

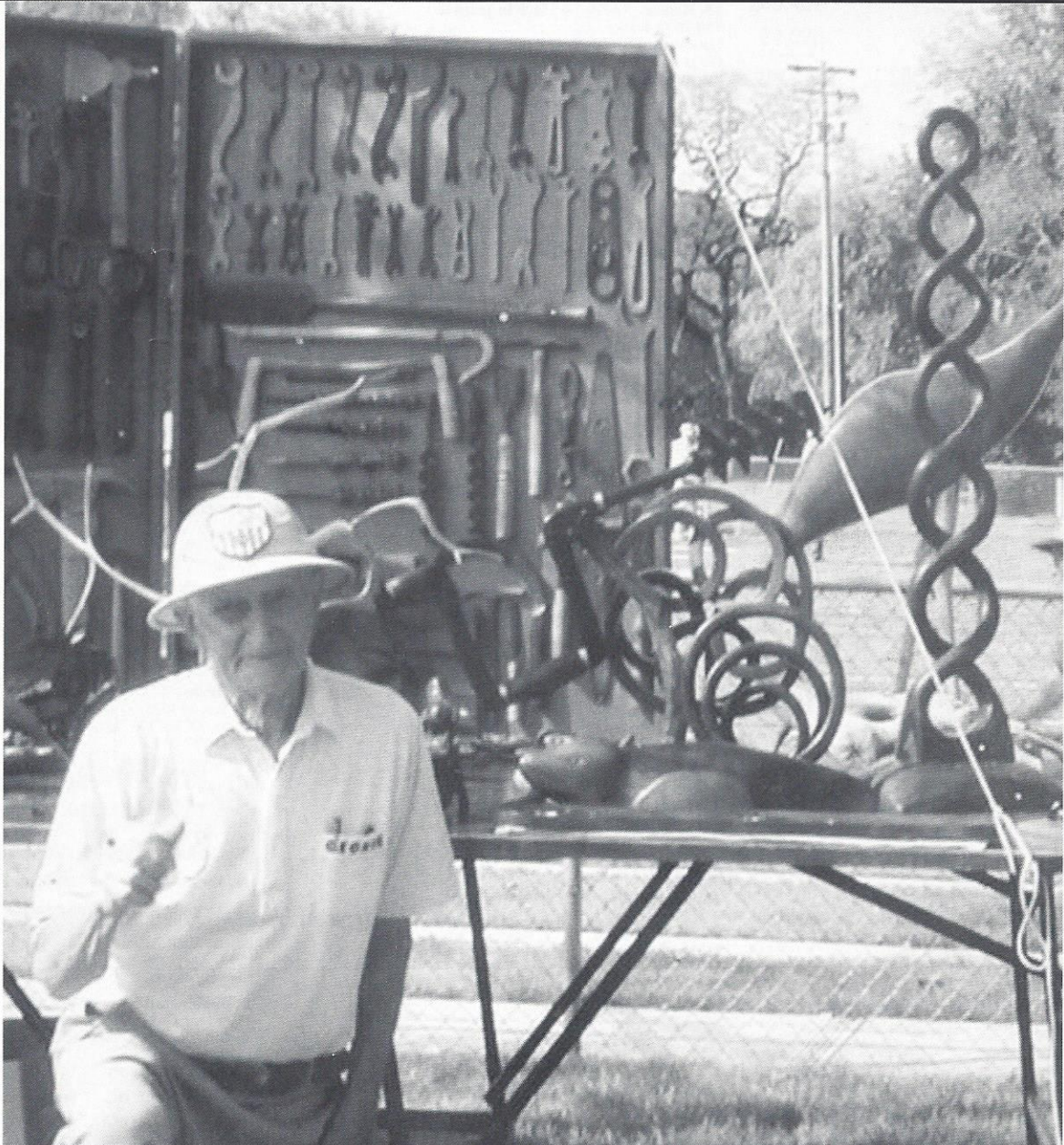


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Cover: George Greeott of Greeott Grabber fame (pictured with some of his own wood carving creations) celebrated his 100th Birthday on April 30, 2010.

George quit pitching when he was 92 and is a 47 year member of the NHPA.

He's lived in Healdsburg, CA all his life, on his old family farm. George attended the Red Deer WT in 2002. George will fondly tell you that he's a member of the PGA, farming Prunes, Grapes and Apples.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stu Sipma

As I am writing this article, I am flying back from an Advisory Meeting which Collinson Publishing sponsored and invited me to attend. The meeting was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The meeting with Collinson consisted of a team of twelve Sporting Event Organizers (like myself) looking at ways of changing Collinson education seminars and appointments at their Connect Marketplace Conference which is being held this August in Louisville, KY.

During the one day meeting, I was able to capture some new ideas for promoting our sport which have been very successful with other Sport Organizers. The world is a changing place and I feel we all need to be flexible and change with the times. There are many different kinds of communication tools that exist to better enhance the way we communicate. Bottom line is "if we want this sport to grow, we all need to communicate better". To do this, I will be working with Tina and Jerry to get their ideas on the best method to apply these communication tools. Dick Hansen reported to the Council that adult membership has dropped 3.76% since last year. We lost four hundred and forty-five adults and thirty-six juniors. This is very disturbing to me, which is why I would like all of you, when you start getting your leagues established, to sign up at least one new member. Can you imagine if everyone signed up one new member, we would end up doubling our membership? Wouldn't that be great for horseshoes! With the weak economy, the rising cost of fuel and the fact horseshoes is a reasonable family sport, there should be no reason why we cannot grow our sport. There are many people looking for something to do, why not horseshoes?

Some of the other things I learned in talking to other Sporting Organizers is that over the past six years of attending TEAMS and CONNECT Conferences many groups don't even know we exist! Why is that? My thoughts are we are not doing a good job of promoting our sport. Tina Hawkins your Promotions Director has begun creating promotional material which

she plans on sending out to all Charters upon request. I am expecting the Charter Presidents (if you do not have a promotional person in place) to make sure this material gets out to the local clubs. Awareness is the key and it is up to each of us to make this happen.

Not only is the NHPA supplying the needed materials to promote and grow the sport, Jerry LaBrosse has been working at establishing communications with the fifty-two Charter Presidents. If we're going to be successful, we need to hear back from you on what you want the NHPA to be doing. I have suggested setting up objectives with timelines to make sure we have a way to measure the success. This will be discussed more at the State Officers meeting at the World Tournament.

Speaking of the World Tournament, it is just around the corner and it will be here before we know it. You need to get your four sanction tournaments in to qualify for this event. Entry forms are out. Ralph Palmer, Host Director and also the President of the Ar-Jay Center at Cedar Rapids, Iowa will be the facility hosting this event starting July 26th - August 7th. The same pitching format will be used as last year. Two ice hockey arenas will be utilized

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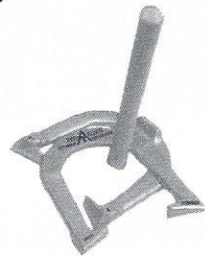
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to house the fifty-two portable horseshoe courts needed to accommodate the 1300 plus entries we are expecting. Entry form deadline is May 13, 2010, so make sure you get yours in. With the excellent geographic location of Cedar Rapids, I am expecting a great turn out.

This year at the World Tournament you will see a few new changes. I hope all of you will enjoy them and I invite your feedback regarding these changes and any other ideas you think would make the World Tournament a better event for you and others to participate in. It is one of my goals to take this sport to the next level.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Cedar Rapids. Bring me some new ideas along with recommendations on how to implement your thoughts. Travel safe and if there's anything you need, call me or drop me an e-mail.

Have fun in your leagues and I hope you have a good year of pitching!



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2012 World Tournament bid payments	\$ 17,666.66
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$ 3,000.00
Membership Dues	\$ 36,681.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$ 4,351.00
NHPA Logo Use Fees	\$ 400.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$ 30.78
US Bank Flex Perks	\$ 110.00
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$ 17.09

TOTAL **\$ 62,256.53**

Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$ 6,900.70
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$ 902.33
Sanctioned League Postage & Printing	\$ 185.20
Sanction League Office Supplies and Telephone	\$ 111.19
All Junior Scholarship Trusts	\$ 280.31
World Tournament Admin. Cost, Printing, Office Supplies, Etc	\$ 1,612.50
Hall of Fame Awards supplies & Expenses	\$ 2,059.69
Regional Director Allowance	\$ 4,529.20
Regional Director Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$ 70.75
Equipment purchases, rentals & Repairs	\$ 340.74
Printing, paper & office supplies	\$ 3,623.25
Postage	\$ 728.33
Officers Telephone	\$ 164.41
Officers Travel	\$ 4,274.49
Sec/Treas Allowance	\$ 3,400.00
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Special Events	\$ 249.99
Refunds	\$ 28.00
NatStats	\$ 1,026.00
Internet Access & Web Site	\$ 388.33

TOTAL **\$ 41,792.21**

From the books of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT

by Lorraine Sternberg

We will soon be approaching the summer horseshoe season. It is the time of the year that we all look forward to; the clang of the horseshoe. With the start of leagues beginning, remember to get your membership reports in as soon as possible, so that your club is covered by the NHPA insurance. I am glad to report that for the 2009 season we were up in league pitching. We had a total of 4,936 pitchers pitching in leagues. That is up 76 pitchers from 2008. Hopefully, in 2010 we can increase our league members another 76 pitchers. The Valley Horseshoe Club of Connecticut had the most pitchers. They had 152 pitchers in their league. The Quail Ridge Club of Missouri, home of the NHPA Hall of Fame had 133 pitchers. In Minnesota, the North Mankato Club had 126 pitchers. The largest all women's league was First Capitol Women's, from Missouri with 53 women pitching on their league. And the Liberty Junior League, from Missouri had the most juniors, with 21 pitching. These clubs have done a great job promoting horseshoes.

