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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stu Sipma

The NHPA Winter Meeting was held January 22nd and 23rd. All Officers were present including the new 5th VP Debby Michaud. The agenda I had established included two full days of meetings. I am pleased with the results of the two days and look forward to a great year in horseshoes. We discussed many topics which will all be discussed either by me or the other officers.

The first topic on the agenda was the "Mission and Vision" statement I set for the NHPA. I covered six topics which I feel are very important to the success of the NHPA and the Sport of Horseshoes. I am setting objectives with each officer to support our Mission/Vision statements shown below.

- 1) Control Spending and Grow the NHPA General Fund 2%-3% per year.
- 2) Grow and Promote Horseshoes.
- 3) Take the Sport of Horseshoes to the Next Level.
- 4) Support and Maintain the NHPA Hall Of Fame
- 5) Secure a National Sponsor
- 6) Provide Consistency and Improvements Throughout the Charters.

The next topic of discussion was the NHPA financials. The Council reviewed the last nine years of Profit/Loss reports and looked at ways of cutting costs. As you know, the cost of doing business has risen significantly and I wanted to make sure the money we spend is getting us the best results. I have encouraged all the Council members to look at doing business in a more efficient manner and to provide me with recommendations on where to cut costs. The five dollar increase that was approved by the delegates two years ago has definitely helped in managing our budget; however, other cost cutting measures will need to be made in order to maintain our proposed operating budget.

The next topic I covered was the realignment of duties for the NHPA Council members. As the new incoming President, I felt there was a need to shift some of the responsibilities to make room for the "Charter Communications" position that Jerry LaBrosse will be handling. I am very excited about this position and will be working closely with Jerry to make sure the NHPA can provide the Charters with all the information they need to promote and grow the sport

of horseshoes in their Charter. It is my intention for the Charters to work closely with Jerry to make sure everyone is doing their part in promoting Charter membership. I believe the new assignments are the best fit for the people we have in place and I trust everyone will do a great job in fulfilling these duties. If you have questions, I encourage all of you to go directly to these officers, however, my door, phone and e-mail will always be available for any of you to talk to me.

Following is a list of the new duties for the NHPA Council and Committee Members:

Stuart Sipma (President) – Duties outlined in the By-Laws, W.T. Coordinator

Dan Sanders (1st VP) – By-Laws, Rules and Grievance Director, Medical Exemption Form.

Tina Hawkins (2nd VP) – Publicity/Promotions Director
Lorraine Sternberg (3rd VP) – Sanction League and Junior Scholarship Director, Chairperson of the Sanction League "Red Book".

Jerry LaBrosse (4th VP) – Charter Communications, NHPA Meeting Minutes Director.

Debby Michaud (5th VP) – R.D. Director, Court Sanctioning

Dick Hansen (Secretary/Treasurer) – Duties outlined in the By-Laws, Insurance, Newslines

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I know there are many other folks who assist in helping these Directors in performing their duties. I just wanted to first say thank you to each and everyone who helps to make the NHPA the successful organization it is.

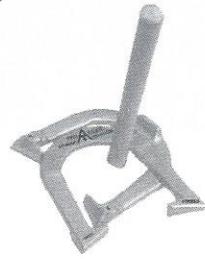
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I want to conclude by saying I really believe we have a great Executive Council and by everyone working together as "One Team" and opening the Communications Highway will provide the Charters with all the assistance they will need to take this sport of horseshoes to the next level and to grow their membership. I challenge all of you to go out and sign up at least one new member. There are so many people out there looking for a competitive sport that will not drain their pocket book.

It is my job to work on new tasks to grow the sport and I will be leaning on all of you to provide me with recommendations on how to do this. Many ideas have already been presented and I will be working on ways of funding these ideas to make it a better sport.

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Membership Dues	\$ 20,324.00
Newsline Ads	\$ 240.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$ 4,986.00
Transferred from MMKT	\$ 15,000.00
NHPF Donation	\$ 483.00
Sanction League Patches	\$ 30.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$ 23.49
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$ 17.96

Total \$ 45,802.45

Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$ 3,998.01
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$ 891.15
Sanction League Postage & Printing	\$ 490.34
Sanctioned League Patches & Awards	\$ 4,832.29
All Junior Trust Accounts	\$ 2,435.63
Hall of Fame Awards Supplies & Expenses	\$ 415.20
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$ 258.83
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs	\$ 340.74
Printing, paper & office supplies	\$ 487.26
Postage	\$ 492.50
Officers Telephone	\$ 444.60
Officers Travel	\$ 2,961.83
Sec/Treas Allowance	\$ 3,600.00
Presidents Allowance	\$ 1,013.00
Vice Presidents Allowance	\$ 5,190.00
Publicity, Promotions & Ads	\$ 830.40
Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$ 483.00
Insurance	\$ 11,112.80
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$ 190.78
Refunds	\$ 10.00
NatStats	\$ 1,038.00
Internet Access & Web Site	\$ 2,242.31

Total \$ 43,758.67

From the books of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT

by Lorraine Sternberg

Happy New Year to all of you! Hard to believe that another year is gone and a new horseshoe season is upon us. With that I hope that we all have a great season. Let's all get together and promote the sport that we all have come to love and enjoy. Bring a friend to your league and get them on the courts to see just what they have been missing out on. The best way that we can grow in membership is by encouraging others to join and pitch.

In this issue of Newsline, you will find the complete list of the Sanctioned League Top Ten. Congratulations to all the league pitchers who made the top ten for 2009. There were some great games played in leagues this year as there have been in the past.

Glenn Ellis from the New Haven HSC in Connecticut took high game for the 40 foot men with a 93.33%. Hershel Walters in the 30 foot men pitched a high game of 97.20% at the Plymouth HSC in Indiana. In the Women's Division, Debra Brown for the Sodbusters HSC in Vermont pitched a high game of 94%.

But no one can top the Boy's Junior Division this year; putting Michael Bowman on the very top with a perfect game - 50 ringers out of 50 shoes. Michael pitched in two clubs this year. The Lions Park HSC and the Heart of America HSC in Missouri. In the Girl's Division we had a tie for high game, both Lisa Atwell, of Burbank-Joslyn HSC in California and Abby Green of the Try County HSC in Ohio pitched a high game of 68%.

Check out the complete list.

Just to remind all league directors, in order for your league pitchers to make the list, you need to fill out the top-ten form. The deadline for this to be completed is December 31st, but it is best to do it as soon as your league for the season is over, so you don't forget about it. When you send in your top-ten form, please make sure that all of the information is correct.

This year's juniors that received scholarships are:

Steven Drozd	<i>Pawnee Ringers HSC, NE</i>	\$200
Joseph Mueller	<i>Fridley HSC, MN</i>	\$175
Beau Davison	<i>Close Doesn't Count HSC, WI</i>	\$175
Jennifer Trader	<i>Grand Forks HSC, ND</i>	\$150
Brianna McCormick	<i>Sodbusters HSC, VT</i>	\$150
Alyssa Leger	<i>Liberty HSC, MO</i>	\$125
Brandon Bieber	<i>Bismarck-Mandan HSC, ND</i>	\$125
Bruce Thomson	<i>Liberty HSC, MO</i>	\$125
Aleena Cook	<i>Fleet Reserve HSL, WI</i>	\$100
Naomi Williamson	<i>Close Doesn't Count HSC, WI</i>	\$100
Jade Maestas	<i>Sweetwater HSC, WY</i>	\$100

Congratulations to these eleven juniors who received a scholarship. Along with the scholarship, each of these students also received a plaque. This year we only had eleven juniors that applied for the scholarships. So the council decided to award all eleven a scholarship.

If you have any juniors pitching in your league please take advantage of this program. It is part of the Sanctioned League Program and I would like to see more juniors submit for it. You can get a scholarship form from me and if you have any questions, I would be glad to answer them for you. You can check out the requirements in your Red Book on page 23. Let's encourage our juniors to pitch in a sanctioned league and take advantage of the Scholarship Program.

The Sanctioned Club/League Tournament for 2010 will take place at the Hall of Fame Facility in Missouri as last year. The dates will be October 9th and 10th. The entry form will be in the next issue of Newsline and it will be

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The NHPA Council has just finished with our winter council meeting. It's always nice to meet up with everyone. I feel that we had a good meeting and I would

like to welcome Debby on the council. The winter council meeting is set up so that we can go over NHPA business, along with reviewing the set up for the up coming World Tournament. We covered a lot of business over the two days of meetings.

May the rest of your winter pass by quickly so that we can all get back on the courts.

NHPA MEMBER EXCELS IN TWO SPORTS WALTER RAY WILLIAMS, JR. NAMED "BOWLER OF THE DECADE"

by Tina Hawkins

Most of you already know that Walter Ray is a major force on the professional bowling tour. He is the all time top PBA title winner and just last year was named the second greatest bowler of all time.

Most recently, US Bowler Magazine named him as "Bowler of the Decade."

The results are obtained through a poll of two groups, the membership of the Bowling Writers Association of America and the current PBA exempt pros. Also added into the vote tally were additional points awarded for PBA titles, TV appearances, Player of the Year Awards and money leaders.

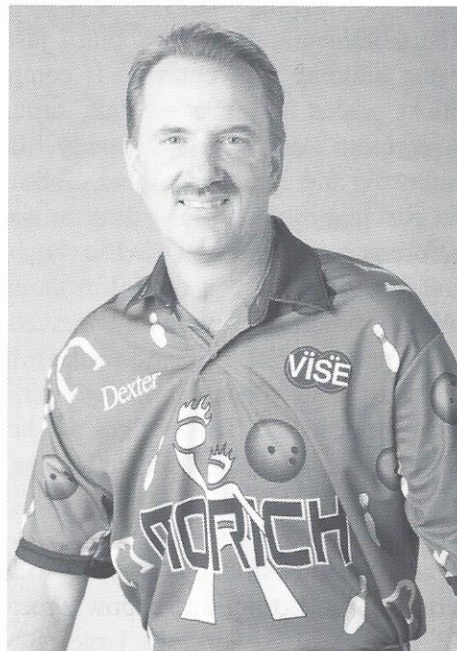
Walter Ray earned the distinction for the past 10-year span with 17 PBA titles, 63 TV appearances, \$1,558,644 in earnings, five major PBA titles and the 2002-2003 Player of the Year award. He has also been a fixture on Team USA's "Dream Team" since professionals were first allowed two years ago.

