



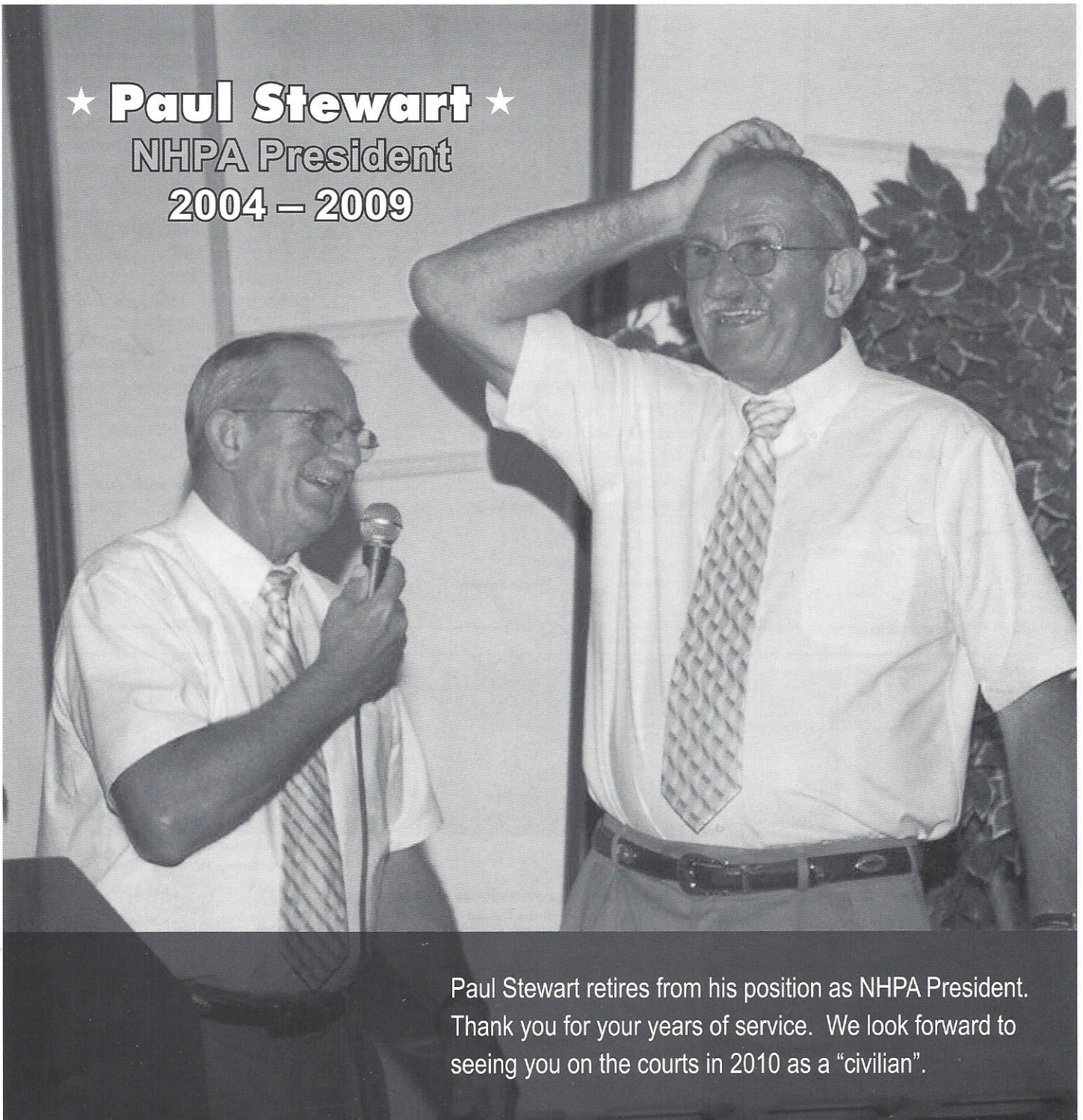
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by Paul Stewart*

Wow! How time flies! It's hard to believe that this is my last article for Newslines as NHPA President, but I have to admit that I won't miss this part of the job. However, I will miss getting a call from Paula Summerlin every two months saying "You are late! When is your article coming?"

I am honored and have enjoyed serving as the NHPA President for the past six years and as 5th Vice President for the previous eight years. Big thanks go to the council and the membership for all of your support and understanding. I will miss the NHPA Council, past and present, because they have been a big part of my life for the past fourteen years and are like family to me. As I wrote in my article when I announced that I would not be running for office again, I am not leaving the game of horseshoes; I am just stepping aside for some new and younger blood in my position and the organization.

Stu Sipma will work hard for our organization and will make a good NHPA President. I look forward to having him as our leader.

For many years we have not had an official NHPA Statistician. However, Walter Ray Williams, Jr. has filled in for a lot of the statistician's responsibility by keeping up with perfect games and World Tournament records since our last official statistician. Thank you Walter Ray for helping us while this position was vacant. With the approval of the council, I have appointed Mel Yockstick of Colorado to fill the position of NHPA Statistician.

Please don't confuse this job description with the NatStats Director. Here are some of the responsibilities of the NHPA Statistician.

Maintain the World Tournament records, the All-Time Win List and the listing of Champions, which shall be the official source of information for the World Tournament Program books and any other official NHPA publication.

Prepare an occasional article for Newslines of interesting facts for the membership. Communicate with all charters to encourage their recording and documentation of complete all-time State Tournament data and records, and

to be available through the NHPA Hall of Fame Library for research purposes and member information. For charters lacking documentation of their State Tournament history, special efforts will be invested to encourage a Charter sponsor research project to complete computerized records. Maintain records of all sanctioned tournament perfect games.

Once again thank you all for supporting me for the past fourteen years and I look forward to seeing you on the courts soon.

Paul Stewart

## 2010

### Hall of Fame Nominations Deadline

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# NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE NEWS

*by Lorraine Sternberg*

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Bowman, a junior pitcher from the Lion's Park Horseshoe Club in Missouri for pitching a perfect game in league. Michael pitched 50 ringers in a 50 shoe count all game this past summer. His overall ringer average for the league was 73.25%. Michael competed in the World Tournament this past summer in Springfield, IL capturing his second Junior Boys World Title. He also won the title in 2008. This was Michael's last year as a junior pitcher and will move on to the Men's Division in 2010.

In the past ten years that I have been the National League Director, this is the first perfect game that I have had recorded in league play. This is a remarkable accomplishment. I wish all the best to Michael as he enters the Men's Division next year.

This year we had a record number of clubs and leagues that received plaques for 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and 5 consecutive years of being an active sanctioned league.

**30** year plaques went to: North Weld HSC, Colorado; Central Iowa Traveling League, Iowa; Lakeside HSC, Texas and Eau Claire HSC, Wisconsin.

**25** year plaques went to: N.W. Arkansas HPA, Arkansas; Burbank-Joslyn HSC, California; Woodward Governor HSC, Colorado; Loveland HSC, Colorado; Loon Pond HSC, Massachusetts; Greater Lansing HSC, Michigan; Heart of America HSC, Missouri; Hardin County HSC, Ohio; Riverside HSC, Texas; Arlington Iron Benders, HSC, Texas and Beloit HSC, Wisconsin.

**20** year plaques went to: Edgewater HSC, Colorado; Moline HSC, Illinois; Don Wilson Memorial HSC, Iowa; Harahan HPA, Louisiana; Shreveport HSC, Louisiana; Pawnee Ringers HSL, Nebraska; Bismarck-Mandan HSC, North Dakota; Franklin HSC, Ohio; Enid Area HSC, Oklahoma and Fireside HSC, Wyoming.

**15** year plaques went to: Golden Isles HSC, Georgia; Rochester HSC, Minnesota; Marysville-Ortrander HSL, Ohio and Belle Fourche HSC, South Dakota.

**10** year plaques went to: The Villages HSC, Florida; Four Stakes HSC, Georgia; Forest Lake HSC, Minnesota; North Mankato HSC, Minnesota; Upsala HSC, Minnesota; Litchfield HSC, Minnesota; Fridley HSC, Minnesota; Coon Rapids HSC, Minnesota; Alexandria HSC, Minnesota; Morrison County HSL, Minnesota; Moorhead HSL, Minnesota; Santiago HSC, Minnesota; Hibbing HSC, Minnesota; LeSueur HPA, Minnesota; Kahrig's Indoor Winter League, Ohio; Toni Kucharski Memorial HSC, Ohio; Tennessee HSC, Oklahoma and Bryan HSC, Texas

**5** year plaques went to: Weik/Towne HSL, Connecticut; Topeka HPA, Kansas; Wright HSC, Minnesota and Capitol HSC, Missouri.

Congratulations to these 51 clubs and leagues. Fourteen of these plaques went to clubs and leagues in Minnesota. I hope that you all continue to grow in membership as sanctioned clubs and leagues.

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

Just a reminder that top ten forms are due at the end of December. Please complete these as soon as possible and submit those to me also. These are awards that all pitchers work hard to achieve for.

The Sanctioned League Scholarship and the Top Ten are all part of the Sanctioned League Program.

We all know that the summer season has come to a close and with that your final stats should have been submitted by now. In one of the spring issues, I asked that if at all possible to please submit your forms electronically. I still have been receiving many reports that are hand written and in most cases are difficult to read. This leads to many mistakes that are recorded for NatStats. It seems that this

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year there have been more mistakes made than in the past. I have had membership reports where a member's card number differs from what they submit on the final stats report. It is important that when filling out these forms to please double check to make sure that all card numbers are correct, category of a pitcher and spelling of names are accurate. All of these mistakes have made a lot of extra work for Glenn Jamieson and myself. I don't like to sound like a broken record but I am asking that all league directors take a little extra time in checking your information before submitting it. I know that most people these days have a computer so please use the form that I have available by e-mail. You will find that it is much faster and easier. You will also get your patches much quicker.

