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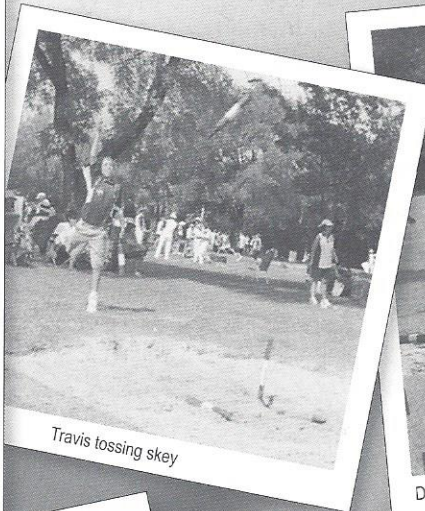
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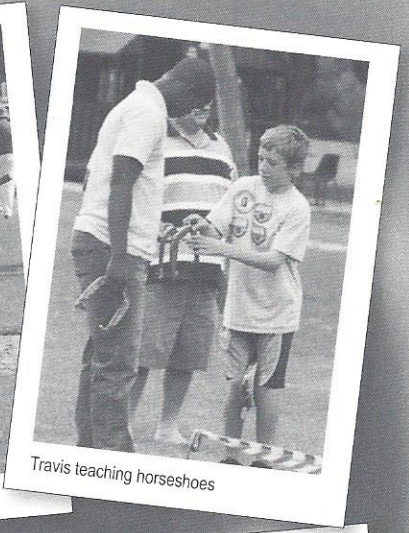
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Travis tossing skey



Debby tossing skey



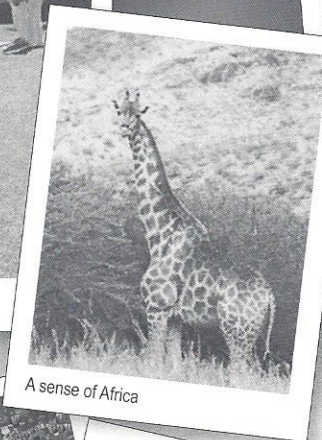
Travis teaching horseshoes



USA doubles team with Namibians. USA wins silver medal



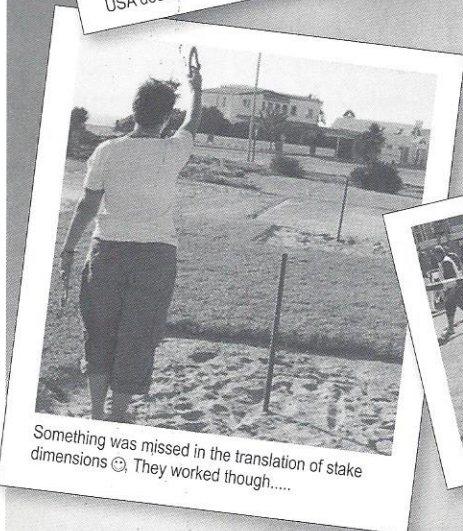
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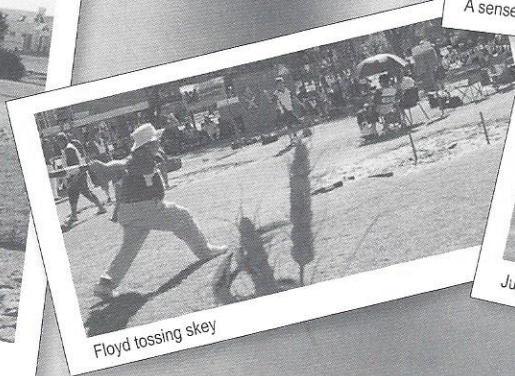
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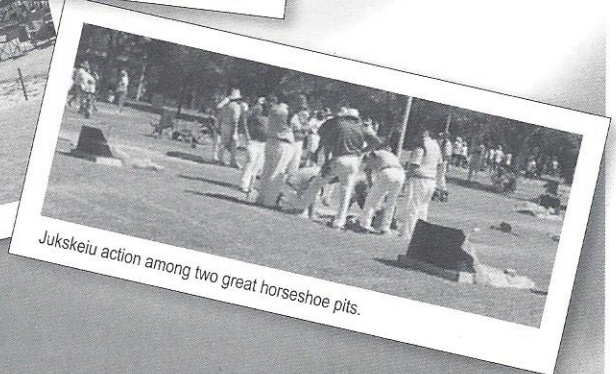
His first ever ringer, only tossed about 4 shoes and made one!



Something was missed in the translation of stake dimensions ☹. They worked though.....



Floyd tossing skey



Jukskeiu action among two great horseshoe pits.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by *Stu Sipma*

Spring is finally around the corner. Many of you have already started your horseshoe season, however, a few of us in the northern states are only dreaming of getting on the courts. I wish everyone the best as you get your leagues started and step onto the courts to pitch that first ringer for the 2011 season.

The Council would like to remind everyone of one of our Mission/Vision goals of increasing membership. We would like everyone to assist in signing up some new members in your leagues. Membership continues to decline and it is our hope that everyone can assist by recruiting some new members. The following are membership numbers for the last four years; 2010 is 11,243; for 2009 is 11,396 (drop of 1.34%); for 2008 is 11,891 (drop of 4.16%); for 2007 is 12,063 (drop of 1.42%). Horseshoes is not the only sport seeing a decline in membership. Those of you who know me, know that I am also an avid bowler and enjoy this sport during the winter months. Bowling membership has also been declining. The Council challenges each Charter to assist in turning this trend around.

Congratulations to Amy Francis and Joe Faron II who will be inducted into the National Horseshoe Pitching Association Hall of Fame. Amy will be inducted into the category of "Player" and Joe will be inducted into the category of "Promoter/Organizer". The Hall of Fame induction will be held at the 2011 World Horseshoe Tournament at Monroe LA. Congratulations to these two very deserving individuals.

At the 2010 Delegate Meeting, I discussed the World Tournament Financials. We felt this was important to make the delegates aware of what the W.T. has been costing the NHPA to operate. At the winter meeting, the Council discussed and came up with some changes to try and get these costs under control which Dick Hansen will be addressing in this issue of Newslines. The Council felt these changes were necessary in an effort to balance the World Tournament Account.

In another area, the Council has been researching ways to trim costs is the Newslines. The Newslines magazine costs our organization a significant amount of money. Over the past years, it has been proposed to make it mandatory for all members to have Newslines, however, it was voted down by the delegates. At this time we are not recommending any changes, however, we are seeking sponsorship to offset the publishing expense. I do encourage all of you who do buy Newslines to share the magazine with others in an attempt to get them interested in subscribing also. If any of you know of a business who would like to sponsor an ad, please contact our editor, Paula Summerlin. Last I want to remind

all the Charters at their State meeting to bring this up as an item on their agenda to discuss. We all need to do our part if we want to continue supporting this magazine. The cost of doing business has risen and the Council does not want to increase subscription fees.

The 2011 World Horseshoe Tournament will be held July 18th -30th at the Monroe Civic Center. To participate, you will need to have four sanctioned tournaments by the entry deadline (May 19th). The same pitching format will be used as last year. There are two attached facilities which Monroe plans on using. Both facilities are air conditioned for your pleasure. It is our intention to expand the electronic scoring to 24 courts for your pleasure. I look forward to seeing a great turnout as I know everyone will have a good time in the Bayou.

In conclusion, I want everyone to know that the Council is working hard to control costs and increase membership. This has been a real challenge as the cost of doing business has risen significantly. I want to assure everyone the Council is working hard and I know if we all work together, our accomplishments will be even greater.

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

— Stu

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Five Year NHPF Financial Report

Income	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
NHPA General Fund Donations	\$ 16,073	\$ 20,050	\$ 15,957	\$ 38,614	\$ 12,419
Individual, Charter, Club Donation	\$ 50,988	\$ 59,135	\$ 28,392	\$ 23,975	\$ 25,666
Miscellaneous Cash Donations	\$ 2,903	\$ 1,049	\$ 1,178	\$ 491	\$ 2,584
Banquet Revenue	\$ 992	\$ 1,050	\$ 4,700	\$ 6,630	\$ 4,860
Rent & Court Use Fees	\$ —	\$ 1,973	\$ 12,000	\$ 9,670	\$ 12,000
Merchandise Sales	\$ 75	\$ 130	\$ 797	\$ 4,323	\$ 1,773
Joelton Property Sale	\$ 275,262	\$ 289,48	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Account Interest Earned	\$ 13,221	\$ 21,028	\$ 3,317	\$ 131	\$ 295
Total Income	\$359,514	\$ 393,897	\$ 66,341	\$ 83,834	\$ 59,597
Expense					
Grants	\$ 4,950	\$ 3,250	\$ 2,750	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000
Corporate Federal & State Fees	\$ 105	\$ 20	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 32
Accounting Fees	\$ 1,115	\$ 1,265	\$ 1,300	\$ 905	\$ 920
Legal Fees	\$ 8,244	\$ 4,064	\$ 1,068	\$ —	\$ 41
Bank Service Fees	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 238	\$ —	\$ 100
Supplies	\$ 252	\$ 131	\$ 47	\$ 278	\$ 96
Postage	\$ 239	\$ 294	\$ 245	\$ 196	\$ 308
Phone/Internet	\$ 570	\$ 709	\$ 491	\$ 397	\$ 379
Equipment Cost & Repair	\$ —	\$ 1,952	\$ 1,595	\$ 10,350	\$ 250
Printing, Publications & Signage	\$ —	\$ 338	\$ 585	\$ 1,320	\$ 1,672
Travel	\$ 2,082	\$ 3,791	\$ 3,654	\$ 3,742	\$ 2,778
Bricks & Promotional Items	\$ —	\$ 16,586	\$ 3,461	\$ 5,375	\$ 3,427
Taxes, Insurance, Lease	\$ 12,704	\$ 100	\$ 2,427	\$ 4,154	\$ 296
Banquet Fees	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,524	\$ 4,049
Building Improvements & Repairs	\$ 47,550	\$ 785,369	\$ 23,208	\$ 15,421	\$ 7,088
Total Expense	\$ 77,961	\$ 818,019	\$ 44,599	\$ 52,192	\$ 26,436
Net Cash Asset Gain or (Loss)	\$ 281,553	\$(424,122)	\$ 21,742	\$ 31,642	\$ 33,161
Prior Year End Account Balance	\$ 275,656	\$ 557,209	\$ 133,087	\$ 154,829	\$ 186,471
Year End Cash Account Balance	\$557,209	\$ 133,087	\$154,829	\$186,471	\$219,632

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

NEWS, VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

With the approach of the 2011-pitching season, the NHPF was called upon to assist two clubs with their preparation for sanctioned play. Many of us who frequent the NHPA forum enjoyed viewing the progress of seven new portable courts as construction photos were posted by Kevin Smith of Michigan. Kevin had applied for an NHPF grant for the benefit of the new Greater Detroit H.C. and the Foundation Directors approved \$1,500 for the club.

