may mean that some pitchers cannot use these facilities and will have to wait for warmer weather and outside pitching. Other problems, such as allergic reactions to the clay dust, may also exclude some, but the majority of pitchers will either have no problems with the space restrictions, or will be able to successfully modify their delivery and/or pitching style. But is modifying your pitch in such a facility really a good idea? This is a question that many of us have heard debated at great length. I've heard some pitchers say that inside pitching really "messed up" their game because they had to take a shorter step or pitch a lower shoe and may have developed some bad habits that were hard to correct, once they were back on the outside courts. Others will tell you that they love inside pitching and that they may even pitch better inside because there is no wind or the clay texture is more consistent, etc. Most who have pitched in an inside facility with space restrictions will tell you that it is definitely a "different" experience. Whether inside pitching is going to help your game or not cannot really be predicted, but if you have the opportunity to join a winter league that pitches inside, or can help create such a facility in your area, I would encourage you to become involved. Even if you can't pitch here, being around horseshoes and horseshoe pitchers is reward enough for most of us. I hope to see you at some inside facility this winter!

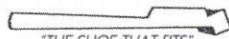
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Due to space limitations the Travel Contacts were not published in this issue. Please refer to last issue. New contacts for Colorado and Wisconsin are:

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by Joe Faron

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is proud and excited to be hosting the 16th Annual Six Pac Invitational Horseshoe Tournament on May 2-3, 2009 at the new National Horseshoe Hall of Fame and Museum facility in Wentzville, MO. If you are among the top 100 horseshoe pitchers in the United States in the Mens, Womens or Elders Division you are eligible to participate in this prestigious horseshoe event.

This is the second year that the QRHC will be hosting the Six Pac Invitational Tournament at the new Hall of Fame facility. If you haven't visited the National Horseshoe Hall of Fame & Museum facility, this is your opportunity to come and see what the NHPA/NHPF has provided for you. After viewing the beautifully designed Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza, you will enjoy touring the indoor facility where an impressive National Horseshoe Hall of Fame & Museum enshrines horseshoe memorabilia from the past 100 years. The air conditioned facility also includes 16 clay courts, full kitchen facilities, offices, storage, and public facilities. The 16 outdoor courts are now completed. You will see for yourself the "labor of love" that the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members put into this project. It is probably the finest indoor facility in the United States.

40 Footers Six Pac Invitational Tournament: The 16th Annual Six Pac Invitational Tournament is for the top "Sweet Sixteen" 40 footers in the Mens Division who have the highest ringer percentage and accept our invitation. The format is a round robin event consisting of fifteen forty-point games. Eight games will be pitched on Saturday, and seven games to be played on Sunday. The prize money is \$4,000 paying the top eight places. If you are interested in pitching in this tournament and need more information contact Tournament Director Joe Faron at (314)704-7082, email address: Bugsfaron@aol.com.

30 Footers Six Pac Invitational Tournament: The exciting 30 footers Tournament will be held in conjunction with the 40 footers Tournament. The tournament for the 30 footers will be held at the same time as the 40 footers. If you are among the top 100 in the Womens and Elders Division, this tournament is for you! The format will be the same as the 40 footers Six Pac Tournament, in a round robin format, pitching on Saturday and Sunday. The prize money is \$2,225 paying the top eight places. If you are interested in pitching in this



Quail Ridge Club Officers

tournament contact Tournament Director Bob Diekamp at (636)240-6260, email address: RDiekamp@charter.net.

Plans are in the making for a pitch-off game between the winners of the 40 foot and 30 foot Champions. If you have a high ringer percentage in the Mens, Womens and Elders Division check the NHPA NATSTATS as of April 1, 2009 to see if you qualify in the top 100 in the United States You will be contacted by the Six Pac Tournament Directors Joe Faron or Bob Diekamp. Look for an invitation in the mail sometime during the middle of February. Please notify the tournament director if you qualify and have not received an invitation.

By the way, if you have not already purchased a brick for the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza, this would be the perfect time to do so. Your engraved brick would be laid by the time you arrive for the Six Pac Invitational Tournament this spring. What a great way to support the NHPA Hall of Fame building project and at the same time feel a part of our great horseshoe organization.

While you are making plans to attend this spring tournament please support our co-sponsor, the Holiday Inn Express in O'Fallon for only \$69.95 per night. The hotel is located 10-12 minutes away from the horseshoe facility. Whether you plan to pitch in the tournament or to come as a spectator, the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members promises you an unforgettable experience. The QRHC members are planning a dinner/cookout at the facility on Saturday evening at a small donation for all to attend. The QRHC is looking forward in anticipation of your attendance at this exciting horseshoe event.