I received two letters from juniors that were recipients from the League Scholarship Program.

Jade Maestas wrote:

Birthdate 6-04-1991 Born-Rock Springs, WY.

I graduated from Rock Springs, Wyoming in May of 1991. I turned 18 on June 4th. I am still playing juniors in Horseshoes.

I am currently attending the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I am Majoring in Marine Biology. Fall 2009 I did the Marine Option Program where they teach us how to rescue the Sea Mammals. I am also taking Scuba Diving: I will be doing my Advance Scuba Diving in the Spring Semester. I am also learning how to do Hawaiian Dances. Thank You So Much for the Scholarship it will help me buy my books.

Aleena Cook wrote:

Dear NHPA,

Thank you for the Scholar Pitcher Scholarship. This scholarship will be used to advance my education in the medical field for me to become a dentist. This year I have maintained my grade point average of 3.8. I am also a member of the National Honor Society, have lettered in three sports, and hold offices in various other clubs.

I appreciate this Scholar Pitcher Program. I am also grateful for the travel, the competition, and the many, many friendships I have gained over the years through the support of both the NHPA and the WHPA. See you on the Courts!

I am hoping that all juniors pitching in a sanctioned league this year take advantage of the Sanctioned League Scholarship Program. Once again you can check out the requirements in your Red Book on page 23. Both Jade and Aleena received a \$100 scholarship, along with a plaque.

The National Sanctioned League Tournament entry form is in this issue of Newslines. Once again this year, the tournament will be held at the Hall of Fame Facility in Missouri. The dates will be October 9th & 10th. The tournament will be limited to 20 teams, so enter early, as this is becoming a very popular event. I expect it to fill up fast.

May you all have a great summer season! Don't forget to introduce someone new to your club, so that they can join in the sport that we all have come to love. This is how we will continue to grow in league play. If anyone would like to submit a note about their club and any suggestions as to how they have recruited new members, I would be glad to include it in my articles.

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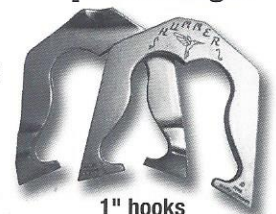
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TOLL OF TIME

Dean E. Curry

Lewiston, Idaho

Dean E. Curry passed away Monday, January 11, 2010 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Idaho; he was 85 years of age. Dean was born April 10, 1924 in Winchester to Matthew and Mabel Scott Curry. His family moved to Clarkston in 1931 and Dean attended Clarkston schools, graduating in 1942. While in school he was a three-year letterman in basketball and baseball.

After high school Dean joined the U.S. Army and served as an engineer in the South Pacific during 1943-1945. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant.

After the war, Dean went to work for Potlatch Forests Inc. where he was employed from 1947 to 1987 when he retired. He was married in 1946 and later divorced; they had four children.

Dean was a member of the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association from 1964 to 2006.

Between 1964 and 1992 Dean won the Idaho State Horseshoe Championship 14 times. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Clarkston and the Eagles Aerie in Lewiston. Dean loved to fish for Steelhead with his son Mike.

Surviving Dean are son, Mike Curry of Lewiston; son, Darrel Curry and wife, Vicki of Lakeview, Oregon; son, Steve Curry of Lewiston; daughter, Monica Sticker-Terry of Clarkston; and sisters, Kathryn Dickamore of Lewiston and Joy Van Cleave of Seattle.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Matthew and Mabel Curry; a brother Dale Curry and a sister, Ruby McMurray.

Dale E. Seybert

Nebraska

January 24, 1926 – December 16, 2009

It is with great sadness that I announce that the eight-time Nebraska State Champion and Nebraska Hall of Fame inductee, Dale Seybert, has passed away. Dale was well known all over the State of Nebraska. He pitched in many tournaments state-wide; for many years being one of the top pitchers in Nebraska. He was instrumental in keeping the Nebraska City Courts open for tournaments for many years.

Respectfully submitted
Boyd Hageman ENHPA President

Lee Arthur Wallace

Oregon

5/14/1925 - 3/5/2010

Oregon's horseshoe community has lost a man always willing to go the extra mile for the goal of enhancing our sport in so many ways. After a lengthy illness and a brave fight with colon cancer, Lee Wallace left our midst March 5th. A private family memorial service was held in his hometown of Dallas, OR, attended by a National Honor Guard in honor of his military service.

Lee Wallace was the one to go to if you needed an idea - if a project needed a boost - if you needed information - good conversation- a laugh - an encouraging word. Lee has been described by friends as "honest as the day is long, always has a smile for everyone, courteous, honest, lovable, caring....." "Lee always has a good attitude and is upbeat. He is always doing something to entertain. Being around him just makes you feel good all over! He is just a wonderful man!" The accolades could go on as we remember a man much loved in Oregon - and by his many friends and associates in the NHPA and NHPF.

Lee's career as a veterinarian led him to the Bend area and friendship with a group of men who became charter members of the Central Oregon Horseshoe Club. Our Oregon State Men's Champion, Bill Graham, Jr., was quoted in a recent Oregon newsletter article about Lee Wallace: "He is a rare man - there should be more Mr. Lees. Lee is a young man of life, not age, because he is ageless." Bill, Jr. recalls, "Every time I am with Lee it is a wild and crazy time. He is one of my very best friends, though nearly 30 years my senior, but it's as if we are the same age. Guess we will never grow up!"

Two of Lee's enduring contributions to horseshoes in Oregon have been in helping to develop our Traveling Museum and procuring his large and impressive horseshoe collection, which he has passed on to Bill Graham, Jr. to continue. Bob Dunn, a fellow horseshoe collector, wrote, "Lee and I were good friends and met several times at World Tournaments to co-show the Horseshoe Traders. Just this past week I was in Wentzville tending to some tasks. He never made it to see the new NHPA Hall of Fame." And indeed, Lee was an enthusiastic supporter of the NHPF and the Hall of Fame.

Wallace was a memorabilia nut at heart and enjoyed searching out military items to add to his fantastic collection of uniforms and equipment. He compiled albums for each Oregon horseshoe club, with pictures he

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had taken at tournaments, and served for several years as curator of Oregon's museum collections.

This was Lee's 30th year of membership in OHPA and NHPA. He served our organizations well. Lee leaves to his loving wife of 60 years, "Ginny", and their children the legacy of a good man who lived a good life and was loved by all who knew him. His sense of humor and 'that Lee Wallace smile' will be missed but we each will carry memories in our hearts of how he made us feel. Goodbye, Mr. Lee Wallace, - you are a treasure.

Wayne H. Luoma, Sr.

Ohio

Wayne H. Luoma Sr., 82, lifelong resident Burton Township, died January 18th. The prized horseshoe courts at the Geauga County Fairgrounds were named for Wayne, an inductee into the Ohio Horseshoe Hall of Fame. He pitched numerous times in the World Horseshoe Tournament throughout the United States. His basement is full of trophies from many regional tournaments.

Born November 28, 1927, Wayne was the son of the late Solomon and Evelina (nee Hilla) Luoma. Wayne was the maintenance supervisor for Burton Rubber for 23 years, retiring in 1986. Later he became well known as a beloved Amish taxi driver in the Geauga County area.

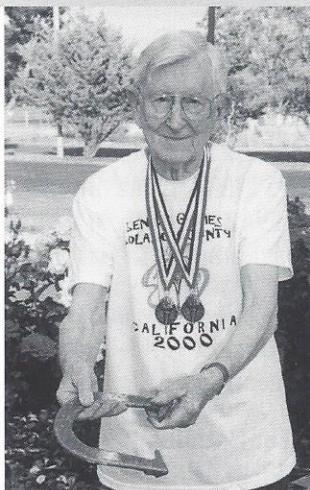
Wayne served in the U.S. Merchant Marines and the U.S. Army, the latter during WWII in Italy and the Korean War. He also enjoyed being a pilot, owning his own plane, playing baseball, coaching, spending time with his family and socializing at the Geauga County Senior Center.

Demonstrating a deep commitment to bettering his community, Wayne earned Burton's "Man of the Year Award". He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 60 years, Coralyn (nee Sawyer) Luoma; daughter Marie (Dennis) Wilmot; sons Wayne (Georgia) Luoma, Larry (Amanda) Luoma and Glenn Luoma; brothers Kit (Evie) Luoma and Ed Luoma; sister Anna Hollo; 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Herman (Red) Schneider

California



Red was born in St. Joseph, Minnesota and married Jeanette Kuehn in 1947. They lived in el Cerito, CA from 1957 until 1975 when they moved to Leisure Town in Vacaville, CA. Together they had a family of five. Red worked as a carrier Supervisor for the Berkeley Post Office.

