

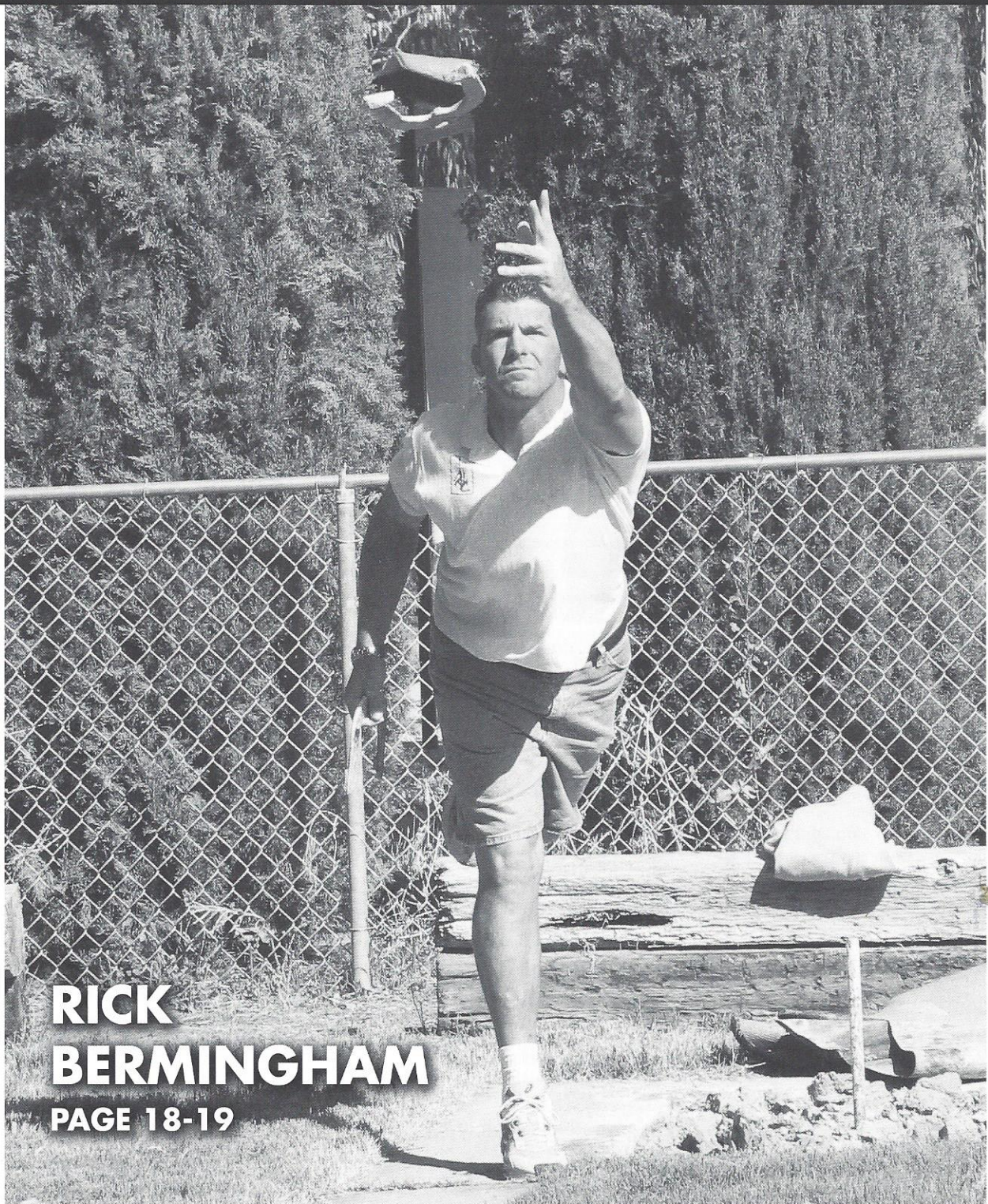


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stu Sipma

The snowflakes have landed in the Dakota's making the Thanksgiving Holiday a friendly white site for everyone to enjoy their Holiday dinner.

I want to begin by letting everyone know the Council will be holding our winter meeting January 14-15, 2011. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2011 World Tournament site visit at Monroe/WestMonroe, Louisiana. We have a full agenda with two full days of items to discuss. Financials will be the first item on the agenda and I am happy to announce that Dick Hansen's initial report projected a (year to date) profit in the General Fund of \$35,000. This includes the 2010 World Tournament showing a loss of \$7000, however, next year at Monroe will be the first year where a site will pay \$21,000 bid fee instead of the \$15,000 paid from past host sites. We will continue to evaluate areas where we can trim. We do anticipate the 2011 World Tournament cost to be higher than last year mostly due to Officers travel. We will be discussing not only World Tournament cost but all expenses associated in the last 12 months. One of the other major items on the agenda is the Elders Championship payout at the World Tournament. In 2010, the Elders Division participation averaged 31.7% of the total tournament entries. Based on these statics, I feel it is appropriate to make their payout consistent with the other classes.

On October 8, 2010 while attending some training for my main job, I assisted Lorraine and Terry Sternberg with the Sanction League Tournament held at the Hall of Fame Museum. This is the first time I took in this event and I must say I was not much help because Terry and Lorraine had everything handled; however, I did end up doing a large amount of horseshoe business while I was there. I was very impressed with the job the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is doing of maintaining and operating the Museum. The upkeep and maintenance was outstanding! On behalf of me and

the NHPA Council, we would like to thank all the members of the Quail Ridge Club for their devotion and hard work in keeping the Museum looking like new. I would like to remind everyone that the NHPF still has bricks available to purchase at the Museum. Proceeds from the sale of these bricks help the NHPF in creating revenue for preserving the existing Hall of Fame.

I would like to remind everyone that elections are open for the positions of President, 1st VP, 3rd VP and 5th VP. In accordance with the By-Laws, candidates for NHPA office must announce their candidacy in writing no later than February 1st, 2011. Announcements are to be received to the President and the Horseshoe Pitching Newsline Editor. I encourage anyone interested to announce their candidacy prior to the deadline.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued*

I want to conclude by saying the first year of my Presidency has been an experience and one that I do cherish. Dick Hansen initially asked "Are you sure you can do this job (President) along with your other job?" I told him sure, however, I can see now why he asked me... there is so much that goes on behind the scenes and I would like to

thank everyone for their support. And last but not least our current Officers...without them none of what we have accomplished would be possible.

Have a great winter and I hope you and your families had a Happy Holiday Season!

TEAMS 2010

by Stu Sipma

On October 19-22, 2010, I attended my fourth TEAMS (Travel, Events, and Management in Sports) conference at the Morial Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. It was my intention while attending the sports marketing conference, to meet face to face with the cities which have expressed interest in bidding for the 2013 World Tournament who I have been in contact with via phone and email.

This year's conference was once again very successful. Schneider Publishing expressed interest in having me speak in front of the entire 800 sports marketing personnel in attendance. I really enjoy doing this because it allows me to educate the folks about the NHPA and especially the World Horseshoe Tournament/Championships. With this being my fifth conference, I have been able to increase my visibility and expand my contact list with folks who I have not met in the past conferences.

The 2010 TEAMS brought in over 234 exhibitors and approximately 84 different event organizers (like myself) to showcase their sporting event. It appears that the recession that has affected many events has not affected this conference as the attendance was overwhelming. I am hoping between the Connect meeting in September of this year in Louisville and now this one, it will give the NHPA a number of quality bidders this year at Monroe.

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

While in Charlotte, I was able to set up a meeting with Mary Lee Malmberg, Director of Sports Tourism, Cedar Rapids Area CVB, Jennifer Morris, Sports Sales Manager for the Knoxville Tourism and Sports Corporation, and Scott Bruscato, Director of Monroe, LA CVB Sports Marketing. In the meeting, Mary Lee discussed the 2010 World Tournament business with us and provided a summary of the results for the other host sites to use in planning their tournaments. The meeting was full of questions and concerns about the pros and cons of hosting this event. In conclusion, I believe everyone walked away feeling better about the tournament and what it can do for their city.

The results of this year's TEAMS were once again very successful and I believe three locations will submit bids for hosting the 2013 World Tournament. These sites include York, Pennsylvania; Greenbay, Wisconsin and Charleston, West Virginia. Other locations showing an interest are Lincoln, Nebraska; Vancouver, Washington; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Toronto, Ontario Canada and Rapid City, South Dakota. The deadline to submit bids is March 15, 2011.

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

Thank You,

Stu

NEWS, VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

I hope that everyone had a joyous 2010 Christmas Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. 2011 is now upon us and I'm sure many of you made some New Year resolutions that you have every intention of fulfilling. Let's hope that among the good intentions that you actually carry out includes sending a contribution or brick order to the NHPF for the purpose of showing your support for the NHPA Hall of Fame facility in Wentzville, Missouri.

Within this Newline issue (page 8) you will find a list of "How Your State Ranks". This list indicates the number of donations received to reach the total dollar figure for each state. The list also states how many different contributors have made one or more donations. The effective date of the list is December 1, 2010 and the totals include 14 years of contributions going back to 1997.

Check contributions and brick orders from members during 2010 totaled \$23,666, down \$308 from 2009. This figure does not include banquet revenue, facility rent or the one-dollar per member the NHPA donated based upon 2009 membership. The \$23,666 total came from just 204 donations made by less than 140 people. Considering that NHPA membership is greater than 11,000, it says that just slightly more than one percent of the membership made a contribution during the year. In fact, the record shows that not even one dollar was donated by members from 22 different states. Obviously, there are a lot of members who are either uninformed or just don't care to support the organization to which they belong.

I am pleased to report that the Missouri Department of Transportation has approved and will very soon be installing road signs announcing the "Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame and Museum". The NHPA and NHPF will be sharing the near \$6,000 cost of these signs, which run on a two-year contract. We are still pursuing additional signage with the St. Charles County Parks Dept. and an individual landowner who has offered us billboard space pending the necessary required approvals.

Because of the ongoing need to maintain our great Hall of Fame facility, your continued financial support in the manner of a check contribution or brick order will always be appreciated. Such contributions should be made out to the NHPF and mailed to P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. Information and brick order forms can be found on the NHPF link of the NHPA website, www.

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During the months of October and November the NHPF received contributions and brick order income totaling \$4,114. Rent for the 3rd quarter plus the return of an unused grant added a further \$4,000 to our deposit. Thanks to those mentioned below who contributed or purchased a brick.

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WORLD RECORDS

By Mel Yockstick – The Statman

WORLD TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP ALL-TIME WINNER'S LIST

This list has been updated and printed by various folks and it is always fun to see the top leaders change as new pitchers enter the World Tournament circuit. I developed a computer program to begin entering each World Tournament Championship finals for all divisions. The sources used to gather this data: Gary Kline's book (Jerry Smith, Idaho big help with this data), Bob Dunn's (NHPA Historian) old news paper clippings from libraries around the States and the computer printouts from the archives listed on the website. My Rationale: 1) To keep the list on the website for all to see and 2) To make it easier to keep the file updated annually.

A procedure was developed to keep the All-Time Wins List fair to all players during championship formats in the past. In the early years, 50 Point championship games (1909-1981) classified as semi-finals, finals, and playoff games to break ties or stepladder games were used in the data collection. Today, 40 point games (1982-to present) no qualifying or preliminary games played in selection of Championship Class (such as A or A1) players in any division will be included in a pitchers total wins.

In the past, championship classes seeded 24 to 36 players per final championship rounds. Thus, the wins mounted up fairly fast compared to modern times. Ted Allen, from Colorado, with 31 World Championship events leads the men's list with 786 wins. Sue Snyder, from Kentucky, with 21 World Championship events leads the women with 305 wins. Take a look at other listed divisions to view the top All Time leaders.

Be sure and go to the NHPA website –Click on World Tournament + and then WT Records + to review updated -WT all time Wins/Loss.

