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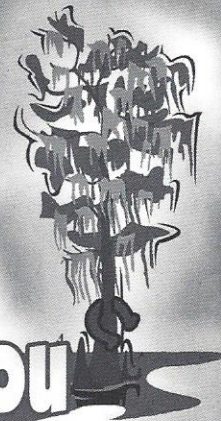
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stu Sipma

The NHPA Council held their annual winter meeting January 14th and 15th at Monroe, Louisiana, host site of the 2011 World Horseshoe Tournament. The World Tournament will be held at the Monroe Civic Center and the attached Convention Hall. While we were there, we also visited the Campgrounds and Hotels/Motels. I want to thank Alana Cooper and Scott Bruscato for the great hospitality they extended in showing us their fine city. The NHPA Council is really looking forward to bringing this tournament to Monroe, the people are very nice and the community of Monroe is really looking forward to this event as well. The Civic Center and the Convention Hall are air-conditioned; the front lobby will house the host site registration table, souvenir sales booth, space for the 2013 bidders, NHPF booth, and NHPA GRS. The main arena is similar to Springfield in that the spectators will have 360 degree viewing. Bill Marvin and Jerry LaBrosse will be traveling down early to assist in the setup of the courts in the two arenas.

The winter meeting included two full days of meeting topics which included our 2011 Mission Vision Goals, the Financial Report from 2010, the 2010 World Tournament Report, the proposed By-Law changes for 2011, proposed IT plan, Promotional Topics, Sanction League Report, and many others. The Vice Presidents assigned to their duties will be reporting on these topics included in this issue of Newslines. I feel, as a Council, it is our responsibility to report topics which are important to the NHPA and its membership.

Dick Hansen reported to the Council that our membership has declined, making this the sixth year in a row our membership has dropped. Many of you may ask what the NHPA Council is doing to turn this around. First of all, I believe, yes it is the Council's responsibility to take the lead role in implementing ideas to grow the sport, but I feel we "all" have a responsibility to do our part in signing up new members. Jerry LaBrosse is our Charter Communications Director and has the lead role in sending

out emails to all the Charters on critical topics for you to review and comment. This communications highway is the best tool we have in place to hear from all of you. I challenge each and every one of you to inspire the clubs within your Charters to sign up members and not only adult members, but juniors! Juniors are the key to growing our sport. During the 2010 delegate meeting, Dick Hansen discussed the membership report to the delegates. In that report are two columns titled % increase and % decrease. The Council would like each Charter who fell into the decrease column to increase your membership from the previous year. If each Charter would take this challenge to do this each year, can you imagine how our membership would grow? Let's see what we can do as a group to turn this trend around.

The other topic I want to discuss is the World Tournament Prize fund. In my last issue, I had mentioned that I would like to see the Elders get consistent pay in the Championship

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Continued*

round. After evaluating the World Tournament financial report with the Council, the Council decided to increase the Elders payout; however, it will not be consistent with the Men's and Women's Divisions. I am sure this issue will continue to be discussed in the future. I apologize for this and take full responsibility for stating this in my prior issue before it was approved by the full Council.

The World Tournament is costing the NHPA a significant amount of money. The Council spent a large amount of time working and massaging the numbers to balance this event. The Council has agreed to keep the entry fee at \$125 for adults and \$50 for juniors.

I want to wish our USA Jukskei team the best of luck on their venture to South Africa. The team consisting of Gary Roberts, Delmar Scowden, Casey & Travis Sluys, Floyd Hix, Elden Vannoy and Debby Michaud will arrive in Johannesburg March 17, 2011 and fly to Windhoek, Namibia the next morning. There they will spend a week in Namibia and then return to South Africa and travel to Kroonstad to

participate in the Jukskei Championships. The team will arrive back into the US on April 2, 2011. Gary assured me they will be able to promote horseshoes in both countries. I want to thank Gary Roberts for his work in making this trip happen.

The bidding status for the 2013 deadline is coming up soon (March 15, 2011) and I have still been trying to obtain three bidders to compete this summer in Monroe to host the 2013 World Tournament. York, Pennsylvania is the only site which has committed to bidding with a signed contract; however, other interested sites include Mobile Bay, Alabama, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Toronto, Canada and Charleston, West Virginia.

I wish everyone a very successful and safe new year. I am looking forward to a great turnout this summer at the 2011 World Tournament in Monroe, Louisiana July 18th – 30th, 2011.

Thank You — Stuart Sipma

DONNA BASTEL CANDIDATE FOR NHPA **3RD VICE PRESIDENT**

After considerable thought, I am excited to announce my candidacy for the NHPA 3rd Vice President position. I am a resident of Missouri and live in the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks region.



Since becoming a member of the NHPA 12 years ago, I have held many positions, both in local and statewide events. I began with organizing a horseshoe league in my community as a league director and continue to serve in that position. I have also held the title of secretary/treasurer of the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club for the past 14 years and have served as tournament director numerous times throughout the years.

I have become very active with the Missouri charter, serving as tournament director for two of the MOHPA's largest annual tournaments; the Missouri State Fair and the MOHPA Club/Team Benefit. I am currently serving in my third year as the NHPA Regional Director for Missouri.

During this time I have also assisted several new clubs in getting started by helping them to set up their league programs and providing them with all of the necessary paperwork and instructions on using the HS MSTR program.

I have attended the last six World Tournaments and have assisted at shoe check-in, inputting stats and keeping score. I believe I have a very good working relationship with the existing NHPA council.

I have gained much knowledge about the game of horseshoes over the past 12 years by volunteering myself to help out whenever needed. I believe my experience, especially as a league director, will make my transition into the National Sanctioned League Director position as seamless as possible.

I hope that you will feel I have met all of the qualifications necessary to serve as your NHPA 3rd Vice President and that I can count on your support at election time.

NEWS, VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

2011 marks the 23rd year of publication for Newsline. It's hard to believe that so many years have passed since I introduced Newsline to the NHPA as its first Editor and Publisher in 1989. In the early years, Newsline published ten regular issues plus several special issues of just tournament results. In all, I've never missed writing at least one article for every issue, about 150 and counting. Hard to imagine how fast time flies when you are having fun enjoying what you do.

The MODOT road signs mentioned in my last article have been installed on the highway prior to the new off ramp exits that one would take to visit the Wentzville Hall of Fame & Museum. Also installed on the exits and roundabouts were five smaller signs with arrows pointing the direction visitors should take. These smaller signs, paid for by the NHPF, were approved by St. Charles County and attached to posts announcing the park. They are permanent. The larger highway signs are under a MODOT contract that must be renewed every two years at a cost that is now nearly \$6,000.

The NHPF owns the production and sales rights to "The Basics of Horseshoe Pitching". An independent company, sponsorship paid for by St. Pierre Mfg. Corp, initially produced this 25-minute color presentation as videotape. The NHPF purchased the master tape and production rights a few years ago. I arranged to have the tape updated and converted to a DVD format which now contains information about the NHPA website, game related sales and the new Hall of Fame facility.

I'm happy to announce that St. Pierre Mfg. Corp has just ordered 5,000 of these DVD's that they intend to package in with the horseshoe pitching sets that they sell to a major sporting goods chain. Hopefully, a lot of new pitchers will view this DVD and visit the NHPA website to learn more about our organization.

This DVD is a wonderful training tool for the new beginning pitcher. If you or your club would like to have a nice training aid to loan or give to new club members or to use in conjunction with teaching clinics, I suggest you purchase a couple of these inexpensive DVD's from your game related sales distributor.

The last Newsline issue included a complete list of states and the number of contributors, total donations by those contributors and the combined total dollar amount credited

to that state. \$8,925 was listed for Pennsylvania. That was a typo. The correct amount should have read \$8,025.

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.horseshoepitching.com. Email inquiries can be sent to 3ringers3@att.net

During the months of December and January the NHPF received contributions and brick order income totaling just \$2,703. HOF 4th quarter rent plus the sale of two Francis/Simmons DVD's added a further \$3,020 to our deposits. Thanks to those mentioned below who contributed or purchased a brick.

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PUBLICITY/PROMOTION

by Tina Hawkins

Spring is drawing near! Almost time to head to the park and start practicing for the 2011 pitching season.

NOW is also time to start planning for a “Horseshoe Pitching is FUN!” event in May! Do your best to take horseshoes to the people. Don’t wait for them to come to the courts. Take a set of portable courts to a high traffic area, such as a shopping center parking lot. Be sure to have plenty of NHPA information on hand for interested persons. Don’t forget to collect contact information so you can let them know when your leagues or tournaments will be held.

Take portable courts to your church social (or drive stakes in the ground). You will have fun tossing shoes with your friends and just might acquire some new club members. Consider organizing a church league that pits one church against another – lots of areas already hold church volleyball and softball leagues. Horseshoe pitching will provide a competitive option for those who are not able to participate in the more active sports.

Lots of elementary schools hold “end-of-year field days” with all kinds of activities, from baseball toss to moon walk. Contact your local school administration to request including a horseshoe competition. The students need not pitch an entire tournament. Five or ten shoes each, with top scorers having a pitch off. This is an excellent way to get the youngsters interested in pitching and draw in a few adults as well.

Ask your high school administration about “project graduation” or after-prom lock-ins. These types of organized lock-ins are designed to keep students safe in one location instead of partying and driving around after their prom or graduation. Organizers of these events (usually a group of parents) will welcome your offer to run a horseshoe pitching activity – even more so if you offer it FREE OF CHARGE! Just be prepared to stay up all night!

New promotional materials will soon be available for you to use at all these recruiting events. Handouts with “rack card” styling have been designed and will be printed very soon. (Rack cards are those informational cards you see in display racks in the lobbies of most hotels.) A junior recruiting card will be available, as well as an “all purpose”

card to use for all age groups. More information will be relayed through Charter Communications as soon as these cards are available for distribution.

In the meantime, the printable “Fun Day” handouts and flyers are still available at horseshoepitching.com. Just click on the “Publicity/Promotion” link on the left side of the web page, then “pitching is fun.” These printable handouts are also available on the NHPA Facebook page.

There is also an introduction to horseshoe pitching flyer available from NHPA secretary/treasurer, Dick Hansen. We have already sent many of these flyers out by request to clubs and organizers hoping to increase their membership numbers or persuade parks and recreation departments to install courts.

On the subject of the NHPA Facebook page – it is now 487 members strong. We’ve had 2,076 views of the posts on this page in the last week alone. That’s a lot of people reading about horseshoe pitching each day! Your NHPA Executive Council is making every effort to bring our sport into the 21st century and into the public eye, using such modern outlets as Facebook and You Tube to promote the association. Plans are in the works to post photos and video from the 2011 World Horseshoe Tournament through these mediums. If you don’t get to go to Monroe this year, be sure to follow the action online!

The NHPA Facebook page is also a place where you can exchange ideas, share your passion for horseshoe pitching with people who have the same interest and find important information from the NHPA. We have begun posting Charter Communications information on the “Discussions” panel of the page.

There are new and exciting developments on the horizon for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association going into the future, with the growth and continued success of the sport as the ultimate goal. Be a part of the movement by actively recruiting new members! Be sure to share your success stories by sending to tinahawk@msn.com or Tina Hawkins, RR 4 Box 52, Marlow, OK 73055.

