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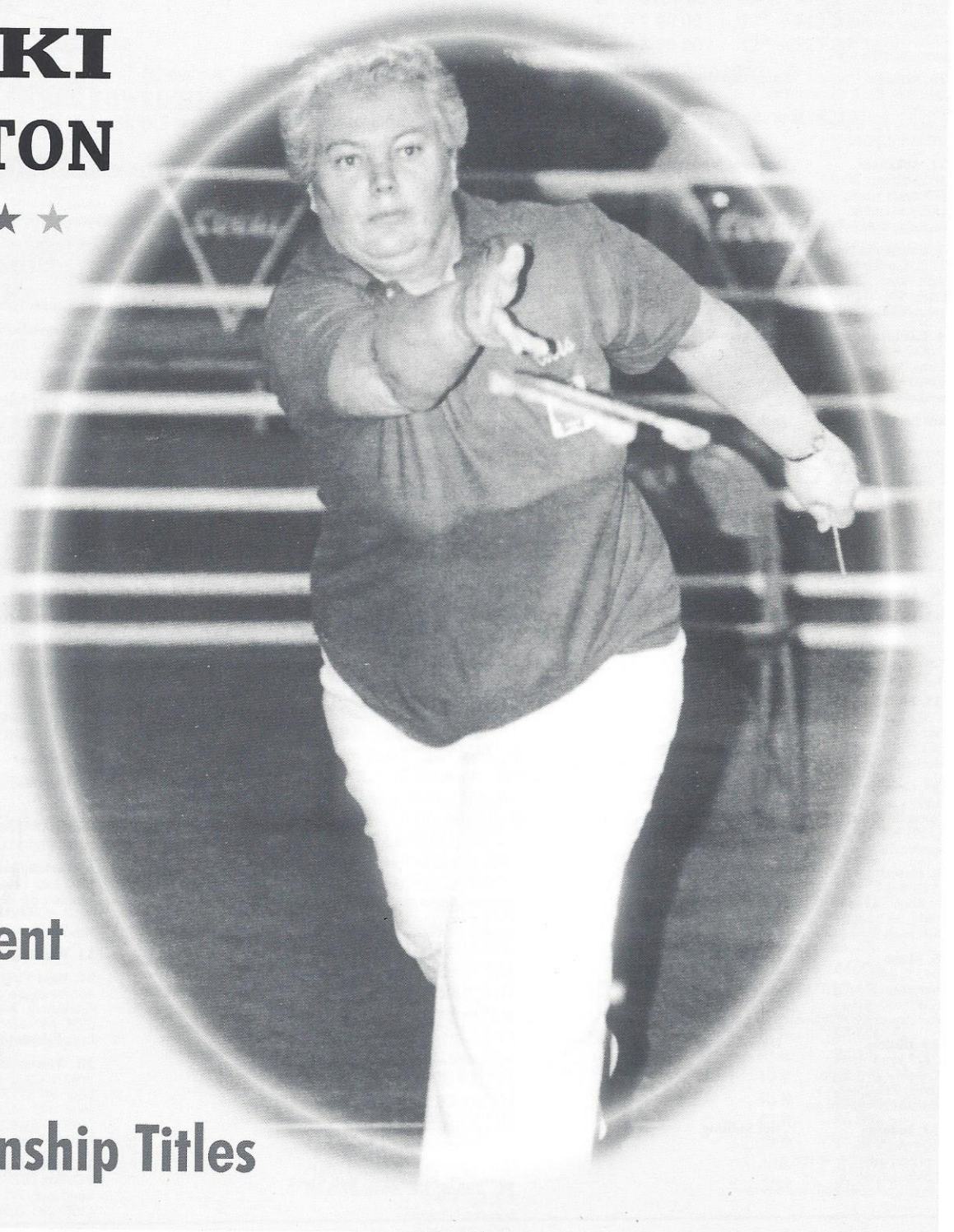
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Vicki Winston is the current record holder of most NHPA World Tournament Women's Championship titles. See articles featuring Vicki on pages 15-16 and 29-30.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Paul Stewart

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of its World Championships in Springfield, Illinois, July 27 through August 8, 2009. We are looking forward to a very exciting and successful World Tournament in Springfield.

The Capital Area Sports Commission, the Illinois Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the whole town is on board in preparation of welcoming all the horseshoe pitchers. Bill Marvin and the Illinois Horseshoe Pitchers Association have been working all winter getting workers lined up to help with the courts setup, court maintenance, court tear down and a lot of unseen work that goes on after all the pitchers have gone for the day. All this work has to be done every day for a successful world tournament. You can be assured that the facilities and the tournament set-up and tournament maintenance are in good hands with Bill Marvin and the Illinois Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

A reminder to all Charter Presidents: By-Laws, Article IX: section 3. The Charter President must provide to the NHPA President, at least 72 hours prior to the start of the convention, a written and signed (or email) list of delegates which names the delegation Chairman. The list of delegates must be submitted by the Charter President. I will be leaving for Springfield on July 23rd. Please allow several days if submitting your list by US mail to insure that I receive it prior to this date. After July 23rd and at least 72 hours prior to the start of the convention which is August 2nd at 8:00 a.m. your delegates list can be e-mailed to me at: HYPERLINK "mailto:nhpapaul@yahoo.com" nhpapaul@yahoo.com. Once again this list must be submitted by the Charter President. Our Convention and Business meeting will be held August 2nd at 8:00 a.m. at one of the meeting rooms facilities at the Prairie Capital Convention Center.

Two NHPA Officers have announced that they will be running for re-election for their offices; those being Dan Sanders for 1st Vice President and Lorraine Sternberg for 3rd Vice President. Since I announced late last year that I would not be seeking re-election for NHPA President, we have only one candidate, Stu Sipma, that notified me as well as Newline before the February 1st deadline that he is running for the office of President of the NHPA. Since Stu is currently the 5th Vice President, this will leave his office open for election. Two very capable candidates have announced that they will be running for the 5th Vice Presidents office; those being, Ron Kohn of Michigan, and Debby Michaud of Massachusetts.

Times and dates for all meetings will be posted on location at the tournament. There will be a Regional Directors meeting, State Officers meeting, Club/League Directors meeting and Hall of Fame Committee meeting.

Awards will be presented at our annual Hall of Fame & Awards Banquet on Sunday, August 2nd at one of the banquet rooms facilities in the Prairie Capital Convention Center. This year's Hall of Fame inductees are listed in Vicki Winston's article in this issue of Newline. At this time, all other awards have not been finalized. When available this information will be posted on the website and included in your World Tournament packet. Please make plans to attend the Hall of Fame & Awards Banquet. I promise that you will have fun and enjoy the evening.

At our recent winter meeting we discussed and agreed to create a new program and a committee director for this program. The new position will be called, "Charter Communications". The basic function of this position will be to establish an open line of communications with each charter president, with high emphasis on charter growth. NHPA 4th Vice President, Jerry LaBrosse, has been appointed to fill this position as Committee Director. More details on the Charter Communications in another article in this issue of Newline.

I look forward to seeing you in Springfield.

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# NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

In the March/April issue I spoke about grants and explained that the NHPF cannot provide money to build or improve courts on private property. Despite that, we still received one request for just that purpose. The NHPF Directors of course had to turn that request down, but we did approve four other grants.

The Pretzel City Horseshoe League in Freeport, IL, received \$1,000 to help offset the cost of six portable courts that are already in use as members prepare for the coming World Tournament. The Los Angeles County Parks Foundation was sent \$1,000 to assist in the construction of 24 new courts in Richard Rioux Memorial Park in Stevenson Ranch, California. A new NHPA club is being formed there to use the courts after the 14 western states police and fire Olympics competition is held at the courts this June. The Minnesota Gopher State HPA also received \$1,000 to assist in the construction of 24 new portable courts that will be used during the State Tournament and other promotional events. A \$500 check was sent to the small City of Cole Camp, MO, to help in the construction of six courts in a city park. The Missouri HPA is providing assistance to ensure that the courts are built to NHPA specifications.

All the above grant recipients pledged to hold annual fund-raising tournaments so some money could be returned to the NHPF. While there is no legal obligation to repay grants, by holding fund-raisers to repay some money, past recipients help the Foundation continue its work and support of other clubs in need.

Outside of the annual one-dollar per member NHPA donation, contributions to the NHPF over the past two months have been pretty light. There has been no change in the State Rankings so that list is not being published this issue. It is worth mentioning however that the top eight contributing states, CA, MO, MN, NC, TN, OR, WI and MI, represent just over 30% of the NHPA membership. These states however account for 57% of all individual contributions to the NHPF and 53% of all bricks purchased. When you consider these numbers, one has to wonder why! Why is it that a small

number of charters do so well in support while the majority falls far behind? Is it charter leadership, a lack of trying, a lack of promotion or just plain old apathy? The answer will probably never be clear but let's hope that as visitors and support for the Wentzville NHPA Hall of Fame grows, so too will contributions to the NHPF grow, especially from those states that now lag behind.

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 February and March, \$2,775 was received from member contributions and brick orders. Another \$11,841 was received from the NHPF as the delegate approved one dollar per member.

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**Deadline for Grant Applications: March 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>**

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# NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT

by Lorraine Sternberg

The summer league season is upon us. With the start of leagues, remember, it's time to get your membership reports in. You need to get those in as soon as possible so your club is covered by the NHPA insurance.

I know times are very hard these days, with so many people losing their jobs and the rising cost of everything, but everyone still needs some sort of hobbies. Joining a horseshoe league is still one of the most inexpensive sports that you can participate in. I think this could be a good time for sanctioned clubs and leagues to take some time and do some things to help others in your community. If you are able to support a new member, why not do it. Or maybe your league could have each pitcher bring a non-perishable food item each night of league. At the end of the season your club could take the food that you have collected to a food bank in your community. Horseshoe people are very caring people and this is the time for all of us to help someone else, however we can. Let's all try and do our part.

Lots of the clubs will be holding their spring meetings now. At your meetings, club members should decide certain things before the leagues begin. One of those things, are how your league will handle forfeits. This can be one of the biggest problems, when a league member cannot make a night of pitching. There are several different

ways to deal with this situation. One would be to have a substitute, although this is not always an easy solution for leagues, as all pitchers on a sanctioned league must carry a NHPA membership card. If your club prefers to have subs, one way to help out your subs is to have the club purchase their NHPA membership. It's a great way to get new members started.

You can also go with dummy scores. If a player has no opponent he may be required to pitch against a dummy score equal to his average or a set number of points. He must exceed that total to gain a win. If all possible, forfeits should be avoided.

Other things to be discussed at your spring meeting are league fees and the number of weeks that you will be running the league. The most important thing though is keep your league FUN!