Men's World Championship Wins Only

Top-20 Ranking	Started 1909 (40ft.) F-Name	L-Name	State	Total Wins	Total Losses	Champ World Events	World Titles	Last Year Pitched
1	Ted	Allen	CO	786	221	31	10	1973
2	Elmer	Hohl	ON-CAN	663	124	24	6	1983
3	Walter Ray	Williams Jr.	FL	603	182	33	6	2010
4	Jim	Knisley	OH	589	217	27	3	1995
5	Mark	Seibold	IN	576	282	32	2	2007
6	Fernando	Isais	CA	521	78	19	8	1970
7	Carl	Steinfeldt	NY	513	149	21	1	1987
8	Curt	Day	IN	497	90	17	3	1976
9	Don	Titcomb	CA	470	164	19	1	1993
10	Art	Tyson	NY	443	324	30		2009
11	Alan	Francis	OH	438.5	57.5	23	16	2010
12	Al	Zadraga	PA	414	221	20		1987
13	Ralph	Maddox	WV	411	253	21		1986
14	Paul	Focht	OH	385	161	16	1	1975
15	Glen	Henton	IA	375	208	18		1983
16	Harold	Reno	OH	349	94	13	2	1972
17	Frank	Jackson	KS	342	78	18	7	1935
18	Merlin	Potts	KS	342	340	22		1990
19	Dan	Kuchcinski	PA	338	102	13	3	1980
20	Wilbur	Kabel	OH	319	217	16		1980

Woman's World Championship Wins Only

Top-20 Ranking	Started 1920 (30ft.) F-Name	L-Name	State	Total Wins	Total Losses	Champ World Events	World Titles	Last Year Pitched
1	Sue	Snyder	KY	305	69	21	7	2010
2	Sylvianne	Moisan	PQ-CAN	276	46	18	4	2010
3	Vicki	Winston	OR	265	113	38	10	1995
4	Amy	Francis	OH	192.5	110.5	17		2010
5	Joan	Elmore	TN	181	46	12	4	2010
6	Phyllis	Negaard	MN	164	101	19	5	2000
7	Deborah	Michaud	MA	163	121	21	2	2004
8	Sandy	Janssens	ON-CAN	141	123	16	1	2008
9	Bev	Nathe	MN	140	70	13	2	2003
10	Ruth	Hangen	NY	136	88	23	5	1989
11	Opal	Reno	OH	130	113	19	2	1999
12	Connie	Filley	SD	122	75	11		2007
13	Judy	Curtiss	MI	118	45	9		2009
14	Lorraine	Thomas	NY	113	84	22	2	1986
15	Diane	Cantin	PQ-CAN	111	41	10		1998
16	Amy	Hall	VA	96	71	9		2008
17	Gert	Wilczek	WI	95	46	7		2008
18	Becky	Kemper	KY	93	93	10	1	2010
19	Mildred	Brouillette	MN	82	46	13	2	1934
20	Bonnie	Seibold	IN	81	126	22		1990

Senior Men's World Championship Wins Only

Top-10 Ranking	Started 1960 (40ft.) F-Name	L-Name	State	Total Wins	Total Losses	Champ World Events	World Titles	Last Year Pitched
1	Howard	Weitzel	SK-CAN	79.5	59.5	12	1	2002
2	Lawrence	Miller	OH	78	72	13	2	1995
3	Bob	Lautenschleger	OH	72	60	12	2	2008
4	Glen	Portt	GA	70	41	10	2	1989
5	John	Paxton	IA	65	15	10	5	1972
6	John	Brown	OH	65	40	9	2	2001
7	Gerald	Stangland	MN	59	51	10		2010
8	Raymond	Hill	MI	58	14	6	2	1993
9	Willard	Napier	CA	54	30	7	1	1997
10	Stan	Manker	OH	51	8	8	5	1980

Elder's World Championship Wins Only

Top-10 Ranking	Started 1982 (30ft.) F-Name	L-Name	State	Total Wins	Total Losses	Champ World Events	World Titles	Last Year Pitched
1	Ed	Arionus	TX	76	17	8	4	2010
2	Paul	McCreery	TX	51	16	6	2	2009
3	Bobby	Fields	TN	46	33	7		2010
4	Robert	Logan	IN	45	7	5	3	2002
5	Curley	Seibold	IN	34	25	6		2002
6	Frank	Bohun	PA	32	3	4	4	1999
7	Herschel	Walters	IN	31	4	3	2	2010
8	Roy	Smith	KS	28	10	4	1	1994
9	Laymon	Gullett	TX	27	24	5		2002
10	Russ	Christopher	SK-CAN	27	18	5		1997

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WORLD RECORDS *Cont.*

Senior Women's World Championship Wins Only

Top-10 Started 1989 (30ft.)				Total	Total	Champ	World	Last
Ranking	F-Name	L-Name	State	Wins	Losses	World Events	World Titles	Year Pitched
1	Rivers	Prewette	NC	29	5	5	2	2010
2	Edi	Holland	MN	29	28	9		2009
3	Lucille	Leis	ON-CAN	23	19	7	1	2008
4	Teddy	Guillotte	CA	21	1	4	4	1999
5	Marge	Spray	FL	18	3	3	3	1992
6	Angeline	Moison	PQ-CAN	17	12	5	2	2010
7	LaVerne	Fenlon	OR	16	12	5	2	2006
8	Rosalie	Judy	WV	15	29	7		2003
9	Sheila	Shepard	CO	14	0	2	2	2010
10	Helen	Eakins	OH	13	7	3		1995

Boy's World Championship Wins Only

Top-10 Started 1924 (30ft.)				Total	Total	Champ	World	Last
Ranking	F-Name	L-Name	State	Wins	Losses	World Events	World Titles	Year Pitched
1	Jim	Walters	OH	68	11	7	5	1993
2	Alan	Francis	MO	63	9	6	4	1986
3	Mark	Dyson	NC	49	8	5	3	1983
4	Edward	Neeb	ON-CAN	48	15	5	1	1989
5	Drew	Becker	ON-CAN	46	10	6	2	2006
6	Walter Ray	Williams Jr.	CA	42	9	7	3	1976
7	Matt	Fuller	WA	41	23	6	1	2010
8	Rodney	Hilton	UT	40	22	6	1	1959
9	Billy	Backer	UT	40	15	5	1	1959
10	Gary	Roberts	OH	37	6	5	4	1964

Girl's World Championship Wins Only

Top-10 Started 1967 (30ft.)				Total	Total	Champ	World	Last
Ranking	F-Name	L-Name	State	Wins	Losses	World Events	World Titles	Year Pitched
1	Celeste	Polak	TX	44	9	6	3	1993
2	Crystal	Curtis	AB-CAN	35	12	5	1	1995
3	Debby	Bestul	WI	28	3	5	4	1988
4	Julie	Walters	OH	28	22	6		1993
5	Linda	Pateneau	ME	27	18	6	2	1980
6	Audrey	Reno	OH	26	4	4	1	1980
7	Janice	Domey	MA	25	19	6		1980
8	Shalee	Sebastian	PA	24	1	5	4	2003
9	Penny	Steinke	WI	23	15	4	2	1996
10	Heidi	Sternberg	WI	22	20	4	1	1994

Cadet's World Championship Wins Only

Top-10 Started 2003 (20ft.)				Total	Total	Champ	World	Last
Ranking	F-Name	L-Name	State	Wins	Losses	World Events	World Titles	Year Pitched
1	Blake	Roberts	OH	20.5	1.5	2	2	2004
2	Travis	Sluys	CA	13	14	4	1	2007
3	Tylor G.	Hines	MO	12.5	2.5	1		2003
4	David	Bates	MN	9	6	1		2003
5	Dayton C.	Campbell	VA	8	5	2		2009
6	Cash	Hickethier	WI	7	8	1		2003
7	Jason	Beach	KS	7	0	1	1	2005
8	Daniel	Miller	MN	7	0	1	1	2009
9	Jennifer	Trader	ND	7	7	2		2005
10	Matthew	Trader	ND	6	12	3		2010

Intermediate Men's World Championship Wins Only

Top-10 Started 1967-1992				Total	Total	Champ	World	Last
Ranking	F-Name	L-Name	State	Wins	Losses	World Events	World Titles	Year Pitched
1	Leonard	Lipovsky	MN	49	18	6	1	1992
2	Winfield	Carnahan	PA	38	17	5		1988
3	Max	Roseberry	OH	35	20	5	1	1995
4	Edward	Risley	NY	31	24	5		1988
5	Monte	Latino	CA	29	3	3	3	1982
6	Art	Holter	MN	29	13	6	2	1975
7	John	Shuck	IN	25	19	4		1986
8	Larry	Morton	GA	23	12	3		1992
9	Glen	Riffle	OH	20	5	3		1981
10	Glen	Henton	IA	20	2	2	2	1986

Elder's (40ft.) World Championship Wins Only

Top-10 Started 1987-1992				Total	Total	Champ	World	Last
Ranking	F-Name	L-Name	State	Wins	Losses	World Events	World Titles	Year Pitched
1	Francis	White	PA	20	10	5	1	1992
2	Willard	Napier	CA	16	4	4	3	1991
3	Edwin	Miller	OH	8	7	2	1	1992
4	Ralph	Maylahn	WI	6	4	2		1991
5	Alden	Allbaugh	KS	6	4	1		1992
6	Walt	Robinson	CA	5	5	1		1992
7	Arnie	Mortenson	CA	5	0	1	1	1987
8	Frank	Hiendlmayr	OH	5	5	2		1990
9	Louis	Bensinger	WI	4	6	1		1992
10	Norm	Cone	CA	4	6	2		1990

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WI	45	156	\$15,707
MI	55	150	\$13,215
WA	36	91	\$10,710
IL	64	120	\$10,413
FL	59	94	\$10,066
CO	33	90	\$9,439
OH	74	122	\$9,011
TX	35	61	\$8,095
PA	36	75	\$8,925
GA	21	27	\$7,570
NE	18	39	\$7,298
KS	27	57	\$6,771
IA	29	52	\$6,006
MA	13	20	\$5,530
WV	15	120	\$5,323
NJ	24	50	\$5,209
IN	31	45	\$4,753
ND	10	32	\$4,675
NY	41	54	\$4,465
ID	10	40	\$4,447
VA	72	144	\$3,920
MD	26	43	\$3,664
LA	10	21	\$3,152
SC	13	30	\$2,770
KY	17	34	\$2,760
OK	18	29	\$2,543
CT	16	28	\$2,422
SD	17	29	\$2,414
NV	12	18	\$1,936
AZ	13	21	\$1,589
AR	11	16	\$1,535
VT	6	19	\$1,115
MT	6	11	\$1,020
AL	7	10	\$925
NH	4	7	\$850
NM	4	7	\$735
WY	7	7	\$632
UT	4	6	\$580
CAN	1	2	\$400
IRE	1	1	\$300
HI	4	4	\$250
ME	2	3	\$150
AK	1	1	\$120
DE	1	2	\$107
RI	1	1	\$100
MS	1	1	\$5

NHPA RULES AND BYLAWS

by Dan Sanders

In recent issues of Newsline Magazine I have responded to questions that have come directly from our membership that relate to our current Rules, and this issue is no exception. Recently, I have received some e-mails of concern about the awarding of prizes to our Junior pitchers and about how we should be recognizing our Juniors in a greater variety of ways that might help to increase their participation in sanctioned leagues and tournaments. Of course, we must work within our current Rules in the brainstorming of these ideas, so I'll begin by presenting our current Junior awards programs, and will then discuss some other possible options. Here is how the NHPA Junior Awards Requirement currently reads (also see the 2010 revised RGS Book, page 27):

Requirement 6

Section C – Awards

All Junior Cadet and Junior play (mixed class or otherwise) will be conducted on an amateur basis. Awards presented to these Divisions by the Tournament/League Officials should have no immediate monetary value. The awarding of trophies, medals, or ribbons is recommended. Any award with monetary value, including trust funds from the Charter, State, World Tournament, or the Junior Scholar Pitcher Awards Program, shall not be issued before the successful completion of high school.

Section D – Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of all Junior Cadet and Junior pitchers (or their parents/guardians) to make sure that their amateur standing is not jeopardized by any violation of the above information.

