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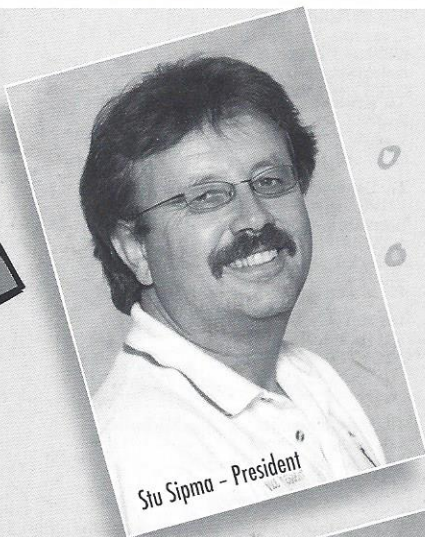
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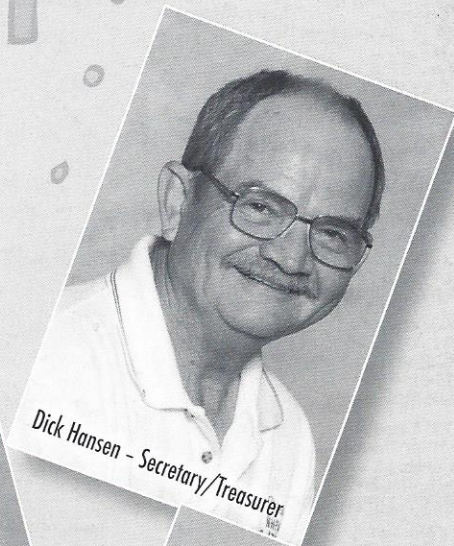
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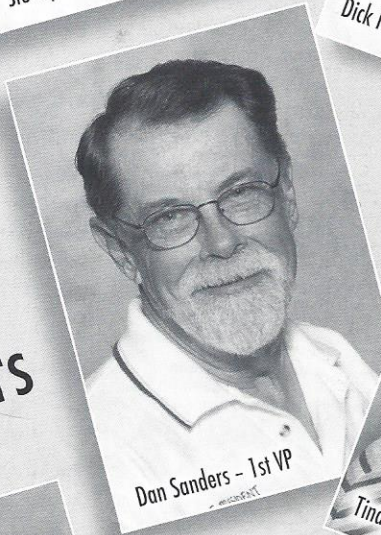
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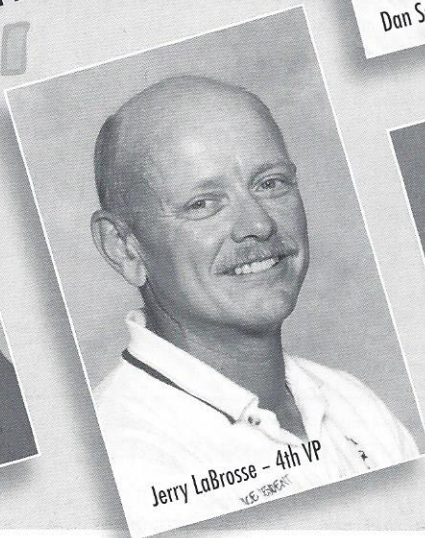
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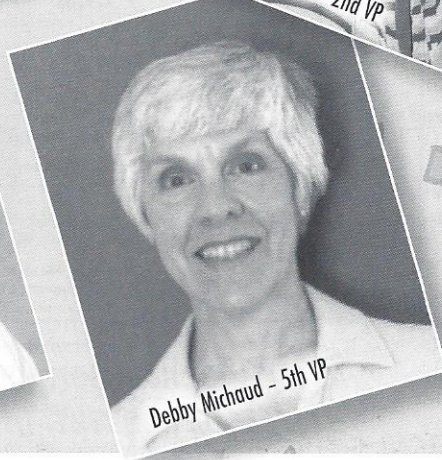
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stu Sipma

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year to everyone.*

I first want to start by recognizing our past President, Paul Stewart, for his many years of hard work and dedication. Paul Stewart, you have been a great President and 5th VP to the NHPA. Over the past six years that I have come to know you, I have always had a tremendous amount of respect for you. You truly are a great person, father, husband, grandfather and still not a bad horseshoe pitcher! You have many friends who came to know you, love you and even become members of the Paul Stewart Fan Club. I know I will never be able to fill your shoes, but appreciate the confidence you have in me to lead the NHPA in the coming years. I know you're not leaving the game; however, you will be missed, especially by me and the Council.

As your incoming President, I am prepared for the challenges that face me. I am also ready for the tough decisions that go along with the President's job. I do want to assure you that the decisions made will be in the best interest of the NHPA and the sport of horseshoes. At the end of January, we will be having our winter meeting. At that time I plan on presenting my Mission with Goals and Objectives to the Council.

There are many challenges that are on the table to review and be addressed. Two of my main concerns are to review and make recommendations to the Council on controlling spending and making sure the money is spent with the best interest of the NHPA in mind. The other challenge I have pledged to work on is to grow the sport of horseshoes. This past year, Jerry LaBrosse and I created a position with roles and objectives which we titled "Charter Communications". I believe this position will play a major role in linking the communications gap between the NHPA and all the Charters. This position will provide the NHPA and Charters a communications highway to funnel material to the

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Charters and provide the Charters a way to communicate back to the NHPA. It is my goal with this position to have all Charters working in the same direction as to reporting stats, membership reports and making sure the Charters are "actively" moving forward with growing their Charters. Jerry resides in Minnesota where I believe that Charter has taken the lead role in promotions and growing the sport. Jerry will be working closely with Tina Hawkins making sure the NHPA provides the Charters with all the needed material to get to their members. Still with this new position, I believe we all need to work together to grow the sport. To make this happen, I believe everyone will need to have the ability to reach out and talk up the sport and sign up new members. The NHPA Council will provide the guidance and leadership; however, it will take all of us in getting the word out.

Over the past six years as the 5th VP, I have had the privilege to work with three VP's (Allen Baptist, Bonnie Seibold, and Casey Sluys) and learned how committed these folks were to their jobs. That same commitment has been passed on to our present VP's. I am relieved at how well everyone works together and gets along, this makes for one great team!

During my time as the 5th VP, I have been involved in chairing the Rules Re-write Committee with Jerry LaBrosse and Dan Sanders and let me tell you both of these VP's are very dedicated and sincere in doing the right things.

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I have had the opportunity to see Lorraine work with the sanction leagues. The sanction leagues have always run very smoothly as Lorraine is a person who will do whatever it takes to get the job done. She is one to never complain or ask for any special recognition.

Tina Hawkins, our new Publicity and Promotions officer, not even a year served and look at all she has done. She was instrumental in getting our Men's champion Alan Francis on TV on the Good Morning Show. She was also instrumental in generating revenue for the NHPF. I believe this is just a start for her and with her energy, you will see a lot more publicity events occurring.

I look forward to Debby Michaud coming on board as your new 5<sup>th</sup> VP. I believe she will work out great with our existing team.

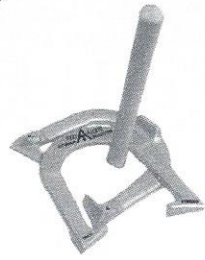
I can't forget our current Secretary/Treasurer, Dick Hansen, who has been here ever since I can remember. Dick is also one of those guys who works behind the scenes and just gets the job done. Dick is a legacy to this board and each and every one of us leans to him for advice.

In conclusion, I know some of you are wondering what areas I am going to focus on first. It is my opinion that we need to control our NHPA spending. With the cost of doing business and the declining membership, it is essential that we get our spending under control and spend the dollars wisely. As I mentioned above, my other commitment is to grow the sport of horseshoes, which I will be working with Jerry LaBrosse in his new position as "Charter Communications" to make sure all Charters are getting everything they need to grow their membership.

I am a person who encourages feedback and look forward to hearing from you. If you have some good ideas on how to promote the sport, don't hesitate to drop me an e-mail or call.

Last but not least, keep the sport fun. For those of you who know me, you know I like to have fun. This is the greatest family sport and I want to make sure the sport is one we can all enjoy.

Thank You and I look forward to serving you as your new NHPA President.



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# NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT

by Lorraine Sternberg

The 6th National League Tournament was held this past October in Missouri. This year the championship plaque went to the First Capital Women's League from Missouri. This was the second year for this group of ladies to be in the championship game. Last year they failed to take the title, but this year they were determined to win it and win it they did. Ginny Weiss, Mary Beeson and Suzanne Evans made up the team for the First Capital Women's. Playing the championship game against them was Jim's Four Ringer Courts from Arkansas. The players from this team were Jim Brandenburg, Hiram Chaffin and Darrell Graham. The two teams were very evenly matched and it came down to the very end of the games to see who was going to win. This was the first year that Jim's Four Ringer



Courts entered the tournament. I think they will be back next year. It was a great finish to a great tournament.



In Group One, Sheila Shepard of Colorado had high game of 88% and she also had high average of the tournament with 72%. This was also the first year that Sheila and her two team mates from Colorado entered the tournament. They came within half a game to competing in the championship round. Hopefully they will return next year. Connie Reimer of Indiana, also in Group One, took high over average pitching 19% over her average.