NHPA RULES COMMITTEE

by Jerry LaBrosse

Please review the rules change proposals printed in this issue of Newsline. NHPA Bylaws require they be printed prior to the national convention so that the membership has sufficient time to study the proposals. I want to again thank the members who submitted proposals, and strongly encourage all members to become involved in your organization and make suggestions and proposals that make sense and solve problems.

NHPF

The last weekend of January there was a tournament held in Minnesota called the NHPF Benefit Tournament. It was started by a man many of you know, Ward Lutz. A few years ago Ward moved to Ohio to retire, so I adopted his tournament to keep it going. It isn't a large tournament, only 32 pitchers, but the \$5.00 per entry donated to the NHPF added up to \$160.00. There are other tournaments held in Minnesota throughout the summer that donate all or part of their fundraising to the NHPF. I started wondering how many tournaments there are across the NHPA that devote the proceeds to the NHPF. Dave Loucks informs me that unfortunately there are very few. Folks, I want to stress that the NHPF needs continued financial support from all of us to maintain operations, and continue to make grants and promote our sport, not to mention our beautiful Hall of Fame facility. I know that with the tough economic times we're in, that everybody has "tightened up" with their charitable giving, and understandably so. I guess what I'm getting at here is that it would be great if every charter could establish and run one or more tournaments each season with the proceeds going to the NHPF. It would be painless and fun, and would greatly help the NHPF Foundation. I hope that those of you who attend this year's world tournament in Springfield can make the short trip over to see the Hall of Fame facility. We are looking into the possibility of charter shuttles to get groups of pitchers over there; more information on that as it develops.

Final Equipment Update

In my articles I have been keeping you all updated on the progress of modifications we've been doing to the new courts, particularly with the front bumper board. Well, the short story is that we believe the problem has been sufficiently resolved. It turns out that the "fix" is one of the simplest and easiest things we could have done. Basically what we did is replace the front rubber pad with a different material; laminated conveyor belting rubber. As I mentioned previously, someone suggested this to me at the world tournament, and I don't remember who it was, but I thank you. I have been testing this material on six boxes (three full courts) since November. I can report that the rebound effect is greatly reduced, and I mean greatly. Of course there are still shoes that will hit the front bumper or the stake at a weird angle and fly in any undetermined direction, but the distance is much less and severe. In addition, this rubber belting is showing absolutely 0% wear in three months of pitching two leagues per week nine, and gets hit regularly. I am greatly impressed and very pleased with these results. Also, the front board will be lowered so it is at the same height as the side boards. The rubber pad does not extend all the way to the edge, thus eliminating the chance of pitchers catching it with their feet when crossing over the front of the court. These improvements should remove any concerns that pitchers have with the front bumper board. The added "anti-skid" material we applied to the box bottoms also is proving to solve the problem of box movement. Thanks to Homer Cain for sending me samples to try, and thanks to everyone who assisted with suggestions and ideas to improve our new equipment.

CANDIDACY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 5TH VP

Ron Kohn

Michigan

Hi! My name is Ron Kohn and I would like to announce my candidacy for the position of 5th Vice President of the NHPA.

I live in Freeland, Michigan with my wife Margo. We have been married for 36 years and have two grown children and three grandsons. I am a 1969 graduate of Ferris State College and am employed by The Dow Chemical Company in Midland as a Research Tool and Die Maker.

Margo and I have been members of the NHPA since 1984. Margo had to stop pitching in 2001 because of health issues, but attends some tournaments as my cheerleader. I am currently serving my forth-consecutive two-year term as President of the Michigan Horseshoe Pitcher's Association. I have been the Assistant Regional Director since the late 1980's. I have previously served as Vice President and Secretary of the Michigan Horseshoe Pitcher's Association. I have also been the Chairman of the Membership Committee and have received the Sportsmanship Award.

We attended our first World Tournament in 1987 in Eau Claire Wisconsin; and I haven't missed a World Tournament since 1991. While attending the World Tournaments, I have kept score, passed out round robin cards, checked-in shoes and served as a judge.

In 1988 I started the Auburn Horseshoe Club with eight courts. We now have 12 courts and host at least four tournaments each season, one being the State Doubles Championship.

I am looking forward to helping increase the membership of the NHPA and will continue to share in the excitement of horseshoes. It would be my privilege to serve you as 5th Vice President and I am planning to attend the entire duration of the World Tournaments and look forward to meeting each of you in the upcoming years.