The National Sanctioned League Tournament entry form is in this issue of Newslines. The tournament will be held at the NHPA Hall of Fame Facility in Missouri. The dates are October 10th and 11th. In the next issue I will have a list of motels in the area. The tournament will be limited to 24 teams. Don't hesitate to enter this tournament. Fill out your entry form today and get it in the mail. You will need three people from your club to enter. The tournament is

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place it should have been Hannah Dods from Lions Park, MO rather than Corissa Bishop. Also for 4th place in high ringers over average it should have been Hannah Dods rather than Corissa Bishop. My apologies to Hannah for this error.

In the top-ten list that was in last month's issue there is a correction for the junior girls. On high ringer game, 9th

I wish you all the best with your leagues this summer. It has been a long winter for most of us, so it's time to play some horseshoes and have FUN!

**ENTRY FORM**

**NHPA Hall of Fame Facility**

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**NHPA Sanctioned Club/League Tournament**

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**October 10th & 11th, 2009**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Home# \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Division & Distance \_\_\_\_\_ League Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

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Division & Distance \_\_\_\_\_ League Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

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

League averages will be used for this tournament from this years' league season (2009). Limit 24 teams. If your club would like to enter more than one team, please indicate your #1 team. After the deadline if there is not 24 different clubs/leagues entered your #2 team would then qualify to enter. This tournament is limited to adults only!



# CHARTER CHATTER

by Debby Michaud

## VERMONT

Huntington, Vermont has had a horseshoe league for twenty years but never ran a sanctioned tournament. In 2006 they added courts to the existing ones - they now have 12 beautiful courts, right next to a small river (hence, the name "Riverside Horseshoe League"). In 2008, they had their courts checked for possible sanctioning. The courts are excellent and are within one inch of perfect everywhere, even with the cold weather of northern Vermont. They have to adjust some stakes every spring because of frost heaves. When they passed inspection, they began to plan their first ever NHPA Sanctioned Tournament, which filled the courts in October of 2008. For 2009, they are planning three sanctioned tournaments. Right now, Vermont may be the fastest growing NHPA Charter in New England.

## IOWA

Iowa is getting ready for the 2010 World Tournament to be held in Cedar Rapids. Committees are in place and volunteers are being recruited for the effort. In addition, this state is one of the lucky ones to have indoor courts for winter pitching. Winter tournaments are held as often as twice a month at the Putt Mossman arena in Eldora, Iowa. These culminate with the Indoor Championship in April. The arena is named after Mr. Mossman who was a good horseshoe pitcher, a very generous man, and an entertainer. We are told he loved to laugh and wanted others to enjoy themselves. Well, Iowans do have a good time! There are approximately 50 tournaments scheduled for 2009. We wish them well in their preparations for 2010!

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Northern California has 132 tournaments scheduled this year. Play begins as early as February and ends in early December. They also boast a nice array of annual awards - in addition to the Rookie of the Year and Most Improved pitcher; they have the Top Dog award, given to the pitcher who pitches the most tournaments in Northern California. They also honor their juniors AND their scorekeepers - yes, there is a Scorekeeper of the Year award!

## COLORADO

The "Double Ringer" newsletter in Colorado has been in existence since 1982. Bob Champion continues to be its very capable editor. As a sports buff, Bob inserts all manner of sports trivia into the newsletter along with the horseshoe information. There is a large production staff assisting him for the six times per year publication. Bob is always drumming up newsy information as well as some "old news" in sports, making it interesting reading. The results of Colorado tournaments and

yearly statistics are also in there as well as flyers for current tournaments. Kudos to Bob Champion and his staff.

## MINNESOTA

Minnesota has voted to try a new membership incentive program. In 2009, state dues for all members of a NEW CLUB will be waived. If someone can start a new club with all new members, those new members will only have to pay the NHPA dues. This will be tried for 2009 and is only good for a club in the first year coming into the association. Last year the Minnesota HPA spent \$2,000.00 in cash awards for a membership drive - this association is SERIOUS in trying to get new members. It will be interesting to see how this club approach works. Good luck with it - we will try to keep you informed.

Another success story of the Gopher State is its success with juniors. It annually has the most juniors of any charter (110 in 2007) and in 2007 had 933 adult members. Excellent! There are 33 indoor and outdoor tournaments planned for 2009.

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## MISSOURI

The Liberty, MO Horseshoe Club recently held its 8th Annual Cancer Action Benefit Tournament. The proceeds from this tournament go towards providing services to cancer patients in the greater Kansas City area, which includes both Missouri and Kansas. Kent Armstrong, now deceased, and Elwyn Cooper initiated this tournament because both of their families had received services from this organization. This year they had 75 entries and only one couldn't make it. They brought in

a record profit of over \$2,000.00. Some of these dollars come from the sale of posters which are displayed on the fence. These posters are "In Memory Of" family members who have passed on due to cancer or are "Survivor" posters.

In 2009, Missouri will have over 100 tournaments, making it easy for everyone to get to some of them. Quail Ridge itself, site of the NHPA Hall of Fame museum, held the 2008 State tournament and will host 15 tournaments in 2009, including the popular Six Pack Invitational in May.



## Hall of Fame Classic

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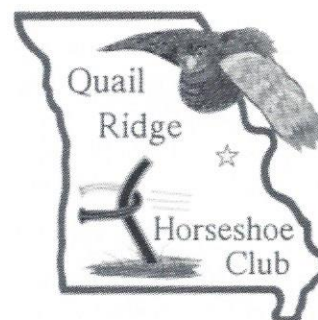
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Gary Buehler 636-328-1201 Email [gbuehler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gbuehler@sbcglobal.net)



**(If you can't make it during these open times, contact a tournament director to possibly schedule a different time. In case of unforeseen circumstances, changes to the tournament format may be made at the discretion of the tournament directors.)**

While visiting the Land of Lincoln, the Show-Me State invites you to "Cross over the Bridge" and visit the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame. After you tour the Hall of Fame and the Jack Freeman Memorial Plaza you will want to enter into the very exciting and interesting tournament co-sponsored by the NHPA and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. Make the 2009 WT a most memorable trip by including this event in your trip! Honest Abe, you won't regret it!



# 2011 WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE

*by Stu Sipma*

Throughout the past year, I have been in contact with a number of cities interested in hosting the World Horseshoe Tournament. I have sites interested in bidding up to and beyond 2015. Through my attendance at the various sports marketing events, I have created a network of contacts from CVB and Tourism Groups throughout the US, Canada and Puerto Rico. I have instructed these groups to get in contact with their area Regional Director or local Charter President to work together in a "team" effort to put together a bid to host this event. If you should receive a call from any of these groups, please work with them and see what you can jointly do to bring this event to your community. With the March 15th deadline for submitting World Tournament bid proposals behind us, I am proud to announce five locations who have met the requirements for contention to host the 2011 NHPA World Tournament.

## **LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Little Rock will be putting a "second" effort to win the bid for the World Tournament. This event will be held at the Arkansas State Fairgrounds located in Little Rock, Arkansas. It is within two miles of the Little Rock National Airport, surrounded by several freeways, I-30, I-40, I-430, I-630, also AMTRAK.

Within the Little Rock area are the Arkansas State Capital, Clinton Presidential Center, Heifer International Center Green Building, Central High School National Historic Site, Little Rock Zoo, as well as several museums, such as Arts Center, History Commission, National Guard Museum, MacArthur Museum, Old State House Museum, North Shore Maritime Center, which includes the USS Razorback Submarine, also baseball, golf courses, tennis courts, concerts, hiking areas along with many hotels/motels, and restaurants.

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

Little Rock is proposing two indoor sites to host the World Horseshoe Championships, the T.H. Barton Coliseum and the Dodge Hall of Industry. The proposed dates are July 11th – July 23rd, 2011

## **MONROE/WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>**

Monroe-West Monroe provides a unique southern experience with Louisiana flair! Join us in Northeast Louisiana, just off of Interstate 20 and Highway 165. Our convenient location and assortment of local "jewels" makes Monroe-West Monroe the perfect place for 2011 NHPA World Tournament.

Whether you're looking for a one-of-a-kind experience, shopping, nature, or just to have a good time, Monroe-West Monroe has something to offer. With over 70 local restaurants serving everything from classic southern to Cajun foods, you'll be able to experience something new and revisit old favorites. Don't forget the shopping! Monroe-West Monroe is second to none with shopping options like Antique Alley, the largest mall in Northeast Louisiana, and the best in boutiques. Northeast Louisiana is also known as Sportsman's Paradise so take some time and experience the beauty of the outdoors.

The largest full service meeting facility in Northeast Louisiana is the Monroe Civic Center. With easy access from Interstate 20, it is a quick drive from any of the area hotels as well as the Monroe Regional Airport and Highway 165. The Monroe Civic Center can house the NHPA World Tournament in their Arena which is 46,000 square feet with 7,600 stadium chair back seating. The Monroe Civic Center Conference Hall, which is a short hallway walk from the Arena, has 14,000 multi purpose square feet of usable space and can be utilized as the overflow facility for the World Tournament. The Monroe Convention Center serves as an ideal place for meeting, banquets, luncheons and trade shows and would be the perfect location to host NHPA meetings or other special functions as they arise under the World Tournament. When using the Convention Center, you can easily access other areas of the Civic Center via a climate controlled corridor.

We thank you for considering Monroe, Louisiana as the 2011 NHPA World Tournament host and look forward to visiting with you in Springfield.

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**FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA****July 11<sup>th</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Florence Civic Center...the largest convention, entertainment & exhibition facility in northeast South Carolina with over 50,000 square feet of multipurpose space perfect for the tournament. This includes the 10,000 seat Arena, the 14,500 square foot Ballroom and the 5,200 square feet Meeting Rooms.

The SMG managed facility is home to the Florence Symphony Orchestra and the Florence Phantoms indoor football team and is the hub for entertainment and civic events for the Florence area. A five-time recipient of the Prime Site Award from Facilities Magazine, voted as one of the top venues in North America, the Center has the advantage of a prime location on a spacious complex at the intersection of I-95 and I-20, just a few miles from the regional airport. The Center is close to dozens of national chain hotels, several of which are within walking distance. It is located just across the street from a premier shopping mall and close to a variety of award winning restaurants.

The building's creative design accommodates events of all sizes and requirements. All facility space flows together under one roof and all rooms offer high speed internet access. The Center offers 50,000 square feet of multipurpose and exhibition space.

From booking and event hosting to advertising and marketing, our highly-skilled, professional staff is dedicated to making every event a successful event.

From first-class hotels and prime camping locations, Florence, SC has much to offer including:

- Tours at Darlington Raceway - The "Track Too Tough To Tame"
- Darlington Raceway Museum
- Columns Plantation - a working plantation
- National Cemetery - established in 1865 as a burial place for Union Soldiers and the first woman to be buried in a National Cemetery is buried here
- Outdoor Walking Trails
- Pearl Fryar's Topiary Gardens - a national renowned attraction
- Antique Shopping
- Florence Redwolves Baseball - Coastal Plain League
- Golf - world class golf from a variety of courses

**YORK, PENNSYLVANIA****July 18<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>**

York County looks forward to welcoming the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association World Tournament back to Pennsylvania in 2011.