In Group Two Bob Vandivier had high game of 90% which was the high game of the tournament. Bob also had high over average of 26.40.

This year we had twenty-two teams pitch in the tournament. This was the biggest tournament that we have had so far. With an extra team in each group, it made for a bye and a very long day on Saturday. I appreciate every one who stayed to help keep score. We had several other teams who were first time pitchers to the tournament this year; they were Topeka, Kansas, the Rover team and a new team from Wisconsin.

Even with the extra two teams, we finished up on Sunday around 1:00 in the afternoon and everyone could head for home. I hope everyone had a good time and will return next year. The dates for next year's tournament will probably be the same weekend as this past year and

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I want to thank my husband for helping with the tournament. Without him I could not do it. And next year I will make sure that he does not forget his camera. The standings of the tournament are published in this issue of Newslines.

By the time this issue comes out, the holidays will be over and 2010 will be here. It seemed like 2009 just got started. 2009 goes out with many memories. We had one of the best world tournaments held in Springfield, Illinois. It was Paul Stewart's last year as NHPA President. It was a record number of entries for the league tournament. And on a sadder note, we lost some very good horseshoe friends.

May 2010 bring many happy memories! Happy New Year to all of you!

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### Team Standings for Group 1

	Won	Lost
1. Jim's Four Ringer Courts, AR Jim Brandenburg, Hiram Chaffin & Darrell Graham	18.5	11.5
2. Denver Metro, CO Sheila Shepard, Jeanette Romero & Jacqueline Jones	18	12
3. Beloit, WI Jessie Garza, Walter Houck & Virgil Smith	17.5	12.5
4. Independence, MO Terry Kampe, Michael Gillespie & Jon Aronson	17.5	12.5
5. Lake of the Ozarks, MO Roena Branson, Danny Branson & Rose Diekamp	16.5	13.5
6. Liberty, MO Audra Craven, Kathy Wetzel & Keith Johnson	15.5	14.5
7. AVF Downers Grove, IL Rich Andrysiak, Luke Thompson & Paul Zimmerman	15	15
8. Quail Ridge, MO Mick Gillette, Rich Altis & Roy Evans	15	15
9. Whitley County, IN Carolyn Coyle, Connie Reimer & Larry Hively	14	16
10. Yukon, OK Roy Privott, Bur Cox & David Montgomery	13	17
11. Arkdale, WI Ray Groskinsky, Kerry Morris & Tom Dudenhoffer	4.5	25.5

### Team Standings for Group 2

1. First Capitol Women, MO Ginny Weiss, Mary Beeson & Suzanne Evans	24.5	5.5
2. Marion, IN Jenny Morris, James Morris & Sonny Franks	21	9
3. Combined Locks, WI Bill Matey, Elaine Troullier & Cliff Troullier	19	11
4. Kenosha, WI Tom Endler, Dave Wietrzak & Bob Johnson	16	14
5. Heart of America, MO Elizabeth Furner, Elwyn Cooper & Dee McIntire	14.5	15.5
6. Edmond, OK Georgia Burke, Leonard Burke & Paul Taylor	14.5	15.5
7. Topeka, KS Larry Collette, Kyle Bidwell & Mark Brockamp	14	16
8. Whitley County, IN #2 Charles Pulley, Bill Hively & Gary Brown	13	17
9. Danville, IL Bob Vandirier, Robert Block & Leo Bratland	10	20
10. Rover, OK Tina Hawkins, Debby Michaud & Homer Cain	9.5	20.5
11. Golden Triangle, MO Don Claas, Don Rahe & Jeanette Claas	9	21

# NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season and is looking forward to a great year in 2010. While this article was submitted to meet the editor's December 1st deadline, I'm using it to basically cover the highlights of the first 11 months of 2009 contribution activity to the NHPF.

Included with this article is the complete State Rankings list that shows the number of contributors, number of contributions and total dollars received from every state since the formation of the Foundation in 1996. Some of the numbers are encouraging and worth reporting while others are very disappointing.

A year ago I reported that contributions from the State Charters, clubs and members for 2008 declined 58%. That downward cycle continued into 2009 as contributions declined a further 19.8% from 2008. What was sad to see was that not a single donation was received in 2009 from fifteen (15) different States. I know the economic conditions have affected some States more than others but the total lack of support from 30% of the States is hard to understand. However, on a positive note, contributions from the NHPA were up and accounted for 44.71% of the total money the NHPF received during the first 11 months of 2009. This increase was made possible by a very generous gift the NHPA received from the estate of a former member.

California again leads all States in total dollars donated. For 2009, 14.45% of all contributions received from State Charters, clubs and individual members came from California. Missouri leads in commemorative bricks purchased at the Wentzville Hall of Fame with 18.3% of the 904 bricks sold being in their section. In the Hall of Fame room, five plaques carry plates engraved with the names of 171 individuals, clubs or charters that have reached a level of \$500 or more in contributions. Twenty-three of those named are from California while eighteen are from Missouri and eleven are from Minnesota. It's no coincidence that these three States also are the leaders in commemorative bricks purchased.

If your club courts are in need of some up-dating or you want to add new courts, the NHPF may be able to help you financially. There is still time to submit a grant request for funds up to \$1,000. The next deadline is March 1st and application forms can be downloaded from the NHPF link on the NHPA website. I'm pleased to report that the North

Mankato, Minnesota club who received a \$1,000 grant in 2004 has repaid the entire amount. They used their grant to add three courts that have helped the club grow to nearly 140 members.

During October and November the NHPF received contributions and payment for brick orders totaling \$23,401. This includes a \$15,000 check from the NHPA. The breakdown is as follows:

## Donating \$20-60

M. Joan Bryan, CA *	Art Moran, MN
Casey & Gail Sluys, CA	Sodbusters H.P.C., VT
Tri-Valley H.C., CA	Charles Bunner, WV
Mel Yockstick, CO	Terry & Lorraine Sternberg, WI
William Pence, FL	

## Donating \$100-150

William Backer, CA	Norm Rioux, FL
Glenn Jamieson, CA **	North Carolina HPA

## Donating \$200-400

Missouri HPA	Tim Woodden, OR
Robert Dunn, MN	

## Donating \$1,000

North Mankato H.C.

## Other Income

NHPA Sanctioned Club Team Event \$550  
 NHPA gift from estate settlement, \$15,000  
 QRHC 3rd Qtr. Building Rent \$3,000

\* In memory of Ralph Carter

\*\* In memory of Kirby Elton, Roger Bouscal  
 Ralph Carter and Bill Milligan

## Bricks Purchased By

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Sonny & Karen Franks, IN	Roy & Dolores Privott, OK
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Don & Jeanette Claas, MO	Georgia Laidig, WI
Carmen Chacon, NM	
Charles Knotts, NM (2)	
New Mexico HPA (3)	



# NHPA RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

*by Dan Sanders*

With the winter season now upon us, many of our northern charters have made the transition from outside to indoor pitching as existing facilities have been re-opened and others may have become available. And for most of our southern charters, their outdoor 2010 tournament schedules and pitching leagues are already underway. Many of us will also be striving to meet our pitching goals for the new year.

It is also time to report revisions to the RGS Book, based mainly on just a few changes since it was adopted in July of 2006. Some of these changes were initiated and approved by our NHPA Council, while others were proposed by our members, reviewed by our Rules Committee, and then voted on at the 2009 NHPA Convention in Springfield, IL. The exact wording and discussion for each of these changes can be found in previous issues of Newslines, so I will only mention here that they have to do with: 1) waivers to the pit dimensions of some existing courts, 2) registering for the championship finals competitions at the World Tournament, 3) Elder Men choosing to move back to the Open Men Division and 4) men moving to the Elders Division getting some additional time to meet the four required sanctioned events for entering the World Tournament. Other allowable changes have been made to help make the reading and/or interpretation of a few passages more clear, without changing the original intent of the rule. Some changes will also be made by the printer for re-formatting, so a few page number reference changes will be required, along with some possible spelling or grammar edits. Another change that you may notice is the elevation of the Requirements section (currently under Guidelines, Part II) to a full section status, and which will follow the Playing Rules. There may also be a few terms added to or deleted from the Glossary section, depending on space requirements.

All in all, I think that you will find this revision to be an improvement over the first printing, which has served us very well. The new revision will become available in January and you should be able to request a copy soon, from your Charter Secretary. If you should have any questions about the RGS Book or about this revision, please feel free to contact me. Best of luck in the coming year!