See you on the courts!

HALL OF FAME

by Vicki Winston

By the time you are reading this, the voting process for the 2011 Hall of Fame election will be well underway or perhaps completed. I am rushing this because the next winter storm is on the way and we could lose our power before it is over, so I wanted to get this article finished and sent off in case the worst happens. Unless I receive a very last minute nomination, the following is a list of the nominees that will be eligible for the 2011 ballot.

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Verdan Zelmar

Unless you are a horseshoe history buff, you will not know some of the names, but they continue to receive some support each year and therefore remain on the ballot. For those unfamiliar with how the Hall of Fame voting procedure works, any candidate that continues to receive some support will remain on the ballot indefinitely. If a candidate fails to receive any votes for two consecutive years, their name will be removed and the person who nominated them will be notified whenever possible. Even

though a nominee has been removed from the ballot, they may be renominated in some future year.

We have a Hall of Fame screening committee in place that will evaluate all nominations before a name is placed on our ballot, so just because a nomination is submitted doesn't guarantee that the person's name will be placed on the ballot. If the screening committee rejects a nomination, then the nomination is returned to the sender.

I want to thank everyone who has sent in a nomination for taking the time and trouble to go through that process. Gathering facts and figures for players does take some time and the committee appreciates your efforts in providing us with as much information as possible. It also may take some research to list all of the accomplishments of a promoter/organizer who has been active for many years. If any NHPA member or club sees a name missing from the list of nominees that you know has not yet been elected to the Hall of Fame, but you feel meets the criteria to be a candidate, then I invite you to go to the NHPA website and print out a nomination form that you will find on the Hall of Fame link. The form lists some criteria that the screening committee considers before accepting or rejecting a nomination. This might give you some clue as to whether or not the screening committee will find the nomination acceptable. You may send in your nomination at anytime. Please don't wait until right before the deadline. That is happening more and more each year.

It's been a rough winter in many parts of our country, but I hope that you have remained safe throughout and that by the time you are reading this, the snow will all have melted away. If you have only outdoor courts to pitch on, I hope it is getting warm enough in your area that you are thinking about getting those shoes out of storage and starting to practice for a spring and summer full of competition. Good pitching to all!

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NHPA RULES AND BYLAWS

by Dan Sanders

The NHPA Junior Awards Program (continued from last issue)

You may recall that in the last issue of Newsline Magazine, I responded to some questions received from several of our members who were concerned about the awarding of prizes to our Junior pitchers, and how we should be recognizing our Juniors in a greater variety of ways. As this is a continuation of that last Newsline article on this subject, you may want to re-read that article to refresh your memories about some of the important information presented there. Since then, quite a lot of additional work has been done in an effort to find out more about some of those unanswered questions and concerns. A lot of information from past and present research was reviewed and discussed at our recent NHPA Council meeting in Monroe, Louisiana, and while we didn't feel that any changes to our present Requirements could be made at that time, I can share with you some decisions and recommendations that came out of this meeting.

Junior Awards at the National Level

It was agreed that for the World Tournament, and for our NHPA Junior Scholastic Awards program, no changes should be made and that all money awards will continue to be maintained by the NHPA in Junior Trust Fund accounts which are redeemable, by request, upon graduation from high school.

Junior Awards at the Charter Level

It should be noted here that there are a lot of reported inconsistencies with the way that Junior awards are currently being handled from Charter to Charter, and also among the many Tournament Directors within some Charters. Clubs and/or Tournament Directors in several Charters have become very creative in ways that they are awarding cash prizes and other awards that may have immediate monetary value, such as gift cards and gift certificates, while still trying to stay within the NHPA Requirements for awarding these prizes. Several other creative alternatives were discussed in Part I of this series (please see "Other Possible Options for Junior Awards" in the Jan/Feb Newsline). Other Clubs/TDs may adhere more closely to

the NHPA Requirements and award only trophies, plaques, recognition certificates, etc. to their winning Juniors (see RGS Book, Requirement 6, Sections C and D). It is our feeling that these inconsistencies may be causing some problems at the Charter level and that some discussion and review of these policies among the Charter Officers and at their annual and other important meetings, would be helpful in reaching some agreements and consistency for the awarding of Junior prizes for each of their Charter tournaments. To help with this process, I will repeat some of the information from my earlier article... "Perhaps each Junior (with parental guidance) 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 (of recognition), patch, etc."

It was also a consensus among us, that since the sport of horseshoe pitching is currently neither recognized nor sanctioned by the NCAA as a college sport in any state, that any awards received during high school, including those with monetary value, *probably* will not cause any loss of eligibility for our Junior pitchers when they may compete later, in *another* sport, while in college. It should also be noted that it is the Junior's responsibility, with parental assistance, to be aware of any policies or policy changes in their state that might cause them to lose their amateur status for eligibility, for later participation in college sports (see also RGS Requirement 6, Section D).

In Conclusion

As I mentioned in my earlier article, the biggest problem for us at the National level is that each state athletic association has different policies/requirements for high school students to maintain their amateur status, and that these state policies/requirements may even change annually, from time to time. As it would be nearly impossible for our Council to continually monitor these changes from state

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NHPA RULES AND BYLAWS *Continued*

to state, and from year to year, our current Requirement 6 for Junior Awards at the World Tournament, and for our National Scholarship Awards Program, will have to remain as written since we could potentially have Junior participation in this event/program from any or all of our states. Currently, our Charters are faced with having to also follow these same National Requirements for Junior Awards at their Charter/local tournaments as they cannot create any Rules for this that are less restrictive than are written in this Requirement. It is our current thinking that upcoming Rules Change Proposals for this Requirement can/should be adopted which will allow Charters to create their own set of Guidelines for Junior Awards, based on the current policies/requirements of their State Athletic Associations, for high school students to maintain their amateur status. As you may recall, Rules Change Proposals will be accepted from any current member through December 31st of this year, and we welcome any such proposals which could result in changes to our Junior Awards program at the Charter level.

In the meantime, we are recommending that all Charter Officers take a survey of all their Clubs/TDs to determine how the Juniors are currently being awarded prizes at their tournaments, and in the interest of fairness and consistency, develop a Charter policy or guidelines for all TDs to follow in determining their Junior Awards, keeping in mind that some of the options discussed in these two Newsline issues may remain acceptable within our current Requirement 6. I welcome any questions that may come from Charter Councils or other NHPA members about Junior Awards and would appreciate receiving a copy (by e-mail or by US mail) of guidelines or policies that your Charter may already have in place or will be developing for these awards.

Proposed NHPA Bylaws Changes for 2011


By the deadline date of December 31, 2010, only a handful of proposed Bylaws changes had been received, and so this part of our Convention agenda in Monroe, LA later this year, should not require a

great deal of time. These proposed changes will be reviewed by Bonnie Seibold, former NHPA Bylaws Chairman, and must then be approved by our NHPA Council before being voted on by the Convention delegates. One reason why there are so few proposed changes this time may have to do with our 2005-06 Rules revision where a fair amount of information was moved from our Bylaws to what is now the Requirements section of the RGS Book. The proposed Bylaws changes, to be voted on by delegates at our 2011 Convention, will appear in the next issue of Newsline Magazine.

Proposed RGS Book Changes for 2012


I have already received a fair number of Proposed Rules Changes from our membership, and expect to receive more by the deadline of December 31, 2011; the last day of this year. By the time you receive this issue, our Rules Committee members will have been selected and will be considering each change proposal that has been received. After these proposals have been studied, discussed, and voted on by the Rules committee, the proposals that have been approved by them will be recommended for final approval by our NHPA Council. These Council-approved Rules Change Proposals will then be printed in Newsline

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Magazine, about a year from now, and then voted on by our NHPA Convention Delegates during our WT business meeting in Knoxville.

If you would like to submit a proposed change for any section of the RGS Book, there is a suggested procedure and format to use, as follows:

Step 1 - Include the current Rule, Requirement, etc. as written in the RGS Book (if done by e-mail, copy/paste from NHPA Website?).

Step 2 - Include the exact wording of your proposed change. By comparing these two passages,

anyone should be able to see what words/phrases/sentences have been changed, added, or deleted. Note: To make this comparison even easier, all changed words/phrases should be *italicized* or underlined.

Step 3 - Include a complete explanation (also examples, if it applies) about why you think this change should be considered.

Step 4 - Send your Rules change proposal to Dan Sanders, NHPA Rules Chairman, via e-mail or US mail by December 31, 2011 (See inside cover of Newsline Magazine for current contact information).

CHARTER CHATTER

by Jane Smith

ARIZONA CHARTER

By the time this issue is over the exciting "Valley of the Sun" tournament held in Mesa AZ will be over. This is a fun tournament – almost as fun as the World and Team World tournaments. Many "snowbirds" attend and pitch ringers in this event. This tournament is a great time to renew friendships developed over the years on the courts. I have visited my parents during this event and have been able to check out the "ringers" enjoying the sun and warm temps the south offers. Pitchers from Colorado, Missouri, Minnesota and Wisconsin (these I know for sure) enter the tournament to keep their pitching arm in tune for the summer season. When the time is right, plan a vacation to Mesa in February and pitch ringers! There are many friends and smiling faces at this event. There are even transplants from the north who now reside in AZ year around – remember Carol and Russ Hoppe from Minnesota? Jane Smith

CALIFORNIA CHARTER (NCHPA)

This charter has an excellent publication found at <http://www.NCHPA.com>. Their publication is well done and is an excellent source of horseshoe events held in California. At this time there are over 140 events scheduled for the 2011 season! Thank you, Casey, for sending me this address and information. Jane Smith

Harlen A. Rippetoe, the newly elected NCHPA president, has expressed thanks and goals for the coming season. "I would like to thank the out going officers for their service to Nor-Cal. My personal thanks to President Kimmy Stockli, who

has served our organization for the past six years. Hopefully, we can continue to utilize her expertise. During the next year we will be the sponsor for the California, Nor-Cal, and Team Championship tournaments. Hopefully, we will be able to continue to utilize the Yolo courts. We will be working with the Yolo Club to secure a lease (if possible). I know that the courts are vital to our organization and if we lose them then we must have plan in place for future Nor-Cal Tournaments. I am pleased to have a hard working, group of people who will serve as my Executive Council. Of particular note is John(Jhon) Barney (Gold Country) and Lee Roy Lassiter(Shasta/Willows) who have agreed to fill the one year vice-President vacancies. My sincere appreciation to all the Executive Council for their time and dedication to our organization. I believe we have an excellent organization and with the help of all of you we can make it better. During the next year it is my intent to meet as many of you as possible. I know that you have ideas to improve the operation of Nor-Cal. I want to hear from you. All that I ask is, if you see a problem that needs correction or action, let us know, but also give us a possible solution. I will ask all of the Nor-Cal officers to make themselves available and assist me in providing better communications to you. The disbanding of local clubs and the decrease in membership is of major concern to me. Gas prices, bad economy, and high cost of travel has had an affect on our membership. I will be exploring your recommendations to stop the bleeding in those areas. I will also look into score keeper up grades. There has got to be a way we can train and retain folks willing to keep our score and properly reward them for doing so. As an old

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horseshoe pitcher from Missouri once said the shoe stops here. If it's broke we will try to fix it, but I will need all your help as we go along."