Ron Kohn, MHPA

Debby Michaud

Massachusetts

Coming into my 40th year of pitching horseshoes, I am "celebrating" by running for the office of 5th Vice President of the NHPA. There are many important goals for the NHPA. Primary among those is to increase awareness and membership in our sport. It may be time to think "outside the box" to gain new members by reaching out to all those who regularly pitch horseshoes in campgrounds, backyards and, yes, even in bar leagues. They need to know about us and we need to know more about them. We can learn from each other. We also need to increase communication among the

national, regional, and local NHPA organizations to compare successful programs and tips on gaining more members. We should also be concentrating on creating more opportunities for junior pitchers. I am hoping that voters at the convention will agree that my experiences in horseshoes, both as a pitcher and as an organizer, will stand me in good stead as a member of the NHPA Council. My most constant experience as an organizer is as the founder (in 1984), current VP, and "Mom" of an NHPA sanctioned club, now in Lakeville, MA. We started with 6 - 8 pitchers, and now have approximately 70 pitchers in singles and doubles leagues. My other responsibilities over the years have been state secretary, state president, New England secretary, NHPA Rules committee, acting Regional Director and currently Assistant Regional Director for 3 New England states, Tournament Director since 1993 and briefly, part of the NHPF Ad Hoc committee. Our first World Tournament was in 1974, and we have attended most of them since then. I think I can add a valuable voice on the Ex. Council from the eastern part of the country and I look forward to possibly representing horseshoe pitchers everywhere on the NHPA Ex. Board. Thank you for considering my candidacy for the office of 5th VP in the NHPA.

Debby Michaud, MA HPA

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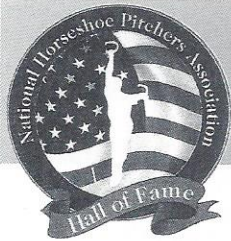
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BEHIND THE SCENES

by Jeanette Claas

Upon seeing the NHPA Hall of Fame & Museum for the first time, visitors will quickly tell the QRHC members how lucky and fortunate they are to be able to pitch in probably the best facility in the world. Believe me, we agree! But there is another side of the coin that most people are unaware of. I would like to give you a short history of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, how and why we were chosen to become caretakers of this facility, and an insight of what the QRHC has done the past year during the transition period.

The QRHC, formerly the New Melle Horseshoe Club, was formed in 1990 with only 32 members and four outdoor courts. It was soon expanded to eight courts and a building was erected around them. Later an additional four more courts were added. Our club grew to over 250 members and we became known as the "Largest Horseshoe Club in the World" – well over the population size of the small town of New Melle where our club was located. During the winter months a pitcher would have to sign up months in advance to get into a tournament at the courts. That was because there was only one other indoor horseshoe facility in Missouri so horseshoe pitchers would travel many miles to pitch indoors. As a club we were all happy and contented, and enjoyed traveling to out-of-state events together, such as chartering a bus traveling to Music City for friendly competition for many years. During this growth time, a bond was formed between the members – we all loved and had fun pitching horseshoes together.

Jack Freeman would tell us – "I never saw such enthusiasm and excitement in a horseshoe club" and he was envious of our camaraderie. In 1999 when the St. Louis Rams played the Tennessee Titans for the Super Bowl Championship we made another trip to Joelton. Wearing our Rams hats made from construction paper we marched into the Tennessee arena. Such fun we had. It was ironic that only a few years down the road we found ourselves high on a hilltop in a luxurious horseshoe palace that rivaled the Joelton complex that Jack built. After Jack's death in December 2003, his indoor courts became part of an estate settlement and it took 15 months before Dave Loucks as NHPF President was finally able to purchase the Joelton courts for the Foundation. By this time, the NHPF and NHPA officers knew that Joelton was not the best location for the National Hall of Fame. At the suggestion of Joe Faron, Dave came to Missouri to view other potential sites. He determined the Quail Ridge Park location to be near perfect. With the concurrence of the NHPA officers, Dave

and the NHPF entered into a land lease agreement with St. Charles County for three acres on which the HOF facility was built and dedicated in October 2007. Our horseshoe club was asked to be its caretakers because of the location, and because we were a club with 200 members strong.

While the decision to build on the Wentzville site was made in early 2005, it took nearly two more years before Dave and the NHPF, needing the approval of the Tennessee State Attorney General, was able to sell the Joelton property. Fortunately, this did not delay the start of construction in Wentzville because the initial NHPA seed money that opened the NHPF account in 1996 along with ten years of fund-

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raising had grown the Foundation endowment to an amount sufficient to cover the first 60% of construction costs.