## HOW YOUR STATE RANKS

	Contributors	Donations	\$
CA	121	321	\$40,600
MO	145	274	\$39,198
MN	56	307	\$26,140
NC	33	187	\$24,488
TN	32	68	\$21,677
OR	26	124	\$18,449
WI	42	147	\$15,057
MI	54	141	\$12,540
WA	36	85	\$10,110
IL	63	115	\$9,888
FL	58	92	\$9,516
CO	31	87	\$9,279
OH	72	117	\$8,491
PA	35	73	\$7,725
GA	21	27	\$7,570
TX	32	55	\$7,060
KS	25	53	\$5,696
IA	27	49	\$5,656
NE	18	37	\$5,548
MA	13	20	\$5,530
WV	15	105	\$4,788
NJ	23	46	\$4,709
ID	10	38	\$4,107
NY	39	49	\$4,005
ND	9	28	\$3,955
IN	29	40	\$3,653
MD	26	42	\$3,514
VA	59	111	\$3,197
LA	10	21	\$3,152
SC	13	30	\$2,770
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CT	16	28	\$2,422
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HI	4	4	\$250
ME	2	3	\$150
AK	1	1	\$120
DE	1	2	\$107
RI	1	1	\$100
MS	1	1	\$5

# REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Debby Michaud

First – hello! My name is Debby Michaud and by the time you read this, I will be the new 5th VP of the NHPA. As the 5th VP, part of my duties will be as chairman of the Regional Directors. Right now, that means that all the 2010 patch orders are coming in – by Thanksgiving of 2009, almost half of the patch orders have already been sent out. Thank you for your timely orders!

Possibly the time that Regional Directors are the most visible is at the World Tournament where they are responsible for checking in and weighing horseshoes prior to play. You may not have even noticed the faces behind the desks when you were signing in to play, what with being excited and anxious to get going, but they are there, year after year. They put many hours into their jobs, at the World Tournament and in their own charter, often unnoticed by the pitchers they serve. Each Regional Director is also a liaison between the NHPA membership

and the Executive Board of the NHPA. Communication is valuable in keeping courts up to date and in maintaining high quality tournaments and leagues. Sharing questions, problems and, of course, successes is so important and SO helpful to the NHPA Executive Council. Each one of the Regional Directors is a volunteer – next time you see your Regional Director, let him or her know that you appreciate the time and effort that they put into our game. You might even ask how you can help your own charter.

We are announcing a new Regional Director in the state of North Carolina – his name is Paul Highlander. He is just learning the ropes now (just as I am!) – we wish him the best. We thank Glenn Mitchell for his years of work as a Regional Director of NC.

Clint Bryson of South Dakota would like very much to have an assistant Regional Director for the state of North Dakota, which he also covers. That or another Regional Director solely for the state of North Dakota would be a BIG help to him. If anyone out there is interested in this job or knows someone who would be effective in this role, let Clint or us know. Many hands make light work!

Something to keep in the back of your mind is that all courts are to be re-sanctioned in 2011. It would be good to start working soon on any improvements that will be needed to ensure re-sanctioning in that year. The more consistent our courts are, the less the pitchers have to think about.

The NHPA Executive Council will be meeting in January of 2010. There are many items on the agenda. This is YOUR game and we want to make it as fun, as consistent, and as competitive as possible.

In the next issue, I will have some of my own observations and conclusions from the NHPA Executive Board meeting – in the meantime, I hope you have all had a wonderful Holiday season and let us all hope for a productive and successful year in 2010!

  
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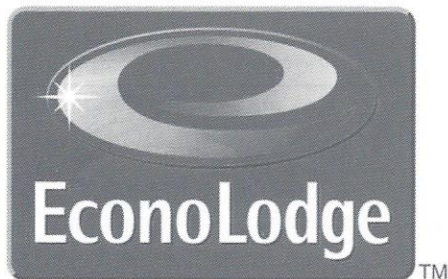
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# TEAMS 2009

by *Stu Sipma*

On October 13-17, 2009, I attended my fourth TEAMS (Travel, Events and Management in Sports) conference at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. This year's conference was once again very successful. With this being my fourth conference, the sporting groups pretty much know me by face and if they don't know my by name, they call me the "horseshoe guy".

This year TEAMS brought in over 217 exhibitors and approximately 84 different event organizers (like myself) to showcase their event. The majority of the members who attend World Tournaments (especially the voting delegates) should be able to see the results of this marketing trip by the quality of bidders and the facilities being proposed to host this event.

As an event organizer for the NHPA, my schedule was booked in the afternoons by the TEAMS staff with 12 minute sessions with Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)/Tourism groups from all around the US. These sessions started on Tuesday and continued through Thursday.

On Wednesday morning I attended two sports marketing meetings the first one being titled "Create the Super Fan Using Social Media" by Jackie Reau and Betsy Ross/Game Day Communications. The other one was titled "Sports Marketing in Tough Times" by David Chavez / Pro Sports MVP and James Kahler / Ohio University. Both of the meetings were very informational and interesting to our business.

While in New Orleans, I met with Mary Lee Malmberg/Director of Sports Tourism for Cedar Rapids Iowa, and Alana Cooper and Scott Bruscato/Monroe Louisiana Director of Sports Tourism Monroe, Louisiana to discuss World Tournament concerns. This meeting was very productive and provided both groups an opportunity to share their concerns regarding World Tournament set up, NHPA trailer and sponsorship packages.

On Thursday, I participated in a shuttle to the Louisiana Super Dome. While there I attended a general session titled "Katrina, the Superdome and the Recovery of New

Orleans" by Jay Cicero/Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation, Arnie Fielkow/New Orleans City Council, Frank Supovitz/NFL, Doug Thornton/SMG, Hugh Weber/New Orleans Hornets.

The results of this year's TEAMS were once again very successful and I believe four to five locations will submit a bid for hosting the 2012 World Tournament. These sites include Knoxville, Tennessee; Charleston/Morgantown, West Virginia; Peoria, Illinois; Little Rock, Arkansas and Montgomery, Alabama. Other locations showing an interest are Lincoln, Nebraska; Florence, South Carolina and York, Pennsylvania. Even though York held the 2008 World Tournament, the folks at TEAM Pittsburgh want it back and will be working hard to put together a package. I look forward to working with all these groups in trying to bring the World Tournament to their city.

For the Regional Directors; you may be contacted by your local CVB/Tourism group as I provided them your name to start the communication. I have encouraged them to team up with their local horseshoe clubs before starting the bidding process as I have found that teams comprised of both horseshoe and tourism groups seem to be more successful during the bidding process.

As I am writing this article, I have already been invited to the 2010 TEAMS in Charlotte, North Carolina. I look forward to this event and want everyone to know that I am working hard at marketing our sport throughout the US.

"Clydesdale D. F."

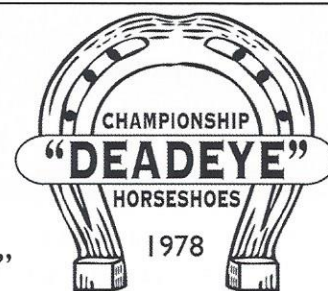
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# PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

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

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! I hope each of you had an enjoyable holiday season with plenty of fellowship with your family and friends.

Hopefully, you are all excited and ready for another fun-filled season of horseshoe pitching! I know I can hardly wait till I can pick up a shoe and fling it down the court!!

A few months ago, I mailed information to all Charter Presidents about the first "Horseshoe Pitching IS FUN!! Day" that was promoted by the NHPA in October. Thank you to all those who participated and returned feedback. If you did not send your feedback, please go ahead and do that. It is the only way I have of judging the success of this venture.

As this was the first attempt, I was not surprised at the low participation. I'm sure many were "waiting to see how it turned out" before hitching up to the idea. I just want to point out that if we ALL wait and see - nothing will happen. We need to "TRY and see."

This is something that will grow and become better with experience... And now that the "first" is under our belts, we can focus on improvements for the "next."

For 2010, instead of selecting one date for a nationwide membership push, I would like to expand to a month-long drive. During the entire month of May, select the date that will work the best for your club or charter and promote that day as your official "Horseshoe Pitching IS FUN!! Day." New fliers and handouts will be generated that you will be able to add your date, time and location to before copying and distributing to the public.

You now have five months notice to prepare... Arrange your site, organize volunteers, advertise via public service announcements, church bulletins, message boards, word of mouth and, YES, Facebook!! The guidelines for what to do will remain the same, so if you did not receive those from your charter president, please contact him/her for a copy. New information will be sent after the first of the year, as well.

The chain of information will be through your charter presidents! Individual clubs will not receive master copies from the NHPA. Please copy and distribute freely within your charters. Your participation is VITAL.

Your Executive Council has many ideas churning to help with the growth of our organization. We can't do it all by ourselves... We need the continued enthusiasm and support of all the members of the NHPA, all over the country! YOU are the one who can talk your next-door neighbor into trying organized horseshoe pitching... WE don't even know who he is!

Help US help YOU grow your sport and keep the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association alive and thriving long into the future!

I have received input and ideas from several of you over the past year and want to encourage that continued open line of communication. Please feel free to email your suggestions to me at [tinahawk@msn.com](mailto:tinahawk@msn.com). All of your ideas will be read and considered. Some will be implemented if at all possible.

Thank you for all your support and encouragement during my first year as your NHPA 2nd Vice President. I will continue to strive for the advancement and betterment of our association.

No matter what... Don't forget to HAVE FUN!!!