CALIFORNIA CHARTER (SCHPA)

Peter Zepponi is getting the San Francisco horseshoe club going at Golden Gate Park. There used to be an NCHPA club there for many years, it folded about 17 years ago. I've been in contact with Peter for about 1 1/2 yrs. now and next season we will be hosting an NCHPA tournament at those courts. The courts are conditionally sanctioned and we presented the SF mayor and Peter with the sanction certificate during the grand opening last year that Brian Simons came out for.

Thanks, Casey Sluys

Peter shares his experience. Flash! More SFHPC News alerts! I was filmed for the PBS MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour. They are doing a piece on ranked ballot elections and how, as in horseshoes in San Francisco, you only need to get close to win. Me tossing horseshoes and getting 'close' will be the intro to the political piece. It's always good to get national TV exposure to horseshoe pitching in SF! It was also a good excuse to call the GG Park District Manager and get a 6 person crew out to spiff up the place within an hours' notice!

Cheers! Peter A. Zepponi

LOUISIANA CHARTER

My name is Tim Gilmore. I am the Publicity Director (2nd V. P.) for the Bayou Horseshoe Pitchers Association based at Kemper Williams Park in Patterson, La. This is what we do start off our season.

We normally kick off our season in late March weather permitting. The week before the league and season officially starts; we have a "Day in the Park ". We advertise in the areas newspapers, radio and TV stations. We also ask our members to invite a guest. Sometimes we are able to secure a local political figure to pitch the first shoes of the year and publish it the paper and show on a local TV station. We normally have hot dogs and hamburgers along with soft drinks and water. After we sanction the new players for the upcoming league and season, we have a Blind Draw, Hi - Low round robin scratch doubles tournament. This gives the new players an opportunity to play with a seasoned player. Also playing a round robin instead of a double elimination keeps all of the players around. Also everyone will chip in a few dollars for prize money. We will also publish the results of this tournament in the paper. Every year is different. Sometimes we pick up a couple and sometimes more. Anyway, the day is enjoyed by all.

Tim Gilmore, Publicity. Bayou Horseshoe Pitchers Association

MINNESOTA CHARTER

Minnesota can be a harsh environment during the winter months, but this doesn't stop the die hard pitchers we have here. We have a beautiful facility for tournaments and leagues in Upsala, a small town 1.5 hours Northwest of Minneapolis. Tournaments are conducted each month beginning in December, and surprisingly few have been cancelled due to the weather. These tournaments provide our pitchers with an excellent opportunity to keep their skills sharp during the "off-season" and for newer pitchers to qualify for state and world tournaments. More winter league activity occurs at the Greenfield Horseshoe Club, located in the Northwest corner of the twin cities metro area. Three leagues per week provide about 24 pitchers the same great off-season opportunities to pitch during the winter. Electronic scoring is employed at both venues during the winter, thus providing all pitchers with the opportunity to become electronic scoring experts. One other opportunity that deserves mention is the tournaments conducted at the Dakota Magic Casino in South Dakota, just a few short miles from the Minnesota border. The Fall, Winter and Spring Magic Tournaments provide Minnesota pitchers with the opportunity to pitch in four sanctioned tournaments during the weekend, and really good fun doubles tournament on Friday nights. The January Winter Magic Tournament is a really fun weekend and all four tournaments fill up quickly, well ahead of the deadlines. Check out the NHPA website for more information about the Dakota Magic Tournaments.

Jerry LaBrosse, NHPA 4th VP, MN Webmaster

UTAH / WISCONSIN

Dennis Ohms responds to Ed Wheeler's quest for Badger Games recognition.

I read in the "Newline" Charter Chatter about your efforts to get Horseshoes in the Badger games. I have been the director in two "State" style games for 24-25 years: UTAH SUMMER GAMES (USG) and HUNTSMAN WORLD SENIOR GAMES (WSG.) Over the years horseshoes has evolved to what I think is the best style of event. Some history first. At USG (which belong to the national Congress of Games) first had medals for Novice and Masters class, in most cases with two gold medals I could figure who was going to win. In the WSG they had grouped the players according to age and sex; this had more medals but in many groups we had experienced and rookies in the same groups. It was not a good situation. Then we went to what we are doing now having groups for each 10% ringer average beginning at 10% to 70%. I do this in the USG in 40ft players, 30ft players, and 20ft players; WSG 40ft and 30ft players. I also have doubles were in both players percentages are added and divided by 2 to fit the percentage divisions. In your state, Mr. James Ganther has played in WSG. What I hear is most everyone loves it and has

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a chance at winning. I have some wonderful stories about the players and what a medal means to them.

Dennis Ohms

WEST VIRGINIA CHARTER

The City of Charleston and the Convention and Visitors Bureau have raised the funds to submit a bid for the 2013 World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. Current and former West Virginia Horseshoe Pitchers Association Members are being provided correspondence which explains that CONTRIBUTIONS AND GIFTS are NOT CHARITABLE FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES as prescribed in their Internal Revenue Service Code 501(C)(4) document that are to be issued to potential DONORS.....Additionally, letters of requests have been sent to State Legislators and to the Governor, in an effort to generate at least \$50,000 additional dollars. This action has been approved by the majority of the WVHPA Executive Council.

CHARLES M BUNNER, President, WVHPA

WISCONSIN CHARTER

Jeff Gustafson's New Year's Day Tournament, which in the past was held OUTDOORS, is scheduled to be played at the indoor courts of Beloit. The March tournaments at Beloit designed to attract membership. The Beloit club has some very ambitious "movers and shakers" with wonderful ideas to increase WHPA membership. One such event is the "Bring a Junior Doubles." This is a two day event where the second day is designated as "Bring a Pal Doubles," (an unsanctioned pal.) Also Wisconsin is a leader in using computer scoring in tournaments - especially those in Beloit and the State tournament. Jimmy Paulson and the Beloit horseshoe club have done a spectacular job in acquiring enough computers for up to 18 courts! Something to look for in the future at Beloit tournaments - team scoring by computer. We are working on it. Jim Haupt, WHNL Staff

On the personal side:

MARYLAND CHARTER

(Diane Ratcliff, a resource person for this column, sent a sad note. Horseshoe friends are family and we need to remember our family members with prayer and positive thoughts when we are faced with life challenges.

Jane Smith)

Unfortunately, I was of no help with the upcoming issue. We are dealing with the disastrous total loss of my parents' home by fire. Please put them and my family in your prayers. I thank God they were not home at the time. It went very quickly and appears to have been some type of explosion in or

near the heat pump in the basement with a propane back-up. Fairly new house (moved in September 2003). I could never have imagined having to start all over when you're in your 70's. It is heartbreaking to see, but they are doing well. It has indeed been a challenging time. Any and all prayers are most appreciated! We are doing well, considering the circumstances. My family is strong in faith, and that will get us through this. I am so very thankful my parents were not home. They had only left about two hours prior. According to the fire marshal, his investigation suggested it was an explosion-type event at or near the heat pump (propane back-up) in the basement. The house collapsed in less than an hour. There were piles still smoldering yesterday, more than a week later. Joani & Hoss (Chan) Herrell, horseshoe pitching friends who live just below them, have been a major source of help! Horseshoe pitchers family, is family indeed!

Diane Ratcliff

Kudos to Mike Ardelean, Dennis Ohms and Ed Wheeler for their efforts to increase awareness of our great game of horseshoes!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY - DEBBY MICHAUD

After serving as your NHPA 5th VP for just over one year, I am announcing my intention to run for that office again in 2011. It has been an energizing time, a year of learning how really good the current officers in the NHPA are, a year of getting to know the Regional Directors and their dedication to the betterment of horseshoes, and a year of firsts for me. There remain many goals within the NHPA, the two most important being to increase the membership and to bring the NHPA into the 21st century. Those goals and my interest in performing the many tasks of an NHPA VP are my motivators to run for another two-year term. Because this is the year for re-sanctioning of all of the court facilities across the country, I definitely want to see this through - to compile a complete list of all the courts across the country and to know how many courts we do have.

The NHPA is a great group of people and competitors - I look forward to serving you, to hearing from you with your ideas and comments and to working with you and for you at the 2011 World Tournament and throughout the year. Thank you for your support.

Yours in Horseshoes,

Debby Michaud, Candidate for NHPA 5th VP

BEHIND THE MASK

With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz

Give me one good reason why five very diverse individuals would choose to spend a week together, shackled with one car and bunking up in one hotel room? Answer – they love this sport of horseshoe pitching and wouldn't miss the 2010 World Tournament held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Could there be a better reason to deal with a little inconvenience for 7 days? Not according to this crew!!

The five amigos all hail from the state of Ohio, until recently when Jim Hill moved to Richmond, Indiana. From Richmond to Cedar Rapids they traveled while story-teller Delbert Fourman kept them “all in stitches throughout the state of Missouri”, according to Hill. The hotel room had twin beds where wall-to-wall snoring took place. Life was good though as Brian Fisher brought an air mattress and Jim Walters slept in his favorite sleeping bag on the floor.

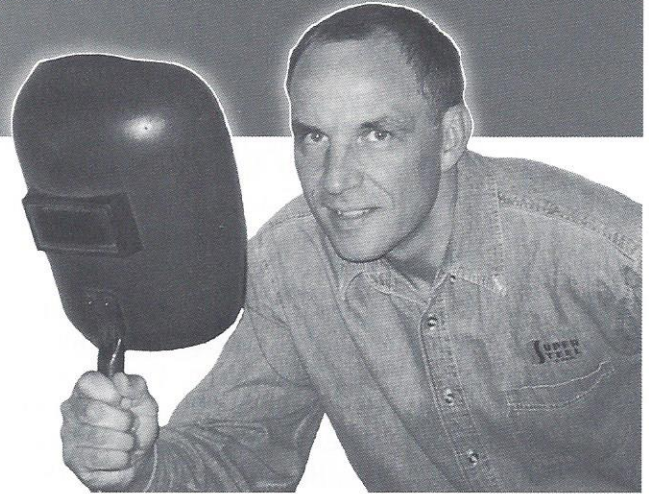
They pulled for each other to gain as many victories as possible. Jim (Walters), who finished class play at 68% comfortably advanced to the Championship Class while the happy-go-lucky Mens A-3 Champ Davey Johnson Jr. narrowly missed the move up. While his desire to win his Class was achieved, he was heart – broken that his playoff win actually brought his overall ringer % down, putting him just out of contention for the 20th slot of world title play.

Brian Fisher, who initiated the idea to pool resources together, is the manager of an experimental hog raising endeavor that now has over 2000 hogs. According to sources, Brian is the only person who “could talk to a dead Indian & carry on a very good conversation.”

Delbert Fourman is the guy with “dry wit & never forgets a story told.” He finished his class in 14th place and back home runs his own construction crew

Johnson, an hourly laborer, is the youngest guy in this quintet. Watch for Davey to take his game to the highest level in coming years.

Walters, who finished 4th in Men's Championship, has his sights on a managerial position with a fast food chain. He has a remarkable memory knowing dates and pitchers he's competed with over the years.