It was during the construction stage that the NHPF/NHPA and the QRHC entered into a building operation agreement. The QRHC members agreed to do much of the physical labor saving the NHPF over \$10,000. It was an extremely hot summer in 2007. There was no electricity and no water in the building as the QRHC members daily cleaned up after the carpenters and drywall hangers. And then the painting party began – every room including office, storage, kitchen, furnace, lobby and the HOF room had to be given two coats. Every iron brown truss that you will see needed painting to prevent rusting. The pits were installed and the court lines drawn and painted. Every piece of tile was carefully laid. Lumber was cut and nailed to the inside walls for horseshoe protection. Chain link fencing was installed, as was the beautiful countertop for scorekeeping purposes. Doors had to be hung. At least 30 of the members were trained on the health & safety codes so we could properly operate the kitchen. And then we had to purchase a beer license – lots of red tape and quite expensive we found out. The last piece of tile was being laid on the morning of October 5, 2007, our opening day! That year the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club received the 2007 NHPA Presidential Award for its hard work and dedication to the sport of horseshoe.

The QRHC soon recognized that we were no longer a horseshoe club that was just being financed by its dues. We were a business. We had to figure out ways for our income to meet our expenses. For the first year our expenses ran about \$2,500 per month. That included the rent to the NHPF, the heating and cooling expenses, telephone, gas, water, trash pickup, etc. We realized that we had to depend on tournaments, concessions and souvenirs to bring in the funds.

The QRHC had to be efficiently organized and appoint club managers in charge of various duties. One of these duties is to keep our building clean. It takes approximately 12-15 people working together for four hours to clean 22,000 square feet of space and we do this at least once a month. Our members volunteer their time to come to the building to act as host/hostess four days a week so that the public can visit the facility to see what horseshoe pitching is all about. We have worked hard this past year to achieve this. So while we have all the glory and fame with the daily use of the facility, we also bear and share the responsibility of keeping it going, making it work not only for our club but for NHPA members everywhere.

The St. Charles County Parks Department spent \$400,000 for the huge parking lot and its beautiful landscaping. The

plants and flowers surrounding the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Walkway are beautiful all year around, but especially during the springtime. The outdoor courts are set on an acre of ground in the back of the building and were completed last summer and maintained by the members of the QRHC using bobcats, hand shovels and rakes. Thank Heavens, we have some wonderful hard working members who are dedicated in making the club and the facility successful. At the end of 2008 we have picked up many new members and we are always looking for ways to publicize and expose this million-dollar facility to gain national attention.

I hope that this article will give you a ‘behind the scenes’ view of how the QRHC operates to maintain the Hall of Fame facility and to present it to the public in such a way that every horseshoe pitcher across America is proud to be a member of the NHPA. Keep on supporting the NHPF with your donations and brick orders - it is the only way to preserve the history, showcase the present and build the future of horseshoe pitching – the game we all love and enjoy. Donations to the NHPF can be sent to P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.



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CHANGE PROPOSALS FOR 2009

NHPA Official Rules Change Proposals for 2009

Requirement 4, Section B (found on page 30)

Currently reads:

Section B – Divisions

A World Tournament shall include separate Championship Divisions for Juniors, Open Men, Open Women, Seniors, and Elders. If Class pitching performance is used as a “qualifier” for determining who will advance to Championship Division play, the Championship rounds shall be assigned a separate sanction number and both Class and Championship play shall each count as a separate tournament.

Change to read:

Section B – Divisions

A World Tournament shall include separate Championship Divisions for Juniors, Open Men, Open Women, Seniors, and Elders. If Class pitching performance is used as a “qualifier” for determining who will advance to Championship Division play, the Championship rounds shall be assigned a separate sanction number and both Class and Championship play shall each count as a separate tournament.

Note: Qualified Alternates in Championship Divisions - Unless the tournament director has been contacted, contestants who have not checked in by the prescribed deadline **shall** forfeit all games and be replaced by a qualified alternate. For Championship Divisions, alternates are determined by the results of Class Play and their names will be announced at the awards ceremony.

Reasoning: To establish permanent procedures to follow in the event of “no shows” in championship divisions of the world tournament.