Walter Ray was quite dominant in the 1980's and 90's as well and was named Bowler of the Decade for the 90's by Bowlers Journal International – the distinction was bestowed upon him by that publication again for this decade.

His accomplishments on the horseshoe courts are just as impressive. Walter Ray has been the NHPA Men's World Champion six times and Junior Boys World Champion three times in his career. Every one of those titles was

earned with an overall tournament ringer percentage greater than 84%.

In addition to his dedication to excellence, Walter Ray shows his dedication to his sports – bowling AND horseshoe pitching. While appearing in championship bowling matches on TV, he sports a shirt embellished not only with bowling balls and pins, but with HORSESHOES!



When asked to comment on his success, Walter Ray stated, "Even though I don't pitch horseshoes the way I used to, I give most of my credit for being a good bowler to being a good horseshoe pitcher first. I truly believe that without being a horseshoe pitcher first, I probably wouldn't have become the bowler that I did."

The NHPA is proud of the accomplishments of all its members, both ON and OFF the horseshoe courts. We extend our hearty CONGRATULATIONS to Walter Ray Williams, Jr. and wish for continued success in all his endeavors.

NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

The NHPA website, www.horseshoepitching.com, is a great source to gather information and gain insight on many things happening within the organization. One of the more popular links is the "Forum" where registered users can and do debate some very interesting topics related to our sport. If you haven't yet visited the website, you are missing out on a wealth of free information including NatStats, tournament results, game history coming events, the Forum and much more. One of the "much more" things would be the NHPF link that provides data and photos on the Hall of Fame construction and lists under "Special Thanks" all the people who have purchased bricks and/or made monetary contributions to support the goals of the Foundation.

The Commemorative Brick plaza just outside the Hall of Fame building in Wentzville is comprised of some 4,000 bricks placed in "State sections" around a large horseshoe design also made of bricks. Nearly 1,000 of the bricks have been sold and engraved. About 40 brick orders, received in the past four months, are waiting for warmer and dry weather before they can be engraved. The clay bricks absorb moisture and should be relatively dry before the engraver starts his sand blasting process. Buying an engraved brick is a great way to support the Hall of Fame while at the same time, giving recognition to yourself, a loved one, your club or friend, living or deceased. These bricks will be around long after we are gone, so what better way to leave a remembrance.

There are two brick sizes available. A 4"x8" brick cost \$100 or 3 for \$250. You can have 3 lines of engraving up to 13 characters per line. A larger 8"x8" brick cost \$200 and can provide up to 6 lines of engraving. An order form can be down loaded from the NHPF link of the NHPA website. It will be found under the "Brochure" heading. If you don't have access to a computer to print the order form or email a request, you can contact NHPA Secretary, Dick Hansen, myself or the Wentzville HOF facility to request an order form. Checks for contributions and/or brick orders should be made out to the NHPF and mailed to P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. Email inquiries to me can be sent to 3ringers3@att.net.

During December and January the NHPF received contributions, brick order income and building rent totaling just \$6,758. The breakdown is as follows:

Donating \$20-60

- Dean Schmitz, IL
- Michigan HPA *
- Art Moran, MN
- Robert Knudtson, MN
- Charles Bunner, WV

Other Income

- Hall of Fame Donation Box \$65
- QRHC 4th Qtr.
- Building Rent \$3,000
- * In memory of Lee Jacobs*

Donating \$100

- Richard Timmer, IL
- Timothy Woodden, OR

Donating \$200

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- Leo & Debby Bratland, IL
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- Jerry & Mary Werk, MN (3)
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NHPA RULES

COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dan Sanders

Among the many items discussed at our recent NHPA Council meeting in January, there was an important rules item that I will report on here, for your information. This rule has to do with junior boys who may wish to pitch in the World Tournament following the loss of their junior eligibility, based on age. In our current rules, a Junior Boy is defined as "any male pitcher eighteen (18) years old or younger for the entire calendar year". When these young men no longer qualify as juniors, they must pitch in the Open Men's Division and move back to the 37-foot foul line. Another World Tournament requirement is that the entrant "must have completed at least four (4) NHPA sanctioned events in their Division during the twelve (12) months preceding the cut-off date listed on the current World Tournament entry form". There is also an additional note here stating that only one event is required for Juniors to enter the World Tournament. In the past, this requirement of only one tournament was extended to junior boys entering the Open Men's Division of the WT for the first time, but this policy was challenged at the World Tournament in Springfield last year and was therefore placed on our winter meeting agenda. After much discussion, it was decided that since these young men are now officially in the Men's Division, that the requirement of four sanctioned events must also apply for them in the future.

One of the problems that these young men face is a limited amount of time for getting in those four required events before the WT entry deadline as most of them will want to compete as a Junior Boy in their final State Tournament, held over Labor Day weekend in many of our Charters. A very similar problem occurs with Open Men who may qualify, based on age, and choose to move into the Elders Division. In both of these situations, however, these young and older men will all have nearly eight months to complete this World Tournament entry requirement. Elders can now "move up" and begin pitching at the shorter distance upon purchasing their new NHPA card in October, preceding the year that they turn 70 years of age. Junior Boys can request admittance into the Open Men's Division after their State Tournament in late September or early October and also receive a new card marked "open men". In both situations, there is an equal amount of time for completing the four required sanctioned events by mid-May of the following year. It should also be noted that Junior Boys have the option of moving into the Open Men's Division *at any time* during their Junior career. Making this change earlier would allow the four or so additional months (an entire year) for them to complete the four events required for entering the World Tournament,

if this was a high priority item for them. And so these Junior Boys and the Open Men pitchers will need to plan accordingly for moving into these new Divisions if they wish to pitch in the next year's World Tournament. Fortunately, these time restrictions should be a "one time" occurrence and will only affect planning for entering their new division for that first year. We wish all of our Junior Boys and Open Men, who will be changing Divisions, the best of luck in this coming year!

RGS Book Update... By the time you receive this Newsline Magazine, the newly revised edition of the RGS Book should be available from your State Secretary. In the last issue of Newsline I reviewed most of these changes/revisions which have been approved by our Council. I think that you will find this new RGS Book even more useful than the first edition. If you have any questions about this revision or about any of the rules, please contact me.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

1st - 2nd Six Pac Invitational Horseshoe held at Quail Ridge Park for the top sixteen 40 footers and top sixteen 30 footers who meet the requirements. More details elsewhere in this issue of Newsline Magazine.

AUGUST

15th Iowa State Fair 12th Annual Midwest Senior Classic, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA, NHPA Sanctioned. Must be 60 years of age by August 15th. Over \$1,800 spent on awards each year. Entry deadline: July 29th (No late entries) Registration Fee: \$15, Championship \$20. (Will be notified when you play) Send entry fee of \$15 to Ron Rowley Treasurer IHHPA 201 36th St West Des Moines, IA 50265. Phone (515) 223-5779, Email: rowleywr@mchsi Include with fee, name, complete mailing address, phone number, gender, NHPA card number and pitching distance. Tournament Director, Danny Sease phone: (515) 285-0131 or email: ddsease@msn.com Check website for rules and other open events at Iowa State Fair, August 12th thru 22nd <http://www.ihhpa.com/>

REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Debby Michaud, NHPA 5th VP

NHPA Executive Board Winter Meeting

We have just returned from the annual NHPA Executive Board winter meeting. It was my first meeting and I was very interested to see the dynamics of it all. The biggest thing I took away from the meeting was an impression that the officers are hard working and always thinking of ways to improve the NHPA. They are honest and open. A priority for all of us is to increase the membership in the NHPA – the discussion on that is going to continue and, we hope, many of the members will contribute to the discussion. See Jerry LaBrosse's column for more information on how we hope to increase communication and a sharing of ideas.

New Regional Director

We have another new Regional Director to report. He is Mr. Phil Plotke who is the new RD for the Wyoming charter. He was active at the 2006 World Tournament in Gillette and has already begun working as his charter's RD. He replaces Dick Wilson – we thank Dick for all of

his efforts and all the time he has put into the NHPA. All of the Regional Directors are listed inside the front cover of your magazine, the Newslite.

2010 World Tournament

Cedar Rapids, Iowa is gearing up for the 2010 World Tournament – they have formed committees and are doing all the planning. We hope that this World Tournament will be one to remember and we wish them all the best in their preparation. There is going to be a surprise change in scoring for some of the participants – stay tuned for more on that.

For the World Tournament, I am going to be requesting help in the 'shoe check area on the Monday and Thursday of each week. When we all have our pitching schedules, I will be setting up some kind of rotation among the RD's who will be there and who are able to help. Those days are busy days for us! I thank you in advance for any help you can offer.

2010 Sanctioned Tournament Patches

Almost all of the patches have been sent out for the year. If you are going to need more and will be at the World Tournament, I can give you the additional patches there. If you need them before that, just let me know and I will send them out. It has been fun and interesting to get all the orders and clarify them, etc. I am enjoying all the packing!

The next column will be read when the weather is getting warm enough to pitch in the northern part of the country. With all the snow, cold, and ice that parts of the country have had this winter, it will be a VERY welcome spring. Take care!

For comments, questions, etc. write to: Debby Michaud, NHPA 5th VP loonpd@comcast.net

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Entry Deadline May 13th 2010

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(See Note #1)

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Please list your local Newspaper _____ Did you enter last years tournament - Yes ___ No ___

Do you need a schedule mailed to you, or will you print it off the NHPA web site? Check one. Web Site ___ U S Mail ___

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

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SIGNED _____ DATE _____

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We reserve the right to disallow your participation if we discover errors on this form or if your records don't appear in NatStats, CanStats, or false or misleading information is on this form.

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Franksville WI 53126

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Dick Hansen NHPA Sec/Treas.
262-835-9108

All Entries must be on this form and mailed with a postmark no later than **May 13th 2010**. Entries received with a postmark after May 13th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. NATSTATS/CANSTATS files must substantiate that you have pitched a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the preceding twelve (12) months, at your divisions pitching distance, prior to May 13th 2010, which is the last date NATSTATS will accept results to determine entering averages. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Participants will be required to show their 2010 NHPA or CANADIAN membership card when checking in to pitch.

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READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2010. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2010 or is older or physically impaired person of any age may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. **JUNIOR DIVISION** entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2010 calendar year.