And Hill who describes himself as an ordinary old man, pitched in 14 WT's, has pitched shoes since 1972. He is a retired supervisor at Dana Corp., a company where automobile parts are shipped all over the world. He finished 5th in C-2.

Take note fellow Wisconsinites!! Where there's a will, there's a way. The 2011 WT is held in West Monroe, Louisiana. You don't have to miss it. How about following the example of these fine Ohioans and explore the possibility of teaming up with friends in order to cut costs. Slicing the cost may give you a whole experience you will never forget!!

This group “wouldn't have gotten along better if they were blood brothers”, Hill says.

The Holy Scripture says in Psalm 133:1 ***“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to walk together in unity.”***



Left to Right: *Delbert Fourman, Brian Fisher, Jim Walters, Davey Johnson Jr., Jim Hill*

NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT

by Lorraine Sternberg

First of all, I would like to congratulate the ten juniors who received the sanctioned league scholarships for 2009-2010.

They are:

\$200 Scholarship Recipient

Steven Drozd, from the Pawnee Ringers HSC of Nebraska

\$175 Scholarship Recipient

Brianna McCormick from the Sodbuster HSC out of Vermont

\$150 Scholarship Recipients

Bruce Thomson from the Liberty HSC, of Missouri

Payge Quintana, pitching for the Topeka HSC from Kansas

Brian Nussbaum, Sweetwater HSC, of Wyoming

\$125 Scholarship Recipients

Jennifer Trader of Grand Forks HSC, North Dakota

Aleena Cook of Fleet Reserve HSC, Wisconsin

Michael Leger of Liberty HSC, Missouri

\$100 Scholarship Recipients

Bethany Heinritz from the Heinritz Homestead HSL, Wisconsin

Naomi Williamson of Close Doesn't Count HSC of Wisconsin.

two full days of many topics that needed to be discussed. Along with that, we also had the site visit. This was only the second time that we included a site visit with our winter meeting. The last time was when the World Tournament was held in Ardmore, Oklahoma. The winter

council meetings, for me have always been a very memorable part of this job. It's a time for the council to get together and discuss NHPA business and to work on the promotion of our sport.

But, I think the winter meeting that I will remember the most, was when we met in Myrtle Beach and my flight was cancelled because of a snow storm. At 3:00A.M. I said to my husband, Terry, you either have to go to work this morning or we drive to Myrtle Beach for the meeting. Within ten minutes, he had the truck packed and said, "Let's go". Guess he didn't want to go to work. We arrived in Myrtle Beach, 17 hours later. We even got in a few hours of sleep before the meeting started.

Looking back on all of the meetings, that I have gotten to attend, it has been a great feeling to have been able to represent our membership, the NHPA! And I have enjoyed working with all of the NHPA officers, past and present. I will miss it.

The Top Ten list from 2010 is also in this issue. Congratulations to all of the league pitchers who made this list. This is another great program, put together for sanctioned league pitchers. Those adult pitchers, who placed 1st and 2nd receive a plaque, along with a certificate and patch. Everyone, else will receive a certificate and patch. These awards are sent out to league directors and they should present them to their pitchers at a league function. Juniors, who place, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, receive a plaque, along with a certificate and patch.

By the time this issue comes out, we will all be looking forward to the spring and summer season. For many parts of the country, this has been a long winter, with lots of snow and cold weather. This is a great time to talk up our sport and to promote the game that we all love. Let's work on increasing our membership for 2011. It is going to take all of the members to do this. The NHPA council can't do it alone, we need your help!

Besides the scholarships that each of these ten juniors received, they also got a plaque, certificate and patches.

This is a great program that is set up for sanctioned leagues, I urge more juniors to submit for the scholarships. League directors, you need to do your part and inform all juniors on your sanctioned leagues about the scholarship program. Most juniors don't even know that we offer this. Please, take time this spring and re-read your sanctioned league booklet, so that you as a league director are informed of all that is offered through the sanctioned league program. The deadline for this next year, is November 15th. Once again CONGRATULATIONS to all of these juniors!

As most all of you know by now, this is my last year as your National Sanctioned League Director. I have decided to take this opportunity in the next few issues of Newline and look back on my past twelve years as a NHPA officer.

So, I thought I would start with looking back on our winter council meetings. We just finished our winter meeting in January. This year, we had our meeting in Monroe, Louisiana, where the World Tournament will take place this coming summer. It was a good meeting, filled with

TOLL OF TIME

Edi Holland

Minnesota

It is with great sadness that I must tell you that Edi Holland, McGregor, Minnesota, passed away on Sunday, February 6th of a brain aneurysm. She was preceded in death by grandson Justin Halfrich. She is survived by husband Les, daughter Vicki and Bill Halfrich, daughter Paula and Ron Mead and son Tom and Robyn Holland. She was a grandma to David, Adam and Aaron Mead, Billy, Sara and Sadie Halfrich and KaylaMae and Kyle Holland.



Isn't it great to know that your last memory of Edi is one with a smile and a hug? Edi threw a shoe, bowled a ball and reeled in that big fish with such grace that she made it look so easy. She had the gift of making you feel special and always had words of encouragement whether you were in a bowling alley, on a horseshoe court, out in the boat where she could out fish the best of them, including and not limited to Les, or even in her own backyard.

Edi, had many titles..., daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mom, grandma and there is the Bowling Queen and quite recently I heard, Horseshoe Goddess. She loved spending time with her family playing games, cards, putting together a puzzle or doing her needlepoint/knitting while you were watching a movie. She loved to cook big family dinners and always had something baked for dessert, always cookies in the cookie jar and Kyle looked forward to waking up in the morning to the smell coffee and hoping for Grandmas biscuits and gravy for breakfast and made the most amazing strawberry/rhubarb jelly as says KaylaMae!

God graced us with this angel here on earth and now has given her the wings that she so richly has earned. She was one classy lady with a heart of Gold and will be greatly missed with all those who knew her.

Submitted by Edi's daughter-in-law Robyn Holland

Richard David Jenkins, Sr.

Maryland

Richard David Jenkins Sr., 87, of Adamstown, died Saturday, February 5, 2011. He was the husband of the late Mary Rosalita Young Jenkins.

He was born June 28, 1923, in Frederick. He was the son of the late Joseph and Lydia Pearl Jenkins.

Mr. Jenkins worked as a signal maintainer for the B&O Railroad. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a champion horseshoe pitcher and he was an avid bowler. Also, he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda E. Stockman and husband, James, of Mount Airy; son, Richard D. Jenkins Jr. of Adamstown; sister, Goldie Davis of Frederick; son-in-law, Ronald L. Adams; grandchildren, Thomas Stockman, Penni Bauerschmidt, Crystal Misner and Ashlea Adams; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Joan Adams.

Dick was once a very active member of the Frederick Horseshoe Pitchers Association. I feel confident he is peacefully pitching horseshoes in heaven with those that have passed before him! Although not active for the past few years, he often passed by my office as I was walking to the mailbox and would wave, and occasionally stop for a quick hello and to get a status update of his horseshoe friends. He will be missed!

Submitted by Diana Ratliff

Eugene Swogger

Pennsylvania

08/04/1937 – 09/29/2010

The Pittsburgh horseshoe community has lost a man who was always willing to go the extra mile. Eugene "Gene" Swogger began pitching horseshoes after he retired from coaching basketball at Wampum, PA and Chartiers Valley. Gene was active in three Horseshoe leagues; Brady's Run in Beaver County, Dormont in Pittsburgh, and Horseshoe of Pittsburgh Enterprises (HOPE). In each one he became a brother and friend. He was instrumental in organizing two of these. Gene was one of three men who established the Dormont Horseshoes Club, and when indoor courts were needed, Gene was one along with Ron Weise who organized HOPE.

Gene's wife, Chris, found a property for sale which was affordable in nearby Carnegie, PA. This property soon became the center for horseshoe activities in Western Pennsylvania. From the nine charter members who gathered at the first meeting in 1987, HOPE grew to 55 incorporating members and nine outdoor courts were built. Gene sponsored one of these nine courts – "The Divorce Court". In 1995, HOPE built an all-weather facility next to the nine outdoor courts. This ample building host state tournaments – a substantial reflection on Gene's long look into the future.

During the more than twenty years Gene gave to pitching horseshoes, he was a winner. Gene is survived by his wonderful wife Chris who cared for him through two years of terrible pain and suffering. Also, he leaves a daughter, Sue Ellen, a son, Michael and four grandchildren. He also leaves a large space in the hearts of pitchers who meet almost daily at HOPE.

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THE 18TH ANNUAL SIX PAC INVITATIONAL
APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2011

ATTENTION ALL 30 AND 40 FOOTERS!

By Joe Faron

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is proud and excited to be hosting the 18th Annual Six Pac Invitational Horseshoe Tournament on April 30-May 1, 2011 at the new National Horseshoe Hall of Fame and Museum facility in Wentzville, MO. If you are among the top 100 horseshoe pitchers in the United States in the Mens, Womens or Elders Division you are eligible to participate in this prestigious horseshoe event. The traditional playoff game between the Champions of the 40 and 30 footers will be played for additional prize money.

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

40 Footers Six Pac Invitational Tournament: The 18th Annual Six Pac Invitational Tournament is for the top "Sweet Sixteen" 40 footers in the Mens Division who have the highest ringer percentage and accept our invitation. The format is a round robin event consisting of fifteen forty-point games. Eight games will be pitched on Saturday, and seven games to be played on Sunday. The prize money is \$4,000 paying the top eight places. If you are interested in pitching in this tournament and need more information contact Tournament Director Joe Faron at 314-704-7082, email address: Bugsfaron@aol.com.

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

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

If you have a high ringer percentage in the Mens, Womens and Elders Division check the NHPA NATSTATS as of April 1, 2011 to see if you qualify in the top 100 in the United States. You will be contacted by the Six Pac Tournament Directors Joe Faron or Bob Diekamp. Look for an invitation in the mail sometime during the middle of February. Please notify the tournament director if you qualify and have not received an invitation.

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

While you are making plans to attend this spring tournament please support our co-sponsor, the Holiday Inn Express in O'Fallon for only \$71.95 per night. The hotel is located 10-12 minutes away from the horseshoe facility. Whether you plan to pitch in the tournament or to come as a spectator, the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members promises you an unforgettable experience. The QRHC members are planning a dinner/cookout at the facility on Saturday evening for a small donation for all to attend. The QRHC is looking forward in anticipation of your attendance at this exciting horseshoe event.

Look for the new signage on Hwy I-64 (Hwy 40) and Prospect Road depicting the Hall of Fame Building under attractions, Exit 1C.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPORT

by Debby Michaud

The annual NHPA Executive Board Winter meeting has concluded. We met for two days in Monroe, Louisiana, the site of the 2011 World Horseshoe Tournament. The World Tournament was high on the list of things to be discussed and other officers definitely have many things to report to you on decisions that were made and ideas that will be implemented. The computerized scoring will be expanded to 24 courts in one of the arenas. The bigger arena is very spectator friendly and the smaller area is going to be a nice place to pitch. The whole building is impressive, with plenty of rooms for us to use, a spacious lobby, and a long corridor for visiting or meditating! It will be warm during the summer, so plenty of room INSIDE will be a bonus.