Also receiving a \$1,500 grant was the Lisbon Left Hand Club in Lisbon, Maine. This horseshoe club with 10 courts has been running non-sanctioned league and tournament play for some time. Over the past couple of years, some pitchers have joined the NHPA and the club has scheduled its first sanctioned tournament for this June. In order to get the courts sanctioned by the NHPA Regional Director, extended walkways have to be installed. For this purpose, the grant was issued.

Many years ago when I first started pitching as a junior, I had the privilege of being the houseguest of Arch & Mary Stokes during the World Tournaments of 1951, 52 & 53. It was a wonderful experience as I was treated like family. Arch, as I'm sure many of you know, was one of the seven original charter members of the Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame. The most prestigious NHPA award, The Arch Stokes Memorial Award, is given annually in his honor. In 1988, I was honored to receive this award during the Pleasanton, CA, World Tournament. I was doubly honored to have the award presented to me by Maureen Stokes-Cook the daughter of Arch & Mary. I had first met Maureen during my visits some 35 years before. Over the years since, we periodically exchanged mail. I was saddened to hear in March that Maureen had died during this past winter. I'm not sure, but believe she may have been the last surviving child of Arch & Mary Stokes.

During the 2011 W.T. in Monroe, the NHPF will have some nice and unique prizes available through raffle or a silent auction. Among them will be a handmade oak clock with Westminster movement and a lithograph reproduction of a 1965 Keene W.T. painting done by renowned painter, Norman Gautreau. Both of these prizes are valued at about \$400. Be sure to stop by the NHPF booth in Monroe to take a chance or bid on one of these or other offered articles.

Your financial support is always appreciated. Any contribution or funds from a brick order will help maintain the Hall of Fame & Museum in Wentzville as well as other NHPF projects. Checks should be made out to the NHPF and mailed to P.O.

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During the months of February and March, the NHPF received contributions and brick order income from members totaling just \$1,888. The sale of 5,000 DVD's plus a NHPA donation of \$1 per 2010 member added a further \$16,893 to our deposits. Thanks to those mentioned below who contributed or purchased a brick.

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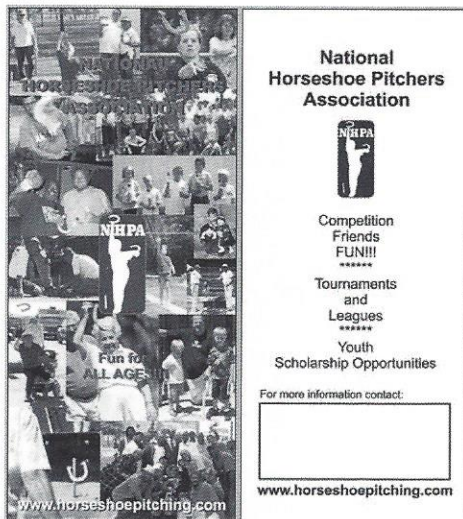
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1. CA	126	351	\$45,568
2. MO	150	285	\$40,813
3. MN	60	334	\$29,283
4. NC	34	193	\$26,189
5. TN	32	68	\$21,677
6. OR	26	138	\$20,874
7. WI	45	157	\$15,802
8. MI	56	151	\$13,365
9. WA	37	92	\$10,910
10. IL	64	120	\$10,413
11. FL	59	94	\$10,066
12. CO	33	91	\$ 9,489
13. OH	74	122	\$ 9,011
14. TX	35	61	\$ 8,095
15. PA	36	75	\$ 8,025

PUBLICITY/PROMOTION

by Tina Hawkins

The rack cards are here! As promised in the last issue of Newsline, an all-purpose card to be used in recruiting new members is now available to your charters. The front of the card shows a wide array of horseshoe pitchers of all ages, gender and origin, while the back of the card provides basic information of the programs that are available and a blank area for you to add your local or charter contact information. The cards (shown below) are available by request through Tina Hawkins or Dick Hansen.

Now is the time to be recruiting new members for your clubs. With the weather finally showing signs of a spring thaw, the draw of being outside will be strong... Give the folks something to do out there!



One successful recruiting tool is not new, but perhaps many of you ARE, so it should be introduced again. The Pitch and Win program was designed by horseshoe legend Don Titcomb to be used at county fairs, but is a great way to give a taste of the NHPA to large groups of prospective members anytime, anywhere. Program information is available at www.horseshoepitching.com under the Publicity/Promotion link.

You can also find guidelines for holding a horseshoe pitching clinic for all those new members you will be recruiting through the Horseshoe Pitching is FUN and Pitch and Win programs! The thirteen young people shown here participated in a clinic held by the Dead Ringers Society at Stevenson Ranch, CA. According to Steve Meyer, they may sign at least half of them during the next session. As Steve says, "You've just got to keep trying!"

A great promotional idea was suggested by Bob Dunn of MN. Bob sent a calendar printed by a farm supply company that serves a three-state area. The calendar includes events and activities of area groups and organizations. There are opportunities like this in every area of the country. It might not be through a farm supply company – maybe an auto dealership, drug store or insurance agency. You probably already have such a calendar in your home. Check the

bottom or the cover for contact information to find out how to get your events included. While you're at it – add the dates of the next World Tournament! Always be on the lookout (like Bob) for other interesting ways to advertise and promote your league, tournaments and the NHPA.

Your suggestions from the 2010 World Tournament in Cedar Rapids were reviewed and discussed during the recent NHPA officer's winter meeting. Thanks go out to all who took the time to write their thoughts down and deposit them in the suggestion box. Many will be implemented in Monroe, while others are being looked into. Every suggestion was read and carefully considered.

The suggestion box will be used again at the 2011 World Tournament. We want to know your ideas and comments for improving this major event of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Also, please keep sending your suggestions and success stories. It is good to share your ideas with other horseshoe pitchers and organizers who may benefit from your experiences.



The official NHPA Facebook page is a great place to share information, as well. The page is currently 511 fans strong and growing every day! The posts there were viewed 6,159 times during the month of March, alone! If you are already a fan, suggest the page to all your friends. If you haven't become a fan, yet, search National Horseshoe Pitchers Association in Facebook "pages." (This is a "page," not a "group.")

Don't forget the May 19th deadline to enter the 2011 World Tournament in Monroe, LA. All adult pitchers need four events to qualify, while Juniors only need one. Hope to see you there!!

HALL OF FAME

by Vicki Winston

In the last issue of Newline I gave you the list of nominees that were on the ballot for the 2011 voting. I wrote my article a couple of days before the nomination deadline and said there might be a nomination come in after I sent the article. Well, that happened and a nomination came in for Gary Roberts of Ohio. He is in the Promoter/Organizer category and his name was on the ballot for the voting this year. I am pleased to inform you that after the votes were counted the committee had elected two people for the Class of 2011. There is one from each category, and they will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the banquet in Monroe, LA in July. I hope many of you will attend the banquet and help welcome these two deserving people into the NHPA Hall of Fame. A brief history of our two new inductees follows.

Amy Brown-Francis

Amy came from a family involved in horseshoe pitching and had the good fortune to marry a horseshoe pitcher, which has enabled her to continue her pitching career. I think most of you have heard of her husband, Alan Francis. She gave Alan some tough competition when he moved to Ohio. Since 1992, Amy has participated in the Women's Championship Division a total of 17 times. She has not won the World Championship, but finished second in 2000, 2001 and 2003. She finished third in 1995, 1998 and 1999. She finished fourth in 1996 and 2002, and fifth in 2006. For the period of 1998 through 2003 Amy never finished less than fourth. She has averaged over 81% for the Championship finals three times and in the high 70's at least five times. She has also pitched some impressive games. In 1996 Amy pitched two consecutive 90% games. In 2002 she defeated Joan Elmore by a score of 42-23 and threw 105 ringers out of 118 shoes for 89%. In 1996 Amy lost to Sylvianne Moisan while pitching 100 ringers out of 116 shoes for an 86.2% game. In 2003 Amy defeated Sue Snyder by a score of 42-35 while throwing 103 ringers out of 120 shoes for an 85.4% game. I also know that she skunked Vicki Winston in the 1995 Championship Finals throwing over 87%. That's what happens when a pitcher forgets how to throw ringers, but Amy didn't forget how. She has been a tough competitor for many years and is now helping to teach the next generation of the Francis family how to throw ringers. Little Alex Francis pitched in his first sanctioned tournament last year. With two parents as talented as his, the competition had better watch out for Alex in the years to come. Congratulations to Amy Brown-Francis on being elected to the Hall of Fame. She is a wonderful ambassador for our sport and we wish her continued success on the

horseshoe courts.

Joseph J. Faron II

This man, who is better known as Joe Faron, has done many outstanding things for the sport of horseshoe pitching and for the Missouri charter. He was instrumental in the formation of the New Melle Horseshoe Club and by promoting more sanctioned events on the eastern side of Missouri, helped to grow the Missouri charter into the largest charter in the country at one time. It is now second largest. Some people may not know that Joe and two friends designed and sold the first Six Pac Horseshoes, before selling the company to Harvey Wobbe. Once Joe began promoting the sport of horseshoe pitching, he has never stopped. He became active on the national level and was chosen to be a director of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation. He personally transported Earl and Vicki Winston and all of their Hall of Fame memorabilia to the first Hall of Fame building in Joelton, TN. Later, when the untimely death of Jack Freeman ended the establishment of the Hall of Fame in Joelton, Joe was instrumental in finding a new site in St. Charles County in Missouri. He attended countless meetings and helped to bring about an agreement that was almost unbelievable. Joe worked continuously to see that the new Hall of Fame would be something of which the NHPA could be proud. When the time came to move things from Joelton to Missouri, Joe was again involved in making several trips to bring things back to Missouri to be placed or used in the new Hall of Fame Museum and Court Complex. The New Melle Horseshoe Club, which he helped establish, became the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club and became caretakers of the new facility. Joe continues to work constantly at the facility, often greeting visitors and giving tours. He also often uses his woodworking skills to add to or enhance the facility. Because of his accomplishments on the charter level, Joe was inducted into the Missouri Charter Hall of Fame in 1999. In 2006 the NHPA presented him with the Arch Stokes Award. It is only fitting that he has now earned a place in the National Hall of Fame for all of his time and efforts he has spent on its behalf. Joe isn't done yet. He is still working on getting highway signs approved to direct visitors to the Hall of Fame. This has been a difficult task, but some of the signs are now in place. You will also be able to find him working in the NHPF booth during the world tournament in Monroe, LA. Joe will continue to work for the sport until he is no longer able to work. Congratulations to Joe Faron on being elected to the Hall of Fame. It is an honor that is well deserved.