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

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

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

US RESIDENTS ONLY -INCLUDE a self addressed - stamped envelope if you would like a copy of your current average. This will be sent to you by NatStats. Canadian entries need to go direct to CANSTATS for their average. Or you can check your average on the NHPA Web Page at www.horseshoepitching.com
The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 23rd** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above by June 7th.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held August 1st 2010. Please sign up for this event prior to July 23rd 2010. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. **DON'T MISS OUT.**

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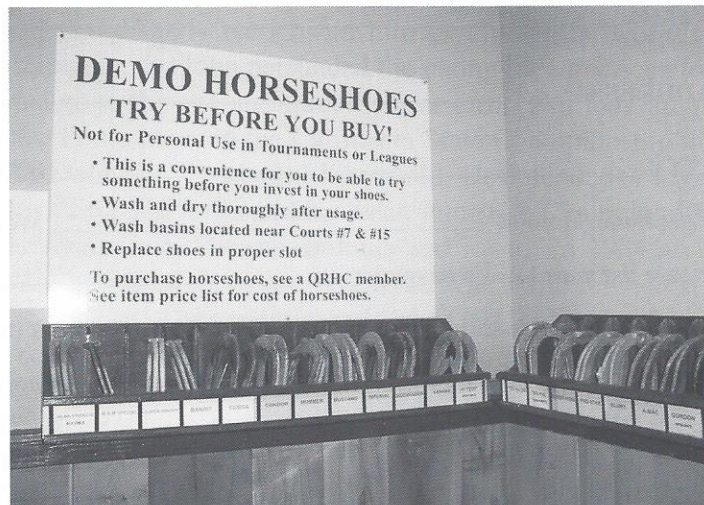
GAME RELATED SALES

by Pam Gettinger & Larry Langewisch

Horseshoes, Horseshoes, Horseshoes....Have we got horseshoes! Just to name a few...we have Ted Allen, Alan Francis, Snyder EZ Flip and Flip Grip; we have Imperials, M&M, Hummer and Challengers; we have VIP, Can Am, Elmer Hohl and Simmons-XL; we also have Diamond Tournament and Super Ringers, thought to be no longer available. We stock over 50 horseshoe brands/styles. We have just about anything you need for horseshoe pitching - game related supplies from A to Z.

Hi! Pam Gettinger and Larry Langewisch here... It's time to introduce ourselves and to say "Thank You" to the NHPA Council members for their vote of confidence in us by appointing us the NHPA Game Related Sales Representative. We have been busy the last 4½ months and we're ready for the challenges of growing the GRS back to a dependable, supportive status for the NHPA. We have a goal of increasing our customer base, even outside the good ole U.S.A. In fact, we received an order from a club in Germany. We started corresponding with them, we hope to help them and learn more about their rules and tournaments. They have founded the NRW-Pitchers and have a tournament on January 30th called the Ice-Cub Tournament. It will be outside, BRRRRR! They have a website, a little hard to understand since I don't read or speak German, but the pictures tell a great story. They are not sanctioned, but they are really into their horseshoes. They were very happy at how quickly they received their order and indicated they look forward to ordering more. I'll keep you updated. Anyway, Larry and I are excited about GRS and look forward to serving our customers with the friendly, helpful customer service they deserve.

If you don't know, we are centrally located in Wentzville, Missouri, at the NHPF Hall of Fame & Museum and Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. The QRHC is dedicated to the enjoyment and advancement of our sport. The NHPF Hall of Fame building is beautiful. Larry came up with the idea to set up a "Demo Shoes" station. We felt it would help promote the sport by allowing folks to "try before you buy", like test driving a new car. Joe Faron and Bob Cutright, master craftsmen, built and mounted a display rack to house the 24 pairs of demo shoes. It has been received very well. It's another amenity for the many visitors that come to see the NHPF Hall of Fame and to pitch on the 16 indoor courts.



Larry Langewisch has been involved with horseshoes for over 30 years. When asked, he did not hesitate to take over the GRS when it was left in a precarious position prior to the 2009 World Tournament. He also handles the HOF building maintenance and serves as the 2nd VP of the QRHC. He is dependable and dedicated to our sport. I learn a lot about horseshoes from him every day.

My contribution and experience is working in the office - trying to keep it organized, doing much of the paper work, taking and filling orders, and helping our customers. I've been a member of the NHPA for 11 years and pitch in QRHC leagues and tournaments. My husband and I love the sport and will pitch until we can't no more!

In closing, as I stated earlier, one of our goals is to increase the NHPA's presence in the U.S. and abroad. One way to do that is to invite **YOU** to locate an official NHPA GRS Distributor to purchase all of your supplies. It's a great way to support the NHPA. If there isn't one in your area, perhaps you'd like to have your own distributorship, or become a sub-distributor. There is an opportunity to generate funding support for your club's activities. For more information or to locate an Official NHPA GRS Distributor or Sub-Distributor, please e-mail us at nhpagamerelated@nhpasales.com

We are so blessed to have this sport, please continue to support it!

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

by Tina Hawkins, NHPA 2nd Vice-President

Spring is upon us!! It's time to start getting the word out about your upcoming horseshoe pitching events and leagues.

How are you going to do that? Here are a few suggestions that will help you reach a large audience.

1. **Public Service Announcements** – Local radio stations will broadcast your information on the air - at no cost to you! Be sure to include the basic details: Who, What, When, Where and who to contact for more information.

Here is an example of a PSA for spring league:

The Wild Horse Ringers Horseshoe Club will be starting its spring horseshoe pitching league Thursday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the courts located behind The Chapel in Marlow's Redbud Park. Pitching is open to all ages. For more information, contact Tina Hawkins at (580) 658-3923.

2. **Community Calendars** – Many cities publish their community calendar on the internet, in the local newspaper, and on tabletop event calendars which are displayed in restaurants around the city.

Information can be submitted for these calendars on the internet, usually through the Chamber of Commerce or Tourism Departments, or by calling or stopping by their offices. It is a good idea to introduce yourself to these two entities in your city! They can do a lot for the promotion of your events!

3. **Parks and Recreation Departments** – Some cities have P&R Departments which maintain a schedule of events separate from the community calendars. Not only can you list your tournaments and leagues, but in many cases, you can schedule clinics through the department.

Summer programs (softball, soccer, day camps, etc...) are scheduled through the Parks and Recreation Departments. Start a summer horseshoe pitching program (league, clinic or BOTH!) for the youth of your community. Don't forget the adults! Sometimes the only thing keeping a person

from an activity is not knowing how to do it – a pitching clinic can solve that problem. (Be sure to include score keeping in your clinic.)

Since the 2009 World Tournament, I have been busily seeking items the NHPA can offer to YOU as member benefits. Plans are progressing, but will take some time. Once in place, there will be benefits for existing NHPA members as well as limited time "joiner gifts" for first time members. More details will be revealed as they become available. We will be starting small and hopefully working our way to bigger and better benefits as time and logistics allow.


In an effort to make people more aware of organized horseshoe pitching, I have been working with a freelance writer who is putting together a human interest article about horseshoe pitching and the NHPA. Information has also been sent to numerous lifestyle magazines.

We are trying to keep up with the times, so in this new generation of technological communication, we have joined the throngs of users on Facebook. We now have a "fan page" which can be viewed all around the world!

If you have a Facebook page, you can become a "fan" of the NHPA by going to this link: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/pages/NATIONAL-HORSESHOE-PITCHERS-ASSOCIATION/199003320209?ref=nf>

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NHPA PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION *Continued*

You will be able to post upcoming events and photographs, as well as communicate with other NHPA fans right there on the page! There are already some great historical photos to view.

A piece of BIG NEWS for the NHPA – We were contacted by the Guinness Book of World Records. They are planning to include our own Alan Francis in their 2011 edition for most world championships in horseshoe pitching!

Be sure to congratulate Alan on this honor and his accomplishments. Also, thank him for providing this great piece of publicity for the NHPA!

We are always looking for ways to promote and advance the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and horseshoe pitching in general. If you have ideas, please let us know. Your NHPA Executive Council is here to help you enjoy and advance this game that we all love so much!

If you have held a promotional event that showed success, let us know, so we can share the idea across the country.

Larry Collette of Kansas reported a successful Horseshoe Pitching IS FUN Day event which has already netted SIXTEEN (16) new members with potential for more!!

Be sure to send your entry in for the 2010 World Horseshoe Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa! We have a lot of interesting amenities in store for you! I can't wait to see you there!

Send comments and/or suggestions to:

tinahawk@msn.com or snail mail to:

Tina Hawkins
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Marlow, OK 73055

WORLD TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE LIST

At the NHPA Council meeting in January, some changes were made regarding the 2010 World Tournament. The Championship prize fund will not be published in this issue. Only the prize fund for Class Play is now published. The Championship prize fund will be reviewed after all the entries are received and then published in the July/August issue of Newline. No major changes are expected in prize money for most of the divisions, but by waiting we get a much better picture of the division sizes and can set Championship Class sizes and dollar amounts based on numbers, not a guess. This will most likely only change the Junior divisions and perhaps the Elder's Division.

Also at that meeting, the NHPA policy of allowing Junior Boy's, the first year out of the Junior program and now entering the Men's division, to enter on less than the required four events will no longer be allowed. All entrants into the 2010 will be required to have four events at the distance they are entering from May 13, 2009 to May 13, 2010.

Dick Hansen
NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

World Tournament Prize List For Class Play

Place	12	14	16
1	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
2	\$250.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
3	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
4	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
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by Joe Faron

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is proud and excited to be hosting the 17th Annual Six Pac Invitational Horseshoe Tournament on May 1-2, 2010 at the new National Horseshoe Hall of Fame and Museum facility in Wentzville, MO. If you are among the top 100 horseshoe pitchers in the United States in the Men's, Women's or Elder's Division you are eligible to participate in this prestigious horseshoe event.

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

40 Footers Six Pac Invitational Tournament: The 17th Annual Six Pac Invitational Tournament is for the top "Sweet Sixteen" 40 footers in the Mens Division who have the highest ringer percentage and accept our invitation. The format is a round robin event consisting of fifteen forty-point games. Eight games will be pitched on Saturday, and seven games to be played on Sunday. The prize money is \$4,000 paying the top eight places. If you are interested in pitching in this tournament and need more information contact Tournament Director Joe Faron at 314-704-7082, email address: Bugsfaron@aol.com.

30 Footers Six Pac Invitational Tournament: The exciting 30 footers Tournament will be held in conjunction as the

40 footers Tournament. If you are among the top 100 in the Womens and Elders Division, this tournament is for you! The format will be the same as the 40 footers Six Pac Tournament, in a round robin format, pitching on Saturday and Sunday. The prize money is \$2,225 paying the top eight places. If you are interested in pitching in this tournament contact Tournament Director Bob Diekamp at 636-240-6260, email address: RDiekamp@charter.net.