We reviewed the ideas from last year's Suggestion Box – there were some good ideas in there. Keep those ideas coming – they are valuable. We were able to visit two very nice restaurants and took a drive to see two campgrounds nearby as well as to see some of the shopping and eating possibilities. I think it will be a nice venue for the World Tournament. Thank you to the Monroe/West Monroe Convention and Visitor's Bureau for their chauffeuring talents.

I still have nine charters that have not ordered patches, but I'm sure they will come in soon. I have sent out MORE patches this year than last and will have to order extras. It seems as if the participation is going to be higher this year – good news! At our recent New England HPA Executive Board meeting, the NEHPA Stats man, Jim Hanson, gave us some interesting stats. One of them was the average number of entries in tournaments. In the USA and Canada, outside of the six New England states, the average entry is 27.45 pitchers. Inside these six states of New England, the average entry is 49.06 per tournament. We are not sure why this is true but it is a BIG difference. Do we have fewer tournaments so that pitchers have fewer choices? I think that might be one of the reasons.... Another stat he spoke about was the average High 3 of participants in the six New England states. The average High 3 is lower in states with big leagues (my observation) which may show that there are many League pitchers out there who probably pitch just once a week and who are not as serious as Tournament pitchers. Our job is to recruit MORE League pitchers and then raise the possibility for more tournament players out of that group. That brings us

to one of the recurring themes during all NHPA meetings, local to national. We would definitely like to have more NHPA members and horseshoe pitchers. When you think of how many people pitch horseshoes "out there" who don't know about us and we don't know about them, it is staggering. Starting a new League is a rewarding task and, if they are having fun, it grows exponentially. This will be a goal again for 2011, to increase the membership in every charter in the country.

With the patch orders, I am sending out the Court Sanction Certificates. As you re-sanction courts, you will hand out the Certificates for each facility to post in a prominent place. More information will be coming via e-mail and via land mail.

On that note, I received this information from the Washington, DC area:

"I wanted to let you know about the impressive job done by Don Lawyer, (Regional Director for MD and D.C.) with assistance from Brian Lucas, (Vice President, MD Horseshoe Pitchers Association) in measuring the two indoor horseshoe courts for N.H.P.A. sanction. The courts are located on my property and are home to the "Maryland Ironbenders Horseshoe Club," which currently has approximately 20 N.H.P.A. members; and has been in existence since 1991.

Being a retired land surveyor and engineer, I appreciate their attention to detail and precise measurements. Some minor adjustments were made to several of the foul lines and the lean on three of the pegs. I received the sanction certificate in October 2010, which I have framed and hung in horseshoe building.

We pitch every Friday night after New Years, and often have weekend cookouts and luck of the draw singles and doubles tournaments. We intend to have a sanctioned tournament this winter.

Any N.H.P.A members who are passing through Maryland this winter are welcome call to "Pete" at **301-401-1859** to check if the courts are open or they can email him at soshomette@aol.com. Sincerely, Pete Shomette"

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REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPORT *Continued*

Indoor courts for the winter are tremendous in keeping up interest and in getting more people involved. Of course, the more pitchers you have in an organization, the more likely you are to have indoor courts.

I hope all of you have a good winter – we will talk to you again when the spring weather is starting to poke its head out. Be patient with this winter's crazy, dramatic weather and plan ahead for a great summer.

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Game Related Sales & NHPF	
HoF Insurance Payment	\$ 3,680.00
Membership Dues	\$ 18,383.00
Newline Ads	\$ 280.00
Newline Subscriptions	\$ 4,118.00
Sanction League Patches	\$ 26.00
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TOTAL	\$ 29,327.99

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Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$ 3,960.84
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$ 1,097.65
Sanctioned League Postage & Printing	\$ 315.98
Sanction League Patches & Awards	\$ 3,870.72
Sanctioned League Office Supplies & Printing	\$ 89.76
All Junior Trust Accounts	\$ 2,063.04
World Tournament Admin. Costs. Printing, Office Supplies, Etc.	\$ 410.40
Hall of Fame Awards Supplies & Expenses	\$ 858.57
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$ 147.05
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs	\$ 4,964.76
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Postage	\$ 696.08
Officers Telephone	\$ 154.45
Officers Travel	\$ 4,973.23
Sec/Treas Allowance	\$ 3,400.00
Presidents Allowance	\$ 1,026.00
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Publicity, Promotions & Ads	\$ 820.80
Insurance	\$ 10,460.80
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$ 102.38
Special Events	\$ 547.59
Refunds	\$ 24.00
NatStats	\$ 1,026.00
Internet Access & Web Site	\$ 1,384.97
TOTAL	\$ 47,616.72

ADULT NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED DISTANCE

High Point Average

1.	Brian Simmons	Sodbusters, VT	128.02
2.	Shelia Shepard	Edgewater, CO	127.06
3.	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	124.15
4.	Bobby Vandivier	Danville, IL	120.95
5.	Gregg Craven	Liberty, MO	120.10
6.	Tom Hall	Clearwater, FL	118.88
7.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	117.41
8.	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	117.34
9.	Gary Urish	Peoria, IL	117.06
10.	Ralph Adrian	Green County, OH	116.62

High Game Points

1.	Brian Simmons	Sodbusters, VT	148
2.	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	146
3.	Bobby Vandivier	Danville, IL	145
4.	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	140
5.	Shelia Shepard	Edgewater, CO	138
6.	Gregg Craven	Liberty, MO	137
6.	Gary Urish	Peoria, IL	137
7.	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	136
8.	Nick DiRaimo	Liberty, MO	135
9.	Ralph Adrian	Green County, OH	134
9.	Brenda Tawney	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	134
10.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	132

High Points over Average

1.	Gary Henry	Try County, OH	49.17
2.	J.C. Bowen	Enid Area, OK	48.44
3.	James Kinney	Golden Valley, MO	44.04
4.	Raymond Boulay	Heart of America, MO	42.67
5.	Larry Langewisch	Quail Ridge, MO	42.62
6.	Mike Berdam	Fleet Reserve, WI	42.17
7.	Willie Olsen	Moline, IL	40.56
8.	Everett Snead	Colorado Springs, CO	40.37
9.	Hazel Ingles	Bradenton, FL	39.62
10.	Dawn Coleman	Sodbusters, VT	39.11

MEN'S DIVISION-40ft. DISTANCE

High Ringer Average

1.	Brian Simmons	Sodbusters, VT	80.05%
2.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	71.64%
3.	Gary Urish	Peoria, IL	70.29%
4.	Jerry Wykle	Mountaineer, WV	66.53%
5.	Allen Withrow	Mountaineer, WV	64.36%
6.	Chan Herrell	Frederick, MD	64.22%
7.	Randy Rein	Little Bull Falls, WI	63.33%
8.	Gary Roberts	Ross County, OH	62.65%
9.	Mark Seibold	Clearwater, FL	62.36%
10.	Darrin Potts	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	62.23%

High Ringer Game

1.	Brian Simmons	Sodbusters, VT	98.00%
2.	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	88.00%
3.	Randy Rein	Little Bull Falls, WI	86.67%
4.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	86.00%
5.	Chan Herrell	Frederick, MD	84.00%
5.	Gary Urish	Peoria, IL	84.00%
6.	Greg Crocker	New Haven, CT	80.00%
6.	Glenn Ellis	New Haven, CT	80.00%
7.	Steven Johnson	Capital City, MO	78.00%
7.	Dave Plowman	Marion County, OH	78.00%
7.	Mark Seibold	Clearwater, FL	78.00%
8.	Rex Uhrig	Ross County, OH	77.50%
9.	Ray Groskinsky	Arkdale, WI	77.00%
10.	Bill Dannhauer	Gate City Clangers, NH	76.67%
10.	Phil Labbe	Central CT, CT	76.67%

High Ringer over Average

1.	Phil Labbe	Central CT, CT	44.57
2.	Gary Henry	Try County, OH	38.05
3.	Skip Smith	Gate City Clangers, NH	37.22
4.	Mark Smigiel	New London County, CT	36.99
5.	Rob Hunt	Central CT, CT	36.70
6.	Bob Brown	Central CT, CT	36.32
7.	Lonnice Gore	New Haven, CT	35.08
8.	Dan Sanders	Perry, GA	34.93
9.	Todd Gerber	Central CT, CT	34.30
10.	Larry Fordyce	Edmond, OK	33.82

MEN'S DIVISION-30ft. DISTANCE

High Ringer Average

1.	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	79.06%
2.	Herschel Walters	Plymouth, IN	75.91%
3.	Gregg Craven	Liberty, MO	75.40%
4.	Bobby Vandivier	Danville, IL	72.82%
5.	Tom Hall	Clearwater, FL	72.00%
5.	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	72.00%
6.	Ralph Adrian	Green County, OH	71.19%
7.	Paul McGee	Frederick, MD	70.36%
8.	Nick DiRaimo	Heart of America, MO	69.30%
9.	Larry Purcell	Cedar Rapids, IA	67.69%
10.	Doug Farnsworth	Crossville, TN	67.20%

High Ringer Game

1.	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	96.00%
1.	Bobby Vandivier	Danville, IL	96.00%
2.	Herschel Walters	Plymouth, IN	94.40%
3.	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	92.00%
4.	Gregg Craven	Liberty, MO	90.00%
5.	Nick DiRaimo	Heart of America, MO	86.00%
5.	Bob Knudtson	Fridley, MN	86.00%
6.	Elmo Cox	Crossville, TN	85.00%
6.	Doug Farnsworth	Crossville, TN	85.00%
7.	Ralph Adrian	Green County, OH	84.00%
7.	Tom Hall	Clearwater, FL	84.00%
8.	Lee Post	Village's, FL	82.50%
9.	Jessie Hough	Clearwater, FL	82.00%
10.	Jim Holland	Fridley, MN	82.00%
10.	Bob Lautenschleger	Bradenton, FL	82.00%
10.	Paul McGee	Frederick, MD	82.00%

High Ringer over Average

1.	J.C. Bowen	Enid Area, OK	40.00
2.	Glenn Hulse	Clearwater, FL	36.65
3.	Jim Beyer	Greenfield, MN	35.69
4.	Ray Grubbs	Whitley County, IN	35.37
5.	Jake Glauben	Gate City Clangers, NH	34.70
6.	Frank Smith	Topeka, KS	32.78
7.	Ed Klodzen	Top of the World, FL	32.77
8.	Lloyd Williamson	Coulee Region, WI	31.72
9.	Jim Burnett	Village's, FL	31.33
10.	Mel Daily	Clearwater, FL	30.12

WOMEN'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1.	Gert Wilczek	Eau Claire, WI	78.33%
2.	Rivers Prewette	Blue Barn, NC	73.86%
3.	Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA	72.40%
4.	Shelia Shepard	Edgewater, CO	69.87%
5.	Brenda Tawney	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	69.20%
6.	Mary Ann Gibbs	Crisp, GA	66.58%
7.	Rose Diekamp	Quail Ridge, MO	66.33%
8.	Debra Brown	Sodbusters, VT	66.27%
9.	Tonja Pettit	Hardin County, OH	64.91%
10.	Penny Steinke	Muskego Moose, WI	63.33%