## 2010

### Hall of Fame Nominations Deadline

The deadline for submitting Hall of Fame nominations for the 2010 voting is January 31, 2010. Please submit to Vicki Winston, 10326 Highway D, LaMonte, MO 65337-2104 or email to: [horshuvicki@socket.net](mailto:horshuvicki@socket.net)

# MAKING RINGERS IN KAUAI, HAWAII

by Daisy Franko

My husband John and I traveled to Kauai, Hawaii this past October. Before leaving, I went to the NHPA website to see if there were any horseshoe tournaments in Kauai and found MyrtleMay's name as the Regional Director of the Hawaiian Islands and noted that her address was Kauai. I called her, leaving a voice mail. She returned the call stating that no tournaments were scheduled during the time we would be there. She invited us to her home for a cookout and said she would try to work something out.

She was true to her word and more. After arriving in Kauai, I called her to make arrangements to visit her. She invited us to come to her house on Sunday, October 11th. When we arrived at her home, we were presented with leis made by her husband, Howard, from the plumeria flowering trees in her yard. The leis were beautiful and the aroma was divine. They treated us like we were royalty.

She had invited members from the Anahola Horseshoe Club and the Hanalei Horseshoe Club to pitch with us. They arranged to have a doubles tournament before lunch and another doubles tournament after lunch. Ed Constantine, Hawaii State Horseshoe Pitchers Association 3rd Vice President, and I were able to win the afternoon doubles tournament. For lunch we enjoyed eating the various delicious Hawaiian recipes that MyrtleMay had prepared for us. We were gifted with 2009 Hawaii State Horseshoe Pitchers Association tee-shirts. We made many new friends and learned local customs.

MyrtleMay is also the Hawaii State Horseshoe Pitchers Association President. The following is information in MyrtleMay's words: In 1995, we hosted an open tournament in April, our very first tournament (Doubles). We had a lot to learn then. Thanks to Jack Frias and his family, we learned a lot from them. Our courts were located

at Anahola Beach Park in 1996, but because of all the controversy, we had to relocate the courts to our property. We have

been hosting tournaments since 1997. We have had many visitors from the Mainland. We have a good time. Myron Kamoku is now the 2009 Men's State Champion; Wylan Kamoku is the 2009 Jr. State Champion; MyrtleMay Kamoku is a four-time Womens State Champion; Joseph Koko is a former Senior Mens State Champion; Ed Constantine, Kenny Lum and Noah Texiera are 2009 Class State Champions. (See group picture below.)



Two boys in front: Trevor Lum and Ty Kamoku  
Second Row: (l to r) Danny Denny, Will Brewer, Joseph Koko, Howard Kamoku, MyrtleMay Kamoku, Cindy Lund, Kenny Lum, John Franko and Daisy Franko  
Back Row (l to r) Myron Kamoku, Noah Texiera, Ed Constantine and Wylan Kamoku

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# MAKING RINGERS IN **KAUAI, HAWAII** *Continued*

By the way, there were twelve standard courts in MyrtleMay's side yard and the pits were filled with sand. It was quite different pitching in the sand as compared to clay. We were very impressed with the layout of the courts and their scorekeeping boards.

The island of Kauai is absolutely beautiful. The Pacific Ocean was awesome. We cruised the island in the deal that was too good to turn down on a rental car (Mustang convertible). We keep teasing our kids that we would like to buy a red Corvette convertible. This is the closest we will get to it.

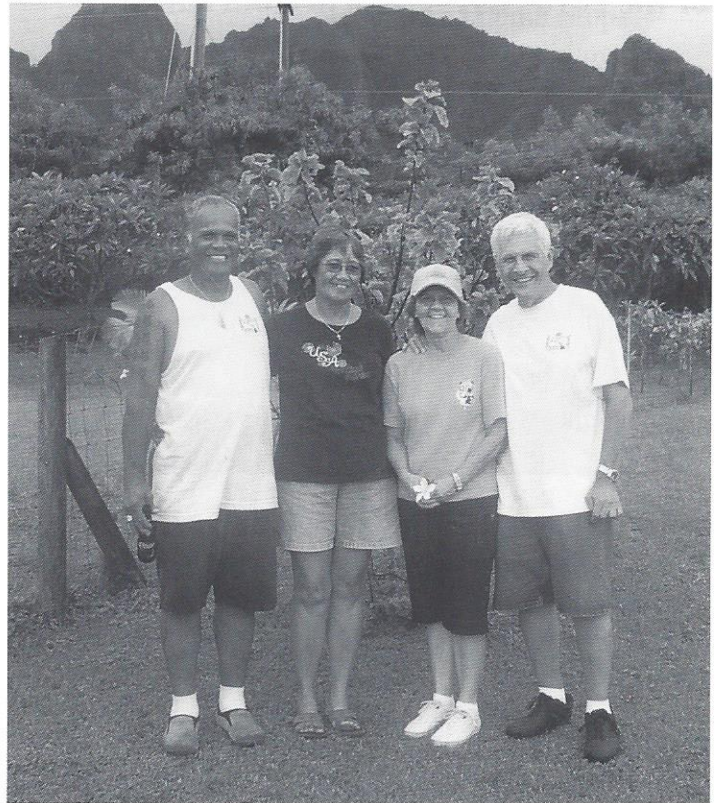
Of all the things we did, the highlights of the trip were the times we spent at MyrtleMay's and the helicopter tour of the island.

Howard and MyrtleMay invited us back. We plan to return in August 2010 for a singles round-robin tournament. Howard invited John to go tuna fishing with him while we are there. Personally, I think John is more interested in the tuna fishing than pitching horseshoes.

John and I do a lot of traveling; therefore, wherever we are going, we go online to the NHPA website to check out tournaments in the area. We have pitched in tournaments in Bradenton and Sarasota, Florida; Kokomo and Edinburgh, Indiana; Mesa, Arizona; Statesville, North Carolina; and various ones in Ohio.

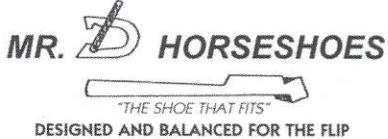
We are headed for Egypt in January 2010. Somehow, we do not think there will be horseshoe tournaments there. Do you think maybe camelshoe tournaments?

We love the game of horseshoes and have made many friends along the way.

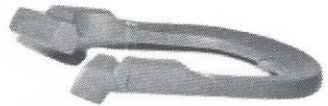


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
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Iowa is known for its athletes, too. Cedar Rapids is the home town of 2007 Masters Champion Zach Johnson and Kurt Warner, quarterback of 2009 Super Bowl runner-up Arizona Cardinals. Olympic Medalist and *Dancing with the Stars* winner, Shawn Johnson is from Des Moines. Just 25 miles down the road from Cedar Rapids is the University of Iowa, home of the Iowa Hawkeyes - Big Ten Football powerhouse and winner of 22 NCAA DI National Wrestling Championships since 1975.

It’s not too early to begin planning YOUR trip to this beautiful place to compete against your peers in the 101<sup>st</sup> NHPA World Tournament July 26 - August 7.

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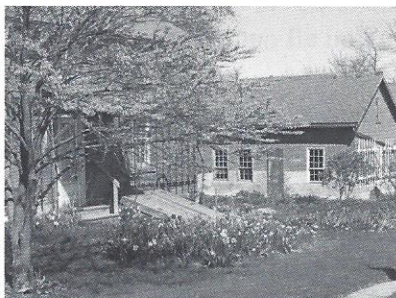
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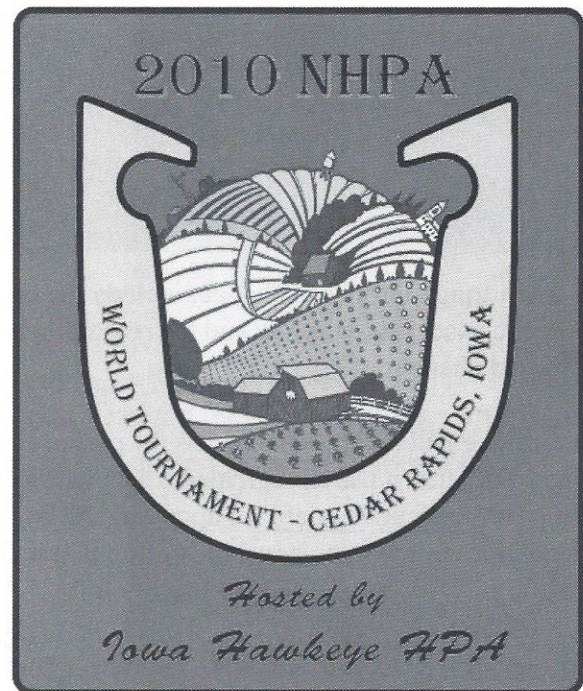


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# RULES / CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

*by Jerry LaBrosse*

This will be the last article I write as the Rules Committee Chairperson. I want to thank all of you who have participated in the rules process. Many of you have sent questions on rules interpretations and some have sent official rules change proposals. I ask you all to begin sending all inquiries and proposals to the newly appointed Rules Committee Chairperson, Dan Sanders.

Dan is extremely knowledgeable of our rules and was a vital part of the rules re-write a few years ago. He takes great interest in carrying all rules issues to a completion and will always respond to you as quickly as he can.

Just a few reminders to those of you who have rules change proposals:

The next cycle of voting will take place at the 2012 convention.