Red enlisted in the Army in July of 1940 and was at Pearl Harbor on D-Day and was discharged in 1945.

While in the San Francisco Bay Area, Red heard about a horseshoe club in Oakland (Mosswood) where he became a member and played in the Northern California Association's tournaments for 20 years. Red maintained a 50% ringer average.


Upon moving to Leisure Town, Red and several other residents installed courts and the club had over 25 members.

Red always talked about what a great sport horseshoe pitching was and how many wonderful people he made friends with in the sport. Red was a fierce competitor and I for one will miss him.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dan Sanders

The Enforcement of our Playing Rules at the Local, State and National Levels

In some recent correspondence on our NHPA Forum (see www.horseshoepitching.com), a series of questions about our Playing Rules was asked by "Pitcher" (those who participate here in questions/responses may choose to remain anonymous). These are all very good questions that all of us should be concerned about, and since our Forum has a somewhat limited number of followers, I thought that including these questions, responses, and references here would reach more of our members. Here are the questions, followed by some answers. You may also want to read other questions and responses on the Forum. Hopefully, this information will be helpful to all pitchers, local clubs, Tournament Directors/Committees, Charter officers and Regional Directors; in all of our Charters. As with any set of rules, they become worthless if they are not enforced. We should all assume some of this responsibility.

Please note: page references, below, are for the recently Revised January 1, 2010 RGS Book.

Questions (with some edits):

- What should happen if the NHPA rule book (the RGS Book) is not followed in any state?
- Who is responsible to see that the rule book is followed... Any pitcher? The Tournament Director? The State Officers? The NHPA Council?
- What should happen when rules are not followed by a pitcher, tournament director, and/or the state officers, especially if they are aware of rules violations and may "look the other way"?
- Who should you go to/what can you do, to ensure that rules are followed by the state?

Response (some referenced information is included here):

Pitcher... Thanks for your questions about the Playing Rules and their enforcement. As has been pointed out by others in this thread, the ultimate responsibility for the enforcement of rules lies with the Charter Officers, and the penalties for their failure to insure that the rules are enforced can be found in Requirement 3, Section D, on page 25, as follows: *Each Charter must comply in all ways with The Official Playing Rules, Requirements, Guidelines, and Specifications, and with the Bylaws of the NHPA. Any deliberate violation of same will be cause for possible NHPA suspension of Charter Officers, the revocation of the Charter, or both.* This responsibility is, in turn, placed upon the Charter Tournament and League

Directors/Committees who are appointed, designated, and/or approved by the Charter Officers.

Perhaps even more importantly, all Charter Tournament Directors/Committees are to appoint a qualified judge(s) to monitor and enforce the playing rules, to assist pitchers with measurements, to explain the rules when appropriate, and to help run the tournament in other important ways. Please read/review Rule 5, Section B on Enforcing Violations (page 13), and Guideline 4 - Judging (see Responsibilities, Expectations and Duties on pages 31, 32). The importance of having a judge(s) on duty cannot be emphasized enough. Their visible presence on the courts alone will help to ensure that pitchers will be at least thinking more about rules and violations. In some cases the judge can/should issue warnings before enforcing a violation. Of course, the pitchers are also responsible for knowing and following the rules, and I don't think (for the most part) that pitchers purposely violate the rules (stepping on/over the foul line, for example). In most cases, pitchers are unaware that they are breaking a rule (or may not know the rule), and a polite reminder from the judge is usually sufficient.

And so the greatest responsibility for enforcing the playing rules lies with the judge. Also, according to the rules, *some rules violations can only be called by a judge* (see Rule 5, Section B.1 on page 13). Unfortunately, there are many local tournaments where a judge may not even have been appointed by the TD, and at some tournaments it may be difficult to find someone who is qualified and willing to judge. If so, this is unfortunate and is an area that many Charters should take a closer look at and attempt to improve upon.

For those, like yourself, who are concerned about playing rules violations that may be ignored, I would suggest that you start at the local level. Insist that there be a judge for your Class, and if none is provided, report this to your Regional Director and/or to all of your State Officers, in writing, and request a written reply/explanation. If the judge isn't doing his/her job, report this as well. After a meeting and/or discussion, perhaps the Charter Officers will consider a replacement for the current Tournament Director, if responsible judges are not provided for future tournaments. This should solve, or at least help to solve, the problem. Also, please consider volunteering to be a tournament judge, during a session when you are not pitching.

Thanks again for your questions/concerns. If these suggestions don't result in some improvement within a reasonable period of time, please keep us informed.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

by Debby Michaud, NHPA 5th VP

As I write this, we are edging ever closer to the 2010 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I hope that many of you can take part in this premier event of the NHPA. With new computerized scoring and "almost new" professional courts and walkways, we are hoping that this pitching experience will be one of your most fun and competitive tournaments.

As you know (if you have attended a previous World Tournament), the Regional Directors are responsible for the 'shoe check and check in procedures for each group of pitchers as they sign in for the first time. That first time is either a Monday or a Thursday of the first or second week.

For new pitchers, the procedure is this: All the pitchers in one flight line up to enter the check-in room.

What you will need to do is:

- 1.) Show your NHPA card
- 2.) Show your pitching shirt with your last name and the name of your state on the back of it. The name and state should be in clear letters big enough to see from a distance.
- 3.) Have your horseshoes (all of the ones you might use) weighed and measured. If they are too heavy or do not fit the specifications, they might have to be ground down – the NHPA will do that for you. (A good idea would be to have your 'shoes checked before you go to the World Tournament.)
- 4.) Then you will move on to the persons who will ask you what kind of horseshoes you have. We keep records of all the horseshoes that are pitched, we check that they are sanctioned shoes, and we also keep track of which shoes are most often out of spec. So please determine what brand of horseshoes you are using and know that before you get in that line – it will just help expedite the process.
- 5.) You will also have your hook checked to determine that it is acceptable according to the NHPA RGS booklet.
- 6.) After your brand of 'shoes is recorded, you will go to the table where you will pick up your permanent name paddle and your pitching schedule for that day. If you need reading glasses to read moderately small print, I suggest you bring your reading glasses with you to the competition!

- 7.) The final step is to go to the photo/waiting room to have group photos taken, to receive some final instructions, and to await the word that you may go to the courts and BEGIN your competition!

So, Bottom Line: Have everything with you that you will need to pitch INCLUDING your NHPA card, your pitching shirt, all the horseshoes that you plan to use and any accessories that you normally carry PRIOR to checking in. Arrive early and enjoy your three day competition!

To the Regional Directors: Good work with all of the patch orders. Orders are still coming in for extra patches so I am thinking that participation might be UP this year. I have been intrigued by the different formats that areas of the country use. In some areas, doubles competition is the "king", others have several leagues, and still others are mostly singles competition tournaments. Remember, next year is the "re-sanction your courts" year, so check your court facilities to see what might be needed to keep them in good shape so that pitchers will enjoy competing. I have already received one form from an RD that is getting a jump on this process and doing it a little early – good idea!

Ron Taylor, RD of South Carolina, has informed us that he will be hanging up his RD "hat" this year. Ron has put in many hours for horseshoes – he has served as president of the SC association, as RD, and as the "go-to" guy on the Horseshoe Pitching Pro Tour. We thank him for all of his work for our sport and hope he enjoys this "retirement". He will continue to be an "address" for RD questions in SC until a new RD is officially appointed. Thank you for all you have done, Ron!

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Some of the RD's already know this, but I will be compiling a booklet for RD's, especially new RD's, to use as a guideline. It will have all the paperwork that we use throughout the year and will have a chronological "guide" for what we are supposed to do during the year. RD's fulfill many roles including communication between the NHPA and their pitchers, promotion, and court/tournament sanctioning. I will accept any and all suggestions for what to put in this booklet and how to organize it. I hope to make it easier and simpler for all of us to do our jobs. Having said this, I am sure that many

of you have already made your own booklet or folder and that will continue to work for you. This booklet is by no means mandatory but will, hopefully, be a help to RD's now and in the future. There are MANY things RD's do, day in and day out, that they don't even remember that they do – they are a real boon to the NHPA.

In closing, let us continue to grow our memberships by increasing awareness of our sport (Horseshoe Pitching is Fun! Month, charity tournaments, publicity, etc.) and let us have a great 2010!

NHPA INSURANCE PROGRAM

by Dick Hansen

The NHPA Insurance Program is a \$3,000,000 liability policy that is provided by American Specialty Insurance & Risk Company in Indiana. This company also provides the insurance for the NHPA Hall of Fame building as well as an NHPA Officers and Directors policy.

The liability policy covers all NHPA Sanctioned Events, provided all NHPA rules and guidelines are followed. The policy covers you as a member or tournament director from lawsuits should someone get hurt by a horseshoe that goes over the fenced-in area of the courts. It will also cover property damage. Person injury cases are handled on a case-by-case basis.