High Ringer Game

1.	Rivers Prewette	Blue Barn, NC	96.67%
2.	Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA	88.00%
2.	Shelia Shepard	Edgewater, CO	88.00%
2.	Gert Wilczek	Eau Claire, WI	88.00%
3.	Tonja Pettit	Marion County, OH	86.00%
3.	Brenda Tawney	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	86.00%
3.	Rose Diekamp	Quail Ridge, MO	84.00%
5.	Connie Reimer	Whitley County, IN	83.33%
6.	Mary Ann Gibbs	Perry, GA	82.50%
7.	Mary Green	Try County, OH	82.00%
8.	Roena Branson	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	80.00%
8.	Carolyn Coyle	Whitley County, IN	80.00%
9.	Jan Knaub	Loveland, CO	78.00%
10.	Pam Maples	Brevard County, FL	77.50%
10.	Angela Perde	Bayou, LA	77.50%
10.	Marlys Timm	Greenfield, MN	77.50%

High Ringer over Average

1.	Debbie Duchene	Fridley, MN	35.29
2.	Debby Smith	Central CT, CT	34.46
3.	Shernetta Edwards	Blue Barn, NC	33.42
4.	Patti Smith	Shreveport, LA	32.00
5.	Deb Eisenhand	Edgewater, CO	31.94
6.	Sue Lichau	Sonoma County, CA	31.40
7.	Margo Larie	Ross County, OH	31.36
8.	Robbin Terral	Shreveport, LA	31.11
9.	Hazel Ingles	Bradenton, FL	31.06
10.	Tammy Wild	Coulee Region, WI	30.32

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SANCTIONED JUNIOR LEAGUE 2010 TOP TEN LIST

NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED BOYS/GIRLS

High Point Average

1. Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	102.70
2. Abby Green	Try County, OH	94.32
3. Christopher Green	Try County, OH	77.16
4. Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	75.72
5. Devin Wetzel	Liberty, MO	71.17
6. Brianna McCormick	Sodbusters, VT	67.77
7. Kelsey Howler	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	67.56
8. Savanna Johnson	Heart of America, MO	58.67
9. Jennifer Trader	Grand Forks, ND	56.69
10. Noah Heathman	Shelbina Library Park, MO	52.81

High Point Game

1. Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	126
2. Abby Green	Try County, OH	119
3. Christopher Green	Try County, OH	115
4. Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	100
5. Colton Shackelford	Fort Collins, CO	95
6. Devin Wetzel	Liberty, MO	94
7. Brianna McCormick	Sodbusters, VT	92
8. Kelsey Howler	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	85
9. Gunnar David	Fleet Reserve, WI	84
9. Jessi Whaley	Soo Area, SD	84
10. Tyler Fishbaugh	Lions Park, MO	83

High Points over Average

1. Colton Shackelford	Fort Collins, CO	48.72
2. Christopher Green	Try County, OH	37.90
3. Gunnar David	Fleet Reserve, WI	36.06
4. Jessi Whaley	Soo Area, SD	34.50
5. Chris Teaford	Troy, OH	30.68
6. Stephanie Varney	Independence, MO	30.62
7. Abby Green	Try County, OH	25.70
8. Matthew Trader	Grand Forks, ND	24.85
9. Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	24.28
9. Bruce Thomson	Liberty, MO	24.28
10. Brianna McCormick	Sodbusters, VT	24.23

BOY'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1. Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	61.65%
2. Rusty Muncy	Lake Isabella, CA	45.50%
3. Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	44.26%
4. Alex Roberts	Liberty Jr. Lg., MO	39.61%
5. Devin Wetzel	Liberty, MO	39.11%
6. Seth Aho	Cokato, MN	38.44%
7. Christopher Green	Try County, OH	35.93%
8. Beau Davison	Close Doesn't Count, WI	35.42%
9. Ben Webb	Edmonson County, KY	33.94%
10. Joey Mueller	Fridley, MN	30.85%

High Ringer Game

1. Gavin Kahrig	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	80.00%
2. Rusty Muncy	Lake Isabella, CA	66.00%
3. Alex Roberts	Liberty Jr. Lg., MO	64.71%
4. Joey Mueller	Fridley, MN	64.00%
5. Christopher Green	Try County, OH	62.00%
6. Seth Aho	Cokato, MN	60.00%
7. Steve Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	58.00%
7. Ben Webb	Edmonson County, KY	58.00%
8. Devin Wetzel	Liberty, MO	56.00%
9. Beau Davison	Close Doesn't Count, WI	52.50%
10. Colton Shackelford	Fort Collins, CO	52.00%

High Ringer over Average

1. Colton Shackelford	Fort Collins, CO	35.17
2. Joey Mueller	Fridley, MN	33.15
3. Travis Johnson	Arkdale, WI	30.80
4. Gunnar David	Fleet Reserve, WI	30.40
5. Nicholas Bayne	Baltimore Metro, MD	28.89
6. Tyler Fishbaugh	Lions Park, MO	28.45
7. Jonathon Sherwood	Danbury, CT	27.06
8. Christopher Green	Try County, OH	26.07
9. Joey Rinaldi	Half Moon Bay, CA	26.00
10. Austin Peach	Bureau Valley Jr. Lg., IL	25.38

GIRL'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1. Abby Green	Try County, OH	49.82%
2. Kelsey Howler	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	34.80%
3. Marissa Carlisle	Lakeside, TX	32.08%
4. Brianna McCormick	Sodbusters, VT	30.79%
5. Savanna Johnson	Heart of America, MO	27.33%
6. Jennifer Trader	Grand Forks, ND	24.77%
7. Jessi Whaley	Soo Area, SD	22.75%
8. Chessa Baumgardner	Minot, ND	17.18%
9. Heather Selleck	Sodbusters, VT	16.79%
10. Amy Huggins	Fort Collins, CO	15.83%

High Ringer Game

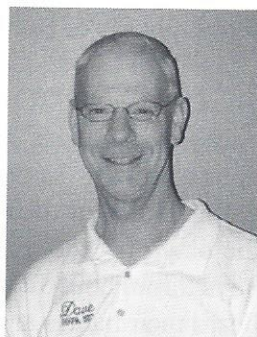
1. Abby Green	Try County, OH	70.00%
2. Brianna McCormick	Sodbusters, VT	54.00%
3. Kelsey Howler	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	48.00%
4. Jessi Whaley	Soo Area, SD	44.00%
5. Savanna Johnson	Heart of America, MO	40.00%
6. Stephanie Varney	Independence, MO	38.00%
7. Marissa Carlisle	Lakeside, TX	37.50%
8. Jennifer Trader	Grand Forks, ND	34.00%
9. Heather Selleck	Sodbusters, VT	32.00%
10. Chessa Baumgardner	Minot, ND	30.00%
10. Amy Huggins	Fort Collins, CO	30.00%

High Ringer over Average

1. Stephanie Varney	Independence, MO	24.62
2. Brianna McCormick	Sodbusters, VT	23.21
3. Jessi Whaley	Soo Area, SD	21.25
4. Abby Green	Try County, OH	20.87
5. Naomi Williamson	Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., WI	15.49
6. Heather Selleck	Sodbusters, VT	15.21
7. Jennifer Trader	Grand Forks, ND	14.27
8. Alissa Huggins	Fort Collins, CO	14.17
8. Amy Huggins	Fort Collins, CO	14.17
9. Savanna Johnson	Liberty, MO	14.00
10. Amanda Huggins	Fort Collins, CO	13.89

3RD VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDACY ANNOUNCEMENT

My name is David Sidles. I would like to announce my candidacy for the office of 3rd Vice President of the NHPA. I have been an NHPA member since 1989. I was a member of the Central Iowa Traveling Horseshoe League for over 20 years and served as league director for several of those years. I am very familiar with the sanctioned league program. I also served as Secretary/Treasurer and Statistician for the Iowa charter for four years before moving to Omaha. I am currently the Nebraska Statistician.



I was an Iowa Games horseshoe co-commissioner for ten years. I have run or helped run many tournaments over the years including the Iowa State Championships. I have been using the HSMaster software since it was first made available to the membership. I continue to be an active pitcher in the Omaha/Council Bluffs area playing year round in two leagues.

I would appreciate your consideration for this position and I look forward to meeting many of you in Monroe this summer.

Sincerely,
Dave Sidles

NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

CUB SCOUTS ENJOY "HORSESHOE-A-THON" AT QUAIL RIDGE

by Jeanette Claas

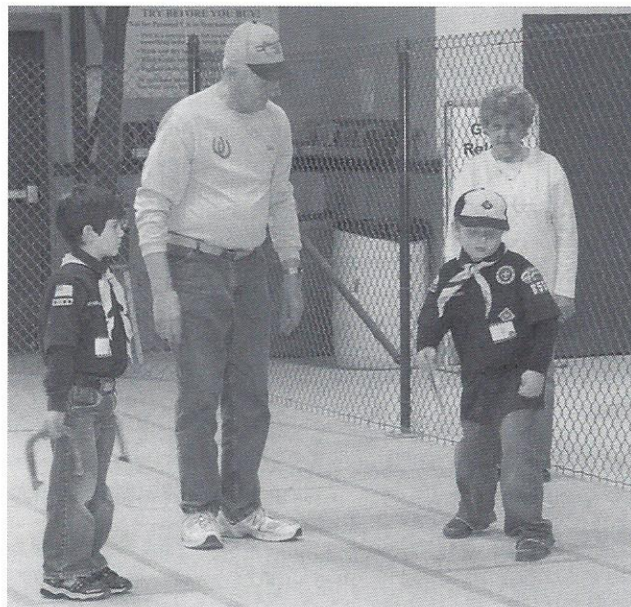
The anticipation of 40 Boy Scouts along with their parents and Cub Scout leaders was quite exciting for members of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. These young boys were eager to get out on the courts and show their parents what they learned through some practice sessions held earlier in the month at the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum.

Earlier this past summer, leaders of Cub Scout Pack 856 in New Melle were looking for new fundraising and activity ideas. Cub Master Larry Enyart decided to take a few boys to visit the "Open House" event sponsored by the QRHC. The boys had such a great time playing and learning tips from the QRHC members there that they didn't want to leave.

From that first visit, a dialog started between Cub Scout Leaders and members of the QRHC about how the two organizations could work together, and the seeds of a win-win relationship were sown.

Jeanette Claas, president of the QRHC, and other club members were very excited to work with the Cub Masters. The horseshoe club was interested in attracting new, younger members, and was willing to train the scouts and their parents in exchange with recruiting new Cadet and Junior members to help with scoring or other activities during tournaments. In exchange, the scouts not only organized a fun and successful fundraiser, but more importantly, got introduced to a fun and challenging new activity that is inexpensive and close to home, and something the whole family could enjoy together.

During the weeks prior to the event held on November 30, each Den had an outing to visit the facility and learn the proper way to throw the shoes and practice. Once again, many of the boys wanted to return and play again the next time the club was open. The boys were eager to learn and waited patiently for that very first ringer to occur, and when it did there were many high-fives going on. During one practice session I walked a former Kansas State Junior Champion, Kyle Bidwell, and current Missouri State Girls Champion, Natalie Altis. Kyle talked with the boys



and then he and Natalie put on a fantastic demonstration for all to see what can be accomplished with practice and determination, an inspiration to all.