Junior Awards at the National Level

First of all, the NHPA does have a Junior Scholar Pitcher Awards Program for all Charter Junior pitchers, grades seven (7) through twelve (12). This is a part of our Sanctioned League program and this annual scholarship is available to any current Junior member who applies for it. Currently, these scholarships are awarded to selected applicants who have been top achievers, both in the classroom and as Junior participants in sanctioned league play. Details of this scholarship program can be found on the NHPA website and also in the "Red Book" (see website also) which describes and explains the NHPA sanctioned league program. If you or others have questions upon reading through this material, please contact NHPA Vice-president Lorraine Sternberg who is in charge of this program. Also, check future issues of Newsline Magazine for details of this annual Junior Scholar Pitcher Awards Program and for "reminders" about

the deadline for receiving applications.

The NHPA also presents awards to our Junior World Tournament winners each year. These awards include trophies, WT patches, and deferred prize money to the top finishers of the various Classes of this Division. As you have read above, our NHPA Rules/Requirements do not allow us to make any cash awards to our Junior winners as this could jeopardize their amateur status. Instead, this money is placed in a trust fund, for each winning Junior, and becomes available to them upon their graduation from high school. These trust funds are created and maintained by the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, but only for Junior World Tournament winners. The Junior pay-out schedule is always published in Newsline Magazine prior to each World Tournament.

Junior Awards at the Charter Level

A larger problem for Junior awards seems to exist at the Charter level. The NHPA has always advised each Charter to observe our above NHPA requirement (no cash or other awards that may have any immediate monetary value) to ensure that the amateur status of all Junior pitchers is not jeopardized. For all colleges and universities, the amateur athletic status of applicants is a requirement for the awarding of college/university athletic scholarships and neither the NHPA, or any of its Charters, or any officer would ever want to jeopardize a Junior's chances of receiving a college scholarship. It is also possible that we could be held legally liable for any violation of this NHPA and college requirement.

Some Charters have followed the NHPA practice of creating trust funds for their Junior pitchers and of awarding the accumulated trust money to these Juniors upon their graduation from high school. We have learned, however, that in more recent years, it has become more difficult (due to security and privacy concerns) for any Charter Secretary to open up and maintain individual trust accounts for their Junior winners. This becomes further complicated when there is a change of officers every few years and the new Charter Secretary may want to transfer these trust accounts to a different bank, often in another part of the state. For these reasons, and others, many Charters have either dropped or are no longer creating trust funds for their Junior pitchers.

Other Possible Options for Junior Awards

In more recent years, there have been questions about

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the issuing of gift cards or savings bonds, for example, to Juniors. The big concern here is, "Do these awards have an immediate monetary value?" (see above, Section C - Awards), and in the opinions of most, they do. Taking a \$20 K-Mart gift card into that store will get you the same merchandise as a \$20 bill will get you. Savings bonds may seem "safer", but they can be taken to the bank and "cashed" for money before they mature; though for a somewhat less amount than the face value. And so it would seem that the amateur athletic status of any Junior pitcher could be jeopardized by giving them these kinds of prizes/awards.

Another interesting variation of the trust fund option is currently being used in at least one of our Charters. This Charter has formed what they call a "Junior Fund". Along with raising money for this fund by selling hot dogs on league nights, the normal monetary awards for tournament competition (if won by a Junior) go into that Junior Fund. This fund may provide money for their entry fee into the next big tournament, like the State Tournament, or even just the next tournament, but it may also be given to one of their parents, to help out with expenses at those tournaments. This may be an effective way to deal with money that is won by Juniors; though keeping track of those winnings for each Junior might be more difficult in Charters that have a lot of Junior pitchers.

Still another option to consider is to present money awards (by check or money order only) to the parent or legal guardian of the winning Junior, along with the directive (perhaps in writing) that the parent/legal guardian is to create and place this prize money into a college fund for their winning Junior pitcher. Whether or not this new policy would meet the legal requirements of colleges/universities for maintaining the amateur athletic status of this student is perhaps questionable, so our NHPA Council will probably want to run this idea, and others, by some legal counsel before making any official changes or additions to our current Requirements.

And still another thought about charging tournament entry fees for Junior pitchers... Perhaps Juniors could be given the option of paying the full entry fee, or a reduced/no entry fee for Charter tournament competition. If the Junior wanted to be eligible for winning money awards (to be placed in a trust fund, Junior fund, or parent college fund) they would pay the full entry fee. When choosing the reduced/no fee option, they would become eligible for other awards such as a trophy, certificate, patch, etc.

Future Changes?

Perhaps the most complicating factor when considering these or other future options is that each state athletic association has different policies/requirements for high school students to maintain their amateur status, and these state policies/requirements may even change annually, from time to time. This information is based on a great deal of research conducted earlier by former NHPA Junior Promotions Director Bobby White who points out that our current policy has been in effect now for many years and seems to have served us very well. It seems pretty obvious that keeping track of all of the different athletic association requirements (and changes) for all 50 states may make it nearly impossible for the NHPA to adopt any changes to our current Requirement for Junior Awards, but at the same time, some of the above options may still remain acceptable, within this Requirement.

Finally, I can tell you that our NHPA Council is very concerned about our Junior membership and that we will make every effort to come up with some alternative ways to attract and to keep our Junior pitchers. We will be discussing the above alternatives, and others, at our up-coming Winter meeting in January. If you have any other good ideas, please send them along to me or to our current NHPA Junior Promotions Director, Justin Sipma.

2010 World Championship Finals Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Highest Consecutive Ringers			Consecutive
Divisions	Name	State	Ringers
Men's	Alan Francis	OH	40
Women's	Sue Snyder	IN	24
Elder Men's	Rich Pintor	CO	30
SR. Men's	Larry Knop	IL	14
SR. Women's	Sheila Shepard	CO	14
SR. Women's	Gert Wilcziek	WI	14
Junior Boy's	Joshua Bowerman	NY	18
Junior Girl's	Brianna McCormick	VT	10
Junior Cadet's	Matthew Trader	ND	4

CHARTER CHATTER

by Jane Smith

COLORADO CHARTER

Bob Champion has been editor/publisher of the *Colorado Double Ringer* for many years. The publication is chocked full of stats from local, state and world tournaments. It is always interesting to read and recognize names of pitchers met over the years at a variety of tournaments. He has "drafted" (my word) excellent help – Lee Stevenson, Lou Conklin, Mel Yockstick, Margaret Pineda, Ken Morrell, Ray Haim, Lyle, Morthole and Cindy Champion – in publishing this "1983 NHPA Achievement Award Recipient" horseshoe newsletter. As his name states – Bob is truly a champion. (Jane Smith)

GEORGIA CHARTER

Here in Georgia our pitching season has wound down and it will be March before we get our 2011 season underway. Our State Singles was pitched on a beautiful Fall day and saw some new and some familiar pitchers winning the Championship classes. Lee Presley won his first Men's State Championship continuing a family tradition that had either his father Ricky Presley or his uncle Richard Williams winning the Men's title for the last few years. Mary Ann Gibbs continued her dominance of the Women's State Championship, winning her sixth straight title. Billy Barnes won the Elder's State Championship for the second year in a row while Braeden Taylor claimed his first Junior Boy's Championship and Hillary Hudgins won her first Junior Girl's Championship.

We finished up our season with a Pro/Am Doubles Tournament on October the 23rd in Warner Robins. We had eight first time pitchers come out to participate. We felt this was a great success with hunting season and football season well underway and feel like at least a few will be back next year to join us on the courts.

One last note; Jim Haley, our Secretary/Treasurer for the last 20 years, has decided to retire. Jim will still be pitching, just able to relax and not have to deal with all of the paperwork involved with the Secretary/Treasurers job.

Thanks Jim for all of your hard work over the years!
(Submitted by Ronnie Miller)

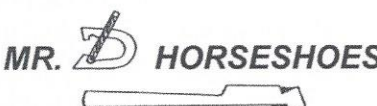
IOWA CHARTER

Leroy Law writes in the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association newsletter that this last year saw many exciting happenings. The World Tournament in Cedar Rapids "exceeded all of our expectations." The Amana Campgrounds now has a "very nice facility with full walkways and World tournament clay." World tournament Ralph Palmer gave his WT report mentioning "everything went well and on schedule." It was also noted that Iowa had the most first place finishers. Ron Rowley, Leo Buell and Bob Hardy are stepping down from their IHHPA offices. Leo thanks them for "everything you have done for the IHHPA." Congratulations and good luck to Dick Huitt, Mary Jane Stanerson, and Bert Logsdan as they begin their terms for the IHHPA. (Jane Smith)

MARYLAND CHARTER

The ProTour event was very successful and lots of fun! We hope to have the opportunity to have it back in Frederick again next year. The results can be found on the website www.hprotour.com. We had some great press coverage and

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have contact info for a number of potentially new members! Please see Page B-1 in Sunday, September 19, 2010 issue of The Frederick News-Post. Also, per Ron Taylor via Lynn Combs we expect to be featured on WHAG TV <http://your4state.com/> Balto Metro has a Fun Pitch scheduled for Oct. 9th. Contact Larry Bunn for info: larrybunn@hotmail.com (Submitted by HYPERLINK "mailto:diana.ratliff@antek.com" \o "diana.ratliff@antek.com" Diana Ratliff)

MINNESOTA CHARTER

The MGSHPA would like to congratulate Bert Logsdon on his new position as Regional Director for the Iowa Charter. Bert, a long time Minnesotan, recently moved to Iowa. Well it didn't take long before he was very involved with the horseshoe community and working with charter president Leroy Law. Bert will be a fine addition to the Iowa charter, and also provide some pretty stiff competition to those Class A players down there. (Submitted by Jerry LaBrosse)

MISSOURI CHARTER

The Missouri State Horseshoe Pitching News – Shoe Biz – is a very complete and interesting horseshoe publication. Their publication editors and state officers reads like a Who's Who list. Jim Bainter, MOHPA president for six years is handing the gavel to Sharon Taylor. He thanks his fellow officers and MOHPA members to give Sharon and fellow officers continued support. He mentions in his article that as the second-largest charter in the NHPA, Missouri has been and can be influential in the horseshoe world. He is clever as he ends his "From My Court to Yours" column with "That's it from the Pits." (Jane Smith)

Michael Long Quest to Walk Benefit

The First Annual Michael Long Quest to Walk horseshoe tournament was a huge success. The Independence Missouri club hosted the event on June 17th at McCoy Park. Over \$740.00 was raised with all proceeds going to Michael Long, a local young man who was paralyzed in a swimming accident a year ago. Laura Estes of the Independence chapter organized the event, her first fundraiser, complete with hot dogs, bratwurst, Sweet snacks (from club members) drinks and t-shirts for sale. Michael came out to lend his support and to thank everyone that participated, gave donations and enjoyed the day playing horseshoes. Laura has already scheduled the Second Annual Quest to Walk Tourney for October 9, 2011. Thanks to fundraising events like this, Michael has progressed from a nine to a 13 (on a scale of 0-40) in a matter of months. The Quest to Walk team has never seen a student progress so rapidly. If you'd like to donate to Michael please go to www.questtowalk.org and

click on client corner Michael Long is on page 2. Those donations go directly toward his therapy. Mark your calendar for next October and the Second Annual Michael Long Quest to Walk horseshoe benefit. Contact Laura Estes at lauralaura2222@sbcglobal.net with any questions. Thank you all for your incredible support and generosity. With our help Michael's quest can turn in a reality! (Submitted by Donna Bastel)

NORTH CAROLINA CHARTER

Newly elected President Cecil Bowes writes in the Down and Back Tar Heel Horseshoe News that he has asked his election opponent, Teddy Vernon, to serve as Vice President. He recognizes Teddy's knowledge and experience in the world of horseshoes and horseshoe pitching. He challenges North Carolina pitchers to continue pitching in winter leagues. He "loves this sport. It's a great way to exercise and make new friends." (Jane Smith)

WISCONSIN CHARTER

Tom Steinke, WHPA president, writes about "the game of horseshoes. Fun? Yes. Entertaining? Yes. Frustrating? Yes. What keeps players coming back? My guess is friendships they have made, the competition, and it's just something to do." Tom led a small group of WHPA members at the Fall meeting at Lake Delton. There was not a lot of new business and no change in State officers. The high point was 2nd Vice President, Jimmy Paulson as he presented his 2020 Wisconsin Initiatives. His power point presentation challenged all WHPA members to try suggested events to promote horseshoe membership in our state. Promotion needs to begin at the local level, possibly with school Phys Ed programs, community Ed summer programs and individual involvement. Jimmy is a mover and shaker in the WHPA as he seems to be our state technology guru, 2nd VP, Beloit tournament statistician and WHNL publisher. (Jane Smith)

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CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

by Jerry LaBrosse

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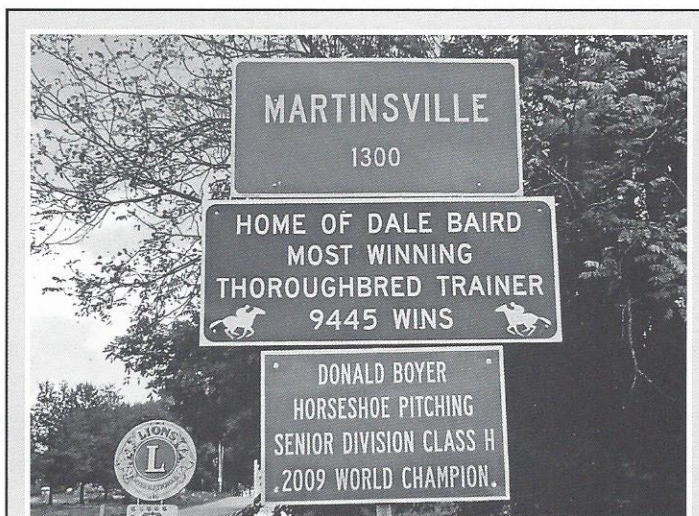
There's new information about HSMaster!!! As many of you know, Kurt Whaley, the creator of HSMaster, has formed a "user council" consisting of seven members to analyze and upgrade the program. They have posted the newest version (1.1.143) on the NHPA website. There is also a document posted that explains complete download instructions along with all of the newest features they've added to the program. This document can be found in **Resources > Software > HSMaster Installation**. All HSMaster users are encouraged to review these features and start using the newest version of HSMaster.