It is important to remember that if you are pitching and/or in the confines of the court area and get hit by a horseshoe, in most cases this policy does not cover you. It is assumed that if you enter the court area as a pitcher or scorekeeper, you do so at your own risk. However, even some of these cases have been covered by the company in the past.

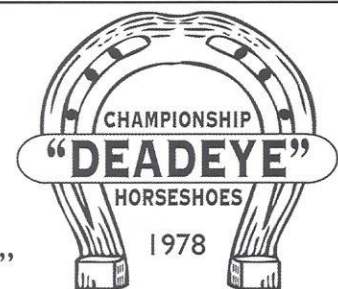
This policy is renewed annually the first of the year. At that time a certificate listing the Charter as the insured is sent to each Charter along with other claims forms that are provided by the insurance company. In some cases a Parks & Rec. Dept. where the courts are located may require that they be listed as co-insured. This the company will do at no cost to the club or the NHPA. A form is provided for this and can be obtained from the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. The form is then sent direct to the insurance

company. Contact information is at the bottom of the form.

New this year, the insurance company has agreed to cover NHPA Promotional Events, provided the setup of the horseshoe courts follows NHPA Rules and guidelines. Clubs or Charters can set up courts at stores or shopping malls and give demonstrations and even have non-members try the sport and the liability insurance will cover you. This is a big benefit to help recruit new members. This new policy is intended for Promotional Events only. All NHPA Sanctioned leagues and tournaments must still be 100% NHPA members to be covered.

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NATSTATS

by Glenn Jamieson

Here we are in another new year/season of horseshoe pitching. There are still several states with some tournament results not accounted for.

I need to know if those tournaments were cancelled or what? I track each state from tournament 001 thru 100 – or however many tournaments are scheduled for your state. I need either results or a note stating that tournament was cancelled. In checking your state on the NHPA website under NATSTATS – REPORTED EVENTS – there will be a blank space for any results I have no information for.

One BIG PROBLEM. Would someone write up an explanation for an Newsline article for those using the HSMMASTER program on how to submit tournament results to Natstats? I believe there are several ways of making a file of tournament results, and people keep sending me the wrong file. There is one file that doesn't even give the pitcher's name, just a code. So I have to write back asking for the correct file. Sometimes this can take place on the day or two before I am sending out averages for the NHPA website update, so by the time I do receive the correct file the information may not be posted until the next week which makes for averages not being current for those people that pitched in those tournaments.

For all those new pitchers or even the experienced ones - we update pitchers averages usually every Wednesday evening and the Individual Search files usually twice a month. Go to horseshoepitching.com - click on Statistics – click on natstats or Stat Search.

Also, there are many tournament/league results being submitted several weeks or even months after the event was pitched. This makes for many people not having current averages. I wish each state would

have a designated person to check the NHPA web site under Reported Events to see that their states results are being reported and reported promptly. Like I have said in past years, reporting results late does not hurt me at all; it only hurts those pitchers that are being placed in “wrong” groups in a tournament because of results not being submitted promptly to update a pitchers average.

And lastly, I do keep a binder of all pitchers that have died and do have a pitching record within the past two or three years. So anyone that knows of a death, please forward any information on to me. I will make a printout of their current pitching record and place it in my State “Toll of Time” albums. I do get some information from Newsline articles, but not everyone is reported in Newsline.

Thanks - and good pitching - see ya at the World.



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PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

by Tina Hawkins, NHPA 2nd Vice-President

By the time you receive this issue of NEWSLINE, many of you will be well into your 2010 horseshoe pitching seasons and it will be time to hold your "Horseshoe Pitching IS FUN" event. This will be a great opportunity for you to increase the membership in your clubs, leagues and charters, increase awareness of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and add some new faces to the NHPA family.

Here is a great piece of news for those who are planning a FUN DAY or other promotional event! NHPA insurance now covers promotional events with participants who are NOT members of the NHPA provided all requirements of a normal sanctioned event are followed – including having the pitching area fenced off. (NOTE: The insurance policy still requires ALL participants of sanctioned events to be NHPA members.)

A simple fence – even temporary construction site fencing can help prevent accidents or injury from an errant horseshoe or an inattentive pedestrian and give you the added security of being covered by insurance.

In the event the site you are planning to use requires proof of insurance before allowing you to hold a promotional activity, there are two different actions you could take.

Ask for a copy of the NHPA insurance certificate from your Charter Secretary. In many cases, this will satisfy the property owner. If they require more, your Charter Secretary can provide a copy of a "Request for Certificate of Insurance" form that you can fill out for your particular event and send to the insurance company. Once it is reviewed and approved, a certificate will be sent back to you.

I have already heard from many of you who are planning to hold FUN DAY events. Hopefully, there are many more that I HAVEN'T heard about! This is an excellent opportunity to get the NHPA in the public eye and put a horseshoe in the hand of many, many people. YOU are our best ambassadors! You are the ones who can introduce our sport to your community and encourage your friends

and neighbors to give it a try. Make a point of telling somebody about horseshoe pitching TODAY!

Not sure where to hold your event? Check with your local elementary school for end-of-year game days. Many institutions hold "Olympic" days when winding down the school year. They are always looking for events to fill the day and would probably welcome an offer to provide this event. (Don't forget the fence!)

Churches are a great place to hold pitching activities, as well. Many churches are using a country theme for Vacation Bible School this summer - mine already has plans to include horseshoe pitching. Church picnics offer a wonderful venue for children and adults alike.

If you have not received the printable FUN DAY materials from your Charter President, Regional Director, or Publicity Coordinator, ask them for it – or go to www.horseshoepitching.com and download your own. They can be found under the Publicity/Promotion link with the title of "Pitching is Fun."

Don't forget to report your success to your Charter President! Participation certificates will be sent to all clubs or groups who hold an event and file their results with the Charter.

The NHPA has entered into an agreement with Motel 6 to provide you with some member benefits. Soon, members will be able to receive a 10% discount on stays at over 1,000 locations of the chain.

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When this benefit goes live, information will be sent out through our Charter Communications contacts who

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will distribute the news to all of you. It will also be posted on the NHPA forum and Facebook Fan Page.

Not a "fan" of the NHPA on Facebook, yet? If you are a Facebook member, all you have to do is search for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association page, or go to this url: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/pages/NATIONAL-HORSESHOE-PITCHERS-ASSOCIATION/199003320209?ref=nf>

At last count, we have over 266 fans and continue to grow every week! It's a great place to share your stories, photos and upcoming events with horseshoe pitching friends around the globe.

We are constantly looking for ways to promote horseshoe pitching and the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. If you have tried promotional or recruiting events that have been successful, we want to know about them. If you have ideas for the betterment of the NHPA, we want to hear about those too. Send comments and/or suggestions to:

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I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the 2010 World Tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa! If we haven't met, yet, please attend one of the NHPA Officers' Open House sessions, or just walk up and introduce yourself!

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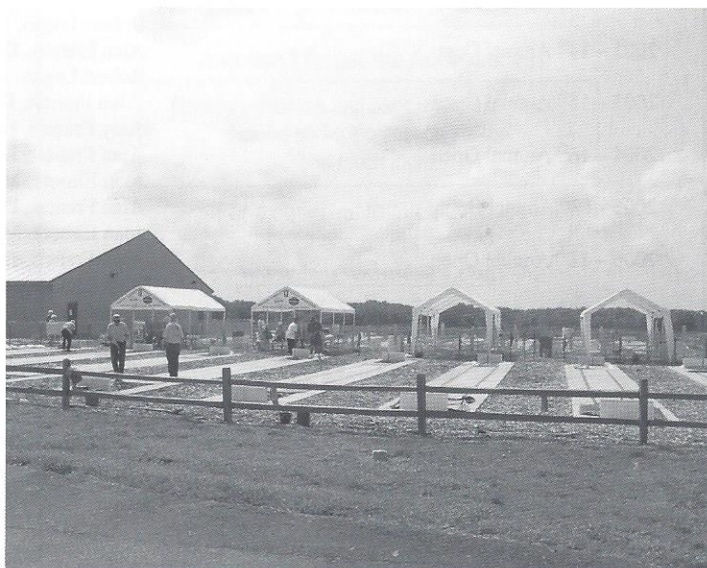
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1996 - 8 th Annual Open	rained out	-----
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	Curly Seibold, Huntington, IN	30 ft. 78.9%
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	Amy Francis, Defiance OH	30 ft. 84.1%
2000 - 12 th Annual Open	Mark Seibold, Huntington, IN	40 ft. 72.6%
	Robert Logan, Kouts, IN	30 ft. 79.9%
2001 - 13 th Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40 ft. 85.4%
	Robert Logan, Kouts, IN	30 ft. 86.7%
2002 - 14 th Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40 ft. 86.1%
	Robert Logan, Kouts, IN	30 ft. 79.0%
2003 - 15 th Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40ft 83.2%
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2005 - 17 th Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40 ft 84.6%
	Joan Elmore, Mt. Juliet, TN	30 ft 84.1%
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	Joan Elmore, Mt. Juliet, TN	30 ft. 84.2%
2007 - 19 th Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40 ft. 86.0%
	Sue Snyder, Madisonville, KY	30 ft. 84.8%
2008 - 20 th Annual Open	Alan Francis, Defiance, OH	40ft 87.6%
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	Herschel Walters, Bourbon, IN	Elder 81.7%

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

by Jerry LaBrosse

Here we are at the start of another great season of horseshoe pitching after a long tough winter. I hope you all weathered it out ok. There are a lot of good things happening around the NHPA and the world tournament in Cedar Rapids, and I'd like to highlight just a few.