In closing I would like to wish Paul Stewart the very best. I have enjoyed working with Paul on the NHPA Council and I for one will miss him on the board. I am sure that we will see him at the world tournament this next year and hopefully many more to come.

Stu Sipma will be our new NHPA President. As 5th Vice President Stu has done a great job and I know that he will continue to work hard for the NHPA as our new president. Congratulations to you, Stu!

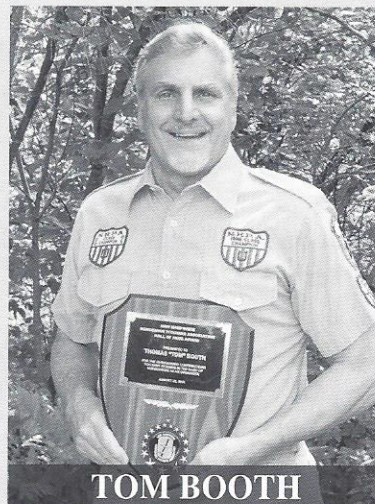
**I would like to wish all of you a happy holiday season!**

# NEW HAMPSHIRE PITCHERS INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

The New Hampshire Horseshoe Pitchers Association held their annual State Championship tournament and meeting on Saturday, August 22, in Andover, NH.

Thomas "Tom" Booth was inducted into the Hall of Fame as an Organizer. Tom has been an active member of the Association for over 34 years. He has been President, Vice President and served as Chairman on the Hall of Fame Committee for a number of years.

Steve Squires, Jr. was inducted into the Hall of Fame as a Player. He was presented the Award for his outstanding achievement of winning the State class "A" Championship title three times. His first title came in 1985, winning with a 59.5% for the tournament. Then in 1996, he took a second title pitching an outstanding high of 67.57%.



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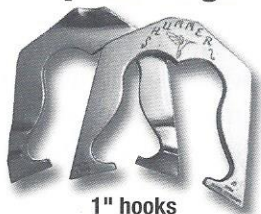
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*by Dave Loucks*

Some improvement projects continue to be undertaken at the Wentzville Hall of Fame facility. As reported in the last issue, hanging acoustical ceiling was installed in over 2,000 square feet of the building to help with heating and cooling cost concerns. The latest completed project was the installation of a six-foot high chain link fence with green privacy slats in the rear patio area between the two pitching court buildings. This project was undertaken to better secure and hide items that are stored outdoors in that area. Before winter sets in, ice blocks will be installed on sections of the building roof over the front entrance and four exit doors. A contract has also been given to install rain gutters & down spouts completely around the building. This project should be completed by early November.

As the building caretaker, volunteers from the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club spend many hours per month cleaning the facility. The two court buildings get a major wash down and cleaning once a month. This is a big project due to excessive clay dust and residue generated by the use of the courts. The old zamboni type scrubber previously used in the court cleaning process is in need of replacement due to its age, failing parts and ineffective cleaning. New smaller, modern type scrubbers and vacuums are being demonstrated and tested by club members. Initial reports indicate that the new equipment can clean the courts in half the time with fewer people. It is expected that some decision will be made on new cleaning equipment before the year is up as the NHPA and NHPF work together to fund the recent building improvements and cleaning needs.

At the September deadline for Grant applications, only one request had been received. It was from the San Francisco Horseshoe Club, who with help from the philanthropic "Guardsmen" organization has undertaken the project to restore 16 historic courts built in Golden Gate Park in the 1930's as a WPA project. I was able to attend the Re-Dedication and present a \$1,000 grant check in the presence of the Mayor, several City Supervisors and Park Officials. Also in attendance to give pitching demonstrations was two-time World Champion, Brian Simmons along with California State Champions, Rick Bermingham and Kimmy Stockli.

The time frame between deadlines for this issue and the W.T. issue was a bit shorter than normal, thus there is not a lot of contribution activity to report. Brick orders however picked

up a bit, due in large part to members who visited the HOF during the W.T. and were impressed enough to want to see their name on a brick in the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza. Contributions and brick orders provide the bulk of the funds needed to support the NHPF goals and the operation of the HOF facility. If you itemize your tax return, contributions are tax-deductible 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 August and September, contributions and brick orders received totaled \$12,885. This includes a \$10,000 check from the NHPA who had received a sizeable gift from the estate of a departed member.

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# REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Dan Sanders

## New Chairman for Regional Directors

As many of you already know, there have been a few assignment changes for some of us national officers since the recent election of officers at the Convention in Springfield, Illinois. Many of us have already started working in our newly assigned areas during this period of transition, although our new assignments don't become "official" until January 1st of next year. Stu Sipma will be moving from the position of 5th Vice President to the position of NHPA President, Jerry LaBrosse will become the chairman of the newly-created position for Charter Communications, I will become the chairman of the Rules and Bylaws Committees, and our newly-elected 5th Vice President, Debby Michaud from Massachusetts, will become the new Chairman of Regional Directors. For a smoother transition into this job, Debby has agreed to send out all of the 2010 patch order forms and will begin filling those orders before the end of this year. The 2010 patches have already arrived and some Regional Directors will already have received their 2010 patch orders by the time of this printing. If any Regional Directors have a need for 2009 patches, those requests should still be sent to me. As this will be my last Regional Directors Report, I'd like to say that I have really enjoyed working with our Regional Directors over the past four years and feel that together, we have accomplished a major goal of mine, with the sanctioning of all courts that are currently being used for sanctioned leagues and sanctioned tournaments. I'd like to extend a very sincere "thank you" to all Regional

Directors, Assistant Regional Directors, Clubs, and any other "helpers" who may have been involved in this huge undertaking!

## Recent Rules Change and the Seeding of Pitchers into Tournament Classes

You may already have read or heard about a recent NHPA Rules change that affects some men who may be moving to the Elders Division. You will find all the specifics on this in another article that can be found elsewhere in this issue, but the shorter version of this change is that men may now "move up" as soon as they purchase their NHPA card, for the year that they will turn 70 years of age. The 2010 cards usually become available as early as mid-October, so upon purchasing this card, any man who will turn 70 during 2010 can notify their State Secretary of their intention to move up, then start sanctioned Winter league or tournament play at this new distance. Your Charter Secretary will then notify NatStats of this change in your pitching distance. Those who don't pitch in a league, but wish to enter a sanctioned tournament, must establish a new ringer average by pitching 100 consecutive shoes on a sanctioned court. The purpose of this re-qualification is to establish an official average for this new pitching distance; for seeding this pitcher into his first tournament. This 100-shoe qualifier must be scored/witnessed by

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### The Top 15 Contributing States

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9.	WA	36	88	\$10110
10.	IL	63	114	\$9688
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13.	OH	72	117	\$8491
14.	PA	35	73	\$7725
15.	GA	21	27	\$7570



# REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT *Continued*

two NHPA members, must take place within thirty days of the tournament entry deadline (see RGS Book, Rule 11, Section D.1), and should be requested by/sent to the tournament director. It should be noted that this official qualifier is not considered to be a sanctioned event, and the results are not to be reported to NatStats.

This new rules change will allow a new Elder pitcher about 2½ additional months to complete the four (4) sanctioned events that are required for entering the World Tournament, before the mid-May WT entry deadline. Under the old rule, this move-up could not have happened until January 1st. A pitcher's league average, at the new pitching distance, will be based on the average of all games pitched that first league night, with a minimum of 100 shoes pitched. For a first sanctioned tournament at this new distance, a current league average can be requested by and sent to the Tournament Director (by the league director), for tournament seeding purposes. This league average may also replace the requirement of the 100-shoe qualifier, as described above. The results of that first tournament would very likely be the first event for this pitcher's new NatStats file since league play results are not submitted to NatStats until the end of the sanctioned league season. Of course, NatStats averages will change as additional events are reported, but once a pitcher's NatStats file has one or more events on record for the newly-declared pitching distance, this current NatStats average must be used by all Tournament Directors for the purpose of sanctioned tournament seeding. All

NatStats averages used for tournament seeding must also be taken from the most current NatStats posting; on or after the date of the tournament entry deadline.

All NatStats average ringer percentages are based on the three highest events pitched in the previous 12 months, or among the last 10 events pitched during the same period, whichever occurs first. Your NatStats average is calculated by dividing the total number of ringers by the total number of shoes; for these three highest events.

You can find additional information about the calculating of NatStats averages and rules for the Seeding of all Contestants into Tournament Classes in the RGS Book, Rule 11, Section D. You can also access your personal NatStats file via the NHPA Website at [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com).

If anyone has any questions about the interpretation of this rule, please contact me or your Regional Director. Best of luck to all!



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# THE NEW MERIDIAN IDAHO HORSESHOE PITCHING COURTS

by Jerry Smith

The Treasure Valley of Idaho stretches from Mountain Home in the east to Caldwell in the west. The Treasure Valley Horseshoe Pitching Club (TVHPC) covers the entire area and was formed to unify the pitchers and facilities in the valley. The only other areas of pitching activities in the state are a good ways away, far to the east in Pocatello with the Gate City Club and way up north in the Coeur d' Alene Club.

The TVHPC wanted to create various sites in the valley and schedule two or three tournaments a month throughout the pitching season. In early 2003 we had four sets of old pits located throughout the valley and proceeded to upgrade the facilities with the help of the NHPF. We asked for and were granted two grants and brought the courts into compliance as best we could.