There is one feature that could help everyone involved in a big way. Many charters have an established statistician that all tournament results flow through on their way to NATSTATS. Many charters do not process their results this way, and that can be a problem. Understand that if tournament results are not submitted to Natstats in the proper format, Natstats director Rob Hagman has to enter in these results by hand, thus increasing the chances for errors and adding a lot of unnecessary work to the process. There are still charters and tournament directors sending in results on paper, or in excel type spreadsheets. The new feature in HSMaster that would solve this problem is located on the Tournament Entries screen. Here's how this feature works and what it will do: AFTER the tournament has been played and you have paper results, you set up the tournament info in HSMaster. DO NOT set up any classes. Go to the tournament entries screen. Enter the players, ringers and shoes for everyone who played in the tourney. When finished, POST the tournament and then create the Natstats file and email it to Rob. If you are not a current HSMaster user, this may sound complicated to you. The HSMaster User Council invites anyone who wishes to learn this program to contact them for help at nhpapaul@yahoo.com. The more people who learn to

send in tournament results in the proper format, the easier it will make his and your life. Be sure to check out the "HSMaster Help Desk" created by Kevin Snelgrove.

The NHPA Council holds a winter board meeting each year in January. Members who have questions or issues that you feel should be addressed by the Council are encouraged to contact myself, or any NHPA Officer.

Have you ever thought about running for an NHPA Officer position? Well now is your chance to be heard and make a difference. This year the positions up for election are President, 1st VP, 3rd VP, and 5th VP. Lorraine Sternberg, current 3rd VP, has announced that she will not be seeking re-election. At the time of this article, I do not know the status of any other nominations. If anyone out there is considering running for any of these positions, you must submit your announcement to President Stu Sipma and to Newsline Editor Paula Summerlin by February 1st.



This photo was sent in by Donald Boyer with this note. "Enclosing the picture of a sign erected on the National Road (old US 40) at the east and west entrances to the village of Martinsville. I was certainly surprised and honored. I enjoyed the World Tournament at Cedar Rapids even though I did not pitch very good. I hope to see you at Monroe, Louisiana next July."

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PUBLICITY/PROMOTION

by Tina Hawkins

2010 has come to a close and I am really looking forward to another fresh new season of horseshoe pitching! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and received lots of horseshoe pitching paraphernalia for Christmas!

The cold months keep lots of us from actively participating in tournaments, but I want to remind you of all the wonderful indoor facilities around the states that you can visit through the winter.

The first one that comes to mind is the NHPA Hall of Fame facility in Wentzville, Missouri. Not only is it a state of the art, heated, indoor horseshoe pitching facility, but it houses the history of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's Hall of Fame. The museum is filled with photographs and memorabilia of the greatest horseshoe pitching legends that have ever lived. Under the care of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, the sixteen indoor pits are meticulously maintained and ready for use at all times. Visit their website at: <http://www.quailridgesales.com> for event schedule and hours of operation.

There are many other indoor facilities throughout the country that are active during the winter. The state websites, found at www.horseshoepitching.com hold a plethora of information on sites and schedules. There may be one close enough for you to take a weekend trip or even just an

over-nighter to visit and pitch in a new location. The host club would likely welcome you with open arms!

Staying active is the best way to retain your interest for the great sport of horseshoe pitching. Don't let the long, cold winter distract you and make you lose your desire to pitch! Recruit some of your pitching buddies and make an adventure of an out-of-state tournament. Who doesn't enjoy a good road trip with a car load of friends? Sharing the ride will cut your expenses, as well as provide some relief drivers.

If you are among the fortunate ones who actually HAVE indoor pitching facilities, be sure to hold lots of winter-time recruiting events. People are looking for fun activities to fill the cold dark winter evenings. List your event in the local newspaper and in public service announcements through your local radio station. Try inviting the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts out for a Saturday morning activity. What a great way to introduce horseshoe pitching to the youth!

No matter what activities your winter holds for you, keep horseshoe pitching on your mind! Don't forget where you stowed your shoes after the state tournament... And definitely be ready to get them out and start pitching after the spring thaw!

I'll be looking for you on the courts!

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 2010

Utah State Championships Richfield

Men's Class A	W-L	%
1. Roy Buhler	11-1	54.34
2. Cal Sorensen	7-5	50.68
3. Mason Walker	6-6	43.33
4. Gary Wood	0-12	36.28

Women's Class A	W-L	%
1. Jenifer Bunker	10-2	54.75
2. Amy Gazaway	7-5	41.46
3. Barbara Purser	4-8	36.28
4. Leslie Nelson	3-9	41.14

30 Ft Men's Class A	W-L	%
1. Vance Bodily	11-1	60.50
2. Lew Brown	7-5	53.00
3. Lynn John	6-6	56.80

Junior Boy's Class A	W-L	%
1. Nathan Scott	12-0	47.05

Men's Classes	W-L	%
B Steve Ellis	12-3	37.15
C Bruce Allred	12-2	23.16

Women's Class	W-L	%
B Dot Ellis	9-0	11.98

30 Ft Men's Classes

B Gib Mitchell	11-3	45.07
C George Sarkis	9-1	35.14

Junior Boy's Class	W-L	%
B Dominic Buhler	9-2	7.77

Vermont State Championships Middlebury - Augus1 15, 2010

Men's Class A	W-L	%
1. Brian Simmons	7-0	86.16
2. Glenn Mathenson	5-2	58.09
3. Lester Sanderson	5-2	46.15
4. Leon O'Dell	4-3	45.67
5. Ray Gokey	4-3	41.33
6. Nick Preston	1-6	40.67
7. Michael Brown	1-6	40.06
8. John Babcock	1-6	36.13

Women's Class A	W-L	%
1. Debra Brown	6-0	70.27
2. Georgia McCormick	4-2	55.15
3. Beverly Forgues	2-4	43.18
4. Connie Selleck	0-6	28.97

Elder's Class A

1. Bill Alexander Sr	5-0	36.71
2. Kevin Chevrier	4-1	50.00
3. Tim Wilson	3-2	31.25
4. Robert Gordon	2-3	34.92
5. Linus Kinner	1-4	32.95

Junior Boy's Class A

1. Jordan Draper	4-2	26.77
2. Justin Oldenburg	3-3	28.74
3. Roland Haskins III	3-3	20.57
4. Devon Knight	2-4	14.84

Junior Girl's Class A

1. Brianna McCormick	7-0	47.37
2. Heather Selleck	5-2	17.70
3. Samantha Coleman	4-3	19.28
4. Lacey Graham	4-3	18.09
5. Renee Little	4-3	14.78
6. Destinnie Wilke	2-5	8.01
7. Jenny Packard	1-6	12.66
8. Jessica Martell	1-6	8.12

Cadet's Class A

1. Raeann Pecor	3-1	5.83
2. Karissa Mathenson	3-2	4.61
3. Martina Gaudette	2-2	3.17
4. Moriah Gaudette	0-3	1.06

Men's Classes

B Joe Forgues	7-0	40.63
C Bruce Oldenburg	6-1	32.61
D Kevin Greene	6-0	33.21
E Dave Adams	6-1	25.85
F Larry Santor	7-1	11.50
G Josh Quesnel	7-1	15.03
H Rodney Gaudette	5-1	9.33

Women's Classes

B Dawn Coleman	5-1	20.00
C Vanesia Coleman	5-0	10.08

Elder's Class

B Ron Williamson	6-0	24.81
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NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT

by Lorraine Sternberg

The 7th National League Tournament was held this past October in Missouri.

It was a beautiful weekend in October to be in Missouri. The weather was in the 80's and it would have been great to have been able to use the outside courts, but it was October and you never know what the weather will be like. It was just as warm inside with everyone from the morning shift arriving early to get some practice in before we got started at 8:00 A.M. There was one team missing this year. This team pitched in every one of the league tournaments, up until this year. They were unable to get a third person to fill up their team. But on Saturday morning what to my wondering eyes did appear coming in the door, Georgia and Leonard Burke from Oklahoma. Even though they did not have a team to pitch with, here they were coming to help out. The Burke's were on their way home from a vacation in Minnesota and made a detour to Missouri just to be at the tournament. Georgia stated that they could not miss the tournament and I was very glad to see them. It made my tournament very special. The tournament would not have been the same without them. I appreciated all of the scorekeeping that the both of them did to help out.

As always the Quail Ridge Club did a great job with concessions, helping out with bringing in score keepers and where ever I needed help. The building was beautiful with all of the fall decorations that they put up before the tournament. The tournament started out by having Gregg Craven, from the Liberty HSC of Missouri leading us in the National Anthem. I appreciate Gregg doing this for us. This is the second year he has helped out with this.

Gregg also had high game for the tournament of 86% and Sheila Shepard had high average of the tournament, 70.40%.

Another surprise person at my tournament this year was Stu Sipma, our NHPA President. Stu had a business meeting in Missouri on Monday, so came early to be at the tournament. It was a pleasure having him there and he kept very busy having NHPA business meetings.

This year we had twenty teams pitch in the tournament. There were several new teams that came this year. The PCB of Kentucky HSC, had their first appearance and the Sandwich HSL, of Illinois came along with the Goldendale HSC of Wisconsin. It was especially nice for me to have a team from the Goldendale HSC, as this is the club that I belong to and pitch at. Hopefully all three of these teams will be back next year.

The championship plaque for 2010 went to the Denver Metro HSC of Colorado. The members of the team were Sheila Shepard, Jeanette Romero and Jackie Jones. It was the second year that this team has made it to the tournament. Playing the championship game against them was the First Capitol Women's League from Missouri. This team was the defending champions from 2009. The players from this team were Rose Diekamp, Mary Beeson and Suzanne Evans. They put on a great game. It was a good finish to a great tournament. CONGRATULATIONS to the Denver Metro HSC and I hope to see them back next year to defend their championship. The tournament ended

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NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT *Cont.*

around 1:00 P.M. on Sunday and everyone was able to head home at an early time.

Thanks again to the Quail Ridge HSC, my husband Terry along with Stu and the Burke's for all of their help. The dates for next year's tournament are October 8th and 9th. Mark this on your calendar, as you don't want to miss out.

The standings of the tournament are published in this issue of Newslines.

Coming up in the next issue of Newslines will be the Sanctioned League Top Ten, along with the Junior Scholarships from 2010.

May you all have a HAPPY NEW YEAR!



NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE TOURNAMENT 2010

Tournament Champions: DENVER METRO HSC, COLORADO

Team Standings for Group 1

	Won	Lost
1. Denver Metro HSC, CO Sheila Shepard, Jeanette Romero, & Jackie Jones	22.5	7.5
2. AVF Downers Grove HSC, IL Richard Andrysiak, Dalton Simmons & Luke Thompson	18	9
3. Liberty HSC, MO Gregg Crave, Ralph Richardson & David Bravard	16.5	10.5
4. Golden Triangle HSC, MO Don Claas, Jim Howard, & Bob Diekamp	16.5	10.5
5. Yukon HSC, OK Roy Privott, Burl Cox, & David Montgomery	14.5	12.5
6. Marion HSC, IN Jenny Morris, James Morris, & Sonny Franks	13	14
7. Quail Ridge HSC, MO Gary Roehrig, Ernie Brakensiek, & Darryl Gettinger	11.5	15.5
8. Goldendale HSC, WI Glenn Bogenschneider, Barb Peters, & Lance Peters	10.5	16.5
9. Arkdale HSC, WI Ray Groskinsky, Kerry Morris, & Tom Dudenhoefer	10	17
10. PCB of Kentucky HSC, KY Jim Peavley, Ricky Bell, & Lou Colpitts	4	23

Team Standings for Group 2

	Won	Lost
1. First Capitol Women's, MO Rose Diekamp, Mary Beeson, & Suzanne Evans	24.5	5.5
2. Jim's Four Ringer Courts HSC, AR Jim Brandenburg, Hiram Chaffin, & Darrell Graham	19.5	7.5
3. Independence HSC, MO Michael Gillespie, Jon Aronson, & Roy Flatt	15.5	11.5
4. Whitley County HSC, IN Connie Reimer, Charles Pulley, & Larry Hively	15	12
5. Beloit HSC, WI Jesse Garza, Walter Houck, & Virgil Smith	13	14
6. Heart of America HSC, MO Elwyn Cooper, Wayne Henderson, & Dee McIntire	13	14
7. Combined Locks HSC, WI Cal Pitel, Elaine Troullier & Cliff Troullier	13	14
8. Ballwin Winter HSL, MO Richard Altis, Roy Evans, & Martin Orf	11	16
9. Sandwich HSL, IL Rich Lodor, Fred Morel, & Steve Nelson	10.5	16.5
10. Topeka HSC, KS Kyle Bidwell, Larry Collette, & Mark Brockamp	1	26

REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPORT

by Debby Michaud

It must be the season of new leaders. We have three more new Regional Directors to report. In Colorado, Lyle Saine will take over the reins from Fred Shepard. In Iowa, C. Leo Buell has resigned the RD post after an excellent long career – he is passing the baton to Bert Logsdon who has recently moved to Iowa from Minnesota. And in South Carolina, Ron Taylor will have more time to concentrate on his other horseshoe duties (and on himself!) now that Terry McPeek is picking up the Regional Director's job in that charter. Just as we look forward to working with these new RD's, we send our sincere thanks to Fred, C. Leo and Ron for all of their efforts as Regional Directors.

Many of the patch orders have gone out already and, by the time you read this, most of them will be in the hands of the RD's, ready to be sent out to all the secretaries and then to the Tournament Directors. A positive is that many of the charters are ordering a slightly larger number of patches which means they anticipate a larger number of pitchers in 2011. I hope that is true.

One of the issues that often comes up is "unsportsmanlike" behavior during tournaments or leagues. It is an uncomfortable issue for the tournament officials and, of course, for the pitchers around the person who is behaving in an unsportsmanlike way. How to deal with it? This subject is addressed on page 20 in the newest RGS booklet, but it leaves some of the decision making to the Tournament and League officials. A charter can deal with any situation in a way that works for them as long as they deal with it! One charter held a meeting in a private home with the League and State officials in attendance. Something about talking around a table at a later date instead of at the courts seemed to work for them. Another charter approached the perpetrator privately but, when that didn't work, the charter officers convened and mapped out a list of progressive punishments that is more involved than what the NHPA RGS booklet advises. These solutions are fine as we just want to insure a competitive and comfortable experience for all of the pitchers involved. There is no room in horseshoes for unpleasant behavior – deal with it quickly and you may nip it in the bud. Let it linger and recur and you will have many unhappy pitchers, and maybe fewer pitchers, than you had before. The take-away message is to deal with it in a calm way, one way or another, and prevent it from happening again.

Because of the good work in some charters, I do want to mention a couple of men who have shown an ability to

work things out or to mediate well and provide a calm that was needed at the time. These two men are Roger Forgues and Wayne Bennett. I send a special thanks to them for the challenging and successful work that they have done for horseshoes. There are many others, I am sure, who have performed similar work – hopefully we will hear about them as well.

Has anyone noticed that recently there are more photos of horseshoe pitchers on the cover of the Newslines? It is nice to see all those "pictures of pitchers" right there on the cover. Thanks Paula!

Here is that bi-monthly (this year anyway) reminder about the re-sanctioning of courts in 2011. If every club starts to re-measure and check its courts now, the final work and official measuring will be that much easier. More information will be sent to each Regional Director after the NHPA council's winter meeting in January where I want to clarify some things. If any of you who went through this before have questions or comments, I would love to hear from you. I'm sure there are hints out there and little measuring devices that made it easier for some of you. As I have stated before, we just want our courts to be as accurate and safe as possible for higher ringer percentages and happier pitchers.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and I wish you all a wonderful New Year with lots of pitching, lots of friends, and lots of ringers. Take care; see you on the courts SOON!

"Clydesdale D. F."

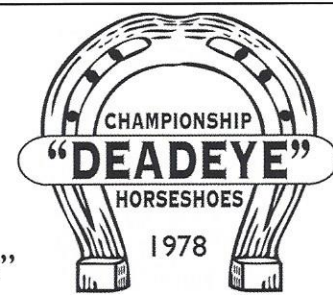
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RICK BERMINGHAM

by Casey Sluys

When Rick was a teenager, his mother bought his father a set of Diamond Double Ringer horseshoes complete with stakes for Fathers Day. Dad set it up in the backyard and it took 14-year-old Rick a year before he could beat his dad. Finding out that he could pitch fairly well, he began to search out parks that had horseshoe courts in them.

Luck would have it that the Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association was hosting the California State Championships in Stockton a mere 30 miles down the road.

When Rick arrived to observe, he immediately picked out a flip pitcher, as that was the style Rick was pitching then. That pitcher, Jesse Gonzales, happened to be playing Walter Ray Williams, Jr. Rick watched in awe as the two greats battled it out for the California championship. Walter Ray eventually won the 1983 State Championship, but Rick was thoroughly impressed with Jesse's ability to keep up with him. Among others in that state championship group was Don Titcomb; all these people became a huge influence in Rick's pitching career.

Still, Rick hung around the various bar leagues in the Sacramento area for 17 years, not wanting to get too serious. After all, he enjoyed the friendship and the lackadaisical league format. One person also pitching in bar leagues at that time was Monte Latino, the 3-time World Intermediate Men's Champion. Monte told Rick that the best pitchers in the area were in Tahoe Park and he should join them to hone his skills, saying that if he kept pitching in this league he would simply keep playing to the level of his competition. Rick took Monte's advice, became a member of the NHPA qualifying at 27%. Upon joining he changed his pitch from a flip to a 1 ¼ rotation knowing that the turn was the most predominant pitching style. Monte would mentor him on a regular basis telling him things like, "raise it up", "you have to look like a trophy with your follow through", and "reach out". Even when Monte's pitching career ended, he would show up at various tournaments, catch Rick's eye, and Rick would automatically remember all the things he'd told him over the years and his ringers would increase. Monte had that type of influence on virtually everyone; he was an inspiration to many horseshoe pitchers.

Rick entered the World Tournament in 1988, held in Pleasanton, California and finished 9th in Men's class D-2 at 46%. There came a time, due to extenuating circumstances and employment that Rick strayed away from the NHPA, but he loved pitching and always remembered the helpful and friendly people on the courts. Rick returned to the NHPA and began pitching in earnest in 2004. He entered the 2005 World Tournament, pitched in the Men's Championship Division placing 15th with a 10-13 record and 55%; then again in the 2006 World Tournament finishing with 9-10 record and 58%. At York, Pennsylvania in 2008 he failed to make the cut to the Championship class as the 20th person was in at 62.67%. Rick vowed that he would return to the championship division with a percentage that would be worthy. During this period he also racked up four consecutive California State Championship titles in the Men's Division.

During those off years Walter Ray Williams, Jr. became a huge influence in his pitching style once again. Whenever Walter Ray's bowling career would take him to California, he'd call Rick for a pick up game of shoes. They would pitch either in someone's backyard or at times under tournament conditions. Hearing Rick tell it the 60's percentile was a barrier he thought he couldn't break. In May of 2010, with Rick's average having hovered around the low 60% for a number of years now, Walter Ray came to town for a bowling event and took in a horseshoe tournament. Rick asked Walter Ray to watch him pitch and suggest a few things, those suggestions led to Rick percentage finally breaking the 60% mark and rocketing to his present Natstats ringer average of 72.94%.

Don Titcomb and his Pitch and Win Program at local fairs also helped Rick. Rick would assist Don as those fairs and as Don is a left-handed pitcher like Rick, Don was able to actually show Rick exactly how the shoe should rotate. Rick says, "Watching that man promoting horseshoes and do his trick pitching was a real treat."

Rick's goals remain as modest as he is. He is hoping to finish in the top 10 during World Tournament competition. With him now ranked #7 out of the top 100 in the world, a goal like that should certainly be able to be reached. Rick feels blessed up to this point in his pitching career and

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RICK BERMINGHAM *Continued*

understands that he has a lot to learn mentally to be able to sustain his remarkable climb to the top 10 in the world.

Rick's style is his own and has been assembled by bits and pieces of advice he has received from many great and former great pitchers, but his shoe has remained constant

the past 20+ years, it's the Dead Eye Clydesdale, drop forged. His advice, never give up and learn how to make ringers under pressure. We can all look forward to seeing this great left-hander pitch at the 2011 World Tournament in Monroe/West Monroe Louisiana.

SILHOUETTES ON THE MOVE!

by Jeanette Claas

I am very happy to report that the sales of silhouette patterns at the 2010 World Tournament in Cedar Rapids was very good! Woody Two-Shoes and Ms. Goody Two-Shoes are making themselves known in many more states! Here are some silhouette stories that have been reported back to me.

MINNESOTA - Bob Dunn, of Brooklyn Park, MN, sent in a photo of his "Woody Two-Shoes" perched upon his garage for all passers-by to see. Bob purchased his pattern while visiting the NHPA Hall of Fame last year while working on records at the facility. Bob is the only remaining original member of the Brooklyn Park Horseshoe Club, which was formed in 1981. He spent 19 years as the BPHC Sanction Club Director. To his credit, he has earned the NHPA Achievement Award, the Presidential Award in 1995 and the Stokes Memorial Award in 1998. Most recently he was appointed NHPA Historian, and we have all enjoyed his history stories and folklore series in the Newslines Magazine. We thank Bob for all that he has done to promote horseshoes and for showing his neighbors how proud he is for what he does by displaying Woody Two-Shoes for all the world to admire and enjoy.