Electronic Scoring

As you may have already heard, we are going to be expanding our electronic scoring demonstration at the world this year. The plan is to set up one full bank of eight courts using the new system. Traditional paper scoresheets will also be used on these courts. The two systems will be run side by side. One scorekeeper should be able to do both systems for two courts. This has been tested and doesn't seem to be a problem for most scorekeepers. It does require that the scorekeeper focus on the two games and be aware of when the scores will be called. It also will require the players to be "in tune" with the scorekeeper and make sure they received the called score.

The system will feed the data into the main server wirelessly by the scorekeeper at the end of the games. All data will be refreshed automatically, and the current results will be scrolled on a large monitor in the main lobby, which will look out over the eight courts in play through a glass wall. We are also exploring the possibility of displaying the championship class standings on the big jumbotron monitors in the arena, so we hope that is possible. We are also planning to have advertising displayed on these monitors. If your club, charter, or personal business is interested in purchasing advertising space on these monitors, contact myself or Dick Hansen.

There will be scorekeeper training workshops during the tournament. Both basic scoring and electronic scoring instruction will be available. Watch for notices on the times and locations of these workshops. As always, your help with keeping score is always appreciated, and needed.

Equipment update

There will be another modification made to the new NHPA equipment this year. The full length rubber walkways will be cut down into 16 foot segments, and taped down to the floor at each end of the courts. The reasons for this change are very logical and proven to be better. First, there will be less weight in the NHPA trailer. Also, it will be much easier to maintain the perfect distances between the foul

lines. The reason for this is that the full length rubber strips are very vulnerable to expansion and contraction from the wide range of temperatures they encounter throughout the year in the trailer. Lastly, the setup is a bit easier in the handling of the smaller pieces. This idea has been implemented in MN and worked perfectly. Anybody who would like to see the photos of the Mn State Tournament setup can view them at <http://minnesotahorseshoes.com/links.php>

The pieces we cut out of the middle of this matting will be sold at the tournament. We should have approximately 100 pieces of material 3 ft X 14 ft for sale. Price has not yet been determined. If you're interested in purchasing any of this material, contact myself or Dick Hansen to be placed on a priority list.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Cedar Rapids!!

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NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

It's hard to say whether it's the economy, the long and lousy winter season or just plain apathy, but something is having an affect on contributions sent in by individuals, charters and clubs. In 2007, this group sent in over \$59,000. In 2008 it dropped to a bit more than \$28,000 and last year another drop to just under \$24,000. The decline has continued into 2010 with just a bit more than \$4,700 being received during the first quarter. These amounts include orders for commemorative bricks.

The Commemorative Brick plaza just outside the Wentzville Hall of Fame building is comprised of some 4,000 bricks placed in State sections. In the center of each section is a block of 9-36 large 8"x8" bricks and these are surrounded by approximately 100 smaller 4"x8" bricks. From the beginning, NHPA charters were encouraged to purchase a large brick in their section thus showing their support for the Hall of Fame project. A majority of charters have done this though some opted to buy only a small brick. A few charters have yet to purchase their first brick. There are more than a few sections that are becoming quite noticeable for their lack of engraved bricks in comparison to surrounding sections. I won't name them here but will say that to date, you will find less than five engraved bricks purchased by charters, clubs or members in 15 different state sections.

Buying an engraved brick is a great way to support the Hall of Fame. The funds generated by brick purchases and donations go a long way toward the upkeep of the Wentzville facility. Last year the NHPF paid out \$15,421 for building upkeep, \$10,350 for cleaning equipment and \$4,154 toward taxes & insurance. These combined were \$29,925 of the total \$52,192 the NHPF had in 2009 expenses. Fortunately, the NHPA was able to make three very generous contributions that enabled the Foundation to show a gain for the year. But, members should realize that the National Association has its own financial concerns and cannot be expected to contribute in such a manner every year. Additional details of 2009 income and expense can be found in the "Five Year NHPF Financial Report" printed elsewhere in this Newsline issue.

In the month of March, the NHPF directors reviewed three applications for grant money. Two were approved. The third application lacked sufficient detail for the directors to reach a favorable decision so it was suggested that they reapply for the September voting session. The Clarence H.C. of Clarence, MO, and the Truman Lake H.C. of Warsaw, MO, each received a \$1,000 check

Don't forget that proceeds from your contribution or brick order not only help support the Hall of Fame but also provide grant money for clubs in need of improving their courts on public land. 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 can be sent to 3ringers3@att.net

During February and March the NHPF received contributions and brick order income totaling just \$2,210. The NHPF thanks all those mentioned below who contributed or purchased a brick.

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CHARTER CHATTER

by Debby Michaud

IOWA

The Iowa HHPA is holding regular meetings to gear up for the 2010 World Horseshoe Tournament. Visit the Iowa website to see how you can help out by sponsoring a court or by buying an ad in their book. They are setting up committees and workers for this very big effort. It seems that the interest in pitching in Iowa has increased, just as it does wherever the World Tournament is held. The indoor courts at the Putt Mossman arena have been fuller than they have in years and will end up with the Eldora Championship on April 10th.

MINNESOTA

Once again the MGSHPA is enjoying a good jump in its membership. The adult numbers for 2009 increased by a whopping 78 members (to 968 total), while the juniors increased by 9 (to 114 total). Many folks wonder how they do it. Minnesota has been trying different recruitment methods such as running contests where members who recruit new members get placed into a raffle. Cash incentives for clubs who increase their total numbers by a certain percentage have also helped. It all basically boils down to motivating your members to talk to their friends, family, and coworkers, and invite them down to

the courts to try our sport. Word of mouth is the tried and true method that brings them in. It's important that once you recruit a new member, your charter does all the things right to help retain those members. That means running quality tournaments, including a great state tournament. Minnesota runs one of the largest state tournaments in the NHPA, and every year it just keeps getting better. They have equipment identical to that used at the World Tournament, and are also pioneering the new electronic scoring method. The state awards banquet is nearly as large as the world tournament banquet, with over 150 guests attending in 2009.

Submitted by Jerry LaBrosse

FLORIDA

The Florida State Horseshoe Pitchers Association will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Florida State Horseshoe Pitching Championship tournament April 21-24, 2010. The championship tournament will be hosted by the Brevard County Horseshoe Club located in Wickam Park in Melbourne, Florida. Mixed Distance Doubles will be held on Wednesday. Men, Women and Elder Doubles will be on Thursday. Singles class play and championship play will be on Friday and Saturday followed by a banquet Saturday evening.

Normally Florida has really good weather during the winter season. However, this has been one of the coldest winters ever in Florida, not conducive to good horseshoe pitching in an outdoor setting. We welcome the warm weather again. Visit the FSHPA website for locations and directions to horseshoe clubs and courts in Florida.

Submitted by: Ron Deckard, NHPA Regional Director for Florida, deckardr@verizon.net

MICHIGAN

During the cooler months, horseshoes happens indoors every Saturday in Jackson, Michigan. They averaged about 20 pitchers every tournament this past season. The outdoor season starts in mid April and concludes in September. Our annual state tournament is held on Labor Day weekend.

Our seasonal snow birds will be returning from their winter havens soon. This will help increase our participation at our tournaments.

The Top 15 Contributing States

	Contributors	Donations	\$	
1.	CA	123	330	\$42,125
2.	MO	147	277	\$39,498
3.	MN	58	315	\$27,183
4.	NC	33	187	\$24,488
5.	TN	32	68	\$21,677
6.	OR	26	127	\$18,849
7.	WI	42	149	\$15,157
8.	MI	54	144	\$12,740
9.	WA	36	89	\$10,310
10.	IL	64	118	\$10,238
11.	FL	58	92	\$ 9,516
12.	CO	31	87	\$ 9,279
13.	OH	73	118	\$ 8,691
14.	PA	35	73	\$ 7,725
15.	GA	21	27	\$ 7,570

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If you are passing through our state for a summer vacation, and you are interested in pitching, please look us up at the MHPA web site (www.PitchWithUs.com/MHPA). All tournaments are held in the lower peninsula of our state. The tournaments start at 9:30 am both Saturday and Sunday. A \$10.00 entry fee, plus \$1.00 for scorekeepers for each game pitched, will be charged. Generally each tournament host supplies lunch for a nominal fee. Please come and enjoy a day of fun.

Submitted by: Mark Wolfradt

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

The Abbotsford Horseshoe Club will be hosting this years BC International on July 10-11 at their new facility. They will have 16 brand new courts with walkways for 30-foot players. They will also have a 24' X 40' clubhouse, which they are working on at the present time. Inside is 12 x 24 with a wall between for storage and door to outside only. The wall will have a movable portion that can be moved after final inspection if we don't need the space for storage. That will give us more room for people to sit around. Right now it will have an area about 14 x 20 plus a kitchen area about 10 x 16. Beside that will be a couple bathrooms, one of which will be wheelchair accessible, and a 10 x 10 office.