Plans are in the making for a pitch-off game between the winners of the 40 foot and 30 foot Champions. If you have a high ringer percentage in the Mens, Womens and Elders Division check the NHPA NATSTATS as of April 1, 2010 to see if you qualify in the top 100 in the United States You will be contacted by the Six Pac Tournament Directors Joe Faron or Bob Diekamp. Look for an invitation in the mail sometime during the middle of February. Please notify the tournament director if you qualify and have not received an invitation.

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

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

**Have you made plans yet to attend
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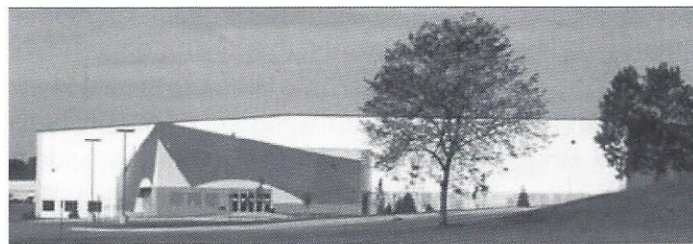
Cedar Rapids, Iowa's second largest city is located in the Eastern part of the state, 25 miles north of I-80 and 70 miles west of the Mississippi River.

As you drive through the state, take time to visit many of its attractions including the State Capitol (Des Moines); Bridges of Madison County (Winterset); Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum, Library and Boyhood Home (West Branch); Field of Dreams Movie Site (Dyersville); Little Pike's Peak (McGregor); Effigy Mounds National Monument (Harpers Ferry) and much more!

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The Cedar Rapids Ice Arena will be the site of the 2010 World Tournament. The entire competition will be held under one roof and 50 courts will be built on two rinks. Finals will be held in the hockey arena where spectators will enjoy the soft seats and excellent viewing. Free parking is available in lots circling the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena.

NHPA Board Members Dick Hansen and Jerry LaBrosse and their wives toured the facility in late October and advised the local host committee on the best way to set up the space for the World Tournament. The Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association has been hard at work ever since to plan for a quality and fun-filled experience for all participating pitchers and their families!



Cedar Rapids Ice Arena, 1100 Rockford Road SW

Your host committee has selected three hotels for those participating in the tournament. **All 3 hotels are a 5 minute drive to the ice arena!** Also located by the hotels are Perkins, Happy Chef, Pei's Chinese Restaurant, Metro Buffet, Synergy Restaurant at the Clarion Hotel, Sonic Drive-in, McDonalds, Burger King, and Taco Bell.

Tournament Headquarters - Clarion Hotel, 525 33rd Avenue SW. Call 1-877-949-2992 and request NHPA rate of \$92.00 + tax.

Site of delegates' meeting and awards banquet. Amenities include complimentary hot breakfast, indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, sports bar, on-site restaurant, guest laundry, free parking and airport shuttle. The hotel will provide scheduled shuttle service to and from the practice courts

and Cedar Rapids Ice Arena for pitchers staying at the property.

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Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association has arranged for **3 camping options for pitchers traveling in RVs.**

Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. On-site camping will be available in the parking lot immediately behind the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena on a first-come, first-served basis only. Up to 40 self-contained units can be accommodated at a cost of \$15.00 per night. No services are available at this location except for honey wagon at \$30.00.

Hawkeye Downs Campground, 4400 6th Street SW. Located 7 minutes from the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena, Hawkeye Downs has 80 sites with water and electric (30 amps). A dump station is also on site. The NHPA rate is \$20.00 + tax per day and \$100.00 + tax per week. For reservations call 319-365-8656.

Amana Colonies RV Park & Event Center, 3890 C Street, Amana. This RV park is ideally located in the Amana Colonies, a National Historic Landmark and famous Iowa tourism attraction, 20 minutes from Cedar Rapids. More than 450 sites are available on 60 acres. The NHPA rate is \$32.00 + tax for full hookups (water, sewer, electric); \$29.00 + tax for water and electric sites. Other amenities include laundry, free Wi-Fi and on-site horseshoe pits

being built especially for NHPA campers. For reservations call 319-622-7616.

Free time is fun time in Cedar Rapids! There are a variety of entertainment choices from sports events to museums to farmer's markets.

The Cedar Rapids Kernels professional baseball team, a class A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, will be at home at the Veterans Memorial Stadium on July 31, August 1, 2 and 7. Special discounts will be offered to NHPA World Tournament participants.



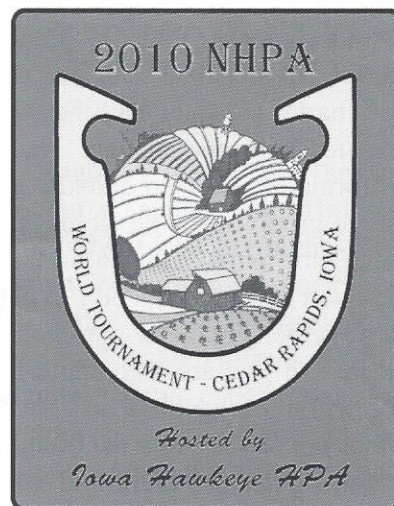
Tour Brucemore mansion to learn about the families that lived there...one had a pet lion and another lost a brother in the Titanic disaster. Stroll in the

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Visit the seven German villages of the Amana Colonies. Enjoy delicious meals served family style. Tour wineries, furniture shops, woolen mills, gift shops and museums depicting residents' former communal life style.

Call the Cedar Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-735-5557 or go to www.cedar-rapids.com to request a 2010 Area Visitors Guide.

We look forward to seeing you July 26 – August 7, 2010!



CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

by Jerry LaBrosse

As the 2010 season gets under way, I want to let you all know that I am very excited about my new duties as Charter Communications director. The NHPA Council recently conducted their annual winter meeting, and we discussed this new position in more detail. I wanted to establish some goals in each of the areas that are vital to the success of each charter, and how they will overlap with the other vice president's duties.

My first charter communications goal was the most obvious, and that was to identify and connect with every charter president or representative. To date I have had good success in doing this, but am still trying to connect with a few remaining charter officers. My idea is to do as much communication as possible via email, since this is the quickest and most efficient method, and the least expensive. At the risk of being repetitive, I again want to stress that whenever I send out a mass email, I will address it to myself, then BCC everyone else to protect your email addresses from hackers and spam artists. I advise any of you to do the same when sending out emails to multiple recipients.

My second goal is to have each charter develop an email list of as many of their charter members as possible. In doing this, any important information can be spread around the NHPA very quickly and with no cost involved. I am happy to say that many charters have already established such email listings, and that many more are planning to do so. Just think, if every charter could find one good computer minded person to handle this task of collecting the email addresses, I could send out any information to my list of charter contacts, and they could forward the message on to their charter list. Never before has horseshoe information been so quickly and easily spread to such a large group of people across the country. I know it will take time to make this information system complete, but I know it can happen, and I'm confident we will soon have a large percentage of our charters on board with this. So please, if you are a computerized individual who would be willing to handle a task such as this, and your charter does not have such a list established, consider contacting your charter president and volunteer to be the "charter communications" person for your charter.

In upcoming Newslines articles, I will be giving you updates on what we are working on at the present time, and what we will be working on in the near future. A project such as this takes time. In dealing with 53 NHPA charters, we need to talk about one thing at a time. It would get overwhelming to try and tackle multiple issues at once.

If any charters have immediate issues that you need advise or help with, of course I want you to feel free to contact me; you don't have to wait for me to raise a particular issue. If I cannot directly help you with your question, I can certainly connect you with the person who can. Our new president Stuart Sipma has given me his commitment of support in this new project, and will stop at nothing to solve whatever issues we face.

For all of you charter presidents and charter members who are reading this article right now, I have a message that I would like you all to think about. In the upcoming weeks and months I will be surveying all charters as to how they are structured. Some of the questions will be: Do you have an established constitution and bylaws? What charter officer or director positions do you have established? Do you have a website? Do you have a newsletter? Do you have a charter statistician? Do you submit NHPA membership reports and tournament results electronically? This is the type of information I need to know before we can make a plan for improvement.

I would like to give you all a specific example of how the charter communications position can make a positive impact overall. Once I have established a good working contact with most or all charters, I will be encouraging all charters to establish a person in charge of promotional activities. Tina Hawkins, NHPA Promotions Director, has many good promotional ideas that she wants to share with the NHPA membership. Once she has a complete list of charter promotion directors, along with their email addresses, she could communicate and coordinate with them easily, and supply them with information on current promotion activities involving their charters.

The advice I would like to give charter members reading this is to get involved. I think for a charter to grow, there

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CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS *Continued*

needs to be some promotional efforts made, don't you think? If your charter doesn't have a person in charge of promotion activities, why not give it a try? Contact your charter president or officer and volunteer to be that person. Tina has some darn good ideas; just read her article in this issue. She needs help from all charters in this effort if we want our sport to grow.

In closing this out, I'd like to also remind folks to make sure they get their required four events in to qualify for this year's world tournament in Cedar Rapids. We have lots of fun new things planned for this tournament. If plans go well, we will be expanding the electronic scorekeeping display to one full row of eight courts. We wish to find

out what you the pitchers think of it, and then decide if our sport should work towards making this the permanent way we run the tournament.

There's also going to be the NHPA golf outing again this year. Hopefully this event will grow and become an annual activity where you can meet other horseshoers away from the tournament. I've been told that one of Iowa's nicest courses is located right at the Amana Colonies.

So make your plans to attend early, and watch for updates on this and many other improvements to our showcase event.

CHARTER CHATTER

by Debby Michaud

First, a correction: I reported that Lisa Atwell, the 2009 Junior Girls' World Champion, was from No. California – NOT! She is actually from So. California and I apologize for the mistake. We will call her a "California Girl" and leave it at that! And we DO look forward to her competing in the Women's Division.

IOWA

Plans for the 2010 World Tournament are coming along very nicely. The Ice Arena in Cedar Rapids is the venue for our great sport. We will have two areas for pitching with a minimum of 50 courts. One area has over 3,000 stadium seats and the other over 200 seats looking down from above. The spacious lobby will be the center of action. It will have the NHPA Offices, Game Related sales, 'shoe check, future bidder's booths, Monroe Louisiana booth, Iowa booth and information center and more. There will be lots of room to visit and mill around. Outside there is plenty of free parking on both sides of the arena. Next door is the Kernels Stadium, home of the Cedar Rapids Professional Baseball team. They will be playing some night games during the tournament. We invite you and yours to come and pitch with us and bring your friends. Cedar Rapids CVB is doing everything possible to make your stay a very pleasant one. Side trips are planned to the Amanas and other places. Come and have fun in IOWA.