Finally the big night arrived. The Cub Scouts and their families came early to have a "meal-deal" served by the QRHC members, the best hot dogs and hamburgers in town. During the event, scouts and their families had an opportunity to tour the NHPA Hall of Fame & Museum, which features a huge collection of horseshoe memorabilia and artifacts, including some from Presidents of the United States who had horseshoe courts installed while serving in the Whitehouse, details on various ways to pitch the shoes, photos of Hall of Fame inductees, and much more.

The Cub Scouts "Horseshoe-A-Thon" consisted of Scouts collecting pledges from family and friends based on points earned: 3 points for a ringer, 2 points for landing within 6 inches of the peg, and one point for landing in the clay pit. QRHC members coached and assisted the boys throughout the event. The boys were excited as they heard their names announced over the intercom each time a ringer was scored. At one point I ran to the south courts to see if anyone had scored a ringer. Clayton says, "No,

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NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM *Continued*

but I almost did." I announced, "Ladies and Gentlemen, on court 10, Clayton almost got a ringer!" which brought about lots of cheering.

As a finale to the evening, pack leaders and parents teamed up with the talented club members to throw a few rounds. Both the parents and children were amazed as the horseshoe club members tossed ringer after ringer.

Afterwards, Claas asked the Committee Chair, Karen Williams, if it was a successful monetary fundraiser for the scouts. Williams said, "There are two ways I would say it was successful. One way is that several hundred dollars were raised for the Pack to help purchase awards and help with events like the Pinewood Derby. The real success was the excitement and smiles on the boys' faces, and the interest sparked in this new activity. Some 27 scouts have signed up to become Cadet and Junior members of the NHPA which allows them to participate in sanctioned tournaments.

Williams said it was a fantastic event. "The QRHC members could not have been more accommodating. Everyone was so friendly and helpful. The club members scrounged up many lightweight shoes for the kids to use. They were terrific working with the kids. It was just phenomenal! We plan on setting up times where the pack and families can go up to the facility to practice. And we plan on assisting the QRHC in the future with tournaments they have scheduled."

As a result of this event, the QRHC has invited other Scout packs to host an event at their facility. The NHPA facility is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 PM and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30 to 7 PM. Admission is free.

The NHPA/NHPF has given the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club a wonderful opportunity to introduce not only juniors, but also for adults of all ages

to enjoy the sport of horseshoe pitching. The news is spreading by word of mouth and media communications which has led the growth of QRHC to over 325 members.

Some of these members have only joined the club, but it is our hope that they will all soon join the NHPA. You can see where your dollars of donations and brick purchases are being put to good use by helping to keep the growth in the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. You can send your contributions 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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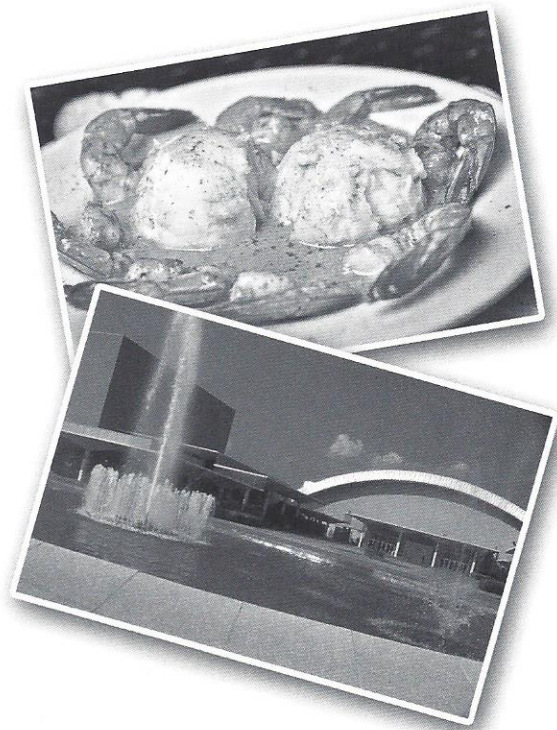
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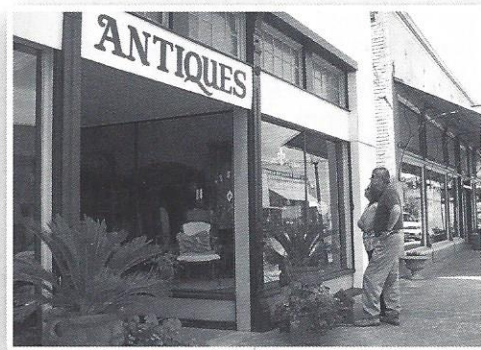
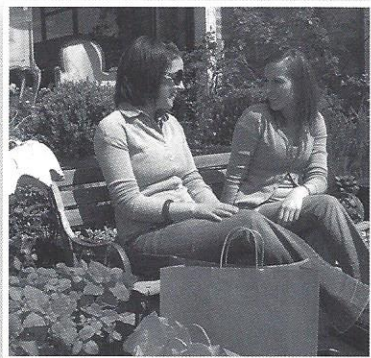
- a convenient location on I-20.
- the Monroe Civic Center Complex, a great facility.
- 2000 hotel rooms and over 350 RV spots.
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- great shopping opportunities.
- an abundance of things to see and do.

For the latest and most up-to-date information, visit www.monroe-westmonroe.org and check out the page of information on housing, travel and more.



Interested in Court Sponsorship?

Don't miss your chance! If you would like to sponsor a court at the 2011 NHPA World Tournament, just visit our website and fill out the form. Sponsorship is \$100 per court. Each sponsors name will be posted on the court, and at the close of the tournament, the clay is yours to keep!



Pitchin' on the Bayou: 2011 NHPA World Tournament in Monroe, LA

Where to Compete?

With easy access from I-20, the Monroe Civic Center is just a quick drive from area hotels and RV parks. This is a climate-controlled facility primed and ready for two weeks of pitching. And the staff of the Civic Center is planning great Louisiana-style menus for you to enjoy. Find pictures and everything you need to know on our website.

Where to Stay?

We can help you find your "home away from home." Visit our website for special NHPA rates at four different local hotels and three RV parks. Hotel prices range from \$53.99 to \$129, and include doubles, kings, and suites. Our RV spots start at \$20 per night, and our parks are located within 6 miles of the facility. So no matter your price range or preferences, we've got you covered!

Where to Eat?

We've got over 70 locally owned restaurants offering food that's good for your soul, with menu options like fried chicken, Catfish DeSiard, hotwater cornbread, black-eyed peas, smothered pork chops, po-boys, Louisiana BBQ, sizzling steaks, etouffee, crawfish, homemade cakes and pies, and more. Whether dining on the patio overlooking the beautiful bayous and river or at a plate lunch diner, you are sure to be satisfied.

Where to Shop?

Take a stroll through Antique Alley. Southern Living calls this "a shopaholic's delight." You'll find blocks of unique stores in beautiful downtown West Monroe offering everything from home decor, jewelry, clothing, antiques, art and more. Continue your shopping adventure at Pecanland Mall, North Louisiana's largest shopping mall, or visit the many boutiques and shops located throughout Monroe-West Monroe filled with trendy clothing and accessories, along with unique home décor.



For more information, contact:

Scott Bruscato

@ the Monroe-West Monroe
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And don't forget to visit:

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ENTRY FORM

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

PLEASE CHECK ONE – Mail the schedule to the address listed above _____.**DO NOT mail the schedule. I will print the schedule off the NHPA web site _____.****Circle the division you are entering - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page)**

OPEN MEN	SENIOR MEN	OPEN WOMEN	SENIOR WOMEN	ELDER MEN	JR. BOYS	JR. GIRLS	CADETS
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I believe my current average is approx _____ % **No refunds will be made after May 26th 2011****PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE:** In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. In addition it is understood that the NHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

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

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262-835-9108 – nhpa22@yahoo.comAll Entries must be on this form and mailed with a postmark no later than **May 19th 2011**. Entries received with a postmark after May 19th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. NATSTATS/CANSTATS files must substantiate that you have pitched a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the preceding twelve (12) months, at your divisions pitching distance, prior to May 19th 2011, which is the last date NATSTATS will accept results to determine entering averages. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Participants will be required to show their 2011 NHPA or CANADIAN membership card when checking in to pitch. Entrants from other countries will have their averages verified by other means.**REGISTRATION FEES: ALL ADULTS -- \$125.00 • ALL JUNIORS -- \$25.00 • U.S. FUNDS ONLY**

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You may enter at anytime prior to May 19th. All adult averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS/CANSTATS on May 19th. All Juniors will be seeded based on their average at tournament time. Entry fees received before April 1st will be held until that date.

READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2011. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2011 or is older or has been granted a medical exemption may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. **JUNIOR BOY or GIRL** entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2011 calendar year. **JUNIOR CADET** entrants must be 9 years old or younger for the entire calendar year.**Note # 1.** A Social Security number is required for all adult pitchers who may move up to the Championship Classes.**Note # 2.** A minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled and all entrants will be placed in the Open Women.You can check your average on the NHPA Web Page at www.horseshoepitching.comThe pitching schedule will be finalized after **May 26th** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above by June 6th if requested.The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held July 24th. Please sign up for this event prior to July 13th 2011. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. **DON'T MISS OUT.**

HORSESHOE FACTS AND FOLKLORE

THE START OF THE ARCH STOKES AWARD

By Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

More than 50 years have passed since the first Arch Stokes Award has been presented. The prestigious award is in remembrance of Archibald Stokes and is awarded to the NHPA member that has made the greatest contribution in the preceding three to five years to foster and promote the sport of horseshoe pitching. Here is a reprint of the initial announcement of the award and the guidelines as it appeared in the July 1958 issue of the Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest. The first year's had actual nominations and ballots and voting for the recipient. Today the NHPA Executive Council selects the Arch Stokes Award recipients, although members can make nominations.

Arch Stokes, was inducted to the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1966 and is one of the six charter inductees. He was instrumental in building a lighted court complex in Murray, Utah. The 1947 World Tournament at Murray, was the first to be played on lighted courts and then the tournament returned to Murray for eleven consecutive years, from 1949 through 1959. Arch Stokes was elected NHPA president, serving from 1952- 1953 and was then re-elected as president for a 1956-1957 term. Arch Stokes passed away in October 1957.

Here is how that initial announcement appeared in the July 1958 issue of the News Digest...

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THE ARCH STOKES MEMORIAL TROPHY

To the Horseshoe Pitchers and Fans:

We of the Arch Stokes family would like to present a trophy as a memorial to someone we loved very much. We are planning to make this an annual affair and we need your help. We feel the award should be made for outstanding contribution to the game of horseshoe. As we are not familiar with all the persons that should be considered we are asking you readers to help us. It would be greatly appreciated if you, who wish to nominate someone, would fill in the following form and send it to us as soon as possible.

Following is a list of the only rules to be followed in making the selection:

1. **Eligibility.** Anyone is eligible for consideration, a man or woman. It could be the champ, the president, or just a promoter of the game. Just so you feel that the person you recommend, has made the outstanding contribution to the game of horseshoe in the past year.

2. **Time to be covered.** The award will cover from July 1, 1957 to July 1, 1958.

3. **Committee.** The deserving individual will be chosen from the list of nominations sent in. The committee making the final selection and presentation will be composed of members of the Arch Stokes family.