2011 WORLD TOURNAMENT PRIZE FUND

The NHPA Council has approved the prize fund for both class play and the championship divisions. I would like to point out some changes and where needed, explain why they were made. The World Tournament has for years almost always lost money and the Council felt it was time to change that. To make that happen some cuts had to be made. Not something we wanted to do, but felt we had to do.

One thing that did not change is the payout in class play. That will remain \$500 for 1st place with the top 6 in every class of 16 getting prize money. Another thing that did not change is the prize money for the champion in each division. That will be the same as last year with one exception. The Elder's have been increased for the champion up to \$2,000. Not as much as we wanted, but we just couldn't come up with the funds to support it.

This year the Men, Women and the Elders will have 16 in each division championship. This is also an increase for the Elders from the 14 in that division last year. The Sr. Men and the Sr. Women will remain the same as last

year, with only a small reduction in the total prize fund for those groups.

All the junior classes are the same as last year except the Jr. Boy's. There will be 8 that move up to this championship class this year and not 10. This change was made so that all the junior championship classes could pitch all their games in one shift. With 10 in the boy's it required two shifts for them and made scheduling difficult because of it. Also new this year is that all the juniors will not be seeded into the class play until right before the tournament starts. This is being done because juniors can improve greatly from May to July and should make for a more balanced class based on average.

The total prize fund for 2011 for all the Championship Classes amounts to \$47,855. I hope many of you will make the trip to Louisiana this summer and take part in this great event.

Dick Hansen
NHPA Sec/Treas

2011 WORLD TOURNAMENT PRIZE LIST												
Championship Classes									Class Play			
Place	Men	Women	Sr. Men	Elders	Sr. Women	Boys	Girls	Cadets	Place	12	14	16
1	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	2	\$ 250.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
3	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	3	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
4	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 135.00	4	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 175.00
5	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 125.00	5		\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00
6	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	6			\$ 125.00
7	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00						
8	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00				\$1,025.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,425.00
9	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00								
10	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 275.00								
11	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00								
12	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00								
13	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 200.00								
14	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 175.00								
15	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00								
16	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00								
Totals	\$12,650.00	\$12,650.00	\$6,270.00	\$8,325.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,010.00				
	\$47,855.00	Total Championship Prize Fund										

NHPA RULES ANDBYLAWS

by Dan Sanders

Proposed NHPA Bylaws Changes for 2011

By the deadline date of December 31, 2010, only two proposed Bylaws changes were received. In addition, two slight changes to Standing Rule #11 have been proposed, as well as a proposal that Standing Rule #16 be added to this section. For your consideration, all of these proposed changes/additions can be found below, along with reasons for these proposals. Please discuss this information with other members of your Charter and if you have any questions or concerns, pass them along to your Charter President who will be appointing your Charter delegates to the 2011 NHPA Convention in Monroe, Louisiana where voting will take place during the World Tournament. All of these proposed changes have been reviewed by our NHPA Council and we are recommending that they be approved by the Convention delegates. Here are this year's proposed Bylaws changes:

ARTICLE III: Membership (see page 2 of the Bylaws booklet)

SECTION 5. (current wording) Dues are due and payable January 1, or upon joining, and last until December 31 of the current year.

SECTION 5. (proposed wording change) Membership cards will become available for purchase from the Charter Secretaries on October 1st and will remain valid through December 31st of the following year.

Reasons for this proposed change - For some years now, it has been NHPA policy to start selling next year's membership cards before the current card expires on December 31st. This policy is mainly for the *convenience* of current members who may want to purchase next year's card early. Some pitchers living in Charters to the North may be leaving for Florida in early December, for example. In more recent years, this policy has become "expanded" a bit, allowing brand new members to purchase next year's card in October, and also to use it for remaining sanctioned events of the current year, giving them up to 3 months of free membership. Currently, these policies cannot be found anywhere in writing. This proposed change is more in line with our current policy and will allow our members to read and know about it in a more official way.

ARTICLE V: Officers (see page 4 of the Bylaws booklet)

SECTION 2. Duties of Officers

a. The President shall: (add #9, as follows:)

9. Develop and implement the annual NHPA operating budget guidelines, pending approval of the NHPA Council.

Reason for this proposed addition - The NHPA Council feels that there should be something in our Bylaws stating *who* is in charge of the NHPA budget.

STANDING RULES (see pages 10-12 of the Bylaws booklet)

11. (see page 11) current wording: Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors are appointed, removed, replaced and will serve in accordance with the published guidelines developed by the NHPA 1st VP who oversees the RD program. All must be subscribers to the *Horseshoe Pitching Newslines* magazine.

11. (proposed wording in *italic print*, as follows) *Regional Directors (deletion #1) are appointed, removed, replaced and will serve in accordance with the published guidelines developed by the (deletion #2) NHPA Vice President who oversees the Regional Director's program. All Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors must be subscribers to the Horseshoe Pitching Newslines magazine.*

Reasons for deletions:

#1 (Assistant Regional Directors) - Assistant RD's (ARD's) are now appointed by the Regional Directors (RD's), upon approval of the VP in charge of this program. ARD's are also referred to as "Zone Directors" in some Charters.

#2 (1st) - As job/duty assignments of our NHPA Officers may change from time to time, it may not always be our 1st Vice President who is in charge of the RD program. Deleting "1st" solves this problem.

Proposed addition to our Standing Rules:

16. The NHPA shall provide longevity patches to those who reach 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 years of membership. These accumulated years do not have to be consecutive or all from the same Charter. It is up to each Charter to track these years and to report them to the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. Those who reach 50 years of membership shall be granted a lifetime membership to the NHPA and will not be required to pay NHPA dues. Charter membership dues may still be required, depending on the decision of that Charter/State Association. Benefits for lifetime members will include, but are not limited to, a lifetime NHPA membership card, and upon request, a free subscription to *Horseshoe Pitching Newslines* magazine.

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Reasons for this proposed addition: The awarding of NHPA longevity patches has been an unwritten policy of the NHPA for many years; one which has been communicated mostly by word of mouth. There are very likely a few Charters out there that still do not know about these awards, and some pitchers who are missing out on this benefit. Adding this information to our Standing Rules should help with this important communication.

Proposed RGS Book Changes for 2012

It is important for all members to realize that Proposed Rules Changes will be voted on at next year's NHPA Convention at Knoxville, TN and not at this year's Convention. Based on discussions and some e-mails I've received, there seems to be some confusion about this. 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. If you would like to submit a proposed rules change for any section of the RGS Book, there is a suggested procedure and format to use, which was provided in the last issue of Newsline. Please send your rules change proposals 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).

From The E-mail Bag - Earlier in the year I received this e-mail question from one of our members. This situation, or one similar to it, may have happened while you were on the courts. Here are some comments on this question. In most cases, common sense should prevail in these situations. Full names have been omitted here, but perhaps you could insert a name, from your pitching experiences.

Question: I want to know if by clanging my horseshoes 3 times before I pitch, I am breaking any rules, or could this be considered any form of gamesmanship or taunting? I do not mean it that way. This has just become part of my normal delivery. Jim.

Answer: Hi Jim... In response to your question about the clanging of horseshoes as a part of your normal delivery, please consider Rule 12, Section A, page 20 of the current RGS Book which reads... "An NHPA member, while in competition, shall make no disturbing noises or movements that would distract the opponent or contestants on adjacent courts". I think that the clanging of horseshoes probably falls into this category. I have also received e-mail responses from two other members on this question, which may shed some additional light on this subject. Here are their comments:

Comment 1...

Just an opinion to slip in here. There may be nothing specific written about this but Dan can probably explain that it might not be the most courteous thing to do. But, to add to that, that noise can be VERY disturbing to someone who is sensitive to noise - it can cause an instant headache or ringing in the ears. So it is just much more sportsmanlike to avoid making sudden, metallic noises. I used to play a woman (a very well known pitcher) who used to clang her shoes together when she picked them up. I learned to wait to pick up my shoes until after she did that, but a few times she did it right next to my ears as I was picking up my shoes. At times, I had to wait until the ringing in my ears stopped to pitch. She just did it to get the clay off the shoes and never realized that it could bother someone. I never spoke to her about it and wish I had. So this letter strikes close to home for me and it may be something that most pitchers are unaware of. One lady in the championship division this year wore ear plugs - same issue, I am sure.

Comment 2...

I can attest to (the above) comments. When I'm pitching indoors, the clanking of shoes sometimes gets my hearing aids ringing, and I have to adjust them in my ears to make it stop..... very annoying at times.

In Summary...

The clanging together of your horseshoes is against our current Rules if it is (or seems to be) disturbing or annoying to others on the courts. I'm sure that you have probably had some comments or complaints about this? In any case, it would be best if you would eliminate this part of your delivery. Thanks again for your e-mail question.

In horseshoes,
Dan

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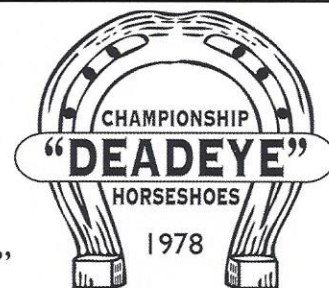
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CHARTER CHATTER

by Jane Smith

COLORADO CHARTER

The Colorado Charter publishes their *Double Ringer* six times a year and does not charge for subscriptions. They have relied on donations and club and business advertising for a mere 29 years! Even when some businesses and clubs have folded, they continue to support the *Double Ringer*. Bob Champion, Lee Stevenson and Lou Conklin are the masterminds with a dedicated staff of eight to produce this publication. It is always interesting to read of the many tournament winners and recognize names of pitchers who attend the Team World and World Tournaments. Records and awards of Colorado pitchers add to the quality and keep the publication exciting to read. Thanks for sharing your publication with the NHPA membership.