Submitted by Iowa Regional Director, C. Leo Buell

MICHIGAN

The weather is very cold here in Michigan, but the MHPA warms up every Saturday in Jackson, MI. Indoor tournaments are hosted by different clubs throughout the winter months. The events are pre-registered, but there is occasionally room for walk-ins.

The Jackson Horseshoe Club has six indoor pits with near perfect clay. They have kitchen facilities so that the pitchers can usually have a hot lunch which the hosting club makes available.

Camaraderie and fun are the rules of the day. If any one is interested, a 2010 NHPA membership is required. Our club contact list and 2010 scheduled tournaments are on the MHPA website. *Submitted by Mark Wolfradt*

CONNECTICUT

Other indoor pitching continues at the Central CT H.C. where their six indoor courts are PACKED with 70 pitchers at every other weekend's tournament in the winter. With 7 pitchers on 3 courts, 3 flights on Saturday, and 2 flights on Sunday as well as a waiting list, they are having a great time. Leagues are held there every weeknight and Luck of the Draw Doubles are held on non-tournament weekends. For information on how to enter, go to newenglandhorseshoes.com and click on Connecticut,

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then on the CCHC, for Central CT Horseshoe Club OR click on the "Clubs and Leagues" section.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHARTER

With 2009 behind us, here is a recap of the year and our plans for 2010. We have 19 clubs scattered around the southern half of California and they hosted 131 tournaments during the year. There were 2,668 players in these tournaments for an average of 20.4 players in 3.6 groups per tournament. These numbers represent a 10% increase from the previous year! We did this with no growth in membership.

We look forward to 2010 for further growth. We have two new clubs in our Charter and player participation and Charter membership during the year.

Submitted by Hal Griswold, SCHPA Sec/Treas. and Regional Director

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Northern California Charter would like to invite any and all of you who might be coming to California on vacation, to come and pitch with us. Before you come, it would be helpful to view our website first. To make it more convenient for you we have updated our website - it is: <http://www.nchpa.com>. This page in particular will be helpful: <http://www.nchpa.com/nca.html/clubs.html> to reflect the weather at each pitching facility. Not only will you be able to see a picture of the courts (in most cases), but you'll also be able to view a satellite shot of the surrounding area of those courts, plus the Global Positioning Satellite coordinates for your handy GPS system. This page has direct email links to the contact people. Visit the website for complete 2010 pitching schedule.

Submitted by Casey Sluys

Also in NorCal, Northern California's Junior Promotion Director, Robert Cocagne reports that they introduced horseshoe pitching to 4-H members for a project at a 4-H camp. They held a Pitch and Win booth at the Kids Festival and raised some money through sponsors for an NHPA Juniors tournament held in Exeter, CA. They hope to expand the Junior program through the Boy Scouts, hopefully by having them work towards a merit badge or

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an Eagle Scout award. They are planning another Junior tournament in April of 2010 in Fresno and hope to have another one in Tulare. Good luck!

AND, Happy 100th Birthday in April to George Greet. What a milestone!

MISSOURI

As of the end of January, we have completed 60% of our winter pitching season. We have held 45 tournaments since the 1st of October, totaling 1,329 entries. The average number of entries per tournament is 30. There are 33 additional tournaments scheduled through the end of April. Most of our indoor facilities also hold weekly sanctioned leagues. As an example; The 'Pits' in Sunrise Beach (winter home of the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club) hosts 5 weekly leagues that run from mid-October through mid-April. They are all singles leagues and one of them consists of only 40' pitchers. You all know how those 40 footers like to complain about us 30 footers. Luckily, our indoor facilities are scattered around the state, so the majority of our pitchers are able to attend these

tournaments and keep their skills honed for participation in World and State Championship events.

Submitted by Donna Bastel

GEORGIA

Here in Georgia the weather has been terrible for the last month but it's starting to warm up. I've talked to several members who are getting out and starting to pitch a little. Our State President Larry Davis is starting his second two year term and wants to have a Bring A Kid to Pitch Tournament sometime this spring to try and increase our Junior Participation. We really need to work on that as we have very few juniors pitching in our state. We will have more on this as we finalize the details.

We are restarting our newsletter very soon with the goal to print one newsletter every 3 months. We have had a couple of calls from people interested in starting a club in their cities so we are hopeful that will bear fruit as well.

Submitted by Ronnie Miller

NEW ENGLAND HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION Facts and Stats

In 2010 the New England Horseshoe Pitchers Association celebrates its 75th anniversary New England Tournament

The New England Horseshoe Pitchers Association is comprised of the sanctioned members of the six New England states. The six charter states are: CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT. Individually, the states do not have a large horseshoe pitching membership but the six charters combined have 1,000 pitchers. In 2009, CT had the largest sanctioned membership with 439 adults, and RI the smallest with 39.

Current New England HPA officers are:

Don Maine (CT)-president, Deb Scully (CT)-secretary, Susan Henson (CT)-treasurer, Jim Hanson (MA)-VP and statistician, John Hamilton (CT)-Hall of Fame chairman, Leo Michaud (MA)-NHPA Regional Director

Submitted by CT State Sec. Bill Choser

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HORSESHOE FACTS AND FOLKLORE

By Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

This issue, we will read how Roy Smith describes Fernando Isais in a March 1949 article from the Horseshoe Pitcher. We have read about Isais before, but this article is far more in depth and again first hand knowledge of the eight-time World Champion, the all-time great Fernando Isais. Keep in mind that Isais won five of his titles after this article was published. Isais was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1966 as a charter inductee.

Horseshoe's "King of Swing"

By Roy Smith, Author of "Science at the Stake"

Out here on the West Coast of these United States, in the sprawling and overcrowded city of Los Angeles, California, lives a brown, lithe, well-built young man who is the World's Champion ringer flinger. Yes, all horseshoe pitchers know his name for it is a byword among players everywhere. His name is Fernando Isais and he really knows his way around the horseshoe court and a tennis court as well. He is a handsome, quiet, well-mannered fellow with a ready smile that crinkles up his face and displays asset of white, even teeth. He can be found almost everyday in his small sports and tennis shop near the Memorial Coliseum in Exposition Park, where he makes his living stringing tennis rackets and selling athletic equipment.

Fernando comes from a fairly large family and was born in the fishing village of La Paz, in Baja California, Mexico. He is of Spanish Basque descent and his last name is pronounced "ee-sah-ees" with the accent on the middle syllable. He has always gone in for sports and clean living. He is about 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs about 165-170 pounds. There is not an ounce of surplus fat on him; his carriage is graceful; he is broad shouldered and slender hipped. His shock of black hair is becoming tinged with gray at the temples but this is due to the strong California sun rather than his age. He is only 34 years old and goes bare headed most of the time. His only other hirsute adornment is a small mustache.

Fernando became interested in horseshoes when he was a kid in his early teens. He started with a low one and one-quarter turn. John Gordon said he took one look

at Fernando's long back-swing and "rubber" shoulder and immediately recognized him as a potential world's champion. So John persuaded the young Mexamerican to change to the one and three-quarter turn. Not long after this, Fernando won the California State Championship in 1931 when he was about 17 years old. He defended or won this title eight times and has been interstate Champion of Arizona, Utah, Oregon, Indiana and Iowa. In 1934 and 1935 he toured the county with Ted Allen who reigned as the National Champion from 1934 to 1941. Allen, whom I rate as the greatest all around tournament pitcher of all time, wrote me in one of his letters several years ago, and frankly admitted that Fernando was the only pitcher that he (Ted) feared might wrest the championship from him. However, I don't think that either Ted or Fernando has ever feared any other pitcher living. But they both admit that they learned a lot from each other and each has a high regard for the others ringer tossing ability.

Sure enough in 1941 at Des Moines, Iowa, Fernando snatched Ted's crown by averaging 82.9% for the entire tournament. Then World War II exploded in our faces with Hitler and Togo bent on trying to cancel out all liberty for the world. Allen went into the armed forces and Fernando into war work. He held his national title from 1941 to 1946 and did not defend it in 1946. Allen promptly grabbed the crown once more. Then in 1947, Fernando snatched Ted baldheaded again. But Ted was covered with painful blisters from poison ivy or the story might have been different. It is almost anyway with a dark horse in the form of husky Wayne Nelson from Indiana bursting upon the scene. But this story is about Fernando Isais, the champ and I am digressing.

In an issue of Colliers magazine, dated August 21, 1948, Bill Fay called Fernando "Horseshoe's Big Pitch". I prefer to call him "The Big Swing" for it's his unbelievably high back-swing that distinguishes him from all other players more than anything else. Many other good players have high back-swings too, but there are none exactly like Fernando's. His shoulder action is amazing and he seems to be either double jointed or his arm is set in rubber. Others, who have tried to imitate his swing have almost thrown their spines out of joint and

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suffered with stiff necks for days. Fernando's stance is quite ordinary, so are his other fundamentals, but there is only one big swing like that in all the world and I doubt if it can ever be imitated successfully. In fact, other pitchers are foolish to even attempt it. I have watched him closely many times and it seems that almost all the little effort he uses in delivering goes into that back-swing. Then he just straightens up out of his slight crouch with a hunch and the shoe is on its way. While it just seems to float when watched from sidelines, I have been down at the stake and watched it come towards me. Despite the floating appearance, it comes into the stake with a considerable amount of velocity. And there is something deadly final about the way those ringers come from high out of the air and splat into the clay around the stake. He loses a few ringers like everyone else, but that high hooking shoe seldom bounces or rebounds.

Fernando looks rather bored most of the time when he is pitching but when the chips are down, his face wears a slight fighting scowl and his lips are drawn firmly over his teeth. Aside from this he is stoical and his emotions do not show on his deadpan face. As I stated in a former article, he knows how to relax under pressure. Nothing seems to bother him and his movements are slow and unhurried. He acts like he just doesn't care where his shoes go but most of them wrap their arms around that stake like two lovers in Griffith Park. People who don't know Fernando very well might think that he is conceited but there isn't an ounce on conceit or egotist in his makeup. He is just naturally quiet, poised and full of self-confidence. I have visited him at his tennis shop and on the pitching courts. He is friendly, courteous and frank in answering questions. He never brags but I've heard him engage in friendly razzing with his tennis buddies when he or they lose a match to another. There is an atmosphere of good sportsmanship in his little store.