When submitting a proposed change, include the original wording, the exact new wording and the reasoning behind the proposed change.

The committee will review and discuss the proposal and if it determines that it has enough merit, they will forward it to the NHPA executive board for approval and be put on the agenda for voting at the next convention that includes rules.

Again, I want to thank everyone on the rules committee for their hard work during my term and wish Dan the best of luck with his new duties.

## Charter Communications

In my new position, I will be attempting to assist all charters in whatever areas they need improvement. As I have said before, this project is not intended to solve charters problems for them, but to assist them using any resources I have available to me. I have always liked to use Minnesota as an example of a successful charter. We have had great successes and some failures as well. I fully understand that people do things differently in different parts of the country. I will attempt to work with you on making sure you are doing all the things you need to do to be a successful charter. I will not be pressuring any charters in any way to do anything; I don't have that authority.

I have already been working with several charter presidents on some issues, but have not officially launched the project due to the hectic schedule of summer horseshoe activities. I am now preparing to send out some contacts to all charter presidents, beginning with a brief survey of how things are done within your charter. Please take the time to read, think and respond to this survey. I'm hoping to open up a clear channel of communication via email with as many charter president's as possible. I will be creating an email list and will be sending out messages "charter-wide" periodically. Also, if there is any important news or announcements that the NHPA needs top get out, this will be a good method to do so. So if you don't respond to me, I will be seeking you all out eventually.

I am looking forward to working with all of you, and I am hoping for your generous cooperation. Remember, I am only trying to help you, not dictate to you.

Hope you all have a great holiday season!

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# CHARTER CHATTER

*by Debby Michaud*

## WEST VIRGINIA

The Mylan Park Horseshoe Pitching Club began placing eight (8) sets of portable clay-filled courts indoors for both non-sanctioned HIGH/LOW Ringer Percent Team Walking Doubles on Tuesday evenings and for a minimum of once a month NHPA sanctioned Mixed Singles play in the 50,000 square foot plus Hazel Ruby McQuain Building. Fees are nominal - to participate in the non-sanctioned Team Walking Doubles League, an annual fee of \$10 is required, plus a fee of \$5 per League Night. To participate in the NHPA sanctioned mixed Singles tournaments, a fee of \$20 is required, prior to being seeded in the tournaments. TOURNAMENTS are subject to be cancelled if not enough entries as there is a rental fee for the building. They do have paid scorekeepers at these events.

Hopefully, sufficient interest will encourage the seeking of a PRO TOUR and even a World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament at this facility.....

The indoor courts are located via the SOUTH GATE of Mylan Park, off Chaplin Hill Road that is located off I-79, South of Mt Morris, PA. It is the last Exit off I-79 in WV, before the State line into Pennsylvania.

*Submitted by:*

*CHARLES M BUNNER, President WVHPA*

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Sonoma County Club

*(Story submitted by Casey Sluys)*

Some years ago when I first began horseshoes I had a barber named Frank Cmelik. While he cut my hair, he'd chat about anything and everything. We found some common

ground in our motorcycles as he and I both owned Honda Goldwings at that time. He'd tell me about all the trips he and his wife Nancy took each year, wonderful trips to Canada, Yellowstone, and Glacier National Park, etc.

We'd discuss horseshoes after I joined the NHPA and he sounded mildly interested, but it wasn't until he retired in 2004 that he showed up at our courts and became a member of our club. About that time another fellow named Reed Beaman came around having seen our ad in the Parks brochure. Reed and Frank became fast friends pitching almost every day virtually all year long as we experienced a lack of rain in 2005. Frank would enter an occasional local tournament, but his other hobby, classic cars, didn't allow him to travel out of the area very often. Even at that Frank and Reed would do whatever maintenance there was to do at our courts, mowing, edging, weeding, painting, fixing, whatever.

In late 2007 Frank's back began to ache. He blamed it on old age and he didn't see a doctor. Over that winter it became much worse and when league began again he'd come limping to the courts, but not pitch anymore. Well long story short, Frank passed away in August from back cancer that had spread through out his system. The entire club was devastated, but especially his good friend Reed. In July 2009 we held a memorial tournament for Frank and most of his family was there. After the remembrances and the usual announcements, Gail asked if anyone wanted to sponsor a state tournament trophy. Nancy (Frank's widow) asked Gail if she could sponsor one in Frank's name, so she wrote the check and asked that we put on it, In Memory of Frank "The Barber" Cmelik.

When we found out that Reed had entered the state tournament we made certain that the trophy Nancy sponsored went into the group that Reed was in, Men's I. Now either skill or some sort of divine

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intervention intervened and Reed won the California State Tournament in Men's I class not losing a single game and pitching one of the best tournaments of his life. He had no inkling that he'd receive a trophy that was sponsored in memory of his good buddy Frank. Yeah, it was a sentimental moment when Reed accepted that trophy on September 6th. Those that knew of that fast friendship were reaching for the tissues when it was announced who the trophy was sponsored by!

year with help from each of the six states. To add to the fun, there was a chicken barbecue on Saturday and Sunday evenings, run by Bob Gesick and "crew". Perfect weather only added to the enjoyment. Brian Simmons and Debbie Brown won the Class "A" titles as expected while Alan Carlsen pulled a mild upset to win the Elders'

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## More from NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

California has SO many tournaments. In Northern California alone, there were 2,473 pitchers participating in 104 tournaments by September 10, 2009 – amazing! One of the things they did this year was to send newsletters to former members – with this reminder some 9 members did return. The 2009 State tournament was held in Yolo this year in which there were 136 pitchers from No. Cal. This charter also "owns" the new Junior Girls' World Champion – Lisa Atwell showed she was a tough competitor by coming back in the playoff game to win an excellent playoff game to become a World Champion. She will be a tough competitor in the Women's Division next year!

## NEW ENGLAND

The annual New England tournament saw 320 entries in the 3+ day event. Six states look forward to this Labor Day weekend event every year. The Keene (NH) Horseshoe Club has been running this tournament every



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crown. Junior winners were Brianna McCormick and Dillon Sanderson while Andrew Sherwood took the Cadets' division. 95,675 'shoes were pitched and 31.63% of them were ringers! The announcement of the Hall of Fame inductees was very popular as, posthumously, Jim Pagliarulo was announced as the winner in the Player category and Bob Gesick, president of the Keene H.C. was announced as the winner in the Organizer category. Mr. Pagliarulo's family was there to accept the award. He started pitching in his 70's as an Elder and set many new records for that category. One of his favorite opponents was Frank Bohun, the 2009 NHPA Hall of Fame inductee. Mr. Gesick accepted his award with MUCH surprise and then returned quickly to his co-TD duties.

## WASHINGTON

The Washington HPA continues to have an excellent Junior program, chaired by Jim and Phyllis Quist. One of their juniors, Matt Fuller, brought honor to the program by earning the runner-up spot at the World Tournament in the Junior Boys Championship class. On a down note, the Seattle club announced it was disbanding due to lack of membership. Hopefully, the club will return with some new members. Washington's newsletter is on-line for all to see, saving mailing costs and keeping up the communication among the state's members.

## COLORADO

There are at least 3 charters that have Team League tournaments – Colorado is one of those. This year was the 23rd annual and there were 11 leagues represented – 2009 champion league/team is from Edgewater. The teams pitch in singles competition and the competition is in a single elimination bracket. Ringer %'s average from 4% - 52%. Other news out of Colorado is that the

Boulder Horseshoe Club has been sanctioned for 28 years although tournaments have been held in Boulder since the 1950's. Good longevity there!

## VIRGINIA

Anyone who attends the World Tournaments will recognize this name – Floyd Hix. Patriarch of a pitching family, Floyd earned his FIFTY year NHPA longevity patch. Congratulations to Floyd and to all the members of his family who have pitched for so many years. He is a fixture in Virginia horseshoes AND at the annual World Tournament.

To send news in for the Charter Chatter, contact Debby via e-mail at [loonpnd@comcast.net](mailto:loonpnd@comcast.net) or write to her at 379 Hodges St., Taunton, MA 02780

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

*1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Pac Invitational Horseshoe held at Quail Ridge Park for the top sixteen 40 footers and top sixteen 30 footers who meet the requirements. Look for further details in the March/April issue of Newsline Magazine.*

### JUNE

*5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 6th Annual Crossroads Classic Horseshoe Tournament, Belleville City Park, Kansas, Send Entry Fee of \$40.00 by June 1, 2010 deadline. Limited to 72 pitchers. Send to: Howard Reed, 1801 170 RD, Belleville, KS 66935 Phone: (785)527-5920, email: [bethareed@excite.com](mailto:bethareed@excite.com) 11 person classes when possible, all entries will pitch both days. Call Howard Reed for motel information.*

# HORSESHOE FACTS AND FOLKLORE

## THE 1955 CONVENTION

*By Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian*

This issue we are going to look back at the 1955 Convention. No matter what year we may revisit, there always seems to be something of interest. Looking back to 1955 brings many points of interest into view. Most significant, this is the meeting that brought the concept of Regional Directors into being.

There were only seven initial regions – seven regional directors. What a trivia question – name any of the original NHPA Regional Directors. This program has certainly grown and succeeded and is probably the source of the strongest efforts the NHPA makes in promotion.