Rule 1, Section E * change #1 (found on page 8)

Currently Reads:

Section E – Elder Men (become eligible to pitch in the Elders Division at any time during the calendar year that they become seventy (70) years old)

1. Elder Men may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platforms, and shall observe the twenty-seven-foot (27’) foul line. Elder Men must notify their Charter secretary, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares himself a short distance pitcher, he must remain a short distance pitcher for that entire calendar year. *Note:* See RULE 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying.

2. Physically Challenged Men – Physically challenged, male pitchers less than seventy (70) years old may be given permission, by their governing Charter, to move onto the extended platforms in the *Elders Division* and observe the twenty-seven-foot (27’) foul lines. The prior completion and approval of a Medical Exemption Form (available from Charter Secretaries) is required. At the World Tournament and at State Championship Tournaments, they shall compete in the Elders Division.

(The term “Elders” also appears in Req. 3, Sec.A.1, Req. 4 Sec. B, and also in the table of contents under Rule 1 Sec E on page 8)

Change to read:

Section E – Men’s Short Distance (become eligible to pitch in the Men’s Short Distance Division at any time during the calendar year that they become seventy (70) years old)

1. Short Distance Men may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platforms, and shall observe the twenty-seven-foot (27’) foul line. Men’s Short Distance pitchers must notify their Charter secretary, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares himself a short distance pitcher, he must remain a short distance pitcher for that entire calendar year. *Note:* See RULE 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying.

2. Physically Challenged Men – Physically challenged, male pitchers less than seventy (70) years old may be given permission, by their governing Charter, to move onto the extended platforms in the Men’s Short Distance and observe the twenty-seven-foot (27’) foul lines. The

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prior completion and approval of a Medical Exemption Form (available from Charter Secretaries) is required. At the World Tournament and at State Championship Tournaments, they shall compete in the Men's Short Distance Division.

(This title change will also be made in Req. 3, Sec.A.1, Req. 4 Sec. B, and also in the table of contents under Rule 1 Sec. E on page 8)

Reasoning: The term "Men's Short Distance" has a more distinguished sound to it, and also would more accurately describe all pitchers in that division. Pitchers in this division under a medical exemption may be much younger, and the term "Elders" is not accurate. Also, men switching pitching distances should be required to remain at their new distance for the entire calendar year because it creates confusion and extra work for the Natstats director.

Rule 1, Section E * change #2 (found on page 8)

Currently Reads:

Section E – Elder Men (become eligible to pitch in the Elders Division at any time during the calendar year that they become seventy (70) years old)

1. Elder Men may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platforms, and shall observe the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul line. Elder Men must notify their Charter secretary, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares himself a short distance pitcher, he must remain a short distance pitcher for that entire calendar year. *Note:* See RULE 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying.

Change to read:

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1. Elder Men may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platforms, and shall observe the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul line. Elder Men must notify their Charter secretary, in advance, of the date that they

intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares himself a short distance pitcher, he must remain a short distance pitcher for that entire calendar year. Alternately, if a member starts the year as a short distance pitcher, he may change to the Open men's division, but must remain in that division for that entire calendar year.

Note: See RULE 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying.

Reasoning: Men switching pitching distances should be required to remain at their new distance for the entire calendar year because it creates confusion and extra work for the Natstats director.

The NHPA Executive Council has the authority to grant temporary or permanent waivers for court specifications under II Specs, Section D.

The following change to the RGS book is needed to document the action taken by the NHPA Executive Council at the winter board meeting on January 18, 2009. There will be a vote to accept this council action at the 2009 convention. To be clear, there would need to be a 2/3 majority vote against accepting this action to overturn it.

II - SPECIFICATIONS FOR COURT LAYOUT, Section D (found on page 38)

Currently Reads:

SECTION D – Court Sanction Waiver

Some Court sanction requirements may be waived by the Regional Director and/or the NHPA Council under special circumstances (also see GUIDELINES, PART II, #5, Section B, and Regional Directors Guidelines).

Change to read:

II - SPECIFICATIONS FOR COURT LAYOUT

SECTION D – Court Sanction Waiver

Any portable or permanent in-ground courts that measure less than 31" inside width, but not less than 29", and were built prior to 2007, will be granted a permanent waiver and

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considered conditionally sanctioned, provided they meet the remainder of the minimum basic requirements. Should these courts ever be refurbished, they must be modified to meet the original 31" minimum width at that time. The sidewalls of these wavered courts are considered foul territory, and any live shoes that come to rest touching them is considered a foul shoe, regardless if it is within 6" of the stake.

special circumstances (also see GUIDELINES, PART II, #5, Section B, and Regional Directors Guidelines).