The Victoria Horseshoe Club will be hosting this years Canadian Championships August 10-14 on their 30 courts. There is plenty of parking and there are many activities planned every night. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served every day as well. They will have a banquet at the legion on August 14th. The club will also be adding \$15,000.00 in added prize money.

The Prince George Horseshoe Club will be hosting our Provincial Championships this year on the Labor Day weekend. The club is forming various committees to plan for this big event. We look forward to going North this year.

Submitted by: Sam Tomasevic

MARYLAND

Maryland congratulates the 2009 Points Challenge winners. First place was Bob Rasmussen, second was Bunk Shipley, and third place was Vicki Kunde. Maryland survived the winter blizzards – spring is here and pitching has resumed. The

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Points Challenge, or participation challenge, has been renewed for the 2010 season, so be sure to get out and pitch!

The Frederick HPA has several pitchers in the National Top 10 among Sanctioned League players. Elbert Shifflett was first in the Nation for High Ringer Average (75%) and third for High Ringer Game while Paul McGee held sixth High Ringer Average and eighth for High Ringer Game in the 30 ft. division. First year Junior member Sarah Meiklejohn placed seventh for High Ringer Game over Average, the results of a game she pitched against Elbert!

Officers met in early March in Frederick and are working on ways to increase the membership. Looking forward to the Horseshoe Pitching is Fun! events in May!

Submitted by Diana Ratliff, MDHPA Secretary/Treasurer

NEBRASKA

The Eastern Nebraska Charter is looking for a great 2010 year with thirty-four sanctioned tournaments scheduled throughout the state. If you're passing through, be sure to check out the Nebraska website and see where and when you can go to pitch

a good tournament. You are all very welcome to come. We are certainly looking forward to seeing some out of state pitchers at our tournaments.

We are also looking forward to having a large showing at the Ceder Rapids, Iowa World Tournament.

Submitted by: Boyd Hageman

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

In the Tulare area, there are ten new clay courts at the Stevenson Ranch which is run by Steve Meyer. Their club is called Dead Ringers Society and they are breaking ground with a new format for their area. They run the juniors and new players in the morning, (which is different for No. CA) and they pitch shorter games. The more experienced players keep score for the "newbies" and, while they keep score, they support and mentor the newer and younger players. This seems to be making a positive difference. The courts are new and beautifully laid out; the view from the courts is "second-to-none". It is a perfect area AND, as a bonus, the local Starbucks provides free coffee at each tournament. Sounds like a success story in the making!

WISCONSIN

Ed Quigley from New Jersey writes that, due to some visual and health problems, he is no longer going to be pitching horseshoes – BUT his horseshoes are still in good shape. He was reading the Wisconsin newsletter and saw that there was a 30 footer there who was looking for some Henton Supremes. Ed has used those Supremes for seven years and figures that "they" gave him 57% ringers over that time. So now Ron Kmiecik of Wisconsin now has custody of these wonderful horseshoes. Live on!

In the next issue, I would like to write about all the wonderful Junior programs, new and old, that are going on in horseshoes. Please send me your story, large or small, successful or not so successful, on efforts to increase junior participation. Thank you!

To contribute to the Charter Chatter in any way, please send your submission to: Debby Michaud at loonpnd@comcast.net OR by land mail to Debby at: 379 Hodges St., Taunton, MA 02780-2057

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LAKE ST. LOUIS GOLFERS TRY HORSESHOE PITCHING
AT QUAIL RIDGE PARK

by Jeanette Claas

Ever wonder when you pass those empty golf courses in the dead set of winter just what all those golfers do to pacify their time when temperatures make it down right impossible to chase a few balls around? Some fly south to warmer climate where they continue their “game”, while others stay here and try something new to pass the winter season until its “Tee Time” once again.

A group of retired men of Lake St. Louis were trying to figure out their dilemma. These guys were in the habit of playing golf everyday of the week that ended with a “y”. Steve Aubuchon knew there was a horseshoe facility at Quail Ridge Park, but not being an avid horseshoe pitcher he never gave it much thought until this discussion came about. Most of these pitchers had only thrown a few shoes at family picnics and they were all pretty much beginners. Steve checked out the facility where he discovered it was the home of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and Museum. He found it to be the perfect set up and took the idea back to the group.

Some 18 golfers from Lake St. Louis decided to try their hand at horseshoes. Beginning in early November, pitching weekly, the golfers have come a long way in a short time. They have since learned the technique of turning the shoe, aiming at the peg, and finding the correct distance. Three months later it became much quieter during their horseshoe competition as their shoes have managed to find the pits filled with Kentucky blue clay, and sometimes get a few ringers.

These golfers are now members of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club and have joined the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and have learned “how to play” this unfamiliar game to them. Steve Aubuchon says, “It has been a great opportunity for golfers and non-golfers to pick up a sport that many of them had not played in years and a challenge to conquer the game.” They pitch in a round robin format and compete with each other. Jerry Stephenson was decidedly the “Most Improved” and all



agree that Mike Cook is the “Best Pitcher” of all. They claim the guy keeping the score usually wins the game. One of the fellows says he plays because, “I like to lose.” The camaraderie among them is what they most enjoy. Even their wives are grateful that they have a place to go during the winter months. As golf season is right around the corner there has been some indication that they just may continue their horseshoe pitching as they are having such a good time.

“The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club has welcomed us to join in a club membership. We appreciate all they have done to make our weekly outings a fun time,” says Aubuchon. They all agree ‘Tee Time has become Shoe Time.’

Shoe Time is always fun at the NHPA facility, whether it be golfers, tournament time or league play. We hope that you can find time to stop by and visit this wonderful facility and to enjoy it as we do at Quail Ridge. Meanwhile keep on supporting the NHPF with your donations and brick order which can be sent to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. It is the only way to preserve the history, showcase the present and build the future of horseshoe pitching – the game we all love and enjoy.

ENTRY FORM

NHPA Sanctioned Club/League Tournament

October 9th & 10th, 2010

NHPA Hall of Fame Facility
Quail Ridge Park, St. Charles County, Missouri

Entry Deadline: August 24, 2010

Registration fee: \$105.00 per team

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

League averages will be used for this tournament from this years' league season (2010). Limit 20 teams. If your club would like to enter more than one team, please indicate your #1 team. After the deadline if there is not 20 different clubs/leagues entered your #2 team would then qualify to enter. This tournament is limited to adults only!

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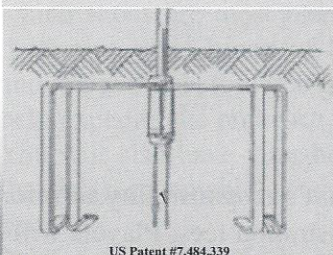
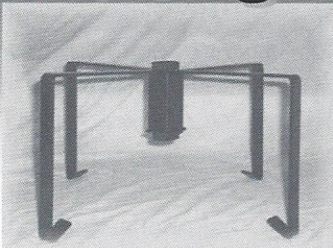
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WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE

by Stu Sipma

With the March 15th deadline for submitting World Tournament bid proposals behind us, I am proud to announce two locations who have met the requirements for contention to host the 2012 NHPA World Tournament. Promoting this event this past year has been quite a roller coaster to say the least. I had as many as six locations telling me “they will bid”, however, for whatever reasons (economy, local support, etc.) they decided to wait one more year.

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---Dale Estep, President

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

York County offers a variety of dining choices to suit your budget. From homemade PA Dutch favorites at Central Family Restaurant to fresh sandwiches at Isaac’s Restaurant and Deli and a fantastic atmosphere at The Roosevelt Tavern, you’re sure to find something to tempt your tastebuds.

Maximize your 2012 NHPA World Tournament experience by exploring fascinating sights around the region! During your stay in York, you’ll be a short drive away to major attractions in nearby Lancaster, Gettysburg and Hershey; all within Pennsylvania’s #1 Tourist Region. York’s proximity to several major East Coast cities such as Baltimore, Washington D.C. and Philadelphia makes planning your extended getaway a breeze. Enjoying a fabulous Mid-Atlantic vacation is easy in York County, PA!

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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."

Choosing Knoxville for the 2012 National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Annual National Convention & World Tournament 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! CHOOSE KNOXVILLE and you can't go wrong!

In conclusion, as you can see we have two locations both trying a second time to be successful. I encourage the voting delegates to please stop and visit each of the locations in Cedar Rapids and bid for the location which you think offers the most for your state's membership.

HORSESHOES: "A GREAT SPORT FOR THE ELDERLY"

by Ernie Gallo

For you "over 70" golfers out there (or even some approaching 70 years of age) who are finding your game going downhill or your joints not liking the stress of the golf swing anymore, what might be another physical activity to challenge you and keep you moving? Something inexpensive would be nice and of course you still want to be around some fun people. This is where I found myself, coming home from the golf course being asked: "how's the golf game?" My response more and more often was "in the pits."