There should be no surprise, as we learn the father of this program is none other than our good friend Don Titcomb. Just kind of makes sense as we look at the years and decades of promotion effort made by Mr. Titcomb, that it was his idea to establish the regional director concept. Adding to that trivia question, how many of the original regional directors are now Hall of Fame inductees?

How interesting to note that only 22 delegates were seated. By today's standards, that is a very small number of members that controlled the destiny of the NHPA and had all the power in their hands. Just 12 states (13 charters) represented. This had to be a direct effect of the qualifying process (where only 36 players qualified for the tournament). For the states not represented, if they had pitchers that did not qualify, the player drove home rather than remain on to be a delegate. If that player had qualified, that state was more apt to seat a delegate.

It is not that this small group couldn't get the job done, as compared to today's much larger conventions. Actually, the group may have been even more efficient and effective. Just strange, knowing the power driving our entire sport lie in the hands of so few.

The treasurer's report is startling. We live in an age where Hall of Fame buildings have been built. More than the treasury balance of \$1,400.39 is being granted in Junior scholarships and World Tournament Junior prizes each year. The NHPA was indeed smaller in 1955.

When did the rule on having names in lettering on one's shirt begin – 1955.

One last point; in an earlier article, we heard that the 1951 World Tournament was the first to include a second Class, Class B. In the 1955 convention, there was effort to expand the competition to four classes. That did not happen in 1955, and obviously not in 1956 either.

It is not shown in these records, but the Junior Boys Champion was from Utah. This was Bryon Bowman's second world title, during a stretch where three Utah boys won five consecutive boys championships. Having the World Tournament in Murray, Utah for so many years had an impact in promoting the sport to the youth in Utah. Donnie Roberts broke the mold in 1959 and Utah has not had a Junior World Champion ever since.

Now as printed in the August 1955 THE HORSESHOE PITCHER.

### THE BIG STORY FROM MURRAY, UTAH Unapproved Minutes – 1955 Convention

The 1955 convention of the N.H.P.A. met Wednesday morning, July 27, 1955 at 9:15 A.M. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dale Dixon.

Minutes of the 1954 convention were read and approved as read. Financial report through July 17, 1955 showed a balance of \$1,400.39

The following number of delegates were seated:

No. California, 1; So. California, 2; Colorado, 2; Illinois, 1; Indiana, 2; Iowa Hawkeye, 1; New York, 2; Ohio, 2; Kansas, 2; Utah, 3; Washington, 2; West Virginia, 1; Wyoming, 1.

Gandy (Kansas) made a motion regarding acquiring a quorum for convention: In order to assure a quorum in convention – if a man has a paid up card and the state does not have a charter one man should be seated and be allowed to vote in convention. Seconded by K. Gregson (Calif.). Motion lost.

Motion by Standard, seconded by McNeeley (Wash.):

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That we use the previous year's membership or the membership of the present year (whichever is greater) to decide the number of delegates for convention. Motion carried.

Motion by McNeeley, seconded by Fishel (Wash.): That all shirts have letters at least 2 inches high so that they would be readable from the stands. Motion lost.

Motion by Gandy, seconded by Funk (Utah): That during qualifying and tournament play in a world's tournament, all contestants must wear shirts having bold legible letters, giving name, Town and state, so that they can be readable at 50 feet. Motion carried.

C. Steinfeldt (New York) moved, Titcomb (No. Calif.) seconded; That the meeting of the convention shall be held on the morning after the close of the scheduled day for qualifying during the tournament instead of the morning of the last day. Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Rose, chairman of the Salt Lake County Recreation Commission said he was authorized to make the same bid of \$4000 for the 1956 tournament. He stated also that the sponsors would make name plates or numbers to be worn by the contestants next year – if so desired.

Titcomb (No. Calif.) talked on the subject of creating committees in various sections of the country to help publicize the horseshoe game. Said committees would gather information on players and events and send articles to papers and magazines in their area for publication. He moved: That the delegates in convention elect a committee of regional directors under the direction of the Executive Officers of the N.H.P.A. for the interest and furtherance of horseshoes. Motion carried.

The following regions were created and regional directors elected by a unanimous ballot by the Secretary:

California, Oregon and Washington –

Don Titcomb, Sunnysdale, Calif.

Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Mississippi, Louisiana –

Alvin Dahlene, Kansas.

Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia, Florida –

Arner Lindquist, Morgan Town, West Virginia.

Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana –

Ray Ohms, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, No. Dakota, So. Dakota, Wisconsin –

Charley Hopkins, Ottumwa, Iowa.

Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut,

Vermont, Massachusetts –

Charles Gerrish, Kitty Point, Maine.

New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania –

George Hart, New York, New York.

Motion by Albin (Wyo.), seconded by Steinfeldt (N.Y.): That each regional director will have a maximum of \$50 for necessary expenditures. Motion carried.

Motion by Standard (Ill.), seconded by Gregson (Calif.): That we spend whatever is necessary to take moving pictures of the play-off. Carried

Methods of play were then discussed. Motion by Steinfeldt, seconded by Gregson: That after qualifying, there be a championship flight of 16 men and a second flight of 16 men – both groups to play a double round robin (5 games per night – 6 nights). That there also be a third flight of 16 men and a fourth flight of 16 men – these two groups to play a single round robin (5 games per night for 3 nights). Motion lost.

Motion by Standard, seconded by Gregson: That we have 32 men in championship play – 20 men in second flight and a six-man play-off of the first flight for the championship. Motion lost.

Ted Allen suggested we have two flights of 18 men each to play a round robin and the top man in each flight play off for the championship. No action was taken on the above suggestion.

Motion by Gandy, seconded by Manker (Ohio): That we use the same method in 1956 as we use this year. (36-man round robin – top four play for championship). Motion carried.

Steinfeldt moved, Hart (N.Y.) seconded the motion to raise the entry fee for the World's Tournament to \$10.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Manker, seconded by Brownell (N.Y.): That we change Sec. 2 of Article V of the constitution to read: A state can at the discretion of the Executive Council of the National Association be granted a second charter; if there is a second charter issued, they should show membership of 50 members, by sending in the membership money. (Continuing – But if, at any time, etc.). Motion carried.

A letter from Walter N. Haring of New Jersey was read suggesting a plaque be given to the state with the largest membership each year.

Motion by Gandy, seconded by Brownell: That the N.H.P.A. give a plaque to the charter having the largest percent of increase in membership during the fiscal year – the plaque not to exceed \$10 in cost. Motion lost.

Motion by Standard, seconded by Maker: That qualifying shall end by midnight of the first scheduled day of the tournament. Motion carried.

Steinfeldt moved, Titcomb seconded: That rule 4 of the constitution be amended to read: That the pitcher who is not pitching must stand 3 feet or more behind the peg on the opposite side of the pitcher's box – when facilities are available. Motion carried.

Gregson moved, regularly seconded, that the office of Secretary-Treasurer be combined. Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Steinfeldt nominated Dale Dixon, Dahlene nominated Arch Stokes, for President. Titcomb moved that nominations cease, seconded, carried.

Arch Stokes was elected president.

First Vice President: Sam Somerhalder (Neb.), elected by an unanimous ballot.

Second Vice President: George Hart (N.Y.), K elected by an unanimous ballot.

Third Vice President: Ray Ohms elected by unanimous ballot.

Fourth Vice President: Mrs. Truman Standard (Ill.) elected by unanimous ballot.

Secretary-Treasurer: Elmer Beller (So. Calif.) elected by unanimous ballot.

Archie Gregson had resigned as Secretary and since there was one year left in his

term, Mr. Beller was elected to serve the remainder of the Secretary's term. On one year. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned by the President, Dale Dixon, at 2 P.M.

## **WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT – 1955** Semi-Final Results – Championship Class

	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>%</b>
1. Ted Allen, Boulder, Colorado	35	0	86.3
2. Don Titcomb, Sunnyvale, California	31	4	80.7
3. Fernando Isais, Los Angeles, Calif.	30	5	80.2
4. Tommy Brownell, Amsterdam, N.Y.	28	7	77.6
5. Carl Steinfeldt, Rochester, N.Y.	27	8	77.5
6. Glenn Anderson, Moline, Ill.	26	9	76.0
7. Milton Tate, Peroria, Ill.	25	10	73.7
8. Dean Brown, South Gate, Calif.	24	11	78.2
9. Marines Tamboer, Witchita, Kansas	23	12	73.8
10. Roland Kraft, LeCompton, Kansas	22	13	73.9
11. Ed Sharp, Mulberry, Ind.	21	14	73.1
12. Harold Shaw, What Cheer, Iowa	21	14	71.7
13. Ed Fishel, Neilton, Washington	21	14	72.8
14. Truman Standard, Canton, Ill.	21	14	70.3
15. Cletus Chappelle, Portland, Ore.	20	15	71.7
16. Louis Dean, Pomana, California	19	16	70.8
17. Alvin Gandy, Topeka, Kansas	18	17	68.2
18. Sam Somerhalder, Ruskin, Nebraska	17	18	72.3
19. John Paxton, Ottumwa, Iowa	17	18	67.0
20. Arner Lindquist, Morgantown, W. Va.	17	18	67.8
21. Wellington Taylor, Grand River, Iowa	17	18	68.2
22. Ray Ohms, Salt Lake City, Utah	15	20	64.2
23. Jim Weeks, Norwalk, California	13	22	72.1
24. Billy Crick, Los Angeles, Calif.	12	23	64.6
25. Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa	11	24	70.0
26. Harold Wolfe, Cedarville, Ohio	11	24	67.6
27. Stanley Manker, Martinsville, Ohio	11	24	65.3
28. Nelson Vogel, Manito, Ill.	10	25	66.6
29. E.J. Wiley, Nampa, Idaho	10	25	63.3
30. Howard Robinson, Nebraska City, Neb.	10	25	63.7
31. Harry Russell, Denver, Colorado	10	25	63.1
32. Ervin Hosier, South Gate, Calif.	9	26	66.1
33. Clive Wahlin, Salt Lake City, Utah	9	26	63.4
34. David Baker, Wentworth, Mo.	8	27	64.9
35. Ed Babush, Hollywood, Calif.	6	29	67.1
36. Leighton Edmundson, Midvale, Utah	5	30	64.3