In late 2004, Don Titcomb moved into Meridian which is located a few miles west of Boise and is in the center of the Treasure Valley. As he got settled in, he approached



the Parks and Recs Board about upgrading the horseshoe pitching facilities at a little park where he was starting a league and was giving pitching instructions. They informed him that they were in the process of expanding a local park and would consider adding horseshoe courts. This was a match made in heaven! He began working with and helping plan the new facilities. The TVHPC was asked to partner up and asked if we could help with the facilities including some financial aspects. The club was to act as advisors in the planning and building stages and agreed to supply the stakes and the clay. We went back to the NHPF and secured another grant to help with the expenses. Then came the waiting process. Some three years later, the project broke ground. The project which seemed doomed (in our minds at least) to be cut down or eliminated was actually just in the bureaucratic process and was never really in any danger or doomed. The plans came out with 16 pitching courts, two picnic covers with power, two tennis courts, landscaping, fencing, and walkways. The contract price was around \$600,000.00 and the city of Meridian's stated goals were to

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I had the pleasure of acting as the club's liaison to the parks Department throughout the building of the park expansion and what a joy it was. The city of Meridian and Paul's Construction Company were such a pleasure to work with as their only concern was quality and correctness of the project. As it turned out, the city asked us for just advisory help and we were able to return our grant money untouched. Having personally worked on building the largest permanent pitching facilities in the United States at the Yolo Horseshoe Club in Davis, California, I am pleased to say that I have also contributed to the building of the finest pitching facilities in America.



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## NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

# A REALLY BIG SHOW - THE RENO FAMILY COMES TO TOWN

*by Jeanette Claas*

It was indeed Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club's pleasure and delight that the Reno Family accepted a personal invitation to come to the NHPA Hall of Fame in May of 2009. When some visitors from Ohio stopped in at the Hall of Fame last year they mentioned that there was a family in Ohio that put on horseshoe exhibitions. I passed the word on to Joe Faron and he got in touch with the Reno Family. They agreed to come to the Six Pac Invitational Tournament and put on a great show for all the spectators to enjoy. Of course, it left us sitting on pins and needles saying, "Oh no, they're not really going to do that, are they?" Yep, they did it, to our great relief.

As youngsters Ottie Reno and his first cousin Harold began pitching horseshoes with their fathers Eli (Ottie's Dad) and Charles (Harold's Dad). During his growing up years, Ottie was busy with school athletics and getting his education and had very little time for horseshoes. He married his high school sweetheart, Janet, two weeks after high school graduation. Ottie went on to Franklin University, Capital University and Ohio State University where he spent six years studying law. He went on to become an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, a Common Pleas Judge and a County Recorder. He retired from his law practice at the ripe old age of 49 and from that point on pretty much does what he wants to do.

Ottie and Janet bought property in Alabama in 1963. Ottie, Janet and their three children, Ottie II, Jennifer and Lorna divided time between Ohio and Alabama. Their Ohio home is a 180 acre farm near Lucasville in south central Ohio, 30 miles from the Kentucky line. During his retirement Ottie has written four books about the sport of horseshoes, enjoys traveling and living on the farm raising Angus cows and some corn.

Due to Ottie's occupation, politics played an important part in the Reno family. His wife, Janet, was elected as County Recorder in Pike County. She did not go on to be President Clinton's Attorney General, but Ottie's 4th cousin, Janet Reno did. Ottie lost his high school sweetheart to cancer several years ago after 59 years of marriage.

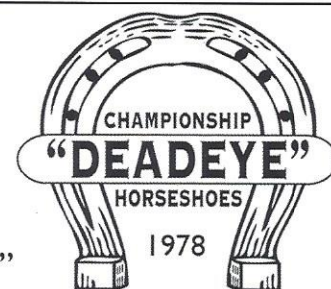


Pitching horseshoes has been a part of the Reno family life for four generations. They enjoyed it so much that they try to share it with others, whether they pitched or not. During these 50 years, Ottie found that 43 members of their family have played in NHPA league and tournament competition. Ottie says, "We had a few great pitchers, a very few low percentage pitchers and everything in between." Four members of the Reno family have been inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame: Ottie Reno, cousin Harold Reno, sister-in-law Opal Reno and nephew, Donnie Roberts. There are 14 World Championships: two Men, two Women, five Junior Boys, three Junior Girls and two Cadets. He also found 107 State Championships in all divisions earned in the states of Ohio, Arkansas and Alabama.

The Reno's have never held themselves out as being the world's greatest, or tried to be, professional showmen. They tried to vary their appearances to suit the people they were

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## A REALLY BIG SHOW - THE RENO FAMILY COMES TO TOWN *Continued*

pitching for and based on which members of the family were available at the time, sharing the fun. They planned family vacations around some big tournaments making it truly a family sport.

These exhibitions started rather innocently in 1959. Harold and Ottie were asked to demonstrate the game for the residents and their friends at the Bristol Village Retirement Center in Waverly, Ohio, on the regulation courts where the residents played. At about the same time Donnie Roberts, his brother Gary Roberts, with the help of their father, Bruce Roberts, were pitching as Junior Boys on a portable court set up in the Swifton Shopping Center at Cincinnati, Ohio, where they drew good crowds. OHPA officials and tournament directors took note.

Since that time, the Reno family has pitched in every conceivable setting; schools, churches, political rallies, festivals, fairgrounds, state parks, amusement centers and a few television appearances. They have pitched in South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Mexico and Canada. The family made five trips to South Africa where they demonstrated the sport of horseshoes. The citizens liked the sport so well that during the 1974 World Tournament in New Hampshire, one of the South Africans, Bertie Venter, came to the United States and pitched in the World Tournament. The South Africans also taught the Americans how to play a game called Jukskei, very similar to horseshoes.

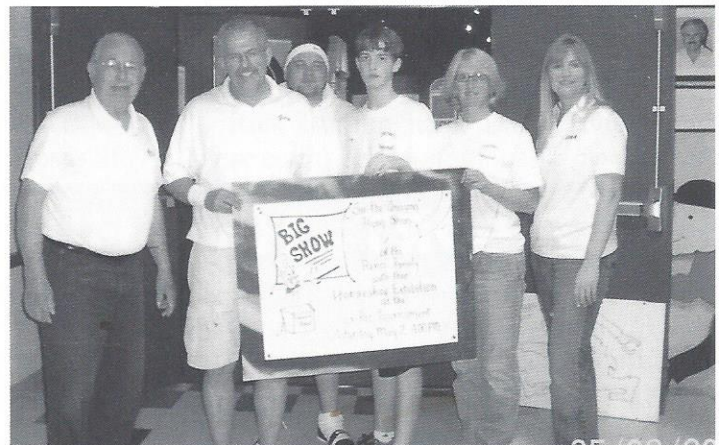
The 1971 Girls World Champion, Jennifer Reno, and her father, Ottie Reno, were guests on the weekly panel game show "What's My Line?" in New York City, produced

by Mark Goodson and Bill Toddman for CBS Television. Jennifer pitched live as the special guest. They stayed at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel and the show was filmed at the famous Radio City. Presenter was Wally Bruner, stars were Soupy Sales and Arlene Francis. Jennifer was called the special guest and Pro Football star, Rosie Grier was the mystery guest. Johnny Olsen was the announcer. The show was syndicated and continued to play until 2006. From the standpoint of exposing the sport of horseshoe pitching to people, millions of people watched the show over the years and dwarfs all of the other demonstrations from that standpoint.

The most numerous pitching shows have been done at the annual Bob Evans Farm Festival at Gallipolis, Ohio. That festival draws an average of 20,000 people over Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the second weekend in October each year. The Reno Family has pitched from five to nine shows every year for the past 38 years. "Among our guests on the program have been Horseshoe World Champions; Alan Francis, Jim Knisley, Harold Reno and Opal Reno in the open adult category, plus junior world champions, Donnie Roberts, Gary Roberts, Blake Roberts, Jennifer Reno, Audrey Reno, New York State Champion Art Tyson and many others," explains Ottie.

On May 2, 2009 the Reno family traveled to the new NHPA Hall of Fame facility and was delighted by what they saw. They visited the brick plaza walkway where they located their bricks and spent much time in the Hall of Fame room seeing pictures of the Reno family displayed on the walls. After the competition of the Six Pac Tournament,

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HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

# A REALLY BIG SHOW - THE RENO FAMILY COMES TO TOWN *Continued*

the spectators gathered around to watch the Reno family perform. Bob Diekamp introduced each one:

- Ottie Reno, 17-time Alabama State Champion and NHPA Hall of Famer;
- Gary Roberts 4-time Junior Boys World Champion, 1-time Men's Ohio State Champion and current President of the OHPA;
- Lorna Reno Hawk, 3-time Ohio Girls State Champion and 4th in World Tournament in 1980;
- Karen Reno Dudley, Secretary of the OHPA and a 20 year veteran horseshoe pitcher;
- Blake Roberts, 16 years, 2-time World Tournament Cadet Champion and 1-time Ohio Boys State Champion;
- Josh Brooks, 24 years, 3-time Ohio State Jr. Boys Champion ranked junior in the world for about three months with a ringer percentage of over 80%.

They put on a great show as the pictures will show. Gary Roberts, who was also a participant in the Six Pac Tournament, put on a display showing the different styles of turning shoes, which is a remarkable feat that Gary has learned over the years. I would say it took a lot of courage as Ottie straddled the peg as Gary threw from 40 feet away. One time he missed the peg and Ottie remarked, "You're making me a little nervous now, Gary." Then Lorna stands on her head spread her legs wide as Gary pitched some perfect shoes right as he planned it. I asked Ottie if anyone ever got hurt during these demonstrations. "Naw, he says, maybe three times we have been hit but nothing

to get excited about."