The York Expo Center offers a variety of outstanding amenities for the 2011 World Tournament, including first-class facilities, superior service, and a central location in the center of Pennsylvania's #1 Tourist Region.

In 2008, York County had the pleasure of hosting the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association World Tournament at the York Expo Center Buildings utilized at the York Expo Center including Memorial Hall East and West, which housed 56 courts for the main event pitching. Horticultural Hall also held 12 practice courts and for the first time offered participants indoor, air-conditioned practice space.

We look forward to welcoming the event back to the York Expo Center in 2011.

**Pitch & Play in York, PA**

While you're in town for the World Tournament, take time to hit the road and experience the many great things York County has to offer.

**15 FREE Factory Tours**

You can go behind the scenes of America's favorite products at a variety of exciting factory tours featuring everything from motorcycles to fresh, warm potato chips to candy and much more. After your tour, be sure to visit the many authentic factory outlets offering bargains by the bagful.

- **Award-Winning Wines**

Travel the UnCork York Wine Trail and experience the 12 family-owned wineries responsible for producing a variety of wonderful vintages.

- **Compelling History**

You'll witness history come to life at museums dedicated to agriculture and industry, the Civil War, watches and clocks, weightlifting and much more.

- **Affordable Lodging**

York County offers an array of affordable lodging options, including camping on site at the Expo Center, major hotel chains and historic bed & breakfasts.

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• **Delicious Dining Choices**

York County offers an array of fantastic dining choices to suit every budget. From homemade favorites at Central Family Restaurant to fantastic sandwiches at Isaac's Restaurant and Deli and a fantastic menu and atmosphere at the Roosevelt Tavern, you're sure to find something to tempt your tastebuds.

**Unbeatable Location**

You'll also be located in the center of Pennsylvania's #1 Tourist Region, just a short drive to major attractions including Lancaster, Gettysburg and Hershey. The regions location is also central to many major East Coast cities such as Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, offering a variety of convenient travel options by road, rail and air.

We look forward to welcoming all of our horseshoe pitching friends and their families back to York in 2011.

**KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**July 25<sup>th</sup> - August 6<sup>th</sup>**

The Knoxville Tourism and Sports Corporation (KTSC) is the perfect partner to host the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association annual World Horseshoe/Championship Tournament in 2011! The KTSC can put together an impressive package to host a phenomenal event at the stunning Knoxville Convention Center (KCC). The KCC's Exhibit Hall "B" features, 50,000 sq. ft. of exhibit hall floor space to house fifty sets of portable courts and two playoff courts with plenty of extra room. This facility has an underground loading dock featuring nine truck bays for easy off loading of material and courts. It has drive-on access via ramp door with 27' wide x 16' height freight doors. Concessions and restrooms are located on exhibit floor. The facility has 30' ceiling height plenty of room for the high arch pitchers.

Whether you're interested in arts, spectator sports or history and heritage, Knoxville's attractions are sure to entertain even the hardest to please. From the world-renowned Knoxville Zoo exhibiting more than 230 species of animals to the Three Rivers Rambler train ride, family fun is always right around the corner.

The city's downtown area is bursting with arts and culture with the Emporium Center for Arts & Culture and the modern Knoxville Museum of Art – not to mention the Tennessee Theatre, the state's official theatre and one of the few great movie palaces from the Roaring '20s still in operation.

If you're in the mood for some fine southern cookin', enjoy Calhoun's on the River, famous for its delectable barbeque

and ribs, located right in downtown Knoxville on Volunteer Landing, a two-mile waterfront walkway. Or if you've got a sweet tooth, the South's Finest Chocolate Factory in downtown Knoxville has been producing more than 100 fine chocolates and candies for more than a decade!

History and heritage is also far and wide in Knoxville with the city's seven homes from the Civil War and the East Tennessee History Center, which houses Davy Crockett's rifle, "Old Betsy."

And of course, Knoxville knows sports with the University of Tennessee's athletics programs and the Knoxville Ice Bears minor league hockey team.

Choosing Knoxville for the 2011 National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Annual National Convention & World Championships will make you feel as if you're experiencing the event for the first time. With our fresh, state-of-the-art Knoxville Convention Center and amazing facilities, accommodations, restaurants and attractions, you're sure to have an experience of a lifetime. You'll also experience southern hospitality at its finest – whether it's with a smile and a wave or a warm "hello," our residents will make you feel right at home! **VOTE FOR KNOXVILLE** and you can't go wrong!

In conclusion, as you can see we have five very nice locations to choose from. I encourage the voting delegates to please stop and visit each of the locations in Springfield and bid for the location which you think offers the most for your state's membership.

Thank You.

Stu Sipma

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# HORSESHOE PITCHING FACTS AND FOLKLORE

by Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

## Paul Latray

The following articles tell about many great pitchers we are familiar with, including our Hall of Fame Chairperson, and ten-time World champion, Vicki Winston and several other Hall of Fame members and state champions. At the top of the heap in both contests is Paul Latray, and yet this article is not featuring his pitching skills, but his artistic skills. The first article is from the News Digest in 1964 and tells of a very formidable tournament held in Kansas. Then comes the article which tells of Latray winning the 1957 Missouri state championship. This article also names some pitchers that we are familiar with, including our dear friend Earl Winston winning Class B.

Paul Latray is referred to as a commercial artist in one of the articles. Besides being a championship class pitcher, indeed he was an artist. Featured with this article are copies of some his artwork that graced the covers of Horseshoe World magazines back more than sixty years ago.

*First, from the Horseshoe Pitchers News Digest in 1964...*

## Latray, Champion of "Heart of Kansas" Tournament

By Perl "Pep" Pepple

Paul Latray, Webster Groves, Mo., went undefeated in 15 games. He also had the highest ringer percentage in one game, 88.2%, to win that special award.

M. Tamboer, of Wichita, lost only to Latray for runner-up spot. In the 16 round-robin Class B Vicki Winston won great applause when she defeated Marvin Reheis, Kansas State Champion in a one-game playoff. Each had a 14-1 record. She pitched brilliantly in the meet to prove why she is the World Champion Lady Pitcher. Ray Calvin, St. Joe, Mo., won the award for highest qualifying score of 256. All six States were represented with players. Classes C, D & E had to be added as about 60 pitchers were in the meet. More color was added to the tournament when the referees appeared in black & white striped shirts & caps to match.

Don Koso, Regional Director, attended and expressed satisfaction and pleasure in our operation of such a fine and colorful tournament. State champions from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa easily demonstrated why they

are champions, but the Colorado champion failed to appear. 32 trophies, 6 special awards and cash sent the players on their way home in a happy mood.

The entire tournament committee and many others also, functioned efficiently, and space forbids mentioning all their names. To all horseshoe pitchers, the Committee extends thanks for coming and some so very far. Without your loyal support our first "Heart of the Kansas" tournament could never have been such a definite success. Their relatives and friends also enjoyed beautiful Gage Park and all its facilities for entertainment of visitors.

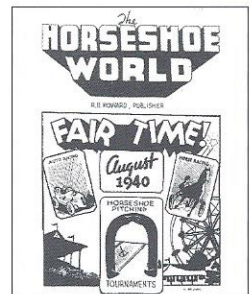
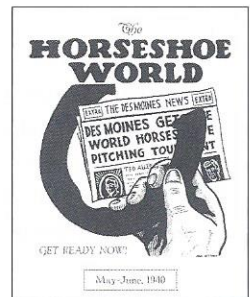
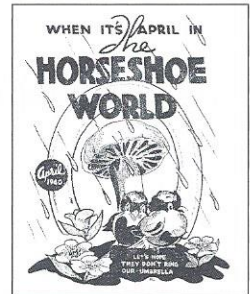
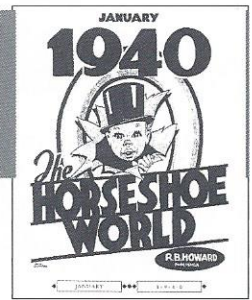
The writer presented Park Commissioner Goodwin who spoke and mentioned he is expanding horseshoe grounds and facilities over in Topeka in 1965 to meet the increased demands for courts by Topeka citizens. This Heart of Kansas meet will be an annual event in Topeka and in 1965 we plan to increase it to cover more states.

*And then from The Horseshoe Pitchers News Digest in 1957...*

## LATRAY DETHRONES ELKINS TO WIN MISSOURI TITLE

The Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament ended Monday, August 19th by crowning a new champion, Paul Latray from Webster Groves, Mo. He dethroned John Elkins of Stella, who was defending his title and ended in eighth place. He also had to win over Bob Bales of Kansas City in a best 2 out of 3 play-off.

Latray by trade is a commercial artist and 2nd place Bales is an employee of Union Wire Rope.





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

During the tournament, Latray set a new ringer record for qualifying on the Sedalia courts by throwing 81 ringers in 100 shoes for 258 points. In Class B, Earl Winston of LaMonte captured top honors.

In the election of officers for the coming year for the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Earl Winston, LaMonte was elected President, William Young, Overland, Vice President and J.A. Larson, Sedalia, Secretary-Treasurer.

Class A	W	L	%
P. Latray, Webster Groves	9	2	69.5
B. Bales, Kansas City	9	2	69.3
C. Long, Carthage	8	3	61.7
B. Young, Overland	8	3	62.2
B. Kempfe, Alma	5	6	62.1
R. Cavin, St. Joseph	5	6	58.5
R. Mosby, Kansas City	5	6	57.1
J. Elkins, Stella ('56 champ)	5	6	59.4
P. Stockwell, St. Joesph	5	6	59.4
H. Gardner, Bosworth	3	8	52.6
F. Baker, Wentworth	2	9	50.3
K. Walker, Columbia	2	9	48.9

Class B	W	L	%
E. Winston, LaMonte	10	1	62.1
W. Wamser, St. Louis	8	3	58.4
J. Lilly, Lamar	7	4	52.9
W. Winston, LaMonte	7	4	54.7
G. Osterdorf, St. Louis	6	5	53.1
J. Wors, St. Louis	6	5	49.7
C. Banes, Irvin	5	6	52.0
C. Picraux, Defiance	5	6	51.9
N. Snelson, Springfield	4	7	48.5
H. Gilmore, Jefferson City	3	8	48.9
C. Kilgore, Stewartsville	3	8	45.8
L. Kerns, Trenton	2	9	39.1

In the play-off for first place Bales won the first game throwing 80.6% by a score of 50-28, but Latray came back winning the next two games 55-41 and 51-49 averaging 76% ringers against Bales' 72%.

Trophies and certificates were awarded first place winners in both classes. Second place contestants received silver medals in both classes and thirds were presented bronze medals in addition to premium money by the Missouri State Fair. Premiums and ribbons awarded to twelfth place in both sections.