Reasoning: There are many portable pits in service that measure 29" inside because of the construction method of getting 3 equal pieces from a standard 4' X 8' sheet of plywood. The narrow condition has rarely, if ever, been an issue in sanctioned play.

Some Court sanction requirements may be waived by the Regional Director and/or the NHPA Council under

World Tournament Prize List 2009

Championship Classes

Class Play

Place	Men	Women	Senior		Boys	Girls	Senior		Place	12	14	16
			Men	Elders			Women	Cadets				
1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$300.00	1	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
2	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	2	\$250.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
3	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$150.00	3	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
4	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$300.00	\$135.00	4	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
5	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$250.00		5		\$125.00	\$150.00
6	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00		6			\$125.00
7	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$180.00		\$175.00					
8	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$160.00		\$150.00			\$1,025.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,425.00
9	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$140.00							
10	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$280.00	\$280.00	\$120.00							
11	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$110.00							
12	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$100.00							
13	\$280.00	\$280.00										
14	\$240.00	\$240.00										
15	\$220.00	\$220.00										
16	\$200.00	\$200.00										
17	\$180.00	\$180.00										
18	\$170.00	\$170.00										
19	\$160.00	\$160.00										
20	\$150.00	\$150.00										

Totals \$15,570.00 \$15,570.00 \$6,500.00 \$6,500.00 \$2,810.00 \$2,000.00 \$2,775.00 \$785.00

\$52,510.00 Total Championship Prize Fund

SANCTIONED ADULT LEAGUE 2008 TOP TEN LIST

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ADULT NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED DISTANCE

High Point Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Carl Carlton	Pueblo, CO	123.58
2	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	123.33
3	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	115.68
4	Warren Woolsey	Clearwater, FL	112.73
5	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	111.79
6	Ray Hood	Clearwater, FL	111.51
7	Darrin Potts	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	111.08
8	Verdell Woollard	Bradenton, FL	110.88
9	Nick DiRaimo	Liberty, MO	110.76
10	Craig Schadler	Crossville, TN	109.39

High Point Game

1	Carl Carlton	Pueblo, CO	146
2 (tie)	Nick DiRaimo	Liberty, MO	138
2 (tie)	Mary Vogel	Liberty, MO	138
3	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	136
4	Warren Woolsey	Clearwater, FL	136
5	Darrin Potts	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	133
6	Ray Hood	Clearwater, FL	132
7	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	132
8	Mark Seibold	Clearwater, FL	130
9	Sheila Shepard	Denver Metro, CO	130
10	Kenneth Duquet	Bradenton, FL	129
10	Roy Flatt	Liberty, FL	129
10	Larry Guimond	Clearwater, FL	129
10	Verdell Woollard	Bradenton, FL	129

High Points over Average

1	Eva Bowden	Try County, OH	44.03
2	Perry Mann	Liberty, MO	40.87
3	Dave Lawrence	Pawnee Ringers, NE	39.74
4	Arlene Borgwald	Bradenton, FL	39.31
5	Mary Vogel	Liberty, MO	38.05
6	Roy Flatt	Liberty, MO	37.58
7	Jay Roth	Try County, OH	37.16
8	Chris Ehrnfield	Try County, OH	36.75
9	Larry Shaw	Try County, OH	36.45
10	Jim Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	35.57

MEN'S DIVISION-40ft. DISTANCE

High Ringer Average

1	Elbert Shifflett	Frederick, MD	72.43
2	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	68.00
3	Gary Roberts	Ross County, OH	66.70
4	Darrin Potts	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	65.50

5	Chan Herrell	Frederick, MD	64.49
6	Mark Seibold	Clearwater, FL	64.20
7	John Udelhofen	Sandbar Sandbaggers, WI	61.75
8	Dave Lick	New Haven, CT	60.07
9	Allen Withrow	Mountaineer, WV	59.83
10	David Kincaid	Heart of America, MO	59.71

High Ringer Game

1	Russell Baker	Stroh, IN	90.00
2	John Udelhofen	Sandbar Sandbaggers, WI	87.50
3	Dave Lick	New Haven, CT	86.67
4	Darrin Potts	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	84.00
5	Mark Seibold	Clearwater, FL	84.00
6	Gary Roberts	Ross County, OH	82.50
7	Elbert Shifflett	Frederick, MD	82.00
8	Greg Crocker	New Haven, CT	80.00
9	Glenn Ellis	New Haven, CT	80.00
10	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	80.00
10	Pat Laffoon	Stroh, IN	80.00