Since I frequently was walking past horseshoe pits in the park I lived at in Yuma, Arizona, I saw a new challenge begin for me at the age of 78. And, I have had 10 great years in this sport and want all of us to promote horseshoes as "a great sport for the elderly."

You're never too old to accomplish anything if you put your mind to it. I chose to compete in tournament pitching and became a pretty good pitcher. By 2002 my average climbed to 57.5% and I pitched in the World Tournament in Alberta, Canada. My career high game of 82% occurred

in the State Singles at Oregon City in 2004.

I've earned 25 plates at sanctioned tournaments over the years and won my class at the World Tournament in Gillette, Wyoming. I have enjoyed meeting and participating with so many fine people in the sport, but my legs won't cooperate any longer – they have forced me to retire from tournament pitching. But, you don't have to be a tournament pitcher to still enjoy the sport.

I will still be membership chairman for the local Phoenix and Rogue River clubs and belong to the Grants Pass club as well. My wife Muriel will keep her secretary/treasurer job with the Phoenix club. And, we hope everyone will help us encourage the over 70 group to pitch horseshoes. The "30 foot" category is a big help to the older person who is just starting out. If it wasn't for the 30 foot status I wouldn't be telling this story today. Now, I can't pitch as much as I used to, but I can be a spokesman for our seniors.

See you at the courts!

NHPA DIRECTORS ARRIVE AT THE NHPF/NHPA FACILITY

by Jeanette Claas

During early February 17 heavy boxes filled with past World Tournament scorekeeping sheets sent by Walter Ray Williams arrived at the Hall of Fame facility. Now that Mel Yockstick has resumed Walter Ray's position as NHPA World Statistician, it would become Mel's duty to go through the WT records to see what pertinent information needed to be preserved for future historical references in the championship classes.

Mel and Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian, arrived on March 1st with their sleeves rolled up. They worked for three full days sorting out this information, condensing the 17 boxes into five boxes that were shipped directly to Mel's home in Colorado for his references.

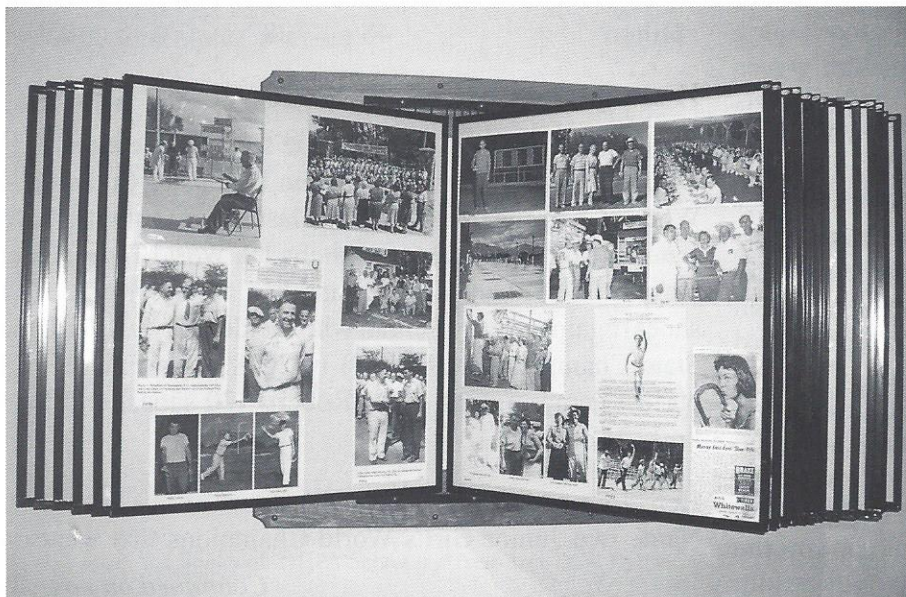
While there they also sorted through pictures and articles that have been sent in by various members to preserve and display at the HOF. These articles and pictures have been inserted into a big panel display for the public to see. Joe Faron, NHPF Director, and Gary Buehler, QRHC member were there to assist them, and to enter all the cataloging into the historical database. This information is also recorded on the NHPA Website. To view these interesting



items: click on the NHPF link – at top of the page go to “Hall of Fame” – that will bring up inventory and click on inventory – when that page comes up it will list all the categories – then click on each category at the bottom of the page.

There is always something to do at the Hall of Fame facility. Keeping up with memorabilia, cataloging and organizing the articles, pictures and horseshoes is a time consuming task. We thank Bob, Mel, Joe and Gary for doing this job.

Before leaving Missouri, Mel did a little sightseeing and visited the St. Louis Arch. We take it that his adventure was successful as he did not appear on the nightly news. We all enjoyed their visit at the Hall of Fame and appreciate the job they are fulfilling.



FACTS AND FOLKLORE

1957 LADIES WORLD CHAMPION

By Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

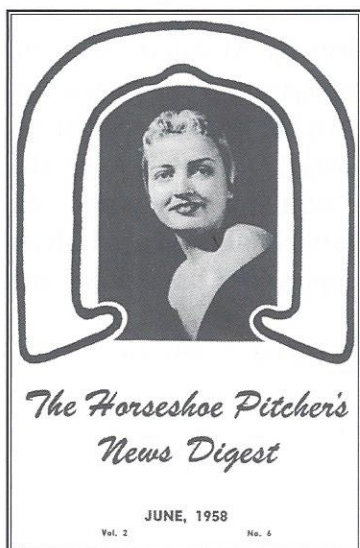
For nearly two decades in the 40's and 50's, our NHPA News Digests did not feature a cover picture as had been the practice of most Horseshoe World magazines in the 1920's and 1930's or in all recent decades. The Horseshoe Pitcher done by NHPA Hall of Famer Bryon Jaskulek, did have a facsimile of a sanctioned horseshoe and I add, no doubt produced by a company sponsoring that month's issue. The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest by Ellis Cobb, also a Hall of Fame inductee, for the first couple years did not have a cover picture, except for this issue of June 1958.

Having a cover page picture was a novelty at the time and seeing articles and coverage of women champions was nearly just as novel. The women's division was not as established as we have grown so used to expect in the last few decades. The picture is of Gertsie Lou Selby (Law) of Bolder Colorado. Shelby won the 1957 world title in a playoff while averaging 41.5%. Few members will recall the name or that she was a world champion at the age of 18, or that she was the sister-in-law of Ted Allen!

What is also very interesting, the very next ladies world champion is the one responsible for setting the surge in the women's competition – Vicki Chapelle Winston. Vicki set new standards and many women pitchers followed, having maintained incredible performances over the past fifty years.

This is the story that accompanied the News Digest issue in June 1958.

“OUR COVER PICTURE – The blonde, vivacious young lady whose picture graces the cover of this month's ‘Digest’ is none other than Gertsie Lou Selby who will be defending her World's title as Ladies' Champion at Murray, Utah in July. She is eighteen years old and graduated from Longmont, Colorado High School this year. She is a lover of sports and participants in many and is a protégé of Ted Allen, World' Champion in the men's division. It is him



from whom she has copied his style and technique. Ever traveling with her sister and Ted, her former brother-in-law, on exhibition tours. Her future interests are possible modeling, of which she has had some experience in downtown stores in her hometown or a career as an airline stewardess and college. The NHPA is proud to have such a lovely lady as it Ladies' World Champion.”

Here's is final standing for the Women's Division in 1957 as published in the News' Digest...

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

	Qual.	W	L	%
Gertsie Selby, Bolder, Colorado	153	3	0	42.4
Janean Hilton, Murray, Utah	146	2	1	43.2
Katie Gregson, Crestline, Calif.	123	1	2	44.7
Viola Hilton, Murray, Utah	83	0	3	32.4

The top two ladies pitched a playoff for the championship – two best out of three games.

1st game	Pts	R	S.P.	%
Gertsie Selby	30	35	82	42.7
Janean Hilton	50	43	82	52.4

2nd game	Pts	R	S.P.	%
Selby	53	25	60	41.6
Hilton	36	21	60	35.0

3rd game	Pts	R	S.P.	%
Selby	51	26	70	37.1
Hilton	48	28	70	40.0

History and Folklore Jottings

The correct answers to last issue's trivia questions: 1) Charles Clyde Davis 2) Delano Dempster Cottrell 3) When stating the question in the last issue, (I should have stated the only perfect game pitched in World Tournament play): In 1948, Guy Zimmerman had a perfect game (44 shoes) against Henry Pergal, who incidentally was Indiana State Champion in 1931. 4) In 2008, Alan Francis had perfect games against Gary Roberts (20 shoes) and Stan Leis (24 shoes).

Here are a couple more trivia questions:
Name two Junior Girl's World Champions that went on

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to win Women's World Championships. There are also two other Women's World Champions who pitched in the Junior Girls Division but did not win a Junior Girl's Championship, name them.

Three players pitched in the Junior Boy's Championship Class, did not win a Junior title but went on to win Men's World titles, name those three players. On the easier side, three players that won Junior Boys Championships have gone on to win a combined 22 Men's World Championships. Name those three players.