Ottie, at the age of 80, pitched in the Elders Division at the World Tournament in Springfield, IL marking his 50th year as a participant in World Tournaments. Not too many people can claim this record. Most of all, Ottie loves the sport of horseshoes and is so proud of his family who also enjoys the sport as much as he does. He is not bragging on his family, simply giving a bit of credit to all of the family clan who put so much time and energy into their sport and gained so much enjoyment from it. We salute the entire Reno family for their time and dedication to the sport of horseshoes and for the publicity that they have given to the sport.

We certainly enjoyed the Reno Family visit to the NHPA Hall of Fame. We hope that you will stop by to visit it whenever you can. In the meantime keep on supporting the NHPF as the Reno's have. 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 the Reno Family began enjoying four generations ago.



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# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE NHPA COUNCIL

The NHPA Executive Council has unanimously voted to enact the following Playing Rules change, effective immediately. For the benefit of all members who may be affected, please copy/forward/mail this information to all Charter Officers, to all of your Tournament Directors and to your Charter members via Charter club officers, your Charter Newsletter, your Charter Website, etc.

**The current Rule can be found** in the RGS Book, pages 7-8, Rule 1 - PITCHING DIVISIONS; Section E - Elder Men (introductory information on eligibility).

**Currently reads:**

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

**Changed to:**

Section E – Elder Men (become eligible to pitch in the Elders Division upon purchase of an NHPA card dated for the calendar year that they become seventy (70) years old)

**Related Information:** Each year NHPA cards become available for purchase during October of the previous year. For example, you can buy your 2010 card during October of this year. One benefit to new members is that they can begin pitching in Fall Leagues and/or Tournaments without having to purchase both a 2009 and 2010 card.

**Here are some important reasons for the above Rules change,** which applies to *all* Open Men who may choose to move into the Elders Division:

1 - Under the “old” rule, any male pitcher who is eligible to “move up” into the Elders Division on January 1st of 2010 must begin the Fall/Winter pitching season at a distance of 40 feet for league and tournament play, through December 31st of this year. On January 1st he may then “move up”, but must first re-qualify at this shorter distance, as per our existing rule. This re-qualifying requirement and pitching distance change/

transition is difficult, and is also disruptive *during* a league season that may have started in the Fall and will continue into the new year. The new rule, which allows Elders to “move up” right after purchasing their 2010 card (and before most Winter leagues begin), will eliminate this problem.

2 - The NHPA has received numerous concerns/complaints from first-year Elders who have not had sufficient time, after January 1, to get in the 4 sanctioned events that are required for entering the World Tournament. For this reason, some have not been able to enter the World Tournament for that first year. Meeting this requirement is especially difficult in some of our Northern Charters where severe weather/road conditions, during the Winter and early Spring months, may prevent travel to scheduled tournaments. Also, in some of the larger states, getting to a tournament may require very long driving distances. For these Elders, those 4+ months (January through mid-May); allow a much smaller “window” of time than for the rest of us who have 12 months to get in our 4 required events. This change will allow our Elders an additional 3 months (7+ months total) to get in their 4 required events for entering our World Tournament.

3 - **Why change the Rule now?** According to our Bylaws, it would be three more years before a Rules change proposal such as this could be presented to our delegates for discussion and voting. This proposal should have been voted on this year, but it was not proposed by any of our members. Our Council does have the authority to initiate changes such as this; that are for the good and welfare of our members, and waiting three more years for this change just didn't make good sense to us. Although this change has been enacted by our unanimous Council vote, it may be overturned next year by a 2/3 majority vote of the seated delegates at the 2010 NHPA Convention in Iowa. We can't imagine, however, why anyone would be opposed to this change.

In horseshoes,  
The NHPA Council

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# PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

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

For a great number of us, colder climates and unpredictable weather keeps us wrapped up in our “snuggies” seated in front of the fall lineup gripping a mug of hot chocolate instead of out there on the courts tossing shoes – For those of us, the horseshoe pitching season is over.

But wait a minute!!! It’s going to start back up in the spring, right? We want it to be bigger and better next year than it was this year, right? Well... Let’s do something about it!

Just because we can’t pitch the shoes doesn’t mean we can’t “pitch” the shoes! Take advantage of every opportunity to talk about the fun times and good friends we find on the horseshoe courts. How many of you have invited your entire Sunday school class out to throw a few? How about the folks at work? The other parents at the soccer or football games? Our every day lives are FULL of opportunities for promoting horseshoe pitching and the NHPA.

By now, all your Charter Presidents have received information on the National Horseshoe Pitching IS FUN!!! Day. If you haven’t received material from your president, call and ask for it! The small handouts included in that packet are ideal to pass out to people – in line at the grocery store, on the golf course, in the dentist’s waiting room, ALONG THE ROUTE OF A CHRISTMAS PARADE!!!

That’s right! Your town’s annual Christmas parade is coming up! Start making a float. It can be a big elaborate conglomeration of chicken wire and tissue paper – or simply a trailer with some streamers, a couple of banners, cardboard horseshoes hanging all around and your whole club riding on it!! You could even WALK through the parade if a trailer isn’t available (Come on – you WALK on the horseshoe courts!!) and hand information to the people in the crowd.

If you are allowed to toss candy to the kiddies as we are in my hometown, attach a small piece of paper with your local club info – Club name, location, contact names and numbers.


Wear your pitching shirts!! Load the float with all the trophies you can get your hands on!! Wear a banana suit!!! (YES, we’ve done that!!) Do something to attract attention... And above all else – LOOK HAPPY!!!

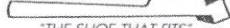
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Speaking of National Horseshoe Pitching IS FUN!!! Day... By the time this issue is out, you should have held your own event. Be sure to report the results to your Charter President – Presidents, be sure to fill out the post event feedback form and send it to me. This can be a very huge recruiting event for the NHPA and we need to know how to make it better year after year. I will be reporting results in the next issue...

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## Charles E. Killgore

## Missouri

Charles E. Killgore, 79, Plattsburg, MO, died Sunday, September 27, 2009 at Liberty Hospital, Liberty, MO. He was born August 5, 1930 to E. A. "Jack" and Marie Killgore. He was a farmer, long-time Operations Manager of Sur-Gro Plant Food Company, and a life-long resident of the Plattsburg area. He was a United States Army Veteran; a member of the First Christian Church, Plattsburg; and an avid horseshoe pitcher and bowler. In 1952, he married Joan Martin, who preceded him in death in 1976. In 1977, he married Rita Enderle, who survives of the home. He is also survived by his son, Scott (Deedie) Killgore, St. Joseph, MO; his brother, Bob (Judy) Killgore, Trimble, MO; John (Lane) Killgore, Stewartsville, MO; sisters Helen Pruitt, Lee's Summit, MO; Mary (Tom) Warden, Owensville, MO; plus grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Missouri and the NHPA lost a legend with Charles' passing. There were no idle hands for Charles. In addition to his regular employment he worked his own farm of hundreds of acres. When the Plattsburg bowling alley was going to be closed about 20 years ago, he and a partner purchased it and keep it open. One day while passing through Plattsburg, Charles was observed on a lawn tractor cutting the grass on the lawn of the church.

Upon the completion of the 10-court facility at The Don Harris Arena in Liberty, MO, Charles did a survey about what clay horseshoe pitchers across the country considered the best upon which they had pitched; most of those surveyed said the clay at the Jack Freeman Courts in Joelton, TN. He immediately found the source of that clay and took his company truck to Kentucky and brought it back to Liberty where it replaced good clay already in the pits. He would say we have a first class facility; we might as well have first class clay for the pits. But he was not through. With the building of the NHPA/NHPF facility in Wentzville, MO, he again took off to get the clay-like material for the 36 pits there. This required two trips, but Charles would not stop until he had the material on site. If he became sleepy, he would take a nap in the truck and stay with the task until it was completed. Such facts were not out of the normal for him.

Charles' first priority was his family and regular jobs, however, he would find time to play in many horseshoe and bowling tournaments. Seems he loved pitching horseshoes the best. Many times he would drive all night to get to a tournament such as the Team World, get out of the car and pitch. Before the Don Harris Arena was built he would travel to New Melle, MO or Wichita, KS. Before that time he was known to frequently go to the winter event at the

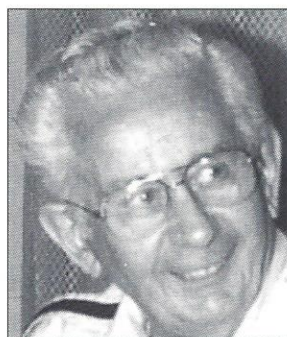
Preimesberger Arena in Minnesota. On the trips to New Melle he would arise about 5:00 AM, pick up a friend or two on the way, have a quick breakfast on the way, arrive in time to get out of the car and pitch and then get back in the car and get home about midnight. He would get a few hours of rest and report to his regular job on time. He was respected and adored everywhere he went.

Charles went to many world tournaments and played in the championship group many times. His best percentage tournament was in 1977. He averaged 77.38% for a 13th place finish. There were seven pitchers that had over 80% and a few more with 79% plus. Those were the days when the game was 50 points. He also won the Missouri State Championship at least two times. He competed in the Mens Championship group in MO approximately 40 years in a row.

Everyone who knew him will definitely miss his character and busy hands. He never met a stranger and all who got to know him will never forget him or meet a better man or sport.

## Ervin M. Van Dine

## Connecticut



Ervin M. Van Dine, 99, of East Hartford, died peacefully on July 7, 2009. Ervin was the loving husband of 49 years to the late Dolia (Panella) Van Dine. Born in Roanoke, IN on November 3, 1909, a son of the late David and Elizabeth (Vollmer) Van Dine, he had been a resident of the Hartford area for the past 70 years.