IOWA HAWKEYE CHARTER Jane Smith

IHHPA President LeRoy Law shares information about an indoor pitching facility in Eldora, Eleven tournaments are scheduled for the winter months with the Winter Iowa Games event in early February. He also announces that a committee of seven has given suggestions to use the Grant Program and establish a Junior Scholarship program with the funds from the 2010 World Tournament. In 2011 all courts need to be re-sanctioned. Bert Logsdon, regional director, will work with assistant regional directors in re-sanctioning Iowa's courts. Leo also mentioned that this will be his last year as President. He expresses "thanks to everyone for giving him the honor of serving as President these four years."

MARYLAND CHARTER Diana Ratliff

MDHPA congratulates the 2010 Points Challenge winners, 1st Place Cynthia Finch, 2nd Place Jerry Dean and 3rd Place Bob Rasmussen! Spring is finally here and pitching has resumed. The participation challenge has been renewed for the 2011 season, so be sure to get out and pitch! Scheduled tournaments run from late April through early October. As leagues throughout the State get underway for 2011, the Frederick HPA congratulates their National Top 10 winners of 2010 - Chan "Hoss" Herrell was 6th in the Nation for

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High Ringer Average (64.22%). In the 30 ft. Men's Div., Paul McGee held 7th High Ringer Average (70.36%) and tied for 9th for his High Ringer Game of 82%; the Baltimore Metro Club boasts a 5th Place for High Ringer Game Over Average (by 28.89%) for first year Junior member Nicholas Bayne. Metro

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kicked off their season early with a Baggo League, designed to warm up those arm swings! Of concern is the still vacant MDHPA Presidency. Officers have been searching for someone willing to take the position, but to-date no one has able to commit to the time and effort required. Current officers are NE VP Larry Bunn, NW VP Brian Lucas, SE VP Ed Lee, SW VP John Downs, VP-At-Large Bob Rasmussen, and Secretary/Treasurer Diana Ratliff. Don Lawyer is our Regional Director.

MINNESOTA CHARTER

Jane Smith

Minnesota is another state that has a very nice publication for their members. It is called the *Horseshoe Pitchers' Ringer Digest*. Rick Wright, MGSHPA President, writes that the state has realigned their districts so have two fewer vice presidents. The reasoning was that some of the districts had fewer clubs; others had more so the districts were evened out. The six vice presidents can handle the new areas. Minnesota is a leader in promoting horseshoes as is evident with their Facebook page. If a person logs in, searches for "MSGHPA," "like" the page and you will then receive updates. Marlys Timm shares a positive public promotion idea with us. Last fall our club, Rockford Ringers, bought a maple tree and had it planted by our courts in Rockford as a "Thank You" to the City of Rockford from the Horseshoe club. We will probably do an official dedication of the tree in the spring when and if the snow there ever melts! Then we will get the media involved as hopefully this will attract more pitchers for our club.

MISSOURI CHARTER

Dee McIntire

On December 4, 2010 a benefit tournament was held by the Heartland Indoor Horseshoe Association at the Don Harris Arena in Liberty, MO. Harvesters is the primary organization in the Kansas City Metropolitan area that feeds those in need was the beneficiary. There were boxes at the arena for two weeks prior to the tournament. Area pitchers from leagues brought donations each time they came through the doors. The tournament directors were Danny Wetzel and Dee McIntire. Thanks to the generosity of all our pitchers and their families, there were 547 pounds of food collected and a total of \$745. This only proves that even in this economy, Horseshoe Pitchers, pitch with heart!

NEW YORK CHARTER

Jane Smith

Debby Michaud sent me "The MUD" which is the NYSHPA charter publication. Diane Dorler is the editor learning a new Microsoft Publisher program. Her husband, Lyle and president of the NYSHPA, comments that the program will be easy. Diane contends sure enough – once their daughter, Sam, arrives to take over! Lyle has assigned Frank Kwiatkowski as Vice President. Frank is a good friend of Lyle's and is also very active in horseshoes. The Tri County, Syracuse Pioneer, and Forestville Flingers have held tournaments and spring meetings. The Syracuse club will have new home courts after looking for a new location for a couple years. Lyle also mentions that beginning in January, the Erie Horseshoe Club (PA) will have a new building with 8 indoor courts.

NORTH CAROLINA CHARTER

Jane Smith

The NCHPA has a publication called *Down and Back – Tar Heel Horseshoe News*. President Cecil Bowes is "looking forward to the new season; seeing everyone on the courts and picking up where we left off last year with old rivalries." He is challenging his NCHPA members to bring at least one new member to a tournament and join the association. He also realizes the future of horseshoes is the Juniors so would like to promote programs to get more Juniors involved in pitching horseshoes. There have been comments about holding the State Tournament on a different weekend rather than Labor Day. Because of the number of participants this may be a difficult change to make. Rivers Prewette, Secretary and Treasurer of the NCHPA mentions in her notes that their "newbies – Cecil Bowes, Teddy Vernon and Clarence Lassiter Jr – were "enlightened to the many hours it takes to put together the schedule and take care of business matters." Rivers and Carolyn Lloyd will update the NC brochure and have developed a new welcome packet.

OREGON CHARTER

Chuck Warner

By the time this issue hits the courts Oregon's summer tournament schedule will be well under way. It starts in mid April with tournaments in Hermiston and Grants Pass, nearly opposite ends of the state, and continues through mid October. In 2011 Oregon has thirty six tournaments scheduled. Thirty four are sanctioned, thirty two state championship and two non-sanctioned. These tournaments are conducted in eleven different cities throughout the state. Additionally two of these tournaments are Money Added tournaments. These are the Oregon Open in Hermiston on June 11 and 12 and the Valley of the Rouge in Grants Pass on June 25 and 26. We understand that the current economy will have an impact on travel, however if you are traveling through our state please give us a call and join us in pursuing our great sport.

VIRGINIA CHARTER

Pat Snelgrove

Starting the New Year's pitching activities, the VAHPA was very happy to hear that the Ruther Glen Club was again doing invitational sanctioned events in January, February and March. The club has the only indoor courts in the state, and these events gear up the pitchers prior to the full blow season which opens April 2. As of March 1, membership in VA has exceeded over 50% of our normal count of players per year, and the VaHPA credits some of the new player additions to the Ruther Glen events. With this response so early, we're anticipating an overall increase in total memberships by the end of the year. Great way to start the year off! Looking forward to warm weather and catching up with all our pitching buddies,

UTAH CHARTER

Tina Hawkins

The Huntsman World Senior Games have come a long way from that first year in 1987 when St. George, Utah, USA, welcomed a few hundred athletes competing in a handful of sports. From those humble beginnings, the Games have grown into the world's

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CHARTER CHATTER *Continued*

largest annual Olympic-style sports festival for men and women ages 50 and better. This year, the Games celebrate 25 years of fostering worldwide peace, health and friendship by offering 27 different sports. Of course tucked into the middle of that impressive list of sports is Horseshoes. For the past 25 years, new friends and old have been getting together and pitching shoes at the Games. The Horseshoe event runs from October 10 to October 13, 2011 and offers both singles and doubles. The event is also sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. NHPA membership is required. (NHPA sanction #'s 09-11-024 singles; 09-11-025 doubles. "One of the unique things about the Games as a whole," says Merrill Barney, Director of Sports, "is that our divisions for the sports are based on age and wherever possible, skill level as well. This makes the event more inclusive and allows for a legitimate chance at a medal." In 2010, over 10,000 total athletes converged on St. George, filling up hotels, restaurants and main thoroughfares throughout the city as they enjoyed the competition and camaraderie of what has become an annual tradition for so many. All 50 of the United States of America were represented and athletes from 27 different countries took the playing field as well. The Games awarded 7,895 gold, silver and bronze medals to worthy participants. But lest anyone think the medals are not earned, keep in mind that 174 new Huntsman World Senior Games records were set as well. "The Games is a total experience," says Kyle M Case, Games CEO. "Each sport hosts an athlete social, where the participants have an opportunity to have a great meal and create new friendships and renew old ones off

the field of competition. An Olympic-style Opening Ceremonies, proximity to several National Parks and free health screenings make the Games a real destination." For additional information on the Games, including online registration, visit the web at www.seniorgames.org or call the office at 800-562-1268.

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WISCONSIN CHARTER

Jane Smith

The Beloit Club begins a busy month of indoor pitching at the Beloit Ice Arena. On April 30/May 1st the Club Team event kicks off on Saturday with the State doubles on Sunday. The following week is the Beloit Encore with the well renowned Team World Tournament in mid May. If you have never participated in this event, add it to your bucket list as it is one of the most fun and exciting tournaments of all time. The best pitchers from State charters and Canada vie for a nice cash prize, bragging rights and a traveling trophy. The format has changed over the years to meet the needs and talents of the pitchers. Wisconsin pitchers have a greater number of indoor courts in the State with Deansville and Chetek hosting events after the snow flies! The WHPA holds two association meetings during the year. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings as this is where the movers and shakers can express ideas to better the association.

TOP TEN CORRECTION

A correction has been made on TOP TEN for 2010 on the ADULT NATIONAL DIVISION-MIXED DISTANCE for High Point Average and WOMEN'S DIVISION for High Ringer Average.

HIGH POINT AVERAGE

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Brian Simmons	Sodbusters, VT	128.02
2	Bobby Fields	Crossville, TN	124.15
3	Bobby Vandivier	Danville, IL	120.95
4	Gregg Craven	Liberty, MO	120.10
5	Tom Hall	Clearwater, FL	118.88
6	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	117.41
7	Robert Zumbahlen	Clearwater, FL	117.34
8	Gary Urish	Peoria, IL	117.06
9	Ralph Adrian	Green County, OH	116.62
10	Shelia Shepard	Edgewater, CO	115.89

WOMEN'S DIVISION High Ringer Average

Pos	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1	Gert Wilcziek	Eau Claire, WI	78.33%
2	Rivers Prewette	Blue Barn, NC	73.86%
3	Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA	72.40%
4	Brenda Tawney	Kahrig's Indoor, OH	69.20%
5	Mary Ann Gibbs	Crisp, GA	66.58%
6	Rose Diekamp	Quail Ridge, MO	66.33%
7	Debra Brown	Sodbusters, VT	66.27%
8	Tonja Pettit	Hardin County, OH	64.91%
9	Shelia Shepard	Edgewater, CO	63.71%
10	Penny Steinke	Muskego Moose, WI	63.33%

I can't stress enough, that when submitting your final stats reports and top ten reports, to please double check all figures to make sure that it is correct. It not only involves a lot of extra work but it also costs the NHPA extra money, when this has to be redone. When the ringer percentage is incorrect, it can cause the pitcher to be placed in the

wrong division at tournaments. So I am just asking to be very careful when putting in figures.