### **Championship Playoff**

	<b>Points</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>%</b>
1. Ted Allen	150	3	0	88.1
2. Fernando Isais	139	1	2	82.4
3. Tom Brownell	110	1	2	82.7
4. Don Titcomb	91	1	2	79.2



# THE NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

## A RAINY DAY AT THE COURTS

*by Jeanette Claas*

It was a cold, ugly, rainy December Saturday as we drove up I-70 to the courts to do 'house duty' "For sure," I told my husband, "No one is going to show up at the Hall of Fame on such a day as this!"

It was several days after Christmas, the decorations were still up, and the facility still appeared to be in a festive mood despite the heavy rainfall that was coming down on the metal roof. When it rains hard, it is deafening in the building; in fact, it sounds like hail! Thanks to our new suspended ceiling recently installed that problem no longer exists. Several of our members were there, and a few more came in so we were sitting around discussing and making plans for coming events in the new year when several visitors appeared.

Henry and Fran Roddiger, who lives close by, walked in with their son, Brian, from Colorado. They had surprised Brian with a new pair of Cal-Flips for Christmas and he was dying to try them out on the courts at the Hall of Fame. Brian grew up in Wentzville, attended the local high school, and then went on to college at Missouri State University – Springfield. As a young boy he would come to ride horses at the Quail Ridge Stables, before it became a public park. This past summer he was in the park playing Frisbee Golf when he noticed this building on the hilltop and came to investigate. He was quite surprised at what he saw.

After graduating from college, Brian taught Earth Science at Neosho Junior High School in Neosho, MO for several years before going back to get his Masters Degree; he graduated in 1998. While still living at home, Brian spent vacation time in Colorado with his family. Later, he found himself going back to Colorado during Spring Breaks. He got a taste of the Colorado life – the great outdoors that he loved. He would follow his heart and find his way back to Colorado one day, permanently.

In 1999 Brian settled in Parachute, CO located in the middle of the high desert in the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains. He quickly found a job at Grand



Valley High School teaching different areas of Science. Being an avid outdoorsman, he took to snowboarding, cross-country skiing, mountain biking and hiking, river rafting and kayaking.

Somewhere during his busy schedule, Brian discovered and found time for the sport of horseshoes. He went online and found the NHPA website; he discovered how to build a regulation court and installed security lights at each end of the courts. Now, it was time to play some shoes. He has the gang over often and they spend some fun time together pitching shoes under the bright lights. Brian is not a member of the NHPA, but he might be interested in pitching in some tournament competition. Anyone out there in Colorado interested in seeking out a young 38 year old man who likes to pitch some horseshoes? You can reach him at broddiger@Q.com. Missouri's loss, Colorado's gain.

I took Brian and his parents on a tour through the Hall of Fame and they were very interested in everything they saw. Brian thought the Hall of Fame was a fabulous place. "I've never been in a place like this before, it's just great! I have never pitched in clay pits either, but I like it. I come back to visit Missouri twice a year, so I will be back in the summer." "Bring your parents with you," I said, "They seem like a nice couple and we'll teach them

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# THE NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM *Continued*



six requirements that must meet the necessary criteria. We have met five of the requirements, and the one that we don't have is to prove that we have 5,000 people that come into the building per year. We now have a guest book that everyone signs each time they walk into the building. Hopefully, by this time next year there will be a huge sign for the public to see advertising the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame on Highway 40/61. We also hope to publish some brochures to put in Visitor's Center throughout the area.

The directions to the Hall of Fame facility have changed recently due to road construction. The road that you once turned onto at the intersection of Highway 40/61 and Callahan Road is no longer there. You must now exit at Prospect Road (exit 1C) whether you are traveling east or west which is about 1/2 mile further down the road. Follow a couple of "round-a-bouts", stay on Prospect Road (west) until you come to a T intersection, Duello Road; make a right hand turn and it will lead you to Quail Ridge Park.

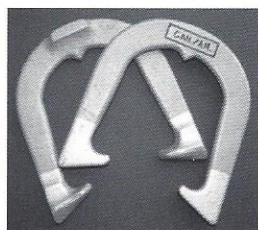
how to pitch, too." "I'll do that," he replied as they were leaving.

This story is typical of what goes on so often at the Hall of Fame. We have so many opportunities to expose our game to the public and invite them to join the NHPA. At this time we are lacking signage to publicize the facility. Our NHPF Director, Joe Faron, has checked with St. Charles County and MODOT to see what it takes to get some highway signage and found that it is quite costly. To get the signage usage for a public museum there are

Good things happen even on rainy days in Wentzville. Let's keep on promoting horseshoes, spread the word and supporting the NHPF. It's the only way to preserve the history, showcase the present, and build the future of horseshoe pitching – the game we all love and enjoy. Donations to the NHPF can be sent to P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.



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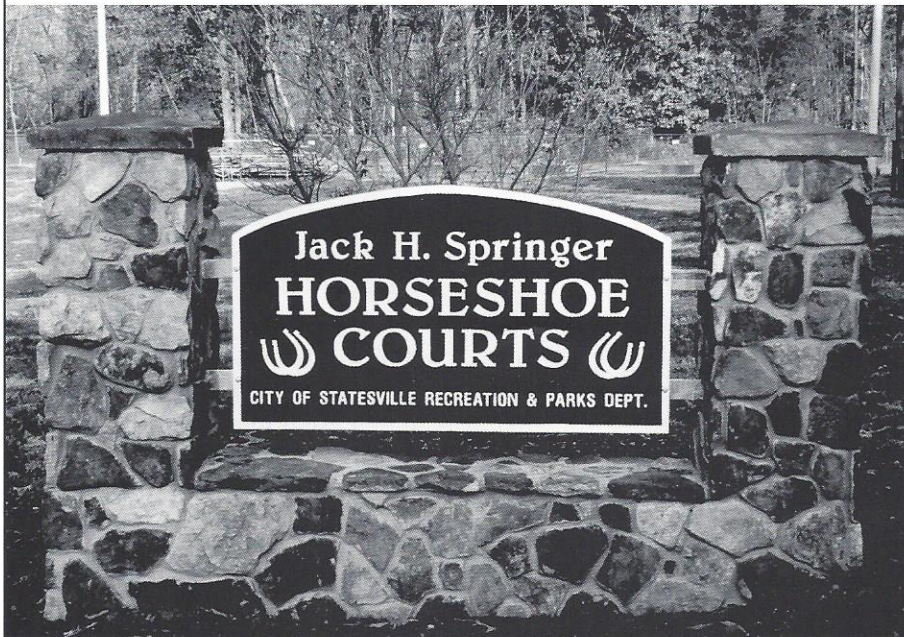
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## TOLL OF TIME

Coquella “Coke” Bowker  
Texas

It is with great sadness that I announce that Texas horseshoe pitching legend Coquella “Coke” Bowker has passed away. Coke joined the NHPA and THPA in 1977, joining the Arlington Ironbenders Horseshoe Club in Arlington, Texas.

Coke first qualified as a class A pitcher in 1978 and remained in that class until 2004 (26 consecutive years). He was a Texas State Champion 15 times - 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002 and was also a Texas State Championship Runner-up five times. Coke was a World Men’s Class B champion twice and a World Men’s Class C champion once. Coke also holds the all-time record for the highest ringer percentage in a Texas State Championship Tournament (71.5% set in 1983).

Coke appropriately nicknamed himself as “Mister Flingaringa”. He was inducted into the THPA Hall of Fame in 1985. The THPA has lost its greatest champion; he was an outstanding mentor and an even better friend.

Coke Bowker (April 15, 1935 - November 8, 2009)

Respectfully submitted,  
Clayton Afinowicz: THPA 5th Vice President/Editor

# NHPA WEBSITE

[www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com)

*by Steve Summerlin, Webmaster*

In the past month I have finished with "The Official N.H.P.A. History of the World Tournament 1909-1980", Reflection Press, Dayton, Ohio. Re-live those yesteryears (1909-1980) along with Gary and his exciting play-by-play descriptions of past World Tournaments. The website listing is complete now, but there are many stats and photos in the book that still make it recommended reading.