Prior to his retirement, Ervin was employed as a Security Guard for 30 years by Pinkerton Security Services. Ervin, a talented horseshoe player, was a member and former Secretary and Treasurer of the Connecticut Horseshoe Pitchers Association. He was inducted into their Hall of Fame in November of 1991. Ervin was a former member of the Odd Fellows Hall in Hartford; enjoyed duckpin bowling; was an avid reader; a lover of crossword puzzles; and a loyal fan of baseball. Ervin is survived by two sons, Wayne R. Van Dine and his wife, Mary Ann, of Kansas City, MO; Robert A. Van Dine of East Hartford; four daughters, Ann Spradlin of Newnan, GA, Carole J. Bastarache of Ellington, Linda S. Plank of South Windsor, Marie E. Sic of Hebron; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and friends. He was also "Uncle Dad" to Dorothy Green of Windsor Locks, who was a special niece to him.

# WORLD RECORDS

by Mel Yockstick - The Statman

There have been several excellent world statisticians before me, Delano Cottrell, Gary Kline, Dave Loucks, Kevin Cone and Walter Ray Williams Jr. who have recorded many years of pitching world records. Since being ask to take the job as World Record Statistician, I want pitchers to know I will work to record past and future records on the NHPA Website as well as in printed form, when I can. With the Internet available to most pitchers, world record history should be highlighted for all championship divisions. Go to the NHPA Website and see Historical-World Championships-WT Records +. Also take a look at the State championship page (State Titles) to see the top winners from your state for each division.

I prepared an "NHPA World Title by States" chart in all championship divisions from 1909 through 2009. The chart reveals some very interesting numbers of state winners. Ohio tops the list with 80 winners with California's 51 in second followed by Minnesota with 30, Indiana 23, Illinois 19, Missouri 18, Iowa 16, Ontario Canada 14, Pennsylvania and Texas each with 13 rounding out the ten.

In the men's championship, Ohio posts 29 winners with the present world champion, Alan Francis, leading with 12 as an Ohio resident. He collected three other titles as a resident of Missouri. California pitchers won 19 world titles headed by Fernando Issasis with seven and six by Walter Ray Williams, Jr. and three by Ted Allen when he was a California resident. Other big State winners are Colorado with seven wins by Ted Allen and Ontario Canada with six wins by Elmer Hohl.

In the Women's championship there were eleven from

Illinois. Laura Lanham in the 1920's won six, Tari Powell won three and in the early 1930's, Caroline Schultz won two all from Illinois. Ten world titles were won by Minnesota women led by Phyllis Negaard's five. Other states: Ohio and New York won seven titles. Vicki Winston posted seven wins alone for Missouri.

Two other large championship figures were 18 by senior men from Ohio, and eleven wins by junior boys. The other double figure was ten wins by Wisconsin's junior girls.

## NHPA World Titles By State All Championship Divisions

Started 1909 through 2009

State	Men	Women	60+ Senior Men	Elders 30 Ft.	60+ Senior Women	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	Junior Cadets	Inter Men	Elders 40 Ft.	Total World Titles	Last Year Won
Ohio	29	7	18	3		11	6	2	3	1	80	2009
California	19	3	3	2	4	8	2	1	5	4	51	2009
Minnesota	3	10	3		2	4	2	1	5		30	2009
Indiana	5	6	1	5		4	2				23	2009
Illinois		11		4			2		2		19	2003
Missouri	3	7				6		1	1		18	2009
Iowa	7	1	5			1			2		16	1995
ON-Canada	6	1			1	5	1				14	2006
Pennsylvania	3			4			4	1		1	13	2008
Texas			2	5		2	3		1		13	2007
New York	1	7	1			1	1		1		12	2003
Wisconsin				1	1		10				12	2006
Colorado	7	2	1		1						11	2009
Florida			6	1	4						11	2009
Kansas	6		1	1				1			9	2005
Kentucky		6	1			1					8	2008
Oregon		5							1		7	1996
Michigan		1	2		1		2				6	2000
PQ-Canada		4			2						6	2005
Washington	1		1				1		3		6	1993
North Carolina					2	3					5	2008
Utah						5					5	1958
Virginia						2	1		1		4	1999
Maine						1	2				3	1979
South Carolina			2				1				3	2007
Tennessee		3									3	2009
Arizona		2									2	1953
Georgia			2								2	1984
Massachusetts		2									2	1985
New Jersey		1		1							2	1983
Oklahoma							2				2	1998
South Dakota						2					2	2007
West Virginia		2									2	1949
Wyoming						2					2	1968
AB-Canada							1				1	1993
Alabama				1							1	1986
Arkansas						1					1	2000
Connecticut	1										1	2000
Nebraska				1							1	1994
Rhode Island	1										1	2002
SK-Canada			1								1	2001
Vermont						1					1	2004
<b>Totals</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>412</b>	

# CHARTER CHATTER

*by Debby Michaud*

## **TEXAS**

Texas was proud to have 14 of its pitchers participate in the 2009 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships. Three of them walked away with a win in their class. Congratulations to H.C. Harwell, Anna Combs and Ed Harris for wins in Men's L, Women's L and in Elder's E. Three other Texans pitched in the Championship groups in their division. Those talented pitchers are: Debra Odum, Paul McCreery and Ed Arionus. Good work, Texas! They are looking forward to a shorter drive when the 2011 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships come to Monroe, Louisiana.

Texas is also running a membership contest. The person who recruits and helps to sign up the most new members for the NHPA and the Texas HPA will win \$150.00. Second place award is \$100.00. One of the stipulations is that these new members, to "count", had to pitch in two sanctioned tournaments by 9/19/09. We will hope to hear that this was a big success.

## **MISSOURI**

Missouri is very proud to have increased its junior membership by 14 from 2007 – 2008. There were 115 juniors in Missouri in 2008, the largest state junior membership in the NHPA. One of the reasons may be related to what Rick Gwinn of the Independence Club writes below.....

The Independence Club held its 3rd Annual Juniors Only Tournament at the Don Harris Arena in Liberty on May 12th with 14 junior entries. All of the kids received either a trophy for the top three pitchers in each class or a ribbon. Some of them experienced their first ringer, some threw their first double and some got their first win. The expressions on their faces are priceless and that is what makes this type of event so rewarding. We hope to continue this tournament for years to come, helping to get the next generation of pitchers involved in this great sport. This has grown to be a 'family' of horseshoe pitchers. You do not have to be related to be a 'family'. It is a game that everyone loves and everyone can participate in and make some accomplishments along the way.

The Quail Ridge Club in Wentzville, MO, site of the NHPA Hall of Fame, did host the "Hall of Fame" tournament during the 2009 World Horseshoe Tournament which was great fun and which provided pitchers an opportunity to

view the Hall of Fame building, many for the first time. Very impressive – the brick patio outside is moving. What may be even more impressive is the obvious pride the Quail Ridge Club members have in the facility. They also hosted the 2009 Sanctioned Club Team tournament on October 10 – 11, 2009. It will be complete by the time you read this, but we know that the entries were maxed out and that there was a waiting list to get in. The Quail Ridge Club in Wentzville also hosted the State Singles and State Doubles tournaments on Labor Day weekend. Busy place!

## **ARIZONA**

Normally the summer is fairly slow in the Phoenix area for horseshoe pitching, but they have been busy doing other things this year. Two new locations have contacted Larry Ingraham, the AZ Regional Director, in regards to building new courts, one in northeastern AZ and one in the south. With Larry's help, these new areas may have new courts in the near future. On another note, the annual Valley of the Sun Tournament, hosted by the Phoenix/Mesa H.C. grew to 109 pitchers, up from just 45 two years ago. These pitchers came from 26 states and from Canada to pitch in this 51st annual event.

## **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

The Golden Gate Horseshoe Club courts in Golden Gate have been dormant since 1992, but thanks to Peter Zepponi and his tenacity to do something about the state of disrepair those courts were in, they are now ready for pitching again. To help celebrate the grand (re)-opening of those courts on September 12, 2009, Peter invited Brian Simmons of Vermont, 2008 and 2009 runner-up to Alan Francis for the Men's World Title, to help with the dedication ceremony. The courts now have sand in them but that didn't deter Brian. In a small "demonstration" sanctioned, handicapped tournament, Brian pitched with Kimmy Stockli, Rick Bermingham, Dave Loucks and Travis Sluys. These courts are "conditionally sanctioned" already, so this was the first sanctioned event and gave the San Francisco H.C. an idea of how tournaments can run. Mayor Gavin Newsom was present for the opening ceremonies. Thank you Peter Zepponi for all of your hard work and dedication to get these courts opened again.

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## IOWA

Iowa is very proud of its participation in the annual Iowa State Fair. During that fair there are eleven days of horseshoe pitching. This includes the annual State tournament, held on different days throughout the Fair and a daily Pitch & Win at noon for new pitchers. This year the Iowa State Bank offered \$100.00 cash to the first adult in the Pitch & Win to get a double ringer. They are hoping to devote more time to the Pitch & Win because there are always more people who want to pitch. Danny Sease is a driving force behind the Iowa State Fair horseshoe activities.

## MARYLAND

Baltimore Metro TD Larry Bunn reports that the Grant Powers Open, held on Memorial Day weekend, was a success. The Club rededicated its U.S. Flag. Several members spoke about what the flag meant to them personally – a fitting tribute and a great day for all!

The Frederick HPA kicked off the season with their Veterans Memorial tourney, honoring their deceased members. A pleasant day, in between many rainy ones, was enjoyed by all. League play is underway, with pitchers from nine to eighty-something!