In having an article remembering Paul Latray, we would be amiss if his performance at the 1964 World Tournament was not mentioned. In 1964, a record-setting thir-

teen pitchers averaged over 80%. Paul Latray was among those 13 pitchers, placing 10th, winning 25 games, losing ten and averaging 80.1% ringers.

## 2009 Ringer Classic

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

GREENVILLE CITY PARK – GREENVILLE, OHIO  
HORSESHOE PITCHING CAPITAL OF THE WORLD  
NHPA SANCTION TOURNAMENT

\$30.00 for all Adults      Deadline Thursday, June 19, 2009

\$ 5.00 for Juniors

Additional Fees as Follows

Class A Men & Women \$25.00

Class B Men & Women \$25.00

Class C Men \$10.00

(No Preliminaries for Class A Pitching)

All classes, with exception of A-B-C classes, will pitch 40 points or 50 shoes (whichever comes first). Subject to change due to amount of entries and decision to be made by tournament committee. Note: All twelve person classes will pitch two days. Juniors age 9 & under can pitch at 20' foul line.

Mail Entry to:      Mary Fleenor  
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Versailles, OH 45380

Note: Telephone entries will NOT be accepted.

Please enter me in the 2009 Ringer Classic:

Mens     Womens     Elder Men (Less than 40')     Boys     Girls

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Enclose \$30.00 (US Currency) Make check or money order payable to "Darke County Horseshoe Club"

Available on Thursday Night. Some games may be pitched on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, if number of entries necessitate.

As a participant in the Ringer Classic Horseshoe Tournament, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the Darke County Horseshoe Club and the Ringer Classic Horseshoe Pitching Committee, officers, employees, directors and all fellow participants of this event for any and all action, damage, loss or injury which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the Ringer Classic Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian must sign for Juniors. Return with entry.

Again this year there will be a Candy Loy Sportsmanship Award given at the Ringer Classic Tournament for women pitchers only.

This will be based on attitude on and off the courts; such as being on time, dressing according to the rules, interaction with other pitchers and the tournament committee.

This award is presented by Gene Loy in memory of his wife who had been a horseshoe pitcher for several years. Candy was from Union City, IN and was a member of the Darke County Horseshoe Club.



# WOMEN'S HORSHOE PITCHING ACTIVITIES IN MISSOURI

by Vicki Winston

*(Note.... Vicki wrote this article in 1996 when asked if she could give us some history of women's horseshoe pitching activities in Missouri as she remembered it. She recalls very vividly what obstacles she faced sometimes being the only woman pitching in a tournament.)*

Missouri was way behind times in encouraging women pitchers. They were okay for doing stats or keeping score, but women just didn't belong in the game itself. I met many fellows during the 1960's who said they did not mind if I pitched against them, but I also met some who did. I was personally responsible for at least one man hanging up his shoes and never pitching again because I beat him. There were a couple of tournament directors who invited me to their tournaments just because they knew it would make some of the local pitchers mad if I beat them and they wanted to be able to rub it in. That is one reason that I decided to stick to only the World Tournament for several years. I didn't need that kind of hassle. In those years entry to the World Tournament was by pitching qualifying shoes on site. Women had to pitch 100 shoes. Men had to pitch 200 shoes. There was no requirement to pitch in a certain number of sanctioned events. Pitching only in my own backyard was hardly adequate preparation for Women's Championship Division pitching. In fact, a couple of years I did not qualify into the Championship Division at the World Tournament and that is probably one of the reasons why.

I'm sure that eventually someone would have come along to start a Women's Division in our state tournament, but Earl and I finally pushed one into existence in 1976. That was way behind the times, but it was a start. Some other states had all women leagues going with 100 members. They weren't part of the NHPA sanctioned league program until it began in 1978, but interest among women pitchers was already being promoted very strongly. By getting a women's division added to our state tournament, I created another difficulty. I then had other ladies petitioning to have me barred from playing in it, because I was too good for them. It's been a rough life.

I have seen no records of Missouri having a female NHPA member before 1960 when I arrived in the state. However, I cannot state this as a fact. With World Tourney's for



Women available starting in 1920, there may have been someone from Missouri who did take part sometime, although I've never been told of any. Throughout all of the 1960's, except for 1966 and 1967 when David Baker's wife was also a member, I appear to be the only woman NHPA member. I had to keep my card current to participate in the World Tournament. Records will show that I did compete in the Missouri State Championships with the men for a few years. I quit competing in the Men's State Tournament after 1965. I can't remember if by request, NHPA mandate, or just my better judgment. The fact that my husband was the president let me get by those years I dared.

Horseshoe enthusiasts at that time had a lot of rural background where women still had a "certain" place and there were just some things that women didn't even think about trying. The women's lib and women's rights movements were yet to come. Also, pants and jeans were not really in vogue for women and playing horseshoes in a dress just didn't cut it, although there were a few ladies back in the yesteryears of World Tournament competition that did wear dresses when competing.

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# WOMEN'S HORSHOE PITCHING **ACTIVITIES IN MISSOURI** *Cont.*

Way back in the 60's I was invited to pitch in an event when the Kansas City courts were first installed. I remember Paul Lattray was there. A truck had been driven thru the middle of the courts during construction and there were ruts cut in the grass, right where I needed to stand. I remember standing in a rut and stepping up out of it, throwing 80% to beat Paul. He was one unhappy camper! There was a fellow there from St. Joe that remembered that to his dying day and every time he saw me, he had to mention it. Oh, the good old days. No nice pitching platforms for women and juniors in those days and the Elders Division was yet to come.

Sometime in the late 1960's, or maybe it was actually passed in the 1970's, there came a ruling out of the NHPA annual convention that mixed distance pitching was not allowed in any sanctioned tournament. Sanctioned tournaments were very scarce in our state. Probably only our state tournament was sanctioned at that time. However, I pitched in very few tournaments throughout those years, other than the World Tournament. There were a few where I was especially invited, but for the most part I stayed away, unless I was helping with stats. With the founding of the NHPA Sanctioned Club/League Program in 1978, there soon arose a cry to allow mixed distance pitching in leagues and it wasn't too long after that before the rule banning mixed distance pitching was abolished.

Missouri actually allowed junior girls to pitch in mixed competition with junior boys when we started up junior classes again in 1968 at our state tournament. We got two girls to enter in 1969. One came back in 1970. More girls showed up in 1975 and 1976. However, until 1976 we had no official division in our state tournament for women. Below are the numbers of entrants for the Women's Division in the state tournament since it began:

1976 - 6	1980 - 24	1984 - 16	1988 - 19	1992 - 37
1977 - 3	1981 - 15	1985 - 16	1989 - 21	1993 - 44
1978 - 7	1982 - 18	1986 - 17	1990 - 31	1994 - 48
1979 - 23	1983 - 24	1987 - 18	1991 - 38	1995 - 56
				1996 - 74

I arrived at these figures by attempting to count the number of participants on the Final Results printouts.



Membership totals thru 1980 and 1981 were pretty much representative of the actual number of women participants in the state tournament. Everyone had to have a card in

order to pitch. Then came the start of some sanctioned clubs and leagues within our state. The first into the program was the Greater St. Louis Club sanctioned in 1980. It didn't offer much opportunity for women pitchers. However, the Golden Triangle Club followed in 1982 and the Independence Club in 1983 and both of them offered league opportunities for the ladies. As the years progressed, more clubs and leagues were formed and most continued to offer pitching opportunities for the female gender. With the additional sanctioned tournaments becoming available as the years went by, the interest in tournament play also grew. We are now reaping the results. A brief history of numbers of Missouri Women NHPA members follows:

1960 - 1965 = 1	1976 = 6	1990 = 79
1966 - 1967 = 2	1980 = 24	1996 = 222
1968 - 1975 = 1	1985 = 44	

I believe Missouri has caught up with the times in fine fashion, as the figures will show. The ladies seem to be doing quite well. I hope it continues.

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# PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

by Tina Hawkins, NHPA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

Greetings Horseshoe Pitchers! Time is really flying by – before you know it we will all be making the trip to Springfield, Illinois for the 100th Anniversary of the NHPA World Tournament.

I am looking forward to my first world tournament as an NHPA officer. Hopefully, I will still LOVE the event after having to WORK through it!

Many of you received forwarded emails containing a “world tournament survey.” Thank you to those who took the time to fill them out and return them. It is included at the end of this article for those who don’t have internet access. I encourage you to complete one and send it in. World Tournament press releases are being created from your responses.

In addition to the press release information, the surveys are a tool for collecting your thoughts and opinions about your World Tournament experiences.

I want to address a couple of items that have been repeated in the responses.

– *You have asked for score keeping classes or coaching.*

We have created a PowerPoint presentation with step-by-step instructions for keeping score at the World Tournament. This slide show will be available for viewing at any time during the event. Hopefully, this will give confidence to those who are nervous about keeping score at such a large, important event and help reduce the shortage of score keepers we have been experiencing the past few years. We are also working on a presentation for judging.

– *You have stated that you aren’t sure who your NHPA officers are, and might not recognize them if one walked past you.*

I am pleased to announce that the NHPA Executive Council will be holding two “Open House” sessions during the first

week of the 2009 World Tournament. During these sessions, you will be able to meet and greet your officers and other World Tournament staff. Get to know them! Ask questions! Voice your opinions!

Your officers are here to serve you and to help this sport grow and prosper. We want to know what is on your mind. It is far more productive for you to come to us with your ideas and concerns than to criticize from afar. We want to encourage an open relationship between the Executive Council and the members at large. You should feel comfortable approaching your officers. We are one of YOU - Avid horseshoe enthusiasts!

The dates and times of the Open House will be prominently posted at the World Tournament site and will most likely be held on Tuesday and Friday of the first week. Please make plans to stop by and visit. I am looking forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts!

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## WORLD TOURNAMENT SURVEY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How did you first get involved in the NHPA World Tournaments?
2. How long have you been participating?
3. Do you travel to the event with your family and/or friends?
4. How many of them also pitch?
5. What range does your ringer percentage fall in?
6. How much do you practice in preparation for this event?
7. Do you come to the World Tournament just for the competition?
8. While at this event, do you spend time site-seeing in the area?
9. How long do you usually stay?
10. Are you planning to attend more World Tournaments in the future?
11. What keeps you coming back?
12. What would you like to see at a World Tournament that isn't already incorporated in the program?