## COMING SOON HORSESHOE COMPENDIUM

by Lee Rose, 1940

This 96 page book has now been put into digital form and will soon appear on the NHPA web site for all to read and perhaps discover some of our history that was heretofore unknown to you. Each page is set up as it was in the original document. Some misspellings were left as they appeared back when the document was first published.

In addition to this memorable work there will be at least two other books from the 'old days' of our sport that will be added to the site in the near future. Be sure to visit the "HISTORICAL" link to read our amazing history from years past.



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# CONNECTICUT 2009

# PLAYER OF THE YEAR RESULTS

*Submitted by Bill Choser, Secretary CTHPA*

Every year I review tournament records and create a spreadsheet. This partial list shows players and how they finished in Connecticut tournaments. I have given a point value to each place. At year's end I award the winner with most points as Player of the Year. There are awards for 2nd and 3rd place also.

Connecticut HPA

Player of the Year 2009 - Final

Results after 12 events

Tournaments

	TOTAL POINTS	#	Tournaments												AWARDS	
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Prize	
Harold Peters	56	10	6	6	7	5	8		5	5		8	2	4		\$100.00
John Knepple, Jr	43	9	4	5	5	4	4			6	5	6		4		\$62.50
Glenn Ellis	43	7		8	8	5		8		5				2	7	\$62.50
Mark Sholum	38	8		4	4		4	5	6	6	4				5	
Bill Choser	37	8		5	2	6	5		3	6		5			5	
Paul Duff	37	8	2			4	6	3		4		4	8	6		
Lonnie Gore	37	7	2		4		8	7				8	6	2		
Dick Allspaugh	36	8	6	2	3		2			5		7	5	6		
Dean Loucks	36	7	6	6	3		6	5		4				6		
Ron Murray	35	8	7	4	1	6	5	6				3		3		
Ceil (Cee) Carotenuto	34	7		5	4	8	8			2	4			3		
Dave Lick	34	6		7	7	7	4			3				6		
Ken Byrne	32	8	5	2	1	3		4	4			6		7		
Frank Cweklinski	32	6	3			7	7	5		3		7				
Ken LaRochelle	32	6	8				4	6	6	7				1		
Paul Byrne	31	8	4	7	5	5		5	1			2		2		
Forrest Tucker	31	7			3		5		3	6	4			7	3	
Harold Bradshaw	28	8	3		5	3	2	1	4			6		4		
Clarence Brainard	28	6		2				7		5		6	5	3		
Bob Murray, Sr	25	6	3		3	3					2	7		7		
Dirk Dietz	24	8	5	7	2	2		2		2				3	1	
Nick Longo	24	6		1	8	6	3					1		5		
Deb Scully	24	5	2			8	6			1				7		
Aimee Schlemmer	23	7		6	2				4	7	1			2	1	
Ed Mancini	22	4		7				7	5			3				
Bill Strong	22	4	1			6	7								8	
Joe Walker	22	4						6			4		5	7		
Ray Haversat	21	6			8			2		1	3		1	6		
Sean McLoughlin	21	6			2				5	3	1	4		6		
Phil Anzalone	21	3	7				7			7						
Rob Hunt	21	3				7				7				7		
Mike DiDomizio	20	6	3	2		4	3			4				4		
Robert (Red) Stewart	20	5			2					6	7	3		2		
Mark Rivera	20	4	7				2	8							3	
Janet Anzalone	20	3	5				8			7						
Alex Mrazik	20	3	8				4								8	
Chris Surprenant	19	7	1	4		1		1		3				6	3	
Rick Sherwood	19	5			6					2	2			6	3	
Dennis Rabideau	19	3	4			8			7							
Marcel Guilmette	18	6		3		5		3	2			3			2	
Randy Smith	18	4	7			3	3								5	
Bob Hunt	18	3				7				4				7		
John Hamilton	17	6	4			2	2	2	4						3	
Brad Warner	17	3									5	6		6		

# PLAYER OF THE YEAR RESULTS *Continued*

Paul Jary	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>	8	3			2					1	2
Butch Freer	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>					7		3			5	1
John Fiengo	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>		5			5						6
Roger Henson	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>		3			6						7
Bob McCullough	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>		6	6						4		
Bill Navratil	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>					8						8
Mark Mason	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>		4	6				1	1	2		
Amy Henson	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>		1			1		6				6
Conrad Main	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>			6			2	1	5			
Debby Smith	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>	5			3		6					
Chris Morrell, Sr	<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>			1						13		

## PEREGRINE FALCONS ARE QUITE IMPRESSIVE BIRDS TO LOOK AT, BUT ESPECIALLY TO WATCH IN FLIGHT!



This one appears to be a young bird (first year/ juvenile) based on the orientation of the streaking in the breast. You can see that the streaks are vertical as opposed to more

landed in the pit the same time the shoe did and attempted to pick it up. It took off to parts unknown when it flew off the guys arm.

The reason I know it is a falconer's bird is because of the leather "bands" on its' legs. Lines called "jesses" (and lines) are attached to those grommets and are used in their training. These birds are used a lot in the sport of falconry and are highly prized and valuable. Whoever owns this bird would *love* to have it back.

horizontal streaking in the breast/belly areas of an adult-plumaged bird.

The reason that this bird was so "tame" and came into the area of these horseshoe courts is that it undoubtedly has escaped from a falconer and is accustomed to being handled by its' owner/trainer. It was also very hungry and probably escaped within a radius of ten miles or so of the courts. It may have been loose for several days.

I'd guess that this bird was very hungry by the time it arrived at these courts, and it was "chasing" a "flying" horseshoe that it perceived as a food source. It did in fact come swooping down after a shoe in flight. It



# Income & Expenses Statement

October - November 2009

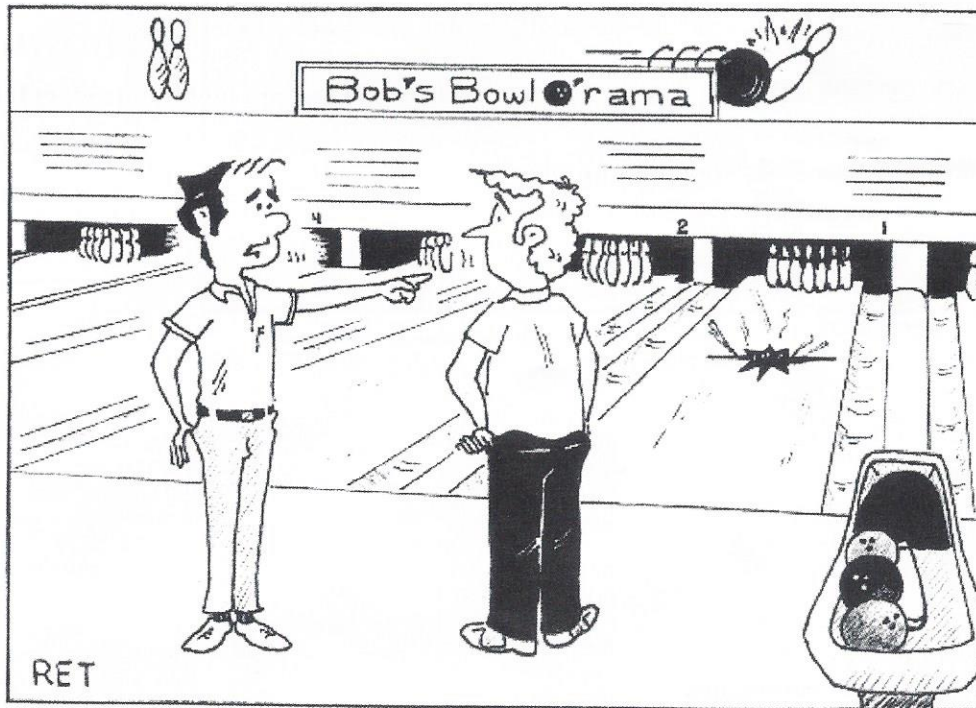
### Income

Membership Dues	\$ 24,743.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$ 2,983.00
NHPF Donation	\$ 125.00
Sanction Club/League Patches	\$ 26.00
Sanction League Tournament	\$ 50.00
Transferred from MMKT	\$ 36,000.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$ 34.06
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$ 18.48
World Tournament Bid for 2011	\$ 7,000.00
World Tournament Court Sponsorship	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 71,479.54</b>

### Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$ 7,000.64
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$ 189.37
Sanction League Tournament Awards & Expenses	\$ 3,024.21
All Junior Trust Accounts	\$ 1,566.47
Hall of Fame Awards, Supplies and Expenses	\$ 766.24
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$ 418.74
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs	\$ 5,379.92
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Printing, paper & office supplies	\$ 2,114.29
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Officers Telephone	\$ 166.38
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Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$ 15,135.00
Insurance	\$ 592.00
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$ 90.00
Refunds	\$ 117.00
Internet Access & Web Site	\$ 179.62
Game Related Sales	\$ 35,713.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 78,669.13</b>

From the books of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen



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