The MDHPA is continuing its Points Challenge to encourage membership participation in MD sanctioned tournaments. Maryland was also pleased to have 18 pitchers representing our State at the WT in Springfield.

MDHPA would like to welcome the new Washington, DC HPA and extend an invitation to pitchers everywhere to participate in tournaments statewide. Maryland has sanctioned clubs in Essex, Frederick and Lusby, and continued pitching at Johnny's Horseshoe Barn in Calloway.

## MINNESOTA

Minnesota held its state tournament in Mankato, MN on new portable courts indoors at the Alltel Civic Center. The set-up looked perfect in photos

and some thought it was the best state tournament ever. Kudos to all the volunteers who helped with the set up and take down of the 24 courts. Also much appreciation goes to all of the donors who unselfishly donated money for the new courts and the new walkways. Along with the tournament comes the annual state banquet – they always seem to come up with entertainment to go along with the food and awards - the banquet is enjoyed by all.



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# CONNECT MARKET PLACE 2009

*by Stu Sipma*

On August 27-30, 2009, I attended Collinson Publishing's first Connect Market Place conference at the Red Rock Casino in Las Vegas. Collinson Publishing provided the NHPA a free trip to allow for my attendance at this three-day conference. This conference provided their suppliers (CVB and Tourism Groups) an opportunity to visit with me regarding the World Horseshoe Tournament event. In addition to meeting with the various suppliers, I attended several educational sessions consisting of conducting negotiations, writing contracts, creating Request for Proposals (RFP) and managing risk and liability.

Also included in the conference, were two days of scheduled six minute appointments with the suppliers which provided the opportunity to meet face to face and discuss the possibility of hosting the World Tournament in their city. This conference brought in over 240 planners (like the NHPA) and over 500 suppliers. I had over 42 appointments with additional evening appointments. The World Horseshoe Tournament is an event that draws a lot of interest due to the size and length of the event. Since the World Tournament is held in July or August and this is generally a "slow" time for the Civic and Convention Centers, this is an excellent time for them to host our event.

During these sessions, I provided an Events Sheet which consisted of facts about hosting our event and I also answered questions they had on how to make this event happen in their city. I also provided the name of the regional director for their respective states and advised them to make sure they contacted these individuals. I stressed the importance of working with their local horseshoe club if they decided to pursue submitting a bid. If you are an RD and would receive a call from a CVB or Tourism group, please work with them to provide any information you can to assist.

This is my sixth year of marketing this event and throughout this time I have created many contacts with groups around the US and Canada. I find these marketing events to be very beneficial through the great

working relationships I have established with the CVB and Tourism groups and also expanding my network of contacts throughout the nation. I have found the majority of the groups I talk to, will call back to obtain additional information regarding our tournament as they are very interested in bringing this event to their city.

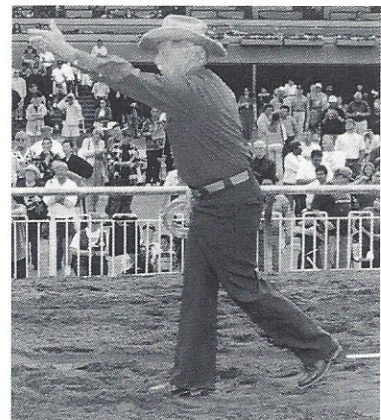
In October, I will be attending another marketing event, the TEAMS conference in New Orleans. This will be my fourth time attending this conference. This conference has also proven to be a very worthwhile event due to the interest it generates.

I want to conclude this article by once again congratulating Monroe/West Monroe, Louisiana for winning the 2011 bid to host the World Tournament. I will be meeting with Scott and Alana while attending the TEAMS conference to finalize some of their World Tournament plans.

Thank You.

Stu Sipma

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# HORSESHOE FACTS AND FOLKLORE

*By Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian*

*This issue we will read about the life of one of the greatest pitchers of all-time, Ted Allen, as written by another Hall of Famer, Bryon Jaskulek. This article does not dwell on Allen's pitching triumphs, but tells us about the showmanship and promotion aspects of Allen's career. Jaskulek was 1st NHPA Vice President from New York and the Editor of the NHPA official magazine, The Horseshoe Pitcher, and wrote this article for the January 1949 issue. This is an extraordinary article written in the heyday of Allen's career, not in the twilight of his career.*

## **Outline of the Horseshoe Pitching Life of Ted Allen**

*By Bryon Jaskulek, Editor*

Ted Allen first picked up the game of horseshoes while farming and ranching in Kansas. Living in the more remote sections of western Kansas, he became interested in tossing horseshoes, because that and hunting were the only outdoor sports. He teamed up with his father, who was a well-known pitcher, having taken many state "open" prizes himself. Ted learned to beat the best of them and at the age of 12, he was thrilled to hear one expert say, "If I had that boy, I would take him to Chicago." The man probably did not know himself why he mentioned Chicago, but by a coincidence, Chicago was the place where Ted first won a World Championship at the World's Fair in 1933.

The family moved to Colorado in 1922. While farming and attending school, Ted won county and state championships. He was state champ 8 years out of 10, losing the two to his brother, Ira. Ted won the four Rocky Mountain Region Open Tournaments that were sponsored by the Denver Post and all the county tournaments expect one.

The family again moved on to Oregon in 1932, planning to settle there. But after winning the Oregon State title that year, glowing letters from a horseshoe manufacturer in California led him to believe there was a "pot of gold" to be found in that state. So, with some persuasion from Ted, the family moved to California. After three trails, he was convinced that he had been following a wrong trail. Acts were a dime a dozen around Hollywood. Ted and his parents then moved back to Bolder, Colorado in 1936. Ira Allen stayed in California, where he has been ever since. The first few years there, Ira won several Northern California titles, and the California State Championship once. It was his brother who always gave Ted his steadiest competition in the years they used to pitch in contests together. Ira took the Colorado State away from Ted

twice and the Oregon Open Title once.

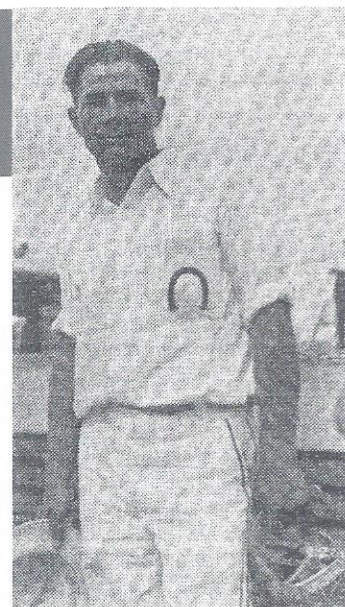
However, it was during Ted's stay in California, 1933 to 1935, that he won his first World's title in Chicago. All Ted's life he wanted to be somebody and he has an idea that his horseshoes would be

the means of getting him some place. And the following years proved him right. And now he was ready to give it a try. The championship afforded him the first opportunity to advertise himself as the world's best. The year following his first title he took Fernando Isais, who is now present champ, with him on the barnstorming tour of horseshoe clubs in the middle-west.

Finding it to be a hard road to travel, Isais dropped out of it after that first year. But Ted wasn't yet convinced that it couldn't be done properly. He was sure that a fair living and a good time with plenty of traveling could be gotten out of it some way by hard work and learning how. He considers those first few years hard ones to break into good show business. But he paved the way for those who later came pitching in show since the war. His good appearances in shows made him in demand in sports shows from coast to coast and when he had to turn down some shows they procured Jimmy Risk and Casey Jones, and Guy Zimmerman.

But getting back to the first years, with the lessons learned from the first year Ted corresponded ahead for appearances, and went alone in 1935. He went all the way to the east states ending up the summer season in New York City, making the rounds of all the fine horseshoe club courts in the metropolis, guided by that man-about-town, "Pop" Schavel, for a solid month. Then after an interview with Brig. General Kilpatrick, President of Madison Square Garden, he engaged for one day at the World's largest rodeo, with the understanding that if the act went over well, they would "contract" him for the entire show.

Not only did it go over well, it played the entire 24-day show. He was also booked back each year at the same show for three more years. It was the first time a horseshoe pitching act was presented in that manner in the Big Town. It was considered one of the best acts that the Garden ever booked. More people



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# HORSESHOE FACTS AND FOLKLORE *Continued*

saw the act that way than any other possible way because the annual New York Rodeo draws more attendance than any other attraction there, now running nearly a month annually. George Schavel of Brooklyn assisted Ted the first two years, thereafter he used cowboys.

It was a big event in Ted's life. And during those same years he also booked a few of the country's largest theatres, starting out with the once world's largest, the Roxy Theatre in New York City. Then followed the best theatres in Boston, Providence, Chicago, Dayton, St. Louis, Washington D.C. and some smaller cities.

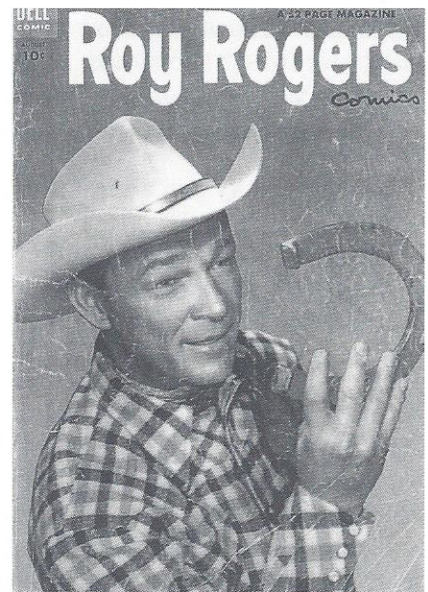
Besides playing in the annual Midwest Tournament 1935 to 1939, which tournament took the place of an absent World's Tournament from 1936 to 1939. Ted won all of them except in 1938, losing to Fernando Isais, who finally gained a victory over Ted, after many years of trying, but this did not mean losing his World's championship. He won the Rocky Mountain title sponsored by the Denver Post, with top notchers from the entire western states competing, four years in a row 1929 to 1933, incidentally the only four years it was held.