4. **Presentation.** The presentation will be made during this years' tournament, probably the last day.

Detach Nomination Ballot and Mail AT ONCE !!

The person I feel who has made the most outstanding contribution to the game of horseshoe is _____

Following are reasons for my selection.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please send your nomination to:

Mrs. A. L. Stokes
1310 Woodland Ave.
Salt Lake City, Utah

OR

C. Arvin Cook
3616 Aurora Cr.
Salt Lake City, Utah

The very first recipient was Elmer Beller and was announced in the October 1958 issue of the News Digest. The following articles told of Beller's efforts and accomplishments.....

Elmer Beller, Former NHPA Secretary Receives "Arch Stokes Memorial Award"

"One of the outstanding features of the 1958 World's Tournament held in Murray, Utah, this past summer was the presentation of the "Arch Stokes Memorial Award."

The presentation was made by Mrs. Mary Stokes, widow of the late Arch Stokes, past president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association. She was introduced by her son-in-law Mr. Arvin Cook and his wife, Maurine, daughter of Mrs. Stokes.

Recipient of the award, by popular vote, was Mr. Elmer Beller, the retiring NHPA secretary. A more deserving

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person cannot be found, who has spent many years working in behalf of the horseshoe pitching sport. He is one that gets the job done without any fanfare, working quietly behind the scenes. He saw to it that all the things that make the World's Tournament run smoothly were in order before tournament time. His job entailed many endless hours correlating all the details that are involved in the National Secretary responsibilities. Along with that were many hours listing names for the News Digest and many more things, too numerous to mentioned here.

Besides his adeptness at secretarial work, Elmer, as he is affectionately known, is quite adept at pitching shoes, competing regularly in the various tournaments conducted in and around Southern California. He is seen each year competing in the "60 years or over" class conducted annually by the Southern California Association.

The officers and members of the NHPA are proud to have men of Elmer Beller's caliber within its membership.

Were we able to gaze upon the face of him, in whose memory the award was given, as he looks down from his celestial home, we would surely see a wonderful smile of satisfaction."

Following are the other Stokes Memorial Award recipients:

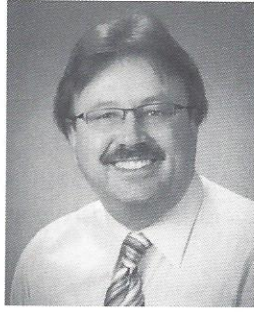
Achie Gregson	CA	1959	Vince Yannetti	NY	1985
Katie Gregson	CA	1959	Bob Champion	CO	1986
Harold Craig	IN	1960	Terrance Dougherty	PN	1987
Mary Craig	IN	1960	Dave Loucks	CA	1988
Bob Pence	IN	1961	W. R. Williams, Jr.	CA	1989
F. Ellis Cobb	IL	1962	Don Koso	NE	1990
Ted Allen	CO	1963	Don Titcomb	CA	1991
Ottie Reno	OH	1964	Earl Winston	MO	1992
Irvin Carlberg	MI	1965	Winnie Winetrout	WA	1993
Reinhard Backer	UT	1966	Ed Domey	MA	1994
Will Gullickson	MN	1967	Vicki Winston	MO	1995
Ralph Dykes	IL	1968	Jack Freeman	TN	1996
Leo McGrath	OH	1969	Don Weaver	NE	1997
Wally Shipley	CA	1970	Bob Dunn	MN	1998
Hal Hanania	NJ	1971	Charles Bunner	WV	1999
Rolin Futrell	OH	1972	Steve Summerlin	MI	2000
Harold Cook	FL	1973	Dick Hansen	WI	2001
Herb Okeson	WA	1974	Paul Stewart	NC	2002
Bernard Herfurth	MA	1976	Glenn Jamieson	CA	2003
Dan Schlosser	OH	1977	Casey Sluys	CA	2004
Donnie Roberts	OH	1978	Bonnie Seibold	IN	2005
Russell Gadoury	MA	1979	Joe Faron	MO	2006
Gary Kline	OH	1980	Lorraine, Sternberg	WI	2007
Preimesbergers	MN	1981	Stuart Sipma	ND	2008
Sol Berman	NJ	1982	Kurt Whaley	ND	2009
Lee Davis	FL	1983	Jerry LaBrosse	MN	2010
Lee Elbe	MO	1984			

Short bio's for all Stokes Award recipients are listed on the NHPA website, including a wonderful tribute to Arch Stokes written by Dave Loucks as it appeared in the July 1994 issue of *Newsline*.

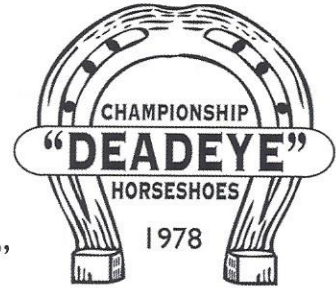
It is now a new year, be sure that you send in your 2011 contribution to the NHPF.

PRESIDENT CANDIDACY ANNOUNCEMENT

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your NHPA President this past year and I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election. I've really enjoyed the experiences this position has provided and have enjoyed working with the other NHPA Officers in carrying out the responsibilities of the President as outlined in the NHPA By-Laws. We still have many challenges that face our sport with the tough economic times, and I am ready for these challenges and will continue to do my best to make the decisions that are in the best interest of the NHPA and its members. My promise to you is I will continue to work hard to promote and grow the sport. It has been a pleasure serving as your President, and I would appreciate your continued support at the 2011 convention in Monroe, Louisiana.



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CANDIDATE FOR 3RD VICE PRESIDENT

My name is Jim Kinney. I have been a member of the Missouri Horseshoe Pitching Association (MOHPA) for 10 years. I average about 35 tournaments a year. I am running for the position of 3rd Vice-President in the National Horseshoe Pitching Association. I have been the Publicity Director for the MOHPA for two years, have held the position of zone director for one year, and have been a tournament director and league director for two years. The Horseshoe Pitching Association has been a part of our family for three generations. I feel I can support the national association and represent the members while continuing the excellence that has been upheld by the current officers.



I have been a field foreman for Local #2 Sheetmetal Union for 10 years and have been a member of that same organization for 25 years. As foreman, I have gained many skills in organization and guiding people to complete designated tasks. Before joining the union, I worked for the IRS as a computer operator. I retired from the Air Force Reserves with 20 years experience and served 4 years of active duty for a total of 24 years in the military. During

that time, I served as a First Sergeant with the 442nd Fighter Wing over-seeing the general operations of three units. I served as Non-Commission Officer in charge of various medical sections such as medical technicians, optometry technicians, and medical readiness. I also served on active duty during Desert Storm helping in labor and delivery as well as the operating room. I was stationed at Peterson Air Force Base for approximately two years working in transportation. I transported officers and their dignitaries from generals down to lieutenants. I also supervised the transportation operation during search and recovery missions. I feel I have had the experience and training to fill the position of 3rd Vice President of the National Horseshoe Pitching Association and to support the other officers.

I have been married for 20 years and have two daughters, 18yr old and 16yr old. My hobbies besides horseshoes are classical singing, hunting, fishing, basketball, and computers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jim Kinney, Jr.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

by Jerry LaBrosse

Greetings to All!

Recently the NHPA Executive Council traveled to Monroe-West Monroe for its annual winter board meeting. I am very excited to share one of the board's decisions with all of you!

As you know, electronic scoring using HS Scorekeeper and HS Master was introduced on a full bank of eight courts at the 2010 World Tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. After a few initial challenges, the system worked perfectly and we gained a ton of knowledge for improving and growing the system.

The Executive Council feels that our sport should advance with the times to attract and retain the younger generations and that electronic scorekeeping would be a major step in the right direction. A decision was made to move forward with this project and expand the system to 24 courts for the 2011 World Tournament in Monroe.

A total of 12 scoring stations will be required to operate 24 courts. Each scoring station will include a laptop, two monitors, a VGA splitter, monitor stand, laptop table stand, a mouse and a few incidental items such as extension cords, adapter cords, etc...

A few months ago, an appeal was made for donations of used, unwanted laptop computers to help defray the expense. I am pleased to report we have already acquired 12 matching laptops, thanks to a donation from the employer of a Minnesota member who graciously donated laptops being replaced during routine equipment updates. This was a great benefit, as having identical laptops is very advantageous in a technical respect.

We would like to acquire sponsors to help fund this project and take the World Tournament to the "next level" in the sports world. You or your charter can be the proud sponsor of a complete scoring station with a donation of \$500 or more, however any amount you are willing to contribute will be gratefully accepted.

All electronic score station sponsors will be recognized at the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet, will be listed in Newsline Magazine and posted on the NHPA website.

Sponsors of \$250 or more will have their names displayed on a large banner to be displayed at the World Tournament. Donations of \$500 or more will also be recognized with a commemorative appreciation plaque from the NHPA.

Approximately \$1,500 in sponsorship money has already been received – including a very generous donation of \$1,000 from the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Association. Thank you Iowa!

I hope that you will consider asking your charters and members to support this project by sponsoring a scoring station and helping to bring our sport into the modern age. All donations should be sent to NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, Dick Hansen at 3085 76th ST, Franksville, WI 53126.

With the expansion of HSS will come the need for computer trained scorekeepers. Ann Hagman will be offering training in HSS at the world tournament. The first "class" will be held during the registration period of the "World Warm Up" tournament that is being held the Saturday prior to the World Tournament. (Details on entering the Warm Up follow.) This tournament will be a great opportunity to give all of our courts and electronic scoring equipment a "test run" before the big event begins. We need 12 scorekeepers for this tournament, as well as for each shift during the world tournament.

Ann plans to hold scoring classes throughout the World Tournament, but we want to encourage all who are interested in electronic score keeping to learn the method BEFORE coming to Monroe/West Monroe. To help with this, we're planning to create some instructional videos for both HSM and HSS. Watch for announcements about this video series coming soon. They will be posted on YouTube and elsewhere.

To download a copy of HSM and HSS, visit www.Horseshoepitching.com and click on "resources" > "software", and follow the instructions. I also suggest that the first thing you do is open the help file and print it out. This help file will answer most of your questions

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DAN SANDERS - CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

To all members - I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I will once again be seeking re-election to the office of NHPA 1st Vice President. As you may know, some of my duties have changed during this past year. With Debby Michaud now in charge of our Regional Directors and Jerry LaBrosse taking on the newly-created position of Charter Communications, I am currently serving as

the Chairman of our NHPA Rules and Bylaws. I have thoroughly enjoyed this new assignment as well as continuing with duties as Chairman of our Grievance Committee and the NHPA contact person for Medical Exemptions. I hope that you approve of my past efforts in these positions and will consider voting for me at our upcoming delegate meeting at Monroe, Louisiana.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

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and guide you through the software operations. If you need help learning this, explore the HSMaster Help Desk on the website.

World "Warm Up" Tournament

Monroe Civic Center

(World Tournament site)

Saturday, July 16th - 10:00 AM

NHPA Sanctioned Event

Tournament Director: Rob Hagman

Mixed Classes

Entry fee: \$20

100% payback, less scorekeeping expenses

Sign up on site, registration

8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

No limit to the number of entries.

July 16th Natstats will be used for seeding

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