Thank you!

NATIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT

by Lorraine Sternberg

Spring has finally arrived, so it's time to clean up the horseshoes and get back on the courts. After the long winter that most of us have had, it sure will feel good to do just that.

My husband Terry and I decided to get a head start on Spring this year, so on March 4th we got our 5th-wheel out of storage and took off for the sunny state of Florida. Not only did we get a head start on Spring, we got a head start on Summer. The weather was great. For the most part it was in the 80's the entire time we were in Florida. Now I know why so many head for Florida in the winter, you can't beat it.

The first stop we made was at The Village's Horseshoe Club. We arrived just at the right time, as they were out on the courts, pitching league. They sure had a good group of people pitching that morning, one of several of the club's leagues. I was able to visit with the league director, Jim Strain. Of course out on the courts was our old friend Ron Hopman. We had a great time there. I also got in some shopping, while we were at the Villages.

From there, Terry signed up to pitch in a tournament at the Beverly Hills Club. It was a very well run tournament and even though Terry didn't do quite as well as he would of liked too, it was a fun time. When you live in Wisconsin and in the middle of March can pitch outside with out freezing, believe me it is fun! Everyone there made us feel very welcome.

The next week, we made a side trip to the Clearwater Horseshoe Club. As long as I have been the National League Director, I have always wanted to see these courts. It was well worth the hour and half trip, from where we were camping. They have probably the most beautiful courts that I have ever seen. Charles Polski, the league director, Ron Deckard and Chuck Johnston the president of the club were there to greet us. They showed us around their club and visited with us for some time, explaining how they run their league and tournaments. The Clearwater Club hosts the Florida Hall of Fame, so we enjoyed looking at all of that. The Clearwater Club is also, one of the original clubs to sanction back in 1978 and they are still going strong. They have some great club members that put in a lot of their time and it certainly shows. They can be very proud of their club.

Later in the week we paid a visit to our Wisconsin charter secretary/treasurer and his wife, John and Sandy Secord. They stay in a small town, called Frostproof for the winter; saw a lot of orange groves in the area. We had a very nice visit with our Wisconsin friends.

We are now into our third week here in Florida; the time sure has gone fast. Next week it's back to the cool Spring of Wisconsin. We have been staying in a town called Winter Haven, for us it's more like Winter Heaven. So we went to check out the courts here. As we arrived they were just finishing up with league, so

there were only a few pitchers left. They have a very nice set up with 16 courts, although they run six sanctioned tournaments a year, they have no sanctioned league play. It's too bad, as we were told that they have about 50 pitchers, but only around six of them are sanctioned. When we got out of our truck, there were no faces that we recognized, so at first everyone just kind of looked at us, like who are you people. Then there were two gentlemen that came over and started to talk to us. We appreciate that fact that they took time out to greet us and give us some background on their horseshoe club. The point that I am trying to make is, when you are at your club pitching league and a new face appears, please take the time to talk to them, make them feel welcome and invite them to join in. If you don't take the time to visit with them, you can be sure that you will probably never see them again. And that means we have lost a new member, who never got the chance to know what the game of horseshoes is all about.

Well, we had one more visit to make and that was with Terry and Bob Beagle who reside at Sebring for the winter. This was about 45 miles from where we were staying. It's too bad our GPS didn't take us to right place though. We would have gotten there much faster without the GPS. They showed us the courts at Sebring, where they pitch league and tournaments. In February, Terry put on a tournament there, put in extra prize money and bought everyone who pitched in the tournament, lunch. How about that! It sounded like everyone appreciated her thoughtfulness. They also showed us the beautiful horseshoe courts that they have at the park where they live. So, we got to pitch some shoes with them. We really enjoyed our day with the Beagles.

We had a great time in Florida, visiting with so many horseshoe friends. If it wasn't for all of the friends that we have made through the years, pitching horseshoes, I am sure our trip here would not have been as much fun as it was. Hope we can do this again next year.

In this issue you will find the entry form for the National League Tournament. Get your entry in early. You don't want to miss out on a fun tournament and I will be taking only 20 teams. This will be my last time that I get to be the Tournament Director for this tournament. I sure will miss it, maybe next year I can pitch in it.

This is the time where many clubs hold their Spring meeting, before starting their season. Remember to do some promoting, for new members. Bring a friend with you.

Also, membership reports are due in shortly after you begin your season.

Have a wonderful Spring! And let's hope we have no more snow.

DARKE COUNTY HORSESHOE CLUB HAS NEW INDOOR PITCHING FACILITY

The Darke County Horseshoe Club, Greenville, Ohio, "The Horseshoe Pitching Capital of the World"™, was proud to unveil its new indoor pitching facility at a recent ribbon cutting ceremony.

The new building, located at the Darke County fairgrounds in Greenville, will be the club's winter headquarters, site for a full winter league schedule as well as the famous Snowball Tournament, held each year in February.

Come pitch with us!



TOLL OF TIME

Mary Ann Gibbs

Georgia

The Georgia Horseshoe Pitchers Association has lost one of our pitchers.

Mary Ann Gibbs passed away March 25th at her home.

Mary Ann was the women's state champion six straight years, President of the Perry Horseshoe Club and very active in the Georgia Chapter. She was ranked 21st in the country in the Women's Division.

Not only was Mary Ann a great pitcher, she was a friend to everyone. She touched the hearts of so many people who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Words cannot describe the heartache we of the Georgia Chapter feel. We will miss her on the courts and in life as well.

Submitted by,
Larry Davis
President GAHPA

Fran Roth / Orvan Bennett

Colorado

Fran Roth, 91, four-time Colorado State Champion passed away February 2, 2011. Fran was one of five Colorado women who have been inducted into the Colorado Hall of Fame for both service and pitching excellence. She won gold medals in Senior Olympics for horseshoe pitching. She lived in her dream home in the mountains fly fishing daily. She drove a public school bus for 35 years! Fran was a life-long youth supporter: as a 4-H and

Girl Scout leader; Little League coach—before women coached. Fran was also a member of the South Metro Fire Department and EMS staff.

Orvan Bennett passed away January 20, 2011. He won many local and national awards for his horseshoe pitching. Orvan was inducted into the Colorado Hall of Fame in 2005. He served in the Navy and as maintenance engineer for the Brighton Community Hospital and later the Spalding rehabilitation center in Denver.

Tom Bunting / Les Singhas

Virginia

During the past couple of months, Virginia saw the passing of two of our players, both of whom were very involved in the founding and support of local clubs.

Tom Bunting was a valued member of our organization, and an active participant in the founding and building of the Sleepy Hole Club. He helped organize the membership and then the actual construction of the court complex. He was an active member of multiple leagues in the area, and held an officer position in the Sleepy Hole Club for the past several years. His cheery disposition and willingness to pitch-in and help out will be sorely missed.

Les Singhas, one of the founding fathers of the actual Virginia Horseshoe Pitchers Association passed away in December. Les was an active member for over 20 years, integrally involved in the establishment of the Winchester Horseshoe Club, and was inducted into the VaHPA Hall-of-Fame as "Organizer" in 1987.

NHPA

HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

SPRING FEVER – CATCH IT!

By Jeanette Claas

Springtime has finally come to Missouri this year in a peek-a-boo way! One day its 80 degree weather, the next day we wake up to several inches of snow on the ground! While the snow makes everything beautiful covering the ugliness that winter brings, by April we have had enough. The daffodils are in full bloom making a bright yellow scene surrounding the NHPA Hall of Fame with their beauty. As soon as April showers go away, the brick engravers will be here to place all brick orders that have been received over the winter months at the impressive Jack Freeman Memorial Walkway.

While Mother Nature takes care of the outside of the building, the QRHC members are taking care of the inside making sure everything is up-to-par and ready for the next event to take place.

Besides hosting many local, state and national horseshoe events at the Hall of Fame, we are also busy giving tours to groups who come to visit the Hall of Fame and Museum. Some of these groups are from retirement centers and are most attentive and appreciative of the horseshoe experience.



Jerry Schneider finds his picture on the HOF wall

They are always willing to try a hand at pitching some shoes. Whatever the age group may be, they are most impressed with the entire facility and learning something new about horseshoes. We give tours, host washer and corn hole tournaments to give exposure to the horseshoe facility, plus we also make some extra money

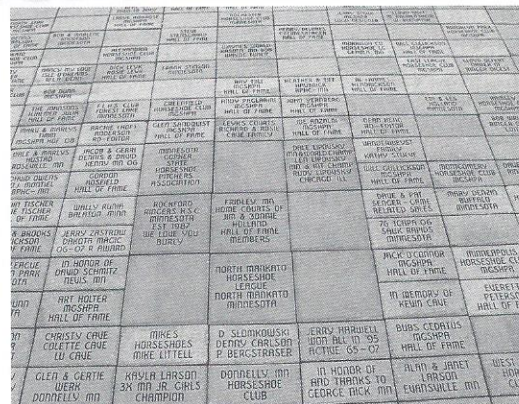
to help defray expenses and buy necessities required of a building this size.

We were pleasantly surprised and honored when a Hall of Famer Inductee visited the facility last November. Jerry

Schneider, of California, was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame in the year 2000. Jerry was born March 21, 1925 and

was introduced to the sport by his father and by the young age of 13 had pitched an exhibition game against Jimmy Risk. He qualified for his first World Tournament in 1959. He pitched in the Men's Championship Class ten times and had a top-ten finish twice, 1963 and 1968, pitching 80.1%. Jerry won five California State Mens Titles and eight times won the California Elder Mens Championship. It was a thrill for Jerry to see his name and picture in the Hall of Fame room and a thrill for us to meet him in person.