In all the years of playing shows, Ted holds the unique record of repeating most of the shows he has booked. There is only one other act that has beaten his record of four straight years at Madison Square Garden; it was a High School horse act, which played there 7 years, at the rodeo. But he did repeat at the Rodeo in Rochester, N.Y. 7 times. He was honored to play at one of the Army retired generals horse shows right after the war. But one of the fine shows which he played, where the elite of aristocrats attend, was the swank Santa Barbara Horse Show in California in 1941. Only one act each year is booked as a special feature there. When an act plays that show it is lucky, indeed.

From the appearances at the Garden an offer from one of the country's best traveling rodeo shows, and the best in the East, came a yearly job with the J.E. Jim Eskew Rodeo Show for seven years, five were pre-war and two were post-war, starting in 1937.

Besides putting in his featured act of clowning the horseshoe pitching trick, he rode cow ponies whenever he wanted to make it a better show and to fill in as all show people do with a traveling unit. Another featured act in which he worked in the show was a rough and tumble comedy bucking ford as an acrobat, playing the part of a kid in knee pants. The rodeo made its appearance all over the eastern states and as far west as St. Louis and Chicago. In recent years, just before and after the war, this rodeo outfit teamed up on different occasions and at different times with both the Roy Rogers troop and the Gene Autry bunch. Both movie cowboy kings insisted that the horseshoe pitching and the ford acts be included in

their shows, as two of the main featured acts. Roy Rogers, himself, could easily have been an excellent pitcher if he had time. During the weekly shows at each city, Rogers and the Son of the Pioneers, indulged in tossing the shoes, four-handed games, with no scientific turns. Surprising to Allen was the good aim of Rogers, and in the first lesson in the 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  turn from Allen; he never lost his aim, with about 50% ringers.



Among the nation's air hook-ups that interviewed Ted, are the Breakfast Club of Chicago, where he was on twice, once pitching at Don McNeil and using some of the sound effects. Clem McCarthy of New York had him. Farm and Home hour had him twice on the national hook-up, too. There have been so many smaller stations that have used him he cannot remember the names of some of them. Several newsreels featured him, the last one was with Roy Rogers rodeo using some of the cowboys as scenery in 1947 in Chicago. He was top star in two movie shorts. One was a Grantland Rice sport light. He was co-star in another one of a Camel Cigarette short with a famous diving champ.

While in the Army, the War Department turned down two requests for his transfer to special services to give exhibitions for the soldiers, because of his male nurse training for hospital work, at least until after Germany fell. Utilizing a golden opportunity to get the transfer through while he was home from overseas on a T.D. furlough, he then was put to playing for hospitals, and building horseshoe courts at Camp Carsen Hospital for convalescents. Later to New York City to go overseas after the war, and made a couple of appearances at Camp Shanks with Joe Louis. Discharged a month later he was immediately contracted by the Garden to stand by to play there if a certain high school horse failed to make his appearance.

Three times Ted Allen sustained injuries in the rodeo work. The first two times it affected and hampered his practice seriously, just before the year's largest tournament. The first injury was in 1938, before the Midwest National contest in Des

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Moines. His injury caused a shortening of his swing without any follow-through whatsoever. That was the only time he lost the Midwest National and it was to Fernando Isais. By the following year his injury has healed sufficiently to have him back in good form and he won all his 36 games.

The second injury and a serious one, came just three weeks before the important World Tournament in 1947. In Gerry, N.Y., a well-broken horse went on a bucking spree and Ted dislocated a hip and had several torn ligaments. Practice had to be cut to six short days.

Many people attributed his losing that year to a bad case of poison ivy, but Ted says that the injuries to his leg and hip did more to tear down his stamina than anything else, as he was unable to walk until a week prior to the tournament. Yet his contract called for his appearances as usual, and Ted was enough of a trooper that he did not desire to be left out of the show, but his speed was retained to hobbling.

It was the tournament when he received his most serious injuries. It was in a "bucking Ford" act in September at Philadelphia. Ted had a dislocation of the collar bone from the sternum, torn ligaments and muscles, a transverse fracture of a vertebra and a vertebra out of place. Although, hospitalized and ordered by the doctors to remain behind, he refused and five days later moved with the Roy Rogers Rodeo to Detroit making the move in a specially built bed in the back seat of his car. It is typical of a rodeo man to go along even if he has two broken legs.

In Detroit, his employer asked him to try pitching on the opening night, but remained out of the Ford act for two weeks, in spite of the injuries, as it was the rodeo's first appearance in Detroit and a lot depended upon a good show as it was being televised. Later a horseshoe pitcher spectator mentioned that it looked as though Ted Allen had changed his form of delivery. No wonder. It was only by extreme slowness and concentration that he was able to get, happily, about 75% ringers to make it look good. It was unfortunate that in both of his shoulder injuries the fall was on his right shoulder. In another month his soreness lessened up a little, but he never regained his easy delivery until the following summer of 1948. He has had to stay off a horse for a while but he figures that by the summer of 1949 all his usual form and stamina will have been regained, without letting down during the tournament. Yet in spite of his injuries the past two years he has made several new world records.

He was the first man to pitch on television. It was at the first all television show immediately after the war in Buffalo. It must be said here a fine compliment was paid to his act and to the game of horseshoes when the television projection men spoke unanimously that his act showed up on the screen best of all and therefore they enjoyed taking it more than some other

things. Altogether his act has been televised in four places. Besides the above mentioned he was shown on it at the Roy Rogers Rodeo in Philadelphia, St. Louis and Chicago. On one occasion, he also sat with the television announcer to explain the rodeo to him as it progressed for the listeners benefit.

Ted took his championship responsibility seriously, believing that it was his job to look and act respectable, that he must look the part of a clean champ. Yet it must be said that horseshoe pitching did not make him that way. He was practicing what he had always been practicing while going out for school sports and really believed that by living cleanly he would be able to stay on top of the heap a lot longer, at least he figured his chances would multiply. Knowing that many eyes would be on him during his tour of exhibitions, he kept a careful check to see that the young children respected him for clean living. He believes that he has attained at least two of his goals. To have become a champion and to have traveled a good deal. His first years at barnstorming the country were the hardest, but he gained a lot of experience. He spent a great deal of each day answering hundreds of questions. And those were the years for most of is autograph fans because of personal appearances. On one occasion in Detroit, he was crowded and jostled by hundreds of kids for autographs. He climbed a big sign hoping to get above and reach down. It was impossible to write on the ground. But the kids climbed there too and the sign fell over.

In all of his exhibitions and personal appearances, not counting millions who must have seen his five newsreels and two movie shorts, as near as can be calculated by the attendance at the different shows he has played with, there have been around 17,947,000 people who have witnessed his act, besides there have been around 200,000 who have witnessed him in action in tournaments. Due to the fact that he entered the show business when certain kinds of it were having its best years, he continued to perform in top shows for 18 years.

## JOTTINGS

**Correction:** In the last article (July-August) issue, an error was made. In the 1951 Women's finals, Daisy Chapelle placed seventh. I had mistakenly typed Daisy Hilton. Yes, Daisy Chapelle was Barry's mom and Vicki Winston's mom.

**Announcement:** We are trying to fill in some missing data from the 1950 World Tournaments. The Men's finals are fine; the women's are fine except for the win/loss records for 1949 and 1950. We need the finals standings for Junior Boys in the years of 1952, 1953, 1956, 1957 and 1960. If anyone has a copy of the finals standings for these years please contact me and prepare a copy to provide to us. Thank you.



# INTRODUCING MR. WOODY TWO-SHOES

*By Jeanette Claas*

After much thought and consideration, the committee of the Silhouette Contest at Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club has declared a winner. It was very exciting that enough interest was ignited and we began receiving mail from all across the United States.

There was one big drawback that we weren't counting on. The fact that a lot of people didn't receive their Newsline Magazine until it was almost the deadline date was a little disheartening. However, the NHPA Sanctioned Club/League Team Event took place at Quail Ridge on October 10th - 11th and many out-of-state visitors entered into the contest at that time.

Our NHPA Historian, Bob Dunn, adds a little more history to the silhouette story. Back in the early 1990's, a horseshoe pitcher who was an old timer from California, George Greeott, did a lot of wood carving. He copied off this same silhouette pattern and carved a miniature horseshoe pitcher, the exact duplicate of what we are looking at today. He called it the Greeott Graber. Along the way, the Greeott Graber was passed on to a fellow horseshoe pitcher in Minnesota and then given to Bob Dunn. Bob was recently at the NHPA/NHPF facility to do some work when he presented the miniature statue to Joe Faron to be put on display at the Hall of Fame. So exactly who made the original design is unknown, but whoever did, the silhouette has certainly found its way into the NHPA and will be with us for many more years to come. If anyone can add more history to this mystery, please email me at [djclaas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djclaas@sbcglobal.net).

The winning name "Mr. Woody Two-Shoes" was submitted by Renee Baltz, of O'Fallon, Missouri and a member of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. Asked how she decided on the winning name, she replied, "I looked at the silhouette and I saw a wooden horseshoe pitcher with two horseshoes in his hands and the name just came to me. Although I never knew Sonny Saak I would hope he finds the name to be appropriate."

After the ballots were tallied and the winner decided, the runner up name "Gitter Dunn" was submitted by Leonard Burke of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Not having a carpenter in Renee's household, she declined the pattern and would like for it to be sent to Leonard, however, she is so looking forward to her free trip to the lumber yard!