Additional comments:

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## Five Year NHPF Financial Report

Income	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
NHPA General Fund Donations	15,116	13,779	16,073	20,050	15,957
Individual, Charter, Club Donation	17,136	17,224	50,988	59,135	28,392
Miscellaneous Cash Donations	367	658	2,903	1,049	1,178
Banquet Revenue	6,000	676	992	1,050	4,700
Rent & Court Use fees	1,620	0	0	1,973	12,000
Merchandise Sales	0	60	75	130	797
Joelton Property Sale	0	0	275,262	289,482	0
Account Interest Earned	4,371	7,545	13,221	21,028	3,317
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$44,610</b>	<b>\$39,942</b>	<b>\$359,514</b>	<b>\$393,897</b>	<b>\$66,341</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
Grants	5,000	2,000	4,950	3,250	2,750
Corporate Federal & State Fees	20	20	105	20	30
Accounting Fees	940	950	1,115	1,265	1,300
Legal Fees	32	8,986	8,244	4,064	1,068
Bank Service Fees	150	150	150	150	238
Supplies	135	52	252	131	47
Postage	200	170	239	294	245
Phone/Internet	787	480	570	709	491
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	254	0	0	1,952	1,595
Printing, Publications & Signage	0	112	0	338	585
Travel	402	2,399	2,082	3,791	3,654
Bricks & Promotional Items	0	0	0	16,586	3,461
Taxes, Insurance, Lease	3,670	3,670	12,704	100	2,427
Banquet Fees	4,800	0	0	0	3,500
Building Improvements & Repairs	0	107,111	47,550	785,369	23,208
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$16,390</b>	<b>\$126,100</b>	<b>\$77,961</b>	<b>\$818,019</b>	<b>\$44,599</b>
Net Cash Asset Gain or (Loss)	28,220	-86,158	281,553	-424,122	21,742
Prior Year End Account Balance	333,594	361,814	275,656	557,209	133,087
<b>Year End Cash Account Balance</b>	<b>\$361,814</b>	<b>\$275,656</b>	<b>\$557,209</b>	<b>\$133,087</b>	<b>\$154,829</b>

Note: These figures compiled by NHPF Treasurer, Dave Loucks.



# THE NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS Hall of Fame & Museum

## A VISIT TO THE NHPA HALL OF FAME

by Jeanette Claas

At the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum, the QRHC can never tell when company is coming so we try to always be prepared. We have many visitors that come through the doors of the Hall of Fame - some are horseshoe pitchers and some not. We have some who just stop by asking if this is where the wedding is taking place, so we give them directions to the lodge; some stop by who were involved in a bicycle accident, so we call 911! Some park rangers stop by just to say a friendly word or so; and sometimes the Health Inspectors stop by -YIKES! And some bikers and hikers stop by just out of curiosity. No matter who it is, they all leave with the same impression - "WOW, I had no idea all this was inside this building!" The QRHC members are privileged to welcome our guests and show them around the facility. Playing host and hostess is a fun part of our duties as we meet and greet new friends from far away places. I thought that it might be of interest to our readers to bring to you some of these experiences.

It was an unusual blistery cold, snowy December day as John and Daisy Franko, of Springfield, Ohio, were visiting relatives in Kirkwood, a suburb of St. Louis, which is located about 40 miles east of the Hall of Fame facility. Daisy, president of the West Liberty Horseshoe Club in Ohio, and a 23 year veteran of the game, and her husband John, a beginner of the game, wanted to check out the NHPA Hall of Fame while on this trip. Daisy found the QRHC webpage ([quailridgehorseshoes.com](http://quailridgehorseshoes.com)); saw my name and called. We quickly agreed to meet them at the courts at 10:00 am the following day.

Greeting them as they arrived, Daisy informed me that her horseshoe club had purchased a brick in the plaza and she would love to see it. So before taking their coats off, we slid out to the plaza walkway only to find it was covered with a sheet of ice and some snow on top of that. Let's see, where is the state of Ohio located? Checking the brick map inside we found its vicinity. Using a snow shovel and broom we were unable to get through the ice. We went back inside to warm up and make a new plan. "Let's pour some water on it and see if it will melt the ice," said a determined Daisy. Back outside, pouring water on the ice, the names on the bricks began to appear. Eureka! Shivering to death, the brick was located and we all lived happily ever after as you can see in the picture.



We toured the Hall of Fame which they were so impressed by. We then had lunch together onsite and pitched a few games of horseshoes.

We found the Franko's to be a very pleasant couple and enjoyed their friendship. We never noticed anything unusual about them until we became more acquainted through our conversations. The Franko's, in their early 60's, had married only three years earlier. Before then each had lost their spouse due to illnesses. They met through a grief counseling support group. Things just went from bad to good and after a while they decided to marry on Valentine's Day. Now, here's where it gets really interesting. They wished to marry in a funeral home with all the support group attending! Fox TV announced a contest for the most extreme Valentine's Day plans. John & Daisy entered and won a massage for two and a candlelight dinner. Also, the TV station ran it across the country after which the AP wire ran it around the world. The funeral home was formerly the old Governor's mansion with meeting rooms upstairs and the funeral home downstairs. They received calls from several radio stations requesting interviews to which the Franko's complied. One interviewer asked John what would they have done if there was a viewing that night. John said, "I was prepared. I had two signs made. One sign had an arrow pointing upstairs which said, 'The Beginning' and the other sign pointed downstairs which said, 'The End'"

After touring the facility, I asked Daisy to write down her thoughts. "We were really impressed with the facility. Jeanette and Don Claas were so very gracious to give us a private tour as the Hall of Fame is initially closed on Tuesdays, which was the only day we were free to come. It was much bigger than we anticipated. The Hall of Fame is very interesting with all the memorabilia, past and present champions and the history of horseshoes. We were given the privilege to throw some shoes on the courts, just to say we pitched at the Hall of Fame building. Jeanette even cooked us some of the club's famous cheeseburgers! The Claas's challenged us to several games of horseshoes and were not quite as gracious - showing us no mercy, beating us bad! I remembered that I competed on the courts with Jeanette in York, PA, of which I won Class E. I believe this



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# THE NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS Hall of Fame & Museum

to be a case of REVENGE! I'm just glad she didn't pitch that well at the WT. If ever given the chance to check out the Hall of Fame, don't pass up the opportunity. It is well worth your time."

It was a delightful horseshoe moment. We met and made some new friends in horseshoes and hope to see each other on the courts again. It just happened to be my birthday and I thought there was no greater gift than to make a new friend in the world of horseshoes.

We will be looking forward to your visit, be it the first time or second. In the meantime, keep on supporting the NHPF as the Franko's did. They purchased a brick before leaving. I am happy to report their brick is now in place and the next time the Franko's come by, the weather will be more cooperating so they can get the whole view of the brick plaza. Donations and brick orders can be sent to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. 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.



## NHPA RULES COMMITTEE

*by Jerry LaBrosse*

I hope you all have reviewed the rules change proposals posted in the last Newslines and fully understand them. These proposals will be voted on at the annual convention in Springfield this summer. If anyone has questions or concerns regarding these proposals, or the process in which they are handled, please contact me.

There really isn't much I'd like to say about rules at this time, other than to encourage all of you tournament and league pitchers to observe the rules whenever you pitch, and be courteous and friendly while doing so.

I will be the rules committee chairperson for the remainder of this year, but will be replaced by another VP so that I can assume other duties. If anyone has any questions, proposals, or any comments whatsoever about rules, I'm still your guy for the remainder of this year. This brings me to an announcement that I am very proud to make now.

### Charter Communications

Hello All NHPA Charter Presidents and all NHPA members

I'd like to announce that NHPA President Paul Stewart has appointed me to a newly created position within the NHPA Council. This position has been named "**Charter Communications**" because that is exactly what the nature of the position is about. It has long been felt that the NHPA needs a better way to communicate with the individual charters, and help wherever we can. Newslines and the NHPA website are great, but they don't reach a large enough percentage of the membership.

My plan is to introduce myself to each and every charter president, first with this notice, then by email, phone, or in some cases, face to face. The main focus will be to review all the things that you are doing to make your charter a success, and to assist you in any way I can. I have a list of issues that I believe are vital to the success of every NHPA charter. In time I will be contacting all of you to review how you do things, where improvements can be made, and what the NHPA can do to assist you. Charter presidents have a much better channel of communication with your charter members than the NHPA does, and we would like to see that resource utilized to its fullest.

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## RULES COMMITTEE *Continued*

Soon, all charter presidents will be receiving an introductory letter containing an "inventory" of topics. Make notes when reviewing it, and when I contact you we can talk about how your charter is doing. It is our goal to help all charters increase their membership, and improve the efficiency in the way they operate. Any worthwhile goal requires effort, and maintaining a prosperous

charter organization is no different. With team work, I am confident that we can make progress in your charters growth and overall success. I ask for your cooperation with this new project, and look forward to meeting with each and every one of you.

I look forward to visiting with you soon.

## NATSTAT

*by Glenn Jamieson*

The new season/year has started for just about everyone with many tournaments having been pitched and reported, or in some cases tournaments have been cancelled because of weather and other reasons. I still have a few tournament results not reported for last year. Please check the REPORTED EVENTS list. Many states are on the ball and get tournament results turned into Natstats real quick with results reaching me the same evening after the tournament has been pitched. In some cases results are not being turned in for three or four months after the tournament was pitched. LATE results don't affect me in any way; it only affects the pitchers averages that pitched in those events. So please – everyone – if you don't see results posted to your record, it will probably be that the results have not been sent in to Natstats. All results that I receive by Wednesday noon (California Time) will be entered and will be included in the results that are posted on the NHPA web page Wednesday late afternoon/evening – depending on what time zone you live in. I send files out to the NHPA web master every Wednesday and he puts the averages on the web site.

For those of you that are new to pitching, – we update averages for all the states every Wednesday, and we update the Individual Search files twice a month, usually the first and third week of the month. So check out all the information on the NHPA web site at [horseshoepitching.com](http://horseshoepitching.com).

All Regional Directors; if you haven't sent me a copy of your 2009 schedule, please do so now. There are many times I get tournament results without a name or where the tournament was pitched, so I need to refer to a schedule so I can include that information in my files.

If you have any questions about your average, you can write or email me to check it out, but please tell me what

you think is wrong. Don't just say "please check my average it is wrong". I need to know what might be wrong. Is it the ringers or shoes? I can't correct anything if I don't know what I am correcting. My email and mail address is on the inside of Newsline on page 3.

Some of you that use the HSMaster program are having problems in sending the correct file of your tournament results to Natstats. I need the file that is for Natstats, not just a file of your tournament results that show all the groups, wins and losses, place finish, high game, etc. I don't need all that information, plus with that file I have to manually enter all the information. The program makes a specific file just for Natstats, which lets me import all the information within seconds.

For some of you that are not using a computer horseshoe program, I can mail or email you a form you can fill out and mail or email back to me.

Again – I ask - anybody that does the record keeping for your charter – PLEASE – when you change information for your pitchers – I probably need that information also. Many of the new short distance pitchers I only find out when new tournament/league results come in marked 30. I don't know for sure if it is a mistake or if that person actually did re-qualify at short distance as I have not been notified. It can make for wrong averages and may take some time to get everything figured out. Also, I need to know when people move from one state to another, or when changing from Junior to Adult, or when getting married and changing their name. Please check the Natstats files on the NHPA web site and let me know of any corrections that need to be made.

Good pitching to all - and have fun!