The first time I saw him, he was playing tennis on the Exposition Park Courts. His movements reminded me of those of a cat and he can really smack that ball around. He has teamed with the champion Pancho Gonzales and trounced him soundly in the Olympic Club Tournament last year. And you have to know your way around on a tennis court to whip Gonzales. Fernando's attractive wife, Hope, can swing a mean tennis racket herself and keeps his horseshoe and tennis trophies polished and immaculate.

If he continues to win many more of these, he will have to either find a larger house or move into the Coliseum to make room for them.

Fernando was able to hang onto his world's title last year at Milwaukee but says it was the toughest tournament he has been in yet. He admits that he had some lucky breaks and won a game or two by the slender margin of one point. When one is the champ, there are many others out to dethrone him if they can. Allen, Zimmerman, Jones, Nelson, Brownell and others are after his scalp and he may lose it this year. But he isn't worrying about it. About 6 weeks before a national meet he begins to train in a serious manner. The rest of the time, he is quite busy with his business and tennis. If Fernando Isais would take the horseshoe pitching sport as seriously as most of the others, I don't believe there is a man in the world who could defeat him more than just an occasional game now and then. Guy Zimmerman has beaten him twice for the California State Championship but Fernando got some revenge when he trounced Zim at the California Open last October. Yes, Fernando Isais is a real champ and a fine example of manhood for all young pitchers to emulate. This is Fernando "the Champ" as I see him.

History and Folklore Jottings: What good is history if we don't have a quiz about it sometimes? So here are a couple of questions to test your trivia skills. 1) We have often read about the many triumphs and world championships of C.C. Davis, of course his first name was Charles, what was his middle name? 2) And we have also read about the Hall of Famer, D.D. Cottrell, what do the D's stand for, and David is not correct. 3) In 2008, Alan Francis pitched two perfect games. To that point, the only other perfect game was pitched by Guy Zimmerman, in 1948. Most of us knew about that game, but who was Zimmerman's opponent in the perfect game? 4) Alright, let's ease up a bit and can you name the two players Alan Francis beat in his two perfect games in 2008?

If you are having a bit of a recall problem with these questions, you might consider reviewing the NHPA web site at horseshoepitching.com. Thanks to Steve Summerlin's efforts and efforts by others, there is tremendous amount of our sport's history right there for your interest, review and pleasure.

NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM BURLY'S MEMORY LIVES ON

by Jeanette Claas

Three years have now passed since "Burly" left our horseshoe family, but at the NHPA Hall of Fame facility his memory is very much alive. Inside the Hall of Fame room we honor the legends of 150 horseshoe pitchers who have been inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. Burly is not an inductee, but he is well remembered in horseshoes by all who knew him. Therefore, we have given him an honorary spot by the entrance to the Hall of Fame room.

It all began at the 2000 World Horseshoe Tournament in Bismarck, ND when our former NHPA president, Paul Stewart, was pitching so poorly he thought he needed a fan club to cheer him on. Burly proceeded to throw a paper bag over his head that read "The Paul Stewart Fan Club" and gave Paul some needed TLC to improve his game. And so it went, the fun and laughter began, not knowing or caring what they were getting into, except having a good time with it.

Jenny & Jim McCombs, of Ohio, sent an email to Burly saying they wanted to become a Paul Stewart Stewlie, and the name STEWLIE was born. An Executive Council was formed, officers were chosen with Da Prezz (Burly) being in charge and inviting all those who wanted to become a STEWLIE to join in. Each STEWLIE was given a short

two word name. Burly spent his time making buttons, dolls out of paper bags, a newsletter called "STEWLIE Nooz" and Billie Pennington set up a STEWLIE website. They even had a STEWLIE National Anthem that was written and sung by Amy Francis and Helen Brown.

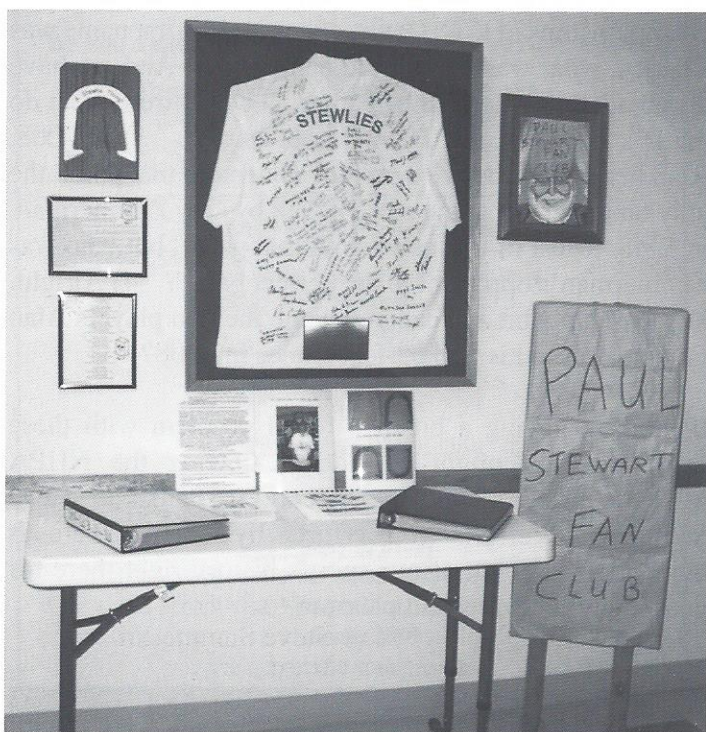
As Burly explained, "We have no dues, no fees. We don't engage in any rumors, we don't support any causes. We don't do anything. In fact, we ain't even thinking about doing anything. We just have all become very good friends and kinda help each other if we can." And help each other out they did! It was an amazing thing that happened. Each day there was laughter and sometime tears. The good cheer helped many horseshoe families during their last days on earth. As Burly said, "Whodda ever thunk it?"

Over the years the STEWLIES grew to 828 and then STEWLVILLE was closed upon Burly's death on February 20th of 2007. At the Jack Freeman Brick Memorial Walkway, there are approximately 30 bricks dedicated to Burly for the enthusiasm and fun that he sparked into the sport of horseshoes. He spread the sunshine and kept us all grinnin'. Yes, we all miss him very much.

The Hall of Fame has received a collection of Burly memorabilia from many people and we have set aside a special place to display these items and to honor Burly. I recently received several notebooks from our Natstat's guy, Glenn Jamieson, filled with emails and other interesting items that transpired during the "Burly" years which you can read when you visit the NHPA/NHPF Hall of Fame and Museum.

During the transfer of all these records we are missing a very important part of this collection; a complete list of all the STEWLIE names. With your help maybe we can complete it. If your STEWLIE name is one of the following numbers, than we are missing it. The missing numbers are: #412, 413, 666, 672, 767-770, 779-798, and 801-827. Please email me @ djclaas@sbcglobal.net or snail mail it to Jeanette Claas, 39 Ayrshire Road, St. Charles, MO 63303.

If you are driving through Missouri, the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club invites you to stop and visit the Hall of



NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM *Continued*

Fame and see the STEWLIE display. It is open four days a week, Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Wednesday, five hours a day. There is a list of phone numbers you may call if you should stop by on an off day. Directions to the Hall of Fame have changed a bit due to recent road construction. There is no longer a Callahan Road. Traveling east or west on Hwy 40-61, take the IC Exit which is Prospect Road. Follow the roundabouts exiting onto South Prospect and then hang a right at the fork (Duello Road) and it will lead you to Quail Ridge Park. We'll keep the light on. In the meantime, keep on supporting the NHPF with your donations and brick orders which can be sent to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. It is the only way

to preserve the history, show case the present and build the future of horseshoe pitching – the game we all love and enjoy.



HALL OF FAME

by Vicki Winston

Hello again. I trust everyone has survived the winter and that you are looking forward to spring and outdoor horseshoe pitching activities. Indoor facilities are nice, but it's also nice to be outside on a warm sunny day with only the sky as a ceiling.

By the time you read this, the Hall of Fame committee will be well into the voting process for the 2010 election. We have received several new nominations and I thank the people who took the time to gather the information and send the nominations in. The screening committee accepted most of them, but did have to reject a few because the individuals did not have sufficient credentials to be candidates at this time. Those have been returned to the sender. A nominee will remain on the ballot until such time as they are elected or two consecutive years go by in which they did not receive any support.

I am noticing that some nominations are sent with very few details or statistics. The committee needs lots of facts and details and in the case of players; we need Tournament Names, dates, locations, place finished, W-L record and ringer percentage. Because this is the National Hall of Fame, we are most concerned with performances in World Tournament Championship Classes of adult divisions. In the Promoter/Organizer category we need a list of the achievements of the nominee and the service that has been rendered to the NHPA over a period of years. If they have been awarded the Stokes Award, or a NHPA Achievement Award, what did they do that earned them

this honor? Thanks for your cooperation when submitting future nominations. Remember that there is a printable Hall of Fame Nomination Form on the HOF link of the NHPA website. You may submit nominations at anytime of the year.

Here are the names that will appear on the 2010 NHPA Hall of Fame ballot. Some are from way back in our history.

Player

Harold Anthony
Ed Arionus
Charles Bobbitt
Ron Deckard
Mike DiMartino
Harvey Elmerston
Amy (Brown) Francis
Maxine Griffith
Clayton "Boo" Henson
Paul LaCrosse
Monte Latino
Loren May
Robert "Bob" May
Spud Napier
Marlene Ray
Ron Simmons
Ralph Simon
Roy Smith

Promoter/Organizer

G. A. Berger
Charles Bunner
Frank Crum
Alex Cummings
Alvin Dahlene
Joe Faron II
Will Gullickson
Harry G. Haynes
Anne Heenan
Glenn Jamieson
Ken Kosky
Genevieve Lavett
Donald Maine
Dennis Ohms
Dan Sanders
Casey Sluys
Steve Summerlin
William Weis
Verdan Zelmar

DICK HANSEN CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER

I would like to announce that I will be a candidate for re-election as NHPA Secretary-Treasurer. I want to take this time to thank everyone for your support over the past 14 years in this position. It has been a real privilege for me to serve the NHPA at this level. It is a daily challenge running the day-to-day operation of the NHPA, but I am looking forward to at least two more years.