OKLAHOMA - "Woody Two-Shoes" made his first appearance on a float at the 2010 Cherokee Strip Parade in Enid, Oklahoma. The Enid Horseshoe Pitcher's Club entered the parade for the first time and Woody led the way! The EHPC members "pitched" on the moving float (quite a feat in itself) and visited with folks on the parade



route encouraging them to come to their "booth" and pitch with them on the same day. They garnered five new pitchers from the event! Putting the float in the parade

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SILHOUETTES ON THE MOVE! *Continued*

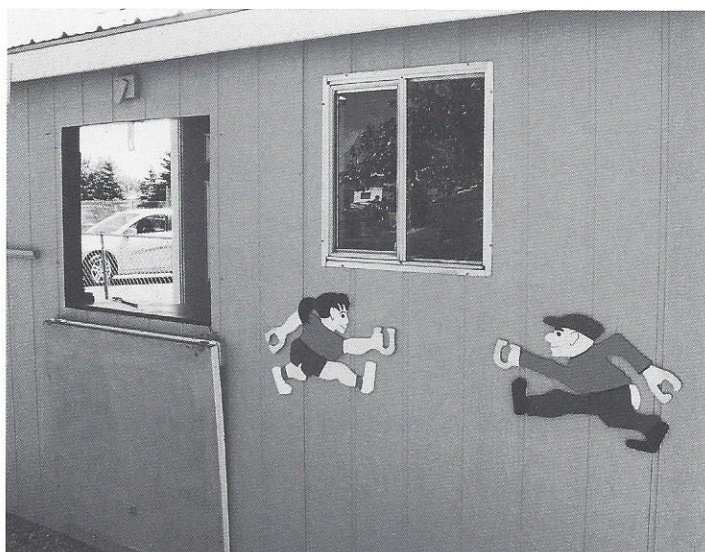
was well worth the effort and they are still hearing from people who couldn't believe they actually were pitching (albeit from 5 foot) on the back of the float. The EHPC was established in 1987. Charlotte Bowen has been the State Sec/Treasurer of Oklahoma for 20 years. She is also the club's Tournament Director and husband, J.C. is Vice-president. The Bowens definitely have Oklahoma dust in their blood and are great promoters of horseshoes!

WYOMING - If you attended the 2006 World Tournament held in Gillette, Wyoming, you probably did some outdoor practicing at the Fireside Horseshoe Club. Phil Plotke is a member of the club and also a 25 year veteran of the NHPA. He is proud to say that he won the State Championship several years ago. Phil is serving his first year as Regional Director for the state of Wyoming. At the 2010 World Tournament, Phil's wife, Ann, saw the silhouette mini pair and after several minutes she convinced Phil that she had to have them. They now proudly hang on the outside of the horseshoe office. Don't they look great!!!! Thank you, Phil and Ann. A min-silhouette pair purchased by another great horseshoe promoter pair!

WISCONSIN - Rudy Van Fleet of Marshall, Wisconsin, purchased his patterns by contacting me via email. Rudy is the secretary of the Deansville Horseshoe Club, which he says is a small spot on the road located

between Marshall and Sun Prairie. Sun Prairie is eight miles east of Madison. The shoe barn is next to Nelson's Crossing Bar. The four courts were built in 1996 and they held their first league play in the winter of 1996-97. In 2000, the courts were officially sanctioned and a second night of league play was added. Since then they now have five teams of six members on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It is a fun time, using the 90% handicap system, playing 20 nights from October to April. Three years ago they added a Wednesday evening, "Ringers Only." They hold four sanctioned tournaments each winter with 30-36 pitchers from across the state participating. Rudy is very proud of his horseshoe club and proud of the silhouettes that he made and says they really add to the décor! That silhouette pair may have just earned the Deansville Horseshoe Club a "spot" on the map!

Won't you add your state to Woody's list? Woody and friend will be very proud to make their appearance. Don't be left out on the silhouette movement. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club thanks each and everyone who supports the club with your purchase. The proceeds go to buy many nice things for the NHPA Hall of Fame making it a great place to visit. If you would like to purchase a pattern, contact me at djclaa@sbcglobal.net or call at 636-447-3039. I'll be back in the next issue of Newline with more stories to tell.



NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

FALL –THE SEASON OF MANY COLORFUL EVENTS AT WENTZVILLE

by Jeanette Claas

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame & Museum has been a colorful, busy place loaded with many exciting events and activities.

September 20 – QRHC Meeting - It was announced that our club increased its membership this year to 290 members. This increase was due to lots of advertisements put into local newspapers telling of events and promoting horseshoe leagues and tournaments. We've had many telephone calls from readers who have since joined the club and pitching in leagues and tournaments. With the help of the brochures provided by the NHPA/NHPF, the news is quickly spreading about the Hall of Fame and catching local, state and national attention. We're getting all kinds of requests from Welcome Centers for more and more brochures. Joe Faron, our NHPF Vice President, has been working with MODOT to get public signage on the highways for the Hall of Fame & Museum for all passer bys and to direct visitors to the facility. One of its criteria's is to have at least 5,000 signatures per year come through the building which is why all visitors and members must sign in as they walk through the doors. Joe is also working with the St. Charles Parks Dept. to get signage along other county roads.

October 9-10 – NHPA Sanctioned Club/League Tournament - October was filled with many events that kept the QRHC members busy in preparation for these activities. On October 9-10, NHPA 3rd Vice President, Lorraine Sternberg and her husband Terry, directed its 4th NHPA Sanctioned Club/League Team Tournament at the Hall of Fame facility. Horseshoe pitchers from across the country traveled to Wentzville for this exciting tournament. At the end of the second day of competition the team from Group 2 - the First Capitol Women's League- MO consisting of Rose Diekamp, Mary Beeson and Suzanne Evans had 24.5 wins. The winner of Group 1 - the Denver Metro HSC – CO Sheila Shepard, Jeanette Romero and Jackie Jones had a total of 22.5 wins. During the play off game, the Colorado Team claimed the 2010 Championship Title by winning two out of the three final games. In the background I heard someone remarking, "Girl's Rule!" We had a very special guest at

this tournament this year, our NHPA President Stu Sipma, was in town on a business trip, but he made it his business to attend this tournament and to talk with many horseshoe members that he had not met before. One of his meetings included coming to the QRHC Jack & Jill Monday night league where he held a most informative and productive meeting for its members enlightening them on the behind the scenes of the NHPF/NHPA and what all they are striving for. We were most grateful for his appearance and the opportunity to talk with him.

Preserving Horseshoe History - Our NHPA Historian, Bob Dunn from Minnesota, paid another visit to the Hall of Fame during the month of October to do more cataloging of the inventory that has been acquired through the years and/or donated by friends in horseshoes. QRHC members, Bob Rogers, Gary Buehler and Joe Faron, met with Bob, and have been assisting all along on this very detailed project. Besides the inventory project, Bob Rogers has been responsible for the design an set-up of all the displays, Gary Buehler has done all of the computer entry, and Joe Faron needs to be commended for all his time and woodworking skills donated in displaying the hundreds of horseshoes members have donated .

Working together they organize the items into 11 different categories for computer entry. The committee estimates that they are about one third finished with the memorabilia on hand. The major task ahead will be scanning the many documents and scrapbooks. All information is entered and recorded on a disc in the Hall of Fame computer. If

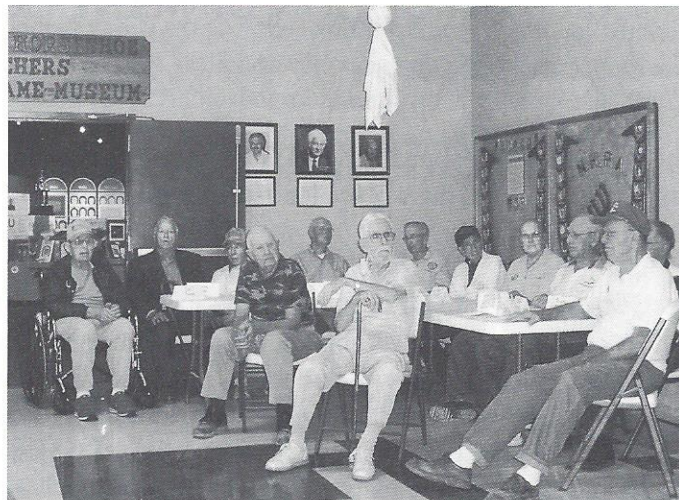


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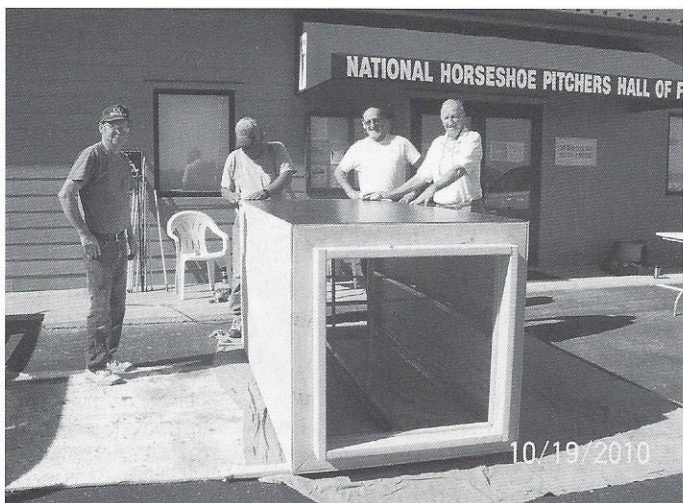
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you have donated an item and want to make sure it is on file go the NHPA website, click onto the NHPA, go to the top of page, click onto Hall of Fame, then click onto Inventory, next click onto NHPA/NHPA HOF database, next go to the bottom of the page and click on one of the 11 different categories that you are interested in. After checking out the memorabilia and you feel that you have something to donate to the Hall of Fame, contact Bob Dunn at BOBCHARLESDUNN@AOL.COM.

Hall of Fame Display Case - During this Fall season, we had some QRHC members working on a display for the Hall of Fame room. The weather was so beautiful they were able to work on it outdoors and move it inside when completed. The new display will allow for more new inductee photos and bios for at least another ten years. Our Hall of Fame designer, Bob Rogers, estimated



14 club members who are 80 years plus with a lifetime membership card and plaque. These are the fellows who represent the backbone of the QRHC – totaling together some 290 years of service and dedication to the sport of horseshoes.



to outsource this display would be at an expense of \$4,000 but our QRHC carpenters were able to build it for a little more than \$400. Our carpenters, Bob Cutright, Joe Faron, John Setzer and Norm Pierce were happy to put their skills together and do it for the NHPA. .

October 23 the QRHC held its bi-annual Team Handicap Tournament bringing in 12 teams consisting of six players each from the Missouri and Illinois area. It is an exciting one day competitive tournament, beginning early and ending late in the day. Missouri's Teri Rose always starts this tournament with her beautiful rendition of the National Anthem and she always sounds better than previously, making the hairs stand up as she sings. The QRHC members honored its

October 30 – Halloween Bash - And for the very first time, the NHPA held another exciting event at the Hall of Fame facility. The Halloween Bash Tournament and Costume Contest was directed by our 2nd NHPA Vice President, Tina Hawkins, who flew in on her broom from Oklahoma for this Halloween event. The courts were decorated with disco balls, strobe lights and hundreds of balloons making a 'spooktacular' atmosphere for all to enjoy. Horseshoe pitchers from New Jersey, Tennessee, Iowa and Illinois traveled to the Halloween Bash, some in costume. There was a covey of Quails to greet Tina as she arrived at the courts, plus many variations of witches, grim reapers, etc. The little "trick or treaters" were dressed in costume as they pitched their hearts away in the horseshoe competition. Various games were held for them, but the one they liked the most was the pumpkin piñatas filled with candy as they scrambled for their fair share. They had so much fun it was scary! The Halloween Bash was an added attraction that was enjoyed by all who attended.

November Boy Scouts and Girl Scout Month at QRHC - In November the QRHC hosted many Girl Scout and Boy Scout activities throughout the month. The Boy Scouts held a Horseshoe-A-Thon on November 30th as a fundraiser for their pack. The QRHC held a benefit drive for a family member of our club who was severely

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NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM *Continued*

burned in a trash fire back in September. It is always good at this time of the year to lend a helping hand to a family in need. We hosted an exciting Turkey Trot Tournament on November 20th. I wish that you could have all come and "Talk Turkey" with each of us.



Visitors from Michigan - On the morning of November 5, we received some visitors from Hesperia, Michigan which is 30 miles east of Lake Michigan. On their way to the south for the winter were Sam & Peggy Stitt. They are not NHPA members yet but have decided that when they return from their trip in the spring they will probably be joining the Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association. They learned of the Hall of Fame Museum from the Beckley brothers in Michigan and added it to their schedule as they came through Missouri. Peggy stated she could have stayed a few more hours and pitched more shoes. Before leaving, the Stitts took along a brick form to purchase their brick in the Michigan section. They are both retired and enjoying the sport of horseshoe pitching. We are glad to welcome the Stitts into our horseshoe family. They wish to thank Joe Faron for opening up the place for them to see.