# HALL OF FAME

*by Vicki Winston*

Spring has arrived at last, although as I write this article winter is not yet giving up in parts of our country. Outdoor pitching is having to wait for snow to melt and warmer weather. This has been an unusual winter and early spring in many parts of the USA. However, the Hall of Fame Committee proceeded with business as usual and I am happy to announce that three very qualified persons have been elected to the NHPA Hall of Fame in the 2009 voting. Some brief bios of the 2009 inductees follow.

## Frank Bohun

Frank started pitching horseshoes sometime in the 1960's and in his best years as a forty-footer was averaging over 60%. It was when Frank decided to move into Elders competition that he really made his mark in the horseshoe pitching world. He did this at the age of 78 years. It is wondered what he could have accomplished had he made the move when he turned 70. Frank won a total of four world championships. In 1992 he averaged 77.5%. In 1995 he averaged 84.2%. In 1997 he averaged 80.2% and his last win came in 1999 when he averaged 82.4%. His name still appears nine times in world tournament records listings for the Elders division. His win loss record in world tournament play stands at 78.5 wins and 6.5 losses. Frank also holds many records for the 30-foot division in the state of Pennsylvania and has won the 30-foot division in the prestigious Eastern National Tournament in Pennsylvania and Dogwood Festival Tournament in North Carolina many times. Frank was inducted into the PA Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame in 2000.

By the time you read this, Frank will have celebrated his 94th birthday. He says he has many good days and some that aren't so good, but he is hoping to be able to make it to Springfield, IL for his induction ceremony. Frank was elected in the Player category.

## Joan Elmore

Joan was born in Tennessee and has lived there all of her life, except for the 13 years that she and her husband James lived in Ohio. They moved back to Tennessee in 1982. A relative newcomer to the sport of horseshoe pitching, Joan has already made her mark in the highly competitive Women's Division of the World Tournament. In her ten

World Tournament Women's Championship appearances, Joan has already won the world title twice. In 2006 she had a record of 18-2 and a ringer average of 82.2%. In 2007 her record was 19-1 with a ringer average of 81.4%. She also has two second place finishes. In 2004 she was 20-3 with a ringer average of 82.4% and in 2005 she was 21-2 with a ringer average of 84.3%. This talented pitcher also has two fourth place finishes in the Women's Championship Division. In 2003 she had a record of 15-4 and averaged 80.8% and in 2008 she had a record of 14-5 and averaged 84.4%. This is quite an achievement to have finished no lower than fourth place and to have averaged over 80% ringers for the last six years in Women's Championship Division play.

This talented pitcher has also won championships in other well known tournaments such as the Eastern Nationals, the Greenville Ringer Classic, the Dogwood Festival and the Danville Open. She is a many time Tennessee State champ and has the honor of being the first Tennessee pitcher to pitch a perfect game. Joan is looking forward to the 2009 World Tournament in Springfield, IL. She is planning to attend the Hall of Fame Banquet and is also looking forward to the tough competition she will encounter on the courts. Joan was elected in the Player category.

## Jack Freeman

Dr. Jack Freeman was born in Danville, KY and was one of a family of 13 children. After graduating from Danville High School, he attended the University of Kentucky on a full football scholarship and played under Coach Bear Bryant. He then went to Vanderbilt University Medical School and became Board Certified in the field of Pathology.

In 1988 Jack played in his first sanctioned horseshoe tournament and in 1989 attended his first world tournament. An idea was born and he bought land in Joelton, TN suitable for the construction of an indoor pitching facility and the plan began to take place. He received an NHPA Achievement Award in 1993 for Outstanding Contributions to the sport of horseshoe pitching. In 1996 he was the recipient of the Arch Stokes Memorial Award

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## HALL OF FAME *Cont.*

for having done the most during the preceding three to five years to promote, foster and build the sport of horseshoe pitching. An idea was forming in Jack's mind that this land should be donated to the NHPA by parcels and as a future site of a NHPA Hall of Fame. The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) was established to make this gift possible. As the NHPF acquired more of the land, a small building was constructed for the Hall of Fame near the outdoor court pavilion. NHPA memorabilia and Hall of Fame materials were taken to Joelton, TN to be put on display. Jack was busy working on displays when he died of a massive heart attack on December 28, 2003 at the age of 69.

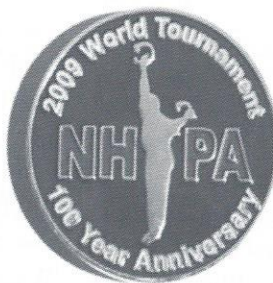
Jack's untimely death brought an end to that dream, but eventually made possible the fulfillment of the dream in another location. Through his gifts of money and land to the NHPF, it became possible to seek other locations and the end result is the beautiful facility that now stands in Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville, MO. The new building features the Hall of Fame room, 16 indoor courts and a concession stand. There are also 16 top notch outdoor courts available. The attractive Jack Freeman Memorial Plaza lies directly across from the main door of the facility. This is the site where all of the engraved bricks are located and more are still available. As you enter the main door, a picture of Jack Freeman is displayed on a wall of the entryway. How fitting that a photo of this hard working promoter of our sport will now be enshrined within the Hall of Fame room of the facility which was made possible largely by his generous donations and gifts of land.

The induction of these deserving people will take place at the NHPA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet to be held Sunday evening, August 2, 2009 in Springfield, IL. Hope to see you there.

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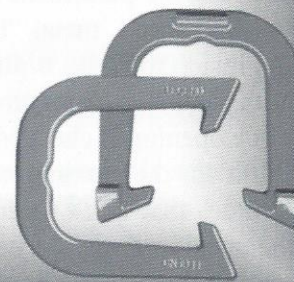
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# REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Dan Sanders

## New Regional Director

I recently received word from the Georgia Charter that Ronnie Miller has been selected as their new Regional Director. Ronnie has been a Charter member there for a number of years, attends a lot of tournaments, and is well-known among the Georgia pitchers. Be sure to congratulate Ronnie on this new appointment next time you see him, and also extend "many thanks" to Jerome Kennedy for his many years of service as the Georgia Regional Director.

## Regional Directors at World Tournament

As has been the policy through the years, Regional Directors who attend the World Tournament are asked to help with shoe checks at the beginning of each session. Please let me know if you are planning to attend the World Tournament this year and if/when you might be able to help out with shoe checks or other work.

## World Tournament Shoe Checks

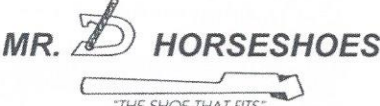
Anyone who has ever pitched in a World Tournament can tell you something about the requirement of having your horseshoes checked before tournament play begins; if only to say that it involves standing in a long line. For most, this is the only tournament during the entire year where their shoes will be checked... for maximum length, width, height, opening size, and weight requirements (see RGS Book Specifications, Section A for details), though these measurement checks could be a requirement for any sanctioned event. For the most part, it is a three-step process involving the placement of each shoe into a shoe-check, metal "box". If the shoe fits inside the box, it meets the length, width, and height requirements. Next, the shoe opening is checked before it is passed on for the maximum weight check. For shoes that don't meet one or more of the specifications, they may be ground, bent, or hammered in an effort to bring them back into specs, but if this isn't possible, the shoe must be declared "illegal" and cannot be taken onto the courts or used during the tournament as this may give the user/owner an unfair advantage in scoring. Though this policy hasn't been finalized for the up-coming

World Tournament, shoes that do not meet one or more of the measurement specifications may be held until after the three days of their competition. More information on this will be posted at the shoe-check location.

In addition to checking for shoe specifications, we record the number and kind of shoes that are too wide, too long, and/or too heavy and, looking at these totals, may notify horseshoe manufacturers where there seems to be a problem with meeting certain measurement requirements. Interestingly, some brand new shoes that have never been pitched do not pass the shoe-check!

We also make an attempt to record the make and model of all horseshoes that are checked, though this is difficult to do, with a lot of different helpers and with the rush of getting everyone through the shoe check and on to picking up their round-robin schedules and then to group pictures. It's always interesting to see what kinds of shoes are the most popular each year, and a lot of good statistical information could be obtained and summarized if we had the additional time and help for gathering this data more carefully.


I hope that a lot of you will be able to make it to the World Tournament in Springfield later this year, and if so, perhaps I'll be seeing you in the shoe check area.



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# JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

by Justin Sipma

I have now been the Junior Director for over a year and one of the greatest things is meeting new juniors from all across the United States and Canada. Most, if not all, of the juniors I meet for the first time either come from me pitching in tournaments in North Dakota or from the World Tournament. This accounts for only a fraction of the total junior participation.

Since I am your Junior Director, I should try and get to know as many of the young horseshoe pitchers that I possibly can. That is why I will be introducing an article titled "Junior Spotlight" in the upcoming issues of the Newsline magazine. My hope is that I can become more familiar with a greater number of junior pitchers rather than just the familiar faces I see at the World Tournaments.

So if you would like to be in the Newsline magazine, just send me a write-up of yourself. Of course, this write-up should contain your name, age, and where you live. In addition, it would be nice to know personal hobbies, activities, and school events you enjoy doing. Finally, I would like to know about your horseshoe pitching experiences. For instance, why did you begin pitching horseshoes or what is one experience you will never forget while pitching horseshoes in the Juniors. If you would like to include a picture of you pitching horseshoes that would even be acceptable. It is up to you what will be published so be creative!

If I do get enough interest in this article, I will pick a junior and put their story in the next issue of Newsline. I am hoping to have a new junior for each issue of the magazine. Therefore, I need all the junior horseshoe pitchers' help. If you would like to be in the next Newsline magazine, please email me your story. My email address is [jwsipma@hotmail.com](mailto:jwsipma@hotmail.com). If you would like to send me your write-up through the mail I can be found at:

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I wanted to get to know a greater number of the junior pitchers so that is why I created the "Junior Spotlight." Each individual's own experiences could benefit someone many miles away and that is why I plan on publishing these write-ups. So send me your stories and look for them in the upcoming issues of Newsline.