Like every other NHPA sanctioned horseshoe club, we recently checked our courts to make sure the stakes and pits meet the necessary specifications that are required by the NHPA. We have some 16 indoor courts which require some time to do this. With the help of QRHC members Rich Altis, Andy Folds, Ernie Brakensiek, Mike Dentsbier and Larry Langewisch they were able to complete this project in two days. While working on the pits, a visitor from Iowa, Ron Stanerson and his wife Mary Jane, arrived at the courts. Rich had met Ron at the 2010 WT when they were working on the portable pits. Ron said he could sure use some horseshoe lessons and Rich told him to stop by at the NHPA Hall of Fame facility sometime and he would try to work with him. Rich worked with the couple that same afternoon giving them some extra tips about pitching shoes. They were so appreciative they spent the night in Wentzville and came back the next day to help out with adjusting the stakes and what have you. Rich said he thought he saw the most improvement with Mary Jane's pitching, and worried that she would probably get better than Ron and beat him and then Ron may never come back to help out again. However, we were most appreciative of Ron Stanerson's helping hand.



Partial display of Minnesota bricks

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We are in the process of replacing all backboards inside the building. The current backboards are the original backboards that Jack Freeman had installed in his facility at Joelton TN in 1995 and then brought to the NHPA facility. Many of these boards are warped and rotted due to usage throughout the years. The backboards are being donated to our club by one of QRHC's member, Kenny Pogue. Each board is painted and drilled for anchoring to the floor. The rubber facing will be removed from the existing backboards and added to the new ones. Joe Faron, Bob Cutright, Don Claas and Norm Pierce and other members will be replacing all boards before the Six Pac Tournament.

While on your way to the 2011 WT in Louisiana, we hope you can include visiting the NHPA Hall of Fame facility if it is not too far off your travel path. Stop by and take a picture of your engraved brick or pitch a few shoes at the NHPA facility. In the meantime, keep on supporting the NHPF with your donations and brick orders which can be sent to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. It is the only way to preserve the history, showcase the present and build the future of horseshoe pitching – the game we all love and enjoy!

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

by Jerry LaBrosse

Well we finally made it to spring and it's time to get your league and tournament plans into action. I surely hope that all charters can find a way to motivate your members into doing a little recruiting. "Word of mouth" is the best proven method of recruitment ever known. Talk to your family, friends, and coworkers about horseshoes. I find that most new people love to talk about their experience with pitching shoes, and are fascinated to find out that there's organized horseshoes and the NHPA. So don't be shy, bring someone new into the sport. Be their mentor and coach and watch them make new friends too.

It's very nice to see that so many charters now have statewide email lists. There's still some that do not, but we're making progress. Any charters that would like some advice or assistance in setting up a statewide member email list, contact me. As always when sending out a mass email, address it to yourself and BCC all the recipients to protect their identity. I'm seeing more and more "email hacks" where the hackers get your entire email lists and send out bogus emails, and you never even know it till your friends start asking you about it. So it's important to use the BCC method when mass emailing. As always, anybody who wants to be placed on the nationwide email list, send a simple request to me and I will promptly add you. There are several charters that have me on their statewide email lists. At first I didn't think this was necessary, but it's actually very helpful to me. So all charters who have a statewide list, please add me to it. I want to thank all the charters for being so cooperative with this communications project.

The World Tournament is shaping up to be a good time in the Bayou. I advise all charters to make sure it's well announced to your members that they need four events by the middle of May to qualify for the world tournament. Hopefully your charter has tournaments available for qualifying. Leroy Law had a great suggestion that came my way. He noted that the Iowa charter website has links to the World Tournament Information sites, two of them, and also the link to the WT entry form. I agree with Leroy that your state websites can be a great way to promote the WT and is a convenience to your members. So please ask your charter webmaster to add this information to your state website.

In this issue of Newsline you will see an announcement for the "World Tournament Experience" raffle. Our raffle Committee consists of Debby Michaud, Tina Hawkins, Rob Hagman, Dick Hansen and myself. We are hoping that this raffle will benefit both the NHPF and the NHPA's electronic scoring project. On behalf of the entire committee, I want to thank you in advance for your support in this raffle. Some lucky grand prize winner will walk away with a "world tournament experience" on us. There will also be four more world tournament entries given away as runner up prizes. We are hopeful that this raffle will "catch on" and be an exciting annual event. If anybody has any questions or comments regarding this raffle, or how to buy tickets by US mail, or may want to sell some tickets for us, please contact me.

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE NHPA REPRESENTATIVES' TRIP TO AFRICA

By Debby Michaud, NHPA 5th VP

Our visit to Africa is complete, but we will never forget this experience. After we have had more time to reflect on our trip, we will write a more comprehensive article. For now, though, we would like to announce some things that may occur at the 2011 World Horseshoe Tournament. There is a real possibility that we will have up to eight pitchers at our World Tournament from the countries of Namibia and South Africa. Just as we learned how to throw a jukskei (Gary Roberts and Floyd Hix already know how to throw a jukskei – more on that later - They were awesome!), while we were in Africa, many Jukskei players of all ages learned how to pitch horseshoes during our trip. Many of them were able to pitch very well after just a few tries. Because our sports are so similar, their co-ordination for pitching is already excellent and they are very coachable – some of them want to come to the USA to pitch!

We look forward to welcoming our new friends to Monroe, LA. We hope to include them in some traditional American Barbecues and “cook-outs” or other functions. While in Africa, we were treated almost every evening to a meal sponsored by various provinces – the meals were delicious and helped us learn more about their culture and their food favorites – those evenings also helped us get to know our wonderful hosts – what hospitable and generous people! While some of these same people are in Monroe/West Monroe, we will happily accept any volunteers to help transport them back and forth to the courts and to other events. They did their utmost to make our stay in Africa easier and we want to be able to return the favor. We hope to make their stay here as comfortable and smooth as possible and, yes, a little less costly for them.

While we were in Namibia, we were under the wing of Hannelie Rhyn, a Tour Company director and a Jukskei player. You cannot imagine the different things we were able to see and experience that first week! During the second week in Kroonstaad, South Africa, we stayed in chalets right on the grounds of the Jukskei competition. There we were able to mingle with the other Jukskei

players. We were also given a “manager” for the week. Barn Van Der Merwe carted us back and forth to the store or the bank whenever we asked, giving up his week for us. He coached the five of us who were novices in the game of Jukskei (Elden Vannoy, Delmar Scowden, Casey Sluys, Travis Sluys and Debby Michaud) and helped us learn the strategy of the game – he was an enormous help to us and I can’t imagine how it would have been without him. Many of the players were very helpful to us DURING the games, even though they were definitely trying to win (we did manage two wins in four days!) We would like to have some kind of manager or managers for our guests from Africa while they stay in Monroe/West Monroe, so we will accept any volunteers for that as well.

Again, there will be a more comprehensive article on our trip to Africa in a later issue – including the great Jukskei play by the USA Doubles team of Gary Roberts and Floyd Hix - but we did want to get this news out – we will possibly have FIVE nations represented at our World Horseshoe Tournament this year. Hope many of you can be a part of this historic Monroe/West Monroe, LA 2011 World Horseshoe Tournament! And if any of you can help make our visitors’ stay more comfortable, please just contact me or one of the NHPA officers. Thank you so much!



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ENTRY FORM

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Address _____

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Division & Distance _____ League Point Average _____

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Division & Distance _____ League Point Average _____

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

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

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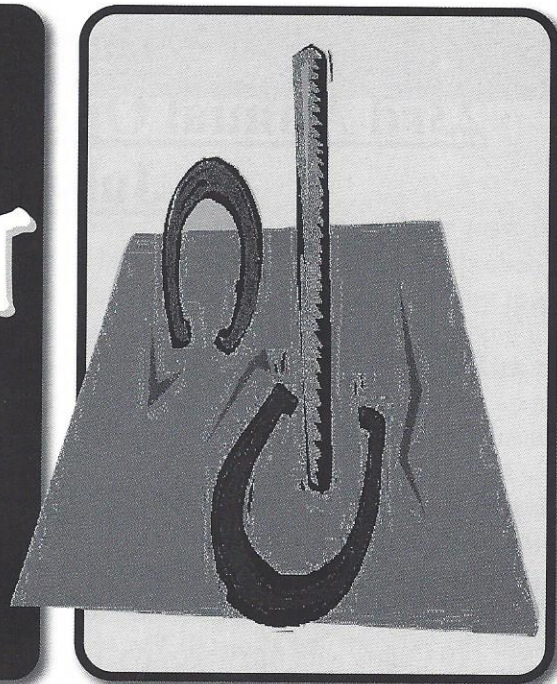
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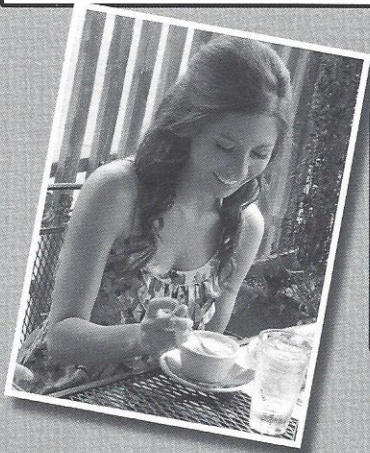
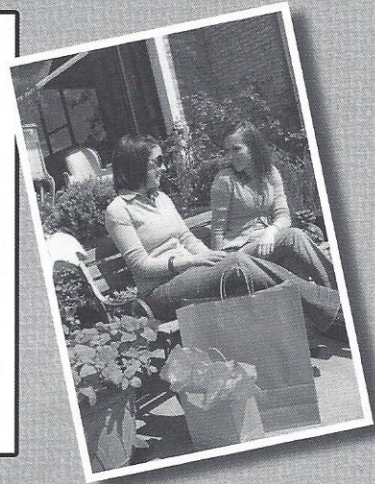
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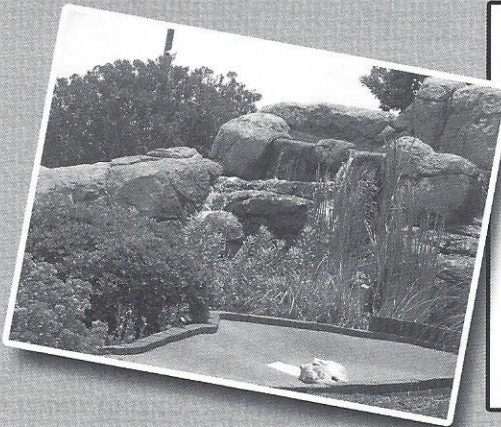
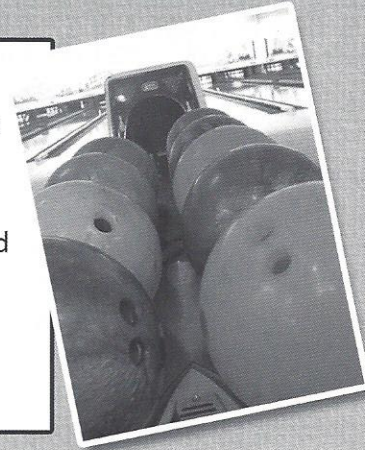
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HORSESHOE FACTS AND FOLKLORE

By Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

This issue we revisit an article about Hall of Fame pitcher Guy Zimmerman. While other stars of the game may have achieved more coverage in the media and in our own horseshoe pitching magazine, Guy Zimmerman was right in the thick of the mix when it came to pitching skills. During the period of 1933 through 1959, there were 19 World Tournaments held with Ted Allen and Fernando Isais winning 18 of the titles, Allen winning ten and Isais winning eight. The only other pitcher to win a championship in that time span was Guy Zimmerman, who won the World's Championship in 1954. Zimmerman was inducted to the National Hall of Fame in 1967, in only the second year of the Hall's existence. This article was written by Hall of Famer, Roy W. Smith, for the April 1949 issue of the *Horseshoe Pitcher*, 18 years before Zimmerman's induction and even prior to his World Championship.

GUY ZIMMERMAN Golden Gate's Great Guy

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

This scene has been enacted at thousands of horseshoe clubs all over the United States: A large crowd is present at a group of horseshoe courts. A few pitchers are tossing shoes on some pegs. One court has been carefully spaded up; the clay watered down and packed smoothly around the stakes. No one is playing on it for it is being reserved. The players and spectators wear expectant looks on their faces and an excited murmur runs through the crowd. A poster on a wall of the club house announces that Guy Zimmerman, World Famous Trick and Fancy Horseshoe Pitcher is to stage an exhibition here on this date. Then follows a list of novel and entertaining stunts, many of which are extremely dangerous to Mrs. Zimmerman who will assist her husband with the act.

Suddenly, there is a burst of cheers and handclapping as someone shouts: "Here they are! Hi Guy, you old cuss! Have you come to take some lessons from us?" Other similar affectionate greetings are sung out and a lot of handshaking takes place. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman then begin to unload hoops, blankets, bottles, a stool and other assorted paraphernalia from their car. They make a very attractive couple, attired in their red shirts and dark slacks. Guy is about 5 feet 10 inches in height, of a slender build, with a tanned face and a friendly lopsided grin. Grace, (Guy's boss) is a rather small, comely woman with a nice smile and a merry twinkle in her eyes.

While Guy warms up to loosen up his arm and get the lay of the court, one of the leaders in the club introduces them to the crowd and enumerates a number of Guy's pitching records, many of which are the best in the world. After warming up with a few practice shots, Guy unusually begins by playing a match with one of the local players. Guy pitches blind over a blanket that is taken down to allow his opponent full view of the pegs. Zim wins well over 75 percent of these games. Then he proceeds to amaze his audience with such stunts as striking and extinguishing matches, throwing ringers around bottles, cigarettes, the legs of a stool on which Grace is sitting and ringing the stake while she rests her chin on it. Then he hurls a 2½ pound shoe to knock a paper bag off her head. The shoe clears her head by only a few inches and the bag is gone with a whoosh as the shoe clicks home around the stake. Then he turns loose with a blizzard of ringers in pitching over her reclining body, through hoops, and makes the old mare's slippers do virtually everything but talk.

These are but a few of the stunts that Guy the Great has in his bag of tricks, for he is one of the greatest pitching machines living today. I have often wondered if he wasn't born with a horseshoe in each hand and I have seen people, who are unfamiliar with the game, gasp and refuse to believe their eyes as they watch in action. I know that I almost fell over with amazement when I first saw him in my hometown of La Grande, Oregon back in 1932. Several of us who had just taken up the game traveled 50 miles over steep, crooked mountain roads to see Zimmerman, C. Jackson and their wives do their stuff that night. Jackson was the clown

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in the act and Zim furnished the fireworks. I'll never forget that exhibition there under the lights of the police and fire department courts.

The next time I saw Zim was in June 1939 when he and his wife and two youngsters again paid visit to Eastern Oregon. I met them in La Grande and helped them with their exhibition there; also in Elgin where I was working in a sawmill and in Wallowa which was then my hometown some 30 miles on up the branch line. "The Old Master" looked bad then and had lost a lot of weight because he was suffering from a stomach ailment. But this did not seem to affect his ability to toss ringers. I still have the newspaper clippings stating that I pitched 76.6% ringers and the most I could get was 37 points. In a game at Elgin, I tossed 65% and only scored with three pitiful points! Guy threw 45 ringers out of 50 shoes in that game and I was lucky to even get on the board.

A full account of Guy's brilliant pitching career would make a good sized book so I won't attempt to list but a few of his outstanding records. He is so well known throughout the horseshoe world that his name is a byword among millions of fans who are thoroughly familiar with his exploits. In 1940, at the World's meet at Des Moines, Iowa, Guy made the greatest bid on record for the championship of the world. He and Ted Allen hung up a record smashing performance that still stands as the greatest game ever played in a National Tournament. A full account of this is described in my instruction book "Science at the Stake." In this same meet Guy averaged 86.1% for the entire tournament of 31 games, which was another world's record that stood until it was broken by Casey Jones last year (1948) at Milwaukee. But not to be outdone, Guy hung up another record last year too. He pitched the only perfect game in National Tournament history by tossing 44 consecutive ringers to keep his opponent, Henry Pergal from scoring a point.

Formerly champion of Iowa, Guy hails from Sac City and has been pitching in the Nationals since his early teens. For the past 12 years he has been one of the top three contenders for the World's title, but it has eluded him by just a point or two on several different occasions. For the past several years he has lived here in California and has held the state title since 1942. The past two years he has defended this title against the onslaughts of Fernando Isais, the World's Champion and Eddie Packham, champion of Southern California.

After an operation a few years ago for his stomach ailment, Guy is now the picture of health. He has just turned 40 and is right in his prime. He is fully capable of winning the world's crown, which has eluded him so long, and he may do it at the next National Meet. Like so many others, Guy's marriage failed to work out but he is now happily married and living in the little town of Alamo which is not far from San Francisco. Guy is a plumber by trade and the letters M.P. after his name mean "Master Plumber" and "Master Pitcher." He leads the large Golden Gate Horseshoe Club of San Francisco and this fine group of Golden Gate boys are justly proud of their "Great Guy."

In the Spring of 1947, I visited my good friend Harvey Clear at Santa Cruz which is some 75 miles from San Francisco. Harvey was then President of the Northern California HPA and is now Secretary-Treasurer of the N.H.P.A. Guy drove down from Alamo and spent the night with us and the next day, which was Sunday, we visited the Golden Gate Club. I never saw such a bunch of fellows and such a live wire club. Although I was a sick man and half dead due to bad teeth, thoroughly enjoyed every minute of my visit. That afternoon a bunch of us crossed the huge Oakland Bay Bridge to Berkley and attended a picnic to watch Guy do his stuff. Last fall, Guy and Grace attended the Southern California Open Championship Tournament, held at Pomona. They played exhibitions on their way down and back. Guy won second place in this meet losing only to Fernando Isais, the World's Champion.

Guy is a colorful and flashy showman and I rate him as being the finest show and stunt pitcher in the world. He is a familiar figure on the firing line in the National Tournaments and consistently pitches one of the highest ringer percentages in the world. For the past year the Zimmerman's have been sponsored by the Acme Brewing Company of San Francisco and their famous pitching act is the highlight at most of the leading Fairs and Sports Shows here in California.

In all the years that I have known Guy Zimmerman, I have never seen him lose his temper; nor have I ever heard him boast or alibi about winning or losing a game. Win or lose, he always displays a splendid brand of sportsmanship. He is a rather quiet fellow with a kind expression in his eyes but he is full of the devil and good clean fun when you really get to know him. Yes, he is a great 'Guy' on and off the courts.

WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE

By Stu Sipma

With the March 15th deadline for submitting World Tournament bid proposals behind us, I am proud to announce two locations who have met the requirements for contention to host the 2013 NHPA World Tournament. Promoting this event this past year has been quite a roller coaster to say the least. I had as many as seven locations telling me “they will bid”, however, for whatever reasons (economy, local support, scheduling, etc.) they decided to wait for another year. These locations include, Green Bay WI, Charleston, WV, Pleasanton, CA, Mobile Bay, AL, State of Missouri, Albuquerque, NM, and Toronto, Canada.

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“As Paul Stewart, President of the NHPA stated, the York County CVB has set the bar incredibly high for any future World Tournament hosts. The 2008 World Tournament in York, PA is the event against which all future and past tournaments will be measured.”

---Dale Estep, President

Eastern Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitchers Association
2008 NHPA World Tournament

The York Expo Center offers a variety of outstanding features on-site that make it ideal for the 2013 World Tournament. Save money during your stay with FREE and easily accessible parking. The York Expo Center's indoor tournament and practice courts are fully air conditioned for your comfort. The facility is also equipped with on-site concessions, and adaptable, up-close spectator seating. Enjoy the convenience of full-service camping on-site, featuring modern shower facilities that are located within walking distance of tournament and practice sites.

After you've sealed the victory at York's top-notch facility, take a time out to explore all the region has to offer. Located in the center of Pennsylvania's #1 Tourist Region, York is just a short drive to other popular destinations including Lancaster's Amish Country, Gettysburg's Battlefields and Hershey's Chocolate World.

In 2013, be sure to extend your stay to pitch and play in York, PA. Your York County getaway will be filled with FREE factory tours, wallet-friendly outdoor excursions, patriotic history with pizzazz and Pennsylvania's premier wine trail.

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for an up-close look at true American craftsmanship. From legendary motorcycles to delicious potato chips, York County, PA offers you unparalleled access to watch your favorite products being made in the Factory Tour Capital of the World.