Come Visit Us! - The QRHC members are always busy in preparation for the next event, but we are never too busy for you to stop

by and see this beautiful facility that you have supplied us. 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, showcase the present and build the future of horseshoe pitching - the game we all love and enjoy.



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NHPA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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Mailing Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Number of Years an NHPA Member _____ (At least 10 adult years required)

NOMINATION CATEGORY - Check One

- _____ PLAYER -
- (a) A player who has won a World Championship at least 2 times, or
 - (b) A player who has averaged at least 75% and/or finished in the top 5 of one or more W.T. Championship Division finals at least 4 times, or
 - (c) A player who has pitched in at least 8 World Championship Division finals of any combination of divisions and averaged at least 70% for those events.

_____ PROMOTER/ORGANIZER - A person who has administered, promoted and/or organized horseshoe pitching activities for at least 8 years for the benefit of NHPA members at the national or regional level.

FAMILY DATA (A brief personal history including names of parents, spouse, children and grandchildren, etc. Can include city, state or country where born and locations where the nominee has lived.)

LIST THE ACHIEVEMENTS

OF THE NOMINEE WHICH YOU FEEL SUPPORT THE MERIT OF THE NOMINATION. (If a player, you must include the tournament name, date, class, place of finish, W/L record and ringer % for each event. If a Promoter/Organizer you must list the accomplishments of the individual. Be sure to list any NHPA offices or regional offices that they have held, or any NHPA Achievement awards that may have been earned. If not enough space is available please include another sheet of paper or write on the reverse side of this form. You may also send additional documentation you feel would be of interest to the HOF committee.)

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Note: all nominations are reviewed by a screening committee before the candidate is placed on the ballot. If a nomination is rejected, it will be returned to the sender.

HORSESHOE FACTS AND FOLKLORE

By Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

In this issue we will read an article honoring the great Jimmy Risk. The article by G.C. Moshier tells much of Risk's early life and accomplishments. The article appeared in the March 1969 issue of the Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest; that was two years before Risk's induction into the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1971. Risk passed away May 26, 1974 at age 65.

A Salute to the Great Jimmy Risk

By G.C. Moshier, St Petersburg, Florida

"It was the unheralded Risk, a lad in his teens who came out of Montpelier, Ind., and electrified the horseshoe pitching world in the 1927 world championships in St. Petersburg, Florida. He swept 25 straight games in the preliminary round robin and then finished second to Davis in the triple round robin finals, in which he beat Davis two out of three.

Although Risk never did win the world's championship tournament, he was a strong contender and a seven time Indiana State Champion. During Army service in World War II, he traveled more than half a million miles in that conflict and later in the Korean War entertaining our servicemen with his spectacular horseshoe pitching.

Risk once gave 80 horseshoe pitching exhibition in 29 days for our servicemen, accompanied by his pretty wife, Norma. He made seven trips to Japan,

six to Korea, four to the Philippines and 12 to Hawaii as a USO entertainer, delighting men in all branches of the armed forces with his horseshoe pitching prowess. He once performed within 2,000 yards of the battlefield trenches in Korea, ahead of the artillery. He also toured service bases in Europe and Africa.

He pitched ringers before cheering servicemen from the aisles of theaters, over the orchestra pits and onto stakes on the stages. And he pitched aboard Navy ships on high seas.

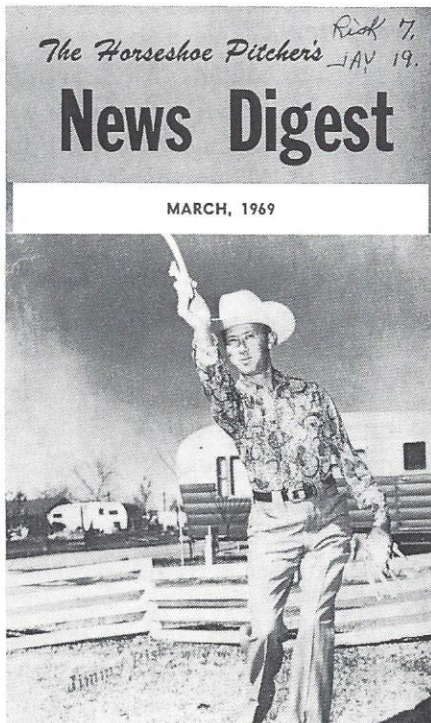
Risk brought international publicity to horseshoe pitching when he pitched before then President Harry Truman and Admiral Nimitz on the White House lawn.

Risk has appeared in sport shows the length and breadth of the land, co-featured with such athletic greats as Ted Williams, Sammy Sneed and Jack Sharkey; he appeared with Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Andy Devine and Smiley Burdette on rodeos; gave exhibitions of horseshoe pitching on the Art Baker and Mike Douglas TV shows and made horseshoe pitching movie shorts for Bill Stern and the late Grantland Rice.

From 1927 through 1933, when he finished third behind Ted Allen and C.C. Davis in the World Tournament at Chicago, Risk was a consistent contender in horseshoe pitching competition.

His service to his country was both as a soldier and as a USO entertainer, pitching before servicemen on or near the war battlefronts.

Jimmy and his wife Norma own their own home in St. Petersburg, Florida, and have made this city home for some 20 years. Jimmy still never refuses a request to give benefit exhibitions, appearing often at the Bay Pines Hospital of the U.S. Veterans Administration here in St. Petersburg to entertain the disabled veterans."

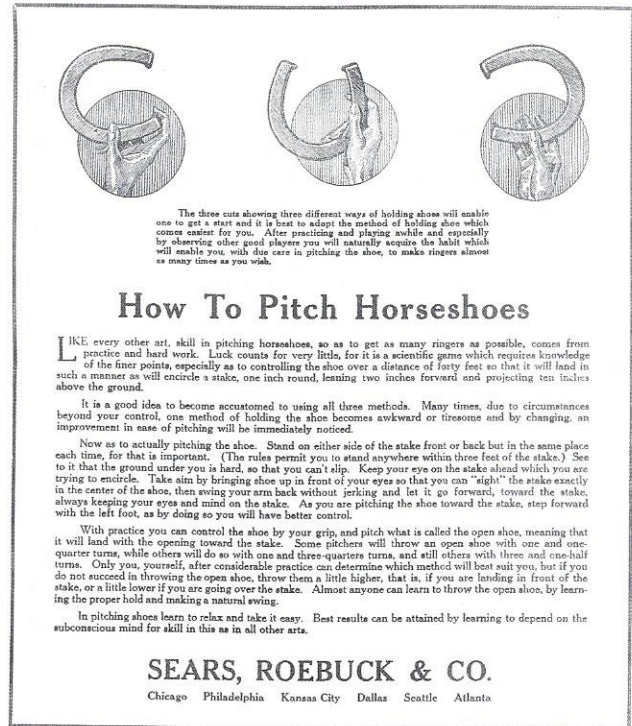
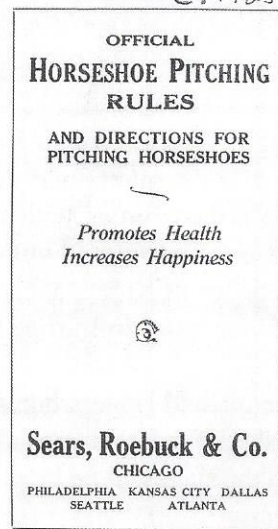


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History Jottings

As a teenager Jimmy Risk was entering his first World Tournament in 1927, Sears & Roebuck was in their third year of advertising commercially manufactured pitching shoes in their nationally known catalog. Most manufacturers provided a rules brochure along with the purchase of a pair or set of pitching horseshoes. Some of the brochures even had some hints on how to pitch better. The older brochures have become quite a collector's items, and this rare Sears & Roebuck which dated c. 1925, was purchased on eBay in 2008. The how-to-pitch section is highlighted by the three ways to hold the shoe. Believe it or not, a very common hold at that time was with the forefinger wrapped around the heel calk of point of the blade. Don't

laugh too loud; Frank Jackson won a number of World titles with that hold, (six to be exact).



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Score Keeping	\$ 200.00
Sanction Club/League Patches	\$ 10.00
Refund	\$ 16.00
Refund on Travel Expense	\$ 120.26
US Bank Checking Interest	\$ 50.52
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TOTAL	\$ 26,720.81

Expenses

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Sanction League Tournament Awards & Expenses	\$ 2,451.87
All Junior Scholarship Trusts	\$ 815.87
Hall of Fame, Awards, Supplies & Expenses	\$ 2,210.32
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs	\$ 7,159.62
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Refunds	\$ 1,364.00
Internet Access & Web Site	\$ 130.20
TOTAL	\$ 29,673.35

From the books of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

HALLOWEEN BASH

A collaboration by Jeanette Claas and Tina Hawkins

Jeanette: Tina says she gets her best ideas during her morning swims. She must have had a dream during the previous night when this Halloween event appeared in her visions. She took the idea and ran with it all the way to Missouri.

Tina: My swim gives me the only 45 minutes of the day where I don't have interruptions from all the other people in my life. I plan everything from birthday parties to horseshoe tournaments and a lot of stuff in between in the pool!

Jeanette: She gathered her thoughts, came up with a plan, and put out a Halloween Press Release which was sent out to all the NHPA websites and Charter Communications contacts. It was to be a Halloween costume and horseshoe pitching event that would take place on October 30, 2010 at the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame & Museum. Spooky music and special lighting would set the scene for the festive event; not only for adults, but for the kids too.

Tina: I thought this would be a great way to spark some interest in the young (and young at heart) crowd. Not just a horseshoe tournament, but an "event." Give them some excitement! Not just a throw-some-shoes-then-leave kind of thing.

Jeanette: Emails began flying from her home to my home, making plans and working together to make this event successful. Halloween packages began arriving soon filled with decorations, lights and paraphernalia. Slowly, but surely the horseshoe pitchers began to send in their entries.

Tina: And Jeanette was the BEST through it all! I asked so many questions and sent so many items her way and she smiled through it all and asked what else she could help me with!

Jeanette: Sometimes preparation for the event is just as much fun as the event itself, and that is where some of the QRHC members found themselves. It was great fun as we began preparing for our costumes, decorating the building for Halloween, and blowing up all those balloons. The behind the scenes activities can be quite funny. Such as the day we tried to tie up the piñatas and a roll of duck

tape was thrown to try to get the string loose and the duck tape got stuck up in the rafter. It was worth all the effort and the day finally arrived.

Tina: The entire Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is a pleasure to work with. After all I dumped on them they all greeted me with smiles and warm hugs! I expected to have several hours of decorating facing me, but they had it all in place when I arrived. The place looked GREAT!

Jeanette: Tina appeared at the courts on the morning of to be greeted by a covey of quail dressed in burlap sacks with glued on feathers. (You had to use your imagination somewhat.) Some thought we were chickens, owls, etc. We had a ball making the costumes!

Tina: Oh, my gosh, they looked hilarious!!! They left trails of feathers everywhere they went!!

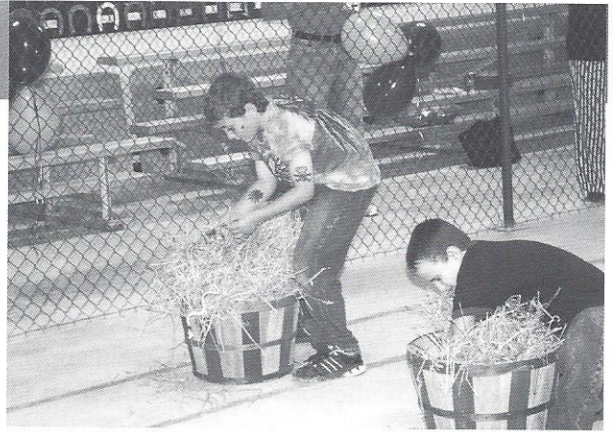
Jeanette: There were witches, scarecrows, vampires, grim reapers, tigers, Hawaiian dancers, a lady in a bathtub who couldn't sit down as she was afraid someone would burst her bubbles, an old time golfer, a politician, and a character from *McBeth*. Tina was dressed as a punk rocker, complete with piercings in her nose and lips, net nylons and platform shoes.

Tina: Actually, my plan was for a "gothic vampire," but the teeth wouldn't stick ... I'm okay with Punk Rocker!