And there is more! Talking about folklore! Back when this series started in 2004, there was conversation and some searching about where did the term "Four-Dead" originate? That question has not been answered but in the back of my mind, I was so sure I had heard the story from Earl. Well, while looking for something else, the information just popped up. In 1991, Jack Claves was inducted to the NHPA Hall of Fame. Earl Winston, then Chairman of the Hall of Committee, wrote a very nice review for Newline. There is an incredible number of different bits of history in just this one brief bio...

Jack Claves – St. Louis, Missouri (1991 Promoter):

"Jack was a horseshoe promoter from the early 1930's

until his death in 1946. More than once he had Fernando Isias and Ted Allen stop in the St. Louis area for show and pitching exhibitions. He ran the St. Louis Municipal Horseshoe League for many years. As an occupation Jack was caretaker of a large cemetery called Sunset Burial Park. He coined the popular phrase we all now use as "4-Dead" when he used to say, "'four dead' for Sunset Park."

Jack seemed to be in demand as an after dinner speaker and did a lot of mike work at exhibitions and during World Tournaments. In the early 1930's he took over the management of the Missouri State Championships, held at the fairgrounds in Sedalia. World Champion C.C. Davis had won the state title in 1934 and 1935. Mr. Claves then barred all national or ex-national champions for his state title competition so entries would increase, which they did.

After declining the NHPA presidency in 1935, Jack was elected vice president of the NHPA in 1939. At that same convention, a LeRoy Page was elected president. It was later learned that Mr. Page was not even a member of the NHPA, so Jack Claves served as President of the NHPA until the 1940 Convention."

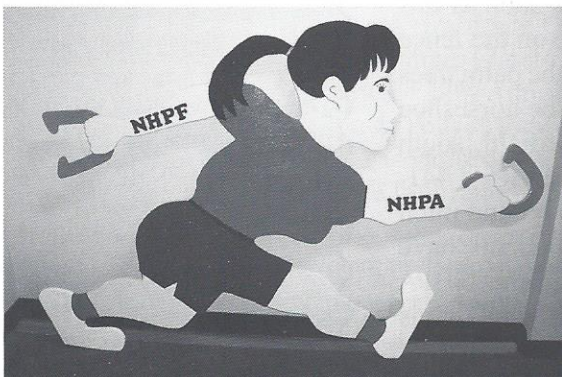
Now we all know the complete story!!

INTRODUCING **MS. GOODY TWO-SHOES!**

by Jeanette Claas

Here she is, Ladies and Gentlemen! Just what the horseshoe world was waiting for . . . a female horseshoe pitchin' silhouette!!!!

Much has developed since the introduction of "Mr. Woody Two-Shoes" in the Nov/Dec issue of Newline. At the suggestion of wanting a female horseshoe pitcher silhouette, the quails at QRHC got busy – darn busy! We had to give Woody a complete sex change without involving a professional surgeon. I was given plenty advice on what this gal should have and what she should not have. Adding curves where there weren't curves and making Woody look more feminine was a challenge. Bring on the jigsaw! After cutting part of the jaw back, adding a turned-up nose, a few eye lashes, plus a new hair-do,



he began to look like a she. As she sat in the living room, I would look at her each time I passed until I was perfectly satisfied with her – and what you see is the outcome of what became my nightmare.

And yes, she is FOR SALE, too. She is 44" tall and 66" wide, in case you are planning to put her on your living room wall. Her other measurements? Well, you can decipher that for yourself. Of course, we are selling patterns for \$25, just like Woody. Mail your orders to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, 100 Bluestem Way, Wentzville, MO 63385, c/o Jeanette Claas.

Since that project was finished, I began another one. I decided to design a mini-pair of silhouettes to put on the restroom doors at the QRHC. Reducing the large silhouette to a mini-size was a little more than I bargained for. My carpenters, Joe

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MS. GOODY TWO-SHOES! *Continued*

& Larry, cut them out from my pattern and then I began the process of painting the details on them. It wasn't long until we had them hung on the doors. And then the fun (criticism) began. "She looked like a little porker," they said. "The male has no neck," "her feet look like boats," and on and on. It was true. So we jerked them down and started over. Now I got my son in the act with his jigsaw and gave them a new look. I now have a nice looking pair of pitchers, just like Adam and Eve; they were made for each other!

Just in case you don't have wall space for the giant economy size, you may have room for the mini size pair. Each mini silhouette is 14" tall and 22 1/2" wide. The QRHC will sell you a pattern for the mini pair for only \$25. Or we would be willing to make you a pair and ship them to you. The cost for a solid color pair would be \$50 plus shipping cost. For a pair decorated with color - \$75 plus shipping cost.

We have received some pattern orders already and would like for you to know that Mr. Woody-Two Shoes will soon be making his appearance in NEBRASKA. Pat Wemhoff, Regional Director and member of the Pawnee Ringers Horseshoe Club, moved into his new home that he built last July and has a garage large enough to contain a horseshoe court with a 12' high ceiling. He will be using the synthetic clay in his new pits which he purchased for \$800! As soon as both pits are completed and he gets Woody nailed to the wall, Pat is looking forward to having lots of good times with good friends pitching shoes in the garage addition. And remember, Pat, "What happens in the garage, stays in the garage!"

"Woody Two-Shoes" has found another home in FLORIDA! Tom Grills, of the Del Webb Horseshoe Club, located inside the Del Webb Spruce Creek Golf & Country Club Resort, invested in a pattern this past December. His neighbor helped to cut Woody out and his wife, who is an artist, will paint him. As soon as this project is accomplished Woody will be placed on the fence that surrounds the beautiful 12 courts among the palm trees in Florida. Tom is Tournament Director for the horseshoe club which is located in the city of Summerfield, south of Ocala and five miles north of the Village on R5 # 441. Tom invites all the winter snowbirds to stop by and pitch on these courts where several State Tournaments have been held. Check out the courts by visiting the NHPA website, click on Florida, and see for yourself why Tom is so proud of the Del Webb Horseshoe Club.

"Woody" will soon be making his second appearance in ARKANSAS! Bobby Humphreys, of Morrilton AR, received his pattern in the mail and will soon purchase a jigsaw to get started. Evidently, Santa didn't bring him one. Bob is building a cabin outside of town in the woods and will exhibit Woody on the cabin wall facing his horseshoe court (also under construction). Bob recently approached the Mayor and Recreation Director of Morrilton (pop. 7,500) about putting some horseshoe courts in the city park. They loved the idea and four courts are now being built. This should increase local interest in horseshoes. Bob intends to give a completed and painted Woody to the city to display near the new courts. Bob is a member of the Central Arkansas Horseshoe Pitching Association, located about seven miles away in Plumerville. Bob has been to several WT's and took first place in his division in Ainsworth in 1998. He says he has participated in many sports, and horseshoes is definitely a favorite. He was one of the first Arkansans to purchase a brick for funding the NHPA Hall of Fame, and hopes to see it for the first this year, perhaps when he and his wife, Betty, travel to the WT in Cedar Rapids.

And if you should visit the NHPA/NPHF Hall of Fame in the near future, you will see Ms. Goody along side of Mr. Woody on the walls of the north and south courts. AWESOME! Keep those orders coming in folks. Let's put Mr. Woody and Ms. Goody Two-Shoes on the map across the USA. No matter where you place them, I guarantee they will cause much attraction and get raving reviews!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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/>

Five Year NHPF Financial Report

Income	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
NHPA General Fund Donations	13,779	16,073	20,050	15,957	38,614
Individual, Charter, Club Donation	17,224	50,988	59,135	28,392	23,975
Miscellaneous Cash Donations	658	2,903	1,049	1,178	491
Banquet Revenue	676	992	1,050	4,700	6,630
Rent & Court Use fees	0	0	1,973	12,000	9,670
Merchandise Sales	60	75	130	797	4,323
Joelton Property Sale	0	275,262	289,482	0	0
Account Interest Earned	7,545	13,221	21,028	3,317	131
Total Income	\$39,942	\$359,514	\$393,897	\$66,341	\$83,834
Expense					
Grants	2,000	4,950	3,250	2,750	4,500
Corporate Federal & State Fees	20	105	20	30	30
Accounting Fees	950	1,115	1,265	1,300	905
Legal Fees	8,986	8,244	4,064	1,068	0
Bank Service Fees	150	150	150	238	0
Supplies	52	252	131	47	278
Postage	170	239	294	245	196
Phone/Internet	480	570	709	491	397
Equipment Cost & Repair	0	0	1,952	1,595	10,350
Printing, Publications & Signage	112	0	338	585	1,320
Travel	2,399	2,082	3,791	3,654	3,742
Bricks & Promotional Items	0	0	16,586	3,461	5,375
Taxes, Insurance, Lease	3,670	12,704	100	2,427	4,154
Banquet Fees	0	0	0	3,500	5,524
Building Improvements & Repairs	107,111	47,550	785,369	23,208	15,421
Total Expense	\$126,100	\$77,961	\$818,019	\$44,599	\$52,192
Net Cash Asset Gain or (Loss)	-86,158	281,553	-424,122	21,742	31,642
Prior Year End Account Balance	361,814	275,656	557,209	133,087	154,829
Year End Cash Account Balance	\$275,656	\$557,209	\$133,087	\$154,829	\$186,471

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

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