A special thanks to the other members of the NHPA Council, both past and present, for their support over the years. They are a big reason this position is enjoyable and rewarding. My time on the NHPA Council dates back to 1993; seems like yesterday. I still very much enjoy working with all NHPA members, but mostly with all the first time entrants we get each year at the World Tournament. The World Tournament is just like any other tournament, but on a very large scale and it can be intimidating to anyone that has never been there before. My goal is to try and remind them to just relax and most important have fun. After all, is that not what it is all about?

Thank you again for your support and hope to see many of you in Cedar Rapids, IA.

JERRY LABROSSE CANDIDATE FOR NHPA 4TH VICE PRESIDENT

I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election to the position of NHPA 4th Vice President. I have enjoyed serving the NHPA in this capacity for the past four years as the chairman of the Rules, Grievance, and Convention Minutes Committees. I have just gotten started on the new position of Charter Communications and have already visited with many charter presidents. I am excited to work with all the charters in developing a clear and complete communications channel with the NHPA Executive Council. It is my sincere hope that together we can improve and promote all charters and grow your membership. With your support I am confident that this new position will be successful.

TINA HAWKINS CANDIDATE FOR NHPA 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe my first term as your NHPA 2nd Vice President is nearing an end. I feel like I've only just begun.

When it comes to publicity and promotional plans and ideas, I really HAVE only just begun. There are so many more items that I want to accomplish for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. So many things are in the works that need time to develop.

I am still promoting the "Horseshoe Pitching Is Fun" event as a major recruiting opportunity for members at the local, state and national level. We acquired several new members from the events that were held in 2009 – those who chose to participate were very positive with their feedback. With more time to plan and a broader time span, we should see even greater benefit in 2010. Plans are underway for a "sister" event as well.

There are plans for a recruitment video aimed at new junior members, as well as other promotional materials which I will be taking pictures for at the 2010 World Tournament, benefits for members and so much more!!

I hope that I have been able to make a difference during this term in office. With your support for re-election, I will put forth every effort to make an even bigger difference in the upcoming term.

I have a passion for the growth and advancement of our sport, for your enjoyment of the game and for the benefits of being a member of the NHPA.

Thank you for all the support and input you have given me since I became your Publicity/Promotions Director. Hopefully, you will let me continue in this role so I can bring all my ideas to light... Two years just isn't enough! Thank you again for your support and hope to see many of you in Cedar Rapids, IA.

WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE

by Stu Sipma

The bidding deadline for sites to submit a bid to host the 2012 World Horseshoe is March 15, 2010. I have been in contact with many sites thanks to the conferences I attended this past year at Connect Market Place and TEAMS (Travel, Events, and Management in Sports). To date, the NHPA has received no signed contracts, however, I am proud to announce that we have two sites who have verbally announced their intention to bid and will have their signed contracts to us by the deadline.

Knoxville, Tennessee and York, Pennsylvania are both preparing their trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa in July in hopes of winning the delegates vote to host the 2012 World Tournament. One other site is still waiting approval from the City Commissioners and that site is Charleston, West Virginia.

Following is an updated report on each bidding site.

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 23rd - August 4th

The Knoxville Tourism and Sports Corporation (KTSC) is the perfect partner to host the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association annual World Horseshoe/Championship Tournament in 2012! The KTSC can put together an impressive package to host a phenomenal event at the stunning Knoxville Convention Center (KCC). The KCC's Exhibit Hall "B" features 50,000 sq. ft. of exhibit hall floor space to house fifty sets of portable courts and two playoff courts with plenty of extra room. This facility has an underground loading dock featuring nine truck bays for easy off loading of material and courts. It has drive-on access via ramp door with 27' wide x 16' height freight doors. Concessions and restrooms are located on exhibit floor. The facility has 30' ceiling height plenty of room for the high arch pitchers. We will also include "free parking" which was not included in the first bid try.

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

The city's downtown area is bursting with arts and culture with the Emporium Center for Arts & Culture and the

modern Knoxville Museum of Art – not to mention the Tennessee Theatre, the state's official theatre and one of the few great movie palaces from the Roaring '20s still in operation.

If you're in the mood for some fine southern cookin', enjoy Calhoun's on the River, famous for its delectable barbeque and ribs, located right in downtown Knoxville on Volunteer Landing, a two-mile waterfront walkway. Or if you've got a sweet tooth, the South's Finest Chocolate Factory in downtown Knoxville has been producing more than 100 fine chocolates and candies for more than a decade!

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

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

Choosing Knoxville for the 2012 National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America Annual National Convention & World Championships will make you feel as if you're experiencing the event for the first time. With our fresh, state-of-the-art Knoxville Convention Center and amazing facilities, accommodations, restaurants and attractions, you're sure to have an experience of a lifetime. You'll also experience southern hospitality at its finest – whether it's with a smile and a wave or a warm "hello," our residents will make you feel right at home! VOTE FOR KNOXVILLE and you can't go wrong!

YORK, PENNSYLVANIA

July 16th – July 28th

York County looks forward to welcoming the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association World Tournament back to Pennsylvania in 2012.

The York Expo Center offers a variety of outstanding amenities for the 2012 World Tournament, including first-class facilities, superior service, and a central location in the center of Pennsylvania's #1 Tourist Region.

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

We look forward to welcoming the event back to the York Expo Center in 2012.

Pitch & Play in York, PA

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

- **15 FREE Factory Tours**

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

- **Award-Winning Wines**

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

- **Compelling History**

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

- **Affordable Lodging**

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

- **Delicious Dining Choices**

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

Unbeatable Location

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

We look forward to welcoming all of our horseshoe pitching friends and their families back to York in 2012.

Following is updated information on the 2010 and 2011 host sites:

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

July 26th – August 7th, 2010

Iowa is known for many things like its *first in the nation status for political caucuses* and the phrase "*Is this heaven? No, it's Iowa.*" Iowa is from an Indian word meaning "*this is the place*" or "*the beautiful land.*"

The members of the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association wish to share the beauty of the state with you in 2010. They are inviting the NHPA to attend the World Tournament in one of its family-friendly cities, Cedar Rapids. The tournament will be taking place on July 26 – August 7 under one roof at the eight-year-old Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. This state-of-the-art building has ample space for the tournament office, awards presentations and exhibitors. Spectators will have a clear view to cheer on participants from the comfortable and cool seating areas, and ample parking surrounding the building is free.

Camping for self-contained motor homes will be available on site and additional camping is just a five-minute drive from the tournament venue. For competitors desiring hotel accommodations, 1500 rooms are located no more than three miles away offering a range of prices and amenities. Eighteen shaded horseshoe courts in scenic Ellis Park, located along the banks of the Cedar River, will be available for those wishing to practice.

Spend your free time away from the tournament enjoying the history, unique food experience and handcrafts available in the seven authentic German Villages of the Amana Colonies. This unique area was settled as a communal society 150 years ago and today balances the old traditions with the new.

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The Czechoslovakian and Slovak heritage is strong in Cedar Rapids. Discover why the National Czech & Slovak Museum is known internationally for its folk art and costumes, fine art, history exhibits and 1880 immigrant home. More Cedar Rapids area attractions and entertainment options (including area casinos) can be found at www.cedar-rapids.com.

Iowa is located in the heart of the nation and is easy to reach. The Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association excitedly extends an invitation to you to discover this "beautiful land" and exclaim that "this is the place" to hold the NHPA World Tournament in 2010!

MONROE/WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA July 18th – July 30th, 2011

Monroe/West will host the 2011 World Tournament. Preparations have already started with the organizing and planning. Alana Cooper and Scot Bruscato will be working hard at making this event a very successful one.

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

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

The largest full service meeting facility in Northeast Louisiana is the Monroe Civic Center. With easy access from Interstate 20, it is a quick

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

The entry form for the 2010 W.T. at Cedar Rapids, Iowa is on the NHPA website and in this issue of Newslines. Don't forget to get your reservations into Dick Hansen; the deadline is May 13, 2010.

Look forward to seeing everything there.



The advertisement features two horseshoes: a 'GORDON' horseshoe on the left and a 'LEGEND' horseshoe on the right. The 'GORDON' horseshoe is shown in a dark, metallic finish with the name 'GORDON' embossed on its top. The 'LEGEND' horseshoe is shown in a lighter, metallic finish with the name 'LEGEND' embossed on its top. Below the horseshoes, the text reads: "Gordon and Legend Horseshoes are pitched successfully by both flip and turn players. Order today and discover why World Horseshoe Pitching Champions have preferred them. Drop Forged (The only way to make Horseshoes) - Carbon Steel - Hardened Tips Medium Soft - 2.8 lbs - One year Guarantee - NHPA Sanctioned". At the bottom, the Omega Horseshoe Co. logo is displayed, along with the phone number 1-877-865-1066, the email sales@gordonhorseshoes.com, the website www.OmegaHorseshoes.com, and the address 777 West Midvalley Road, Cedar City, Utah 84721. There are also logos for Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express, and a note that the horseshoes are also available from www.dennishorseshoes.com & NHPA Distributors.