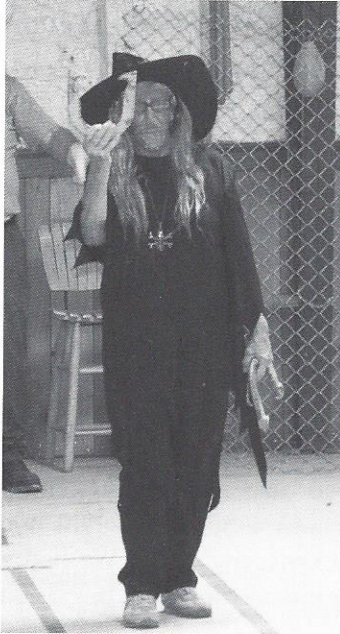


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HALLOWEEN BASH *Continued*



Jeanette: The adult costume contest was won by 79 year old Ann Strus, who was dressed as a wicked witch with a green face and chin that stuck out further than her nose. Second place was won by Missouri's new President, Sharon Taylor, dressed as a lady in a tub full of bubbles, and 3rd place went to Norm Pierce, who was one of the 7 quails. He must have looked better than the rest of the covey and took a beating for that one.



Tina: Ann's costume was so good, nobody recognized her when she arrived. She had to reveal her name in order to be checked in to pitch! And she pitched the ENTIRE tournament in it! That's what got her the first place distinction! Sharon won 2nd place for her creativity and sheer

BRAVERY for showing up in a bathtub... And Norm just seemed like an easy target!! Uhm... I mean GOOD SPORT!

Jeanette: On the north courts the little Trick-or-Treaters were having a ball! The horseshoe contest was underway, with 12-year-old Alex Combs winning all his games in his very first tournament. Nine-year-old Brittany Veach from Illinois was the Girls Champion. After their competition was completed, there were various games for the kids to play in and winning many prizes along the way. The piñata was thrilling for the kids as they all scrambled for the falling candy.

Tina: The Quail Ridge Club did a fantastic job creating fun and exciting activities for the young'uns to participate in. They all really seemed to have a great time!

Jeanette: Each child received a Halloween Bash Backpack donated by the HP Pro Tour. The backpack was filled with candy and prizes donated by the QRHC and the Monroe/West Monroe CVB (hosts of the 2011 World Horseshoe Tournament.)

Tina: We are so appreciative of our event sponsors for all they did to make this tournament possible. Bobby White offered the support of the HP Pro Tour by purchasing the custom designed backpacks that every contestant got to take home. They made a super souvenir of the event. Then the

Monroe/West Monroe CVB sent a box of goodies to stuff inside them, as well as travel information of their area. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club contributed bags and bags of candy and hours upon hours of time and labor! Of course, NONE of it would have happened without the NHPA, which gave me the nod of approval and sent me to Wentzville!

If you missed the 2010 NHPA Halloween Bash, you missed a really great time! Perhaps there will be a 2011 version and you can come join the fun!

Tournament results: On the south courts, the first two flights of horseshoe competition began. In Class E there was a tie between Audrey Pappas and Carol Compton for first place. Audrey prevailed with a 7-1 record and a ringer percentage of 23.12%. Mike Dentsbier won 3rd place with a record of 5-2 – 15.35%. In Class D, another playoff was made to determine the winner between Pat Griewing and Ed Peters. Pat won with 7-1 record, 34.68%. Coming in 3rd place was Carol Howard with a ringer percentage of 35.35%.

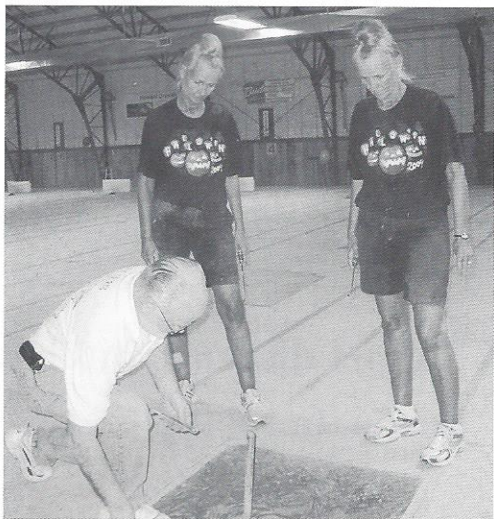
Four more classes filled the afternoon competition. In Class C, Leo Buell of Iowa captured the championship title after a playoff between himself and James Kinney. Leo pitched a 49.06% tournament average and had high game of 57.50%. Joe Hubert of New Jersey won 3rd place with a 38.21% average.

With a record of 6-1 and a ringer percentage of 45.71%, Jim Howard, won 1st place in the Class B division. Donra McCown and Pam Gettinger tied for 2nd place with Donra winning 2nd with a 48.21% and Pam taking 3rd with a 43.57%. High games of 60% were pitched by Steve Spidle and Donra McCown.

In Class A, Jeff Baldwin of Illinois, won with a 5 1/2-1 1/2 record and a 58.21% tournament average. Virgle McCown and Vern Kollash tied for 2nd with a 5-2 record, but Virgle had a 53.92% average while Vern had a 50.71%. Don Claas pitched the high game of 72.50% for the class.

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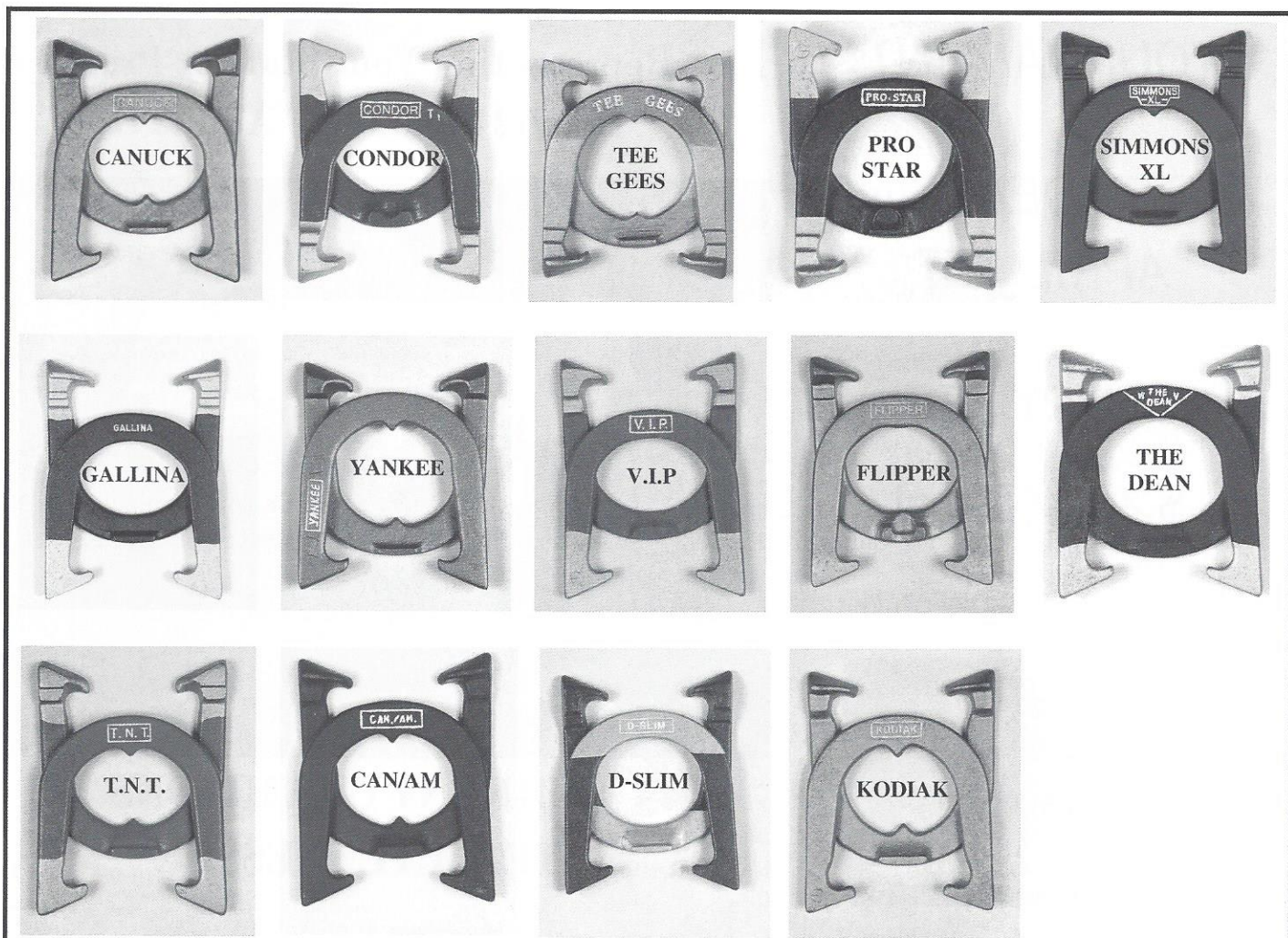
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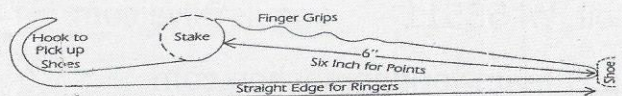
The Championship Class was filled with some high rollers, Maxine Griffith, Larry Purcel, Marlene Ray, Rose Diekamp, Jim Spidle Sr., Jan Kreienkamp, Steve Johnson and Ron Hassler.

At the end of their seven games, the Tennessee Twins were tied with a record of 6-1, so they had to have a pitch off. At the end of the game, Maxine prevailed capturing the Halloween Bash Championship with a 71.98% average and Marlene with a 71.63%.

High game of the tournament was pitched by Jan Kreienkamp of 80.95%.



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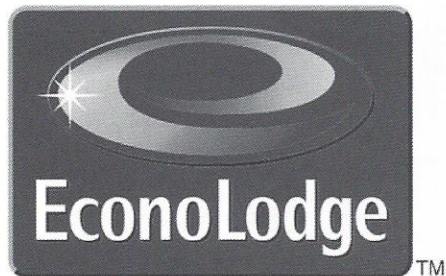
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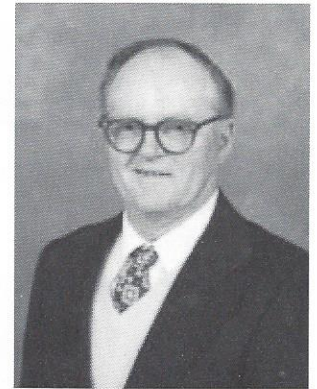
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Melvin Paul Bray

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Melvin Paul Bray, 87, of Pittsburg, passed away November 18, 2010 with his loving wife and family at his side. Melvin was born June 4, 1923 at Sandborn, Indiana to Wesley and Carrie (Allen) Bray. He graduated from Sanborn High School in 1942 and from Utilities Engineering Institute in 1955 at Chicago, Illinois. Melvin enlisted in the United States Navy on December 18, 1942. He served in the Secret Service listening for Japanese radio messages, which were sent to Washington D.C. for decoding during World War II and served until March 1946. Melvin married Leola Layne Coysh on September 6, 1948 at the First United Methodist Church at Altamont, Kansas. They celebrated their 62nd anniversary in September. After serving with the Navy, he worked for Miller Construction Company of Vincennes, Indiana building Rural Electric Lines. In 1953, the family returned to Kansas and for the next several years he was employed with Frito Construction Company in Chanute and Pittsburg. In 1971, he went to work for P&M Coal Company at the Asbury, Missouri mine. He retired from there in 1989 and took up playing horseshoes as a hobby. He played in 13 world tournaments winning two first place trophies and was the State winner in the Championship Class twice. He is a member of UMWA Local #14, Low Vision Support Group, American Legion Post #64 of Pittsburg, the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and the Kansas Horseshoe Association. Melvin was

inducted into the Kansas Horseshoe Players Hall of Fame at Topeka, Kansas on September 6, 2009. In addition to his wife, Leola Layne, he is survived by three children, Vivian Jones of Pittsburg, Chuck Bray of Asbury, MO and Sherrie Fearmonti and husband, Frank of Pittsburg; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, all of Pittsburg; one sister, Della Troup of Riverdale, MD. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, and two sisters.



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