High Ringer over Average

1	Dale Neace	Stroh, IN	39.58
2	Jim Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	39.02
3	Ed Allen	New Haven, CT	36.70
4	Wayne Jaye	Loon Pond, MA	36.03
5	David Morrone	Loon Pond, MA	35.03
6	Don Potter	Whitley County, IN	34.05
7	Nick Nichols	Gate City Clangers, NH	33.98
8	Keith Correa	Oahu, HI	33.33
9	Joel Schroeder	Classic City, IN	32.82
10	Russell Baker	Stroh, IN	31.84

MEN'S DIVISION-30ft. DISTANCE

High Ringer Average

1	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	78.28
2	Carl Carlton	Pueblo, CO	76.63
3	Hershel Walters	Plymouth, IN	76.30
4	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	70.27
5	Warren Woolsey	Clearwater, FL	69.03
6	Craig Schadler	Crossville, TN	67.12
7	Ray Hood	Clearwater, FL	66.89
8	Nick DiRaimo	Heart of America, MO	66.79
9	Robert Boce	Liberty, MO	64.11
10	Stan Loy	Whitley County, IN	63.52

High Ringer Game

1	Carl Carlton	Pueblo, CO	96.00
2	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	92.50
3	Hershel Walters	Plymouth, IN	91.70
4	Nick DiRaimo	Liberty, MO	90.00
5	Stan Loy	Whitley County, IN	90.00
6	Warren Woolsey	Clearwater, FL	88.00

7	Jack Algiers	Wolf River Ringers, WI	87.00
8	Ray Hood	Clearwater, FL	84.00
9	Roy Flatt	Liberty, MO	84.00
10	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	84.00

High Game over Average

1	John Cowen	Whitley County, IN	38.75
2	Norm Richard	Gate City Clangers, NH	34.10
3	Perry Mann	Liberty, MO	31.67
4	Roy Flatt	Liberty, MO	31.50
5	David Moody	Moose Lodge #2239, LA	29.89
6	Ron Negaard	Ringers of Rice, MN	29.67
7	Willie Lothamer	Classic City, IN	29.52
8	Gary Dearborn	Gate City Clangers, NH	29.27
9	Bill Hively	Whitley County, IN	28.78
10	Lester Waguespack	Bayou, LA	28.63

WOMEN'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1	Gert Wilczek	Eau Claire, WI	76.90
2	Debra Brown	Sodbusters, VT	68.86
3	Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA	67.81
4	Verdell Wooddard	Bradenton, FL	66.40
5	Sheila Shepard	Denver Metro, CO	65.09
6	Mary Ann Gibbs	Crisp, GA	63.47
7	Marlys Timm	Rockford Ringers, MN	61.00
8	Penny Steinke	Muskego Moose, WI	58.84
9	Carolyn Coyle	Whitley County, IN	58.15
10	Elizabeth Furner	Heart of America, MO	57.42

High Ringer Game

1	Gert Wilczek	Eau Claire, WI	96.00
2	Mary Vogel	Liberty, MO	90.00
3	Debra Brown	Sodbuster, VT	86.00
4	Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA	84.00
5	Sheila Shepard	Denver Metro, CO	84.00
6	Carolyn Coyle	Whitley County, IN	80.00
7	Mary Ann Gibbs	Crisp, GA	80.00
8	Angela Perle	Bayou, LA	80.00
9	Verdell Wooddard	Bradenton, FL	80.00
10	Elizabeth Furner	Heart of America, MO	78.00
10	Penny Steinke	Muskego Moose, WI	78.00

High Ringer over Average

1	Mary Vogel	Liberty, MO	35.40
2	Arlene Borgwald	Bradenton, FL	33.72
3	Eva Bowden	Try County, OH	32.94
4	Christy Weyer	Ringers of Rice, MN	30.71
5	Tracy Gardiner	Classic City, IN	30.46
6	Laura Lindsey	Shreveport, LA	28.56

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SANCTIONED ADULT LEAGUE

2008 TOP TEN LIST *Continued*

7	Melanie Russell	Shreveport, LA	28.27
8	Laura Wixon	Moose Lodge #2239, LA	28.25
9	Julie Schroeder	Classic City, IN	28.18
10	Angela Percle	Bayou, LA	27.78

SANCTIONED JUNIOR LEAGUE 2008 TOP TEN LIST

NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED BOYS/GIRLS

High Point Average

1	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	105.89
2	Abby Green	Try County, OH	98.15
3	Seth Limbach	Pawnee Ringers, NE	88.17
4	Garvin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	81.14
5	Benjamin Grooms	Green County, OH	79.92
6	Justin Salazar	Pueblo, CO	74.97
7	Alex Roberts	Liberty, MO	73.95
8	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	72.47
9	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	70.62
10	Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	67.14