## Income & Expenses Statement

February - March 2009

### Income

2011 World Tournament bid payments	\$ 42,333.34
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$ 600.00
W. T. Court Sponsorship Program	\$ 1,000.00
Charter Dues	\$ 8.00
Hall of Fame Insurance Payment	\$ 1,930.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$ 4,400.00
Membership Dues	\$ 43,492.00
Newsline Ads	\$ 5,683.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$ 4,122.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$ 76.83
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$ 16.42
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 103,661.59</b>

### Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$ 3,890.28
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$ 893.04
Sanctioned League Postage & Printing	\$ 175.75
Sanctioned League Patches & Awards	\$ 765.81
Sanctioned League Office Supplies & Telephone	\$ 48.74
All Junior Trust Accounts	\$ 201.75
Hall of Fame Awards supplies & Expenses	\$ 1,933.08
Regional Director Allowance	\$ 4,610.60
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$ 564.71
Equipment purchases, rentals & Repairs	\$ 565.42
Printing, paper & office supplies	\$ 185.79
Postage	\$ 285.69
Officers Telephone	\$ 638.07
Officers Travel	\$ 5,952.80
Sec/Treas Allowance	\$ 3,400.00
Presidents Allowance	\$ ,038.00
Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$ 11,841.00
Insurance	\$ 8,309.44
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$ 73.50
Refunds	\$ 112.00
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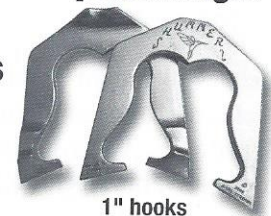
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# TOLL OF TIME



## Martin Birkholz Minnesota

Reverent Martin Birkholz passed away on January 21, 2009. Mr. Birkholz was inducted into the Minnesota State Horseshoe Hall of Fame in 1993 as a pitcher. He played many years in the Mankato League and the East League while pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Mankato. After retiring from the ministry Mr. Birkholz moved to St. James and continued to

play horseshoe in the East League until his 91 birthday.

Martin Carl Birkholz, son of Ernst and Anna (Lindloff) Birkholz was born August 12, 1916 in Roscoe, South Dakota. His family moved to Olivia, MN where his mother died in 1918. Two years later his father married Margaret Braun. In 1923 the family moved to St. James, MN. He was baptized September 11, 1916, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Roscoe, SD, and confirmed at St. Paul's, St. James, MN. He attended Martin Luther Academy in New Ulm, MN and continued his studies at Northwestern College, Watertown, WI and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, WI, graduating in 1941. That year only two calls were available at graduation time. During the summer he sold brooms until September when a call came to start a mission on the west side of Mankato. He knocked on doors and started holding services at the Denver Hog Serum building. Finally in June 1942, enough members were gathered to form the congregation of St. Mark's which he served until retirement in 1984. While serving at St. Mark's, he also became the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod campus pastor at Mankato State, being instrumental in starting Lutheran Collegians and the Campus House. On August 18, 1943, he was united in marriage to Lila Agnes Evjen. Mankato was their home until 2001, when they moved to St. James, MN.

Martin and Lila had two children, Rev. Marcus (Cheri) Birkholz of Stillwater, MN and Daniel (Jane) Birkholz of St. James, MN. His eight grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren were always special to him, remembering them by name.

Special hobbies included grafting of fruit trees, including one apple tree with 25 varieties, hunting, fishing and pitching horseshoe.

He leaves to mourn his departure sons Marcus (Cheri) and Daniel (Jane) and their families; his brother Jerome (Carolyn) of Watertown, Wis.; sisters Gretchen Short of Los Angeles California, Verna Abendroth of Waterloo, WI.

## Charles Bonani

## Massachusetts

Charles J. Bonani, 72, of Randolph, passed away March 6th after a brave five-year battle with cancer. He was the beloved husband of Kristina Geller; loving father of Cyndi Bonani, John Bonani and his wife Gail, and Deborah Markewich and her husband Jeremiah. He was cherished Papa to Chloe and Tessa Markewich and Emily, Charles, and Nicholas Bonani and former husband of Rosemarie Bonani. A devoted son, Charlie was predeceased by his parents, Rose (Melchionno) and John Bonani. Charlie retired from Muzi Ford City after 51 years of service. He was very highly regarded by all who knew him in the automobile industry and at auctions. An active man, Charlie enjoyed softball and golf.

His true love, however, was horseshoes. Charlie was a member of the St. Moritz Horseshoe Club in Quincy. Charlie was a kind and generous man whose life brought joy to many. He was a three time state champion and, for many years, was the perennial runner-up to his good friend John Kapnis for that title. Charlie was one of the most popular pitchers in New England and may have been the best double-flipper ever, certainly the best double-flipper in the six New England states, averaging near 70% for many years. A highlight of his career was beating Dale Lipovsky in the 1985 World Horseshoe Tournament while pitching in the Championship group. At 72, he lived longer than his doctors had expected, probably due to his positive attitude and indomitable spirit. His passing has left a void in the St. Moritz Horseshoe Club and in the MA HPA that we will find hard to fill. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Kristina and his family.

### His Smiling Face

(Charlie Bonani)

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To Have Known a Man Like Charlie Bonani  
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*He Was Always a Gentleman  
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You Loved Competing With Him  
He Brought Out Your Best in Every Way*

*I Can See His Smiling Face  
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On John Kapnis's 80th Birthday  
A Memory Forever in Our Mind*

*Whenever We Think of Charlie Bonani  
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To His Beautiful Multiple Flip Shoe  
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**Larry Lee LePage Ohio 1952-2009**

Larry Lee LePage, 57, of Cambridge, OH passed away February 28, 2009 in Lewisville. He was born February 22, 1952 in Zanesville; son of Oma Mae Cunningham Haney of Byesville and the late Miles Edwin LePage. Mr. LePage was currently employed at Ken's Certified Auto in Cambridge, where he served for 14 years. He was a Methodist by faith and a U.S. Army veteran. He was a 1971 graduate of John Glenn High School and a graduate of AMI in Daytona Beach, FL., small engine repair school and previously acquired his CLD license for over-the-road driving.

He enjoyed bowling, pitching horseshoes; spending time with his family, including playing cards and watching Jeopardy. In addition to his mother, he was survived by his life partner of 22 years, Jane Schehl of Cambridge; four children, Richard LePage of Columbus, Randall LePage of Cambridge, Christopher, (Shelby) Hagar of Cambridge and Yvonne Niclou of Pleasant City; two brothers, William (Helga) LePage of Cambridge and Charles (Kathy) LePage of New Concord; two sisters, Marge (Sam) Currey of Dexter City and Becky (William) Woods of Nashport; four grandchildren, Quentin English, Tate, Cash and Justine Hagar; several nieces and nephews.

Larry was a member of the Try-County Horseshoe Club since 2001.

**Robert Garber Ohio**

Robert "Bob" Garber, Jr., age 74 of West Manchester, OH, passed away suddenly Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at the Wayne Hospital, Greenville, OH. He was born October 10, 1934 in Darke County to the late Robert and Glenna Irene (Eikenberry) Garber, Sr. Bob and his wife Loretta attended the United Methodist Church in West Manchester. Bob lived most of his life in Preble County and was recently inducted into the Preble County Athletic Hall of Fame for his lifetime of excellence in sports and athletics; he excelled in basketball, baseball, softball, bowling, fishing, horseshoes, and anything he tried. He was a long-term member of the Darke County Horseshoe Club and held many offices in the club. He was a member of the Ohio Horseshoe Hall of Fame and won the Senior Men's World Championship in Alberta, Canada in 2002 at the age of 68. He was a competitor all of his life but was a quiet Christian man that was loved and admired by his family and all that knew him; we will miss him.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Loretta (Reeder) Garber of West Manchester; daughters Gwen Garber of Des Moines,

IA and Carol Ann Cromwell of Brookville, OH; grandson Anthony Lewis; granddaughter Venessa Lewis; one great grandchild; sisters Donna Jean (Roy) Koontz of Eldorado, OH and Mary Jane (Raymond) Rothwell of Eaton, OH; brother-in-laws Rey (Jane) Reeder of West Manchester, OH and Tim (Diana) Reeder of Greenville, OH; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Arthur N. Holter Minnesota**



Arthur N. Holter, 99, of Anoka, formerly of Robbinsdale, passed away April 7, 2009. He was a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Assoc. Hall of Fame. He loved yodeling, singing Country-Western songs, and juggling for his grandchildren. Preceded in death by wife, Loretta;

three sisters; five brothers. Survived by daughter, Karen Holter; stepchildren, Vivian Benedict, Clarence Talbot, Lyle Talbot, and Beverly Talbot; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren.

**Marvin Reheis Kansas**

Marvin Reheis was born February 9, 1918 in Rose Hill, Kansas. He passed away March 13, 2009 at Lake Point Nursing Home in Rose Hill, Kansas.

Marvin started pitching horseshoes in High School. He lived on a farm where many hours of practice with his Dad got him interested in the game. But first he played baseball and did some trap shooting and finally joined the NHPA and was a member for 61 years. He began playing in the Kansas State Tournament in the late 1950's and capped his career by winning the Kansas State Men's Championship in 1963.

Since 1960, Marvin has appeared in 21 Championship classes at the Kansas State Tournament. His best ringer percentage was 68.4%, accomplished in 1963 when he captured the title. He has also represented Kansas several times in the World Tournament. In 1992 he won the Class A in Elder Men's 40' with 61.5%.

Marvin was inducted into the Kansas Hall of Fame in 1985 as a player. He is married to fellow Kansas Hall of Fame member, Deanie Reheis who was inducted in 1991. They are the only couple to be inducted into the Kansas Hall of Fame so far.

Marvin's high game was pitched at Tucson, Arizona in 1981 throwing 22 ringers out of 26 shoes for 84.6%.

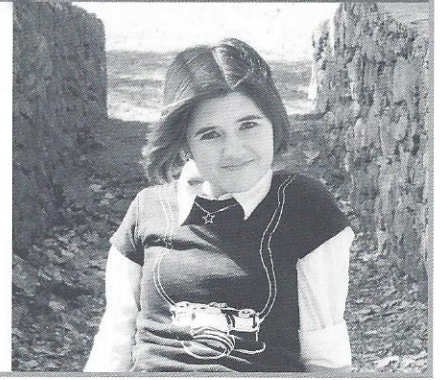
In 1987 at the US National Senior Olympics at St. Louis, Missouri, Marvin won his class in the 65-69 Men's group.



# Junior Scholarship Winner - Lacey Wabshaw

My name is Lacey Wabshaw. I am 18 years old and have been homeschooled my whole life.

I love music; my favorite genres are country, rock, and Christian. My favorite hobbies are traveling and taking pictures. Science is my favorite subject and I want to go to College of the Ozarks to study Biology, with hopes of becoming a Marine Biologist and wildlife photographer. I started pitching horseshoes in 2005 and I am very excited to have received a scholarship for doing something I love. And, in case you were wondering, I do plan to continue pitching for many years to come!



## Junior Scholarship Winner - Aleena Cook

Thank you for the awesome Scholar Pitcher program. Trust that the funds you awarded me are appreciated beyond words. My involvement with pitching horseshoes with family and in competition indeed tops my list to help to shape my character.

Other sports I compete in: High School Club Bowling (team captain), Varsity Volleyball (co-captain), Varsity Basketball, Varsity Softball, summer league softball.

As a junior in high school: A Honor roll, Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award, Class Rank 11, FCCLA (treasurer), Concert Choir, and Musicals (stage manager).

Also, I am a senior mass server, guitar choir singer, and President of our church youth group.