SANCTIONED ADULT LEAGUE 2009 TOP TEN LIST

ADULT NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED DISTANCE

High Point Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	128.06
2	Brian Simmons	Sodbusters, VT	121.23
3	Nick DiRaimo	Heart of America, MO	116.90
4	Bobby Vandivier	Danville, IL	116.20
5	Craig Schadler	Crossville, TN	114.67
6	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	114.50
7	Gary Urish	Peoria, IL	113.63
8	Debra Brown	Sodbusters, VT	112.70
9	Jerry Wykle	Mountaineer, WV	112.00
10	Verdell Woollard	Bradenton, FL	110.84

High Point Game

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	145
2	Debra Brown	Sodbusters, VT	143
3	Brian Simmons	Sodbusters, VT	136
4	Gary Urish	Peoria, IL	136
5	Tonja Pettit	Hardin County, OH	135
6	Verdell Woollard	Bradenton, FL	135
7	Elmo Cox	Crossville, TN	134
8	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	134
9	Craig Schadler	Crossville, TN	133
10	Bobby Vandivier	Danville, IL	133

High Points over Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Pat Wernhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	48.18
2	John Green	Try County, OH	42.05
3	Janet Havlovic	Pawnee Ringers, NE	40.70
4	John Lotz	Crossville, TN	40.23
5	Carroll Sinclair	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	38.19
6	Don Gibbons	Try County, OH	37.44
7	Lisa Lackardy	Sodbusters, VT	36.95
8	Ralph Richardson	Lions Park, MO	36.82
9	Elmo Cox	Crossville, TN	36.80
10	Dorinda Johnson	Minot, ND	36.66

MEN'S DIVISION-40ft. DISTANCE

High Ringer Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	%
1	Elbert Shifflett	Frederick, MD	75.00%
2	Brian Simmons	Sodbusters, VT	74.15%
3	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	68.54%
4	Gary Urish	Peoria, IL	67.25%
5	Randy Rein	Mosinee, WI	67.07%
6	Gary Roberts	Ross County, OH	65.78%
7	Jerry Wykle	Mountaineer, WV	65.14%
8	Glenn Ellis	New Haven, CT	64.00%
9	Allen Withrow	Mountaineer, WV	61.43%
10	Bill Navratil	Central CT., CT	60.06%

High Ringer Game

Pos	Name	Club/State	%
1	Glenn Ellis	New Haven, CT	93.33%
2	Randy Rein	Mosinee, WI	90.00%
3	Elbert Shifflett	Frederick, MD	88.00%
4	Gary Urish	Peoria, IL	88.00%
5	Dave Lick	New Haven, CT	86.67%
6	Brian Simmons	Sodbusters, VT	86.00%
7	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	84.00%
8	Randy Smith	Central CT., CT	83.33%
9	Greg Crocker	New Haven, CT	80.00%
10	Bill Navratil	Central CT., CT	80.00%
10	Gary Roberts	Ross County, OH	80.00%

High Ringer Game over Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Gil Gonsalves	Loon Pond, MA	40.49
2	Carl Potter	Central CT., CT	39.29
3	Trent Bradford	Mosinee, WI	34.92
4	Randy Smith	Central CT., CT	33.22
5	James McCain, Jr.	Shreveport, LA	32.96
6	Andrew Miller	Loon Pond, MA	32.27
7	Roosevelt Morse	Shreveport Moose Lodge #2239, LA	31.98
8	Ralph Richardson	Lions Park, MO	31.49
9	Mike Draugelis	Central CT., CT	31.35
10	Dean Loucks	New Haven, CT	31.18

MEN'S DIVISION-30ft. DISTANCE

High Ringer Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	%
1	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	81.54%
2	Hershel Walters	Plymouth, IN	75.97%
3	Nick DiRaimo	Heart of America, MO	70.80%
4	Craig Schadler	Crossville, TN	70.08%
5	Bobby Vandivier	Danville, IL	69.67%
6	Paul McGee	Frederick, MD	69.53%
7	Elmo Cox	Crossville, TN	68.53%
8	Doug Farnsworth	Crossville, TN	65.12%
9	Robert Booe	Liberty, MO	63.55%
10	Bill Maples	Brevard County, FL	63.22%

High Ringer Game

Pos	Name	Club/State	%
1	Hershel Walters	Plymouth, IN	97.20%
2	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	96.00%
3	Craig Schadler	Crossville, TN	90.00%
4	Elmo Cox	Crossville, TN	86.00%
5	Alfred Henness	Ross County, OH	85.00%
6	Earl Wyatt	Crossville, TN	85.00%
7	Bobby Vandivier	Danville, IL	84.00%
8	Doug Farnsworth	Crossville, TN	82.50%
9	Bill Maples	Brevard County, FL	82.50%
10	Nick DiRaimo	Liberty, MO	82.00%
10	Paul McGee	Frederick, MD	82.00%

High Ringer Game over Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Melvin Bair	Troy, OH	35.44
2	John Cowen	Whitley County, IN	35.42
3	John Olson	Mosinee, WI	35.35
4	Norm Ricard	Gate City Clangers, NH	31.82
5	David Moody	Shreveport, LA	31.48
6	John Lotz	Crossville, TN	30.23
7	Carroll Sinclair	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	30.06
8	Leroy Dooley	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	29.84
9	Bob Holte	Minot, ND	29.57
10	Paul Howard	Greater Lansing, MI	28.57

WOMEN'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	%
1	Rivers Prewette	Blue Barn, NC	74.95%
2	Debra Brown	Sodbusters, VT	70.49%
3	Gert Wilcziek	Eou Claire, WI	69.95%
4	Verdell Woollard	Bradenton, FL	65.55%
5	Tonja Pettit	Hardin County, OH	64.89%
6	Shelia Shepard	Denver Metro, CO	64.80%
7	Debbie Burrows	Brevard County, FL	60.63%
8	Tiffany Syring	Close Doesn't Count, WI	60.63%
9	Penny Steinke	Muskego Moose, WI	60.59%
10	Carolyn Coyle	Whitley County, IN	57.84%

High Ringer Game

Pos	Name	Club/State	%
1	Debra Brown	Sodbusters, VT	94.00%
2 tie	Rivers Prewette	Blue Barn, NC	90.00%
2 tie	Connie Reimer	Whitley County, IN	90.00%
3	Verdell Woollard	Bradenton, FL	88.00%
4	Tonja Pettit	Hardin County, OH	86.00%
5	Shelia Shepard	Denver Metro, CO	86.00%
6	Pam Maples	Brevard County, FL	85.00%
7	Gert Wilcziek	Eou Claire, WI	84.00%
8	Dorinda Johnson	Minot, ND	80.00%
9	Carolyn Lloyd	Blue Barn, ND	80.00%
10	Roena Branson	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	78.00%

High Ringer Game over Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Pat Knapp-Harwood	Gate City Clangers, NH	36.94
2	Connie Reimer	Whitley County, IN	34.50
3	Deb Scully	Central CT., CT	33.30
4	Debby Smith	Central CT., CT	31.56
5	Carolyn Lloyd	Blue Barn, NC	31.26
6	Karen Dudley	Ross County, OH	31.09
7	Dorinda Johnson	Minot, ND	30.89
8	Patti Smith	Shreveport, LA	30.16
9	Mindy Adams	Troy, OH	29.12
10	Donna Bastel	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	28.85

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SANCTIONED JUNIOR LEAGUE 2009 TOP TEN LIST

NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED BOYS/GIRLS

High Point Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Michael Bowman	Heart of America, MO	119.67
2	Abby Green	Try County, OH	91.37
3	Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	83.46
4	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	83.00
5	Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	81.28
6	Alex Roberts	Liberty, MO	78.59
7	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	76.28
8	Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	70.82
9	David Heathman	Shelbina Library Park, MO	68.83
10	Brianna McCormick	Sodbusters, VT	63.06

High Ringer Game

Pos	Name	Club/State	%
1	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	100%
2	Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	68.00%
3	Alex Roberts	Liberty, MO	66.00%
4	Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	62.00%
5	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	62.00%
6	David Heathman	Shelbina Library Park, MO	56.00%
7	Beau Davison	Close Doesn't Count, WI	55.00%
8	Thomas Rodriguez	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	54.00%
9	Joe Rolles	Fridley, MN	54.00%
10	Seth Aho	Cokato, MN	52.50%

High Ringer Game over Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Chessa Baumgardner	Minot, ND	27.31
2	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	26.21
3	Abby Green	Try County, OH	22.20
4	Savanna Johnson	Liberty, MO	18.35
5	Jennifer Trader	Grand Forks, ND	18.27
6	Heather Selleck	Sodbusters, VT	17.61
7	Sarah Meiklejohn	Frederick, MD	17.40
8	Brittney Miller	Isanti, MN	17.17
9	Hannah Dods	Lions Park, MO	16.58
10	Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	16.33

High Point Game

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	150
2	Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	114
3	Abby Green	Try County, OH	113
4	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	109
5	Alex Roberts	Liberty, MO	108
6	Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	104
7	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	103
8	Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	102
9	David Heathman	Shelbina Library Park, MO	94
10	Thomas Rodriguez	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	93

High Ringer Game over Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	26.75
2	Thomas Rodriguez	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	23.75
3	Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	22.93
4	Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	22.75
5	Michael Leger	Liberty, MO	22.44
6	David Heathman	Shelbina Library Park, MO	22.33
7	Noah Heathman	Shelbina Library Park, MO	21.71
8	Ryan Fryou	Bayou, LA	21.67
9	Kiefer Forck	Capitol City, MO	21.53
10	Mike Waataja	Litchfield, MN	21.42

High Points over Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Chessa Baumgardner	Minot, ND	41.60
2	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	33.38
3	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	32.72
4	Thomas Rodriguez	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	32.08
5	Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	31.18
6	Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	30.54
7	Savanna Johnson	Liberty, MO	29.53
8	Alex Roberts	Liberty, MO	29.41
9	Tyler Fishbaugh	Lions Park, MO	27.54
10	Michael Leger	Liberty, MO	27.10

GIRL'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	%
1	Abby Green	Try County, OH	47.87%
2	Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	43.67%
3	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	41.79%
4	Brianna McCormick	Sodbusters, VT	28.94%
5	Savanna Johnson	Heart of America, MO	28.13%
6	Charlsie Bahret	Topeka, KS	22.38%
7	Kelsey Howler	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	22.00%
8	Jennifer Trader	Grand Forks, ND	19.73%
9	Chessa Baumgardner	Minot, ND	18.69%
10	Hannah Dods	Lions Park, MO	17.42%

BOY'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	%
1	Michael Bowman	Heart of America, MO	74.44%
2	Alex Roberts	Liberty, MO	45.38%
3	Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	45.25%
4	Jordan Salazar	Pueblo, CO	44.93%
5	Rusty Muncy	Lake Isabella, CA	41.44%
6	Joe Rolles	Fridley, MN	39.25%
7	Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	39.07%
8	Seth Aho	Cokato, MN	38.67%
9	Beau Davison	Close Doesn't Count, WI	37.08%
10	David Heathman	Shelbina Library Park, MO	33.67%

High Ringer Game

Pos	Name	Club/State	%
1 tie	Lisa Atwell	Burbank-Joslyn, CA	68.00%
1 tie	Abby Green	Try County, OH	68.00%
2	Aleena Cook	Fleet Reserve, WI	60.00%
3 tie	Chessa Baumgardner	Minot, ND	46.00%
3 tie	Savanna Johnson	Heart of America, MO	46.00%
4	Brianna McCormick	Sodbusters, VT	44.00%
5	Jennifer Trader	Grand Forks, ND	38.00%
6	Hannah Dods	Lions Park, MO	34.00%
7	Kelsey Howler	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	34.00%
8	Charlsie Bahret	Topeka, KS	32.50%
9	Heather Selleck	Sodbusters, VT	28.00%
10	Kelli Matheme	Bayou, LA	27.50%

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