High Point Game

1	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	137
2	Abby Green	Try County, OH	127
3	Benjamin Grooms	Green County, OH	122
4	Alex Roberts	Liberty, MO	118
5	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	113
6	Justin Salazar	Pueblo, CO	103
7	Seth Limbach	Pawnee Ringers, NE	101
8	Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	99
9	Josh Demoranville	Loon Pond, MA	96
10	Annie Jamiel	Try County, OH	95

High Points over Average

1	Benjamin Grooms	Green County, OH	49.61
2	Alex Roberts	Liberty, MO	44.05
3	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	42.38
4	Josh Demoranville	Loon Pond, MA	41.29
5	Slade Mahon	Try County, OH	40.85
6	Garrett Stotts	Try County, OH	40.23
7	Gunnar David	Fleet Reserve, WI	38.30
8	Cody Rahlf	Shenoyne Valley, ND	33.10
9	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	31.11
10	Annie Jamiel	Try County, OH	29.44

BOY'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	65.29
2	Joshua Bowerman	Waterloo Ringers, NY	65.23
3	Kyle Bidwell	Topeka, KS	55.23
4	Trevor Sipma	Bismarck-Mandan, ND	54.18
5	Joey Mueller	Fridley, MN	52.50
6	Joshua Wright	Waterloo Ringers, NY	50.83
7	Seth Limbach	Pawnee Ringers, NE	50.20
8	Joe Rolfes	Fridley, MN	49.78
9	Travis Uhrig	Ross County, OH	46.36
10	Dustin Hunt	Edmonson, KY	45.50

High Ringer Game

1	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	90.00
2	Kyle Bidwell	Topeka, KS	80.00
3	Benjamin Grooms	Green County, OH	78.00
4	Joshua Bowerman	Waterloo Ringers, NY	77.50
5	Travis Uhrig	Ross County, OH	77.50
6	Dustin Hunt	Edmonson, KY	74.00
7	Alex Roberts	Liberty, MO	74.00
8	Trevor Sipma	Bismarck-Mandan, ND	72.00
9	Joey Mueller	Fridley, MN	68.00
10	Joe Rolfes	Fridley, MN	68.00

High Ringer over Average

1	Benjamin Grooms	Green County, OH	37.83
2	Alex Roberts	Liberty, MO	34.41
3	Josh Demoranville	Loon Pond, MA	31.92
4	Travis Uhrig	Ross County, OH	31.14
5	Dustin Hunt	Edmonson, KY	28.50
6	Slade Mahon	Try County, OH	27.69
7	Michael Read	Bureau Valley Jr. Lg.	27.34
8	Seth Aho	Cokato, MN	26.73
9	Cody Rahlf	Shenoyne Valley, ND	26.13
10	Gunnar David	Fleet Reserve, WI	26.07

GIRL'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1	Abby Green	Try County, OH	53.20
2	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	39.12
3	Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	34.62
4	Annie Jamiel	Try County, OH	28.05
5	Kelsey Howiler	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	27.83
6	Nicole Salmen	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	23.74
7	Brianna McCormick	Sodbusters, VT	23.53
8	CharisBahret	Topeka, KS	23.37
9	Samantha Sheehan	Loon Pond, MA	22.33
10	Alyssa Leger	Liberty, MO	17.06

High Ringer Game

1	Abby Green	Try County, OH	78.00
2	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	72.00
3	Annie Jamiel	Try County, OH	52.00
4	Aleen Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	50.00
5	Charis Bahret	Topeka, KS	45.00
6	Brianna McCormick	Sodbusters, VT	44.00
7	Nicole Salmen	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	44.00
8	Samantha Sheehan	Loon Pond, MA	40.00
9	Corissa Bishop	Lions Park, MO	38.00
10	Kelsey Howiler	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	36.00

High Ringers over Average

1	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	32.88
2	Abby Green	Try County, OH	26.09
3	Annie Jamiel	Try County, OH	23.95
4	Corissa Bishop	Lions Park, MO	21.85
5	Charis Bahret	Topeka, KS	21.63
6	Brianna McCormick	Sodbusters, VT	20.47
7	Nicole Salmen	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	20.26
8	Julia Larsen	Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., WI	18.10
9	Alyssa Leger	Liberty, MO	17.94
10	Samantha Sheehan	Loon Pond, MA	17.67

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