Aleena Cook  
Wisconsin - Jr. Girls

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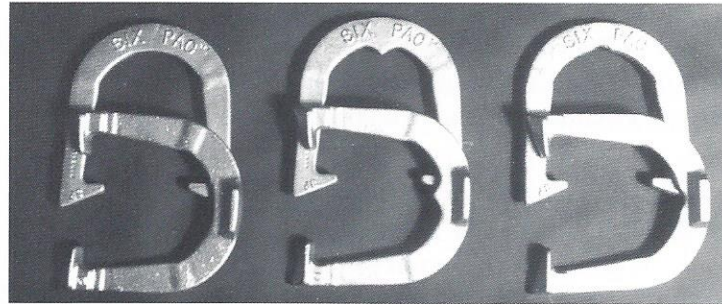
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# VICKI CHAPELLE WINSTON

*by Bob Champion*

The Chapelle family from Portland, Oregon became household names as father Cletus, daughter Vicki and younger brother Barry joined the NHPA horseshoe courts, and for four decades of World Championship competition, Vicki was in the news following a game that made horseshoe pitching front page news.

Cletus was playing against World Champion Ted Allen of Boulder, Colorado at Murray, Utah in 1955 when Allen set a World record that still exists, as he pitched 72 consecutive ringers in a 51-9 victory.

Ted mentioned in later years that his remarkable feat was possible to complete since Cletus was an excellent pitcher and helped continue the game long enough to set the record. Ted had 89 ringers in the 92-shoe game, and a super 96.7 ringer percentage. Cletus tossed 75 ringers in the 92-shoe game and closed with an 82.6 ringer percentage.

Ted's and Cletus Chapelle's remarkable game started the four decades of World Championship competition for Vicki as the 17-year-old pitcher captured the first of ten World titles the following year with her first World effort which eventually led to "legend" status.

The Chapelle family became deeply interested in horseshoes from that time. After one year as vice president of the NHPA, Cletus was elected president in 1957. In addition to her active pitching schedule, Vicki served as vice president and member of the Hall of Fame committee. She now is the chairperson of the committee as she assumed the duties from husband, Earl Winston, whom she married in June of 1960.

Barry, who developed into an excellent pitcher, served the NHPA as vice president for five years. All three are in the NHPA Hall of Fame. In 1970 Vicki was the first woman to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Vicki started her legendary career as she watched her father practice on the court he built in a vacant lot near their home. She practiced many hours and captured that first World title as a high school senior in 1956 at Murray, Utah. She added her second and third titles in 1958 and 1959 and her fourth title two years later as Vicki Chapelle Winston.

Incidentally, the 1957 winner in the women's championship was Gertsie Lou Selby, a 17-year-old high school senior from Boulder, Colorado a sister-in-law of Ted Allen, who was her pitching coach at the time...Who else could it be?

Vicki was a headliner in the next eight years, winning the

World title in 1963, 1966, 1967 and 1969 before Ruth Hagen from Buffalo, New York took top honors four years in a row.

Vicki jumped to the top of the pack in 1975 with her ninth victory and added her last hurrah and tenth title in 1981 in her first indoor event at Genoa, Minnesota. She fired an even 80%, second highest percentage to her 79.6% at Erie, Pennsylvania in 1969.

Vicki had been in the spotlight since 1956 and now a new crop of "stars" hit the NHPA World circuit---names like Phyllis Negaard, Tari Powell, Sandy McLachlin and Sue Snyder.

To date Snyder presents the lingering threat to reach the "legend" status along with Vicki in the women's World circuit. Vicki's record will be challenged by Kentucky's Sue Snyder, who has won seven World titles.

It is unusual for outstanding athletes in any sport to become active in the service category during their athletic careers. The Chapelles are unusual since they joined in service becoming officers in the NHPA and serving on committees for many years. Vicki has been serving on the Hall of Fame committee and now is chairperson on that committee.

Cletus, Barry, Vicki and Earl have been inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame---Cletus and Vicki for pitching excellence and Barry and Earl for service.

In those early 50-point games, the hot sun forced evening competition until the 40-point game schedule was adopted in 1982 and tournaments moved indoors.

Vicki began to pitch in more weekend tournaments when the NHPA adopted the sanctioned league program and they allowed mixed distance pitching in sanction events.

Some years she pitched so many shoes that she tried wearing gloves because her fingers were so tender. It was amazing the success she accomplished during her long career considering her lack of practice at certain times.

Being able to compete in the championship division for so long is noteworthy. "Very few women were available in those early years", Vicki remarked. "NHPA officers had to encourage some women to compete in the World Tournament. They had trouble finding eight women for the championship class."

In those early years Vicki pitched Gordon horseshoes.

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Then in 1960 she switched to Allen's and closed her competition pitching the Deadeye Easy Grip horseshoe in 1982. She started out with the flip pitch and changed to a 3/4 turn and finally the 1/4.

"There were large groups of spectators early in my early days of pitching. They filled the bleachers and at some times stood ten deep behind the fences during many World Tournaments. There were tremendous crowds at Green-

ville, Ohio; I remember one time when the NHPA had an early evening meeting and scheduled play after the meeting. A big crowd was there waiting", Vicki remarked. "It was certainly a different atmosphere."

Vicki always enjoyed the super action at the World. Her success is notable and her ten World titles record has held up many years. She was a reliable competitor on the courts and in the service of the NHPA through the years.

**Vicki Winston World Results  
Championship Class Only**

Year	World Location	Placed	W/L	%	State
1995	Perry, GA	10th	6-9	71.21	MO
1993	Spearfish, SD	5th	11-6	72.03	MO
1992	Columbus, OH	9th	7-8	74.58	MO
1991	Biloxi, MS	9th	8-7	69.98	MO
1990	Stone Mtn, GA	11th	5-10	70.50	MO
1989	Spearfish, SD	7th	9-6	76.21	MO
1988	Pleasanton, CA	5th	10-5	77.71	MO
1987	Eau Claire, WI	3rd	12-3	81.97	MO
1986	Ainsworth, NE	3rd	11-4	77.05	MO
1985	Layfayette, IN	5th	6-5	80.53	MO
1984	Huntsville, AL	6th	6-5	69.50	MO
1983	Statesville, NC	4th	8-3	74.78	MO
1982	Huntsville, AL	2nd	9-2	79.83	MO
1981	Genola, MN	1st	11-0	78.01	MO
1980	Huntsville, AL	5th	7-4	73.19	MO
1979	Statesville, NC	3rd	9-2	71.92	MO
1976	Levitown, PA	3rd	5-2	74.89	MO
1975	Layfayette, IN	1st	7-0	73.50	MO
1974	Keene, NH	2nd	5-2	78.98	MO
1973	Eureka, CA	4th	4-3	70.05	MO
1971	Middlesex, NJ	3rd	5-2	66.50	MO
1970	Southgate, CA	3rd	5-2	64.20	MO
1969	Eric, PA	1st	7-0	79.60	MO
1968	Keene, NH	2nd	6-1	69.40	MO
1967	Fargo, ND	1st	7-0	73.60	MO
1966	Murray, UT (PO)	1st	8-2	72.41	MO
1965	Keene, NH	2nd	6-1	71.70	MO
1964	Greenville, OH	2nd	6-1	64.02	MO
1963	Southgate, CA (PO)	1st	7-1	61.46	MO
1962	Greenville, OH	5th	3-4	53.80	MO
1961	Muncie, IN (PO)	1st	7-0	54.90	MO
1960	Murray, UT	4th	3-3	38.80	MO
1959	Murray, UT	1st	4-0	52.82	OR
1958	Murray, UT (PO)	1st	6-0	54.80	OR
1956	Murray, UT (PO)	1st	9-0	52.60	OR
1954	Murray, UT	3rd	4-1		OR
1953	Murray, UT	5th	3-4		OR

10 World Titles (PO)Play-off Included  
 5 Second Places  
 7 Third Places  
 World Championship Events - 37

**Note:** Did not pitch in Championship Class  
 1994, 1978, 1977, 1972

**NHPA Top Ranking World Championship Titles  
Championship Women - Started 1920**

Name	City, State	Title Wins	Last Year Title
Vicki Winston	La Monte, MO	10	1981
Sue Snyder	Madisonville, KY	7	2008
Laura Lanham (LH)	Bloomington, IL	6	1928
Phyllis Negaard	St. Joseph, MN	5	1989
Ruth Hangen	Buffalo, NY	5	1976
Mayme Francisco	Columbus, OH	5	1929
Sylvianne Moisan	Chertsey, QB-Can	4	2003
Tari Powell	Rossville, IL	3	1991
Sue Gillespie	Portland, IN	3	1965
Joan Elmore	Mt Juliet, TN	2	2007
Bev Nathe	St. Stephan, MN	2	1997
Debby Michaud	Raynham, MA	2	1985
Opal Reno	Pike County, OH	2	1980
Lorraine Thomas	Lockport, NY	2	1974
Katie Gregson	Crestline, CA	2	1954
Pat DeLeary	Phoeniz, AZ	2	1953
Sarah Byers	Portland, OR	2	1952
Anne Linquist	Morgantown, WV	2	1949
Caroline Schultz	Harvey, IL	2	1934
Mildred Brouillette	Minneapolis, MN	2	1927
Becky Kemper	Pleasureville, KY	1	1998
Cathy Carter	Council Bluffs, IA	1	1993
Diane Lopez (LH)	Lompoc, CA	1	1988
Sandy McLachlin	Dresden, ON-Can	1	1987
Esta McKee	Royal Center, IN	1	1960
Gertsie Lou Selby	Boulder, CO	1	1957
Hazel Russell	Denver, CO	1	1955
Esther James	Hastings, MI	1	1935
Marie Mathews	Minneapolis, MN	1	1921
Marjorie Voorhies	Asbury Park, NJ	1	1920

LH = Left Handed Pitcher



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**AWARDS:**

Class "B" and below

1<sup>st</sup> = \$110.00 and Plaque  
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1989 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Open	Tari Powell, Rossville, IL	73.5%
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1991 - Spring Open	Tari Powell, Rossville, IL	79.8%
1991 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Open	Tari Powell, Rossville, IL	79.6%
1992 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Don Peters, Chenoa, IL	59.6%
1992 - August Open	Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Stockton, CA	83.0%
1993 - 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Larry Knop, Verona, IL	69.0%
1993 - August Open	Tari Powell, Rossville, IL	80.0%
1994 - 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Randy Hankins, Prospect, KY	63.8%
1994 - August Open	Cliff Baker, Sheldon, IL	72.3%
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1997 - 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Cliff Baker, Sheldon, IL	74.3%
1998 - 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Cliff Baker, Sheldon, IL	40 ft. 70.3%
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	Robert Logan, Kouts, IN	30 ft. 79.9%
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	Robert Logan, Kouts, IN	30 ft. 79.0%
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	Joan Elmore, Mt. Juliet, TN	30 ft 84.1%
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	Joan Elmore, Mt. Juliet, TN	30 ft. 84.2%
2007 - 19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40 ft. 86.0%
	Sue Snyder, Madisonville, KY	30 ft. 84.8%
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