You'll find amazing views of the Susquehanna River Valley's charming towns and picturesque vistas along the UnCork York Wine Trail. Traveling the year-round trail you'll encounter finely crafted vintages and welcoming winemakers.

Connect with valiant soldiers, resourceful women, and voices for freedom along Pennsylvania's Civil War Trail. Explore significant Colonial Era sites where famous toasts were made and leaders debated adopting the Articles of Confederation.

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

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

Maximize your 2013 NHPA World Tournament experience by exploring fascinating sights around the region! During your stay in York, you'll be a short drive away to major attractions in nearby Lancaster, Gettysburg and Hershey, all within Pennsylvania's #1 Tourist Region. York's proximity to several major East Coast cities such as Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia makes planning your extended getaway a breeze. Enjoying a fabulous Mid-Atlantic vacation is easy in York County, PA!

Thank you for asking your state delegate to vote York, PA for the 2013 NHPA World Tournament!

ST. GEORGE, UTAH

July 29th – August 10th, 2013

You can travel the country and you won't find a single area that offers the variety of activity, scenery and facilities available in and around St. George, Utah.

Located in the southwest corner of Utah, St. George is remarkably easy to access. By car, it's just a 90-minute drive northeast of Las Vegas, NV on I-15. By air, the brand new St. George Airport (SGU) is serviced by Delta Airlines through Salt Lake City and United Airlines from Los Angeles.

The Dixie Center at St. George is an ideal host facility for the NHPA World Tournament. Horseshoe courts will be laid out in our 48,000 sq. ft. air-conditioned exhibit hall complete with up-close seating and second-level box seats that overlook the pitching area. All other tournament activities will take place

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WORLD TOURNAMENT UPDATE *Continued*

through-out the beautiful facility that includes a 13,500 sq. ft. ballroom, 14 breakout rooms, and a 7,100 sq. ft. glassed-enclosed garden room for special meetings, opening receptions and banquets.

As a host destination, St. George plays host to the Huntsman World Senior Games, a two week showcase of 30 different sporting events that brings more than 10,000 senior participants to the area. Each May, the community embraces the Ford Ironman St. George Triathlon, one of the premier endurance competitions in the world featuring 2,500 participants. Other prominent events include the Adidas Futures National Softball Tournament, and the NJCAA Women's Fast Pitch Championships.

The area is peacefully designed with more than 40 miles of paved walking trails, 12 challenging golf courses, a 2000 seat outdoor theater surrounded by 800 foot sandstone cliffs that features "Broadway in the Desert" each summer, and many inviting hotels, restaurants, RV parks, shopping centers, museums, art galleries and spas.

For sight-seeing, you'll discover an abundance of majestic scenery including Zion National Park (just 40 minutes from St. George), Snow Canyon State Park (10 minutes), Bruce Canyon National Park (2 hours), and the Grand Canyon (2.5 hours).

The striking variety of terrain and color will surprise you at every turn. It is a masterpiece of geological and biological diversity laced with history, culture and unlimited photo ops.

I wish each of these locations the best of luck, they will have a booth set up and providing information starting Wednesday July 20th at the West Concourse of the Civic Center in Monroe, LA during the 2011 W.T.



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Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$ 2,200.00
Membership Dues	\$ 25,391.00
Motel 6 Refund	\$ 7.20
Newsline Ads	\$ 455.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$ 4,446.00
World Tournament	
Court Donation	\$ 500.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$ 28.60
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$ 76.22
TOTAL	\$ 58,270.69

Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$ 3,909.50
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$ 897.71
Sanctioned League Postage & Printing	\$ 217.95
Sanction League Patches & Awards	\$ 1,289.69
Sanction League Office Supplies and Telephone	\$ 110.57
All Junior Scholarship Trusts	\$ 1,366.42
Regional Director Allowance	\$ 4,498.40
Equipment purchases, rentals & Repairs	\$ 864.28
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Postage	\$ 847.10
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From the books of NHPA
Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

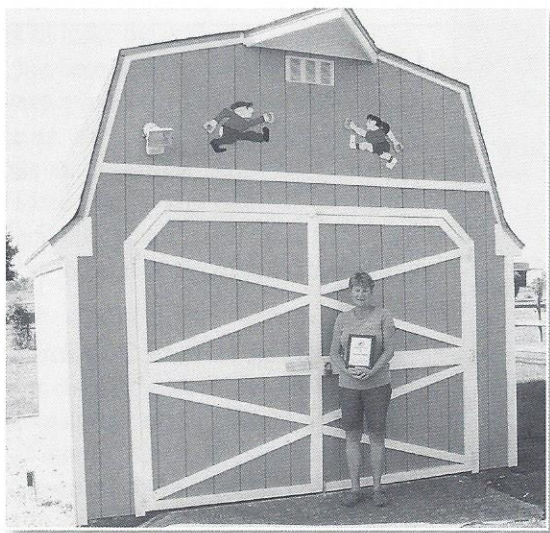
SILHOUETTES ON THE MOVE!

By Jeanette Claas

Mr. Woody and Ms. Goody Two-Shoes are making their appearances across the country side! I have been receiving phone calls and emails requesting the silhouette patterns to advertise and promote the game of horseshoes.

The silhouettes are great “eye-catchers” capturing lots of attention and getting rave reviews no matter where you put them. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club will be selling large and mini silhouette patterns at the 2011 WT in Monroe, Louisiana. So be prepared and save some room, Mr. Woody and Ms. Goody would love to ride home with you! The large patterns will be on sale for \$20 each and the mini-pair patterns will be \$25. All proceeds will go to the QRHC to help purchase nice things for the NHPA Hall of Fame facility.

Read about what some State Champions have done by purchasing their silhouettes. It’s so exciting to see that these Champions, who are not only proud of what they have accomplished in horseshoes, but even more proud to display their silhouettes promoting their favorite sport for all the world to see.



Tamara Burke of West Virginia

WEST VIRGINIA! Bobby and Tamara Burke were accompanied home from the 2010 WT in Iowa by a new couple that they met at the event. While attending the 2010 WT in Cedar Rapids, the couple couldn’t decide whether to purchase a silhouette pattern or an already made mini-

pair. After much discussion they decided on the mini pair already to be placed wherever they wanted. The neighbors are already commenting on the pair that Bobby has on display on their utility shed at their home in Inwood, WV. While competing at the 2010 WT, Tamara qualified in the top 20 women and went on to place 6th in the Womens Championship Division with a 74.11% for the tournament! The Burkes are members of the Winchester Horseshoe Pitching Club, a sanctioned outdoor league active from May through September. Tamara claimed her 7th Womens West Virginia State Title in 2010. In addition, Tamara was honored recently as the recipient of the 2010 Inductee in the West Virginia Horseshoe Hall of Fame. We congratulate Tamara on all her horseshoe achievements and being the first from West Virginia to put Woody and his friend on the silhouette map!



*Ron and Joannie Welsh and
Dianne and Terry Hiatt of Nebraska*

NEBRASKA! Terry Hiatt, of Omaha, Nebraska purchased his silhouette pattern also while attending the 2010 WT in Cedar Rapids. Terry’s horseshoe buddy, Ron and his wife, Joanie Welsch, traveled with them to the WT. They agreed to help Terry and his wife in cutting out the pattern and with the painting. So it was a little project that they enjoyed working together on and completed by

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SILHOUETTES **ON THE MOVE!** *Continued*

September of that year. The silhouettes now hang in the building where the Greater Omaha Horseshoe League plays weekly during the winter months. About 100 members pitch there on different nights of the week. During the summer the league pitches in the great outdoors. Terry has been a horseshoe pitcher since 1980 when he joined the NHPA. The year 2000 was a very good year for Terry. He not only captured the Nebraska's State Championship, but also won his class at the WT. We are looking forward to seeing Terry pitching in the Six Pac Horseshoe Tournament in Wentzville. We thank Terry for purchasing the pattern, and to his horseshoe buddies for their help in displaying their silhouettes on the walls of the Greater Omaha Horseshoe Club! Terry Hiatt was not the first horseshoe pitcher from Nebraska to purchase a silhouette pattern, but after all Nebraska is a large state with many wide open spaces to display many more silhouettes!



Woody Two Shoes mounted on the Clearwater Horseshoe Club building

FLORIDA! Ron Deckard, of Clearwater, FL, purchased a silhouette pattern in January of 2010. Walt Jones did the cutout from the pattern and Archie Bunting did the painting – both members of the CHC. Woody only appears on site when there is a tournament going on, which is monthly, as it is a city park and they want to protect Woody from any type of vandalism. They have received several good compliments about Woody Two Shoes and it has become the place for people to get their picture taken. There have been many discussions among the players trying to figure out if Woody is a left or right handed pitchers. Ron has been a member of the NHPA since 1977 and a highly competitive player on the courts. He has been the 11-time

Florida Men's State Champion and also the 4-time Senior Men's World Champion averaging around 70%. You will see Ron in Monroe LA at the 2011 WT with his shoes on and vying for another Championship Title. Ron was President of the Clearwater Horseshoe Club for 12 years and is now the current secretary/treasurer. The Clearwater Horseshoe Club is located in the Ed Wright City Park in Clearwater. The horseshoe club has 18 covered, lighted courts filled blue Kentucky clay – one of the finest pitching courts you will find anywhere in the world. It is nestled between a freshwater lake and a heavily wooded picnic area. Clearwater's famous beach is only a few minutes from the courts. The Clearwater Horseshoe Club houses the Florida State Hall of Fame which features memorabilia honoring its former World Champion Carl Steinfeldt and other Florida members. The club boasts about 80 members; a lot of these members being snowbirds during the winter months. Winter league plays begins in November through April. Check out this awesome club by going to the NHPA website, click on the state of Florida, then go to the city of Clearwater. It is so wonderful to see a man who has not only achieved so much in his horseshoe career, but also taking a vital role in his horseshoe club and promoting the sport of horseshoes! Ron, we thank you for all you do!

Several more states have already purchased their silhouette patterns and are in the process of getting them ready for the upcoming horseshoe season. Their stories will appear in the next issue of Newline, space providing. Won't you add your state to the Silhouette Movement? No matter how they travel to get there, Woody and friend would be very proud to land up in your home state. If you would like more information, contact me at djclaas@sbcglobal.net or call 636-447-3039. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club thanks you for your support and for promoting our favorite sport of horseshoes! Just like the Jeffersons, the silhouettes are "Movin' on Up"!

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