An update from Terry Hlavac, who purchased the horseshoe pitchin' man at the silent auction in Springfield Illinois reports that he had it autographed by all the pitchers in the

Championship Classes. He put the silhouette up at the Whiting Horseshoe Club along with pictures of both classes. Terry is an Illinois pitcher

from Chicago but he belongs to the Whiting Club just across the border in Indiana. Guess what? He named his silhouette Woodrow R. Pitchman. Woody for short and the R. stands for Ringers. Pretty close to the winning name! So we now have a silhouette in Indiana. Let's keep it going!



You can name your silhouette whatever suits you, but for the records we do have an official name. It was a fun contest and it showed lots of enthusiasm in promoting horseshoes. So if any of the readers out there in horseshoe land would like to have a pattern to continue on the tradition of the horseshoe pitchin' man, send your name with \$25 to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, 100 Bluestem Way, Wentzville, MO 63385 and we will quickly mail you a copy. We have a whole stack just waiting for your order.

It was suggested by some of the entrants that we obtain a female horseshoe pitchin' silhouette, which of course, will now be the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club's next big project. And what will we call her? How about Ms. Goody Two-Shoes!

Over 60 people entered the contest submitting names for different reasons, some very sentimental: Headringer - Flat Stanley - Throwin' MO - Slicker - Lucky Gaylord - Clay Pitz - Sonny Side Up! - Rusty Ringer - Rich the Horseshoe Man - Handicap Ringer - Ernie - Ringerless - Gitter Dunn - Ring A Dinger - Norman - Flip - Sonny - Charley 9/11 - Ringer Slinger - Les Pichem - IMA Ringermaker - B.A. Ringermaker, IRA Ringermaker, Joe Sixpak - P.D. Ringers - Stretch Hurley - Doug Pitts - Ringo-Man - Smokey Joe - Ringerman - Sonny Shoe - Serious Sam - Happy Pitcher - Pitchman Sam - Mr. Horseshoe - The Nile-La-Tor - Lucky Sonny - Elmer - Burly - Double Trouble - Reach & Follow - Shuman (as in Shoeman) - Ringo - Man O'Ringers - Woody Two-Shoes - Sunny - 4-Dead Fred - Jimmy Get-A-Ringer - Striker - Smilin' Jack - Sunny Daze - Bill - Stretch - Horatio - Woody I. Shoe - Flat-Out Standing Stanley - Rambo - Get-A-Ringer - Mr. Show-Me - Hans Horseshoe - Roaming Ringer Man - Flurny - Sonny Doubels - Mr. Doubles and Mr. Horse Pitchman from: Silhouette, USA.

# 2009 NHPA CONVENTION MINUTES

Minutes of the NHPA Convention; August 2nd, 2009, held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Illinois

NHPA President Paul Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Barry Chapelle was called upon to give the invocation.

After reciting the pledge of allegiance, the meeting rules were adopted.

The credential report showed there were 130 delegates present.

The minutes approval committee was introduced. Jerry LaBrosse, chairperson, George Nick, MN and Jane Smith, WI.

The 2008/2009 annual financial report enclosed in the delegate packet was accepted by unanimous vote.

There were four bidders for the 2011 world tournament; Knoxville, TN; York, PA; Monroe/West Monroe, LA and Florence, SC. After the first vote was taken, West Monroe and Knoxville were the top vote getters, with no majority achieved by either. A second vote was taken and Monroe/West Monroe, LA (who included an extra \$7,000.00 in their bid) was awarded the 2011 world tournament. The tournament will be held on July 18th through July 30th.

During the vote tallying, Brian Fisher addressed the delegates regarding travel information and general information.

Mary Lee Malmberg, Cedar Rapids tourism bureau, along with Leroy Law and Ralph Palmer, presented a progress report on the 2010 world tournament. They did a skit format of a radio show and was well received by the delegates. The dates of the 2010 world tournament are July 26th through August 7th.

Jerry LaBrosse, Rules Committee Chairman, then read through the proposed rules changes one by one, and directed discussion. In the first proposal of change to Req. 4 Sec B, and amendment was proposed and passed. The new wording is "Unless the Tournament Director has been contacted, contestants who have not checked in one half hour before their scheduled start time shall forfeit all games and be replaced by a qualified alternate". The proposal passed 92-38.

**Rule 1 Sec E** - change name from "Elder Men" to "Men's Short Distance", failed 46-84.

**Rule 1 Sec E.1**- Elders may change back to the Open Men's division, but must remain in that division for the entire calendar year, passed 120-10.

The NHPA Council waiver on 29 inch wide portable courts was approved 101-29

Election of officers was next. Dan Sanders was re-elected by acclamation for NHPA 1st VP, as was Lorraine Sternberg for 3rd VP, and Stu Sipma for NHPA president. There was a contest for NHPA 5th VP between Ron Kohn, MI, and Debby Michaud, MA. Both candidates made a statement to the delegates. Debby Michaud won the election.

In discussion about the 2010 world tournament pitching format, Brian Fisher suggested larger classes and cash awards.

## Officer Reports:

**2nd VP** – Tina Hawkins discussed the Good Morning America program which aired this summer, included Alan Francis and his wife. Tina is looking for Promotional Assistants to promote local clubs, in other words, take the game to the public. She would also like to see more promotion in Newslines.

**4th VP** – Jerry LaBrosse recapped his intentions of working directly with Charter Presidents to strengthen the NHPA.

**1ST VP** – Dan Sanders gave a reminder to all Regional Directors that Sanctioned Courts are required for Sanctioned Tournament and Sanctioned Leagues.

**3rd VP** – Lorraine Sternberg announced the NHPA League Tournament will be held on October 10th & 11th. Lorraine also stated she would like to see more encouragement for Junior Scholarship Program in Middle Schools and High School.

**NHPF** – Director Dave Loucks stated to-date over 1 million dollars has been spent on the NHPF facility at Wentzville, plus \$800,000 has been invested by the County. Dave also announced he and his wife Cathy have a booth set-up with NHPF memorabilia for sale to raise needed funds.

NatStats Director – Glenn Jamieson announced that he is working on a new website.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.









# RESULTS 2009 *Continued*

## Junior Girl's Championship

1. Aleena Cook	5/0	49.36
2. Bethany Heinritz	4/1	23.60
3. Christina Heinritz	3/2	19.62
4. Heather Feavel	2/3	18.18
5. Nicole Feavel	1/4	9.85

6. Samantha Lazaris 0/5 6.89

## Cadet Boy's Championship

1. Blake Lazaris	2/0	17.22
2. Steven Lazaris	0/2	2.22

## Cadet Girl's Championship

1. Abby Aiken	2/1	.93
2. Alyssa Simonz	1/2	.93

## Men's Classes

A Kerry Morris	6/2	50.31
B John Bauer	6/2	47.81

C Tory Jeske 6/2 44.37

D Kurt Jochimsen 6/1 31.42

E Mitch Littlegeorge 6/1 33.45

F John Secord 7/1 27.50

G Leo Richter 7/1 33.75

H David Tellier 5/0 27.20

I Eddie Wisniewski 5/1 16.00

## Women's Classes

A Tava Kildahl 5/0 41.60

B Tricia Ryan-Tellier 5/0 26.00

## Elder's Classes

A John Dolezel 6/1 44.64

B Earl Paulson 5/0 39.00

## Junior Boy's Class

A Ross Kuchenbecker 5/0 6.80

## Junior Girl's Class

A Christina Heinritz 6/0 15.00

## Income & Expenses Statement

August & September 2009

### Income

Hall of Fame Banquet	\$ 6,244.00
Membership Dues	\$ 24,165.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$ 3,021.00
Sanction Club/League Tournament Entry Fees	\$ 1,890.00
Sanction League Patches	\$ 40.00
Received from NHPF	\$ 4,042.00
Refund	\$ 12.86
US Bank Checking Interest	\$ 64.76
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$ 17.21
World Tournament No Card Fine	\$ 80.00
World Tournament 100 Year Pins	\$ 444.00
World Tournament Entry Fees	\$ 400.00
World Tournament Finals Fees	\$ 3,600.00
World Tournament Lodging Refund	\$ 450.00
World Tournament Photos	\$ 1,500.00
World Tournament Printouts	\$ 591.00
World Tournament Patches	\$ 6.00
World Tournament Unused Scorekeeping Funds	\$ 2,746.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 49,313.83</b>

### Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$ 1,530.31
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$ 884.67
Sanctioned League Postage & Printing	\$ 206.99
Junior Scholarship Trust accounts closed	\$ 3,552.47
World Tournament, Cash, Trophies & Awards	\$ 122,348.71
World Tournament Travel Expenses	\$ 13,021.15
World Tournament Admin. Costs. Printing, office supplies, etc.	\$ 17,834.35
World Tournament Refunds	\$ 35,458.34
Hall of Fame Awards Supplies & Expenses	\$ 1,278.61
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs	\$ 1,296.51
Printing, paper & office supplies	\$ 879.42
Postage	\$ 1,148.92
Officers Telephone	\$ 176.71
Officers Travel	\$ 265.00
Sec/Treas Allowance	\$ 3,400.00
Presidents Allowance	\$ 1,038.00
Direct and Indirect NHPF Donations	\$ 19,991.00
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$ 208.62
Special Events	\$ 549.75
NatStats	\$ 1,038.00
Internet Access & Web Site	\$ 920.96
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 228,111.15</b>

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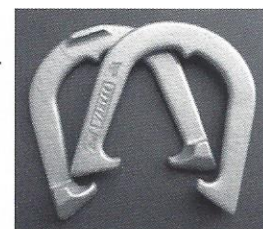
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